



N.M. Lions Crane Reading Foundation

Monthly Report to Board

November 1, 2007

The purpose for this communication is to present a brief report to the Board of Directors concerning NMLCRF activities. This report covers the period from October 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007

1. The Reading lab, located at the Dream Center in Las Cruces, is open from 1 P.M. to 9 P.M. Monday through Thursday. Lions Allen and Virginia Crane along with several volunteers conduct seven one-hour sessions for students and parents each day. On October 16th the Reading Lab began a new session with 6 new students. About 50 students are continuing.

2. Lion George contacted Comcast about providing internet service to the Dream Center. The initial discussion was promising and we are waiting for an official response from them.
3. Lions Allen and Virginia Crane went to Mindplay in Tucson and worked with Judith Bliss on her latest program RAP. They will need to return and spend at least one more week.
4. Lion John Miller has received about \$600 in contributions in memory of Dr. Brenda Watson, OD who passed away recently. She was a strong supporter of the NMLCRF and donated much time to the reading program. Lion Eldon gave John a \$2000 check from the Noon Lions Club restricted to vision care at Valley View and a \$400 unrestricted check from the Progress Club. Lion Allen is evaluating the optometric equipment which was donated to the NMLCRF by Dr. Watson's estate.
5. NMLCRF and the Lions eye van participated in the Los Leones de Mesilla Car Show on October 13, 2007. Dr. Dana McQuinn conducted eye screenings and Ms. Justa Ordorica did diabetes screenings on 20 people in about 4 hours. Lions Juan and Rita Lucero drove the van to Mesilla and organized the screening activities.
6. Lion Bryson McCool delivered seven computers to the Reading Lab. These computers were donated by the Los Alamos Ski Club.
7. Lion Eldon Steelman continues to seek support for the program by writing and submitting proposals to various foundations. The current status for these proposals are:
 - Barbara Bush Foundation---pending
 - El Paso Electric---pending
 - Southern NM Health Foundation - awarded \$4500
 - Daniels Foundation---pending
 - Kellogg Foundation---pending
8. Lion Jim Jones has asked that we meet with the new Carlsbad superintendent. Lion Jim volunteered to arrange the meeting time and place.