



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 2017

Mesa Host Lions,

Another very productive month. December 6th I had the privilege to induct two new members: Lions Rita Anand and Martin 'Marty' Brumme. This brings our club membership to 35 regular members.

December 10th we were busy with a White Cane Day and on December 13th we volunteered to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. Our bell ringing efforts collected \$1,294.69.

We were able to take ten families Christmas shopping this year. The families thanked the Lions for the opportunity to be able to give their children a gift for Christmas.

At our December 20th meeting we completed a project for the homeless. We filled 60 gift bags with tooth paste and brush, comb, soap, shampoo, razor deodorant, scarf, large plastic bag, lip balm, handy wipes and candy. December 21st I delivered the bags and 8 cases of water to the St. Vincent DePaul street kitchen. The manager, Tami, distributed the bags in ten minutes to grateful people. A moving experience to see that these items brought joy to those recipients.

January will begin a change in our meeting schedule. By your vote we will have a meeting on the 4th week of each month. We will meet on the 1st, 3rd and

4th Tuesday of each month with the 2nd Tuesday being our get out into the community day. Lion Barbara will be sending the 2017 event calendar in your dues renewal notices.

January will be busy with the rededication to Lionism at the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial at Fort Thomas, Arizona on January 14th. No White Cane Day in January. Community service day on January 10th at Helen's Hope Chest. In between we will be trying to finalize workers, sponsor's and pull ends together for the Annual Casino Night on February 4th. This is our second fundraiser that gives us funds to help those in need.

**Hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a safe New Year celebration.
President Bill**