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MEETING INFORMATION

Elks Lodge #385
1800 N. Oracle Rd.
1st and 3rd Thursdays
Lunch 11:30 AM Meeting Starts at Noon

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TUCSON AREA CLUBS

BREAKFAST	Café Ramey, 1661 N Swan #120 Wed 7:00 AM
CATALINA/ORO VALLEY	Catalina Elks Lodge, N Oracle Rd 1 & 3 Tue 7:00 PM
DESERT	Cody's Beef & Beans, E Ft Lowell 1 & 3 Wed 7:00 PM
LEONES DEL OESTE	Micha's del Norte, 1220 E Prince 2 & 4 Thur 7:00 PM
LEONES DE LA NOCHE	Coco's, 7250 N Oracle Rd 2 & 4 Tue 7:00 PM
LEONES DE LAS MONTAÑAS	The Country Club of La Cholla 1 & 3 Wed 12:00 PM
NORTH TUCSON	IHOP, N Oracle & Limberlost Fri 12:15 PM
RINCON	IHOP, 7945 E Broadway 1 & 3 Wed 7:00 PM
SOUTH TUCSON	Las Cazuelitas, 1365 W Grant Tue 12:00 PM
SUNRISE	Millies Pancake Haus Tue 7:00 AM
TANQUE VERDE	Tanque Verde Ranch, 15000 E Red- ington Rd, 1 & 3 Sat 1PM
WILMOT	IHOP, 7945 E Broadway 2 & 4 Wed 7:00 PM



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MEETING of OCTOBER 2, 2008



Our President Kerry Johnson, fresh back from his first USA Canada Forum called the meeting to order; PDG John Hart offered the invocation; Lion Craig Graham led in the pledge; and Lion Lowell Fowble led us in a rousing rendition of "God Bless America".

Lion Tamer Bettie Smith introduced our guest Samantha Pederson,, granddaughter of Lions John and Dory Hart.

Samantha Pederson had the winning ticket for our 50/50 BIG BUCKS sold by Lion-Lioness Dory Hart (sounds fixed!!). Our Ever Kind and Considerate Tail Twister, Lion Lowell Fowble, fined members who were unable to answer some Lion trivia.

Lion Marianne Larsen, the Mystery Lion, was able to fine a couple unsociable Lions for not shaking her hand. We celebrated Patty Lacy's birthday today, with no song. There weren't any anniversaries to celebrate.

Lions shared several Happy Dollars

and one Sad Dollar.

It was good to have our long time member Lion Ed Anderson visit with us. He and his wife Joanne were in Tucson on business from the mountains of Colorado.

Our guest speaker, Scarlett Vogel Horn of New York Life, spoke about purchasing life insurance policies with a nonprofit as the beneficiary.

President Kerry thanked Scarlett and presented her our club pin as a token of our appreciation.

CABORCA, SONORA TRIP

On Friday, October 10th, 16 Lions and one friend of Lions, representing seven clubs and two districts in Arizona visited the Caborca, Sonora, Mexico Lions Club. The purposes for the visit included the donation of a piece of equipment that will make cataract surgeries at the Cabroca Lions Eye Clinic easier; to provide orientation and mobility training to several blind individuals in Caborca and finally for Arizona Lions to see

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the Caborca Lions Eye Clinic and to view the outstanding community service provided by these dedicated Lions.

After arriving in Caborca and checking into the *El Camino Motel*, members had a opportunity to rest and relax for a couple of hours before the fun began. The first stop was the Templo Histórico de la Puirisima Concepción (Historical Temple of the Immaculate Conception) where the town historian told us the history of the town and the Temple.

From the Temple, the group traveled to the Caborca Lions Cueva (Literally: Cave. Used instead of Den) where they toured the Eye Clinic including the cataract surgery room, recovery room, eye exam room and finally the eyeglass fitting room. They had the opportunity to watch eye exams in progress and used eyeglasses provided by the Lions of Arizona fitted on the patients.

Meanwhile, in the Cueva, Lion Christy Morrison from our club and her friend, Sylvia Martinez from the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) started their orientation and mobility training for seven blind people including two children and four sighted Lions who want to learn how to do the training in the future.

After observing the sighted guides and the blind people, Lion Christy determined that the guides had to be taught how to properly guide a blind person. This she and Sylvia accomplished in just a few minutes. What a difference this simple training made for both the blind people and their guides! The newly trained guides then practiced their new skill by guiding their blind charges around the room.

After the guides and their charges departed, Lion Christy and Sylvia initiated a

train-the-trainer session for the sighted Lions and spouses who were interested in learning how to provide this very valuable training.

After the completion of the planned training that evening, the Caborca Lions treated their Arizona guests to a wonderful, home cooked supper on the cueva patio.

Saturday morning—after an overnight thunderstorm—the Caborca Lions provided a bus to take the Arizona visitors to a raisin packing plant that sorts, cleans and packs up to 10 million pounds of raisins each year. From the raisin plant the guests were taken to Santo Tomas, a beautiful white sandy beach an hour or so west of Caborca on the Sea of Cortez where in a lovely custom home, the Caborca Lions prepared a great meal served with soft drinks, cerveza (beer) and a bit of the ever-present tequila.

The Arizona group returned home Sunday by way of Magdalena de Kino where they enjoyed a typical Mexican

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MD21 MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

The MD21 Leadership Forum and Mid-Year Conference in Prescott, November 14th-16th will also be a convention. The delegates from each club will be voting to endorse PDG Dick Sawyer, from 21C, for the next MD21 International Director Candidate. Our club is authorized 7 delegates and alternates. Anyone wishing to serve as a delegate or alternate, please contact Secretary John Hart.

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lunch and the sights and sounds of a fiesta in the town square.

A return trip to Caborca is being planned for January 2009. Anyone wishing to joining this trip should contact PDG John Hart.

WE STEPPED OUT

The “Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes” Walk was held at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park on Sunday, October 5th. As you know, diabetes is a major cause of vision loss and even total blindness.

The Wilmot Lions Club served an early lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers. Our Lions John and Dory Hart, Loren and Marianne Larsen, Monica and Richard Rhoads, Lowell Fowble, Nathan Friend, Patty Lacy, Ron Middleton, Patty’s mom, Mary, and John and Dory’s granddaughters, Kayla and Samantha stepped out bright and early to volunteer.

FOR SALE
\$2.00 each
Reflective, full color Lions Emblem
3 1/2” diameter
Available at our check -in table

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to warm, sunny Tucson. We are happy to have Lions Karen and Lloyd Sell and Reilley Tapley back from their northern haunts. Thanks for bringing cooler weather.



EYEGLOSS SORTING

There are opportunities for you to help sort or clean the used eyeglasses. Lensmeter training and reading will also be held in conjunction with the eyeglass sorting.

These great events will take place at SAAVI, 3767 E. Grant Road from 9 AM until 3 PM on the dates listed below. Come as you are, when you can and leave when you want to.

See what happens to all those used eyeglasses we collect and enjoy the company of your fellow Lions.

- Friday - October 31st
- Saturday - November 1st
- Friday - December 5th
- Saturday - December 6th
- Friday - January 16th
- Saturday - January 17th



FUTURE EVENTS

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| Nov 1 | SAAVI Eye Ball |
| Nov 14 -16 | MD21 Mid Year Forum and Convention |
| Jan 10 | Melvin Jones Rededication at Fort Thomas |