



American Soldier and Wisconsin Lions Clubs Team Up to Give Iraqi Girl Chance to See

Sergeant John Kempen, United States Army, and the Lions clubs of Wisconsin could help a 7-year-old girl from Iraq see clearly for the first time in her life after she receives corneal transplant surgery next week. Kempen, stationed in Iraq from August 2005 to December 2006, noticed the girl, named Zahraa, couldn't see well when he was tossing candy to her.

"We always threw candy to the kids and gave them the presents people sent from the U.S.," said Sgt. Kempen, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. "We were in Iraq for 14 months and soldiers got really bummed out so giving gifts to the kids cheered us up. The kids love it; and they really go after the candy, but Zahraa could never get any. She was holding her hands over her eyes in pain."

Sgt. Kempen, now stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks Alaska, took Zahraa to see his medic and then spoke to Iraqi doctors who said they couldn't help her. He spoke to Zahraa's father who said that she was born with a vision condition and all the doctors could do was give her eye drops that had little effect. Her father said Zahraa has felt like she has sand in her eyes ever since she was a baby.

"Zahraa has swollen corneas and blisters on the front of the cornea which is why she can't see through them very well," said Doctor Kevin Flaherty, M.D, who specializes in corneal external disease at the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin. "The front surface of her cornea is breaking down from the swelling which makes her uncomfortable and the blisters make her feel

like there is a foreign object in her eye constantly, hence her description of the sand."

"Zahraa's vision is at 20/400, which means that with a lot of effort, she can barely make out the large 'E' on the eye chart," Dr. Flaherty continued. "It's like she's looking through a very steamy window. She can see objects and shapes but she cannot make out anything clearly."

A year ago Sgt. Kempen turned to the Lions clubs, known for their work to



combat preventable blindness around the world, for help. His mother of Crandon, WI, worked with the Crandon Lions Club to arrange for Zahraa to enter the U.S. to be evaluated by Dr. Flaherty at the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin.

"Through the help of the Lions Clubs and Sgt. Kempen, we're hoping to help Zahraa see as normally as she can," said Dr. Flaherty. "I am optimistic that surgery should improve things for her. She hasn't had a clear cornea for many years, but she's of an age where she still has the

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opportunity to have her vision improved." The Lions clubs of Crandon and Wausau, WI worked with Sgt. Kempen, his mother and Lions Clubs International to arrange for Zahraa to receive the corneal transplant. The corneas and surgery will be donated by the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin in Madison and Aspirus Wausau Hospital. The services will be donated by Dr. Flaherty and the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin.

"We are so happy that Zahraa and her grandmother are finally here. We have worked hard to make this happen," said Frank Bocek, past president of the Crandon Lions Club. "Sgt. Kempen and his mother called us because they knew Lions fight blindness—and that if anyone could help Zahraa, it was the Lions. This was a real community effort and we thank Aspirus Wausau Hospital, the Lions Eye Bank and all the others who helped make this possible. We hope we can help Zahraa see well and make her eyes feel better, too."

The Lions of Wisconsin were able to work through many channels to help

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Zahraa and her grandmother obtain American visas. Students from Crandon Elementary School raised money to help fund Zahraa's travel to the U.S. A Wausau-based Lion and seasoned host family will house Zahraa and her grandmother for the duration of her stay in the U.S.

which will last at least eight weeks. "The fact that the Lions were able to bring Zahraa to the U.S. alone is a miracle," said Sgt. Kempen, who will visit Zahraa in Wisconsin during her recovery. "Now if they can help give her the gift of sight or even just stop the discomfort she feels in her

eyes, all the hard work will be worth it."

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Article taken from the Lions Clubs International Website.

Ruidoso Noon Lions Have Successful Fundraiser

On 24-26 August 2007, the Ruidoso Noon Lions co-hosted (with Ameriwest Shows) their annual Antiques and Collectibles Show at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The Club's food concession featured their renowned brisket sandwiches that were very popular with the Show attendees.

On Sunday morning, Lion Bill Allen and his cooking team provided a cowboy breakfast at Cedar Creek Campground for the vendors. Needless to say, the vendors look forward to this event each year. The Show was very successful with the Club netting \$6,600. Twenty eight Lions and three friends of the Club worked the Show.



(L-R) Lions Bill Wooley, Gary Henry, Mike Schattner, Jim Burrow, Bryson McCool, and Chris McCool working the food concession.



Kitchen Boss Lion Chris McCool (R) giving instructions to Lion Mike Mohrhauser (L).



Lion Jim Burrow making the cowboy coffee.



Ruidoso Noon Lions arriving at the camp site at 7AM to begin the cowboy breakfast preparations.



(L-R) Lions Mike Mohrhauser, Leo Mitchell, Gary Henry, Tony Duarte, and Kent Martin starting the cooking fires.



(L to R) Lions Kent Martin, Jack Scott, and Tony Duarte frying the bacon and sausage.

The Albuquerque West Mesa Lions Club recently conducted a candle light induction ceremony for two new club members from the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI). The new Lions were Sam Henderson, SIPI Program Director, and Isaiah Rodriguez together with their sponsors, PDG Bill Davis and PDG Adolph Gallegos.

SIPI is an Albuquerque based National Indian Community College. One of the courses available to SIPI students is a Vision Care Technology program that provides training in prescription lens preparation, glasses fitting and maintenance, and other related activities.

According to PDG Bob Yoder, the Albuquerque West Mesa Lions Club is developing a joint venture with the community college to assist the SIPI vision care program with collecting used glasses for student training use in the program and to foster increased output of new prescription glasses from SIPI for New Mexicans needing glasses.

Any Lions Clubs in the Albuquerque metro area wanting information on how their club could assist in the Albuquerque West Mesa/SIPI project should contact PDG Bob Yoder at 896-3398.



(L to R): Lion Sam Henderson, President Bob Yoder, PDG Adolph Gallegos (behind President Bob Yoder), Lion Isaiah Rodriguez, and PDG Bill Davis during the induction ceremony.

Lion Harold Finical Honored as Knight of the Month submitted by PDG Jim Jones

Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council 2719 recently named Brother Harold Finical as Knight of the Month for July. Finical has been a Knight for 14 years, attaining First, Second, Third, and Fourth Degree along the way. Finical has held many offices in the different degrees, and served his council as Grand Knight for two years. He was recently re-elected to the position of Purser, Treasurer for the Fourth Degree.

Finical has also been a regular cook for meals served prior to monthly meetings, as well as social events held at the Knights of Columbus Hall during the year. He was responsible for the printing and mailing of the monthly newsletter for the past several years, and currently prints the certificates awarded

the Knight and Family of the Month.

Finical came to Carlsbad in 1985 after graduating from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Services, as general manager of West Funeral Home. 1985 was a busy year for him as he and Katon Walker were married and set up their new home in Carlsbad. Two girls were born to this union and they both attended St. Edward School, where he served as School Board President.

Finical is a member of the Carlsbad Heights Lions Club and has held several offices including that of President.

He, along with several employees and families, recently purchased West Funeral Home, and now continues to serve Carlsbad and the surrounding area as its funeral director.

Mesilla Lions Meeting

Los Leones de Mesilla, Mesilla's Lions Club, had an uproarious meeting on August 21st at its "Bring a Guest" meeting. The program began with a splendid one-man performance of "G and S and Me," "The Best of Gilbert and Sullivan" by Dr. George Jarden. Another highlight of the meeting was a brief presentation by Lion Charlie Johnson about his 15-year NFL football career (St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Oilers and Denver Broncos) and his college career at NMSU. Submitted by Lion Greg Lennes.



Dr. George Jarden performing.

Lions Orientation - A Critical Factor For A Healthy Club

Knowledge of who we are and where we have been (whether at the International, state, or club level) is a critical factor if a Lions Club is to be healthy and effective. Orientation of members, regardless if they are new or current, on a regular basis will ensure that knowledge is present and up to date. One way to establish an orientation regimen is to have an orientation program once a month to cover some aspect of Lionism. As an example, MD40 Council Chair provided the following MD40 Lions IQ Test to the Ruidoso Noon Lions as the Club's monthly orientation program for July.

1. Melvin Jones, the guiding force and founder of Lions Clubs International, served as its first:

- a) President
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) International Director

2. In 1925, Melvin Jones challenged Lions to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." True or False?

3. What statistic comes closest to the current figures of Lions Clubs International.

- a) 29,000 clubs with 1,100,000 members in over 130 countries and geographical areas.
- b) 39,000 clubs with 1,200,000 members in over 165 countries and geographical areas.
- c) 44,000 clubs with 1,300,000 members in over 195 countries and geographical areas.

4. A Multiple District like MD40 is:

- a) An unusually large district.
- b) A district, which extends into several states or countries.
- c) Made up of two or more sub-districts

5. The official colors of Lions Clubs International are:

- a) Blue and Yellow
- b) Red and Black
- c) Green and Violet
- d) Purple and Gold

6. The official motto of Lions Clubs International is:

- a) "We Serve"
- b) "We'll Be There"
- c) "Go Lions!"
- d) "Hear Them Lions Roar"

7. The official slogan of Lions Clubs International is:

- a) "To Serve Mankind"
- b) "Serving Today for a Better Tomorrow"
- c) "Share Success Through Service"
- d) "Liberty, Intelligence, and Our Nations Safety"

8. What is the primary service activity of Lions Clubs worldwide?

- a) Blindness prevention
- b) Diabetes screening

- c) Providing hearing aids to the hearing impaired
- d) Providing disaster relief

9. What is the only Lion's Foundation that serves the entire world and all 1.3+ million Lions and whose motto is "Lions Helping Lions?"

- a) Lions International Eye Conservation Foundation (LIECF)
- b) Lions Clubs Foundation To Serve Mankind (LCFSM)
- c) Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- d) International Lions Club Foundation (ILCF)

10. Lions Clubs International Headquarters are located where?

- a) Chicago, IL
- b) Pine Crest, IN
- c) Rochester, MI
- d) Oak Brook, IL

11. Who was the first President of Lions Clubs International?

- a) Melvin Jones
- b) Hap Byer
- c) Dr. W. P. Woods
- d) Helen Keller

12. What is the name of the official Lions Clubs International magazine?

- a) THE LIONS ROAR
- b) THE LION
- c) LIONS AT WORK
- d) LIONS - WE SERVE

13. What is the name of the official MD40 Lions Publication?

- a) THE LIONS ROAR
- b) THE LION
- c) LIONS AT WORK
- d) LIONS - WE SERVE

14. What is the address of the official MD40 Website?

- a) www.lionsclubs.org
- b) www.nmlions.org
- c) www.lionsinternational.com
- d) www.nmlionsroar.com

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16. What International initiative has restored sight to 4 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented loss of vision for 20 million people, and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions of people?

- a) SightFirst I
- b) LEHP
- c) AHAP
- d) LCIF

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17. In what year did the International Constitution eliminate the word "male" as a condition for membership, encouraging women to become Lions?

- a) 1967 b) 1978 c) 1987 d) 1998

18. On the Lions emblem, the two Lions profiles face in opposite directions from the center. This symbolizes what?

- a) Shows both pride of heritage and confidence in the future.
b) Shows ability to see in all directions.
c) Shows strength of Lions ability "To Serve".
d) Shows the Lions proud service in the past and the future.

19. Who is the current Multiple District 40 Council Chairperson?

- a) Rick Jensen, PDG
b) Jeff Kriz, PDG
c) Bob Callender, PDG
d) Ray Marley, PID

20. What are the four Foundations in Multiple District 40 (pick Four)?

- a) NM Lions Blindness Prevention Foundation
b) NM Lions Eye Bank
c) NM Lions Eye Foundation
d) NM Lions Eyeglass Recycling Foundation
e) NM Lions Honor Band Foundation
f) NM Lions Crane Reading Foundation

Each correct answer is worth 5 points.

100 points

One sharp Lion!

85 - 95 points

Excellent knowledge of Lionism.

75 - 85 points

Not bad; may need to take a re-fresher orientation class

45 - 75 points

Sign up immediately for Lions Orientation 101

0 - 45 points

You desperately need some hands on orientation training. If you are not a new Lion, where have you been all of these years!

Answers on Page 13.

Farmington Special Olympics by PID Gordon Post

On August 18, Special Olympics New Mexico held its Lions Opening Eyes program in Farmington. Special Olympic athletes participated in softball, golf and swimming contests at the Farmington Aquatic Center. Eighteen Farmington Lions, other Lions and friends performed registration, color recognition, depth perception and short and long range visual acuity tests. Five professional eye care technicians gave complete medical checks. Over eighty Olympians were tested, using the Eye Foundation mobile unit. Approximately thirty eye glass prescriptions were written and eye protection goggles were given to the athletes.

A similar program will be held at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces on November 17 2007 with the support of the Las Cruces Lions Clubs.



Lions Barbara and Bernie Holzapfel testing depth and color perception.



Lions Joyce Lyon and Christel Post at registration table.



Lion Mary Marley testing visual acuity of an athlete.

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Operation KidSight Program by Lion Chuck Galusha

What is "Operation KidSight" and why is it important?

"Operation KidSight" is a process of vision screening for children ages 2 to 6 years of age.

Most current vision screening methodologies are not effective in screening preverbal children. With "Operation KidSight" vision can be reliably screened in children as young as 2 years for conditions that could lead to amblyopia. The methodology is extremely simple: a flash photograph of the subject's eye is taken on two planes. The light reflected from the retina is analyzed to detect refractive errors, strabismus and/or media opacities.

The Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club has been promoting and implementing the "Operation KidSight" Program since 2002. "Operation KidSight" is budgeted as a separate entity within the Breakfast Lions club. Its operation is supported by funds from Breakfast Lions fundraisers, donations and grants from businesses and other local civic organizations such as Wall-Mart the Eagles and other Lions Clubs specifically for the program. "Operation KidSight" is in the 6th year of providing "Photo Screening" for Alamogordo Day Care Centers such as Zia Therapy Center and Children's World CDC and children in the Tularosa, Cloudcroft and The A. P. S. System.

The Breakfast Lions have also done "KidSight" eye screening in Chaparral, NM and members of the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club provide the camera and technical assistance to the La Mesa Lions Club in screening all Kindergartens in their area. The photo and reading cost including postage works out to

about \$5.50 per Child. "Operation KidSight" was made available to approximately 1,200 kindergarten and pre school children in 2006. Financial assistance from the community is always welcomed.

All children who are in a school or daycare center that will be participating in the "Operation KidSight" Eye Screening will be bringing home a parental consent sheet and an informational brochure. In order to be screened by The Breakfast Lions "KidSight Program" the parental consent must be signed, dated and returned to the school before the screening date. Children

FACT: More than 60% of the children in the United States have not been examined by an optometrist or ophthalmologist by the age of 6!

without a signed parental consent sheet cannot not be screened. Do not miss this free opportunity to have your child's eyes screened by forgetting to fill out, sign and return the form. The "KidSight" screening does not require the child's eyes to be touched and no eye drops are necessary.

Early intervention with vision disorders can many times save a child a lifetime of sight problems. The early detection of vision problems also helps the child avoid not being able to keep up in class because they do not see well. One year of class with undetected vision disorders can often result in several years to catch up once corrected.

The Alamogordo Breakfast Lions will begin a series of over 20 "Operation KidSight" Eye Screenings during the second week of September. We welcome participation in any of our community service programs by members of the commu-

nity, you do not have to be a member of a Lions Club to participate with us in "Operation KidSight" Screenings.

The public is invited to participate in a training class on Saturday September 22, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant on White Sands Blvd. The training will cover camera operation, photo interpretation and administration and will last about 1 hour.

Other Lions vision, reading and youth living skills programs active in NM are the "Lions Crane Reading Program" and Lions Quest.

For further information on this or any other sight related program contact Chuck Galusha Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Vision Services and Public Relations Chairman

at 505-434-6296 or chuckg@zianet.com. The members of the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club invite the public to join us at our weekly meeting any Saturday morning at 7:00 am at Maximino's Restaurant on White Sands Blvd.

Lions International is the world's largest service organization. WE SERVE !



Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

There is a new program of Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF has affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford

hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even a minimal loss, it affects all aspects of a person's life. For example, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Re-

ducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized and often recruit new members committed to the new service.

Please consider participating in this program. To learn more about Lions AHAP, please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_ahap.shtml or contact the office at 630-571-5466, ext. 615. The e-mail address is LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org.

Lovington Lions Enjoy History

Members of Lovington Lions Club visited Western Heritage Museum at New Mexico Junior College on Friday, August 31, 2007. A guided tour was conducted and enjoyed by those present.



(Back row) Juanice Robinson, Maria Rios, Rosa Doportto, Diana Donoho, Pat Smith, Connie Osborne, and Richard Osborne. (Front row) Roy Robinson, Mike Donoho, J. D. Fry and Rodney Smith. Special guests not pictured were Pat and Bob Blandford, sister and brother-in-law of Roy Robinson.

Gus, the realistic chuck wagon cowboy, greets visitors as they enter.



(Article and pictures provided by Lion Roy Robinson.)

Las Cruces De Noche Awards



PDG Jeff Kriz (L) and Lion Phil Marvel (R) show off their Melvin Jones Fellow Awards.

President Phil Marvel (L) presents Lion Amil Anderson (R) with a special Certificate of Service.



President Phil Marvel (R) presents Lion Barbara Zaborowski (R) with the Lion of the Year Award.

(Pictures provided by Lion Jack Breeden.)

Alamogordo Noon Lions Welcome Special Visitors by Lion Chuck Galusha

There is one thing for sure when you are a Lion. You can go most anywhere in the United States and around the world and stop in at a local Lions Club meeting and know that you will be welcomed by people with the common interest of bettering their community.

Such was the case on Tuesday, 28 August, for Arkansas District Governor Jane Treat (D7I) and her husband PDG Ralph Treat. Having been a long time Alamogordo resident, a trip back to Alamogordo is also a walk down memory lane for her. Lion Cliff McDonald, the resident historian for the Alamogordo Noon Lions, had his usual weekly newsletter with historic trivia and photos of Alamogordo way back when and he and DG Jane shared remembrances.

The Alamogordo Noon Lions meet every Tuesday at the Elks Lodge on Hamilton Road. As well as the good fellowship, there is always an interesting look back at the history of Alamogordo and the Tularosa Basin.

Several members of the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions and PDG Terry Reed and wife Bette from the Alamogordo Downtown Lions joined the Noon Lions to welcome the visiting DG from Arkansas and all were treated to a program by several members of the District Attorneys Office, each speaking of the different aspects of their work.

As a Lion you are a part of a global organization and visiting other Lions Clubs in your travel can be a lot of fun. So whether you are traveling to the next town or to a far away country, take a minute or so before you leave and check the State or International web sites for a Lions Club meeting time where ever you go and stop in and visit. There is much to be gained from the time spent.



Arkansas District 7 I Governor Jane Treat and husband PDG Ralph Treat



District Attorney's Office staff that presented the program. (L to R): Dawn Van Arnam, Melanie Filmore, Melissa Armstrong, Felise Turri and Gloria Black. Far right is Lion Neil Smith.



Noon Lions having fun at their Bingo Booth at the Otero County Fair

Albuquerque Breakfast Lion Visits Alaska Club by Lions Tony Bryce & Bob Knisely

Recently, Lion Bob Knisely visited the Eagle River Sleeping Ladies Lions Club in Alaska which has 48 women and no men in their Club.

Their Club and four other Clubs (Chugiak, Eagle River, Big Lake, and Palmer Lions Clubs) went in together to purchase a mobile vision screening trailer which

does screening throughout Alaska. During Lion Bob's visit, they were screening at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, Alaska.

Their screening is done with equipment only, no doctor travels with them. They are limited to screening during the summer months only because of the harsh winter weather. Lion Bob found it very interesting talking with them regarding their screening process.



Albuquerque Breakfast Lions Club member Bob Knisely (second from the left) with members of the Eagle River Sleeping Ladies Lions Club.



The mobile vision screening van used by the Eagle River Sleeping Ladies Lions Club.

NM Lions Band Foundation EXPO Fundraiser



PDG Bill Davis showing off the Ford Escape that was being raffled off.



Lion Janet Valdes and DG Tom Himrod asking Fair attendees to purchase a raffle ticket.



PID Ray Marley and PDG Lee Boyd Montgomery helping Fair attendees purchase a raffle ticket.



PDG Lee Boyd Montgomery taking a breather after setting up the booth.

Taos Lions-80th Anniversary by Lion Newell Boughton

The Lions Club of Taos is celebrating its 80th anniversary this month. Lions International furnished a roster of the charter members and it is interesting to note that we have six streets in town named after them and there are at least fourteen descendant families here. During the past year, we raised money with a rummage sale, a sporting clay shoot, an art auction, flag sales, and by the usual begging.

Many of the NM Lions know about Tio Vivo, the 100 plus carousel we found many years ago. Much work was done on it this year and we put it up and operated it free for the kids at the Fiesta and at a museum fund raiser. Our money goes to scholarships, eye exams and glasses, the elementary program called Summerbridge and to help for several local charities. At little or no cost to us, we do eye screening with the NMLEF Van twice yearly, light farolitos at the Plaza, put up and take down flags for national holidays, sponsor political debates (we don't take sides), and organize and sponsor Memorial Day celebrations for veterans.

This year with help from pioneers like Lions Bryson McCool and Chuck Galusha, we are starting to screen children at the schools for vision problems.

An interesting insight came to us during our annual planning regarding the Rummage Sale. It is a lot of work, it doesn't make much money, but it is very helpful to the poor of our community in getting into their hands useful and necessary items they couldn't otherwise afford.

Please visit us when you are in Taos: first and third Thursdays for lunch at the Sagebrush Inn.

Raton Lions Annual Picnic by Lion Frankie Mahannah



On 8 September 2007, the Raton Lions Club held their annual picnic at Ripley Park. Hamburgers and hotdogs side dishes brought by members were served with miniature golf played afterwards.

2nd D40S Cabinet Meeting

The 2nd District 40S Cabinet Meeting will be held in Alamogordo, NM, on Saturday, 3 November 2007, beginning at 10:30AM. It will be hosted by the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club. The meeting will be held in the Great Room of Trinity Lutheran Church located at 1505 College Ave. This room is adjacent to and slightly behind the Church. There

are separate meeting rooms located in the same building, which will be available from 10AM if any short pre-meetings are necessary.

The Breakfast Lions have previously used this facility for a city-wide Awards Night for the Peace Poster Contest which had over 100 in attendance and it worked out very well.

A New Member

Dear Lions,

Someone gave me this and I have provided it for ALL of us.

Are YOU the new Lion?

Are YOU the Lion ignoring your new Lion? PLEASE, include your new members in all your activities. Invite them to sit with you, make conversation, do some Lions orientation!

I AM A NEW MEMBER

I see you at the meetings, but you never say "Hello."

You're busy all the time you're there with those you already know.

I sit amongst you strangers and yet, I'm a lonesome soul!

The new fish are all as strange as I - you old ones pass us by.

But, darn it, you all ask us in and talk of fellowship.

You could step across the room, but you never make the trip.

Why can't you nod and say "Hello" and stop and shake my hand?

Then go and sit among your friends and then I'll understand.

I'll be at the next meeting ... perhaps a nice time to spend.

Do you think you could introduce yourself?

I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND.

Anonymous

Don't lose your new members because they were ignored!

V DG Lion Kitty Callender

Coffee, donuts, fruit, and fresh brewed iced tea will be available starting at 10AM. Lunch will consist of: Chicken Tetrazini, vegetables, salad, and dessert, and will include coffee or iced tea. For an alternative entree, please contact Chuck at chuckg@zianet.com or 505-434-6296 at least three days in advance. Cost is \$10 per meal. There will be no additional charges.

Path To Success Starts Here by Irv Moss, Denver Post Staff Writer

It's a good thing for the Broncos that Charley Johnson didn't get discouraged easily.

By the time he arrived on the Broncos scene in 1972, Johnson's path in football had enough bumps in the road that a less tenacious person might have walked away. Although well marked with battle scars, this Texas gunslinger had enough left in a brief stay in Denver to become an important part of Broncos history and is remembered with a place in the Ring of Fame.

Although in a Broncos uniform for only four seasons, Johnson, now 68, guided the Broncos to a 7-5-2 record in 1973, their first winning season. The Broncos came right back the next year to finish 7-6-1 for consecutive winning records, a major milestone when figuring the team posted a dismal 41-93-6 record in its first 10 seasons.

Even with the prospects of joining a team that had just one .500 season in its first 10 years, Johnson remembered thinking he was being saved when he learned he had been traded from Houston to Denver.

"Being with the Oilers in 1970 and 1971 was like being in a plane crash," Johnson said. "I had three head coaches and five knee surgeries while there, and I was close to saying it was enough. When I heard John Ralston had traded for me to come to the Broncos, I said, 'God bless him.'"

Ralston was equally glad to get Johnson. While coaching at Utah State, Ralston had faced Johnson in a game against New Mexico State.

"He just beat us to death," Ralston remembered. "We had been playing a lot of zone defense, but after playing against him, we changed our whole approach to the game. He could pick you apart. What I saw in that game is why I traded for him."

In the order of Broncos quarterbacks, Johnson provided a steppingstone in the development of the franchise from Frank Tripucka at the beginning to Craig Morton and the first Super

Bowl at the end of the 1977 season and then to John Elway and the first Super Bowl victory, a 31-24 defeat of Green Bay on Jan. 25, 1998.

"Charley Johnson gave us a solid quarterback," Ralston said. "He gave us such great leadership, and he was tougher than leather. The players really responded to him."

Johnson had his moments with the Broncos. He set a team record for passing accuracy of 55.6 percent, a mark since broken. He threw for 445 yards in a game against Kansas City on Nov. 18, 1974, but the Broncos lost 42-34. Johnson also threw a touchdown pass in 10 consecutive games, a team record at the time. In his four seasons, the Broncos posted a 25-28-3 record while Johnson threw for 7,676 yards and 52 touchdowns. After Denver's first winning season in 1973, Johnson was picked to the all-AFC team. He also was involved in the labor dispute of 1974 and carried a picket sign.

Johnson has his memories, some that reveal the state of the Broncos at the time.

"The yardage in the game against Kansas City was the most I had ever thrown in my life," Johnson said. "The coach took me out in the middle of the fourth quarter and said they wanted to try and get something going offensively. I just laughed and said, 'What?'"

Johnson was part of the training camp days in the smog of Pomona, Calif.

"Sometimes the air looked green," Johnson said. "It was hard to breathe, and we had to practice at night several times."

Johnson credited Ralston with having a sharp eye for talent. The Broncos of that era boasted Floyd Little, Haven Moses, Riley Odoms, Jim Turner, Billy Thompson, Bobby Anderson, Randy Gradishar, Tom Jackson, Otis Armstrong, Barney Chavous, Louis Wright and Billy Van Heusen.

"I knew we were on the verge of being very good," Johnson said.

"John Ralston did put together the Orange Crush defense and a team that Red Miller took right into the Super Bowl."

Johnson's football career didn't take off from the beginning. His high school team in Big Spring, Texas, wasn't highly rated. His first try at college football was at Schreiner Institute, now Schreiner University, a small school in Kerrville, Texas, that dropped football after his first year. His path took him to New Mexico State on a basketball scholarship.

"I went out for spring football and made the team," Johnson said. "The year off helped me mature a little bit. Passing was my game and New Mexico State was a passing team."

While he excelled on the football field, Johnson rose even higher off the field once his playing days were over. He became the head of the chemical engineering department at New Mexico State after being involved in private industry in Houston.

"I was a practicing engineer for 30 years," Johnson said. "I'm no longer the department head, but I'm a full professor in chemical engineering and I teach three courses a day."

And he has one other duty. He assists the university's president on decisions affecting the progress of the school's athletic program. Johnson votes for a passing game in football.



Lion Charley Johnson is a member of the Los Leones de Mesilla.

October Growth Award Program

If you've been a Lion for a while, you probably remember the October Growth Award Program and its emphasis on membership recruiting in the month of October. Did you know that many clubs worldwide still recognize the program and continue to recruit a majority of their members during October? Lions Clubs International is re-embracing the October Growth Award Program. Join your fellow Lions clubs and make October 2007 a banner month for new member recruiting.

How can my club obtain the October Growth Award?

Banner patches will be awarded to the top 3 clubs in each district with a **positive net growth in membership during the month of October**. A net membership growth of 3 is the minimal requirement to attain this award. These awards will be solely based on the WMMRs and MMRs received during the month of November. In addition to receiving a distinctive banner patch, your club's name will appear on a page of the LCI Web site specifically designed to recognize achievement during the October Membership Growth Award Program.

Now's the time to make your membership grow!

Conduct a fun event, invite new faces to your club meetings and watch your membership grow! Best wishes for a successful membership campaign. **Lions Clubs International's** Clubs will find membership recruiting assistance on the Lions Club Web site. Here are a few materials for your club's use:

- Lions Make a Difference (ME-40)
- I Am a Lion (ME-37)
- NEW! Student Program
- Membership Invitation Web site
- Membership Invitation Tips from the Healthy Club Toolbox
- Membership Chairpersons Guide

Every club's purpose during the month of October should be to attract, recruit and induct prospective members. By increasing your net membership growth in October, you will begin a growth cycle that can be maintained throughout the Lions year. Any net membership growth your club achieves throughout the year brings you closer to attaining the following year-end awards:

Year Round Growth
President's Retention Campaign
Membership Key Award
2007-2008 Presidential Award for Club Presidents

Contact: Membership Operations E-mail: memberops@lionsclubs.org

Lions Clubs International Phone: 630-571-5466 x322 or x340

300 W. 22nd St. Fax: 630-571-8890

Oak Brook, IL USA 60523 www.lionsclubs.org

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MD40 Club Events

HEAR AGAIN Hearing Aid Repair & Recycling

A Certified Lions' Hearing Aid Recycling Center
All Makes of Hearing Aids Repaired For Only \$145
Please Donate Your Old Hearing Aids To Help Others

"By a Lion For a Lion"

Lion Clarence Gaussoin
Las Cruces de Noche Lions Club
(505) 647-2107 (877) 647-2107

Window Rock/Ft. Defiance Lions Club Raffle

Grand Prize: Flatbed/Car Hauler

Other Prizes

Hand Made Silver Jewelry	DVD Player
40 Quart Ice Chest	\$100 Cash
Wood Stove	\$50 WalMart Gift Card
Fat Sheep	Pendleton Blanket
\$20 JC Penny Gift Card	Crocheted Afghan Blanket

Cost: \$3 per Ticket

Do not need to be present to win. Drawing to be held 27 October 2007
at 3PM at the Chi'hootso Flea Market, Window Rock, AZ

PROCEEDS ARE USED TO HELP PAY FOR EYE EXAMS & GLASSES FOR THE NEEDY.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE WINDOW ROCK/FT. DEFIANCE LIONS CLUB

www.wrfdlionsclub.org

CARLSBAD DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB RAFFLE

30-06 Mossberg Rifle

Drawing 16 October 2007

For more info and/or tickets,
please call Lion Melissa
Washburn @505-234-2724.

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Admission: Adults \$4.00 Children (12 & Under) \$2.00

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Limited Seating Available
Get your tickets in advance.

Advance Tickets Available at Singing Arrow Clubhouse

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For more information, call Lion
Ruth Blanchard at 296-6297

Carlsbad Downtown Lions Club

Presents

2nd Ever in NM Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament

At

**Knights of Columbus Hall
606 W. Shaw, Carlsbad**

10AM - 3PM 29 September 2007

Bracketed Tournament

Only 100 Tickets Available

Refreshments: Finger Foods and Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Tournament Prizes:

1st Place: \$700

2nd - 5th Place: Other Nice Prizes

No one will leave empty handed!

ENTRY FEE: \$60

For more information and/or tickets, please call Lion
Melissa Washburn @505-234-2724.

Proceeds go toward the Club's Community Service Projects

Answers to Quiz: 1-b; 2-False; 3-c; 4-c; 5-d; 6-a; 7-d; 8-a; 9-c; 10-d; 11-c; 12-b; 13-a; 14-b; 15-a; 16-a; 17-c; 18-a; 19-c; 20-b,c,e,f.

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CLUB SECRETARIES:

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MD40 Events Schedule

November 3, 2007	2 nd D40S Cabinet Meeting	Alamogordo
November 10, 2007	2 nd D40N Cabinet Meeting	Alb. 4 Hills Piru Club House
November 17, 2007	2 nd MD40 Council Meeting	Rancher's Steakhouse, Socorro
February 2, 2008	3 rd D40S Cabinet Meeting	Mesilla Valley Inn, Las Cruces
February 9, 2008	3 rd D40N Cabinet Meeting	Alb. 4 Hills Piru Club House
February 16, 2008	3 rd MD40 Council Meeting	Rancher's Steakhouse, Socorro
May 1-4, 2008	NM Lions State Convention	Hobbs
June 23-27, 2008	International Convention	Thailand