



March 2018 Newsletter

March roared in like a LION and not such a nice one - wind took out electricity and damaged property and trees all over our area. Hopefully, everyone is recovering. Daylight Savings Time has started - spring forward - and it may not feel like it now but the first day of Spring is March 20th - what signs of renewal do you see in our club?

The loan closet spaces are shifting around so we will need a reorganization session. Since we are having hospital beds donated it would be nice to have a holding place for them.

We have been working diligently with the **Lighthouse** supplying supplies from pillows, twin sheet sets, to travel bottles, and we're also providing periodic vision screening.

We've had a successful fundraiser at **Mod Pizza** in a Severna Park Maryland. We had about \$276 in sales resulting in a \$54 profit.

Our last **Superfragalistic Fruit Sale** will be St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Please come out, wear your green, and support our fruit sale. We need a lot of courageous (caring) Lions to make it a success!!

From your kindhearted, King Lion Jackie

Lions: At the March 6, 2018 dinner meeting the nominations committee presented the following nominations for Lion year 2018-2019 office. As there were no nominations from the floor the nominations were closed. Voting will be at the dinner meeting on April 3, 2018. Please turn out and vote.



Position	2018-2019
President	Chuck Horne
1st VP	Chris Werth
2nd VP	Suzette Kettenhofen
3rd VP	Jon Valett
2 Year Director	Jim Coolbaugh
2 Year Director	Nancy Earley
1 Year Director	Catherine Violette
1 Year Director	Bill Stack
Tail Twister	Rollins Clark
Lion Tamer	Tilghman Bryce
Treasurer	Sue Parks
Asst Treasurer	Bruce Shriner
Secretary	Carl Gilbert
Asst Secretary	Dick Maurer
Membership	Joinette Smallwood
IPP	Jackie Hetrick

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No Snow on the February sale

The February 17 citrus sale started dark and chilly but Mother Nature cooperated and didn't let the snow that was predicted arrive until late that afternoon. Early Lions arrived at the school lot before the sun came up, got the forklift, and prepared to unload the truck when it arrived. The morning sunrise was very colorful and promised a good day. Pallets of ruby red grapefruit and Valencia oranges were unloaded and placed on the pickup line and the sales booths were assembled and gotten ready when customers arrived. The February sale is not one of the largest and 168 customers had ordered nearly 300 cartons of fruit. After the sun rose customers began to arrive, went to the booth, paid, and were given a receipt and then moved to the line where they were greeted by some of the nineteen Lions. The orders were placed in the vehicles and customers were reminded that the March sale would be at the Baptist Church. Two energetic band student helpers assisted that day and their work was appreciated. Several customers were interested in learning more about SRLC and they were invited to attend a meeting and were given information about the meeting location and date. The citrus sales are our clubs primary fundraiser and the customer purchases that support our activities are appreciated. Go Lions!





Our Wreaths across America program, Saturday, December 16th, at the Crownsville Veteran's Cemetery was a wonderful success. Their mission: Remember, Honor and Teach. Pack 688 also attended.



Special Eye Screening report from PIP Clem Kusiak

I participated with the Naples Noon Lions Club in their Health screening program of 182 individuals from within migrant families at the Immokalee TECH Center on Saturday February 4th. The health screenings consisted of Eyes for Near and far Vision, Peripheral Vision, Glaucoma, Hearing, Diabetes Screenings.

Used eye glasses were also provided at no cost to those in need and of course approved by the retired Lion Member Eye Doctors

7 Lions who are retired eye doctors provided consultation to the individuals screened and their families. Each person screened also has an on site follow up conversation with one of the Doc's regarding their results. If, there is need for corrective surgery etc. the Bonita Springs Lions Eye Clinic (Lions owned and operated) has the facilities and volunteer staff to accommodate individuals that were screened at no charge...

Immokalee TECH Center is a school that provides trade opportunities for high school age individuals. One of their many programs is an 18 month program on nursing. The entire class of nursing students assisted with translation and screening. Also, the Bonita Springs Leo's assisted in helping to fill out applications and translation for individuals from Latin America and Hattie.

I spent the majority of time screening for Glaucoma and the remainder on Diabetes screening. My hours including travel - 8 hours.

The end of the day was a reward to know that Lions of all walks of life and ages were engaged for the entire day not only screening but, insure screenings were being done correctly, helping with set up, dismantling of devices etc and clean up..

Clement F Kusiak

Enclosed with this e-mail is a thank you letter to the LCI Past International Presidents and spouses for our participation in packaging 10,000 meals of the 200,00 plus mentioned in the letter during our Past Presidents meeting the first week in January 2018.

Clement F Kusiak,



Dear Lions,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on 1/4/2018. A shipping container, holding 285,120 meals, has been sent to Swaziland for our partner Adventist Development and Relief Agency. If you happen to receive more than one of these announcements, your meals have gone to impact multiple partners.

Adventist Development and Relief Agency is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Swaziland. To learn more, please visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>.

Ending hunger is only possible if we continue to grow the movement. We encourage you to share the news about this shipment. Since 2005, volunteers like you have helped us distribute over 310 million meals worldwide. **We can end hunger by 2030**, but we can't do it without you.

Please visit our website www.riseagainsthunger.org and continue your involvement. Consider making a donation, planning another meal packaging event (at your place of worship, school, company, civic club, etc), joining our advocacy efforts, or even inviting us to speak to a group. Share your experience with us at socal@riseagainsthunger.org.

Keep up the great work and spread the word - #2030IsPossible.

Gratefully,
Joel Boucher
Program Manager
Rise Against Hunger So Cal

Lion Bill Z Gets An Award

At the February 20 meeting Lion Bill Zelenakas was presented the **Progressive Melvin Jones Award** for service that he had rendered. He had made a donation to LCI that would assist national areas affected by natural disasters and the well deserved award from LCI recognized his contribution. Lion Bill has set an example for all Lions and will encourage them to live up to the motto, "We Serve." Congratulations Lion Bill Z.



Informative Presentation

Lions were provided a very interesting and enlightening presentation at the meeting on February 20. Margaret Tenney: technician/brailist for the Anne Arundel County Public Schools told of the program that few knew even existed. Students with vision impairment can receive training that will enable them to function in school and life. Margaret provided details about the program, the number of pupils involved in county schools, and how this program has assisted those with vision problems. She also told about the history of the Braille alphabet and provided handouts so that Lions could "learn" Braille. Learning Braille can be challenging but beneficial to students with impaired vision. Lions appreciated this informative presentation which parallels one of the goals of Lionism.