



Fellow Lions,

As we travel uncharted territory during the upcoming year, I don't want to lose focus on our mission of service. I don't know what this year will look like at this point, but we will work together to make it successful.

A great big thanks to Lion Richard for two years as President. Great job on all of the progress we made. We do have a number of things going on right off the bat. We have a flag display on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and I am hoping for good weather. I want to introduce our newest club member, Lion Elizabeth Rummage. Lion Elizabeth is transferring from the Gold Hill Club and is the District 31-I webmaster. She has agreed to work on our web site. We have already had a meeting between Lion George, Lion Diann, Lion Elizabeth and myself to go over some items to make our web site up to date and informative to anyone wanting to find out about the Concord Lions Club. When it is fully up and running, I will let you know so you can visit the new and improved [www.concordlions.org](http://www.concordlions.org) web site. Thank you Lion Elizabeth for your work.

We have the funds to purchase our Spot Vision Screener Camera and hope to have it soon. This camera will allow us to screen children for eye issues while they are still developing so the parents can make decisions on eye exams to correct anything that may keep a child from learning because of vision issues. Thank you to Lion Kathy Poirier for all of your time and effort to get us the best deal and get this camera on order.

Not having face to face meetings is going to be hard on all of us. We are looking for some ways to stay connected. I don't think this virus is going away soon so communications and service projects with the proper precautions will be critical. The Board of Directors has been meeting the last three months via Go-To-Meeting so we are still functioning, but we need to be able to get all members participating.

More to come.

Please stay safe!

Lion Prez John


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**BIRTHDAY KIDS**

7/13 BOB ALDOUS

7/13 CHRIS MEASMER

7/16 PAUL HAYES



## Spot Vision Screener Update

Back in May, everyone received a letter and information about where we stood at that time in regards to purchasing the Spot Vision Screener and a compatible printer. We asked you, the club members, to help us raise the rest of the funds needed for this purchase. The response from you was heartwarming. Thanks to you we raised the remaining \$750 needed for the purchase and we have money left over to put towards the purchase of a second camera at some point in the future.

We are happy to report that the Spot Vision Screener and printer have been ordered and are being shipped. This is exciting news as this means we can now move forward with implementing our program in the community.

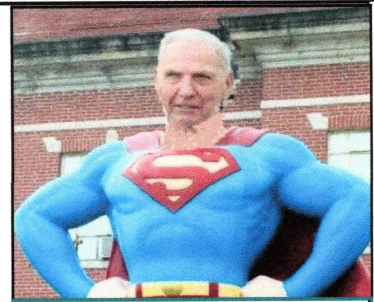
Again, thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Together we will make this program work and continue to follow the Lions motto, We Serve!

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## Trivia

When you are bored just think about a few things that don't make sense...like:

1. If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "scent", the "s" or the "c"?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. Why is the letter "w", in English, called double u? Shouldn't it be called double "v"?
5. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
6. The word "swims" upside down is still "swims".
7. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
8. If you replace "w" with "t" in "what, where and when", you get the answer to each of them.
9. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
10. If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?



*Lion Harold Jenkins, the  
"Man of Steel"*

## Scholarship Winner

We received the email below from Peter Petroff thanking us for selecting him as recipient of the Lions Club Scholarship:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this school year, it was not possible to do the interviews for our Lions Club Scholarship as we normally enjoy doing. The board voted to allow the Scholarship Committee at CHS to interview and choose our recipient for this school year. They have chosen Peter Petroff. He certainly sets a wonderful example of "Service" and will be attending Duke University in the fall majoring in English and Economics. Below is only a few of his accomplishments:

AP scholar

National Honor Society

Governor's School

Participated in a Chinese Language Immersion program

President and Founder of a literary and art magazine club

Varsity Football and Wrestling (numerous awards)

Pianist and Violist

IB buddy at Weddington Hills and Irvin Elementary Schools

Youth Ambassador serving children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses

Youth Missionary in Cuba

Pianist at Taylor Glen Retirement Community

Volunteer for Adopt-a-Street Program

Junior Volunteer at Atrium Northeast Medical Center in the cancer and surgery center

Math tutor

Peter wrote a wonderful essay as part of his application highlighting a meaningful experience he has had while serving others. He wrote:

For the past two years, I have been blessed with the opportunity to volunteer at the Taylor Glen Retirement Community in Concord. I play piano in the memory-deficient unit

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around lunchtime every other Saturday, when the residents are gathered in the small cafeteria near the piano. Even when I have been busy with schoolwork or tired from football or wrestling practice, I prioritize going to Taylor Glen, and no matter what mood I'm in before I enter the sliding doors of the building, I'm always in a good one when I leave.

I've studied piano since I was seven years old, and now play at the National Federation of Music Clubs Difficult 2 level. I play a varied repertoire that include jazz, classical and romantic pieces, and popular music. But one song in particular, Melody Bober's Magnificent Minnesota, is more meaningful to me than the others. Soon after I began performing it at Taylor Glen, one elderly lady, Mrs. Sandy, came over to ask that I play it again. She said that it was her favorite, and she requested that I play it the next time I visited. On my subsequent visits, I would smile at her and then start with the piece before she had a chance to ask. The look on her face was enough to tell me she enjoyed it. She and I became friends, and she began to sit in a chair next to me as I played. One visit, however, I noticed that Mrs. Sandy wasn't there, which had never happened before, so I asked about her. One of the caretakers told me she was ill but would bring her over for that day's performance. Mrs. Sandy was wheeled in on a bed and looked tired, but still smiled. It was the last time that we would share our love of Magnificent Minnesota. She passed away before my next visit to Taylor Glen.

My memories of the look of joy on Mrs. Sandy's face as I filled the room with music is still comforting and inspiring. Those memories give more meaning to my visits to Taylor Glen. My friendship with her showed me that even small gestures, like playing a song, or sharing a smile or a word of encouragement, can mean a great deal to someone. Knowing her has also helped me experience the personal joy that come from actively caring about people by investing time in them. I'm happy that my ability to play the piano presented me with the opportunity to share it. Mrs. Sandy has inspired me to look for other ways that I can use my time and talents to benefit others.

I wanted to send a thank you for the Lions Centennial Scholarship. I really appreciate having been selected to receive such a generous scholarship. The Lions Club is such a well-regarded organization, and it's an honor to have met their standards. I will make the most of the opportunities that it offers during my time at Duke. Thank you again.

I hope the members of our club can see what a wonderful candidate the CHS committee has presented. I feel that Peter will represent our motto "We Serve" well. Hopefully sometime soon Peter can visit our club, as well as the previous recipients. Please join us in thanking Amy Cochran and her team at CHS for helping us this year in our selection.