



Lions Tales

June - 2009 Elkhart Lions Club

IMPORTANT DATES

June 5

Friday- Installation Banquet

June 10

Summer Meeting for June
Noon, Matterhorn

June 12-14

Rhapsody In Green; Help staff our trailer

July 8

Summer Schedule for July
Noon, Matterhorn

July 6-10

International Convention (Minneapolis)

Aug. 5

District 25-G Golf Tourney
Maxwelton, Syracuse

Aug. 12

Summer Schedule for August
Noon, Matterhorn

Sept. 24-26

USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Elkhart Lions Play Key Role in Metro KidSight

Assisted by our members who volunteer and our financial commitments to this pre-school vision screening project, the Metro KidSight effort was impressive statistics last year.

In 5 years, 3167 kids have been tested, with 261 of them referred for followup testing. In those numbers, we tested 278 Head Start students, and 23% were referred (average of all



The Torch Passes

It's hard to believe but I am writing my last letter as president of our club! We have had an exciting year. During the May 20th meeting I passed out a survey that many of you took the time to complete. (We appreciate that!) We know we have to get better and there is always room for improvement. One thing in that survey that maintained a 100% "ALWAYS" rating was your personal satisfaction with your enjoyment of being a Lion! To me that is the cornerstone on which we will build from in 2009-2010. Lion Chet is to carry the torch forward and one thing that he can rest assured about is that we all enjoy being a Lion! That enjoyment will carry over into all that we do and our mission- *We Serve*.

We have had our set backs and our differences, but instead of dwelling on those minor things (If you haven't read "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff", you need to!) we need to work from a position of strength. We are going to have to change as the club dynamics change. As I have said; "What got you to where you are today is not enough to keep you there tomorrow." That is very true with our club. We need to continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. That is EVERY MEMBER'S responsibility to each other and to the community WE SERVE. As soon to be past president, my mission for 2009-2010, under the direction of the board and Lion President Nunan, will be to chair the membership committee. That means more than just getting new members. It will mean the ongoing mentorship program that was started will be utilized to its fullest extent; it means that we will recognize new members and bring their strengths to the good works of the club and our community. I am excited about this role, but I cannot do it alone. I will need all of your help. Together we can accomplish much!

Lastly, I challenged each of you to leave a legacy as a Lion. I have encouraged you to step up to the plate in support of our club and its activities. I have encouraged you to be a Lion, not a pussy cat just sitting on a fence. Lions work together in a pride and pussy cats are generally loners. In my opinion loners lose out. Working together for a common cause will help us and our community to accomplish much. As we move into the new Lions' year I ask that you support our new president and board as much as possible. I have been blessed to serve with all of you and I THANK YOU for a wonderful year.

Continue to serve, continue to bless and be blessed!

Lion President Duane

kids tested is 3-4% referrals). In the first year of screening, 840 screenings were done in Indiana, with 472 done by Elkhart Metro program. Elkhart, Elkhart Community, Dunlap and Baugo are in the Metro program and

contribute volunteers and dollars.

Shown in the accompanying photo are (L-R) Bruce Wells (Dunlap Lions), Elkhart Pres. Duane Klein, Teddy Klein (Duane's son), and project coordinator, Judy Wells (Dunlap Lions).