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A Report From Your Council



Chairperson

The first ever Utah Summit was held Saturday, March 22nd at the Elks Lodge in Bountiful. PID Dave Roberts and his lovely wife, Lion Anne, were on hand to conduct the meeting and impart their considerable talents and ideas to our Utah Lions. Thirty-five Lions in the state attended and discussed with PID Roberts the following: Retaining members, recruiting members, training for club offices, zone chairman training, recruiting Vice District Governor candidates, starting college clubs, and International policies. It was an informational and inspirational meeting and all attending were encouraged and edified. Thanks to our Council Chair, PDG Wayne King for organizing the Summit.



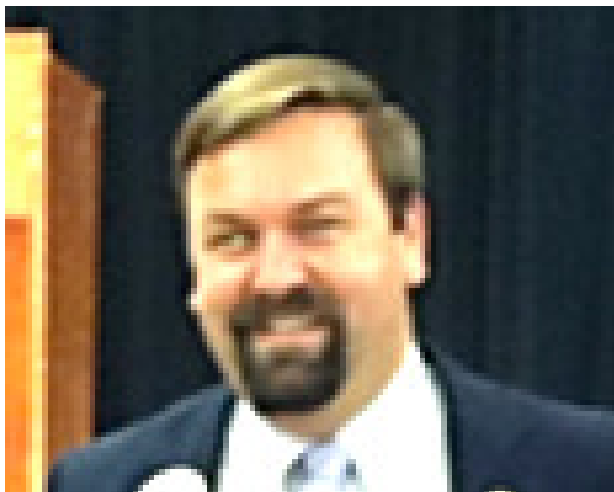
Beverly Thomas, District Governor 28T 2013-2014

Beverly was first introduced to Lions when her grandfather was a member in the small town they lived in Richfield, Idaho. Her family has always been involved in community service and when her family moved to St. George, Utah, they continued in community service, but with other organizations.

Her work as a parole officer and marriage to Craig Rasmussen, prompted her to move to Sanpete County in 1991. She and Craig, who is the current District 1st Vice District Governor, joined the Ephraim Lions in 1993. They saw this as an opportunity to learn more about their community and give a little in return, as well as have dinner out once in a while.

Her work at the Central Utah Correctional Facility continued until 2005 when she retired as an Associate

Warden. She works part time for the Sanpete County Sheriff's Office and volunteers with other organizations in the county. She is the mother of one son, Nathan Bridges and stepmother to two: Hans and Grete Rasmussen. She and Craig believe in involving their family and neighbors in community services and hope their grandchildren see that when Lions are involved, problems get smaller and communities get better.



Adam Pfaff District Governor 28U 2013-2014

Message

When last I wrote, I invited you to think about your dreams. Have you done this? If you have, GREAT. If not, why not?

As you were attending high school, did your parents do your homework for you? You personally had to set goals to do it to assure that you got good grades to further your scholastic career, and employment opportunities. Is a goal a dream then? Yes!

The only opportunities that you will find in life are those that you make possible for yourself. You must be willing to take the steps forward to align yourself with growth, potential, and prosperity. I work in the healthcare industry, and each day I see patients who complain about this or that in their life. They are looking for opportunities to push the blame of their health status onto others, such as their doctors.

One day, I was speaking with one of my doctors about a difficult patient who was not following the health plan that the patient and he had developed. Out of frustration the doctor threw his hands up in the air and proclaimed, "I can't take his medications for him!" When I heard him say that, it was like a ton of bricks had been dropped on me, "of course he cannot

take the meds for his patient," I thought, "the patient must have a goal for himself to get better in the end."

No one is going to be able to help you, or the local Lions, obtain a goal if the goal is not first presented. You are among friends who should not criticize your ideas, so take the stand and share with your local club your ideas (goals/dreams) of where you want to see the club go. Once the idea is presented, it takes just one step to get the idea moving towards reality.

There are hundreds of new and different service projects and events we can do in our communities; start doing them. Live your dream of service by getting out there and doing it. While you are serving and bringing joy into your life, take a look around you and think of who you would like to share that joy with. Is it a family member? Is it a co-worker? Is it a neighbor? If so then invite them to the next service project. Service is addictive, and will bring growth in numbers; and when you have growth in numbers, you have new dreams that can be accomplished. Get out and serve.

District 28U 1st VDG Bonnie Johnson

May I introduce my self to you who have never met me. I am Bonnie Johnson, District Governor Elect for District 28 U. I grew up in a small town in Southern Utah called New Castle. It was so small that I knew everyone in town. Since I graduated from Cedar City High School and got married I have not been able to say I knew everyone in the towns I have lived. I joined Lions seven years ago and have been blessed with many opportunities to spread my wings and grow in service to my fellow man.

When you serve others you have a great feeling come over you. I wish that all of the Utah Lions could have been to the International Lions Convention in Hamburg, Germany. You would be proud to be a Lion when you see what Lions are doing around the world.

As I approach this up-coming year as your District Governor, I hope to get to know each of you. I want you to share your concerns with me. Working together we can serve the people of this state like they have not known for some time. I truly believe the old saying, "Many hands make light work". We should like what we do. I hope that each of us can work together to put Lions back on the map. I am open to hearing from each of you, give me your concerns, maybe we can work to solve them. We need to get to know each other and have fun serving together. I want you to be PROUD to be a Lion. This

can happen if each Lion member will help me. LETS GROW LIONS! LETS WORK TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD! Lets make this a great year of service.

May our clubs be involved in service so that women, men and children will want to be part of us. We only fail when we stop trying. Lets not stop trying. We have some amazing people in our clubs. If your club is not doing service and you need help to catch the vision again, speak up and let's fix it. Let's show and share ideas and work together.

Yours in Service 1st VDG Bonnie Johnson.

Milton J. Taylor Report on Training

We had a wonderful regional leadership training conference for Vice District Governor in West Valley, UT. There were VDG's from Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado & New Mexico. Thanks goes out to MDGKT Leonard Miller coordinating the event and doing an awesome job. Instructors were super. Lions International has such a fantastic leadership program. You can't help but be a better Lion and leader. 1.36 million+ members make such a difference in the world today.



Utah Lions Foundation Report March 20, 2013

The Foundation's year has been active so far having completed two request held over from last year and completed six requests this year. 1. Provided two low vision people with an optelec magnifier. 2. Donated \$20,000 to the Utah Lions Eye Bank 3. Provided a man with a wheel chair lift. 4. The Hope Alliance, Logan Lions supported organization, requested \$1,000 to assist in a trip to Peru to provide eye care and dispense glasses and it was approved. 5. Helped a Lady with a Macular Degeneration operation.

6. Help purchase an artificial eye. Presently we have one request pending.

The Foundation still needs Lions to come forward and join the Board of Trustees and if anyone is interested, contact your District officer's. Total assets of the Foundation, as of January 25th, is \$464,228. If you have any comments and/or suggestions for the Foundation, send them to ulf1973utah@comcast.net or kevendchristensen@msn.com.

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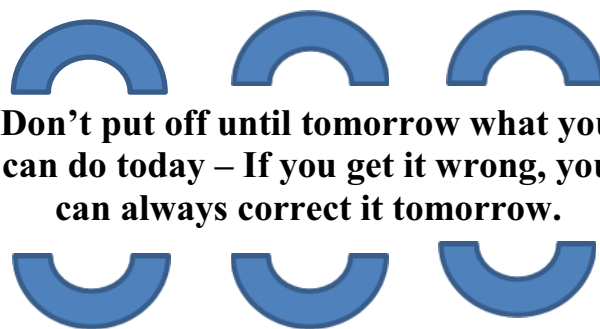
Utah Lions Youth Exchange

Help Wanted

As of March 10, 2014 we have 5 youth wanting to come to Utah. I have received no applications from youth wanting to go on an exchange.

The youth coming in are all from Finland. I have not received their applications as of today (March 14th); but I know I will have them before April 1, 2014.

I am still in need of host families for these youth. For more info contact carolyndansie@gmail.com or at 801-255-7309.



DISTRICT 28U TRAINING

District 28U will hold training for 2013/14 new club officers (Presidents, V. Presidents, Secretary, &

Treasurer) on May 3, 2014 at 10 AM-12 Noon at the Bountiful Community Church located at 150 North, 400 East in Bountiful. Training will also include Zone Chairpersons. The same training will be repeated on May 10, 2014 at the same location and time. For additional information, contact PDG Bob McKenzie, bdmckenzie9@comcast.net or 801 295-8448.



MD 28 , GLOBAL MEMBER TEAM COORDINATOR

Dear Club secretaries, by the time you read this article new club officers should have been selected. As secretary, you are one of few people that have access to your club records at LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. You need to file your PU 101 report with international before May 15th.

Every club must file one of these even if the officers are not being changed. You should furnish the name of the club president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chairperson. You should also furnish their address, telephone number, and email address. This information should be sent to your DG elect for the district directory. District T is Craig Rasmussen and District U is Bonnie Johnson. Bonnie Johnson would like to have this information sent directly to Lion Jim Knight, Email jatekent@comcast.net. These new leaders would like to have their directories out before they go for training in June.

You Secretaries also need to check your club members at Lions Clubs International and make sure the information is correct. Check the members names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. This is part of your job.

Lion Jay Meservy needs the names and email address of all your club members so they may receive a LIONS TALE.

ZONE D MEETING FEATURES INFORMATION ON MACULAR DEGENERATION

District representation at the Zone meeting included DG Adam Pfaff, VDG Bonnie Johnson and ZC Robert Danzie.



The group had the opportunity to learn more about research and treatment of Macular Degeneration, an eye disease that generally affects those in the older generation. Mr. Paul Bartel, Director of Therapeutic Discovery at the Moran Eye Center said they are on the cutting edge of research for treatment of AMD, as it is referred to and the Utah Lions Eye Bank plays a major role in this research.



Holladay Lions Club was glad to have PDG Al Woodmansee induct a new member, Becky Gibby, wife of Holladay Lions member Steve Gibby.



PDG Merlyn Johnson gave a brief history of Utah

Lions clubs and the founding of the John Moran Eye.



Paul Bartel giving his presentation.

The Union Lions Club

Union Lions have been very busy this past year. We tied a quilt for a needy lady. It was appreciated very much. We held an Easter egg hunt at the handicapped school. The students search for plastic eggs. When they find them they turn them in for a bag of candy. The students and the Lions really enjoy this activity. We made treat baskets at Christmas for the fire department; also muffins, donuts, sweet rolls, fresh fruit and juice. We got to tour and see them in action. We hosted one meeting where speakers from the Moran Eye



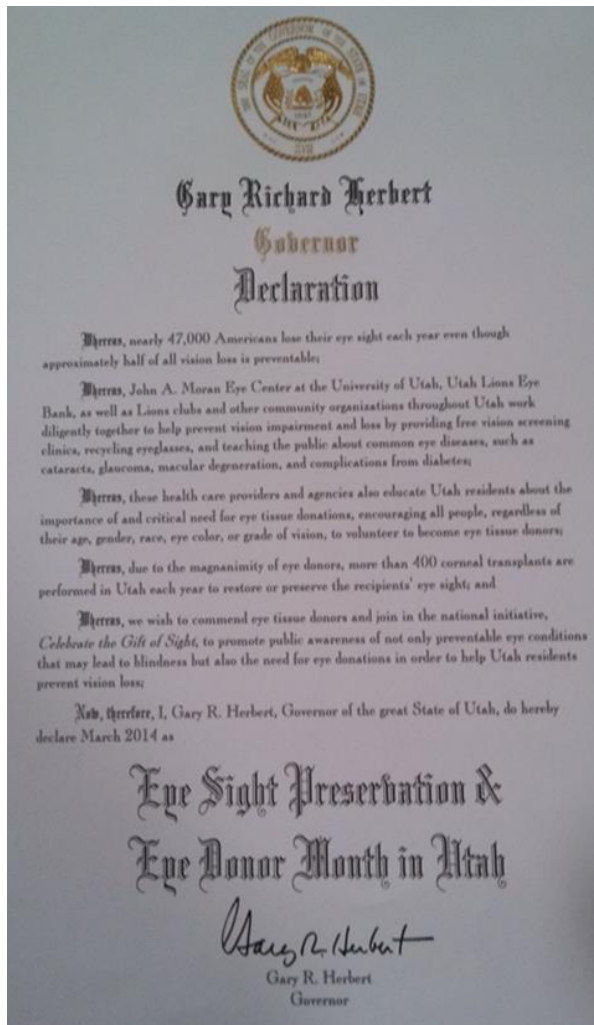
Center spoke to us. Refreshments were served. We have made repairs on our clubhouse after vandalism and are still planning to do more.



“Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.”—Norman Vincent Peale

The ‘start’ key for motivation is not on your keyboard. It cannot be found in motivational seminars. The ‘start’ key is in you! Use it!

**Live without pretending,
Love without depending,
Listen without defending,
Speak without offending!**



Utah State Governor's Proclamation on 'Eye Sight - Sight Preservation and Eye Donor Month.

DG Beverly Thomas and PDG Albert Woodmansee receive help from the REAL Soccer Lion while conducting eye screening at a local health expo in Salt Lake City.



DG Beverly Thomas



Holladay Lion Karen Barton



Ephraim Lion Barbara Nelson



Holladay Lion Steve

“Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”—Aristotle



Peace Posters



District 28T Peace Poster winner from Cedar City with Lion Keven Christensen



Richfield Lions with Peace Poster Winners



Peace poster winners were awarded their prizes in an assembly on December 9, at Riverdale Elementary. Pictured are Riverdale Elementary Principal Tommy Lee, Mayor Elect Norm Searle, Mayor Bruce Burrows, Riverdale Lions President Joe Thompson, Mrs. White (the teacher who spear headed the 6th grade posters for the school), and all the 6 winners; Honorable Mention Camden Macis, Honorable Mention Kate Peterson, Honorable Mention Payton Sevy, Third Place Dallin Buck, Second Place Jason Bush, and First Place Maddie Corn.





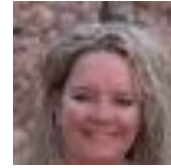
We had a Good Business meeting today. Cedar City Lions presented a Check to SUU for the Everyday Scholarship Program. Cameron Brooks and Jim McDonald were present from SUU to receive the check.



Richfield Lions Christmas Party



Payson Utah Lions Club -
Payson Lions 90th
Celebration! Thanks to
everyone who came out to
support us!



**Jennifer
Huff**



Ephraim Lions President Lynn Schiffman inducts two members with 1st VDG Craig Rasmussen. Welcome Lions Leland Thompson and Pete Conover.

South Salt Lake District Governor night

Jan 7 DG Adam Pfaff presented four Melvin Jones Fellows at the South Salt Lake Club's DG night in January.



**Lions Nelson & Kay Laird, Lion Martha Carlson,
DG Adam Pfaff, Lion Norma Harris and South Salt
Lions President Loyal Bennett**





Ephraim Lions President Lynn Schiffman presents checks to Manti High School Juniors, Emma Benson, Emma Stevens and Sidney Wathan to attend 2014 Girls State

Kamas Valley

MELVIN JONES AWARD FOR LION DAVE PROCTOR

The International Lions Club motto is “We Serve.” Dave Proctor has lived this motto for many years and for this reason he was presented the most prestigious award for a Lions Club member. The Melvin Jones Fellow Award was presented at the February monthly meeting of the Kamas Valley Lions Club by Lion DelRay Hatch.

Dave was a fireman for 32 years for the Unified Fire Department. Not too long after he retired in 2001 he joined the Kamas Valley Lions Club. His main reason for joining was to help Delray Hatch renovate the gun club. He has been Delray’s “right hand man.” The two men with some help from others have transformed the gun club from a weed covered range with two semi-automatic throwers to a club with two automatic throwers, a rifle range, night lights, a modest club house and bowery. This past summer they added a stand that has challenged those that came to the club.

Dave has spent countless hours making improvements and staffing the range.

However his service to the club did not stop there. He and his wife Diane always support the club fund raisers. Also just before he joined the club, Jack Richmond had built eight train cars that were pulled in the local parades by a four wheeler. Dave and fellow Lion Jack Shields built an engine using the chassis from a ride lawn mower. With his wife Diane as engineer and friend Lee McDill as conductor, the train



Lions Dave Proctor and DelRay Hatch.

has been a delightful entry in the local parades. During the Fiesta Days kid’s activity the train is in steady demand.

Dave’s service to the club can best be demonstrated by his itinerary on the Saturday of Fiesta Days. He starts by helping the rest of the club in cooking breakfast as well as insuring that the train is ready for the kids. Then he is gone to the gun club for the Fiesta Days shoot. For all this we thank Dave Proctor for his service to the club and community.

St George Lions Club

The St George Lions Club got a nice shout-out from Dixie Regional’s LiveWell magazine. On page 8 of the most recent publication, there is a nice piece describing the level of financial commitment the St George Lions Club has provided to the hospital. The donated funds come from the Friday night rodeo event. That night is themed Tough Enough to Wear Pink.