

Presidents Letter for August-September 2016

Mesa Host Lions,

We are dark yes. Idle, no Way!! We've made a delivery of glasses, hearing aids and cell phones to Sight & Hearing. Picked up and delivered 900 bottles of water and 25 pounds of food to the Salvation Army; 840 bottles of water to St. Vincent de Paul Street kitchen; metal cases to recycle plant; building materials to 'Star Dust'; usable items to Treasurers 4 Teachers; and finally 4 trips to our paper recycle bins. PHEW!

Also on July 12, Lions Zona, Mike, Donna, Tiffany, Barb, myself and spouses Shirley Brown and Roxine Riordan packed school supplies in Back packs and packaged children's socks and underwear for Helen's Hope Chest. We're also going to Kids Need to Read on August 2nd to help sort books from 9-12. Watch the Lions Facebook page for update. Lion Pat Miktus served a meal at Ronald McDonald, Roanoke House July 21. Lion Beverly and Roxine Riordan are now handling the Eye glasses program for Mesa Schools. Kudos must go out to Lion Helen and Lions Rudy for their 20 plus years dedication to this program. Our departed Lion Bill Weaver established the program and taught Lion Helen the ropes and she took up the challenge to do what Lions do best, SERVE.

The District 21-C Kick Off of the 2016-2017 year was held at the Phoenix Airport Hilton on July 16th. Congratulations were offered to our newly elected International Director N. Alan Lundgren. A position he will serve proudly and enthusiastically. The evening dinner was in honor of our own PIP Joe Preston and Lion Joni. Lions Bill, Zona, Barb and I were in attendance. Great breakout sessions informing us of Club obligations regarding taxes, Centennial service projects, membership/retention & leadership. The service project was sorting eye glasses. A fun and informational day. Remember the Club will pay your registration to attend these conferences so be sure to take advantage of all your District has to share and have fun reconnecting with fellow Lions.

On the health & welfare, I've checked with Lions Jim & Loretta, Jack & Shirley, Russ & Jeannie, PDG Carolyn, Donna, Connie & Mary Smith. As of this writing they are all doing OK. Lion Gary had another procedure and we are awaiting an update.

Remember 1st return meeting is August 16th at the Golden Corral. Prior to the meeting date we are going to have a GET TOGETHER at the Dairy Queen on Higley just south of the US 60 on the west side of the street on Tuesday August 9th. Just an informal ice cream fun day. It will be good to see you rested, suntanned faces again. Clip your Dairy Queen coupon and be there at 1:00 p.m... There will also be a reminder notice on the Mesa Host Lions Group Facebook page so watch for it.

Prez Bill