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Meeting Notice

The December Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel on Holcomb Bridge Road on Monday, December 19, 2005, starting at 7pm. The menu for the evening will be Baked salmon with lemon caper butter on a bed of spinach Chef's choice of vegetable and starch Dessert Complimentary toast. This meeting will feature our annual Christmas celebration.

A Message from our President

Three of our members attended the November 5th District 18A Bluegrass and BBQ rally in Dalton. This was a good meeting that was hosted by the Carpet Capital Lions club. We also had three members attend the Zone meeting hosted by Alpharetta on November 14. We will now host the February Zone meeting.

This year is coming to a fast close. Our Roswell Lion's Club has just completed two very successful fund raising projects, the Apple Sale and Golf Tournament. Thanks to all the members who made these projects successful, permitting the Roswell Lions Club to fund our many programs. The Peace Poster Contest has been completed with winning posters being selected and sent to our District Governor. We will honor the winners at a future meeting.

Jane Price, District Governor for 18A, visited our Club meeting on Monday November 21. It was great to have Jane visit with us and hear her message including the challenge to add one new member to each Lions Club. This is an International Passion to Serve objective by our President, Dr. Ashok Mehta. It was an exciting evening for our Club.

The Christmas Tree sales project is underway with sales running below last year's rate, but there is plenty of time to end with a good sales total for this long running project. There are many time slots open for Lion volunteers through December 22. Please call Frances Parsons at 770-594-0278 to fill as many slots as you can for this important club project.

The December meeting offers us a good opportunity to invite perspective new members to visit with us and check out our club. Please advise your meeting call Lion if you will have visitors so the Doubletree will have accurate dinner numbers. Spouses are invited to the December meeting. The quartet, One Accord will be our program and entertainment for the evening.

Thanks for all your continued support for our various projects.

Lion Alan

Club Business

Actions Taken by the Board

The Roswell Lions Board of Directors met on December 13, 2005 with 9 Lions in attendance.

Announcements

- The next District 18-A Rally will be held on March 17-18 in Marietta.
- The State Convention will be June 8-11 in Columbus.
- The International Convention is June 30 – July 3, 2006 in Boston.

Membership Committee: The membership status of Segall and Belknap is pending further reports. Earl Ake will investigate the Belknap situation. Robinson will call Milt Brand. Several prospective new members may be at the Dec. and Jan. meetings.

Eyesight Roswell: Bob Garrett is working with 2 people who need assistance. A report will be planned for the January Board meeting.

Peace Poster Contest: Our club's entry won the district contest. Angela Kovyneva from Elkins Point Middle School was the winner.

Christmas Tree project: The sale is going well. President Bethel plans a discussion on the future of this fundraiser early next year.

Road Trash Pickup: Next pick-up is January 21st.

Roswell HS opportunity for Young Leaders in Service: The National Honor Society assistance at the tree lot is going well.

Reverse Raffle: Phil Farias and John Hathcock are co-chairs. The date is May 6.

Roswell Lions Sign at the Doubletree: Lion Bethel is working with the City of Roswell and the Doubletree on the feasibility of a sign.

Drake House: Richard Noakes will develop a proposal for our club to provide vision services to residents of The Drake House.

NFCC Shoe Fund: Envelopes will be on the tables at the December meeting for donations.

Newsletter: Lion Bethel discussed the newsletter's importance to our club.

The Wills Park concession project sharing with the Alpharetta club was discussed. There was no decision.

International President Dr. Ashok Mehta's E-Letter to Lions Club Presidents

The unprecedented series of natural disasters over the last 10 months beginning with the tsunami is disturbing to us all. But these troubling times also bring out the best in people and the best in our own organization. Presently, thousands of Lions in the affected areas are providing hands-on assistance to local relief efforts, and Lions from all corners of the world have generously donated to LCIF's disaster relief funds.

Thanks to Lions, entire villages devastated by the tsunami are now being rebuilt, thousands of victims from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are receiving clothing and help with rebuilding, and many of those suffering from last week's earthquake in Pakistan are receiving life-saving supplies and assistance.

I am indeed humbled by the generosity, noble hearts and the Passion to Serve being demonstrated by Lions around the world. I hope you will share these sentiments and my gratitude with your fellow club members.

Message from LCIF Chairperson Kusiak on LCIF Aids Twinning of Clubs for Katrina

Many Lion nationwide are collecting goods or are willing to travel to the Gulf Coast to assist Lions serving Katrina victims. The challenge for Lions who want to help often is connecting with a club in the Gulf Coast that needs a certain kind of service or item. To further the relief effort, LCIF is facilitating twinning between clubs.

Lions who want to help can review a list on our Web site of Lions clubs in the GulfCoast. Lions need to contact these clubs directly to establish a twinning relationship. Please contact the clubs via phone and, if possible, supplement that with a fax asking for details of the club's needs.

<http://www.lions-katrina.org/twinning-link.php>

Clubs in the Gulf Coast typically need assistance with fund-raising, goods for evacuees or assistance in rebuilding their community or their own meeting facility.

We anticipate the list of clubs needing assistance on our Web site will grow as more clubs contact us. We encourage clubs listed on our Web site to provide us with details on what kind of assistance you need. We also encourage clubs not listed but needing assistance to contact LCIF. <mailto:jay.copp@lionsclubs.org> Please provide us with complete contact information including a phone number, fax number and e-mail.

LCIF's twinning project is in addition to our Help Link, which lists Lions who contact LCIF with specific offers of assistance. Clubs in the Gulf Coast need to check the Help Link page to see what form of assistance is available from Lions and then contact that club or individual.

http://www.lions-katrina.org/help_link.shtm

For questions on either the Help Link or the twinning project or to be listed on either, please e-mail LCIF. <mailto:jay.copp@lionsclubs.org>

Working together, Lions are responding to this terrible disaster with untold hours of service and an indefatigable can-do spirit. Our service has been needed more than ever, and Lions have been up to the challenge.

Message from LCIF Chairperson Kusiak on the Tsunami reconstruction

In Indonesia, LCIF has disbursed US\$418,375. The Indonesian Lions Tsunami Committee has successfully established two Lions Villages in Aceh Province. LCIF has funded 320 homes with electricity, village rest-rooms and six deep-water wells. Upcoming projects in Indonesia include economic revival activities in the Lions villages and housing for tsunami victims in Banda Aceh, the capital.

Along with Past International Director Barry Palmer and an LCIF staff person, I recently traveled to the Lions Village in Seunuddon to check on 200 Lions homes there. I can tell you that the Lions did a great job of building these homes and that the occupants are extremely grateful to the Lions. Families have a roof over their heads and are enjoying a sense of normalcy again. The smiles on their faces when meeting Lions tell all you need to know about how effective Lions and LCIF have been in South Asia.

In Sri Lanka, the Lions plan to build 318 homes at five locations at a cost of US\$1.25 million. In the Western part of the island, 40 homes will be built at Modera/M'kuliya, Colombo, and 70 homes at Bandaragama, Panadura. In the South, 20 homes will be built at Dodangoda, Kalutara. In the East, 105 homes are planned for Kuchhaveli, Trincomalee, and 83 homes are slated for Pothuvil, Ampara. In July 2005, LCIF staff visited Sri Lanka to inspect initial tsunami reconstruction work and LCIF disbursed US\$412,500 in September to get the building started. The Sri Lankan Lions are expected to request additional funding to build more homes.

In Thailand, LCIF has disbursed US\$702,583. The Thailand Tsunami Committee is overseeing the construction of 195 homes at two Lions villages on two separate islands. The first village on Lantaisland is scheduled to be completed in December.

In India, the Lions MD-324 Tsunami Disaster Relief Committee presented a US\$1.25 million plan to build homes, community rehabilitation centers, potable water facilities, primary health centers, schools and an orphanage. The majority of resources will be directed toward the Lions districts on the East coast from Chennai to Nagapatinam that were most affected by the tsunami. LCIF staff visited India in July to meet with key Lions, and LCIF disbursed US\$412,500 to the Relief Committee in September so that it could begin reconstruction work.

Our reconstruction work in South Asia is helping thousands of people with little means get back on their feet and resume their lives. We will help thousands more in the near future. Thanks to the generosity of Lions worldwide and the untiring service of Lions in South Asia, people who suffered the wrath of a natural disaster are starting over with a new home and are making the most of their opportunity.

Membership Care Chairperson

Please make Ann Welden aware of any of our members or their immediate families when they are dealing with an illness or other need. Ann can be reached at 770--992-5030.

Volunteer Hours

Stan Shuford is tracking the volunteer hours provided to the community by our Lions Club members. This tracking is being done for the Quality Club program. A volunteer form is available on the web site or you can pass the information to Stan in a way convenient for you.

Adopt-a-Road Report

Last pickup went the length of Willeo Rd from the Cobb border on the west to HWY 120 to the southeast. Lions Charles Caudell, Phil Farias, Troy Holman, Tom Spudic and Richard Noakes attended. It was a beautiful day and the trash load was light. Next pick-up is October 22 starting at 8:30 AM at the Willeo Baptist Church parking lot on Willeo west of Coleman.

Reservations for Meetings

If you are not contacted by your regular caller regarding your intent to attend our regular meetings, please contact your caller and advise them if you will attend or not attend the upcoming meeting. If you cannot reach your regular caller, please Lion Lewis Mason or Lion Robby Robinson. Our reservations must be provided to the DoubleTree on the Thursday preceding our meeting. We are then committed to pay for the number of meals we have requested even if the number attending is less than our reservations. If there are more attending than our reservations, we pay for the additional meals at the going rate per meal. We cannot reduce the number of meals after we provide our final count. Guests and visitors are always welcome, but you need to tell your caller so they are included in our final count. If you have not made a reservation, but find that you can attend a meeting, by all means come. The DoubleTree has always worked with us to cover this situation. It is goal not to pay for meals that are not used, but your attendance at meetings is the most important thing.

North Fulton Community Charities Shoe Fund

At our December meeting, we will take up our annual collection for NFCC. This began as a collection for shoes, but has continued over the years as additional support to NFCC during the holiday season when their resources are stretched. This is particularly needed this year when Hurricane Katrina continues to impact their operation. Please make checks payable to the Roswell Lions Club and they will be combined and forwarded to NFCC.

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. The next Fly the Flag event will be Veteran's Day on November 11..

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Richard Noakes will be looking for volunteers for the new location at Willeo Road west of Coleman Road. Call him at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up. The next cleanup will be Saturday, October 22 beginning at 8.30am. Be sure to support this project at least once this year!

Important Dates



November 12, 2005 – Adopt-a-Road Pickup on Willeo Rd. Pick up from 8:30 to 11:00AM.

November 14, 2005 (Tentative) – Second Zone Meeting, hosted by Roswell Lions at 7pm.

November 21, 2005 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. District Governor Visit - DG Jane Price

November 29-Mid December, 2005- Christmas Tree Sale. Contact Lion Bill Parsons to help out today!

December 19, 2005 (TENTATIVE) - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Annual Christmas Party (SPOUSES INVITED).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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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.

2005 Apple Sale



Lion Larry Zacharchuck lets Lion Earl Ake know how things should be done, while Lion Virgil looks on.



Lions Robert Joe and Ross Thomas are caught taking a break on Apple Day.

Fifth Annual Golf Tournament



Golfers anxiously await the start of the Roswell Lions Golf Tournament.



PGA here I come! Project Chair Jeff Hammen makes a putt during the Fifth Annual Golf Tournament