

THE OFFICIAL
D40S
NEWSLETTER

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POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Lions Care
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D40S DG'S Den News



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Hello Fellow Lions of D40S

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From The DG.....

Greetings to all Lions in this great state of ours!

As I prepared to write this month's newsletter I had to get in the frame of mind of *in-forming*, not criticizing. This is hard because there is so much negative information that I must relate to all of you. Of course, as your DG, it is up to me to attempt to resolve the situations. These cannot be achieved if I don't have your input, support, and help .

The Clubs Status report as of 10/31/2009, showed our district with 36 clubs and 739 members. Last month's report had us with 37 clubs and 746 members. Not bad you say... well let me go a little bit fur-

ther into the report. It showed us as adding 36 new members, but also showed that we dropped 38 for a net loss of -2.

The Club Health Assessment for District 40S for the same period indicated that there are 17 clubs with less than 15 members. This is really disturbing because it emphasizes what the trend has been for some years, that of declining membership.

International President Eberhard J. Wirfs wrote in his Special President's Message dated November 13, 2009, "We look for membership growth because that is the essential resource which contributes to over all realization of our motto to serve our communities. Our programs need more members to be continued and expanded. We need to extend our

presence in every possible part of the world in large numbers". And added, "At this critical juncture, where we are faced with the daunting task of permanently reversing the declining trend that had set into our association, we need your support once again".

Once again I ask each and every LION in D40S to renew that oath when you became a LION, to live up to the motto, WE SERVE, to make our communities better by way of service whether big or small. I grant you that it will not go unnoticed.

DG Rosa T Doporto



GET WELL WISHES

PDG Ernest London continues to improve and as per PDG Veta is almost pain free. His surgery went well but will require some adjusting. Continue to keep PDG Lion Ernest in your thoughts.

As stated before, any fellow Lions that are ill or recovering, I send my most sincere 'GET WELL WISHES' out to you.

PS.... Club Presidents/Secretaries let me know if you have any members that need to be mentioned in this space.

DEN HAPPENINGS

Welcome New Members

Silver City

Kevin Fast
Joan Garcia
Peggy Hutchinson
Colleen Kaelin
Kay Laramy

Las Cruces Noon

Carolyn Keene

This newsletter is being printed early because of the holiday; all reports are not in so I apologize if have missed anybody. Please let me know.

Keep up the good work and MOVE TO GROW!!!!

AN OPEN THANK YOU NOTE

I'd like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all the beautiful cards, kind words of condolences, the many phone calls and for the beautiful plant during my time of grief. Words can hardly express the comfort that your acts of kindness meant to me. For all your thoughts and prayers I THANK YOU! For your compassion during the meeting and as I left, I applaud you! As one card stated, "Remember you have lots of friends in LIONS who care". I THANK my LIONS family for caring. I ask that you continue to keep the Doportto and Sosa families in your thoughts and prayers.

DG ROSA DOPORTO

Life is short-Break the rules, Forgive quickly, Kiss slowly, Love truly, Laugh uncontrollably...**Never regret anything that made you smile.**

AND IN THIS CORNER.....

As I reviewed the MMRs and Activity Reports, I am very proud of our District Clubs. There was and is much activity going on for the good of LIONISM. High Rolls/Mountain Park Apple Festival, Carlsbad Downtown's Haunted House, Lea County Lions Clubs Eye-screenings, Lovington Lions Annual Enchilada Dinner, Las Cruces hosting Special Olympics, Ruidoso just to mention a few of activities taking place. All the clubs and Lions that participate in some form of activity are to be commended as this in turn strengthens our 'WE SERVE' commitment!

DG Rosa T Doportto

Cabinet Meeting Held

District 40S held our 2nd Cabinet Meeting in Ruidoso on Halloween day, October 31, 2009. The meeting was well attended by 33 Lions and guests. The Halloween theme was well received with Lion Bettie Brannon winning the prize with her BATLADY costume.

The Zone Chairperson's reports were encouraging as all had good information regarding the district. I want to encourage all Zone Chairs and Cabinet members to send your reports ahead of time as this will ensure getting the info accurately. I want to thank 1st VDG Phil for stepping up to conclude the meeting as I had to leave. Also a big thank you to PDG Lion Kitty for arrangements and for the great lunch. To all D40S Lions who attended and those that did not attend, thank you for being part of this great district.

DG ROSA

MANE EVENTS

3rd D40S CABINET MEETING
Saturday, February 13, 2010
'Be a Sweetheart and Attend'
Las Cruces
10:00 am to 10:30 am—Zone Chair Meeting
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm –Lunch
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
General Meeting

3rd MD40 COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday, March 6, 2010
Rancher's Steakhouse
Socorro
8:00 am to 11:45 am—
Foundation Meetings
12:00 noon to 12:45 pm—Lunch
(\$13.00 ea)
1:00 pm to 2:45 pm—General Meeting

New Mexico D40 Women's Symposium
Saturday, April 17, 2010
Hotel Ruidoso
Ruidoso, NM
9:30 am --- 4:00 pm

Registration \$30.00 until March 1st
Limited seats \$40.00 after March 1st
For Room reservations call Hotel Ruidoso
at 575-257-2007
Rate \$59.95 (LIONS)
See registration form in the *LIONS ROAR*

COMING UP
LIONS EYE BALL
FOUNDATION EYE
BALL
Saturday, February
27, 2010

Best Western Rio
Grande Inn

1015 Rio Grande Blvd.
NW

Albuquerque

Menu Choices, Silent
Auction, Dancing &
more

Donation \$50.00 per
person

Call: Rita Lucero at
505-384-4153

Important Dates:
May 20-23, 2010 NM State Convention
Alamogordo

June 28-July 2, 2010 International Convention
Sydney, Australia

June 4-8, 2011 International Convention
Seattle, Washington



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Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a holiday to reflect upon all the blessings that we as Americans enjoy and sometimes take for granted.

As you gather with family, friends and neighbors during this holiday take time to remember those less fortunate, make remembrance of our armed forces, our country's leaders and our forefathers who came before us.

I wish for all a bountiful holiday, Happy Thanksgiving!

DG Rosa



2009-10 District 40S Cabinet

<i>Dist. Gov.</i>	Rosa Doporto
<i>1st VD Gov.</i>	Phil Marvel
<i>2nd VD Gov.</i>	Claudia Jensen
<i>D40S S/T</i>	Roy Robinson
<i>Imme PDG</i>	Kitty Callender
<i>Zone 1 Chair</i>	John Chess
<i>Zone 2 Chair</i>	Bettie Brannon
<i>Zone 3 Chair</i>	Anna Marvel
<i>Zone 4 Chair</i>	Ruth Wilkes
<i>Zone 5 Chair</i>	PDG Kitty Callender
<i>Zone 6 Chair</i>	Melissa Washburn
<i>Zone 7 Chair</i>	James Hall
<i>Zone 8 Chair</i>	Juanice Robinson

Cabinet Committee Chairs:

<i>Sight Conservation</i>	PDG Ernest London
<i>LCIF</i>	PDG Rick Jensen
<i>Diabetes Awareness</i>	Jeanette Lang
<i>Info Technology</i>	Jennifer Long
<i>Hearing & Speech</i>	Walter Ramstedt
<i>Women's Development</i>	Melissa Washburn
<i>Environmental</i>	Chuck Galusha
<i>Leadership Dev.</i>	PDG Jim Brannon
<i>Constitution & By-Laws</i>	PID Don Reese
<i>Public Relations</i>	PDG Jim Brannon
<i>Peace Poster</i>	Chuck Galusha
<i>Tail Twister</i>	PDG Jim Brannon
<i>MERL Team</i>	Gemma Ferguson
	PDG Terry Reed
	PID Don Reese
	PDG Jim Brannon