


MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions



DISTRICT 7-I EDITION

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Reported by Lion Deborah Bolding

For Veterans Day, North Little Rock Lions Club members volunteered at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery placing flags at grave markers. It was a privilege to serve our community and honor our Veterans.

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Ozark's Toy Drive

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OZARK'S TOY DRIVE

On December 8th some of the Ozark Lions Club members went shopping for toys, etc. for almost 200 kids. The club raises funds for the annual project through donations. On the 19th, the Lions Club and friends came together to wrap all the gifts which were distributed along with food bags the following Wednesday. .



Comments from District Governor Dean Rowland

I hope all of you had a happy holiday season and wanted to welcome you to 2023! This is a busy time of the year with everyone getting back to work and into your routine again, plus, Valentines Day is right around the corner. I am busy too, attending meetings, scheduling meetings, and trying to finish this year as a District 7-I Governor strong.



This past week I attended a community pocket park dedication by the Van Buren Lions Club. It was an awesome project and will be enjoyed by all who visit for many years to come.

As projects come to an end, what is next. I hope you and your clubs will jump right back into the thick of things and begin planning and working on another. The comradery of working together is addicting. Not only do you get to see and work with your fellow members, but you also get to see how your service affects your community. Those smiles and thank you faces you see are truly priceless.

Last weekend at our Mid-Winter Forum in Russellville, we got to share ideas with each other, find out ways to recognize members, do cheers, find out how to be Guiding Lions, find out how to host events, and the bottom line was... we interacted with each other!

So, what are you going to do to keep this kind of activity up in your clubs? Try something new this year to help your community and club. Increase your membership. Contribute to LCIF, LOAF, or Mid-South. Lets keep this great feeling of working together going in 2023!

I am looking forward to our State Convention in Fayetteville on April 21, & 22. Don't miss out on this opportunity and I hope to see you all there. Together We Can!



Russell Bryan

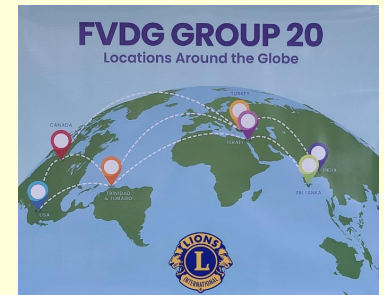
Beyond Borders

As I sit and listen, I can hear the chatter coming from the many headphones being worn and the eleven translation booths directly behind me. It wasn't loud, but for me it created a certain level of noise. It also created excitement that only comes when you feel change is about occur. In my case, it was a connection to Lions around the world.

Have you ever thought about Lions in other countries? What projects they take on, what services their communities need, compared to ours? Sure, we have. We've all read articles, watched videos, and thought about the Lions service impact in other parts of our world. But it's so easy to overlook or forget what's not in front of us. I'm reminded of that saying, "Out of sight, out of mind". I would think that to a smaller degree this might hold true for our neighboring clubs as well.

I had the privilege to attend the District Governor Elect seminar at the Q Center in St. Charles, IL. Lions from around the world attended. In my small classroom study group (also known as Group #20), we had Lions from the US, Canada, Trinidad, India, Sri Lanka and Turkey. Meeting so many Lions from around the world, helped me to see that we all face problems and in a lot of ways, the same problems, and issues. And though I enjoyed meeting all the Lions and even got invited to Sri Lanka, this story is about our Lions from Turkey. They had just taken flight to the US when their country erupted in destruction, chaos, and mass loss of life. A 7.8 magnitude earthquake ripped thru Turkey leaving behind a desperate cry for loved ones. Being in the same group with the Lions from Turkey allowed me to see and feel their pain, tears and a choked up "thank you for your support". I was only given a tiny glimpse of the pain the people living in Turkey will experience. However, this will forever change my view on Lions around the world. I feel very fortunate to have got to know these three individuals of another culture. Had Refik, Yasar and Buket been in a different group, I would not have experienced the same connection. Most likely, we may have never met. I realize there are many areas of our world that are suffering. But, because the Lions of Turkey decided to stay for the seminar, I now can relate on a personal level to the disasters, destruction, and pain at a global level.

I now have a connection to Lions in other parts of our world. My growth as a Lion expanded – Beyond Borders.



Over 700 DGEs from around the world attend this training in St. Charles and are broken up into groups of 20 to 25. This map shows where members of DGE Bryan's group came from.



Jeff Davis, PDG

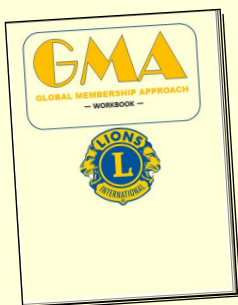
It's Saturday morning and you have a few errands to run, and a couple of must-get-done projects before you get together with friends to watch the football game. It's surprising how many people make a list, to make sure they get it all done. It's just a simple list: Post office, hardware store, fix door lock, replace vacuum cleaner belt, etc., but it's our plan for the day.

Plans help us keep sight of what needs to be done and in what order, like going to the hardware store for parts before starting to repair the door.

GMA, the Lions Club Global Membership Approach, is a plan designed to lead clubs to membership success. First referred to as NAMI, it worked in the USA and Canada, so now, it has been re-branded and rolled out worldwide.

In order to work with a couple of clubs that have reach out to district leaders for membership help, I have prepared a simple GMA workbook. GMA has four steps, Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Build Success. The workbook guides you through the second and third steps of the GMA processes.

If anyone would like a copy of the ten-page workbook or would like me to present a GMA workshop at your club, please email me.



And finally, one last note — DISTRICT 7-I CONTINUES TO GROW AND SHOW A POSITIVE GROWTH SO FAR THIS FISCAL YEAR !!! Keep up the good work.

10 REASONS TO GIVE TO SOMEONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LION



- # 1 Serve the Community
- # 2 Make a Difference
- # 3 Make New Friends
- # 4 Enjoy a Rewarding Experience
- # 5 Learn, Grow and Share
- # 6 Grow as a Family
- # 7 Develop Young Leaders
- # 8 Expand Your Horizons
- # 9 Share Your Talents
- # 10 Continue a Club's Legacy

DISTRICT NEWS



FORMER SPRINGDALE LION SEEKS HELP TO RESTART CLUB

Disappointed at the Springdale Lions Club disbandment a number of years ago, a former member of that club has reached out to District Governor Dean Rowland about starting a new club there. He says with a population of 80,000, there should be no problem finding twenty members.

The district governor and our district's GMT, Jeff Davis, have been working with this former member to make a Springdale club a reality again. Even before our first meeting, Mr. Newton had several new members commitments and an article running in the *Clubs Section* of a Sunday Democrat / Gazette.

Planning and organizational meetings currently are taking place. With the drive of a single former member, district leaders, guiding lions and a sponsoring club, the likelihood of Springdale once again being served by a Lions Club is strong.

DGE Bryan Hosts Breakout Session at Mid-Winter

District Governor Elect Russell Bryan discussed community impact as a leader of a breakout sessions at the recent Mid-Winter Leadership Forum in Russellville.

DGE Bryan used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss service and the impact your service record has when LCI is looking for potential doners or LCIF is considering grants.

There was a lively discussion on our service experiences, big and small, and their effect on our communities.



Tracy Price, PCC

TOGETHER WE SERVE!

What a great motto. We as Lions are Service minded individuals that want to make our communities a better place to live. We have 5 primary Service Areas which are 1. Environment, 2. Vision, 3. Diabetes, 4. Hunger, and 5. Childhood Cancer. There are many other activities that we do in our communities that are of service to others that can be reported. Scholarships, Placing flags and wreaths on Veterans Graves, and Reading to children at schools are just a few that we can report.

I want to thank those clubs that report their service projects to LCI on a regular basis. I have offered my assistance to those clubs that need help with reporting through MyLion and several clubs have reached out for this assistance. At the beginning of this Lions year we had 30 clubs in District 7 I with 20 clubs that have not reported a service project in over 24 months. Thanks to the efforts of many of you this number should be less than 10 with our next monthly report.

Why is it important to report our Service Projects? If we ask for grants from LCIF, they will be looking at our Service Reports to see how active we are in our communities before honoring the grant. Another reason is to let others know how active we are in our communities.

When your club has a service Project invite a potential member to join you and let them see what Lions do to help our communities. PLEASE REMEMBER, THE MORE MEMBERS WE HAVE, THE MORE PEOPLE WE CAN SERVE.

PLEASE let me know if I can be of assistance to your club,

LCI REPORTING PORTALS CHANGING

Some-time later this year, LCI is expected to roll out its new Lions digital tools. The new portal is built on Salesforce, an industry-leading platform used by over 150,000 organizations — including 40,000 nonprofits.

MyLion, MyLCI and insights, along with some additional tools and functionality will be accessible through an updated portal for members. The portal will have all the same features currently available with separate tools, but with a more consistent and efficient experience — whether you're on your computer, tablet or mobile device.

LCI is aiming to launch in mid-2023. A preview of the portal will be available before that.



We are evolving our digital tools

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State & International

MID-WINTER: A Great Learning Experience

This year's Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Forum, held mid January in Russellville and hosted by the Russellville Lions Club, was a success in bringing Arkansas Lions together. Members from all four districts participated in the panels and breakout sessions.

In general session, two panel discussions were held, the first on Fundraising and the second on Membership. After opening comments from panel members (one from each district), audience questions generated a great deal of discussion.

Club auctions and Pickle Ball tournaments were presented as successful fundraisers and generated many questions of the presenters. The membership panel, also made up of members from each district, discussed GMA (the Global Membership Approach), one club's membership meeting where 60% of the invitees became members and the multitude of mate-

rial on the LCI website about increasing and retaining members.

Likewise, topics covered in the six different breakout programs were equally informative. Session topics included *The Art of Recognition* (PDG Leanna Rich), *Technology* (Lion Fran Walker), *How to Host and Event* (PDG Roy Patterson), *Interested Becoming a DG* (CC Don Young), *Community Impact* (DGE Russell Bryan) and *Guiding Lions* (PCC Myrna McGee).

Most of the breakout sessions were repeated in the afternoon allowing members greater latitude in picking the programs they were interested in.

Of course, as with any Lions event, state or district, the opportunity to meet, visit and learn from your fellow Lions is big part of the event's success.

The host committee and the program planners did an excellent job in producing a meaningful Mid-Winter Forum.



Top photo: State Secretary Wanda Green visits with CC Don Young (right) while Lions Reta Price and fellow Lion visit (left). Bottom photo: Van Buren President Clifford Lyon makes a point during one of the panel discussions.

Council of Governors Meeting: DUES RESOLUTION GOES TO CONVENTION

In a unanimous vote, the Council of Governors approved a resolution increasing multi-district dues by \$ 4.00 annually. The resolution

now goes to the state convention, scheduled for April in Fayetteville, for a vote of convention delegates.

In addition to routine approval of minutes and financial reports, there was a discussion on the upcoming State Convention plans. The Fayetteville Lions are the host

See Governors on next page.

DG BURTON ANNOUNCES BID FOR COUNCIL CHAIR

District 7-L Governor Travis Burton announced he is running for the 2023-24 Council Chair position. DG Burton made the announcement to the Council of Governors at their third quarter meeting in Russellville.



The council chair for the following year is elected from one of the current district governors. Those who are allowed to vote are the current district governors, the district governors elect and the current council chair. The closed election usually takes place at the fourth quarter Council of Governors meeting. This year, that council meeting will be held in conjunction with our April state convention in Fayetteville.

A member of Arkadelphia Lions Club since January 2014, Governor Burton is a recipient of International President's Certificate of Appreciation, Bachelor's Degree from Lions University, Membership Key, Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lion of The Year, and is a Guiding Lion.

The district governor has served as his districts public relations chair as well as president and secretary of the Arkadelphia Club.

To date, there are no other announced candidates for the council chair position.

Governors from previous page

club for this years convention and promise a great convention and a black tie optional banquet Friday evening before the Saturday event.

State Secretary Wanda Green, reminded the governors that nominations for the state awards must be submitted by March 1, 2023.

This was the third quarter council meeting and was held along with the Mid-Winter Forum in Russellville. The next governors meeting will be in Fayetteville as part of the state convention.

Lion Jerry Aldridge — former Bentonville Noon member

DONATES PIN COLLECTION FOR SILENT AUCTION

While traveling home from the Mid-Winter Forum recently, I received an email from Jerry Aldridge's daughter. Her internet research found an old page that still had me listed as district governor. She said her father, now living in Kentucky, who had been a member of the Bentonville Lions Club for many years, was moving to a Missouri Veterans retirement center and is hoping someone here will enjoy his pin collection. I suggested she allow me to place the collection in our silent auction where someone who would appreciate them would bid and get them with the funds being used for a worthy cause. She thought that was a great idea.

By PDG Jeff Davis

On the phone, I enjoyed a great conversation with Lion Jerry Aldridge. He lived in Bentonville and worked for the city for a while before opening a home decoration store.

Lion Jerry is an artist and graphic artist who often times sketched caricatures of fellow Lions and club guest speakers. In the late eighties and early nineties, he designed sever Arkansas State Lions pins as well as pins for Bentonville, Bella Vista and both the Springdale Lions and the Springdale Lionesses.

Antidotal information indicates he was a member of the Benton-

ville Noon club while LCI records he was a member of the Bella Vista Club. Back in those days, there was little distinction by members or the public between the two clubs as evidenced by one of the pins he designed lists both clubs. PCC Myrna McGee, whose husband PID Don McGee was a member of the Bentonville Noon club, remembers them, his wife Mary Jo was also a Lion.

Lion Jerry told me that during the first of his three terms as Tail Twister, one of the members, who was a past international director, told him he was the best Tail Twister the club had ever had.

Lion Jerry's pin collection will be part of the State Convention auction in April.



Jerry Aldridge, of the Bentonville/Bella Vista Lions Club in Arkansas, sorts through eyeglasses the club collected from sites throughout the city.

Above—Photo of Lion Jerry sorting glasses in Lion Magazine, 1988.

Below — Several of the different pins Lion Jerry designed.

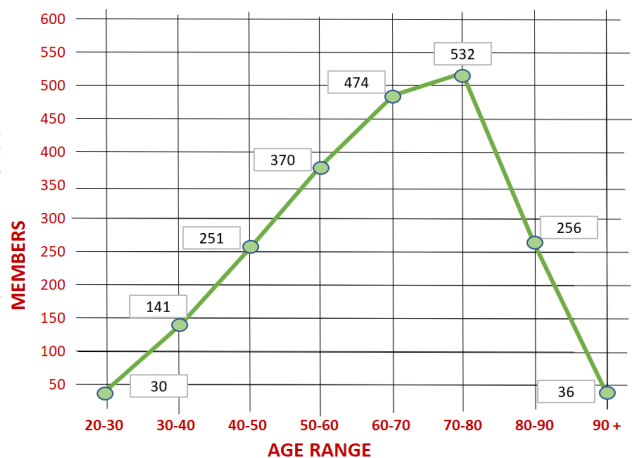


ARKANSAS LIONS by age group

Recently, the question was asked, "What is the average age of Lions Club members in Arkansas?"

State Secretary and Past District Governor Wanda Green provided the research used to plot this graph. It's interesting in that it creates the bell-curve we most likely expected, but it's still does not show the average age.

By using the provided information and making a few assumptions about the average age of members in each of the groups, the average of an Arkansas Lion appears to be 63 years and 8 months.





Editors Note:

As a new Lion, my first foray beyond my own club was our district convention where, as an exercise, our GMT had us break up into small groups and practice our elevator speeches.

My fellow Lion Bill and I gave our speeches to Wanda and John. Little did I know, at the time, that I was pitching the Lions Club to one of the top recruiters in the USA.

Lion WANDA,

Congratulations!! You are in top 200 recruiters from among more than 250,000 Lions in Constitutional Area 1. Your efforts to expand our service capacity by enlisting volunteers has not gone unnoticed. In fact, our success can be attributed to the efforts of the Elite 200.

Your Global Action Team would like to record an interview with you to discover how you recruited 99 new members. We have a group of LEO members who have taken on the project of editing the interviews and preparing them to be shared across several social media platforms. Our goal is to use your story to motivate and inspire others to "Just Ask One" to join before June 20, 2023.

If you are willing to participate in a Zoom Interview, Please hit reply and let me when you are available. Please provide a few dates and times. I will then schedule a zoom meeting, record the session and send it off to the LEO Editing Team. Of course you can ask your club to record your service.

Thanks for considering this request.

Lion Jerome

LCI Warns: **Don't be Scammed!**

Lions International has been made aware of the increasing number of phone, text, social media and email scams. Most recently, fraudulent invoices have been sent to clubs by scammers requesting payment for products delivered or services rendered.

Be aware of scams that fraudulently use the Lions Clubs International, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the International Association of Lions Clubs or other variations of our organization's name and logo. These types of scams are designed to trick people into revealing personal and financial information about themselves, which can then be used to commit identity theft, but they often misspell the name of the organization.

If you receive a suspicious mailing, email, text, check or social media message, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not reply, open any attachments or click on any links in the message.
- Be wary of any offer to accept a check or money order in an amount greater than you are owed or requests to return money to the check sender.
- Look carefully at every invoice and compare it to previous ones received that you know to be genuine – particularly the bank account details, the wording used and association name and branding.
- Do not immediately cash an unexpected or surprise check. Do not deposit it unless you are expecting a check and you are absolutely certain it is meant for you.
- Do not pay upfront for a promise like a grant, debt relief or financial assistance.

If you have any doubts about whether a Lions International or LCIF communication is authentic, you should contact us at privacy@lionsclubs.org before you act.

Fraudulent "scams" are increasingly common in our digital world, so it is important to remain vigilant. Read [How to Protect Yourself from Scams](#) to find more information on the steps you can take to protect yourself.

GLT

PCC Myrna McGee

CAN YOU HELP !!!

We need LIONS who would like to give service to other LIONS

Become a CGL – Certified Guiding Lion!!

You could help a new club become a great new Lions Club OR

Help Lions whose clubs are struggling and help them up to become the Great Lions Club they desire to become.

IF YOU ARE THAT LION

Please contact me

and we will make your desire for service come true!!

Lion Myrna McGee, Leadership Chair

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Official Call


In compliance with the MD 7 State Constitution, I hereby issue the official call for the 2023 State Convention of the Lions of Multiple District 7, Arkansas, and International Association of Lions Clubs, to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on April 22, 2023. I cordially invite all Lions, Lionesses and Leos of the State to attend this 105th Annual State Convention that will be a memorable experience packed with fellowship, fun and learning.

I respectfully request that all club and district officers assure representation from their district and clubs by attending with a large delegation from their area, and encourage all new members to attend this, their first State Convention.

Lion Don Young
Council Chairman

ARKANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 21-22, 2023
FAYETTEVILLE
Hilton Garden Inn



Friday afternoon:
Council of Governors Meeting

Friday evening:
BANQUET
Black Tie Optional

SATURDAY'S CONVENTION EVENTS
registration / Snacks / Opening / Presentation of Colors

- State projects
- Breakout sessions
- Discussions & exchanging ideas


MEMORIAL SERVICE
Past District Governors Association

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER
- SPECIAL GUESTS
- AWARDS

**50-50 Drawing
Silent Auction**

APRIL 21-22, 2023

Just announced:
Past International Director Bill Phillippi will be presenting the keynote address. PID Phillippi has been a Lion since 1974 in Marysville, Kansas, and has served many Lions leadership rolls, including council chair and GAT area leader. He was elected in 2015 to a two-year term as an international director. PID Phillippi serves on several historic preservation boards and is a past mayor of Marysville. He is an Eagle Scout and has been a Mason for 35 years.





Arkansas Lions STATE CONVENTION

April 22-23 -- Fayetteville, Arkansas
Hilton Garden Inn, 1325 N. Shiloh Drive, Fayetteville

A -- Name		Has been a Lion for _____ years.	
Please circle one: Lion Lioness Leo Non-Member			
Club:		Highest Office Held:	
Mailing Address:			
Home Phone:		Mobil Phone:	
Business Phone:		Email:	
B-- Name		Has been a Lion for _____ years.	
Please circle one: Lion Lioness Leo Non-Member			
Club:		Highest Office Held:	
Mailing Address:			
Home Phone:		Mobil Phone:	
Business Phone:		Email:	
<p>Accommodations: Room reservations must be made directly with the Hilton Garden Inn. ((479) 856-6040) - \$129 / King or \$139 / Double Queen. The hotel will hold 15 king and 30 queen rooms until March 21. There is a Holiday Express nearby that will likely be less expensive, but no rooms there are being held. Breakfast is include at the Hilton Garden Inn.</p>			
Registration Fee:			
Friday and Saturday	\$60.00		
Please make checks payable to the MD7 State Convention and mail to PCC Myrna McGee, 74 McKenzie Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715.			
<p>Directions: To get to the Hilton Garden Inn from Interstate 49 turn west on Wedington Drive (exit 64) , then turn north on North Shiloh Drive (the frontage road).</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 22 -- Council of Governors meeting Black Tie optional Banquet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 23 -- Registration and Continental Breakfast Call to Order, Invocation, Presentation of Colors, Opening remarks Keynote speaker Past International Director Bill Phillipi State Awards 50 / 50 drawing and Silent Auction</p>			
Items for the Silent Auction welcomed!			

CLUB NEWS

ETC.



Jonesboro University Heights

Lion Charles Hartwig reporting

Jonesboro will see its second Pickleball tournament sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club next month on the Arkansas State University-Jonesboro campus. Pickleball is considered to be the fastest growing sport in the country, and the JUH Lions are proud to sponsor the 2nd Annual University Heights Lions Classic Pickleball Tournament on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 10-12, 2023, inside the ASU HPESS (Health, Physical Education and Sports Sciences) Complex.

The three-day indoor event will be held in cooperation with the ASU Physical Education Department, their student club, and the Jonesboro Pickleball Association. The tournament will have skill and age divisions from teens to 70+, Singles, Men and Women Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

For more information email Tom at tjcw48@gmail.com, or call him at 910-214-1209 after 5 pm. The player registration deadline for the non-sanctioned tournament is March 3rd.



Jonesboro's International Studies Magnet School student Kylie Mashburn holds her peace poster, which won her school's contest in this year's Lions International Peace Poster Competition, and which also won Honorable Mention in the Lions District 7-0 contest. Also in the photo are ISMS art teacher Georgia Summitt and Lions District 7-0 Peace Poster Chair Charles Hartwig. (The students and staff were all wearing pajamas, as it was the last school day before the Christmas break.)



North Little Rock

Lion Deborah Bolding reporting

North Little Rock Lions Club

Annual Bob Moore Memorial Fish Fry

April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)

3 Piece Fried Catfish
With All The Trimmings
Serving 4:30PM Until 6:30PM
NLR First United Methodist Church
6701 JFK Blvd., NLR, AR
Price \$15.00

Contact: Jim Bullard 501-766-9286



Warren

Lion Neeley Vance reporting

The Warren Lions Club has begun its annual vision screenings for preschool age children within Bradley County, Arkansas. Thus far, 16 out of the 85 children screened needed further examination.



Pictured: (left to right) – Lion Leslie Huitt, President Neeley Vance, Lion Delbert Zimmermanly (seated), and Zone Chair, Tim Kessler

**Club Elections
are coming up in April.**

Consider becoming a Lion Leader,
run for office!



Gravette

Lion Jeff Davis reporting

On June 30, this year, the Gravette Club will be celebrating our tenth anniversary. We are the youngest club in district 7-I, but we are proud of our accomplishments in our community and our participation in district and state. Since year four, we have been celebrated our anniversaries with cake and ice cream, which we will again this year. Lions clubs are encouraged to celebrate their successes, and that's what we do whether it's year four, year six or year ten.



We continue with our on-going weekly and monthly service projects like our Monday bookmobile service, Thursday Care & Share work day and our monthly health / diabetes screening. We are making plans for our semi-annual clean up at the cemetery and our quarterly Mile of Highway litter pick up. We will be working again with the library in their summer reading program.

New this year, we are planning a city-wide block party.



Fayetteville

Lion Ruth A. Cohoon reporting

Our club turns one hundred years old on May 10th, this year. We have been working with The Fort Smith Noon Club, our sponsor club, as we plan our celebration.

Sleuthing through lots of data for the Lions 100th Anniversary program, it has been discovered that FOUR! Fayetteville Lions have been both Lions Club President, and Superintendent of the Fayetteville Public Schools! And 3 of the 4 have a school named for them!

F. S. Root: Superintendent 1904 - 1942, President 1924

Virgil Blossom: Superintendent 1942- 1953, President 1940

Harry Vandergriff: Superintendent 1969 - 1982, President 1965

John L Colbert: Superintendent 2018 - 2023, President next year

**Congratulations
to the clubs turning
100 this year.**

Russellville - 2/15/23

Fayetteville - 5/10/23

Mena - 6/14/23

Morrilton - 8/14/23



Calico Rock

Lion Rich Fischer reporting

Lions to administer E.C. Rodman Scholarship Fund

During their January meeting, members of the Calico Rock Lions club accepted responsibility for management of the E.C. Rodman Scholarship Fund which is tapped each year to provide a \$250 scholarship to a college bound Calico Rock high school graduating senior. Thanks much to the Lions for stepping up to serve the community in yet another capacity. *White River Current*



Hot Springs Evening

Lion Rich Fischer reporting

Hot Springs Evening Lions Club had a busy and productive winter quarter. In November, we donated \$1000 to our local Village Employee Benefit Fund. The Village Employees Benefit Fund (VEBF), a non-profit volunteer group not associated with the POA, was founded in 1999 by Village residents to say, "Thank You" to approximately 450 non-executive employees for their service. When we have an ice storm, crippling snowstorm, fire, tornadoes, or some other emergency, their services are very visible. What isn't so visible is their day-to-day effectiveness, even though our workers must do their jobs in heat, cold, and sometimes other dangerous conditions.

The VEBF distributes donated funds to POA Employees at their annual Christmas Luncheon with a thank you note from us, the residents, who deeply appreciate their dedicated performance throughout the year. They also support an emergency fund to assist POA employees with funds during a personal or financial crisis.

In December, our Lions were busy supporting the Cedar Mountain Boys and Girls Club. The club donated \$300 towards the Christmas dinner fund to ensure that families in need had food during the holiday season. Individual Lion members stepped up and donated personal funds to increase that donation to over \$1200. In addition, Lions also sponsored 12 children from the Angel Tree and purchased gifts for children who might not experience a Christmas holiday.

HSV Evening Lions Club presented Christmas gifts to benefit the annual Angel Tree program. Lions were proud to be angels to children in need in the Garland and Saline County.



President Terry Sterzik and Treasurer George Parker present Boys and Girls Club Director Susan Clark with Christmas fund check. Also present is Boys and Girls Club Employee and Lions Club member Jessica Hooper.

Van Buren

Lions Clifford Lyon & Terry Carson reporting



On January 18, 2023, the Van Buren Lions Club had the official dedication of the Mayor Gene Bell Lions Club Park. The event was attended by many of the local community clubs and city officials who helped in making this park project come to completion. The pictures attached show the cutting of the ribbon by Lion Joe McDaniel who was the main organizer of this project for the past 3 years. Also in attendance was DG Dean Rowland who was on hand to represent District 7-I. The park has been a much needed addition to the City of Van Buren and already has been used by the 100 plus kids that live within a few blocks of this new park. A



thanks to all of the Lions Clubs that supported our project and purchased bricks that are being sold to help with its construction and continue the finishing touches to the grounds. DG Dean Rowland is proudly showing us the brick he purchased in honor of his grandkids

Mountain Home

Lion Lisa Vetter reporting

The Mountain Home Lions Club loves to give back to our community and during this holiday season, our members have donated blankets to Grandma's House, Children's Advocacy Center, so each child in need can feel warm & cozy!

Grandma's House is a community-based, non-profit facility where children who are victims of abuse and their families can find help and support while facing the challenges of abuse, the investigation, and the healing process that lies ahead.

Young Artist Bailey Blackaby was presented with a First Place award and check for \$125 as the District 7-I Peace Poster winner this year. District Governor Dean Rowland along with Lions Joe McDonald and Terry Carson presented the check.





Russellville

Lion Carol Allen reporting

We have plans to celebrate our club's 100th anniversary March 16th. Our President Ruth is sort of keeping things under wraps so she can surprise us.

The Russellville Lions rang bells for Salvation Army in December and also collected gifts for the Children's Advocacy Center.

We started celebrating birthdays each month. This month's attendees were Vikki Johnson, Gerald Hook and Jim Dunn.



Ft. Smith Noon

Lion Marty Houston reporting

Kendra Engle from the Arkansas Game & Fish came to speak to the club. She gave us a overview of the Game & Fish function, which is to primarily educate and promote hunting and fishing in Arkansas. Kendra also told us that Arkansas Game & Fish was continuing to host and engage school groups and public programs at Well's Lake.

We also heard from Sidney Bailey (photo) of the Fayetteville Lions club. Fayetteville is hosting the 2023 Arkansas Lions state convention, April 21 & 22nd at the Hilton Garden. She told us that one of the things that the Fayetteville club wants to do during the convention, is to recognize and honor Lions in the state with 40, 50 and 60 years service to Lions.



STATE SERVICE PROJECTS



FUN & PRODUCTIVE MEETING AHEAD! RACE WITH US TO HOT SPRINGS!

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF MID-SOUTH LIONS
WILL BE ON MARCH 17-18 AT OAKLAWN GAMING & RACING
AND THE HOTEL HOT SPRINGS IN ARKANSAS



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FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE RACES
WITH MID-SOUTH LIONS
OUR GROUP WILL MEET AT OAKLAWN GAMING & RACING
ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR A LUNCH BUFFET
THEN BE FEATURED IN THE THIRD RACE
"THE MID-SOUTH LIONS DASH"
OAKLAWN RACING OPENS AT 9 AM WITH BUFFET
BEGINNING AT 11 AM



Ozark

Lion Charlotte Taft reporting

On December 8th some of the Ozark Lions Club members went shopping for toys, etc. for almost 200 kids. The club raises funds for the annual project through donations. On the 19th, the Lions Club and friends came together to wrap all the gifts which were distributed with food bags the following Wednesday.



From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



EVENTS

FEBRUARY

MARCH

17-18 Mid-South Sight & Hearing quarterly meeting / Oaklawn outing, Hot Springs, AR

APRIL

15 Lions Day at Mid-South Sight & Hearing—Hamilton Eye Institute

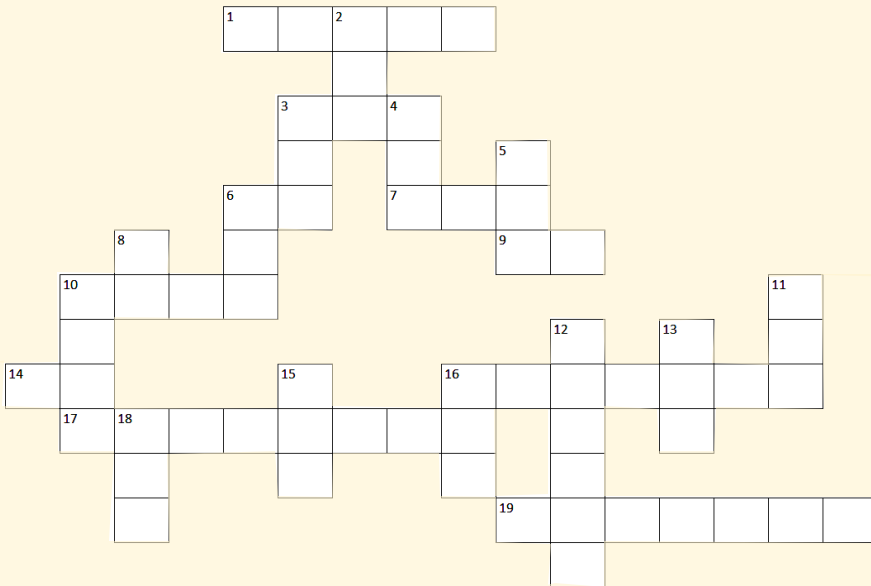
MAY

22-23 Arkansas State Convention - Fayetteville

JUNE

JULY

7-11 LCI Convention—Boston

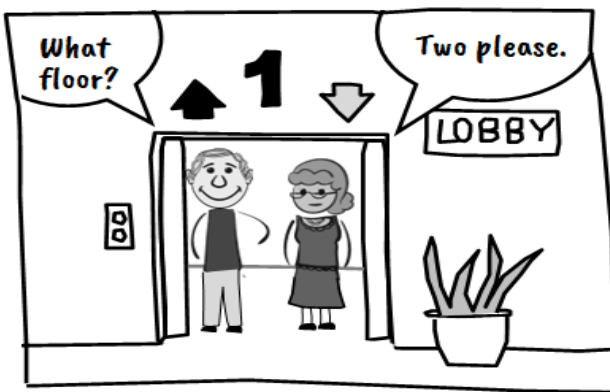


ACROSS:

- 1 Keeping membership records
- 3 Past International President (abv)
- 6 State districts (abv)
- 7 Membership plan (abv)
- 9 Fines members (abv)
- 10 Provides grants and emergency funds (abv)
- 14 North America is _____ 1 (abv)
- 16 Lions motto
- 17 First clubs
- 19 "_____ of the Blind"

DOWN:

- 2 Parent organization (abv)
- 3 Past International Director (abv)
- 4 Past District Governor (abv)
- 5 Global Action Team (abv)
- 6 Doner to 10 across (abv)
- 8 Over a few clubs (abv)
- 11 Next DG (abv)
- 12 Membership "Just _____"
- 13 _____ 990 (abv)
- 15 In line for district governor (abv)
- 16 Lions founded organization for the blind (abv)



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Ten Years Ago!

