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Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Aid Katrina Victims

At the Club's 1 November 2005 Board Meeting, 2nd VP Dick Cottrill suggested that we look into adopting a Lions Club in one of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina. Lion Dick noted that he had seen on the news that some areas in southern Mississippi had received little help to date as compared to the hard hit areas in Louisiana. The consensus of the Board and Club members was that helping a Lions Club in a disaster-stricken area would be a great new project for the Club.

After checking out an International Club Directory, Lion Dick decided to contact the Diamondhead (MS) Lions Club President Ted McCabe. Needless to say, Lion Ted

was overwhelmed by the gesture that another club would be willing to help out. After several conversations about what was most needed, it was decided to make the Diamondhead School Li-

brary functional again our top priority. The school had been totally devastated. And FEMA buildings were being installed so the school could function. While parts of the structure were still standing, everything inside the school was completely destroyed including all the books and computers in the library. Lions Ted and Dick decided the major emphasis should be placed on replacing the library computers and the K-3 library books.

At the 6 December Board meeting, Lion Dick discussed their situation and how we could best help. The Club passed the hat at the Noon Meeting that day and raised almost \$300. The money was used

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to buy K-3 books at Wal-Mart which supported our effort by giving a discount and the books were sent to Diamondhead in time for Christmas. In the meantime, the Board passed a motion to contrib-

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ute \$1250 to the relief effort. In addition, Lions Dick Cottrill, Gary Henry, and Vic Dunham planned an auction of donated items to be held during the Club's annual Christmas Party. The very

successful auction raised more than \$1700 which meant we could send a total of \$3000 to the Diamondhead Lions to use at their discretion. In the meantime, Lion Dick contacted Nob Hill



R to L: Lions Valari Chavez, Gary Henry, Ted McCabe, Vic Dunham, and Bryson McCool.



Diamondhead residents selecting needed items.

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School in Ruidoso to determine if the teachers and children would like to "reach out" to the kids in Diamondhead. Teacher Teri Hardeman coordinated the efforts at Nob Hill; the teachers and staff donated several boxes of books/teaching materials. Nob Hill students collected coins and raised \$223 for the Diamondhead school children.

In early January, the Club began discussing a trip to Diamondhead to deliver the collected items because shipping several computers, boxes of books, and other donated items would be prohibitive. A departure date of 13 March 2006 was set. The call went out to residents in the Ruidoso area and donations, needed items, personal checks and Wal-Mart gift cards started coming in. Lion Dick briefed the Rotary Club and they graciously donated \$400.



Diamondhead Lions President Ted McCabe presenting check from Ruidoso Noon Lions to school Superintendent and Lion Jody Beckham, Librarian.

members were waiting in a church parking lot and gave the Ruidoso group a very warm welcome. When the trailer was unloaded, Diamondhead residents selected items they could use. The computers and books were taken to the school and the remaining items were delivered to a FEMA distribution warehouse. None of the Ruidoso group will ever forget the elderly gentleman who came up during the unloading process, introduced himself and gave us a big hug. He said, "Thank

God for folks like you all. Your kindness and caring will help us make it through this terrible time."

Lion Ted then gave us a tour of the affected areas in Diamondhead and neighboring Bay St. Louis. Never have any of us seen such devastation which words alone can not describe. The area must be seen in person to comprehend the full extent of the damage. Lion Ted and his wife then took us to dinner at the local golf course. The Country Club and restaurant facilities had been destroyed but the "19th Hole" building had survived and the restaurant had been moved there.

After a lovely dinner and great company, the "The Lady and Three Amigos" departed for home. After spending the night in Alexandria,



Lions Vic Dunham and Gary Henry made friends with two local children.



Diamondhead kindergarten children in their new library.



A very happy Lion Jody Beckham (Librarian) opening boxes of books from Ruidoso.



Diamondhead homes after Katrina.



Diamondhead Marina and Yacht House after the storm.

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LA the group was on the road early next morning and arrived in Ruidoso about 8:30PM Wednesday night. Mission Accomplished!

The folks in Diamondhead were some of the nicest we have ever met. Their strength and positive attitude in such a time of strife are extraordinary. It was an honor to be able to serve such a great bunch of folks.

Lion Dick Cottrill is commended for his vision and ability to articulate to the Club the importance of his dream to help others. Lion Dick reflected, "One thing I want to emphasize is my personal "need" to help these folks and how quickly our Club bought into my need with their own need. It was a wonderful feeling that our members could see the opportunity to really "serve others."

Individuals, businesses, and organizations which supported the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club "Diamondhead MS. Lions Club Project" included the following: First Christian Church; Wal-Mart; Nob Hill Students and Staff; Western Auto; Linco Medical Supply; Ruidoso Rotary Club; Ruidoso Old Guys Coffee Group; Bill Fuller; Jean Kuykendall; Jim Skelton; Rev. James Crowder and Gary Thompson.



Lion Dick Cottrill (L) accepts a check for \$3000 from Lion Vic Dunham (R) after the Christmas Party auction.



Lion Dick Cottrill (L) and Lion Boss Valari Chavez show \$3000 check that will be sent to the Diamondhead Lions for disbursement.



Lion Dick Cottrill and teacher Teri Hardiman with kids from the Nob Hill Preschool. The jar contains the \$223 the kids there collected.



Nob Hill School teacher Teri Hardeman, Lion Dick Cottrill, and Principal Brenda Hawthorne.



Diamondhead Elementary School after Katrina.



Typical destruction several blocks from the Diamondhead shoreline.

Peace Poster Contest

The Club conducted the local Lions Clubs International 19th Annual Peace Poster Contest in November 2005. The project was chaired by Lion Tom Pugh. The theme of this year's contest was "Peace Without Borders". On 9 November, 15 entries from Mescalero Elementary School, Ruidoso Middle School, and White Mountain Intermediate School were reviewed by six judges at Cree Meadows Restaurant. These entries were part of 350,000 entries worldwide which all are judged first at the Club level. Ricardo Lara, the 12 year old son of Henry and Esmeralda Lara of Ruidoso, was the 1st Place winner. The 2nd Place entry was submitted by Kayle Frierson and the 3rd Place was submitted by Lindsay Power. All three of these students are from Ruidoso Middle School where teachers Ms. Sosa and Ms. Rabourn provided guidance and encouragement. A \$200 savings bond was presented to Ricardo for winning 1st Place. \$100 savings bonds were also presented to the 2nd and 3rd Place winners.

Ricardo Lara's winning entry was submitted to DG Rick Jensen for competition with other winning posters from the District. The winning poster for the District was submitted by a young lady from Carlsbad.



Lion Tom Pugh, Chair of the Club's Peace Poster Contest, presents the 1st Place Award to Ricardo Lara.



1st Place Poster by Ricardo Lara



2nd Place Poster by Kayle Frierson



3rd Place Poster by Lindsay Power

Christmas at New Horizons Developmental Center

The New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo is a 20 bed facility for mentally challenged folks. The New Horizons residents receive a small monthly stipend for personal effects which is not enough to buy themselves anything special for Christmas.

The Ruidoso Noon Lions, upon learning about this, decided that they would "adopt" the residents for Christmas. The residents provided their wish lists to the Ruidoso Noon Lions who in turn bought the desired gifts for each of the residents.

On 11 December, the Lions arrived at the facility with Santa Claus (Lion Richard Rumpf) and the party began. Since the Club had done this last year, the residents were all eagerly anticipating this happy event. Santa Claus presented each resident with their gifts and of course the appreciative smiles on their faces were worth a million bucks.

This is the second year the Club has done this project and it is the consensus of the members that this will be one of our annual signature projects.

Lion Gary Henry spends about thirty hours per month at the Center visiting

and working with the residents. Lion Gary also made 350 wood toys in the Club's name for the local Santa's Helpers.



Lion Richard Rumpf, aka Santa Claus, looks on as New Horizons residents receive and open their gifts.



Ruidoso Valley Noon Lion Profiles

Lion Mike Mohrhauser

Lion Mike Mohrhauser was born on May 27, 1934 in Madison, Wisconsin. He lived in Milwaukee, WI, and Pittsburg, PA, prior to he and his family moving to El Paso, TX. Lion Mike attended New Mexico State University where he earned a BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He spent 33 years in the aerospace industry working for McDonnell Douglas and TRW and he and his family lived in Huntington Beach, CA, Cape Kennedy, FL, and Las Cruces, NM, during this time. He worked on seven Apollo missions at the Cape as an electronics test supervisor.



Lion Mike Mohrhauser

Lion Mike married his wife, Diana, in 1954. They have four sons, six grandkids, and two great-grandkids. He and Diana retired to Ruidoso in 1993 and live in the Upper Canyon. They love the mountains and frequently travel in their 37' motorhome which they thoroughly enjoy. Lion Mike is also an avid golfer and plays when time permits.

Lion Mike joined the Club in July 2004 and he was sponsored by Lion Don Blair.

Lion Mike Schattner

Lion Mike Schattner was born on 12 August 1949 in Shreveport, LA. After graduating from high school, he attended Houston Baptist University and graduated with a BA Degree in Computer Information Systems and Management.

Lion Mike married his wife, Tami, in 1989. They have a son and a 17 year old cat. Lion Mike retired in July 2004 after 27 years with Aramco Services Company in Houston, TX, and in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, as a Senior Business Systems Analyst. While in

Texas, Lion Mike has lived in Kermit, Perryton, Kirbyville, and Houston.

In October 2004, Lion Mike and Tami moved to Ruidoso. His hobbies are golf and bridge.

Lion Mike joined the Club in November 2005 and was sponsored by Lion Larry Woods.



Lion Mike Schattner

Lion Vern Edmondson

It was wonderful to begin one's life in southern California back in 1927. Beans grew around my house where today the city of Lakewood exists. The air was crystal clear and without smog. Orange trees bloomed in huge grooves and their fragrance wafted throughout the countryside. It was Eden.

In that ideal atmosphere, I attended Los Angeles public schools and graduated from Southern California Bible College in Pasadena. Then I was off to Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, CA, to attend seminary. As soon as I had graduated and was ordained by the American Baptist Church (Yes, folks, there is another body of Baptists other than the Southern variety that flourishes here), I was called to active duty as a Chaplain in the US Air Force. Korea was on and they needed my warm body.

My military career took me to Dover DE, Manchester NH, the Philippines, Japan, Montgomery, AL, NATO Command in Germany, Redlands, CA, Thailand, Alamogordo NM, and Belleville, IL.

The NATO assignment was unique. I ministered to small units of technicians based on NATO bases in eight countries and nine Air Forces: German, French (bases located in Germany), Italian, Belgium, Dutch, English, Greek, and Turkish. The mission of the Americans was to support and control

our atomic weapons assigned to the several NATO air forces.

It was Sunday whenever I landed at a base so that my brief visit could include worship, counseling, and just being a friend to lonely airmen. I coordinated religious coverage whenever it was available by the chaplains of the host base. Then I was off to the next base via plane, train or Volkswagen. Every mile was an adventure, especially because I didn't know any of the languages (including British English) and I traveled alone. I ate some strange food, rode some nervous miles, and stayed in some strange beds. However, after three years I'd had enough fun and was happy to rotate home!

After I retired from the Air Force and had earned my teacher's certificate at New Mexico State University, I served as Chaplain of the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. That was fun too, working with cadets rather than adults. I also was the Assistant Professor of Philosophy so I was able to enjoy classroom contact with cadets as well as serving their religious needs.

After I retired from NMMI, I tried serving civilian churches. That is how I came to Ruidoso. My wife, Betty, and I enjoyed the village and the people so much we decided to sell out in Roswell and put our roots here. It wasn't long before Lion Bob Harcrow invited me to become a Lion.

Now I am fully retired from the ministry and gladly serve when I can with you, my fellow Lions.



Lion Vern Edmondson

NM Lion's 2006 State Convention

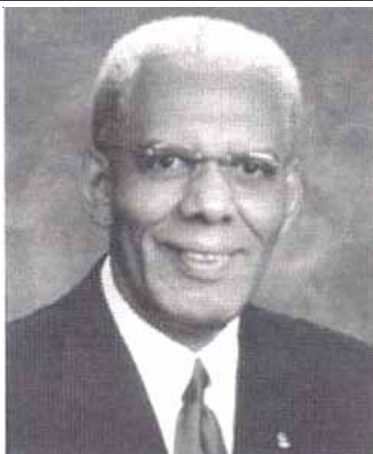
I cordially invite all Lions and Leos of Multiple District 40 to attend this convention of information, entertainment, fun, food, and fellowship. *PDG Bill Davis, Multiple District 40 Council Chairman*

The 78th annual NM Lions State Convention will occur June 1-4, 2006. The convention will occur at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn in Las Cruces.

Host Club Las Cruces de Noche Lions Club, along with the newly formed Dona Ana Council of Lions Clubs (which includes the Anthony, Hatch, La Mesa, Las Cruces, Las Cruces de Noche, Las Cruces Sunrise, Los Leones de Mesilla, and Radium Springs Lions Clubs) will work together to make this one of the best conventions ever for MD40 Lions.

Guest speaker will be Lion Ernest Young, Jr., of Lansing, Kansas. He was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the Association's 87th International Convention held in Detroit in 2004. Director Young is a retired U.S. Army Management Analyst officer.

As a member of the Lansing Lions Club since 1989, Director Young has held many offices within the association, including Club President, District Membership Chair, District Governor, Multiple District Council Chair, and Multiple District Membership Chair. In addition, he has been a presenter at five USA/Canada Lions Leadership



International Director Ernest Young, Jr.

Forums and has served on the LCI's Elections Committee.

In recognition of his service to the Association, Director Young has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club Secretary Award, the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, four International Certificates of Appreciation, two International President's Awards, the International President's Leadership and Extension Awards, a Founder's Membership Award, and a 15-Member Key Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Young is active in numerous professional and community organizations. In the past, he has served on the board of directors for the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Blacks in Government.

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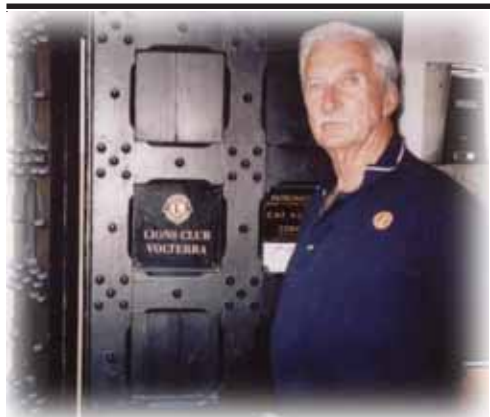
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The Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, a Las Cruces Hotel, provides lodging accommodations minutes from downtown Las Cruces and New Mexico State University. Enjoy the poolside rooms overlooking the largest hotel pool area in Las Cruces and featuring a heated pool and whirlpool spa. The 160 guest rooms and suites are equipped with high speed wireless internet and data port phones. Rooms also include coffee makers, ironing boards, and irons. Experience first class service in a warm southwestern atmosphere at the popular restaurant, "Eddie's Bar & Grill", serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Unwind and meet new friends in the lounge or terrace patio and enjoy live evening entertainment.

The special NM Lions Convention rate is \$59 per night. The cut off date for reservations is 18 May 2006. Please specify that your reservation is for the 2006 NM Lions State Convention. Rates are guaranteed from 29 May 2006 through 6 June 2006 so if you want to come early and/or stay later, you will still get the \$59 per night rate.

Please advise the hotel if you need a handicapped equipped room or a ground floor room (i.e., no stairs) as there is no elevator. Registration forms can be provided by Lion Bryson McCool.

Club Visitation Record?



Lion Gary Henry made an official visitation to the Volterra Lions in Italy. This may be a new record distance-wise for a visitation by a NM Club.

2006 Relay For Life

The Lincoln County Relay For Life, a national American Cancer Society fundraising event, will be held 7-8 April 2006 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The relay will kick off at 5PM Friday evening and end noon Saturday.

Lion Chuck Maly is heading up the Club's support of this project. The Club will dispense free water to the walkers. Gumbo and refreshments will be served for Club and family members who participate. Lion Chuck has passed out registration forms to all Club members. Hopefully everyone has returned them to him. SEE YOU THERE!



District Governor's Contest

As of 28 February 2006, the first four places in the District Governor's Contest did not change from last month except that 1st Place Silver City pulled out to a 2,500 point lead over 2nd Place Alamogordo Breakfast. Silver City inducted two new members and had numerous articles in publications about their projects to bolster their points tally. Artesia Downtown moved up two spots to 5th Place. The smokin' Capitan Smokey Bear Lions jumped from 14th Place last month to 6th Place this month. Las Cruces Sunrise also made a significant jump to 11th Place from 23rd Place. There are two months left in the Contest. Major fund raisers and community service projects, President and Secretary attending Zone and Cabinet Meetings, LCIF contributions (triple points), State Foundation contributions, Kick Up Your Heels support, and public relations are the big point items which will help our Club make a jump in the standings. The standings as of 28 February 2006 are:

St.	Club	Points	St.	Club	Points
1	Silver City	89,682	20	Ruidoso Evening	43,461
2	Alamogordo Breakfast	87,157	21	Cloudcroft	42,299
3	Ruidoso Noon	82,522	22	Bayard	41,408
4	Hobbs Evening	66,992	23	Lovington	40,188
5	Artesia Downtown	65,349	24	Alamogordo Downtown	39,345
6	Capitan Smokey Bear	64,345	25	Las Cruces	37,828
7	Carlsbad Downtown	62,373	26	La Mesa	33,607
8	Elephant Butte Host	60,867	27	Hobbs Downtown	30,388
9	T or C	59,278	28	Hagerman	23,349
10	Eunice	58,613	29	Tularosa	22,654
11	Las Cruces Sunrise	58,233	30	Hatch	21,319
12	Alamogordo Evening	53,949	31	Jal	20,068
13	Roswell Downtown	52,736	32	Alamogordo Noon	16,557
14	High Rolls/Mtn. Park	50,397	33	Anthony	16,408
15	Las Cruces de Noche	50,292	34	Radium Springs	9,345
16	Los Leones de Mesilla	48,690	35	Deming	4,500
17	Carlsbad Heights	46,813	36	Roswell Midday	3,500
18	Timberon	45,492	37	Lordsburg	500
19	Tatum	45,337			

Gun & Collectibles Show

The Club will be conducting our annual Gun and Collectibles Show on May 27th and 28th at the Ruidoso Convention Center. There will be a maximum of 190 tables with vendors presenting their wares of guns, collectibles, arts and crafts, etc. To date, there are almost 100 tables reserved.

This is the Club's most lucrative fund raiser with a chance to net \$12,000 this year. Last year, the Club netted \$9,600.

Lion Bryson McCool, who is chairing this fund raiser, will be calling upon each Club member to volunteer. Help will be needed for the following jobs: Erect and take-down highway signs; Vendors tables set-up; Food concession; Vendor check-in and assist; Take tickets/secure guns; and Raffle ticket sales.

Please put the Show dates on your calendar -- your help is critical if this is going to be a successful fund raiser.

Kick Up Your Heels

The 2nd annual Kick Up Your Heels FUNdraiser for District 40S will occur 22 April 2006 at the Dickerson Event Center in Las Cruces. Clubs in District 40S are being asked to please support this important event that will provide funds to many important service projects in the District.

Club support will be rewarded with points in the DG's Contest. Each Lion that attends will earn 1000 points for his/her Club. Each donation for door prizes or auction items will reap 10 points for each \$ of worth (e.g., \$250 will result in 2500 points).

This year, a Chuck Wagon BBQ Dinner will be served. Entertainment has been expanded and will include Mike Moutoux, a Cowboy poet from Pinos Altos, NM, and the Desperados, a swing/country band from Las Cruces. Featured again will be silent and live auctions, horse races, and boot pick. Some great new "side show" attractions have been added. Ticket price is \$40 per person. Your support is appreciated.

Eye Screenings

One of the Club's signature community service projects is the photo eye screening of pre-school children. Our screenings will start in April. A sign up sheet will be passed around during weekly meetings. Please plan on helping out with this project. We provide an important service to Lincoln County and your help will result in a successful project. The schedule (number of students to be screened) is as follows:

- 5 April Ruidoso (150-200)
- 6 April Mescalero (100-150)
- 7 April Capitan (50-60)
- 11 April Corona (20-25)
- 12 April Carrizozo (60-80)
- 21 April Hondo (40-50)

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