

*A ROARING MESA HOST NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2013
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*THE MARCH LETTER SUBMITTED BY OUR
PRESIDENT:*

Fellow Mesa Host Lions,

For February 2013 we collected on 4 fund raisers: (1) on the 2nd, Mesa Host, Mesa Thunderbirds and Fountain of the Sun jointly held 'Casino Night'. Seven of our members worked helping to raise \$900 as our share. (2) on 14th Lion Mike Smith and I worked White Cane making \$154.25. (3) on the 23rd seven of our members worked White Cane making \$374.36. (4) our final share of the Football Pool came to \$1,131. Thanks to all members who helped on these fund raisers that grossed \$2,559.61 for our Club projects. If any one has a fund raising idea, please let me know. Thanks to Lion Gary Gjerstad for playing at the Casino Night. Again everyone enjoyed and complimented Lion Gary and his musical fingers.

Lion Barbara and I delivered 2,777 pair glasses to Sight and Hearing on the 7th. Remember that we also collect hearing aids and cell phones so be sure to tell your friends to give them to you.

February 8th Lions Keith, Shirley, Barbara and I attended Associate member Apache Junction President Gary Gjerstad's 16th Annual 'Country Music Show'. Gary and violinist Kevin Huang were the Big Hit. We enjoyed the whole show and you need to be sure not to miss the 17th Annual.

Lions DG Carolyn White, Dave and Beverly Webster, Don and Donna Thresher, Barbara and I attended the 50th Charter Birthday for Mesa Thunderbirds on the 23rd at the Windemere Conference Center. Master of Ceremonies was PCC N. Alan Lundgren and guest speaker was LCI 2nd Vice President Joe Preston. I spoke about our Club sponsorship of the Thunderbirds, 15 May 1963. Kept it very short, since it was just before dinner was served and everyone was hungry. Following dinner 2nd International Vice President Joe inducted 2 new members into the Thunderbird Club, gave a great speech and received two awards - the personal and Traveling Monty Montgomery Awards.

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events, 'Duffers Against Darkness' Golf Tournament on 9 March and the 21C District Convention in Payson on 6 April. More information regarding these events within the body of our newsletter. Remember that the Club pays your registration fee, which includes lunch, for the Convention. This is a day event and only an hour and half drive to Payson. Guest speaker International Director Brian E. Sheehan from Bird Island, Minnesota.

*Our next scheduled White Cane is March 23rd.
Keep our ailing Lions in your prayers, J.L. Ward and Jim Johnson.*

Prez Bill

MESA HOST ASSOCIATE MEMBER HAS LIFE OF A BLIND LION, STORY PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH EDITION OF THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE.

Our associate member, Lion Gary Gjerstad was interviewed by a member of the staff at Lions International last July for an article in the Lions magazine. Then it turned into a waiting game. The photos that they wanted had to be retaken several times & submitted to them. Then the months came & went, but finally it was published.

Congratulations, Lion Gary. It is not every day that you get a full page spread in an international publication.

He did find out that even with all of that recognition you can still end up being fined.

Seems that a member of the Mesa Host Club noticed that no where in the article did it mention that he was an associate member of our club, & suggested that he be fined. Lion Gary gladly paid the fine but let it be known that at his own club that would be called “Happy Money”, so it made him happy to give a dollar to our club.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ONE OF US

GARY GJERSTAD

Blind since birth, Gary Gjerstad became familiar with the Lions at 6 years old when the Britt, Iowa, Lions began providing yearly financial assistance to his widowed mother. One hundred dollars may not sound like a lot, but it made a huge difference that Gjerstad never forgot. The best way to give back was to become a Lion. Since 1974, no matter where this traveling musician has lived, he has remained a Lion. An American history buff and avid Arizona State University sports fan, Gjerstad is the president of the Apache Junction Lions in Arizona.

Want a Lion who you think deserves a bit of recognition? Email us a brief biography of your Lion and the reason you're nominating him or her at benmagarino@lionsclubs.org. Please include "One of Us" in the subject line.

Lions is an international club
affiliated by Lions Club.

What did the Lions' assistance mean to you?

The Lions helped my mother do things like buy clothes for me while I was away from home attending the Iowa School for the Blind. My mom worked and did the best she could, but the Lions did so much for us. I still have the Braille typewriter they gave me.

And that led you to becoming a Lion?

I felt like being a Lion was a way of saying thank you. It's a way of saying not what the Lions can do for me, but what can I do for the Lions.

What have been some of your favorite projects?

I did benefit piano concerts when I was a Lion in Minnesota that became a great tradition. In Arizona, I'm chairman of a country music variety show. But it's about so much more than the events. It's about doing the job the best you can, not for a reward, but to make our communities better places.

When did you develop an interest in music?

I started playing piano when I was 4 years old. I could hear a song once or twice and be able to play it. Then at school I had a blind piano teacher, and she taught me to read music.

And the rest is history.

I played for 25 years with the Jack Schertz Orchestra, traveling all over the Midwest. Now I have a full-time job as a piano player at a charter school, where I'm known as "Mr. G." I don't know who enjoys it more, me or the kids!

What have you learned by being a Lion?

It's helped me not take things for granted and enjoy life. It's not always easy. I'm fighting some narrow cancer now. But I've kept a positive attitude. Because of my outlook and treatment, things are going well. As long as I'm able to, I'll be a Lion.

Gary Gjerstad is at one of his favorite places - sitting at the piano.

Photo by Sarah Probst



EASIEST FUND RAISER WE HAVE



***We now have re-cycling bins at three locations:
Mesa Senior Center---247 N. Mc Donald, Mesa
Lutheran Church---612 S. Ellsworth, Mesa
Lutheran Church---5301 S. Kings Ranch Rd, Gold
Canyon***

Get your friends & neighbors to donate re-cycling papers & cardboard to these locations. Some of our members collect items from businesses. This is an easy fund raiser for us. Please get involved.

GRANDPA'S WHEEL'S FUND RAISER PROJECT NEEDS VEHICLES



Just a reminder---we still are accepting vehicles as a fund raiser. Contact Lion Dave Webster if you know of any available.

There is a rumor going around that we will be receiving a useable pickup soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER---2013

2013

April 5-7 21-C Convention--- Payson

Apr 12 – 14 Lions Camp Tatiyee, Work Weekends--- Lakeside/Pinetop

Apr 19 – 21 Lions Camp Tatiyee, Work Weekends--- Lakeside/Pinetop

May 17 – 19 State Convention

Mesa Hilton--- Mesa

June 29---Camp Tatiyee Open House—11 AM/4 PM

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IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!!!

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL NOTICES ARE OUT.

Please submit your payments ASAP.

*Associate Due are also due. \$10 per year. January thru
December.*

Thank you for your continued support.

MESA HOST COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Chaplain	Don Hartmann
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Christmas Families	Helen Torres
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	Recycling Open
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Programs/Speakers	Keith Hackney
White Cane	Dave Webster/Worbington's
Newsletter	Hackney's/Judy Johnson
Web Development	Worbington/Johnson/Hackney
Military Boxes	Shirley Hackney

VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HELP ON ANY COMMITTEE

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lions: Judy Johnson---20th

Bob Robideau---22nd

MARCH ANNIVERSARY'S

Lion: Steve Hartmann---5, 2004

SEE JANUARY ACTIVITIES PHOTO'S BELOW

Non Submitted

WEB PAGES

Mesa Host-----www.Mesahostlions.org
Lion Foundation-----www.lcif.org
MD 21-----www.lions-md21.org
Camp Tatiyee-- -----www.arizonalionscamp.org
Melvin Jones Memorial-----www.lions-mjm.org
LFA--- -----www.lionsfoundationarizona.org
LCI International-----www.lionsclubs.org

SPEAKERS FOR 2012/2013

Monthly volunteers to obtain speakers for this winter are:

Lions

March---Mike Smith

April---Dave Webster

*Reminder---Please have your speakers list to Lion Barbara by the 15th of
the month before they will be speaking.*

A great list of interesting speakers already!!!

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