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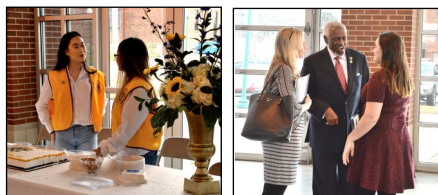
A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions
April 2019



FORT SMITH CLUB TURNS 100

Second Oldest Club in Arkansas

The Fort Smith Noon Lions Club was chartered on March 8, 1919 with an impressive group of civic leaders as charter members. The Charter Night Ceremony was held at the Hotel Main on Garrison Avenue. The Fort Smith Noon Lions Club became only the second Lions Club in Arkansas, following the Little Rock Founders Club.



For 100 years, the Fort Smith Noon Lions Club has met regularly on Tuesdays and has been a supporter of local projects to improve Fort Smith. Club participation has included Lions state projects as well as many local charities.



Members of several different Lions Clubs were there to help Fort Smith celebrate their centennial. Fort Smith Mayor George McGill, Sebastian County Judge David Hudson and State Lions Council Chair Myrna McGee, along with representatives from Senator John Boozman and Representative Steve Womack's offices praised the 100 years of service provided to the Fort Smith community.



101ST ANNUAL ARKANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 26-27

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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Beyond the horizon



Members of the Fort Smith Noon Lions Club





MD-7 COUNCIL



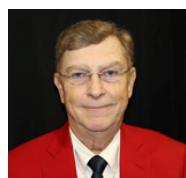
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Gravel Ridge Club



CALL FOR CONVENTION:

In compliance with the MD 7 State Constitution, I hereby issue the official call for the 2019 State Convention of the Lions of Multiple District 7, Arkansas, International Association of Lions Clubs, to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas on April 26 & 27, 2019.

I cordially invite all lions, Lionesses and Leos of the state to attend this 101st 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 Myrna McGee

Council Chairman

Add New Members to Qualify for Service Grants

This month is your opportunity to qualify for a special service grant for each new member you invite into your club. With Worldwide Induction Day coming up on April 27, this is the perfect time to launch the service of your new members.

Add new members in April

Clubs will have an opportunity to receive a special grant for new Lions who are reported during April 2019

Apply for a grant Clubs can apply for a Service Grant for New Members, which awards a total of \$35 for each new member in two equal installments on your December 31, 2019 and June 30, 2020 club statements if new members stay active.

Engage new members Funds should be used to plan activities that engage new members in service so they have a great on-boarding experience in your club.



Questions? Contact us at membership@lionsclubs.org.

Past District Governors Meet

Members of the Past District Governors Association met recently in Conway. Several items of business were conducted before a presentation by Area 1 F GMT Leader Greg Gilliam who encouraged us to have a strategy plan and follow it.

Current officers, Matt Webber, John Collier, Leanna Rich and Bobby Tucker were reelected for a second term.



Area GMT Gilliam plays checkers with MD7 GST Bob Williams to make his point.

Training for Vice District Governors

Council Chair Myrna McGee and Multi-District GLT Angela Decker conducted training for Second Vice District Governors.

Many topics were covered by CC McGee and GLT Decker, presentations were also made by representatives of the three action areas, membership, leadership and service.



Lion Angela Decker, MD7 GLT, makes her presentation as her daughter holds up the visuals.



Arkansas Lions Partner with UAMS

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Regional Programs Tele-Retinal Project

The UAMS Jones Eye Institute provides state of the art treatment to patients from around the globe.

Now, its reach is growing thanks to technology and a partnership with the Arkansas Lions.

Telemedicine is allowing rural patients to get access to some of the state's best eye specialists.

Retina issues often plague diabetics. Dr. Mark Jansen, the director of regional programs at UAMS, says those patients need more than just a simple eye exam.

"The problem is abnormal blood vessels will grow on the back of the eyeball and it prevents light from entering the eye and vision is compromised," Jansen said. "If you don't catch this in time, patients can go blind."

Because UAMS wants to make sure patients don't delay important and extensive eye exams, they are now able to use a machine to save time and travel expenses.

"Not every patient has access to adequate eye care. What we wanted

to do is try to screen as many patients as we can closest to where they live," said Dr. Sami Uwaydat with the UAMS Jones Eye Institute.

Ryan Jones had pictures taken at his primary doctor's office. Then, a specialist, like Dr. Sami Uwaydat at the Jones Eye Institute in Little Rock consults with him through a teleconference. Jones is a diabetic patient who lives in Jefferson County and is treated at the UAMS Family Medical Center in Pine Bluff.

"My last eye exam was quite some time ago," Jones said.

Ryan got a clear report from Dr. Uwaydat, but he will want to see her again in a year. Thanks to this technology, he can once again have his screening done in his hometown.

"I think it will help a lot of people, especially older people as well," Ryan said.

The tele-retinal program can reach patients at clinics in Pine Bluff, Magnolia, Texarkana, Fort Smit, and Fayetteville.

State Project Update

Fundraising to meet LCIF matching grant requirements continues towards the purchase of nine Tele-Retinal Screening Devices to be placed through-out Arkansas continues. This project, approved by the Council of Governors and chaired by Council Chair Myrna McGee, is a partnership between the Lions Club and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Dist. 7-N 2VDG Cleon Rogers reports that about \$9,000 of the \$12,000 needed has been raised. To make individual or club donations, contact VDG Rogers or State Secretary Wanda Green.



INEXPENSIVE LOW VISION READER

(By PCC Ken Swanson)

If you or your club knows someone in need of an inexpensive reader, here is a cost effective solution.

To assemble this inexpensive low vision reader you need to go to Amazon and purchase an Element TV, ELWFW195 19" for \$68.00 (refurbished) and a Carson ezRead Digital magnifier DR-300 for \$64.00. You will have to pay taxes but if you have Prime shipping is free. You can also hook the digital magnifier to any tv that has the RCA connection.



Special offer from Greg Gilliam, Area GMT

Let's talk about this Special Collector's Pin. I would like to personally offer to the first 1000 Lions in Area 1F a special collector's pin for bringing in a new member to Lions Clubs International.



All you have to do is ASK! ASK someone to join, get their membership form completed, have them pay their \$35 entrance fee and dues. Send me an email confirming your new Lion (membership number), your sponsorship, club number and district number. Your pin will be mailed. It's that simple!

With a slight adjustment to the DIAL (Dial-it-up) - getting one person each to join, we can see

Area 1F at +1 or even greater by June 30, 2019. Don't Wait to ask, ask someone to join TODAY!

Email: lionsbeacon@gmail.com

The first 1000 Lions to confirm
Their new member will get the Pin !!!!

TAIL TWISTER ANSWERS:

1-B 2-D 3-E 4-C 5-A



DISTRICT 7-L NOTES

ARKADELPHIA / BENTON / BISMARCK / BRIANR / CAMDEN NOON / DEQUEEN / HATFIELD / HOPE / HOT SPRINGS / HS DIAMONHEAD / HS JESSE D. HAWKINS / HS OAKLAWN / HS SOUTH / HS VILLAGE BREAKFAST / HS VILLAGE EVENING / LEWISVILLE / LITTLE RIVER / LOCKENSBURG / MAGNET COVE / MAGNOLIA / MALVERN / MENA / MENA LIONESS / MINERAL SPRINGS / NASHVILLE / PRESCOTT / SARATOGA TRI COUNTY / TEXARKANA / TEXARKANA EVENING.

HSV Evening Lions Starting Jessieville Leo Club

Report and Photo by Lion Mike Vanecek

Hot Springs Village Evening Lions are partnering with Jessieville School District by sponsoring and mentoring a LEO Club. An integral part of the Lions family, LEO is an acronym for Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. Lions adopted the LEO Club Program as an official part of the association 50 years ago. LEOs are now a global network of over 6,500 clubs in over 140 countries. Leo clubs provide young people with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

Lions Rockett, Bauer, Wells, and Vanecek, at the invitation of Superintendent Melissa Speers, made a presentation at a faculty meeting to discuss how a LEO Club would benefit Jessieville students. It has been a long-time dream for Lion Nell Rockett and she is now going to be a founding sponsor along with Lion Larry Bauer.

Jessieville has a faculty member, Alisha Davis, that has agreed to be the Jessieville Leo Sponsor and be an advisor for the LEOs. She met with Lions Larry Bauer and Nell Rockett recently to go over the application process. The HSV Evening Lions Club, along with providing mentors, will pay the \$100 initial LEO charter fee.

The Jessieville Lions LEO Club has elected officers and is in the process of submitting their charter application to Lions Clubs International. Some of the LEOs attended the HSV Evening Lions Club March 14th membership drive dinner. Several HSVE Lions have agreed to provide LEO shirts for the members. Congratulations to the Jessieville LEO Club!



Lion Nell Rockett, the HSV LION, and Lion Larry Bauer meet with Jessieville Lion Faculty (rumor has it that the LION is really Lion President Jack Wells).



Bella Vista Lions Hold Easter Social

In Bella Vista, club members and their guests gather socially, usually quarterly. Their most recent event brought them together at the Bella Vista Country Club to celebrate Easter.

All attendees were encouraged to wear Easter Bonnets or hats and there were a host of activities with prizes for everybody.

President Patty O'Bannon and Vice President Russ Stovall were the organizers and hosted the Tail Twister like contests.

A similar event was held for Valentines Day.



Gentry Honors Secretary

Our club had pancakes and sausage at a recent meeting to say good by to club secretary, Charla Whitaker. Lion Charla, a long time member at Gentry, is moving to Little Rock, but hasn't decided to which of the Little Rock clubs she will be transferring. Upon becoming secretary and inheriting the clubs records, Lion Charla was surprised to see her grandfathers record of dues payments when he was a member years ago.

District Governor Tracy Price and his wife Lion Rita were guests. The district governor discussed some of the district's goals in areas such as membership and LCIF donations. Also present were Fayetteville Lions Rick and Sydney Bailey, who along with Council Chare Myrna McGee announced plans and events scheduled for the 101st Arkansas State Convention in April..



Lion Charla Whitaker (center) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from past club presidents Roberta Defraga (left) and Lonnie Moll (right).

Gravette takes books to Senior Center

Three years ago, the city's library, in order to deal with staffing changes, had to discontinue their bookmobile service to the Billy V. Hall Senior Activity Center. The Gravette Lions Club stepped up to fill this need. Each Monday, a member takes books to the center, where they can be checked-out and returned.



Lion Cela Gaytan is one of four club members who rotate in providing bookmobile service to the Senior Center.

MORRILTON LIONS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER

By Lion JT Roberson

The Morrilton Lions Club had a service day on July 18th 2018. With the help of some Morrilton High School students, we helped fill the Little Free Panty in Down Town Morrilton.



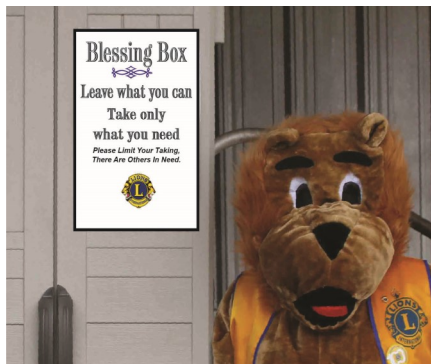
DARDANELLE LIONS CREATE A BLESSING BOX

By Lion Angie Sims

As a small way to help our neighbors, the Dardanelle Lions Club has placed a "Blessing Box" outside the Yell County Gin Company in Dardanelle.

The idea is that people "take only what they need and leave whatever they can". The box is open 24/7 and as long as there are items available, they are free to be taken. This works on an honor system and in communities where Blessing Boxes are available, they work as intended.

Often, we feel we can't fix the world, but we can help in small ways that will make a big difference to hungry children and discouraged families.



VAN BUREN LIONS CO-SPONSOR NETWORKING EVENT

By Lion Joe McDaniel

The Van Buren Lions recently co-hosted a networking event held by the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce. Sixty to seventy members of the business community attended the event, co-sponsored by Williams Florest and Gifts.

These events are great ways to make the community aware of the Lions Club and their service to Van Buren.

<p>Join us for FREE NETWORKING GREAT FOOD & DOOR PRIZES!</p> 	<p>Co-Hosts Van Buren Lions Club & Williams Florist & Gifts</p>   <p>EVENT LOCATION: Van Buren Chamber of Commerce 510 MAIN STREET, VAN BUREN TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 5:15PM - 6:30PM</p>
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	<h3>DISTRICT 7-0 NOTES</h3> <p>BALD KNOB / BEEBE / BLACK ROCK / BLYTHEVILLE / CALICO ROCK / CHEROKEE VILLAGE / CHERRY VALLEY / CORNING / FAIRFIELD BAY / HEBER SPRINGS / JONESBORO / JONESBORO NETTLETON / JONESBORO UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS / MANILA / MCCOY / MELBOURNE / NEWPORT / PARAGOULD / PIGGOTT / POCAHONTAS / RECTOR / SEARDY / SPRING RIVER TOWNSHIP / TRUMANN / WEINER / WEST MEMPHIS / WYNNE / GREEN COUNTY TECH (LEO) / MANILA (LEO) / PARAGON (LEO)</p>
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Fairfield Bay Lions Provide Many Services

By Lion Wynona Hopper

The Fairfield Bay Arkansas Lions Club currently has 13 members.

Since the first of this year, we have provided glasses for six individuals through Dr. Jeanne Stone at a cost of \$200.00 each. We have a "Sunshine Room" in our Den in which we store medical equipment that we loan out as needed. We receive an average of 4 calls a week for such things as walkers, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, shower

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Fairfield Bay continued:

chairs, etc.

We also hold pancake suppers as fundraisers for such groups as Masons, Sororities, and any other groups that wish to raise money for their cause.

We collect used eye glasses, and have a barrel full to take to Conway or Little Rock to be refurbished.

For such a small Membership, we do a GREAT SERVICE .

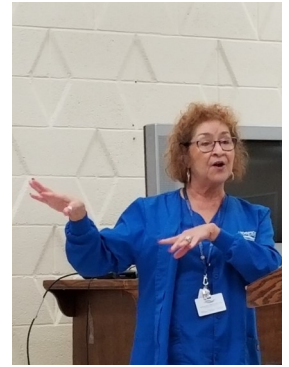


Little Rock Founders continued:

Since December he's been volunteering his time after work to revive WSB's greenhouse. The foods raised are used by WSB. It is hoped that employment opportunities or training for WSB clients will eventually result from this project.



Gunnar Schaffer



Luci Vega

Luci Vega of Hospice Home Care spoke to LR Founders Lions Wednesday, March 13. Hospice Home Care has six offices around the state. Ms. Vega spoke about the misconceptions people have of hospice, the services it provides to people who want to stay in their homes, and her experiences with patients and families.

It was an interesting presentation, and Club members asked a lot of questions at the end of the program.

A group from the Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority spoke to the Little Rock Founders Lions on February 27th. Interested club members asked a lot of questions at the end of the program.

They gave away pan scrapers and recycle cans that said "Can the Grease" instead of pouring it down the sink into the water system. They told us that Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority is giving sewer line replacement grants up to \$2500 each to people with broken pipes made out of old materials that don't meet city code.



Little Rock Founders Learn about Hydroponics

By Lion Kandy Kayce

Gunnar Schaffer, the CEO and founder of Agrowponics, <https://www.agrowponics.com/>, spoke to the Little Rock Founders Lions on March 27. Schaffer is from the small Arkansas town of Friendship, but has led an amazing life traveling around the world assisting developing countries with renewable energy and vertical agriculture.

He graduated from John Brown University's Engineering Department with an undergraduate degree in Aquaponics, Hydroponics, and Sustainable Food and Farming and then moved to Europe to complete his Masters in renewable energy. He started a company, Agrowponics LLC, and he works as a power systems engineer at Southwest Power Pool in Little Rock.

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STATE CONVENTION

Fayetteville
April 26-27

What to Expect

TENTATIVE AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

12:00 Registration

2—3:30 Council Meeting

6:30—8 Formal Dinner

(DGs & DGEs in white coats, formal wear — others optional or in business suits)

8:30—10 Hospitality Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 Opening of Convention

9:45 Memorial Service

10:15 Break

10:30 Dr. Jansen UAMS

11:15 LEOs

12:00 Lunch

1:20 Break (Visit vendors / silent auction)

1:40 Women in Lions (round table)

Silent Auction Items Needed

The silent auction, sponsored by the PDG association, is a staple fundraising effort at nearly all of our Lions State or District Events.

Your donated items, as a club or individually, are needed to make this event a success. Funds raised this year will be dedicated to the World Services for the Blind's Capital Campaign.

There is always a good selection of art, food items, gadgets and Lions memorabilia to bid on.

Leo Program

Willy Mulimbi Byamungu will be presenting a special program for Leos.

Lion Willy is active in the Fayetteville club, having transferred from his club in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He is an agronomist engineer in crop production and was a Lion and Leo both in the DRC.

PID David E. Stoufer Saturday's Keynote Speaker



David E. Stoufer of Washington, Iowa, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 30-July 4, 2006.

Past Director Stoufer is a pastor and works in multi-media design and production.

A member of the Washington Lions Club since 1991 and also a member of the Kalona Lioness Club, Past Director Stoufer has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, vice district governor and district governor. Additionally, he has served as district LCIF chair, public relations chair, convention planning committee chair, MERL Team chair and membership chair. He has previously served as secretary and trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the International President's Award and International President's Leadership Award. Past Director Stoufer has presented at three USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums and two regional Lions Leadership Institutes. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Stoufer is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently a board member of Lending Hands Adult Day Care and president of the F Troop Historical Association. He is a board member of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Past Director Stoufer's wife, Rachel Nicola, is a past district governor and is also a member of the Washington Lions Club and Kalona Lioness Club.



Lions Worldwide Induction Day

April 27th is Lions Worldwide Induction Day! It's also Arkansas' 101st Annual Convention and a great opportunity to for new members to participate in both events at the same time. Last year, on Worldwide Induction Day we inducted eight new members.

All that is necessary is for new members to register for the convention (Remember they get the first-timers price) and that their sponsor, or other club representative, brings their new member kit and completed membership certificate. New inductees will also receive a special Worldwide Induction Day certificate.

If your club has a new member who would like to be part of the special induction ceremony, Please email me the information, so the special certificates can be prepared.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davis
Dist. 7-1 GMT

jduke22@att.net

Certificate of Membership





ARKANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

April 26-27, 2019

Fayetteville, AR

(Please PRINT the following information)



(A) Your Data	Name:		Badge Name: (If Different)
	I am a (circle one): Lion Lioness Leo Non-Member		
	# of Years in Lionism:	Highest Office Held:	
(B) Spouse's Data	Name:		Badge Name: (If Different)
	I am a (circle one): Lion Lioness Leo Non-Member		
	# of Years in Lionism:	Highest Office Held:	
Mailing Address	Street, Apt. #		
	City, State ZIP		
e-Mail			

Convention Fees

REGISTRATION FEE covers the cost of the convention, lunch, and breaks.

ROOM RATES at the Hilton Garden Inn \$139.00/night (not including taxes), Call the hotel direct at 479-856-6040; IMMEDIATELY press 0 when the phone is answered and you will get the hotel in Fayetteville; Homewood Suites, 479-442-3000. Room rate is \$119.00 per night; Holiday Inn Express, 479-444-6006. Room rate is \$99.00 per night.

Be sure to tell them that you are coming to the Lions State Convention.

There are blocks of rooms at each hotel and the rate will be available until April 12.

Hilton Garden Inn address is 1325 N. Palak Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 72704. It is exit 64 on I-49, the Wedington exit, and all three hotels are in the same parking lot and are on the west side of I-49

If you have food restrictions, please give the restriction:

I plan on attending Saturday night dinner and entertainment ☐ Yes ☐ No

Postmarked by:	April 18, 2019	April 19, 2019 or later	First-Timers
(A) Your Fees	\$40	\$45	\$30
(B) Spouse's Fees	\$40	\$45	\$30
(C) LEO's Fees	\$10	\$10	\$10
	Total Due:	Amount Enclosed:	Check Number:

Make checks payable to **Arkansas Lions State Convention** and mail to:
Lion Myrna McGee, 74 McKenzie Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72715

Registration and all Convention activities will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

**Convention rates available until the following dates (be sure and mention the Lions Club) Rooms at regular rates after that.
Hilton—April 10 / Homewood and Holiday Inn — April 12**

From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



The following fictional characters belonged to lodges. Do you remember which lodge they each belonged to?



1

Archie Bunker



2

Andy & Barney



3

Coy (Ray Stevens)



4

Ralph Kramden



5

Fred & Barney

A.

The Loyal Order of Water Buffalo.

B.

The Kings of Queens

C.

The International Loyal Order of Friendly Racons

D.

The Royal Order of the Golden Door to Good Fellowship

E.

The Grand Mystic Royal Order of the Nobles of the Ali Baba Temple of the Shrine

EVENTS

APRIL Environment Awareness Month / Leo Club Awareness Month

12 & 13 Mid-South Leadership Weekend — Memphis, TN

Information: Lion Brad Baker, CEO,
info@midssouthlions.org

22nd Earth Day

26 Council of Governors meeting — Fayetteville

Information: CC Myrna McGee
mmcgee610@cox.net

26 & 27 Arkansas Lions State Convention — Fayetteville

Information: CC Myrna McGee
mmcgee610@cox.net

27th Lions International Induction Day

Information on page 8
contact: jduke22@att.net

MAY Strengthen Membership Month

JUNE

1st Helen Keller Day

5th World Environment Day

7th LCI Birthday

To list an event, email Lion Jeff, jduke22@att.net (include contact information)

IT'S TIME FOR CLUB ELECTIONS



LCI asks all clubs to hold their election of officers in April and report election results on MyLCI by May 1.

On time elections and reporting insure there is ample time for new officer training.