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The Roswell Roar

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Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the Roswell Lions Club will be at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2007. The fare this month is Mixed Garden Green Salad, Pecan Chicken with Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley and Apple Pie for dessert. The program will be recognition of the Peace Poster Winners.

Club Business

Resume of Last Meeting:

- The last meeting was held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel, Roswell, GA.
- The Invocation was a Moment of Silence.
- The Pledge was lead by Millard Berman.
- Lion Earl Ake lead the assemblage in a song.
- After the meal, Tail Twister Milt Brand accepted donations from all who were thankful for something.
- President Noakes made the following announcements:
 - Jack Ridgeway's mother-in-law passed away,
 - The Ladson's celebrated their 50th anniversary,
 - John Hathcock has accepted the secretary position, replacing Stan Shuford.
- A "Lions Moment" was presented by Alan Bethel. He introduced the Eyesight Roswell committee and then he gave an update on some of the interesting Eyesight Roswell activities. The entire report is published in the newsletter.
- President Noakes then asked for the introduction of guests – there were none.
- President Noakes introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Amy Hutchinson who is a Pediatric Ophthalmologist at Emory. Dr. Hutchinson's very interesting presentation was followed by a time of questions and answers.
- Lion Troy Holman won the drawing.
- President Noakes challenged all to bring at least one person to a club activity before Easter
- He also announced that the roadside pickup is Saturday, 1/20 at 8:30 AM.
- The Tail Twister collection was \$84.00.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Club News

President Richard Noakes

As we all know, our President passed away unexpectedly earlier this month. The following is the family submitted obituary from the Atlanta Journal & Constitution:

Richard James Noakes of Roswell, age 67, passed away Thursday February 1st 2007 of complications following an accidental fall. He is preceded in death by his wife, Janis Green Noakes. Survivors include: His two daughters with former wife Carmen, Jennifer Noakes and Kimberly Vogel, and her husband John, and two beloved grandchildren, Jordan and Katie Vogel. He is the older brother to Stacey McHugh, and loving uncle to Pam Noakes, Claudia Ettelson, and Rob Noakes. He also leaves behind many cherished friends and colleagues who lovingly refer to him as "The Wise Owl". Richard was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 9th 1939. He was a graduate of Hereford High in Sparks, Md. and attended Lehigh University. After serving with the Maryland Army National Guard he worked in corporate human development, and was Southeastern Regional Manager in a program assisting former corpsmen of the U.S. Job Corps. Licensed as a Broker since 1986, he was with RE/MAX Greater Atlanta since its inception. At the time of his death, he was the managing Broker for both the Roswell and Sandy Springs offices. He was involved in Habitat for Humanity, North Fulton Community Charities, Children's Miracle Network, the Drake House, and was President of the Roswell Lions Club. A service in celebration of Richard' life will be held on Monday February 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the Roswell United Methodist Church, in the Old Sanctuary, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell, GA. 30075. (770) 993-6218. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either Habitat for Humanity or The Roswell Lions Club.

We will all miss him greatly and send our sympathies to the family. As Lion Phil Farias said at the Memorial Service, "He brought a quiet dignity to the Roswell Lions Club as it's President." Since the family has designated the Roswell Lions Club as recipient of memorial gifts, we have received some contributions and will accept any further contributions from fellow Lions.

The Roswell Lions Club must go on without Richard. According to our constitution, the First Vice President will take over the position and subsequent Vice Presidents will move up one slot. 1st Vice President Millard Berman has assumed the Presidency for the remainder of the 2006-2007 term. Lion Vince Kartley has assumed the Chairmanship of the Adopt-a-Road project and will announce the next road pickup at next weeks meeting. Other changes are noted in the list of Officers above.

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers for the Noakes family.

Club Activities

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Hearing Aid Program for SSNF-- We held two meetings with SSNF on what is needed to move forward with them on a hearing aid program. One visit on, February 6, discussed the new hearing aid assistance available from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, and also our eyeglass program. SSNF is working to schedule a visit by Dr Greenberg to conduct hearing screenings for all the residents at the Warsaw Road location. If the client is unable to pay, or can only pay for part of the services, we will help with the charges.

Lenscrafters-- A follow-up eyeglass repair and vision testing mission visit with LC to the Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center will be scheduled in April. LC is unable to make a visit before that time. We will cover 15-25 residents on the next visit. This service is provided at no charge and was very well received by the residents and the administrative staff of Roswell Nursing & Rehab Center.

Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center-- We are starting a program to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to Roswell Nursing residents. A meeting was held with them on February 2 to review our proposed program to supply 10 pairs of eyeglasses to residents in need, as defined by their social workers. Dr. Mark Dickinson now works with Roswell Nursing and has agreed to provide an eye exam and eyeglasses at \$80 for each person. The eye exam and eyeglasses will be provided on site at Roswell Nursing since the residents are not able to leave the facility. The program will be reviewed to determine if more eyeglasses will be provided after the initial 10 pairs are dispensed.

Homestretch--The new executive director, Nancy Coveny, was met at the GIC conference at RUMC and a meeting is scheduled for the week of February 26 to review the start-up of an eyeglass program. The social workers will be involved. Homestretch provides temporary housing primarily for single mothers and children at this Roswell facility.

North Fulton Charities-- We had agreed to pay for Minerva Torres to have a consultation with an Ophthalmologist to examine a growth on one her eyes. It now appears an eye drop prescription could help to alleviate the problem. Eyesight Roswell will pay for the Rx as prescribed by Roswell Eye Clinic at a cost of about \$100. We will determine the status after the prescription is used and if support is needed for a refill or further consultation on the condition. We had earlier provided eyeglasses for her son.

We continue to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to clients in need of support at the **Drake House** and students in the **Roswell City Schools**.

Fourth Annual Reverse Raffle-- Please remember the 4th annual Dinner & Reverse Raffle to be held on May 5, 2007. This fundraiser is the sole monies used to support the programs of Eyesight Roswell. You will be hearing more about this event from the Chairman, Phil Farias. Your support is needed to make this fundraiser successful.

Please advise if you have other ideas or suggestions on Eyesight Roswell. The Eyesight Roswell committee is made up of Bob Garrett and Alan Bethel, co-chairs, committee members, Earl Ake, Phil Farias, Jeff Hammen, Lewis Mason, Robby Robinson, Patsy Shuford and Linda Spudic. It is the goal of the committee to keep our membership informed on the status and progress of this very important Roswell Lions program. We are making a difference in our community as the Eyesight Roswell program is expanded to include new programs at Roswell Nursing and Homestretch. You have reason to be proud of what your Club is doing in our community to serve those in need.

Walking Wounded

Lion Frank Toler underwent surgery earlier this month and is recuperation at home. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be back for the next meeting in March.

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.

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Vince Kartley will announced the next Adopt-a-Road pickup at the next meeting. Call him at 770-490-9822 for further info and to sign up. Thanks to all who supported the project this year!

Important Dates



Mar. 16-17 – District 18A Convention, Reinhardt College, Waleska, Ga. Hosted by Eljay Lions Club.

Mar. 19, 2007 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: Lenscrafters Program.

April, 2007 – White Cane Month

Apr. 16, 2007 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

Apr. 21, 2007 – (Tentative) White Cane Day in Roswell.

Apr. 28, 2007 – Region IV Social – Carter's Lake (Tentative)

May 5, 2007 – Fourth Annual Reverse Raffle to benefit Eyesight Roswell Project.

May 12, 2007 – Lions University. More to follow.

May 21, 2007 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

Jun. 1-3, 2007 – Georgia Lions Convention at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA.

Jun. 18, 2007 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: Installation of New Officers.

Jul. 2-6 – 90th. Lions International Convention, Chicago, IL.

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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.

January Meeting 2007



What a Bunch – Lion Phil Farias is “gently” harassed by Tail Twister Milt Brand.



Guest Speaker - Dr. Amy Hutchinson, Pediatric Ophthalmologist at Emory.



Intense Interest – Lions Millard Berman and Robby Norman listen to the presentation by Dr. Hutchinson.



Dr Hutchinson – continued answering questions after the meeting. Lion Frank Toler talked on–on–one and got his questions answered.

The following was extracted from the January 2007 Drake House Newsletter:



The Roswell Lions Club has generously agreed to support The Drake House by allowing our families, who are in need of prescription eye glasses to go directly to The Roswell Eye Clinic where they are fitted with a new set of glasses. Thus far, 10 separate family members—7 moms and 3 kids have benefited from this most generous service.



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