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Meeting Notice:

The August meeting will be our annual Steak Fry and will be held at the Edenwilde Clubhouse on Saturday, August 20 at 6:00 PM. The food is a delicious steak and side dishes provided by our members. The charge will be \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal, and spouses are invited. Stan and Patsy Shuford are coordinating the steak fry, and Bill Parsons is serving as grill master.

President's Message:

We had good attendance at the first District Cabinet meeting in Canton on July 30 with six Roswell members attending. This represents a strong support level from our club. The theme of our new International President, Ashok Mehta, is the "Passion to Excel". He has stated "The service of Lions is fundamentally motivated by a deep desire to achieve one's very best by elevating the lives of others. Such striving for excellence, in oneself and in others, has earned Lions the distinction of representing the world's greatest service organization". A high priority of his program is the "Passion to Grow" which you will hear often this year as we work to increase the membership of our Club. My goal for new membership is 20 added to our rolls. I'm sure each of you have good candidates for membership- please invite them to visit one of our meetings. We will continue the "Each One Reach One Program" for the next year. Many thanks to Ann Welden, who has already submitted a candidate for this continuing program. You will be hearing much more from our MERL team as we go forward in this new year.

Our next important club event is the August meeting and steak cookout. Our members are busy working on this event. Thanks to Sally Poole for arranging a very nice site for our event at Edenwilde clubhouse. Our very able committee is headed by Stan and Patsy Shuford with good support from Robby Robinson and Bill Parsons. We had a good turnout for the July BBQ so let's keep the momentum going and invite some perspective new members to this event at Edenwilde.

Thanks for all your support for our various projects as we move forward this year. We now have chairpersons for all of our fund-raising projects and programs. Thanks to each of you for your support and leadership for our Roswell Lions Club.

Lion Alan

Resume of Last Meeting:

The last meeting was held on Saturday, July 23rd 2005 at the Roswell United Methodist Church

- Members enjoyed the Annual Summer Picnic featuring some delicious bar-be-que.
- Approximately 40 Lions and spouses were in attendance.
- President Bethel welcomed the members and guests
- Robby and Virginia Robinson provided the entertainment by quizzing those in attendance on a wide range of facts.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Club and District News:

Zone Meeting – August 23rd

The first zone meeting of the year for our club's zone will be Tuesday, August 23rd beginning at 7.30PM, hosted by the Woodstock Lions Club. Zone Chairman John Hathcock will introduce club leaders in attendance, remind club of various administrative deadlines, and review our District's MERL team goals for the year. The program will also include several topics related to membership development and retention. All Lions are encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$10 per person, payable at the door. Contact Lion John or President Alan Bethel by Friday, August 19th if you are interested in attending.

Information Technology Update: New Online Forum for District 18-A

In support of District Governor Jane Price's goals and objects: Encourage Lions to promote their clubs and Lions Clubs ideals.; Promote Lions helping each other on club and personal levels; and Encourage Lions to support and participate with the State Lions projects District 18-A has added a new Online Forum to our website. To access the forum you must register at <http://lionsofqa18a.org/snitzforum/login.asp?target=default.asp>.

The forum has the following categories: Hot Topics, Club Support, MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership), Sight and Health Services and Youth Opportunities. Under each of these categories there are pre-defined forums. For example, the Youth Opportunities categories has the following forums: Georgia Lions All State Band, Leo Clubs, Liberty Day, Lions Quest, Peace Poster Contest, Young Ambassador of the 21st Century, Youth Camps, and Youth Exchange. Categories and Forums can be added, modified and deleted as needed by the forum administrator. Most forums have assigned moderators - whom in many cases are the district chairpersons for that particular area of responsibility.

Forum members can post topics and reply to topics. Topics can be questions. Topics can be informational. What a great way to interact with fellow Lions around the district and the state. What a great way to get answer to some questions you may have regarding a particular Lions program. What a great way to share your knowledge and experience with others.

Please consider registering for the District 18-A Forum. Its for all Lions not just district and club officers. Become a member today!

Fifth Annual Golf Tournament – October 24th

Planning for the 5th Annual Charity Golf Outing is well under way. Many of our sponsors are back again this year. Palmer Dodge is again sponsoring all our hole-in-one holes and our car/truck hole. Fran Farias is again sponsoring our \$10,000 Putting Contest.

We are meeting on a regular basis for breakfast at the Southern Skillet. If you are interested in assisting with this project contact Lions Troy Holman, Pat Welden or Jeffrey Hammen. We need some help on tournament day starting at 9:00 a.m. if you can volunteer. We need two witnesses, all day (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the car/truck hole as required by the insurance policy. We also need assistance with the raffle, the Million Dollar shot and \$10,000 Putting contest at the end of the day.

We need to begin recruiting golfers (singles, doubles, triples or foursomes). We will make every attempt to create foursomes by combining singles, doubles and triples. We can accommodate up to 144 golfers. Please ask family, co-workers, neighbors and friends to join us that day. We would like to see each Lion organize a foursome regardless if you play golf or not. Golfers pay \$125 each or \$100 each in a foursome. Please consider mailing golf brochures to your family, co-workers and neighbors.

We need to begin recruiting hole sponsors. Please consider renewing your hole sponsorship. Hole sponsorships are available for \$125 this year. Hole sponsors receive a hole sign with their company logo, special recognition in our tournament day letter and can distribute materials in our tournament day "goodie" bags. We also need items for our golf day raffle. In the past we have had excellent support from our local business community. Donated items can be services or goods. If you can donate an item or a service, please contact someone on the golf committee.

Remember - all monies collected during our charity golf outing go towards our sight and community related projects fund.

Wit and Wisdom

Regarding change

- "Everyone things of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing themselves." –Tolstoy
- "It is less dangerous to change horses in the middle of a stream than to change your mind in the middle of a street."
- "Do not fear change, for it is an unchangeable law of progress."
- "In prosperity, prepare for a change; in adversity, hope for one."
- "Change is exhilarating when done by you; change is debilitating when done to you."

International President's Program

A Passion to Grow – by International President Ashtok Mehta

To apply a concept from *A Passion for Excellence: The Leadership Difference* by Nancy Austin and Tom Peters, the superb Lions club is superb only by virtue of its success in developing its ultimate “customer,” the member. Lions clubs are membership organizations. Service is the mission of Lions clubs, but members are their lifeblood.

Should *membership* development and growth be a top priority for a service club organization? Absolutely! A club, by definition, implies members; it is a group devoted to a common interest best pursued in company. Clubs, unlike coteries or cliques, thrive when members are well selected **and** numerous.

For this reason, I challenge every club president during 2005-2006 to support the district goal of PLUS ONE and achieve a positive net grown increase of one or more members per club.

A related goal will be to add 50,000 women Lions to our clubs worldwide. Every year, more women are discovering the service **opportunities** available through Lions club membership, and I am pleased to say, more women every year are assuming important leadership positions in our association.

It has also been encouraging to see more former Leo club members join Lions clubs or form new Lions clubs of their own. Thousands of exceptionally qualified and motivated Leos have become Lions, and with opportunities such as New Century Lions Clubs and Campus Lions clubs, I expect many more former Leos and other motivated young adults to maintain their passion for service as Lions.

Our districts also need to grow. For this reason, I am challenging each district governor to meet the “**PLUS ONE**” goal of expanding the district by **at least one new club**. Just as a club must develop its members, a district must develop its clubs.

District Governors, club presidents and others will be eligible to earn attractive new awards during 2005-2006 as recognition for efforts to promote membership retention and growth at the club and district levels. A brochure entitled *Passion to Excel, Passion to Grow*, contains preliminary information on the awards program, was provided to every Lions club with the 2005-2006 club officers' materials. You can now download the final awards brochure and application form from www.lionsclubs.org. To learn more, contact the Extension and Membership Division at International Headquarters at extension@lionsclubs.org.

Through our coordinated efforts of recruitment, retention and extension, I am confident we can realize a 25% reduction in annual membership losses and expand the reach of Lions Clubs International to 200 member countries and geographical areas. To reach these new membership heights, I have appointed an international team of experienced Lions – **known as the Mission 30 Team** – to support our association's passion to grow.

Committee Reports:

Fly-The-Flag



Lion Robby Robinson reminds us that additional help is needed in distributing and flying the flags with this program. If you would be interested, contact Lion Robby Robinson or Lion Doris Westbrook. The next Fly the Flag event will be Labor Day on September 5th.

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Richard Noakes will be looking for volunteers for the new location at Willeo Road west of Coleman Road. Call him at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up. The next cleanup will be Saturday, September 24 beginning at 8.30am. Be sure to support this project at least once this year!

Editor's Note: *It is probably a bit ironic that I am finishing up our club newsletter on the same day I had my regular eye exam. What did I see when I walked in the door, but a box for recycling eyeglasses- courtesy of the **Roswell Lions Club**.*

Important Dates:



August 20, 2005 – Annual Steak Fry at 4 PM. Location Edenwilde Club House – across from Crabapple Kroger. (SPOUSES INVITED).

August 23, 2005 – Zone meeting hosted by Woodstock Lions Club at 7.30PM. Cost \$10 to cover meal.

August 27, 2005 – Adopt-a-Road Pickup on Willeo Rd. Pick up from 8:30 to 11:00AM.

September 5, 2005 – MDA Telethon, 9am-12noon. Contact Lion Bob Hennessey with East Cobb Lions (770)485-9003.

September 2005 – Apple Sale begins. Contact Lions Robby Robinson and Doris Westbrook for details.

September 19, 2005 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Speaker: TBA

September 24, 2005 – Adopt-a-Road Pickup on Willeo Rd. Pick up from 8:30 to 11:00AM.

September 22-24, 2005 – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Peoria IL.

October 17, 2005 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Speaker: Lion Dan Harrison - SE Guide Dogs.

October 24, 2005 – Annual Golf Tournament at Brookfield Country Club.

November 12, 2005 – Adopt-a-Road Pickup on Willeo Rd. Pick up from 8:30 to 11:00AM.

November 14, 2005 (Tentative) – Second Zone Meeting, hosted by Roswell Lions at 7pm.

November 21, 2005 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. District Governor Visit - DG Jane Price

December 19, 2005 (TENTATIVE) - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Annual Christmas Party (SPOUSES INVITED).

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Remember to save your Used Eyeglasses, Used Hearing Aids and Used Cell Phones! They can ALL be recycled to help someone in need.

Second Annual Planning Conference



President Alan provides his vision for the new Lions year and gets us off to a great start.



Lions Jeff Hammen and Mike Higgans exchange ideas about the upcoming year.

Annual BBQ Picnic



President Alan welcomes a lively crowd of Lions to the first meeting of the year.



Lions Robby and Virginia Robinson provide another evening of entertainment for their fellow Lions.

District 18-A Cabinet Meeting- Canton



DG Jane Price welcomes Lions to her hometown for the District Kickoff meeting on July 30.

Lion Phil Farias visits International Headquarters



Past President Phil Farias visited the LCI headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois while attending the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. Phil's wife, Fran, is the President of the East Roswell Rotary Club.