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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, October 16, 2006. The menu: Roasted Pork Loin with Apple Brandy Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Chef's choice of vegetable and dessert. The program will be on the Drake House and will be presented by John E. Smith, Executive Director of the Drake House. He will be bringing us information about the Purpose of the Drake House, recent events and the future of the Drake House.

A Message from Out President

FALL CHALLENGE

You may or may not recall my challenge from the September meeting, "to bring at least one person to a Roswell Lions meeting or service project before Thanksgiving".

What a great way to show people what we're about!

Who's YOUR guest for the 16th?

Lion Richard

Club Business

Resume of Last Meeting:

- The last meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel, Roswell, GA.
- The Invocation was given by Troy Holman.
- The Pledge was lead by Millard Berman, Jr.
- Lion Earl Ake lead the assemblage in a song.
- Before the meal, President Noakes held a moment of silence in remembrance of those lost in the 9/11 terrorists attacks.

- After the meal began, the Tail Twister, Milt Brand, introduced a new Tail Twister activity / fundraiser called "happy – sad" dollars. He challenged the club to donate and he would match the amount up to his age, 79. He collected \$114.00 which, with his donation totaled \$193.00! Most likely a record.
- Lion Rao made a Gandhi Foundation announcement.
- Lion Phillips offered raffle tickets for sale. They are for a 2007 Chevy pickup benefiting the Georgia Lions Camp for the blind.
- President Noakes requested the introduction of guests. Lions Holman introduced their daughter and Lion Bernier introduced his daughter.
- President Noakes announced that Jean, wife of Lion Charles Caudell is in hospice care.
- President Noakes, assisted by PP Alan Bethel, presented 100% attendance pins to 29 members for their 2005-2006 attendance. Receiving the pins: Ake, Berman, Jr., Bethel, Bramblett, Caudell, Diggs, Farias, Garrett, K. Higgins, M. Higgins, T. Holman, E. Holman, Joe, Kartley, Mason, Noakes, B. Parsons, F. Parsons, Phillips, Robinson, S. Shuford, P. Shuford, Thomas, Toler, P. Welden, A. Welden, Westbrook, Wong, Zacharchuk.
- Lion Westbrook announced that the Apple Sale has begun. She distributed order sheets and challenged all members to sell at least 5 more boxes of apples this year. Orders are due by September 30 and delivery is expected on October 11.
- Lion Hammen discussed the 6th Annual Charity Golf Outing scheduled for Monday, October 9 at Crooked Creek Golf Club in Alpharetta. Jeff Hammen and Troy Holman are co-Chairmen. Golfers and volunteers are needed.
- Lion Phil Farias presented a "Lions Moment". He discussed LCIF and how donations to LCIF and Melvin Jones Award donations are used on a worldwide basis. He also told of the highlights of the International Convention in Boston which he and Alan Bethel attended.
- President Noakes encouraged the members to invite prospective new members to our club meetings.
- President Noakes Distributed vest officer patched to the club officers for 2006-2007. He then presented Alan Bethel with a Past President pin.
- Lion Eleanor Holman. won the drawing.
- An announcement of the Adopt-A-Road pickup for Saturday, 9/23 . Meet at Willeo Baptist Church at 8:30 A.M.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Club Activities

Eyesight Roswell Update – Alan Bethel

SSNF Eyeglass Program-- We have 3 new requests for eye exams and eyeglasses from the Warsaw Rd location as of 10/10. Judy has suggested a PR story about the Roswell Lions Club's eye sight program with SSNF. I encouraged her and advised that kind of story would be most helpful in the community. She asked that we work with Mindy Posey on the release. They can apparently get their stories printed in the local newspapers.

Hearing aid program for SSNF-- There are 4 people that need to be tested for hearing aid use from the Warsaw Rd location as of 10/10. We need to finalize this program. Dr. Greenberg has agreed to work with us. Details to follow.

Camp for the Blind--The cost to send a person to the Camp is \$550. Potential SSNF scholarships for the Camp for the Blind could be offered since they have clients that suffer from macular degeneration. The Camp can and does accommodate Seniors.

Roswell City Schools--We have 12 new students that will be going to AEA and Lenscrafters for eye exams and eyeglasses as of 10/10.

Health Fair at SSNF--The Health Fair at SSNF will now be held in February because of conflicts with health professional schedules. I talked with Lenscrafters and they are willing to work with us on the Health Fair. It appears that we will be able to secure sufficient medical professionals to assist. Eye testing to be done will be confirmed soon and the space available for our use. We have advised SSNF we will participate.

Alpharetta Eye Associates-- We have 12 new students that will be going to AEA and Lenscrafters for eye exams and eyeglasses as of 10/10.

Roswell Eye Clinic--We have received two new referrals from the Drake House. There are three clients that need to be scheduled from SSNF. Rachel was advised on 10/10 of the 3 new clients from SSNF.

RFB & D--A conversation was held with the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic to determine if they have any of their clients in the Roswell area that we could potentially assist. Bill Pass, their Educational Outreach Director indicated they did not currently have clients in Roswell. The contact has been made for future dialogue for future partnering opportunities.

Homestretch--This group provides temporary housing (usually 6 months) for typically single parents and their children. There are 27 housing units in the Homestretch organization. There are currently 35-38 children in the Homestretch population plus adults. This facility is similar to the Drake House, where the residents are trying to stabilize their lives and secure jobs and more permanent housing. We are currently evaluating whether or not we will fund this facility.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation--The committee has decided to purchase Titmus Eye Screening equipment for the Lighthouse at \$400 that can be used to check eye acuity to determine if a person should see a doctor for further testing. The Titmus test meets the Prevent Blindness of America guidelines. Risk factors are also a part of the process to determine whether person is diabetic, etc. We can discuss this piece of equipment further at our Comm. meeting for use at the Health Fair at SSNF or conduct some testing separately to raise our profile in Roswell. We can borrow a unit from the Lighthouse. We might consider buying a unit for the Lighthouse or for our own Club. The Lighthouse will use the Titmus Eye Screening equipment to conduct testing at the Good Samaritan facility in downtown Atlanta once a month and will be looking for Clubs to staff the screening.

Lenscrafters--A meeting was held with Lenscrafters on 9/29 to review our program with the Roswell schools and they like the program. Lenscrafters and Lions Clubs partner around the world in the "Give the Gift of Sight" program. I picked up brochures where the Lions Club is mentioned prominently as being partners in this program. LC would like to do more with our Club in Roswell. One are would be visiting nursing homes to repair glasses and test for eye sight problems. In December, LC will host 35 kids from Roswell to provide eye exams and glasses as a part of their "Home Town Day" program. We should have a presence on this day. They also are willing to help us with the Health Fair at SSNF and are a logical partner because of our local & worldwide partnerships. "The Home Town Day" will be held on December 5 at Lenscrafters in Alpharetta. Lenscrafters also suggested a potential program where they could have someone come to SSNF and other nursing homes to adjust and fix their client's eyeglasses at zero cost. SSNF is very interested in this program. We have 12 new students that will be going to Alpharetta Eye Associates and Lenscrafters for eye exams and eyeglasses as of 10/10.

Walking Wounded

Jean Caudell – Charlie's wife is still in Hospice care. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

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 President Richard Noakes is looking for volunteers for the Adopt-A-Road location at Willeo Road west of Coleman Road on Saturday, 10/21 at 8:30 AM. Call him at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up. Be sure to support this project at least once this year!



Apple Sale – Fall 2006 – Lions Doris Westbrook and Robby Robinson are leading the project again this year. We were looking for a banner year! Although the initial numbers were not quite as good as last year, the totals still look good. Look for a report on Monday night.

Christmas Tree Lot



The Christmas Tree Lot will get started in November. Over the next few weeks, the finishing touches will be put on this important money raising project. We, as a club voted to support this project. It is really a rewarding experience. Sign up as much as you can when the sign up sheet is started.

Important Dates



Oct 20-22, 2006 – Apple Festival, Elijay Lions.

Nov. 18, 2006 – Christmas Tree Lot Set Up

Nov.19, 2006 – District Rally hosted by Marietta Lions Club.

Nov. 20, 2006 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

Nov 21, 2006 – Adopt-a Road Cleanup.

Nov. 25, 2006 – Christmas Tree Lot Opens

Dec. 18, 2006 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

Jan. 15, 2007 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel at 7PM. Program: TBA

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

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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.

Apples 2006



Supervisor (?) Phil Farias makes sure the right number of apples are stacked appropriately.

Golf Tournament 2006



What you have to do...: Robbie Robinson explains the Hole Watcher role to first timer Milt Brand.



Great Shot! John Schneider, George Davis and Kris Nagel from Team Eclipsys watch the ball fly!



Lining up the Putt: Lion Troy Holman carefully lines up his putt.



How did you do?: Lion Jeffrey Hammen, Golf Tournament Chair, takes a moment to sit down with other golfers.



Done for the Day: Lion Jack Diggs and his golfing partner cruise in after a great day on the Links.