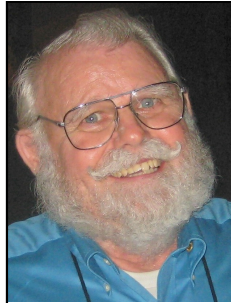


## LIONS ACT WHEN NEEDS ARISE

Everyone hears about people in need - but Lions do more than listen - they jump into action.

When Lion Susan Castenon mentioned that her daughter needed a hospital type bed that would let her sit up comfortably, fellow Lion Sylvia McKinney told PDG John Hart - and John located a hospital bed in Globe. Susan writes "Not only did I

not know where Globe is, I have no means of getting a bed to Tucson. Lion Steve Ellis (fresh from surgery and sporting a neck brace) drives from Mesa to Globe to Tucson, in the



Castenon calls PDG John Hart "Santa Claus" for all the good things he does.

pouring rain, to deliver this bed to my daughter. My heartfelt thanks to the Lions."

When a lady in Tucson needed a hard to find style of wheelchair, PDG John

was there to help again, locating the chair and delivering it to her.

When a woman

from Tucson needed low vision help for her mother, she found TDLC on the internet. PDG John Hart had the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) low vision system her mother needed - but her mother was in -you guessed it - Globe! John, ZC Su-Lin Trepanitis and Lion Dory Hart traveled to Globe to deliver and install the system - and PDG Donna Anderson arranged for coverage by the Globe newspaper.

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**It's GREAT to be a Lion!**

## THE MOUNTAIN LION

April 2008

[www.TucsonDowntownLions.org](http://www.TucsonDowntownLions.org)

Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday at 11:30  
Elks Club, 1800 N  
Oracle, Tucson

### Coming Up ---

April 3 - Dr. (and new Lion) Brent Hartzell on the aging eye

April 10 - Board Meeting all Lions welcome

April 17 - ZC Fred Ruiz on his run for Vice District Governor AND our Annual Foundation Meeting - find out how your Foundation Board has been investing and spending funds.

April 18 -20— 21B District Convention, Inn Suites, Tucson

April 24—85th Anniversary Party

May 16-18—MD-21 Convention, Mesa

June 20 - Installation Dinner

June 22 Camp Tatiyee Open House



## TUCSON DOWNTOWN



## It's our 85th Birthday - Roaring 20s style

A lot has happened in Tucson - and in the Tucson Downtown Lions Club in the last 85 years.

Dig out your zoot suit or flapper fringes and come on down to the Inn Suites at St. Mary's April 24 to help the club celebrate all the good we have done in 85 years of Lionism.

Cocktails will be served at 5, dinner at 6.

As always, Lions Su-Lin Trepanitis, Marianne Larsen, John Hart, Lowell Fowble, and Bettie Smith have some surprises in store for party goers.

Tickets for dinner - you get to choose between prime rib and stuffed chicken breast Florentine - dancing and fun are \$30 per person.

Reservations may be made until April 17 by calling Su-Lin at 661-4909.



## 2008/09 OFFICERS ELECTED

Kerry Johnson will serve as President next year, assisted by:

1st VP, Everett Rothrock  
2nd VP, Steve Ellis  
Secretary, John Hart  
Treasurer, Patty Lacy  
Lion Tamer, Bettie Smith

Tail Twister, Lowell Fowble  
Membership Director, Jim Lewis  
Directors, Joan Herner, PDG Joe Talvy, Ron Middleton

An installation of officers and awards dinner will take place June 20 - contact President Elect Kerry for details.

## FROM TURKEY TO TUCSON



Kuddusi Ramazanoglu has made some big changes recently. After years of visiting family here in Tucson, the native of Ankara, Turkey, married and made his home in Arizona. He switched careers from metallurgical engineer to his current position as an agent and financial consultant with New York Life. Oh yes, and last fall he became a Lion!

"I have wanted to do something for the community for years, but my job required lots of travel. As soon as I had a chance to be settled down, I went looking for a service club and found the Lions," Kuddusi explains.

Kuddusi and his wife Jackie (she's a substance abuse therapist) have two children, ages 8 and 6. He especially enjoys reading anything historical,

skiing, and tennis. (During the summer, he teaches youth tennis for the City of Tucson.) He also likes to speak to groups about ways to save money.

Sponsored by PDG John Hart, Kuddusi says he enjoyed working rodeo but is also looking forward to working on Lions projects that help children.

Thanks for finding us, Lion Kuddusi!

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## FROM YOUR BOARD -

Fund raising committee chair Everett Rothrock reported the car raffle netted our club \$675.

Approved request by Camp Abilities Sports Camp to provide dinner most nights of the camp June 8-14. Club members will fix food provided

by the club. The project is spearheaded annually by Lions Patty Lacy and Su-Lin Trepanitis.



New Branch Coordinator for SAAVI Branch is

Melanie Kondziolka.

TDLC Lions are invited to join B1 Lions for their convention May 2 in Navahoa, Sonora, Mexico. Contact secretary John Hart for information if you would like to join the delegation.

Club membership now stands at 77.



WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT HOW OLD LIONS CLUBS ARE - BUT THE AVERAGE AGE OF TDLC LIONS IS GOING **DOWN**.

Almost half of the 25 members to join our club since March 2006 were just 40 years old or younger when they joined.

The average age of these newer Lions is still just 44.

And these young new Lions have

lowered the average age of our club dramatically.

In March 2006, the average age of Lions in our club was above 70.

Today, with the addition of 25 new members in the last two years (including

SAAVI Branch members), that average age has already dropped to 61.

"With every younger new member we bring in, Tucson Downtown and Lions in general are

becoming more alive and more relevant to our community. These younger members are going to be Lions leaders - and our community leaders - in years to come," TDLC membership director Jim Lewis says.

## OTHER CLUBS ARE HAVING FUN TOO!

**Golfers** - You still may have time to sign up for the **Tucson Breakfast Lions Drive "Fore" Sight scramble** April 13 at Del Lago Golf Club. Call Dom Dominice at 520 383-2522.

**Catalina/Oro Valley sponsors first Omega Leos Club** - Members of the first college age Leos Club in Arizona will be honored at the 21B Convention April 19. Charter members are all students at Pima Community College or

the University of Arizona. Omega Leo clubs serve Leos ages 19-30.

**Lion Tackles Bike Trek** - Naran Patel of the Tucson Rincon Lions Club will be pedaling his mountain bike 2490 miles through 4 states along the continental divide this summer to raise money for Lions. To submit your pledge to support Lion Naran's effort, contact him at 520 991-0695.

**New Honorable Green Valley member** - Guide Dog Tanya performs community service every day as she helps Lion Dick Pomo carry out Lion duties. So the Green Valley Lions created a new Honorable Lion membership category and made Tanya their first Honorable member. Watch for her around Green Valley, sporting her Lions vest and pin.



Green Valley Lion Dick Pomo and Honorable Lion Tanya show off Lion's vest and pin.