

# 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 • April, 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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### Little Girl GETS A NEW EYE

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Lion Tracy Williams' recent trip to Guatemala, his vision team treated 137 Mayans. A 12 year old girl was brought in by her father. A tree branch, airborne from hurricane Mitch had struck her eye. Her lower right lid looked like a hemigroma growth – very large. A plastic surgeon apparently had repaired her lid, *Lion Dr. Tracy Williams* excised the growth and enclosed her damaged eye. She had been fit with a very small prosthesis that offered little support to her orbital tissue and cosmetically looked unnatural. She and her father were desperate for a refit and also wanted to check the health of her remaining eye. Dr. Tracy was able to fit this young girl with a much better reform eye- both orbital fit and cosmetic look. Her socket was previously inflamed and needed to be cleaned and treated prior to the refit. She was given appropriate prosthetic cleaning regimes and proper wearing instruction. Her good eye was healthy. Corrective lenses improved her vision and provided safety for her one good eye. As the team reviewed their work on this 3<sup>rd</sup> clinic day, they all agreed that for this 12 year old child, it was a life impacting moment.



Look for another Guatemala experience in next month's Lions Tales, again.

## Congratulations LION Ruth Carlson

Our own Lion Ruth Carlson was voted **Citizen of the Year** by the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce. As you may recall, Ruth heroically lead her employees to safety during a hostage taking event late last year.



## Volunteering for Wheaton Lions Events.

Lion Dr. Terri Lightbody is seeking members who would like to serve on our board and/or the various committees we have. Here is a list of committees you can sign up for.

- Nominating Committee  
*Lion Dr. Terri Lightbody*
- Fund Raising Committee
  - Walk For Sight  
*Lion Tony Ladd*
- Benevolence Committee  
*Lion Dr. Terri Lightbody*
- Spectrios Gala Banquet  
*Lion Jim Atten*
- Membership Committee  
*Lion Jim Ellingson*

## Upcoming Events...

- April 18**— Recycle Extravaganza
- May 19**— No Meeting, Installation
- May 20**— Installation Banquet
- May 26**— No Meeting, Memorial Day
- June 07**— Walk-For-Sight
- August 19**— Golf Outing

### Birthdays:

- April 06 ----- Bill Guild
- April 06 ----- Rod Irely
- 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
- May 02 ----- Rich Armbrust
- May 08 ----- Linda Knicker
- May 18 ----- Russ Adkins
- May 20 ----- Joel Riley
- May 22 ----- Mike Gresk
- May 23 ----- Carl Jordan
- May 26 ----- Tracy Williams
- May 29 ----- Bob Clavel

### Thought for the Day . . .

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.  
-Thomas Jefferson

### Membership Directory

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# Speakers Calendar

## 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

## May 05

Sponsor: Lion Dr. Joe Morrissey  
 Speaker: Cris Kohl & Joan Fosberg  
 Topic: Diving for ship Wrecks in the Great Lakes

## May 12

Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl  
 Speaker: Stan Austin  
 Topic: The Judge in Family Court

## May 19

No Meeting: Installation on May 20

## May 26

No Meeting: Memorial Day Week

## June 02

Sponsor: TBA

## June 09

Sponsor: Lion Bruce Schurman  
 Speaker: Tanya Berley & Carol Kincaid  
 Topic: DuPage Art League

## Welcome New Member

Membership chairman, Lion Jim Ellingson's leadership has produced more new members for our Wheaton Den. Please welcome Linda Knicker with the District 200.



# 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 sensori-neural 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 sensori-neural 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 sensori-neural 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 sensori-neural 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 sensori-neural 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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