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The King Lion's Roar

Small Differences



Every year in the Holiday Season I am especially touched by the countless blessing shared by my family and I. It is a time also to reflect on the good that I see being done every day by our Annandale Lions Club members both within the Lions Clubs and in your other community outreach projects in which you participate. Whether it is Church, Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Senior Citizen Assistance, Cancer Societies or assistance for relatives and friends, a sampling of the many services you provide, you each make an a "small difference" in our society. These small differences add up, especially those services that no agency or organization can address.

It is with pride that I enumerate the many programs and services we provide and support every year. I really wish that we had a means of doing this without selling fruit, ornaments, raffle tickets or collecting money in front of food stores. I wish we had 60 members to run sight and hearing screenings, provide senior and youth services as well as work on other projects. There was a time we had 60 members but times were different.

No one can ask anything additional of any of our members. You give of your time and resources to the best of your ability. Please know that you are making a small difference in our community. If every person in Annandale contributed in the same Small way...I think you understand the point. Thank you for letting me "Serve" with you. You are THE BEST!

Missy, Jenn, Father JD and I wish all of you and your families the most joyous and safe of holidays and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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Upcoming Events!

- Nov 20 - Regular Dinner mtg. 7:00pm
- Dec 4 - Holiday Party
- Dec 6 - Lick & Stick
- Dec 11 - Board Meeting at the Library
- Dec 15 - Fruit Sale - sorting begins at 8:00 am at the Annandale Swim and Tennis Club
- Dec 18 - No Dinner Meeting
- Jan 1 - Happy New Year - NO Dinner Meeting
- Jan 8 - Board Meeting at the Library
- Jan 10 - Lick & Stick
- Jan 15 - Dinner Meeting
- Jan 19 - Fruit Sale - sorting begins at 8:00 am at the Annandale Swim and Tennis Club
- Feb 22- 23 - Winter Conference - Includes attending a performance of Thoroughly Modern Millie at the Riverside Dinner Theatre and Conference Center

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HOLIDAY MIRACLES

Some in the Annandale Lions Club will remember that this time last year, we were trying to raise funds to give the gift of sight to a young boy in Iraq. There were a number of improbable circumstances that combined to make that gift possible—

- Lion Mike Olwan had suggested that we twin with a Lions Club in Amman, Jordan (where the corneal tissue transplant was to take place)
- Army Major Lynne Schneider came home from her first tour in Iraq, moved to the Annandale community, and told us of the young boy and his need for a corneal transplant
- Lions Bill and Pat Shattuck were not only members of the Annandale Lions, they served as District Chairs for the Old Dominion Eye Bank (ODEB)

When the time came to ship the tissue to Jordan for the operation, ODEB Director Dr. Bill Proctor put out a call that was answered by the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank, and they were able to find donated tissue from a young person

The young boy, Hamed, received his successful corneal transplant on February 18, and returned with his family to Baghdad with many new friends, some of whom he has never met. The most recent issue of Lion Magazine includes a wonderful article about a similar story of a young girl in Iraq who received a corneal transplant with the help of the Wisconsin Lions. At the end of that article was a short sidebar about our assistance to Hamed.

Lion Julie Dickerson of Nettleton, Mississippi saw the article in the Lion Magazine and called King Lion Sid and Lion Mike McLaughlin to learn a little more about Hamed. Lion Julie and her husband are both long-time Lions and the Mississippi

Lions Eye Bank. Their daughter, Amy, died tragically in an automobile accident last February 7 when she was driving to class at Itawamba Community College. Amy was an organ donor, and her corneal tissue gave Hamed the chance to see.

The many lives touched by Amy Dickerson, or by any of us, are almost beyond comprehension. The tragic death of a college sophomore in Mississippi made possible the gift of sight half a world away. Would it not be something if this young woman's gift helped to inspire a young man to great deeds later in his life, resulting in peace for this troubled region in his lifetime? Improbable, perhaps. Or perhaps not. This is the time of year to contemplate miracles.

One Boy, Many Friends

From the November **The Lion Magazine**

Lions in Wisconsin are not the only Lions who have helped an Iraqi child see. The Annandale Lions Club in Virginia arranged for a corneal transplant last winter for Hamed, 4, in Amman, Jordan.

Also helping make the operation possible was Annandale's twin club, the Amman Tyche Lions Club. The clubs had twinned after Lion Mike Olwan, a Jordanian native, visited Amman and met with Lions there. The two clubs learned of Hamad's plight through a U.S. Army Civil Affairs worker. The Mississippi Lions Eye Bank provided the necessary tissue.

The contributions of many so one child could see prompted this remark from Mike McLaughlin of the Annandale Lions: after the operation, "Hamed could see the fingers through his new cornea. But to count his new friends from all over the world, Hamed would need many more fingers."

News of the Board

The Board met on 13 November at the Library. The following items were discussed

- * Harry got a call from Braddock Glen Senior Living Center to see how we work together – Harry will get Dale Schaffer involved and report back at next meeting.
- * Pat is requesting to use the church on either February 19th or 26th for our Bland Memorial Music Competition (K-12)
- * Our 60th Charter Night will be held on the First Tuesday in April - Looking for a Chair for the event
- * Leon will hold a management team meeting in December to look at the dues structure - send any comments to Leon ASAP
- * Temporary committee chairs were assigned for Youth (Sid) & Sunshine (Leon)

Next Board meeting will be at the Library on December 11

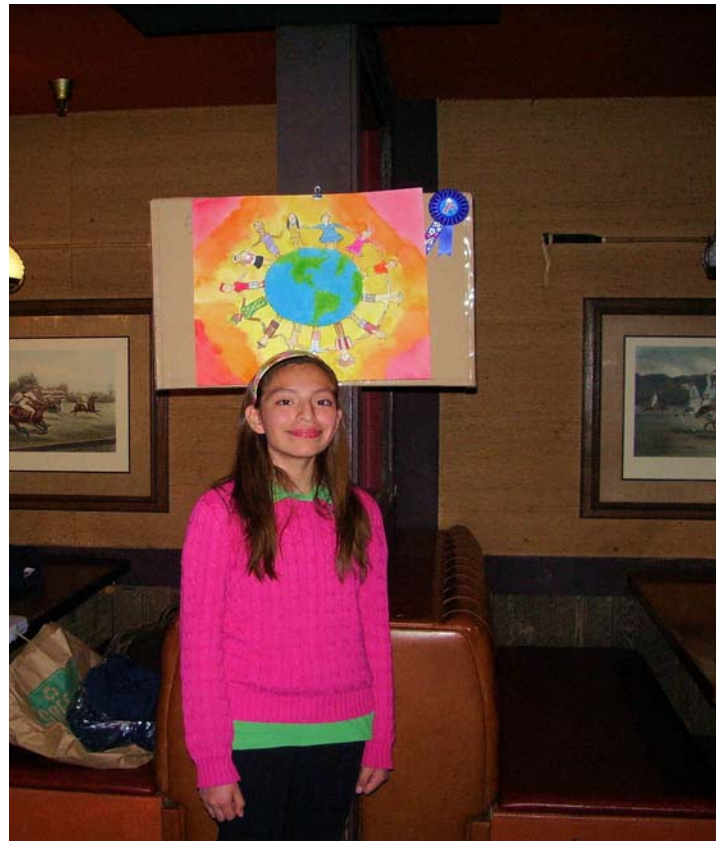
Christmas ornament sales.

We have just about sold out of the ornaments that we have ordered - we plan to place an additional order to take care of known needs and to have about a dozen available for the Decem-

ber Fruit sale. We do not want to significantly over order. Please get back to Marty or John not later than the Christmas Party with the number of ornaments you have extra or will need.



Pictures from our Peace Poster Meeting



Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Bill Hendricks, a Marine Reservist on weekends, was in civilian life, the Director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to convince a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo, which we use today. Disney also designed the first Toys for Tots poster used to promote the nationwide program. Nat "King" Cole, Peggy Lee, and Vic Damone recorded the Toys for Tots theme composed by Sammy Fain and Paul Webster in 1956. Bob Hope, John Wayne, Doris Day, Lorrie Morgan, Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers and Billy Ray Cyrus are but a few of the long list of celebrities who have given their time and talent to promote Toys for Tots. First Lady Nancy Reagan served as the national spokesperson in 1983. First Lady Barbara Bush served as the national spokesperson in 1992 and in her autobiography named Toys for Tots as one of her favorite charities.

From 1947 through 1979, Marines collected and distributed new and used toys. On Reserve drill weekends during October, November and December, Reserve Marines refurbished the used toys. From Christmas 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys. Three factors dictated this change. First, the Secretary of Defense's Total Force Program, introduced in the 1970s, assigned Reserves a greater role in America's defense posture. As a consequence, Reservists had to dedicate every minute of weekend drill time to honing and polishing combat skills. No time was available to refurbish toys. Second, public awareness of the health and safety aspects of toys that developed during the 70s made distribution of used toys legally inadvisable. Third, distributing "hand me down" toys does not send the message Marines want to send to needy children. The goal is to deliver a message of hope, which will build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve. In 1996, the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve expanded Toys for Tots to cover all 50 states by authorizing selected Marine Corps League Detachments and selected local community organizations (generally veteran Marines), located in communities without a Marine Reserve Center, to conduct toy collection and distribution campaigns in their communities as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Membership Categories

According to the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws, there are seven types of membership in a Lions Club:

1. **Active:** A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this club, district or association and the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligation shall include regular attendance, prompt payment of dues, participation in club activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of your Lions club in the community.
2. **Member-at Large:** A member of your club, who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend club meetings and desires to retain membership in your club, and upon whom the board of directors of your club desires to confer this status. The status shall be reviewed each six months by the board of directors of your club. A Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote in district or international meetings or conventions, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues.
3. **Honorary:** An individual, not a member of your Lions club, having performed outstanding service for the community of your Lions club, upon whom your club desires to confer special distinction. Your club shall pay entrance fees and international and district dues on such a member, who may attend meetings, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership.
4. **Privileged:** A member of your club who has been a Lion 15 or more years, **who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the board of directors of this club, must relinquish his/her active status.** A Privileged Member shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. He/she shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other privileges of membership except the right to hold club, district or international office.
5. **Associate Member:** A member who holds his/her primary membership in another Lions club but maintains a residence or is employed in the community served by your club. An Associate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters, at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent your club as a delegate at district or international conventions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office nor district, multiple district or international committee assignments through this club. International dues will not be assessed on an Associate; **PROVIDED**, however, nothing shall prevent this club from assessing an Associate such dues as it shall deem proper. (This was originally set up for the snow birds.)
6. **Affiliate Member:** A quality individual of the community who currently is not able to fully participate as an Active member of the club but desires to support your club and its community service initiatives and be affiliated with the club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the club's board of directors. An Affiliate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub, transitional, provisional, and/or multiple) or international conven-

tions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignment. An Affiliate Member shall be required to pay district, international and such dues as the local club may charge.

- 7. Life Member: Any member of this club who has maintained Active membership 20 or more years and has rendered outstanding service to this club, his/her community, association; or any member who is critically ill; or any member of this club who such active membership for 15 or more years and is at least 70 years of age; may be granted Life Membership in your club upon: Recommendation of your club to Lions International, payment to the association of \$500.00, or its equivalent in the respective currency, by your club in lieu of all future dues to the association, and approval by the International Board of Directors. Nothing herein shall prevent your club from charging a Life Member such dues as it shall deem proper. A Life Member shall have all privileges of Active Membership so long as the member fulfills all obligations thereof. A Life Member who desires to relocate and receives an invitation to join another Lions Club shall automatically become a Life member of said club

A graphical portrayal of the rights, privileges, and obligations of the various membership categories is shown below:

OBLIGATIONS

CATEGORY	REGULAR ATTENDANCE	PROMPT PAYMENT OF DUES (CLUB, DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL)	PARTICIPATION IN CLUB ACTIVITIES	CONDUCT REFLECTING FAVORABLE IMAGE
ACTIVE	YES	YES	YES	YES
AFFILIATE	NO	YES	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
ASSOCIATE	YES, PRIMARY CLUB NO, SECONDARY CLUB	YES, CLUB ONLY	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
HONORARY	NO	NO, CLUB PAY APPLICABLE INT'L AND DISTRICT DUES	NO	YES
LIFE	NO	YES, DISTRICT & CLUB ONLY- NO INT'L DUES OBLIGATIONS	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
MEMBER AT LARGE	NO	YES	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
PRIVILEGED	NO	YES	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

CATEGORY	ELEGIBILITY TO SEEK CLUB, DISTRICT OR INT'L OFFICE	VOTING PRIVILEGES	DELEGATE AT DISTRICT OR INT'L CONVENTION
ACTIVE	YES	YES	YES
AFFILIATE	NO	CLUB MATTERS ONLY	NO
ASSOCIATE	NO	DISTRICT CONVENTION (PRIMARY) CLUB MATTERS ONLY (BOTH)	NO
HONORARY	NO	NO	NO
LIFE	YES, IF FULFILLS OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBER	YES, IF FULFILLS OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBER	YES, IF FULFILLS OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBER
MEMBER AT LARGE	NO	YES, CLUB MATTERS ONLY	NO
PRIVILEGED	NO	YES	YES