



A Proud Lion Stands Tall

Last Wednesday when I was collecting used eyeglasses, I went to the Veteran's Hospital in Truth or Consequences. As usual the box was full, and also as usual, contained trash of various kinds. In the box were two newsletters: one was the Illinois Lion - Lioness & Leo Magazine. The other was the Roaring Tower, from the Peoria Heights-Suburban Lions Club. My, my what are these doing in here? I put all of this in a plastic bag and headed for my car. As I started to put them in the trunk, I wondered, who could have put these in a Lion's box. Well...they were addressed to a Jake Tennant at the hospital (name used with permission).

The thought hit me, maybe this person is a resident here, but why would he put these in our box. Perhaps, he is reaching out. So, back in I went and inquired at the desk, and sure enough, he is a resident, so made the long trek to his room (cubicle). I parted the curtain and said, "Jake Tennant". He just laid there with his eyes closed and said, "yes".

Then I said, "Lion Jake Tennant", and he opened his eyes and grinned and said, "yes I am, and who are you"? I introduced myself and we talked and talked for 35-40 minutes.

Lion Jake Tennant is not only a Lion, he is a Past District Governor of the District that Boise, Idaho is in, he is a Melvin Jones Fellow, and has many other awards to his distinction. He has been to USA/Canada Forum at least four times, and International Convention as many also. After being Governor, he moved to Illinois.

When I asked what the Elephant Butte Lions Club could do for him, he said that all he wanted was 'just to talk to a Lion'. Believe me that brought a lump to my throat. I asked his permission to visit again, and he said, "Please do". I left my name and phone, in case he needed anything or just wanted to talk. He also asked me to write a fellow Lion in Illinois that he was doing good, which I did. Also when the next Roar comes out, I'll certainly print an extra copy and deliver it to him, and do so each month.

When I left, I walked a little taller and a lot prouder. When I went in

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to see him, it was for 'what could I do for him', but instead, I came away with the feeling of how much he did for me. Believe me this tells me that this is what Lion's are all about, and I'm proud to be a Lion.

If any of you have an extra Valentine or a spare minute to just send another Lion a greeting, he is: Lion Jake Tennant, PDG, NM Veterans Hospital, 922 Broadway St. Truth or Consequences, NM 87901-3198.

Lion Ruth E. Gange
President - Sight Chairman
Elephant Butte Host Lions Club

Tularosa Lions "Wild Game Feed"

The Tularosa Lions Club nvites you to join them for their
Annual Past District Governors Recognition Dinner (AKA) "Wild Game Feed"

Thursday February 22, 2007 Happy Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. at the

Tularosa Lions Hut Highway 70 E in Tularosa NM

Great Food, Great Fellowship, Fun For All Games, Drawings and more.

Tickets \$6.00

Please RSVP to Jimmie Cooksey at 505-585-4774 by February 15th



In Memoriam



Peggy Austin

1938 - 2007

Fran Menendez

1929 - 2007



Peggy Austin, wife of Lion Gerald (Jerry) Austin, a long time member of the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club, passed away on Wednesday January 31, 2007.

Peggy was a Charter Member of the Alamogordo Lioness Club chartered on May 13, 1978. The Club was the first Lioness Club in Multiple District 40 and was organized by the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club. Peggy envisioned and organized the Program to provide and deliver Thanksgiving meals to elderly shut-in residents in Alamogordo. This Thanksgiving tradition continues to this day and has grown to include both Christmas and New Years Day, with the Breakfast Lions Club being provided recipients by the Alamogordo Senior Center.

Peggy will be missed not only by her family but also by the members of the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions and her many friends.

(Picture and article provided by Lion Chuck Galusha)

Lion Fran Menendez, wife of Lion Jack Menendez, passed away 8 February 2007. Lion Fran had been a member of the Ruidoso Noon Lions since 2001. "Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls." This quote by Edwin Chapin exemplifies Lion Fran and how she dealt with life. Lion Fran's unique and loving sense of humor, positive attitude, and courageous perseverance were her trademarks, especially after her illnesses and during her last few weeks when she was faced with her greatest challenge. The unwavering sparkle in Lion Fran's eyes, her constant smile, and a subtle joke were always there to let you know she was making the "good fight" and for you not to worry about her. Lion Fran's gentle hug and kiss reminded you that she so appreciated you thinking of her. Lion Fran was a very special person and dear friend whom we will sorely miss. Our sorrow will be eased by the many fond memories she left us and she will remain in our hearts and minds forever. *Ruidoso Noon Lions*
(Picture provided by Lion Mark Jones & article by Lion Bryson McCool)

24 February 2007 MD40 Foundations & Council Meetings

8:00 - 8:50AM	NM Lions Band Foundation
8:50 - 9:00AM	Break
9:00 - 9:50AM	NM Lions Eye Foundation
9:50 - 10:00AM	Break
10:00 -10:50AM	NM Lions Crane Reading Foundation
10:50 - 11:00AM	Break
11:00 - 11:50AM	NM Lions Eye Bank
Noon - 1:00PM	Lunch Buffet
1:00 - 3:30PM	MD40 Council Meeting

WHERE: Rancher's Steakhouse - Socorro

WHEN: February 24, 2007

LODGING: Group rate at Econo Lodge can be arranged.

If any foundation is not planning on meeting, please notify MD Sec/Treasurer. Districts have provided inputs to MD agenda; Bryson McCool has Photo Eye Screening presentation item; any others, please notify MD Sec/Treasurer of requirements. Overhead projector and large screen will be provided; any other presentation equipment must be arranged by presenter.

Notes: Eye Bank raffle tickets will be issued at NM Lions Eye Bank meeting. Eye Bank Directors will be assigned clubs/regions for ticket issue and tracking. Inputs for other notes on agenda mailing, please notify MD Sec/Treas.

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The MD40 Website Needs Your Input

The MD40 Website (www.nmlions.org) is your Website. For it to be a functional and useful tool, you will have to use (access) it and provide information to be posted on it. We hope to eventually have the ability to email every NM Lion who has internet access alerting them that something new (e.g., DG's latest newsletter or the latest Lions Roar publication) has been posted. In the mean time, these emails will be sent to at least one Lion in every Club and they in turn can alert the other members of their Club.

We need your input to make the MD40 Website a success. Please notify me (Bryson McCool, 311 E. Redwood, Ruidoso, NM 88345; 505-257-0363(H) or 505-973-0732 (C); brysmccool@valornet.com) with any comments or suggestions.

Lions Environmental Photo Contest Results

The Lions Clubs International Environmental Photo Contest for District 40S was won by Alamogordo Breakfast Lion Chuck Galusha with his photo entitled "Flight." The Photo has also won Multiple District 40 competition and will now go on to the International competition.

One winning photo from each of the five categories: Landscape, Animal Life, Plant Life, Weather Phenomena, and this year's Special Theme "Serving Our Environment" will be selected to be displayed at the Lions Clubs International 90th Convention in the birthplace of Lionism, Chicago, IL, in July 2007.

The panel of judges consisted of renown local sculpture Peter Madrid, photographer Terry Starkey, Aggie Wolf from Ramona's Staff, and Don Starkey who has taught photography in Fort Worth, TX and has recently

started a solar energy company called FREnergy in Tularosa, NM. The judging took place at Ramona's Restaurant in Alamogordo.

The four judge panel was presented with each photo and an official entry form containing only the title of the photo and the description of it. The discussions were long and quite involved with artistic and technical merit, subject and environmental impact. The process took nearly an hour. Breakfast Lion Lorrie LaBelle and Photo Contest Chairman Chuck Galusha were present during the judging, both had photos entered and they removed themselves from the judging process.

Five photos representing the various categories were submitted from the Artesia Lions Club and the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club for the District judging.

While Lions are best known for their vision programs and world wide network of "Lions Eye Banks", "Operation KidSight" and the "Lions Crane Reading Program", they are also very active in the Arts, with programs such as the "Environmental Photo Contest" and the "Lions International Peace Poster Contest" as well as youth activities such as Lions Quest, Youth Camps, and International Youth Exchange Programs and much more.

To find out more about local and New Mexico Lions Clubs contact MD40 Public Relations Chairman Chuck Galusha at 434-6296. To view the D40S winning photos or to learn more about Lions and their many contributions to their communities visit the New Mexico Lions web site at www.nmlions.org.



"Flight" Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Rio Grande River, Socorro, NM Wetlands must be preserved and protected throughout the world if our children are to experience sights such as this.



Pictured L to R: Don Starkey, Terry Starkey, Aggie Wolf and Peter Madrid with the top 4 photos from District 40S.



Albuquerque Northeast Lions Activities



November is the month that the Club participates as vendors in the Zia Craft Show. For four days we sold The Lions Cook Book, Christmas tree decorations, seven different coloring books and the very last of our rolls of string.



In December, three Lions clubs (Albuquerque Northeast, Albuquerque Breakfast, and Four Hills) join together to give the Boys and Girls Ranches a Christmas party. This year 32 children received sport shoes, socks, and a ditty bag filled with gifts.



The Club had its annual Christmas party to celebrate with members and invited guests. Plenty of food, swapped gifts and jokes.



La Mesa Lions A Busy Club

The La Mesa Lions Club had three major events during the month of December. On 4 December 2006, the Club had its Annual Christmas Party at Chope's which was attended by 41 members and guests.

On Wednesday, 13 December 2006, the Club held its Dress-A-Child service project at Walmart Super Store on Walnut Drive. Twenty-two children were provided new clothes at a cost of \$2,970.

On Saturday, 16 December 2006, the Christmas Food Baskets service project was held in the parking lot of the San Jose Church in La Mesa. Thirty-four food baskets were distributed to various needy families from the area. Hot dogs and sodas were served to the children and their families with Santa Claus on hand to give out toys.

The Club will hold its annual Enchilada Supper on 3 March 2007 at the San Jose Catholic Church Parish Hall in La Mesa from 4PM to 8PM. PLEASE JOIN US!



Lions Rick Stoes (Pres.), Bob and Yolanda Kinman with a family with 5 children.



Santa Claus (Lion Bill McCamley) is giving toys to children with Lion Dorothy Terrazas in the background.

Ruidoso Noon Lions Club

Presents

Crafts, Guns, & Collectibles Show

Ruidoso Convention Center

Saturday May 26th 9AM - 6PM
Sunday May 27th 9AM - 3PM

10' Dealer Tables \$55 each End cap & wall tables available
Set-up on 25 May 2007 Noon - 7PM

CONTACT: Bryson McCool (505) 257-0363

A Community Fund Raising Project Sponsored by the Ruidoso Noon Lions
All Proceeds Go to Support Club Community Service Projects... We Serve!

The Elephant Butte Host Lions Club Reports on Their Activities

Elephant Butte Host Lions lost a friend who had helped our club obtain glasses many times for needy in our community. Dr. John Ramirez-Deak, 74, was an optician in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico. John served in the US Army and was an active member of the American Legion Post 44 in Elephant Butte. We have deep gratitude and admiration for this man and his beautiful family. He will be missed.

You have to admire Lions' Club members. As the holidays approach in November and December and all our lives become extremely busy with family, food, cards, presents, guests or maybe (if we are lucky) travel, Lion's members still need to squeeze in volunteer work.

The week before Thanksgiving, our Club was spending hours after hours getting ready for a gigantic Lions' Yard Sale. The Sale occurs on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving every year.

We just survive that one and "boom" we are into December and even more charity work to be done. We had one member that jumped in and carried the shopping load for the entire month. Lion Dotti Beecroft bought the fruit, candy and bags for the Sierra Santa Food Baskets the second weekend of the month at the Fair Grounds. The Club turned out to help greet the families, provide cookies and punch, load the turkeys in the boxes and help the families load the baskets in their ve-

hicles after their kids met with Santa and received two gifts each.

The same December night, our Lions members dressed warmly, with yellow vests on top and helped collect entrance donations at the Luminaria Beach Walk at the Elephant Butte Lake. This wonderful event supports the Make-A-Wish Foundation. There were 23 bonfires this year and so much food and hot drinks. Each bonfire is sponsored by a business or civic group. Walking thru the sand helped walk the food off.

A few days later was our Club Christmas Party and Lion Dotti Beecroft was the coordinator of that grand event. Our President, Lion Ruth Gange, made it her first outing after hip surgery two weeks prior. We are proud of her recovery. We had many guests and potential new members.

Lion Dotti Beecroft and a helper went shopping for our club for gifts for Toys for Tots, and for our annual gifts to the New Mexico State Veterans Home. Lion Dotti found out they needed watercolor supplies and she picked out enough to keep them painting for quite awhile. The recreation staff was tickled with her selection. We were also able to present a check to the center to fill the canteen fund for several veterans who had depleted their fund. We would like to thank Lion Dotti Beecroft for being the club angel and getting us thru the month of Dec. 2006.

Lion Eliana Aubin, the Elephant Butte Host Lions Club founder, was selected as 2006 New Mexico Business Woman of the Year. Congressman Tom Reynolds commented saying, "Eliana Aubin was selected on outstanding leadership in business and contributions to the local economy." In April 2006, Lion Eliana was appointed to serve on the Business Advisory Council, a special project of the NRCC dedicated to ensuring that small businesses have a voice in Washington. Last summer, she received the 2006 National Leadership Award in recognition of outstanding service and in particular for assistance and leadership in promoting a pro-business agenda including tax reform and fiscal responsibility.

She has been actively involved in the community since she and her husband, Jerry, moved to Sierra County in 1988. Lion Eliana is the President of the Sierra County Humane Society, the CEO of Desert Haven Animal Refuge, and she also operates the Society's major fund raising activity, Paws and Claws Thrift Shop located in T or C. In 2003, Lion Eliana served as MD40 Lions Membership Chairperson a position she held through 2006. We are proud of Lion Eliana and all her accomplishments. She works very hard to follow her dreams.



Santa Claus (Vice- Dist. Gov. Jim Brannon) gave a well deserved gift to Lion Ruth Gange, President.



A representative of the Veterans' Home, accepted the painting supplies from Lion Christy Darling, Lion Pat Armstrong, and Lion Dotti Beecroft



Lion Eliana with her 2006 NM Business Woman of the Year Award.

(Article and pictures provided by Lion Pat Armstrong.)

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club "We Care About Our Kids" Program

Lions Clubs International began in Chicago, IL, in 1917 and will celebrate it's 90th Anniversary at the International Convention in Chicago, IL, in July 2007. Just three years after its formation, the Association became international when the first club in Canada was established in 1920.

Lions Clubs International has since grown to include 1.3 million men and women in approximately 45,000 clubs located in 200 countries and geographic areas.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness." From this time, Lions Clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired. It is for this that Lions have become best known.

In addition to sight programs, Lions Clubs International is committed to providing services for youth. Lions Clubs also work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, LCIF, provide disaster relief around the world.

The impact of Lions is felt the world over through the Lions Clubs International Foundation where millions of dollars are distributed each year in areas such as Tsunami relief, relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina and other catastrophic disasters the world over. On a more local scale, Lions of New Mexico have brought over \$350,000.00 into NM from LCIF. Victims of major fires in NM, additions to medical facilities, flood relief and Habitat for Humanity are but a few of the causes that have received funds.



Lions Clubs International has a wide range of programs that are available at International, national and local levels and each Lions Club within the organization decides which programs they participate in as well as what needs their community has.

A new member of the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club Inc. Bob Shelton has started the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Clubs "We Care About Our Kids" Program. The program goal is to put Teddy Bears in the vehicles of Public Safety Officers so they can be given to children by those officers. The mission of the program is to assist public safety officers in the comforting of young children in strange stressful circumstances. The program is intended to reduce psychological trauma experienced by young children when they are involved in incidents/accidents that they are involved in. Many children would be comforted by receiving a teddy bear from State Patrol, County Sheriff, and DPS officers. A survey of public records shows that there are approximately 1,500 to 2,000 calls where young children are involved each year in this area.

In order to accomplish this goal, the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club is asking community residents and businesses to assist by donating either cash or New Teddy Bears for the program. Donations can be mailed to the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club Inc. at P.O. Box 717 Alamogordo, NM 88310. There are donation sights at businesses throughout Alamogordo where Teddy Bears can be dropped off. There will also be a Teddy Bear Drop Off Day on Saturday March 24 in the parking lot of 1-800-Flowers.

Many business and civic organizations have already joined the Breakfast Lions in this project.

The Alamogordo Eagles Challenger FOE Aerie 4101 President Duane Padilla and Madam President Gail Jones are pictured presenting a check for \$1,000 and will also be providing a drop off box location.



Pictured (L-R): Aaron Meyers (Lion in training), Lion Dale McMasters, Alamogordo Breakfast Lions President Ruth Wilkes, Lion Mary Shelton, D40S Region 2 Zone 2 Chairman Jeanette Lang, FOE Aerie 4101 President Duane Padilla, FOE Aerie 4101 Auxiliary President Gail Jones, and "We Care About Our Kids" Program Chairman Lion Robert Shelton.

Article and pictures provided by MD40 PR Chair Chuck Galusha

Christmas With The T or C Lions

The T or C Lions Club Sierra Santas Christmas Party put smiles on lots of kids' faces again this year. The T or C Lions, with help from the Elephant Butte Lions and Las Cruces De Noche Lions (Heidi & Aaron Martinez) distributed food baskets, toys, and candy to over a hundred needy families & kids in Sierra Co. The kids got to visit with Santa and discuss their Christmas list. The co-operative efforts of Lions from the three clubs made for a long but rewarding day.

Article & pic provided by VDG Jim Brannon



Lion Mascot Heidi Martinez takes a short cat-nap while this small fry takes his turn on Santa's knee & elf Aaron looks on.



This little tyke never woke up during his visit with Santa [VDG-Jim Brannon].



A tired but happy group of Lions gather at the end of a very rewarding day.

NEW MEXICO LIONS EYE FOUNDATION SCREENINGS 14 Feb 2007

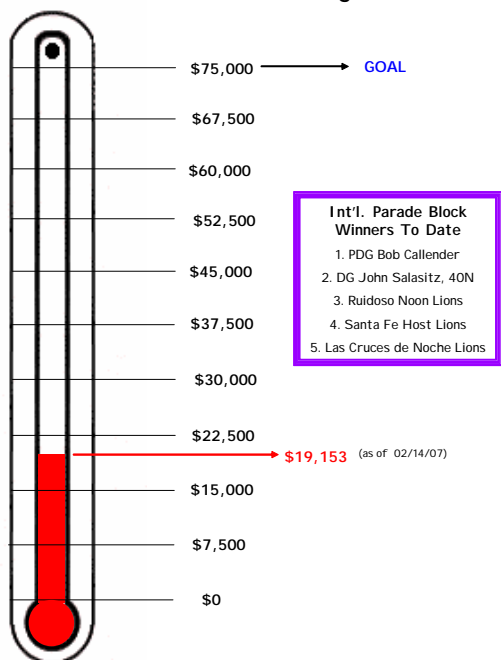
<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PAPERWORK</u>
6-10	Cancer Clinic Total Screened- 18	Rio Grande Total Dilated- 0	COMPLETED
6-17/18	High Rolls Comm. Ctr. Total Screened- 35	High Rolls MPLC Total Dilated- 0	COMPLETED
6-30/7-1	*La Familia Total Screened- 51	Santa Fe CC&H Total Dilated- 51	COMPLETED
7-15	*Taos Health Fair Total Screened- 51	Taos Total Dilated- 4	COMPLETED
7-22	Las Cruces Health Fair Total Screened- 42	LC de Noche Total Dilated- 0	COMPLETED
7-29	Border Town Days Total Screened- 32	Clovis Evening Total Dilated- 0	COMPLETED
8-11/12	Special Olympics Total Screened- 100	Farmington	COMPLETED
8-19	Health Fair Total Screened- 69	Artesia Total Dilated- 1	COMPLETED
8-25/26	*La Familia Total Screened- 95	Santa Fe CC&H Total Dilated- 95	NO REPORT Diabetic Dilated-79
9-9	Tesuque Pueblo Center Total Screened- 11	Santa Fe CC&H Total Dilated- 11	COMPLETED Diabetics Dilated- 6
9-16	Four Hills Park Yard Sale Total Screened- 31	Four Hills Total Dilated- 5	COMPLETED Diabetic Dilated- 4
9-23	*Pecos Valley Med. Ctr. Total Screened- 50	Santa Fe CC&H Total Dilated- 50	COMPLETED Diabetics Dilated- 29
10-21/22	High Rolls Comm. Ctr.	High Rolls MPLC	VAN DISABLED
11-14	*El Centro Family Health Total Screened- 33	Espanola Total Dilated- 30	COMPLETED Diabetics Dilated- 30
11-17/18/19	Special Olympics	Las Cruces	CANCELLED
12-16	*Life Health Services Total Screened- 19	Santa Fe CC&H Total Dilated- 19	COMPLETED DiabeticsDilated- 1

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PAPERWORK</u>
2-7	Los Volconas Center	Albq Rio Grande	CANCELLED
2-14	Las Vegas	Greater Las Vegas	CANCELLED
3-1/2/3	*Ben Archer Health Fair	Las Cruces de Noche	NPW
3-8/9	Catron Co. Comm. On Aging	Silver City	NPW
#3-10	Eddie Co. Health Fair	Carlsbad Heights	NPW
3-24	*Pecos Valley Med Clinic	Santa Fe CC&H	CANCELLED
3-31	Health Fair	Clovis Evening	OK
4-12	*First Choice Healthcare	Albq Alameda	OK
4-14	Senior Services	Rio Rancho	NPW
#4-17	Health Fair Conv. Ctr.	Raton	OK
4-21	*Catron Co. Med. Clinic	Springville, AZ	OK
#4-27/28	*La Familia	Santa Fe CC&H	OK
5-5	Silver City	Silver City	NPW
5-12	Pecos Valley Med. Ctr.	Santa Fe CC&H	NPW
5-16	RMCH Health Fair	Gallup	OK
5-19	Special Olympics	Albuquerque	OK
5-25	*Holy Cross HospitaloHosH	Taos	OK
6-16/17	High Rolls Comm. Ctr.	High Rolls MPLC	OK
8-18	Special Olympics	Farmington	OK
#8-24/25	*La Familia	Santa Fe CC&H	OK
9-8	Tesuque	Santa Fe CC&H	NPW
9-15	Taos Civic Center	Taos	OK
10-13	Mesilla Plaza	Los Leones de Mesilla	OK
10-20/21	High Rolls Comm. Ctr.	High Rolls MPLC	OK
11-18	Special Olympics	Las Cruces	OK

* = Screening held at Medical Clinic/Center NPW = No Paper Work # = New Information

**NM Lions Band Foundation
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