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We Serve

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The Two Oak Ridge Lions Clubs are Merging

October Meetings: The merged Club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at noon at Ryan's Steak House.

The program for the meeting on October 13 has been arranged by **Lion Roger Land**. Ms. Daru Burdge, President of Consumer Credit Counseling will talk on the current status of the credit market.

The program for October 27 will be given by **Lion Suzie Ferguson** of the Sevierville Lions Club. She is the District representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind and she will talk about their Training Program and their Puppy Raising Program. Leader Dog is supported by our **White Cane Day** collections.



Board Meetings: The Board Meetings for the merged Club will be held on the 1st Monday of each month at noon in the Board Room of RFB&D.

Remember: Secure and use **Kroger Care Certificates** from **Lion Bob Reynolds**; or **Lion Jim Bailey**. You can also buy certificates at the **SunTrust Bank Counter** inside Kroger's. These certificates make great Christmas presents for children and grandchildren plus also parents and grandparents.

OFFICERS for 2008-2009: The officers for the merged Club were nominated by the combined Boards and elected at a regular meeting. These officers were installed by **DG Jim McFarland** during his official visit on July 21. The officers are:

President	Bill Mooney
First Vice President	George Smith
Second Vice President	Ann Rigell
Recording Secretary	Jerry Young
Corresponding Secretary	Jim Kolb
Administrative Account Treasurer	Roger Land
Service/Project Account Treasurer	Jim Bailey
1-year Directors	Bill Luzader, Sally Gadola
2-year Directors	Don Scott, Sarah Craven
Honorary Director	Lee Munz
Tail Twister	Larry Losh
Lion Tamer	John Miller
Membership Chair	PDG Wendy Cain

CHILI SUPPER on FRIDAY, Oct. 24, from 5-7 p.m.

at the Faith Lutheran Church. At the October 13 meeting, **Lion Jim Kolb** will have tickets, posters, and sign up sheets for workers and those who will supply deserts and other items. Lion Jim will make the chili. Workers needed.



King Leo Mooney Muses About Miracles Through Service

Writing in the July-August magazine, The Lions, International President Al Brandel says it is time for "Lions to celebrate our miracles through service."

Recalling the terrible day of September 11, 2009, he recalls services rendered by Lions: "The service service offered immediately following September 11, in New Your, Washington, and elsewhere, developed into a long-range plan to help families of victims. Multitudes of Lions made certain that families could pay their bills. They did home repairs and drove family members to doctor visits. They coordinated bereavement retreats. They supported job counseling and mentoring of children.

These were ordinary acts of kindness. These tasks are what Lions do. But they amounted to miracles through service. People who carried heavy burdens found their loads lighter and their step easier. Lions changed lives for the better."

So it is every October during Lions White Cane Days. White Cans day are about more than collecting money for worthy causes, thought they are undoubtedly that. They are another way in which Lions provide "miracles through service."

White Cane Days are about "miracles through service" by helping educate children at the Tennessee Schools for the Blind and the Death and providing audio books for students through Reading for The Blind and Dyslexic.

White Cane days are about "miracles through service," by helping provide Leader Dogs for blind persons and employments for the blind and visually impaired through Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc. in Morristown and Johnson City.

There are other examples, but you should get my drifts with these. White Cane Days are one more way, a very important way, that Lions continue their long tradition of "miracles through service."

As Lions volunteer time and make their contributions to White Cane Days in Oak Ridge, we invite you to help provides "miracles through service." I Oak Ridge, White Cane days will be October 3 - 6 and 10 - 12. Look for a Lion with her or he hand out and join us as we off "miracles through service."

King Leo Bill Mooney

OCTOBER is WHITE CANE DAY MONTH

We have already collected on two weekends at both Wal-Mart and Kroger's. **Lions Don Scott** and **Sarah Craven** are the co-chairs. If any Lions can collect during other days in the month, please contact these Lions. Supplies are available at RFB&D. Thanks to **Lion Don** for the new signs.

Please ask merchants whom you patronize for additional contributions. They can make checks to *Lions District 12-N Charities* for tax purposes; a tax number is available is they want to claim a deduction.

Club Reports

Until the two Clubs are officially combined, separate reports will be submitted on membership.

Splinters from the Board . . . on October 6:

Lions present-Jim Bailey, Wendy Cain, Sarah Craven, Scott Gillenwater, Jim Kolb, Roger Land, Larry Losh, Bill Luzader, John Miller, Bill Mooney, John Sanders, Don Scott, George Smith, Jerry Young.

Remarks by President Mooney-Will try to get minutes and agenda out five to seven days before future board meetings. We need more cross fertilization on committees.

Minutes-Motion - Luzader, Second - Craven, approved minutes as corrected.

Proposed administrative budget:

Bailey presented a proposed administrative budget.

M- Land, S--Gillenwater, approved

Quarterly dues set at \$55 for active members, \$20 for MAL and inactive members, and \$5 for life members with MAL/inactive and life members paying for their meals when they eat. M-Land, S-Miller, approved administrative budget as amended.

Banking-M- Land, S-Cain, approved to maintain consolidated service funds in existing account at TN Bank and consolidated administrative funds in existing account at Regions Bank. Unused accounts to be closed when no longer needed.

Lifetime Books-M-Kolb, S-Land approved to purchase 50 books at \$25 each with seven free books when they are issued.

Chili Supper-M- Land, S- Kolb, approved- To hold a chili supper on Friday October 24 between 5 and 7 PM at Faith Lutheran Church. **Lion Jim Kolb** will chair.

Pancake Breakfast-Will be February 7, 2009 at Applebee's.

Funds for Sullivan County Lions Club-M- Bailey, S-Miller, approved- Tail Twister to try to collect \$35 at next meeting to help the new Sullivan County Lions Club get started.

Chrisrmas Party-M- Land, S- Losh, approved- Christmas Party to be at 6p.m. on Monday, December 8 at First United Methodist Church. **Lion Sarah Craven** will chair.

Submitted..... Secretary Jerry Young

Dues are Due

For the quarter from October 1 to December 31, 2008, dues are as follows for all members of the merged Club:

Active Members \$55.00
 Inactive and MAL \$20.00 plus \$10 per meal
 Life Members \$5.00 plus \$10 per meal

Note: MAL/Inactive and Life Members will pay the Club Treasurer **Roger Land** \$10 per meal (includes general buffet & drink) at the meeting. **Pay Secretary Jerry Young** if **Lion Roger** is not available.

Dear Fellow Lions, [email from PIP Jim Ross, Chair of LCIF]

I would like to update you on Lions Clubs International Foundation's and Lions' response to the massive earthquake in China on May 12.

LCIF and Lions around the world are mobilizing more than US\$2 million in funding and relief supplies. Within 48 hours LCIF committed a major catastrophe grant of US\$500,000. Lions in District 381 Guangdong in mainland China have raised more than US\$450,000 and relief material including food and medicine, Lions in District 380 Shenzhen in mainland China have raised US\$250,000 & relief material of US\$200,000 and Lions in District 303 Hong Kong and Macau have raised US\$160,000. [continued in right column]

Upcoming Events for 2008:

- OCTOBER-

- Board Meeting October 6 at noon
RFB&D Board Room
- White Cane Day Solicitation All Month
Pick your location and time
- Regular Meeting October 13 at noon
Ms. Daru Burdge, Consumer Credit Councelling
Ryan's Steak House
- Lions Club Chili Supper October 24, 5-7 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church
- Regular Meeting October 27 at noon
Lion Suzie Ferguson, Leader Dog Puppy Program
Ryan's Steak House

- NOVEMBER -

- Board Meeting November 3 at noon
RBF&D Board Room
- Regular Meeting November 10 at noon
Ryan's Steak House
- Regular Meeting November 24 at noon
Ryan's Steak House

- DECEMBER -

- Board Meeting December 1 at noon
RBF&D Board Room
- Regular Meeting December 8 at 6:00 p.m.
Annual Christmas Dinner
Faith Lutheran Church

A team of 40 Lions from Districts 381 and 380 traveled to Sichuan province to assist with hands-on relief efforts and the immediate and emerging needs of victims. The Lions are still in the area, disbursing relief materials including tents, medicine and food. Working with the Chinese Red Cross, Lions purchased 10 relief vehicles and ambulances.

An organizing committee comprised of Lions from Districts 380, 381 and 303 and the China Council of Lions Clubs has been formed in order to plan and coordinate efficiently on the relief project. An immediate and long-term relief plan is being developed by local Lions to involve four stages: rescue, support, resettlement and reconstruction. Lions are planning to establish Lions 'tent' cities using 800 family size tents. Swedish Lions helped supply the tents and are also contributing 3,000 blankets.

To support immediate and long-term needs, Lions around the world are responding. A designated LCIF account has been established to help channel donations for this disaster. Donations can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate noting "Lions China Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund" in the comments section.

Lions of Ethiopia have donated \$10,000; Chinese clubs in Vancouver, Canada expect to collect \$100,000; and Taiwan Lions have committed \$50,000. Lions in Brazil have partnered with a local company to provide 7,000 blankets. Many Lions are also helping by sharing this news with fellow Lions and the media.

Frequent and massive aftershocks have caused further damages and casualties from the tremor. There remain significant and varying needs. As in past large-scale disasters, Lions are on the ground now and are also steadfastly committed to long-term relief and reconstruction. Days, week and months from now Lions will continue to provide aid. There is a great need for tents since many houses were toppled in the quake and the rainy season has begun. Generators and water purifying machines are also in urgent need and will be well-utilized. Lions are using immediate funds to purchase these items and are also requesting assistance to obtain these items. Chinese Lions and victims of the earthquake know they can count on Lions' support to help as long as it takes to rebuild structures and rebuild lives.

LCIF is in constant contact with local Lions to determine the best immediate and long-term response. These regular updates are being posted on the LCIF Web site in order to keep Lions and the general public up-to-date on the latest news and response efforts.

Lions and LCIF's efforts have not gone unnoticed. News of the relief being provided has appeared on AOL, Forbes, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily Herald and several other national newspapers around the world, including seven major daily papers in China.

LCIF and Lions in China thank you for your continuous support for the victims in the affected areas. LCIF and Lions are proving the international humanitarian good we can accomplish together. "Together 'We Serve,'" Past International President Jimmy Ross, Chair of LCIF.