



### Do NM Children Need Eye Screening?

**SOME ALARMING STATISTICS!** Each year more than 100,000 American children go blind needlessly, simply because they did not receive an eye exam. One in 4 elementary school children have an undetected eye problem that may affect learning. Approximately 5% of children under 5 are at risk for serious vision problems causing permanent vision loss. An additional 10% need glasses to have the vision necessary to succeed in school. Fewer than 15% of all preschool children receive eye exams. Fewer than 22% of preschool children receive some type of vi-

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sion screening to see if they need glasses. Vision disorders are the most prevalent class of handicapping conditions in childhood.

The eye, muscles that control the eye, optic nerve, and the area of the brain that gives us vision are completely developed, no matter how perfectly or imperfectly, by the age of six.

Vision deficiencies that may have occurred during development will be very difficult or impossible to treat after the age of 6 when vision development is completed. Many of these problems when caught early enough can be completely corrected, and the earlier they are diagnosed, the better the chance of correction and the easier and less expensive the treatment.

Photo Eye Screening is a tool to identify children whose eyes may

have some type of defect, which, if left untreated, may lead to a lifetime of vision problems or blindness. Photo screening is not a diagnostic tool as parents are advised to have the child seen by an eye doctor to get a proper diagnosis and treatment as may be indicated by the screening results.

Amblyopia is the loss of vision caused when a clear image of the world is not available on the retina during key periods of development. The visual cortex of the brain develops

dramatically in babies and young children. It continues to develop throughout the first six years of life. Anything that interferes with a normal image on the retina during this time can lead to amblyopia - a loss of vision that continues even if no problem remains in the eye.

Amblyopia might occur in strabismus, when one eye deviates to the side and isn't used as much. It might occur if there is unequal vision in the two eyes from an astigmatism, or if one eye is more nearsighted or farsighted than the other. It might occur if there is a cataract blocking vision in one eye, or if there has been an injury.

Whatever the cause, if the "lazy" eye relaxes, the vision in that eye gets worse, and a destructive cycle begins. The initial difference between

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the eyes does not have to be dramatic.

Amblyopia can also occur if there is a severe blurring of vision in both eyes, as in se-

vere nearsightedness or farsightedness.

Amblyopia only begins during the first six years of life. It is more likely, and often more serious, the younger the child is when the retina is not receiving a clear image.

Most amblyopia is discovered during routine eye screening - without any symptoms having been noticed. The symptom of amblyopia is decreased visual acuity, but this is not usually found unless the child has their vision checked.

An eye that deviates, cloudiness in one eye, or any signs or symptoms of nearsightedness, farsightedness, or astigmatism might suggest that amblyopia is developing as a result.

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If normal vision is not restored to the eye by about age 6, some degree of vision loss will probably be permanent. Usually a lazy eye should be diagnosed by age 3 in order to restore normal vision to that eye by age 6.

A March 2002 policy statement by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children have vision screening (including screening for strabismus and amblyopia) at the earliest possible age, and at regular intervals throughout childhood. Rather than relying on informal or subjective assessments of vision, the policy discusses photoscreening, a test that can make checking vision easier and more accurate for even

very young babies. A specially equipped camera takes their picture and a computer or a person analyzes the eye data obtained.

If there are abnormal results on vision screening, or any reason to suspect amblyopia, the child should have a complete eye exam as soon as possible.

The key to treating amblyopia is starting early. The first order of business is to identify and plan to treat the underlying cause of the amblyopia if it is still present. It is also important to temporarily block vision in the better eye so that the child will use and exercise the "lazy" eye. This process may go on for weeks or months or even years. On 24 February 2007, the NM Li-

ons Eye Foundation approved a proposal that the NM Lions Operation KidSight, a project whose goal is to annually screen all of NM Pre-K and K children, would become part of the Foundation. On the same day, the MD40 Council agreed that NM Lions Operation KidSight should be a signature project of NM Lions.

To be eligible for an LCIF grant, a minimum of 25% of all NM Lions Clubs (i.e., 18) must sign on to be part of NM Lions Operation KidSight. If your Club is interested please call Lions Chuck Galusha (505-434-6296) or Bryson McCool (505-257-0363) for more information and/or if your Club is interested in a demonstration.

## Tennessee Lions Energetically Attack 'Lazy Eye'

Their weapon of choice is the PhotoScreener, their territory is Tennessee and beyond, their targeted beneficiaries are children younger than six and their enemy is "lazy eye," a rather benign description for a disorder that is a leading cause of blindness.

Funded by LCIF, the Tennessee Lions Eye Center at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital has screened 82,203 children for amblyopia (lazy eye) and vision problems since 1997.

The battle has produced significant results. The screenings have uncovered 1,980 children with amblyogenic factors, which, if not treated before kindergarten, can be very difficult or impossible to treat. In fact, amblyopia the leading cause of blindness in one eye in people younger than 20.

The screening is necessary because parents often have no clue their child is at risk. Rachel Stanton, 2, was recently screened by the Tennessee Lions Eye Center Outreach Program at her

daycare center. The screening showed that her one eye wasn't seeing as well as the other, putting her at risk for amblyopia. "I'd never have known something was wrong," Michelle Stanton, her mother, told the Tennessean newspaper in Nashville.

Lions in Tennessee travel to daycare centers, nursery schools and other group settings with the PhotoScreener. Trained staff at the Vanderbilt Ophthalmic Imaging Center (Reading Center) analyze the photographs they take. Children determined to be at risk for amblyopia are referred to eye care professionals.

LCIF's support of the Tennessee Lions' photoscreening efforts began with a Core 4 grant of US\$177,170 in 1999. The grant was one of the first under the Core 4 program, which funds large-scale projects in four categories including preservation of eyesight. LCIF also has provided standard grants to help finance the construction of the Tennessee Lions Eye Center and the Vanderbilt

pediatric ophthalmology clinic and to hire personnel to conduct follow-up phone calls for referred children from the screenings. The grants actually reach far beyond the state's borders: the Tennessee Lions' photoscreening program has served as a model for Lions in 13 other states. Outreach Program staff and Tennessee Lions train volunteers and run orientations for out-of-state administrative staff and volunteers.

The Tennessee Lions are proud of their program and persistent in making sure parents understand the screening results. Kim Eubank's son failed his eye screening. "The Lions Eye Center contacted me at work and urged me to bring my son in for further screening. I kind of blew it off at first," she recalled.

But the urgency of the phone call convinced her to return. "He had only 5 percent vision in his right eye," she said. "If I had waited until he was older he would have been legally blind in his right eye. Because of the early detection his condition is correctable."

# Through the Photo Eye Screener Lens.....



Normal Reflex



Normal Reflex



Anisometropia



Anisocoria



Cataract



Coloboma



Hyperopia



Myopia



Strabismus -Esotropia OD



Strabismus -Exotropia OD



Ptosis

These pictures (from the digital iScreen camera) of childrens' eyes show the types of vision disorders that can be distinguished by an eye screening. Based on past screenings by NM Lions, 8-10% of NM children screened will result in one or more of these disorders (to include astigmatism). The rate of vision problems of Indian children is 17-20%. The answer to the question, "Do NM children need eye screening?" then is obviously "Yes."

# The D40N Lion Boss Roars

HAPPY Saint Patrick's Day!!!

Is SPRING HERE??

This LION's year is slipping by fast. Here it is already March. It will be soon time to be going to the State Convention in Pojoaque, New Mexico, at the Cities of Gold Hotel and Conference Center. Please come to the planned training session for incoming club positions. This is where you can get the needed information to make your club operate smoothly. Sign up now so that these sessions can be planned.

District 40 North needs to WELCOME the two New Club Development consultants that will be attending the upcoming March 19 thru March 21 Extension Workshop. They are Consultant Jack Ferguson of Missouri and Consultant Mike Gayda of Washington State. All Certified Guiding Lions should be planning to attend both that have completed the course and those still in training.

The Liberty Day Kids from Kearny Elementary School in Raton, New Mexico traveled to Santa Fe on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to visit the State Capital. Lt. Governor Drane Denish spent about an hour with the Liberty Day Kids.

Lion Miriam Strucker of the Albuquerque Northeast Club attended the EUROPA FORUM 2006 in Bournemouth, England. The 105 MD invited her as a guest, but she attended as a delegate. Bournemouth is the channel which in October is cold, windy and rainy. There were 34 counties present with about 2000 in attendance.

CONGRADULATIONS to the 40 North and the Multiple Council PEACE POSTER winner Bradley



Silling from the Sandia Academy. He was presented with cash awards from the District and the Multiple Council, one hundred dollars each, at the Alameda Club meeting on March 3, 2007. Min-ji Yi, a 13 year old girl from Los Angeles, California beat out more than 350,000 entries from 70 counties to win the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Lions International Peace Poster contest.

This is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LIONS INTERNATIONAL Convention, July 2 - 6, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois. Deadline for advance registration is May 1, 2007. See [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news\\_conv\\_register.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_conv_register.shtml) for details.

World Induction Day, April 28, 2007. If there are new Lions for 2006 this would be a great way to induct them. Please contact Lion DG John for details.

The second half dues billings have been mailed. Please get these payments submitted NOW. All payments and questions should be sent to District Cabinet Secretary Lion Ron Belleau at (505) 870-2426 or ronbelleau@msn.com.

Lion Shelly Smith, Leo Chairman is looking for clubs that are interested in starting a LEO CLUB. (505) 453-2159.

## 2006-07 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CONTEST

Totals will be updated in April. ALL CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S CONTEST.

RATON	43,920
ALB. WEST MESA	31,862
ALB. FOUR HILLS	29,641
MORIARTY	22,640
FARMINGTON	20,233
LOS ALAMOS	19,895
CLOVIS EVENING	4500
GALLUP	3500
ALB. NORTHEAST	2000
ALB. BREAKFAST	1500
AZTEC	1000
MELROSE	1000
LOWER VALLEY	500
SANDIA	500
TAOS	500
ALB. RIO GRANDE	0
ALB. ALAMEDA	0
CORRALES	0
EDGEWOOD	0
ESPANOLA	0
FLOYD	0
LAS VEGAS	0
PORTALES	0
RIO RANCHO AMIGOS	0
RIO RANCHO HOST	0
SANTA FE CAPITOL	0
ANTA FE HOST	0
SOCORRO	0
THOREAU	0
WINDOW ROCK	0

*DG John Sakasitz, D40N*

**D40N Cabinet Meeting MARCH 17, 2007, at the Melrose Lions Clubhouse, 416 N. Main, 10:00 a.m.**

## D40S Peace Poster Winner Announced

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest was sponsored at 4 local schools by the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club. The winner of each of the four contests received \$50 from the Breakfast Lions and 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank. 2<sup>nd</sup> place contestants received \$15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place received \$10.

First Place Posters went on to District 40S to compete against other winning posters from southern NM. The winning poster for D40S was titled "A Heavenly Peace" created by Hannah Guerra, a 12 year old student at Mountain View Middle School. D40S awards \$100 to the District winning Poster.

Min-Ji Yi, a 13-year-old girl from Los Angeles, CA, beat out more

than 350,000 entries created by children ages 11, 12 and 13, in 70 countries, with her grand prize poster in the 19th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

In addition to the grand prize winner, 23 merit award winners have been announced.

The International Grand Prize winner receives a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York. There the winning artist will be presented with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of \$2,500. Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Lions Clubs International President Jimmy Ross said, "By sponsoring

the Peace Poster Contest, Lions members in many nations are reaching out to their local youth and community members and offering them an opportunity to support peace, communication and international understanding in our world."

All of the local contest winning posters can be seen at [www.nmlions.org](http://www.nmlions.org) and the grand prize winner and merit award posters can be seen by following the Peace Poster link there. For information contact Chuck Galusha at 434-6296.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Clubs International Peace Poster contest "Peace Around the World" started on January 15<sup>th</sup> and will close October 15 2007.



Lion Chuck Galusha provides some background history on Lionism and the Peace Poster Contest.



District 40S Governor Jeff Kriz (R) and 1st National Bank President and CEO Lion Pete Cook (L) hold the D40S winning poster.



1<sup>st</sup> National Bank President and CEO Lion Pete Cook, D40S winner Hanna Guerra (holding her winning poster), and D40S Peace Poster Chairman Chuck Galusha.



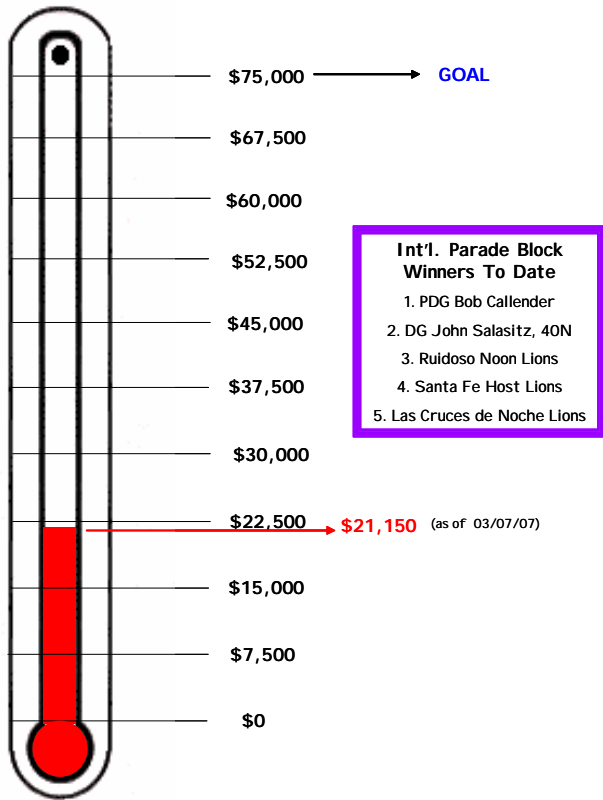
Attendees at the reception view the winning posters.

*Article and pictures provided by MD40 PR Chair Chuck Galusha*

# New Mexico Lions Band Foundation Fund Raiser

Fellow Lions,

The Truck Raffle ticket sales are now almost up to \$22,000. The support from the Clubs who have sold tickets and made contributions is most appreciated. We still have a little less than three months left before the drawing so please continue with the ticket sales. Our Band will make the Lions of NM proud!!!



Please send bank deposit receipts and ticket stubs to:

PDG Lee Boyd Montgomery  
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505-466-0468(H) 505-660-2902(C)  
lbmontgomery36@comcast.net

DEPOSIT CASH AND CHECKS AT  
WELLS FARGO BANKS Checking  
Account # 2374159685

## New Mexico Lions Survivor Camp

The Lions' Survivor Camp will be on June 4 through June 8 on the NMSU campus. In addition to all the day campers, there is an opportunity for 8 campers to be housed on campus. The cost is \$30 if a day camper registers before March 31 and \$50 afterward. For overnight campers, the cost is \$400.

The benefits of this camp are tremendous and far reaching. This year there will be deaf children from Chihuahua. They are being fully funded by the University of Chihuahua because there is no organized program in Mexico to provide services, or basic sign language training, for deaf people. This is a tremendous opportunity to help a program in Mexico get

started and at little or no cost to us. Also, last year, as a direct result of this camp, four children were saved from a very abusive home situation.

While the main focus of this camp is for deaf and hard of hearing children, and their siblings, the camp has accepted children with additional handicaps. That will probably happen again this year and because of that the camp will need to hire additional staff to work with these children. Our long term goal for this camp is that no child, regardless of handicap or disability, be turned away. With the excellent leadership of Dr. Scott Pedersen and Ms. Jennifer Dahlgren in the NMSU Adaptive Physical Education program, we

have made an excellent start. Last year we did not turn away any kid for financial reasons. Over 50% of the campers were on a full or partial scholarship for the camp. The Las Cruces Sunrise Lions Club donates \$6000 to this camp each year. Last year, Ruidoso Noon Club, Las Cruces De Noche and "Kick Up Your Heels" provided additional funding. There have also been some private donors. The camp is quickly outgrowing our funding. We view that as a positive and a great, worthy challenge). Any help from NM Lions' Clubs will be greatly appreciated. The following links provide information on the camp and a downloadable brochure.

[http://education.nmsu.edu/nmsuape/lions\\_survivor\\_camp.html](http://education.nmsu.edu/nmsuape/lions_survivor_camp.html)  
<http://education.nmsu.edu/nmsuape/lions%20brochure%202007.pdf>

# Proposed Changes to the MD40 Lions Constitution & By-Laws

Five changes to the MD40 Constitution and By-Laws have been formally proposed and submitted by the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club. The following discussion describes the changes and the rationale for each.

**1. DUES CHANGE.** MD40 no longer publishes a hard copy of the Lions Roar. Instead, MD40 now maintains a Website (www.nmlions.org) where an electronic Lions Roar is published and posted each month. Previously, NM Lions paid \$5 per year for the Lions Roar (MD40 paid \$1 also). The cost is now \$2 per Lion per year which pays for the hosting and maintenance of the Website and any printing/ mailing costs for hard copies of the Lions Roar for Lions who do not have access to the Internet. The proposed dues changes then are to reflect the reduction in dues of \$3 per Lion per year. The dues schedule below shows the dues change.

**2. MD40 COUNCIL SECRETARY/TREASURER QUALIFICATIONS.** Currently, the primary qualification to be eligible to be considered for the MD40 Council Secretary/Treasurer position is the Lion has to have been a past District Governor. The proposed change is to expand the qualifications to such that

the Lion has been a PDG or a past District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. The rationale for this change is that it will increase the pool of qualified Lions for this position.

**3. MERL FUNCTIONS AT MD40 LEVEL.** Currently, there are MERL functions initiated by the MD40 Council and by the District Cabinets. While this is a necessary structural requirement for large Multiple Districts with many Districts, it is a redundant effort and an inefficient use of limited resources for an MD of only two Districts. Currently, \$2.50 of a Lion's dues is for MERL functions and is kept by MD40. The proposed change is for all MERL and related functions to be done by the Districts with the \$2.50 portion of the dues being kept by the District Cabinet. The rationale is MD40 should be doing no MERL functions but rather concentrating on public relations, MD40 Website and Lions Roar, the NM Lions State Convention, and any other functions that impact Lions at the State level.

**4. EXPANDING DG'S AUTHORITY IN SELECTION OF REGION & ZONE CHAIRS.** The District Governor should be able to waive the office requirement for Region and Zone Chairpersons

if that Lion has other leadership qualifications and experience that prove he/she can fulfill the office. In some cases, a DG is hard pressed to fill the Region and Zone Chair positions due to the limited number of Lions in the District who qualify and who will volunteer to do it. Many times, there are Lions who have served in numerous leadership positions (e.g., Committee Chair) in the MD and District and would make a great Region or Zone Chair but cannot because they have not been a Club President and/or Zone Chair. Allowing the DG this option will increase the pool of candidates and may ensure the best qualified Lion (based on leadership ability) is selected for a Region or Zone Chairperson.

**5. MINOR CORRECTION.** There is reference in the Constitution to the District Conventions which no longer occur. These references need to be replaced by the NM Lions State Convention.

*NOTE:* Change #4 was added after 1 March 2007. Thus the MD40 Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chairs will have to approve its inclusion. Club Presidents will receive formal notification of the Constitution changes NLT 1 May 2007 from MD40.

## MD40 DUES SCHEDULE

		Previous	Mar-Aug 07	Proposed Constitution Change
Retained by M40 Council	Per Capita Tax			
	* MD40 Council Admin	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
	* MD40 Website/Lions Roar/ Printing & Mailing	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
	* MERL/WI	\$2.50	\$2.50	
	State Convention Fund Tax	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Retained by District	Per Capita Tax			
	* MERL/WI			\$2.50
	* District Administration	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Annual/Semi-Annual Dues		\$18.50/\$9.25	\$15.50/\$7.75	\$15.50/\$7.75

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Dues} &= \text{MD40 Per Capita Tax} + \text{District Per Capita} + \text{State Convention Tax} \\ &= \$5.00 + \$9.50 + \$1.00 = \$15.50 \end{aligned}$$

## Alamogordo BBBBBreakfast Lions Club Cleans Up

Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> was a beautiful sunny day. Well except for the chilly temperatures and a cold north west wind at mile marker 203 on highway 70 west, it was a great day for the Breakfast Lions quarterly highway cleanup, AKA the "Breakfast Lions 2 mile Fun Walk."

Fourteen Lions gathered at 8AM for the free breakfast burrito, glazed donut, and hot coffee breakfast provided by Lion Boss Ruth, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Charlie Smelser, and Zone Chair Jeanette Lang.

A Club President is always the last to know was evidenced by the fact that Lion Boss Ruth somehow re-

mained uninformed that as President one of the duties was in fact to provide the burritos for this event. Thankfully she not only has a good sense of humor but she makes a mean breakfast burrito.

One good thing though. We cut our usual time on the cleanup in half.



Article and pictures provided by MD40 PR Chair Chuck Galusha

## Carlsbad Heights Lions Present Melvin Jones Fellow Award

Lion Bill Deringer, a twenty plus year member of the Carlsbad Heights Lions Club, was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow award on Friday, 23 February 2007. Lion Bill is the owner and operator of EZ Rental and Sales and is generous to a fault in support of the various needs of the Carlsbad Community and the Carlsbad Heights Lions Club. The presentation of the award was made by PDG Jim C. Jones.

Article and pictures provided by PDG Jim Jones



PDG Jim Jones presents the Melvin Jones Fellow Award plaque and pin to Lion Bill Deringer.



Lion Bill Deringer shows off his Melvin Jones Fellow plaque as PDG Jim Jones looks on.

## 2006-07 MD40 Club Donations For LCIF and Leader Dog

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<b>LEADER DOG:</b>	<b>DISTRICT 40-S (\$2,375)</b> Albuquerque Four Hills Albuquerque Northeast Clovis Evening Moriarty Sandia Mountain	<b>DISTRICT 40-S (\$2,300)</b> Alamogordo Breakfast Alamogordo Downtown Carlsbad Downtown Carlsbad Heights Ruidoso Valley Noon Timberon
<b>LCIF:</b>	<b>DISTRICT 40-N (\$5,600)</b> Albuquerque Four Hills Albuquerque Rio Grande Clovis Evening Farmington Evening Moriarty Sandia Mountain	<b>DISTRICT 40-S (\$5,035)</b> Artesia Downtown Carlsbad Heights Elephant Butte Host Hobbs Evening Las Cruces DeNoche Ruidoso Valley Noon Timberon

**This is a pretty sad showing for MD40 Clubs: 17% of MD40 Clubs have contributed to Leader Dog and 20% to LCIF. We still have 3+ months to get this to 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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### A Message From LCI President Jimmy Ross

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Dear Club President, This year Lions Clubs International will celebrate several significant anniversaries including the 90th anniversary of our founding. These celebrations will remind us that we must never lose sight of our most treasured traditions and must always hold fast to the ancient values which we hold dear.

But when it comes to the way we conduct our business, it is equally important that the association stay as up-to-date as possible. In 2007, that means using the Internet and on-line resources to their best advantage.

The number of clubs using the Lions Clubs International Web site to file Monthly Membership Reports has been increasing steadily. This year, we will be taking that one step further by making information previously provided in printed Club President and Club Secretary Kits available in the Club Resource Section of the association Web site ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)). The only printed items we will be providing this year to all Lions clubs are the C-3 Membership Cards. Preprinted Monthly Membership Reports with LCI address labels will be sent only to those clubs who are not filing their forms online.

I have reviewed the Club Resource Section and am happy to tell you that it could not be easier to use. The team at

international headquarters has done an outstanding job in making the section clear, concise and intuitive. It requires no special computer skills; even the most inexperienced Internet novice will be able to navigate the site with ease.

Making this information available online will not only conserve natural resources, but will allow club officers easier, faster access to more relevant information than ever before. Of course, not every club has easy access to the Internet, so a printed version of a combined Club Officers Kit will be available to clubs that request them. Requests for the Club Officers Kit should be directed to the English Language Department at international headquarters-e-mail: [english\\_language@lionsclubs.org](mailto:english_language@lionsclubs.org), fax 630-571-1693 or phone 630-571-5466 x 654.

I invite you to visit [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources\\_clubs.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_clubs.shtml) to see for yourself how much information is available at the site and how easy it is to use.

Children are our future, there is no doubt about it. But with more and more Lions Clubs adopting a family-friendly format, children are becoming an important part of our present! We should do all we can to educate these children about Lions Clubs International and what it means

to be a Lion. What better way to do that than by engaging their imaginations with a coloring book.

"The Pride of Lions - a Kid's Guide to Lions Clubs," now available from the Club Supplies Division, is an exciting new recruitment and membership tool. Scenes in the book depict Lions bringing food to and companionship to those in need, building community projects and taking part in other service activities - all with a friendly lion character overseeing the work. "The Pride of Lions" coloring book is approximately 18 inches by 23 inches and contains more than 30 pages of activities.

The books can be distributed at community events, presented to prospective members with young children and given to those children who already are part of your Lions Club family.

Order yours today and give your littlest future Lions a gift they will remember for the rest of their lives. For more information and to order call (800) 710-7822 or order online at

<http://www2.lionsclubs.org/LionsClubsSuppliesStore>

As always, thank you for your service to your club and your community,

Sincerely, *Jimmy M. Ross*

*International President*

# 2006-07 Multiple District 40

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**  
*MD40 Council Chair* - PDG LeeRoy Milton  
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*VDG 40N* - Tom Himrod  
*DG 40S* - Jeff Kriz  
*VDG 40S* - Jim Brannon  
*Sec./Treas.* - PDG Bill Davis

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*NM Lions Eye Bank*  
 PDG Bill Davis  
*NM Lions Eye Foundation*  
 DG Jeff Kriz  
*NM Lions BandFoundation*  
 PDG Lee Boyd Montgomery  
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 George MulHolland

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*MD40 Website/Lions Roar* - Bryson McCool  
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*Special Olympics* - PID Gordon Post  
*Constitution & By-Laws* - PDG Vic Lyon/PDG Ernest London  
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*Campaign SightFirst II* - PID Don Reese



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To: **CLUB SECRETARIES:**

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 AND SHARE IT WITH  
 YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.



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**Lions Serving  
 New Mexico**