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NOVEMBER 2011

DG Ritter Message

I was reminded recently that as Governor, I now wear several “hats”.

As a ‘CHEERLEADER”, thanks for all you do serving your respective communities and through the larger organization, anyone in need, anywhere in the world. I cheer you on to greater service. www.Lionsclubs.org

I am also acting as your local representative for International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam. As I visit with the clubs of the district, I have been delivering IP Tam’s ‘personal’ pin to these club presidents, “President to president” in his words. The up-coming district convention will include a short meeting with International Director Cavallaro, who will bring greetings on behalf of IP Tam, just for the club presidents. Presidents – be sure to be at that afternoon session of the convention. Please bring your new members to the convention, so we can have them inducted by the director.

Consider SUMMER CAMP FOR THE BLIND (Submitted by Norine Westerbeck, PDG District 7-O) cedarhill@centurytel.net

The National Camps for Blind Children span North American and offer such things as canoeing, fishing, archery, horsemanship, tandem cycling, bowling, talent programs, education, motivation, practical skills and much more in an environment that encourages independence and high moral values – all free of charge to these blind or vision impaired children of all ages through donations.

Consider road-side clean-up, as Hot Springs Village Evening does. (See Karen’s description below.)

Then incorporate this with an aluminum can recycling project, as much road-side debris is discarded aluminum cans. The aluminum can be redeemed for cash to help fund your other projects, or even a new one. This would also be a suggestion

for your new LEO Club, as both a community and fund-raising project. PDG John Lewis tells me he has many clubs considering starting LEO clubs. Please keep me informed of your progress, and where or when I can help.

I am including the revised program for our convention. The plan is for three or more officers or representatives’ of each club be in attendance. Especially those with fifty years of Lion service, so they can be publicly honored. We will start the festivities about noon on Friday, November 18, 2011 at the Little Rock airport, as we welcome ID Jim Cavallaro and his wife, Michelle to Arkansas.

CC Darleen will convene the council of governors meeting at 2:00 pm, in the community room at the CENTER at Bishop Park, of Bryant. That will be on the second floor, across the hall from our meeting rooms reserved for Saturday. This will be followed by a short meeting with ID Jim and your Membership / Leadership team. We will adjourn to a near-by restaurant, for an evening meal. The location to be determined by vote of those partaking. The Bryant Lions will be hosting a ‘Hospitality room, actually room 300, of the La Quinta motel. Please reserve a room so you can stay the night. Link = <http://6329.LQ.com> <http://prosearchplus.com/tour/lqbryantar/>

A couple of ideas that I picked up for you from Diamondhead’s Tail-Twister: Be sure all club members have a little Lion to set in a prominent place in home or office. Give each new member joining, one that includes both an adult and a cub, representing the new connection to the club and the idea that the new ‘cub’ member needs nurturing by the club.

Roadside Clean-Up Project
Hot Springs Evening Lions Club / Karen Sterzik
 The Hot Springs Evening Lions Club began

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the Clean-Up Project of DeSoto Blvd. through the Village many years ago. It is the main road through the Village. As the Village has grown, the length of the roadway that we take care of has increased.

At this time we have 25 sections divided by intersections and other landmarks. Most of the sections are about 1/2 mile in length. Most of the sections have 2 Lions assigned to them, but some have only one worker per section. We have been supplied with safety vests and collection bags from the POA in the past, but have moved to using smaller collection bags in the past year, which we purchase.

We pick up the trash 5 times per year, in January, April, June, August, and October. The April and October Clean Up times coincide with Village Pride Days, when other service organizations and clubs pick up trash on other Village streets. We usually schedule a "clean-up week", so that workers can pick up their assigned section when it works out best for them. Each scheduled pick-up usually requires a few substitutes for those who are traveling or have some health issue at the time of the scheduled pick-up.

Please review www.arlions.com the 2011-12 Arkansas State Calendar

District 7-L Newsletter on Internet

The district 7-L newsletter is emailed to all club presidents and secretaries in the district, along with a few selected others. All the newsletters are also on the website of Hot Springs Village Evening Lions. As soon as they are emailed they will be posted on the website each month. If you have club members whom you know would like to see the newsletter, let them know of the availability on the website. The newsletters can be printed and will remain on the site permanently.

Remind your club members to save the dates of January 28 for Mid-winter Forum in Clarksville and May 18-19 for the State Convention in Conway.

Jonesboro Lions TV Auction

Fellow Lions, please help me get the message out about the Jonesboro (AR) Lions TV Auction on Saturday, December 10 from 10 am-3 pm. All three Jonesboro area Lions Clubs participate in this fund raising event. For everyone outside the Jonesboro/Walnut Ridge/Pocahontas, AR TV viewing area, we will have LIVE streaming video of the auction at www.lionstvauktion.com. We will try to get a listing of all our items on the web-site ASAP.

I know you will be able to bid live via phone (870-336-9000) and we are working at allowing bidding online as well. Items won by people outside the viewing area will be shipped to them at a small shipping and handling charge (depending on the size of the items), and we will take credit card payments online for items won.

You do not have to be a Lion to watch, bid or buy. Thanks for your help in getting the word out about this fun and exciting fund raiser.

Together in service,

Lion Brad Baker

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE
EVENING LIONS CLUB
URGES ALL 7-L LIONS TO ATTEND
THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

VOTE FOR LION
BOB DEVINNEY
TO BE YOUR 2nd VICE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

HE'S PASSIONATE
ABOUT LIONISM
HE'S COMMITTED TO
SERVING YOU
HE'S GOT THE SKILLS
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE
EVENING LIONS:

Bobby DeLoach, President; Linda Piette, Past President; Bruce Davis, Past District Governor; Dave DeGraff, Past Council Chair; 2011-2012 Club Members, Officers and Directors

Arkansas Lions District 7-L
Convention

Bryant's Civic Center
6401 Boone Road
Bryant, AR



November 18-19, 2011
Host
DG Art Ritter

JAMES A. CAVALLARO

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

James A. Cavallaro, from Springfield, Pennsylvania, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Director Cavallaro is a retired healthcare senior administrator.

A member of the Springfield Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association including club president, zone chair, leadership chair, finance chair, vice district governor and district governor. He also served as State Protocol Chair, a Mission 30 leader and a district chair for Campaign Sight First II.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, 100% District Governor Award, Pennsylvania Fellows Award, Membership Award, International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and an International President's Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Cavallaro is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as a board member for the Township Environmental Committee, the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Care-Link mental health program and the Indian Guide Program. He is also the recipient of a Springfield Township Honorary Volunteer Award.



Director James A. Cavallaro

Director Cavallaro resides with his wife Michelle, a charter member of her Lions club. He has three children; he and Michelle share seven grandchildren.

Mid-South Lions Leaders Weekend

"Mid-South's Lions Leaders Weekend will be April 13-14, 2012 in Memphis. All Lions are invited to attend this informative and inspirational weekend featuring tours of Mid-South's hearing and sight facilities; doctor's presentations; food, fellowship, and fun.

Come meet Lion Leaders from all over the mid-south and learn more about how you can help the sight and hearing impaired in your service area.

Cost is hotel room only \$105 for one night, \$190 for two nights. Contact the Mid-South Lions office at 888-546-6042 for more information or to make reservations."

Thanks.

Together in service,

Brad Baker CEO Mid-South Lions 930 Madison Ave, Memphis, TN 38103. 901-543-LION / 888-LION-042 / Fax 901-543-5464

Arkansas Lions Clubs State Projects

Mid-South Sight and Hearing

Mid-South Lions is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which provides comprehensive sight and hearing care to needy individuals from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee at no charge to the patient. There are no age guidelines to qualify for service, only indigent guidelines established by the federal government.



World Services for the Blind

“To enable people who are blind or visually impaired to function independently and to live full, productive lives with dignity and self-respect, and to promote a positive public awareness of blindness.”



Arkansas Lions Eye Bank & Laboratory

The Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory was finally established in 1986. It's main goal from the beginning has been to provide quality corneas for those in need in the state of Arkansas. The eye bank got off to a slow start with little or no assets. The first Executive Director, Ms. Medine Watson worked long days (and even nights) to get everything in place. A Lions Board was established, volunteer enucleators were recruited, and the necessary equipment to operate the eye bank was eventually acquired.



Liberty Day

Liberty Day is a non-profit, non-partisan volunteer effort to educate Americans about the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Our goal is to come alongside educators, parents, civic organizations, and government officials to provide them with ways to reach our youth with the facts of our founding documents.





NOVEMBER 19, 2011 Program

9:00	Registration/ Fellowship Time - Placing and Perusal of Auction items	
9:25	Call to Order	Governor Art
	Invocation	PCC Jerry Pulliam
	Presentation of Colors	VFW Post 2256
9:33	PDG Del Roberson's Flag Presentation	
	Pledge of Allegiance	VG Claude Jamerson
	National Anthem	Nancy Carlton
9:55	Welcome	Bryant Mayor Jill Dabbs
10:00	Introductions and protocol	
10:10	LEO Program	Mary Johnson
10:20	Liberty Day	Lloyd Hill
10:30	WSB	PCC Bob Williams & Todd Mumm
10:45	Leader Dog	Nola McKinney
	SHORT BREAK	<i>"We Serve – We Believe"</i>
11:11	LIONS QUEST	Toni Shocky
11:20	SOLO	Nancy Carlton
11:25	Mid-South	Brad Baker & video
11:40	Eye Bank	Geoffrey Brown & Bud Holt
11:55	Youth Exchange	Larry Louden
12:12	Food catered from Jordan's (In the room next door for lunch) Lunch Music from Keyboard & Quartet "Heartsong"	
1:00	PID Scott Rennels	Introduction of Key Note Speaker International Director James Cavallaro Induction of New Lions, Presentation of Awards
2:00	Presidents are excused to the Community Room for conversation with ID Cavallaro <i>Others please stay here for viewing of President Tam's and Melvin Jones video</i>	
2:22	LCIF	PCC Dave DeGraff
2:30	ALERT	Dariel Baker
2:38	Break	<u>(Final bids for Silent Auction Items)</u>
2:46	ELECTIONS of DG, Vice Governors & LOAF Trustee	
3:33	Results of Silent Auction	CC Darlene Wheelington
3:38	Recognition of 50 Year Lions and Closing	
3:44	Convening of Cabinet Meeting	

“I Believe”

As Lions we are all droplets of water that together form the world’s mightiest ocean of service. The Yellow River is the seventh-longest river in the world, stretching 3,395 miles long. It is often called the cradle of Chinese civilization, serving as the birthplace of northern Chinese civilizations and giving prosperity to millions. And yet, at its source, high in the Bayan Har Mountains, it all begins very humbly with trickles of water. It gains its power and strength as it flows northwest, then northeast, turning southward, and finally east flowing through seven provinces along the way and nourishing over 120 million people. It’s astonishing that such a mighty force starts out so small.



Wing-Kun Tam, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Lions Clubs International also had a humble beginning. Our founder, Melvin Jones, and a few of his colleagues, were the first beginning droplets of water that today, 94 years later, have changed the world and touched millions of lives.

BELIEVE Melvin Jones had one quality that made it all possible – he believed. He knew even then the difference between “thinking” and “believing” is a matter of conviction. To me, believing is different from thinking because it has three other key elements:

• **Courage** • **Commitment** • **ACTION**

Even if you first fail – like the Wright brothers did with their first trial airplanes – a strong belief creates a sense of courage to try things others thought impossible. You then need commitment to try and try again, and to inspire others to follow you. And finally you need to take action, or run the risk of being just an idle dreamer.

It was these qualities that helped Melvin Jones transform an idea from a droplet into a river that could change the world. He created a culture organized around a belief in the value of giving back, and a belief that one person can make a difference. He believed in his idea of creating an organization that would serve people in need; he had the courage to follow through with his idea; he was committed to make the organization a success; and he took the necessary action to bring everything to fruition. Like a mighty river, Melvin Jones believed even in 1917 that we would gain strength with each Lion who joined our ranks – person by person, community to community – serving millions of people along the way.

I believe we are making a difference like no other service organization in the world. I believe in our motto “We Serve.” And I believe in you – the Lions of the world, who make up a network of caring, and a network of service. Together, as a family of unique volunteers, we constitute Lions Clubs International –the global leader in community service. This year, I am calling on all Lions to embrace a sense of belief of what it truly means to be a Lion – a belief that each individual Lion makes a difference and that, together, we can change the world even more than we have yet imagined. Together we will flow onward – a benevolent flood of service to the world

Wing-Kun Tam, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Arthur R. (Art) Ritter

2011 - 2012 District 7 – L Governor
2010 - 2011 First Vice District 7_L Governor
2009 - 2010 Second Vice District Governor (The first for Arkansas)
This made him an ad-hoc but active member of LWSB Board of Directors

Member of Mid-South Case Services Committee

7- L Region 1 Chairman - twice

7-L Zone 1 Chair five years

Bryant club Secretary / Treasurer / three years

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Bryant AR Lions Club President &
Tipp City Ohio Lions Club President (100 %)

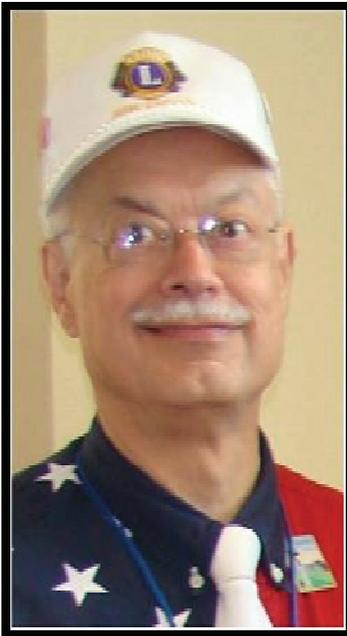
Sponsorship of new Leo Clubs (3) Ohio & a club at Glenwood AR

27 years total:
Three clubs / three states

Two International Conventions
Four USA / Canada forums

Attended South-East Leadership Seminar - 2008

Comments:



Just so you know I'm well rounded, with other interests:

My career topped out as V P Engineering, with 44 subordinates
I have had a short stint with TSA so I have had a background check to
prove I'm honest.

My 8 years in Toastmasters,
Included a year as Area Governor
(The equivalent of a Zone Chair)
Soon to attain the Distinguished Toast-Master level.

My volunteering has extended to my church work where I recently completed my tenth year as administrator, a three year term as the equivalent of zone chair, after two - three year stints on the state level cabinet with a two year term as representative to the national assembly. Also, recently completed a three-year, nearly seminary level, Lay Pastor training program.



REGISTRATION FORM

ARKANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 7 – L
NOVEMBER 18 – 19 2011
BRYANT’S NEW CIVIC ‘CENTER’
6401 BOONE ROAD, BRYANT ARKANSAS

Registration Fee: \$25.00 per person.*

Mail to:

Lion Morris D. Cash, 306 Mineral St., Hot Springs AR 71901
No later than November 16, 2011

At the door alternative is \$ 30.00

Call: La Quinta for your room reservation, **501-847-9494**

NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 11, 2011:

Mention Lions convention for the ‘special’ \$ 70.00 room rate.

(10 Kings @ \$70. Arkansas State Rate & 5 Double Queens @ \$70 Arkansas State Rate are reserved for you)

<http://6329.LQ.com>

<http://prosearchplus.com/tour/lqbryantar/>

Club Name: _____ Identify Delegate *

Lion Name : _____

Companion: _____

- * One delegate for each ten members in good standing
- * Club must be in good standing with district and LCI to vote.
- * Lions and non-Lion companions must register to eat
- * Specials –
- * LEO’s and Lions of 50 years(or more) service \$ 10.00

Clubs of District 7 – L are requested to bring a small item for the “Silent Auction” which will be a fund-raiser to defray incidental costs related to this gathering.

Arkansas Lions Mid Winter Forum

University of the Ozarks
Clarksville, AR

Save the date . . . Make plans now to experience Lionism, Fun, Leadership, and Fellowship at its BEST. January 27 – 28, 2012.

Registration Fee: (\$30.00) The fee covers the cost of the seminars, breaks, and meal (Saturday Lunch). Coffee and cookies will be available.

Late registration fee of \$35.00 after January 22, 2012.

Hotel Rates: The Best Western Sherwood Motor Inn (479-754-7900) at 1207 S Rogers has a rate of \$45.90 plus tax for a single queen and a rate of \$50.15 plus tax for a king or double/double. Quality Inn (479-754-3000) at 1167 S Rogers has a rate of \$65.00 for a suite kind or 2 queen beds.

Cancellation Policy: If you must cancel your registration notification must be in writing to Lion Clayton Caldwell by January 22, 2012.

For more information contact Lion Philip Taylor at 479-754-2616 or 479-979-2260

Please send payment to:

Arkansas Lions Mid Winter Forum
Lion Clayton Caldwell
PO Box 288
Clarksville, AR 72830

Name: _____

Address: _____

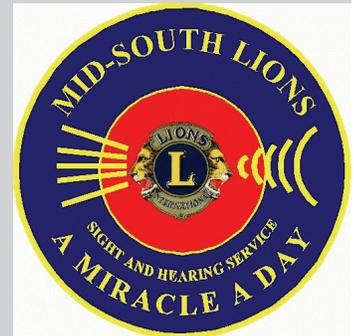
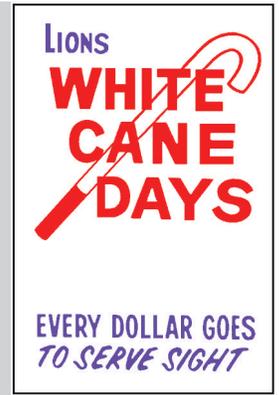
Phone: _____

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Club: _____

District: _____

Total Due: _____





ARKANSAS LIONS



STATE EVENT SURVEY

The leadership and special events committees of the Arkansas State Lions would like to request your assistance and input on how to make Lions state events more enjoyable, informative and well attended. Toward that end, please take a few minutes to provide answers to the following questions. Once returned and compiled, your input will be used to plan and execute future state events like the annual Convention and Mid-Winter Forum, working to insure they are meaningful, relevant, informative, and fun.

Thanks for taking time to assist in this effort!!

1. I normally plan on attending state Lions events. YES NO
2. My focus is on our Lions Club and community, therefore Lions state events don't interest me. TRUE FALSE
3. Key factors that influence my decision to attend state events include. (check all that apply).

- Location of event
- Venue where event will be held
- Cost of registration
- Keynote speaker
- Entertainment and food at the event
- Educational sessions available
- Networking opportunities
- State Lions business to be conducted
- Perception of the potential for political infighting or conflict

4. I receive adequate notice and information on upcoming state events.
 YES USUALLY NO

If no, what would be a recommended notice period?

5. My District and club leaders encourage attendance to Lions state events.
 YES USUALLY NO

6. One factor that would have a positive influence on my decision to attend would be. (insert suggestion)

7. I have been a Lion for _____ years and have attended _____ state-wide Lions events.

8. I am a member of the _____ Lions club in District _____.

9. Other comments: _____

Send completed survey to: DG Art Ritter
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