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Monthly News

Saint Mary's Home

Each Christmas, the Port City Lions adopt the children of Saint Mary's Home to provide a gift during the holiday season. This is a tradition that the Port City Lions have held for many years. Since we generally do not meet during the month of December. The gifts are collected after December 25th and before January 1. The gifts are then delivered to the home around January 6th which is Epiphany.

To participate, members will need to sign up for a child at the Christmas Party on December 2. There is a profile of each child available from Lion Mary Ann Barbieri. On each profile is a wish list from the child. Purchase a gift and wrap it. Suggested cost should be between \$15 and \$25. It can be more if you desire.

Bring the gift to Lion Mary Ann Barbieri, 1510 Cedar Grove Plantation Drive by December 31.

A Letter to the Editor

(The following article is a Lion's version of a letter written by Frank Church of the New York Globe to Virginia O'Hanlon, 8, in the early 1900's).

Dear Editor:

I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no such thing as a human Lion. They say a lion is an animal. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Human Lion?

Virginia:

Your little friends are wrong. Just because the word "lion" generally refers to the king of beasts, Virginia, this doesn't mean that humans can't be Lions. Virginia, there are 1.3 million Lions dedicated to stamping out treatable and reversible blindness in the world through their Sight First efforts. Throughout the world, 40 million people are blind. And this could double in 25 years. These people are going blind because of diseases caused by the lack of sanitation and a need for vitamin A.

Yes, Virginia, there are men and women called Lions. Their motto is "We Serve." These Lions represent something you cannot touch, something your friends may not understand because of their skepti-

cism. But they represent – love, dedication, service. They give freely of themselves without compensation or recognition.

In short, these Lions are dedicated toward serving their fellow man. They are striving to live up to the challenges the noted deaf and blind Helen Keller gave in 1925 to be her Knights of the Blind in a crusade against darkness.

Virginia, these Lions surely are not animals. They are keeping the faith with their founder, Melvin Jones, who said: "I hope there will always be a land of the beyond for Lions, a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger and give more."

Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Lions! There would be no hope for the blind or the deaf.

For you see, Virginia, since our beginning in 1917 we have been involved in such things as: sight conservation and work with the blind....hearing conservation and work with the deaf....citizenship, educational, health, youth and social services....drug education and prevention....diabetes detection and research...and work for international cooperation and understanding.

Virginia, we became known as Lions because of the four outstanding qualities of the lion-courage, strength, agility and fidelity. The Lion symbol, a two-headed lion looking forward and

behind, stands for loyalty to a friend, loyalty to a principle, loyalty to a duty, loyalty to a trust.

Not believe in Lionism? You might as well not believe in cataract surgery, glaucoma screenings, eye banks, corneal transplants, leader dogs, camps for the blind, lighthouses and a myriad of other services provided by the Lions.

Is a Lion human? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more human. This was proved when Lions joined with other humanitarian groups to stamp out treatable and reversible blindness through

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversary
 Megan and Danny Morris December 29

Birthday
 None in December

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DECEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																								
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Sight First.

Thank God we have Lions, Virginia. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 time 10,000 years

Activities

- December 4 Christmas Party DG Ron Zeppieri's Visit
- December 25 Merry Christmas
- January 1 Happy New Year
- January 6 7:00 P.M. Business Meeting

from now

Lions will continue to make glad the hearts of mankind through their humanitarian service.