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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, January 15, 2007. The fare has changed this month is Garden Salad, Seasoned Filet of Tilapia With Salsa Fresco and Cilantro Infused Rice, Fresh Vegetable Medley, and Lemon Meringue Pie for dessert. The program will be Dr. Kay Hutchinson from the Emory Eye Clinic.

### Club Business

#### Resume of Last Meeting:

- The last meeting was held on Monday, December 20, 2006 at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel, Roswell, GA.
- The Invocation was given by Troy Holman.
- The Pledge was lead by Milt Brand.
- Lion Earl Ake lead the assemblage in a song.
- Pres. Noakes called on Lion Robby Robinson to announce the Shoe Fund collection.
- After the meal, Pres. Noakes introduced Lion Bill Parsons to report on the Christmas Tree Sale. He pronounced that we had a good year and the sale is over. He also asked for donations from all who did not purchase a tree as he presented a two donation checks.
- Pres. Noakes presented a "Lions Moment" on the Lion's work in Africa.
- Pres. Noakes then asked for the introduction of guests.
- Pres. Noakes announced the induction of 2 new members to our club and he conducted the induction ceremony.
- The new members are:
  - Elizabeth Dunn, sponsored by Alan Bethel
  - Timothy Dunn, sponsored by Alan Bethel.
- The entertainment for the evening was The Jubilee Ringers, introduced by Patsy Shuford. The handbell group played a variety of Christmas songs.
- Pres Noakes then requested that anyone interested in the club secretary position to discuss it with he or Stan Shuford.
- Pres. Noakes announced four membership anniversaries:
  - Jim Armstrong joined in December, 2000,
  - George Bernier joined in December, 2003,
  - Robert Joe and Charles Lee joined in December, 2001.
- Pres. Noakes, in appreciation of their work with the Christmas Tree Sale, presented Bill and Frances Parsons with a gift card.
- Pres. Noakes ended the meeting with comments about the season, the religious significance and the good work of Lions. He wished health, love and peace for all.
- The meeting was adjourned.

## Club Activities

### “Eyesight Roswell” Update – Alan Bethel

**Roswell City Schools Eyeglass Program**--The need and demand for eyeglasses continues at a high rate. In December, twelve students were helped by the Eyesight Roswell program through Alpharetta Eye Associates and Lenscrafters .

The situation with the 12 year old boy that has a serious eye condition of the optic nerve took several twists and turns since December. We had been asked by Alpharetta Eye Associates to arrange an appointment with a neuro-ophthalmologist. Dr. Robert Spector has been suggested by AEA. His office is willing to do an examination of the student at a cost of \$200-400, which is a reduced rate, and we agreed to go forward. The boy has recently been provided a pair of glasses through our program with AEA and Lenscrafters. We have been unable to contact the family to facilitate an appointment with Dr Spector. Jennifer Bui, Roswell City School social worker called on 1/8/07 and advised the family has moved and she doesn't have an address for them. She is searching for them and will let us know when she locates the family.

Jennifer Bui also advised of a student at Elkins Pointe MS that recently had an appointment with an ophthalmologist at Emory. He has very poor eyesight and his glasses are very thick but he still doesn't see that well with his glasses. The Emory Dr. is recommending a special contact lense for the student. His mother has \$250 of the \$450 needed for the contact lenses. Jennifer wondered if the Roswell Lions Club could pay the \$200? The family is on Medicaid and they will not pay for the contacts. It was agreed to support this new need.

**Hearing Aid Program for SSNF**-- We are setup with SSNF on the process to move forward with a hearing aid program. SSNF has two candidates for the program. We expect some activity to start in early 2007. If the client is unable to pay or can only pay for part of the services, we will help with the charges.

**SSNF Eyeglass Program**--As a follow-up to our November 14 eyeglass repair and vision testing visit with LC to SSNF, SSNF ran a story of the visit and our eyeglass program in their December "Sage" newsletter. The "Sage" newsletter highlighted the value of community partnerships which featured the Roswell Lions Club and had a story about the November 14 eyeglass repair and vision testing visit with LC. The newsletter is sent to 1800 clients and various people in Roswell and North Fulton Co. A copy of the "Sage" newsletter will be sent to you.

**Health Fair at SSNF**--The Health Fair at SSNF will be held in February with the specific date to be set. Lenscrafters will partner with us on the Health Fair. Acuity and glaucoma testing will be done.

**Lenscrafters**--We held an eyeglass repair and vision testing mission visit with LC to the Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on Green St. on January 9th. We were able to assist 12 residents. They have 200 residents so it will take several visits to cover the total resident population. We will cover 15-25 residents on future visits. This service is provided at no charge and was very well received by the residents and the administrative staff of Roswell Nursing & Rehab. There will be a need for eyeglasses here and we will need to decide how to proceed after a couple more visits and an ER committee meeting. This is another way for our Club to reach out in the community and serve those in need. We will have a presence on all of the repair and vision testing visits.

**Foster Care Support Foundation**-- This week we will be providing glasses for the first child from the FCSF program. Rachel Ewald, founder, advised of the need. We can channel the referrals from FCSF through Roswell Eye Clinic. There won't be that many referrals from FCSF.

**Homestretch**--The new director will be on board in January and a meeting could be held in late January/early February to introduce the program to Homestretch.

**Roswell School Nurse Program**--Contact has been made with the Director of School Nurse Program for Fulton Co and the cluster nurse for Roswell City Schools to make them aware of our Eyesight Roswell eyeglass program with the Roswell City Schools. They have been asked to be on the lookout for sight impaired students for our eyeglass program, as well as candidates for the Lions Camp for the Blind.

We continue to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to clients in need of support at the **Drake House** and **North Fulton Charities**.

Please advise if you have other ideas or suggestions. 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. Thanks.

From the SSNF Newsletter "The Sage":

## Spotlight on Community Partnerships

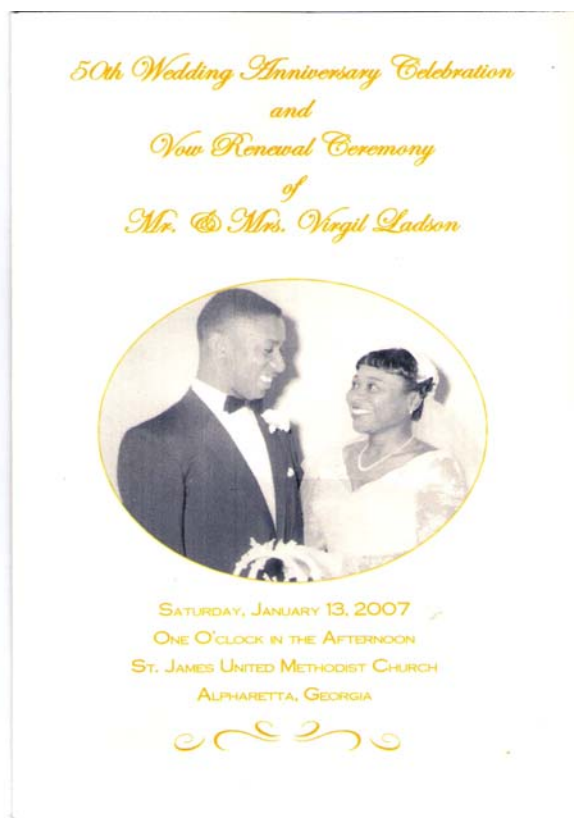
Senior Services North Fulton, Inc. and the Roswell Lion's Club have formed a partnership with a goal of providing eye exams and eye glasses for low income older adults in Roswell. On November 14th, over 20 Roswell Senior Center participants had their eye glasses, cleaned, adjusted and repaired by volunteers at Lens Crafters as part of this initiative. The Roswell Lion's Club program, "Eye Sight Roswell," can be traced back to Helen Keller and her request that the Lion's Club make sight preservation part of their volunteer service goals. Participants in the program are selected by Case Managers at Senior Services North Fulton. The participants are all clients of Senior Services North Fulton. The Roswell Lion's Club plans future events at the senior centers that will test for vision and glaucoma.



Pictured are: Eileen Benjamin and Lion's Club member, Alan Bethel at a recent Lens Crafters eye glasses check up held at the Roswell Senior Center.

## Ladson's Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Lion Virgil Ladson and wife, Iona, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at the St. James United Methodist Church. Lion Virgil and Iona were married on December 15, 1956 at Travis AFB in California. At the time of their wedding, both Virgil and Iona were on flying status in the USAF. Virgil was a navigator and Iona a flight nurse.



We wish them many more years of wedded bliss.

## **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.

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### **Adopt-A-Road**



Lion President Richard Noakes has announced that the next Adopt-a-Road pickup will be January 20, 2007 at 8:30 AM. Call him at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up. Thanks to all who supported the project this year!

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### **Christmas Tree Lot**



The Christmas Tree Lot was a great success this year thanks to the leadership of Bill & Francis Parsons. Thanks to both of you for your continued support of the Roswell Lions Club.

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## **Important Dates**



**Feb. 19, 2007** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

**Mar. 16-17** – District 18A Convention, Elijay, Ga. Hosted by Elijay Lions Club.

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

**April, 2007** – White Cane Month

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

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

**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** – 90<sup>th</sup>. 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.*

**December Meeting 2006**



**The Ladson's** – Virgil & Iona tell of their impending celebration of 50 years of marriage.



**Buffet Line** - Everyone enjoyed the great food from the buffet. Secretary Stan made sure everything was tasty.



**Lion Joey Casada** – waited patiently for the Buffet line to move.



**Lion Alan Bethel** – proudly stands with new Lions Elizabeth and Timothy Dunn.



**The Jubilee Ringers** – from Roswell First Baptist presented a beautiful Christmas concert.



**Lion Alan Bethel** – represented the Roswell Lions Club at the Lenscrafters Hometown Day celebration.