

MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions
June 2019



DG Tracy Price Elected Council Chair

My wife, Rita and I have been married for 46 WONDERFUL years. We have 2 sons, Justin and Scott. Justin is a Past President for the Russellville Lions Club and serves a Senior Vice President at First Security Bank in Russellville. He and his wife, Holly have one daughter, Lily. Scott is a Commodities Manager for Ingersol Rand in Ft. Smith. He and his wife, Ann have 2 daughters, Rhyllie, and Aybrie, and 1 son, Hudson. Rita and I live on a 40 acre farm just outside of Lamar, AR where we enjoy gardening and raising Angus cattle. Rita and I are members of Knoxville 1st Baptist Church where Rita is Sunday School Teacher and I serve as a Deacon.

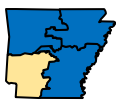
I graduated from Arkansas Tech University in 1974 with a bachelors degree in Business Administration. I received a 2nd Lieutenant commission in the Army and served in the Army Reserves and the Arkansas National Guard where I resigned at the rank of Captain. Upon my return from Officer Basic Training I was named Manager of an OTASCO store in Dardanelle Arkansas. After 3 years, I was employed in the Telephone industry where I retired in 2007 from CenturyLink with 28 years of service. I served in several Management positions throughout my Telephony career.

I joined the Lions Club in 1978 in Dardanelle Arkansas. I have enjoyed the service as I have been a member of the Dardanelle, Dover, and Clarksville Clubs. I am very happy to say that I am a charter member of the Dover Club. I served as President of the Dardanelle and Clarksville clubs on two different occasions in both clubs. I currently serve the Clarksville club as Vision Screen Director. I have had the pleasure of serving District 7 I as a Zone Chair and most recently as District Governor in 2018-2019. I am also proud to mention that I am a Melvin Jones Fellow.



ARKANSAS' DISTRICT GOVERNORS: 2019-20

Claudia Griffin

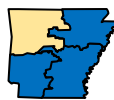


Dr. Claudia Griffin has been a member of the Hope Lions Club for 20 years and has lived in Southwest Arkansas almost all her life. Dr. Griffin is proud to be third female member of the Hope Club and their first female President. In the last twenty years, the Hope Club has grown greatly in both membership and diversity. Besides serving as Club President and Zone Chair, Dr. Griffin served as Global Leadership Team Chair for the district (GLT-D). She also participated in the Lions Family Development Institute.

Dr. Griffin uses the skills she used as GLT-D in her current job as

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Kevin Baskin

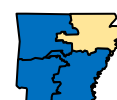


District Governor Elect Kevin Baskin was born in Clarksville and has lived there for most of his life. He is a graduate of The University of the Ozarks and has been employed in member services by Arkansas Valley Electric for the last fourteen years. He is married to his wife Debbie, and has two children, four stepchildren, and six grandchildren.

When he's not working, doing Lions work, or being husband, father, and "Poppy," he squeezes in the time to manage a Facebook group which covers old baseball and has over 44,000 followers.

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Brad Baker

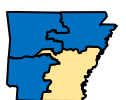


As I look forward to serving in a greater role as district governor, I also look back at how my mother (Jimmie Doris) and father (PDG L.B.) were both Lions. They raised me to be someone who gave back to the community just like they did through Lions, the Chamber of Commerce, the Church and in many other community capacities. Without their guidance and example, I'm certain I would not be in this position today.

Learning has always been important to me. I graduated from Trumann High School, have BA in History and a BA in Political Sci-

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Kandy Cayce



DGE Kandy Cayce has been a Lion since 2011. She has served as Vice District Governor, Zone Chair, president of Little Rock Founders Lions, club vice president, and tail twister. She has served on planning committees for District conventions and in District cabinet positions. Cayce was co-chair of LR Founders' 100th Anniversary and has been involved in every club project since 2011.

Lion Cayce has attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, USA/Canada Leadership Forum and DGE training. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

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LCIF GRANT APPROVED

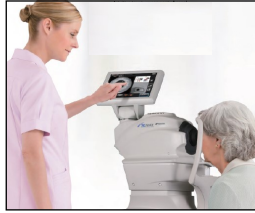
Funding for Tele-Retina program with UAMS complete

Council Chair Myrna McGee reports that the LCIF grant submitted jointly by the MD7 Lions and University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has been approved. The grant for \$40,500 is a matching grant to purchase nine Tele-Retina screening devices for the state. UAMS and the Arkansas Lions had to raise the additional funds to reach the estimated project cost of nearly \$85,000.

UAMS and the Arkansas Eye Bank contributed to the matching funds leaving the Lions to raise about \$12,000. District N Second Vice District Governor Cleon Rogers, one of the projects leads, reported at the recent council of governors meeting that the original amount had been raised as well as the additional \$2,500 needed for things LCIF disallowed from the proposal.

The grant will allow UAMS replace the three units they now have and add six additional units so that eight medical centers state wide will have units. The ninth unit will become a mobile unit moving to areas where it is needed.

Everyone with diabetes is encouraged to have a periodic tele-retinal screening as it detects problems behind the eye missed by normal eye screenings.



Claudia Griffin (from page 1)

Policy Specialist for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) part of the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services. In that capacity she writes state policy, monitors, and provides training and technical assistance throughout the state.

Dr. Griffin's work background includes education, industrial management, government, and private business. She holds a Bachelor's degree in physics, chemistry, and math; a Master's degree in education, and a Doctorate in higher education administration.

Dr. Griffin's husband, James, was District Governor and will serve as D7-L and MD7 Membership Chair, as well as Club LCIF Coordinator. They have two daughters: Pam Griffin is a Lion in El Dorado, Arkansas, and Michelle Griffin lives in the Middle East.

Kevin Baskin (from page 1)

DGE Kevin became a Lion about twelve years ago. He has been President of the Clarksville and Fort Smith Noon clubs. Aside from enjoying the service work that Lions do, Kevin has enjoyed meeting Lions from around the world, from Multiple District 7, and from District 7-I. He is proud to call most of his closest friends, fellow Lions.

Brad Baker (from page 1)

ience from the University of Arkansas and a Master's in Public Administration from Arkansas State University. Before becoming a member of the Mid-South Lions staff in 1990, I worked in the residence life department at the U of A and then served as director of housing at ASU. I also teach an oral communications class at ASU Newport-Jonesboro and am active in Forest Home Church.

Several people at ASU tried recruit-

ing me to Lions before I joined the University Heights Lions Club in 1990. I've served as president of the club twice, Tail Twister for years, chaired many committees and fundraisers and have served as zone chair, district Mid-South chair, hearing chair and other capacities and have been the state pin designer for many years.

Highlights of my Lions work include receiving three Lion of the Year awards, a Dalstrom Award and two Melvin Jones Fellowships from my club and one MJF for serving as Sight First II Sector Coordinator. Fourteen Lions International Presidents have awarded me with Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, and I've received a Leadership Medal as well.

My proudest moment as a Lion was being selected to represent Lions Clubs International at the White House in 2012 as a "Champion of Change".

As CEO of Mid-South Lions since 1995, I've seen how Lions provide MIRACLES for those in need and restore vision and hearing every day. The difference we make in all our communities makes me proud to serve and thrilled to be selected to lead District 7-O as we strive to show that kindness matters now more than ever.

Mona and I have been married since July 1980 and have two daughters (Lindsey and Lonna) and two granddaughters (Madelyn and Jolie) and one fine son-in-law (David).

Kandy Cayce (from page 1)

DGE Cayce works for the DHS Division of Services for the Blind. She has worked at DHS for almost 40 years in various positions, including communications, policy writing, supervision, marketing, and social work.

Growing up she worked in her father's publishing company and her



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT PLANS VISIT TO ARKANSAS

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's International Convention, last year and will become President at this year's convention in Milan.

A member of the Busan Jae-il Lions Club since 1977, Vice President Choi has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, district governor and international director. He served as chairperson of the host committee for the 95th Lions International Convention in Busan in 2012, the largest convention ever held in Lions history.

IPE Choi has received an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Choi is chief executive officer of Koala Company, Ltd., an international trading company, and is also a past director of the Busan Sports Association.

Plans for President Choi's visit are not yet finalized. Please watch for special announcements that will be sent to all members through your presidents, secretaries and zone chairs.

Tuesday, August 6, will be Lions Day at World Service for the Blind in Little Rock with special programs and presentations planned. Lions Club members will have an opportunity to meet and visit with IP Choi. Lunch will be served, but it will be necessary to RSVP, if you wish to eat, so an accurate count can be given to the caterers.

Arkansas Lions Emergency Response Teams (A.L.E.R.T.) At Work In the River Valley



File photo from last year of Lions Bill Shackelford, Duane Woltjen and Steve Gray stocking an A.L.E.R.T. trailer.

The last half of a very stormy May has pelted the mid-west with tornados and flooding. Arkansas' Lions were there to help in Fort Smith and the River Valley.

First was the tornado in Fort Smith. A.L.E.R.T. was able to provide tarps to help homeowners cover damaged roofs. The Arkansas Lions also provided many Comfort Kits during the record flooding that followed the storms.

Districts 7-I and 7-O was able to help provide kits in Fort Smith and Conway.

Don Ellis is the District 7-I A.L.E.R.T. chair and has been working diligently with local emergency coordinators and other relief agencies as well as the District 7-O team.

mother's antique shop. She graduated from Arkansas State University. Later she became a newspaper reporter, then an editor.

Her family started Cayce's Charities, which now serves 11 counties. Cayce was a volunteer host parent to international high school students for 20 years and, for nine of those years, placed students in other homes around the state. She served on the board of the Arkansas Canoe Club, representing eight chapters in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. She has held leadership roles in various non-profit and professional organizations.

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Note from

The Council Chair:

To the great Lions of MD 7 -
Wow!! What a way to end a year!!

We had a great State Convention with a record number of Lions and guests registered to learn more about Lionism and to enjoy the company of other great Lions throughout the state. Our speakers, PID Dave Stouffer and Rachel Nicola, were great along with our LEOs (those Elkins LEOs were a great help to us in getting ready for the Convention) presented a great forum about LEOs. We also learned the stories of some of our great women in Lions. Dr. Byers presented a great overview about the Tele-Retinal Project—and she became a Lions member at the Worldwide Induction Ceremony with a couple other ladies.

We were so thrilled to learn in May that our Tele-Retinal Project had been one of 99 LCIF grants approved from throughout the world!!

Now the icing on the cake, our new incoming International President has asked to come to Arkansas to see our LCIF projects. We will be touring with him to see the projects on Monday, August 5, 2019.

We have been making plans for his visit. Sharon Giovanazo, CEO of WSB has volunteered to have Lions Day at WSB on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. These events are in the planning stages, but you can be assured that there will be tours for Lions of WSB and many other activities throughout the day.

Make plans to bring your Clubs to this momentous occasion (I'm not sure when we may have last had a sitting International President in Arkansas). This will give you the privilege to visit with the International President and if you wish to have pictures with him and his wife, I'm sure he will oblige.

I have enjoyed being Council Chair this year and I had a great group of DGs with which to work. Many of our goals and plans were achieved. Not all of our goals were achieved, but that's OK as we worked on them—and it gives us momentum to get more done in the next Lions year..

Keep up the good work. Each one ask one and we will see our membership grow. Find a new way that your Club can give service to your community.

Lion Myrna McGee, PDG
Council Chair
MD 7

101 ST ANNUAL ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION



FAYETTEVILLE

April 26-27

Lions from around the state attended the 101st annual Arkansas Lions Convention held recently in Fayetteville. The two-day event also included district cabinet meetings, past district governors meeting, the council of governors meeting and a formal banquet.

Presentations were given by representatives of the various state projects including our state Lions effort to raise funds for our joint Tele-Retinal matching LCIF grant.

Keynote speaker was Past International Director David Stouffer, who pointed out that numbers may be important, but it's the stories of the individuals being served that provide the greatest inspiration to us and to potential new members.

Lion Bill Mattler was awarded the Dr. Jim Fowler Humanitarian Award and Lion Jennifer Carey received the John H. Barnett Leadership Award.

At the council of governors meeting, District 7-I Governor Tracy Price was elected by the current district governors and the district governors elect to serve as the 2019-20 council chairman.

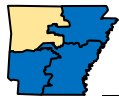


Photos :
(left to right from top)

Council of Governors holding their meeting; Lion Mike Scribner providing diabetes screening; PID David Stouffer visiting with members; Lion Mike Benefield photographing the new Council of Governors; Lions Bill Mattler and Jeff Davis performing The Arkansas Travaler; Linda Lefevere, Anita Snodgrass and Marcia Byers are inducted by PID Stouffer as part of Lions Worldwide Induction Day; Lion Willy Mulimbi and Leo advisor Tiffani Hash with members of the Elkins Leo Club; PDG Rachel Nicola moderates a round table discussion with Lions Jennifer Carey, Phyllis Krebs and Gloria Montgomery.



CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE



GRAVETTE

By Lion Jeff Davis

Cemetery Clean-up

Years ago, a local scout built a landscaped sitting area at our local cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. Various organizations have tended it over the years, but the Lions Club accepted that responsibility four years ago.

Two or three times each season we weed, clean and mulch the area. This spring, Lions Al Blair, Sue Rice, Bill Mattler, Linda Lefevere and Jeff Davis planted twenty new Hosta plants in addition to preforming regular up-keep. Spring clean up is always planned just before Memorial Day, when the local American Legion conducts their memorial service.



Foosball Court Repaired

Last fall, vandals struck the human foosball court that we had built that spring. When the PVC we use for the sliding bars get extremely cold, it gets brittle. Someone discovered that, which necessitated our having to replace five of the six PVC sliding bars. A design change was made which hopefully will prevent this in the future.



JONESBORO UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

By Lion Charles Hartwig



Auto Show

The Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club had its 30th annual Jonesboro Auto Show recently. The top photo is an overview of the show, in the 1st National Bank Arena on the ASU campus, and the bottom picture shows JUH Lion member Larry Hinck hanging on and approaching 30 mph on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle mounted on a trailer with rear wheel rollers during a test drive at the show. The club got \$20 for each ride on the Harley. The club also received a similar amount from a Ford dealer when people took a test ride in a new pickup truck.



PEACE POSTER WINNER

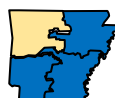
Attached is also a photo taken just after an awards ceremony at the Valley View Intermediate School in Jonesboro. The winning poster by 6th grader Jeannie Archer took first place in the school's contest [which had 140 entries], and then took 3rd place in the District 7-0 contest, earning cash prizes from both contests. In the photo are [l-r] 7-0 District Governor Pat Snodgrass; Jonesboro University Heights LC Treasurer Ron Erwin; art teacher Erica Castilaw [holding the winning poster -- the student was absent that day]; 7-0 Secretary/Treasurer Ron McCormick; JUH LC President Charles Hartwig.



SUMMER VISION SCREENING

The Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club will sponsor eight free vision screenings in public libraries in eight NE Arkansas towns in June and July, 2019. Using a hand-held SPOT Vision Screener device, the club's screening team, led by Dr. Tom Woods, will check the eyes of children from three months to 12 years old for vision problems. Over the last four years, the club has screened thousands of children in Craighead, Fulton, Greene, and Poinsett counties for vision problems, discovering them in 10%-15% of the children. Several District 7-0 Lions clubs hope to assist the project when the screening team comes to their town.

The June-July schedule is:
 Jonesboro - Saturday, June 1
 Harrisburg- Tuesday, June 4
 Weiner - Thursday, June 13
 Monette- Tuesday, June 18
 Lepanto - Thursday, June 20
 Caraway- Tuesday, June 25
 Lake City- Tuesday, July 16
 Marked Tree - Thursday, July 18



BELLA VISTA

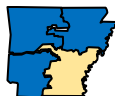
By Lion Myrna McGee



DONATION FOR RIDES

Bella Vista Club President Patty O'Bannon presents a \$1000 check to Bill Pusks, president of the Bella Vista Courtesy Van.

The Bella Vista Courtesy Van was started in 1992 and offers free transportation to city residents who are no longer able to drive. The vans are wheelchair accessible and available weekdays to drive people to doctors appointments, the beauty parlor or shopping.

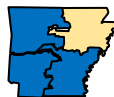


CROSSETT

By Lion Roger Reves

VISION SCREENING

The Crossett Lions club recently completed vision screening of 289 children and adults. Of the children we found 26 that we were recommended to go see a professional eyecare provider. It is always a mix of being sad and being glad when we find a child with a vision problem. We are sad that the child has a vision problem but we are glad that we as Lions can do some part in helping to correct the situation. Roger Reves Pres. Crossett Lions Club.



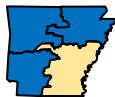
WEINER

By Lion Jeremy Kimble

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Weiner lions club presented the 2019 scholarship award to Dylan Schwarz worth \$1,600.00 Club President Jeremy Kimble presented the scholarship to Dylan.





LITTLE ROCK FOUNDERS

By Lion Kandy Cayce

JUDGE PLAYS UKE

The Honorable Victor Fleming with the District 31 Court entertained us all with courtroom humor, jokes, and stories from his 23 years as a judge. He even sang and played ukulele for us – if only Lion Don had had his accordion for a duet. He told us about his interesting experiences as a poet, composer, singer, musician, and crossword puzzle developer – he’s even collaborated with President Bill Clinton to make a crossword puzzle for a publication. One of his songs wound up in the movie Wordplay, an award-winning documentary about crossword puzzles.



AIR FORCE DELIVERS EYE GLASSES

Angela Braswell-Maxwell, club sight conservation chair, announced that it was too dangerous for our eyeglass partner, Christ the King Catholic Church, to continue to distribute our recycled eyeglasses in Honduras. Lion Angela has developed a new partnership with Little Rock Air Force Base. Two months ago an airman took a load of Little Rock Founders Lions’ eyeglasses to Guatemala, providing an opening to partner with Little Rock Air Force Base.



NOT YOUR GRANDFATHER’S LIBRARY

Mark Christ, Director Central Arkansas Library System, Adult Programs, was the speaker at today’s LR Founders Lions Club meeting. His topic was “Not Your Grandfather’s Library.” He explained that in addition to books, today’s Central Arkansas Library System (CALS) has WIFI, checked out, movies you can stream on your cell phone, various online data bases for research, language classes and other courses, book clubs, musical performances, arts and crafts, movie nights, karaoke nights, exercise programs, trivia nights, feeding programs, a bookstore, and a movie theater. You can buy postage stamps and envelopes, and there are even notary publics on staff. You can even check out fishing poles, bird-watching kits, telescopes, toys, musical instruments, and coming soon, tools. CALS serves more than a million people a year and sponsors over 10,000 events a year, including the annual Arkansas Literary Festival at the end of April. Christ also told the history of the library system. The main library in CALS was founded in 1910 and was a Carnegie-sponsored library. You can find activity schedules and more information at its website, CALS.org.

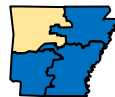
LITTLE LEAGUE SPONSOR FOR FORTY-THREE YEARS

On June 12, the LR Founders had its annual pizza party for the little league baseball team, the coaches, and the parents . We have sponsored the team since 1975.

INDUCTIONS AND AWARDS

DG Montgomery recently inducted three new members into the club: Angela Grady, Arland Stratton, and Toni Fraser. DG Montgomery also presented awards to several members for their longtime service in Lionism: Dr. Gilbert Caver, 50 years (top photo); Gary Pittman, 35 years; Gerald Carr, 45 years; Learmond Chapman, 20 years; Sharon Giovinazzo, 10 years (bottom photo); Thad Luther, 25 years; and Tom Spann, 10 years.

As the program speaker, DG Montgomery told a heart-warming story of how she became blind, but learned to be independent. She told about her experiences at the Division of Services for the Blind and World Services for the Blind and why she became a Lion and what that has meant to her.



CONWAY NOON

By Lion Bill Bounds

TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

The club held its 34th annual Teacher Program at Antioch Baptist Church on April 9th. The program recognizes an outstanding teacher chosen by his or her peers from each of Conway's schools (St. Joseph Catholic School, Conway Christian School, and Conway Public Schools) .



Front left to right—Ray Nielsen, Karen Vandivere, Judy Lewis Kari Sisson, Cher Masters, Stephanie Berkemeyer, A.J. Spirdiglozzi, Monica Garcia and Jenna Warren. Back Left to Right — Hayden Thornton, Mendy Clanton Stephanie Lovelady, Amy Ellenberg, Leanna Floyd, Elise Hampton Kisha McDaniel, Paris Broyles, Anna Schichtl, Bryan Cole, Natalie Lea, Marion Bailey and Jennifer Barnett.

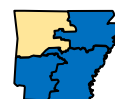
SCHOLARSHIPS

During its annual Teacher Appreciation Program, the club presented a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from each of Conway's high schools. The attached photo shows this year's recipients: Henley Masters-Conway High School, Jacob Bowman-Conway Christian School, and Anna Wade-St. Joseph Catholic School.



RECOGNIZING FIRST RESPONDERS

The club held its annual First Responder Recognition Program on April 16th. This program honors a police officer, a firefighter, and a deputy sheriff who've been chosen by their peers. The attached photo shows this year's honorees: Conway Police Department Detective Lyle Peresko, Conway Fire Department Firefighter Ty Ledbetter, and Faulkner County Sheriff's Office Investigator Keenan “Andy” Cook. Police Chief Jody Spradlin, Fire Chief Mike Winter, and Sheriff Tim Ryals each read citations describing each man's service.



MULBERRY

By Lion Rita Price

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Rita and District Governor Tracy Price attended the Mulberry Lions Club Officer Installation Banquet. They enjoyed a wonderful fish fry and I had the honor of inducting the club's new officers, Claudine Shankle, President; Sheila Pannell, Vice President; and Pamela Moore, Secretary / Treasurer.

A big thanks to Dub and Claudine Shankle for hosting this event at their home!





JONESBORO NETTLETON

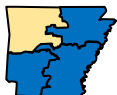
By Lion Kim Brodell

BUSY IN NETTLETON

Our club helped with wonderful TV auction and had fun!! Our Ms. Lion event was January 26th. Another great time.

The backpack program up and running feeding kids, the Zeigler Leo Nettleton now has a sponsor and is in works and coming up in May is our White Cane event.

The gang is working hard! I'm so proud of our small group! A bunch of go get devoted Lions!



FORT SMITH NOON

By Lion Marty Houston

FORT SMITH NOON SPEAKERS

A recent speaker was Mila Masur, the executive director of the Clayton House in Fort Smith. Mila told us that the Clayton House belonged to Federal Judge William Henry Harrison Clayton, who served around the same time that Judge Parker served and was also used as a civil war hospital. It later became a boarding house that suffered extensive fire damage in 1968, but the efforts of a local resident, Julia Aden, kept the Clayton house from being demolished. The restoration project used as many of the original nails and wood as possible that were not completely destroyed by the fire. She said today the Clayton House serves as a piece of Fort Smith history with monthly lecture series on the 4th Sunday of every month and hosting special programs.

Kermit Walsh and Randy Mizell Randy spoke to members at an earlier meeting. Randy, who is the Old Fort Days Rodeo chairman told us it is a testament to the area's love for rodeo that it has endured many years. He said that the Old Fort Days Rodeo started with a group of business men, who pooled \$20,000 in 1933 to launch the inaugural Old Fort Days Rodeo. Randy said the Old Fort Barrel Futurity will be underway next week with approximately \$55,000 to \$65,000 for the winner.

NEWS ANCHOR HONORED

The club recognized Daren Bobb, lead anchor for KFSM, who was in attendance this week. While we are hoping that Daren is able to continue as our host of our annual TV auction, the station is transitioning right now through a sale of its parent company and studio's to Northwest Arkansas. We wanted to take the opportunity to thank Daren for his many years of help and service to the Fort Smith Noon Lions. He told us that he is hoping he will be able to continue working with us for the auction next year and how much "fun" it has been to work with us during that important fund raising event.



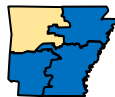
Mila Masur



Randy Mizell & Kermit Walsh



Darren Bobb



VAN BUREN

By Lion Joe McDaniel

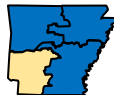
CAE DONATION

The Van Buren Lions Club donated \$1700 to the Center for Art and Education's (CAE) building renovation project. The donation equals about half of the funds raised by the club at a recent pancake breakfast.

The funds will go towards the matching grant the CAE is applying for in order to complete renovations on their building in historic downtown Van Buren.



Earlier in the day, the club donated \$1000 towards an informational plaque in Freedom Park.



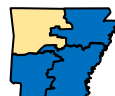
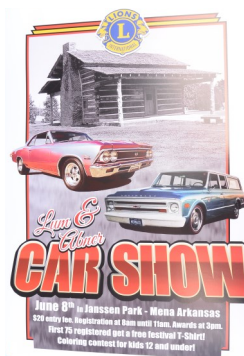
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Staff Report

MENA SPONSORS ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Recently, the Mena's Advertising and Promotion Commission sponsored the 42nd annual Lum and Abner Festival. Chester Lauck and Norris Goff, were both born and raised around the Mena area and created and starred in the Lum and Abner radio show from 1931 to 54. The festival is a yearly tradition for two full days of music, fun and attractions.

A car and motorcycle show has long been a part of the festival, and this year, for the first time, the Mena Lions Club was the sponsor of the car show. Vintages cars, trucks and motorcycles filled one end of Mena's Janssen Park and the turn-out was great.



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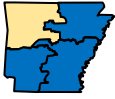
By Lion Don Ellis

Fayetteville Raises Funds for the A.L.E.R.T. Trailer

As part of their recent induction of new officers, the Fayetteville club included a fund raiser to help re-supply District 7-1's emergency response trailer. The Arkansas Lions Emergency Response Team provided many tarps and comfort kits to the residents of Fort Smith and the River Valley. (See related story on page 4)

A total of \$520 was raised.

The Arkansas Lions Directory is being updated
 It's important for each club and district to report and update club meeting times and locations, club and district officers and membership information on MyLCI.
 Information for our printed directory comes from MyLCI.



ROGERS

By Lion Laurie Marshall

Rogers holds War Eagle Trail Run

Since 2006, athletes from around the country who believe a regular run along a paved road just isn't challenging enough have gathered early on a June morning to set off on the War Eagle Trail Run on dirt paths through the forests of the Hobbs State Park and Conservation Area. This year, the event was held on June 1st, and welcomed over 600 registrants from fourteen states.

The race is one of the only events of its kind in the state, featuring distances of 10k, 25k and 50k. Something for everyone, you might say. Runners this year ranged in age from a nine-year-old boy to runners well into their seventies, and everything in between. Proceeds from the event are shared between the Rogers Lions Club and Friends of Hobbs, a volunteer group that keeps trails and grounds around the park in good shape for visitors year-round.

Outgoing Rogers Lions Club President, Greg Lindley, is the originator of the race and collaborated with Mark Clippinger and Jay Schneider of Hobbs State Park to get it off the ground. Mike Rush and James Reaves of Rush Running came on board soon after, and Jay Lewis of Race Wizard rounded out the organizational team. Runners and volunteers alike are grateful for the Catfish John's lunch that is waiting at the end of the trail. Many bloody knees and elbows can be seen standing in line to load up on friend fish and hushpuppies, but the smiles make it clear the effort was worth the reward.

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Top: Runners in front of the War Eagle Bridge waiting for the race to start. Left: Lion Fred Lookadoo Center: Lion Jim Secker Right: Lion Greg Lindley. Bottom: Lions and Friends of Hobbs displaying the check that was split between the two groups.



DISTRICT 7-0 PEACE POSTER WINNERS

By Lion Charles Hartwig

FIRST PLACE
Paige
Trumann Middle School
Sponsored by the Truman Lions Club



SECOND PLACE
Savannah
Quitman High School
Sponsored by the Heber Springs Club



THIRD PLACE
Jeannie
Valley View Intermediate School-Blue
Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Club



HONORABLE MENTION
Katelyn
Jonesboro Westside Middle School
Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Club



HONORABLE MENTION
Lillian
Highland Middle School
Sponsored by the Cherokee Village Club

Dr. Susan Whiteland Honored

At its May 9th meeting, the District 7-0 Cabinet decided to issue Dr. Susan Whiteland of the Arkansas State University-Jonesboro Art & Design Department a formal thanks commendation in recognition of her serving, with her students, as District judges for their annual Lions International Peace Poster contest for the past three years. District Governor Pat Snodgrass also issued her an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the current President – the first female President of Lions International.



Rogers (continued)

The trail run is the Rogers Lions Club's largest fundraiser, bringing in approximately \$6,000 each year that is then put back into the community in the form of assistance for individuals of all ages who need help paying for eye exams and corrective lenses. The club also assists with folks who are headed to MidSouth Lions Sight and Hearing Services in Memphis for treatments. Additional monies are doled out to the Arkansas Lions Eye Bank, Legend Treks, Leader Dogs for the Blind, World Services for The Blind in Little Rock, and three scholarship recipients selected each year from the local high schools.

From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



HOW MANY DIFFERENCES CAN YOU FIND BETWEEN THE TWO PHOTOS? *ANSWERS IN SCRAP BOOK*





HOW EXCITING!
Please tell me more.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR ELEVATOR PITCH READY?

You never know when someone is going to ask you about the Lions.

EVENTS



JUNE

30 End of Fiscal Year—Be sure membership records are updated on MyLCI / Start reporting Service on MyLION / If not done yet, add new officers to

JULY

7-9 International Convention—Milian, Italy
Information: CC Myrna McGee,

20 Dist 7-I Cabinet Meeting—Russellville
10 am at Western Sizzlin Information: DGE Kevin Baskin

AUGUST

5-6 International President Choi Visit—Little Rock
Information & Schedule to be announced

6 Lions Day at World Service for the Blind—Little Rock
Members are invited for a day of activities at WSB with IP Choi. Information: CC Myrna McGee,

6 MD7 Council Meeting— WSB in Little Rock
Time to be announced Information: CCE Tracy Price

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SEPTEMBER

13-14 District L Convention—Information : DGE Claudia Griffin

19-20 USA / Canada Forum —Spokane, Washington

OCTOBER

4-5 District I Convention—Clarksville,
Information : DGE Kevin Baskin

26 District N Convention—Little Rock,
Information : DGE Kandy Cayce

NOVEMBER

15 IRS 990 Due—Clubs whose FY ends June 30 must file by this date.

List your club's events—jduke22@att.net

Scrap

Book



Beth Gray sings the National Anthem at the convention in Fayetteville.



The Singing men of Arkansas perform during the presentation of colors.



DG Gloria Montgomery swears-in new officers for Little Rock Founders.



Gunnar Shaffer shows members of the Founders Club some of his Agrowponics products.



Lion Greg Lindley ready to run at War Eagle.



Lions Willie Mlimbi David Redmon looking over their lions pins after conven-



Lion Dr. Tom Woods performing eye screening for the University Heights Jonesboro Lions.



Haley Steele, Miss Lion 2019 representing the Jonesboro Net-tleton club.



out of town Lion Bill Matler looks over one of the vintage trucks at the Lvm & Abner car show.



Answers to the Unknown Tail Twister's puzzle on previous page.