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Dear Officers, Trustees and Presidents of District 40N,

**SUBJECT: PHANTOM EYE ON THE FUTURE BALL UPDATE
LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DOCTOR RECOGNITION**

Your help is needed to ensure that we recognize (by Phantom Express Mail) our volunteer optometrists and ophthalmologists this year. The following is the list received from Rita Lucero with input from Bernie Holzapfel and Gemma Ferguson:

Albuquerque: Hal Hudson, Bob Avery, Robert Jarell, Peter Beaudette, Melinda Cano-Howes, Sharon Pacheco, and William Jones.

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If you know of any doctors that have been missed, please contact Rose at 505-471-3813 or lionrosesantafe@aol.com, by the cut-off date for this year's recognition - Friday, the 13th.

We now have gifts from Pranzo Italian Restaurant, O'Keefe Café, La Casa Sena, Tomasitas, Dish 'n Spoon, C. G. Higgins, Foot Solutions, Trader Joe's, Ojo Caliente, Mary Kay (thanks to Gerry Jones), Wal-Mart (Eight \$25 Certificates thanks to Gemma and Melissa), Best Western Inn and Suites on Yale, Allbuquerque and Cracker Barrel, with pending decisions at Buffalo Thunder/Cities of Gold, Isleta, Santa Fe Winery and a few others. **If you can help get more certificates from outside Santa Fe, it would benefit doctors living outside Santa Fe.** Right now we have 20 gift certificates for 25 doctors. Any extra certificates will be used as "door" prize for Phantom Ball tickets purchased.



Thanks to Sandia Mountain Lions for being the first to buy eight “no suit to wear” tickets for the Ball! They will receive a raffle ticket for each \$5 of support that is good for the door prize drawing, if extra certificates are received or the special raffle prize of a week at the Inn at Mazatlan. If they win, they could hold a raffle to benefit their club to see who gets to use the Studio unit with two double beds, coffee maker and small refrigerator.

The week is Thanksgiving Week – November 23 -30, 2009. The Mazatlan Marthon is usually run on the Sunday before departure with a 5K and Half-Marathon run on Saturday. The Inn is also sponsoring the Mexican Olympic Bobsled Team, so a very unique t-shirt could be purchased while at the Inn.

We are requesting that Phantom Ball tickets be purchased by April 1, 2009, but additional raffle tickets for \$5 may be purchased until the State Convention in Farmington. Winner will be drawn after the Eye Bank drawing. The winner need not be present to win, but there will be an additional gift if the winner is present.

Ticket purchasers may request a copy of the program being prepared for the ball that will include Randy Travis’ signed color photo with his message “God Bless Everyone with New Mexico Lion Volunteers”. It doesn’t stop there: Wes Studi (Joe Leaphorn in the PBS Hillerman movie), actor and musician, has autographed a photo of his group, “Firecat of Discord” with the message “Thank you Lions Club Volunteers! Firecat & Wes Studi.”

The names of the doctors who are being honored will be highlighted as well as the businesses that have generously contributed gifts and certificates during these trying economic times. Please thank doctors and businesses personally when you see them!

My home club members who buy tickets to the Ball are planning to get together to toast the doctors and wine and dine ourselves on April 1, 2009! Hope you all do something fun on Phantom night!

Thanks you for your support of a new idea!

Very truly yours,

Tom

Thomas E. Himrod, President
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