

MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions

February 2022 -- No. 16



"We delivered 150 Tarps, 150 blankets, 100 personal hygiene kits, flashlights and 200 pairs of leather work gloves. We were the first donations to be delivered to Augusta, Monette, Leachville and Truman." according to District O Governor Roy Patterson describing response to the December tornados in N.E. Arkansas.

POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL DUES INCREASE

Board Submits Proposal To be voted at the 2022 Convention

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. *The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention.*

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

MEMBERSHIP MANIA

Global Membership Team
PCC Tracy Price

GAIN 1 IN 21 is in our rear view mirror. We had the "dreaded COVID" issue to deal with during this time period, and even though it took a toll on our Lions Clubs, we had a reasonably productive six months. Our main issue was losing clubs. Our numbers would have been good "IF" we could have retained those clubs. We need to reach out to members of the clubs that closed and try to get them reinstated in neighboring clubs. This is one of the points I made at the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum.

We had a GREAT TIME at the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum where the primary focus was on membership. I was fortunate enough to be able to bring a presentation that hopefully inspired those in attendance to reach out to prospective members and bring them into their Lions Clubs.

I have asked the district governors to order membership applications and give at least one to each one that attends the district convention and CHALLENGE the attendees to bring that completed application back to their respective clubs with a new member. Another OPPORTUNITY would be to invite prospective members to the district convention so they could get a better idea of what we as Lions are all about. What a JOY it would be to gain members at the district convention.

My hope is that EVERYONE will get on board with MEMBERSHIP MANIA and that we finally turn the corner with our membership numbers. We have to realize that Covid is here to stay and we will need to learn to deal with it. Let's not make excuses for not meeting. We can go to the grocery store, eat out at restaurants, attend sporting events and visit with family and friends, so why can't we get together as Lions?

Let's think OUTSIDE THE BOX and bring our "PRIDE" back together and increase our numbers over the next six months.

PCC Tracy Price
MD7 and Dist. 7-I GMT

PEACE POSTER

WINNER

Sophia Cameron, a sixth grade student at the International Studies Magnet School in Jonesboro created Arkansas' winning Peace Poster for 2021-22. District 7-0's Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club was the sponsor.

Sophia's poster has been forwarded to LCI for the next level of judging.



Sophia Cameron shows her certificate and a copy of her poster,

NEWS

State & International

TWO VIE FOR COUNCIL CHAIR

For the first time in recent memory, we have a two-way race for next year's council chair seat.

DG Don Young (7-N) and DG Roy Patterson (7-O) have both announced they will be seeking the council chair position for the Lions year 2022-23.

The council chair is elected jointly, usually at the last council meeting each year, by the current Council of Governors and the in-coming district governors.

DG Don Young, a member of the Carlisle Club, has been a Lion since 1995.

DG Roy Patterson, a member of the Jonesboro Nettleton Lions Club, has been a Lion since 1994.

Both district governors have held many club, district and multi-district positions.

THIRD QUARTER COUNCIL MEETING

In the morning prior to the January 8 Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Forum in Conway, the Council of Governors held their third quarter meeting with the council chair and all four district governors present.

Lion Jack Wells from Hot Springs at the last council meeting agreed to maintain an inventory of Arkansas Lions merchandise and sell it on-line for the multi-district. Lions Wells reported that the website will be available soon. *(We hope to have products and ordering information in each newsletter)*

According to State Secretary Wanda Green, the International Lions Pin Trader Association is likely to disband, decreasing the previous demand for Lions pins in general. The governors decided to reduce the number of state pins ordered for 2023.

PCC Bill Heaston reported that the books have been closed on the MD-7 /

UAMS Tele-Retinal grant with the remaining \$4,000 being used to print brochures.

PCC Heaston also reported on the World Services for the Blind LCIF grant request for \$100,000, which will be matched by WSB. Multi-district support was approved by the governors at their previous meeting. The request is scheduled to go before the International Directors and has been recommended for approval.

The council agreed to endorse the candidacy of PID A.P. Sing, MD 322, India, for the position of International Third Vice President.

The Fayetteville has submitted a bid to host the Arkansas State Convention for 2023 which was accepted by the council.

Council Chair Jeremy Kimble reminded everyone of this year's state convention in Jonesboro on May 13-14. *"It's great to be a Lion"* is this year's theme.



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COUNCIL of GOVERNORS



Rene' Roberts Roy Patterson Jeremy Kimble
 Carol Allen Don Young

A DIFFERENT KIND OF MID-WINTER FORUM

Council Chair Jeremy Kimble indicated last fall at his first council meeting he wanted to see the annual Mid-Winter Leadership Forum become more of an information and learning event than it has been in recent years. He asked his Global Action Team and other Lion leaders to be prepared to conduct breakout session at this year's event.

Only membership leader PCC Tracy Price presented to the full group. He introduced our new membership theme, "Membership Mania" and talked about ways to increase membership. He pointed out, if we don't turn things around, our projected Arkansas membership in ten years would be 700.

Breakout sessions included a program for Vice District Governors with CC Jeremy Kimble, PDG Leanna Rich and PCC Matt Webber, Service Activities with PDG Jeff Davis, Club Secretaries with Lion Rita Price, Club President with PCC Bill Heaston, Club Treasurer with DG Rene' Roberts, LOAF with Lion Bonda Moyer and LCIF with PDG Mike Benefield.

After lunch, the Lions Share of the Old Town String Band played a few tunes.



WSB RECEIVES LCIF GRANT

World Service for the Blind was awarded a Lions Club International Foundation matching \$100,000 grant. The announcement was made by LCIF in mid-January.

WSB wants to remodel part of their existing campus to include a group home that provides permanent housing and a supportive services for individuals who are either elderly or have other disabilities, in addition to being blind. WSB has raised and used 3.5 million dollars for capital improvement and will include that as part of their matching funds for the 8.9 million dollar project.

The proposal was made to the Council of Chairs at their last meeting which they voted to support.

Grants such as this must be supported by the multi-district and the council chair at the time of its inception becomes the grant administrator for the duration of the project.

World Services for the Blind was founded by the Arkansas Lions and continues to be one of our state supported projects.

7-N CONVENTION

District 7-N Lions & Lioness,

The Arkansas Lions District 7-N Convention is a little over two months away, in Carlisle, Arkansas on March 19. Save the date.

We know that it may be hard in this trying time, but we are going to continue with social distancing and wearing a mask if not fully vaccinated.

The theme this year will be "What is Your Passion".

We would love to see everyone.

Lion Fran Walker
Dist. 7-N Secretary

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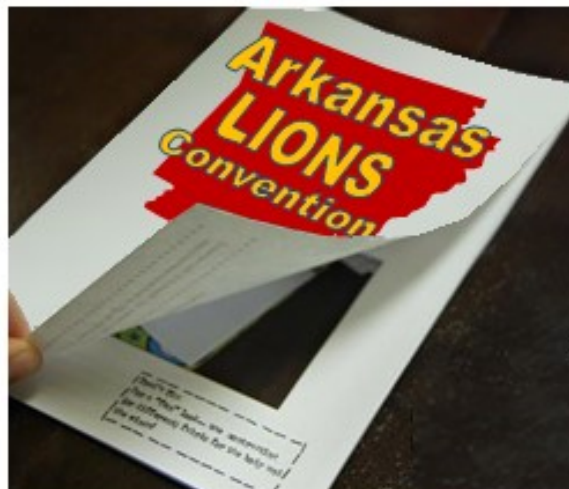
**Welcome to the
Arkansas
Lions State Convention
May 13, 14, 2022
Jonesboro, AR**

Where: Embassy Suites 223 Red Wolf Blvd.
Time: Starting Friday Night with Old Fashion Hoe-down. From 7:30 till 11:00 p.m. Embassy Suites
Main Meeting 0930—with onsite registration Main Lobby starting at 0900 a.m.
Special room rates at Embassy Suites !!

Check with your Club Sec. for additional information or
Call PDG Pat Snodgrass 870-761-0132

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

Registration Form on Page 13



**State Convention
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Please send ads in PDF or WordPerfect

CLUB REPORTS

& Etc.

All Arkansas Lions clubs are invited to send in reports and photos of your activities, service, fundraising and member achievements along with anything else you would like to share with your fellow Lions. Send your reports to: jduke22@att.net



North Little Rock

Lion Deb Bolding reporting

We were honored to participate in the placement of flags on November 8, 2021 at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock for Veterans Day.

This was our first year to participate in these events as a club. We had approximately 10 members at each event. Lion Larry Tadlock invited his friend Jim Barnett to attend the wreath preparation event and he joined our club the same day.



L to R- Lion President Steve Scharenborg, new Lion Jim Barnett and his sponsor Lion Larry Tadlock

We found these events to be an opportunity to serve our community of North Little Rock and to meet members of our community. We did meet and visit with another prospective member while working. We look forward to future events with the Veterans Cemetery to honor our Veterans and serve our Community.



Lions Barnett and Tadlock assembling wreaths



Calico Rock

Lion Rick Fisher reporting



At a regular club meeting recently, BancorpSouth branch manager Jay Knight (right) presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Calico Rock Lions club President Brayden McCurley (left) who received the funds on behalf of the grateful membership. The funds were provided as a grant by the company for use by the Lions club in their vision assistance program which aids those in need with the purchase of eye exams and eye-glasses.



Boonville

Lion Russell Bryan reporting



7-year old Bella Bryan makes her own contribution to the pillow drive.



When you ask a 7yr old a question, you never know what response you're going to get. It was late 2020 when I asked Bella about her thoughts and ideas on helping the other little boys and girls in our community. I know she has a good heart, but her answer wasn't what I was expecting. To my surprise – Pillows!

Fast forward a year and the pillow project was underway alongside our annual pancake breakfast. The pillows were distributed to the Family Resource Center in Booneville and The Call Mall in Paris. Both organizations were extremely grateful to receive the pillows.

After Dover's success, we also made the decision to move forward with a donation-based breakfast. We did not sell tickets in advance to the breakfast. Instead, we focused on changing up our sponsorship format, place-mats, overall breakfast improvements and relied on the generosity of our community. Everything went great! We had a good turnout for the breakfast and collected 44 pillows!



Jonesboro (University Heights)

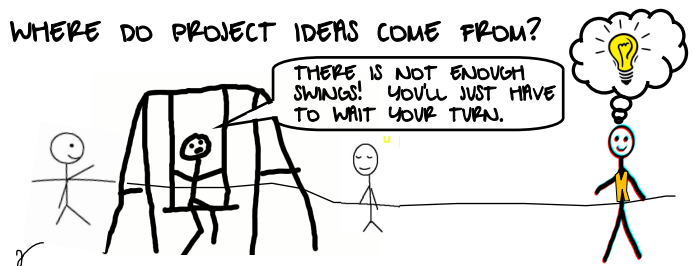
From FaceBook

In November, the University Heights Lions of Jonesboro held their annual TV Auction. According to club representatives, bidding was brisk on some items and not so much on others. To be sure, bargains were to be had on tools, clothing, gift certificates and other great stuff. All items being auctioned were donated by local merchants.

This annual TV Auction has always been a great fundraiser and was again this year.



WHERE DO PROJECT IDEAS COME FROM?



Gravette

Lion Jeff Davis reporting

In January we held our annual planning meeting where we brainstormed possible new services and fundraising opportunities. Services we are considering include expanding our bookmobile service to young readers during the summer, volunteering with Care and Share, working with the local summer sports programs to promote our human foosball court, adopting a mile of highway and revising our old Live and Learn community program.



New Lion Randy Canon smiles and his sponsor, Lion Jeff Davis attaches his Lions pin to his collar.

At that meeting, we also inducted our newest member, Randy Canon. Most of us have known Lion Randy for years and know he will be an welcomed asset to our club.

The Benton County Justices of the Peace are interviewing organizations who wish to share in in the county's \$ 54 million Covid Relief Funds. Our club has applied for \$1300 for our eye examination and glasses program. Our fundraising is down because of the pandemic, yet we are seeing more than our average number of applications. PDG Jeff Davis, the clubs Eye Exam Chair will make the grant presentation before the justices in late February or early March. According to a county release, 61 organizations have applied for \$110 million.

If approved, the grant will provide ten individuals with and exam and glasses.

Little Rock Founders

Lion Bill Heaston reporting

Three times each year the Little Rock Founders Club holds a White Cane Day drive at the Park Plaza mall. They set up at the two main entrances to the mall and always do well receiving donations and visiting with people.



Shown recently at the Park Plaza mall with the Founders Club mascot, Snail, are members (L-R) Robert Maxwell, George Foster and Bec Dwyer-Cop. And just who is Snail, It's non other than club member and WSB CEO Sharon Giovinazzo.

In our most recent drive, we received \$2200 in donations.

White Cane Day is a traditional fundraiser used by many clubs throughout the world. It celebrates an early Lions Club movement to promote the use of white canes by visually impaired individuals as a way to make them more visible to motorists.

Pea Ridge

Lion Jeff Davis reporting

PR Lions had a float in the Pea Ridge Christmas parade. The theme was Blue Christmas. The float featured a stuffed lion, a nativity and a lighted Christmas tree. We honored our local police force with snowflakes stamped with their names and badge numbers. Hurray! Lions took home the Grand Champion award!!



Editors Note: Pea Ridge tragically lost a police officer while on duty earlier this year, hence the Blue Christmas parade theme and celebration of the city's police force.

Pea Ridge Lions gave away free coffee and donuts at the annual mule jump. It was a beautiful day. Several thousand attended and we were able to talk with many people about Lionism and what services our local club provides the community.

We were thankful for our loyal sponsors that once again helped us with our biggest fundraiser of the year.



Hot Springs

Jesse D Hawkins

Lion David Shockey reporting

Lions David Shockey (President) and Mozella Anderson, members of the Jesse D Hawkins Lions Club (Hot Springs), volunteered their time ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. They served at one of the Harps store locations.



Who reports For your club?



Send your photos and club news to jduke22@att.net

Conway Noon

Lion Phyliss Gilmore Fry reporting

Conway Noon Lions Club members continue to ROAR and serve their community. Several members took time out to dine and then proceeded to shop for a foster family for Christmas. We had so much fun shopping for these kids. Much better than our usual Christmas party.



Shoppers Phyliss Gilmore Fry, Amy Reed, Diane Brown, Brandy Hinton Mullins, Kim Tyler, Debbie Townsend, Denny Brown and Richie Howell.

Jonesboro University Heights

Lion Charles Hartwig reporting

Fox Meadow School of Creative Media (Nettleton) 6th grade artist Ethan Pepion & his winning poster in the 2021-2022 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Pictured are (l-r) are Charles Hartwig, Lions District 7-0 Peace Poster coordinator, Ethan, Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club President John Hiegel, and District 7-0 District Governor Roy Patterson.



Ethan's poster took First Place in the JUH Lions contest at his school, and Honorable Mention in the District competition.

Clarksville

Lion Rita Price reporting

Clarksville Lions Club had the privilege of having Arkansas Secretary of State John Thurston as our guest speaker at our meeting on December 14. Mr. Thurston brought us update on the recent Statewide Redistricting. Pictured along with Mr. Thurston is Lion Leta Willis, Johnson County Tax Collector and Lion Herman Houston, Johnson County Judge!



Fort Smith Noon

Lion Marty Houston reporting

In recent months, Fort Smith Lions have had a number of interesting speakers.

Mary Ann spoke to us. Mary Ann is with CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocates. Mary Ann told us that CASA monitors around 800 kids in Foster care in Sebastian county, which is the largest number in the state served.



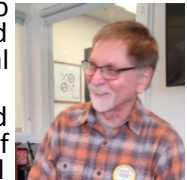
Mary Ann Craig

One of our speakers was Katie Raines, the executive director for Bost. Katie talked to the club recently and told us that Bost was founded in 1959 through Doctor Bost, a Fort Smith Pediatrician, and civic minded citizen who saw a need to provide a service for people with intellectual and learning disabilities.



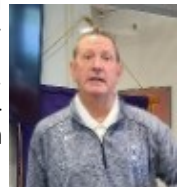
Katie Raines

Not much to report the week. Lion John was to schedule our speaker, but it was quite entertaining to hear him go through explanations as to why he did not secure one for our first official meeting of the year



Lion John

The club also recently met and heard from guest speaker, Coach Jim Boone of the UAFS Lions men's basketball team. Coach Boone, who is heading into his 2nd year as the head basketball coach at UAFS, is also in his 36th year in coaching basketball. Coach Boone said that he got into coaching to impact young people's lives, only to find out that the biggest impact he has made is with his own son.



Coach Jim Boone

Another speaker was Fort Smith police chief Danny Baker. Chief Baker has served in his current capacity since 2018, prior to becoming chief, he said he had no ambition to become Fort Smith police chief and describes his time as chief as a "journey". Chief Baker says he uses Proverbs 6:16 as a guide and sees his and any fellow officer role as a "Peacekeeper" in the community.



Chief Baker

Fayetteville

Lion Rick Bailey reporting



At the December 1, 2021 Fayetteville Lions Club lunch meeting, a \$1,500 check was presented to Salvation Army Captain Joshua Robinett. The Fayetteville Salvation Army is one of several local charities supported by the Fayetteville Lions Club.

Pictured making the presentation: L to R: Captain Joshua Robinett, Lions Club President Andrew Aldridge, and Lions Club treasurer Aaron Edwards. Additional donations were also made by Lions attending the lunch.

Ozark

Lion Charlotte Taff reporting

Every Christmas for the past several years, the Ozark Lions Club has provided toys for area kids. The club partners with Ozark/Altus Area Christmas Spirit for this huge service project. Working with the schools, Department of Human Services and churches and other groups, the Christmas Spirit committee solicits applications from 200-225 low income families. All applications are reviewed and those that are approved will receive a bag of food along with potatoes, milk and a turkey. The CS committee identifies families with children ages 0-12 and gives the Ozark Lions a list of the number of toys needed and the ages and gender of the children. The Lions members then schedule a day to shop for the toys. The number of toys is usually 200-250. Lions and community members then meet together with the Christmas Spirit committee to wrap all the toys. The toys are then labeled for each family, bagged in trash bags and matched to the food bags. Distribution is two days later. Hundreds if not thousands of needy children from North Franklin County have received gifts from Ozark Lions members over the years. Money for the project is raised through fundraisers and donations.



YOUR CLUB

Lion (ANY CLUB MEMBER) reporting



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FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

You can find more information on Dinner in the Dark at leaderdog.org/dinner-in-the-dark; however, you can only access the Table for Eight offer through this email.

Questions? Contact donorsupport@leaderdog.org or 248-710-1046.

FOLLOW THE LEADER



Our highly popular Dinner in the Dark event is virtual again for 2022. Similar to last year, we are offering Dinner in the Dark kits designed for two people on our website for \$125.

Access to pre-event website, including the silent auction

Access to our Virtual Dinner in the Dark event on Friday, March 11, 2022 (pre-program starts at 7:00 p.m. with live broadcast to begin at 7:30 p.m.)

COME AND JOIN US



MID-SOUTH LIONS

CELEBRATES

80 YEARS OF MIRACLES

MARCH 11-12

HILTON MEMPHIS HOTEL



We're going all-out to make this 80th anniversary a memorable event and marking 80 years of miracles to the sight and hearing impaired. Past International President Jimmy and Lion Velda Ross are no strangers to many in our Mid-South area and we will welcome them with a casual (informal) reception on Friday night March 11. We'll do some committee business on Saturday morning; March 12 then enjoy a wonderful working brunch. Afterwards we'll continue with committee meetings, then meet as a board to discuss what's going on and what we are planning for Mid-South next year. We'll have officer/board and nominating committee nominations, talk about next year's budget and upcoming events.

Saturday evening will be the BIG party celebrating our 80th anniversary (1942-2022). We have a great meal planned, we'll be inspired by PIP Jimmy, and we'll also be honoring several of our own by inducting Brian Staron, PID Howard Jenkins, PCC Brad and Lion Mona Baker into the L. B. Baker Hall of Honor. We're asking for business attire for that event.

Cost for the entire event is \$100 but I promise the experience will be PRICELESS! Rooms are available at the Hilton for \$139 plus tax per night. Click here to make your room reservation: [Available Rooms - Hilton Memphis](#)

Reservations for the meeting are required and can be made by registering at [80th Anniversary, Hall of Honor and Quarterly Meeting - Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service, Inc \(churchcenter.com\)](#)

Please make plans now to be a part of our rich history as we celebrate 80 YEARS OF MIRACLES!

LIONS HELPING LIONS

By Lion Dean Rowland, District 7-I Governor Elect

DGE Dean Rowland, a member of the Elkins Lions Club, became concerned when two friends encountered health issues while on an east coast vacation.

In his letter to International President Douglas X. Alexander, DGE Rowland explains how he reached out and received help for his friends from Boston Lion Mary Bura DiMasi.

He received a letter from President Alexander along with a presidential banner.

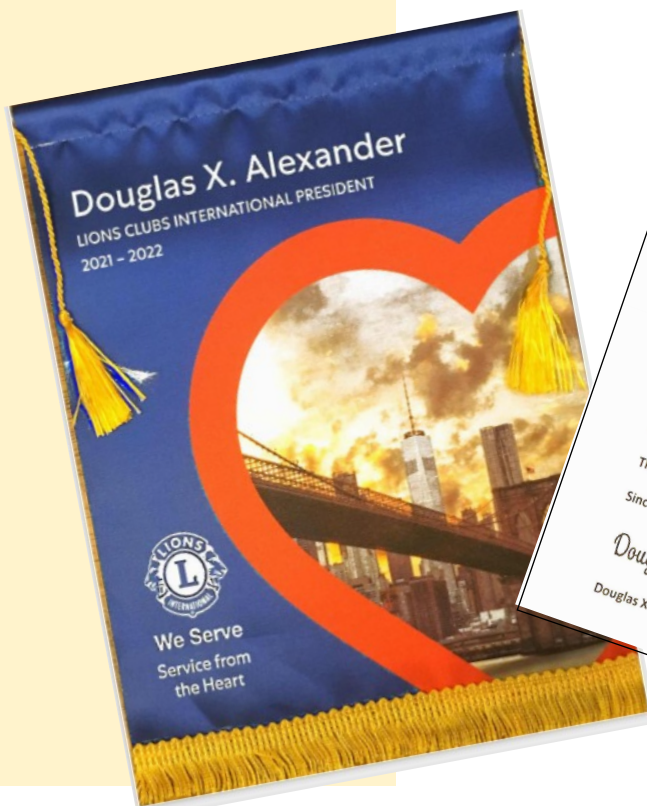
Last November, I reached out to a Lions Club in Boston, Massachusetts. I was reaching out for a friend in need. A couple of amazing things happened while performing this task. The first one is that I got the number off Facebook, called that number and here it is Someone answered that call! After introducing myself the female voice interrupted me and said it was not a good time and asked if she could call me back in an hour. I said sure. So in about an hour, to my amazement, the female voice apologized and then introduced herself. She was a member of a Lions Club in Boston, I explained the reason for calling was that a friend of mine and his wife were up there for a fall foliage tour, but she got sick and was now in the hospital. I was trying to find a way to help them for a long term stay, but didn't know the area and my friends for sure didn't either. This female voice turned out to be Lion Mary Dimasi. She immediately went to work to help. She quickly made sure my friend knew the best routes to travel back and forth to the hospital daily. The subway was the method of travel. Also, he was not allowed to stay at the hospital and could only see his wife during visiting hours. Lion Mary made sure he had restaurant gift cards and cash, all donated from clubs in the area. After surgery, Lion Mary sent flowers, in a lion vase, of course. Anything that came up that you or I would not normally know about the area, she was the go-to person! Lion Mary Damasi kept on checking in up to the point my friends made it back home to Arkansas.

I wrote a letter to our International President, Douglas X. Alexander, explaining all that Lion Mary did to help my friends. The second amazing thing was IP Alexander sent her a personal letter, small banner and pin thanking her for her kind service.

I tell this story because I want to ask you this question. Will you answer the call when your service is needed? It may be something you never expected. Lion's service starts like this! Will you answer the call?

We Serve!

DGE Dean Rowland



The Little Rock Founders Lions Club



A 105 year history — Part 3

Compiled by Lion Bill Heaston with contributions from Lions Cassandra Williams and Betsy Barnes

1930-1939

It has been said that the EVENTS which took place in the decade of the thirties had more of a lasting impact in America and the World than any other decade.

After the Stock Market crash in October 1929, America and the World went into a deep Depression; in America the Great Dust Bowl hit the Midwest and war was looming in Europe which eventually involved the whole world. By 1933 unemployment had hit 25%; people were forging in garbage dumps for food and panic runs on banks threatened to bring down the entire financial system. The newly elected President, Franklin Roosevelt, promised and delivered, His "New Deal" – work relief projects that set the jobless to work building dams, bridges, highways, airports and school houses. Congress enacted reform such as Social Security, unemployment compensation and Federal Insurance of Bank Deposits. Through all of these events Lions International, the Lions of Arkansas and the Little Rock Lions Club kept the faith.

In June 1930 at the Fourteenth Annual Lions International Convention Lion Earle Hodges a former member of the Little Rock Lions Club was elected President of Lions International.

Quotes from the August 1930 "The Lions" magazine: "The new president had given many years to the service of Lionism and who by inclination and training was equipped to lead. At age nineteen he bought a country newspaper and became a publisher and editor. Three times he was elected secretary of state for Arkansas and he missed being Governor of Arkansas by only a few votes. As a Lion he had been a leader from the very beginning. Twice he was chosen president of the Lions Club of Little Rock and was credited with making it the biggest Lions Club in the world. It was then he founded the club bulletin, "The Jungle" and as its editor calling himself "The Jungle Guy" which won wide recognition as a writer. Three times the Arkansas clubs elected Lion Hodges their District Governor. Then International demanded his service and he was made a director. Two years later in 1927, he was elected vice president of International and has advance yearly until now he is president over 2,200 Clubs and 80,000 Lions".

On a Wednesday evening of November 18, 1931 the Lions of Arkansas held an "All Arkansas Banquet". The following article appeared in the Arkansas Democrat the following day on November 19, 1931.

"Lions Feast On Products Of Arkansas – Entertainment and food Abundant at State Wide Gathering Approximately 250 Lions and Lionesses representing Lions Clubs from widely scattered parts of the state attended the All-Arkansas banquet sponsored by the local organization, given Wednesday night at the Hotel Marion. The visitors brought their own contributions to the feast, which consisted entirely of food produced within the borders of the state – cigars, coffee and salt excepted. It was one of the most elaborate programs ever undertaken by the local club and included a huge variety of entertainment – singing, dancing, speaking, as well as the heaps of Arkansas-grown food on the festive board. William Johnson, feature writer and agricultural editor of the Arkansas Democrat, was the principal speaker of the occasion. While his talk was chiefly humorous, he spoke briefly on the abundance of the natural resources of the state, which should carry its people through the depression with little or no signs of hunger and want. The delegation from Fayetteville brought tomato juice and apples; DeValls Bluff, White river catfish; Fort Smith, ham, butter and bread; Blytheville, string beans; El Dorado, sweet potatoes and jellies; Stuttgart, rice; Mena, sweet potatoes and sorghum; Camden and Russellville, green vegetables; Jonesboro, sorghum; Harrison, apples; Hot Springs, water and ginger ale, while Little Rock provided steaks, bread, cigars, cabbage and pineapple salad and coffee and cream. The Arkansas Power and Light quartet, The Mazda Melody Men sang a few selections and a dance program was presented by students of the Dorothy Donelson School of Dancing. H. T. (Will) Terry, District Governor of Lions clubs, delivered the address of Welcome, while Fred A. Weise, president of the local club, served as toastmaster. The All-Arkansas banquet idea was sponsored by Mr. Weise and was generally regarded, especially after the dinner and entertainment, as a "wow" of a success".

The Arkansas Lions State Convention was held in Harrison on May 30, 31, 1932 with 148 Lions registered and over 200 Lions and guest participated in the convention with District Governor Will Terry of the Little Rock Lions Club presiding. Up until 1932 Arkansas only had one District Governor. By resolution adopted at the

1932 Convention Arkansas was divided into two Districts. A district north of the Arkansas River with 26 clubs and a district south of the Arkansas River with 25 clubs. Lion Will Terry was re-elected as District Governor for the South District and Charles Stuck from Jonesboro was elected District Governor for the North District of Arkansas. When Lion Will Terry was elected to the International Board of Directors two months later at the International Convention in Los Angeles, California he gave up his office as District Governor. Lion W. E. Silliman from Camden was chosen to fill the vacancy for the year 1932-1933 replacing Will Terry. Also, during the 1932 Convention the delegates adopted two activities for the year: Immunization of School children against diphtheria and the Lions Juvenile Braille Magazine. The Little Rock Lions Club elected to participate in both of these Service projects along with their Eye Glasses and eye examinations for school children as well as their other sight projects.

Notes from the Clubs archives: "In 1933 when the banks throughout America were closed by order of President Roosevelt the Little Rock Lions Club was without funds to operate. The Hotel Marion Management notified the club Secretary that they had to have cash each week until the banks were opened again. The Board of Directors met to decide how to pay cash. One of the members was Will Rogers who was manager of the Bulk Plant of the Standard Oil Company in Little Rock and did only cash business. The Secretary contacted him to see if his company would lend the club enough money to take care of the meals at the hotel each week until the club could get their cash in the bank. Lion Rogers contacted his superior officers and came back with a much desired favorable reply. Lion Rogers was a real Lion and a life saver for the club. That was real Lionism in real action".

Despite efforts like this, many members did not have the money to pay their dues. As a result membership during those depression years dwindled in the Little Rock Lions Club and throughout Lions International. At the 20th anniversary of the club in 1936 there were three of the original 39 charter members still in the club. The total membership in the June 1936 roster stood at 103 active members. From a high of 188 members in the latter part of the 1920s the membership in the Little Rock Lions Club had dropped down to 104 members in June 1939.

Although the Little Rock Lions Club had declined in their membership, the club helped to spread Lionism in Arkansas by organizing three new Lions club during these years: Benton (1931); North Little Rock (1931); and Pulaski Heights (1937). The club also provided leadership in the state when Lion Hugo Norvell was elected District Governor for the 1934-35 Lions year. In addition International Director Will Terry had completed his two year term on the International Board and was elected District Governor in Arkansas for the 1937-38 Lions year over the South District in Arkansas.

During the latter years of the thirties the Little Rock Lions Club was instrumental in having the Little Rock City Council pass an ordinance giving blind persons holding canes the right of way. In addition, through the cooperation of Past Club President J. G. Burlingame the County Judge assisted a student at the Arkansas School for the Blind obtain permission to operate a newsstand in the County Court House. This was the beginning of the stand program which provided gainful employment to a great number of blind and visually impaired individuals. There will be more about this program and the establishment of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind in the next Issue on the History of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club.

On September 1, 1939 Germany invaded Poland from the east inciting Poland's Allies, Great Britain and France to declare war on Germany. Thus a decade starting in a Depression ended with a War which would involve the whole world. Six years would pass before the struggle ended.

Reference Sources: "The Lion" magazine August 1930; Arkansas Democrat November 19, 1931; Little Rock Lions Archives and "The Jungle"

From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



Can you spot eight differences between the top and the bottom picture?



Photo by Mike Benefield (Answers on page 12)

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EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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

19 District 7-0 Convention

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

MARCH

5 Brad Baker 5K, Memphis, TN

11 44th Annual Lions Day at the UN (New York)

11 Leader Dog Dinner in the Dark *Info*

11-12 Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Quarterly Board Meeting and 80th Anniversary Diner in Memphis, TN. Key-note by PIP Jimmy Ross. *Info*

19 District 7-N Convention, Carlisle AR *Info*

25-26 District 7-I Convention, Russellville, AR *Info*

APRIL

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

2 Mid-South Lions Visiting Day at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis, TN

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

MAY

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

JUNE

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

24-28 International Convention, Montreal, Canada

PHOTOS



Emblem missing
 No picnic
 Head turned
 No lettering
 Color of pants
 Shoe different
 Shoe sleeve
 Long missing
 Strap missing



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

Your Name _____ Badge Name (if different) _____

Club Name _____ Town _____ Phone _____

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

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

Delegate Name _____ Badge Name (if different) _____

Club Name _____ Town _____

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

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

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

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

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

All attendees Lions, and Mature Lions \$35,00! Late fee \$45.

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

Friday Night Hoe-down fee \$10 for entertainment

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Lion / Lioness / Guest \$35	Register by 27 th of April, 2022 Friday night fee \$10	Late Registration after 28 th of April \$45
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# Registration on this form _____ Friday Fee _____	Check Amount _____ Including Friday Night	Check # _____
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Your Host Club: NEA Lions Club will be staffing a Hospitality Room Friday 7:30 till 11p.m.

Send registration forms to '
 PDG Pat Snodgrass
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REGISTRATION: STATE CONVENTION



**Arkansas Lions
District 7-N Convention
1st Methodist of Carlisle
March 19, 2022
315 Livermore
Carlisle, Arkansas 72024**



REGISTRATION: Dist 7-N CONVENTION

A-Name			
Please circle one of the following: Lion Lioness Leo Non-Member			
Club:			
Mailing Address:			
Contact Number: ()	E-Mail:		
B-Name			
Please circle one of the following: Lion Lioness Leo Non-Member			
Club:			
Mailing Address:			
Contact Number: ()	E-Mail:		
<p>Accommodations: <u>Please make your own reservations.</u> Here are a few hotels near Carlisle: Hampton Inn & Suites Lonoke 240 Brownsville Loop, Lonoke, AR 72086, 501-676-0602, Holiday Inn Express 104 Dee Dee Ln, Lonoke, AR 72086, 501-676-7800.</p>			
<p>Registration Fee: Your registration fee covers the cost of all activities. Fee must be paid in full in order to participate.</p>			
Postmarked by:	March 1, 2022	After March 1 or on site	First-Timer
	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Amount Due: \$	\$	\$	\$
Please make check(s) payable to Lions District 7-N Convention. Mail registration form and check(s) to Lion George Foster, c/o Little Rock Founders, PO Box 15, Little Rock, AR 72203-0015			
<i>To help combat hunger, please help by bringing a Non -Perishable Food item for the Food Bank at the 1st Methodist of Carlisle.</i>			
Saturday, March 19, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">We serve with love and compassion in communities around the world. The selfless giving of our time and effort is precisely what makes Lions so special. When we give, we expect nothing in return. Yet we gain so much. Our service offers hope and connection in the face of great need and also extends an invitation to the world to join us. We embrace the joy that comes with</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service From The Heart.</p>		
Registration 8:30 AM-9:15 AM			