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Meet Your Fellow Roswell Lions

Derek Wright

Derek is our newest Roswell Lion. He joined our club at our April meeting. Derek recently started working for Liberty Mutual Insurance as a sales representative. He joined our club because he has an interest in helping out his community but also getting to know more people.

Derek is not a stranger to serving his community. He has volunteered at the Atlanta Lions Lighthouse, different food banks and also Habitat for Humanity.

His hobbies include kayaking, sports, hiking and most any kind of outdoor activity.



Welcome to the club, Derek. We look forward to serving with you.

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Birthday: May 28

Reverse Raffle News

Thanks to Tim Dunn and committee, our 2011 Reverse Raffle was a great success. The May 7th event, held at the Holiday Inn, had a great turnout. Ninety-two \$100 tickets were sold. Lion Tim will give us an update at the May meeting. Look for pictures below.



We Serve

“Never doubt for that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

April Meeting '11 – Beep Baseball

Judy Byrd, volunteer, and athlete Kaye Zimpher amazed us at our April meeting with Beep Baseball. Beep Baseball was a new sport to almost all of us in attendance. “How can a blind person play baseball?” we asked ourselves. Judy and Kaye explained.

Beep Baseball is a sport played around the world. [They even have a World Series.] Athletes play on a field with 2 bases, a pitcher and home plate. The pitcher is sighted and on the team of the batter. Fielders are on the opposite team. All players must wear a blindfold, as some athletes have a small degree of sightedness. The bases are placed to the left and right of the batter and have devices that start buzzing once the ball is hit. These bases are controlled by a player off the field. He determines randomly which base will beep and therefore which base the batter will run to. The ball has a beeper in it as well and the batters and fielders use sound acuity to know when to hit or catch. Imagine the courage it takes to play this sport!

Kaye, our visiting athlete, is an Atlanta native and has played beep baseball for a few years on the Atlanta team. She told us that the sport is helpful for the blind in a number of ways. It helps blind people feel comfortable in their own bodies and with their ability to socialize.



Next Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2011

7 PM at the Holiday Inn

Guest Speaker: Hatcher Hurd

New Member Orientation: 6:00



Healthy Again – Woohoo!

- Alan Bethel
- Robbie Norman and his wife Dawn

Wounded Lion -

- Lewis Mason (broken hip)



Lions' May Birthdays

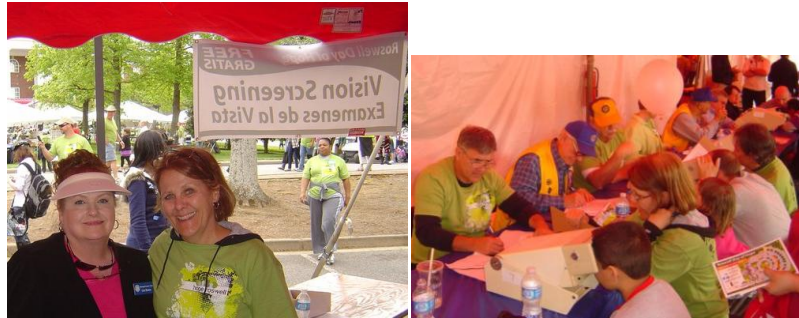
5/9 Eleanor Holman
5/10 Charlie Caudell
5/16 Jeff Hammen
5/23 Derek Wright



We Served

Roswell Day of Hope

On Saturday, April 16th we served over 100 citizens of our community by providing eyesight screening at the Roswell Day of Hope. Those who "failed" the screening were referred to the Lions Lighthouse.



White Cane Day

Thanks to all the Lions who helped out with White Cane Day. A special thanks to Lion Millard Berman for organizing the annual event. We sent \$1000 to Georgia Lions Lighthouse.



Places to Go, Things to Do

May 21 – Lions University

Join District 18A Lions at Roswell's 1st Baptist and learn lots! Our own District Governor Elect Alan Bethel is heading up this great event. According to a recent email, Alan reported that we have 75 Lions signed up. This free event starts at 10:45 and ends at 3:30. A Chick-fil-A lunch will be provided for a \$5 fee. The theme of the event is "Building Relevant and Stronger Clubs with a Passion to SERVE." Each participant will be able to attend 3 sessions during the event. Consider signing up for this great event by calling Frances Parsons (770-594-0278) or emailing her, wjparsons@charter.net.

Roswell Alive After Five

The next Alive After Five is Thursday, May 19. Volunteers are needed to man our table. Contact Cheryl Henleben 678-591-8675 or at henlebennc@aol.com.



Did you know?

If present trend continue, 1 in 3 children, 1 in 2 minorities, faces a future with diabetes.

Millions of people are unaware that they have diabetes. The symptoms of diabetes include: unusual thirst, frequent urination and unexplained weight loss, however early in the disease process there may be no symptoms at all.

Risk factors for diabetes include: family history, overweight, high blood pressure, sedentary lifestyle, over 45 years old and a woman who has given birth to a baby weighing more than nine pounds. If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, you may be at risk for diabetes.

The good news is, with proper diet and regular exercise you can help prevent or control diabetes.

Be sure to have regular checkups, including a screening test for diabetes, and if you have symptoms of diabetes, contact your health care professional.

Happy Birthday Jonathon!





More pictures from the Reverse Raffle



Is Your Lions Shirt Getting a Little Threadbare?

It's a good idea to wear "our colors" to upcoming public events. First impressions do make a difference. So, consider getting a nice looking new Lions shirt. President Lion Jeff has found a website that is a licensed provider for our emblem. They run ads in the Lions Magazine. You can point your computer to <http://www.shirtshappen.net> or call them at 603.783.3300. Lion Jeff thought it would be nice if we could all go for a yellow or gold color. He got the gold and purple golf shirts.

Not Sure When the Next Meeting is?

Log on to the Roswell Lions Calendar at <http://roswellions.org/events.htm>.

Years of Lionism – More than 200 Total!



- Larry Zacharchuk – 20 years
- Charlie Caudell – 30 years
- Milt Brand – 45 years
- Earl Ake - 50 years
- Lewis Mason (not pictured) – 25 years
- Virgil Ladson (not pictures) – 25 years