

January

Birthdays

Lion Sol Sherfey – 16th



Anniversaries

Lions Terry & Sue Castonguay – 01

Lion Charlie Phelps – 03

Lion Linda Sherfey – 04

Lion Paul Harvey – 06



Dates to Remember

Jan 7: Smithfield H.S. Band Program (at SHS)

Jan 10: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting

Jan 15: Riverside Nursing Home Activity

Jan 17: Cruz-In Meeting (noon, location TBD)

Jan 29: Smithfield Lions Bland Competition

Feb 16: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting

Feb 19: Riverside Nursing Home Activity

For information on any of these events, contact any club officer or refer to the Knights Vision.



Meeting: Second Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Smithfield Station
415 S. Church Street
Smithfield, VA

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President's Message

Fellow Lions,

Rick Hoyt was born in 1962 with the cards stacked against him. He suffered from oxygen deprivation at birth and was diagnosed as a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. Doctors suggested he be institutionalized with no hope for a normal life. They went on to say Rick would "forever be a vegetable."

His parents, Dick & Judy Hoyt, observed that Rick was paying attention to them and reacted to various stimuli. At the age of 12 they acquired a computer Rick could communicate through—Rick called it his "hope machine." The very first words he expressed to his family weren't "Hi Mom" or "Hi Dad" but rather "Go Bruins" in support of his beloved NHL team!

During high school Rick learned about a 5-mile charity race for a paralyzed youth. Rick asked his dad if they could enter. Dick Hoyt was just months away from a heart attack but agreed to push Rick and his wheelchair the distance. After the race, Rick told his dad that the experience made him feel like his disability had disappeared. That was the turning point. From that moment on Dick got into shape and entered one marathon or triathlon after another. Dick pulls Rick in a raft with a bungee cord attached to his vest. For the biking stage, Rick rides in a special two-seater. Dick then pushes Rick's wheelchair for the 26-mile run. Dick has often times been called the World's Strongest Dad!

In 2009, Team Hoyt entered their 1,000th race—the Boston Marathon. It was their 27th appearance in that race! Now 69, Dick hopes to compete with Rick in the 2011 Boston Marathon at the age of 70! Rick was once asked, "If you could give your father one thing, what would it be?" Rick answered, "The thing I'd like most is for my dad to sit in the chair and I would push him!"



While so-called experts wrote Rick Hoyt off, he finished high school & college. Now 47, he's a gifted motivational speaker. Like Rick, many folks you've helped in the nursing home or through eyeglass donations, etc., were also dealt a short hand. Because "you care" we've helped many disheartened people break through barriers and achieve great things. We may not know their names or seen their faces—but they're out there. One day perhaps we'll know their story! Thank you for all of the great things you did for the hungry & disadvantaged in 2010—it was an outstanding Smithfield Lion's year!

For their achievements, Team Hoyt was recently inducted into the Triathlon Hall of Fame. During the induction speech, Rick jokingly asked—"So what kind of vegetable am I?" I'm curious how his doctors would respond! For all you do to help so many in the world--I remain proud to be a Smithfield Lion and your president!! Happy New Year!!

Lion Tim



November's Month Ending Balances:

- Administrative Account: \$2788.71
- Activities Account: \$10,096.88
- Certificates of Deposit:
 - Project Lifesaver: \$3,132.05
 - General Funds, Activities: \$3,568.33



Remember to call Lion Sol. He needs to know if you're coming to the January meeting: 484-7146

Traveling Leo Report

Goal: Visit every Zone Club this year!

Boykins - 🐾 Sept

Franklin - 🐾 Oct

Surry - Jan '11

Third quarter dues are due

JANUARY PROGRAM

Business Agenda



EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

Please bring recyclable eyeglasses to our monthly meetings until further notice.

New Eyeglass Recycling Center hours and dates of operation are TBD. Lions Betty Payne and Bruce Young will provide details soon.