



We Serve Better Together

8-L Lions Letter

Dear Fellow Lions,

Our Fall Conference was a success, except for one thing – poor attendance. There were less than 30 Lions in attendance from District 8L out of 908. Even though, we had a great time. The Mystery Dinner had 48 in attendance, the food was good and the characters did a super job. Lion CC Bob Hollingsworth was the Top Detective and received the prize. Thanks to the Shreveport Red River Club for putting this together.

The Fall Conference was dedicated to Lion PDG Raymond and Lion Evelyn Powell. We had a great time surprising them at the banquet Saturday night with this honor. Lion PDG Raymond and Lion Evelyn are also now Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows as of yesterday as they were once again surprised by the Lions of Louisiana with this honor at the Louisiana Lion Camp board meeting in Monroe, LA.

The conference was attended by a brand new International Director, Lion Larry Dicus and his wife Jane. They were great sports and we had a great time with them. Lion ID Larry reminded us to always follow our dream as you never know where it might take you. He related a story of Mateo’s Dream at lunch which was a local project of a group of clubs in California, where the dream of the mother of a handicapped child to build an accessible playground for her son and other wheelchair bound children was brought to completion with the help of a LCIF matching grant.

Lion ID Larry also told of his personal experience with a man at The Rose Parade in Pasadena, who’s wife had her vision restored through the help of Lions. Mark just wanted to say thank you to Lions as he watched then Lion DG Larry and the current Lion IP Wirfs pass by on their way to view the Lions float. Mark was treated as an honored guest and eventually became the driver of not only the Vision Screening Van, but of the Lions float as well the following year. Mark told Lion Larry that someday he hopes to be able to afford to become a Lion (his family comes first in these trying times), but for now he is happy to just serve as a volunteer. I think he is already a Lion at heart

We had four great courses to help those Lions who attended to become better Lions and more productive persons. Many thanks to Lion IPDG Dick and Lion Pat Mosher for taking up the challenge of presenting a course on membership growth and retention, *On The Hunt For Lions*; to Lion PCC Mike Kennedy for presenting a course on the Club Excellence Process, *Be All You Can Be With CEP!*; to Lion 2VDG Logan Morris for presenting a course on club officer development, *So I’m a Club Officer- What Now?*; to Lion Tony Simpson and Lion President Joe McMurray for presenting and managing a program on establishing a Google account , setting up social media accounts, and creating a website; and lastly many thanks to PID Mike Butler for a short presentation at breakfast on membership from the brochure, *Just Ask*.

I would also like to thank Lion IDPG Cherie Foret and Lion Sharron Williams from New Orleans for bringing up some very nice decorations to be used at the banquet; also thanks to Lion ZC Harriet, Lion Pat and Lion Nancy for helping with registration. Most of all I want to thank my wife, Lion Terry, for her support and help as I put this conference together and as we continue our year together as District Governor.

Yours for Lionism

Lion Scott Harkey, District Governor

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Calendar

November 9-10th

2013 LLEF Quarterly Board Meeting, West Monroe

January 2014

VD/DGE Training, TBD

January 11-12th

LLLCC Quarterly Board Meeting, TBD

February 1

2014 District *L Mid Winter Conference, Natchitoches

February 8-9th

2014 LLEF Quarterly Board Meeting, Baton Rouge

February 14-16

2014 District 81 Conference, Monroe

March 1-2nd

2014 Texas Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Austin, TX

March 8-10th

2014 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Oak Brook, IL

March 22-24th

2014 District 80 Conference, Lake Charles

April 12-13th

2014 LLLCC Quarterly Board Meeting, TBD

April 25-27th

2014 MD8 Lions State Convention, West Monroe

May 3-4th

2014 LLEF Quarterly Board Meeting, Ruston

May 31st

2014 District 8L Awards Day, Louisiana Lions Children's Camp, Anacoco

Conference Pictures



2013-2014
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CLUB NEWS



The Natchitoches Lions Club held a Car Show to benefit the Lions Children's Camp



If you would like to post events or news about your Lions Club then just let me know! This newsletter goes out to everyone in the district and more, so if you have something to talk about or something you want to share with other Lions Clubs then contact me below
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Stride for Sight 5k, 10k fun run!



Mark your calendar for Sunday January 26th at 2pm for the Stride for Sight 5k, 10k fun run benefiting the Louisiana Lions Eye Bank. For more information, click on the Facebook link or contact Scott Harkey for more information.

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Louisiana Lions Eye Bank

The Louisiana Lions Eye Bank will hold an open house in January to unveil the new technology made possible through donations and grant money provided by The Lions Clubs International (LCIF). The LOUISIANA Lions Eye Bank (LLEB) was able to purchase the Moria which is a machine used to cut corneal tissue for transplant. The tissue will then be used in a procedure known as DSAEK. This is a safer way to offer a transplant to those that qualify and the visual recovery is much faster than earlier ways of doing a transplant. The staff has been trained and will begin the cutting process in January 2014. LCIF's grant will help LLEB provide this service for an estimated one thousand recipients over the next 5 years. That will mean more people locally, nationally, and internationally will gain their sight back. The Moria that LLEB purchased will also provide an ultra thin cut which is not available in the area presently. During the open house we will invite the medical community as well as Lions and the media to kick this amazing new service off at LLEB. We are proud to continue our mission to give the gift of sight.



The first annual Eye Ball this year was a success! We had an awesome time at the ball. The costumes were spectacular along with the band, food, and location. We are already planning next years Eye Ball with even more fun than this year. Please mark your calendar now for next years Eye Ball on Saturday October 11th 2014. Next years theme has yet to be decided. We will be asking you for your vote on what next year's theme should be. So like the event on Facebook or sign up for emails from our website. Both links are below. Thank you again for all who sponsored and all who attended. We can't wait to see you all again next year!



www.theeyeball.info



Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation

News from your Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation:

Wow how this year is moving by, there are only two months left to the New Year. Speaking about the New Year.....

The "NEW YEARS in NEW ORLEANS" raffle is up and running strong. Each year we have giving away this great package with a week stay in the French Quarter at the Chateau Orleans and 4 tickets to the Sugar Bowl football game. This year we have changed it just a bit, instead of giving all 4 tickets to the person who wins the raffle we are giving them 2 of the tickets to the Sugar Bowl and the other 2 tickets will be given to the Lion who sells that winning ticket. So you Lions have two ways to go to the game, either from buying the winning ticket or from selling the winning ticket. So don't forget to put your name and/or club on the "L/M____" line at the bottom of the stub before sending it in.

Imagine spending a full week between December 27th till January 3rd within walking distance of all the New Years festivities in the French Quarter and then going to the Sugar Bowl football game before checking out on January 3rd. The tickets are still only \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held on December 13th.

Please check with your club president for these tickets in an effort to help raise funds to continue the great work that you provide through the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation. If you are in need of more tickets or if you have not received your tickets, please contact our office at 1-800-441-5466 and we will send them right out to you.

I hope to see you all in Monroe at the LLEF quarterly meeting, but if not I am looking forward to seeing you at the February LLEF quarterly meeting to be held in 8-L. The hotel will be in Shreveport, details to follow.

Yours in service;

Chris Carlone

Executive Director

Cubsight

We started off this school year a little slowly but screenings are picking up for at the moment we have a three foot stack of screenings in the office waiting to be processed. I suspect the slow start was due to the uncertainty many felt about the future of Cubsight as the news of our loss of funding from the Department of Health and Hospitals made its way around the state. Along that line I have good news to share with everyone. Due to your efforts and those of the State Representatives, Senators and other friends you contacted, I have received word from DHH that the funding for the Cubsight Program will be restored effective October 1st! I want to thank everyone who intervened on behalf of the Program and I would also ask that you call and write the people you contacted and thank them. I have no doubt (because my DHH contact told me so) that the funding will be restored because of the multitude of calls and letters they received from around the state in support of the Program. Thank you so much for your support and concern for the children of Louisiana! WELL DONE!!

I do believe this should be a wake up call for us. We should continue to look at new and different ways to secure funding for this Program, and all of the programs of your Eye Foundation. We need to assure future generations of Louisianans that the Lions will never give up our crusade until blindness is defeated!

Jeff Robinson, Coordinator
Louisiana Lions Cubsight Program





Loins Children's Camp



Find information about the Louisiana Lions Camp for the Handicapped and Diabetic Youth at our website below!

<http://www.lionscamp.org/>

Add like us on Facebook by following the link below or clicking the Facebook logo below

<https://www.facebook.com/louisiana.camp.7?fref=ts>



New Members!

Bossier Central

Christine Lee
Thanks Lion Pat Mosher!

Leesville Lions Club

Jesse Brandon
Thanks Lion Malcolm Morris!

Mansfield Lions Club

Julie Morris
Thanks Lion Evelyn Powell!

Natchitoches Lions Club

Sarah White
Thanks Lion Mary Bullock!

Minden Lions Club

Morris Busby
Thanks Lion Richard Campbell!

Neal Stapleton
Thanks Lion Richard Campbell!

Red River Lions Club

Andre Menard
Thanks Lion Denise Odom

Misty Brown
Thanks Lion Denise Odom

Homer Lions Club

Chris Caswell
Thanks Lion Michelle Bates!

Earle Linder
Thanks Lion Kendra Palmer

Stephen Dowies
Thanks Lion Dwayne Woodard!



New Members from Red River Lions Club October 2013

