November is Diabetic Eye Disease Month

The focus of each November is to increase awareness of diabetes and diabetic eye disease to those people “at risk.” Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems that people with diabetes may face as a complication of the disease -- diabetic retinopathy, cataract and glaucoma. Cataract and glaucoma also affect many people who do not have diabetes. Throughout November, Lions clubs are encouraged to step-up their awareness efforts by hosting an eye screening or some other community project.

The most serious eye condition associated with diabetes is diabetic retinopathy. It affects the retina, the sensitive tissue at the back of the eye that transmit visual messages, via the optic nerve, to the brain. When the delicate tissue is damaged by diabetic retinopathy, the result may be visual impairment or blindness. Often there are no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. Vision may not change until the disease becomes severe. Nor is there any pain. Blurred vision may occur when the macula -- the part of the retina that provides sharp, central vision -- swells from the leaking fluid. This condition is called macular edema. Anyone with diabetes is at risk for developing diabetic eye disease. Nearly half of all people with diabetes will develop some degree of diabetic retinopathy in their lifetime.

In 1994 the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) was established. Funded by SightFirst grants from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, LEHP is an educational outreach program that enables Lions clubs to have a major impact in their communities in the fight against two leading causes of blindness in developed countries -- diabetic eye disease and glaucoma. Additional LEHP information is available by calling 630-571-5466, ext. 328; by fax at 630-571-8890; and by e-mail at lionlcif@worldnet.att.net.

November is Recognized as LCIF Contributing Member Month

November is LCIF’s Annual Contributing Member Month. Both Lions and non-Lions are asked to contribute to the foundation at this time. In recognition, your gift of $20.00, each donor receives a colorful LCIF Contributing Member lapel pin.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Jack Streicher: November 7
- L. Allan Wertz, Jr.: November 5
- Martha Bovee: November 11
- Sherry Schunck: November 11
- Robert H. Bovee: November 18
- Jerome B. Ney: November 26
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Savannah Port City Lions Club

November 1 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting.
November 3 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting.
November 7 3:00 p.m. District Cabinet Meeting and Rally
November 10 7:00 p.m. Business at Golden Corral Restaurant
November 17 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting.
November 24 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors.
December 1 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting.

Activities