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Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the Roswell Lions Club will be at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007. The fare this month is Caesar Salad, Baked Chicken Breast with Lemon Supreme Sauce, Vegetable Medley and Chef's Choice of Dessert. The program will be an official visit from our District Governor Randy Maynard.

A Message from our President

Greetings Fellow Lions,

This is my first Presidential Message, so please bear with me if I get a little verbose as there are items near and dear to our Club that need your assistance to be successful over the next 3 weeks.

First off, I just wanted to let it be known that I have agreed to continue through the next year as Club President. I look forward to your continued support as we strive to assist those in need throughout our community by remaining faithful to the Lions Club Motto, "We Serve."

As I alluded to above, there are a number of upcoming club related activities that are extremely important in helping us to raise funds for those services and organizations that we support either financially, or help through the spirit of volunteerism.

Our Annual White Cane Day is set for Saturday, April 21st, from 9 am - 3pm at the Super Wal-Mart on Mansell, the Kroger on Hwy 120, and the Kroger at Hwy 92/Sandy Plains. Due to a scheduling conflict, Sunday, April 22nd from 9 am - 3pm, has been selected as the White Cane Day for the Kroger at Crabapple (Silos). Due to the date change, I'm looking for Club members to step up to the bat to sign up for this day as some of the Lions who signed up for that location aren't able to support it on Sunday. There are also a number of openings at the other sites that need to be filled to provide maximum coverage of those locations, so please take a moment to review the sign-in sheet to see if you can assist.

The 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is coming up on May 5th, and the Raffle Crew has done a tremendous job in getting sponsors and gifts to support this worthy cause. There will be a sheet going around at the meeting so that you can let us know how many tickets have been sold or are projected to be sold. Please insure that the return stubs you submit with the payment include the type of meal that person wants.

Lastly, there are 2 activities going on in June that are worthy of mention. The Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to provide support, so please check your calendar/PDA to see if you can help (a sign-up sheet will be available). The State Convention is June 1-3 at Callaway Gardens, we are looking for 2 Lions to attend to make our presence known. The Club will cover the Registration Fees for the State Convention, however, accommodations are the responsibility of the attendee.

I've spent enough time on my soapbox, so in parting, I wanted to thank all of you for the patience and support I've received from you since the untimely passing of President Richard Noakes. During my upcoming term, I hope to be worthy of the example that he and the other Past Presidents have set during their tenures.

Lion Millard Berman

P.S. I haven't lost the President's Pin yet!!

Club Business

Resume of Last Meeting:

- The last meeting was held on Monday, March 19, 2007 at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel, Roswell, GA.
 - The Invocation was given by Doris Westbrook.
 - The Pledge was lead by Milt Brand.
 - Lion Earl Ake lead the assemblage in a song.
 - After the meal, President Berman recognized our guests.
 - President Berman recognized Earl Ake for being installed into the District 18-A Hall of Fame. Ten members of Lion Earl's family were in attendance.
 - Lion Phil Farias announced plans for the 2007 Reverse Raffle, which will be held on May 5th at the Doubletree Hotel in Roswell. Tickets will be \$100, and companion tickets will be \$25. Entrée will be chicken or fish.
 - White Cane day will be April 21st at 4-5 locations around Roswell. Signup sheet available after meeting.
 - Lion Milt Berman provided yet another rousing Tail Twisting session.
 - Past President Alan Bethel presented the President's Pin to President Berman.
 - Jon Beaton from Lenscrafters was invited to provide the program. Jon spoke about mission trips to Chile and Mexico, and showed a short video detailing these trips.
 - Phil Farias won the drawing and donated it back to the treasury.
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Club News

Roswell Lion Earl Ake Inducted in Lions Hall Of Fame

On March 16, 2007, at the Convention of District 18A of the Lions Clubs of Georgia, held at Reinhardt College, Lion Earl Ake of the Roswell Lions Club was inducted into the District 18A Hall of Fame. District 18A covers northwest Georgia and includes most of the Atlanta area.

Lion Ake was recognized for over fifty years of service with Lions Clubs International including thirty-three years as a Life Member of the Roswell Lions. He has served District 18A as President of his club, cabinet treasurer, chair of the Canine Companions for Independence, and Zone Chairman. Lion Ake is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Earl Ake, known in Roswell as Mr. Christmas Tree, has been instrumental in the Roswell Lions Club's biggest fund raiser: their annual Christmas tree sale. For over twenty-five years, Lion Earl Ake has tirelessly provided leadership to a project he started...with some of his own money, to help underwrite the first year's purchase of trees.

Also inducted into the District 18A Hall of Fame were Lions Doug Brooks of Jasper; Ray Moore of East Cobb; Grover Newman of Chickamauga; Denver Rainey of Woodstock and Robert Swanson of Rome.

Congratulations Earl. We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Roswell Lion Giriraj Rao To Be Honored By Gov. Purdue

Lion Giriraj Rao will be the 2007 recipient of the Governor's Award in the Humanities. This honor is bestowed upon one who has been nominated by the Georgia Humanities Council. The honor is based on the work he has been doing through the Ghandi Foundation "advancing the peace here in America and improve the quality of life for disadvantaged children in India...".

The Luncheon Meeting will be held at the Old Railroad Depot in downtown Atlanta on Thursday, May 10, 2007. Giri has invited his friends from Roswell Lions to attend the ceremony. Please contact him for directions and information on where to sign up to attend.

We are looking forward to the presentation and are proud to be associated with you and the Ghandi Foundation, Giri!

2007-2008 –Slate of Officers Nominated

Lion Phil Farias, Nominations Chairman, has announced the following nominations for the 2007-2008 Year:

President – Millard Berman, Jr.
1st VP - Philip “Phil” R. Farias
2nd VP – Jerry Bramblett
3rd VP – Ron Young
Secretary – John Hathcock
Treasurer – Robby Robinson
Tail Twister – Milt Brand
Lion Tamer – Vince Kartley
2nd YR Director – Chris Wong
2nd YR Director – Ross Thomas
1st YR Director – Earl Ake
1st YR Director – Tom Phillips
Membership Chair – Judi Roe
 Ext. – Alan Bethel
 Ret. – Dianne French
Imm. Past Pres. – Alan Bethel
Newsletter – Bob Garrett (Tentative)
Webmaster – Jeff Hammen

Club Activities

“Eyesight Roswell” Update – Alan Bethel

Lenscrafters-- A follow-up eyeglass repair and vision testing mission visit with LC to the Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center will be scheduled in April. A date is being set for the visit. LC will donate two pairs of Ray Ban sunglasses for our reverse raffle.

Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center-- A program to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to Roswell Nursing residents is moving forward. Three residents have already received eyeglasses. Dr. Mark Dickinson now works with Roswell Nursing and has agreed to provide an eye exam and eyeglasses at \$80 for each person.

Hearing Aid Program for SSNF-- Dr Greenberg will conduct hearing screenings on April 20 for all the clients at the Warsaw Road location. The Roswell Lions Club will have a presence on April 20 during the screenings. If the client is unable to pay, or can only pay for part of the services, we will help with the charges. Our eyeglass program continues with SSNF.

Homestretch--Our program is in place. We expect some activity in the near future. This will be a great resource for Homestretch to assist their residents to insure their basic needs are met. Homestretch provides temporary housing primarily for single mothers and children at this Roswell facility. They will describe our eyeglass program in one of their future newsletters.

North Fulton Charities-- Our eyeglass program here continues.

Drake House-- We have received several requests for eye exams and eyeglasses from the Drake House. We are also working with the Drake House to provide a fence on part of their property. We have allocated \$1000 for this project.

Roswell City Schools--Still no resolution on the Elkins Point MS student that has very poor eyesight in one eye. Alpharetta Eye Associates is working to secure an appointment with a specialist for a full examination of the problem eye where she can only see hand motion. We may be able to help with the cost of the exam to determine what treatment is available for this 14 year old girl.

We have received several requests for eye exams and eyeglasses from the City Schools that were handled by Alpharetta Eye Associates and Lenscrafters.

Enable of Georgia-- This organization, formerly known as Resources & Residential Alternatives, serves adults age 18 and over with developmental disabilities attributable to conditions including, but not limited to, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Fragile X. Enable is a non-profit dedicated to providing housing, work and activities to their residents. A meeting will be held with Richard Colyer, Exec Director, to determine if we could assist with residents of Roswell that have a financial need and require eyeglass care.

Fourth Annual Reverse Raffle--Please remember the 4th annual Dinner & Reverse Raffle to be held on May 5, 2007. This fundraiser is the sole monies used to support the programs of Eyesight Roswell. You will be hearing more about this event from the Chairman, Phil Farias. We need you to pull out all the stops to support this fundraiser. Your support is needed to make this fundraiser successful by selling tickets and securing door prizes.

Please advise if you have other ideas or suggestions on Eyesight Roswell. The Eyesight Roswell committee is made up of Bob Garrett and Alan Bethel, co-chairs, committee members, Earl Ake, Elizabeth Dunn, Tim Dunn, Phil Farias, Jeff Hammen, Lewis Mason, Robby Robinson and Linda Spudic. We are making a difference in our community as the Eyesight Roswell program is expanded to include new

programs at Roswell Nursing and Homestretch. You have every reason to be proud of what your Club is doing in our community to serve those in need. Tell those outside the Club what we are doing and invite them to visit one of our future meetings.

District Events

What: Georgia Lions University

When: Saturday, June 9th

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00pm

Where: Powers Ferry United Methodist Church

245 Powers Ferry Road, SE

Marietta, GA

Agenda is coming soon.

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Lion Ray Moore 770-425-7881

Committee Reports

Fly-The-Flag



Lion Robby Robinson reminds us that additional help is needed in distributing and flying the flags with this program. If you would be interested, contact Lion Robby Robinson or Lion Doris Westbrook.

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Vince Kartley will announced the next Adopt-a-Road pickup at the next meeting. Call him at 770-490-9822 for further info and to sign up. Thanks to all who supported the project last weekend!

Important Dates



April, 2007 – White Cane Month

Apr. 21, 2007 – White Cane Day in Roswell (all locations except Silos Kroger).

May 5, 2007 – Fourth Annual Reverse Raffle to benefit Eyesight Roswell Project.

May 12, 2007 – Lions University. More to follow.

May 21, 2007 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

May 26, 2007 – Special Olympics Opening Eyes Project, Emory University.

Jun. 1-3, 2007 – Georgia Lions Convention at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA.

Jun. 18, 2007 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: Installation of New Officers.

Jul. 2-6 – 90th. Lions International Convention, Chicago, IL.

The Roswell Roar is a monthly publication of the Roswell Lions Club in Roswell, Georgia. Current and past newsletters are available at our website, www.roswellions.org. All members of the Roswell Lions Club are invited to submit articles for our newsletter. The submission deadline for articles is the second Tuesday of every month.

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Remember to save your Used Eyeglasses, Used Hearing Aids and Used Cell Phones! They can ALL be recycled to help someone in need.

Volunteer Opportunity



Special Olympics



Lions Clubs International



State Summer Games

Vision Screening of Athletes



Date: May 26, 2006 Saturday

Time: 8:00 am—12:30 pm or
12:00—3:30 pm

Place: Emory University, Special Olympics Georgia Woodruff PE Building Racquet Ball Courts

Atmosphere/Dress: Casual, shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes

On site training—volunteer jobs: vision screening, facilitating —
no experience necessary

Parking Available in Peavine Parking deck—you can see the back of Woodruff PE building from the parking deck.

To sign up contact: Jennifer Daniell at Special Olympics (770) 414-9390 x 110 or email: jennifer.daniell@specialolympicsga.org or Frank Toler ftoler@mindspring.com or 770 861-0625

*Lions Club International has a partnership with Special Olympics North America that includes funding of eyewear given during this vision screening.

The following are programs funded by the Eyesight Roswell Project. Funding is provided ONLY from the Reverse Raffle. Please do what you can to sell tickets for this project.

Eyesight Roswell Programs

All programs are funded by the Dinner & Reverse Raffle held each year. The 2007 event will be held on May 5.

- 1. Provide eye exams and eyeglasses to needy students in all the Roswell City Schools.**
- 2. Provides eye exams and eyeglasses to seniors in need at Senior Services of North Fulton.**
- 3. Provide eye exams and eyeglasses to children and adults at North Fulton Charities.**
- 4. Provide eye exams and eyeglasses to children at Foster Care Support Foundation.**
- 5. Provide eye exams and eyeglasses to mothers and children at the Drake House. The Drake House is a temporary housing facility in Roswell.**
- 6. New program to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to residents at Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.**
- 7. New program to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to mothers and children at Homestretch in Roswell. Homestretch is a temporary housing facility in Roswell.**