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Lions Club of Roswell Georgia

Serving Our Community Since 1952



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Directors: One Year – Earl Ake, Frank Toler
Directors: Two Years – Virgil Ladson, Mickey Berman
Membership – Bill Duffin, Charles Caudell
Lion Tamer – Bob Garrett
Tail Twister – Pat Welden

Meeting Notice:

The March meeting will be held at the Roswell Holiday Inn on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2002. The menu: Mixed Garden Salad, Grilled Salmon with Lemon Dill sauce, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Potatoes, Warm Dinner Rolls and Lemon Meringue Pie. Our guest speaker will be Rev. John R. Moeller, Jr. of Ministries for Service and Training, Inc. (MUST).



Lion Mickey Berman introduces Carol Helms of the American Diabetes Association and makes the case that diabetes is the leading cause for blindness.

Message From Our President:

YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY PROUD..... Last Friday night at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center the Helen Keller story was presented. As you remember the Lions Club had a special project to support that play and to bring focus to our efforts in sight preservation. The play entitled “The Miracle Worker” was the well known story about Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller coming to grips with the discipline, teaching and the learning qualities of Helen. The story was well presented, the presentation was dramatic, and the success of the struggle between Sullivan and Keller was clear in the closing moments of the play. We had about 41 people buy tickets and come to the private reception before the curtain went up and everyone had a very pleasant time. Thanks to Fran Farias for heading up the effort to provide the goodies before the play. Finally, seeing “The Miracle Worker” resulted in a definite re-commitment to the programs of Lionism to help people with visual impairment. If you were not present

for the entire evening, you missed a very special moment for the Roswell Lions Club. Our birthday is coming up soon, don't forget and watch for some very special announcements about the big birthday. *The Prez - Gene Mikell*

Resume of Last Meeting:

President Gene Mikell began the meeting.

President Gene introduced Carol Martucci of Girl Scouts - 4 Winds Day Camp and presented her with a check for \$200.

Lion Mickey Berman introduced Carol Helms of the American Diabetes Association and presented her with a check for \$200.

Lion Sally Poole introduced Nina Strickland of Star House and presented her with a check for \$300.

Lion Jeffrey Hammen introduced Jimmy Stewart for Boy Scouts of America-North Fulton District and presented him with a check for \$200.

Nominating Committee Chair Lion Phil Farias read the list of individuals nominated as Officers and Directors for the 2002-2003 year.

The club forgot to pass the cup during the meal so Lion Pat Welden collected some money and then donated it to Jimmy Stewart for the Boy Scouts of America and the meeting was adjourned.

The Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee: Lions Bill Duffin, Kyle Evens and Chair Lion Phil Farias have met and nominated individuals for the 2002-2003 year. All nominees have been contacted and have accepted. The nominees are:

President – Lion Sally Poole

Board of Directors:

1st Vice President – Lion Jeffrey Hammen

1st Year – Lion Ross Thomas

2nd Vice President – Lion Alan Bethel

1st Year – Lion William Walker

3rd Vice President – Lion Bob Garrett

2nd Year – Lion Virgil Ladson

Secretary – Lion Doris Westbrook

2nd Year – Lion Mickey Berman

Treasurer – Lion Robby Robinson

Immediate Past President – Gene Mikell

Lion Tamer – Lion John Hathcock

Tail Twister – Lion Pat Welden

Membership – Lions Bill Duffin and Troy Holman

From the International Online Newsletter:

Results of 2001-02 Peace Poster Contest

The grand prize winner of the 2001-02 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, "*Lighting the Path to World Peace*," is Hei Man Lau, a 13-year-old girl from Hong Kong, China. The Hong Kong Mandarin Lions Club (District 303) sponsored the contest in her school.

Hei Man Lau and her sponsoring Lions club will be honored during an award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations later this month.

To view the grand prize and 23-merit award posters, go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/English/YPPWnrs.html>. To send a Peace Poster e-card go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/Ecards/Step1.htm>.

LCIF Update

A New Tradition for the MJF

LCIF Chairman Dr. Jean Behar is encouraging clubs to establish a new tradition: honor outgoing club presidents with a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF).

Created in 1973, the fellowship is named for the founder of Lions Clubs, Melvin Jones. It is given to a person who donates the equivalent of \$1,000 to LCIF or to a person for whom such a donation was made by others.

An MJF is a perfect way to recognize the service of a club president or other officers. LCIF's highest honor, the fellowship acknowledges a commitment to humanitarian service.

The fellowships are needed now more than ever. There has been an annual average of 8,952 fellows from 1998 to 2000, compared to the 12,219 annual average from 1995 to 1997.

The drop in fellowships impairs LCIF's ability to equip vision care centers, rehab mental hospitals, purchase equipment for hospitals and otherwise assist Lions in doing service on a grand scale. The fellowship is the cornerstone on which LCIF's grant-giving is built. Almost 70 percent of all donations that LCIF receives each year are from the fellowships. Largely because of the decline in fellowships, donations to LCIF decreased to an average of \$20.3 million from 1998 to 2000 from an average of \$23.6 million from 1995 to 1997.

Lions Clubs Nominated for Top Prize

Lions Clubs International has been nominated for the world's largest humanitarian award. The prestigious 2002 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize carries a US\$1 million award.

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation will name the award winner in the fall of 2002. An independent international jury makes the selection.

John Wargo, Council Chairman of New York, nominated Lions Clubs International for the Hilton prize.

Established in 1996, the prize is given to an organization, anywhere in the world, that makes an extraordinary contribution toward alleviating human suffering. Recent recipients include St. Christopher's Hospice in 2001, Casa Alianza in 2000, the African Medical & Research Foundation in 1999 and Doctors Without Borders in 1998.

Conrad N. Hilton, the hotel entrepreneur, established his foundation in 1944. The foundation has distributed more than US\$330 million for humanitarian works throughout the world. One of the foundation's priority areas is prevention of blindness.

Among the jurors for the prize are Susanne Agnelli, Italy's former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Francis M. Deng, representative of the U.N. Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons; Liv Ullmann, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador; and Eric M. Hilton, Director of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

Time to Prepare for *Recycle For Sight Month*

May is Lions *Recycle For Sight Month* and clubs are currently in the process of planning how they will participate this year. In most developing nations, an eye exam can cost as much as one month's wages and one single doctor may serve a community consisting of hundreds of thousands of children and adults. Through the *Recycle For Sight* program, Lions help those in need by collecting used eyeglasses, which are then shipped to one of nine Lions eyeglasses recycling centers. There the glasses are cleaned, categorized by prescription and then distributed to men, women and children in developing countries free of charge.

To learn more about *Recycle For Sight* and how your club can help, go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/English/FRecycl.html>.

Young Leaders in Service Award Reminder

Young people can apply for the new Lions Young Leaders in Service Award. To receive the award from International Headquarters, Lions must complete the *Youth Service Tracking Form*. This form indicates the completion of a young person's minimum 50 hours of community service for a Silver Award Certificate and 100 hours of community service for a Gold Award Certificate. At the same time, Lions must submit the *School/Youth Group Award Certification Form* with official signatures. For more information on this program or to request the program booklet with forms, contact executiveservices@lionsclubs.org.

Committee Reports:

50th Anniversary Celebration

Lions Sally Poole and Phil Farias are co-chairing the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee. If you would like to participate on this committee or you have any ideas you would like to share please contact either of these individuals.

Miracle Worker Play and Reception

Forty-three individuals attended the play and the reception. We displayed our banner and our charter and got a mention by the director at the beginning of the play. We collected \$1,025.00 and were able to make \$483 for the club after paying for the tickets and the catering. Many thanks go to Fran Farias who catered the evening for us and Phil who setup everything. Everything was perfect! The feed back from everyone has been very positive. We may want to consider this night at the theatre as an annual fundraiser.

White Cane Day



This day is set aside each year in April to raise money for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. This year we will participate on Saturday, April 13th. One-third of the Lighthouse budget comes from the money collected during White Cane Day activities throughout Georgia. On previous White Cane Days we have collected money at Wal-Mart, Southern Skillet Restaurant, KMart, Kroger and First Union Bank. Get with Lion Mickey Berman our Chairman Emeritus and sign-up for a time and a location.

Actions Taken By the Club:

The following actions were taken by the Club in February 2002:

Contributed \$100 to North Fulton Community Charities.

Contributed \$200 to the Children's Eye Center at Emory Hospital.

Contributed \$3,500 to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

Contributed \$200 to the Friends of Scouting - Boy Scouts of America.

Contributed \$200 to the Girls Scouts - 4 Winds Day Camp.

Contributed \$200 to the American Diabetes Association.

Contributed \$300 to Star House.

Approved Lion Tom Freels request for status change to MAL while he participates in the Stephens Ministry at his church.

Important Dates:



March 16, 2002– **Liberty Day**. The birthday of James Madison, "Father of the Constitution."

March 18, 2002 – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm.

March 22, 2002 – **24th Annual Lions Day at the United Nations**.

March 23 - 24, 2002 – **District 18-A Convention**- Red Top Mountain State Park, GA.

April 7, 2002 – Daylight Savings Time begins. *Check the batteries in your smoke detectors.*

April 13, 2002 – **White Cane Day**.

April 15, 2002 – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm.

April 30, 2002 – Deadline to apply to District 18-A Chairman for Golden Chain Award.

May 11 - 12, 2002 – **Roswell Colors Festival of Arts**-Roswell Square, GA.

May 20, 2002 – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm.

May 24 - 26, 2002 – **81st Lions State Convention**-Athens, GA.

June 17, 2002 – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm. Installation of Officers. *Spouses are invited.*

September 30, 2002 – Our 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Trophy Club of Atlanta.

New Project Adopt-A-Road:

Lion Frank Toler has talked with the City of Roswell about our club participating in the Adopt-A-Road Program. The city has a one-mile stretch along Holcomb Bridge Road on the Gwinnett County line (at the Chattahoochee River) that they would like us to adopt. To participate our club must promise to support a minimum of four clean-ups of year. The Georgia DOT supplies the reflective vests, the trash bags and they pick up the trash. For this effort we get two highly visible signs on Holcomb Bridge on the eastbound and westbound sides of the road. If you would like to chair this committee and participate in this project see Frank Toler at the March meeting.



The Roswell Lions Need Volunteers to work the Adopt-A-Road Project

Walking Wounded:



Lion Charles Caudell continues his treatment for prostate cancer.

Thought of the Day:

"I have always thought it would be a blessing if each person could be blind and deaf for a few days during his early adult life. Darkness would make him appreciate sight; silence would teach him the joys of sound." **Helen Keller**

Time to update our email list. If you have an email address let us know. Email roswellions@aol.com

Which newsletter was our best? We will be submitting our best newsletter to the State Awards Committee for the Frank Findley Memorial Award sponsored by the Tucker Lions Club. This award recognizes the Lions Club publishing the best monthly bulletin from May 1 to the following April 30. Each bulletin is judged on the 1000-point system as described in the Multiple District 18 Directory.

We are also submitting our newsletter and website to the Lions International Newsletter Contest and the Website Contest. Wish us luck!

Profile of a Roswell Lion - Giriraj Rao:

1. When and where were you born?

June 21, 1924 in Madras, India

2. Where were you educated? High School, College, Trade School

Hindu High School, Madras, India; Presidency College, University of Madras BS, MS; University of California, Berkeley, MS; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, post-MS graduate studies.

3. How and when did you arrive in Roswell, GA? How long have you lived here?

In 1973 I was transferred from Anaheim, California by the Coca-Cola Company to work at the headquarters in Atlanta. In 1975 we bought a home in Alpharetta and have lived here ever since.

4. Where are you employed? How long? What do you do? Are you retired?

I am retired from the Coca-Cola Company after 31 years of service. I was a member of Corporate Research and Development and was principally involved with the development of new products and the reformulation of existing products marketed by the Coca-Cola Company worldwide.

5. Why did you become a Lion? Who sponsored you? Have you been in any other Lions Club? Any other service club?

I joined the Lions Club because I wanted to be a member of a mainstream (American) organization that is international and is involved in humanitarian services. I was impressed by the Lions Club's agenda and My sponsor was Charles Caudell. I have not been in any other Lions or service club, although some of the cultural organizations I belong to do perform community services.

6. What is your favorite thing about the Roswell Lions?

My favorite activity with the Roswell Lions is participating in the Spring Festival at the Roswell Square.

7. If you could change something or offer a suggestion for improvement it would be to
- If I could change something it would be extending the monthly meeting by half an hour for more social interaction.*
8. My favorite author/book.
- I would recommend *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo and *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemmingway.
9. Activities outside of Lions you are involved in.
- I am involved with The Gandhi Foundation of USA, the India American Cultural Association, and a social group called "Pie in a Cup" whose membership includes many concerned American citizens who have many accomplishments to their credit.*
10. What is/are your greatest accomplishments?
- My major accomplishments are: being awarded a scholarship by the Government of India for technical training in the United States in the field of Food Technology; development of several successful products for the Coca-Cola Company; I was one of the principals in the installation and dedication of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia.*
11. What is your favorite quote or words to live by?
- My favorite quotes are the prayer: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. and a quote by Mr. Robert Woodruff, the late Chairman of the Coca-Cola Company: I may be paraphrasing- "There is no limit to what a man can do if he does not mind who gets the credit"*

District 18-A News:

District 18-A Convention

This years District 18-A Convention will be held on **March 23-24, 2002** at Red Top Mountain State Park. 781 Red Top Mountain Road SE Cartersville, GA 30120
 770/975-4226 Located near Cartersville, 1.5 miles east of I-75 via exit #285. There are 92 Tent, Trailer, RV Sites, 18 Cottages and a 33-Room Lodge and Conference Center.

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District Convention Registration Form

Mail to: Lion David White Please enclose check for exact amount. Non-Lion spouses
 2662 Whitehurst Drive pay no registration fee only meal fees.
 Marietta, GA 30062-2658

Email questions to dapat@mindspring.com **Must be received by March 15, 2002**
 Lion Name Club Position

- _____
- _____ Registration(s) at \$5.00
- _____ Friday Dinner(s) at \$16.50 Seafood & Chicken Buffet plus Shrimp on the Barbie
- _____ Saturday Luncheon(s) at \$10.00 Bar-B-Q Luncheon
- _____ Saturday Dinner(s) at \$18.00 Beef and Roast Chicken Buffet
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February 2002 Meeting - Pictures:



Lion Jeffrey Hammen presents \$200 check to Jimmy Stewart of North Fulton Boy Scout Friends of Scouting Chairperson.



Lion President Gene Mikell presents \$200 check to Carol Martucci of Girl Scouts - 4 Winds Day Camp.



Lion Sally Poole presents \$300 check to Nina Strickland of Star House.



Lion Mickey Berman presents \$200 check to Carol Helms of the American Diabetes Association.



Star House Director Nina Strickland thanks the Roswell Lions for their financial support. She makes particular mention of Lion Bob Fulton and the time he volunteers at Star House tutoring and mentoring the students.