

# The Lions' Tales

WHEATON LIONS  
MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

*Serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired.*



Wheaton LIONS Club Den  
Established October 23, 1923

Luncheon Meeting Tuesdays at Noon in the Masonic Building, 120 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL 60187 • March, 2009

*"My Lions" Video on WCTV Channel 17: 10am, 2pm, 6pm Wednesdays*

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## Seeing Our Way

By Dorothy Troyer,  
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### THE MATADOR GETS A NEW EYE

Lion Dr. R. Tracy Williams, director of Spectrios, led a 22 member Vision Team on a recent Medical Mission to Guatemala. During a previous clinic Lion Tracy had packed a prosthetic eye on the off chance that someone might need it. Someone did and was not only thrilled with her improved looks, but was convinced that she could see out of that false eye. This time Lion Tracy packed 20 prosthetic eyes of various colors and sizes.



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the clinic a man who had been one-eyed for 30 years came hoping for a new eye. As a young man he had been gored in the face by a bull and lost his right eye. From that day on he had been known as "The Matador." Lion Tracy looked over his stock of prosthetic eyes and exclaimed (and I quote) "by the grace of God, I have a prosthetic eye that will help the collapsed orbital tissue in his scarred socket and provide the "new eye" he had hoped for. The smile on his face after he was given a mirror to see the result was more payment than any eye doctor or ophthalmologist could ever witness. For the first time, he had tears of joy running down from BOTH of his eyes! It was hard for any of us to hold back our own tears." A simple prosthetic eye made him exclaim "I am now complete

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## Welcome New Members

Our Membership chairman, Lion Jim Ellingson's leadership has produced more new members for our Wheaton Den. Please welcome them.



Lions Barry & Georgie Cobb  
Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl



Lion Dave  
McLinden  
Sponsor: Lion  
Jim Borsch

Lion Rod Irey  
Sponsor: Lion  
Brad Pihl



Lion Gerry Dakin  
Sponsor: Jim Herrmann

## Upcoming Events...

*NEW: View "My Lions" Video on WCTV Channel 17: 10 am, 2 pm and 6 pm Wednesdays.*

- March 31—No Meeting, Spring Break
- April 18— Recycle Extravaganza
- May 20— Installation Banquet
- May 26— No Meeting, Memorial Day
- June 07— Walk-In-The Dark
- August 19— Golf Outing

### Birthdays:

- March 12 ..... Georgie Cobb
- March 25 ..... Mike Nass
- April 06 ..... Bill Guild
- April 06 ..... Rod Irey
- April 09 ..... Gary Dewel
- April 10 ..... Bob Haeger
- April 13 ..... Clyde Kautz
- April 13 ..... George Newitt
- April 16 ..... Joe Magill
- April 19 ..... Bill Davis
- April 21 ..... Ron Austin
- April 26 ..... Craig Herringer
- April 27 ..... Ern Kovacs
- April 27 ..... Frank Steck
- April 29 ..... Randy Bruns

### Thought for the Day . . .

*I am prepared to meet my Maker.  
Whether my Maker is prepared for  
the great ordeal of meeting me is  
another matter.  
- Sir Winston Churchill*

### Membership Directory

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## Speakers Calendar

### March 03

Sponsor: Lion Steve Bailey  
 Speaker: Linda Dolan and Kati Vaughn  
 Topic: Recreation & Adult Education  
 Wheaton Park District

### March 10

Sponsor: Lion Russ Adkins  
 Speaker: David Grange  
 Topic: Solving National Security Issues

Also: Mario Gumino, 1J, SightFirst II presentation

### March 17

Sponsor: Lion Karen Lellios  
 Speaker: Sue Theisen, Health Services,  
 Wheaton North H.S.

Topic: School Sight Program Status

### March 24

Sponsor: Lion Gary Crocus  
 Speaker: Bob Miller  
 Topic: Former major league baseball pitcher.

### March 31 No Meeting, Spring Break

### April 07

Sponsor: Lion Lou Deardorf  
 Speaker: Jim Kerby  
 Topic: Fermi Labs' Future

### April 14

Sponsor: Lion Dorothy Troyer  
 Speaker: Lion Joe Gorup  
 Topic: Business Software for the blind

### April 21

Sponsor: Lions Barry & Georgie Cobb  
 Speaker: Dr. David Frederick  
 Topic: Concerning Horses

### April 28

Sponsor: Lion Marty Findling  
 Speaker: Carol Findling, Int'l Partners in Mission  
 Topic: Making the World a Better Place

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This is the story of just one of the visually impaired and hearing impaired people who benefitted from this medical mission. During the four day clinic, the Vision Team met their goal of treating 500 people and the Hearing Team met their goal of treating 300 people.

Watch this column for another story from the Guatemala Medical Mission in the April issue.

## Hear Here

By Dr. Terri Lightbody, Au.D  
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## Many Children With Hearing Loss Also Have Eye Disorders

About 20% of children with sensorineural hearing loss also have ocular disorders, according to a report in the February issue of *Archives of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery*, one of the *JAMA/Archives* journals.

An estimated 1 to 3 of every 1,000 children have some degree of sensorineural hearing loss, which occurs as a result of damage to the nerves or the inner ear. Half of these cases in children result from environmental causes and half from genetic causes. One gene has been identified, GJB2, which accounts for a large proportion of sensorineural hearing loss cases in Caucasian patients.

Early onset hearing loss is associated with delays in language, speech, cognitive and social development. The hearing impaired child must use other means of communication acquisition in order to get the best signal possible i.e. body language, visual cues, etc. If these children also have unrecognized ophthalmologic abnormalities that limit visual acuity, there could be further detrimental effects on development.

Arun Sharma, MD, of the University of Washington, Seattle, and colleagues reviewed ophthalmologic findings in 226 patients with sensorineural hearing loss who were seen at a children's hospital between 2000 and 2007. Of these, 49 (21.7%) had an ophthalmologic abnormality, including

23 (10.2%) with refractive errors (including nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism) and 29 (12.8%) with non-refractive errors. The cause of sensori-neural hearing loss was syndromic (having other symptoms associated) in 11 patients (4.9%), and 5 (2.2%) had syndromes with related eye problems.

All participants were offered genetic testing for mutations in GJB2 gene. Of the 144 patients who underwent this screening, 27 (18.8%) had two mutated copies of the GJB2 gene, and one (3.7%) of those had ophthalmologic abnormalities. This compares with none of the 11 patients with a single copy of the mutated gene and 22 of 106 patients (20.8%) with no mutations. "This is consistent with the impression that GJB2 mutations result in sensori-neural hearing loss but not in additional anomalies or syndromes," the authors write.

"A multi-disciplinary approach is important in the evaluation and treatment of children with sensorineural hearing loss to ensure that their medical, education and social needs are met," the authors conclude. "Ophthalmologic evaluation can be beneficial for patients by allowing ophthalmologists to diagnose (and possibly treat) coexisting disorders that affect vision and by helping otolaryngologists to determine the cause of sensori-neural hearing loss."

## Our Wheaton LIONS Cup

Our very own. Available for \$9.00 each. See President Lion Dr. Lightbody. Dishwasher safe



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