

# Canyon-State Lion









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### **Lion Richard Hopkins from Buckeye Lions Club receives Excellence Award**

Buckeye Lion Richard Hopkins, a Zone Chair in District 21-A, has also served on the Buckeye Elementary School District Governing Board for ten years, and has been a Lion the same amount of time. On Wednesday, December 14 at the Arizona School Boards Association and Arizona School Administrators annual conference, he was selected to the All-Arizona School Board. Only five members from over 1200 board members from across the state are chosen, which is the equivalent of being 'School Board Member of the Year."

Lion Richard was nominated by the Buckeye Elementary School Board at a meeting. The selection was a secret until the videos of the honorees were played at the awards dinner, attended by most of the 600 in attendance at the conference.

He was honored, in part, for helping to raise \$328 million for the local school districts since 2000, and for lowering the property tax rate by over 20%, giving teachers raises 7 out of the last 10 years, while helping Buckeye Elementary become one of the Top 3 districts in the state for financial responsibility and having the smallest administrative staff.

During the video, spontaneous cheers and applause broke out when mention of his efforts at the state legislature last spring helped save \$210Million for 18 school districts across the state, including Buckeye Elementary.

Lion Richard describes this recognition as being "very humbling and beyond honored." Within 24 hours of the public announcement on Facebook, he had received over 260 congratulatory message from across the world, including some that were very touching to him. He said he was very proud to be recognized with two of his friends who were retiring from their school boards, Margaret Burkholder from Vail and Sandi Nielsen from Littleton, as they were more deserving of the award and to be in the same group as they was very gratifying.

Lion Richard also coordinated the Lions' booth at the conference trade show.

**Congratulations Lion Richard Hopkins!** 

## Sight and Hearing Foundation able to provide eye surgery with Lion Contributions

Fellow Lions,

This is what your contribution dollars do. We have the power to totally change the lives of many individuals. Thank you for your donations.

Lion Doc

President of the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

Just wanted you to know that Tim Gulley received the acceptance letter for coverage of his (one) eye surgery from your organization.

He burst out in tears when he opened the letter. This is huge form him0-his sight will be saved in that eye and without it, he would have been blind from the diabetic retinopathy and this is very special to him and he is beyond thankful to your organization. I wanted to write you and tell you that. You are all truly Godsend to him—more than you know.

#### Santa's Breakfast Submitted by Jessica Waldroup

Arizona Lions Camp would like to thank all the people who came out to support our Santa Breaksfast, Tamale Sale and Craft Benefit this past weekend. It was so inspiring to see all the kids in their jammies, parents with their tax credit checks in hand, people buying raffle tickets, volunteers and staff up in the wee hours ready to make this event fun for the community! It was a lovely success and shows the big heart of the people on the Mountain. Most notably thank you Robert Pico State Farm and your awesome team, Farrine Pico, Rhonda and Andy Baxter and friends, Ron and Ronnki Vinnedge, Ange Garling, Jim Hillebrecht, the local Club Scouts for painting faces, Joe Hills, Kirk Webb, Elleen McCarthy, local crafters, Luk Waldroup, White Mountain Radion, Power 95.7 Radio. THANK YOU!!



#### Just Like Us Pre-screening for Lions, Campers and Alumni Staff

Submitted by Pam Swanson, Executive Director

We had a full house at our pre-screening at Ability 360 on November 5<sup>th</sup> for Just Like Us our documentary. 175 people showed up to watch with us! We can't thank the amazing film crew from Manley Films & Media enough!! We are so excited about the potential this film has to help share our message! Much Love to all of you for continuing to support your camp. #Justlikeus











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JOIN US FOR OUR 49<sup>TH</sup> 2017 ANNUAL RE-DEDICATION TO LIONISM
Lions Clubs International - 100 years of Service 1917-2017
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017 beginning at 10:30 A.M.
at the MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL in FT. THOMAS, AZ.
Guest Speaker

#### **Lion Naresh Aggarwal**

Lions Clubs International 1st Vice-President

Plan to attend the Steak Fry or Chicken luncheon at the Ft. Thomas Volunteer Fire Department following the Re-Dedication Ceremony

### THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL PROGRAM ABOUT THE LOCAL WHAM PAYMASTER ROBBERY FROM FT. GRANT TO THE FT.THOMAS SOLIDERS.

Lodging

Marriott Springhill Suites 2855 West Highway 70, Thatcher, AZ. 85552 \$ 89.00 per night Direct Phone: 928-428-6900

EVERY YEAR AFTER THE HOLIDAYS FOOD BANK ASKING AGAIN FOR OUR LIONS TO BRING BANK. THE SAFFORD LIONS WILL HAVE A TRUCK AT TO THE FOOD BANK. LET'S FILL THE TRUCK AND SHOW ARE WELCOME.



PANTRIES ARE NEAR EMPTY, THIS YEAR WE ARE NONPERISHABLE FOOD FOR THE LOCAL FOOD THE SPIRE TO LOAD YOUR FOOD AND DELIVER IT THAT THE LIONS CARE. MONETARY DONATIONS

Lion's name: Spouse:		Lion Y [ ] N [	
Club name:			District:
E-Mail:			Phone:
Meal Desired:	Steak:	Chicken:	Vegetarian:
Luncheon Cost: (Ple		_	h:Total: \$ ecember 30, 2016)

Make Checks Payable to:

Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial

Mail Both Checks & Reservation to: PDG Les Daviet\*\*P. O. Box 519\*\*Laveen, AZ 85339-0519

\*\*\*\*\*\*<u>\*SORRY - NO LUNCHEON TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR</u>\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Cell Phone: 602.525.2377 Email: lesdavietii@gmail.com



### Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation P. O. Box 163 ~ Fort Thomas, AZ 85536 ~ 928-485-9493



#### Submitted by President PCC Ralph Williamson

We at the MJLIM hope everyone had a Happy Holiday Season

Remember to attend The Annual Re-Dedication to Lionism on January 14, 2017 at the memorial in Fort Thomas, send in your reservation, you will find the flyer in this issue of CSL or go to our web page <a href="http://www.lions-mjm.org/">http://www.lions-mjm.org/</a>.

If we should happen to have inclement weather we will be able to move into the Fire Station this year.

#### Breaking News: You can now make donations on the web page

The directors and volunteer Lions have been very busy the last few weeks preparing for our Lions re-dedication. As in my previous articles we have a new agenda for this great event.

- All events will be in the Fort Thomas Area between the Memorial and the Fort Thomas
  Fire Station which is across from the memorial. This will save everyone some driving
  time and mileage.
- This year we will have a special program narrated by Harold "Hal" Herbert the Executive Secretary for the Southwestern Clean and Beautiful Association about the paymaster robbery from Ft. Grant to the Ft.Thomas Soldiers.
- We have the same caterer that prepared the food for the LCI Directors; the caterer is a
  member of the Safford Lions Club, they will be cooking steaks and chicken on site over
  at the Ft.Thomas Fire Dept. If you need a vegetarian lunch please state it when you send
  your reservation in.
- Our headquarter hotel is the Marriot Springhill Suites, 2855 West Highway 70, Thatcher, AZ., the sleeping rooms will be \$89.00 per night plus tax, phone 1-928-428-6900. Please make your reservations before the first of the year.
- Please fill out and send in your reservation to PDG Les Daviet II no later than December 30, 2016 as there will not be any tickets sold at the door. (Extended to January 5, 2017)
- January 9-15 is the Lions special World Wide Week of Service.: Please bring perishable food for the Safford Food Bank. Over 800 million people go to bed hungry at night. Join international president Chancellor Bob Corlew for a special Worldwide Week of Service event to relieve hunger around the world. Plan a service project impacting hunger in your community during January 9-15 and your club will be eligible for special recognition. Stock a food pantry, bag school lunches or distribute food to those in need. No matter how you serve, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. Visit the Worldwide Week of Service webpage for more information and start planning your project today!

Let's remember to give thanks to our Military and First Responders so we can continue to "SERVE"

#### **DISTRICT 21 A**

#### **DG Jack Buckles**

"The more I think it over, the more I feel that there nothing truly artistic than to love people". -Vincent Van Gogh

Well we had a busy December and Lions have worked very hard to distribute food baskets for the disadvantaged, served title one schools for 10,000 children with Christmas toys, grades K to second and screened countless number of school aged children sight.

It's time to thank Richard Hopkins, Jeannette Russell, Dave and Ann Roberts, William Jarrett, and all the other Lions that worked to build a higher profile for Lions in the state. This is the type of promotion we need to rebuild our club membership.

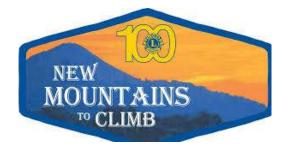
January is going to be a busy month. Lots of things are going on.

Remember Melvin Jones rededication is coming up in Jan.14. Hope to see all of you in Fort Thomas.

Please don't forget to check out the Balloon Fest at Lake Havasu Jan.13 to 15. We have two clubs that work very hard on this and it's a great addition to the community.

It's time for our 21-A convention. The dates are Feb.24 & 25 in Wickenburg. Please set this weekend aside for our convention. PDG Ann Roberts has been working very hard to make this the very best that it can be. I would like to ask you to support our efforts. The Council meeting is on the 24th and the convention on the 25th.

Yours in Lionism, Jack Buckles





#### Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club Volunteer to help "ringing the bell" for Salvation Army

The Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club volunteered to assist in "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army. The club has participated in this event for several years. The Salvation Army began "ringing the bell" with the red kettle for money contribution collection over 100 years ago. The tradition of the Army's kettle collection began in 1891 with a goal of feeding 1,000 hungry people in San Francisco on Christmas Day. Today, the campaign feeds millions across the United States. The Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers to help ring the bell to collect money. Why not join our Lions Club and you too can volunteer to "ring the bell" as well as participate in other worthy activities.



#### **REGISTRATION FORM DISTRICT 21 A – CONVENTION**







#### February 24-25, 2017 **Wickenburg Community Center** 120 North Valentine Street, Wickenburg

#### **Please PRINT clearly** 1. Lion \_\_\_\_Lioness \_\_\_\_Leo\_\_\_\_ Last Name First Name 2016-2017 Club/District/International Office Held\_ Home Club or Non-Lion Guest:\_\_\_\_ Best Phone Number: E-Mail Address: 2. Lion \_\_\_Lioness \_\_\_Leo \_\_\_\_ Last Name First Name 2016-2017 Club/District/International Office Held \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club or Non-Lion Guest: Best Phone Number: E-Mail Address: Lion/Lioness/Leo Registration: (Includes Saturday lunch) \$30.00 x = \$ Friday 12:30 - 2:30 PM: Desert Caballeros Western Museum (No charge) tour by Director. Friday, 3:00 - 5:00 PM: 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting Friday dinner: Bar 7 Steak & Salad Bar (back room reserved). Dinner there on your own. Friday evening: 6:30 PM Reception at Casa de No Andle ("The House of No Hurry") **Roberts' Home: 1755 North Yucca Drive (623-680-6012)** Saturday 8:30 AM Registration, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - 21A Cabinet Meeting & Convention (Fun, Surprises & Election of 2017-2018 Officers) NOTE: One name drawn from registrations post marked by 1/28/17 will be winner in drawing with prize being refund of one registration. Late Registration (post marked after 2/10/17) \$35.00 x \_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ "WESTERN OR CLUB MEETING ATTIRE"



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LIONS DISTRICT 21A

\*\*\*NO Refunds after February 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*\* Mail to: Wickenburg Lions Club Attn: Ann Roberts **PO Box 1687** 

Wickenburg, AZ 85358-1687 Email: LionAnnR@AOL.com

For Hotel Reservation call: 928-684-7099 or 800-915-9795 Tell them you want "Lions price".

Los Viajeros Inn, 1000 North Tegner, Wickenburg, AZ \$85.00 plus \$10.60 tax = \$95.60 Includes light Continental Breakfast or 20% off menu at Denny's Restaurant Prices good until Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – After that prevailing Los Viajeros Inn rates apply. (Hotel is one mile from Convention Center-120 North Valentine Street)

#### Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club Special Guest Speaker Submitted by Janice Wagner

The Midweek Bell Lions Club of Sun City special guest speaker on December 6, 2016 was Pam Swanson. Pam Swanson is the Executive Director of Camp Tatiyee. Director Pam reported on happenings of the camp and the activities that were enjoyed by the handicapped and disabled participants. This camp is free to participants and is supported by Lions throughout the state of AZ. Following her excellent presentation, President John Dietz presented Exec Dir Pam with a check for \$2000. This was the earnings from the "Legends of the West" event that was held in October by the Lions Club.

Photo below: President John Dietz of Midweek Bell Lions Club presenting check to Camp Tatiyee



Lion Judy Blauser shows off 570 pounds (36 bags) of aluminum cans that were collected by the Sun City Host Lions Club in their aluminum can recycling bins.



#### Thank you Tucson Downtown Lioness for Enriching the Lives of Others

On December 5<sup>th</sup> the Tucson Downtown Lioness provided a holiday meal for the tenants at La Casa de Los Leones (HUD Elderly Housing managed by Lions Foundation of Arizona) in Tucson. Each year they look forward to a visit from Lions especially being able to enjoy a meal made especially for them. La Casa de Los Leones is their home and a lot of them don't have family or friends to visit them. Lions have become their family and friends. Thank you for your time and hard work in preparing this celebration for the elderly. It is greatly appreciated.







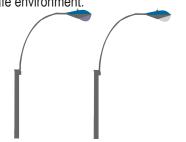






# Chandler Sunbird Lions Club provides lighting for the visually impaired

Members of the Chandler Sunbird Lions Club made a generous donation to replace and repair the light fixtures on the light poles located in the Lions Foundation of Arizona Complex owned by the Lions of Arizona parking lot. This parking lot is used by clients of the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. LFA is grateful for providing our tenants with a safe environment.



#### **Paying it Forward**

Currently the Lions Foundation of Arizona has gently used wheelchairs, merlin machines (CCTV), walking canes, walkers and new white canes to anyone in need without charge.

The Lions Foundation of Arizona (LFA) Phoenix complex (owned by the Lions of Arizona) currently has a list of special projects such as painting, replacing of tile and carpet replacing or stripping and waxing floors. We can use the help and or supplies for the projects.

LFA continues to provide their non-profit charitable organizations with below market value rent so that they in turn can provide for the low income individuals within the communities.

For more information contact Eddie Richardson, Executive Director 602 244-9758.





#### **DISTRICT 21-B**

### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE - A SOUTH TUCSON LIONS TRADITION SINCE 1969

#### **Submitted by Lion Richard Stevenson**

Once again Christmas brings out the South Tucson Lions to host a shopping spree for 56 local children. The children are taken shopping for Winter clothes at JC Penney, then to Payless Shoes for school shoes. Then to the Mission View Elementary School to meet Santa and receive a gift courtesy of the Marine Reserve Toys for Tots, a book courtesy of Need to Read, a scarf hand made by Lion Monica Rhoads, a photo with Santa and breakfast, courtesy of McDonald's. The children are chosen by the school staff and by Lions, based upon need. Additionally, gift cards from Payless and JC Penney were given each to Mission View, Ochoa Magnet and Amphi School District for their clothes closet. President Rene Redondo, the Chair for this event for many years



#### SAN PEDRO VALLEY LIONS VISION SCREEN THEIR LOCAL STEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### By Lion Richard Stevenson

The San Pedro Valley Lions Club joined forces with the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation to vision screen the Mammoth STEM Elementary School. Next on the list is the San Manuel First Avenue Elementary in January will be seeking out all of the schools in their territory to screen. The SPV Lions also support their children with exams and glasses as well as the Lions Vision Center Van. Shown in the photo are SPV Lions President Earl Henderson, Ralph Herrera, Billy Romero, Denise Long, Linda Guzowski, Lion ZC Jim Perkins of the Catalina Oro Valley Lions, Lion Lupe Ponce of Tucson Leones de la Noche, and Lions Richard and Lola Stevenson of the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. The Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation has partnered with several MD-21 Clubs to screen more than 20,000 children this Lionistic year. Clubs interested in vision screening should contact the Foundation. WE SERVE



# Vision Screening Together Casa Grande Eloy and Coolidge Submitted by Cheryl Seat

Casa Grande, Eloy and Coolidge Lions Clubs are working together as one vision screening unit: three clubs in one, uniting together to make a difference.

The Casa Grande Lions Club provides the Vision Screening service at the Stanfield Free Medical Clinic monthly. Residents from Casa Grande, Stanfield, Maricopa, Eloy and Coolidge are seen at the clinic. Vision referrals are sent to the clubs. The three clubs pay for eyeglasses and exams for those in need in their area. We screen both adults and children at the clinic.

With the three clubs working together we can cover more territory and do vision screening to service more students in schools.

Casa Grande Lions Club has screened 1647 since August. We also had four lions volunteer at the Central Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy and did vision screening with other Lions.

In addition Gary and Cheryl Seat participated at the December School Board Association Convention. Richard Hopkins will be speaking on Vision Screening in the Schools.

In January we are scheduled to do vision screening in four cities.

I would like to thank Sight and Hearing for providing our club with a Spot Machine to use. We could not have served that many people with one machine. In addition I want to thank Richard Stevenson for being my mentor.

When he met me, he introduced me to vision screening. The Casa Grande Lions Club would have not been able to serve those in need.

I want to thank the Eloy and Coolidge Lions Club for joining us in the Vision Project.



Pictured above left to right: Diane Wright, school nurse, Eloy intermediate school students and Gary Seat.



Pictured above left to right: Cherly Seat, Rick Flavelle, Sonia Azpeitia, Betty Encizo, Gary Seat, Diane Wrigth (nurse) and kneeling David Encizo. Not in picture Karyn Hayes

## SOUTH TUCSON LIONS - HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR AND WE HAVE VISION SCREENED OVER 16,000 CHILDREN By Lion Richard Stevenson

The South Tucson Lions Club Vision Screening Team has screened over 16,000 children so far this year. We are the exclusive screeners for the Sunnyside Unified School District, where we also have a program to provide exams and glasses for children who would otherwise go without. Additionally, we have screened the Flowing Wells Unified School District schools, as well as 33 Tucson Unified Schools. Our vision screening program has attracted several volunteers, three of whom have already become Lions. Continuing in January we will be working with the Tucson public schools as well as charter schools, preschools and daycares. Our goal is 20,000 children screened this Lionistic year. Shown below are some of the STLC Vision Screening Team after screening 870 children at the Sierra K-8 school, along with Buck Crouch, the President

of the Sunnyside School Board . WE SERVE

Shown in the photo, left to right, standing, Lions Richard Stevenson, Richard Gastellum, School Board President Buck Crouch, Lions Luis Serrano, Lola Stevenson, Alice Redondo, President Rene Redondo and below Associate Member Debbie Carrasco.



#### WE ARE LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charities branch of Lions Clubs International and we are all a part of LCIF. Just as we show pride in being a Lion by wearing our pin and vest, we should also show our pride in our service to our community, our country and the world by wearing a Contributing Member pin. A donation of as little as \$20 will help someone see, help cure water borne diseases, help educate children through Lions Quest , provide basic necessities during a natural disaster and save children's lives through the Lions Measles Initiative. All donations for Contributing Member pins earn credit toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Everyone knows that all clubs can't afford to donate \$1000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship to honor a club member every year. Clubs can use Contributing Member pins to recognize member's service to the club and the community – the member receives the recognition that they deserve and the money goes to LCIF. Most clubs can afford to present deserving members with \$20 bronze, \$50 silver or \$100 gold Contributing Member pins. All donations paid toward a Contributing Member pin are credited toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship, either in the name of the member or the club.

#### Lions Pin Trading Contact:

Tony McLain 602 616-8475 Sherman McCutcheon 480 917-0818 PCC Phil Castrovinci 480 437-1141



13th Annual



# SUN LAKES LIONS FOUNDATION







**TICKETS** 

\$20.00



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

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

#### **DISTRICT 21-C**



Submitted by: DG Rosemarie A Gabriel "Service Makes Hearts Roar"

I hope everybody had a blessed Christmas and a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Let's welcome 2017 with great joy as it is our big centennial year! I wish you all good health, happiness and a prosperous New Year!

This is one of the perfect times to take a moment and look at our Lions membership pin that we proudly wear. It features a lion facing to the right and left – symbolizing our past and our future. This is a constant reminder to look back, embrace all the services we have provided, and give thanks to each and every single lion for his/her hard work and dedication which keeps our legacy alive, thriving and makes our team an active partner of our community's growth. We look forward to the future with many opportunities of service yet to be discovered, along with new friendships, new beginnings, and new goals to achieve. As a cancer survivor, each new day and year is a blessing. I'm thankful for all that has been and always looking forward for opportunities to pass on the blessing to others, to make their day a little better and bear witness the smiles on their faces.

We have enjoyed the club visitations with unexpected side trips to the museum, zoo, presidential suite and emergency room etc. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness. We look forward to the clubs we will be visiting soon. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in various clubs service projects, as well as attend zone meetings, state projects Board of Directors meetings, MD21 functions, etc. Through these contacts, I remain in touch with the activities within our district. It has been a colorful journey indeed!

From the relaxing holiday season, let's spring back to action! If your club did not have membership growth since July, it's not too late, but it's time to step up and ignite the passion. Take the challenge to gain at least 1 new member. Rally your club to take action with the "Ask 1" campaign. Have you thought of doing one of the Club Quality Programs such as Your Club, Your Way, etc.? These programs help a club go back to the basics and come out of the process a better and stronger club, to gain new members while at the same time meeting the needs of the community, engaging and retaining your awesome members. Help us find a group of at least 20 people who share the same interest and love of volunteering to form a new club and help out their community.

I hope to see many of our fellow Lions at the Melvin Jones Memorial Rededication on January 14 at Ft. Thomas, our founder's birthplace. What better time and place to wish him a happy birthday and thank him for founding our service family and re-dedicate ourselves to the mission of serving others. New members can be inducted by International 1st Vice President, Naresh Aggarwal from Delhi, India who shares the same birthday as our founder.

I would like to invite our MD21 Lions to a great experience, the 21C Convention and Health Fair at Camp Tatiyee. There are lots of opportunities to Learn, Serve and have FUN on March 31st to April 2nd. Meet our International Director Bill Phillipi and wife Vicky from Marysville, Kansas. Registration and Souvenir Ad forms are included in this issue. Be one of the 1st 100 registrants and you will be eligible to win a prize! So hurry and register early! J Here's a preview for the special weekend (subject to change). See you there!

#### March 31 (Friday)

- Cabinet meeting open to everybody! Find out what is going on with the clubs in the district
- Sign up /Preparation for Saturday's Health Fair and Service Day
- Optional tours to Pinetop Wildlife Reserve/Camp Tatiyee
- Get to know each other and have fun with karaoke (maybe)

#### April 1 (Saturday)

- Health Fair and Service Day (cleaning up camp, sorting school supplies etc.)
- Break-out session on Membership and Leadership
- Hawaiian Themed Celebration Dinner with ID Bill Phillipi and wife Vicky April 2 (Sunday)
- Nomination and Election for the LY 2016-17 District Officers
- Strides Walk (Diabetes Awareness) with a Twist (ugly sweater contest)
- Individual and Club Awards

Once again thank you for all you do to make our district grow and glow with passion to serve! Let's keep on roarrrring in celebration of our centennial year! God bless us all.



## WHAT IS HAPPENING ON FEB 11?



We invite you all to join the 21C DISTRICT-WIDE "RELIEVING HUNGER" DAY





BE A LIFE CHANGER
Let's fight Hunger together





Partner with another club, zone, and district and help
MAKE THIS
SPECIAL DAY HAPPEN..



TELL US ALL ABOUT YOUR GREAT EVENT..

Send pictures to 21C Website – <u>USAUJO@COX.NET</u> / CSL / Karen Leja for the newsletter – <u>Karen@lejafamily.net</u>

Post your activities on Facebook...



Chino Valley Noontimers Lions Club P.O. Box 6328 Chino Valley, AZ 86323

#### CHARTER NIGHT DINNER JANUARY 21, 2017 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Come help the Chino Valley Noontimers Lions celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Lions Club! We are going to have a wonderful dinner and celebration and we want you to be part of the fun!

Saturday January 21 from 5p.m. Till 9p.m.
Prescott Centennial Center
1989 Clubhouse Drive
Prescott, AZ
Prime Rib and Scrimp Scampi
Cost \$35.00 per person
DRESS-FORMAL/BUSINESS ATTIRE

RSVP by January 10, 2017 Checks payable to CV Noontimers Lions Briana Hughes (928)237-7718 PO BOX 1084 CHINO VALLEY, AZ 86323

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#### **Prescott Sunrise Lions to the rescue.**

Two years ago while on a medical mission to Cambodia our very own Secretary, Dr. Jon Bundy came across a special young lady named India. India's father works for an anti-trafficking NGO in Phnom Penh. She has had a severe cross eyed condition since birth and while it was fixable, the cost was simply beyond the means of her missionary parents. Dr. Jon approached our board with a simple request for any help that our club deemed possible. Immediate Past President Tony Humphrey said, "As Lions we take care of vision. As Prescott Sunrise Lions we help children. That is what we do." That very night the board approved a \$4000 grant to help with the costs involved. It turned out that amounts to about 80% of the total cost.

The family (mom, dad, 7 year old India and 4 year old twins.) arrived in Orlando this week to spend the holidays with her grandparents. I don't about you but 30 hours of airline travel with that many little ones sounds a bit more exciting than "over the river and through the woods." India had a consultation the next day after arrival and surgery the following day. All went as planned and she is recovering as expected. Dr. Jon plans on being back in Cambodia in January where he will again meet up with the family and do a follow up evaluation.

"This is life changing. Life is tough enough for a young girl without an eye that points at her nose. It was noticeable to everyone from across the room. and is noticeable by everyone from across the room. Of course her visual functioning will be greatly improved as well".

Sometimes we Lions wonder why we continue to go out into the cold mornings to recycle newspaper for a club project. Enclosed is wonderful result of our work. After all this is what Lions do.





CALLING ALL LIONS
NEED LIONS WHO KNOW HOW TO USE A LDX
MACHINE FOR CHOLESTEROL TESTING.
PLEASE CONTACT:
Lion Jim Sterenberg 602 432-6541

#### Richie Benefit Fund Changed

Since Mesa East Lions club, benefactor of the Richie Benefit Fund, is disbanding 6/30/16, the new benefactor will be Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

Please send any future donation checks to:
Sight and Hearing Foundation
3427 N 32nd St.

Phoenix, AZ 85018-5606 Attention: Richie Benefit Fund

Mail future checks to Lions Sight & Hearing noting on the lower left hand corner Memo: Richie Benefit Fund.

Mesa East Lions club wants to thank all the Lions club

who donated. Future donations are always

needed.

#### REGISTRATION FORM LIONS, LIONESS & LEO



#### 21C Convention & Health Fair Friday thru Sunday March 31 thru April 2, 2017



**Come Experience Our Beautiful Camp** 

Lions Camp Tativee – Pinetop, AZ

**District Elections on Sunday** 

		Spouse/Guest (No	on-Lion)		
Club/District/MD/LCI Title			Contact Number:		
Note: One f	form to b	e filled out for each Lion attendee	please.		
Registration	n:	Lions / Guests \$20	x	\$	
		Leos / Campus Lions (FREE – BU	T MUST REGIST	ΓER)	
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		Leos/Campus Lions \$10	x	\$	
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		Leos / Campus Lions \$8	x	\$	
Saturday Lu	ınch	Lions / Guests\$12	x	\$	
		Leos / Campus Lions \$10	x	\$	
Saturday Ba	anquet	Lions / Guests \$15 (Hawaiian Theme)	x	\$	
		Leos & Campus Lions \$12	x	\$	
		Total Registration	n & Meals	\$	
	Help nee	volunteers to assist us at the Health Fair ded for: Eye Screening, Registrations, etc ded on Saturday to sort school supplies,	C. (Health Fair only on S	saturday from 8 – 4)	
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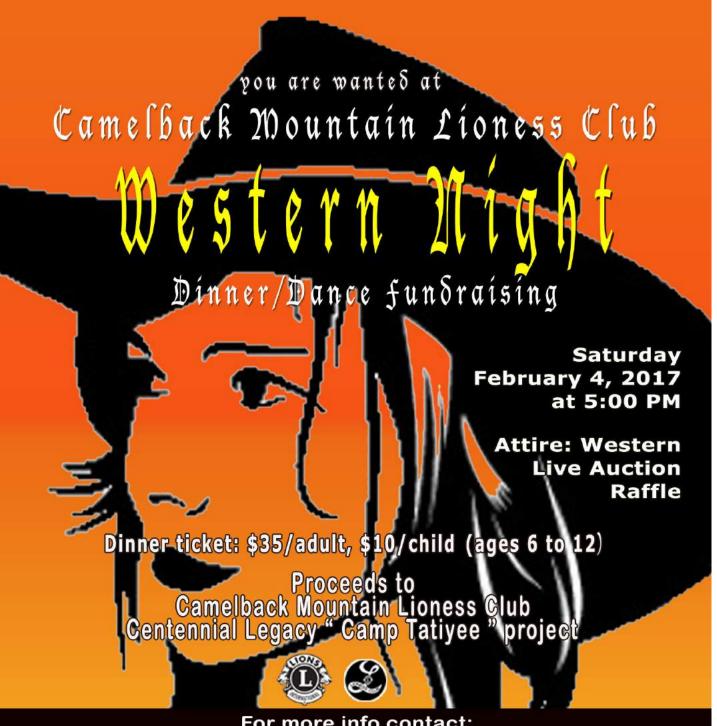


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#### **Fifth Annual**

## RUN/WALK & ROLL

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Sign up at: www.ArizonaLionsCamp.org/2017WalknRoll

Registration & Packet Pick Up: 8-8:45 a.m.

10K Start Time: 9 a.m. 5K Start Time: 9:30 a.m. 3K Start Time: 9:45 a.m.

Planning to run, jog or roll really fast, then sign up for the 5k or 10k. Planning to walk, speed walk or roll with a slow, but steady pace? Then the 3k is for you! 12 pm/noon is the cut off times for all races.

START TIMES

#### **Reid Park** Tucson, AZ

(Ramada #10, SouthWest corner of the park, near Country Club and 22nd)

GIFTS & PRIZES LOCATION

- -One water bottle and snack upon finishing!
- -One fabulous T-shirt displaying your support of Camp Tatiyee and your racing ability!
- -One fabulous race with incredible people!
- -The knowledge that Camp Tatiyee campers will prosper with your support!

Awards will go to the 1st Place runner and roller in the 10k and the 5k and the 1st Place walker and roller in the 3k. There will also be an award given for most creative and fun costume!!! The awards are custom Tativee designed rewards that you will never forget.

Lions Camp Tatiyee is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates solely on donations from Lions Clubs, individuals, businesses, corporate sponsors and grants.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs by providing a life improving experience promoting their emotional health, independence, self-esteem and confidence, all free-of-charge. Our vision is to provide a community that empowers individuals to grow socially, physically and emotionally.

> Contact: Jim Perkins for questions or how to become a sponsor E: Asst.Director@ArizonaLionsCamp.org P: 520-825-2824 www.ArizonaLionsCamp.org



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## Lions Camp Tatiyee Annual

## RUN/WALK & ROLL

Saturday, February 11, 2017 Tucson, Arizona

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**Participants**: Thank you so much for your participation! Please send this form and all money collected to Camp Tatiyee. Address: Camp Tatiyee, PO Box 6910, Mesa, AZ 85216.

#### **MD-21 LCIF RAFFLE**



The MD-21 LCIF Coordinators are proud to sponsor a raffle to benefit LCIF and 3 lucky Lions. All proceeds will go to LCIF.

First place: Complete set of PIP Joe Preston's Journey to the Top pins – PLUS, a Gold Contributing Member pin (\$100 value) – PLUS, 50% of the proceeds (up to \$1000) donated to LCIF in winner's name toward their Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Second place: a Gold Contributing Member pin (\$100 value) – PLUS, 30% of the proceeds donated to LCIF in winner's name toward their Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Third place: a Silver Contributing Member pin (\$50 value) – PLUS, 20% of the proceeds donated to LCIF in winner's name toward their Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Tickets are \$5.00 ea. Tickets will be available from now until the drawing at the MD-21 Convention in May.

For tickets or information contact:

PDG Fred Garmeson 480-895-9363 PCC Ralph Williamson 623-934-9579

PDG Larry Palmer 480-802-3811

## Credit for Donations made to Qualifying Charitable Organizations

Tax credits providing an easy way to help you help us

#### Here's how:

You can donate a maximum of \$800 for couples filing jointly or \$400 for individuals. **Donate by April 15, 2017**.

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.

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The Lions Sight & Haring Foundation of MD21 is a non-profit, non-sectarian

## Complete this form and mail to: Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of MD21 – 3427 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Phoenix, AZ 85018-5606

Under the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Law (A.R.S. §43-1088) for Contributions to Qualifying Charities, you can donate up to \$800 for couples filing jointly, or \$400 for individuals, to assist Sight & Hearing Foundation of MD21. This credit is allowed in addition to the tax credit for schools.

You will be sent an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

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Please make check payable to: Lions sight & Hearing Foundation 3427 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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- **1. DONATE** up to \$800 for couples filing jointly, \$400 for individuals
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- **3. SUBMIT** tax forms with your 2016 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 \$800.
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#### Go to <a href="www.lionsvisionctr@aol.com">www.lionsvisionctr@aol.com</a> or complete this form and mail to: Arizona Lions Vision Center – 3124 E. Roosevelt St. Suite#1 - Phoenix, AZ 85008

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

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Jan	7-8	Area G DGE School	Phoenix	
Jan	14	MJM Rededication Day	Ft. Thomas	
Jan	21	Chino Valley Charter Night Dinner	Prescott	RSVP Briana Hughes 928-237-7718
Jan	21-24	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (Ellie)	Chicago	
Jan	28	Casino Night Sun Lakes Lions Club	Sun Lakes	PDG Larry Palmer 480 707-8790
Feb	4	Western Night Camelback Mountain Lioness Club	Scottsdale	Teri 480-351-9389
Feb	11	21C 3rd District Project "Relieving the Hunger"	Various Locations	
Feb	11	Tucson Annual Walk and Roll @ Reid Park	Tucson	
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Feb	17-19	DGE School Best Western	Phoenix	
Feb	24-25	21A Convetion-Wickenburg Community Center	Wickenburg	PDG Ann Roberts 602- 618-9653
Feb	24	3rd Council Meeting-Wickenburg Community Center	Wickenburg	
March	11	Gold Canyon Casino Night, Montesa Ballroom	Gold Canyon	
March	13	Just Like Us Gala/Premiere at Pera Club	Phoenix	
March	17-18	21B Convetion & 3rd Cabinet Meeting Widmere Hotel & Conference Ctr.	Sierra Visa	
March	25	Phoenix Metro David Lambert Salmon Dinner	Phoenix	
March	31- April 2	21C Convention at Camp Tatiyee	Pinetop/Lakeside	PCC Richard O. Brown 480 951-1021
April	22	21C 4th District Project "Protecting the Environment"	Various Locations	
April	29	2nd VDG Workshop/CS/T	Phoenix	
May	5	Harry Moore Golf Tournament/Biltmore	Phoenix	
May	19	4th Council Meeting	Ahwatukee	
May	19-21	MD21 Convention	Ahwatukee	
May	19-21	21B-4th Cabinet Meeting-Four Points by Sheraton	Ahwatukee	
June	30-July 4	International Convention	Chicago	

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