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400+ LIONS AT THE TALKING STICK CONVENTION

Hope you were one of the 400 plus Lions attending the 92nd MD 21 Annual State Convention held May 1st thru 3rd in Scottsdale. Guests of honor were Lions International President Joe Preston and 1st Lady Joni Preston. Leadership training, general interest programs and a large variety of displays kept everyone busy. Running simultaneously with the Lions Convention was a LEO Convention for over forty teenagers. They had the opportunity to use "Go 2 Meeting" to bring in other LEOs from around the state.

The weekend started on Friday with 1st General Session called to order by Council Chairman Rand Terwilliger. The East Valley Young Marines cadenced in the flags and the weekend was underway. The last Council meeting of the year followed. The weather was perfect and the evening ended with an outdoor reception near the pools.

On Saturday International President Joe awarded five Melvin Jones Fellowships, four Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships and a Helen Keller Knights of the Blind Fellowship. He chartered the new Maricopa Lions Club and inducted a new member. It was great to be part of the audience and watch President Joe present many additional awards he had saved for this weekend.

Saturday's lunch was as good as you would find in a fine restaurant. The salmon was cooked perfectly and the steak was great. Debbie Castaldo (Vice President Corporate & Community Impact for the Arizona Diamondbacks) proved to be a great motivational speaker. She helped us realize that as we help people the impact of our actions may come back a hundred-fold. There were many seminar choices for the afternoon ranging from increasing club membership to ways to increase charitable funding in our clubs to name only two. We had the opportunity to learn about Lions 100 Year Challenge and what was going on with our State Projects. The Memorial Service helped bring closure to our Lions friends that had passed on.

Probably the highlight of the weekend was the "Luau in the Desert". A brief video of Melvin Jones at the first Hawaiian Convention set the tone for the evening. No one could complain about the food or its presentation at the Hawaiian buffet. International President Joe used us as an audience to try out his speech and the songs he will present at the International Convention in Hawaii. The evening was over way too soon.

Sunday was for District Cabinet meetings, presentation of District awards, voting on Project board members and reduction of District dues for Campus clubs (which passed). One more general session and the weekend was over. If you weren't lucky enough to be one of the four hundred plus Lions who enjoyed the weekend, ask your friends who were there. You can be sure they intend to go to the next Convention and keep the momentum going!

The weekend would not have been successful without the dedication and hard work of the steering committee:

PDG Sally Hanson – Leadership Training
Frank & Emma Rosales – Memories Book
Brian Woloshin – Audio/Visual & Art Work

Joyce Mayer – Raffle
Carol Rosinke – Treasurer

Submitted by: PDG Ann Roberts, Chairperson
MD21 Convention 2015



IP Joe Preston & Linda Finley at reception

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IP Joe Preston & CCE Gerson Gonzalez

Lions Camp Tatiyee Endowment

Pam Swanson

Lions Camp Tatiyee is the only organization in Arizona that provides youths and adults with special needs the opportunity to spend a week away from home in the White Mountains enjoying activities and meeting new friends, all free-of-charge.

The Lions Camp Tatiyee has provided this unique experience to special needs families in Arizona since 1958, with generations of campers having gained a newfound independence and confidence that comes with trying new activities and challenging personal limits.

Lions Camp Tatiyee is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit operating solely on donations from the Lions, individuals, businesses, corporate sponsors and grants. Lions Camp Tatiyee remains committed to providing an incredible camp experience free-of-charge to families of special needs children.

Another fundraising method that Camp relies on is through charitable giving, bequests and endowments. Simply, ask yourself; "What will I do with what I've built during my life?" Without thoughtful planning, everything that you've built, your nest egg, could be squandered through taxation, probate costs and distributions to unintended beneficiaries. Thoughtful planning ensures that you minimize taxes, provide the right benefit to the right beneficiary and pass on your life's work, in terms of both finances and values, to the people and programs that you most care about. To learn more about how you can support Lions Camp Tatiyee's Endowment Project through charitable bequests and planned giving, visit here:

[http://www.arizonalionscamp.org/donors/.](http://www.arizonalionscamp.org/donors/)



IP Joe Preston & Debbie Castaldo, Diamondback VP



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Melvin Jones Memorial Update



Submitted by PCC Ralph Williamson, President

As president of the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial board and the board of directors I want to thank all the clubs who donated funds and everyone who volunteered their time to the MJLIM this year, especially the Safford Lions Club.

The board also wants to thank LCI President Joe Preston and his first lady, Lion Joni, for all the support they gave to the MJLIM. As Lions we all need to be proud of our President for all he has done for Lionism during his years in Lions.

We have had an historical year this year; the International Board was able to visit the Birth Place of Melvin Jones on October 9, 2014. Inside the museum there is a bust of MELVIN JONES and if you look close you can see Melvin smiling because this was the first time in history that the LCI President, Executive Committee and the LCI Board of Directors visited his memorial as a group.

Every year there is talk about moving the MJLIM and every year we have to remind ourselves that Melvin Jones stated: Ft. Thomas is the place where I was born and have two brothers buried. It is already a historical site as a Fort, and while Safford is only 18 Miles from Ft. Thomas, Ft. Thomas is only 18 miles from Safford.

There is a continuing misconception in regards to the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial re-dedication. It is very important to remember that each year we re-dedicate ourselves to Lionism we are not re-dedicating the Memorial as it was previously dedicated in 1965.

We owe special thanks to the Ft. Thomas Fire Department who allowed us to set up our tables and chairs in their fire station for lunch when the LCI board visited the Memorial.

Please review the MJLIM web page for pictures of the event and more.

Mark your calendars for January 9, 2016 when we re-dedicate ourselves to Lionism with our honored guest after his election at the LCI Convention, 2nd IVP Lion Naresh Aggarwal.

Your donations this year were put to good use. We had to replace one of the Ramada's roofs that was destroyed by a wind storm and replaced the office window for the same reason. We are in the process of replacing the other window and blinds also.

Our big project which will be ongoing for at least a year will be to relocate the red bricks. Because of the hard water in the irrigation system and the different weather conditions, the maintenance of the bricks is ongoing and very expensive. The board has decided to extend the concrete behind the spire and build individual walls and install engraved granite plaques on the vertical instead of the horizontal. We will no longer call them bricks because they will be 4"X 8" Granite Memorial Plaques. We are in the process of ordering the Granite Plaques now.

This will be a major cost for us because we will have to have the existing bricks re-made and installed on the new walls.

By doing this it will look more professional and eliminate a lot of maintenance. The walkway will just be plain red bricks. We will keep you updated on the web page as our construction progresses.

We are organizing a Historical committee to have more Melvin Jones and Fort Thomas history in the museum. We held our first meeting in April with two individuals from the area in attendance and plan to proceed on several projects with some being completed by the time you visit us on January 9, 2015.

We had to have our irrigation valves replaced after 15 years of service and had them re-located to allow us future expansion of the existing building if needed in the future. Some of the sprinkler heads had to be changed so they did not spray the building and our new paint job on the wall and we had a sand filter installed to eliminate any sand getting into the sprinkler heads.

This year we held a food drive for the Safford Food Bank as a project to help the community and we are planning some vision screening in the future. Again thank you for all your donations and help to keep the memorial up to date and in condition.

There is some misunderstanding that we get funding from LCI or LCIF. The only money received from LCI is \$2,000 for a P.R. Grant.

We are the only state project or foundation that does not have paid personnel.

When you are honoring someone please do not forget Our Vanguard Honor. The group of One Thousand Vanguard is strictly limited to the first one thousand individuals who contribute \$1000 U.S.

The Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial has been approved by Lions Club International for solicitation of funds. The Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial is a 501 © 3 Corporation, therefore all contributions given in the United States are fully tax deductible.

Lions who contribute \$1000 U.S. will be recognized with a diamond shaped gold pin with four red jewels, a Melvin Jones Memorial One Thousand Vanguard plaque individually engraved, and an annual newsletter updating our progress and your name permanently engraved at the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Center. We invite you to become one of the Thousand Vanguard.

The donations will be used for any future expansion, engineering and design fees for this project.

This project should not conflict with LCIF or your local community needs. This should not be construed to be a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The board welcomes our new directors and advisors; 21B Lion Jon Stewart, Lion Richard Stevenson, PDG Donna Anderson, PDG Lion Johnny Ladue, 21-C Lion Jack Chapman.

When you are planning your budget for next year please remember the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial. MJLIM. Please invite a board member to speak at your club meeting or you can contact me to get you a speaker. Again, we thank you for all that you do!

District Governor 21A Column

Submitted by DG Bob Jones, DG June Newsletter

As I enter my final month as District Governor of 21A, I wish to thank each and every Lion for their membership, caring and giving to our state projects.

Your leadership in your club and in 21A has been outstanding. Membership is still up and the service that you have provided to children and the less fortunate has been exemplary.

As I write this in Mid-May, our GMT David Roberts, is working feverishly to have a new club opened in June. Yes, the Avondale club is happening and will shortly be a new club in 21A, the only question is what month of 2015.

I can't thank 21A CST, Joyce Mayer, enough for all of the hours that she has worked for this district. She is a capable leader and I am sure one day will be District Governor.

The MD Convention was truly a great event. Thank you GLT Ann Roberts for taking the responsibility and running a wonderful Convention.

I look forward to our next Lionistic year under the leadership of DG Paul Yopps. I am sure that with all of your help Paul will have a very successful year.

We still have one month to increase membership and attempt to retain our members.

Thank you all for a great year.

Via Con Dios

Bob Jones



Buckeye Lions Club President Richard Hopkins performs a vision screening on a young child at the Arizona Lions Club state meetings May 2 in Scottsdale. The Student Health Corporation had a display table regarding the SPOT vision screening machine at the meetings. The Buckeye Lions Club owns one of these SPOT machines, and Richard discussed its use and the potential purchase of additional machines with the Student Health representative.

Later on in the day, the representative asked Richard if she could take photos of him performing a vision screening on the child in the stroller. With permission of the child's grandmother, he did so. He then showed the results to the grandmother, who called the grandfather over to see. It was the first time the toddler had his eyes tested and both grandparents were grateful the results were normal.

Richard asked the representative if she knew who the child was, and she said that she did not, just that he was the youngest one there and the photo would be great to show young children can be screened as young as 6 months old. She was astonished when Richard told her his name was Logan Kelley, and he was the grandson of Lions Club International President Joe Preston, and his grandmother was Lion First Lady Joni Preston, who was pushing the stroller. They were in attendance at the meetings as President Joe is the first International President from Arizona.

The Buckeye Lions Club is the original service organization in the Buckeye Valley, and since 1947 have provided vision services to those in need. In March 2016, the club hosts the 60th Annual Buckeye Lions Club Lanier Calvert Track & Field Championships. In 2008, the meet was chronicled in the Lions International Magazine as one of the Top 5 Lions' events in the US. To see what else Lions do, ask Richard or any other Lion for an invitation to a luncheon meeting. We are always looking for new members to "Strengthen The Pride."

Thank you,

Richard Hopkins



Black Canyon Bicentennial Lions Club inducted two new members April 16th! Welcome new members Dean Muirhead sponsored by his wife, Lion Jeri Coslett-Muirhead, and Kathryn Stokes, sponsored by Lion Karen Brewer. Lion Jack Buckles had the honor of inducting these new Lions.



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
DISTRICT 21A CABINET MEETING
TALKING STICK RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
MAY 3, 2015**

The fourth Cabinet meeting was called to order by DG Bob Jones at 7:40 AM.

Chaplain Lion Linda Finley gave the invocation, DGE Paul Yopps led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and PCC Ron Brown led us in song.

DG Bob requested a break so we could eat our breakfast.

IP Joe Preston arrived during breakfast and had five Leadership Metals to be given out. First one went to Lion Louise Hagan from Lake Havasu City London Bridge Lions, Lion IPDG Robin Daviet from Laveen Lions Club, Lion Joan Williamson from Peoria Sunset Lions, Lion Barbara Shine from the Glendale Bellair Lions Club, and Lion Karen Walker from the Peoria Sunset Lions Club. IP Joe and 1st Lady Joni Preston also thanked us for our hospitality and thanked us for a great convention.

DG Bob introduced all dignitaries that were in attendance for the meeting.

CST Joyce Mayer proceeded with the roll call of Cabinet members (6 in attendance), Zone Chairs (6 in attendance), and 25 clubs represented by 86 members and 5 guests.

Minutes of the February Cabinet Meeting were published in the Canyon State Lion, posted on the District 21A website, posted on the LCI website, and given to Cabinet members at this meeting. A motion was made to accept and approve the minutes as presented by 1st VDGE Jack Buckles, seconded by DGE Paul Yopps, and approved by all in attendance.

CST Joyce Mayer reported that as of April 30, 2015 District 21A is solvent and that the budget report was sent to each of the Cabinet members, and given out at today's meeting. A copy was submitted to file for final review.

DGE Paul Yopps introduced Zone 1, 3, 5, and gave reports that were submitted from the Zone Chairs. DGE Paul then introduced Zone Chair Lion Chaddie Williams to give her report on her zones 7 and 9. DGE Bob Jones introduced 1st VDGE Jack Buckles to introduce Zone Chair Lion Karen Buckles, Lion Larry Vine, IPDG Robin Daviet, and 2nd VDGE Phil Whitaker to report on their zones.

Award presentations were made by DG Bob Jones. DG Bob awarded all of his Cabinet Officers and his Cabinet Chairs a certificate of appreciation and donation in their names to Lions Foundation of Arizona, Lions Sight and Hearing, Lions Camp Tatiyee, the Melvin Jones Foundation, and Lions Vision Center of equal amounts to thank everyone for all their help in making 2014-2015 Lions year a fantastic one.

Lion Roger Peterson acted as Tail-Twister; he collected \$40.00 for his entertainment and our adherence to the rules.

DG Bob then introduced PID Dave Roberts who then awarded The "Presidential Certificate of Appreciation" to Lion Scott Boyer, Lion Barbara Shine, and Lion Karen Pryce.

DG Bob awarded CST Lion Joyce Mayer the "Lion of the Year" award, and CST Lion Joyce Mayer also received the International President's Award one day prior during the Lions International Luncheon & Award Ceremony with IP Joe Preston.

CST Lion Joyce Mayer announced that District 21A awarded to DG Bob Jones, his Melvin Jones Award during the luncheon yesterday but we were also awarding DG Bob with a Gift Certificate of Appreciation, and a donation of \$600.00 to Lions Camp Tatiyee in his name.

The next cabinet meeting will be held during the Kickoff Conference for DGE Paul Yopps on Saturday, August 22, 2015 in Sun City, AZ.

Chaplin Lion Linda Finely gave our benediction.

DG Bob Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

CST Joyce Mayer

District 21A

District Governor 21B Column

Submitted by DG Larry Palmer



Well, here we are, one month left in this Lions year. Did you see the news from International President Joe Preston? We have grown our association to over 1.4 million members during his presidency! The very good news is, 21B contributed to the overall growth, with our current addition of 45 members! Thank you to all of our club members who sponsored new members this year to help **Strengthen the Pride.**

Wasn't it great to see and hear our very own International President, Joe Preston at the State Convention?? He is doing an outstanding job leading our association! Many of us will be going to the International Convention in Honolulu, to provide MD 21 support and celebration for Joe as he goes out of office.

The club officer training and other information sessions/presentations were well planned and well done! Thanks to all participants and presenters!

The convention was a lot of fun and entertaining! It was great to see everyone! There were over 400 registered for the convention and at last count, 139 were from District 21B...if you were in attendance thank you, and if you weren't in attendance, you missed a good one, and in a beautiful venue.

This being my last article for my year as your 21B Governor, I want to thank the members of the District Leadership Team, including the following: VDG's Barbara Daily, and Jim Whelan, Cabinet Treasurer Carol Rosinke, Cabinet Secretary John Marsalis, IPDG Sally Hanson, GMT-D Karen Sell, GLT-D Bob Stagger, Zone Chairs Ray Clark, Bob Hutton, Annie Kline, Bobbie Ravenkamp, Eldon Fernandez, Marc Rabinowitz, and Carol Stonecipher. My thanks also are extended to the various district committee chairs, especially to Extension Chair, Carl Johannesen for the Chartering of the new Maricopa Lions Club, and to PCC John Hart for leading the effort to Charter the new U of A Campus Club. Thanks also to many others for their help and work this year, to make our year successful. A District Governor is not able to have a successful year, without the help of the whole Leadership Team...Working together, everything is possible!

I sincerely thank all of the clubs in District 21 B for awarding me a Melvin Jones "1000 Vanguard" award, which was presented to me at our final District Cabinet meeting on Sunday, May 3rd, for my year as your District Governor! I will look at it often as it hangs in a place of prominence in my home!

In closing I say to you all...Thank you, Dankie, Shukran, Ta, Xie Xie, Dekuji, Tak, Merci, Danke, Toda, Grazie, Arigato, Takk, Gracias!

APACHE JUNCTION LIONS CLUB PRESENTS Their Annual Country Music Variety Show.

When? Friday evening, January 21, 2016
Time? 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.
Place? Performing Arts Center, Apache Junction, Arizona.

Entertainment for the show includes:

1. "West Wind," with Don and Bert Lee, Rudy, and Dudley.
2. "The Road Haven Dixieland Band." (This is a new entry for this show.)
3. Kevin Huang and Gary Gjerstad. Without question, Kevin is one of the most exceptional Violinists to have been on the show. This will be his second appearance. Definitely brought the house down.
4. "Two Hits and a Miss." Not much to be said here. They are like all of the performers who give of their time, to help the Lions work toward a worthy cause.



Ticket information is as follows: General seating, \$ 6.00. Reserved seating, \$ 8.00. Tickets may be obtained through the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce or through any Lions member. For further information, please contact Dave Hamilton at 480-288-2489.

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21-B Kickoff Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 2015

Sunbird Golf Resort Ballroom

6250 S. Sunbird Blvd.

Chandler, AZ 85249

Registration 8 - 9 AM - Cabinet Meeting to start @ 9 AM

Registration deadline August 1, 2015

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One form per Lion

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District Governor 21C Column

Submitted by DG Bob Bowman, DG June Newsletter



It's been a great rewarding year for me and I hope for all Lions in District 21C. We have accomplished one of my goals in chartering 4 new clubs this Lions year. We only need 15 more members as of the date of this writing to reach my goal of 100 new club members. I know of some new inductees that are scheduled to become Lions so perhaps we will reach that goal. It's been a rewarding experience being your District Governor this past year and I want to thank all that have made this a great year.

Thank you to my cabinet for your support and help during the year. Linda Vawter 1st VDG and J.W. Brown, who served with me the first six months as 2nd VDG. I owe you my sincere thanks for putting up with a guy that seems to take forever to get things done!

I was never very good at meeting deadlines but with your help, I have improved. Rosemarie Gabriel has done an outstanding job as 2nd VDG the past six months and I am certain will be an excellent 1st VDG. Thanks also to Ken Leja for accepting the 2nd VDG position in mid-year. Ken will be an excellent choice for future leadership in our district. I was saddened when Sandy Phillips resigned as cabinet secretary as she had done an outstanding job in that position. I was enlightened however when Karen Leja agreed to take over for the remainder of the Lions year. Lion Karen had done a super job on short notice.

I can't thank Ron Smith, District GMT, enough for leading in forming the 4 new clubs in our district. The campus clubs: ASU, NAU, Embry-Riddle and the newest club, the Asian American Club.

In conjunction with this new club will be a Leo club and the first Cub club in our district. PCC Alan Lundgren also was instrumental in the formation of this club. My thanks also go out to PDG Tom Simmons for his great job as District GLT, and IPDG Mark Paquette for his leadership and advice in his position as Multiple District GMT.

Thanks also to Lion Donna Harris and the Overgaard Ponderosa Lions Club for the Delta Dental and Tooth Fairy program and expanding it to other clubs in the White Mountain area. Thanks to PDG Richard O. Brown for his mentoring me this year and accepting the responsibility of being a zone chair to 10 clubs (at one time) in the Scottsdale area. Thanks to all the other zone chairs, club presidents and other officers as well as grass roots Lions who supported me so graciously this year. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me, as Lions have done too many wonderful things and I cannot acknowledge them all in this newsletter.

LIONS OF 21C, please continue to support and respect your new officers for the 2015-2016: DGE Linda Vawter, 1VDGE Rosemarie Gabriel and 2VDGE Ken Leja and they will make you proud to say, "I AM A LION".

From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU.

Volunteer Transit for the Blind

Jerry Jackson, Prescott Noon Lions

Need perceived. Need fulfilled. That's the story, in a nutshell, of the Volunteer Transit for the Blind program that Prescott's city-wide Lions Clubs launched last year and are pursuing with vehicular vigor. Its mission: "To provide transportation for blind residents to life-enriching or educational events or entertainment venues which are not readily available due to lack of mobility."

Coordinator Phil Weliky of the Prescott Noon Lions Club notes that the city is fortunate to have many charitable organizations that help people in need, a few of which provide transportation for essential needs such as medical services and grocery shopping. However, he added, "there is more to life than these essentials. A good social life is just as important for our well-being." So the program is designed to provide opportunities for the blind to enjoy a normal social life such as dining at a restaurant or going to a movie theater, bowling lanes, church or a shopping mall.

The original program plan was to limit rider participation to Prescott only, but soon Prescott Valley was added as a destination. Mike Hoglund, one of the extremely active drivers, explained that "we found out, a number of the blind preferred Prescott Valley shopping. This is especially true for going to the movies, where the PV Harkins Theater provides headphones for the movie dialogue which the blind enjoy. The Prescott Picture Show Theater doesn't offer this service for the blind."

"People Who Care is one of two organizations in town that provide rides for the elderly and disabled," Weliky pointed out. Those organizations are made up of "great people who provide rides to medical appointments and grocery shopping only," he said, "but we wanted to offer the services that they don't. New Horizons, out of Prescott Valley, is another organization that provides for the disabled and they do a wonderful job. And they, like People Who Care, will transport you to medical appointments and grocery shopping." The Lions support both of those organizations, he added, and "will not duplicate their services."

"Our program," Weliky went on to say, "took some wonderful Lion volunteers from all three clubs in town (the Noon, Evening and Sunrise clubs) and received a lot of help from Fritz Mevis, executive director of People Who Care. After last year's spelling out the procedures and hiring an answering service, we were off and running. I just can't say enough about the Lions who volunteer their time, vehicles and gas to enrich the lives of our visually impaired neighbors. They are so thankful for the joy it brings and allows them to carry on their lives with some kind of normalcy."

Among the Lions who are helping to ensure that the project runs smoothly is Larry Krejci, who is blind, as is his wife, Olga. "My role is to register and screen prospective riders" via a cell phone number that is given to rider candidates to call. To qualify for the program, he adds, candidates must be legally blind, need to be registered with either the library for the blind or with the V.A. as proof of their being legally blind, and they "must carry a white cane for legal purpose when they travel with us."

In addition to lending a helping hand with the registration phase, Larry, along with Olga, makes use of the free ride opportunity. "I think this program is quite a blessing," he said. "I can do things with my kids whereas before I couldn't. In short, it's a lifesaver!"



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Please do NOT send us your entire club roster. We only need the NEW and DROPPED members.

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The Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of MD21 is a non-profit, non-sectarian charitable 501 (c)(3) organization.

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Thank you for your help.

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It's not the size of the dog or club, it's the spirit and generosity
of Service!

A prime example is the Phoenix Social Lions Club! Their
membership is small, but due to their well-run and cooperative
club they have been a Top Dog Club, by donation of over \$5000
for the past two years to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The only
repeat club in MD21, but they didn't stop there. They also have
become a "lead Club" by pledging \$7500 to the Leader Dog
Canine Development Center Capital Campaign over the next
two years. They also, strongly support Camp Tatiyee!

Can't forget to thank Cochise Stronghold Lions for being a
Top Dog Club or Flagstaff Sunrise Lions who were the first "Lead
Club" in the MD. Lions put a left handful of Lion's Love in the
hand of a Leader Dog handler!

Thank you all who have donated and supported Leader Dogs!



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The MD21 Lion's Sight & Hearing Foundation needs
your help. During the summer months, hearing aid
donations often decline, so we are asking for your help
in increasing collections. The hearing aid donations we
receive are used to fund and supply our in-office hearing
aid fittings for the less-fortunate. Any help you can offer
is appreciated! Donations can be mailed or dropped off
at our Foundation at; 3427 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ
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Thank you in advance for your help!

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Calendar of Events

2015

Jun	20	Lions Camp Tatiyee, Open House	Lakeside/Pinetop	
Jun	23-26	Int'l DGE School, Incoming MD21 DGE's	Honolulu, HI	
Jun	26-30	International Convention	Honolulu, HI	
Aug	1	1st Council meeting, Mesa Hilton	Mesa	TBD
Aug	1	21C Organizational, Mesa Hilton	Mesa	CC Gerson Gonzalez 520-403-8426
Aug	8	21B Organizational, Chandler Sunbird	Chandler	PDG Fred Garmeson 480-818-3603
Aug	22	21A Organizational All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church	Sun City	TBD
Sep	17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Grand Rapids, MI	
Oct	30	2nd Council meeting, Arizona Golf Resort	Mesa	CC Gerson Gonzalez 520-403-8426
Oct	30-Nov 1	Mid-Year Conference, Arizona Golf Resort	Mesa	21B

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Jan	9	Lions Re-Dedication Day Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial	Fort Thomas	PCC Ralph Williamson 602-622-2401 Ralph@ctcaz.com
Jan	16-17	Area G DGE School, Best Western	Phoenix	PCC John Hart 520-248-1037
Feb	5-8	21C Convention, Prescott Resort	Prescott	TBD
Feb	18-20	MD21 DGE School, Best Western	Phoenix	MD-GLT Sally Hanson 480-213-4373
Feb	27	21A Convention, Wickenburg Community Center	Wickenburg	TBD
Mar	11	3rd Council meeting, Apache Gold Casino	Globe	CC Gerson Gonzalez 520-403-8426
Mar	11-12	21B Convention, Apache Gold Casino	Globe	Bobbie Ravenkamp 918-705-1227
Apr	9	2nd VDGE training, TBD	Phoenix	MD-GLT Sally Hanson 480-213-4373
May	20	4th Council meeting, Mesa Hilton	Mesa	CC Gerson Gonzalez 520-403-8426
May	20-22	MD Convention, Mesa Hilton	Mesa	21C
June	20-24	Int'l DGE School	Fukuoka, Japan	Incoming DGEs
June	24-28	International Convention	Fukuoka, Japan	

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