

## Ruidoso Noon Lions Operation KidSight Screening Report by Lion Bryson McCool

March and April are busy months for the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lion Club as young children (ages 2-6 years) across Lincoln County and Mescalero are screened for vision disorders. On 3 April 2008, the Ruidoso Noon Lions screened 92 youngsters at a Mescalero Apache Health Fair. The screening results showed that 16 (or 17%) of the children have a vision problem. The average referral rate in Lincoln County is normally about 5-7%. It is thought that the high rate of children with vision problems is linked to the high rate of diabetes on the Reservation. The referred children will be set up with an optometrist or ophthalmologist to receive a full eye exam.



(L-R): Lions Bryson McCool, Don Blair and Bill Allen getting a child in position to screen their eyes at Mescalero.



(L-R): Lions Jack Scott, President Chuck Maly, and Leo Mitchell register Mescalero children for screening.



(L-R): Lions Bill Allen and Bryson McCool taking pictures of a child's eyes at Corona.

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Ruidoso Noon President Chuck Maly presents a check for \$500 to (L-R) Kai Brown, Bob Sterchi, and Cindy Lynch for the Lincoln County Humane Society. *(Pic by Lion Mark Jones)*

### Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions



Ruidoso Valley Noon Lion Curt Dimberg presents the Savage Model 14 300 WSM rifle to Dennis Barker of El Paso who had the winning ticket that was drawn at the end of the Club's annual Crafts, Guns, and Collectibles Show on 25 June 2008. The rifle raffle raised \$1800. The Show, which was the Club's 8th, netted in excess of \$14,000, the best the Club has ever done. *(Picture by Lion Mark Jones)*

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**Ruidoso Noon Lions Support Meals On Wheels** by Lion Mark Jones

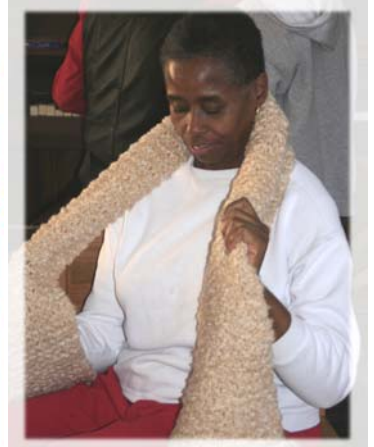
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(L-R) Lions Stacie Kimberley, Jim Burrow, and President Chuck Maly present a check for \$500 to Meals On Wheels Manager, Tommy Hood.

## Ruidoso Noon Lions Christmas Project by Lion Mark Jones

The New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo is a 19 resident facility for mentally disabled folks. The New Horizons residents each receive a small monthly stipend for personal effects which is not enough to buy themselves anything special for Christmas. The Ruidoso Noon Lions "adopted" the residents several years ago to ensure they each received something for Christmas. The residents provide their wish lists to the Club and gifts are purchased based on their input. On 14 December, Lions Gary Henry, Beth Jones, and Mark Jones arrived at the facility where a party was held, the gifts were distributed, and everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream. Needless to say, the smiles on the residents' faces were worth a million dollars!



Lion Beth Jones poses with some of the New Horizons residents who are elated with their gifts.



## Ruidoso Noon Lions Peace Poster Contest Results by Lion Tom Pugh

The Ruidoso Noon Lions recently held their annual Peace Poster Contest for Lincoln County. Three schools participated providing about 25 posters. The judging was held 13 November 2007 at Cree Meadows Country Club following the Club's weekly meeting. Several local artists and Lions conducted the judging to pick a winner and two runner ups. The

1st Place winner was Cannon Irons, White Mountain Intermediate School, and he will receive a \$100 US Savings Bond. Runners Up were Riley Harkins, White Mountain Intermediate School, and Sky Poncho, Mescalero Intermediate School. The Runner Up students will receive a \$50 US Savings Bond.



1st Place - Cannon Irons



Runner-Up - Riley Harkins



Runner Up - Sky Poncho

## Ruidoso Noon Lions Getting Ready for Christmas

In past years, the Ruidoso Noon Lions would construct 300-400 wood toys that would be donated to the local Santa's Helpers Project. It was decided that this year we would do something a little different by providing a \$250 donation and labor. Part of the items that will go to 800 needy kids in Lincoln County is a back pack filled with goodies such as school supplies and candy. Club members gathered on 6 and 13 November in the Project Director's office to fill the 800 back packs. An assembly line was set up and the back packs were filled in an astonishing orderly fashion (for Lions!). The children will also receive a special present and a set of clothes in addition to the back pack.



L-R: Lions Larry Woods, Bryson McCool, Bill Allen, and Bill Wooley filling more bags of candy. (Lion Curt Dimberg is taking picture)



President Chuck Maly (L) and the Club's newest member, Lion Jerry Grace (R), filling bags of candy.



Lions Jack Scott (L) and Rod Smith (R) on the back pack "assembly line."

## Ruidoso Noon Lions Have Successful Fundraiser

On 24-26 August 2007, the Ruidoso Noon Lions co-hosted (with Ameriwest Shows) their annual Antiques and Collectibles Show at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The Club's food concession featured their renowned brisket sandwiches that were very popular with the Show attendees.

On Sunday morning, Lion Bill Allen and his cooking team provided a cowboy breakfast at Cedar Creek Campground for the vendors. Needless to say, the vendors look forward to this event each year. The Show was very successful with the Club netting \$6,600. Twenty eight Lions and three friends of the Club worked the Show.



(L-R) Lions Bill Wooley, Gary Henry, Mike Schattner, Jim Burrow, Bryson McCool, and Chris McCool working the food concession.



Kitchen Boss Lion Chris McCool (R) giving instructions to Lion Mike Mohrhauser (L).



Lion Jim Burrow making the cowboy coffee.



Ruidoso Noon Lions arriving at the camp site at 7AM to begin the cowboy breakfast preparations.



(L-R) Lions Mike Mohrhauser, Leo Mitchell, Gary Henry, Tony Duarte, and Kent Martin starting the cooking fires.



(L to R) Lions Kent Martin, Jack Scott, and Tony Duarte frying the bacon and sausage.

## Ruidoso Noon Lions Conduct Successful Fundraiser

The Ruidoso Noon Lions conducted their annual Crafts, Guns, & Collectibles Show on 26-27 May 2007 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. It was a very successful event with the Club's Activity Account increasing by approximately \$10,000, the best the Club has ever done. Part of the profit came from a Winchester rifle raffle which netted \$1100 and the food concession, \$1300, both records for this event. More than 1100 people attended the Memorial Day weekend Show.



L-R. Lions Jack Pruitt and Don Blair work the Food Concession Stand which provided some delicious brisket sandwiches that sold like hotcakes.



Lion Mark Jones receives a compliment from a vendor on the marvelous brisket sandwiches.



L-R. Lions Jim Burrow, Jack Pruitt, and Chuck Maly working in the kitchen.

# Ruidoso Noon Lions Hold Operation KidSight Fundraiser

The Ruidoso Noon lions Club held its 1st Annual Operation KidSight Golf Tournament fundraiser on 28 April 2007 at the Cree Meadows Golf Course. It was a great tournament with 56 entrants (14 teams) and 27 businesses and individuals who sponsored a hole. The Club netted approximately \$3200 which exceeded our expectations for a first time fundraiser.

When the entrants registered, they each received a box lunch and a "goodie bag" which included a sleeve of balls, a towel, tees and other golf gadgets, a coupon for a free golf club, and three tickets for drinks during the tournament. The shotgun start was at noon and the weather was cool and beautiful. Happy hour started at 5:30PM after the tournament followed by the dinner (chicken fried steak and all the trimmings) and program. The first place team was presented with their award and a drawing was held for numerous prizes such as a stay-plus-golf at The Lodge and Links, coupons for items at the Pro Shop, and boxes of Nike golf balls. Lion Vic Dunham, who co-chaired the tournament planning committee was the MC and did a fantastic job. Everyone had a great time and looking forward to next year's tournament.

As a side note, letters were sent out to every Lions Club in MD40 inviting them to participate in the tournament. As an enticement, the Club that brought in the most entrants would receive a \$350 prize for their Club. Not one Club outside the Ruidoso Noon Lions was represented in the Tournament. You missed a great time and some easy money for your Club!



Lion Vic Dunham shows off the Hole-In-One Prize for Hole 6.



Master of Ceremonies Vic Dunham congratulates one of the door prize winners.



Lion Vic Dunham (R) with Tony Parker (L), the tournament's oldest player (92) who has a 10 handicap!



One of the 3-par holes where a prize could be won for a hole-in-one.



(L-R) Lions Carole Boddin and Chris McCool check in entrants for the Golf Tournament.

## RUIDOSO NOON LIONS HONOR A VERY SPECIAL LION

**A**t a ceremony during the Club's Noon Meeting on 9 January 2007, Lion Jim Burrow was presented the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the most prestigious award a Club can bestow on a member.

Lion Jim has been a Lion for over twenty years, first with the Odessa Lions Club and then with the Ruidoso Noon Lions starting in 1998. He has been an outstanding member serving as Treasurer and Board Member and is always involved in virtually every community service project and fundraiser conducted by the Club.

His "Let's get 'er done" enthusiasm and dedication to Lionism have set a great example for his fellow Lions. Congratulations to a fine person and an outstanding Lion!



Lion Bill Allen (R), the Club's senior MJF recipient, presents the Melvin Jones Fellow Award to Lion Jim Burrow (L)

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### Lions 'needs assessment'

To the editor:

THE RUIDOSO VALLEY Noon Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, which is the largest service organization in the world (1.3 million members in 44,000 clubs in 200 countries). Lions Clubs answer the needs that challenge the communities of the world by tackling tough problems like blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness.

The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club currently provides the following services to Ruidoso and other communities in Lincoln County as well as Mescalero: photo eye screening of children ages 1-6 years (to identify numerous vision conditions which if left unattended and not treated can lead to learning/reading problems or even blindness); purchasing eye exams and glasses for folks who can-

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not afford them; administering funds to legally blind folks in obtaining Low Vision Intensification Machines and leader dogs; diabetes testing and prevention; support of the leader Dog Project and NM Lions Eye Bank; recycling used eyeglasses; support of the Stranger Danger Project; the administering of Lions Clubs International Foundation funds to local communities for disasters such as the Kokopelli fire that occurred several years ago; and providing financial and substance support for Christian Services, Lincoln County HeadStart, the Lincoln County Food Bank, and the New Horizons Developmental Center (Carrizozo).

The club is also an active sponsor of community projects such as the Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Run for the Beach, Festival of Lights, Santa's Helpers and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The club conducts two major fundraisers each year (a Gun and Collectibles Show in May and an Antiques show in August), which are always successful because of the great support of local businesses and residents.

For the past several years, the club has raised in excess of

\$22,000 annually, which in turn is used to fund our community service projects.

The club will conduct a retreat in the very near future, and one of the main items to be covered is a reassessment of the club's service projects to ensure the most important and pressing community needs are being addressed.

Your input is requested and welcomed. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a member of the Ruidoso Valley Noon

Lions Club.

The only qualification required is a sincere desire to make our community a better place for all. We meet every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Cree Meadows Restaurant. Please join us sometime.

Please contact President Gary (336-2696; gahenry@valornet.com) or Secretary Bryson McCool (257-0363; brymccool@valornet.com) to provide your suggestions.

*Bryson McCool, Secretary  
Ruidoso*

Note: This letter informs the public who LCI is, who the Club is and what they do for the community, asks for the community's input, and invites residents to become a Lion.

## Ruidoso Peace Poster Contest

### JASON NEVAREZ WINS LOCAL COMPETITION IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

(Ruidoso, New Mexico, November 7, 2006—Jason Nevarez, an 11 year old student at White Mountain Intermediate School has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club.

Nevarez's poster was among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Peace Overcomes Bad Things," the 11-year-old son of Victor and Yadera Nevarez from Ruidoso said. The poster was selected by a panel of judges assembled by the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest them, "Celebrate Peace." The judging was held on November 7th at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Runners-up finishing second and third place, respectively were Melissa Mota of White Mountain Intermediate School and Tamerah Shanta of Ruidoso Middle School. Art teachers providing guidance and encouragement are Debbie Wenzel, White Mountain Intermediate School and Megan Rabourn at Ruidoso Middle School. Also participating were students from Mescalero Apache Elementary School.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club President Gary Henry said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at White Mountain Intermediate School. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

"Nevarez' poster will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner," Henry said.

Lion Tom Pugh  
2006 Peace Poster  
Contest Co-Chairman

1st Place (Right) - Jason Nevarez

2nd Place (Lower Right) -  
Melissa Mota

3rd Place (Lower Left) -  
Tamerah Shanta

