

# NM LIONS



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### Collaboration - It *really* works!

Last year we postulated the potential benefits of merging with other compatible organizations to expand our efforts on critical projects. To promote this initiative, this year we have been focusing several projects of state-wide significance. These projects are being accomplished by partnering with other agencies with similar missions. Each project is too big for New Mexico's Lions to handle alone, but quite doable with the combined resources of each.

The University of New Mexico partnership to build a Lions Eye Clinic is becoming a reality. Teamed with the Lions of New Mexico, the facility will become a national research center on the main campus, capable of off-site eye exams telemetered in real-time to doctors at the new facility. The Lions Eye Clinic will rely on clubs and club members identifying benefactors in their areas to fund this outstanding project.

Special Olympics relies on the aid of New Mexico's Lions to support their functions with eye exams. The challenged participants have a preponderance of medical problems. A very special strong point with Lions is their ability to help those in need.

New Mexico Lions Operation Kids' Sight is partnering with the New Mexico's Dept of Health, *Save our Children's' Sight*, to provide eye examinations for kids prior to entering the initial grades of elementary schools. As Council Chair of MD40, I am providing oversight of a \$350,000 grant from LCIF / Core 4 specifically supporting our Kids' Sight program.

As if to corroborate this initiative, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are now collaborating with Lions here in New Mexico and across the nation. The stores are going to collect used eyeglasses at their vision centers and ship them to the nearest Lions recycling center for processing.

The New Mexico Community Foundation is aligning with our Crane Reading Foundation to improve the reading capability of students at the Gaston School District.

The new Lions Alert Program is an alliance with HAM radio operators across the state to ensure initial safety and emergency response to areas of the state impacted by weather or disasters without regular communication.

The biggest benefit of collaboration is to Lions right here in New Mexico as our District Governors stay focused on the top issues facing New Mexico with the help of the highly experienced MERL team and their many Committee chairs. The Council is involved with our principle foundations and the outstanding work they provide to the communities and citizens of this state. We owe a grateful tribute to the Lions who stepped up to run the Eye Foundation, the Eye Bank, Allen Crane's Reading Program, Quest, and our state Band. Come to the state convention in Alamogordo (yes, it's in New Mexico) to hear of the many successes achieved throughout this last year and get involved.

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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MD40 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

Current:

ARTICLE IV SECTION 6. The Council Chairperson shall call the first meeting of the State Council within thirty (30) days after the date on which the District Governors take office.

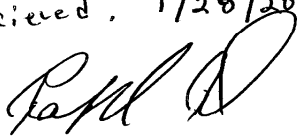
Change to:

ARTICLE IV SECTION 6. The Council Chairperson shall call the first meeting of the State Council within sixty (60) days after the date on which the District Governors take office (i.e., the last day of the International Convention).

Rationale: 1) To make the MD40 Constitution consistent with the Lions Clubs International Constitution; 2) To provide ample time (to eliminate any conflicts) for the new District Governors to attend any training or orientation (e.g., attend Leader Dog School) sessions before the first MD40 Council Meeting.

*Nonheese*  
*District 405 Constitution*  
*Chair*  
*November 7, 2009*

*received: 1/28/2010*





## UPDATE

LCIF presentations have been made to eight Lions clubs in MD40 and articles have been featured in the ROAR. A special plea was made to the Lions of New Mexico, asking them to help the people of Haiti through contributions to LCIF. This was done via a special email sent to members through 40N VDG Shelly Smith. More than \$2.2 million have been contributed to LCIF for Haitian assistance from Lions worldwide.

Emergency Grants were provided to Arizona for flood assistance - \$5,000, Pakistan for landside - \$5,000, Brazil for storm relief \$5,000, Chile for earthquake assistance, \$30,000, and a major grant for earthquake assistance in Haiti.

Three tent cities were established in the Port-au-prince area. Lions are working to fully equip the cities with sanitation, kitchens, and health clinics. The need in Haiti will be great for many more years, and LCIF efforts will help ensure that communities, lives, and families will be rebuilt.



Lions Tent City Near Port-au-prince

Fifteen SightFirst Grants were made in January. They totaled \$4,103,395. Twelve LionsQuest Grants were made in January totaling \$506,450.

Sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents has been contributed to LCIF for assistance in Haiti. These funds were raised through a fifty-fifty drawing held at the MD40 Council meeting on March 6 in Socorro, NM. Lion **Melissa Washburn** was the day's Tail Twister.

**A reminder – one hundred percent of all contributions to our foundation (LCIF) goes to project grants. NOTHING is used for administration.**

*Submitted by PCC Bob Jones, MD40 LCIF Coordinator*

### NMLEF Eye Ball Success

New Mexico Lions Eye Foundation thanks the 72 Lions and friends who attended the Eye Ball Dinner/Dance Feb. 27 in Albuquerque. The silent auction netted \$791 and the profit from the evening was approximately \$2000. Highlights included Master of Ceremonies Doug Fernandez of KOAT-TV and the Duke City Sound men's chorus ([www.dukecitysound.org](http://www.dukecitysound.org)) Thanks to Lion Rita Lucero and her committee for a grand evening of fun that supported vision efforts in the state.

Provided by Lion Gerry Jones



Sandia Mountain Lions enjoying dinner



VDG Bill Guss checks his silent auction bid with Lions Rita Lucero and Shirley Milton



Conductor Farris Collins leads the Duke City Sound in dinner entertainment.

### Carlsbad Downtown Lions Texas Holdem' Poker Tournament

The Carlsbad Downtown Lions held another Texas Holdem' Poker Tournament this past weekend at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Carlsbad, New Mexico. There was a great turn out and lots of fun had by all.



Poker players hoping to make it to the end.



Lion David dealing.



Lion Jennifer dealing.



The kitchen staff (Lions Judy, Karen, and Diane) taking a break.



The final table!!!!



Lions Johnny, Melissa, and Austin getting chips ready.

Provided by Lion Jennifer Long

## Sandia Mountain Lions Club Social Potluck Meeting



Lion Treasurer Bob Scofield and his wife Lynda hosted a social potluck meeting of the Sandia Mountain Lions Club at their home Feb. 2. Pictured are President Bobby Richardson and Treasurer Glen Simmons doing business while Lion Linda Cuenco enjoys desert.

**Submitted by Lion Gerry Jones**

## Sandia Mountain Lions Club Baby Shower

On Feb. 13, Sandia Mountain Lions Club celebrated the impending arrival of a new Lion Cub with a baby shower for Lions Steve and Sarah Berry at the Tijeras home of PCC Bob and Lion Gerry Jones. Twelve members attended, and most of the men said it was their first baby shower, with a lot of Lions' roars of laughter at the silly games. The best gift might have been a journal of suggestions for the new parents, written by the experienced grandparents present.

**Submitted by Lion Gerry Jones**



## Pins, Pins, Pins



NM Lions Operation KidSight Pins are now available. Pins are \$4 each. Contact Bryson McCool at 575-257-0363 or [brysmccool@valornet.com](mailto:brysmccool@valornet.com).

MD40 State Pins are now available. The Prestige pin (large) is \$2.50 and the standard pin (smaller) is \$2.25. PDG Kitty Callender has both pins. Please contact her at 575-258-1345, 575-937-7911 (c), or [callendergirl54@hotmail.com](mailto:callendergirl54@hotmail.com).





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**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

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Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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**

## WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM Update

April 17, 2010

Hotel Ruidoso - Ruidoso, NM

Here is an update on the hotel room reservations.

Hotel Ruidoso – has 13 more rooms available at \$59.00-\$59.99

Comfort Inn – has 7 rooms at \$59.00.

These rates are good Friday April 16, 2010 & Saturday April 17, 2010.

Please try to call Monday thru Friday between 7 a.m. & 3 p.m.

HOTEL RUIDOSO - 1-866-734-5197 Speak to Miranda or Dennis.

COMFORT INN – 1-866-859-5146 Speak to Chris or Dennis.

Tell them you need reservations for: “Women’s Symposium.”

Hope to see you in Ruidoso!

**Lion Kitty Callender**

## How Is Our Membership Shaping Up??

As of February 2010, clubs in MD40 had brought into Lionism **ninety-eight** new members, transferred in **eight** members, and reinstated **six** members for a total of **one hundred and twelve**. Clubs have dropped **one hundred and thirty-one** members. Since July 1, 2010 our Multiple District is a negative **nineteen** members.

**Twenty-two** clubs have increased membership, **twenty-two** clubs have maintained membership, and **twenty-five** clubs have decreased in membership.

The figures show that we have the capability of bringing new members into Lionism (and we need to recruit even more) in order to better serve our communities, but **we also need to serve our members better.**

A few ways we can do this is by:

Making sure the needs of our members are met.

Making sure that each member has a job.

Making members feel needed.

Providing leadership training and growth opportunities for our members.

Making our meetings meaningful.

Providing opportunities for fellowship.

**Submitted by PCC Bob Jones, 40N Retention Chairperson**

82<sup>nd</sup> Annual NM Lions MD 40  
MD 40 State Convention  
Alamogordo New Mexico  
May 20, 21, 22, 2010



Chuck Galusha Convention Chairman (575)434-6296

## **Hello Golfers !**

**Think the 2010 State Convention is going to  
be just another Ho Hum golf tournament ?**

**UPDATE FEBRUARY 3 , 2010**

**NEW TRAVELING TROPHY ( YOU KNEW THAT)**

**HOLE IN ONE PRIZE # 1  
FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
FULL SET OF PING GOLF CLUBS !**



**HOLE IN ONE PRIZE # 2  
FROM DESERT SUN MOTORS  
A CAR ! (DISCRIPTION OF CAR TO BE ANNOUNCED)**

**MORE TO COME ??  
REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY !!**

82<sup>nd</sup> Annual NM Lions MD 40  
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 May 20, 21, 22, 2010



Chuck Galusha Convention Chairman (575) 434-6296

Memorial Service Saturday May 22, 2010

In order to recognize these Lions of MD 40 the Convention Committee will need the information below about any Lion member who has passed on since June of 2008.

Please complete the information below which includes Name, Nickname if any, years of membership, Clubs belonged to and any other pertinent information about them. Pictures are encouraged they maybe submitted electronically. If a picture is sent in and you wish it to be returned please enclose a self addressed postage paid envelope or plan to have someone pick it up after the Memorial.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as a Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held and other pertinent information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of surviving spouse/significant other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information **before April 10, 2010** to insure its inclusion. Please call with any deaths after this date.

Thank You

82<sup>nd</sup> MD40 Convention Chairman

Send to Lion Chuck Galusha

913 Bakers Pl.

Alamogordo, NM

88310-7407

(575) 434-6296

**82<sup>nd</sup> Annual NM Lions MD 40 State Convention**  
**Alamogordo, New Mexico**  
**Convention Golf Tournament**  
**May 20, 2010**



**Cloudcroft Lodge Golf Course**

601 CORONA PLACE CLOUDCROFT NM 88317 (575) 682-2098



9:30 a.m. SHOW (COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS ) 10:00 TEE OFF

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

LONGEST DRIVE CONTEST Ladies and Gents

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

IN THE CIRCLE

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TRAVELING TROPHY FOR CHAMPION LIONS CLUB TEAM

FUNDRAISER FOR NEW MEXICO LIONS CLUBS PROGRAMS

COST \$50.00 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES:

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LOTS OF PRIZES AND LOTS OF FUN !

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**By Yourself ? We'll Find You A Team !**

For more information contact Lions : Mike Mills (575) 682-2095, Lou Gilliam (575) 682-2988 or The Cloudcroft Lodge Golf Course (575) 682-2098.

Send Entry and Fee to : Golf Tournament 913 Bakers Pl. Alamogordo, NM 88310

Must be guaranteed in advance.

Make Checks Payable to the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club, note, Golf Tournament on Check

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

82<sup>nd</sup> Annual NM Lions MD 40  
 MD 40 State Convention  
 Alamogordo New Mexico



May 20, 21, 22, 2010

**Convention Advertising**

Promote Your Club, Your Activities and your Members

Showcase your Business

Present Your Community

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE ADVERTISING COPY IS APRIL 10, 2010**

<u>Advertising Sizes</u>	<u>Black and White</u>	<u>Full Color</u>
Full Page	5 1/2" x 8" \$100.00	\$200.00
Half Page	5 1/2" x 4" \$60.00	\$120.00
Quarter Page	5 1/2" x 2" \$35.00	\$70.00

Sizes above are approximate

**Please Email Print Ready Copy in: Word DOC, JPEG or PDF To:**  
**chuckfg1@gmail.com**

**Send Payment to:**

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions  
 913 Bakers Pl.  
 Alamogordo, NM 88310-7407

**Make Checks Payable to:**

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club  
 Note: Advertising  
 for information call (575) 434-6296

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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## Texas Hold'em by the Rio Grande

Who: **ANYONE** who Plays Hold'em or wants to learn!!

What: **Mexican Dinner, No limit Hold'em Tournament & Bounty Hunt!**  
Cash Bar at the Tournament.

Where, When & How Much: **Route 66 Casino**  
**Wednesday, March 24th**  
Dinner and door prizes starts at **6:00**  
Must be present by **7:30** for tourney

**\$55** gets you dinner & a seat at the tourney  
\$60.00 at the door.

**\$25** gets you dinner and door prize eligibility  
\$30.00 at the door

### REWARD

Rewards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places,  
bounty winner, best hand, door prizes and more!

Why: The Rio Grande Lions Club needs your help so  
we can better serve the visually impaired in our  
community and support worthy service projects.



Some of this year's projects included: giving eye  
glasses to those in need; Albuquerque Boys &  
Girls Clubs, Sawmill community, Chaparral  
Council Girl Scouts, the Boys Ranch,  
Headstart eye screening, etc.



Call 822-8909 for a ticket or more information

Provided by Lion Shelly Smith

## Show Raises Money for Charity

By Ashley Meeks / Sun-News reporter

LAS CRUCES - Grab a plate of smoky barbecue and a pair of 19th century spurs, register to vote and check out the machine gun display.

And this summer, while they're riding horseback, camping out, swimming and attacking the rock wall at New Mexico State University, the 25-or-so deaf and hard-of-hearing kids in this year's Lions Survivor Camp will thank you.

The Sunrise Lions Club's annual charity knife and gun show is expected to attract about 3,000 attendees with 14 informational booths and 84 vendors of weaponry, coins, military memorabilia and Southwestern gear at what's billed as the largest gun show in Southern New Mexico and West Texas.

"There's a fellow over there who's got an 1860 Colt with a serial number of '2,' " said Lion Boss Bob Sherman. "It's probably worth \$25,000."

"We've got sabers; Civil War sabers," noted fellow Lion Dan Duggan. "Fort Selden brings in uniformed guys. Another guy, Lt. Col. Frank Conway, a sniper-rifle expert, puts on presentations. It's really oral history."

The show is often the only place to purchase items like rare or obsolete ammunition, or the piece Duggan picked up for a dollar - a small, telescope-like instrument with a beveled metal flap.

"I said to this guy, 'What is it?' " Duggan said, turning it over with a curious smile. "He said, 'I don't know, but if you can tell what it is, you can have it.' "

A projected \$15,000 from the event will benefit local charities, including the Survivor Camp, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Do-a Ana County 4H/FFA Expo, eye exams and glasses, Gospel Rescue Mission and Special Olympics.

**Provided by Lion J. Thomas**

## Santa Fe Capital City Lions

Santa Fe Capital City Lions would like to report they completed 1600 KidSight exams through October 2009.

They have a booth at the Japan Festival, Saturday, March 13th. Great festival, free entrance, entertainment all the way from Japan.

**Provided by Lion Mary Clyde**

**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010**

**3RD ANNUAL**

**CHRIS MIRABAL MEMORIAL RUN & SHINE**  
IN HONOR OF ALL FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



ENTERTAINMENT\*FOOD\*VENDORS

CASH PRIZES FOR POKER RUN

CAR SHOW

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NMSP OFFICER CHRIS MIRABAL

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: JANA CARSTAEDT OR GEORGE ELIZONDO  
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Provided by Lion George Elizondo

**Come Have A Grand Ol' Time At The**



**60<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Floyd  
Lions Club  
Country  
Jamboree**

**Sponsored by the Floyd Lion's Club – Floyd, New Mexico**

**3 Big Nights and Sunday Afternoon  
March 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2010**

**Jamboree Admission \$6.00 – Show Starts at 7:00pm Each Night  
(Admission Price Includes a Program)**

**Gospel Show - 2:00pm Sunday – Admission \$6.00**

**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nights: Come and enjoy  
Traditional Country Music!**

**Sunday Afternoon Enjoy & Sing Along At Our Gospel Jamboree**

**Drinks and Snacks Will Be Available**

**The Floyd Booster Club Will Sponsor a Concession Stand**

- Opens each night at 6:00pm for a meal before the show!
- Concession open on Sunday afternoon

## **Ruidoso Noon Lions Club**

# **Crafts, Guns, & Collectibles Show**

**Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> 9AM - 6PM**

**Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> 9AM - 4PM**

## **Ruidoso Convention Center**

111 Sierra Blanca Dr. (turn at Post Office on Mechem)

**\$5.00 Admission Kids under 12 Free (with an adult)**

**Ticket is good both days.**

**Vendor Tables (10 Foot) \$50.00 each**

**Set Up: May 28<sup>th</sup> Noon to 7PM**

**CONTACT: Bryson McCool (575) 257-0363**

**All State & Federal laws obeyed.**

**Thank-You for Supporting the Ruidoso Noon Lions**

**Provided by Lion Bryson McCool**

**PRESENTING:**  
**DEMING'S FIRST**  
**DOG SHOW!**

**When:** March 20, 2010

**Where:** Deming Intermediate School  
500 W. Ash St.

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Cost:** \$20.00 per dog entry  
\*\* Free to general public for viewing.



*Sponsored by: Deming Wildcats Lions Club*

All breeds of dog are welcome! Please contact Lion David Valenzuela at 575-494-4349 to register and for more information!



All proceeds will benefit projects of the Deming Wildcats Lions Club.

Provided by Lion David Valenzuela

## The Desert Leos

The Desert Academy “Desert LEOS” Club was begun in the fall of 2009 by acting President Joshua Lochner and Faculty Advisor Jessica Cavalli. The school-based Alpha club currently has 20 student members, ages 14 – 18. It will be officially chartered in 2010 with the enthusiastic sponsorship of the Santa Fe Host Lions Club.

Desert Academy at Santa Fe is a private secondary International Baccalaureate (IB) school offering an enriched curriculum with an emphasis on international education standards and global awareness to grades 7 – 12. The school’s commitment to outreach and service aligns perfectly with the goals and mission of LEOS. Desert’s school-wide IB program called “Sharing Our Humanity” guides students and faculty in realizing service work, fundraising and educational campaigns around poverty and impoverished communities locally, nationally and internationally.

The Desert LEOS are involved in an ongoing relationship with the Santo Domingo Sabana Perdida Lions and El Milloncito LEOS Clubs (District R1) in the Dominican Republic. President Josh Lochner established this relationship upon his first visit to the DR in the summer of 2008 when he spent four weeks there doing service work in an impoverished Dominican/Haitian *batey* (for more info visit [www.dominicanbatey.org](http://www.dominicanbatey.org)). When Josh returned to the U.S., he shared his eye-opening experiences with his school community, and through his passion, he imparted the strong bond he felt with the Dominicans he met and a deep commitment to continuing his service work there. The Desert LEOS came about organically in response to Desert Academy students’ desire to reach out to other communities and help those in need.

In spring of 2009, Josh & Faculty Advisor Jessica Cavalli led a group of 8 students on a service trip to Santo Domingo where they worked on construction of a community center and taught English to school children in the San Luis *batey*. This March the group, now 12 people strong, will again travel to Santo Domingo to realize similar service work in a girls’ orphanage. Their service work there, including construction, teaching English, & a cooperative art project, will benefit approximately 20 orphaned girls aged 5-15. The group will bring with them school & art supplies for the orphanage.

In response to the recent disaster in Haiti, the Desert LEOS also sponsored a high school dance-a-thon in which students raised a total of \$4,000! The LEOS will be the proud couriers of these funds which they will turn over to the Sabana Perdida Lions and Milloncito LEOS in the DR, who will deliver them to Haitian refugees receiving medical attention on the Haitian-Dominican border.

The Desert LEOS are working toward a group fundraising goal of \$2,400 to make the trip to the Dominican Republic in March to do their important service and outreach work. They have set up an online site through [Firstgiving.com](http://www.firstgiving.com) for donations toward their goal. Anyone wishing to support these passionate and compassionate young men and women can make a safe and easy donation in any amount by visiting [http://www.firstgiving.com/desertacademy\\_dr](http://www.firstgiving.com/desertacademy_dr). Additionally, they are selling raffle tickets for items they have solicited as donations from vendors and business owners throughout Santa Fe, as well as selling concessions at their school’s home basketball games.

### **Desert LEOS Officers 2009-2010:**

President: Joshua Lochner (12<sup>th</sup> grade) Vice-President: RamRattan Khalsa (11<sup>th</sup> grade)

Secretary: Sophie Keller (10<sup>th</sup> grade) Treasurer: Elliot Palestine (10<sup>th</sup> grade)

Faculty Advisor: Jessica Cavalli (World Languages Chair, Spanish teacher)

**Provided by Lion Brenda Watson**



## COLORADO LIONS YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGE



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Colorado Lions Camp – International Week  
15 August – 21 August, 2010  
Woodland Park, CO USA

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*To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world*



WELCOME to the Colorado Lions Camp – International Week. This is your opportunity to share the experience and excitement of International youth camp life. The Camp is located in an idyllic setting in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. The camp program is conducted in partnership with family hosting of approximately 2 weeks. Host families are scattered throughout the State of Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

Application to attend the camp is open to International youth, male and female, ages 16-18. Applicants must be able to converse in English and be recommended by a Lions Club in their country.



## LOOKING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITHOUT HAVING TO FLY?

**Colorado Lions need our help to host youth from other countries, ages 16 – 18.** The youth will arrive to stay with a host family for two weeks before attending camp at the Colorado Lions Camp. The camp in Woodland Park, Colorado runs from August 15 – 21, 2010. After camp, they would return to your home so they can say goodbye before they fly home. The students need transportation to and from the Albuquerque Airport and to and from camp.

**A couple of families might consider co-hosting** if that is more manageable. At this time, we have three families recommended by Rio Grande Lions, one from Carlsbad and one from Santa Fe.

**They will arrive either July 31 or August 1 and return August 22 or 23.** Transportation is needed to and from the airport and to and from the Colorado Camp. The Himrods may be able to help with transportation.

**If you are interested, please write [lionsrosesantafe@aol.com](mailto:lionsrosesantafe@aol.com),** Multiple District Youth Activities Chair or call **505-471-4813** for more information or an application as soon as possible. The Colorado Lions want to be give the students time to find another camp, if there are not enough host families in Colorado or New Mexico.

**If you have children or grandchildren, this is a great opportunity for them** to meet a youth from another part of the world. **If you don't have children this is an opportunity to experience the joys of parenthood** without the pain of training and paying for all their educational needs!

**Provided by Lion Rose Himrod**

## Santa Fe Capital City Lions at the NMLEF Eyeball



Santa Fe Capital City Lions with Doug Fernandez at the NMLEF Eyeball.

**Provided by Lion Mary Clyde**



## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Lion Rick Jensen, PDG, MULTIPLE COUNCIL CHAIR, received the following letter of intent regarding the position of Council Chairperson during the Lion Year 2010-2011 from Lion Tom Himrod. No other letters pursuant to Article II, Section 2 of the State bylaws have been received to date**

*SUBJECT: MULTIPLE COUNCIL CHAIR 2010-2011*

*Dear Multiple Council Chair Jensen,*

*This letter is to express my intent to serve Multiple District 40 as Council Chairperson during the Lion Year 2010-2011.*

*I have been a Lion since 1986 and would consider it an honor to hold this position in my 25<sup>th</sup> year as a Lion. I served my Los Angeles Host Lions Club as President, Secretary, and Bulletin Editor. I was a Zone Chair and District Chair of Constitution and Bylaws and Youth Exchange. I also served on the MD-4 Youth Exchange Committee for five years, serving as Chair in my fifth year.*

*I joined the Santa Fe Capital City Lions Club in 2001 when my wife Rose and I moved to New Mexico. I was President of the Club and Region Chair in 2004-05. I served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for District Governor Ruben Vigil and as District Governor in 2007-2008. I am the immediate past president of the NM Lions Eye Foundation and am currently serving as Multiple District 40 Council Secretary.*

*If chosen to serve, I would continue my interest in youth and sight programs, particularly KidSight, our state Foundations, and the UNM Lions Eye Clinic.*

*I am submitting this letter pursuant to Article II, Section 2, of our bylaws more than sixty days in advance of the convening date of the annual State Convention.*

*Yours in Lionism,*

*Thomas E. Himrod*

*Thomas E. Himrod, PDG  
Multiple Council 40 Secretary-Treasurer*

**Provided by Lion Tom Himrod**



**News from the Governor  
Miriam Stucker  
40N District  
“Move to Grow”**

Inspired by the motto of the International president 40N is moving slowly, but steady in closing the gap of lost membership. PCC Bob Jones Retention chair reported that the district dropped 52 members since July 2009, but brought into Lionism 36 members. PCC Bob emphasizes how we can keep the new and old members.

Making sure the needs of the members met.

Making sure each member has a job.

Making members feel needed.

The district and or clubs providing training for the growth in leadership for the members.

Making our meetings meaningful and fun.

Some practices for recruiting members is being used by the Moriarty club. March 27 they will host an Open House for the community to demonstrate the Pedivision camera for the KIDSIGHT program which was purchased by the successful city wide raffle contest.

The Executive and the District Merl team met February 12 to energize the efforts to meet the year's goals. At least one new club. The District Meeting hosted by the Clovis Evening Lions was successful and plenty of fun. That was the feedback. We welcomed PID Don Reese for attending. Ron Benally, President of Window Rock Lions , Window Rock AZ. came from the farther distance.

LIONS ALERT chair Bob Grant reports that January 12,2010 the emergency call went out to 4 Hills mobile Lions Amateur Radio station and to other radio stations to assist in communication for Haiti in the wake of the earthquake. Activity did not slow down until the first week of March. Most radio traffic was on Wednesday's as it was for the other stations across the USA. The radio station at 4 Hills has logged 48 contacts during this emergency as of this date.

The Senior Lions club of New Mexico, Santa Fe Host chartered in 1927 increased their membership and sponsored a Leo's club this year. Our second Leo's club chartered this year.

All of the clubs in the district are very active: The Kid Sight program and the UNM Eye Clinic has generated great community interest. The Uptown Club is planning for another outstanding fund raiser, their annual Golf tourney and Bowling tourney.

Thanks to the EYE BALL committee: Lions Gerry Jones, Karen Trumball, Rita Lucero and Shirley Milton as well as the spouses for a job well done.

40N is working hard to increase membership in most of the clubs. . At one new member at a time, There are exceptions, two members were inducted in the 4 Hills Mobile Lions March 9,2010.





March 10, 2010

Dear Lion Secretary

I am the “Retention” Mentor for MD40. We are losing more Lions than we are taking in as new members. Is this news to me or you? NO! What we need to know is WHY we’re losing those Lions.

I have compiled a questionnaire to find out the “WHYS” of members leaving. Instead of asking you to do an “Exit Interview” I will do it. Members are often unwilling to tell their own club members why they’re leaving Lions & Lionism. With me, they may be more candid and that is what is needed – CANDOR. My ears have heard most of the reasons for leaving believe me.

What I do need/would like from each of you secretaries, a list done monthly of whom you have dropped, their address, and telephone number. You can email the info to me at:

[callendergirl54@hotmail.com](mailto:callendergirl54@hotmail.com)

or mail it to me at: PDG Kitty Callender

113 White Mt. Meadows Dr.

Ruidoso, NM 88345-7734

and you may also call me at: 575-937-7911 (cell) or 575-258-1345 (landline).

You have all done a great job of getting people to JOIN Lions, now we need to get them to STAY!

Thank you in advance for your help!

Lion Kitty Callender



### District 40S 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Candidate

Lion Kitty Callender of Ruidoso has announced her candidacy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for D40S.

“After much consideration, I would like to have another chance at being DG. There is still much to do for the Lions of N.M.”

Lion Kitty has been a Lion for nearly 10 years. She has held many positions in Lionism in the State of N.M. She is currently with the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club and serves as the “Retention Mentor” for MD40.



**WHY ARE LIONS LEAVING OUR CLUBS?**

NAME of dropped Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Date joined \_\_\_\_\_ Date dropped \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Loss Due To:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not feel part of the group                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unclear on what Lions was before joining/Lack of Orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough "social" events           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost too much  | <input type="checkbox"/> Too many "social" events             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor meeting place/menu                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Foul or abusive language at meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disorganized leadership                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of spousal support              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions ignored  | <input type="checkbox"/> Too many meetings                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too many "work" activities                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Too few meetings                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too few "work" activities                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                |

Was Lion advised to join another Lions Club better suited to his/her needs? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME of CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

NAME of INTERVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

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## 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:**

March 6

3rd MD40 Council Meeting (Socorro)

May 20-23

NM Lions State Convention (Alamogordo)

June 28—July 2

International Convention (Sydney, Australia)

## **MD40 Club Charter Anniversaries**

Thoreau

March 1979

Window Rock/Fort Defiance

March 1961

Melrose

March 1956

Hatch

March 1939

Alamogordo Breakfast

March 1971

Hobbs Evening

March 1955

**CONGRATULATIONS LIONS!**