

MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions
November 2020 -- No. 10



Members of the Elkins Lions and Leo clubs spent two days recently painting the stage in the city's Bunch Park. The park sits along the edge of the White River and the stage is used by performing bands and for many other entertainment events for the community

COMMENTS:

Brad Baker, Council Chair



Fellow Lions and Friends: What if I told you today that anything can happen. Good things, bad things, remarkable things, and even miraculous things. I always dreamed of becoming a District Governor like my Dad had done, but considering my position at Mid-South, I never thought that was a real possibility. But 40 years to the day after my Dad became a District Governor in Montreal, I became one in Milan.

Certainly it was not in the cards for me to become Council Chair for the Lions of Arkansas. Yet here I stand... You can decide for yourself what category those things fall into... I don't have any inkling about becoming a Lions Clubs International Director, and even in my wildest fantasy I've never considered that I could become president of our great association. But friends, right now in 2020, I can tell you that through three major tornadoes in my district, a worldwide pandemic, being in the path of a hurricane (and maybe another on right now), floods, earthquakes and the Razorbacks winning an SEC football game, that anything, ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING can happen.

Now, does that mean I'm going to become an international director or president of Lions Clubs International...not hardly. But I do hear that there is a virus going around. A virus that can infect anyone at any time in any place around the world. Maybe you've heard about this. This virus is highly contagious and has a multitude of symptoms. You can even have it and not even know it. That's what I want to focus on right now.

There are people in your community that have been exposed to this virus and probably need to be tested or shown the effects of this virus. Because they don't know they have it, they can't really act on how to cure it.

I'm quite certain you've heard about this virus. This virus started over a century ago and has spread into over 200 countries, it has physically affected over 1.4 million people. Symptoms include but are not limited to making lifelong friends; learning great leadership skills; having fun while working hard; touching every aspect of your community through service. This potent virus is right here amongst us today.

The virus is Lionism!

You know you've been exposed to this virus, and you must be infected yourself to infect others. Many of you have highly visible symptoms. Maybe you aren't showing symptoms yet, but once the bug really bites you through some act of kindness, or by being involved in serving those less fortunate, all you will want to do is infect others. But you people who are infected with this virus are the only ones capable of infecting others.

You don't really have to go out of your way to infect those with the symptoms...and they ARE out there. You see them in your community every single day. I assure you there are people everywhere who want to make friends, learn to and be given the opportunity to lead. Everyone likes having fun and a heart of service beats in many, many of your friends and neighbors. It's our job to spread this virus every way we can. More hands mean more help for our communities. It's the only way this virus will survive.

To do this we must make ourselves available to expose others every chance we get. Folks this is important. It's important to you, it's important to your Lions Club, it's important to your community and it's important to our world. And even in a pandemic, perhaps especially in a pandemic, we must continue to serve however we can. Find ways to serve, and to publicly proclaim it's the virus that made you do it!

Because of YOU, LIONISM is the strongest virus there is. SERVICE is greater than any pandemic and KINDNESS overcomes all. After all, if you add Kindness PLUS Service, look in the mirror because that equals A LION.

I hate to break it to you, but if you're exhibiting symptoms like kindness and service, friend, you've already been infected. So, go out there and infect others with the spirit of service and a heart of kindness. You won't regret it, and neither will they.

The virus makes us do what we do, but this is NOT just what we do. It's who we are, and who we will continue to be.

Respectfully submitted and Together in service, Lion Brad Baker...
And proof that anything really is possible... Council Chair

Council of Governors
2020-2021

Council Chair: Brad Baker
Vice Chair: Jeremy Kimble
Secretary: Jeff Davis
Treasurer: Cleon Rodgers
Member: Ethan Dunbar

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2nd Quarter COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The second quarter Council of Governors meeting was held recently as part of the District 7-O convention in Jonesboro. Council Chair Brad Baker and Governors Ethan Dunbar and Jeremy Kimble attended in-person while Governors Cleon Rogers and Jeff Davis participated using a Zoom link.

The minutes of the July 25 meeting were approved along with the treasurer's report.

PCC Myrna McGee, administrator for the Tele-Retinal grant said the final grant report was sent and received by LCIF, who have not responded to the report yet.

President Bob Egendoerfer of the Bryant Lions Club sent a letter and other information asking the Lions of Arkansas to support their stand against the governor's plan to merge the Division of Services for the Blind into the Arkansas Rehabilitative Services. 7-N Vice Governor Bill Johnson, a board member for the DSB also spoke to

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keep the two agencies separate. The Governors agreed to support the DBS stand against the merger and asked VG Bill Johnson to prepare a resolution to be signed by the Council and presented to Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson.

The Mid-Winter Forum is scheduled for the end of January. The council agreed to plan it as an in-person event with a Zoom feed. PIP Jerome Thompson is slated to be the keynote speaker.

District 7-N Governor Cleon Rogers asked the Multi-district for \$2000 to re-supply their A.L.E.R.T. trailer. It was suggested that they apply for a matching LCIF grant with the possibility of using MD-7 funding for the matching portion.

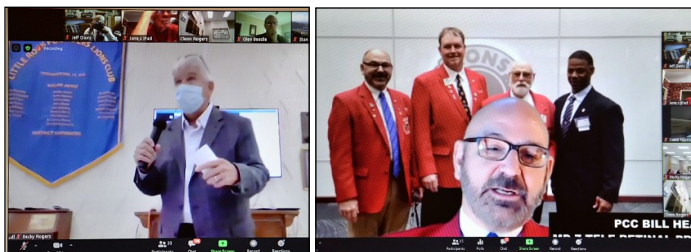
Each district governor and committee chairperson offered reports.

Minutes of the council meeting, including reports can be seen on the MD-7 e-Clubhouse web page.

ARKANSAS NEWS

7-N FIRST TO HOLD VIRTUAL CONVENTION

On Saturday, September 26, District 7-N, under the guidance of DG Cleon Rogers and his leadership team, stepped out with our state's first district convention of the Covid crisis. Conducted using the Zoom meeting platform, the 7-N conventions was actually a hybrid, with some members and delegates attending live at World Services for the Blind while others attended on line.



After opening remarks by DG Rogers, presentation of the colors and invocation, Maumelle (host club) Mayor / Lion Caleb Norris welcomed the Lions and gave a virtual tour of the city.

In addition to the great video collage opening, one of the convention highlights was the district governors interviews with a number of long tenured Lions. Their reflections on their many years of Lions service and fellowship was inspirational in a way that we don't usually hear from convention speakers. The keynote was given by Mickey Spillane, a motivational speaker well known to Arkansas Lions.

The only district business for the convention was to announce and certify the elections, which had been held earlier using mail-in ballots. Don Young was elected to serve as district governor for 2020-21. Elected First Vice District Governors was Bill Johnson.

LOG-ON ISSUES MAR START OF USA/CANADA FORUM

This year's USA/Canada forum, scheduled for Louisville, Kentucky, had to be held virtually like so many other events have this year.

The three-day on-line event fell victim to opening day log-in mishaps, but went on to present several more days of workshops and presentations hosted by many of our international leaders and others with special expertise.

One such presentation was *How Do We Approach the Younger Generation* by VDG Daniel Marney Elkins. Lion Daniel has a successful record of reaching out to new members and has given many such programs at ALLI, GPLI and the DG Training at St. Charles.

Together, our three international vice presidents presented NAMI updates and information. Other programs included Zoom meeting success and racing towards a Diabetes cure.

Because of the log-in snafu, many of us did not get to participate in the opening session or hear the presentation by International President Choi.

The next USA/Canada Forum is scheduled for next September in Des Moines, Iowa.



7-L HOLDS CONVENTION Offers Virtual Link

District 7-L Governor Ethan Dunbar officiated their successful convention on October 10. Although the event was essentially an in-person gathering (with all Covid restrictions and cautions in force) there was a Zoom link available for those wishing to attend virtually.

After the presentation of colors, invocation and opening remarks, Mid-South CEO Brad Baker was the first speaker. Next, changing hats (not literally), CC Brad Baker described a more than one hundred year old infectious virus, Lionism.

Other presenters spoke about the World Services for the Blind and the district's NAMI plans. The district governor, himself, talked about LCIF's Campaign 100 using examples of what can be done with just a \$100 donation.

Past International President Bob Corlew gave the keynote address describing *Build a Vision as "finding a team that fits the community."*

The conventions business included election of officers for 2021-22 and for a Lions of Arkansas Foundation (LOAF) board member.

Rene Roberts was elected to serve as the next district governor with Travis Burton and Toni Shockey elected vice governors.



7-0 CONVENTION IN JONESBORO

On Saturday, October 17, District 7-0 Governor Jeremy Kimble called their annual convention to order. After the invocation and posting of colors, DG Kimble gave a few opening comments and introduced Council Chair Brad Baker, who spoke on a virus called Lionism.



As CEO of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing, CC Baker made a short presentation for Mid-South, one of our state projects. Lion Sharon Giovinazzo, CEO of the World Services for the Blind spoke about that group, also a state project, in her pre-recorded comments.



A feature of the event was the comments from district zone chairs and club representatives who spoke about projects and events in their communities.

Ray Keller (yes, he is related to another Keller well know in Lions history) was the keynote speaker. Keller, who lives in Weiner spoke on several topics, but drove home his theme, "tough times cause organizations to grow."

The business part of the convention included election of district officers for the following year. Elected were Jeff Boone, District Governor; Roy Patterson, First Vice Governor and Kimsey Earles, Second Vice Governor.

2nd VDG Elect Kim Earles Looks forward to serving

Kim Earles is a member of the Harrisburg, Arkansas Lions Club, a Centennial Club chartered on 9 September 2017. He served as Vice President that year as well as a Zone Chair for District 7-0. The following year he was elected Club President and 2VDG.

"On June 28th of 2019 as I was ready to start my year as 1VDG and 2nd year as Club President I found out I needed bypass surgery. On 2 July I had a quadruple bypass and had to step down from my positions until I was healed enough to continue. I was back with my club in April and started this year as Club President again. At our District Convention On 17 October I was again elected to the 2VDG position."

VDGE Earles looks forward to becoming District Governor. He is a certified guiding Lion and has received a Certificate of Appreciation from Past International President Yngvadottir.

"During my surgery and recovery I had total support from my fellow Lions and wish to thank them." Earles added.

7-1 DELEGATES TO VOTE ON-LINE

Using a plan supported by LCI's legal department, District 7-1 will be holding elections this year using the on-line platform, ElectionBuddy®.

The district has postponed its usual fall convention until next March, but still needs to hold elections by the end of the year. Sample elections using ElectionBuddy® have shown it to be a full-proof system providing secure ballots for certified delegates only.

District elections will be December 7-11. This allows for all of the timelines and election steps specified in 7-1's constitution/bylaws.



Time to File with the IRS

Dear Lion Leaders,

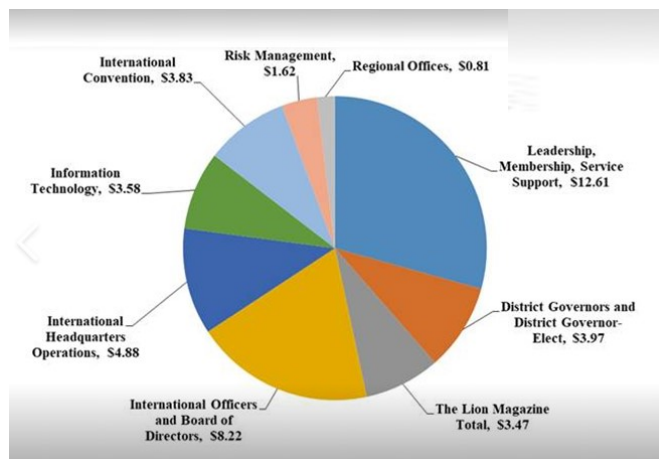
Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Kindest regards,

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International

YOUR ANNUAL DUES:

The graph below reflects a five-year history of how your Lions Club International membership of \$43.00 is used to support Lions and clubs around the world.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

PEACE

IMPORTANT DATES

November 15

Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster to the district governor.

December 1

Postmark deadline for district governor to send one winning poster to the council chair.

December 15

Postmark deadline for the council chair to send one winning poster to the LCI public relations department.

February 1

International winners will be notified on or before this date.

Please observe all contest deadlines!

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE



Corning

Lion Lisa Holsapple reporting

The Corning Lions Club have donated a total of ten AED (Automatic External Defibrillators) to our local patrol units, five to the city of Corning and five to Clay County.

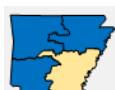


An AED may save your life during cardiac arrest. The machine being used is called a **defibrillator**, and its use isn't limited to a hospital setting. Devices called automated external defibrillators (AEDs) can be used at home and in schools and are found in a number of public places.

The club had two fish-fry fund raisers to help with the purchase of the AED's.

We are very thankful for the businesses and the people of our community that support our club.

The Corning Club wanted to share with our district how blessed we are to serve together for the good of others. We are thankful for Lions International and our district.



North Little Rock

Lion Deborah Bolding reporting

The North Little Rock Lions are holding their annual Fruit Basket Sale through December 7.

For more information or to order call:
 Lion Jim Bullard—501-766-9286
 Lion Glenna Butler—501-590-6071
 Lion Deborah Bolding — 501-416-0715

Annual Fruit Sale

Orders must be booked by December 7, 2020

Pickup after 10:30 AM on
 December 16, 2020

Peck Baskets \$30.00
 Half Peck Baskets \$20.00

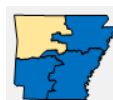


Nettleton

Lion Jeremy Kimble reporting



While visiting the Nettleton Lions Club District Governor Jeremy Kimble had the privilege of presenting a gift of appreciation to Hubert Bittle for his 43 years of service.



Russellville

Lion Carol Allen reporting



In Russellville, the Lions have been conducting their roadside trash pick-up as well as collecting supplies for the local elementary school and for the daily necessities for homeless teens.

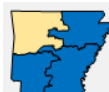


Calico Rock

Lion Jeremy Kimble reporting



Ninety-year old Rayvon Cantrell, club treasurer from Calico Rock and a 65 year lion is pictured here with club president Jerrad King and District 7-O Governor Jeremy Kimble.

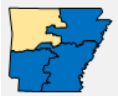


Conway Noon

Lion Phyllis Fry reporting

Members of the Conway Noon Lions Club spent a morning gathering trash along the city street they have adopted.





Van Buren

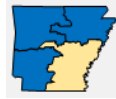
Lion Terry Carson reporting

The Van Buren Lions recently held their twentieth annual golf tournament. Nine teams participated and raised \$2500 for the club.

The Club is expecting many entries in our Peace Poster contest again this year. We have partnered the last 2 years with our Center for Art & Education (CAE) to promote the contest. Last year's winner Julia Sherman also placed third at District.



The Van Buren club is looking forward to celebrating its 100th anniversary next year and has been working with the city to build a small neighborhood park to mark the milestone.



North Little Rock

Lion Robert Maxwell reporting

The Little Rock Founders Club has completed a number of service projects for our community this year.

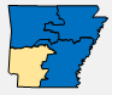
As part of our Vision Service, we funded a Prescription Drug Reader Program for the blind and visually impaired through Medic Pharmacy in Little Rock. A program is installed on the client's telephone so it will read out loud the name and dosage of their prescription drugs.

For the environment, we have sponsored an Adopt-a-Street clean up program run by the city of Little Rock. The commitment is for at least a year and we must pick up the trash at least six times a year. We've adopted Fair Park Blvd from 28th street to 32 street.

We will be volunteering at the Highland Valley United Church's weekly food pantry to feed the hungry during the Covid crisis.

The club continues to sponsor the Royals, a Little League baseball team.

Several fundraisers are planned including White Cane Days and the sale of peanuts and candy.



Texarkana Noon

Lion Ed Foster reporting



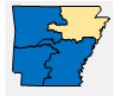
At the Texarkana Noon Lions Club our passion is the LionsKidsightUSA Project. We have ten members that are certified to perform vision screenings by LionsKidsightUSA and the State of Texas Department of Health Services. Unfortunately due the

Covid-19 pandemic we can no longer go to schools, kindergartens and other public events because of the social distancing issues. So, until that is possible to do we are trying to find other ways to fulfill our motto of 'We Serve'.



We just completed a drive to collect toys for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots. We also collected writing materials for Friends For A Cause to be distributed to nursing home shut-ins allowing them to correspond with family and friends. We have also collected games, crayons and coloring books for the children at CASA, (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

We are currently volunteering once a week to pack food boxes for Harvest Regional Food Bank, to help feed those in need. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of families that need help with food due to the current employment situation.



Cherokee Village

Lion Emmett Griffith reporting

The Cherokee Village Lions Club held its annual golf tournament on August 29th and had 38 teams participating. It was very successful.

We held our White Cane Day on October 1, 2 and 3. We had hoped for a successful event, but the pandemic curbed donations.

Again this year, we are sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest in our schools.

The club has a surplus of medical equipment that we loan out to people that need some help. Any club that wants to start a medical shed, please contact Lion Emmett Griffith at 870-847-2279. We have several walkers, bedside commodes, crutches and canes that we could donate to help someone get started.

Thank you and we want to wish everyone a safe and healthy happy thanksgiving and Christmas. Remember wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands often.

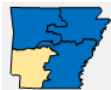


Rea Ridge

Our club has invited Sharon Giovanazzo from World Services for the Blind to speak. She has agreed and will be in Pea Ridge on January 14, 2021. Our club is excited she is coming. We hope to make this a great event, although COVID will play a role in what we can do.

We participated in a drive-through trick or treat, which will be our last service project until 2021.

We will have our annual Poinsettia sale in November and will be taking orders by phone, text and email.



Mena Lioness

Lion Leighanne Walker reporting

Our club sponsors the Backpack Fundraiser for Polk County, AR. We usually hold an Annual Dinner and Auction to raise a large portion of the funds for the charities we sponsor.

Since COVID-19 has prohibited our ability to hold the auction, we decided to use social media, newspapers, phones, and direct contact to raise funds. We are asking people to "Adopt a Child" to cover the cost of a 'child's weekend backpack food' for nine months.

So far, the response has been great. It looks as if we will reach our goal this year thanks to the hard work of our club members.

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

POLK COUNTY

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Mena Lioness Lions

DONATE AND FEED A CHILD IN NEED

Sponsor one child for an entire school year
\$126

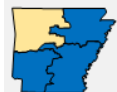
One Month of Backpacks
\$14

For the cost of 1 lunch/dinner you can provide an entire month of backpack items for a food insecure child.

How you can help today?

- Contact any Mena Lioness Member to donate
- Drop off your donation at Union Bank--note "Backpack" on check
- Mail your donation to: Mena Lioness Lions, PO Box 688, Mena AR 71953

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
Who will feed the kids this weekend?

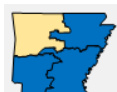
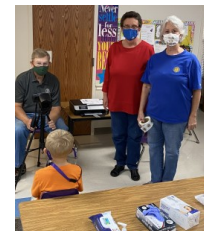


Ozark

Lion Rita Price reporting

The Ozark Lions and Clarksville Lions Club partnered to do a Vision Screening at the Preschool in Ozark, AR.

Pictured Left to Right from the Clarksville Lions Club are Lions Tracy and Rita Price and from the Ozark Lions Club is Lion Charlotte Taff.



Clarksville

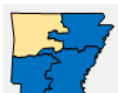
Lions Tracy and Rita Price reporting

We have done over 150 vision screens so far and have a Vision Screening scheduled for the kindergarten and first grade at Clarksville Primary School. There are approximately 360 students to be screened. Our vision screens are done while wearing masks and social distancing.

We have given hand sanitizer and disposable masks to the four schools in Johnson County. As a result of delivering the hand sanitizer and masks, one of the Principals has submitted a request for membership. I still feel strongly that SERVICE is the key to increasing our membership.

SERVICE is a way to rejuvenate our clubs and get our members back to helping others.

Clarksville Lions Club met on Tuesday September 8 at Kaspers with twelve club members and 4 guests in attendance. Our special guest was Chuck Barrett "Voice of The Arkansas Razorbacks"! He was introduced by his long time friend Lion Philip Taylor. Chuck spoke about the future of Razorback athletics and the possible road blocks due to Covid-19.



Mountain Home

Lion Larry Luman reporting

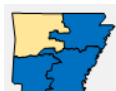
The Mountain Home club has purchased four vision screening devices which were donated to high schools in Mountain Home, Norfolk, Cotter and Flip-pin allowing those school systems to do their own screening with state-of-the-art devices.

The club will again be holding its annual auction in early November. Local merchants have been generous this year providing the club with many great items.



www.LionsClubAuction.com

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Elkins

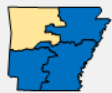
Lion Dean Rowland reporting

On Monday and Tuesday, October 12 & 13 members of the Elkins Lions Club assisted with vision screenings at Elkins' Primary, Elementary & Middle Schools.

With the assistance of the Fayetteville Lions Club, which provided the equipment & expertise, the vision of nearly 300 students was screened, potential issues noted & referred for further testing.

This assistance is invaluable to the nurses at our schools since without it they would be required to screen students using less accurate & much more time consuming methods.

Three Elkins Lions participated for 18 hours of service over the two days. 295 students were tested.



Gravette

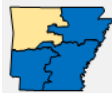
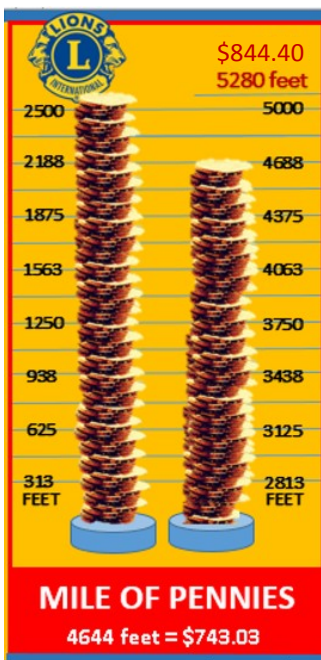
Lions Jeff Davis and Karen Benson reporting

The Gravette Lions have had two in-person meetings since Covid started, one for our anniversary and officer installation and the other just to meet one time more in person before it gets too cold. Both meetings were outdoors. We have been meeting regularly using Zoom during the pandemic.

We recently conducted vision screening at Gravette's Glenn Duffy Elementary School and planted more hosta plants in an area of the cemetery our club has maintained for years.

The club recently purchased and installed a bench and umbrella on the back deck of the Gravette Public Library. The deck had been completed several years ago, but never had accommodations for visitors to sit and read. Sitting for the photo is Library staffer (and frequent Lion volunteer), Brittany.

In early November, our club will hold our annual White Cane Day drive to raise funds. Our Mile of Pennies program continues. We have collection jars at local business with the hope of collecting a mile of pennies. A mile is 5,280 feet or 84,480 pennies. The program is several years old now and the chart shows just how close we are to reaching our goal. A mile of pennies is \$844.40.



Fort Smith Noon

Lions Marty Houston reporting

A recent speaker was Charlotte Tidwell and her sister Martha, founders of Antioch ministries. Charlotte's story is well documented, having been featured on NBC nightly news. Retired now from her career as a nurse, she gives a good portion of her retirement savings to help feed the community.



Recently, Frito-Lay has recognized Charlotte's efforts in their million dollar push for feeding the hungry by selecting her story as a feature on their potato chip bags.



Charlotte said that Antioch Ministries now serves over 30,000 in need in our area and have been doing so for 21 years. She said recent efforts have focused on making those they serve self sufficient. Charlotte told us that those efforts were starting at the roots of the issue, such as being incarcerated.

Sebastian county ranks highest with incarceration rates in Arkansas and Arkansas is one of only 3 states nationally that seeks fees and fines once someone is released. Her group is working to change that law to help the large numbers incarcerated with a true fresh start and the ability to begin providing for themselves again.

Another guest speaker was Fort Smith Fire Marshall Ted Abbey. He talked about the multi tasks that the Fort Smith Fire Department is involved in and the services they provide to the city.

Club president Lion Gerry handed out gold centennial pin to Lion Gregg in recognition for his recruitment efforts for the Fort Smith Noon Lions.



LION JOE

Ralph and



Altan

From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



In what year was each of the following service organizations founded.
(Answers below)

Choices:

1915
1870
1917
1905
1919



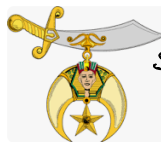
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ABOUT OUR LIONS CLUB LOGO:

A Lions Touchstone story

Why is Lions' cherished emblem so recognizable and memorable?

One reason is that Lions are almost everywhere around the globe, and Lions proudly wear, display and apply the brand on nearly everything. The emblem resonates because it brings up timeless associations with the image of the lion itself—strength, courage, action and fidelity.

When the Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, Lions displayed both their pride and their sense of humor in creating the first Lions emblem.

As for their pride, the lion in the emblem was based on a famous painting by the 19th century French artist Rosa Bonheur of a regal lion at rest in the wild. The painting's title, Old Monarch, became the nickname for Lions' earliest members and clubs.

As for their humor, the first emblem was also a pun. The emblem depicted the lion holding a club in its mouth with the word "international" emblazoned on the club. The play on the words "lion" and "club" and

"international" was clever, but by 1919 Lions asked its members to come up with a more polished logo.

Flooded with submissions from Lions members who were also amateur artists, Lions decided to form a committee at the 1919 International Convention in Chicago to acquire a proper, professional logo. The committee turned to Maurice Blink, a Chicago commercial artist and founding member. Blink created a sketch of circle with an "L" in the center and two lions' heads in profile looking in opposite directions. The Lions board of directors approved Blink's design in April 1920. Melvin Jones explained its meaning. The emblem, Jones said, "represents a lion facing the past with pride and the future with confidence, looking in all directions to render service."

In the earliest full-color expressions of Blink's design, the twin lions looked a lot more like real lions with wavy dark brown manes, glowing eyes, and ferociously sharp, white teeth. Over the years, the lions became less fierce as the logo was standardized to promote consistent use worldwide.

Refreshed and updated again in the early 21st century, the emblem will likely serve for many more decades to come. And why not? It works.

Lions Logo Refresh

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea:
We Serve



1917: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.



1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.



Recent



Current



Centennial

Tail Twister Answers:
Optimist's 1919, Kiwanis 1915, Lions 1917, Shriners 1870 and Rotary 1905.

PHOTOS



HIGH PROFILE

Sharon Louise Giovinazzo



Sharon Giovinazzo has helped put World Services for the Blind on solid ground the five years she has been CEO and president. And she has kept the clients safe and sound since the coronavirus started to spread around the state.



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1968

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1972

LCIF awards first grant of US\$5,000 for flooding in South Dakota, USA.



1973

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