



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 2017

Mesa Host Lions,

**Our Community project for January 2017 was at Helen's Hope Chest. We repackaged many pair of socks and underwear for foster recipients.**

**Our Club members collected 1,949 pair of glasses, 401 cases, 11 hearing aids and 3 cell phones, which were delivered to Lions Sight & Hearing. We also delivered 16 cases (384 bottles) of water to St. Vincent DePaul street kitchen.**

**Lion Barbara and I were in Fort Thomas for 3 days getting ready for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual rededication to Lionism ceremony at the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial. The featured guest speaker was Lions Clubs International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Naresh Aggarwal from India. In his talk, he thought it ironic that his Birthday, 13 January is the same as Melvin Jones, who started the 1st century of Lionism July 1917, and Naresh will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. Being a board member, I had the privilege to participate in the awarding of 6 Vanguards. Among the recipients were former LCI First Lady Joni Preston and 21C District Governor Rosemarie Gabriel. LCI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Naresh also purchased a Vanguard. The Vanguard Program goal is to create a unique tourist destination site attracting families and students for an educational extravaganza that is cutting edge and first class. The time has come for all Lions to tell our story to the world. Board President PCC Ralph Williamson presented Lion Barbara with a special appreciation award. We had good weather, ceremonies, turnout and lunch. Lunch was a BBQ provided by the Safford Lions Club.**

**Don't forget our biggest fund raiser "Casino Night, Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> @ the Red Mountain Multigenerational Center; White Cane on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>; Feed Our Starving Children February 14<sup>th</sup>; meetings Feb. 7, 21 & 28 at Golden Corral.**

**If you haven't already signed up and would like to help contact Lion Barbara.**