

# February

## Birthdays

Lion Walter Ross – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lion Sandy MacGregor – 9<sup>th</sup>



## Anniversaries

Lion Sol Sherfey – '03



## Dates to Remember

Feb 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> 24-D Cabinet Meeting, Sentara Norfolk  
General Hospital  
Feb 16: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting  
Feb 19: Riverside Nursing Home Activity  
Mar 9: Region Meeting, Smithfield Center  
Mar 14: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting  
Mar 19: Riverside Nursing Home Activity  
Apr 1: First Smithfield Lions Cruz-In for 2011

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

Smithfield Lions Club  
c/o Lion Tim Marinelli  
106 Harrison Drive  
Smithfield, VA 23430

# “BETWEEN THE LIONS”

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Lion Bruce Young 757-357-0325



## President's Message

Fellow Lions,

It's hard to believe the 2011 baseball season is upon us! Players are about to report to spring training hoping to make team rosters or face the end of their careers. None of these players will have an impact on baseball quite like William "Dummy" Hoy.

Hoy became deaf after suffering from meningitis at the age of three. He graduated valedictorian from the Ohio State School for the Deaf, opened a shoe repair shop and began playing baseball on weekends. Eventually he was scouted and signed to professional baseball. He played for 6 pro teams to include the Washington Nationals and Cincinnati Reds. He held the major league record for games in center field (1,726) and currently ranks 8<sup>th</sup> for most games played in the majors (1,795). He scored over 100 runs in 9 of his 14 professional seasons. And on one June afternoon, Hoy became the first major leaguer to throw out three runners at home plate in a single game—a feat only accomplished by two other players in the history of baseball! Hoy's achievements are remarkable considering he played from 1888 to 1902—nearly 40 years before Helen Keller began advocating for the blind and deaf!

But William "Dummy" Hoy is also known for something greater than a .287 lifetime batting average or having 2,044 hits. He's credited (and sometimes debated) as having developed the hand signals used by umpires and managers. In Hoy's time, the word "dumb" was used to describe someone who could not speak rather than as an insult to one's intelligence. One fact not debated is that Hoy could read lips and used signals to communicate with other players and coaches. Hoy himself often corrected individuals who addressed him as William referring to himself as "Dummy."



**Remember to bring spare change to the February meeting in support of Diabetes Camp**

As Lions, we've seen the challenges facing the blind and deaf around the world. We're "on board" with efforts that support early detection/screening. We've participated in Pediavision screening and made good use of the Sight & Hearing Van. And at our last club meeting, we embarked on a project to make Smithfield's local nature trail handicap accessible and into an interpretive trail walk.

Although deaf, William "Dummy" Hoy proved handicaps aren't showstoppers. After baseball, Hoy operated a dairy farm and raised six children. During WWI, Hoy worked as an executive with Goodyear supervising handicapped workers. At the age of 99, the Reds brought him back to Crosley Field (built on the site of his former home field) to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before Game 3 of the 1961 World Series. He could see, but not hear, the standing ovation he received! For all you do to help the handicapped—I remain proud to be a Smithfield Lion and your president!

Lion Tim



### *December's Month Ending Balances:*

Administrative Account: \$2638.04

Activities Account: \$10,126.44

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 February meeting: 484-7146

## Traveling Leo Report

**Goal: Visit every Zone Club this year!**

**Boykins - 🐾 Sept**

**Franklin - 🐾 Oct**

**Surry - 🐾 Jan**

**Suffolk or Windsor – Next**

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**Third quarter dues are due**

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## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Ms. Carolyn Savinsky

Family Care Givers Support Group



## 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.