



Here is your newest Lion Tails
and MD7 News.
I hope everybody enjoys reading
about clubs throughout
Arkansas.

Presidents and secretaries,
please take time to forward the
newsletter to each club member.

Thank you

MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments
For Arkansas Lions

August 2022 -- No. 19



“We are having a great time on Parade day! We called the hogs at each stoplight along the way!”

Text message from DGE (at the time) Dean Rowland

NEWS

State & International

COUNCIL MEETS IN CARSILE

The new Council of Governors held its first meeting recently with all members in attendance.

The first order of business was approval of the annual budget as submitted by Council Treasurer Dean Rowland. The balanced budget calls for income and expenses of nearly \$ 31,000. The council also approved the final expenses from last year's state convention as presented by DG Pat Snodgrass, who chaired that event.

In new business, it was pointed out that international dues will be increasing which led to a discussion of increasing our multi-district dues. DG Dean Rowland was appointed to write a resolution proposing an increase to be presented to the membership at the state convention next spring.

The member who has been handling sales for the MD of state Lions items no longer wishes to be part of that program. No new plans have been announced. Lion Kelli Kimble has been appointed auction chair for the state convention. A motion was passed to deposit the auction funds in the MD's account while allowing the proceeds of the 50/50 to go the Past District Governors Association.

Membership Chair Rene Roberts, PDG and Leadership Chair Myrna McGee, PCC will be applying for the LCI growth grants in their areas. Training for club officers and zone chairs is planned.

CC Don Young reminded the DGs that each district has a position open for a LOAF trustee. This is a district elected position and is a multi-year term begging January 1, 2023.

In other business, the price of state pin was set at \$2.50 and the prestige pin at \$6.00. Each DG will get a small supply of each to distribute in their district. Also approved was a motion allowing State ALERT Chair Don Ellis to some of the proceeds from the Mid-Winter Forum for that program.

Action Team, Committee Chairs Named

The council of chairs has named our state leadership team for the 2022-23 Year. Many of the Lions filling those positions remain the same as last year, however there are several members new to MD-7 positions.

The purpose of these team leaders is to provide information and assist clubs. All of these individuals have served in multiple leadership rolls and want to help clubs grow in service, membership and leadership. Feel free to contact any of your MD-7 leaders if help or advise is needed.

Constitution & By-Laws

Chair—Jeremy Kimble, PCC
7-L—Jim Gunter, PCC
7-I—Rob Denning
7-O—Pat Snodgrass, PDG
7-N—Caleb Norris

Global Action Team

Chair—Don Young, CC
GLT—Myrna McGee, PCC
GMT—Rene Roberts, PDG
GST—Jeff Davis, PDG

State Chairs

Administration. Coordinator
Wanda Green, PDG

Financial / Audit
Libby Davenport

International Relations
Bob Williams, PCC

Information Technology
Jennifer Carey, PCC
Wanda Green, PDG
Fran Walker

LCIF Coordinator
Bill Heaston, PCC

Lions Alert
Don Ellis

Protocol
Pat Snodgrass, PDG

Newsletter Editor
Jeff Davis, PDG

Sergeant of Arms
Chair—Rick Bailey
7-L Nell Rockett
7-I—Phillip Taylor
7-O—Kelli Kimble
7-N—Roger Reeves

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The Council of Governors and other Lions from around the state at the Council's first meeting.



The Unknown Tail Twister
Plays
Wheel of Fortune

Watch the following pages for more letters!



CLUB NEWS

ETC.



Conway Noon

Lion Phylliss Fry reporting

On June 28, Past Council Chair Tracy Price was the guest for the Conway Noon Lions and installed the club's new officers for the year.

The club will host their annual golf tournament on September 12 at Centennial Country Club in Conway. We are looking for additional teams and Hole Sponsors. For more information contact President Gary Cox or any Noon Lions member. Like us on Facebook too.



Mountain Home

Lion Lisa Vetter reporting

The Mountain Home Lions Club members love to make a difference and support our community!

On Saturday, June 11th, Lions Club members packed 524 Senior Citizen Food Boxes at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas.



Spring River

Lion Charlotte Hurtt reporting

Spring River Lions had another successful fund raising event...our signature "Lions Burgers" at the 128th Annual Old Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Air Force Reunion in Mammoth Spring State Park. We set a record for burger sales this year and are proud to have carried on the tradition of "Lions Burgers" each year.



Fayetteville

Lion Ruth Cohoon reporting

At a recent meeting at Mermaids, The Fayetteville Lions Club presented awards to the following Lions:



Left to right: Milton Jones, Edwin Dalstrom Award; Rick McKinney, Silver Cane Award; Mary Tomlinson, Edwin Dalstrom Award; Dr. Morriss Henry, Life Member Award; Ruth Cohoon, Silver Cane Award; and Rick Bailey, Lion of the Year. Not pictured, Andrew Aldridge, Melvin Jones Award.



Russellville

Lion Carol Allen reporting

Installation night was so fun and we got the new officers installed!! Don't they look great! Thanks DG Dean Rowland for coming over. And the band was wonderful!!



A recent Sunday Democrat-Gazette carried a nice story about Lion Dr. John L. Colbert who was recognized June 8 with the "Champions of Literacy" award hosted by the Ozark Literacy Council. The Sunday paper also ran a story with Fayetteville Lions Club new officers for 2022-2023, including a photo of incoming president Rick McKinney.



Jonesboro University Heights

Lion Charles Hartwig reporting

The Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club presented a number of community service awards at its recent Awards/Installation Banquet. Included were several Edwin Dalstrom Awards via the Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service in Memphis. The club awards people and organizations which have made significant contributions during the Lions 2021-2022 in fundraising. The money raised helps our club meet its mission of serving persons in our community, especially those with vision problems.



The **Kroger Marketplace** grocery store in Jonesboro once more had JUH Lions pecans & nuts for sale inside their store last October-December. In recognition of this help, store Manager Brett Johnson, with his wife Juliette, received a Dalstrom Award for the store. Also shown are Bill Dickens (left), and club President John Hiegel.



Three **Bill's Cost+Plus Supermarkets** in Jonesboro also allowed the JUH Lions to sell pecans and other nuts in their stores during the club's annual nut sales project. A Dalstrom Award thus went to the chain's owner, Wally Orr (center). Also shown are Lions Norman Dickson, Charles Hartwig.



The **Woodsprings Pharmacy** had another outstanding sales record of pecans and other nuts during the club's annual nut sales project. A Dalstrom Award thus went to the pharmacy's owners, Tony and Charlene Bari (also JUH Lions members.)



The first annual Jonesboro University Heights Pickleball Tournament this year in the ASU HPES gym complex was successful in large part to the untiring efforts of ASU PE Department member Mitchell Mathis, shown with his wife, receiving a Dalstrom Award.



Hot Springs Jessie D. Hawkins

Lion David Shokey reporting



New member, Sam Jordan is being inducted into the Jessie D Hawkins Lions Club (Hot Springs)



Gravette

Lion Jeff Davis reporting

In addition to our regular Monday bookmobile service to the Senior Activity Center and weekly work day at the local church sponsored thrift store, we have been working with the Gravette Public Library in its Summer Youth Reading Program. Because of an unprecedented enrollment this year, the program is being held off-site, necessitating additional volunteers. We are working there with several other service organizations and the library staff. We are also providing the PA system for the program.

The second Saturday in August is Gravette Day. Our club always has a float in the parade, a great way of branding ourselves. This year we will also have a booth in the park where we will be selling tickets for our raffle, to be held later that day. A handmade quilt by Lion Linda Damron and a handcrafted banjo by Lion Jeff Davis are the two items in the drawing. Feel free to call club president Jeff Davis if you wish to buy tickets.

Help support the projects and services of
The Gravette Lions Club

Raffle Raffle



Extra Large **Quilt**
Handcrafted locally by
Lion Linda Damron

Short scale 5-string **BANJO**
and case
Handcrafted in Gravette by
Lion Jeff Davis

Ticket #: 01 6/05 20/020 - Drawing on Gravette Day - Need not be present to win

We have received our \$1300 grant from our county's American Rescue Funds. We asked and received funds since we have been seeing an increase of applications for professional examinations and eyeglasses as a result of the pandemic.



Booneville

Lion Russell Bryan reporting

Every year the Booneville Lions give out a scholarship to a student pursuing a career in the medical field. We were excited to once again be able to provide a \$500 scholarship to a Booneville student studying to be an X-ray technician. Brooke will be attending the University of Arkansas Rich Mountain campus in Mena, AR. Congratulations, Brooke! We wish you the best in your academic studies and whatever your future may hold.





Conway Evening

Lion Basil Julian reporting

The Conway Evening Lions participated in the THV Summer Cereal Drive benefiting the Arkansas Food Bank. The club collected 100 boxes of cereal and \$185 to combat hunger in Arkansas.

The club recently installed officers for 2022-2023 at a ceremony at Whole Hog Cafe. Pictured from the left are Secretary/Treasurer Basil Julian, President Bonda Moyer, Past District Governor and Installation Officer Carol Allen of Russellville, and Vice-President Claranne Ferris.



Cherokee Village

Lion Emmett Griffith reporting



The Cherokee Village Lions Club has awarded two \$1000 scholarships. Our winner from Highland is Cheyenne Smith (top photo) and winner from Cave City is Abrianna Franke (bottom). Presenting the awards are Lions Nancy French and Marc Herring.

The club is in the process of rehabbing the miniature golf

course at the Thunderbird Center.

It's time again for our annual Charlie Rice Memorial Golf Classic. For information or registration call Lion Marc Herring at 870-856-2892.

CHARLIE RICE MEMORIAL CLASSIC
57TH Annual Two-Person Scramble Invitational
Cherokee Village LIONS Club Golf Tournament
Cherokee Village South Course
August 28 & 29, 2021



Limited to the first 72 Teams



Van Buren

Lion Terry Carson reporting

State Rep Gary Deffenbaugh presented a new Arkansas flag to President Clifford Lyon for our 100th anniversary.

Congratulations to fellow Lion John Pope for receiving the Citizen of the Year award at this year's Annual Chamber of Commerce Business Meeting and Expo. John is Executive Director of Keep Van Buren Beautiful and long time Lion Club member. He works tirelessly to keep our city clean and meeting the needs of our community. Awesome John, well deserved.

Lion Joe had a display table he set up at the chamber's meeting. We had an excellent event and spoke with a lot of attendees about the Pocket Park and our 100 year celebration.



VAN BUREN, Ark.— On August 17, 2022 the Van Buren Lions Club will mark its 100th anniversary. While deciding how to mark the occasion, President Clifford Lyon and the 22 members of the club opted to partner with the City of Van Buren to construct the Van Buren Lions Club Mayor Gene Bell Park at 11th and Chester Street. The park will have a playground, benches, and picnic tables. Work will begin in the summer and the park is expected to be completed by the fall. Contributions are still being accepted.

The late Bell served as mayor from 1978 to 1990 and was instrumental in the growth of Van Buren. He was also a member of the Lions Club for more than 50 years. The Lions Club believes that honoring him in this way is the perfect tribute to one of the most respected leaders in our community during our Centennial Year of celebration. In addition, the playground area will be named in memory of Raymond Allen, a long-time community supporter and Lions Club member.

Prior to this project, the club donated six interpretive panels for Freedom Park and the Veterans Memorial Plaza in historic downtown Van Buren. While these projects are examples of the more visual work the club does, the primary mission of the Lions Club is to support sight-related programs, help those with vision problems, and work to prevent sight diseases. For years, they've provided eye exams and glasses for children and senior adults in need, at no cost. The club also collects used eyeglasses and sunglasses at local collection sites, which are refurbished and then donated to Central America, where the need is great.

The motto of the Lions Club is "We Serve." The club strives to be a community asset and a source of humanitarian services. The Van Buren Lions Club was chartered in August 1922 in the dining room of the city's First Baptist Church. The new group was sponsored by the Fort Smith Noon Lions Club.



Fort Smith Noon

Lion Marty Houston reporting

Just a quick recap of the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year for the Fort Smith Noon Lions and the start of the 22-23 year with the changing of the guard at our annual banquet at Taliano's Hall. Lion Joe has passed the gavel to Lion Steve as club president for this year. Our thanks to Lion Joe for the many accomplishments of the club and the vision Lion Steve has for leading us into the new year.

Lion Mike Mankin awarded the Melvin Jones award for 21-22.



Two former Fort Smith Noon Lions club presidents PDG Kevin Baskin and Lion Terry Carson, now with the Clarksville and Van Buren clubs on hand with our installation of officers and key note address.



Our first speaker of the year was author Angela Flake of Fayetteville. Angela is a native of Fort Smith and is Lion Barbara's Niece. Angela encouraged the club to be the best version of you. She told us that words matter and things have changed and continue to change, but told us that it is important that we don't forget the many things we do and the importance of our service. She said that service is a journey and the role of our importance in that journey. Angela reminded us that we are more than what we see as we serve and we are needed as we serve.



Texarkana

Lion Ed Foster reporting

The Texarkana Noon Lions Club is back in the groove scanning kids eyes for the Lions KidSight Program. We spent about 4 hours at the Texarkana Arkansas Police Departments, P.R.I.D.E. Academy. We scanned 25 kids, with 4 referrals. Those pictured are (L to R) John Norton and Dr. Tom Burns.



STATE PROJECTS



One of the ways Mid-South can stretch our dollars to do more patient care is to purchase equipment for our clinics. The BEST way to purchase equipment is through an LCIF matching grant. This year (through June 30, 2023) we are gathering an additional \$80,000 (on top of regular contributions) to match an LCIF grant.



**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION
WITHOUT THE CASINO.
HELP MID-SOUTH MATCH
AN L.C.I.F. EQUIPMENT GRANT
JUST SCAN THE MATCH QRC**

**BE A PART OF OUR
KIDS FUN ZONE AT THE 2022
COOPER-YOUNG FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 17 IN MEMPHIS
JUST SCAN THE 2022 CYF QRC**



FOR OTHER MID-SOUTH LIONS EVENTS
AND INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.MIDSOUTHLIONS.ORG



WSB

**75th Anniversary
Celebration**

September 22 from 6-9pm
The Still Ballroom at Robinson Center

Reserve your ticket today!






EVENTS

AUGUST

16 Van Buren Lions celebrate 100 years

SEPTEMBER

11 World Service Day *Info*

17 Mid South's Kids Fund Day, Cooper/Young Festival, Memphis, TN *Info*

22 World Service for the Blind 75th Anniversary *Info*

OCTOBER

7-8 District 7-I Convention, Ozark

15 District 7-O Convention, Harrisburg

22 District 7-O Convention, Hope

NOVEMBER

12 District 7-N Convention, Carlisle

5 Mid-South Quarterly Meeting, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN *Info*

LOOKING FORWARD

January 21-22 Mid Winter Forum, Russellville

April 21-22 State Convention, Fayetteville *Info*

March 17-18 Mid-South Quarterly Meeting and Oak lawn Outing, Hot Springs, AR *Info*

GST Service

Jeff Davis, PDG

Last year, far less than 50% of our multi-district clubs reported their service to LCI, the same is true for the entire nation. PID Jerome Thompson, our constitutional area 1 GAT leader is challenging us this year to increase that to 70%.

In Arkansas, "We Serve" and "Together we can" reach PID Thompson's reporting goal. **

EVERYTOWN LIONS

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

0	0	0	\$0	\$0
People Served	Service Activities Completed	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated (USD)	Funds Raised (USD)

** Let's fill in the blanks!

Now, you can read the MD7 News on the Arkansas State Lions website!

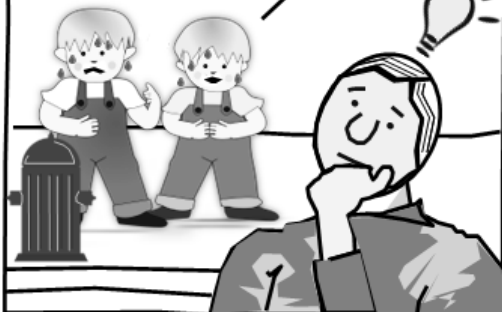
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LION JOE

MY DAD SAID WHEN THEY WERE KIDS, IF IT WAS HOT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD OPEN UP THE HYDRENTS.



Arkansas Lions 104th State Convention



Save the Date

Friday, April 21, 2023
Saturday, April 22, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn Fayetteville, Arkansas

Registration forms coming soon!

Look forward to...

Joining us in Fayetteville for Fellowship, Interesting Presentations and Fun!
Enjoy the Continental Breakfast and a Delicious Lunch.

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

By Eric Strimple, Area GAT Leader

September 11th is the National Day of Service. This annual event is a permanent tribute to those killed and injured on 9/11, and to the brave individuals who rose in service in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. As some of you may have seen on Facebook this last week, 11VP, Dr. Patti Hill, challenged us to reach out to our fellow service organizations to complete a project together during the week of September 11-17, 2022

If your Districts or towns have Rotary, Optimist, or Kiwanis active, reach out to join hands in service to make a larger impact, start planning your collaborative projects now. . If your MD, District, or individual clubs plan to participate, please share the information so we can celebrate partnerships!

Past District Governors induct new members and new officers

The Past District Governors Association met as part of the state convention in Jonesboro recently. International Director John Youney and his wife were special guest.

The ID welcomed as new members, IPDGs Carol Allen, Don Young, Roy Patterson and Rene Roberts. Also inducted were PDGA's new officers: PDG Mike Benefield, president; IPDG Rene Roberts, vice president; IPCC Jeremy Kimble, secretary and PCC Tracy Price, treasurer.

NEW STATE PINS

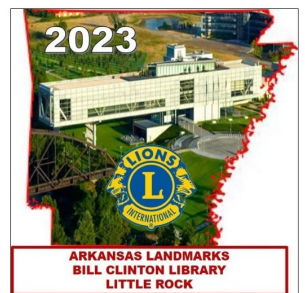
Announcing our Arkansas State (MD-7) Lions pins for 2022-23. Both pins should be available for purchase at your district's fall convention, the Mid-Winter Forum and next springs state convention in Fayetteville.



(Left) The 2023 Arkansas Prestige Pin celebrating the international convention to be held in Boston in June 2023.

\$6.00 each

((Right) The 2023 state Lions pin is another in the continuing series of Arkansas landmarks.



\$2.50 each



PHOTOS

