



Council Chair, Bruce Hyde helping on Bountiful Lions Turkey Shoot project

Bingo at the Bountiful Lions Turkey Shoot



The John Moran – Red Butte Lions Outreach program

The last 2 weeks of December was a busy time for Moran Eye Center doctors. Three groups of doctors from Moran Eye Center Red Butte Lions Club were at 3 different places in the world at the same time performing medical teaching and surgery. One group was in Kathmandu, Nepal; one in Bhutan; and one in South Sudan.

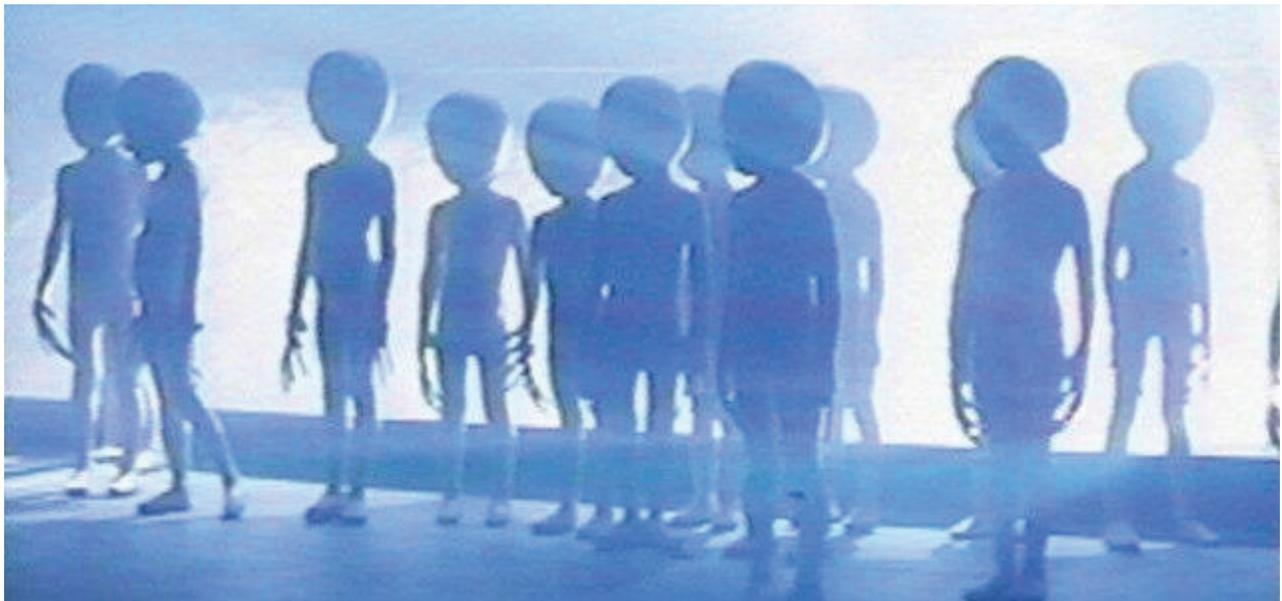
Don Creel and Paul Bernstein were in Kathmandu, Nepal teaching, and Paul Bernstein continued on to Bhutan, and with Bhutan retinal specialist, trained at Moran Eye Center, performed the first retinal surgeries in Bhutan.

Don Creel teaching in Kathmandu, Nepal, December 2012.





Paul Bernstein examining patient in Kathmandu, Nepal, December 2012.



This is not “Close Encounters of the Third Kind”, but a photo of children at the clinic in South Sudan.



Moran Eye Center trip to South Sudan in late December led by Dr. Alan Crandall (2nd from right) where over 200 sight-saving eye procedures were performed in an area of South Sudan that has no medical care.



Geoff Tabin of Moran Eye Center led a medical mission in Ethiopia where over 600 sight-saving surgeries were performed.

Payson Lions Club Holds Birthday Celebration

The following article appeared in the Payson Daily Herald

“Payson Lions Club officers Rhett Huff, Pat Hartzell, Jim Hartzell, Ned Deuel, Jennifer Huff, and Steve Southwick pose for a portrait at the Peteetneet Museum in Payson on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. The Payson Lions Club was founded in 1924.

Payson Lions Club members, friends and guests came together on March 14 in the Daniels room at the Peteetneet Museum and Cultural Arts Center to celebrate the Payson club's 89th birthday.

In 1917, Melvin Jones, a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, asked a simple and world-changing question -- what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? Almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities.

The Payson Lions Club is made up of local men and women. "We have a lot of really neat people who make up our club with many different professions," president Rhett Huff said. "We have business members, the current mayor, a past mayor, a city council member, a former judge and highway patrol officer -- just a great group of people. Everything we do is to help give back to our community. It is a good feeling to be a part of such a wonderful organization that has been going since 1924."

During the birthday celebration, guests enjoyed longtime Lion and Payson Mayor Rick Moore's well-known roast beef for the main course of dinner.

"I wanted to find somewhere I could volunteer my time and make a difference in the community," said Jennifer Huff, Lions Club secretary. "We have wonderful people in our club and they are a joy to work with."

Others can attest to that as well. In 1928, the Payson High School football team was returning home from a football game and with chilling temperatures outside, the Lions Club quickly organized a warm dinner for the



team as they arrived home. After that, the Payson High School mascot went from the Payson Farmers to the Payson Lions.

"We work closely with our community here in Payson," Huff said. "And it shows by the fact that the high school mascot was renamed because of the generosity of the Lions Club back all those years ago."

The Lions Club mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

The evening's guest speaker was Dee Stevenson, local historian and People Preserving Peteetneet president. He shared with the guests a taste of the past with a chronology of the nearly 100-year-old club and the setting for the celebration.

Aside from his service as PPP President, Stevenson is a part of the Payson Historical Society. With fellow historian Cal Reece, he has compiled a book, "Payson: Then and Now," which chronicles Payson's vibrant past. "Then and Now," which is the result of an ongoing project, has nearly sold out of its first edition, according to Stevenson. A second printing will be out soon.

Ned Deuel, a retired Utah Highway Patrol officer and a Lions Club member for more than 35 years, has served as district governor, president and tail twister, one of the most enjoyable positions in the club. He has many fond memories of his time in the club, one being all the times the club has helped children who can't afford vision care and made it possible for the children to get the care they need. The members say Deuel is the face and the anchor of the Lions Club.

"Celebrating all these years as a club was an exciting time," Deuel said. "I enjoy all the people and giving back to the community."

Lions Clubs International extends their mission of service every day -- in local communities and elsewhere. Their international network has grown to include more than 207 countries and geographic areas.

The evening ended with each of the members reminiscing about their thoughts and memories of the history of the club."



Five clubs in Zone meeting at the Holladay Lions Barrier Free Park process eye glasses for recycling



Lion members working on sorting glasses

Ross Curley explaining use of the Lensometer