

# The Lions' Tales

WHEATON LIONS  
MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER



Wheaton LIONS Club Den  
Established October 23, 1923

*Serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired.*

Luncheon Meeting Tuesdays at Noon in the Masonic Building, 120 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL 60187 • March, 2010

*"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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### MAKE YOUR OWN GLASSES?

Lion Marty Findling found an interesting article in a magazine called "ODE, for Intelligent Optimists." The article, written by James Geary, described a pair of adaptive spectacles (Adspecs) invented by Joshua Silver, a professor of physics at the University of Oxford. Adspecs are glasses which have chambers filled with silicon oil. If you fill the chamber with oil, the lens curves out; if you let the oil out of the chamber, the lens curves in. In this way people can adapt the lens to their own vision needs.

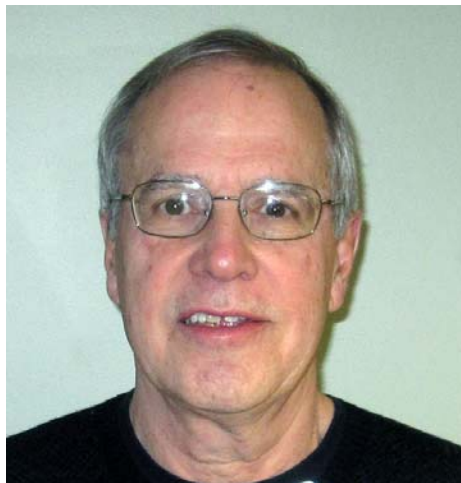
Why would anyone want to make their own glasses? In many countries in the developing world, only a small percent of people wear glasses because the delivery of glasses depends on trained professionals and advanced infrastructure. In these countries there are too few professionals and the infrastructure is poor. In some parts of sub-Saharan Africa, for instance, there is one optometrist for every 8 million people.

At the present time there are about 30,000 Adspecs in use in 15 countries. There is a program in Liberia through which about 1000 teachers and teacher trainees have received Adspecs and are learning to show people how to adjust the glasses. Professor Silver hopes to see one billion people wearing these glasses by 2020. He says, "Corrective eyewear is not just a health issue, it's an educational, economic and quality of life issue too." He sounds like a Lion.

## Welcome new Members



Craig Hutchison  
Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl



Lion John Wallerius  
Sponsor: Lion Jim Herrmann

## Recycling Extravaganza

**April 17, 2010**— The Wheaton Recycling Extravaganza at the municipal parking lot on the southwest corner of Liberty and Carlton. Lions club will collect glasses, hearing aids and keys as in previous years. The hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, only 4 hours this year.

## Upcoming Events...

- March 6 — Spectrious Open House
- March 30 — Spring Break —  
No Meeting
- April 17 — The Wheaton Recycling Extravaganza
- May 23 — Sight & Sound Sweepstakes
- June 06 — Walk for Sight

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### Birthdays:

- March 04 ----- Craig Hutchison
- 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 12 ----- Julie DeGrace
- April 13 ----- Clyde Kautz
- April 13 ----- George Newitt
- April 16 ----- Joe Magill
- April 19 ----- Bill Davis
- April 21 ----- Ron Austin
- April 26 ----- Craig Henninger
- April 27 ----- Ern Kovacs
- April 27 ----- Frank Steck

## Thought for the Day . . .

"There is nothing more miserable and foolish than anticipation."

-Seneca

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# Speakers Calendar

## March 02 , 2010

Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl  
 Speaker: David Lundberg, Evangelical  
 Child & Family Agency of Wheaton  
 Topic: Adaption of Children in Illinois

## March 09, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Mike Bernard  
 Speaker: Lisa Drake, Ex. Dir. CASA  
 Topic: Court Appointed Special Advocates

## March 16, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Dr. Terri Lightbody  
 Speaker: Melissa Alexander  
 Topic: "Whats that ringing noise?"

## March 23, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Dorothy Troyer  
 Speaker: Denise Winklmann  
 Topic: Amplfy Youth Development in  
 DuPage County

## March 30, 2010 No Meeting

Spring Break

## April 06, 2010

Sponsor: Lion George Bryson  
 Speaker: Dr. Michelle Andreoli,  
 Wheaton Eye Clinic  
 Topic: Importance of your Eye Sight

## April 13, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Dave McLinden  
 Speaker:  
 Topic:

## April 20, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Georgie Cobb  
 Speaker: April Sedell  
 American Cancer Society  
 Topic: Relay for Life

## April 27, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Clip Kniffen  
 Speaker: Chuck Baker, Acting  
 Sperintendent of Wheaton Schools  
 Topic: State of District 200

## Walk for Sight

June 6, 2010

New venue this year.

Middle School, Geneva, IL

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# Hear Here

By Dr. Terri Lightbody, Au.D  
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## The Kiss of Deaf

Who knew a simple kiss could cause so much trouble. There is a new report about how an innocent kiss caused permanent hearing loss and tinnitus. Homemaker Gail Schwartzman of Hicksville, NY came home one day to be greeted enthusiastically by her 4-year-old daughter, who gave her a big a hug and a kiss – directly on her left ear. Mrs. Schwartzman reported that while her daughter was kissing her, "It felt like she was sucking the air out of my head. I couldn't push her away because I had this terrible sensation in my head. When she was finished, I had no hearing in my left ear" (Hearing Review).

Levi Reiter M.D., Professor of Audiology at Hofstra University, first wrote of Mrs. Schwartzman's case in 2008. Mrs. Schwartzman came to Dr. Reiter one year after the incident, frustrated by numerous specialists who had been unable to diagnose her condition. Schwartzman had seen a full-page spread about Dr. Reiter in *Newsday* and her frustration turned to hope. Dr. Reiter's unique teaching methods piqued Schwartzman's interest and an appointment was made with Dr. Reiter soon after.

Mrs. Schwartzman reported that within one week after the 'kissing' incident, her hearing had improved from completely deaf to essentially a mild low-frequency sensorineural hearing loss, yet her ability to understand speech was still reduced by one-fourth. She was

also experiencing facial muscle spasms, tinnitus (ringing in the ear) and extreme sensitivity to loud sounds. By the time Mrs. Schwartzman saw Dr. Reiter, many of her symptoms had reduced in severity. Mrs. Schwartzman's "rushing" tinnitus now occurred only in quiet settings, her speech understanding in the effected ear improved and her muscle spasms only occurred in response to loud sounds. Her hypersensitivity to loud sounds however remained unchanged. She also noted experiencing a "flutter" in the left ear when she turned her head.

After Dr. Reiter evaluated Mrs. Schwartzman, he explained that the vigorous kiss created excessive 'negative' pressure or a suction to the ear canal and eardrum. This suction pulled the eardrum laterally, thus pulling the stapes bone of the middle ear forcefully away from a membrane (the oval window) at the opening to the inner ear, damaging a tiny but important muscle in the middle ear. This muscle is responsible for a reflex that protects the inner ear from loud-low frequency sounds. It contracts when a loud-low frequency sound occurs, reducing the flow of energy from the middle ear bones to the inner ear. The "kiss of deaf" left Mrs. Schwartzman with a damaged left stapedial muscle. Her facial spasms and sensitivity to sound are side-effects of the damage to her stapedial muscle.

Since the 'kissing' incident, Mrs. Schwartzman has recovered most of her normal hearing and function to the damaged ear. She is still not completely back to normal. So be sure to plant your smooches with care. Be careful when attempting to kiss someone on the cheek. They may turn their head and accidentally suffer the "kiss of deaf".

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