

Prescott Noon Lions Club

**HISTORY
MANUAL**

PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

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1 Introduction

1.1 Lions Early History

Lions Clubs International (LCI) was founded by Melvin Jones who was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. In 1915 he was elected secretary of the businessmen's group. While in this position, he was asked the question, "What if these men's talents could be put to work in unselfish service to others?" Since in many other cities, other groups of men were doing this, in 1916 he began to write to other clubs, soliciting their thoughts about the idea of forming a national club. Some of the replies were essentially directives to mind his own business. In spite of this, on June 17, 1917, twenty delegates representing 27 clubs from various parts of the country met in Chicago lay the groundwork for what is now known as Lions Clubs International. However, the association did not become International until 1920 when the Lions of Detroit, Michigan chartered the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Lions Club. Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader by those outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.

In addition to Melvin Jones, Helen Keller had a significant influence in the evolution of LCI. Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama in 1880, and developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.

Currently LCI is the largest service club organization in the world with more than 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide located in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

The Lions motto is "We Serve." Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness, but we also feed the hungry, aid seniors and the disabled, and care for the environment. Lions are a global service network of volunteers that make a difference in their local communities.

By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward the goal of providing vision for all. Through programs such as SightFirst, Lions have helped provide more than 147 million treatments for river blindness, 10 million doses of a sight-saving drug to prevent trachoma, and eye screenings for more than 15 million children.

Community projects often support children and local schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs to empower youth, including the Peace Poster Contest; youth camps and exchanges; and Lions Quest, a positive youth development program. Leo clubs help young people develop leadership skills while impacting their communities through service. There are approximately 157,000 Leos and 6,000 Leo clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas worldwide.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the monetary structure of LCI. Since 1968, LCIF has awarded more than \$811 million in grants to support Lions' humanitarian projects. As the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, LCIF helps Lions improve the lives of millions of people through four pillars of service: saving

sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief and meeting humanitarian needs. Through the Foundation's generous support of large-scale humanitarian initiatives, Lions are able to extend their reach from local communities to the global community in order to serve those who need us most.

1.2 Lions Organizational Structure

1.2.1 International, State, Zone and Club Structure

Figure 1.2.1 describes the organizational structure of Lions from the International, District, Zones and individual Clubs. Also included are details of state projects associated with Multiple District 21, the district in which the Prescott Noon Lions Club is located.

1.2.1.1 Lions Clubs International (LCI)

LCI is headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois. The purposes of the organization are:

- a) To organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- b) To coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- c) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- d) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- e) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- f) To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- g) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- h) To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial
- i) reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

The organization is governed by an International Board of Directors which consists of the president, immediate past president, the first and second vice presidents (executive officers) and 34 directors of which 17 are elected on even years and 17 are elected on odd years. Each executive officer serves a one year term. Each director serves a 2 year term. The executive officers and directors are elected at the annual convention of the association. Each club within the association is entitled to one delegate and one alternate delegate for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

1.2.1.2 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

LCIF was founded in 1968 to take the mission of LCI to new heights by tackling global problems, as well as assisting Lions with large-scale local humanitarian projects.

LCIF is governed by a board of trustees, composed of the LCI Board of Directors, plus two members appointed by the international president. The immediate past international president serves as chairperson. From that board, a ten member LCIF Executive Committee is formed. The trustees meet three times each year to review grant applications and conduct other business. The meetings precede the meetings of the LCI Board of Directors.

A local LCIF District Coordinator serves as a representative for LCIF in each district.. LCIF funding is made possible by donations from Lions clubs and individual members worldwide. LCIF does not receive any portion of Lions membership dues.

1.2.1.3 Multiple District 21 (MD21)

MD21 consists of two sub-districts encompassing all of Arizona and Blythe, California. In 2020 MD21 reorganized and went from three sub-districts to two sub-districts. The district is approved by the International Board of Directors of LCI. MD21 consists of a District Council composed of the Council Chairperson, District Governors, Immediate Past District Governors and the First and Second Vice District Governors.

An annual convention of MD21 is held each year at least 30 days prior to the international convention. This convention usually is around mid-May. In addition, an annual conference is held during October or November. Annual per capita dues are levied upon each club member in the district (**currently \$14**).

1.2.1.4 Multiple District 21-N

The district has a cabinet composed of the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governor, the zone chairpersons, and a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer.

The district governor, the first and second vice district governor shall be elected at the annual convention of the district which is usually held in mid-march. The district governor then appoints, by the time he/she takes office, the cabinet secretary, and cabinet treasurer, and one zone chairperson for each zone. Currently, MD21-N has 12 zones. Our club, Prescott Noon Lions, is in zone 8 along with three other clubs, Prescott Evening, Prescott Sunrise and Prescott Valley Early Birds.

Each chartered club in D21-C is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each ten members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the their respective club or major fraction (>4) thereof. on first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. Each delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one vote for each office to be filled and one vote on each question submitted to the convention.

1.2.1.5 State Projects

State projects are proposed by a Lions club in the district, submitted to the district governor and then voted on at the annual convention. All state projects are administratively under the jurisdiction of the district council or MD21. Currently, there are four state projects within MD21-C:

1.2.1.5.1 Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation MD21 (Formerly - Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation)

This state project was begun conceptually in 1970 by members of District 21-A. During 1972 and 1973, steps were taken to develop a program to help the smaller Lions Clubs, through financial subsidies, provide glasses for less fortunate school children. The result of a series of meetings was the formation of a sight conservation program. Some of the problems to be resolved were: (1) the development of a method of assigning schools to the participating clubs; (2) distribution of the financial assistance on an equitable basis, and (3) the feasibility of a central fund financed by having the clubs assess their members. When these items were resolved, the first expenditure of \$225 was made in October, 1973.

Acting on a recommendation from Lions International, hearing-impaired persons were added to the project. This resulted in the sight conservation project becoming the "District 21-A Sight and Hearing Conservation Council." As a result of the unanimously approved resolution at the May, 1974, Cabinet Meeting, a non-profit Arizona corporation was established and became the state project titled "The Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation."

The Prescott Noon Lions Club has, over the years, given support to The Sight and Hearing Foundation through both financial assistance and supplying board members. In addition, our club has contributed between \$5,000 and \$6,000 annually to Prescott's less fortunate citizens in the form of eye examinations, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and surgeries. More recently, with a reduction in the paper project income it has not been possible to maintain this level of support.

Lion Frank Krause, a member of the Prescott Noon Lions Club, was elected President of the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation for the fiscal year 1998/1999. Lion Krause has been very active in this organization, having served on the board and as a vice president prior to being elected to the position of president.

In the summer of 2018, the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation merged with the Arizona Lions Vision Center to become the Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation MD21.

1.2.1.5.2 Arizona Lions Vision Center

This project is currently not a fully approved State Project. The project is sponsored by the Phoenix Downtown Lions Club. The project has 9 active members and 4 advisers on their board and reports to the MD21 Governing Council. The project receives funds from grants and fund raisers. Currently, Lion Jeannette Russell is the Executive Director of the Center. The center has offices in Phoenix, Peoria and Tucson.

The mission of the Center is to provide eye exams and glasses to rural areas of Arizona. The Center has a 5th wheel mobile medical eye unit that was donated by Arizona State University. Rural lions clubs can request the unit into their area but must assure that a minimum of 15 to 20 patients will be available at the time of the visit. Eye exams

are performed by ophthalmologists who donated their services. Eye glasses are given at no charge to qualifying low income patients. The center does not perform eye surgery. Currently, the center helps about 12,000 patient a year.

In addition to working with patients in Arizona, the center has partnered with patients in Mexico, Honduras and the Philippines. The Prescott Noon Lions has coordinated the mobile lab to Prescott and, most currently, to residents in Yarnell after the Yarnell fire.

1.2.1.5.3 Lions Camp Tatiyee

This state project is a camp is for physically and mentally challenged children and adults. The campers range in age from 7 to over 90. Most of the cost for the camping experience is provided by the Lions of Arizona, with additional support coming from non-Lions donations. Capacity of the camp is approximately 500, with 72 campers in each one-week session. Founded in 1959, the camp celebrated its 40th year during the 1998 session. It is located on 80 acres of National Forest land near Show Low, AZ. Each year an open house is held so that Lions, friends, and others may have an opportunity to visit and enjoy this outstanding facility.

The camp is administrated by a Board of Directors, with members being elected to four-year terms at the annual MD21 convention. Each of the three multiple districts of District 21 are represented on the Board. In 1998, for the first time, the camp had a full-time paid executive director who reports to the board of directors and has the day-to-day responsibility for running the camp. In addition, there is a year-round resident manager responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the facility.

The Prescott Noon Lions have a long history of supporting the camp, not only financially, but with members going to the camp to work weekends, contributions of needed equipment, donations of supplies and program materials, and having a member on the board of directors. The club also has a Camp Tatiyee liaison who helps coordinate club activities with the camp.

Our club continues to seek deserving youth and adults in the community who would benefit from an exceptional camping experience.

1.2.1.5.4 Lions Foundation of Arizona

What started out as a means to provide new facilities for the Phoenix Center for the Blind in 1961, has evolved over the years into the Lions Foundation of Arizona with a complex of buildings and facilities at 32nd St. & Roosevelt in Phoenix, Arizona.

LFA is firmly committed to the philosophy that all individuals with disabilities are entitled to equal opportunity for achieving self-fulfillment and independence, as well as acceptance and full participation in the community. We believe that all human beings, including those with disabilities, should have an equal opportunity at attaining the good life, and we pledge our full and continuing efforts towards this end.

Of the 17 organizations and programs at the LFA complex, only three are pure Lions facilities or programs. These are as follows:

1.2.1.5.4.1 Save Our Camp

LFA is the arm of the MD21 that is managing the Save Our Camp campaign (SOC). This is a 3 million dollar project to purchase land on which Camp Tatiyee is located.

1.2.1.5.4.2 Benevolent Landlord

At the lowest possible cost, LFA provides physical facilities to organizations serving the blind, deaf, and handicapped. It gives the disabled an opportunity to access a variety of services at a single location. In the simplest of terms, LFA is a "benevolent landlord." It is unique within LCI in that no other state in the U. S. has such a facility.

For those persons seeking help, the programs at the LFA complex offer a wide variety of related services in convenient proximity. For the tenant organizations, co-location at the LFA facilitates creates communication and mutual referral, encourages cooperation and understanding, and enhances overall public visibility. In addition, each organization's autonomy and integrity are protected by the foundation's longstanding policy of nonintervention in the internal policies and programs of its tenants.

1.2.1.5.4.3 HUD Housing

La Casa De Los Leones is a HUD Section 8/202 Elderly independent living apartment complex located in northwest Tucson, Arizona.

The building is two levels with access to an elevator and stairwell. The units are non-furnished with utilities included. There are 26 one-bedrooms 10 efficiency units with 2 being wheelchair accessible. A laundry facility is available in the upper level. In the lower level a community room with a television, small kitchen and soda vending machine are available for tenant activities. The property is desert landscaped with covered patios and chairs including non-covered parking spaces for tenant and visitors use.

LFA is the management agent for La Casa De Los Leones.

1.2.1.6 The Arizona Lions Melvin Jones Memorial

Since Melvin Jones was born in Arizona, a movement was started in the mid 1950's to erect a monument to him at Fort Thomas, AZ. During the Mid-winter Conference in 1962, the Melvin Jones Monument officially became a state project. With pledges of \$1.00 each from the members of the Arizona Lions, land was secured and deeded to the Arizona Lions by the Southern Pacific Railroad, and construction was begun on a 50-foot high monument. The monument was finished in 1965, and under the leadership of the Safford, AZ Lions Club and the Melvin Jones Memorial Park Board of Directors, it has continued to be a tribute to our founder, Melvin Jones. The monument is now recognized by Lions Clubs International.

1.2.1.7 The Arizona Lions Vision Center

Although not shown in Figure 1-1: International, State, Zone and Club Structure, The Arizona Lions Vision Center is an important project of District 21-A. The project was organized in 1960 and formally opened in 1962. Camelback Mountain Lions, Dr. Troy Miller and Past International Director Jim Sexton and former Camelback Lion member, was instrumental in the first stages of the project. The first centrally located office was opened in November 1963 at the Greater Arizona Saving and Loan Building in down town Phoenix. In 1966, the Arizona Lions Vision Center was moved to the Melvin Jones Center at 3100 E Roosevelt. As the center grew and more space was needed it was moved in 1986 to the Lions Foundation of Arizona at 3124 E Roosevelt Bldg D Ste #2 where the center is still providing services.

“The price of improved vision shouldn't be out of sight.....” That was the belief of the Camelback Lions when it helped found the Arizona Lions Vision Center. The center aids underserved students, the elderly and other members of the community who have no other means of acquiring properly prescribed and fitted eyewear. The center works with many local organization such as John C. Lincoln Hospital, Project PEP, HIVHCV Services, Native American Work Forces, Phoenix Children's Hospital- Home Base Program and Health Care for the Homeless to name a few of the more than 35 other organizations. The center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, which works with most of the Arizona Lions Clubs helping more than 400 patients per month, providing examination and dispensing quality eye wear. Also, available is a mobile eye unit traveling all over the State of Arizona. This unit is used at health fairs, and for eye screening, including glaucoma and prescriptions at a minimal cost, where there is no ophthalmologist within 20 miles. The doctors donate their services, as they have done for 25 years.

This project provides eye exams, glasses, and access to optical procedures for individuals who could not otherwise afford to have these services. Hundreds of adults and children are assisted by the Vision Center every year.

Jeanette Russell is the executive director of the center and can be reached at 602-267-7573 or lionsvisionctr@aol.com

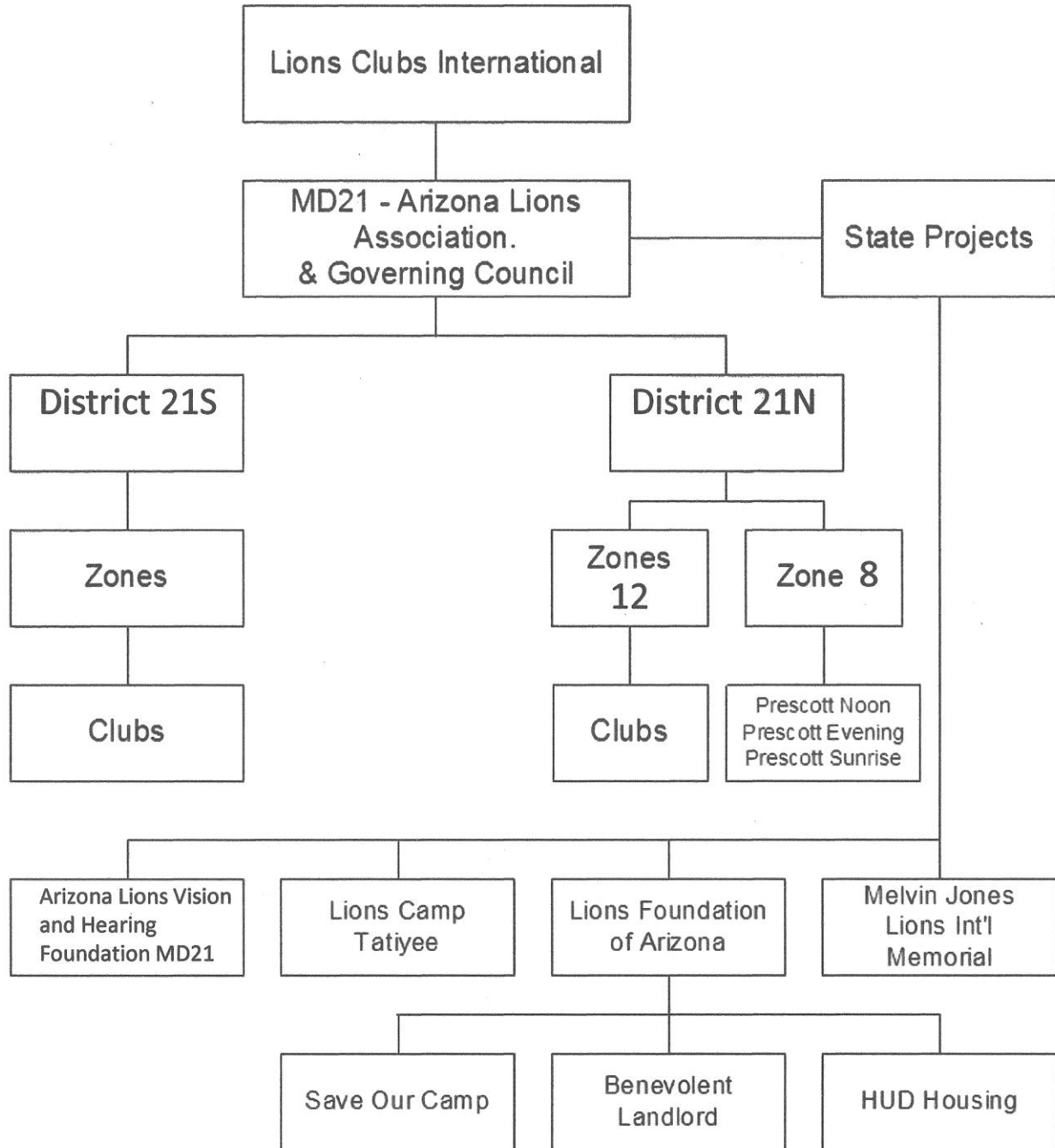


Figure 1-1: International, State, Zone and Club Structure

2 Prescott Noon Lions Early History

The Prescott Noon Lions Club was originally chartered June 15, 1949, in Multiple District 21-A and was sponsored by the Glendale, Arizona Lions Club. Figure 2-1: Prescott Noon Lions Charter shows the original charter document.

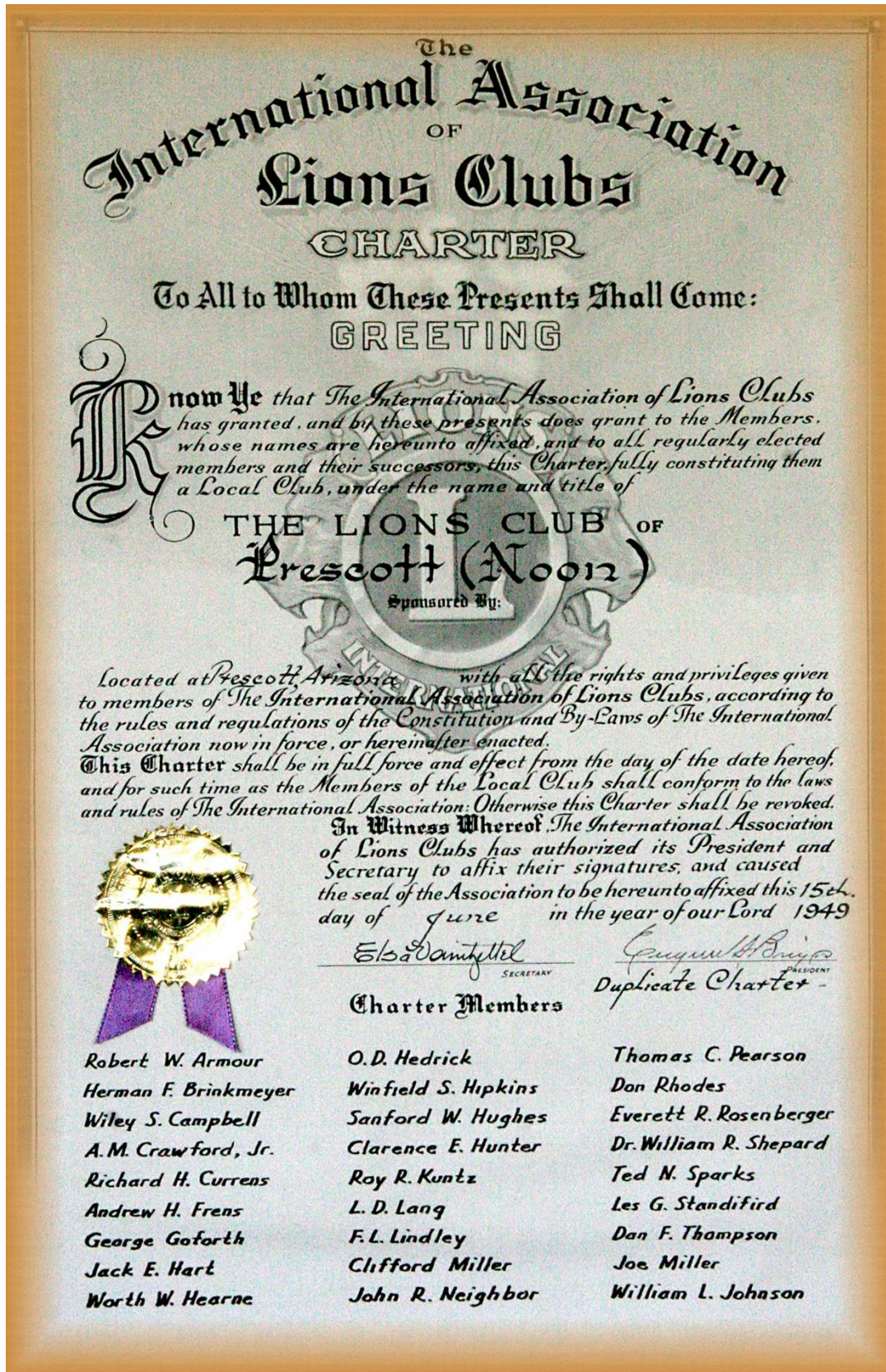


Figure 2-1: Prescott Noon Lions Charter

2.1 Sponsored Clubs

The Prescott Noon Lions Club has sponsored five clubs. See Figure 2-2: Clubs Sponsored by the Prescott Noon Lions Club.

BAGDAD LIONS CLUB

Date: 1950

Charter President: Lon Adams

PRESCOTT SUNRISE LIONS CLUB

Date: April 16, 1961

Charter President: Don Fraser

CHINO VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Date: December 7, 1982

Charter President: Paul Aslanian

PRESCOTT NOON LIONESSE CLUB

Date: August 20, 1984

Charter President: Bettie Jane Conley

PRESCOTT YAVAPAI HILLS LIONS CLUB

Date: September 17, 1984

Charter President: Anthony Santomauro

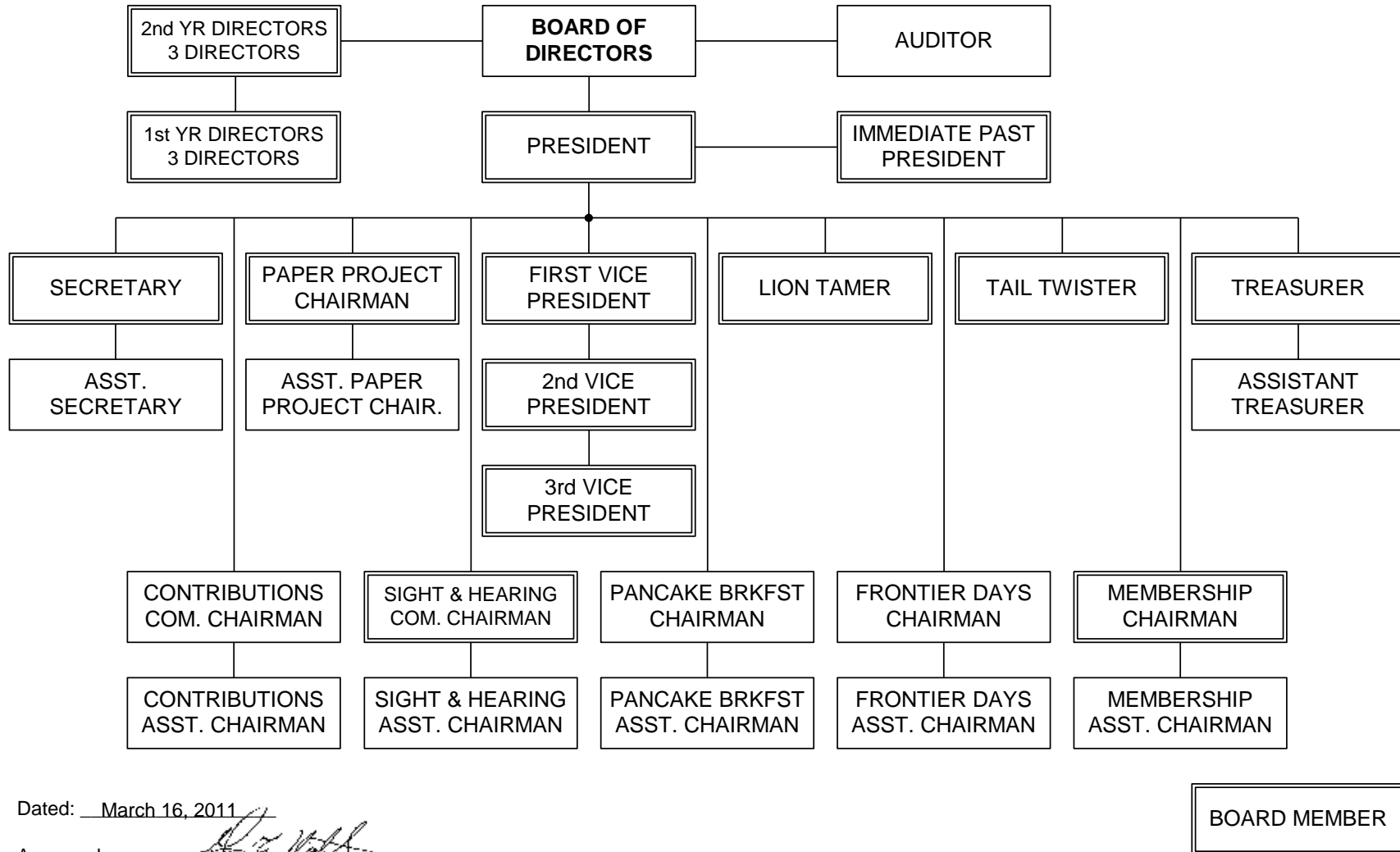
Figure 2-2: Clubs Sponsored by the Prescott Noon Lions Club

3 PNL Organizational Structure

Figure 3-1: Prescott Noon Lions Organizational Chart illustrates the organization of the club. The club consists of eighteen elected Board of Directors members. With the exception of the Immediate Past President and 2nd year directors all board members are nominated and elected each year by a general election of the entire club membership which is usually in April. First year directors are nominated and elected for a term of two years. Generally, a progression of Vice Presidents occurs starting with the 3rd Vice President. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month following the regular luncheon meeting. Special board meeting may be called upon by the president or when requested by five members of the Board.

Figure 3-2: Officer Duty & Responsibilities describes the duties and responsibilities of various officers, committee chairmen and support functions. Excepting the members of the board all of the preceding are voted upon by the board.

PRESCOTT NOON LIONS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Dated: March 16, 2011

Approved: *[Signature]*

Figure 3-1: Prescott Noon Lions Organizational Chart

OFFICER DUTY & RESPONSIBILITY LIST

SECRETARY
Club Minutes
Club Correspondence
Monthly LCI Reports
Custodian of Club Records

TREASURER
Income & Expenses
Banking
Financial-Transactions & Reporting

LION TAMER
Meeting Flags & Banners
Weekly/Monthly Drawings
Secret Greeter
Merchandise Orders

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Secretary Backup
History Document
Attendance Records

ASSISTANT TREASURER
Treasurer Backup

TAIL TWISTER
Promote Luncheon Enthusiasm
& Judicious Imposition of Fines
Food Committee Chairman

1st VICE PRESIDENT
President Backup
Luncheon Speakers
Constitution & Bylaws
Peace Poster

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
President Backup
Banquets
Social Activities
Lion Prints

3rd VICE PRESIDENT
President Backup
Public Relations
Leadership Development
Camp Tatiyee Liaison

PAPER PROJECT CHAIRMAN
Yard Duty Coordinator
Shredders
Safety Officer

AUDITOR
Statutory Agent
Tax Returns
Auditing

Figure 3-2: Officer Duty & Responsibilities

4 Financial Structure

4.1 Club Account

The club account is used to manage all the non-charitable funds received from members for dues, events, etc.

4.2 Foundation Account

The foundation account is used to manage all monies received from charitable donation and funds received from charitable projects and fundraisers , e.g., the paper project. Thus, this account is classified by the I.R.S. as a 501(c)(3). As such, none of the earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual.

Table 3-1: PNL Foundation Funds Distributed to Charitable Causes

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
1980/81	6,276	2001/02	101,690
1981/82	9,436	2002/03	152,595
1982/83	6,798	2003/04	180,013
1983/84	6,703	2004/05	260,405
1984/85	13,656	2005/06	212,393
1985/86	12,707	2006/07	224,927
1986/87	16,377	2007/08	130,000
1987/88	13,067	2008/09	256,545
1988/89	25,563	2009/10	112,234
1989/90	17,034	2010/11	151,290
1990/91	15,229	2011/12	172,184
1991/92	30,115	2012/2013	79,802
1992/93	18,954	2013/2014	107,210
1993/94	33,903	2014-2015	64,587
1994/95	62,567	2015-2016	47,081
1995/96	83,769	2016-2017	57,367
1996/97	54,066	2017-2018	80,274
1997/98	47,355	2018-2019	130,680
1998/99	75,105	2019-2020	89,511
1999/00	102,541	2020-2021	62,890
2000/01	139,372	2021-2022	65,431

4.3 Endowment Account

Richard Roth died in 1982 and as a part of his estate the club received \$40K. In 1984 the Club set up an endowment account with these funds and invested them in CDs, etc. Then in 1992 George Seiglinger died and left about \$35K which was added to the endowment account. In October 2000 Harry Baker reported that the endowment account had a value of \$80,094.39.

In 1995, a “Prescott Noon Lions Vision and Hearing Scholarship” was initially funded to the Yavapai College Foundation with \$10K. It is not known where the source of the funds came from, i.e., the endowment fund or the general Foundation Account. In 2003 an additional \$10K was added to the above scholarship fund bringing it to its current state of \$20K. It is believed that this money came from the Endowment Account.

In November 2003, \$50K was disbursed from the Endowment Account to help fund a capital improvement project at YRMC for the Pendleton Center.

It is believed that the value of the Endowment Fund was fully disbursed by the above three items (\$10K + \$10K + \$50K) and the remainder deposited in the Foundation Account. Thus, the Endowment Account was closed around the end of 2003.

5 Membership

5.1 Membership Turnover

Table 3-2: Membership Turnover

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>End</u>
1993	83	5	5	83
1994	83	8	10	81
1995	81	16	9	88
1996	88	10	8	90
1997	90	19	15	94
1998	94	6	9	91
1999	91	14	9	96
2000	96	N/A	N/A	89
2001	89	N/A	N/A	101
2002	101	N/A	N/A	100
2003	100	N/A	N/A	97
2004	97	11	7	101
2005	101	7	6	102
2006	102	12	8	106
2007	106	3	13	96
2008	96	8	6	98
2009	98	6	9	95
2010	95	11	8	98
2011	98	12	5	105

2012	105	10	10	105
2013	105	17	11	111
2014	111	6	10	107
2015	107	13	10	110
2016	110	8	11	107
2017	107	12	11	108
2018	108	1	7	102
2019*	102	12	2	112
2020*	112	1	9	104
2021*	104	3	14	93
2022*	93	5	12	86

*Through 12/31

5.2 Officers

As previously noted all officers are voted on by the entire membership in April and installed at the annual installation dinner in June. Table 3-3: Prescott Noon Lions Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers lists all the principal club officers since the clubs inception in 1949.

Table 3-3: Prescott Noon Lions Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers

<u>Term</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1949-50	R. W. Armour (Charter)	Worth Hearne	S. W. Hughes
1950-51	Ted Sparks	Robert St John	Worth Hearne
1951-52	Jack Hart	Kurt Miller	Gerald Turley
1952-53	Al Crawford	Kurt Miller	(No Record)
1953-54	Howard Hinson	William Martin	John Smart
1954-55	Bill Empens	Knole Deacon, Jr	John Smart
1955-56	William Martin	William Empens	John Smart
1956-57	Edward Krazel	Glenn Cross	A. F. Mcfarland
1957-58	Jack Gillis	Glenn Cross	Paul Pulsiffer
1958-59	William Lyman	Robert Loftus	Eino Jacobson
1959-60	Frank Kelly	Robert Loftus	John Hartley
1960-61	Knole Deacon	James Poole	Chas. Glendenning
1961-62	Robert Loftus	Jack Gillis	Jack White
1962-63	John Hartley	Jack Thompson	Bill Hunter
1963-64	Don Barrett	Bill Hunter	Gerald Turley
1964-65	Keith Dickerson	David Theiss	John Ludwig
1965-66	George Griffin	David Theiss	John Ludwig

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1966-67	Jim Poole	David Seyerson	Oliver Koontz
1967-68	Robert Scott	David Andrews	Jay Lewis
1968-69	William Hunter	David Andrews Donald Graves	Donald Graves
1969-70	William Pierce	Stephen Koch Orlin Martenson	Donald F. Graves
1970-71	Joe Funke	Otis Testerman	Knole Deacon
1971-72	Robert Anderson	Knole Deacon	John Smart
1972-73	Norman Dokken	Knole Deacon	Russell Schrank
1973-74	Phillip Martin	Knole Deacon Edward Hubbard	Knole Deacon
1974-75	Jack Gillis	Knole Deacon	Carl Gehring
1975-76	Darrell Tramel	Al Seiglinger George Sieglinger	Donald Watkins
1976-77	John Erickson	George Sieglinger	Edward Zingler
1977-78	John Dobberteen	George Sieglinger	Jack Gillis
1978-79	Mel Clack	George Sieglinger	Carl Gehring
1979-80	Edward Zingler	George Sieglinger	Carl Gehring
1980-81	Dennis Wilkes	George Sieglinger	Harry Baker
1981-82	J.D. Conley	Nat Green	Bill Disch
1982-83	Bill Disch	Nat Green	George Sieglinger
1983-84	Harry Baker	Nat Green	George Sieglinger Darrell Tramel
1984-85	David Crean	Nat Green	Harry Baker
1985-86	Reed Grady	Nat Green	Walter Serrano
1986-87	John Markham	Nat Green	Chas. Blochberger
1987-88	Marvin Pitts	Nat Green	Bob Grosscup
1988-89	Ron Shelton	Nat Green	Bob Grosscup
1989-90	Patrick Dooley	Nat Green	Bob Grosscup
1990-91	Oce Dotson, Jr	Nat Green	Bill Kessler
1991-92	Jim Henry	Nat Green	Charles. Blochberger
1992-93	Marvin Anderson	Jerry Sherwood	Charles Lyman
1993-94	Bob Grosscup	Jerry Sherwood	Charles Lyman
1994-95	John Miller	Keith Headrick	Cliff Hall
1995-96	Paul Rosebery	Keith Headrick	Cliff Hall
1996-97	Hal Ely	Keith Headrick	Cliff Hall
1997-98	Jack Mclain	Keith Headrick	Cliff Hall
1998-99	Walt Hillman	Gil Guscott	Cliff Hall
1999-00	Jerry Sherwood	Gil Guscott	Cliff Hall

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2000-01	Glen Akin	Vard Miller	Cliff Hall
2001-02	Jim Messerschmitt	Vard Miller	Cliff Hall
2002-03	Paul Jenkins	Vard Miller	Cliff Hall
2003-04	Skip Hansen	Vard Miller	Cliff Hall
2004-05	Bill Parker	Jim Swenson	Cliff Hall
2005-06	Adrian Langhus	Jim Swenson	Cliff Hall
2006-07	Gil Cuscott	Mike Hogleund	Kent Bradway
2007-08	Jack Dunn*/Rich Webb	Mike Hogleund	Kent Bradway
2008-09	Rich Savage	Mike Hogleund Norm Delucchi**	Kent Bradway
2009-10	Bob Hester	Norm Delucchi	Kent Bradway
2010-11	Gary Nichols	David Hartke	Kent Bradway
2011-12	Mike Hogleund	David Hartke	Kent Bradway
2012-2013	Paul Chastain	John Schmitt	Bill Schwabe
2013-2014	Buz Williams	John Schmitt	Bill Schwabe
2014-2015	Phil Weliky	Doug Ruckel	Tom Bentley
2015-2016	Lou Nemeth	Doug Ruckel	Tom Bentley/Bill Schwabe
2016-2017	Chuck Matthews	Doug Ruckel	Bob Dressler
2017-2018	Bob Welch	Doug Ruckel	Bob Dressler
2018-2019	Harry Gooding	Mark Leathers	Mike First
2019-2020	Steve Hodges	Mark Leathers	Mike First
2020-2021	Bob Dressler	Rhuno Nelson	Doug Ruckel
2021-2022	Scott Armstrong	Rhuno Nelson	Doug Ruckel
2022-2023	Steve Byers	Rhuno Nelson	Doug Ruckel

*Resigned due to health

**Due to Jack Dunn's resignation, chairs moved up. Norm was appointed to Secretary's position

5.3 Lion of the Year

Every year the President selects and the board votes on a Lion of the year which is awarded at the installation dinner in June. See Table 3-4: Lion of the Year Award.

Table 3-4: Lion of the Year Award

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lion of the Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Lion of the Year</u>
1980/81	Carl Gehring	2000/01	Adrian Langhus
1981/82	Bill Disch	2001/02	Don Shaffer
1982/83	John Erickson	2002/03	Bill Parker Tom Hubbard
1983/84	Walt Cobey	2003/04	Frank Finley
1984/85	Harry Baker	2004/05	Judd Joyce Carl Shanahorn
1985/86	Bill Yelton	2005/06	Bob Hester Jack Dunn
1986/87	Bob Benner	2006/07	Mike Hoglund
1987/88	Pat Dooley	2007/08	Paul Chastian David Hartke
1988/89	J. D. Conley	2008/09	Adrian Langhus Bill Parker
1989/90	Kemp Thomas	2009/10	Phil Weliky
1990/91	Mel Clack	2010/11	Chuck Matthews
1991/92	Bill Parker	2011/12	Kent Bradway David Hartke
1992/93	Blake Howard	2012/2013	John Bayless
1993/94	Bob Grosscup	2013/2014	Paul Chastain
1994/95	John Miller	2014/2015	Lynn Boutwell
1995/96	Wayne Stevens	2015/2016	Bob Welch
1996/97	Pete Stephens	2016/2017	Doug Ruckel
1997/98	Frank Krause	2017/2018	Mike Franklin
1998/99	Jim Messerschmitt Bob Sprau	2018/2019	Doug George Joel Duvall
1999/00	Bob Cornett	2019/2020	Ken Gantz
		2020/2021	Ken Gantz
		2021-2022	Tim Ernster

5.4 Melvin Jones Award

The MJF Program was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. The MJF is a recognition of donations of US\$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). New MJFs receive a pin, commemorative plaque and a letter from the LCIF Chairperson. If the donor so chooses, he/she may use their donation credit to recognize another individual with an MJF.

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) provides an opportunity to advance in the Fellowship program. For each subsequent donation of US\$1,000 beyond the initial MJF donation, donors receive a unique PMJF pin in accordance with their level of giving. Like MJFs, donors can recognize another individual with PMJF donations.

MJF and PMJF applications can direct their donations to five special program areas: Area of Greatest Need, Disaster, Sight, Youth and Humanitarian Needs.

Each year the President, following discussions with peers, may award this honor to a club member or members. A list of past MJF awards is shown in Table 3-5: Melvin Jones Awards.

Table 3-5: Melvin Jones Awards

<u>Lion</u>	<u>MJF</u>	<u>PMJF</u>	<u>Lion</u>	<u>MJF</u>	<u>PMJF</u>
Robert Temple	6/13/1989		James Ware	3/15/2006	
George Sieglinger	10/31/1990		John Dunn	3/15/2006	
William Disch	10/31/1990		Judson Joyce	3/15/2006	
Melvin Clack	4/2/1992		Bob Hester	4/17/2007	
James Conley	4/1/1993	3/23/2006	Carl Shanahorn	4/17/2007	
Ted Sparks	4/9/1993		Richard Savage	4/17/2007	3/27/2009
Frank Roberts	7/23/1993		Ben Schmid	3/26/2008	
Glenn Akin	11/9/1993	4/08/2008	Earl Donnels	3/26/2008	
John Erickson	5/13/1994	2/22/2000	Jerry Jackson	3/26/2008	6/16/2020
Nat Green.	5/13/1994		Kent Bradway	3/26/2008	
Frank Krause	7/16/1994		Michael Hoglund	4/7/2008	
Robert Benner	12/7/1994		Buz Williams	3/27/2009	
Carl Gehring	2/6/1995		Dan Burt	3/31/2009	
Blake Howard	3/31/1995		James Townsend	3/31/2009	
Marvin Anderson	3/31/1995		Oce Dotson Jr	3/31/2009	
Reed Grady	3/31/1995	4/17/2007	Norman Delucchi	2/5/2010	
Gaylen Juelfs	5/3/1995		David Hartke	2/24/2010	
Jack Mc Lain	3/27/1996	4/17/2007	Philip Weliky	2/24/2010	
Joe Funke	3/27/1996		Gary Nichols	3/1/2011	
John Miller	3/27/1996	3/31/2009	Louis Nemeth	3/1/2011	
Robert Johnson	3/27/1996		Robert Cape	3/1/2011	
Thomas Curtis	3/27/1996		Sid Renfro	3/1/2011	
Norman Humphrey	3/14/1997	6/16/2020	Chuck Matthews	3/16/2012	
Keith Headrick	3/20/1997		Tom Bentley	6/1/2013	

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Bob Grosscup	3/20/1998	3/16/2006	Tom Cardinal	6/14/2013	
Hal Ely	3/20/1998		John Schmitt	6/12/2014	6/19/2018
Gil Guscott	4/2/1999	4/17/2007	William Schwabe	6/12/2014	
Paul Roseberry	4/2/1999		Tony Hollins	6/19/2014	
Walter Hillman	4/2/1999		Ken Gantz	6/18/2015	
Billy Parker	2/4/2000	4/17/2007	Doug Ruckel	6/21/2016	6/22/22
Bob Cornett	2/4/2000		Lee Nidess	6/21/2016	
Clifford Hall	2/4/2000		Lynn Boutwell	6/21/2016	
Peter Stephens	2/4/2000		Bob Welch	6/20/2017	
Bob Maas	4/25/2001		Dick Beers	6/20/2017	
Charles Dennison	4/25/2001				
Adrian Langhus	3/26/2002	4/17/2007	Doug George	6/20/2017	6/16/2020
		6/16/2020	Kim Zimmerman	6/20/2017	6/18/2019
Frank Finley	3/26/2002		Mike First	6/19/2018	
Paul Chastain	3/26/2002		Joe Maresh	6/18/2019	
Jim Messerschmitt	5/21/2003		Scott Armstrong	6/18/2019	
Art Filippino	5/17/2004		Steve Byers	6/18/2019	
Edward Williams	5/17/2004		Martin Banks,	6/16/2020	
Thomas Hubbard	5/17/2004		Rhuno Nelson	6/16/2020	
Ollie Taylor	6/15/2005		Steve Hodges	6/16/2020	
Paul Jenkins	6/15/2005		Erin Raisley,	6/16/2020	
Richard Webb	6/15/2005		Mark Leathers	6/16/2020	
Skip Hansen	6/15/2005		Rudy Hernandez	6/15/2021	
			Tim Ernster	6/15/2021	
			Ron Barbour	6/22/22	
			Bill Dunn	6/22/22	
			Greg Manchester	6/22/22	
			John Meier	6/22/22	
			Steve Schmidt	6/22/22	
			Dave Moody	6/22/22	
			Bob Carlisi	6/22/22	
			Isaac Acosta	6/22/22	

5.5 Life Member Award

The Life Membership Award is an award made in recognition of outstanding service in Lionism. Generally, the board is presented with a recommendation for the award. If approved, an application is submitted to LCI. The following requirements apply:

“Any member of a club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for twenty (20) or more years and has rendered outstanding service to his/her club, his/her community, or this Association; or any member of a club who has maintained such Active membership for fifteen (15) or more years and is at least seventy (70) years of age; or any member of a club who is critically ill may be granted Life Membership in the local club upon (1) recommendation of his/her club, (2) payment to the Association of US\$650.00, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by his/her club in lieu of all future dues to the Association, and (3) approval by the International Board of Directors.”

Table 3-6: Life Member Awards lists life membership awards by the Prescott Noon Lions.

Table 3-6: Life Member Awards

<u>Lion</u>	<u>Award Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
Howard Hinson	3/14/1986	Deceased
John Erickson	2/22/1991	Deceased
Melvin Clack	2/24/1997	Deceased
Thomas Curtis	5/22/2000	Deceased
Frank Krause	3/22/2002	Deceased
Harry Baker	3/22/2002	Transferred
Robert Grosscup	3/22/2002	Deceased
James Conley	3/22/2002	Deceased
Blake Howard	5/23/2003	Deceased
Morris Grady	5/23/2003	Deceased
Walter Hillman	5/23/2003	Deceased
Marvin Anderson	5/23/2003	Deceased
Donald Hull	5/7/2004	Deceased
Joseph Funke	5/7/2004	
Norman Humphrey	5/7/2004	
Robert Fleming	4/1/2005	Deceased
Oce Dotson	4/1/2005	Deceased
Wyly Parsons	4/1/2005	Deceased
Paul Jenkins	4/7/2006	Deceased
Jack Mc Lain	4/7/2006	Deceased
Robert Temple	6/9/2006	Deceased
William Roseberry	4/13/2007	Deceased
Frank Roberts	4/9/2008	Deceased
John Miller	4/9/2008	Deceased
Billy Parker	5/12/2009	

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Glenn Akin	5/12/2009	
Clifford Hall	3/11/2010	Deceased
Robert Cornett	3/11/2010	Deceased
Adrian Langhus	4/6/2011	Deceased
Thomas Cardinal	4/6/2011	
Kent Bradway	6/5/2012	Deceased
Gilbert Guscott	6/5/2012	Deceased
Paul Chastain	4/14/2015	
Jim Messerschmitt	4/14/2015	Deceased
Frank Finley	6/18/2018	Deceased
Jim Ware	6/18/2019	
Jerry Jackson	6/18/2019	
Tom Hubbard	6/16/2020	

6 Fund Raising Projects

6.1 Newspaper Collection Project

The newspaper collection project started in the fall of 1973. The meeting to organize the project was held in the Prescott downtown office of the Valley National Bank. Lion Phil Martin as President of the club presided over the meeting. A study was made to determine if the amount of paper discarded in the city of Prescott was enough to justify the project. In addition, the Sun City Lions Club was asked to assist the club in getting started. A Mr. Davis, who was a paper broker, provided the initial plans for the project.

Mrs. Roxie Webb, senior, allowed the club to use her land at no cost, provided a chain link fence and an entrance gate was installed. This was later referred to as "the yard" The lot was on S. Granite Street and is now where Dr. Hicks has built his orthodontic office. Three sites, Fry's Shopping Center, Cornet Store (now True Value Hardware), and the Park Plaza Shopping Center (corner of Goodwin and Summit Streets) were selected for placement of collection bins. The club had an opportunity to purchase used plywood from the Yavapai County Fair Association and the boxes were assembled by work parties in November, 1973. The bins were painted white and had the Lions logo on front with "Prescott Lions Club" lettered in blue. A bailing rack was fashioned from scrap lumber and bailing equipment was purchased from a supplier in Phoenix. The bailing rack was placed in the back of a pickup and moved to each bin during collection. Collection was twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday. The baled paper would be stacked on a pallet, a pallet holding 25 bales with each bale weighing approximately 80 pounds. Once a pallet was loaded, it would be strapped for shipping. Once a truckload of paper had been collected, Mr. Davis would arrange for a truck to haul the paper to a California mill. The first load was sold at \$35.00 a ton and the first check received was for \$700.00.

Problems soon developed. One of the first and biggest was the weather. Open bins got wet during storms and if the paper was baled wet the bundles would eventually dry out and cause the straps to be loose. If the paper was baled dry and then got wet the paper would swell and cause the strapping to break. One other big problem was the lack of manpower. Only 8-10 Lions would show up on collection days. The early volunteers were John Dobberteen, Norm Dokken, John Erickson, Paul Everhart, Joe Funke, Bill Hunter, Phil Martin, George Quintero, Al Seiglinger, Ted Sparks, Darrell Tramel, Don Watkins, and J.D. Conley.

In 1980 the collection of computer paper was added to the project as a separate activity. The first pickup was from Global Systems. In 1982 U.S. Motors was added as a collection source. In 1983, Yavapai Regional Medical Center and Yavapai County Courthouse were added as pick up points. In 1992 the club was asked to vacate the lot the club used as the transfer and storage area. Lions Jack McLain, J.D Conley and Bob Johnson contacted the officers of the Moose Lodge to request use of a portion of their property. Permission was granted and the move was on. The lot was graded free of charge by Dwayne Watkins. The club erected a chain link fence and spread ground cover. Twenty-six tons of leach rock was spread by Tom Curtis, Wayne Stevens, Bob Benner, Paul Rosenberry, Bill Parker, Bob Fleming, Bob Grosscup, Ed Krolak, Cliff Hall, and Blake Howard. Chip Seal was provided free of charge by the Hidden Valley Home Owners Association courtesy of John Miller. The entire lot cost \$2850.00 to get up and running.

In 1993 the City of Prescott, Strum Ruger, Prescott Unified School District, Prescott National Forest, Prescott Fire Center, Bradshaw Ranger Station, Checkmate, and A.G. Edwards were included in the pickup schedule. Occasional pickups were made from Print Pack, Eaton Mfg, and Sears. During the years 1973 to 1993, the club received prices ranging from \$35.00 per ton to \$200.00 per ton. Vista Paper Company of Scottsdale became the broker for the club. In 1993 the 17 collection bins were scraped, repaired and repainted by Lions Wayne Stevens, Don VanDeventer, Bob Grosscup, and Blake Howard. 1994 saw the added bin locations of Frontier Village Shopping Village and the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Lions Wayne Stevens, Bob Benner, Bob Grosscup, Bill Parker, Jack McLain and Blake Howard constructed the bins and put them in place. During this project, Kay Fleming served juice, coffee and rolls.

The club had 18 bin locations and 20 other locations without bins. On December 11th the club received word that the Moose Lodge Property was in the process of being sold. The club was aware of this and established a special account to accumulate funds for the purchase of property, if necessary.

In April of 1995, the entire operation of the yard was moved from the Moose Lodge to the Prescott Yavapai Indian Reservation. The Tribe permitted the club to locate and operate on the Tribal land at no cost. The move was undertaken by Al Bieber, Bill Parker, Hal Ely, John Miller, John Erickson, Wayne Stevens, Jack McLain, and Blake Howard. At the end of May, the bin at Fry's Shopping Center was completely destroyed by arson. A redistribution of existing bins allowed the club to continue servicing the Fry's location as it was a very active spot. Lions Dick Anderson, Frank Finley, Bill Forbes and Ron Hartung assembled a coffee crew responsible for getting the coffee ready and having fresh rolls for collection crews after the work was done. In early 1996 the club was advised that the Prescott Newspaper Industries would no longer provide their excess newspapers to the club. This loss required aggressive action by the Board to replace this loss. The general public was encouraged to recycle more and collection boxes were placed in Groom Creek, Pine Lakes and Price Costco parking lot. In April of 1996 we advised that once again we could collect the excess paper from the Prescott Newspapers. In September perfect bind (magazines with glued or squared backs) were added to the clubs collections.

In May 41 Lions, Lionesses and guests made a bus trip to the Stone Container Corporation in Snowflake, AZ. A walking tour and an overall briefing of the operation gave the club a much better understanding and appreciation of the newspaper effort. Nestflex 25 foot conveyors were added to the system during 1997 which relieved the club members from having to carry heavy loads of newspaper a long distance. Also a portable wall was built out of steel and plywood. A second wall was manufactured and placed in service late December. Also during the month a second 45 foot trailer was added.

A consolidation of paper collection locations and reduction of the pick up radius was accomplished in early 1999. A major revision on use and utilization of available trucks and members was implemented which speeded up the process considerably. At year end 50 additional baskets were added to the handling inventory were added; The Saturday pickup day was changed to Friday.

The year 2000 saw the most radical change to the newspaper operation. A conveyor manufacturer was contacted, a list of specifications was drawn up and a design was submitted to the Board of Directors. After much discussion, approval was given to pursue the design further and begin fabrication of the conveyor. The conveyor was delivered to the club yard in June of 2000. Improvements continued to be made the rest of the year. In November the dealer was contacted and a second conveyor was ordered. In June of 2001 another field trip to Abitibi Consolidated (formerly Stone Container) consisting of 41 Lions, Lionesses and guests was undertaken. A walking tour and review of operations was provided by the company. The collection process continued to be improved during 2002. Wood collection bins were replaced with steel bins. A portable staircase was procured, an extension crank was ordered, as well as other improvements.

In January of 2003 the first of three sections of concrete were poured at the paper yard. In March the last concrete pour was completed in the center of the yard. A rolling gate installed to replace the hinged gate in the chain link fence. During the year collection bins were updated with hold-down bars and 4 more bins were purchased. A trailer dolly was purchased to make it easier to position the trailers in the paper yard.

From 2003 to 2008 the paper project continued to run smoothly. In 2008, the Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe notified the club that we would have to move our operation as they needed the space. The City of Prescott offered the club a 10 year renewable lease at the City of Prescott Transfer Station located at 200 Sundog Ranch Roadon . Late 2008 and early 2009 the time was spent negotiating with the City. A renewable 10 year lease was signed in early 2009. A fence was erected at the new site and a large covered building consisting of four Conex shipping containers on each side of a truss roof structure was purchased and erected. This gave the paper project cover from the exposure during inclement weather. Operations ceased at the Tribal location on March 10th and started at the new site on March 13th.

In early 2012 the price of paper began to drop significantly which cut into the club's revenue. This was compounded by the closure of the Catalyst Paper mill in Snowflake in September, 2012. Catalyst bought about half of the Club's paper. Then in February, 2013, Western Newspapers, owner of the Prescott Daily Courier, discontinued giving the club their residual paper from the paper in Prescott Valley which amounted to over half of the club's total paper tonnage. This has had a profound impact on the club's revenue. See Table 6-1: Annual Paper Recycling Shipments

The paper project has received worldwide recognition for the Prescott Noon Lions.

Table 6-1: Annual Paper Recycling Shipments

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Weight, Tons</u>	<u>Value, \$</u>	<u>Chairmen</u>
1991	1035.4	25887	Bill Parker
1992	1052.3	25774	Jack Mclain Bob Johnson
1993	987.1	27861	Bob Benner Blake Howard*
1994	1111.4	68074	Hal Ely Blake Howard*
1995	1247.1	148445	Wayne Stevens Blake Howard*
1996	1180.8	39732	Jud Joyce Blake Howard*
1997	1821.3	62218	Jud Joyce Blake Howard*
1998	2004.9	70576	Jim Messerschmitt Blake Howard*
1999	2158.7	100894	Bob Cornett Blake Howard*
2000	2197.1	184157	Adrian Langhus Blake Howard*
2001	2213.5	139807	Tom Hubbard Blake Howard*
2002	2025.6	176764	Tom Hubbard Bill Parker*
2003	2283.2	189452	Rich Webb Bill Parker*
2004	2456.6	320675	Carl Shanahorn Bill Parker*
2005	2524.2	229236	Bob Hester Bill Parker*
2006	2701.9	223527	Buz Williams Bill Parker*
2007	2335.7	287696	David Hartke Bill Parker*
2008	1917.6	257158	Tony Hollins Bill Parker*
2009	1474.0	112280	Phil Weliky Bill Parker*
2010	1386.7	146434	Chuck Mathews Bill Parker*
2011	1446.7	200657	Ted Lee Bill Parker*
2012	1472.0	126365	Chuck Mathews Bill Parker*
2013	671.9	51425	Rich Savage Bill Parker*
2014	605.1	43689	Lynn Boutwell Bill Parker*
2015	513.4	35485	Lynn Boutwell Bill Parker*
2016	483.6	34250	Mike First Bill Parker*
2017	457.2	37330	Mike First

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			Bill Parker*
2018	377.2	30380	Joel Duvall Bill Parker*
2019	358.7	25442	Wayne Meddaugh Bill Parker*
2020	223.2	23906	Tim Ernster Bill Parker*
2021	158.4	14256	Tim Ernster Bill Parker*
2022	222.2	14,226	Tim Ernster Bill Parker*

*Administrator

6.2 Pancake Breakfast

The first Pancake Breakfast was held in May, 1981, in conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. When the Territorial Days Celebration was started in June, 1982, we were asked to make our Pancake Breakfast a part of that event.

Lion Bill Disch described how it got started:

“While the Blind Center had been in the talking stages for several years, it really became serious in 1980 when some of those concerned looked at the realities and realized, among other things, that the project would have ongoing responsibilities such as financing and manpower. Our paper collection at the time was just about enough to cover the sight and hearing assistance requests.

Several Noon Lions, including Mel Clack, who on the previous evening had been selected by “The Prescottones” as the “Prescott Humanitarian of the Year,” went to the Prescott Valley Evening Lions Pancake Breakfast. As we walked out of the Community Center, we all seemed to be struck by the same silver bullet. “That’s it! A pancake breakfast!” So we planned our first pancake breakfast. The new project proved to be just what the doctor ordered. We had to think big, so we planned a contribution of at least \$5,000.00 from each breakfast. We also had to think big in terms of help and service. One of the great benefits was that all of the Lions and Lionesses in the area were willing to work together for the Blind Center and even felt an obligation to the project that resulted in a much better relationship between the clubs. Our contribution to the Blind Center, generated by the Pancake Breakfast, averages over \$4,000.00.”

The Lions Pancake Breakfast has always been held at the First Congregational Church at 216 E. Gurley Street, Prescott. The afternoon before the big event, a canopy is erected on Alarcon Street at the corner of Gurley and Alarcon, and tables and chairs are set up. The menu consists of orange juice, coffee, ham and/or sausage, and pancakes with plenty of syrup and is all you can eat. Tickets are sold in advance or at the door. The food is prepared, served, and the tables cleared by Lions, Lionesses, and often, by members of the groups targeted to receive donations from the proceeds.

The Noon Lions Club is the organizer of the breakfast and maintains a checking account to receive and distribute funds. Our club attempts to keep the area Lions clubs actively involved including sharing ticket sales, work details, etc. The distribution of the proceeds is made after all costs are accounted for. The distribution of proceeds is paid from the checking account. No funds are mingled or transferred to the club’s Foundation account. Proceed donations have included various local charities including People Who Care and Guide Dogs of the Desert. At the end of each breakfast the Chairman completes a report delineating all activities and finances. Table 6-2: Pancake Breakfast Yearly Summary summarizes the results of the Pancake Breakfast over the years.

The Congregational Church has been very cooperative in furnishing chairs, tables, and facilities for cooking and refrigerating the food. The Breakfast has made several contributions to the Church, including building a shed to store the canopy covers and electric grills. Traditionally, we have given the Church a nominal donation for the use of their facility. The grills are owned by the club, but we share them with the Church. The six main canopy covers are owned by the City of Prescott and, more recently, we have returned the covers to Parks and Recs County Yard at Pioneer Park for storage.

Table 6-2: Pancake Breakfast Yearly Summary

Year	No. Served	Net Revenue (\$)	Chairman
1983	650	1900	Bob Grosscup
1984	847	2500	Bill Yelton
1985	1069	3181	Reed Grady
1986	1181	3509	John Markham
1987	1290	3900	Pat Dooley
1988	1150	3400	Len Hanten
1989	1225	3950	Len Hanten
1990	1150	4181	Blake Howard
1991	1400	3950	Jack McLain
1992	1400	4500	Jack McLain
1993	1385	5000	Paul Roseberry
1994	1612	6700	Keith Headrick
1995	1907	6141	Gerry Fast
1996	1650	5694	Art Filippino
1997	1350	5000	Dick Thompson
1998	1600	8156	Bob Sprau
1999	1250	5042	Glen Akin
2000	1620	6980	Spunky Creger, Don Shaffer
2001	1445	5463	Spunky Creger, Don Shaffer
2002	1268	5085	Don Shaffer
2003	1150	5600	Don Shaffer, Earl Donnels, Rich Savage, Lou Nemeth
2004	1182	7000	Earl Donnels, Rich Savage, Lou Nemeth
2005	1270	7136	Lou Nemeth
2006	1122	6483	Lou Nemeth
2007	870	2941	Gary Nichols, Lou Nemeth
2008	1275	6000	Glen Akins
2009	956	4000	Chuck Mathews
2010	886	5174	David Hartke, Chuck Mathews, Gary Nichols, Lee Barker
2011	824	4918	David Hartke, Chuck Mathews, Gary Nichols
2012	1000	4800	John Baylis
2013	650	3980	John Baylis, Bob Welch
2014	1000	6378	Bob Welch
2015	1100	7300	Bob Welch
2016	1150	7950	Bob Welch

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2017	700	5587	Tom Montague/Steve Byers
2018	1000	8384	Steve Byers
2019	725	8250	Steve Byers
2020			Cancelled due to Coronavirus
2021			Cancelled due to Coronavirus
2022	392*	6,000	Steve Byers
	*940 tickets sold		

6.3 Food Booth on the Courthouse Square

Prior to 1971 Club activities included selling Halloween candy, community calendars, two shows by Dr. Ireland, a psychic from Phoenix, White Cane Days and several cleanups of highway property by Watson Lake. We also worked as ushers for the Rodeo plus other public service activities, all of which generated relatively little income.

In 1971, after several suggestions, Darrel Tramel (who became President in 1975/1976) convinced the Board to buy a cotton candy machine for use on festive occasions as a fund-raiser. The original cotton candy booth was designed by Joe Funke. The initial launch of the booth was in 1971 at the 4th of July celebration at the Courthouse Square. It was located on the east side of the square about 20 yards from the corner. Power for the machine was accomplished by stringing a Romex cable over tree branches to a single outlet on the north side of the square.

Word spread quickly through the younger population, and the machine was kept busy with a steady flow of customers all day Friday. Things were slowed down by the belief that the machine had to be shut off to add sugar. However, when everything got really busy, this practice was stopped and sugar was added with the machine running. On Saturday the 4th, every kid in the country must have heard we were selling cotton candy, because after the parade, there was a waiting line that extended 30-40 feet until about 1:00 P. M. The first weekend of operation generated over \$400 in profits at 25 cents per cone.

The next operation of the booth was in 1972 during Cinco de Mayo. The booth was moved to the present location at the corner of Gurley and Cortez where there would be better visibility. With each passing year, refinements were made to the cotton candy booth. Another machine was purchased as a backup in case of maintenance problems, and the sale of popcorn and soft drinks was added. Modifications to the booth were made, and eventually the entire booth became enclosed. In many cases these changes were made because of regulations and fees imposed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Yavapai County Health Department. The upgrade of the Plaza’s electrical system came about as more booths appeared and a higher power demand was placed on the circuits when we started running two machines concurrently. This was solved when Harry Baker got the county to beef up the circuit to our corner

About 4 or 5 years after we started the booth operation canned soda sales were added. Also, for a period of about 6 to 10 years a popcorn machine was used. Then in 1998 the sale of bottled water was added. Booth operation during Territorial Days was discontinued in 1999 due to the conflict with getting enough support for both the Pancake Breakfast and the Cotton Candy booth. The club continued to sell cotton candy through 2019. In 2020 the food booth operations were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are still located at the corner of Gurley and Cortez and in 2021 we changed our menu and sold grilled Brats on a Bun with bottled water.

Table 6-3: Food Booth on the Courthouse Square summarizes the food booth chairmen and proceeds from 1983 to the present. All funds collected are deposited in the club’s Foundation Account.

Table 6-3: Food Booth on the Courthouse Square

Year	Frontier Days		Territorial Days	
	Net Revenue (\$)	Chairman	Net Revenue (\$)	Chairman
1983	2066		591	Marvin Pitts
1984	1806	Harry Baker	680	J. Culbreth
1985	3100	J. Markham	612	J. Culbreth
1986	2131	R. Grady	925	Harry Baker
1987	2400	R. Shelton	1456	Tom Curtis
1988	2885	Jim Henry	1122	Jim Henry
1989	1958	Jim Henry	1255	Richard. Crew
1990	2000	John Miller	1071	Marc Sturdivant

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1991	3100	P. Orlebeke	1048	Bob Johnson
1992	2277	Bob Grosscup	819	Wayne Stevens
1993	2146	Ed Krolak	968	Wayne Stevens
1994	2034	Hal Ely	1494	Al Bieber
1995	2832	Jerry Zemla	2183	Hank Boan
1996	2117	Walt Duffett	1229	Al Bieber
1997	2235	Don Masterson	692	R. Vantrees
1998	2022	Glen Akin	1005	Gil Guscot
1999	2967	Jim Ware		
2000	3293	Jack Dunn		
2001	3782	Rich Webb		
2002	3407	Jack Mclain		
2003	5014	Dale Smith		
2004	?	Rich Savage		
2005	4727	Rich Savage		
2006	5643	Ron Martinson		
2007	3441	Rich Savage		
2008	3281	Vard Miller		
2009	3591	Rich Savage		
2010	2743	Gene Erickson		
2011	3014	Gene Erickson		
2012	2514	Earl Donnels		
2013	2398	Lou Nemeth		
2014	1577	Lou Nemeth		
2015	1267	Bob Williams		
2016	2655	John Meier		
2017	2000	John Meier		
2018	857	John Eilers, John Meier		
2019	2400	John Eilers, John Meier		
2020		Cancelled due to Coronavirus		
*2021	3072	Scott Armstrong		
2022	4424	Scott Armstrong		
*Switched	to Brats on a Bun			

6.4 White Cane Days

White Cane Days is the Lions International official, and only, appeal for funds from the public. It takes place once a year, usually in the spring.

An effort is made in Arizona Multiple District 21 to have all the clubs schedule White Cane Days on the same weekend in February. However, due to the weather conditions at that time of year in the Prescott area, April is the preferred month.

It was customary to set up card tables at supermarket or store entrances (Fry's, White Spar Safeway, and Bank One have normally been our club's spots) suitably decorated with the Lions posters and manned by Lions wearing their vests and Lion caps. Each donor was given a small plastic cane or decal to acknowledge the contribution. Because of the competition between the various clubs in the area and the waning proceeds, the club decided to suspend White Cane sales in 2007. Table 6-4: White Canes Days summarizes the White Cane chairmen and proceeds from 1985 to 2006. All funds collected are deposited in the club's Foundation Account.

Table 6-4: White Canes Days

Year	Net Revenue (\$)	Chairman
1985	809	Nick Petrucci
1986	1020	Ron Shelton
1987	1272	Charles Blochburger
1988	1057	Oce Dotson
1989	943	Arnie Butterfield
1990	950	Bill Forbes
1991	1109	Jerry Sherwood
1992	1273	Roger Rouette
1993	1735	Bill Forbes
1994	1636	Bill Forbes
1995	1586	Bill Forbes
1996	1112	Dick Anderson
1997	*	*
1998	1052	Marv Anderson
1999	1740	Keith Headrick
2000	1267	Paul Jenkins
2001	1512	Skip Hansen
2002	1486	Al Chandler
2003	1087	Al Chandler
2004	250	Al Chandler
2005	624	Al Chandler
2006	252	Tony Hollins

* Due to cold weather, the event was not held in 1997

7 Community Giving Projects

7.1 Contributions Committee

The Contribution Committee consists of five members who are appointed by the Board. Each new member serves for 3 years with 2 members going off each year and 2 new members going on. The committee chairman collects Grant Applications from charitable groups which are generally in the Prescott area. One exception is Guide Dogs of the Desert which has been a perennial recipient since about 2008, because this organization represents an excellent opportunity for PNL to support blind service dog training in our area of the country. Currently, applications must be submitted by the requesting group by October 1. Generally, about 40 applications are received. The Board provides the committee with an estimate of how much money will be available for distribution from the Prescott Noon Lions Club Foundation around late September and the committee convenes after the October 1 application deadline to review all applications and arrives at recommendations of selected recipients and the monetary amount for each. This list of recommendations is submitted to the Board of Directors for review and approval. Finally, funds distribution occurs around December 1. It should be noted that in previous years the Club had two distribution cycles one in July and the other in January. Due to a decrease in available funds a single cycle has been used since 2013, with the timing of the contribution distribution cycle(s) being at the Board's discretion. Table 7-1 PNL Foundation Funds Distributed Annually by the Contributions Committee, lists the annual funds distributed from the PNL Foundation by the Contributions Committee from 2008 through 2019.

Table 7-1 PNL Foundation Funds Distributed Annually by the Contributions Committee

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Annual Distribution, \$</u>	<u>Notes</u>
2008	139,332	
2009	120,000	Total of 6/09and 12/09
2010	95,000	Total of 6/10and 12/10
2011	160,140	Total of 6/11and 12/11
2012	95,000	Total of 6/12and 12/12
2013	30,000	12/13
2014	32,700	12/14
2015	15,000	12/15
2016	43,000	12/16
2017	41,800	CY 12/17; FY 2018
2018	37,750	12/18
2019	30,000	12/19
2020	31,350	12/20
2021	35,000	12/21
2022	49,000	12/22

7.1.1 Total Annual Contributions to the Community

Starting in FY 2019, this section will report total annual contributions to the community. The total annual contributions to the community by Prescott Noon Lions can be broken down into several components. The most

recognizable component is the distribution of the PNL Foundation Funds Distributed Annually by the Contributions Committee, which has been reported in previous years.. That is detailed above in Section 7.1.

A second component is a category labeled Other Cash and In-Kind Contributions. Cash donations in this category are from other donations by PNL Foundation, fundraising events like the Pancake Breakfast, sponsorships like Big Brothers/Sisters Bowl-a-Thon, eye care provided to individuals through Sight and Hearing, donations made through Random Acts of Kindness program, Yavapai Scholarship program, Peace Poster winner awards and miscellaneous donations like pass the hat donations. In-kind donations include Green Bag Groceries program, Thanksgiving turkeys/donations, Christmas Toy and Clothing Drive, Hoodies for vets, Clothes for homeless and Toys for Tots, etc.

The third component is the Total Annual Volunteer Hours that Prescott Noon Lions contribute to the community through all of our various programs including Paper Recycling, Transit For the Blind, Vision Screening, Eye Care Van, Pancake Breakfast, Cotton Candy Booth and hours spent working on PNL's numerous committees.

The fourth component is perhaps the most significant. That is the Total Number of People Served. The total number served is difficult to know, because some of our other contributions go to organizations that serve people that we have no record of. We are reporting our best calculation of only the number of people we have served directly by our programs like the Eye Care Van, Vision Screening, Transit for the Blind, Sight and Hearing and Random Act of Kindness. **Table 7-1.1 Total Annual Contributions to the Community** summarizes these four components starting in FY 2019.

Table 7-2.1 Total Annual Contributions to the Community

>>>>>>>>>Investment>>>>>>>>> **Service**

Year	Annual Contributions Committee Distribution \$	Annual Other Cash & In-Kind Contributions \$	Total Annual Volunteer Hours hours	Total Number of People Served persons	Notes
2018	41,800	-	-	-	
2019	37,750	49,351	13,225	3,319	6/19
2020	30,000	45,329	12,802	5,906	6/20
2021	31,350	*21,785	*3,688	*1,231	6/21
2022	33,500	*34,031	*6,377	*2,825	6/22

*Note: Reduced contributions, number of volunteer hours and people served due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

7.2 Sight & Hearing Program

This is an important program, as it provides assistance to approved sight and hearing candidates. Clients contact us on their own, or are referred by such organizations as the Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, the Veterans Administration, health care providers, friends of clients, Lions Club members, and family members.

Clients include an almost even distribution of male and female. Represented are single parent families, parts of whole families, and single clients. The latter may include unemployed single adults, or older adults who are disables, ill, retired, widowed, or without family support. Sources of income for these groups include Social Security, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Veterans Administration, General Assistance, and Worker's Compensation. Some are employed; others are not.

Services include eye exams and prescription glasses. In special situations, funds are provided for surgery and extended care. Hearing aids and other related assistance are also provided.

Requirements for eligibility are as follows:

- Primary priority is to provide Sight and Hearing assistance to the residents of Prescott. The Prescott Sunrise Lions Club is currently providing S & H help to those under age 18.
- Secondary priority would be to provide assistance to nearby residents outside of Prescott.
- Those not having a Lions Club, e.g., Skull Valley, etc.
- Through local Lions Clubs without financial means.
- Continued support of State and International Sight/Hearing programs.
- A local residency requirement of 6 months and a permanent address are required for the applicant to qualify for Sight and Hearing Assistance.
- Under special circumstances, the Sight and Hearing Committee may grant assistance to an applicant who does not meet the letter of the above requirements.

The above requirements are carried out as follows:

- An “Application for Assistance” form will be reviewed by the Sight and Hearing Committee for the above requirements.
- Applicants needing specialized assistance will require Board approval. A letter outlining approved need and funding shall be sent to the provider, i.e., surgery, extended care, etc.

Starting in June 2014, some poverty level applicants were referred to the Mel Clack fund.

Table 7-3: Sight and Hearing Chairmen and Annual Distribution lists the S&H chairmen and the amount of money expended for each year since 1984:

Table 7-3: Sight and Hearing Chairmen and Annual Distribution

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Sight, \$</u>	<u>Hearing, \$</u>	<u>Total, \$</u>
1984	Reed Grady	n/a	n/a	n/a
1985	Reed Grady	n/a	n/a	n/a
1986	Reed Grady	n/a	n/a	n/a
1987	Carl Colle	n/a	n/a	n/a
1988	Jim Henry	n/a	n/a	n/a
1989	Mel Clack	n/a	n/a	n/a
1990	M. Anderson/Homer Whitford	n/a	n/a	n/a
1991	Marv Anderson	n/a	n/a	n/a
1992	Archie Sanders	n/a	n/a	n/a
1993	Pete Stephens	13909	1671	15850
1994	Pete Stephens	n/a	n/a	6977
1995	Pete Stephens	n/a	n/a	4261
1996	Pete Stephens	6766	987	7753
1997	Pete Stephens	5141	651	5792
1998	Pete Stephens	n/a	n/a	6124
1999	Pete Stephens	n/a	n/a	5347
2000	Pete Stephens	n/a	n/a	5792
2001	Pete Stephens/Ollie Taylor	n/a	n/a	10471
2002	Pete Stephens/Ollie Taylor	n/a	n/a	7706
2003	Ollie Taylor	9118	1270	10388
2004	Ollie Taylor	10173	2890	13063
2005	Ollie Taylor	13135	2270	15405
2006	Ollie Taylor	8558	2880	11438
2007	Ollie Taylor	13406	950	13996
2008	Jim Townsend	15351	1900	17251
2008-2009	Jim Townsend	15818	960	16778
2009-2010	Jim Townsend	25781	200	25981
2010-2011	Jim Townsend	27175	800	27975
2011-2012	Jim Townsend	27745	3090	30835
2012-2013	Jim Townsend	28684	1775	30459
2013-2014	Jim Townsend	18234	1700	19934
2014-2015	Jim Townsend	12379	1308	13867
2015-2016	Jim Townsend	10821	875	11696
2016-2017	Jim Townsend	10759	525	11284

2017-2018	Jim Townsend	8867	350	9217
2018-2019	Jim Townsend			7586
2019-2020	Steve Schmidt			5424
2020-2021	Steve Schmidt			6286
2021-2022	Steve Schmidt			7371

Notes: Beginning in mid-2008, expenses were reported from mid year to mid year (fiscal year).

7.3 Health Fair

A few nurses started the Health Fair in Prescott in 1979. They weren't paid for it, but did it as a community service. The fair originally was established for older citizens who were financially unable to afford regular checkups.

In 1982 Bill Disch and his wife Barbara attended the Health Fair as participants and were impressed by the services that were provided. At that time he learned there wouldn't be a fair the following year because the nurses were moving to other towns and no one would coordinate it. Bill was assured it wasn't much of a job, so he picked it up for the Lions. After he coordinated the fair in 1983, he felt strongly that it was important and should continue. The Prescott area Lions and Lioness Clubs sponsored the Health Fair as a Lions World Service Day project.

The fair was patterned after guidelines developed by the National Health Screening Council, a private non-profit organization, which gets support from the Department of Health and Human Services. All the professionals who help with the screening were volunteers. The doctors were members of the Prescott Medical Providers Group, and the nurses who evaluated the forms were from the Yavapai Regional Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Medical Center, and other organizations. The fair was available for all persons over the age of 18.

The purpose of the Health Fair was to:

1. Promote health awareness and a healthy lifestyle.
2. Educate through information and screenings at one location.
3. Encourage assumption of responsibility for one's own health choices.
4. Suggest that individuals follow the advice of health care providers.
5. Detect diseases at an early stage.
6. Refer participants to health care providers when necessary.
7. Foster continued cooperation between public and private sectors in the promotion of good health care for the community.

The Health Fair was discontinued after 2010. Yavapai Blind Center

7.4 Yavapai Blind Center

In 1978-1979 when Mel Clack was president of the Prescott Noon Lions Club, he suggested at a Board of Directors meeting that he felt there was a need for an organization to serve the blind and visually impaired in the Prescott area, and he believed our club could spearhead the project.

At that time the local Lions Clubs were heavily involved in trying to establish a kidney dialysis facility in Prescott, so the Blind Center idea was tabled for a few months. Finally in early 1980, Mel Clack, new president Dennis Wilkes, Al Sieglinger, and Harry Baker of the Noon Lions joined with Chris Hoffman and Hal Levy of the Sunrise Lions, and Chuck Lockie, Dave Rutledge, and Marshall Smith of the Prescott Valley Lions to get the project under way.

The first committee meeting was held April 22, 1980, in the Canyon Savings and Loan conference room, attended by Lion representatives from the three local clubs and Jan Marr from the Prescott Library Talking Books section.

On May 6, 1980, committee members visited the Adult Center and Talking Book Library looking for a meeting place for the new Blind Center.

On May 15, 1980, an organizational meeting was held at the home of Mel Clack at which the following officers and directors were elected: Carl Gehring, President, George Sieglinger, Secretary-Treasurer, Mel clack, Director (Lions Clubs Representative), and Dr. David Rullel, Director. It was decided to hold meetings for blind persons at least three Fridays each month.

A picnic at Granite Creek Park sponsored by the three local Lions Clubs was held June 10, 1980. Eight blind men and eleven blind women, plus 40 Lions were present. The purpose of this meeting was to learn the desires and needs of the sightless. It was announced that the Lions pledged \$6000 to the Blind Center, and arranged to locate it initially at the Lloyd Roe Senior Adult Center.

At this point, it looked as though the project was definitely “on the way,” so Carl and Mary Gehring made a three-day trip to Phoenix, Tucson, and Yuma to learn as much as possible from the experienced directors of those blind centers that had been in operation for several years.

A Board meeting took place at Mel Clack’s home on June 20, 1980. The first full meeting of the Yavapai Center for the Blind was scheduled for July 18th at the Adult Center. Incorporation of the Blind Center would be handled by Congress, AZ attorney Lee Muncil, a friend of Al Sieglinger. Various committees were assigned. With two exceptions all committee members were Lions.

7.5 YRMC Satellite Eye Bank Processing Laboratory

In May 1993, a satellite eye bank processing laboratory located in the Yavapai Regional Medical Center, was dedicated by members of the Prescott Noon Lions Club. This local facility is tied to the Arizona Lions Eye and Tissue Bank in Phoenix which was at the time the third largest eye bank in the world. The purpose of the Eye and Tissue Bank is to receive, process, and distribute donated eyes and tissue to patients, physicians, and researchers for use in transplants and medical studies.

This new satellite facility allowed tests to be performed here rather than take up to 12 hours for transportation to Phoenix. As a result, donated eye tissue could be placed with surgeons within 48 hours. This was all made possible through a Prescott Noon Lions donation of \$10,163 for a medical refrigerator and laminar flow hood, generated by the funds received from our Paper Project.

The Arizona Lions Eye and Tissue Bank’s Annual Report for 1993 contained a feature article giving special recognition to the Prescott Noon Lions Club for the donation of biological equipment to the satellite laboratory facility at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center.

7.6 Helen Keller Award

In 1995 the club was awarded the prestigious Helen Keller Benefactor Award from the Sight and Hearing Foundation of Arizona for our contribution of \$10,000. This is the highest award given by the Foundation. President Hal Ely accepted the award on behalf of all our members. Club members Marv Anderson and Frank Krause were on the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

7.7 Feed the Hungry

The Salvation Army makes a practice of serving breakfast to hungry indigent persons each morning during the week, but does not have the resources to feed them over the weekend. Therefore, they asked various organizations and churches for assistance in preparing and serving meals to the hungry at noon on Saturdays. This Feed The Hungry Program, as it came to be called, was started in 1988.

Initially the Noon Lions participated twice a year. Then in 1991 we commenced assisting three times each year and continue to do so. Between 40 and 50 meals are served. In addition, a box lunch is prepared for each patron to enjoy on Sunday. The staff consists of one chef, namely Norm Humphrey, and five assistants. The people being served are most grateful, which makes the whole undertaking enjoyable for everyone involved.

The project was discontinued in 2012

7.8 Service Club Sign Project

In January, 1984, a young high school instructor, Richard King, who was in charge of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program at the high school, had a desire for a service club sign (which would include the FFA) that would be installed at the principal highway entries to Prescott.

Mr. King wrote to several service clubs for assistance. All seemed interested, but no action was forthcoming. The Noon Lions learned about the project through Lion Bill Disch, and volunteered to take responsibility for it. Under Bill's leadership, the project got underway.

In late 1985, things began to fall into place. Various service club signs, along with some financial help, were obtained. One master sign frame was built, highway department permits were requested, and surveying the sites was completed.

Placing the signs was a separate operation, as only one sign frame could be built at a time, thus requiring separate excavating, transporting, crane hoisting, and mounting operations.

On more than one occasion, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was asked to relocate the signs. ADOT's reply always was, "you will have to ask the Prescott Noon Lions."

These signs, which display the insignia of most of the Prescott area service clubs, are located on Highway 69, just east of the Prescott Resort and Conference Center, on south Highway 89, and on north Highway 89.

The Prescott Noon Lions maintained responsibility for the signs until September, 1992, at which time they were turned over to the Prescott Chamber of Commerce.

7.9 Yavapai College Scholarship

At the September, 1995, Board Meeting, Lions Joe Funke and Reed Grady proposed that we establish a permanent scholarship fund at Yavapai College. The Board approved the proposal and the Donations Committee was asked to check with the College and report back to the Board.

President Paul Roseberry, Secretary Keith Headrick, and the Donations Committee, headed by Gerry East, met with Paul Maffey, Executive Director of the Yavapai College Scholarship Fund. The College has an excellent scholarship program with the funds being pooled with funds from other colleges for safe investment purposes.

After reporting to the Prescott Noon Lions Board, it was approved to set up a \$10,000 scholarship fund at Yavapai College in the name of the Prescott Noon Lions. The interest only from this fund is to be used primarily for aid to visually or hearing impaired students. In November, 1995, President Roseberry presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Paul Maffey to establish this permanent scholarship. Again, in December 2003 the Club donated an additional \$8,000 to scholarship fund. As of 6/30/2014, the fund has an ending balance of \$20,000 and continues to support visually or hearing impaired students.

7.10 New Van for the Blind Center

In January, 1995, Nancy Patterson, Coordinator for the Yavapai Center for the Blind, initiated action to obtain a grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation so they could replace the van used to transport persons to and from the Blind Center. Nancy prepared a written documented request and appeared before the Arizona Department of Transportation Committee that administers the program "Elderly Persons with Disabilities Transportation."

The request was approved, with the provision that the Blind Center raise 22.5% of the cost of the vehicle. This is where the Prescott Noon Lions entered the picture. Recognizing this as a most worthy cause and totally in line with our objectives, our Club financed the entire 22.5% cost which amounted to \$8,190.

As a sidelight, the old van blew an engine while picking up patrons just three weeks before the new van arrived. The new van was delivered in December 1995. What a nice Christmas present!

7.11 Habitat for Humanity

This project, which took well over one year from conception to dedication, represented a partnership consisting of Lions International, Habitat for Humanity, and the Prescott Noon Lions Club. The program was a three-year endeavor to build homes for individuals and families with serious physical and/or mental disabilities. Up to \$9 million in grant money was made available to qualifying applications jointly submitted by partnering Lions Districts and Habitat for Humanity affiliates. The grants were available up to \$200,000 to cover 75% of the project, with local Lions clubs and partnering Habitat for Humanity affiliates each being required to raise 12.5% in local funding. Typically, the homeowner is expected to contribute “sweat equity” during construction, and to pay for the home through zero-profit interest-free mortgages.

In May 2001, the Prescott Noon Lions Club Board of Directors approved the plan to proceed with a Habitat for Humanity project. In June an application for a grant was submitted to Lions Clubs International requesting funds for what was to be a 2-bedroom, 1405 square foot home (including garage). Approval was received in November, and a \$38,250 check was received in January of 2002. The Prescott Noon Lions Club and local Habitat for Humanity raised the remaining funds necessary to finance the project. Official groundbreaking was done December 21, 2001 with a projected completion date set for August 10, 2002. The actual site was Lot 20, Block 15, Dameron Tract on Campbell Street in Prescott, Arizona. The homeowner was Virginia Kieser.

Eighteen members of the Prescott Noon Lions Club worked a total of 974 man-hours assisting with virtually every phase of construction, from site work to finish details. Project Chairman Lion Glenn Akin headed a tireless, dedicated crew consisting of the following Lions:

Paul Chastain	Hal Ely	John Erickson	Jamie Fox
Bob Grosscup	Jack Hoeft	Norm Humphrey	Paul Jenkins
Adrian Langhus	Bob Maas	Jack McLain	Jim Messerschmitt
Vard Miller	Frank Roberts	Ben Schmid	Carl Shanahorn
Jim Ware			

The home was completed on August 10, 2002, and formally dedicated on September 7, 2002.

7.12 Yavapai Regional Medical Center

December 10, 2002, the Board of Directors voted to start utilizing the endowment fund for Foundation project expenditures. The 2002/2003 Contributions Committee (CC) discussed several creative ideas and concepts, but in each case the potential beneficiaries represented a small segment of the community.

August 15, 2003, the Contributions Committee received a presentation from Tim Barnett, CEO of the Yavapai Regional Medical Center, concerning their capital campaign and plans for future growth to meet the needs of the community. This sparked interest within the CC and resulted in the following:

RECOMMENDATION:

The CC unanimously recommends that the Board of Directors approve a one-time contribution of \$50,000 to the capital campaign of the YRMC.

BUSINESS REASONS:

- YRMC affects every resident and visitor of the tri-city area.
 - It is unlikely that any Club member or family member has not utilized YRMC.
 - YRMC serves those people in need who are “clients” of the charitable organizations to which we contribute.
 - No one is denied service.
- Updated equipment and physical facilities are essential for YRMC to adequately serve the tri-city area.

- Our quality of life as well as maintenance of property values is tied directly to a strong, serviceable hospital facility in the community.
- A contribution at the \$50,000 level allows us to have a direct input into how and where this money will be spent.
- A contribution at this level will result in significant positive publicity.
- A contribution at this level will stimulate and encourage other service groups to step up to the plate and hopefully give more than they might have planned.
- This contribution can be made without adversely affecting current contributions.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board authorize the CC to negotiate with the hospital on behalf of the Club to determine specific use of these funds and appropriate naming.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Glenn Akin, Bob Cornett, Tom Hubbard, Ollie Taylor, Rich Webb, and Jim Messerschmitt, Chairman

In October, 2003, the Club acted on the above and gave \$50,000 to the YRMC capital fund drive.

7.13 Yarnell Fire Community Support

On June 30th, 2013 there was a brush fire burning in the hills west of Yarnell, Arizona. Late in the afternoon a massive thunderstorm caused a sudden shift in the wind and the fire turned and raced back into Yarnell. 115 homes and countless vehicles were destroyed.

Shortly after 19 firefighters from Prescott were trapped in a canyon just west of downtown. These 19 heroic men died. This event triggered a nationwide event that is still going on today. Donations of money, food and physical labor to help came from all parts of the U.S.

The next day our club was contacted by our District Governor Carolyn White. She advised us that she had secured two \$10,000 dollar grants from the International Lions. One went to our club and the other to Lions 21A who are from the valley.

DG White asked us if we planned any other assistance for the town of Yarnell and we suggested an emergency food drive which she thought was a great idea. Later that day we gathered and planned the food drive and how to use the money sent to us.

On July 2nd the plan was coming together. Our club with the help of our neighboring clubs gathered our trailers, obtained large banners and contacted the six markets in town. The next day, July 3rd, the plan was in action and we collected 15 tons of food and \$4800 dollars.

The entire town of Yarnell was evacuated and the citizens would not return until July 12th. During this period of time we had an emergency meeting with 21A club representatives led by 21A Secretary Joyce Mayer. A plan was put together that we would all develop food vouchers for the citizens of Yarnell. These vouchers were for groceries and food bought in the town's restaurants and their little bakery. The voucher plan was a huge success. It continued for over the months.

On July 13th we contacted Pastor Paul of the Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church. This man was the "contact" person for the community from the time of the fire to today. He is a great man. On that day we asked Pastor Paul "what can the Lions do for you?" He said that they had a community meeting the night before and the great need to all was to save the "Lifblood" of the town. The Lifblood was the town's small and only market. He said the owner could not afford to pay for the reopening costs since he lost his entire inventory and his freezers were destroyed. The cost would be \$6000. Our club had sold T-Shirts about the firefighters that had made. We paid for the store to reopen.

During the time of delivering and paying for the store, we visited Yarnell every week to see what else we could do. We paid off a large food bill for the community center. On August 1st the Lions treated the children of Yarnell, Congress, and Peoples Valley to a movie, and lunch in Prescott. The kids took a bus to the movies and were given

their own movie, free treats. They were greeted by Police and Sheriff and the staff of Harkins Movie chain. They had a great lunch at the Golden Corral and driven home. Weeks after this day of fun the kids and others would stop us on the streets of Yarnell and thank us.

In September we partnered with the Yavapai County United Way and received another \$20,000 for food vouchers.

On September 28th the Lions Sight trailer was taken to Yarnell and 41 people received eye exams and glasses. During this time we gave a wood carver who lost his home and all of his equipment to the fire, tools and lumber to let him start fresh. We gave money to a lady that lost her home so she could make her special Christmas wreaths for the people who lost their homes and were then living in borrowed trailer and homes. We took care of a family that had three children with eating disorders. Their father lost his metal art business to the fire thus his income.

The Lions were asked to control and spend over \$6000 donated by the Desert Caballero Club and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. Using this money we were able to continue donating to causes to help the people of Yarnell.

We were able to give several hundred dollars for Christmas gifts for the Yarnell people.

7.14 Yavapai County Food Drive

On December 17th, 2013 various food banks in the area were in desperate need of food. The Prescott Noon Lions and the Prescott Evening Lions coordinated a food collection project which was supported by the Quad City Lions Clubs. As a result of that effort 18,000 pounds of food and \$1800 in cash were collected. The proceeds were distributed to the Yavapai County Food Bank, the Yarnell Food Bank, CC&J, Prescott Community Cupboard and the Chino Valley Food Bank.

7.15 YRMC Paper Shredding

Three times a week a different Noon Lions crew shreds medical records and documents at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center. The Monday and Thursday crews work at the West Campus in Prescott, while the Tuesday crew works at the East Campus in Prescott Valley. Currently the three crews collect about 70 bags each week. Although, that total can vary quite a bit and may diminish as the hospital continues to rely more on electronic filling. Bright red shirts identify the crew members as hospital volunteers

Shredding by the Prescott Noon Lions Club started in 1999. The first shredding machine wasn't any larger than a residential size unit. Its life was short-lived due to water damage. The room used for shredding was originally a crematorium for body parts. Lion Jamie Fox recalls working with Lions Hal Ely, Ollie Taylor, Jim Messerschmitt, Al Bieber, Jerry Rudnick and John Miller in those early days of shredding. Initially shredding was done once a week and eventually expanded to several times each week. Computerization has reduced the paper load. Today, patients receive a CD of their medical records upon leaving the hospital. The East Campus YRMC was built in 2006. At that time there was some competition for shredding at the East Campus by other area clubs but the YRMC Foundation stayed loyal to the Prescott Noon Lions Club and our members who live in Prescott Valley.

Benefits to the club are many and varied. First, the monthly check from YRMC is deposited into the club account. Unfortunately, our records prior to 2010 do not list this income separately. However, the past few years have averaged over \$6,000 per year. Special shredding for YRMC has occasionally netted some additional monies. In 2021 the Prescott Noon Lions Club negotiated a new contract at a new higher rate that will be in effect for the next three years.

There is additional income and benefits from the shredded papers. Every Tuesday and Friday as a part of paper pickup, the club picks up the bags full of shred from the West Campus and these are exchanged with the City of Prescott for use of their dumpster and a roll-off bin at the paper yard. Bags from the East Campus are delivered to the Daily Courier's roll-off bins. The club is remunerated by the Courier for this shred with the money deposited into the club's foundation account.

The paper yard crew has their coffee with donuts, but shredding crews have their perks, too. In their case it is a free lunch at the YRMC cafeteria. Crews at the West Campus usually interrupt their work with a lunch break about 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. At the East Campus, the crew finishes work before their lunch break. This group also gathers at the cafeteria for coffee at 9:30 a.m. before logging in and beginning work. Other benefits include reduced

prescription drug cost and the annual dinner to recognize the volunteers. YRMC also recognizes the time commitment of shredders individually with pins and patches. However, the true indication of an experienced shredder at the West Campus is their ability to find the cafeteria from the shredding room.

7.16 Eye Care Van

One of the primary missions Lions clubs worldwide is the support of eye care on a local level. However, there are rural areas that have no Lions clubs and indeed little access to, or scant funds for, eye care. People in rural areas many times go without proper eye care.

In Yavapai County, Lions have created a service to remedy that problem. The Mel Clack Fund was set up to support eye care for persons throughout all of Yavapai County with limited incomes. That fund set the stage by providing a funding mechanism to pay for eye care where there are no Lions clubs. Lions in Yavapai developed a service delivery mechanism to convert this potential to service.

We determined that the best way to service these persons was to bring eye care to them. We also determined that a unique Lions organizational structure would be needed to manage this program. Lions of Yavapai is a newly formed organization whose membership will consist of members from most or all of the Lions clubs in Yavapai County. This broad organization can provide coverage for all those areas that don't have local Lions Clubs. PNL Lions Paul Chastain and John Schmitt spent considerable time planning and setting up this program.

We also needed to find a way to deliver Lions eye care to residents in these rural areas. In the spring of 2015 a used eye care van was purchased from the New Mexico State Lions. This is now the Lions of Yavapai Mobile Eye Care Van. The purchase was made possible from funds from our Club plus two anonymous Club members. The optical equipment in the van was brought up to date and made into a fully functional optical lab with the support of Dr. Jon Bundy of Premier Eye Center, a member of the Prescott Sunrise Lions.

It was our mission to use this mobile doctor's office to bring eye care services to all of Yavapai County, with particular attention to those residents in rural places who lack access to eye care services. There is no charge to the recipients of these services. The Prescott Noon Lions planned and will facilitate this program until the Lions of Yavapai is ready to take charge of this program.

The startup involved pilot events at the end of 2015 and in 2016, while we worked on an organizational structure. We then began to run eye care events the second half of 2017. A big obstacle to growth of the program was finding volunteer eye doctors. In 2018 we ran 9 events and in 2019 we ran 10 events. 10 events is the current number of events we want to do each year, although that can be influenced by external factors. In 2020 we ran 9 events after the lockdown for the coronavirus caused us to shut down operations in May and June. We were able to reschedule events in the fall but one event site cancelled. In 2021 we were only able to run 6 events mostly due to the hesitation caused by the continuation of the coronavirus pandemic.

A typical eye care event entails giving eye exams for approximately 20 clients. In addition to their exam, the clients are given a choice of designer frames to choose from and will have a pair of glasses mailed to them as a result of this event.

Table 7-4: Eye Care Van Clients That We Assisted

Year	Clients Assisted	Number of Events
2017	85	4
2018	183	9
2019	234	10
*2020	190	9
*2021	140	6
2022	186	9

*Note: One or more events cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic

The list of sites in Yavapai County where eye care events exams have been held are:

Ash Fork, Bagdad, Black Canyon City, Camp Verde, Cordes Lakes, Mayer, Paulden, Seligman, Yarnell, and Wilhoit. Many of these have had two, and some three, events.

The van has contributed to supporting eye exams, White Cane events, diabetes drives, vision sign-up events and military standoff events.

Approximately 7 Lions and a volunteer doctor staff each event along with the local site organizer. These events are managed by PNL Lions Paul Chastain and Doug George.

7.17 Random Acts of Kindness

An article appearing in the August, 2016 issue of Lions magazine described a service project called Random Acts of Kindness. The club provided individual Lions members with a \$100 bill and a card describing the program and its purpose. The Lion delivered this donation in a random act of kindness to a deserving individual in need.

Lion John Schmitt requested Board consideration of a service project like this, with benefits including real Lions service delivered, individual Lions directly engaged and motivated, relatively low cost, few volunteer hours and overhead efficiently utilized. Also, each Lion delivering a donation would report at a club meeting, so all PNL Lions could get a positive feeling of service delivered. The Board approved a committee to develop a proposal.

At the September, 2016 Board meeting, the committee proposed an approach based on consideration of the realities accompanying this service and responsible handling of funds entrusted to PNL by the public. They reported challenges and uncertainties exist and the situation in Prescott differs from that of the club in the Lions magazine. The committee was enthusiastic to continue working to achieve proper implementation to directly help people whose lives are temporarily disrupted by an event such as job loss, sickness, etc. with a \$100 cash gift. They proposed a trial run of the project to gain insight, with service as the priority. The Board approved a \$600 trial program to involve six Lions and be completed by Christmas. At the December Board meeting, the Random Acts of Kindness committee reported successful completion of the trial run. The process developed through the trial proved effective. Also, ongoing testimonials at club meeting by Lions who delivered these donations were very favorable. The Board approved establishing a four-member committee to manage the RAoK effort and \$3000 as donations for 2017. At the meeting an additional \$1,000 donation to this project was received from an anonymous donor.

The project was officially launched in January, 2017. By August of 2017, seventeen donations had been made to needy people. RAoK continues to be an ongoing Club project. In 2020 the dollar amount for the cash gift was increased to a maximum of \$200.

Table 7-5: Random Act of Kindness Annual Donations

Year	Amount	Chairman
2016	700	John Schmitt
2017	2700	John Schmitt
2018	2800	Doug George, John Schmitt
2019	3200	Rhuno Nelson
2020	1600	Bill Dunn
2021	1900	Norm Humphrey
2022	900*	Norm Humphrey

*Estimated

Calendar Year

7.18 Vision Screening Elementary School Students

Three representatives from the Lions community in Yavapai County were approached by the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County in the winter of 2018, to submit a grant request for a \$25,000 grant. They were Doug George and John Schmitt from the Prescott Noon Lions Club and Tom Kosel from the Prescott Sunrise Lions Club.

The objective of the grant was to support improvements in early student literacy through the fourth grade, by identifying student vision impairments. In response to that meeting, the three Lions formed a committee and submitted a proposal to develop and set-up a pilot vision screening program in Yavapai County, for K-4 school children using photoscreeners.

The photoscreener is a handheld auto-refractor that looks like a large camera. In a matter of seconds this device can get a reading of a child's eyes and can determine if the child is seeing normally or whether the child needs to see an eye doctor for a full exam. This device costs approximately \$7000. Vision screening using this device has been proven to be more accurate than using eye charts for children and is much quicker. The committee was awarded the grant. With the grant they were able to purchase three of these devices with accessories.

During the spring and summer of 2018 the committee developed a full vision screening program (Lions Screen Kids Sight) with documentation and got all the pieces ready by the fall. They talked to everybody that would meet or chat with them. They selected 11 of the 33 candidate schools for the pilot program, that represented diversity in location, school size and school type. PreK was added to the K-4 grades originally discussed, because their investigation revealed the importance in detecting childhood vision disorders as early as possible.

They met with all 11 schools. They made presentations to 9 Lions and Lioness clubs in Yavapai County and recruited and trained 23 Vision Screeners. They ran 11 vision screening events starting in October 2018. They screened 1,258 students in grades preK through 4, who had parent/guardian signed consent forms, for a participation rate of 63.8%. They referred 104 students to see a vision professional and identified 5 students who were nonconforming in the color testing.

2019 Program

For 2019, a complete set of documents was written with an attached Outline, giving instructions on how to execute each step required to set-up and run a vision screening event. The objective of the documentation was to provide uniformity of the program run by separate teams.

They expanded the program to 27 elementary schools. The program was de-centralized, where five Lions vision screening teams set-up and ran most of the vision screening events. The teams were Chino Valley, Cottonwood, Prescott Evening, Prescott Noon and Prescott Sunrise. They were assisted by the Vision Screening Coordinator and three partial Lions vision screening teams, Camp Verde, Chino Valley Noontimers and Prescott Noon Lioness. The Vision Screening Coordinator stepped in and ran several events when Camp Verde vision screening teams was unable to do so. 38 Lions vision screeners from these eight teams participated in 2019. Oversight for this program was done by the Vision Screening Coordinating Committee (Doug George, John Schmitt & Tom Kosel). Lions Doug George was the Chairman and held the title of Vision Screening Coordinator.

Having individual teams running vision screening events required a mechanism to share program resources. These resources were 3 Spot Vision Screening Kits, each consisting of a Spot Vision Screener, tripod and platform, umbrella, roll of construction paper, 2 side tables, 2 color books, rolling crate with program accessories and plastic tote with documents and recording accessories. A sharing arrangement was set up, where each of the three kits were signed out for a week at a time from the Vision Screening Coordinator. These kits were then returned to the Vision Screening Coordinator at the end that period for the next team to sign out.

To avoid scheduling conflicts, the kits were pre-reserved by each of the teams. In order to insure maximum coverage of these kits the following guidelines were used: Screen schools up to 200 students with a single Spot Screening Kit. Use two Spot Screening Kits for schools that fall in the range of 200 – 400 students and 3 Spot Screening Kits for schools over 400 students.

2019 Program Results

5869 students were vision screened in 27 schools with a participation rate of 88.2%. Several of the schools had multiple events. The results were: 567 students had a result of Refer and 15 students had a result of Inconclusive, for a total of 582 students that were referred to see a vision professional. 41 students were identified as nonconforming in the color testing. The final results were recorded on a Final Tally Sheet for each event and sent to Jeanette Russell, the Arizona Lions Kid Sight USA Coordinator. Grades above 4th grade were included in some schools as part of the vision screening program this year, due to the impact of the new vision screening legislation

that went into effect in the middle of 2019. This included several middle schools. 36 applications for financial assistance were also processed and between 8 and 12 financial applicants were referred to the Chino Valley and Prescott Valley clubs.

Impact of New AZ Vision Screening Legislation

In 2019, the State of Arizona passed new vision screening legislation, which mandated district and charter schools to conduct vision screenings each year for some individual students and for specific school grades. Private schools and Lions vision screening teams are not covered by the legislation. The AZ Department of Health Services will write the final rules defining the details of this mandate. Preliminary rules were being written for the 2020-2021 school year, however the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a more than one year delay in implementation.

In the 2020-2021 school year, we vision screened a limited number of students due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Bob Efros from the Cottonwood Lions joined the Coordinating Committee when his club purchased a photoscreener. Eventually the Cottonwood club purchased a second photoscreener.

In the 2021-2022 school year, we increased the number of students we vision screened from the previous year, but still had some residual restrictions on the program due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 variants.

In 2022-2023 the general participation rates by grade in most schools approached pre-pandemic levels, although there were a few schools that did not participate again and we will need to determine their viability going forward.

Table 7-6: Vision Screening Results

Year	Program Chairman	PNL Team Leader	No. of Lions Clubs	No. of Schools Screened	No. of Students Screened	No. of Refers	No. of Inconclusives	No. of Color Non-conforming
2018	Doug George	Doug George	9	11	1258	104	0	5
2019	Doug George	Rhuno Nelson Bob Dressler	8	27	5869	567	15	41
*2020	Doug George	Rudy Hernandez	7	14	1739	239	10	47
*2021	Doug George	Rudy Hernandez	7	20	3360	436	11	58
2022	Doug George	Rudy Hernandez	5	25	4,269	499	19	53

*Note: Vision screened a limited number of students due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic