

MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions
November 2021 -- No. 15



District 7-1 Edition

See Conway Noon's Club Report



SEVEN-YEAR OLD SUGGEST A CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

See Boonville club reports.

LION TAILS

Arkansas Lions District 7-I

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ADOPT A STREET
NEXT 1/2 MILE
STREET MAINTAINED BY
Conway Noon
Lions Club



Members of the Conway Noon Lions picking up the trash along their adopted street.

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Lion Tales is published by District 7-I of the Arkansas Lions.

Carol Allen
District Governor**Dean Rowland**
First Vice Governor**Russell Bryan**
Second Vice GovernorRita Price — Cabinet Secretary
Jeff Davis — Editor

Rumor Shot Down

At our recent cabinet meeting District Governor Carol Allen dispelled the rumor that District 7-L and 7-I would be merging. DG Allen said she heard the rumor through the grapevine as many of us had. She said no one has contacted her about a merger and that she would not condone it if they were to contact her.

The rumor apparently started in one district and was passed along in another district, but it is just that, a rumor.

Comments from District Governor

Carol Allen



As I write this report, I am sad to say since we last met we had three long time and hardworking members of 7-I pass away. At the same time, I am happy to report we have gained new members.

We still have several clubs trying to recoup from the COVID down time. I hope if your club is needs help you will contact me and let us as District officers help.

I was excited to get to visit the Leo Club in Elkins and induct new officers as well as new members. I'll report on that visit later.

I have talked with several clubs who have been conducting vision screenings. I just can't tell you how important it is to these children to have early screening. They have no idea they aren't seeing what you and I are seeing. They end up failing classes, sit on the sidelines while their friends take part in sports and often times get into trouble on the playground because of what looks like aggressive behavior to others, all because they can't see.

Last, I want to say keep on doing what you are doing to improve life for others in your community.

DG Carol



NEWS & NOTES

Cabinet Meeting:

CALL FOR ELECTIONS

Our second district 7-I cabinet meeting was held using Zoom on Saturday, October 30, with the upcoming district elections being a priority topic.

The nominating committee, working with the district governor and others have not been able to find a willing candidate for the second vice district governor position. After a long discussion on candidate qualifications and the effort to field a candidate, a recommendation was made to nominate Conway Evening President

Bonda Moyer, who accepted the nomination.

See the box at right for the complete list of candidates running for district office or electable committee positions.

District Governor Carol Allen asked IPDG Jeff Davis, who has experience with the ElectionBuddy platform, to facilitate the elections.

First, the cabinet secretary must certify voting delegates from each club, who will then receive ballots from ElectionBuddy. The

election date and certification process will be publicized soon.

The rest of the cabinet meeting consisted of committee and zone chair reports. The minutes of the meeting should have already been sent to all district Lions.

2021-22 District Candidates

District Governor:

Dean Rowland (Elkins)

First Vice District Governor:

Russell Bryan (Boonville)

Second Vice District Governor:

Bonda Moyer (Conway Evening)

District Constitution / By-Laws:

Rob Denning (Conway Noon)

L.O.A.F. Trustee:

Bill Mattler (Gravette)



REPORTS & COMMENTS

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A LION LEADER?

By 1st VDG Dean Rowland

Having become District 7-I's First Vice District Governor in July, I am starting my training to serve the Lions of my district and multi-district in the best possible way.

My background as a club president, vice president, zone chair, District 7-I treasure and second vice district governor have allowed me to meet many Lions. My main goal for being a Lion was to fulfill my internal need to help people in the local community. I haven't strayed far from that goal in all those years, but I have allowed myself to be used in other capacities.

My contacts through the Lions Club have skyrocketed since becoming a District officer. People ask me questions about Lions and if I don't know the answer, I can at least say I will find out and get back to you.

As a member, I was a worker. I showed up for everything. We need members and leaders working together to make Lions better. If you haven't been an officer or held any positions in your local club, please consider doing so. My goal has not changed, I will continue to help people in my local community. What has changed is my local community has increased in size since becoming an officer in District 7-I.

One last thing, I am sure you have noticed membership numbers have fallen over the past couple years. As your clubs begin to open back up in the future, every Lion needs to recruit new members. Look for new and innovative ways to increase membership through everything your club does. If you don't ask, you can't expect people to join you. Always keep an application handy!

GREAT NEWS! Model Club Deadline Extended

By LCIF Chair Phyliss Fry, PDG

Be part of Campaign 100 and our history!



Lions clubs now have three years from the date of commitment to reach Model Club goals and earn limited-edition recognition. We need every club, Lion, and Leo to help ensure Campaign 100 success.

Kudos go out to the Bella Vista Lions Club for being a Model Club in District 7I. I am so very proud of these Lions.

There is just nine months left in Campaign 100. Be part of this historic effort! 100% of your gift – of any size – goes toward grants and programs for Lion and Leo service.

Serving your neighbors in need, and helping fellow Lions and Leos serve theirs, takes funding. Pledge your support to LCIF.

If you as an individual Lion or your Club has not yet pledged your financial support to LCIF, please consider doing so today or in the near future.

A SEVEN-YEAR OLD WITH A GREAT IDEA FOR SERVICE

By 2nd VDG Russell Bryan

October 2020, our club had just started meeting again and we had a special guest present an idea to help the boys and girls in our community. The idea was to give every boy and girl a pillow. Because some don't have pillows to sleep on.

A few months after the presentation, I took my daughter and we went to get a pillow to donate to the local Family Resource Center. Finally, a Saturday came in August and we were on our way to get it delivered. The volunteer knew I was with the Lions Club and gladly accepted the pillow. She also mentioned that there was a man who had just come in looking for bedding. She disappeared into the back room. As we were walking out the door, she rushed out and grabbed my arm to stop me. She said "Thank you, turns out that man didn't even have a pillow. You and your daughter just brought us all to tears."

The special guest that planned out and visited our club to give a presentation on pillows was my daughter. That Saturday morning, a 7 year old girl touched the lives of two grown men. One received a pillow, the other received a memory of his daughter that will be forever remembered. Turns out – "Service from the Heart" can also be a "Service to the Heart".

A simple thought and act of kindness.....from a 7 year old girl.

NEWS

State & International

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING:

LCIF GRANT APPLICATION FOR WSB

At their October Council of Governors meeting, World Services for the Blind leaders Bec Dwyer and Sharon Giovinazzo, both Lions, made a presentation to the Governors requesting a Lions Club International Foundation matching grant. Such grants must be made through the multi-district.

WSB wants to remodel part of their existing campus to include a group home that provides permanent housing and a supportive services for individuals who are either elderly or have other disabilities in addition to being blind. WSB has raised and used 3.5 million dollars for capital improvement and will include that as part of their matching funds for the 8.9 million dollar project.

The Council of Governors unanimously approved moving forward with the application.

In other business the council, meeting on Zoom, voted to disband the State Events Planning Committee as the bulk of the planning for events falls with the council chair, the governors, the event chairs and the host club.

Lion Bill Heaston reported that 4,000 pamphlets have been re-ordered closing out the remaining funds for the tele-retinal screening grant.

State Secretary Lion Wanda Green reported that pin trading is not as popular among international Lions as it once was and suggest the governors may want to discuss altering or discontinuing our own state and prestige pin program. Discussion was tabled until the next council meeting as part of the Mid-Winter Forum. Also tabled for further discussion was a proposal by Lion Toni Shockley to sell statewide, T-shirts supporting and raising funds for childhood cancer.

PDGs Phyliss Fry and Pat Snodgrass reported on the Mid-Winter Forum and State Convention. Lion Fry is chair of the (Conway Noon) host club for Mid-Winter which is scheduled for January 8 and Lion Snodgrass is chair of the (Jonesboro University Heights) host club for the state convention planned for May 13-14. Flyers and information appear in other parts of this newsletter.

Global Membership Leader Tracy Price, PCC, as part of his report gave examples of his meeting two different people, asking if they were aware of the Lions and having an application to hand them as he talked to them. As a result, we have two new Lions.

Having an application with you and just asking works!



When Lions and Leos come together to celebrate, the future of service gets brighter. That's why we're thrilled to see you at LCIcon 2022 in Montréal, Canada next year!

Convention 2022 Montréal

Take in Montréal's rich history and culture at LCIcon 2022! From beautiful architecture and a buzzing arts scene to a wide variety of cafes, restaurants and shops, Montréal offers an LCIcon 2022 experience like never before!

At the Palais des congrès de Montréal Exhibit Hall, where the convention takes place, you'll be greeted by beautiful contemporary windows and modern art that truly represents the incredible diversity of Lions Clubs International.

Connect with Lions International staff as well as Lions and Leos from around the world in the Exhibit Hall while exploring the many facets of our organization. And if you're a delegate from a club in good standing, vote in the International Election.

Join us in the famous Bell Centre, to listen to a wide variety of topics from world-renowned keynote speakers at our Plenary Sessions. And, of course, hear from our organizational leaders about the past, present and future of Lions International. But that's not all — at the International Show, which will also take place in the Bell Centre arena, you can catch world-class entertainment!

It wouldn't be LCIcon without service opportunities — which we'll tell you about closer to the date. Take part in, or simply enjoy, the Parade of Nations featuring thousands of Lions from all over the world.

QUALIFICATION CHANGES FOR DG CANDIDATES

A resolution was passed during the international convention to amend the qualification of district governors and vice district governors.

Effective July 1, 2022, Lions who have previously served as a district governor will not be eligible to be elected as district governor or vice district governor.

For more information, please email the District & Club Admin-



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REPORTS

& Comments



You will be surprised at the people who would like to serve their community.

By GAT Membership Leader Tracy Price, PCC

members for our clubs. PLEASE keep a new member application with you and "ask someone" to join you in the work of the Lions.

The last report that I got from LCI MD7 is looking good on membership. We are not where I would like for us to be, but considering the way things are going with COVID, we are doing OK. Many clubs are STILL not meeting, and those clubs tend to lose members. Please find some way to meet and have fellowship with your fellow Lions.

You will be surprised at the people out there that would like to serve their community through Lions club, if we would just ask them. If you think about how you became a Lion, someone probably asked you, so we need to return that honor.

I appreciate your help with the GAIN 1 IN 21 campaign. We have a couple months left in 21 and I have confidence in the Lions of Arkansas will answer the call to end this year with positive membership numbers.

Thanks for your service,
PCC Tracy Price

We are on the verge of the change of seasons. As we enter the fall season we give our thoughts to the beauty of the changing colors of leaves, Thanksgiving, deer season, football, and family time. This is all great, but let's not forget about our Lions clubs. We can use these enjoyable times to recruit new



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Eleven thousand people served in seven-months is impressive, but.... What if every club reported?

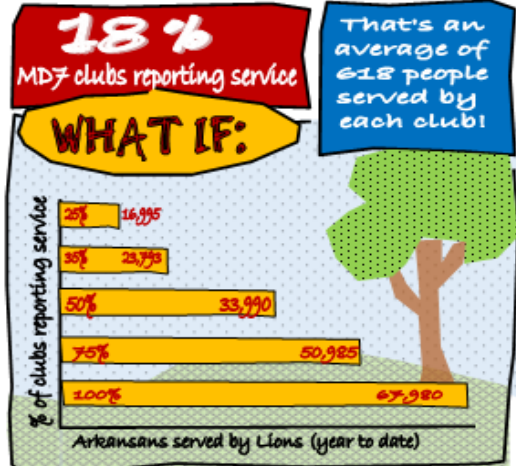
By GAT Service Leader Jeff Davis, PDG

This year, so far, our multi-district reports we have served 11,141 people through August. That's with only 18% of Arkansas clubs reporting their service on MyLCI. As the newsletter editor also, I receive photos and stories showing club service. Service that, unfortunately, is not reported.

Reporting your club's service is more than just bragging rights. It validates our purposes as Lions and gives us a hand-up when we approach potential donors for funding at all Lions levels, individual clubs to the International and LCIF. When we can show what we do, we gain.

Reporting also helps shows our effectiveness in the five core service areas and demonstrates other possible service opportunities by showing other areas where clubs have seen a need and have been concentrating their service efforts.

Please report your service on MyLCI.



CLUB REPORTS

& Etc.

All Arkansas Lions clubs are invited to send in reports and photos of your activities, service, fundraising and member achievements along with anything else you would like to share with your fellow Lions. Send your reports to: jduke22@att.net



Cherokee Village

Lion Emmett Griffith reporting

The Cherokee Village Lions have been busy this summer. As graduation approached, we awarded several scholarships, an annual event. We also sponsored a Lions Club promotional booth at the Sharp County Fair.

Our golf tournament is always a lot of work, but once again proved successful.

Next, we are preparing for White Cane Day.



Gravette

Lion Jeff Davis reporting

The Gravette Lions continue to provide weekly bookmobile service and monthly health (blood sugar, blood pressure and pulse / oxygen) checks for the local senior activity center.

In October we provided vision screening for all Kindergarten and Pre-K students in Gravette. We are working to expand our screening program to include other area schools and are working to partner with the Gentry club to screen students in Decatur, a town halfway between our clubs. We have also recently received and fulfilled two requests to provide an eye examination and glasses for individuals.

Three locations in town allowed us to visit with community members and resulted in a successful White Cane Day.

Steve Harari was a recent guest speaker. He spoke both about his business, Narrow Path Advisors and the Gravette Chamber of Commerce, of which he is the newly elected president. Our club is an active member of the C of C.



White Cane Day

Speaker Steve Harari

Pro-Literacy training

In a literacy program we co-sponsor with the Gravette Public Library, three members are using Pro-Literacy's software instruction to become certified Laubach reading tutors.



Little Rock Founders

Lion Bill Heaston reporting



"Luncheon with the Lions" June 9, 2021 to recognize the players on The LRFLC Sponsored baseball team. Coach (Lion) Don Curdie front row far left and Coach Bill Simpson to Lion Don's left along with the players and assistant coaches.

The Little Rock Founders Lions Club has sponsored a baseball team at Junior Deputy Park on Cantrell Road every year since 1975. Ages range from ages 9 through 15 depending on whether the team was in Babe Ruth League, Senior Little League or Cal Ripken League.

The team has been coached every year since 1975 by Lion Don Curdie, former President of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club, a Melvin Jones Fellow and currently the clubs Tail Twister.

In 1981, Coach Bill Simpson, currently the Pulaski County Public Defender, and Lion Don joined teams and still coach together today. (That's coaching together for 40 years, folks) Coach Simpson coaches third base and Coach (Lion) Don first base.

With the advent of "fall ball" The Founders Lions Club sponsorship has helped provide spring and fall baseball recreation almost all year round. Bill and Don's teams have finished first or second place almost every year since they have been coaching together.

Each year the Little Rock Founders Lions Club sponsors a "Luncheon with the Lions" event. Players and parents attend a regularly scheduled Founders Lions Club meeting at World Services for the Blind. The players learn about Lionism, view our business meeting, eat pizza and then are recognized by the coaches and Lions for their excellent play in the season.. Lion Don gives baseball cards and autographed pictures and baseballs from Major League players in a drawing during the lunch. In the last few years the players have won authentic autographs from Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Brooks Robinson, Willie Mays, Eric Hosmer, Mike Trout and many more.



District 7-L

Lion Romana Huff reporting

This year's USA / Canada Forum held recently in Des Moines, Iowa was considered an information and fun filled success by the contingency from District L. The annual forum brings together members, club and district leaders and LCI officers and directors for three days of workshops, presentations, networking and visiting with Lion friends from around the continent.



From L to R, District 7-L Lions Toni Shocks, David Shocks, Rene Robert's, Art Ritter and Ramona Huff attended this year's USA / Canada Forum.



Conway Noon

Lion Phyliss Fry reporting

The Conway Noon Lions Club has started this year's vision screening program.

Lion Kim Tyler recently screened 177 preschool children at two different locations in Conway. 49 referrals were made.

Conway Noon Lions are roaring to help Faulkner County look beautiful. Kudos to Lions Denny Brown, Donald McMillen, Ritchie Howell, Brandy Hinton Mullins, Debbie Townsend, Amy Reed and Phyliss Fry.



Dardanelle

Lion Margaret Altemus reporting

Lions Bill and Margaret Altemus delivered glasses to the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. Because of the generosity of donors, 850 pairs of glasses were contributed. The glasses are cleaned and categorized by optometry students, then redistributed to those in need.

District Governor Carol Allen visited the club to provide an update of Lion activities. Our club agreed to provide support as needed during her term of service.

Dardanelle Lions have volunteered with Russellville Lions to assist with vision screening at Dardanelle daycare and preschool programs.



Jonesboro University Heights

Lion Charles Hartwig reporting

A vision screening took place in Harrisburg's Pre-K School on Friday, September 3rd, conducted by JUH Lions Tom Woods, Ron McCormick, Louis Clarke, and Pat Snodgrass, aided by two members of the Harrisburg Lions Club. Around 20 kids were screened; one was found to have vision issues needing attention. Another screening was held at the Harrisburg LC Pancake Day on Saturday, Sept. 18th.

Flags were put out and taken in on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6th -- three flags & poles were stolen! The next Flag Day will be 9/11 or Patriots' Day, Saturday, Sept. 11th.

Lion Tom Woods has contacted ASU officials, and says that possible Pickleball tournament dates could be at the end of January 2022 or early in February.

Lion Ken Stallings said that 88 cases of nuts have been ordered (24 bags per case). The nuts crew is looking at adding the Bill's Cost Plus grocery system about selling our nuts in their stores. Displays will be in Kroger again in November.

Our speaker for September was not introduced by Program Coordinator Brad Baker, since he was so well known to the JUH Lions. District 7-0 Governor Roy Patterson is a member of the Nettleton Lions Club.



JUH recently inducted three new members. Pictured l-r are new members and their sponsors, Carol Hinck, Larry Hinck, Brad Baker, Jim Throgmarton, Brad Dickson and Norm Didson. (Plus Lion Dave Redman drinking in the foreground)





Calico Rock

Lion Rich Fischer reporting

Calico Rock Lions club president Brayden McCurley (on right) welcomes new member Pastor Kevin Gilbee (on left). Lion Kevin's son E.J. was also on hand to congratulate his dad.



Texarkana

After missing last year due to the Covid, The Texarkana Noon Lions Club held our annual White Cane Day on October 23, this year, and collected over \$600 for our eyeglasses and vision screening projects. We are hoping to restart our Lions KidsightUSA vision screening program for children ages 6 months to 6 years of age soon. Pictured are Lions (L-R), Selden McMillin, John Norton and George Schackelford.



Arkadelphia

Lion Travis Burton reporting

During November the Arkadelphia Lions Club will have it's annual fundraiser selling Petit Jean Hams with delivery taking place the first week or so of December. Prices on Bone-in and Boneless (smoked or peppered) hams will be finalized during the Club's board meeting on November 1st.

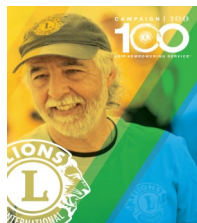
An order form will be posted on social media and available from any Arkadelphia Lion.



Bella Vista

LCIF Chair Phyliss Fry reporting

Congratulations to all the members of the Bella Vista Lions Club for supporting the Lions Club International Foundation's Campaign 100 and becoming Arkansas District 7-I's only LCIF Model Club this year.



Boonville

Lion Russell Bryan reporting



The Booneville Lions Club is proud to support the idea presented to us in October 2020 to give pillows to the boys and girls in our community that need one. Bella was seven years old when she came to a meeting and presented her plan to the club. She had captured the attention of every member in attendance. Now in October 2021

we are excited to start our first ever pillow drive. How exciting to be able to provide some comfort to those that might not have a pillow to lay their heads on to sleep. Imagine going to sleep with no pillow. I challenge everyone to try it- even for just a few minutes. Every boy and girl deserves to sleep with a pillow. Pillows collected in our community will be donated to the Family Resource Center, Department of Human Services, Churches and any other establishment that can distribute the pillows to those in need. To be a part of this mission, just donate a pillow to **YOUR** local Resource Center, Church, Department of Human Services, Woman's Shelter, Homeless Shelter, etc. and then send us a post on Facebook that you donated and the # of pillows donated. This way, we can keep track of this project. Thank you Bella! A service project can come from anyone, any age. www.facebook.com/boonevillelionsclub

On October 9th, the Booneville Lions Club assisted the Chamber of Commerce with the Arkansas Marathon by operating an aide station. We passed out water, Gatorade and snacks to the marathon runners as they ran past. This was a great opportunity to volunteer in our community for an event that brings in runners from all over. This marathon is a qualifier for the Boston marathon.



On December 4th from 7am to 11am, the Booneville Lions Club will be holding our 67th annual Pancake and Sausage fundraiser. This is our main fundraiser for the year. We will be serving breakfast to anyone that shows up to eat and funds will be collected on a donation basis.

December 4th, 2021
7AM - 11AM

Lions Club 67th Annual **Pancake Breakfast**

Your support matters!
Because Kindness Matters!

All you can eat Pancake and Sausage community breakfast!

Location:
Booneville Community Building
426 N Holden Ave
Booneville, AR 72927



Elkins Leos

Lion Carol Alen & Dean Rowland reporting

“We had a wonderful time in Elkins tonight installing new officers and inducting new members.” according to District Governor Carol Allen. “We gave one of the moms a application to fill out and join the Elkins Lions Club.”

Also present for the event were First Vice District Governor and Elkins Lion Dean Rowland and Past District Governor Michael Benefield. Several of the Elkins Lions were also present.

Leo Club Treasurer Jonah said he looks forward to the day when he can join a Lions Club and work his way up to Governor. We can’t ask for anything better than that.



New members and officers were installed by DG Carol Allen. Shown in the photo along with the DG are VDG Dean Rowland, Leo Sponsor Abby Shelton along with the Leos, parents and Elkins Lions Club members



Van Buren

Lion Terry Carson reporting

The Van Buren Lions Club recently delivered over 1,600 pairs of eyeglasses, frames, sunglasses & readers to the Oklahoma School of Optometry (OSO) at Northeastern University in Tahlequah, OK.

The Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity (SVOSH) at OSO annually provide free eye exams and glasses to the people of Honduras. The students prepare the glasses during the school year and travel to Honduras in the summer. The Van Buren Lions Club has delivered glasses to OSO for the past 2 years and intend to continue at least annually.



Pictured left to right, Past President, Terry Carson, Alissa Proctor, OD and President Clifford Lyon.



Fayetteville

Lion Ruth Cohoon reporting

Lion Danny Walters lined up our November 3rd speaker, Joey Jackson, volunteer coordinator for the Salvation Army. We are told we can expect a new female member from the Salvation Army to join us soon.

The Fayetteville Lions Club meeting at Mermaids Restaurant October 20 was the setting for a presentation of the Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind, Washington County “Consumer of the Year” award.

Shane Bronson, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for Services for the Blind for Washington County presented the Washington County “Consumer of the Year” award to one of their clients, Joshua Malcolm. Joshua came to the organization in February 2020 for assistance in improving his employment

circumstances. He has recently completed his training and is now employed with a Walmart vendor.

Attending the presentation from Little Rock was Dr. Cassandra Williams-Stokes, Director, Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind, and Dr. Megan Lamb, Field Administrator.



Russellville

Lion Mindy Brigance reporting

A combined project of the Russellville Lions and Rotary Clubs was held recently as part of the “Celebrate Communities” week. Clubs were encouraged to participate with other service organizations.

Our joint service project with Rotary was on October 16th from 8am to 12 noon on the lawn at the Riggs-Hamilton American Legion. We collected items for Manna House, provided vision screening, diabetes awareness info and services provided by the Rotary club. Some items collected for the Manna House were soap, shampoo, laundry soap, toilet paper and nonperishable food items.

To all of our Contributors, *Thank You!*



Fort Smith

Lion Marty Houston reporting

Our first fall rib sale is getting closer to kicking off. Plans are to have the sale on November 20th.

Lion Joe is also reporting that he and his wife Margaret delivered over 2,000 pair of glasses collected by our club to Northeastern State University college of Optometry in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Dr. Alissa Proctor told Lion Joe that the students are planning on a trip to Honduras within the next couple of years to distribute and provide eye care. She said that the school also provides service to eleven native American clinics in Northeast Oklahoma.



One recent speaker was Amber Herndon from Manes & Miracles. Amber is the Development Director and explained to us that Manes & Miracles is an organization that provides therapy horses to children and adults with disabilities and special needs. Manes & Miracles is located in Barling near Chaffee Crossing, operating on 40 donated acres to the organization and serves 40 kids. Manes & Miracles has 7 therapy horses that are used for riding sessions that last 20 to 30 minutes.

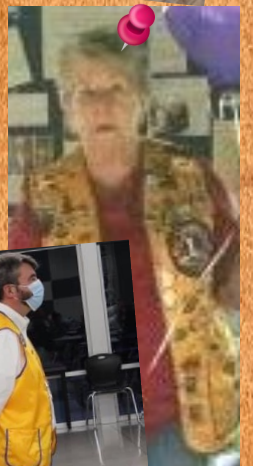


Rick Bailey from the Fayetteville Lions was here to speak about Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing, but started off making a presentation to one of our newest members, John Redding,

who recently transferred his membership from the Fayetteville Lions to the Fort Smith Lions. Lion John was awarded Lion of the year by the Fayetteville Lions, and Lion Rick said that the club never was able to officially present him the plaque.

Lion Rick talked about the Mid South Lions in Memphis. He started by giving us a history of the Mid South Lions, which was started by the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis. He told us that this past year has been challenging as the Mid South Lions depend so heavily on donations from clubs. Lion Rick represents Arkansas on the board, along with 6 other Lions from across the state.

PHOTOS




From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



The Arkansas Cats



How many Arkansas High School Football teams each have the following mascots ?



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PANTHERS _____

BOBCATS _____




LEOPARDS _____

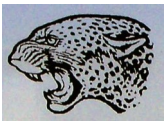



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JAGUARS _____




TIGERS _____

Choices:

- 15 Bentonville, Prairie Grove, West Fork, Little Rock Central, Green Forest, Charleston, Mansfield, Valley Springs, Pangburn, Lead Hill, Timbo, Armored, Maynard, Acorn, Taylor.
- 14 Siloam Springs, Cabot, Benton, Clarksville, Greenbrier, Magnolia, Heber Springs, Ashdown, Yellville-Summit, Fouke, Bergman, Bigelow, Magnet Cove, Norfolk.
- 11 Gravette, Searcy, McClellan, Highland, Hamburg, Manila, Bismarck, Horatio, Jessieville, Mount Ida, Clarendon, England.
- 11 Har-Ber, North Little Rock (Charging Wildcats), El Dorado, Watson Chapel, Trumann, Episcopal Collegiate, Harding Academy, Hector, Rison, St. Joe, Umpire.
- 7 Hope, Berryville, Dumas, Marshall, Corning, Flippin, Walnut Ridge.
- 4 Helena-West Helena Central, Rector, Lafayette County, IZard County Consolidated.
- 4 Malvern, De Queen, Norphlet, Alpena.
- 3 McCrory, LISA Academy, LISA Academy North.

EVENTS



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NOVEMBER

12 & 13 Mid-South Sight & Hearing quarterly meeting, Overland, Missouri.

15 IRS 990 filings due
15 Postmark deadline for clubs to send winning peace posters to the district governor

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DECEMBER

1 Postmark deadline for districts to send winning peace posters to the Council Chair

4 Pancake Breakfast, 9 to 11. Boonville

15 Postmark deadline for Council Chair to send winning peace poster to LCI

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JANUARY

8 Mid-Winter Forum, Conway

20 February 22						
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FEBRUARY

19 District 7-O Convention

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MARCH

25 & 26 District 7-I convention, Russellville, Arkansas

May 13—14
 State Convention
 Jonesboro, Arkansas

The Little Rock Founders Lions Club



A 105 year history — Part 2

Compiled by Lion Bill Heaston with contributions from Lions Cassandra Williams and Betsy Barnes

1920-1929 - "The Roaring 20s"

The "Roaring 20s" were years of rapid membership growth, clubs being organized, more community service projects and a Challenge by Helen Keller for the Lions of the world and Arkansas. You could say the 1920s set the stage for the future of Lions International.

Multiple District - 7 started the 1920s with five Lions Clubs with 483 members; besides Little Rock and Texarkana new clubs had been organized in Hot Springs, Fort Smith and Jonesboro in March 1919. By the end of 1929 that number had grown to 36 clubs in MD-7 with membership at 1083 Lions. The Little Rock Lions Club had increased from 39 Chartered Members in 1916 to over 188 in just over ten years. They also organized clubs in Lake Village (1924), Carlisle (1926) and Pine Bluff (1926). Also Lions truly became International in March 1920 with the Border Cities Lions Club in Ontario, Canada. The club was later named Windsor.

Among its members of the Little Rock Lions Club in the 1920s were Earle W. Hodges who was a District Governor for Arkansas 1923-1926. He resigned in 1926 when he moved to New York. He later became International President in 1930-31. Brooks Hays was appointed District Governor and served the rest of Hodges term and was elected to serve his own in 1926-27. Another member Will Terry later became an International Director.

The first District Governor Thomas Parker for Arkansas resigned in late 1919 and Theodore Treadway of the Little Rock Club was appointed by the Lions International President to serve out the unexpired term of Lion Parker. The first Arkansas Lions Conven-

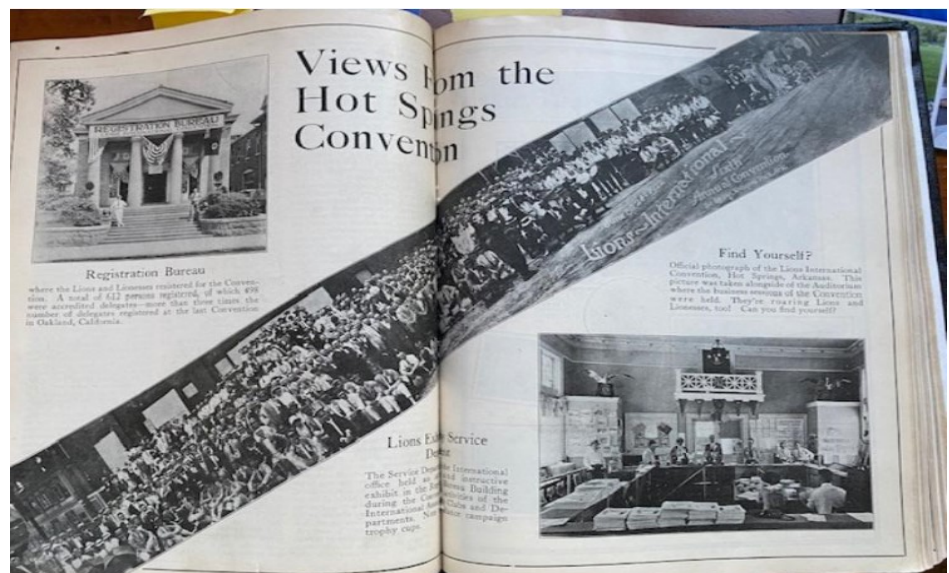
tion was held in Little Rock on June 20, 1920 with District Governor Treadway presiding. At this convention DG Treadway was elected by the delegates for a term of his own.

On Monday, February 13, 1922 the members of the Little Rock Lions Club presented "The Lions Roar of 1922" at the Kemper Theatre in Little Rock. It was billed as the Grand Musical Extravaganza and Vaudeville Revue with a cast of 200 in four Acts. The public declared the show to be the best amateur production ever put on in the state. Five month later on June 22, 1922 the Little Rock Lions members presented to the delegates at the Sixth Annual Lions International Convention held in Hot Springs, Arkansas Act One of their production "The Lions Roar of 1922" at the Hot Springs Auditorium.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the International Associa-

tion of Lions Clubs began in Hot Springs, Arkansas on Tuesday morning, June 20, 1922 at 11:10 am. Presiding was Arkansas District Governor J. Ellsworth Coombs at the morning session. A total of 612 persons registered, of which 498 were accredited delegates—more than three times the number of delegates at the Fifth Annual Convention in Oakland, California. Several Little Rock Lions Clubs members took part in the Convention, including Lions Hodges, Terry, Hays, Treadway and Rose. Also DG Ellsworth Coombs and other Lions from the Hot Springs Clubs and from other clubs in MD-7. In addition to the business sessions: Past International Presidents Jesse Robinson talked on "Lionism is no longer in its infancy" and Dr. C.C. Reid talked on every program has three things: One of them is Entertainment; the second is Education and the third thing is Service – Rendering Service. Two very

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Photos of the 6th Lions Club Annual Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Copied from the archives of LION MAGAZINE.

FOUNDERS CLUB
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inspiring presentations. Ed S. Vaught from Oklahoma was elected 1922-23 International President by the delegates.

Rendering Service to the Youth and local Schools in the community were major project during those early years. The club sponsored a Boy Scout troop as well as being supporters of the Little Rock

Boy's Club through their leadership and financial support. One of the clubs members Lion Harry Elliott was a Scout Master and served as President of the Boy Scouts Quapaw Area Council for two years. In 1921 the club raised \$1,000 to buy band instruments for the Little Rock Senior (now Central) High School band.

Significant human beings have played dramatic roles in Lions vigorous growth and development. Misfortune is a lever that destroys some but lifts others to heights of strength and achievements. Such an individual was Helen Keller. Her eloquent appeal lit the flame that has blazed brilliantly ever since that Tuesday morning of June 30, 1925 at the Ninth Annual Convention of Lions International in Cedar Point, Ohio. Helen Keller closing remarks to the delegates at the Convention says it all:

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf

blind children untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves "Knights of the Blind" in this crusade against darkness? "I Thank You".

Helen Keller sat down beside Anne Sullivan her teacher and received a prolonged standing ovation from the audience.

The delegates later passed a resolution declaring "Sight Conservation and work for the Blind" one of Lions major activities. It is a living tribute to Helen Keller and the power of her talk at Cedar Point, Ohio in 1925 that today it is estimated that over 50% of all Lions Service projects each year are in the field of sight.

The Little Rock Lions Club accepted the challenge and quickly adopted sight conservation thereafter as their major Service Activity. This enthusiasm has gone undiminished to this day.

One of the sight project they started in 1926 was an annual subscription of the Braille addition to the Readers Digest to the school library at Arkansas School for the Blind. Roy Kumpe, a student at the school, was designated by the school authorities to attend a Little Rock Lions meeting to formally express the gratitude of all the students. In his book "The Lion's

Share" Roy Kumpe tells about that meeting. "The club met at the YMCA building at sixth and Broadway and I remember being impressed by these business and professional men who not only helped those in need but seemed to have so much fun. They introduced me to the "tail twister" and other Lions and I left that meeting with high hopes that someday I might become a part of the Lions fellowship and commitment to service" Fourteen years later in 1940 his wish came true when he was invited to join the Little Rock Lions Club. Roy Kumpe impact on the Club and Lionism will be a big part of future issues.

The 13th Lions International Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky in 1929. Ray L. Riley from California was elected International President. Earle Hodges now living in New York was elected 1st Vice President and would advance to International President in 1930.

Four month later, on October 24, 1929 the "Crash of Wall Street" plunged America and the world into "The Great Depression" of the Thirties.

Reference Sources: *Lions Magazine of 1922; The Lion's Share by Roy Kumpe; Arkansas Gazette February 1922; L.R. Lions Archives and The Jungle.*

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12-13

Fellow Lions and Friends, once again it's time to register for a Mid-South Lions quarterly meeting. This one will really be a treat! **We will be meeting in the St. Louis, MO area for the first time in many years.** Our meetings will all be held in the Overland, MO Lions Club Den at 2358 Lackland, Overland, MO 63114.

Friday's meeting will be a dinner meeting with the Hall of Honor induction of PDG Herb Marshall and featuring a wonderful St. Louis-style barbeque meal with all the trimmings and an open bar. This meal is \$17 per person. Saturday's lunch will be another St. Louis favorite, a variety of pastas, sauces, and breads. The bar will be open for this meal as well. The cost for this meal is \$13. Total for full registration is only \$30 per person.

Please take a few minutes and register for this important (and FUN) meeting. Go to www.midsouthlions.org then click on **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING**. You can also go to the website and click on **CLICK HERE TO DONATE** and become a



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Hope to see you all there,
Brad Baker, CEO
Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing

Our HQ hotel is the Embassy Suites Hotel at 2 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303. For reservations, please call 636-946-5544. Our Lions Club rate is \$134 per night plus taxes.

Tail Twister answers:
Lions 11, Panthers 14, Bobcats 7, Leopards 4, Wildcats 11, Cougars 4, Jaguars 3, Tigers 15



Arkansas Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Forum

Service from the Heart

Save the Date

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Central Baptist College Conway, AR 72034

Registration forms coming soon!

Look forward to...

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, A DELICIOUS LUNCH, AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS!
 SESSIONS INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS:
 MEMBERSHIP, SERVICE ACTIVITIES, GUIDING LION, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS, CLUB OFFICERS

Arkansas Lions Convention



Where? Jonesboro, AR
When? Friday - Saturday
May 13 - 14, 2022



Location?
Embassy Suites
223 Red Wolf Blvd

Early registration starts March 15, 2022

- Special two room suite available for only \$134 . (plus tax)
- All rooms equipped with TWO large TV's.



Special Key-note Speaker.

WSB COLLECTING COATS

By Sharon Giovinazzo, CEO

Starting to feel the fall chill in the air and father winter is right around the corner. I am collecting gently used coats for two causes.....

World Services for the Blind clients many come to us with nothing including proper clothing. Seeking male and female large and XL or XXL. I need thirty.

Second are for veterans that are in recovery from drugs and alcohol or those recovering from injuries in the hospital. Many of them come for services out of desperation and are coming straight from the streets. We are trying to collect 100 statewide this year. We just had 500 pair of socks donated. Also looking for toiletries so if you have some of those hotel bottles of shampoo and little bars of soap these are great.



Thanks to great neighbors for your help!



Listen to 7-0 Lions Roar By DG Roy Patterson

A most most asked question about Lions is "What do the Lions DO?" Here's short list:

- Cherry Valley Lions** Help two to three times a month with the Food Pantry!
- Weiner lions** helps by creating scholarships for students
- Nettleton lions** - Backpack Program for young students!
- University Heights** Helps with student Vision screening for youngsters!
- Many clubs throughout the world helping during disasters wherever needed!
- Always helping the visually impaired!
- Paragould Lions** helps with LEO program (high school) for leadership and student learning!

And that is just a very small example of what the lions do, standing shoulder to shoulder with the 1.4 million lions of the World!

And you ask what can I do?

Join with us in helping to make the world a better and healthier place for all!

How you ask? Just any member for an application! Check the internet for a local club, Facebook or just ask!

WE Serve and we mean it!

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