

MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions
April 2022 -- No. 17



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JOHN W. YONEY TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Council Chair Jeremy Kimble has announced that International Director John W. Youney will be giving the keynote address at the annual Arkansas Lions Convention in May.

John W. Youney, from Skowhegan, Maine, USA, is serving a two year term as an international director of the Lions Clubs. Director Youney has worked as a trial attorney for the past 41 years and is the president of Merrill, Hyde, Fortier & Youney, P.A.

ID Youney has served with the Skowhegan Lions Club since becoming a Lion in 1975 and has held a number of offices with the association including district governor and GMT state coordinator. He has also served as the director as well as president of the New England Lions

Council.

Director Youney has presented at several DGE Regional School seminars and has served multiple times as a presenter and moderator for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. He has received numerous awards including several International President's Awards. Director Youney is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Youney is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including his service as chairperson of the Skowhegan Planning Board for over 18 years.

Director Youney is married to Lion Karol Kish Youney having served together since 1981. Lion Karol is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



Schedule:
Arkansas State Convention
May 13-14
Jonesboro, AR

Friday:

5:00 to 6:00 — Council of Governors Meeting
7:30 to 10:30 — "Old Fashion Hoe-Down"

Saturday:

8:00 — Past District Governors Association Breakfast and Installation w/ ID Youney
9:00 — Registration—Weiner Lions Club
10:00 — Call to Order—CC Jeremy Kimble
Invocation— Lion Ken Stallings
Presentation of Colors — Brookland Junior ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance — PDG Larry Wilkerson
Introduction of Guests — CC Jeremy Kimble
ID John and Karol Youney, Mayor Copenhaver
10:10 — Call for resolutions or elections
10:30 — Eye Bank (State Project)
10:45 — Leader Dog (State Project)
11:00 — Break
11:10 — Memorial Service—Past District Governors Assoc.
12:00 — Lunch
12:45 — Guest Speaker—ID John W. Youney
2:00 — Mid-South Sight & Hearing (State Project)
2:15 — World Service for the Blind (State Project)
2:30 — Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)
2:45 — Peace Poster Contest
3:15 — Silent Auction & 50-50 drawing
3:30 — Awards and Presentations
4:00 — Closing remarks
Adjournment

District meetings will be announced

PATTERSON, YOUNG SEEK COUNCIL CHAIR



For the first time in several years, Multi-District Seven has a race for council chair as District Governors Roy Patterson and Don Young both seek that position. Each year, one of the sitting district governors

is elected by the current council of governors, including the council chair, along with the incoming district governors to become the next council chair. That election usually happens at the council meeting coinciding with the annual convention. The vote is by secret ballot.

District Governor Roy Patterson is a member of the Jonesboro Nettleton Club in District 0 and District Governor Don Young is a member of the Carlisle Club in District N.

Although the election is held at the Council of Governors meeting, the results are usually announced at the convention's business meeting.



LIONS WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY

Lions Worldwide Induction Day, held annually on the last Saturday in April, is a worldwide event that welcomes new members and gives Lions the opportunity to stimulate membership growth and increase public awareness.

Before Covid, it was not unusual to hold our Arkansas State Convention on the last Saturday in April where we would hold a special Worldwide Induction Day ceremonies allowing new members to be sworn in by our guest from international. This year, our convention does not coincide with Induction Day, but that should not stop clubs, zones or even districts from organizing such events on April 30.

For additional information on Induction Day planning, go to the Lions Club website. Plan an event, invite the press, seek district leaders to participate and make this a unique introduction to Lionism for your new members.

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COUNCIL of GOVERNORS



Rene' Roberts Roy Patterson Jeremy Kimble
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MEMBERSHIP MANIA

It was a great honor for me to be the featured speaker at the Mid Winter Leadership Forum held in January. Membership is SOOOOOO very important to our organization. I gave several statistics including one that is very real. If we continue on the current pattern, in the next 10 to 12 years, Lions of Arkansas will cease to exist if we continue on the current trend. We must have a turn around on membership numbers.

The latest report from LCI shows we are at -99 members for the year. This is an improvement over past years. However, if we could have retained the clubs that have closed, we would be in a much better position to end the year. The report I mentioned shows one District with gains, one is at the same number they started with, and two other Districts show losses for the year.

How can we overcome this membership dilemma?

1. We must all take a personal interest in gaining and RETAINING members
2. Invite potential members to Service Projects and fundraisers
3. Ask friends, family, business acquaintances, church members and those that want to serve their community.
4. Always carry a new member application with you and give it to a potential member
5. Wear your Lions Club Pin and/or apparel proudly

**WE ARE MD7 LIONS AND WE ARE PROUD OF OUR HERITAGE.
WE WILL MOVE FORWARD AND WE WILL OVERCOME AS WE SERVE
OUR COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE.**

MD 7 GMT
PCC Tracy Price



MD-7 Lions State Convention
Saturday May 13.14, 2022
Embassy Suites
223 Red Wolf Blvd.
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Your Name _____ Badge Name (if different) _____

Club Name _____ Town _____ Phone _____

I am a: Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ (Check blank that applies) (Leos free)

I am a: Delegate ___ Alternate ___ (Check blank that applies)

Delegate Name _____ Badge Name (if different) _____

Club Name _____ Town _____

Spouse is a: Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ (Check blank that applies)

Spouse is a: Delegate ___ Alternate ___ (Check blank that applies)

LEO's and FIRST Timers FREE!

If either name is a delegate for:

Club Name _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email (please print) _____

----- Registration Fees -----

All attendees Lions, and Mature Lions \$35.00! Late fee \$45.

The registration fee includes Registration, Breaks, Lunch and Speaker.

Friday Night Hoe-down fee \$10 for entertainment

Special hotel Rates at Embassy Suites 870-619-4482 (Tell them you're with LIONS)

Cut-off date is April 29, 2022

Lion / Lioness / Guest \$35	Register by 27 th of April, 2022 Friday night fee \$10	Late Registration after 28 th of April \$45
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# Registration on this form _____	Check Amount _____	Check # _____
Friday Fee _____	Including Friday Night	

Your Host Club: NEA Lions Club will be staffing a Hospitality Room Friday 7:30 till 11p.m.

Send registration forms to '
PDG Pat Snodgrass
1600 Kyle Cove
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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



Des Arc

Lion John Stevens reporting

Des Arc Lions Club sack lunch fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday April 28 at the WOW Pavilion on the White River. Drive thru - pickup sack lunches that include 1/3 lb burger, chips, drink, and dessert all for \$ 6.00 are available from 11 AM - 1 PM.



Van Buren

Lion Terry Carson reporting

To celebrate it's 100th anniversary, the Van Buren Lions Club is working with the city to create a park where the old police station used to be. Groundbreaking for the park, to be named for former mayor and Lion Gene Bell, was held in late March.

When completed, Gene Bell park will have a playground, picnic tables, benches, landscaping and a walking trail. Everything will be handicapped accessible.

Lion Joe McDaniel, who is leading the project, estimates the total cost to be about \$35,000 of which \$8,000 has been raised so far. Fundraising continues and the City of Van Buren will also be contributing to the project.



Jazmyne Brown, age 13, was the winner of our Peace Poster contest. She is a student at the River Valley Virtual Academy in the Van Buren School District. Our Club awarded her \$50.



Conway Noon

Lion Phyliss Fry reporting

Conway Noon Lions Club inducted Mary Catherine Harvison on March 29, 2022. Mrs. Harvison is the daughter of Lion Gary Cox who is the 1st VP of the club. Pictured is Lion Gary, Mary Catherine and Lion Phyliss Fry, club Secretary.



Senator Missy Irvin recently spoke to our Club. Senator Irvin lives in Mountain View but serves portions of Faulkner County. She has been instrumental in crafting many bills that have to do with education and health reform in our state. President Denny Brown is pictured with the Senator.



District 7L

Lion Leighanne Walker reporting

The District 7-L Annual Convention will be held on April 23, 2022, in Mena, AR. It will be hosted by the Mena Lioness Lions Club at Christ Community Fellowship Church.



SAVE
THE
DATE

Saturday
April 23, 2022

Registration
Starts at 8:00 am

Continental
Breakfast & Lunch
Provided

District 7-L
Annual
Convention

at
Christ Community Fellowship
2837 Hwy 88 W, Mena

Have you heard?

Discount for Early
Registration by March 23

CLUB ELECTIONS

Don't forget to report
your new club officers!

Club Reports

Continued



Jonesboro University Heights

Lion Charles Hartwig reporting

A recent speaker was Megan Brown, Co-Founder, President, and CEO of Hope Found of NE Arkansas, which deals with human trafficking. Hope Found, a faith-based organization, fights human trafficking by prevention and restoration.



Jonesboro Police Department Officer Rachel Anderson explaining to the JUH Lions the operation of the *Real Time Crime Center* which she directs. The RTCC, the only one in Arkansas, has over 400 cameras in operation.

The awards ceremony for our club's 2021-2022 Lions International Peace Poster local contest was held at the City Youth Ministries building on January 11th.

The photo below shows (l-r) 3rd place winner Chole Duke, 7-0 District Governor Roy Patterson (who helped with the ceremony), and JUH Lions Charles Hartwig, Mary Hartwig, and Louis Clarke. In front is 1st place winner K'larie Carter.



1st Annual Jonesboro's University Heights Lions Classic PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 8th-10th, 2022

ASU HPESS COMPLEX
316 University Loop Circle
Jonesboro, AR. 72467

For more information call Tom (910) 214-1209 between 5 and 9 pm. or email: tjcw48@gmail.com.

Age divisions from teens to 70+ with skill level. Singles, M-W Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

To register and for more information and to download entry form visit: asupemclub.weebly.com

Proceeds from our tournament will support the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club's "We Serve" and "Kindness Matters" projects.



North Little Rock

Lion DebPerry Bolding reporting

Fish Fry
April 22, 2022



Three Catfish Filets, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries
Dine-In and Carry Out

Serving 4:30PM Until 6:30PM

Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church
9921 AR-107, Sherwood AR
Price \$15.00



Gravette

Lion Jeff Davis reporting

After a planning meeting in early January, we are well along the way to introducing many new services in our community.

Care and Share, a successful local multiple-church sponsored organization always needs help. On February 1, we started volunteering there one day a week with a rotating group of members. On April 15, we will become proud sponsors and are looking forward to keeping our Mile of Highway (out by the high school) clean.

We have long worked with our local library to provide bookmobile service to the Senior Center, but in June, will add a similar service to the library's remotely located summer reading program.

All of our existing service programs continue including our ongoing environmental, health and vision programs.

Since the first of the year, we have two new members, Lions Randy Cannon and Jay Oliphant. Last year, we met our "Gain 1 in 21" goal and have a goal of gaining three this year.

Still, no official word on our American Rescue Funds grant, but one local TV station reported that "A request for \$1300 by the Gravette Lions Club was approved."



Club Reports

Continued



Fort Smith

Lion Marty Houston reporting



The Fort Smith Lions are again smoking-up and selling racks of BBQ Ribs on April 10.

They will be cooking 325 racks, the cost is \$30 per

rack with the money going to sight conservation.

Ribs may be pre-ordered by contacting any member of the Fort Smith Club.

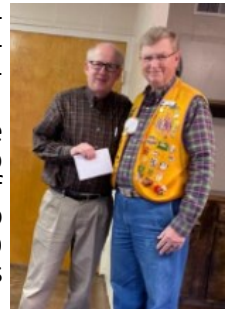


Clarksville

Lion Rita Price reporting

Lion Tracy Price had the privilege of presenting Lion Philip Taylor with a donation from the members of the Clarksville Lions Club.

Lion Philip's son has a rare form of skin cancer and has to travel to Little Rock for a series of Radiation treatments! We were so glad to be able help Lion Phillip with expenses occurred during this time!



Russellville

Lion Carol Allen reporting

Our vision Camera died. So we got to work getting together the money to buy a new one. First was donation from Connie Zimmer in memory of Steve. Then more money was given in memory. We received a grant from Community Giving and applied for a LOAF grant which we received also. We have ordered a new camera which should be here soon.

We have also applied for a grant from Firestone and will use it for supplies and possibly a new printer.

STATE

SERVICE PARTNERS



**Eighty Years
Of
Miracles**
1942 to 2022

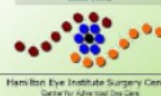
On March 11 and 12, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing celebrated their Eightieth Anniversary with a banquet, meeting, tours and other special activities. The guest speaker was Past International President Jimmy Ross shown with DG Roy Patterson, CC Jeremy Kimble and PDG Pat Snodgrass.



The announcement of our June Cataract-A-Thon was made, and it falls squarely on our annual meeting date. The Cataract-A-Thon will be on Saturday, June 4 at the Hamilton Eye Institute Surgery Center. It's our intention to do as many of our committee meetings as possible via Zoom prior to the annual meeting.

2022 MID-SOUTH LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Proceeds benefit the sight and hearing impaired



FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2021
REGISTRATION & LUNCH 11 AM
TEE TIME 1 PM

Our golf tournament will also be that weekend on Friday, June 3 at Cherokee Valley Golf Course in Olive Branch, MS. As most of you know our major benefactor for the tournament passed away a couple of weeks after last year's event and we'll be looking hard to replace the revenue and number of teams Sam Ware recruited. It's important for our cash flow and patient care during the summer for this event to produce significant revenue. I'm calling on all of you to recruit a team or two, enlist a sponsor or two and help us continue to make this event viable.



Arkansas Lions State Convention #104

May 13, 14, 2022

Jonesboro, AR

Attention Sponsors!

The Arkansas Lions are inviting you to help them with their Annual State Convention #104. This will be delivered to all Lions attending convention and potential for statewide coverage.

We are selling ads for our convention program at the following rates.

Full page 8 1/2 x 11	\$100.
Half page 4 1/4 x 5.5	55.
1/4 Page	35.

Make checks payable to: MD7 Lions Conv.
c/o Pat Snodgrass
1600 Kyle Cove
Jonesboro, AR 72401

We ask that the copy be sent in WordPerfect format so that we might adjust margins and photos fit to ensure that you get your dollars' worth. Copy should be received no later than **April 14, to:**

Pat Snodgrass, PDG
kbsfyn@gmail.com

From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



All roads lead to Jonesboro!

With the convention just a month away, can you match the lions club location with its distance* from Jonesboro?

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. Texarkana | A. 44 miles |
| 2. Cherokee Village | B. 323 miles |
| 3. Bella Vista | C. 270 miles |
| 4. West Memphis | D. 200 miles |
| 5. Clarksville | E. 183 miles |
| 6. Hot Springs | F. 65 miles |
| 7. Newport | G. 67 miles |
| 8. Stuttgart | H. 119 miles |

☆ According to Google maps

Answers:

1) C 2) G 3) B 4) F 5) D 6) E 7) A 8) H

EVENTS



APRIL

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

10 BBQ Ribs—Fort Smith *Info*

8-10 Jonesboro Univ. Hgts Pickleball Tournament *Info*

22 North Little Rock Fish-fry *Info*

22 Earth Day

23 District 7-L Convention *Info*

28 Des Ark Bag Lunch Fundraiser *Info*

30 Lions Worldwide Induction Day *Info*

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

MAY

13-14 State Convention, Jonesboro, AR *Info*

JUNE

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

1 Helen Keller Day

3 Mid-South Golf Tournament *Info*

4 Cataract-a-Thon & Mid-South Annual Meeting *Info*

24-28 International Convention, Montreal, Canada

Info Additional information appears elsewhere in this newsletter

