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Meeting Notice:

The June meeting will be held at the Roswell Holiday Inn on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2004. The menu: Mixed Greens Salad with Dressing, Orange Honey Rosemary Chicken, Roasted Sweet Potato Wedges, Southern Green Beans, Rolls & Butter and New York Style Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping for dessert. This is the Installation Service for the 2004-2005 Officers. The installation will be done by a surprise special guest.

President's Message:

As I complete my final weeks of my year as President there are a number of individuals I wish to thank. First I want to thank my wife Cheryl who assisted with the setup for all the board meetings. She made sure we had snacks and drinks at almost all the meetings. She handled lots of calls when I was not around.

Secondly, thanks go to our Secretary Stan Shuford and Treasurer Robby Robinson. Both kept me on track and spent lots of hours performing their Lions duties. Both are under-appreciated for all their efforts.

Thirdly, thanks go to all our Project Chairpersons. It takes more than just volunteers. In order to run a great project you need dedicated Lions to organize the activities and make sure they happen. Thank you Earl Ake and Troy Holman – Membership, Phil Farias – Special Account, Larry Zacharchuk – Eye Glass Recycling, Lewis Mason – Eye Glass Purchasing, Troy Holman and Pat Welden – Charity Golf Outing, Robby Robinson and Doris Westbrook – Apple Sale and Fly the Flag, Troy Holman – Christmas Tree Sale, Linda Spudic – Youth Opportunities and Peace Poster Contest, Richard Noakes – Adopt-A-Road, Bob Garrett – Newsletter and Adopt-A-Stream, John Hathcock and Millard Berman – White Cane Day, Frank Toler – Special Olympics Opening Eyes Project, Alan Bethel - Programs and Alan Bethel and Sally Poole – Reverse Raffle and Eye Sight Roswell.

Fourth, thanks goes to all our members who make it possible for us to raise contributions and provide services to the community. You make it possible for us to make a difference in our community. No matter what your level of participation we need you support.

Fifth, thanks to the spouses, many who became members. Thanks for sacrificing the time so we can serve others in our community. Thanks for volunteering along side us in many of our projects when we needed your help.

Through all our hard work and efforts we accomplished great things this past year. I think we lived up to our International President's challenge to be innovative and to recruit women as new members.

We added 10 new members to the Roswell Lions of which four are women.

We built bridges to the youth in our community. For the first time in years a couple of members marched in the Annual Roswell Youth Day Parade (Alex included) carrying a banner celebrating the youth in our community and threw candy to the kids. We sponsored an Eye Glass Recycling Contest between two local middle schools - Crabapple and Elkins Pointe. Each school collected over a 100 pairs of glasses. Crabapple Middle earned an ice cream social turned ice cream sandwich party at the end of the year celebrating their victory. While they enjoyed their ice cream they watched a Lions movie about how recycled eyeglasses make a difference in the world. We continued our success with the Peace Poster contest. Our reaching out and connecting to youth in our community will one day pay dividends.

We introduced a very successful new fundraising project, a reverse raffle dinner to fund the eyeglass and eye care needs of our community. Eye Sight Roswell has the potential to make a big difference in our community.

We continued with great success many of the fundraisers and services we have been providing year after year.

Thank you for making my year as President a most memorable experience.

Lion Jeff

Resume of Last Meeting:

The last meeting was held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Roswell, GA.

- Pat Welden gave the invocation.
 - Jim Armstrong lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Earl Ake lead in a song.
 - President Hammen began the meeting with the following announcements:
District 18-A Lions University hosted by the Jasper Lions Club on May 22.
 - President Hammen presented a \$200 donation to the Girl Scouts, represented and accepted by Savannah Sablich.
 - After the meal, President Hammen began the meeting by presenting a donation to the Friends of Scouting, represented and accepted by Artic Scout, Brad Range.
 - President Hammen then continued with the introduction of guests.
 - The new member induction of Joey Casada was conducted by President Hammen, assisted by Joey's sponsor, Troy Holman. Joey's wife Shayna was also in attendance.
 - Tail Twister Robbie Norman livened the meeting by fining all who did not know the answer to several questions about Eye Banks and Lion's involvement in Eye Banks.
 - Lion Alan Bethel presented an update on the results of the "Eyesight Roswell" reverse raffle conducted on May 1. He announced that 82 of the \$100 tickets and 35 of the \$25 tickets were sold and that 103 attended the dinner. A committee, appointed by President Hammen will determine the disposition of the \$4826.00 the club netted from the raffle. Lion Bethel thanks his committee and all who contributed to the great start for our new fundraiser.
 - Lion Frank Toler discussed the volunteer opportunity to assist with the "Opening Eyes" vision screening of athletes at the Special Olympics. It will be at Emory University's Woodruff PE building on Saturday, May 22. A sign-up sheet was available and members were asked to sign up to serve.
 - Alan Bethel introduced our speaker, Ed Ressler, President Elect of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Ed gave an enthusiastic presentation on the Camp and encouraged members to become personally involved by attending the Lions Day at Camp on July 24 and by volunteering for a work weekend at the Camp. Other ways to participate include providing funds to sponsor a child (\$150.00) and to join the Century Club (\$100.00)
 - President Hammen presented Lion Ressler with an \$850.00 donation to the Lions Camp for the Blind.
 - Glenn Schlafer won the drawing.
 - The meeting was adjourned.
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Club News:

4th Annual Roswell Lions Charity Golf Outing

Every year we have hosted a golf outing we have either honored a living Lion or remembered a Lion that has passed away.

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 Friday and we 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.

Are there any objections to our proposal? Please forward your responses to hammenj@bellsouth.net

Hammen & Shuford Earn Certificates

President Jeff Hammen and Secretary Stan Shuford attended the District 18A University on May 22nd. They received their Associate in Lionism Certificates. The University was sponsored by the Jasper Lions Club.

Special Thanks from Special Olympics

Special thanks have been sent from the organizers of the Special Olympics for those who participated in this year's Opening Eyes Program. The program allows free eye exams for any of the Special Olympians that come in. Special thanks to Lion Frank Toler and all the organizational skills that he brought to make it happen this year. If you missed out, you can talk to Frank and arrange for a spot in next year's program.

2004-2005 Leadership Team

The following make up the leadership team of the Roswell Lions Club for the 2004-2005 Year:

President - John Hathcock

1st VP - Alan Bethel

2nd VP - Linda Spudic

3rd VP - Charles Lee

Secretary - Stan Shuford

Treasurer - Robby Robinson

Tail Twister - Robbie Norman

Lion Tamer - Millard Berman

Directors - 2nd Yr - Richard Noakes

2nd Yr - Pat Welden

1st Yr - Sally Poole

1st Yr - Phil Farias

Membership - Chairman - Troy Holman

Extension - Earl Ake

Retention - Fred Lickfold

Immediate Past President - Jeffrey Hammen

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Richard Noakes reports our next Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Holcomb Bridge Road will be April 24, 2004 at 8:30 AM. 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 Spring 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:

July 31, 2004 – 1st. Annual Planning Retreat for Incoming Officers followed by the Annual Summer Picnic. Location TBA.

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. 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 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**)

Upcoming Events of Special Interest:**Planning Retreat for Incoming Officers**

Incoming President John Hathcock has announced the First Annual Planning Retreat for Incoming 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 announced at next weeks meeting. We are looking for 100% participation.

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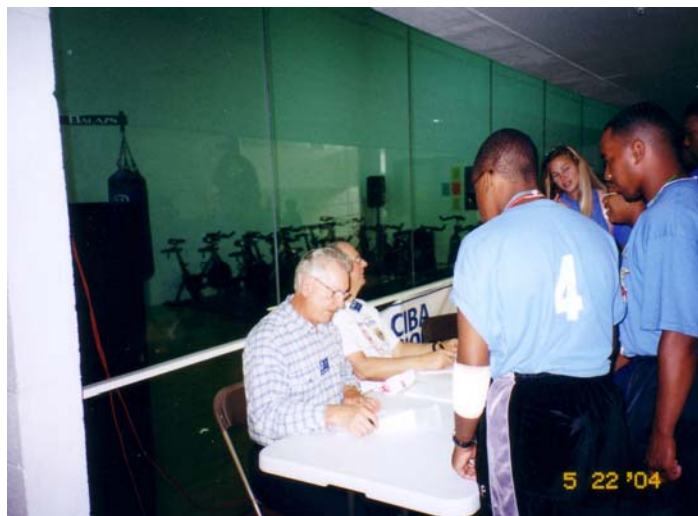
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Pictures from the 2004 Opening Eyes Program (photos by Lion Jim Armstrong:



Lion Pat Welden assists in setting up the Vision Check Venue by marking the correct distance from the chart.



Lions Troy Holman and Alan Bethel register the Special Olympians as they arrive.



Lions Linda and Tom Spudic are eager and ready to go.



Lion Robby Robinson acquired nourishments for those workers the were hungry.



Definitely a TEAM effort to get all the Olympians registered and tested.



Lions Robby Robinson, Virginia Robinson and Doris Westbrook ready to go after their breakfast.