



Brush Strokes with President Richard

Hello Fellow Lions,


I am excited & proud to be a Lion, especially a Lion in the Concord Lions Club! We've got a lot of great things happening. We are getting closer to our purchase of a vision screening camera that will most certainly benefit the young people of our community. This is a project that has been in the works for a few years and I'm excited that this is coming to fruition.

Looking forward, we hope to sort eyeglasses in February, sell brooms as the Odell Lions Club BBQ in March, and again at the Master Gardeners annual Herb and Plant Festival in April.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday at our next meeting.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Prez Richard

BIRTHDAY KIDS

2/4 ROBERT BURRAGE 

2/21 ANDRE WILKERSON

SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AND SOUPER BOWL INFORMATION

The date is Feb 18, 11 am-2pm at Forest Hill United Methodist Church. We have been a sponsor for many years. There are take out orders, bake sale items and other sale items. You may buy tickets at the door for \$10 or get them from Lions Georgianne, Alice or go by the Salvation Army office. Come join the fun .

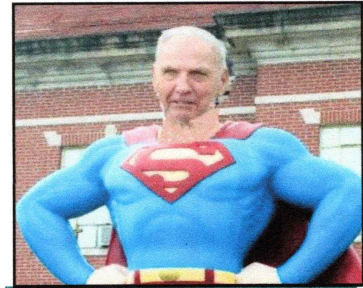
Our February Lions Club project is signing Valentine cards for the children at the hospital. Bring a good pen and plan to stay about 20 minutes after the meeting on Tuesday to sign the cards.

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Presidents' Day Trivia



Presidents' Day (or President's Day) is the common name of a United States federal holiday scheduled to be celebrated on the third Monday in February every year, and one of eleven permanent holidays established by Congress. On that day, federal government offices are closed and many state offices, public schools, and businesses optionally follow suit.



Lion Harold Jenkins, the
"Man of Steel"

Presidents' Day is actually not the official name of this holiday, which is just one of several pieces of trivia about this welcome winter three-day weekend celebrated widely in the United States.

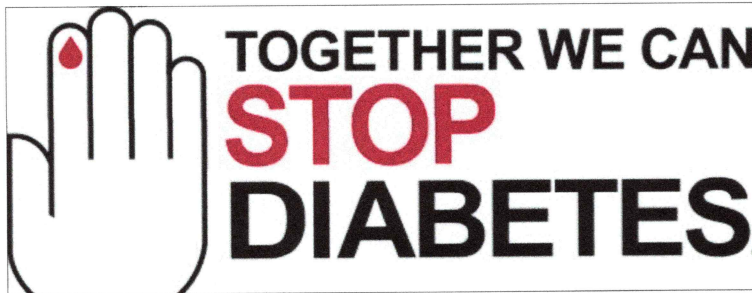
It is not officially called Presidents' Day: its official name is "Washington's Birthday," after the first American president, George Washington, who was born on February 22, 1732.

In 1951 and again in 1968, there were attempts to change the name to President's Day, but those suggestions died in committee. Many states, however, choose to call their holiday, on this day "Presidents' Day."

The holiday of February 22nd was first implemented to honor George Washington by an

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Why Diabetes



When International President Sten Akestam wanted to help raise awareness about diabetes, he turned to one of the most influential women in the world for help: Eppie Lederer, better known as advice columnist Ann Landers. For decades, her syndicated column, "Ask Ann Landers," helped readers tackle every human problem imagin-

able. Millions flipped through their newspapers each morning to read Landers' thoughts on parent-child relationships, disputes with neighbors, moral quandaries, health problems and the feelings of the lovelorn. If Lions could get a letter about diabetes printed in Landers' column, they could quickly reach a wide audience with important information.

Akestam, who served as international president from 1986 to 1987, wrote to Landers, explaining the risk factors, warning signs and consequences of diabetes—one of the leading causes of vision loss in adults in industrialized counties. "Please print this letter," he wrote. "Millions of people need to see it, and if it runs in your column, they will."

Akestam explained that Lions worldwide were involved with diabetes screening. Readers who wanted additional information about the disease or screenings could call their local Lions club or Lions Clubs International headquarters.

In January 1987, Akestam's wish was granted. His letter and Landers' response appeared in the more than 1,100 newspapers carrying her column. "I'm delighted to print it," Landers wrote. "It will save lives. I hope you have a good number of trunks on that phone

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act of Congress in 1879, and in 1885 it was expanded to include all federal offices. Up until 1971, it was celebrated on the actual date of his birth, February 22. In 1971, the observance of the holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. That allows federal workers and others observing federal holidays to have a three-day weekend, and one that doesn't interfere with the normal work week. But, that means the federal holiday for Washington always falls between February 15th and 21st, never on Washington's birthday.

Why Diabetes

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and many volunteers who are willing to answer it.” Her advice to Akestam was spot-on. Lions headquarters received more than 1,000 phone calls asking for more information. Public interest was so high that headquarters printed thousands of brochures on diabetes and made them available to clubs.

Lions' efforts to help control and treat diabetes and related complications, such as sight loss, have never ceased. Clubs host diabetes screenings in their communities, participate in annual events for diabetes awareness and raise funds for research and treatment. And with the number of people living with the disease estimated to grow to 592 million by 2035, the work of Lions will continue to be a vital part of preventing and treating diabetes.



The Spot Vision Screener is a handheld vision screening device that helps users quickly and easily detect vision issues on patients from 6 months of age through adult. Spot screens both eyes at once from a nonthreatening 3-foot distance. The touch-screen display allows for one-touch activation, simple management of patient data entry, and easy configuration for both vision screening tests and autorefraction applications.

Features

- Supports AAP screening guidelines for early detection of amblyopic risk factors
- Automated vision screening device provides thorough, objective, and easy-to-understand results
- Easy to use, easy to implement with minimal user training required
- Adequately powered for mass screening events
- Captures readings 97% of the time helping to screen otherwise difficult patients
- Wireless printing and WiFi-enabled for easy export of data
- Manual exports available via USB port
- Uses lights and sounds to help engage children

Registration Form
97th Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention
SPRINGTIME IN THE SMOKIES,
WHERE WE HONOR TRADITION AND EMBRACE
CHANGE

DoubleTree by Hilton, Asheville, NC
 April 24-26, 2020

CLUB: _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

Name (s) (PRINT first and last names & circle title and honors that apply)

Contact Phone Number: _____

	FFN	TTB	LUNCH	BANQUET <small>(Chicken)</small>
1. _____ <small>PIP, ID, PID, DC, PCC, PDC, 1st VDC, 2nd VICE DC, LION, LEO, GUEST, MJF, JSF, WLW, BOH, HOF, VIPAM, AMCW</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Function	by Mar 22	after Mar 22	Adults	Cost
Family Fun Night	\$28.00	\$33.00	_____	_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$21.00	\$26.00	_____	_____
Lunch with Lacy	\$24.00	\$29.00	_____	_____
District Banquet	\$32.00	\$37.00	_____	_____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

Make check for meals payable to...2020 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Mail this form with check by April 14th to:

Bill Barnwell, 222 Beehive Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Phone: 828-696-5522

Hotel Information: For room reservations call: Double Tree Biltmore,
 115 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803 at 828-274-1800
 (Room Rate: \$109.00 + tax) Room rate is available 3 days prior to and 3 days
 after the Convention.

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«City», NC «Zip1»

Calendar of Events

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| Feb 4 | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting - Parkway Restaurant - District Chair
Program - Michelle Gregory - Diabetes Awareness |
| Feb 11 | 6:30 PM | Board Meeting - Covenant Presbyterian Church -
731 Union Street South Eyeglasses Sorting |
| Feb 17 | | Flag Display - Presidents Day |
| Feb 18 | 11AM- 2PM | Salvation Army - Souper Bowl - Forest Hill United Methodist
Church |
| Mar 3 | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting - Parkway Restaurant
District Chair Chris Beck - Tissue Procurement Chair |