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A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions
December 2019 -- No. 6



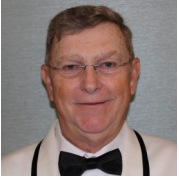
“Journey of Peace” LCI’s Annual Peace Poster Contest



Lions Don Ellis and Terry Carson with Van Buren Peace Poster winner Julia Sherman.
Story and more posters on page 3 and 4



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Ramblings from

The Council Chair:

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? One half of our Lions year is almost gone. We must be having fun because the time is flying by very quickly. I hope that each Lion is having fun while we serve others here in Arkansas and around the world.

Rita and I have attended all 4 of the District Conventions. They were all GREAT. We heard excellent speakers, enjoyed wonderful fellowship, and ate some delicious food. Each District Governor deserves our high respect for the job they did on planning and conducting the District Conventions. I am very pleased to say that I have met each of the incoming District Governors and our state will continue to be in VERY CAPABLE HANDS in the future. Our current District Governors have been busy visiting our clubs and encouraging members to STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE by bringing in new members.

WHAT IS IN STORE FOR 2020? Here are some of the events that are ahead:

The State Events Planning Committee has been diligently meeting and planning the upcoming Mid Winter Leadership Forum which will be held in Stuttgart on February 7 & 8, 2020. There has been a lot of thought and consideration going into this Forum. We are extremely fortunate to have one of our own to be the featured speaker at this upcoming event. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER THAT WILL BE CHALLENGING US.

The State Events Planning Committee will start planning for the State Convention in early January. The State Convention will be held at World Services for the Blind in Little Rock on May 1 & 2, 2020. I feel certain we will have a GREAT Convention in Little Rock as Lion Sharon is an EXCEPTIONAL host.

We have had the HONOR of entertaining our current International President and our incoming International President during this Lions Year. I plan on having one of our Past International Presidents at the State Convention. This will be a huge accomplishment, if we can get this done. Just think about this, Past, Current, and Future International President's visiting Arkansas in the same Lions Year.

Please remember that we want this to be the TURNAROUND YEAR for membership. We want to grow as we serve others. We have done well the first half of the year and PLEASE don't slow down on inviting others to join the LARGEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. Please think OUTSIDE THE BOX of ways to gain new members.

Rita and I look forward to serving with YOU during the second half of this Lions year.

As your Council Chair, I wish each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR,

CC Tracy Price



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JOURNEY OF PEACE

PEACE POSTERS 2019-20

Lions Touchstone Story #5

Expressions of Peace

Nothing speaks louder to the world's need for harmony than a child's vision of peace—except for the collective expressions of millions of children.

Since 1988, Lions Clubs International has sponsored the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest to encourage young people to express their perspectives on peace. Every year, as many as 400,000 children ages 11 to 13 from around the world participate in the contest. Sponsored by local clubs, the international competition reflects one of the key tenets of the Lions—to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners are chosen each year for their unique and heartfelt visions of peace created from crayon, watercolor, pencil and other mediums. All winners receive a cash prize and certificate. Mustapha El Tawokji from war-torn Beirut, Lebanon, won the first Peace Poster Contest in 1988-1989 by expressing the theme, "Peace Will Help Us Grow," with a dove flying over a bed of roses. While he had never known peace, he expressed his vision of what

peace would be like.

Young people from around the globe continue to offer Lions their expressions of peace in the hopes that one day the dream may come true.



1988-89—The first LCI Peace Poster winner.

Arkansas' Winning Posters



Tabitha Tyler

Once again, the Peace Poster contest was a success with many students throughout the state submitting entries.

These four posters represent the winning entries from each Arkansas district and their place in multi-district judging. The first place poster will be sent to LCI for the next level of judging.

Congratulations to all the winners and students who participated in this years contest and thanks to their teachers, school administrators and club sponsors.

1st Place — Tabitha Tyler

7th Grade, Trumann Intermediate School, Trumann. Sponsored by the Truman Lions Club, Dist. 7-O.



Kaylen Phillips

2nd Place — Kaylen Phillips

8th Grade, DeWitt Middle School, Gillett. Sponsored by the DeWitt Lions Club, Dist. 7-N.

3rd Place — Cooper Sarver

8th Grade, Jessieville School, Hot Springs. Sponsored by the Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions Club, Dist. 7-L.



Cooper Sarver

4th Place — Julia Sherman

5th Grade, Tate Elementary School, Van Buren. Sponsored by the Van Buren Lions Club, Dist. 7-I.



Julia Sherman

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Nicole Barnett, Ridgefield Christian School
(Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club)



Kaylen Trotter, Westside Middle School, Jonesboro (Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club)



Fatimah Kazi, International Studies Magnet School, Jonesboro (Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club)



Seaghan Schrock, Haas Hall Academy, Fayetteville (Sponsored by the Fayetteville Lions Club)



Eliza Blair, Gravette Middle School (Sponsor - Gravette Lions Club)



Ja'Kiyla McCarroll, City Youth Ministries, Jonesboro (Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club)



Kaitlyn Kordsmeier, St. Joseph School (Sponsor-Conway Evening Lions Club)



Sophia de Lucena, Jonesboro Visual & Performing Arts Magnet School (Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club)



Mia Caang, Valley View Intermediate School-Blue; (Sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club)



City Youth Ministries, November 13, 2019



Jonesboro Visual & Performing Arts Magnet School, Nov. 13, 2019



Westside Middle School, November 21, 2019



International Studies Magnet School, November 12, 2019

Thanks to the following Lions for submitting photos and information about this year's poster contest:

- Brad Baker
- Charles Hartwig
- Phillip Taylor
- Terry Carson
- Tracy Price
- Jeff Davis

The MD7 News printed all of the posters we received, but realize there were hundreds of student participants throughout the state. We thank them all.

LOAF Meeting

The LOAF (Lions of Arkansas Foundation) Board of Trustees held its fourth quarter meeting recently in Little Rock. LOAF, unlike clubs, districts and international, operates on a calendar year—January 1 to December 31.

New members of the Board of Trustees were introduced and by unanimous vote, all officers were re-elected for a second year. They are president, Lion Don Young; vice president, PDG James Griffin; Secretary, Lion Bill Mattler and Treasurer, PDG Cody Snider.

Several final grant reports were accepted and two new grant requests were approved. One club requested funding for a park bench which will be placed in their community and another club needed some camera and computer equipment to help them

with their on-line auctions. Both grants were matching grants.

Any club may apply for a grant by submitting a grant application along with estimates and timelines. Applications and information are available on the MD 7 e-clubhouse web page.

The Board of Trustees meets quarterly to consider grant requests. Their next meeting will be held as part of the Mid-Winter Forum on February 6 and 7 in Stuttgart. (See Mid-Winter information elsewhere in this newsletter)

TELERETINAL SCREENING UPDATE

Last year, our state Lions joined forces to raise the matching funds needed to apply for an LCIF grant to purchase nine devices allowing the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to perform diabetic retinopathy screening at its eight state wide clinics.

That service should be available at the clinics soon. The screening devices are at UAMS in Little Rock where they are being

set-up and programmed. Outlying staff are being brought in for complete training on the equipment before it is sent to the clinics.

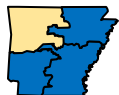
We are not done with this project yet. Part of the grant proposal included our continued support in educating the public of the importance of retinopathy screening for diabetics and how the screening is now available at the regional locations.



Congratulations Lions!

Lions, you did it! Together we helped screen more than one million people around the world for type 2 diabetes.

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE



FT. SMITH NOON

By Lion Marty Houston



Glen Hooks, the president of the Arkansas Sierra Club, was a recent guest speaker. Glen told us that The Sierra club is the oldest environmental protection group in the country, founded by John Muir in 1892. He said that the Sierra club is not an activist organization, but rather a group that is interested in encouraging and introducing ways to live, clean and protect natural resources.

The Sierra Club was the organization that successfully lobbied for the country's 2nd national park "Yellowstone".

Glen Hooks, the president of the Arkansas Sierra

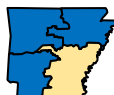


New member, Lion Nathan Goodwin

We welcomed a new member this week as Nathan Goodwin was inducted officially into the club by Lion Richard and Lion Gregg.

Lion Benny Gooden, who this year, passed the 50 year mark as a member of Lions International, was asked what it means to be a Lion. Lion Benny talked about being a charter member of a Lions Club in a small town in central Missouri, and the opportunities it provided him to serve his communities and the relationships that he has developed with fellow business and civic leaders along the way.

A big welcome to Lion Nathan to the Fort Smith Noon Lions!!

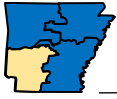


CLARENDON

By Lion Anna Marie Woodell



The Clarendon Lions Club President Rick Glover presented the Monroe County Children in Trust (MCCIT) \$1800 to provide Christmas gifts for the children in the program. Cassie Hunt, MCCIT program coordinator, and Judge Raymond Abramson, MCCIT director, accepted the check at the MCCIT December meeting. (picture, l to r : Judge Raymond Abramson, Cassie Hunt, Rick Glover)



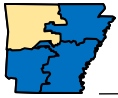
BRYANT

By Lion Corky Egendoerfer



President Corky Egendoerfer was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in September. Making the presentation is Treasurer Richard Fleming

Lion Corky was very surprised and appreciative. "I want to say that I'm humbled by receiving this fellowship and appreciate it immensely."



VAN BUREN

By Lion Terry Carson



James Minor celebrated his 63rd year of membership in Lions with a cake. He attained 25 years of perfect attendance during his 63 years.

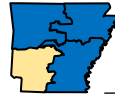
The Van Buren Club is just 3-years short of their 100th anniversary!



NORTH LITTLE ROCK



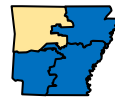
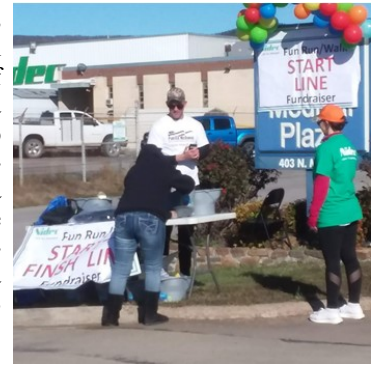
The North Little Rock Lions have been selling holiday baskets of fresh fruit. Their deadline for ordering has passed and now they are distributing the baskets to those who placed orders.



MENA LIONESSE

By Lion Leighanne Walker

The Mena Lioness Lions helped raise funds for a local charity, Clarice's Room of Hope. They joined with a local business, Nidec, who cooked the food for breakfast and lunch. The Mena Lioness Lions served the meals and manned the registration table at the Mena FUN RUN/WALK on Saturday, November 2.



GRAVETTE

By Lion Jeff Davis

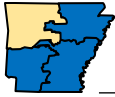
Although not quite annual, we held our second *Lions Live and Learn* program in early November. *Live and Learn* is not a fundraiser, but brings many and varied programs to the community on a single Saturday morning.

This year, we offered twelve different programs, from wildlife and nature to fly fishing and dulcimer lessons. We encourage families to spend a morning learning new things and discovering new hobbies.

As part of our *Live and Learn* program, we offered blood sugar screening. Sisters and Lions Snooky Garrett and Sue Rice also provide monthly diabetes and health screening at the Senior Activity Center in Gravette.

Despite our generator quitting just as the Christmas parade started, leaving our inflatable tree flat and our festive lights dark, we had a great time throwing candy and waving at the crowd.





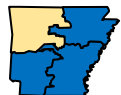
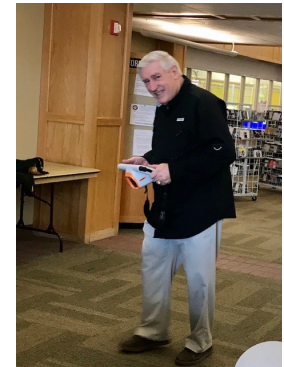
CONWAY EVENING & CONWAY NOON

By Lions Basil Julian and Phyliss Fry



Shown in the attached picture are PDG Bobby Tucker of Conway Noon, PDG Norm Moyer, President of the Conway Evening Club, Lion Basil Julian, Secretary/Treasurer of the Conway Evening Club, PDG Phyliss Fry of the Conway Noon Lions, and two representatives of the Conway Region Health System.

On November 14 the Conway Evening Lions partnered with the Conway Noon Lions and the Conway Regional Health System to conduct free diabetes and vision screening at the Faulkner County Regional Library. The screening was done in recognition of World Diabetes Awareness Day. This is the second year that the Conway Evening Lions and the Conway Regional Health System have partnered for this screening.



CLARKSVILLE

By Lion Reta Price

National Diabetes Awareness Day! The Clarksville Lions Club had the privilege of doing a Diabetic Screening at the Johnson County Senior Activities Center in Clarksville.



Lions helping with the Screening are Lion Tracy Price, Lion Billie Warren, Lion Debbie Baskin and Lion Rita Price

Why service reporting matters

Discover what can happen when you share your impact

From a single pair of eyeglasses to a brand-new hospital for a large city, reporting shines a light on how—and where—local clubs are making a difference across the world. Clear, relevant service data ensures people in need know exactly where to go for help.

Increase global awareness.
Service data helps people understand the needs of communities around the world. Global-minded Lions identify opportunities and lead their local communities into action.

Pave the way to partnership.
Service reports provide tangible evidence to prospective partners of Lions International's global engagement and impact. These relationships strengthen the organization and yield benefits at the local level.

Uncover the next big idea.
Because service activities are scalable, one small service project can become the next signature initiative of the organization: but only if it is reported and promoted by Lions!

Enhance our support.
Service data—along with peer-to-peer sharing and feedback from Lions—enables Lions International to identify best practices that can be shared globally.

Build a brighter future.
Measurement leads to insight, which in turn sharpens our focus. Setting higher—and more reachable—goals each year both unifies and mobilizes the organization toward growth.

Increase our membership.
People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows Lions clubs to continually engage their communities, tell their story more effectively, and ultimately grow their member base.

Leverage our foundation.
Service reports show how Lions and Leos around the world are using funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation grants to serve their communities. This visibility encourages Lions to think creatively about their own projects and apply for LCIF grants themselves.

Recognize and reward.
When Lions report service, they become eligible for a number of service awards. From Centennial Service Challenge patches to Leo Awards, rewards recognize the hard work of Lions and motivate them to continue striving for excellence.

Sincere thanks to all of the club correspondents and Lion leaders who regularly contribute and make our newsletter a success!

Lion Jeff,
Editor

Lions MID-WINTER LEADERSHIP FORUM

February 7 and 8
Stuttgart, Arkansas



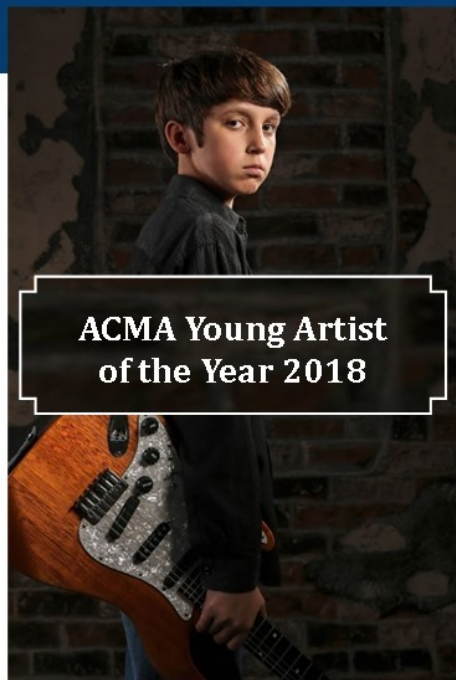
Keynote Speaker:
MICKEY SPILLANE

John "Mickey" Spillane IV was in the United States Air force for 30 years and retired at the highest enlisted rank allowed by Congress, Chief Master Sergeant.

HeySarge is his philosophically driven alter-ego, developed when he realized that leadership really mattered if you ever wanted to get anybody else to do anything of significance. In a nut-shell, HeySarge believes that leadership can be taught.

Now that he has retired from the Air Force, he is ready to share his uniquely powerful, "HeySarge Leadership Tenets" with the world!

Friday's Entertainer:
CAM SHELTON



ACMA Young Artist
of the Year 2018

FRIDAY EVENING

Join us for a meal and entertainment by ACMA
Young Artist of the year, Cam Shelton

Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie
921 E. 4th Street, Stuttgart

SATURDAY

Along with our Keynote speaker, Mickey Spillane,
there will be seminars and breakout sessions
including GAT/Board and Guiding Lion Training.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served

Grand Prairie Center
2807 US Hwy 165, Stuttgart



Arkansas Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Forum
Stuttgart, Arkansas February 7 & 8, 2020

Make plans now — Fill out the attached registration form!





ARKANSAS LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM
FEBRUARY 7-8, 2020
Stuttgart, Arkansas



(Please PRINT the following information)

(A) Your Data	Name:	Badge Name(If Different):
	I am a (circle one) Lion Lioness Leo Non-member	Club:
	Phone #:	District:
(B) Guest Data	Name:	Badge Name (If Different):
	I am a (circle one) Lion Lioness Leo Non-member	Club:
	Phone #:	District:
Mailing Address	Street, Apt #	
	City, State ZIP	
	E-Mail:	
Convention Fees		
<p>REGISTRATION FEE-- includes Friday night meal and entertainment by Cam Shelton, which will take place at the Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie located at 921 E. 4th Street, Stuttgart, AR. Saturday activities will include a continental breakfast and lunch with featured keynote speaker Mickey Spillane; along with all seminars and breaks located at the Grand Prairie Center on the campus of Phillips Community College, 2807 US Hwy 165, Stuttgart, AR.</p>		
<p>ROOM RATES at the Tru by Hilton Stuttgart (870-672-7505) located at 204 W 22nd Street, Stuttgart, are \$81.00/night (not including taxes) for the standard king or standard double queen beds through January 7th. Please mention <i>Arkansas Lions Club</i> when making reservations.</p>		
Postmarked by:	Before January 25th	After January 25th
(A) Your Fees	\$25.00	\$35.00
(B) Guest Fees	\$25.00	\$35.00
(C) Leo Fees	\$15.00	\$25.00
Total Due:	Amount Enclosed:	Check Number:

Make checks payable to **Arkansas Lions Mid-Winter Forum** and mail to:
PDG Cody Snider, 512 Sample Road, Hazen, AR 72064

From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



How many of the following celebrity Santa's can you name?

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| ___ John Goodman | ___ Danny DeVito |
| ___ Robin Williams | ___ Jack Nicholson |
| ___ Don Knotts | ___ Johnny Carson |
| ___ Tim Allen | ___ Sean Connery |



Answers: 1-Don Knotts 2-Johnny Carson 3-Tim Allen 4-Sean Connery 5-Robin Williams 6-Danny DeVito 7-John Goodman 8-Jack Nicholson

EVENTS



DECEMBER	
JANUARY	
13-17	LCIF Week
15	Peace Poster kits go on sale
FEBRUARY	
7-8	Mid-Winter Forum in Stuttgart
15	International Childhood Cancer Day
MARCH	
7	Lions Day at the United Nations
APRIL	
22	Earth Day
25	International Lions Initiation Day
MAY	
1-2	State Convention (Little Rock)
15	Deadline for reporting 2020-21 officers
JUNE	
1	Helen Keller Day
7	Lions Club International Birthday
26-30	International Convention (Singapore)
JULY	
AUGUST	
SEPTMBER	
15-16	USA / Canada Forum (Louisville, KY)
OCTOBER	
16-17	District 7-O Convention
23-24	District 7-I Convention
30-31	District 7-N Convention
NOVEMBER	
16	IRS 990 Reports Due
DECEMBER	



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Convention



(above) DG Brad and Mona Baker receive an award from International First Vice President Haynes Townsend and his wife, Donna. (top right) A bobble-head of the district governor. (bottom) The DG and FVP with the mayor of Jonesboro.



District 7-1

Convention



(left) PDG Norm Meyer visits with Lion Patty O'Bannon
(right) Lion Laurie Marshall and PDG Phyllis Fry



DJ. Blankenship and his wife PCC Carolyn Blankenship