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Our Motto is WE SERVE

*More Volunteers in More Places than Any Other Service Club Organization
Come Serve With Us*

Calendar

DECEMBER 2017

Dec. 2 10am, Ramon Lucio Adopt-a-Park cleanup
Dec. 4 10am—8pm, Salvation Army bellringing (p. 2)

Dec. 5 **Noon Lunch Mtg, Saltgrass, \$11**
Prog: District Governor John Pruett

Dec. 5 & 12 6-9 pm, Blue Santa wrapping (p. 2)
Dec. 8 Hays Nursing Home birthday party

Dec. 19 **6 pm, Evening Mtg, SMPD Training Room**
Club Christmas party at Kissing Tree
(see p. 3)

Dec. 26 5:30 pm Birthday Bash/Chuy's (p. 3)

JANUARY 2017

Jan. 2 Noon lunch mtg, Saltgrass, \$11
Program:

Jan. 5 Deadline to RSVP to Trish Wilder to attend
Mid-Winter conference (see p. 2 &3)

Jan. 12 Hays Nursing Home Birthday Party

Jan. 13 District 2-S3 Mid-Winter conference (p. 2 &3)

Jan. 16 6 pm, Evening mtg, SMPD training room
Program:
7:15 pm, Board meeting

Jan. 30 Birthday Bash at Chuy's Restaurant

President's Corner

Lions Centennial Celebration continues into the 2nd 100 Years!

Blessings to each of you during this holiday season. I am looking forward to celebrating with you at our upcoming Christmas party on December 19, 2017, at the Kissing Tree.

At our recent Board meeting, the Board discussed a plan to onboard/train new and current Bluebonnet Lions and create a Lion mentorship program within our club. Exciting opportunities are happening for us as we give back to our community.

We serve! Our motto and our mission statement say it all. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve along side each of you and to learn what serving is about.

At your service, Trish Wilder



Club News

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Cherry Walts, chair

Board-adopted service projects for 2017-18 that need chairs are: Family 4 Life, Youth Fest, Redwood Reading, January school supply drive, Habitat for Humanity. Contact Cherry to volunteer to chair.

Adopt-a Park—Linda Alexander, chair

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 2, at 10am. Ramon Lucio Park is located at the corner of CM Allen & Cheatham. Park at baseball field area. Supplies and water will be provided. Closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, and a hat are recommended. Linda will treat all volunteers to breakfast tacos at Fuego's after the cleanup.

Salvation Army Bell ringing—Cherry Walts, chair

Bluebonnet Lions are invited to ring the bell at Sam's Club in 2-hour shifts on December 4 from 10am—8pm. Please contact Cherry if you plan to volunteer.

LCI Peace Poster Contest—Martha Moore, chair

Congratulations to Seth Hogan, an 8th grader at



Good-Middle Seth's was,

what makes the world happy." His poster was sent to DG John Pruett for entry into the District 2-S3 contest. (continued on p. 4)

night School. comment "Peace is

Blue Santa community service—Trish Wilder, chair

Tuesday's December 5, 12, & 19 we are invited to volunteer to help wrap gifts for Blue Santa from 6-9 pm. This SMPD annual program is located at an empty storefront at Stonecreek Crossing (near Chuy's Restaurant).

Lions District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference—DG John Pruett

The conference will take place on Saturday, January 13, at the New Braunfels Presbyterian Church at 373 Howard Street from 8am to 2:30pm. The guest speaker will be Trish Wilson, Director of Marketing for Texas Lions Camp.

Come join in the fun and fellowship with other Lions across Texas. Come learn new communication tools, membership recruitment techniques, and Much more. It will be a great source of information for each of us to better serve our communities. (continued on p. 3)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE—Trish Wilder, chair

Thankful Turkey 5K & Fun Run—Linda Alexander & Gloria Sandoval, co-chairs

The 15th annual event was a huge success. The 2nd Annual free 1K Children's Fun Run grew over last year.. Sponsoring businesses who became a part of this 15th annual event were:

Platinum—Dynergy-Hays Energy LLC

LaCima San Marcos

Gold—Edward Jones-Trish Wilder & Cody Daley

Corridor Primary Care-Gregory Moore, M.D.

Coldwell Banker-Ramika Adams, Realtor

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Dealer Alternative Auto Care

Pecan Plantation MHP

Thermon

PTRC Physical Therapy

Silver— Central Texas Medical Center

Bronze—Priority Personnel Skyline Tour & Charter

Candy Wraptor

Integrity Insurance Solutions

In-Kind—Café on the Square, Clyde and Sandi Gray, CORE Running, Austin Sonics, Dick's Classic Garage, Mochas & Javas, Dixie Cream Donut Company

Please remember to patronize these sponsors and thank



them if you see them. Above, Lion Trish's daughter as our 5K "Turkey".

The November 18 Thankful Turkey food drive collected 27 pounds of food that was donated to the Hays County Food Bank.

Annual Pecans & More Sale—Debby Lawrence, chair

Thank you to all Lions who have been working hard to deliver orders! We still have lots of pecan halves, Mountain Mix, and Almonds. We have a limited amount of Pecan pieces, Trash Mix, and Walnuts.

Please check with your friends and family. All product freezes well! Think of those hard-to-buy-for people on your Christmas list. A jar of Mountain Mix or Trash Mix would be a hit! Just let me know what you need and I will make arrangements to get them to you. You can turn in money to Debby at her CTMC office M-F from 7:30am to 3:30 pm.

Bluebonnet Lions Spring Garage Sale—Carol Peters & Pat Hiam, co-chairs

There will be a planning committee meeting on Wednesday, February 7, at 5:30 pm at the Price Center for this fundraising event. Please look for the sign up sheet at upcoming meetings. We already have some items collected **SO JUST BE THINKING.....!!**

More Club News

From the Club Secretary's Desk—Judy Aswell

Advise Judy Aswell and Linda Alexander if you have any changes regarding your personal information that may need to be updated with LCI. Board minutes & financial reports are available to all members upon request to Judy Aswell or Linda Alexander..

Membership Committee—Ramika Adams, chair

Guests are always welcome to our meetings! A potential member must attend either a lunch or an evening meeting plus a Board meeting to qualify. Any new member who joins before July 1, 2018 will be honored as a Centennial Member and the sponsor will be recognized as a Centennial Sponsor.

December is LCI Family Membership Focus Month. Think about spouses, children, cousins that you could invite to our December 5 luncheon or December 19 Christmas party.

Words to the wise from First District Governor Linda Davis, "Every single one of you needs to invite someone, who could benefit personally from being a Lion, to attend a Bluebonnet Lions event in the next 60 days. Give them a meaningful task to perform at the event. Then let the spirit of giving take over!! 1, 2, 3...it's as easy of P.E.T. (Person, Event, Task). So go get 'em!"

Social Committee—Beverly Marek, chair

Happy Birthday to Katy Lighthouse, our December birthday Lion. See Yearbook to send a card or make a visit!

Our December 19 Christmas Party will be a pot luck affair at Kissing Tree subdivision, 201 Kissing Tree Lane (across Hunter Rd from Centerpoint St). You will need to show your drivers license and get directions at the guard station. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less.

Texas Lions Camp—Carol Peters, Club Liaison

The Texas Lions Camp is located in Kerrville, Texas. Preparation is already beginning for the 2018 camping season. How do YOU want to help. Visit www.lionscamp.com to get inspired! Contact Carol to sign up or find out more.

December, 2017—Camp Counselor recruitment
Invite college students to apply at www.lionscamp.com

January, 2018—Register for spring workdays at Camp
Visit school nurses to recruit campers

February, 2018—Organize a carpool to Camp workday
March 3 April 7 May 5

March, 2018—Recruit \$100 hole sponsors (1,000 special James Avery commemorative pins will be offered to Donors of \$100 or more

June, July, August, 2018—Campers' & counselors' lives are changed by attending & working at Texas Lions Camp

August 2—25th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament
8 am Shotgun start (all proceeds benefit TLC!)
Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg
Sponsored by James Avery Artisan Jewelry

Awards Committee—Debby Lawrence, chair

Remember to contact Lion Debby to suggest honoring a Bluebonnet Lion as Lion of the Month

Mochas & Javas is partnering with Bluebonnet Lions this year by giving us \$10 gift cards at half price to present to our Lions of the Month.

Congratulations to October Lion of the Month (below)

Beth Morrisset, one of top sellers for Pecans & More

Bluebonnet Lions Yearbook & Website Committee—Linda Alexander, chair

Our Yearbook/ Membership Directory is now on our website at www.bluebonnetlions.org. Please let Linda know if your page needs to be updated. Contact any Board member (see p. 1) for the password. Also Lion Edna may be able to make a printed copy for you if needed.



District 2-S3 Mid-Winter conference (continued from p. 2)

Registration is \$16 for conference and lunch and \$7 for conference only if paid by January 5. Conference only at the door will be \$10 or \$20 including lunch. All Lions are welcome. Please let Trish Wilder know if you plan to attend. Our Club will pay for registration and lunch for all members attending.

Tailtwister - DJ Domstead, coordinator

Below, Mikela Marek reads "The Night before Halloween" to Hazel the Witch as our October 17 Tailtwister.



Around the District

District 2-S3 Kid Sight Program—Debby Lawrence & Linda Alexander, coordinators

From July through September, 2017, District 2-S3 screened almost 6,000 kids ages 1-6. About 1,000 of those were referred for further testing (17% of those screened). Without good eyesight elementary school children have a difficult time learning to read. Bluebonnet Lions Club has several members who are trained to use the Kid Sight machine. The San Marcos Lions Club has purchased a screening machine allowing our two clubs to partner on screening projects in the San Marcos community. If you are interested in being trained or volunteering to help at a screening event, please contact Debby or Linda.

2017 15th Annual 5K (continued from p. 2)

Photos sent by Gloria Sandoval and Trish Wilder



Peace Poster Contest (continued from p. 2)

Below, Goodnight Middle School 2nd place winning poster on left by Daniel Jose Villalpando, 8th grade, and 3rd place winning poster on right by Isaiah Ridings. Their art teacher is Belinda Bourne.



San Marcos Citizen Police Academy—Lions Linda Alexander & Judy Aswell, graduates

Corporal Laray Taylor from the Academy was our speaker at our November 7 luncheon and presented certificates to Lions Linda and Judy. A 14-week free class, the mission of the SMPD who puts on the Citizen Police Academy is to increase citizens' understanding of procedures, problems, dangers, and experiences of SMPD officers and employees. You will be placed in the shoes of today's police officer. The next class begins in February.

