

Past International President Robert J. Uplinger Dies

Past International President Robert J. Uplinger, of Syracuse, New York, has passed away. He was elected to the association's highest office during the 1971 International Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada.



A member of the Syracuse (Host) Lions Club since 1946, he held numerous offices on every level of Lions Clubs International before becoming president. Prior to his retirement, Past President Uplinger was an industrial engineer and consultant, and was owner of Robert J. Uplinger, Inc.

Past President Uplinger, who was instrumental in establishing Lions Day with the United Nations, represented the association as an NGO representative for many years.

For his many contributions to the association, Past President Uplinger was the recipient of numerous awards, including several International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor granted by the association to members. He was also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

During his presidency, Past President Uplinger proposed to the International Board that they adopt the "second half" of Helen Keller's 1925 request to make hearing conservation and work with the deaf a major activity of Lions Clubs International. He received many awards for taking this action, including the Solidarity Merit Award from the World Federation of the Deaf, the World Congress Deaf Award and was also honored by the Empire State Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Past President Uplinger is survived by his wife, Martha, two children, Robert and Karen, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Volunteers Needed

Lion volunteers are needed to participate in the Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb for Sight, sponsored by the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity of Pennsylvania (VOSH/PA).

The 11-day trip will be physically challenging and will take six days, led by professional guides with the assistance of two porters for each climber. It is a non-technical route, and no climbing experience is necessary. A three-day safari in the Ngomgoro and Lake Manyara National Parks will precede the climb. Mt. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa, rising 19,340 feet.

The hike is scheduled for February 1-12, 2003. Participants are asked to seek sponsorships to fund sight-saving surgeries for children in Guatemala. The procedures are performed at the Pescatore Lions Eye Hospital.

For details, please call Dr. Doug Vilella at 814-454-6517, or visit www.voshpa.org.

Apologies

In the June issue, the Spotsylvania, Virginia, Lions Club was misidentified. THE LION regrets the error.

Needed: News of Lioness Activities

THE LION Magazine will once again begin featuring news and photos of the service activities of Lionesses. Therefore, Lioness clubs and now Lioness Lions clubs are welcome to submit material of their service projects to the magazine. It will be the policy of the magazine to publish news and photos about the manner in which Lionesses are improving their communities and the lives of people in need.

Higher Keys Issued During June 2002

25 Member Key

- Lion Douglas G. Busch, Higgins Diggins, California
- Lion John Barnett, Little Rock (Pulaski Heights), Arkansas
- Lion William K. Heard Jr., Little Rock (Pulaski Heights), Arkansas
- Lion Horace Thibodeaux, Rayne, Louisiana
- Lion Uli Friebe, Coldstream, B.C., Canada
- Lion Ted L. Cowan, Naches, Washington
- Lion Elba Cruz Schulman, Hartford (Multi-National), Connecticut
- Lion James Leroy Jackson, Herndon, Virginia
- Lion Larrie J. Dean, Brandermill & Midlothian Woodl., Virginia
- Lion Charles Gilbert Tate, Central, Oregon
- Lion C. C. Mehandru, Jalandhar (Kiri), India
- Lion Tikka Meharban Singh, Jalalabad (West), India
- Lion Ashok Kr Kalanavria, Calcutta (Cultural City), India
- Lion Suresh Goyal, Balotra, India
- Lion Becharlal V. Saradva, Morbi (Nazarbaug), India

30 Member Key

- Lion Nelson Kieke, Wallis, Texas
- Lion Sid Z. Sioson, Los Angeles (Corregidor), California
- Lion Walter W. Fennern Jr., Wabasso, Minnesota