

# UTAH LIONS DISTRICT 28-U NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2008



Hi to everyone in the District,

This summer has gone by so fast; I think part of it is because we had such a late start, or a long winter. We had a great time in Thailand in June and learned a lot at District Governor Training School. Believe me it is hot and humid over there. It is very close to the equator and so there are almost equal light and dark. That is really strange. When you feel like you are ready for bed because it is dark, you look at your watch and it is only 6 o'clock. Now that is really weird since I am such a night owl. The country over there is Beautiful. The flowers are unreal, it is hard to believe they are real they are so beautiful. The people are as nice as they can be. President Al Brandel and his wife Maureen are a great couple and are true Lions. He has made some changes in the logo and they are in the Lions International Magazine. Be sure to take a look. He salutes Lions for "performing miracles of service and for being everyday heroes."

We have a busy year coming up this year. It has already started out with a bang. I have visited with eight Clubs so far. It is really enjoyable to meet with all the Lions Clubs and have a chance to talk to the members. There are some really interesting fund raisers going on, I am impressed with the Ideas there are out there and being put to good use for a wonderful cause, Lions. Please keep up the good work!!!! If you have not set a date with me for a Club visit please do so right away. My phone number is: Home 801-393-8097, cell, 801-721-9116, and e-mail nancyxst@msn.com.

Some of you have not turned in your p-101 with the new Club Officers on it. If this strikes a cord with you please get them in to Jim Knight District Secretary/ Treasurer. We need to be able to place them in the Directory for 2008-09. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*Be sure to put October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our District Convention. It promises to be lots of fun and surprises. It will be sponsored by the Smithfield Club. They are always a fun group. If you don't believe me I have incriminating pictures to prove it. We will have a Cabinet Meeting and there will also be a Foundation Meeting. Attached is a Registration Form. Please fill it out and mail it in as soon as possible. We will be having an International Guest, International Director Harold Ott. We would like to give him a warm welcome with good participation. Hope to see you there. Keith Hansen will be sending out more information about the Convention.

Good luck to everyone that is working on the Harmon's Breakfast this Saturday morning. Here's hoping for a good turn out for this as well.

We have a new club in our district, Layton Lions Club. Welcome to all of you. They are putting on a fundraiser at the Layton Sam's Club next Saturday, September 29th, from 1 pm to 4 pm. If you can support them as well I know they would appreciate it and you will be able to meet new Lions Clubs Members

Thank you for all your support,

Nancy Whitley  
District Governor 28-U

# LIONS ASKED FOR HELP WITH VISION SCREENING

Lions clubs across Utah have been asked to partner with Friends for Sight in the quest to improve vision. Friends for Sight, based in Salt Lake City, has been doing screening for children and adults across the Wasatch Front for many years, and have worked with Lions on many occasions.

They are not equipped to go out into the more rural areas in Utah so they have offered to train and equip Lions clubs in these communities to do the screening. Lions would sponsor a vision screening event in their community either alone or with another organization, and perhaps as a part of a Health Fair. Glaucoma testing and Diabetes information could also be a part of it.

Friends for Sight has also asked for Lion volunteers to help them in their screening and glaucoma testing in the Wasatch Front.

This is an opportunity to further our efforts to work for sight preservation in our communities and to obtain some visibility for our work in this worthy endeavor.

If your club is interested in this offer, please call Pam at 801-524-2020 or Lion Bill Barton at 801-978-3363. You may also get on the 'Friends' website at [www.for-sight.com](http://www.for-sight.com). Pam's e-mail is [pamela@for-sight.com](mailto:pamela@for-sight.com).



## *About Friends for Sight®*

**Background:** Friends for Sight was established in 1955 as Prevent Blindness Utah. Our purpose is to provide vision screening for children for Amblyopia (Lazy-Eye Blindness) and preserve sight. Since 1955, over 521,024 children - that's over "A Million eyes" - have been screened. In addition, over 374,022 adults have been screened for Glaucoma, the sneak thief of sight. Since we established the high school drivers training vision screening program in March of 2001, 100,416 students have been screened in schools throughout the state.

**Program/Project Description:** Children's vision screening is important at any age, ideally at age 3, when children's eyes are developing binocular vision. A child will not complain about poor vision, because they don't know how well they *should* see. Poor vision does not cause nor is it accompanied by any external signs. Amblyopia remains our number one concern, because the window of detection and treatment is narrow - between the ages of 3 and 7 years old - after which the child may be legally blind for life in the Amblyopic eye.

**Sight for Students Program:** Through the nationwide Vision Service Plan, we are able to provide eye exams and glasses to children whose families cannot afford treatment or who do not have vision insurance. We have provided eye glasses for 1,372 children in Utah since 1999, through this program. For years the fight against Glaucoma, a major cause of blindness, has been undermined by late detection and treatment. Early detection of Glaucoma remains the key factor in preventing blindness from Glaucoma. Three million Americans are affected by the disease, but half of them don't know it because Glaucoma progresses so slowly. Though doctors are turning to genetics and technology to help determine the propensity for the disease, early detection remains the key factor. Unfortunately, Glaucoma remains a leading cause of blindness in the United States.

**Lions Clubs/Districts - Certificates of Insurance**

In order to expedite the certificate issuance process, you now have the ability to create certificates of insurance on your own. Lions Club members can fill out and print one of these certificates using the form below. If you need help or have questions on certificates of insurance, please contact our insurance provider by calling either Jeannene Miller at (630) 324-2644 or John Kalush at (630) 324-2778.

**REQUEST FOR LIONS CLUBS CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE**  
**NEW FEATURE TO PRINT CERTIFICATE INSTANTLY!**

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/cert\\_of\\_insurance\\_07-08.php3](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/cert_of_insurance_07-08.php3)

**This form can be faxed or emailed to Hilb, Rogal & Hobbs at  
(PROCESSED WITHIN 48 HOURS)**

**(630) 324-2779 Fax or lionsclubs@hrh.com  
(800) 316-6705 Phone**

**or mailed to us at the following address:  
(PROCESSED WITHIN 7 BUSINESS DAYS)**

**Hilb Rogal & Hobbs  
333 E. Butterfield Rd., Ste. 500  
Lombard, IL 60148**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB INFORMATION:**

Name of Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT INFORMATION:**

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER/ADDITIONAL INSURED INFORMATION:  
(PARTY REQUIRING PROOF OF INSURANCE FROM YOUR CLUB)**

Certificate Holder: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**ADDITIONAL INSUREDS: (In order to be an Additional Insured, the party must own the premises on which you are conducting your event or be a public body issuing a permit)**

( ) None ( ) Same as Certificate Holder ( ) Different from Cert. Holder

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Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # where you can be reached for questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Send To:

( ) Fax Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

# Beltone

*Helping the world hear better*

Lions Club International and Beltone have teamed up to offer all members a national hearing health care program.

Through the Beltone Hearing Health Care Network of 1400 Preferred Providers, Beltone offers all Lions Club members and their immediate family (grandparents, parents spouse and children) the following benefits:

**- Free Hearing Screening**

- \* A 10 Step Evaluation Process.
- \* No cost to you to determine if and to what extent you may have a hearing loss.

**- 15% Retail Discount**

- \* Off the retail price of any Beltone Hearing Aid with over 80 models to choose from.
- \* All hearing aid technologies available; state of the art digital hearing aids, programmable and analog aids.

**- BelCare™ Member Satisfaction Plan**

- \* A standardized customer service program that ensures you consistent delivery of service regardless of the Beltone location.
- \* BelCare™ is a commitment from Beltone hearing care practitioners that ensures your experience is professional, comfortable and worry-free.

**- Lifetime Care Program**

- \* Beltone will service, clean, inspect, and adjust your hearing aid at any Beltone location in the United States for the life of your hearing aid.

**- Warranty and Lost, Stolen or Damaged Protection Coverage on every Beltone hearing aid.**

**- National Finance Options Available.**

**- To find your nearest Beltone provider location call toll-free (800) Beltone (235-8663).**

**- Hearing Care Information and Provider Location Information at [www.Beltone.com](http://www.Beltone.com).**

**Who Has a Hearing Loss?**

- \* Approximately 28 million Americans (10%) are hearing impaired, but fewer than 20% actually seek help.
- \* 1 out of 4 people over age 65 have a hearing loss.
- \* It is the third most prevalent chronic condition behind arthritis and hypertension.

**Common Warning Signs of Hearing Loss**

- \* People seem to mumble more frequently
- \* Difficulty understanding some of the words in a conversation.
- \* Often need to ask people to repeat themselves
- \* Telephone conversation is difficult .
- \* Family complains the TV or radio is being played too loud. .
- \* No longer hear normal household sounds, such as a faucet dripping or doorbell ringing.
- \* Experience ringing in the ears.
- \* Speaks too loudly.
- \* Difficulty understanding conversations in groups or crowds.

# 21st Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

# Peace Begins With Me

Sponsor a Lions International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's visions of peace with your community.

## How the Contest Works

Lions clubs sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2008. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Peace Begins With Me."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

## Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York, USA (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of US\$2,500 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2009.

- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

**Mail or fax your order to: LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CLUB SUPPLIES SALES DEPARTMENT, 300 W 22ND ST. OAK BROOK IL 60523-8842 USA; Fax 630-571-0964**

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) \_\_\_\_\_ Qty. @US\$7.95/ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Language Required \_\_\_\_\_ Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Available in all official languages.) Postage & Handling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## Method of payment (select one):

A. Club/District Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Officer's Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Visa/Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

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## How to Enter

- Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$7.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one\* school or organized, sponsored youth group:

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**

- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**

- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home

- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster

- **District Governor Postcard** to notify your district governor in advance of your club's participation

- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

*\*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.*

**Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2008.** Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

To order the Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) submit the form below, order through the online Lions Store (Item search: Peace Poster Kit) or call Club Supplies at (630) 571-5466 or (800) 710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for more contest information, deadlines, to send a Peace Poster e-card and view past finalists' posters.

## Ship order to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

## E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**United States** – Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. **An additional \$30.00 is required if expedited Next Day or 2nd Day Service.**

**Overseas** – Orders shipping outside the United States will be charged postage/handling based on package weight, dimensions and final destination. Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. Additional charges for duty/taxes upon receipt of goods may be required by customs. **We are not responsible for any additional charges imposed by customs.**

We are obligated to charge sales tax in Illinois and Canada:

Illinois - 7% (.07)

Canada - Orders subject to applicable taxes according to Province

# LET'S CELEBRATE OUR MIRACLES AND HEROES

by Al Brandel

President

## The International Association of Lions Clubs

Do you believe in miracles? Do you know any heroes? Every Lion certainly can answer "yes" to both of these questions. All he or she needs to do to see the miracles is to take part in one of our service projects. The heroes are the Lions.

Maybe we've seen too many movies or read too many flattering profiles of heroes and expect a hero to be larger than life and miracles to be supernatural. But I believe heroes are part of everyday life and miracles happen in the ordinary course of a day. I learned at an early age from my parents about the importance of service and how members of a community can contribute to their community. Later, as a young Lion, I learned how a club's many acts of service, however small and seemingly commonplace and unremarkable, add up to something very significant and valuable.

During my presidential year I will salute Lions for performing miracles of service and for being everyday heroes. I will promote some of our Lions' programs in particular and focus on membership (see pages xx) but I want to emphasize that our biggest asset is our members. It's you. It's you in California. It's you in Canada. It's you in China, France and Paraguay. It's the clubs in Germany, Russia and India. It's the Lions in Japan, South Africa and Brazil.

Lions do the heavy lifting. You decide how effective Lions are. You exemplify who Lions are. Unfortunately, probably due to a certain humility, individual Lions tend to downplay their importance. "I'm just one Lion." No, you're not. You are Lions. "I'm not a club officer." No, you're playing your part. You're doing service. "We're just a small club." No, you are the club in your community that your community can't do without. If your community were to lose you, your community would be worse off in so many ways.

All of you are miracle workers. You are a fantastic part of a worldwide organization dedicated to improving the lives of millions. There is nothing I can say to make this more of a miracle other than to thank you, to encourage you and wish you the very best this year in making more miracles.



### Dr. Harold R. Ott

Dr. Harold R. Ott from Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007.

Director Ott is a retired university administrator.

A member of the Harris Township Lions Club and a Lion since 1980, Director Ott has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson and district governor. He also served as Liaison Committee member, Leadership Development chairperson and MERL chairperson for his multiple district. In addition, he has been a presenter and discussion leader at Lions forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Ott has received numerous awards, including his club's Distinguished Service Award, the Past International President Joseph Wroblewski Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the International President's Leadership Award and the International President's Medal. He also received a Lions Clubs International Academy Awards honorable mention in the Best Leadership Program category and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Ott is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is the Lions representative to Town & Gown International Partnership Building Futures for Tsunami Generation, life member of the PSU Alumni and of the PA Beacon Lodge 365 Club (supporting the Lions Camp for the Blind), and member of the PA Counselors and the PA Lions Foundation. In the past, he served as treasurer of the Mercer Area School Board, member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, board member of the Boalsburg Heritage Museum, and board member and chairperson of PA Parents Anonymous.

Director Ott and his wife, Barbara, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and two grandchildren.

# DISTRICT 28-U CONVENTION

OCTOBER 10-11, 2008

The Smithfield Lions Club invites you to join the other Lions in District 28-U for this convention which will be hosted by the Smithfield Lions Club.

All meetings will be held at the Smithfield Lions Building and the headquarters hotel will be the Comfort Inn in Logan. The Comfort Inn is located at 447 N. Main, Logan (in the center of Logan) and has excellent accommodations. You will need to make your own reservations for the hotel, phone number 435-752-9141 and tell them you are with the District 28-U Convention. The price for the hotel is \$60 .00 per night and \$66.00 for a smoking room. This price includes a Continental breakfast. We have reserved 35 rooms so make your reservations early to ensure a room at the Comfort Inn. Room reservations must be made by October 1<sup>st</sup> to be assured of a room, after that our block of rooms will be released. We think we are planning a fun convention at a reasonable cost

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**PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 3, 2008 SO WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE MEAL COUNT.**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$10.00 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner: \$10.00 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \$10.00 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. Gov. Banquet \$15.00 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$2.00 CHARGE PER MEAL IF NOT REGISTERING, BUT ATTENDING A MEAL**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**

PDG KEITH S. HANSEN

2360 W. 6550. N

AMALGA, UT, 84335

PHONE NO: 435-563-3933

## DISTRICT 28-U CONVENTION OCTOBER 10-11, 2008

Please let us know what's going on in your club so we can share it in our district newsletters.

You can send your news and pictures to: [jatekent@comcast.net](mailto:jatekent@comcast.net)

***PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH  
FELLOW LIONS IN YOUR CLUB.***

**(This newsletter only goes to Club Presidents)**

***We Serve***

**“Change Starts Inside Each of Us”**

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