

## Past International President

### Dr. James M. Fowler

Dr. James M. "Jim" Fowler, of Mt. Ida, Arkansas, has passed away. He served as International President of Lions Clubs International in 1983-84.



Dr. Fowler, a member of the Little Rock Founders, Arkansas, Lions Club, was elected to the association's highest office at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, in June of 1983.

A dental surgeon, Past President Fowler was a graduate of the University of Arkansas and the St. Louis University Dental School, where he later served as an instructor.

Involved in many Lions and community activities, Dr. Fowler also served as a past president and board member of Lions World Service for the Blind. Additionally, Dr. Fowler was a state senator, naval veteran of World War II and a retired colonel in the Arkansas National Guard. A pilot, he also served as a past president of the National Flying Dentists Association.

He is survived by his wife, Aggie, and family.

## Please Note:

Lions sending news of club service activities to THE LION Magazine electronically should note that the e-mail address for THE LION Magazine has changed to: [magazine@lionsclubs.org](mailto:magazine@lionsclubs.org).

## Macular Degeneration Resource

Lions Clubs International is now affiliated with AMD (Age-Related Macular Degeneration) Alliance International. Lions are encouraged to utilize AMD Alliance International as a resource for information and materials for age-related macular degeneration.

Lions may wish to participate in AMD Week, an event sponsored by AMD Alliance International. AMD Week 2006 will occur during the third week of September. Check out the AMD Alliance International Web site at [www.amdalliance.org](http://www.amdalliance.org) for information about AMD Week activities around the globe. Further information may also be obtained by e-mail at [info@amdalliance.org](mailto:info@amdalliance.org).

## Conference of Lions Camps Scheduled for September

Lions camps serving children and adults with various disabilities offer a variety of opportunities and experience, each with its own specialized program. The philosophy of these camps is to provide children and adults who face physical challenges with opportunities to improve the individual qualities of life through education, recreation, socialization and rehabilitation programs.

Camp Echoing Hills in Ohio will be hosting the 2006 Conference of Lions Camps from September 18-22. Lions wanting to know more about Lions camps and how they can become involved are welcome to attend.

The purpose of the conference is to promote communication among Lions camps and their personnel while striving to achieve and maintain high standards of professional excellence in Lions camping programs.

Registration for the conference is US\$50 per person, which includes meals and lodging. For more information about this year's conference, please contact Larry Stitt at Camp Echoing Hills by telephone at 1-800-419-6513 or e-mail: [lstitt@echoinghillsvillage.org](mailto:lstitt@echoinghillsvillage.org).

## Plan Your STRIDES Walk

Lions clubs and districts all over the world can play an important role in building awareness of diabetes in their communities by organizing STRIDES: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness. Through the STRIDES walk, Lions, their family and their friends can increase awareness of diabetes and its serious complications, thereby creating an informed and healthy community.

Order your *STRIDES: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness* information packet today in time to celebrate Lions Diabetes Education Month and World Diabetes Day this November. Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and click on "Other Programs," and then "Diabetes."

## Hearing Aid Recycling Program

The Lions Clubs International Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP) was established to promote the collection, refurbishing and distribution of donated hearing aids.

Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to view the list of Lions participating in HARP; click on "Other Programs," and then "Hearing."

Lions interested in adding their program to the list may contact the Program Development Department at [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org) or telephone 630-571-5466, ext. 318.