



YAVAPAI COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

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Dear Editor,

Central Yavapai County is blessed with outstanding service organizations that provide significant assistance to our residents. A shining example is the Prescott Sunrise Lions Club.

For at least the last ten years, the club holds a Christmas party for their members and guests. Those who attend are encouraged to voluntarily bring unwrapped Christmas presents, appropriate for school aged children. At the event this year, sixty three (63) toys/games were collected, many were large and more expensive items. Those gifts are then distributed by the school nurses who work for the Yavapai County Education Service Agency (YCESA), at various schools around the county, where students need a little extra loving kindness at Christmas. In some cases, this may be the only gift the child receives. This is just a small example of the benevolence of the Sunrise Lions.

Thanks to these men and women, who work quietly behind the scenes to carry out their motto, "We Serve". You can help the Lions do even more to help our local communities. They are always looking for new service oriented members.

The club also has a long established and well respected, 501c3 Foundation which is eligible to receive the "Working Poor Tax Credit". This is a dollar for dollar credit against your state tax obligation for up to \$200 if filing as an individual, or up to \$400 if filing jointly. This can be done in addition to your donations to school districts and charter schools. The Lions focus on helping our youth, and those who need assistance with vision, hearing, and other handicaps. They are all volunteers, and nothing is stronger than the heart of a volunteer. If you want your entire donation to directly help the people for which they are intended, you will like the Prescott Sunrise Lions Club. For more information, please check out their website at, Prescottsunriselions.org or call 928-713-8116.

A most sincere thanks to all of our service organizations and specifically to the Prescott Sunrise Lions for helping our communities and our young people.

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