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## DECEMBER LCIF INFORMATION

The **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** is currently assisting with the Philippine's Typhoon, the Tsunami in Samoa, and the earthquake in Indonesia. In August, the LionsQuest Advisory Committee awarded \$523,852 in grants. The SightFirst Advisory Committee awarded \$7,226,592 in grants.

Individual Lions and Clubs in MD40 donated \$21,162 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Some of these funds were the fulfillment of pledges made for Campaign SightFirst II.

Many of our MD40 Lions hold the esteemed designation of Melvin Jones Fellow. Four hundred and three are Melvin Jones Fellows, while sixteen are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. Lions and/or their Clubs award Melvin Jones Fellows through contributions of \$1,000. Clubs may make contributions toward MJF's over a period of three years. Individual Lions may contribute toward a MJF over a period of five years. Melvin Jones Fellow awards are appropriate for Lion Members, Club Officers, non-Lions who make a difference in their communities, eye doctors who help individuals and clubs, and doctors who help in the mobile screening van. Individual Lions and their Clubs are urged to make contributions to LCIF each Lionistic Year.

In 2007, LCIF was named the number one non-governmental organization worldwide. October 14 this year, LCIF was awarded the highest ranking possible from Charity Navigator – a Four Star Ranking. LCIF ranked better than organizations such as the Red Cross and Feeding America.

Our District Coordinators are making contacts with individual Clubs and doing LCIF presentations. The MD40 Coordinator made a presentation to his club and the members voted to do a continuous \$500 yearly. LCIF presentations were also made to the Edgewood and Albuquerque Breakfast Lions Clubs during the last month.

**Submitted by PCC Bob Jones, MD40 LCIF Coordinator**



## Club News

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL  
NEW MEXICO  
LIONS!**



### **Las Cruces Special Olympics a Roaring Success**

On Saturday, November 21, Special Olympics New Mexico held its Holiday Classic games at the NMSU campus in Las Cruces. Special Olympics teams from all over New Mexico participated in bowling, basketball and other events. Over 500 athletes attended.

During and between events, a total of 152 athletes were screened by Lions from Las Cruces, Alamo-gordo, Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The New Mexico Lions Eye Foundation eye screening van was used by Dr. Adrian Tenorio and Dr. Thomas Paz of Las Cruces and their staff of technicians. As a result of the examinations, 51 pairs of prescription eyeglasses will be provided to the athletes at no charge.

Special Olympics has just received additional funding of 1.25 million dollars bringing the total to 10.5 million dollars provided by LCIF since the beginning of the Lions Opening Eyes program in 2001. New Mexico was one of the test areas at that time and now has annual programs in Albuquerque and Farmington as well as Las Cruces. Over 3000 Special Olympic athletes have been screened in New Mexico since the beginning of the program. Very special thanks to all the Lions who have supported this vital International project over the years.

**Submitted by: PID Lion Gordon R. Post**

### **NM LIONS EYE FOUNDATION EYE BALL**

Mark your calendars and remind your friends and neighbors, the New Mexico Lions Eye Foundation Eye Ball gala evening will take place Saturday, February 27 at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn in Albuquerque. We have just received confirmation that Duke City Sound, an award-winning men's chorus, will entertain us during the dinner. Tickets for a delicious dinner and lively dance are just \$50. Full details are in the hands of your Club president, or see the January edition of the Lions Roar. Chair is Lion Rita Lucero, 505-384-4153.

**Provided by Lion Gerry Jones**



# IN MEMORIAM



## *E. Rodney "Rod" Smith*

1933 - 2009



Lion E. Rodney (Rod) Smith of Alto, NM, age 76, died on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, NM. His parents, now deceased, were Ethel Smith Bryerton and Frank Smith of Newark, DE. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Hill Smith of Alto, NM, his daughter, Sharon L. Smith of Baltimore, MD, son Marc R. Smith, his wife Kimberlee, grand children, Madeleine H. Smith and Samuel H. Smith of Ruidoso, NM, and his sister, Shirley Wyatt, of Newark, DE.

Lion Rod was born in West Grove, PA, graduated from Newark High School and attended Goldie Beacom College in Wilmington, DE. He was employed at the Chrysler Corporation, Newark Assembly Plant in DE for 38 years. After serving in the US Army for two years, he and Cynthia made their home in Wilmington, DE, and then retired to Wilmington, NC. Three years ago, they moved to Alto, NM. Lion Rod was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed building anything in his workshop.

Lion Rod was a life member of the Newark, DE, Volunteer Fire Department and a past member of the Buccaneer Gun Club in Wilmington, NC. He belonged to the Delaware Freemasons, Hiram Lodge, and the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso.

Lion Rod joined the Newark Lions Club in August 1974. In 2006, he joined the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club and has been active member since that time. Lion Rod was a gentle and interesting person who was a joy to work and socialize with. Our fond memories of him will be with us forever. Farewell fellow Lion and dear friend.

The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions



Dear Fellow Lions:

It's time to mark your calendars and make plans to attend the New Mexico District 40 Women's Symposium April 17, 2010 in beautiful downtown Ruidoso. The speakers are ready to fill you with lots of great new ideas that will help you in your everyday life as well as in Lionism. The goal of having this Symposium is to increase involvement in Lions and give you new ideas to take home to your club.

This energetic, fun filled day will begin at 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Hotel Ruidoso. Our out of town speaker is going to be a secret, but the anticipation will be well worth the wait.

The \$30.00 registration fee includes the one-day Symposium, snacks, drinks and lunch. We are urging every Club in the District to sponsor members for the symposium. Clubs can pay the fees out of Administrative funds, as this will be a very beneficial training.

**Due to the limited seating, we can only accept 80 people.**

The first 80 to register will be guaranteed a space. A registration form is included, and can also be found in future editions of the NM Lions Roar. The host hotel is the Hotel Ruidoso with room rental at \$59.95 a night. If we need more rooms, the Comfort Inn across the street will handle any over flow. There are 30 rooms blocked for this event and will not last long. Please call the Hotel directly at 575-257-2007 and mention Lions Symposium when making reservations.

\$30.00 Registration Fee – good until March 1

\$40.00 Late Registration from March 2 – March 25

**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 25 OR AT THE SYMPOSIUM.**

Other Lodging information:

Canyon Creek Lodge	575-257-9131	1-800-765-3108
Comfort Inn	575-257-2770	1-866-859-5146
Inn of the Mountain Gods	800-545-9011	

**Provided by Lion Melissa Washburn**



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\_\_\_\_\_ Lions Registered x \$30.00= \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL REGISTRATION TO: MD 40 WOMENS SYMPOSIUM  
LION GEMMA FERGUSON  
PO BOX 5125  
CARLSBAD, NM 88220

\$30.00 Registration Fee good until March 1, 2008  
\$40.00 Registration Fee good until March 25, 2008

**NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 25, 2008 OR AT THE SYMPOSIUM.**

**Provided by Lion Melissa Washburn**



NM Lions MD 40 Environmental Photo  
Contest Chairman  
New Mexico Lions District 40S  
Environmental Photo Contest Chairman  
Chuck Galusha  
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575-434-6296 or [chuckfg1@gmail.com](mailto:chuckfg1@gmail.com)



Greetings fellow Lions,

I am happy to announce that New Mexico Lions District 40 is again supporting the Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

In an attempt to involve more NM Lions in this years contest there are some minor variations in the limit of photos submitted by a club and by the Districts and the deadline for submission to your District and to Multiple District.

The Winning Photo in District 40 South will receive \$100.00.

Each Lions Club may submit one (1) winning photo in each of the 5 categories, only one (1) photo will advance to International competition.

This year's theme is:

### *"Lions Move to Grow Green"*

This contest is open to any Lion in good standing, from a club in good standing. Your entry should be your original photo in Black and White or Color of the environment of your Lions Club, taken specifically for this contest.

**Each photo submitted must include your personal information and Club name and number.**

The photo categories for this years contest are:

1. Animal Life
2. Landscapes (urban or natural)
3. Plant Life
4. Weather Phenomena
5. (this years special Theme) Lions Move to Grow Green - photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project. **People allowed in # 5 only**

Photos should be original black and white or color, traditional film or digital are welcome.

**Entries must be submitted as an 8" x 10" printed photograph.** The Lion photographer accepts responsibility for all costs involved in taking, printing and delivering their entry to the D 40 S Environmental Chairman for judging. The winning photo from D40S will not be returned and becomes the property of Lions Clubs International. Non winning District photographs will not be returned unless return postage is included with entry.

Photographs must be your own original work, unaltered in any way, and taken solely for the purpose of this contest. Photos depicting people will be disqualified. Except as noted in this years special theme.

A photo may not be submitted twice. D40S, MD 40 and LCI reserve the right to reject photos not meeting contest criteria.

- A photo must be the original work of any Lion in good standing in a club in good standing.
  - A photo or photos may be entered by any Lions Club in good Standing.
    - Idea, hold an in club photo contest and send the top photo from each category.
    - Idea, invite all local clubs to submit photos to a community contest, each club may send 1 winning photo from each category to the D40S judging, one photo from each category will be submitted to Multiple District 40 (if applicable). . Only one (1) photo will advance to International from NM MD 40.

If holding a Club or Community contest please impanel a group of judges to include your local art and business leaders as well as club members. Be sure to invite your local newspaper if holding a community contest. “Winners are to be selected on; originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the 5 categories of themes as described above.

Photos submitted to the **Districts 40 N and S** Environmental Chairman must be postmarked prior to **January 15, 2010**. Photo judging at District and M District level may include, the Environmental Chairman, 40S&N District Governors, any interested Lions, a member or members of the local artists community and non Lion Business owners. The judging on all 4 levels will focus on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the environmental theme.

## **Photos from District 40 N and District 40 S must be sent to MD Environmental Photo Chairman postmarked no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

Winning photos from the Districts or Multiple Districts will be displayed at the International Convention 2009 - 2010 and will be judged by convention registrants for each of the 5 categories and for “Best of Show”. The 6 International winners will receive an award.

New Mexico has some magnificent subject matter for this contest so lets have a great showing of photos.

Thanks

MD 40 Environmental Photo Contest Chairman

D40S Environmental Chairman

Lion Chuck Galusha

**Contest Winning Photos Become the Property of Lions Clubs International.**  
**Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.**  
**Remember 2 of the last 3 winning photos from NM have made it to the International Calendar.**

## *MERRY CHRISTMAS*

*Here's a special wish, to all who believe  
That a Savior was born, that long ago ebe*

*A Child without blankets to stay cozy and warm  
Instead wrap in swablings and hay to lay on*

*No gifts on that day for that precious Child  
Till days had gone by, Wise men arrived*

*No Ipods or Intendos, no TVs, no PCs  
Not fancy clothes either, or the likes of cars*

*But Gold and Myrrh and Frankincense  
The gifts of the heart that make sense*

*So ym wish for this CHRISTMAS  
Blessings of the Birth night so long ago*

*No fancy gifts do I have to offer to you  
But sincere wishes of Peace, love, & Joy*

*To all my fellow Lions, Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo!!!!*

*Rosa T Doportto*

*DG D40S*

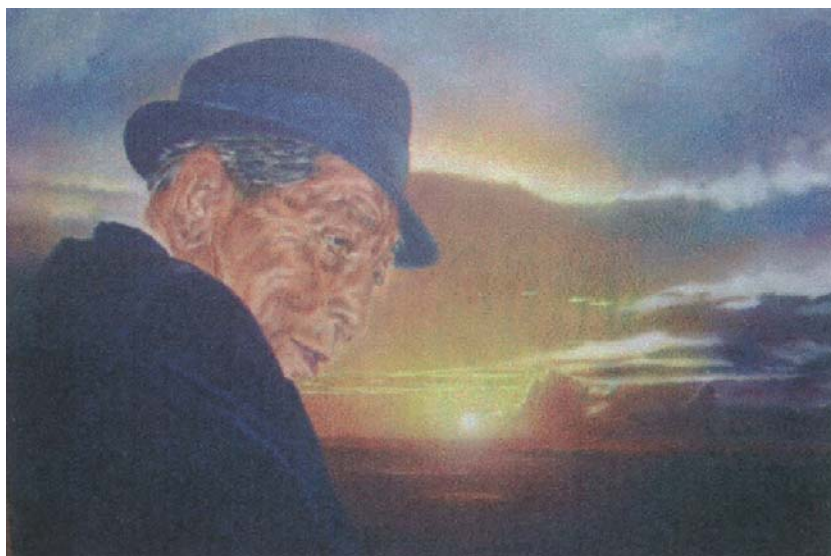
*Written: December 9, 2009*

## La Mesa Lions Scholarships



As one of the oldest Lions organizations in Dona Ana County, the La Mesa Lions who have been in existence for over 60 years have reached another milestone this year. Beginning in 1994 the La Mesa Lions began giving college scholarships to eligible Gadsden Seniors from the La Mesa, San Miguel, Vado, Del Cerro and Berino areas. At first the La Mesa Lions were able to give out one \$500.00 scholarship which continued through 1999. Through hard work and perseverance the La Mesa Lions have expanded their Scholarship program and between 2000 and 2009. They have given out a total of \$60,000.00 in scholarships to eligible Gadsden students. What began as a small project funded by selling Hamburgers at a Lions Carnival in Anthony, the La Mesa Lions now fund the scholarship project by hosting an annual golf tournament in honor of Lion Choze Benavidez held every April at the Dos Lagos Golf Course in Anthony.

The La Mesa Lions with a membership of 33 active members from all walks of life gather together the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for dinner and a meeting of Lionism at the famous Chopes Town Café in La Mesa. Many of the members do not live in La Mesa, some are from Las Cruces and the surrounding communities and even some from El Paso. If asked some say they joined the La Mesa Lions for the opportunity to eat at Chopes Town Café twice a month, but in reality this is not the case. The La Mesa Lions are truly a special breed of generous community minded individual who give greatly of themselves to the La Mesa and surrounding communities.



Provided by Lion Rick Stoes

## Lions Clubs International

### **MD40 Council Chair**

Rick Jensen, PDG

### **District Governor D40N**

Miriam Stucker

### **Vice-District Governor D40N**

William J. Guss

### **District Governor D40S**

Rosa Doporto

### **Vice-District Governor D40S**

Phil Marvel



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## Lions Clubs International

### ***Constitution & By-Laws***

PDG Ralph Richards

### ***Diabetes Awareness***

Jeanette Lang

### ***International Convention***

PID Don Reese

### ***Special Olympics***

PID Gordon Post

### ***USA/Canada Forum***

PDG Tom Himrod

### ***Youth Camp & Exchange***

Rose Himrod

### ***Lions Quest***

Ardis Adams

### ***MD40 Website***

Shelly Smith

### ***MD40 Roar***

Jennifer Long

### ***State Convention***

Chuck Galusha

### ***State Pins & Shirts***

PDG Kitty Callender

### ***Membership***

PID Ray Marley

### ***Extension***

PDG Jim Brannon

### ***Retention***

PDG Kitty Callender

### ***Leadership***

PID Ray Marley

### ***Women's Development***

Melissa Washburn

## **Important Dates:**

13 February            3rd D40S Cabinet Meeting (Las Cruces)

20 February            3rd D40N Cabinet Meeting (Clovis)

## **MD40 Club Charter Anniversaries**

Lower Valley            December 1975

Albuquerque Northeast    December 1950

Albuquerque Alameda    December 1971

Silver City                December 1930

Truth or Consequences    December 1944

**CONGRATULATIONS LIONS!**