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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

APRIL 2016

- April 2** San Marcos Youth Fest (see p. 2)
April 5 **Noon** Lunch Mtg, Saltgrass, \$11
 Program: Melissa Yager, Fall Prevention
 BBQ ticket distribution
April 19 **6 pm** Lion SM Police Dept training room
 Program: Committee Chair presentations
 Election of 2016-17 Officers
 Vote for 2015-16 Lion of the Year
 Membership Challenge awards (p.3)
 7:15 Board meeting
 April 23 Ramon Lucio Park cleanup, 9am (see p. 3)
 April 24 Fit Family Fun Day at CTMC, 4-6pm (see p.2)

MAY 2016

- May 3** **Noon** Lunch Mtg, Saltgrass, \$11
 Program: Debbie Roppolo, author (see p. 3)
 Sign up to help plan 2016 5K event (see p. 2)
May 7 **7:30 am, Texas Lions Camp Service Day**
May 17 **6PM, location TBA**
 Program: Family Picnic
 Volunteer Fair
 2016-17 dues due
 7:15 pm Board meeting
May 21 **Bluebonnet Lions Market Day (see p.2)**

From President Edna

Lions International 100th Birthday Membership Challenge

Hello everyone. I hope you have been enjoying our wonderful spring-like weather. I want to extend my thanks, to Judy and Trish who organized and to everyone who provided meals for both the Hands of Hope and the Greenbelt Alliance. This is a wonderful way to show how very close to our hearts these organizations are. "We Serve" because there is a need.

Well, the nominating committee has provided the slate of officers and we'll complete our voting shortly. I hope each of you will continue to help these new officers with as much support as you've done for me. We need everyone to do their part in the club and in the upcoming year with the various Community Service projects and Fundraisers. But the year isn't done yet. We still have a few more Community Service projects such as Youth Fest on April 2 and CTMC Fit Family Fun Day on April 24. Please volunteer your time for Youth Fest helping with KidSight vision testing and Seed Planting and conducting KidSight vision tests at CTMC. Sign-up sheets are being passed around for both events. Come out and enjoy the day with us.

Oh, don't forget to provide your favorite organization with a Donation Application or have them go to our website. Our website is www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/san_marcos_bluebonnet. The deadline for turning in applications is April 19, 2016. How will our applicants improve our local community this year?

Have you visited our website and Facebook? Thanks to our tech savvy Lions Linda Alexander and Kate Shaw on a job well done. Incredibly blessed we are with all the talent our club has and shares in our many works in whatever and wherever we go.

Question for you—When was the last time you invited a friend, family member or fellow employee to a Lions meeting? **JUST ASK!** Fellow Lions, we need to recruit new members to keep our good deeds going. International and District are encouraging that we bring in more "WOMEN, FAMILIES, AND VETERANS" in the next few months. Please take the time to make a list of names of potential members we can share the story of how and where we "WE SERVE". We're out of practice in asking, but why not brag about what we provide for the local community. Still not comfortable asking? Then International has a **New Member Recruiting Guide—Just Ask** that you can download off the website www.lionsclubs.org. If you're still not comfortable, then provide their name to Judy Aswell, our Membership Director. She'll be glad to contact them for you.

We Serve. Edna

With a new day comes new strength and new thoughts.—Eleanor Roosevelt

From the Editor: 2016-17 dues of \$75 are due by May 17. If you prefer to pay in installments, the 1st installment of \$37.50 is due on May 17 and the second installment of \$37.50 will be due on November 15. A portion of our dues go to Texas Lions Camp, TLERC (Texas Eyeglass Recycling Center), and LCI Foundation. .

Club News

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Liz Gajdos Potalicchio, chair

Youth Fest KidSight & Seed Planting Projects— Debby Lawrence & Linda Alexander, chairs

We will have a table at Youth Fest on Saturday, April 2, screening for KidSight, and helping children learn about recycling and planting seeds in recyclable containers. Several more volunteers are needed.

There will be 2 shifts: 9am-noon and noon-3pm. Youth Fest is held annually at the park behind the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce.

KidSight Vision Screening at CTMC—Debby Lawrence, chair

CTMC is hosting Fit Family Fun Day on Sunday, April 24, from 4-6pm. There will be many activities going on to promote a healthy lifestyle for kids and families. The San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions, San Marcos Lions, and SMHS Leo Clubs will join together to bring vision screening to the event for children ages 1-5.

Even if you are not a trained screener, we need you! We will put volunteers to work helping parents complete forms & keeping things moving smoothly. There will be a sign up sheet at the April 5 meeting. Shifts are from 3:30-5pm and 5-6:30pm. Mark your calendars; spread word about this great event for families!

San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance project—Trish Wilder, chair

“A personal thank you to each volunteer that prepared and brought food, stayed to help serve, and clean up,” declared Trish after the event. “You taught me the meaning of ‘We serve’. You are each rock stars! The luncheon was a great success and many who attended complimented our organization.”

Below: Habitat for Humanity volunteers on February 13 at 227 Stillwell. Thanks to Bonnie, Edna, Debby, and Cyndi for providing a delicious lunch. (photos by Kate Shaw)



Above: Greenbelt Alliance project (photo by Melissa Time Warner Daley)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE—Judy Aswell, chair San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Market Days—Debby Lawrence & Judy Aswell, co-chairs

Mark your calendars to volunteer!

1st Annual Bluebonnet Lions Market Days
Saturday, May 21
Goodnight Night Middle School Cafeteria
9am—3pm
Vendor Booth Rentals
BBQ Plate ticket sales

Bluebonnet Lions Club will be selling BBQ plate tickets prior to and on the day of the event. BBQ Plates will be picked up at San Marcos BBQ on Hunter Road by ticket holders. Rental booth spaces will be available to sell crafts, trash to treasure, distributors of products, clothing, jewelry, plants, etc. Booths will be set up inside the cafeteria and outside along the sidewalks. No prepared food or drinks by vendors will be permitted.

If you know of anyone who could be interested in renting a booth space at this event, please let Judy know. Also, try your best to sell as many BBQ tickets as you can. Think of groups of people, such as business' who would buy tickets for their employees.

Volunteers are needed the day of the event, May 21. Sign up sheets and BBQ tickets will be at the April lunch and evening meetings.

We would like to do well and make this an annual fundraiser for the club.

Wimberley Market Days Parking—Linda Alexander & Judy Aswell, co-chairs

Thank you to all who volunteered on March 5. We raised over \$1,100 for Bluebonnet Lions Club grants.

Thankful Turkey 5K Fundraiser—Carol Peters, chair

There will be a sign up sheet for the November 19, 2016 Thankful Turkey 5K Planning Committee at the May 3 meeting followed by a meeting the first or second week of May. It is not too soon to choose a business that you plan to invite to sponsor the 2016 event. Get to know that business owner or marketing person casually so you will be a step ahead when it is time to gather sponsorships again.

Flora Club News

From the Club Secretary's Desk—Judy Aswell, interim

Please advise Judy if you have any changes regarding your personal information that may need to be updated with Lions International. Financial reports & Board minutes are available to all members upon request to Sandra or Judy. 2016-17 dues are due by May 17.

Donations & Scholarship Committee—Martha Moore, chair

The 2016 Bluebonnet Lions grant application is now on our website at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/san_marcos_bluebonnet. Copies will also be available at the April 5 luncheon. Deadline for mailing the application is April 19. Members may also bring applications to our April 19 meeting.

The committee will meet between April 1 & 15 to select the winner of the Bluebonnet Lions 2016 scholarship.

Social Committee—Beverly Marek, chair

Please keep DJ & Dell, Sherry & Jack, and Trish & her son Michael in your prayers. Let Beverly know of a member who needs some cheering up or get well wishes so she can send a card and forward the information to the membership.

Congratulations to Lion Kate on recently accepting a web development position with Skyware. Her Gmail email address is still good.

Linda Alexander and Cathy Eggers will be our hostesses at the April 19 evening meeting. Please let Beverly know if you can serve as greeter at that meeting.

Happy Birthday to our April birthday girls Linda Alexander, Jill Stolar, Liz Gajdos-Potolicchio!

Membership Committee—Judy Aswell, chair

President Edna has suggested that Bluebonnet members consider mailing the Bluebonnet Lions newsletter to potential new members encouraging them to attend one of our events to see what we do. She would also like us to remember local veterans as we think of friends to invite to a meeting.

Awards Committee—DJ Domstead, chair

Congratulations to our Lions of the Month for February and March respectively:

Beth Morrisset for chairing the Food Bank project
Kate Shaw for chairing the Habitat for Humanity project

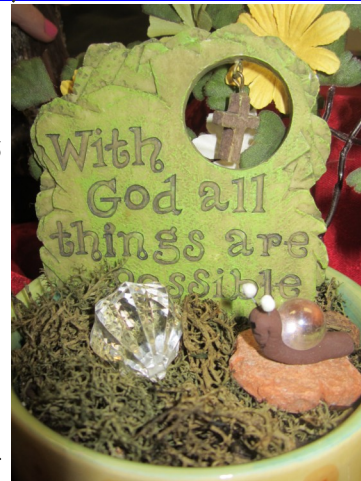
Club members will vote for Lion of the Year on April 19. If you will be unable to attend that meeting, please call or email your vote to DJ by April 19. The winner will be announced at the June 21 annual officer installation dinner.

Ramon Lucio Park Cleanup Project—Linda Alexander, chair

Our March 12 park cleanup was postponed due to weather and has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 23 from 9-10am. Bring your own garden gloves or you can use the latex gloves provided. Bags and grabber tools will also be provided. Hope to see a big turnout this month. Park is on Edward Gary Street between Cheatham. And the baseball fields.

Program Committee - Kate Shaw, Chair

Our March 15 Meeting was Not well attended, but the program provided by Lion Judy was outstanding! "The Art of Fairy Garden-



ing" was real life fairy

gardens on display and for sale along with a wonderful power point presentation and examples of materials that she uses to create these imaginary scenes. Above is an example of Judy's work available for display in your garden.

May 3 program will be quite entertaining. Debbie Roppolo, award-winning author/journalist will be sharing her books and parenting adventures. www.debbieroppolo.weebly.com.

Nominating Committee—Debby Lawrence, chair

Slate of officers for 2016-17 & April 19 vote:

President—Debby Lawrence
1st VP—Trish Wilder
2nd VP— Open
Secretary—Judy Aswell
Treasurer—Linda Alexander
Director 1—Georgia Cheatham
Director 2—Cyndi Jetton
Membership Director—Open
Immediate Past President—Edna Anglin
Historian—Open
Tail Twister—DJ Domstead
Lion Tamer—Irene Luna

Constitution & Bylaws Committee—Linda Alexander, chair

The Committee met on March 1 and has recommended to the Board that some amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws be brought to the membership for a vote. Amendment to Constitution is to Article V Section 1 Officers, Amendments to Bylaws include Article I Section 3 Membership, Section 8 Dues, Section 9 Perfect Attendance, Article II Officers, and Article III Meetings and Quorum Requirements. The Board will discuss these amendments at their April 19 meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Membership Committee—Judy Aswell, chair

Our March membership challenge has been extended through April. The Bluebonnet Lion who brings the highest number of potential new Lions to the April 5 or April 19 meetings will receive a nice prize.

Honor a friend or neighbor with an invitation to visit a meeting of the largest service organization in the world. Judy has membership applications available.

Around the District

From the Desk of Zone IV B Chair—Liz Gajdos Potolicchio

SAVE THE DATES:

Contact Liz at 512-847-1411 for more info on following dates:

April 19—Zone IV B meeting has been **cancelled**

June—Zone IV B picnic hosted by Wimberley Lions

May 13-14—District 2s3 convention in Buda

Texas Lions Camp—Edna Anglin, chair

The last Texas Lions Camp cleanup day for this year will be Saturday, May 7, in Kerrville. Our Board has approved this as a Club community service project so all participants from our Clu will receive points toward Perfect Attendance for 2015-16. Contact Edna if you would like to carpool.

March 5-6 Texas Lions Leadership Forum

The May Bluebonnet Lions newsletter will cover stories of those who attended the 2016 Leadership Forum. Stay tuned.

38th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations

On March 12 Lions from around the world gathered at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. LCI unveiled this year's International Peace Poster and Essay Contest winners. Leos and other young people participated with Lions in discussions related to peace education and gender equality.

Insights into partnerships with The Carter Center and UN Women were explored as well as attending the popular Lions and UN Ambassadors Luncheon. What an exciting opportunity for Lions who belong to the largest service organization in the world..

Below: Adopt-a-Spot sign at William & Eleanor Crook Park. (photos by Carol)



LCI Centennial Goal: Serve 100 million people by 2018

Create a larger Lions impact in San Marcos by asking one person to join Bluebonnet Lions Club. Each Lion impacts the lives of 50 people annually on average by participating in service projects.

Imagine the impact that can occur when you ask one or two people in your circle of family and friends to join you in volunteering at one of our community service projects. By growing Bluebonnet Lions Club we directly impact San Marcos, new Lions, and ourselves.

So we can start by inviting a friend to join us at the April 2 Youth Fest. Then invite them back or invite another friend to come with you to Fit Family Fun Day at CTMC on April 24 to see how we screen kids' vision to help improve literacy in San Marcos..

Another way Bluebonnet Lions can commemorate the past century of service as well as the past 25 years of our Club is to complete a Centennial Community Legacy Project. The three project levels are: Raise Community Visibility (eg. donate a park bench), Provide a Community Gift (eg. fund resources for the visually impaired), or Make a Community Impact (eg. equip an area hospital).

Lastly, LCI is encouraging Lions Clubs to organize Regional Women's Workshops by providing \$2,000 grants to cover rental, food, equipment, and facilitator expenses. Should Bluebonnet Lions spearhead collaboration between San Marcos Lions, SMHS Leo Club, and Texas State University Lions? We certainly have experience in organizing women.

San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club was chartered in July, 1992. Thus, our 25th anniversary coincides with LCI's 100 anniversary in 2017. We will be inducting our 25th Board of Directors for 2016-17 on June 21. These are exciting times to be a Lion in San Marcos!

Below: Freeman Ranch, site of 2015 Thankful Turkey 5K Run/Walk. Sign up sheet for the planning committee for the November 19, 2016, event will be available at the May 3 lunch meeting. We are currently looking for a co-chair for this major Bluebonnet Lions fundraising event.

(photo by Carol Peters)

