

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LIONS NEWS BRIEFS

CLUB OF THE MONTH

YERINGTON LIONS CLUB, NEVADA

FOUNDED: 1953

MEMBERSHIP: The club has 27 members with an average age of 57. Retirees are in the minority and members hold a variety of professions.

COMMUNITY SERVED: Yerington and the greater Mason Valley area, which is located in Lyon County. Yerington has a population of 2,883.

MEETING MATTERS: The club meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at its Lions' Clubhouse on West Yerington Street. The group is split into five cooking crews that rotate weekly and are responsible for setting up the dining area, cooking, serving and cleaning up afterward.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS: The club's main fundraising involves meals and beverages for events around town. The group also hosts a golf tournament, manure haul and flag displays for local businesses during major holidays and events.

SERVICE PROJECTS: The club provides two \$1,000 scholarships per year, an Easter egg hunt, a student speaker contest, a fishing derby and BMX races at the county fair.

CLAIM TO FAME: The club is committed to having a good time and doing the most good possible. Members of the community know the Yerington Lions is a working group and people turn to them first when they need something done. The club also visits other clubs in town to build partnerships.

WHY BE A LION: "We are a working club that can tackle any project and have fun doing it. If you're not afraid of working and like the idea of giving back to the community you live in, the Yerington Lions Club is the place for you." – Scott Rader, president

Kids compete at the Lions' Fourth of July sack race.



OVERHEARD

"I'm eternally grateful. I'm humbled. I'm overwhelmed. Actually, there are no words for what I feel."

–Malcolm Fox, 58, of East St. Louis, thanking Lions after the Lions Regional Eye Care Committee of Southern Illinois made surgery possible to repair a hole in his retina. From the *News-Democrat*.

"Lions are different from other organizations. We raise money by working. We want a little of your time, your talents and your energy and ideas. It takes someone who really cares to do this and not just write a check. It's the great equalizer."

–Terry Goodman of the Milford Lions Club in New Hampshire after his club hosted a Christmas dinner for 120 seniors. From the *Cabinet Press*.

"Showing up is the most important part."

–Mike Truxell, crowned beard champion in Kodiak, Alaska, at the Lions Club Miners and Trappers Ball. From the *Kodiak Daily Mirror*.

ON THE WEB

Lions Clubs International sponsors several contests designed to recognize clubs, districts and individuals. For more information about official contests, go to www.lionsclubs.org and click on the Member Center tab. Select Online Community, then Official Contests to view information, learn the rules and download information.