

LIONS HELP STUDENTS WITH GIFT SHOPPING

December is Holiday Store time at Davidson, TDLC's adopted elementary school.

And for the third year, TDLC Lions helped youngsters from kindergarten through 5th grade select gifts and get them wrapped.

Lions Joe Talvy, Monica Rhodes, Su-Lin Trepanitis, Bob Wildish, Patty Lacy Lowell Fowble,

Karen Sell, and Erik Johnson—along with TDLC friends Eleanor Fowble, Mary Hill, and Carol Massicotte - turned out to help oversee the three day event.

The Holiday Store provides students the opportunity to purchase small gifts for family members with Davidson Dollars earned for good citizenship or helping teachers

with chores like cleaning blackboards. They also earn dollars by running their own small businesses during Davidson Town Days.

Although students handle all set up, sales, package wrapping and even security during the holiday event, Lions handle important functions like focusing gift selection or helping to wrap unwieldy

packages like teddy bears .

TDLC also provides many of the gifts for sale. A big hit this year were the many artificial flower displays created in holiday mugs by Eleanor Fowble and Mary Hill.



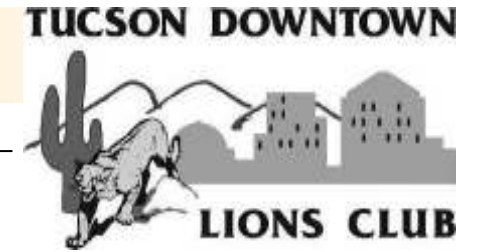
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It's GREAT to be a Lion!

THE MOUNTAIN LION

December 2007

Chartered April 26, 1923



Meeting 1st and 3rd
Thursday at 11:30
El Parador Restaurant

Coming Up ---

January 3 Meeting—Christy Morrison on SAAVI and schools

January 10 Board Meeting at Elks Club

January 12 - Melvin Jones Memorial Rededication at Ft. Thomas

January 17 Meeting - Dr. Tanya Lewis – Developmental optometrist specializing in neuro-optometric rehabilitation

January 31 – Big Hat Day Luncheon

January 31 – turn in Raffle Tickets

February 16 -23 --RODEO

April 18 –20— 21B District Convention in Mesa

May 16-18—MD-21 Convention, Mesa



WE HAVE A TWIN!

Thanks to the efforts of DG Joel Gomez Franco of Mexico and our own PDG John Hart, TDLC is now a twin club with the Lions Club of Hermosillo A.C.

Club de Leones Hermosillo A.C. is the home club of DG Joel and, like Tucson Downtown, the first Lions Club in their city.

The twinning was finalized at a cabinet meeting in Tijuana attended by PDG John and Lion Dory Hart and ZC Su-Lin Trepanitis.

“This cultural exchange between our two countries will provide opportunities to

share information and visits,” PDG John says.

Hermosillo (say “ehr-moh-SEE-yo”) is the capital of Sonora and a city of about 650,000.

Located about six hours south of the border, Hermosillo is in an agricultural area featuring citrus, melons, cotton and vegetable production. A Ford plant also is located there.

Lions Clubs International presented banner patches for the clubs’ efforts “To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.”



DG Joel Gomez Franco and PDG John Hart celebrate twinning.

Our twin club meets on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Lions interested in making a visit to Hermosillo - good road all the way—can contact PDG John for more information.

Ticket deadline is January 31

If you want to win that great car donated by Jim Click, you have to turn in your ticket stubs by January 31. Lion Everett Rothrock is chairing the club's participation in this fundraiser.

THIS LION KNOWS HOW TO CELEBRATE



Lion Ron Middleton celebrated his first year in Lions with a happy buck and a brand new club project.

This month, he will be dispensing our first hearing aid under the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid project. The TDLC Board has approved \$2,000 for hearing services for the 2007/2008 year.

“Our first applicant is a Viet Nam vet, a Navy man who now is homeless. He lives

at a local shelter and works at the Gospel Rescue Mission preparing meals—but could not hear the cook giving orders or even hear enough to attend church services,” Middleton reports. His hearing loss is not considered service related by the VA.

Lion Ron was brought into the club one year ago by Lion Chuck Sherman. An Ogden, Utah native, Middleton ended up

in Tucson when he retired from the Air Force at Davis-Monthan.

He and his wife Sharron now own Lifestyle Hearing on East 22nd Street.

Their son Kyle is on his second tour with the Marines in Iraq.

Contributing a Happy Buck at a recent meeting, Lion Ron told the gathering he is “Happy to be part of the best Lions club anywhere.”

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FROM YOUR BOARD

Considering the possibility of moving meetings to a new site. Because

of parking issues at El Parador, the Board has been looking for other options. All members are invited to the January 10 Board meeting at the Elks Club on

Oracle as the Board evaluates the possibility of moving to that site.



Approved concept of sharing some concession proceeds with

other Lions Clubs that help out at Rodeo. Formula for amount of donation to other

clubs has not been determined.

Approved \$150 to buy 10 gift cards for the Boys and Girls Club and \$160 to support a family for the holidays through Child and Family Resources.

Exploring the possibility of obtaining a PA system for club use.

BIG HAT DAY MOVES TO RODEO MUSEUM

Want to have lunch in a Buggy Barn—surrounded by old time buckboards and buggies?

You can if you nab some tickets for this year's Big Hat Day lunch at the Rodeo Museum. But space is limited, so call soon for tickets—and don't forget your western wear.

A long time Tucson Downtown Lions activity, Big Hat Day is the traditional kick off for Rodeo season. And the Big Hat Committee under

President Loren is kicking it up a notch this year with a new venue and menu.

Festivities will feature a pre-lunch reception and private guided tour of the Rodeo Museum.

Lunch will feature a western barbecue and presentation of the annual Copper Letter—Mayor Bob Walkup's proclamation to the Lions engraved on copper.

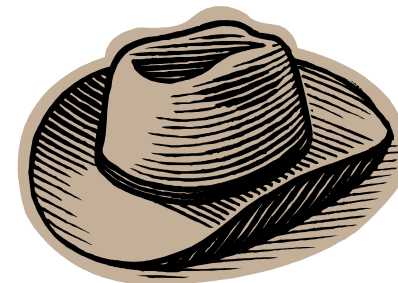
Honored guests will include the

mayor, city council members and rodeo committee.

President Loren reminds us that appropriate dress

includes at least three items of western wear. “And a pair of cowboy boots counts as just one item,” he explains.

Tickets for Big Hat Day Lunch cost \$20 per person.



Friends and family are welcome at Big Hat Lunch.

Reservations can be made until January 20 on our website or by calling President Loren at 299-3165.

We're on the web!

www.TucsonDowntownLions.org

Thanks to President Loren, we have a new and up to date website. Now you can get the latest calendar items, view pictures from recent events, or even read the club history right there at your computer.

Need to know where people can drop off eyeglasses? Looking for a list of past club presidents? Want to read the Mountain Lion or Canyon State Lion on line? It's all there.

Future pages will highlight activities of SAAVI Branch Club and the Lioness Club as well.

Share the link with your friends—let them see what TDLC really does.

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