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## The Roswell Roar

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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, December 18, 2006. The fare has changed this month to a buffet containing Roast Chicken Breast with Fresh Herbs and Pan Juices; Herb Crusted Pork Loin with Sauteed Apples; Red bliss potatoes oven roasted with olive oil, fresh rosemary, and then tossed with Parmesan cheese; Seasonal Vegetable Medley; Chef's Assortment of Cookies, Bars, Pies, and Bread Pudding. The program will be The Jubilee Ringers from First Baptist Church, Roswell.

### Club Business

#### Resume of Last Meeting:

- The last meeting was held on Monday, November 20, 2006 at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel, Roswell, GA.
- The Invocation was a moment of Silence.
- The Pledge was lead by Millard Berman, Jr.
- Lion Earl Ake lead the assemblage in a song.
- After the meal, President Noakes introduced Lion Doris Westbrook who described her attendance at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Fulton Community Charities and represented our club by accepting a plaque in our honor for regular financial support of NFCC..
- Tail Twister Milt Brand accepted donations from all who were thankful for something.
- Raffle tickets were sold by Lion Tom Phillips for a 2007 Chevy pickup benefiting the Georgia camp for the blind.
- Lion Bill Parsons discussed the status of the Christmas tree lot and the Christmas Tree Sale plans. He had the sign-up sheet available at the meeting.
- Lion Alan Bethel presented a "Lion Moment" by giving a detailed report on Eyesight Roswell activities and projects.
- President Noakes then requested the introduction of guests.
- President Noakes announced the induction of 5 new members to our club. Our guest, Vice District 18-A Governor, Vanessa Stanley, conducted the induction ceremony.
- The new members are:
  - Gary Combs sponsored by Frances Parsons
  - Donna Combs sponsored by Frances Parsons
  - Ron Young sponsored by Phil Farias
  - Diane French sponsored by Troy Holman
  - Folly Teko-Ahatefou sponsored by Robby Robinson
- Our guest speaker was Ed Ressler, Director of The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.
- President Noakes encouraged the members to invite prospective new members to our club meetings.
- Lion Tom Spudic won the drawing.
- The meeting was adjourned.

## Club Activities

### “Eyesight Roswell” Update – Alan Bethel

**Roswell City Schools Eyeglass Program**--The need and demand for eyeglasses continues at a high rate. The monthly average is around 10 the last three months, including December. It would also appear December could be above that number. A meeting was held with seven of the twelve Fulton County social workers at Roswell HS on November 17 to review the Eyesight Roswell program and obtain feedback on how the program is working and how to improve the process. The meeting went well and it became very obvious this is an critical program for the students in need.

One student has a serious eye condition of the optic nerve and we have been asked to arrange an appointment with a neuro-ophthalmologist. Dr. Robert Spector has been suggested by AEA. This option will be pursued to determine cost.

**Hearing Aid Program for SSNF**-- We are setup with SSNF on the process to move forward with a hearing aid program. SSNF has two candidates for the program. The clients will pay if they are able to cover the costs of the application and Audiologist charges. If the client is unable to pay or can only pay for part of the services, we will help with the charges.

**Health Fair at SSNF**--The Health Fair at SSNF will be held in February with the specific date to be set. Lenscrafters will partner with us on the Health Fair. Acuity and glaucoma testing will be done.

**Lenscrafters**--On December 5, LC hosted 35 kids from Forsyth County to provide eye exams and glasses as a part of their "Home Town Day" program. We participated and provided two colorful cakes for the event. Several LC executives were present and their future commitment to "Eyesight Roswell" was confirmed. Luxottica owns LC, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical and Sunglass Hut.

As a follow-up to our November 14 eyeglass repair and vision testing visit with LC to SSNF, we are planning a similar mission to the Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on Green St. They have 200 patients and we will cover 30-40 patients on each visit. This service is provided at no charge and was very well received by the clients. This is another way for our Club to reach out in the community and serve those in need. We will have a presence on all of the repair and vision testing visits. A nice story and picture about the November 14 SSNF visit was published in the November 30 edition of the Alpharetta-Roswell Revue & News.

**Homestretch**--Follow-up contact was made this week with the acting Director, Tom Knight, about an eyeglass program with Homestretch. He said the new director will be on board in January and a meeting could be held in late January/early February to introduce the program to Homestretch.

We continue to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to clients in need of support at the **Drake House** and **North Fulton Charities**.

Please advise if you have other ideas or suggestions. It is the goal of the committee to keep our membership informed on the status and progress of this very important Roswell Lions program.

### **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.

Please make checks payable to the Roswell Lions Club and they will be combined and forwarded to NFCC. Last year we donated \$300, so let's try to top that this year before Lion President Noakes turns the collection over to Tail Twister Milt Brand.

### **Two New Members to be Inducted**

Two new members were approved for induction at the December meeting. The new members and their sponsors are:

Timothy Dunn sponsored by Alan Bethel

Elizabeth Dunn sponsored by Alan Bethel

Please plan to meet and encourage each of our new members.

## **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.

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### **Adopt-A-Road**



Lion President Richard Noakes has announced that the Adopt-a-Road Project has concluded for the year. The next pickup will be January 20, 2007 at 8:30 AM. Call him at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up. Thanks to all who supported the project this year!

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### **Christmas Tree Lot**



The Christmas Tree Lot has been a great success this year. Chairman Parson's will give us an update at the meeting on Monday.

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## **Important Dates**



**Jan. 13, 2007** – Lions Day in Georgia, Melvin Jones Birthday.

**Jan. 15, 2007** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

**Feb. 19, 2007** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

**Mar. 16-17** – District 18A Convention, Elijay, Ga. Hosted by Elijay Lions Club.

**Mar. 19, 2007** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

**April, 2007** – White Cane Month

**Apr. 16, 2007** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

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

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

**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** – 90<sup>th</sup>. Lions International Convention, Chicago, IL.

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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.*

November Meeting 2006



**Vice District 18A Governor Vanessa Stanley** – Visited and inducted new member.



**New members and Sponsors** – (l-r) Folly Teko-Ahatefou sponsor Robby Robinson, Diane French sponsor Troy Holman, Ron Young sponsor Phil Farias, Donna & Gary Combs sponsor Frances Parsons



**Lion Robby Robinson** – presents Lions Membership pin to Folly Teko-Ahatefou.



**Lion Troy Holman** – proudly presents his daughter, Diane French, with her Lions Membership Pen.



**Lion Phil Farias** – Pins on New Lion Ron Young's membership pin.



**Lion Francis Parsons** – pins a membership pin on new member Gary Combs as wife, also new member Donna, watches.