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Prescott Sunrise Lions Change the Life Trajectory for 17 Year Old

Submitted by Lion Dr. Jon Bumdy **Secretary Prescott Sunrise Lions** Fellow Lions-

A few weeks ago, I contacted the Board with a special request: to completely change the life trajectory for a local 17 year old. The Board jumped in with both feet and made it happen.

I truly have no idea how Deiden has made it this far in school. He can barely see the big E on the eye chart. He told me that he gets handouts, walks to the front of the classroom to copy notes, or has everything read to him. Yet he has mostly B's, a few Cs and really wants to get his driver's license so he can get a job and go to college. I'm confident he'll pull it off. He's a great kid.

Deiden has sooooo much astigmatism

(around 8 diopters for those that like numbers) that the optics of eyeglasses simply don't work. Soft contact lenses are not an option because of the shape of his eye and standard small rigid contact lenses would fall out due to the same abnormal eye shape. He needs "scleral lenses." These are incredibly customized large rigid lenses.

Of course complicated and customized means expensive; and they are. Being on AHCCCS there was no way his family could ever afford these. His father is blind from macular degeneration and on disability while mom has, shall we say, made poor choices in life.

I don't say this to brag or toot my own horn but I'm the only one in Yavapai County who fits this type of lens. It is completely different than all other contact lens fittings. I only bring it up to say Deiden came to the right place at the right time. This process takes multiple visits so commuting to Phoenix is not much of an option. Deiden's case is also one of

the most complicated scleral lens fits I have encountered. He's in truly rarified air :)

December 201'

Just a week before he came to my office I had ordered another scleral lens fitting set to accompany what I already had. We would not have been able to successfully fit him with my first set. The pieces of the puzzle just came together. It was meant to be.

I had the privilege of being there when he first put in his new lenses. He's a fairly quiet 17 year old so rather than screaming he started chuckling and getting really big eyed just looking around the room. I grabbed one of my staff and we filmed the following with my cell phone. Please forgive the cinematography:)

https://www.voutube.com/ watch?v=QtxtY2GJgC4

When he walked out to our reception area and looked at the mountains in the distance, he started talking a mile a minute. Most of my staff cried. I would never do such a thing..



Payson Lioness Donate \$2,000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind

On Oct. 21st. 2017, Payson Lioness with P.A.W.S. as co-sponsor held the 2nd annual "Dog's Day Out" event. It was a tremendous success. In the picture is Dorine Prine, PCC Tom Simmons, Nelson & myself, Barb Stratton, presenting Tom with a check for \$2,000.00 for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

WE ALL GOT HIGH WITH LIONS IN DENVER!

Yes we did – imagine 200 Lions in one place getting HIGH on learning LEADERSHIP – to be better leaders for their clubs and their districts and beyond. It all started with the opening session on Saturday, November 11th at the ELLI-ALLI Leadership Institute in Denver. During the opening session, the task for the attendees was to come up a slogan for the Denver institute. Two hundred Lions, ten at each table, came up with some amazing slogans but the one that was voted the best was "I GOT HIGH WITH LIONS IN DENVER!"



It was a young attendee in ELLI, Daniel Elkins, that defined HIGH for all of us. He said it best when said the H is for Hope, the I is for Inspiration, the G is for Goals, and the H is for Humility. He's been a Lion for seven months in a branch club and has brought in 36 Lions and will form a Lions club this spring. If you get a chance, listen to Daniel's talk at the celebration dinner on Sunday evening – you can find it here: https://www.facebook.com/daniel.elkins.1048/videos/10102862956234973/

And here I was, a first-time faculty member of ALLI, thinking I was going to impart knowledge and inspire the attendees when in reality it was just the opposite. The energy of 200 willing attendees who really wanted to be there to learn leadership skills and knowledge to take back to their clubs and districts was just amazing. It was more than exciting to be a part of the faculty team with 480 combined years of service with Lions. I want to acknowledge PID John Walker for his support of me to have this opportunity to be part of the Institutes' faculty.

So then – seventy-five attendees for ELLI and 125 attendees for ALLI and from Arizona we had five attend the ALLI sessions and nine attend the ELLI sessions. FOURTEEN from MD21 – unbelievable – this means we have FOURTEEN Lions who WANT to be leaders in their club and their district. An amazing opportunity to learn from fellow attendees and faculty.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) graduates: Annie Hamu, Ron Gillet, Jim Kuhn, Maryjane Barjose, Nena Ingermanson, Maria Luisa Padilla, Angelina Radau, Eileen Sullivan, and Pamela Zapanta

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) graduates: Ray Clark, Chris Gibbs, Kaz Kashihara, David Pryce, and Brian Woloshin

Not all attendees pictured – sometimes herding Lions is like herding cats!

So, who will be next year's attendees to the institutes? Be thinking what you want to do in your club or district. Do you need skills to do what you want to do? Or do you want to sharpen your skills? If you have not yet been club president – you can attend ELLI and if you have not yet been 1VDG –



you can attend ALLI. Of course there are exceptions so don't let that stop you either. The MD reimburses the \$125 participation fee so you only need to get yourself from home to the institute – or get your club to support you in your travel cost – it will benefit your club too to hone your leadership skills! Please talk with the graduates and feel their excitement from attending the institute.

~ PDG Barbara Daily - MD-GLT, ALLI Faculty Member ~





LIONS VISION CENTER, OVERGAARD PONDEROSA LIONS CLUB & OTHER ARIZONA LIONS CLUBS PARTNERS WITH ARIZONA MISSION OF MERCY (AZMOM) OFFERING VISION SCREENINGS

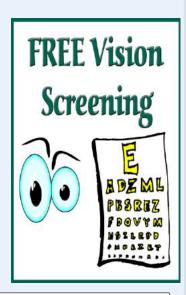
The Central Arizona Dental Society is proudly sponsoring its 6th-annual AZMOM event December 8th and 9th at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum with approximately 1.7 million dollars in free dental care administered to over 2,000 patients. This is the **THIRD** year Arizona LIONS will offer free VISION SCREENINGS.

Spot screeners will be utilized to insure all patients have their eyes screened. Patients showing a need for glasses will be presented a GIFT CERTIFICATE compliments of Vision Service Providers (VSP) Eye Care. Patients showing a need for reading glasses will be given a pair compliments of LVC.

There is need for many Lions Club volunteers (with and without Spot vision screening experience). Last year Arizona Lions screened 966 individuals, this year with your help we plan to exceed that number. Please bring your club's Spot Vision Screener.

To sign up for the LIONS VISION SCREENING; e-mail <u>donna.harris@ponderosalionsclub.com</u>. Or contact Lion Donna Harris, 602-617-8051. Hours for Vision Screening will be from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Please advise what hours you are available for this fun and very busy LIONS event. Lunch is provided to all volunteers.

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of Mercy (AZMOM) has partnered for the 3rd year with The Lions of Arizona To offer **FREE VISION SCREENING** for 2,000 adults utilizing Welch-Allyn Spot Vision Screeners to those who attend the

Arizona Mission



VOLUNTEERS Needed for LIONS VISION SCREENING

AZMOM
December 8th & 9th

PHOENIX VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM (Fair Grounds)

Anytime between 6:00 am – 6:00 pm Both Days

Sign up by sending e-mail to

donna.harris@ponderosalionsclub.com
Please provide your name, club name,
hours available
and a phone number you can be reached.
OR
Contact Lion Donna Harris at
602-617-8051

to sign up or for more information.

Protocol for Spot Eye Screening Submitted by Dr. Jim Sterenberg

Lions,

It has come to my attention that a printed reading is being handed out at the time of some of the vision screenings, either with the Spot Screener or the Plusoptixs screening devices. People who have been screened are now taking this printed copy to an optical or a doctor's office to get glasses saying that they already have a prescription. THIS IS NOT THE CASE. Plusoptixs and/or Spot Screen Printers should NOT be used during these screenings. I have received knowledge of complaints from doctor's offices and opticals about this

situation. They feel the lions are not licensed professionals and are overstepping their role as vision screeners.

The results of the Spot Screenings is one of about twenty one different procedures done during a complete eye exam to determine the eye health and the prescription needed. Handed a printed copy can be construed as prescribing and may not be close to what the person may need or accept at this time. Lions are NOT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS and CAN NOT PRESCRIBE. The only thing that should be handed out is PASS or

a RECOMMENDATION that they see an eye care professional.

Please have anyone you know that might be using the printers to STOP immediately! Printers have no place in our screenings and may be opening up a liability issue. Schools do not need to know this information and should not be given this information.

Thank you.
Lion Jim «Doc» Sterenberg



Camp Tatiyee: What It Means To Me Submitted by Skylar Rae

There are always those books and movies you grow up that depict single, life changing moments in the protagonist's story that are seemingly impossible to encounter for the average human, but for me Camp Tatiyee is my life changing miracle. When I got the chance to work at Camp Tatiyee I couldn't have ever expected the impact it would have on me or how much I would learn. At camp you get the chance to be yourself, and for me that

was a learning experience in itself. Working at Camp you discover your strengths, your weaknesses and how much you can challenge yourself to be the best you. The power of an individual is endless, and at camp you learn how to use your power to best benefit the people around you and yourself.

The day to day life in camp is difficult, it tests boundaries and limitations but the experience and the small successes you have throughout the day make it more than worth it.

Every day I did something new, experienced something I never thought I'd be able to

experience and if I didn't go to camp, I don't think I'd ever break out of my comfort zone. Itfollows you past summer break though, it changes who you are for the better. One of thehardest things about camp is saying goodbye, but when I went back to school, I realized I still had everything I learned from camp, which makes life a little easier. I learned to be a leader, to be my own person, to be the person that's different from everyone else because in the endthat's the person that makes the biggest difference. Camp Tatiyee taught me to make a difference, and have fun doing it. That's what camp is.

Congratulations to 21A 1st Vice District Governor Tom Price on your USA Canada Forum Bachelors Degree!!

Become a Volunteer Puppy Raiser Assistance dogs aren't just born, they're raised.



Volunteer puppy raisers provide specially-bred puppies a safe home, take them to obedience classes, serve up a healthy diet, provide socialization opportunities and give lots of love.

Each hour spent caring for a Canine Companions puppy is vital to its development as a future assistance dog. The puppy raising program provides a unique opportunity for volunteers to assist with our very important mission.

Please note: You must be at least 18 years old to be a volunteer puppy raiser. Those under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian as a co-applicant on the puppy raiser application.

Raise a puppy, change a life.

As a volunteer puppy raiser, you must agree to the following:

Provide a safe environment for a puppy who will be the only dog under 1-year old in the house

- Work closely with Canine Companions monitoring the puppy's progress and submit monthly reports
- Attend Canine Companions approved obedience classes
- Teach the puppy manners and basic commands
- Provide financially for the puppy's food, medical and transportation expenses
- Feed the puppy a diet recommended by Canine Companions
- Provide a kennel or crate for sleeping indoors
- Provide the puppy with age-appropriate socialization opportunities such as public outings and medical appointments
- Keep the puppy on a leash at all times unless in a securely fenced area
- Supervise the young puppy throughout the day
- Agree to return the puppy upon request

Interested! Contact PDG Carl Anderson, Director, For Lions Project Canine Companions in Arizona Ca19810773@gmail.com
Prescott Sunrise Lions



MJLIM Up Date Submitted by President Ralph Williamson



Mark your calendars for the January 20, 2018 annual Lions re-dedication day at the MJLIM with our guest LCI 3rd. VP Jung-Yul Choi and wife Sung-Bok. This year we will be back at Eastern College for our luncheon. On behalf of the board of directors and myself, we thank you for all the support that you given us in the past, and will give us in the future.

Special thanks to the Safford Lions Club for their very large contribution that helped us to replace our well pump.

There is a continuing misconception in regards to the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial rededication. It is very important to remember that each year we re-dedicate ourselves to Lionism we are not re-dedicating the Memorial as it was previously dedicated in 1967.

We need help with the board of director's positions especially in 21-B and 21-C. If you have any questions please contact me.

We need Lions who are willing to devote time to actively assist the Foundation in its work to continue giving the best possible service to the Foundation.

- Directors are expected to attend all scheduled board meetings, three (3) each year at the LFA Complex and one (1) held at FT. Thomas in January at the annual rededication.
- Actively participate in working on a committee.
- Devote their fund-raising efforts among the Lions Clubs.
- Visit Lions Clubs to educate the members to our needs.

For complete updates please follow our web page www.mjlim.org or on Facebook.

Remember: You can now pay online through our web page for your Donations, Granite Plaques and Vanguards

On Be-half of the MJLIM board, we hope all will have a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Let us remember to give thanks to our Military and first responders so we can continue to "SERVE"



MELVIN JONES

LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL



HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

And

JOIN US FOR YOUR RE-DEDICATION TO LIONISM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018 AT <u>10:30 A.M.</u>
MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL FT. THOMAS, AZ
PLAN TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON AT EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE
FOLLOWING THE RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK

GUEST SPEAKER INTERNATIONAL

2nd VP Jung-Yul "Choi" 2ND VP "Chai" WILL INDUCT ANY NEW LIONS THAT ATTEND







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SORRY, NO LUNCH TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

OVERINGHT RESERVATIONS CONTACT SPRINGHILL SUITES MARRIOT 928 428 6900
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MILLIM FOUNDATION
MAIL TO: POG Les Daviet

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FDI)

The Faculty Development Institute program is dedicated to the development and expansion of Lions faculty. The curriculum focuses on techniques and concepts that will enhance the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as faculty members at Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. Lions with extensive experience as Lions faculty or as professional trainers are not recommended for this institute but are welcome to apply. Participation is limited to Lions from the Constitutional area noted in the schedule below.

Lions participating in this four-day course will be required to conduct a training event within 6 (six) months of the institute, in order to be considered a graduate of the FDI program.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Faculty Development Institute. Applications will be available at least four months prior to the institute. If you are interested in applying to the institute, please download the application for the institute you are eligible to attend from the following list of institutes or obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership Team District Coordinator. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$150.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: January 26-29, 2018 Location: Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Language: English

Submission Deadline: November 12, 2017

Application form

If you have any questions about attending the institutes, please contact PDG Barbara Daily, bebopp2002@ vahoo.com or call me at 520 954-0411.

Mom Gives Special Thanks to Lions Camp Tatiyee



About four years ago my son's psychologist suggested that he attended a summer camp for him to meet others kids his age with a diagnosis similar to his. At that time he was pretty young and I could not fathom the idea of leaving him alone, away from home withstrangers, the thought of it brought tears to my eyes. This year, I realized how much

Luis needed to meet other kids just like him, he needed to know he was not the only

one and I needed to support him on this, so I decided to fill out the form to Camp Tatiyee. When we received the email that he had been selected to attend, I honestly don't have words to describe what I felt, how I felt. It was between fear, anxiety and excitement. We prepared as much as we could for the big day! When the day came we were the last

family to leave the camp grounds. Luis knew that this was not easy for mean I knew it was not easy for him either. We said good bye with tears in our eyes and he said "mom, I will be fine, trust me". I cried every night and waited for a phone call or email from the staff to let me know how he was doing. About three days later I received an email, to my surprise, the email said he was doing great, he was having fun and had already expressed his want to come back next year. When we went to pick him up, he was so happy, he was excited to introduce us to his new friends and was a bit saddened by the fact that it was time to go home, so soon (he said). At his return, we noticed he had grown up, he has less anxiety and is no longer scared to be alone with out a family member by his side at all times. Camp

Tatiyee made a huge impact in my sons life, he found a place where he was just a kid that wanted to have fun, a place where there were other kids that also needed accommodations, that had medical issues and he realized that he was not much different, he found a place where he felt comfortable. This opportunity for Luis meant so much to him, to us as a family, Luis continues to share his camp stories and can't wait till next summer to see his friends again. Thank you Camp Tatiyee for giving my son this amazing experience that allowed him to connect with others, gain confidence and most important of all thank you for letting him know that he can do it all!

Sincerely, Paulina, Luis' Mom

The 2018 Lions International Convention in Las Vegas is rapidly approaching and many Lion volunteers are needed to make it a success. It is expected to be one of the best attended conventions in North America and volunteers are needed to support various functions:

June 22 – 28 International Board Meeting

June 26 – 29 District Governor Elect Seminar

June 30 – July 4 International Convention

Each function has specific volunteer needs that are contained on the Host Committee website http://lions2018lasvegas.org/convention-signup-sheet/las-vegas-international-convention-2018-volunteer-registration-form/. Please visit that site and sign up online for those dates and times you can help out. Those who have volunteered at previous conventions agree it is enjoyable and adds to the convention experience. Also individual clubs are signing up to perform a specific function such as sergeant-at-arms, hospitality or parade – what a great club project! Please visit the Host Committee website and become a volunteer.



LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA

For the past 90 plus years the Lions of Arizona have found ways to keep the promise made to Helen Keller to become the "Knights of the Blind".

Our Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of Arizona is proud to be part of this legacy. Since 1974 we have served hundreds of Arizonians who have needed help with their vision or hearing but who can't afford the procedure or the device that would restore one of their vital senses.

We're inviting you, the Lions of Arizona to be a part of this legacy by including us in your annual budget or in your will or trust, this will ensure that our mission will continue into the future. You can feel secure in the knowledge that your resources will be used to change many lives in your communities.

Often the solution such as cataract surgery or hearing aids is fairly straightforward but impossibly expensive. The Lions Sight and Hearing Foundations steps into that breach. For people who meet our guidelines, LSH provides critically needed help.

Your donations are not only needed but are very much appreciated by us but most importantly by those in need.

DISTRICT 21 A DG Phil Whitaker

How many of us marched in, or attended, a Veteran's Day Parade last month? I have been told that is something we (multiple clubs, all together) used to do, and everyone enjoyed it. Participating would be a great community outreach and it also would be a great way to honor so many of our members who served our great nation! Please discuss this with your clubs! As an aside, did you know tribute parades have been held all over for David Bowie?

We have our February Convention on Saturday February 24, 2018. This is for our District, District 21-A. We have it set for one day. One day! Everyone can attend just for one day! (As an aside, David Bowie wrote a song about just for one day, we can be heroes!) Please have your club attend! It is a great way to meet other clubs, generate contacts to help with joint club projects, and hear about a crucial vote in May - whether to redistrict Arizona into two districts or remain at three. AND, Paul Yopps, who is our esteemed past District Governor and is now our Global Service Team Coordinator for 21A, is running a food drive! At our Kick Off, Paul and his team (aka Ellen Yopps) gathered well over 800 pounds for a local St. Mary's Food Bank! This time around, he wants to pull in over

Sun City Host Lions Helps Fight Hunger



Sun City Host Lions Club annual holiday luncheon held on November 16th, members brought canned food for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank. Pictured here is Lion Marianne Ebert, who will be delivering the food to the food bank.

2,000 pounds!!!

Please start saving your food and encouraging others! Let's meet this goal on February 24th! And bring your trucks to help take it to the local food bank! (My Prius won't be of much help).

Does your Club offer scholarships? If so, please send the information to me (pwhitaker@ skw-law.com) or Paul Yopps (yopprs@aol. com) so we can track it. We are losing great PR opportunities by not getting this information out but we need to know what we are offering and we need to have a centralized resource for interested students to investigate. Wouldn't it be great if we had a Facebook picture of every scholarship recipient from our District and our State? Wouldn't it be great if we could have media coverage of these scholarships and these recipients? Did you know David Bowie was not a member of Lions Clubs International? I bet no one ever asked him. If he had joined, he could have led the parade at an International Convention! But we do have famous folks in our ranks! US Senator Rand Paul from Kentucky is well known for his membership and work with Lions. Former President Jimmy Carter is also very well known for his work in and for Lions! Amelia Earhart was an honorary Lion! Did you



know Jimmy Carter joined because someone asked him to join?

Are you wondering why I am writing about David Bowie? Well, I want to see how many folks will read this article! I am hoping to hear lots of David Bowie comments (and complaints) in the next month! And two, because I am looking for a CD from his early album, the Man Who Sold the World. Can't find it. But if someone locates one for me (must be playable....), I will donate \$100 to LCIF in your name. (Only the first one – I don't need or want ten of the same CD's). We are having a great year!!! Thank you to everyone for your generous time, support, and care!

Sun City Host Lions Health Screen World Diabetes Day



Sun City Host Lions Club held a health screening during Sun City's HOA Health & Wellness Fair on November 8th. The club checked blood oxygen levels, blood pressure, height, weight, body mass index, blood glucose (check for Diabetes) and for those not being followed by a physician, cholesterol screening.

With World Diabetes Day in November, our timing for our first screening could not have been better planned. We want to thank David Pryce for transporting all the equipment to us. Club members are looking forward to doing this project again next November.



DOWNTOWN GLENDALE

Glendale Evening Longhaven Lions



SERVING: HOT COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE

DECEMBER 1st & 2nd DECEMBER 8th & 9th DECEMBER 15th & 16th Time: 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Downtown Glendale 58th and Glendale Ave Glendale, AZ

CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT DEDICATION

The Phoenix Metro Lions completed a Centennial Legacy Project with the establishment of a Reading Corner in the library of Shaw Butte Elementary School on November 29, 2017. The Reading Corner honors PDG Forrest Hickman who created the

clubs Pathways to Reading project.

The Pathways to Reading Project is based on the premise that if you can teach a child to read early in their school career, they tend to be better students and are successful in completing their schooling. The Phoenix Metro Club holds book fairs in several Title 1 schools in Phoenix and to date have distributed over 71,000 books to Pre-K through Grade 3 children in these schools. The most recent addition to this program is a hand-made stuffed

doll which is a "reading buddy" that the child may read to in order to improve his or her skills.

The reading corner consists of four reading chairs with available sound, three Amazon Kindle Fire child version to help build both reading and electronic data skills, and two boxes of books to supplement the books already in the library. Phoenix Metro Lions Club plans to add more books on a regular basis to ensure that the mix of titles is relevant and appealing to the children.





The 2018 International Convention will soon be upon us. This year we are off to Las Vegas, and YOU and a guest are invited!

The Phoenix Metro Lions Club

is proud to present our...

Vin Las Vegas Ruffle Repetiting The Phoenix Metro Lions Club Foundation Projects

Grand Prize: 2018 International Convention Registration for two and four nights at a convention hotel (travel expenses are not included)

Just \$25 per ticket! A maximum of 400 will be sold.

Drawing will be at the **Dave Lambert Memorial Dinner, March 10, 2018**(Dinner admission is separate)

Contact **Lion Brian Woloshin** to purchase YOUR chance for a trip to the Convention lionbrianw@gmail.com **6**02-717-6382

Tickets are a tax deductible donation

FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE YOUR FLAGS READY FOR YOU?

JUST CALL LION KAREN PRYCE AT 480-703-3097 OR LION BARBARA SHINE AT 602-725-0167 OR

E-MAIL <u>PRYCEONE@AOL.COM</u>
AND WE WILL BRING THE FLAGS TO YOU.
ONLY 25 CENTS PER FLAG TO SUPPORT 21A.



Peoria Pioneer Lions Dedicate Friendship Bench

Remember those days back in grade school when you felt down or felt out of place or felt lonely because the "sticks and stones" saying didn't work. Every grade school child goes through that feeling one time or another. As their legacy project, the Peoria Lions have purchased and placed a friendship bench



to help children with these type of issues at Apache Elementary School.

On October 26, 2017, Peoria Pioneer Lions had a general assembly with the 1st and 2nd graders of the School where an illustrated book "A Friendship Bench" authored by Whitney Dineen was projected onto the overhead projector for all to see. The children enjoyed the reading of the book by Lion Theresa Maresco. The ribbon cutting dedication took place in the 2nd grade play area with Principal, Heidi Stillman, Peoria Councilman, John



Edwards and Leo the Lion present. Each

child signed their name for all to see their name as a participating friend of the Friendship Bench.

NOW, if a child is feeling bad or lonely for whatever reason, they can go sit on the bench and other children are free to join them in the spirit of friendship.



LIONS: Who are we? What do we do?

These are a couple of the questions that were answered by Lion Ann Roberts at the meeting of the Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club. This was an orientation for new members, but also a great refresher for the 'seasoned' members. The organization is now 100 years old and has over 1.4 million members worldwide. Come and join us for a meeting and learn more about us and find out all the great service that Lions do.

Pictured are Lion PDG Ann Roberts, a member of the Wickenburg Lions Club and Lion John Bliss, President of the Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club.



21A District Governor Phil Whitaker announces PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST ON



COMMUNITY **AWARENESS!**

Does your Town know what your Club does for the Community?



CONTEST RULES:

- Get article and/or picture about your club event (not paid advertisement) published in your paper.

 Send published copy to: LionAnnR@aol.com
- All items received from first day to last day of month will be considered
- Fach month a drawing will be held for free registration to the 21A Convention at Hilton Gardens Inn (Avondale) on February 24th, 2018.

LIONS DISTRICT 21A – SPRING CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Hilton Gardens Inn 11460 West Hilton Way, Avondale, AZ

Please PRINT clearly



1. LionLionessLeo							
	Last Name	First Name					
2017-2018 Club/District/International Office Held:							
Home Club or Non-Lion Guest:			_				
Best Phone Number: E-Mail Address:							
Lunch preference: Tuscan Chicken	_Salmon	_ Vegetarian					
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Lion/Lioness/Leo Registration and Saturda	y lunch)	\$35.00 x= \$					
Late Registration (post marked after 2/10/17	<u>7)</u>	\$40.00 x= \$					

Saturday 8:30 AM Registration, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - 21A Convention (Fun, Surprises & Election of 2017-2018 Officers)

"WESTERN OR CLUB MEETING ATTIRE"

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LIONS DISTRICT 21A

MAIL CHECKS TO: WICKENBURG LIONS CLUB

ATTN: PDG ANN ROBERTS

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WICKENBURG, AZ 85358-1687

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If making Hotel Reservation call: 623-882-3351 Tell them you want <u>"Lions price" (\$159+ taxes).</u>

Prices honored until Feb 3rd – After that prevailing Hilton Garden Inn rates apply. (Hint: Try Price Line, etc)

DISTRICT 21 B DG Bobbie Ravenkamp

Kindness Matters



If you haven't been to an MD-21 conference or convention, you definitely need to plan to attend our MD-21 Convention in May and our Mid-year Leadership Forum/Conference next year! 200 plus Arizona Lions gathered together to learn and to celebrate in friendship.

There was a large, overhead banner in the lobby that read "Welcome to Leadership Avenue" when we arrived at the MD-21 Mid-Year Leadership Forum. And, it was indeed a "leadership avenue" about the Global Action Team (the GAT). Our state and district projects provided information tables supporting our service opportunities. There were so many

great session topics that it was hard to choose which to attend on Saturday.

Energy, enthusiasm and innovative ideas were shared in the interactive session format. Integrating the new GAT structure was reviewed with spirited presentations by the leadership teams with standing room only for many sessions. New ways to think about service opportunities were presented in each session.

Some of us attended the Friday evening MD-21 Council meeting and later had the opportunity to meet with our guests, International Director Sam and Lion Jodi Lindsey from Texas. ID Sam met informally with attendees on Friday evening's hospitality room sessions and then



again Saturday for lunch. He led the president's session before having to depart for Dubai for the LCI Board meeting.

It wasn't all council meetings and sessions – there was plenty of just plain comradery! It's amazing how Lions seem to instantly make new friends and are genuinely glad to see each other again face-to-face. Thank you to the Lions of 21-C for your hospitality. We left with renewed optimism for our opportunities for service and confident that our many Arizona Lion leaders are moving us forward into our second century of Lionism.



21-A and 21-B LIONS SERVING TOGETHER TO SCREEN CHILDREN

The South Tucson Lions Club partners with the Tucson Diocese to screen all of

the children in their 25 schools in Southern Arizona. The Yuma Quartermaster Lions stepped up to assist in screening the children of Yuma. Here you see the St. Francis Principal Veronica Lopez, Nurse Alice Tulio and health assistant Stella Ochoa, along with Yuma Quartermaster Lions President Sally Manley and PDG Bill Manley in the blue

shirts and Lions Richard and Lola Stevenson in the yellow vests from the South Tucson Club. Working together they screened 781 children from the three Yuma Catholic schools in two mornings. WE SERVE



Mesa FOS hosted a pizza party to thank their non-Lions volunteer. Way to Go!!



Stella (the witch) and Anna Nickell (the Lion) represented Cochise Stronghold LC at the Halloween Party at Sunsites Community Center.



Globe Lions sort and clean eyeglasses for the Arizona Lions Eyeglass Recycling Terminal.



Mesa Sunland Springs hosted 5 trained pet, service, and therapy dogs from Paws 4 Life, located in Apache Junction.



Sun Lakes LC handed over a check for \$1000 to District LCIF Coordinator - Ron Gillet.



Tanque Verde Valley Lions sort eyeglasses for the Arizona Lions Eyeglass Recycling Terminal.

14th Annual



SUN LAKES LIONS FOUNDATION





SATURDAY

JANUARY 27TH, 2018

TICKETS

\$20.00

OVER \$1,000.00 IN GREAT PRIZES

SUN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB

25601 SUN LAKES BLVD, SUN LAKES, AZ

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Proceeds to Support

Arizona Lion's Camp Tatiyee Campers

Ticket price includes \$500.00 in casino chips

Food and Drinks are available

Tickets available at the Sun Lakes Country Club Resource center, any Sun Lakes Lion, or call **480-352-8076**



Sunland Springs Village Lions Project Helps Homeless Children

Lions from the Sunland Springs Village Club delivered a sea of cereal bars to Carol Taddon, coordinator of the Christmas Stocking Project. Our donation will be divided among 1000 stockings for needy and homeless children. A neighbor of Carol Taddon allowed us to unload in her garage because of the stacks

of donated beanie babies, travel size toothpastes, shampoos, coloring books, crayons etc., to be stuffed in the stockings. Carol had filled her place with items for trhe project. Our own SSV resident Sandy Rougier is one of the dedicated Christmas Stocking Project workers, even taking her materials home to

Minnesota in the summer to work on this amazing project. What a privilege to know such caring individuals. A heartfelt thank you again from the SSV Lions.

Nicki SSV Lions - WE SERVE

Nicki Krafft nkrafft@att.net





District 21-B GLT hosted Leadership Workshop

Over 30 club members and officers on October 21 benefitted from a six hour leadership workshop at the Chandler Sunbird Lions Club Den. The workshop was organized by the district and multiple leadership development team leaders; Lions Barbara Daily and John Marselis.

Lions benefitted from four sessions that focused on the Global Action Team (GAT); building leadership, increasing membership, increasing service, Lions Clubs International Foundation and marketing communications.

The sessions were conducted by the respective chairpersons, GLT - Lions John Marselis and Barbara Daily, GMT - Lion Larry Palmer, GST - Lion Ron Rosinke, LCIF - Lions Ron Gillet and Fred Garmeson and Marketing Communications - Lion Mark Ross.

The sessions were very interactive and lions shared best practices in their clubs and shared that they would like a similar session in the future.

The District Governor encourages ALL clubs to update their Facebook pages or create a Facebook page to promote your clubs!!



Lions listens attentively as a new member was inducted at the workshop.



Chandler Sunbird inducted 3 new members.



Maricopa Lions Club inducted a new member.



Casa Grande Lions inducted 2 new members; Terri



Lion PDG Barbara Daily inducted 4 new Lions into the



South Tucson LC recently formed a branch clubs with 8 members.



Tucson Breakfast Lions inducted 2 new Lions; Amy and Veronica.

Improve Membership Value & Reach New Markets

People have more choices today to serve and give back to their community and people in need. We need to continue promoting new ways for caring people to be involved in our service and provide options for service engagement which are flexible and mesh with today's busy lifestyles.

We will continue to welcome people of all ages, genders, races and faiths into our movement.

South Tucson Lions Club will be announcing a new meeting place in the near future. The Los Portales Restuarant on South 6the Avenue in South Tucson has closed.



The Fountain of the Sun Lions Club gathering after an inspiring presentation by District Marketing Communication



Expect More Arizona was guest of the Nogales LC.



Catalina Oro-Valley LC hosted an information booth and Vision Screening Demonstration for Saddlebrooke residents.



Gilbert LC received an outstanding community service award from Mayor of Gilbert; Jenn Daniels.



South Tucson Lions Club celebrated 70 years in Lionism in grand style. Congratulations!!

DISTRICT 21C DG Ken Leja

Looking Forward...Dealing with the Past... Considering the Present

B etween now and May, Lions clubs members throughout the state will be electing new club officers and board members. More important, Lions of Arizona will be deciding a most serious issue: $\mbox{\it REDISTRICTING.}$

At the state convention on May 24, delegates representing each club will vote either YES or NO on whether the Lions of Arizona will realign from three districts to two.

This is more than a simple administrative action and it will have a direct impact on each club and each member.

The pro and con arguments have been presented multiple times—from last May's state convention, to every district kickoff event, and at the recent MidYear Leadership Forum.

On its face, redistricting realigns clubs to only two districts, creating north/south boundary lines. Each "new" district is intended to be as equal as possible in terms of numbers of clubs and membership.

Join us for...

CLUBINGE

SERVICE

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DISTRICT 21C CONFERENCE Mt. Cross, Payson - Saturday March 24, 2018

If you—as a Lion—have not attended one of PID John Walker's presentations to learn more and if your club has not learned about this issue, discussed the details, implications and ramifications, and have not identified your collective position on the YES/NO vote—now is the time to begin.

It's too late in May to ask questions and make decisions. Learn the pros and cons. Is it a good administrative decision? Does it change anything, or make our clubs stronger, or focus on service any different?

Between now and the May state convention, your club will identify the voting delegates and ask them to cast a vote representing YOUR club decision. Make it a wise choice.

IT'S NOT ABOUT BOUNDARIES

There's more to the issue than a simple YES/NO answer. It's more than an administrative drawing of lines-in-thesand that mark new boundaries and that allow us to meet LCI minimums.

Digressing for a moment, my responsibility as a district governor is to visit each club to represent the international organization and share the message of our International President.

In most circumstances at a club visitation, the DG does a meet-'n'-greet, makes a few announcements, gives a short speech, hands out a few awards, and has a few pictures taken for the scrapbook. I'd prefer not doing it that way. Rather, let's talk.

I'd rather discuss local issues in hopes of providing a network solution for problem-solving. Together, let's change the paradigm and allow the visit to be alongside you at a service activity or fundraising event. There, we can talk... and take the opportunity to discuss issues and answer questions.

At zone meetings with your club leaders, we can probe the issues fully so that ALL can be better informed and prepared to make a voting decision that is right for all of us.



Ken Leja, governor, D21-C

As we close the year 2017, it's an opportunity to reflect on our successes as Lions. It's been gratifying to see, visit and participate in so many club service activities, events, inductions and installations... even fundraising events (although my wallet is smaller).

Congratulations to all... it is inspiring to see the enthusiasm of Lions members doing what we do best: Service.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUPS

And with December, we close a chapter to our special effort: the Diabetes Support Group pilot project. More details will follow in next month's *Canyon State Lion*. In summary, it's been a great success.

The six-month Pilot Project challenged a select few clubs and leaders to plan, develop and implement a network of Diabetes Support Groups, with an emphasis on identifying a matrix for expanding this service activity on a global basis.

The "final report" has been submitted to LCIF, and we look forward to its review. But it's not "over" — rather, the groundwork is in place for sustaining Diabetes Support Groups as a service project for every club — in the district, state, nation and world.

And that's the best holiday gift for the season anyone could hope to receive ...another successful way to serve!

- Ken Leja, district governor, D21-C



THE LIONS CLUB OF GOLD CANYON IS HAVING THEIR



FUNDRAISING EVENT.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH

SANTA

DECEMBER 16, 2017 7:30 AM-10:30AM

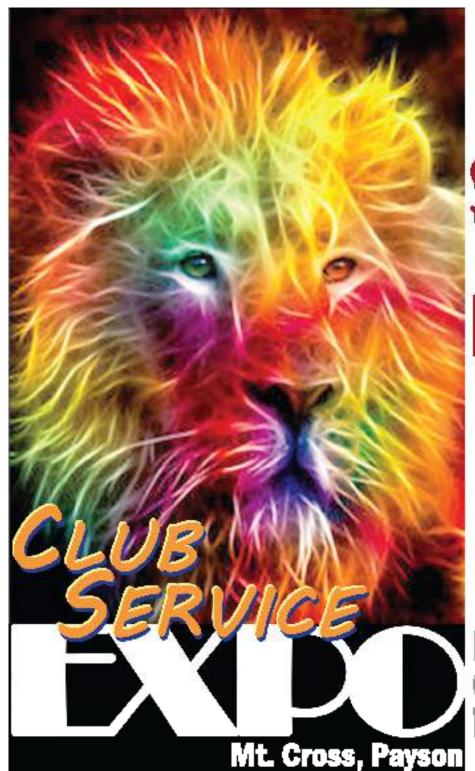
ADULTS \$10 -CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$5

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

HELD AT THE GOLD CANYON COMMUNITY CHURCH

5810 S. ALAMEDA RD & KINGS RANCH ROAD, GOLD CANYON, AZ.

Tickets may be purchased from any Gold Canyon Lions Club Member . Want more information call Loretta Milton 480 474-9958 ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY



SATURDAY, March

District 21C Conference In the Pines

A one-day event for Lions of 21C to showcase the BEST of what we do...SERVE...by sharing our Clubs' best projects... most successful events...finest fundraisers...the how-to make it work in our communities. Contact Laura Wonderly (email: hiking102@wildblue.net) to reserve your club's table!

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PHOENIX VALLEY OF THE SUN LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Grand Print \$500

Renew-Lip Prime Star Shower Laser Light Virtual Reality Headset **Belgsaker** Poned Maker Blacksock Speaker

ONLY 500 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD Tickets are \$5 or 3/\$10 100% OF PROCEEDS GOES INTO OUR CLUB'S

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Drawing held on 12/13/17 Head not be present to win









Lion Town Lion Joseph Licen House

President@Phoenist.ion@ibduct Secretary@FivenbelousClabus Hambers-in-BPhoenist-forschildus

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Bradshaw Mountain Lions
Club will meet at 5:15 p.m. on
the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday
of the month starting November

Credit for Donations made to Qualifying Charitable Organizations

Tax credits providing an easy way to help you help us

Here's how:

Taxpayers filing as "single" & "head of household" status may claim a maximum credit of \$400.

Taxpayers filing as "married filing separate" may claim a maximum credit of \$400.

Taxpayers that file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$800.

You do not have to itemize deductions to claim a credit for contributions to a qualifying charitable organization.

This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit that can lower the amount of your state taxes owed.

Beginning with the 2016 tax year, credit eligible contributions made to a Qualifying Charitable Organization or Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization that are made on or before April 15th (the 15th day of the fourth mouth following the close of the taxable year) may be applied to either the current or the preceding taxable year and is considered to have been made on the last day of that taxable year.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Always contact a tax professional for expert advice on your specific tax situation. For more information on this tax credit [A.R.S. §43-1088], please contact the Arizona Department of Revenue at (602-255-3381 or access their web site at www.revenue.state.az.us, (581216 passed by Arizona State Legislator's 2016)

The Lions Sight & Haring Foundation of MD21 is a non-profit, non-sectarian charitable 501 c 3 organization.	_
Complete this form and mail to:	•
Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of MD21 – 3427 N. 32 rd Street	
Phoenix A7 85018.5606	

Under the Arizana Charitable Tax Credit Law (A.R.S. §43- 1088) for Contributions to Qualifying Charities, Taxpayers filing as "single" & "head of household" status may claim a maximum credit of \$400. Taxpayers filing as "married filing separate" may claim a maximum credit of \$400. Taxpayers that file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$800.

This credit is allowed in addition to the tex credit for schools.

You will be sent an acknowledgement for tex purposes.

Name:	
Street:	
City:	Zip: Phone
E-mait	Amount of donation: \$

Please make check payable to: Lions sight & Hearing Foundation 3427 N. 32rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85018
Thank you for your help.

HELP LIONS CAMP TATIYEE...

by contributing to the Charitable Tax Credit formerly known as the Working Poor Tax Credit!

... And Be Rewarded For It!!

FACTS ABOUT THE CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

- Contributions can be made to Lions Camp Tatiyee even if you don't itemize your deductions
- · This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit that can lower the amount of state taxes owed
- \$400 credit for individuals and \$800 for married couples
- · This credit is in addition to the school tax credit; you can do both!
- To help us make a big difference in the lives of our campers, please designate before December 31st!

To participate, simply complete the form below, or visit www.ArizonaLionsCamp.org to pledge your support today!. You will be sent an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

Complete this form and mail to: Lions Camp Tatiyee PO Box 6910 Mesa, AZ 85216

Under the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Law (ARS 43-1088), you can now contribute up to \$800 for couples filing jointly (\$400 for individuals) to assist Camp Tatiyee, and your generous gift may COST YOU NOTHING! This Credit is **allowed in addition** to the tax credit for schools. All donations will go to funding campers to attend camp. This donation to Lions Camp Tatiyee may be claimed as an itemized deduction on your federal tax return.

Name:			Street:	
City:		State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Email:			NS CA
Amount of donation: \$				SKUR

Check enclosed payable to Lions Camp Tatiyee

Arizona Lions Vision Center Working Poor Tax Credit

Tax credits providing an easy way to help you help us Here's How:

- **1. DONATE** up to \$800 for couples filing jointly, \$400 for individuals
- 2. ITEMIZE your deductions on Federal Tax Schedule "A" add back on Arizona Schedule "A"
- 3. SUBMIT tax forms with your 2015 Arizona income tax filing (Includes tax forms 321 & 301).
- 1 On page 1 of Arizona tax form 140, you take a dollar-for-dollar credit. The State of Arizona will reduce the amount you owe in state taxes up to \$400.
- **4. INCLUDE** your donation among "Charitable Contributions" when filling your 2010 Federal Tax Return.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Always contact a tax professional for expert advice on your specific tax situation. For more information on this tax credit (ARS 43-1088), please contact the Arizona Department of Revenue at (602-255-3381 or access their web site at www.revenue.state.az.us.

The Arizona Lions Vision Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian charitable 501 (c)(3) organization	

Go to www.lionsvisionctr@aol.com or complete this form and mail to: Arizona Lions Vision Center – 3124 E. Roosevelt St. - Phoenix, AZ 85008

Under the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Law (ARS 43-1088) for working poor, you can now contribute up to \$400 for couples filing jointly, or \$200 for individuals, to assist The Arizona Lions Vision Center and your generous gift may COST YOU NOTHING! This credit is allowed in addition to the tax credit for schools. You will be sent an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

This donation to the Arizona Lions Vision Center may be claimed as an itemized deduction on you Federal tax return.

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2017

Dec	2	55th Annual Chandler Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Parade	Chandler	Ruth Jon Wick
Dec	8-9	AZ MOM Veterans Memorial Coliseum	Phoenix	Donna Harris 602 617-8051
Dec	1,2,8,9,15,16	Glendale Glitters-Glendale Evening Longhaven Lions		
		Hot Choclate 6pm to 10pm	Glendale	
Dec	13	Phoenix Valley of the Sun Holiday Party	Phoenix	
Dec	16	Pancake Breakfast Gold Canyon Lions Club with Santa	Gold Canyon	Loretta Milton 480 474-9958
Dec	17	The 9th Annual Asian-American Holiday Mixer	Scottsdale	RSVP 480 371-5436

2018

Jan	6-9	Area DGE School	Phoenix	
Jan	20	Melvin Jones International Memorial 50th Anniversary	Ft. Thomas	PCC Ralph Williamson 602 622-2401
Jan	22	Sun Lakes Likons Foundation Casino Night	Sun Lakes	480 352-8076
Jan	26-29	Faculty Development Institute (FDI) (Deadline Nov 12)	Atlanta, GA	
Jan	27	Sun Lakes Casino Night (for Lions Camp Tatiyee)	Sun Lakes	PDG Larry Palmer 480 802-3811
Feb	16-18	MD-21 DGE School	Phoenix	
Feb	24	21A Convention-Hilton Garden	Avondale	PDG Ann Roberts 602 618-9653
Mar	24	District 21C Conference in the Pines Club Service Expo.	Payson	Laura Wonderly hiking102@wildblue.net
Mar	23-25	21C Convetion		
April	6-8	21B Convention		
		3rd Council Meeting (following 21B Convention)		
April	21	Peoria Sunset Lions Club annual golf tournament, Tee for Sight	Peoria	Rachell Barrett 623 974-3239
April	29	2VDG/CS/CT School	Phoenix	
May	18-20	MD21 State Convention	Ahwatukee	
		4th Council Meeting		
June	30-4 July	International Convention	Las Vegas	

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