



# Ruidoso Noon Lions Club



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### **NMLOKS Update** by Lion Bryson McCool

The NM Lions Operation KidSight project has been very active recently with NM Lions Clubs receiving presentations/demonstrations on the children's eye screening process thanks to the Ruidoso Noon Lions. As more Clubs sign on and cameras made available, the number of NM kids receiving a screening will increase. A presentation about NMLOKS was provided to the NM Optometric Association on 27 January 2008. They were very impressed with the project and many optometrists expressed their willingness to do whatever they could to support it. The attending optometrists were informed that the Lions of MD40 were very appreciative of their support over the years to give Clubs a break on eye exams and glasses for needy folks and for their time conducting free eye exams in the Eye Foundation Screening Van.

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(L-R) Lions Bob Gates (Taos), Carlos Lopez (Las Vegas), Dr. Bob Block (Taos), and Bryson McCool (Ruidoso Noon).



Lion Bryson McCool explains the operation of the iScreen digital camera system to the Artesia Lions.



(L-R) Lions Jerry Rawlinson and Eldon Steelman (Las Cruces Lions Club) screening kids at the Mesilla Valley Christian School on 7 December 2007.



Taos Lions conducting an eye screening of K-2 children at the Enos Garcia Elementary School in Taos on 29-30 November.



## Ruidoso Noon Lions Christmas Project by Lion Mark Jones

The New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo is a 19 resident facility for mentally disabled folks. The New Horizons residents each receive a small monthly stipend for personal effects which is not enough to buy themselves anything special for Christmas. The Ruidoso Noon Lions "adopted" the residents several years ago to ensure they each received something for Christmas. The residents pro-

vide their wish lists to the Club and gifts are purchased based on their input. On 14 December, Lions Gary Henry, Beth Jones, and Mark Jones arrived at the facility where a party was held, the gifts were distributed, and everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream. Needless to say, the smiles on the residents' faces were worth a million dollars!



Lion Beth Jones poses with some of the New Horizons residents who are elated with their gifts.





## MD40 Lions Museum and Hall of Fame A Reality! by DG 40S Jim Brannon

The long awaited MD40 Lions Museum and Hall of Fame will soon become a reality. Truth or Consequences, NM, is the chosen site thanks to an arrangement between MD40 Lions and the local Geronimo Springs Museum. Lions' artifacts, memorabilia, collections and anything of interest can be displayed there for all to see and enjoy. Progress has been a little slower than anticipated because the building is currently undergoing a face-lift and some much needed roof repairs. Anyone wishing to contribute to the building repairs may do so by contacting DG Jim Brannon. Once the remodeling is finished, the MD40Lions display will be set up in a prominent area of the Museum. True, this is a humble beginning, but we expect it to grow into something that all MD40 Lions will be proud of. Anyone wishing to donate items of interest for the NM Lions display,

either permanently or on temporary loan, may do so by contacting DG Jim Brannon. Several clubs have donated items, but we need much more. We hope to have a dedication and open house in the spring. Let's all work together and back this project and through doing so put pride back where it belongs, in the LIONS.



The Geronimo Springs Museum in T or C - Home of the MD40 Lions Museum & Hall of Fame

## Ruidoso Noon Lions Getting Ready for Christmas by Lion Curt Dimberg

In past years, the Ruidoso Noon Lions would construct 300-400 wood toys that would be donated to the local Santa's Helpers Project. It was decided that this year we would do something a little different by providing a \$250 donation and labor. Part of the items that 800 needy kids in Lincoln County received were back packs filled with goodies such as school supplies and candy. Club members gathered on 6 and 13 November in the Project Director's office to fill the 800 back packs. An assembly line was set up and the back packs were filled in an astonishing orderly fashion (for Lions!). The children also received a special present and a set of clothes in addition to the back pack.



President Chuck Maly (L) and the Club's newest member, Lion Jerry Grace (R), filling bags of candy.



L-R: Lions Larry Woods, Bryson McCool, Bill Allen, and Bill Wooley filling more bags of candy. (Lion Curt Dimberg is taking picture)



Lions Jack Scott (L) and Rod Smith (R) on the back pack "assembly line."



## Ruidoso Noon Lions Have Successful Fundraiser

On 24-26 August 2007, the Ruidoso Noon Lions co-hosted (with Ameriwest Shows) their annual Antiques and Collectibles Show at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The Club's food concession featured their renowned brisket sandwiches that were very popular with the Show attendees.

On Sunday morning, Lion Bill Allen and his cooking team provided a cowboy breakfast at Cedar Creek Campground for the vendors. Needless to say, the vendors look forward to this event each year. The Show was very successful with the Club netting \$6,600. Twenty eight Lions and three friends of the Club worked the Show.



Lion Jim Burrow making the cowboy coffee.



(L-R) Lions Bill Wooley, Gary Henry, Mike Schattner, Jim Burrow, Bryson McCool, and Chris McCool working the food concession.



Ruidoso Noon Lions arriving at the camp site at 7AM to begin the cowboy breakfast preparations.



Kitchen Boss Lion Chris McCool (R) giving instructions to Lion Mike Mohrhauser (L).



(L-R) Lions Mike Mohrhauser, Leo Mitchell, Gary Henry, Tony Duarte, and Kent Martin starting the cooking fires.



(L to R) Lions Kent Martin, Jack Scott, and Tony Duarte frying the bacon and sausage.

## D40S Boss Lion Roars

Let me start this message out by way of apology. Sorry for all the confusion regarding the location of the D40S Cabinet Meeting. For those of you who did not attend because of the confusion on location, I am truly sorry. For those who did attend, I am grateful. In spite of everything, we had a good time, good attendance, and a good program. Again thanks to those who came and to all, we promise to do better next time. The low point in the weekend of course was the news of Lions Bob and Kitty's accident. We certainly missed their presence at the meeting.

Traditionally spring is a time of re-birth, re-newal, re-juvenation, new beginnings, a fresh start, a new growth, and a hundred other cliches which all lead

to the same conclusion. Spring is the time to take what you learned in the past, move forward, and plant seeds for the new harvest. This is what we must do as Lions. We have had a few rough spots here and there, but over all, it has been a pretty good year so far.

But now is not the time to rest on our laurels. Indeed now is the time while we have some momentum to really move the Lions forward. Our founder, Melvin Jones, was big on gardening but probably the biggest crop he ever harvested was from the seeds of service that he planted back in 1917. Those same seeds are still producing today in Lions Clubs around the world!

IN LIONISM, *DG JIM BRANNON*

## Ruidoso Noon Lions Support Meals On Wheels by Lion Mark Jones



(L-R) Lions Stacie Kimberley, Jim Burrow, and President Chuck Maly present a check for \$500 to Meals On Wheels Manager, Tommy Hood.

## Words of Wisdom

The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives.

Giving someone all your love is never an assurance that they'll love you back! Don't expect love in return. Just wait for it to grow in their heart; but if it doesn't, be content it grew in yours. It takes only a minute to get a crush on someone, an hour to like someone, and a day to love someone, but it takes a lifetime to forget someone. Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem

bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile. May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

Always put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person, too.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.



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