

THESE LIONS REALLY DELIVER

It's like a grocery store on wheels - with a big heart.

Twice a month, Tucson Lions deliver groceries for 32 residents of La Casa de los Leones. The project is coordinated by Tucson Desert Lions with assistance from South Tucson and TDLC. Su-Lin Trepanitis chairs the TDLC team, with assistance from Lloyd Sell.

The Lions visit the Tucson Food Bank on Country Club to fill a van or pick up truck with bags of food allocated to Casa residents. They have been delivering the groceries from the Casa for more than seven years.

"These Lions are using their own vehicles, and their own gas, and their own time to bring food to our residents who

have no way to go and pick it up on their own. We cannot begin to thank them for the kindness they have shown," La Casa manager Michael Guerrero reports.

Guerrero notifies the Food Bank of the number of residents qualified to receive the food bank donations so that food bank volunteers can have the bagged groceries ready on pallets for the Lions to load.



Lions Su-Lin Trepanitis and Lloyd Sell load bags of food

The delivery teams also pick up bulk items for the residents when the Food Bank has them available.

We're on the web!

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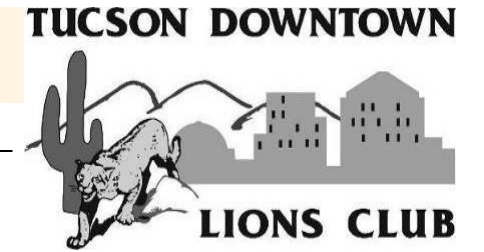
It's GREAT to be a Lion!

THE MOUNTAIN LION

January 2008

Chartered April 26, 1923

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



Coming Up ---

January 17 Meeting - Dr. Tanya Lewis -neuro-optometric rehabilitation

January 31 - Big Hat Day Luncheon

January 31 - turn in Raffle Tickets

February 7—Board Meeting

February 14—Rodeo Grounds Clean Up

February 16 -23 --RODEO

March 6—Connie Petri will talk to us about Equine Communications

March 8—Jewelry Party

April 18 -20— 21B District Convention in Sierra Vista

April 24—85th Anniversary

May 16-18—MD-21 Convention, Mesa

ALL HANDS NEEDED FOR RODEO

It takes about 100 Lions per day to handle food sales at Rodeo—and you can sign up right now with Chairman Loren Larsen. Rodeo this year is February 16-23.



Lions cook, bag popcorn and cotton candy, take orders, buy supplies or supply La Cholla HS students working the stands.

Our biggest fundraiser, Rodeo last year netted the club about \$20,000. Lions may bring family and friends to help out and other Lions clubs also are being asked to lend a hand.

"Rodeo is hard work but it's also a great opportunity to let a prospective member see how much fun we have working together," Larsen says. Menu will include bbq beef, brats, hot dogs, burgers, pizza, nachos and more. Breakfast sandwiches will be served Monday-Wednesday for rodeo participants.



Above: Lions Dory Hart and Patty Lacy count cash
Left: Lion Seneca handles dish duty

Rodeo 2008 Chairmen

Event—Loren Larsen
West Kitchen—Lowell Fowble and Joan Herner
East Kitchen—open
Popcorn and Nachos area—Linda Bryant
Supplies—Su-Lin Trepanitis
Soda Sales—Jim Lewis
Cotton Candy Sales—Monica and Richard Rhodes
Coke Interface—Lloyd Sell

Reminders:

- ⇒ Turn in Mustang tickets by January 31
- ⇒ Big Hat Lunch is filling fast—get your tickets soon.



LION NATHAN ALREADY ACTIVE



Lion Nathan Friend, age 33, helped drop the average age of our club a bit when he joined. Sponsored by Lion Loren Larsen, this new Lion might seem kind of quiet, but watch out for a quick wit and some interesting hobbies. For example, did you know he fences? He wielded the sword for two years at Kansas University and now belongs to the

Fencing Academy here in Tucson.

Nathan is a native of Oklahoma and Kansas, worked in Phoenix for three years, and now manages East Lawn Palms Mortuary and Cemetery on Grant. His wife Ashlely is a student at the UofA.

And he is getting involved. "We barely had his application before Nathan was working Beer Fest," Larsen reports.

Nathan says his interest in Lions harks back to early school days when he played trumpet in the Lions Band. Seeing his grandmother battle macular degeneration also makes him want to help in the areas of sight. And, he says with just the hint of a grin, his inlaws belong to Rotary and he wanted to look for something better.

Lion Nathan, we're glad you found us!

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Big news from the Board this month as they formally recommended the club move its meeting place to the Elks Club new facilities at Oracle and Drachman. President Loren will be discussing the matter with the membership at the January 17 meeting. Any move would not occur until March—after Rodeo



season, President Larsen reports
Past President Su-Lin Trepanitis and

Treasurer Patty Lacy reported they are readying a Jewelry Party for March 8 at SAAVI. SAAVI Lions and the

Lioness Club will be invited.

The Board previewed the final copy of a membership recruitment DVD

about Tucson Lions. Lions Joe and Tu-Sing Baranek spearheaded development of the DVD and have donated copies of the disk for each Lion to use as a recruiting tool with family and friends.

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BIG HAT TRADITION GETS NEW TWIST

It's an old, old tradition. Since 1944, TDL has hosted Big Hat Lunch to formally signal the opening of rodeo season. And this year, chairman Loren Larsen is adding a fun twist by moving the January 31 luncheon to the Rodeo Museum Buggy Barn.

Attendees will be treated to a private tour of the museum beginning at 11:30.

Cost for the lunch and tour is \$20 per person.

Why move to the Buggy Barn?

"What better place to kick off the rodeo

season in Tucson than right there on the rodeo grounds, surrounded by rodeo history?" Larsen explains.

Lunch itself features a western barbecue catered by Famous Dave's Barbecue.

Traditional Big Hat rules require all attendees to wear at least three items of western wear or face fines.

Town dignitaries and rodeo officials have been invited to be honored guests of the club and a

proclamation of the opening of rodeo season will be delivered by Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup.

Tickets are being made available to Lions of the area and their guests.

Invite your friends for a very special historical treat—but do it soon. Space is limited.

Reserve tickets for Big Hat Lunch before January 24 by calling Loren Larsen at 299-3165.



Lion Charley Hund sets a spell in his Big Hat

SUPPORT SU-LIN AT CONFERENCE

Past president and current Zone Chairman Su-Lin Trepanitis is running for Vice District Governor. Her name will be on the ballot at District Conference in Sierra Vista April 18-20 and our club will be hosting a hospitality suite so that she will

have a place to meet other district Lions. We will also be standing together to support Su-Lin as she is introduced as a candidate.

"A good showing from Tucson Downtown will demonstrate our support for Su-Lin as

she begins her journey to District Governor," PDG John Hart explains.

If you are willing to assist with ZC Su-Lin's hospitality room or serve as a voting delegate, please contact President Loren Larsen or PDG John Hart.

White Cane
weekends are set
for January
19/20 and
26/27 at
Walmart. Contact
Linda Bryant to
sign up for a 2
hour shift.