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 Immediate Past President – Jeffrey Hammen

Meeting Notice:

The July meeting will be the annual Summer Picnic and will be held at the Roswell First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2004. The food will be from Slopes Barbeque. The charge will be \$7.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal and spouses are invited.

President's Message:

As we begin our new Lions year, let me thank you again for all of the hard work you have given to our club and community in the past. We are fortunate to have a great group of dedicated members who believe in our club and what we stand for. In order to accomplish our goals this year, we will have to continue working with the same diligence we have shown in years past. At our officer installation last month, remember I gave a vision for our club this year to concentrate on three areas: membership, sight services and youth programs.

The cornerstone of this year's program is membership. We must address this first and foremost because we can not expand our sight and youth programs without more members to share the load and give us new, innovative ideas. While attending the 2004 International Convention in Detroit earlier this month, I had the opportunity to discuss methods for membership recruitment with some of the Lions International leadership team. I believe we can develop a great plan to add to our membership rosters this year, and will be working with our MERL team to implement a plan for our club very soon. Don't forget that the key to recruitment boils down to just three letters: ASK.

We also have some very important activities coming in the next few weeks. First, our planning retreat for this year will be at the Roswell First United Methodist Church, July 31st beginning at 2:00 PM. All board members are expected to attend if you are able, as this sets the stage for our Lions year.

Also, don't forget that our club is hosting the first cabinet meeting this year on the following Saturday, August 6th at Mountain Brook Elementary School. We need a strong showing from our clubs membership at this event, so I encourage all of you to attend if you are able.

I am looking forward serving as your President this year and wish you all the best of luck in all of your endeavors.

Lion John

Resume of Last Meeting:

The last meeting was held on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Roswell, GA.

- Pat Welden gave the invocation.
- Stan Shuford lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Earl Ake lead in a song.
- President Hammen began the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of two former Roswell Lions who passed away this year – George Polatty, our first president and Harold Osborne.
- After the meal, President Hammen introduced John Hathcock's parents, Anna and James Hathcock.

President Hammen then made the following announcements:

- The 4th Annual Roswell Lions Charity Golf Outing is Monday October 25th. Brookfield Country Club. The outing this year is in honor of Lewis Mason.
- District 18-A Summer Gathering and first cabinet meeting on Saturday, August 7th at Mountain Park Elementary sponsored by our club.
- The Annual Planning Retreat and BBQ is Saturday, July 31st at RUMC, time TBA.
- The Annual Steak Fry is Saturday, August 14th at the Royal Oaks Pavilion. Time TBA.

- Tail Twisting was not done in the interest of time.

- Larry Zacharchuk made his annual report on the eyeglass collecting activities. With the help of the club members and especially Larry, Bob Fulton, Virgil Ladson, Pat Welden and the elementary school eyeglass contest, we collected 4810 pairs and 9 hearing aids.

- Lion Doris Westbrook discussed plans for the Planning retreat and BBQ and the Steak Fry.

- President Hammen thanked his wife, Cheryl and the Officers, Directors and Chairpersons for the past year of his presidency. He then presented the following awards:

- Appreciation Award to Troy Holman for his work as Chairman of the Christmas Tree Sales.
- President's Award to Alan Bethel for innovation activities in the Reverse Raffle Dinner and Eyesight Roswell.
- Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Larry Zacharchuk for his many years of dedicated service to Lionism. Larry's wife, Pat, friends and children witnessed the event.

- Larry's award was presented by both President Hammen and PDG James Hathcock.

- Next the 2004-2005 club officers' induction ceremony was conducted by PDG James Hathcock.

He presented pins to Lion Hammen and Hathcock. Lion Hammen then presented the President's Pin to incoming President Hathcock. The pin has been handed down since Roswell's first president.

- Incoming President Hathcock made his remarks by announcing some key programs for next year. These are a focus on membership, especially recruiting young members, a focus on youth and on sight programs.

- President Hammen then outlined the club's accomplishments for the past year. He mentioned innovation, increased number of women, ten new members, and the Building Bridges to Youth through the Youth Day Parade, eyeglass contest and ice-cream award, the Peace Poster Contest and Eyesight Roswell.

- Jim Armstrong won the drawing.

-The meeting was adjourned.

Club and District News:

4th Annual Roswell Lions Charity Golf Outing to Honor Past President Lewis Mason

Every year the golf outing honors a living Lion or remembers a Lion that has passed away.

In the past three years, the following individuals have been honored/memorialized:

- 1st year - in memory of Carlisle Woodruff
- 2nd year - in honor of Clifford Vaughan
- 3rd year - in memory of Mickey Berman

The golf committee met last month and proposed that this year's golf outing be in honor of Lewis Mason. Lewis is a Past President (twice), Melvin Jones Fellow and a Life Member. All would agree he has too many years of outstanding and dedicated service to describe in this email. The club agreed and approved the honorarium.

1st Annual Planning Retreat Scheduled

Incoming President John Hathcock has announced the First Annual Planning Retreat for Roswell Lions Leadership Team. In an effort to limit the amount of monthly meeting time, John has requested that all incoming officers participate in the planning retreat. The event will be held in conjunction with the Annual Summer Picnic Meeting held on July 31st. The location will be at the Roswell First United Methodist Church from 2-6 PM. We are looking for 100% participation.

District Kick Off Set for August 7th hosted by the Roswell Lions Club

Everyone is invited to the first district gathering of the year, hosted by the Roswell Lions Club. This is our Fall Cabinet Meeting, with a whole new twist. The event will be held at Mountain Park Elementary, 11895 Mountain Park Road, Roswell, GA 30075 (direction below).

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

10:00 MERL Team, Zone and Region Chairs Meeting

11:00-11:30 Training Sessions:

- * Your Club's Internet Presence
- * Getting & Keeping Members
- * New District Programs

11:45-12:15 Training Sessions:

- * Club President's Briefing
- * Club Secretary's Briefing
- * Club PR Campaign

12:30 District Business & Cabinet Meeting 2:00 Adjourn to Lion Jeff Hammen's house for a "Send a Kid to Camp BBQ" hosted by the Hammen & Brantley Families)

Place: Hammen family Home, 340 Waverly Hall Drive, Roswell, GA 30075

Cost: \$10/plate

All proceeds go to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Make checks payable to the Camp
If you plan to attend the BBQ, please contact Jeffrey Hammen at 770.992.6382 or send him an email hammenj@bellsouth.net

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and bring a lawn chair just in case!

Directions to Mountain Park Elementary:

Take GA 400 to Holcomb Bridge Road, Exit 7B, going west. Turn back over GA 400. Holcomb Bridge becomes Crossville Road, then becomes Woodstock Road. Turn right onto Mountain Park Road, and school will be about 1 mile on your right. Mountain Park Road is about 6.5 miles from GA 400.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Richard Noakes reports our next Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Holcomb Bridge Road will be later this summer. We will meet in the Pickneyville Arts Center parking lot. Call Richard Noakes at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up.

Fly-The-Flag



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

Important Dates:



Aug 7, 2004 – 18A Cabinet Meeting. Roswell Lions Hosting at Mountain Park School.

Aug 14, 2004 – Annual Steak Fry at 4 PM. Location Royal Oak Pavillion **(SPOUSES INVITED)**.

Sept 8-11, 2004 - USA-Canada Leadership Forum- Reno, NV

Sept. 20, 2004 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7 PM.

Oct 18, 2004 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7 PM.

Oct 25, 2004 – Roswell Lions 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Brookfield West Country Club.

Nov 6, 2004 - District 18-A Rally- Location TBA, 9AM.

Nov 15, 2004 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7 PM.

Dec 20, 2004 (Tentative) – Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7 PM. **(SPOUSES INVITED)**

Special Request – From the Editor:

With the current cost of postage, we are asking those who have email addresses and are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter to please provide that email address to the editor so that you can receive an electronic copy each month. Not only does this save postage, ink and paper but it also saves time since the newsletter is distributed several days before you receive it in the mail.

Lion Tom Freels

It is with regret that we announce that Lion Tom Freels passed away at his home recently. Tom joined the Roswell Lions Club in 1999. If you would like to send a card and/or a note of encouragement to his wife Barbara, send them to 1245 St Lawrence Drive, Alpharetta, Ga 30022.

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Pictures from the June 2004 Monthly Meeting and our 2004 Leadership Team:



Alabama PDG James Hathcock presents the 2004 Melvin Jones Award to Lion Larry Zacharchuk.



Immediate Past President Jeffrey Hammen presents the Roswell Lions Presidents Pin to John Hathcock.



Directors (from left) Pat Welden, Richard Noakes and Sally Poole. Membership Chairman Troy Holman.



First Vice President Alan Bethel and President John Hathcock



Secretary Stan Shuford and Lion Tamer Millard Berman.



PDG James Hathcock, President John Hathcock's father, Challenged and installed the officers for 2004-2005.