

October 14, 2025 Report from Zone K Chair Valerie Gangwer

The first Zone Meeting for K was held October 14, 6pm, at the Stephens City United Methodist Church, sponsored by the Stephens City Lions Club. Chair mentioned upcoming Midwinter Conference for 24L will be on January 10, 2026 at the Winchester Moose Lodge. It will include a nonperishable food drive to benefit Winchester area food banks. District secretary Vicki Davies has asked for Lions interested in being on the conference committee and for members to help make cookies for the event. Lion Vicki gave out papers for RLLI and information on Lions awards clubs can get in this year. Chair asked if all officers in K clubs have completed training.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Rusty Holland, Executive Director of the Concern Hotline. This was for our Mental Health focus for Lions. The Stephen City Lions dedicated a book in his honor for the church daycare center.

PDG Jim Christianson of the Shawnee Lions spoke briefly about the Bland Contest to the clubs.

Club reports were given:

Clarke County:

Clarke County Lions Report for Zone meeting on 14 October

We made \$238 on the route 11 crawl sales

Broom sales continue, but we have been notified of a price increase from the provider with the next order

We provided two eye exams and one pair of glasses to two Clarke residents

We awarded three \$2000 student scholarships, but only one has been claimed

Two shrimp sales are planned, one in November, one in December

Eleven of our Lions ordered new Clarke County Lions Shirts

Our October golf tournament was postponed until next April - this has a major impact on our budgeted donations

Eyeglass recycling continues - processing has slowed due to lack of local volunteers, but collection continues with help from Stephens City, Winchester Host and processing help from Purcellville, Lovettsville, Shepardstown, Charlestown, Harpers Ferry, Martinsburg, and Romney have kept us afloat. One hundred twenty seven moving boxes were shipped to RESPECS.org for meltdown. The backlog is currently about 8,000 pairs of glasses to process.

MEMBERSHIP -

One new member in March

Two Lions have died, one in July, one in October

One member resigned for health reasons

Two of our members are in hospice care

Two of our members moved unexpectedly to Harrisonburg, they managed the golf tournament and the yard crawl

Three of our members will probably be dropped for non payment of dues for over two years in arrears

Fourteen of our members have not attended a meeting or event in over two years

We need to update our club website <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/clarkecountylionsclubva/index.php>

And we need to get more information on the District 24 L website - the info on Clarke County is missing or very out of date.

Lion Greg Hart

Winchester Lioness-Lions:

In June this club gave \$1000 scholarship to a Handley HS graduate in memory of Audry Grimes.

In July each member purchased a Ball for All

At their August meeting they collected school supplies for Bright Futures

In September their 11 Balls for All were donated to Frederick County Schools of Virginia for 11 visually impaired students.

At their meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025 they will be collecting socks for the homeless.

Submitted by Lions Lion President Sadie Nelson

Winchester Host:

Since July 2025 – donations to various local organizations totaling \$550.

Participated in the Yard Crawl in August, selling brooms.

Held their annual Club Picnic in September.

Partnered with First Bank for the United Day of Caring on September 19, where they added new borders to their sensory trail to help those with canes make their way through the trail.

They had a booth at the Community Connect and Serve event. This allowed them to meet and greet other local service organizations to see how to partner together on future projects.

Held their annual White Cane Day on the lawn of the Courthouse Museum.

Held their annual Cash Party fundraiser.

2 Lions went to the Fall Conference in September.

Submitted by Lions Secretary Sandy Smith

Winchester Shawnee:

We meet monthly at Westminster Canterbury

We have two perspective members and are looking for more help.

We had a great golf tour. We have many of the club members work in the food pantry and the rescue mission.

Respectfully submitted: PDG Jim Christiansen

Stephens City:

Yard Crawl: Marked off a total of 120 vendor spaces; 95 at the town commons area and 25 at the old school. Space rental netted \$2,564.00. Concession stand netted \$678.00. Apple Butter and Broom sales netted \$271.00. Total for the project was 3,513.00

Apple Butter: Made a total of 8 kettles over three weekends for a total of 793 pints and 60 quarts which required a total of 220 manhours.

Rifle Raffle: Ticket sales are ongoing with the winning ticket to be drawn During the November 15 Pancake Breakfast.

Eyeglass Recycling: Club members are planning to assist PDG Rick Hart to clean, categorize and pack used eyeglasses for recycling.

Cheesin' for a Reason and 2 nd Annual Walt Cunningham Memorial Golf Event: Lion Roger Thorn is heading up the planning and implementation of these events in support of WATTS.

Submitted by Lion President Bill Miller