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District Governor's Message

As Lions, we support several charities through our 100% Donations. One I'd like to mention today is the Leader Dog Program. Established in 1938 in a town near Detroit, Rochester Hills. Today, we support not only the seeing eye dog, but Diabetic, hearing impaired and others. Lion Greg Teggemann has program information if you would like to sponsor a member.

Often we talk about supporting the LCIF with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. There are other ways, including the Centennial Silver Dollar. For about \$53, a proof finish coin will be sent to your destination. LCIF hopes to raise up to 4 million dollars, so consider these coins before the supply vanishes. Another way to support the LCIF is donating to the Lions Measles Initiative. The LMI working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation deliver, for about \$1.50 per shot for the Measle, Mump and Rubella vaccines. With just eight months remaining to fulfill our \$7 million pledge to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance.

Newly listed on the PU101 is the clubs LCIF Coordinator. This is a new Club Board position and they are a liaison between LCIF and your club. The job entails educating the club about the mission and importance of LCIF, Implementing development strategies within the club and collaborating with LCIF to promote LCIF in your area

Club Excellence Awards by LCI are issued in October. These banners and President pins are based on clubs conducting at least 3 service

projects, contributing to LCIF, achieving a net growth or sponsoring a new club, having leadership participate in zone or district meetings, club reports sent in a timely manner and remaining in good standing. Last month, I mentioned the need for zone chairs. Those zone meetings count towards the Club Excellence Award.

Phishing Scheme - I was sent a warning from other District Governors in Houston and Dallas. Emails from unknown scammers asking Club Presidents for checks or wire transfers for various charities or events which is not sanctioned by Lions nor sent to the Lions hosting the event. Please verify before sending money.

District Convention and Cabinet Meeting - will be held in Manor. May 12th Friday from 3:45PM until 5:15 and the Social and Banquet starting at 5:30PM at the Manor Lions Hall. Saturday, May 13th registration at the Manor High School begins at 7:30AM, breakout sessions at 9:30, and Adjournment after voting around 3:00PM. At 5:30 the Social and Banquet will be held back at the Manor Lions Hall.

Please note that the Club President or Secretary must sign the delegate registration form which confirms that each printed Lion is in good standing with the District. International Director Bruce Beck will be our program speaker.

The MD-2 State Convention will be held in the Menger Hotel in San Antonio from May 18th through the 21st. This is a chance to visit with Lions from around the state and in our backyard. If interested in more details or how to register, go to www.TexasLions.org and click on

the "San Antonio 2017" button for the State Convention.

We can still take ads for the State Convention Souvenir Book. Prices from \$40 for a business card size and up to a full page at \$150. Ads are due by May 1 with payments.

John Lyon, District 2-S3 Governor

*"We Are Lions,
Lets Keep Climbing"*



District Governor

Lion John Lyon and Patti

2016 - 2017



District 2-S3 Convention
Manor, Texas - Saturday, May 13th, 2017
See You There

District Convention

1st VDG John Pruett

I trust everyone is excited about the upcoming District Convention to be held on May 13, 2017, in Manor, Texas. Considerable work and effort has gone into the planning for a great event. Kudos to the Manor Lions Club convention Host Club, Lion Karen Ratcliffe and PDG Gil Burrell, Convention Co-Chairs, PDGs and members of the Cabinet, and the clubs of Zone 3A whom have all contributed to the planning process. It takes a considerable amount of time, dedication, and hard work to organize a successful convention.

The District Convention offers us the opportunity to come together and celebrate the many service activities and accomplishments of the clubs of 2-S3. The convention also gives us the opportunity to recognize those achievements of both individuals and clubs. The committee has programmed excellent informative sessions beginning with our featured speaker, Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott of the Lago Vista Lions Club who will speak on a very special program, Learning Ally. We will proceed to breakout sessions on interests to include the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund, the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, and the using of GoToMeeting. GoToMeeting is the video conferencing software that I wrote about in the February issue

of our newsletter (District 2-S3 Newsletter, February 2017). This presentation will feature an overview of GoToMeeting, how it can enhance our communications within the district, and an actual demonstration of its use.

The Governor's Luncheon will feature as speaker, International Director Bruce Beck of Palisade, Minnesota. The business meeting will follow and elections will conclude the convention. Everyone is welcome to attend the District Governor Elect Banquet following the adjournment of the business meeting. The theme this year is "Kickoff a New Century of Service". The social gathering will begin at 5:30 pm in the Manor Lions Hall, with dinner and banquet starting at 6:30 pm. Local guitarist and songwriter, Ronnie Caywood, will provide entertainment for the event. Hope to see you there.



1st Vice District Governor
John Pruett



The Lions Den
April, 2017

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Lions District 2-S3 KidSight Program

*Year-To-Date Screenings and Referrals

Number of Children:

Kids Screened

13,793

Kids Referred

2,032



***Year-To-Date: Lions Year - July 1 through March 31**

KidSight Update

Fellow Lions,

We are in process of giving our KidSight web site a new look, adding information and better access to forms and contacts. Because of this, the web site is currently unavailable. If you need information on training, need forms or want to contact one of our Custodians in order to borrow a unit for a screening, please contact me at mkinald@gmail.com and I will get you the information you need. We will be up and running soon. Thanks, Lion Maureen Kinald



District 2-S3 Cabinet Meeting, Convention and Governor Elect Banquet Friday, May 12, & Saturday, May 13, 2017, Manor Texas

Manor Lions Club - 429 W Parsons, Manor TX 78653 Cabinet Meeting 4:00 - 5:30; Social Hour 5:30 - 6:30 and Dinner 6:30 - 9:00 Friday
 Manor High School - 12700 Gregg Manor, Manor TX 78653 Convention, Business Meeting - 7:30 am to 3:00 pm Saturday
 Manor Lions Club - 429 W Parsons, Manor TX 78653 Social Hour 5:30 - 6:30 pm, and Governor's Banquet - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm Saturday

Club Name _____

LIST ONLY ONE PERSON PER LINE

Print or type Lion/Guest Name	Email Address		Is This Your First District Convention?	Please Enter For Each Attendee Everyone Attending Must Pay Convention Fee			
				May 12th Cab Mtg Dinner	May 13th Saturday Luncheon	May 13th Sat. Eve Banquet	
1			YES NO				
2			YES NO				
3			YES NO				
4			YES NO				
5			YES NO				
6			YES NO				
7			YES NO				
8			YES NO				
9			YES NO				
10			YES NO				
Total Per Column							
Early Registration Price				X	X	X	X
(postmarked by April 30, 2017)				\$7.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
If You Register After April 30, 2017				\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Cost Per Column				\$	\$	\$	\$
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Enclosed (Add 4 Column Boxes Above)							

Make Checks PayableTo:

Lions District 2-S3

Mail To:

Lion Maureen Kinald, Cabinet Treasurer
604 West Sequoia Spur
Georgetown, Texas 78628

Any Questions, Call/Text Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe (512) 470-4644 or E-mail KRatcliffe@austin.rr.com

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 2017 DISTRICT 2-S3 CONVENTION

Delegate Registration Form

The following Lions have full authority to represent the _____ Lions Club as voting delegates and/or alternate delegates at the 2017 District 2-S3 Convention. [Lions must have been a member of your club for 1 year and 1 day in order to be a delegate or alternate]

Lion's Name - Printed

- 1. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 2. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 3. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 4. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 5. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 6. _____ Delegate Alternate
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- 10. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 11. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 12. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 13. _____ Delegate Alternate
- 14. _____ Delegate Alternate

Club Secretary or President's Signature

____/____/____
Date

Print, Complete, and Mail this completed form **with your Convention Registration form by April 29th** to:

District 2-S3 Convention
Lion Maureen Kinald, Cabinet Treasurer
604 West Sequoia Spur
Georgetown, TX 78628

Note: All Dues must be paid 15 days prior to the District Convention in order to be eligible to vote. Each club is entitled to ONE delegate for each 10 dues paying member.

Dues Certified by Cabinet Treasurer _____

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 2017 DISTRICT 2-S3 CONVENTION

DECEASED LIONS

The following Lions of the _____ Lions Club have deceased since the last District Convention and should be appropriately honored during the Memorial Service at the 2017 District 2-S3 Convention.

Deceased Lion's Name	Date Deceased
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____

Club Secretary or President's Signature

____/____/____
Date

Print, Complete, and Mail this completed form by April 29th to:

Garden Ridge Lions Club
Attention: Carmen McCaw
c/o The Club at Garden Ridge Event Center
21320 Waterwood Dr
Garden Ridge, TX 78266



Directions to District 2S3 Convention:

1. Manor High School - 12700 Gregg Manor, Manor TX 78653

From the South on IH35

- Take exit 238B from I-35 S
- Go 14.1 Miles.
- Left on Gregg Manor for a few blocks
- Manor High School will be on left

From the North on IH35

- Take exit for Highway 290 from I-35 N
- Go 14.1 Miles.
- Left on Gregg Manor for a few blocks
- Manor High School will be on left

From The Toll Road 130

- Take exit onto Highway 290 East
- Go East a while
- Left on Gregg Manor for a few blocks
- Manor High School will be on left

2. Manor Lions Hall – 429 West Parsons St, Manor TX 78653

From Manor High School

- Follow Gregg Manor to Hwy 290
- Turn left
- At Lexington, Turn Right
- At next light (Parsons Rd) turn right
- Go approximately 4 blocks
- The Manor Lions Hall will be on the right
- If you reach the divided roadway, you just missed the Manor Lions Hall

Wimberley - Outstanding Lion Award



Lion Terri Baccus receives the Wimberley Outstanding Lion Award for her fantastic efforts for the club as Membership Chair, Manager of Concession 1, work on the Marketing Committee... and all that time with a smile on her face. Shown left to right; Wimberley Lion Terri Baccus, Lion Boss John Estep, and 2nd VP Lion Richard Newsom.

CONGRATULATIONS TERRI!

2016 DISTRICT 2-S3 CONVENTION

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(listed times may not be exact)

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES, Saturday, May 13, 2017

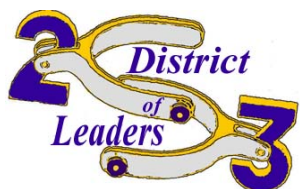
Manor High School

- 7:30 AM Registration, Exhibits, Campaigning, Breakfast Tacos, Tea, Coffee, Juice
- 8:25 AM Opening Ceremony & Welcome
- 8:50 AM Memorial Service
- 9:05 AM Featured Speaker
- 9:35 AM Breakout Sessions:
Texas Lions Camp – Endowment Fund
Lone Star Lions Eye Bank
Using "GoToMeeting" Software
- 10:25 AM Break
- 10:45 AM New Member Induction
- 11:00 AM Awards
- 11:30 AM Governor's Luncheon, Speaker - International Director Bruce Beck, Individual Lion Awards
- 1:00 PM Business Meeting Nominations/Elections
- 2:00 PM Adjourn to State & International Conventions

Evening

Manor Lions Club

- 5:30 PM Social/Gathering Manor Lions Hall
- 6:30 PM Governor-Elect Banquet



Biography of Lion Larkin Smith, Candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor

Home: 319 White Willow Dr. San Marcos, Texas 78666

Cell: 512-787-1207

Email: tache466@yahoo.com

Spouse: Lion Nancy Smith, married 45 years

Lion Larkin joined the San Marcos Lions Club in 1993. He rose to the rank of 1st VP by 1998. He had a job transfer and had to leave for a period of time. He returned to the club and became the President in 2012-13. He then accepted the position of Membership Chair. With job changes within the ranks, Lion Larkin was again elected to be the President in 2015-16. He returned to the office of Membership Chair and was instrumental in increasing the membership. During the 2016-17 year, he accepted the position as Zone Chair, IV-B.

Lion Larkin has recruited many members and served on many committees.

Lion Larkin has also been an advisor for the Medical Explorers Post 4077 since its start in 1991. Larkin has been essential to the EMT training effort within the Post and is a valuable instructor within the CPR/First Aid certification effort. He has played an essential role in moving the Post toward approval as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) that has already played an important role in backing up EMS in Hays County.

Lion Larkin has been a strong supporter of Scouting for many years before joining the Exploring Post. He has been awarded the William Spurgeon award for his service to Exploring. He has served on staff with the National Jamboree, first as an assistant scoutmaster and then on national staff in a PR role with Boys Life. Lion Larkin has served as District Chairman for the old Twin Valley District, Capitol Area Council in 1993. He was the first Scoutmaster for Troop 1954 in 1984. He and Lion Nancy have two sons, Codie and Robbie, who are both Eagle Scouts and are involved in scouting today in leadership positions. Both sons have also earned the ultimate BSA "Wood Badge" training award.

Lion Larkin is a certified EMT Basic and is an American Heart Association instructor for CPR/First Aid. He retired after 13 years with the Emergency Department of Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos. While serving CTMC, he earned the industry recognized rank of "Six Sigma Green Belt" for his work as a quality improvement specialist for healthcare. He is also a retired Master Sergeant, US Army Reserves.

Lion Larkin is a Deacon at First Baptist Church, San Marcos and a Master Mason with San Marcos Lodge 342 A.F and A.M. since 1971.

Education: BS, Commercial Art, Texas State University, 1971

Editors note: This is a new feature column of Lions that hold positions in the District Cabinet, and those that are running for office, so that the membership can be better informed about these individuals. We will feature one or two of these biographies each month in the future. Lion Jim would like to have newsletter inputs by the 10th of the month. Thanks!

Global Leadership

PDG Frank Kinald, Lions District 2-S3, Global Leadership Chair

- ◆ Goals are only wishes unless you have a plan.
- ◆ Tell people what they need to know, not what they want to hear.
- ◆ Life is about making some things happen, not waiting for something to happen.
- ◆ The only people who never fail are those who never try.
- ◆ If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more,
- ◆ you are a Leader!



Camper Alden Sherwood Inspired By Texas Lions Camp

by Ann Ward, Texas Lions Camp Director, District 2-S3



At a recent meeting of the Austin Founder Lions Club, members heard about how the camp has affected the life of Alden Sherwood, a first time camper last summer. Alden attended one of the physical disability sessions, where he was inspired by camp counselors to do things he thought were impossible for someone with his problems resulting from treatment of his brain cancer.

Alden discovered archery at camp and pursued the sport after he came home. He takes lessons and even competes, shooting from his wheelchair in contests with children his age who stand to shoot. He is ranked 9th in the state in

his age group, and that's all 15-year-olds!

His mom Trisha told us the long-lasting changes in Alden's attitude and enhanced scholastic performance. He has confidence and goals. Trisha was grateful for the break his week at camp gave both of them.

Stories like this one are why Texas Lions Camp is so special and why we Lions continue to support it.

As part of the One More campaign, each of us is asked to do just one more thing. Maybe you can sponsor one more camper. Maybe you can go to the May 6 workday. Maybe you can become a Century Club member or increase your level of support. Maybe your Club can be 100 %, or increase to 200 %.

Texas Lions Camp is for the children of Texas. Let's keep it going strong!



Alden Sherwood

Buda Lions Support Hays County Schools

The Buda Lions have operated the football concession stands at Shelton stadium and Barton Middle School for over 25 years. The Buda Lions give 20% of their gross sales back to the district's high schools and middle schools. At the March 27th School Board Meeting the Buda Lions Club presented the 20% checks of over \$20,000 to Hays and Lehman High Schools and the six Middle Schools, Barton, Chapa, Dahlstrom, McCormick, Simon and Wallace.



Lions pictured are PDG Charles Handrick, Lion Nancy Handrick and Lion Sandy Nielsen along with the Superintendent, Principals and School Board Member.



Georgetown Noon Lions Club hosts **PAINTED CHURCHES OF SCHULENBURG DAY-TOUR**

**THURSDAY, MAY 4 , 8:30-5:30
LOAD MOTORCOACH 8:00 A.M.**

**\$75 INCLUDES LUNCH
\$80 AFTER APRIL 26**



*Reserve (with payment) with any Lion
or contact David Voelter
at dvoelter39@suddenlink.net
or (512) 819-0067 (Leave Message)*

*PARK AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
GEORGETOWN PARKING LOT CLOSEST
TO DB WOODS TRAFFIC LIGHT.*

Lion Rebecca Stoian Receives Wimberley's Distinguished Service Award

Lion Rebecca Stoian, center, received the Lions Award for Distinguished Service and a Lions Centennial jacket for her efforts at Market Days. She handles all of the booth leasing for annual vendors, as well as Day Vendors. She also coordinates Staffing which requires 200 volunteers every Market Day.

Lion Boss John Estep on the left, and Lion Secretary Lee Gibson on the right, present Lion Rebecca with her award.

SUPER JOB, REBECCA!



**USA/CANADA
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LEADERSHIP FORUM**

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 21-23, 2017
Portland, Oregon

email: registrar@lionsforum.org Phone: (605) 723-4007



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WIMBERLEY LIONS - SPOT VISION SCREENING TEAM

The Wimberley Lions Club program for the evening was presented by Lions Bill Higdon and Harold Tannahill of the Lions' Spot Vision Screening team. They are starting their 5th year of the Spot vision Program and the response from the community has been great. In 4 years, they have gone from 3 trained screeners to 16; from 23 referrals in 2014 to 154 in 2016; and 168 children screened in 2013 to 2,020 in 2016!



Shown left to right: Lions Bill Higdon and Harold Tannahill

They have held vision screenings at various locations over the past 4 years including Scudder Primary and Jacobs Well Elementary, as well as the Back to School Fiesta and EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens Butterfly Festival. The Spot Vision Screener is a handheld, portable device used to detect vision issues on patients from age 6 months through adult. Unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they are at risk of becoming permanent by age 7. Spot detects the potential indication of common vision problems such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism (blurred vision), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), strabismus (eye misalignment), and anisocoria (unequal pupil size).

If you are interested in learning how to become a vision screener, talk to Lion Bill or Lion Harold... they will get you started!

Newest New Lion - New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

The New Braunfels Noon Lions Club bolstered their numbers by one welcoming **Eddie Dobbins** into the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club. Eddie is new to New Braunfels, looking to get well established here. Eddie's sponsor is **Wallace Johnson**, which means **Dollie's Heroes** carves another notch in whatever it is we're carving notches in.



Our newest Noon Lion, Eddie Dobbins, flanked by President Lee Amrosino and sponsor Wallace Johnson. Welcome aboard, Eddie. (Photo by John Creswell)



"Membership Growth" New Members - March

Congratulations to the newest members of District 2-S3 and their sponsors. **District Governor John Lyon**

Austin Founder Lions Club

Steven L Balazs sponsored by Sam Ruiz

Bastrop Evening Lions Club

Karen Kahan sponsored by Betty Gurwitz
Tamera McIntyre sponsored by Burnis Bobbitt

Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

James R Gregston sponsored by Robert Brooks

Elgin Evening Lions Club

Diane E Hawken sponsored by Sue Reinhardt
Daniel M Kleiner sponsored by Jeanette Shelby
Valerie Reddell sponsored by Jeanette Shelby
Mary Ellen Reese sponsored by Pat Luba
Diane Watts sponsored by Sue Reinhardt

Granger Lions Club

Philip D Hamline sponsored by

Lago Vista Lions Club

Dorothy L Pearce sponsored by Judith Eagle

Luling Lions Club

Mary L Gieser sponsored by David Gieser

Manor Lions Club

Ronda J Porter-Altema sponsored by Karen Ratcliffe
Scotland D Rankine sponsored by Robert Weir
Kevin R Winslett sponsored by John Burrell

Pflugerville Lions Club

Sidney P Shelton Jr. sponsored by Julian Kosh

Point Venture Lions Club

Chris Guest sponsored by Lisa Guest

Rockdale Noon Lions Club


Kelly M Blair sponsored by Allen Sanders
Alesha D Eoff sponsored by April Eschberger

Round Rock Noon Lions Club

Stanfield R Boshears sponsored by Jim Holliday
Ronald C Domel sponsored by Jim Holliday

Wimberley Lions Club

Lee Gibson sponsored by Terri Baccus



A Memorial To Our Lost Lions

William C. Akins Austin Capital City Lions Club

Louis A. Toussaint Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Evelyn Flowers Elgin Evening Lions Club

Mamie King Elgin Evening Lions Club

Dennis W. Kraft New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club

W.C. "Bill" Daniels San Marcos Lions Club

Marilyn Almond North Austin Lions Club

He was a Lion... and a Lion of a man!

Dennis William Kraft, 64, a longtime resident of New Braunfels, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 13th at his home. Born December 19th, 1952 in Fort Sam Houston, he was the son of the late Roman Kraft and Edna Hubertus Kraft. Surviving family members include his three sisters, Hope Mayer, Carol Kraft and Joyce Friesenhahn and respective families. His formative years were spent on the family homestead and farm in the Cibolo area working the land with his kinfolk. From early on, Dennis suffered a congenital eye disease which progressively worsened as he aged, thus curtailing his independent physical mobility. Fortunately, Dennis qualified as a recipient for a guide dog, enabling him to enjoy a less restrictive lifestyle. His beloved Guide Dogs Barnaby, Bear and Scout gave him much freedom and companionship through the years. He was an active member of the local Low Vision Club. Embracing his faith, Dennis was a devout member of the Oakwood Baptist Church in New Braunfels and was integral to his Sunday Bible School Group. He enjoyed many hobbies including gardening, woodworking and fishing...and taking a meal at the local IHOP.

To a great extent, Dennis was defined by his dedication to Lionism. He joined the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club in July of 1988, transferring to the NB Breakfast Lions Club in

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He was a Lion...and a Lion of a man!

Continued from Page 11: May of 1991 where he held the position of President in 1996-97. He served as Director on the Club's Board of Directors for the past three years. His transfer did not stop him from participating in the Noon Lions Club. He frequented the meetings and volunteered for fundraising projects, in particular, the White Cane Day event. He and Scout would pose a formidable stance as they extended the Collection canister for donations. If Dennis' smile didn't touch one's pockets, Scout's adorable face would melt one's heart and elicit donations.

Dennis would often be seen walking door to door in the downtown New Braunfels Business District, soliciting funds for Leader Dog and other Lions Club causes. He epitomized the Lions motto "We Serve"!

An avid supporter of the Texas Lions Camp, Dennis was a life member of the camp, a 28 year member of Century Club, and a level 12 (almost level 13) Jack Wiech Fellow. He also had Century Club memberships for all 3 of his past service dogs. Barnaby was a 12 year member, Bear was also a 12 year mem-

ber and Scout his last service dog was an 11 year member. He has an endowment brick, and gold leaf located at TLC. He gave personally over \$5,000 and engaged his community and those who knew him to give to TLC through his annual camp walk. In the past 10 years through his efforts, others donated over \$10,000 to TLC.

I had the privilege of knowing Dennis both as a Lion and as a friend. I shall miss his presence at our meetings and the bond of friendship that we shared.

Lee Amrosino, President, New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club



CONGRATULATIONS WIMBERLEY!

Wimberley Lion 1st VP Vic Forsyth, upper left hand corner, presented the Wimberley Lions Club budget for grants to organizations for 2016-17 at the March 7th meeting. This year, the Wimberley Lions will be giving out \$66,777 to worthy organizations in the Wimberley community.

This does not include the Wimberley Scholarship or Youth Exchange grants which will be announced later on in the year.



The proposal was unanimously passed by the Wimberley Lions Club's general membership, and checks were presented to the recipients at the March 21st meeting.

The Austin Founder Lions Club Centennial Water Fountain Celebration

*Friday, May 5th
12 Noon to 2 pm
Zilker Playscape
& Pecan Grove Picnic Area*

It's finally here ... our centennial gift to the children of Austin has been installed in the Zilker Playscape, and we're going to have an Austin Founder Lions celebration and picnic to ROAR ABOUT IT!!!



You just gotta come be part of some sweet history ...

... and there's been a lot of history in the making on this project. Here we are at the amazing intersection of 100 years of Austin Founder Lions and 100 years of Zilker Park. We might float a hundred purple and yellow balloons just to round it all out.

It only happens once. And every Lion in the Oldest Lions Club in the World needs to be there!!

The Mayor is coming to official proclaim May 5th, 2017 as Austin Downtown Founder Lions Day. And several City Council members are coming to back him up (Doo-Wop-Doo-Wop!!!). All sorts of luminaries will be on hand to laud the Lions who—'way back in 1927—sent a resolution to the City Council calling for them to establish an Austin Recreation Department, which of course the council duly passed, AND which became today's Austin Parks and Recreation. Did you know any of this?

It's our history! And we're still making it!
**And THEN we'll all board the Zilker Zephyr
and ride the train down to the Pecan Grove for a Lions Picnic!!!**

**BE THERE
TO ROAR IN OUR NEXT CENTURY OF SERVICE**





LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
MD-2 TEXAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION 2017

Agreement

The State of Texas

_____, hereinafter called the representative, representing

Name of Person

_____ does hereby purchase an ad from _____
Name of Sub-District, Business or Individual Name of Member or Contestant

representing the Lions of Multiple District 2 Texas. The size and cost of the purchased ad is:

(Check one)

- _____ Full Page \$ 150.00
- _____ 1/2 Page \$ 90.00
- _____ 1/4 Page \$ 60.00
- _____ Business Card \$ 40.00

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LONE STAR LIONS EYE BANK BBQ LUNCH ~ FUND RAISING EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2017
At MANOR LIONS HALL

429 W Parsons St., Manor, Texas 78653
Serving starts 11:30 a.m.



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Advance Tickets Sale - \$10.00

Cost of tickets at the door on April 29th - \$12.00

100% of PROCEEDS (after food cost) IS GOING TO THE
LONE STAR LIONS EYE BANK
(tax-deductible - a 501(c)3 non-profit)

COOKS: LAGO VISTA LIONS
HOSTS: MANOR LIONS
HELPERS: LEOS AND LIONS

Canyon Lake Lions Club Celebrates 40 Years!



Proclamation Read at Commissioner's Court: Canyon Lake Noon Lions are celebrating their 40th Anniversary this year. We were chartered March 21, 1977 with 22 members. As part of our celebration a Proclamation was read in Commissioner's Court on March 23, 2017. Eighteen of our 51 members were able to attend in New Braunfels. Also, each CLNL member has been given a Commemorative lapel pin. More celebrating will take place in June.

Strengthen Membership in Your Club

Visit www.lionsclubs.org to check out multitudes of ideas to gain members yet this year, especially for your new 'membership chairperson' to get ideas of how to form a membership team to create short and long term goals to secure your club's future.

The number one strategy is personal relationships with a business person, family member, neighbor, and caring fellow church attendees.

Pitch your story in a short elevator speech of a Lion's project or projects that impress you and make an extraordinary difference someone's life or to your community. Our District 2-S3 has made a huge impression on many children and families with our KidSight Vision Screening success stories. Visit www.lionscamp.org for stories of changed lives of campers and parents who have had a 'free to the family'

week of camping for deaf, blind, or approximately 150 other medical conditions that will probably secure them a session. These life changing camping activities are enjoyed each week with about 180 other challenged students having similar or greater challenges.

With parent's person, write a Lions news release with pictures for your local community newspaper. Share these life changing events. It's sad that Lionism is often considered the best kept secret. We know that is not always true in smaller communities. Visit LCI's Web site if you need help creating a story. Type "News Release" in the search field for sample templates to get you started.

Social media provides instant promotion of your visible meaningful 'service projects' with fellow club members sporting your club's shirts.

Then there's the good old 'Just Ask'. Preferably invite them to a service project unless your club meetings are fun, fun, fun. Offer to pick your guest up so you will have time to inform them of what will take place as well as answer questions as you drive back to the office or home. If it's a meal, pick up the tab for 'your' guest.





CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS
ANNUAL FISH FRY
MEGA RAFFLE & LIVE MUSIC

MAY 7, 2017

11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

CRRRC RECREATION CENTER
125 MABEL JONES DRIVE

GREAT FRIED CATFISH DINNERS
COLE SLAW, BEANS, BREAD, & TEA

DESSERTS AVAILABLE FOR \$1.00

Advance Tickets: \$12.00 from any Lion or from the Canyon Lake Chamber. Also available at the door.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TOM HUFF @ 830-302-8889

Round Rock - Kids K & 5K Run

The Round Rock Noon Lions were most excited and pleased to host a most successful 1st Annual 5K Kids K, Saturday, April 6th. We were concerned of the rain forecast, but at least 150 runners of all ages and abilities participated, strollers and dogs accompanied many runners. It was truly a family affair. Many vendors and runners have committed to join us again next year.

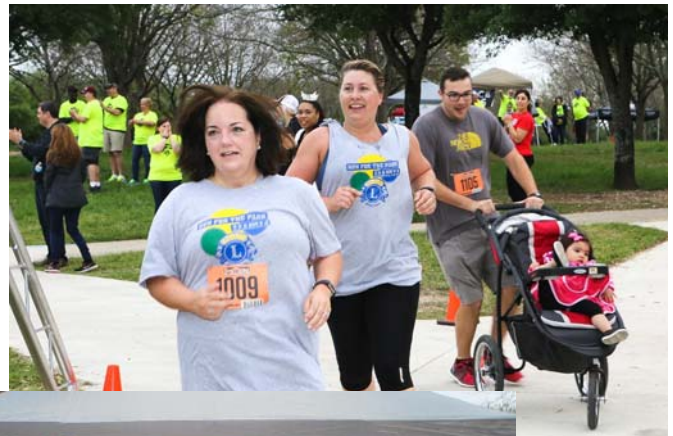
A huge thank you goes out to our marathon runner's skill to organize us, Amie Smith; to our most supportive Round Rock Parks and Recreation for providing services and manpower; Auto-Nation, Texas Women In Business, Target, Kohl's, Rock Dentistry, and many other sponsors. We know our expenses, however additional income and a possible grant have not been finalized. Net proceeds go the expansion of Round Rock's destination 'Play For All' Park.

Lion Jim Holiday is an outstanding member who joined us last October. He has put his name forward to be our next president and to host a social at his home. He has asked to be on our KidSight Vision screening team and totally supports our Texas Lions Camp - as a Century donor. He visits with everyone about Lions, and has already sponsored Stan Boshears and Ron Domel.

We are all looking forward to our many Spring events such as - meeting our 3 seniors from Stony Point, Cedar Ridge, and Round Rock High Schools who will receive our scholarships. We've signed up for work weekend at our great TLC and a 'Day of Service' at our Round Rock 'Play For All' Park to do environmental maintenance. Our installation dinner will close out our most successful year.

Right: Starting line banner showing our Title Sponsor - AutoNation beside our newly created 5K race logo that was on every medallion of winning Kids K and 5K runners.

Right: Dedicated Dad pushing the stroller as he tries to overtake the ladies sporting our free 5K t-shirts.



Above: Sponsoring Louk's Rock Dentistry Business of-fice staff and family members.

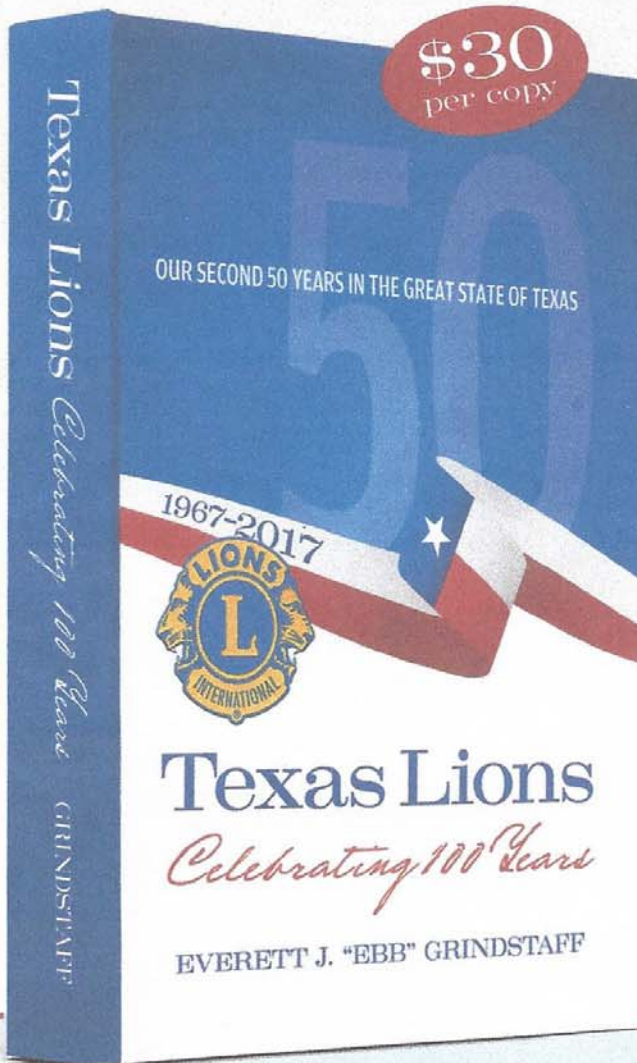


Left: Oh my gosh. Look at those eager kiddos taking off at full throttle. Everyone of them finished the Kids K - we think.

VERY SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK CELEBRATING TEXAS LIONS' CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Reserve your copy of Texas Lions history!

(Limited number of copies available)



Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Texas Lions Centennial history! *Texas Lions: Celebrating 100 Years* has been painstakingly compiled into more than 400 pages by Lions Past International President Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff. His newest book covers the second 50 years of Lionism in Texas, and is a sequel to his first book, *Lion Crossing the Sinai*.

Texas Lions: Celebrating 100 Years includes in-depth history of all districts in Texas, along with Texas Lions Camp's humble beginnings, past (and current) International officers from our great state, amusing anecdotes as only PIP Grindstaff can share, and much more! You might even find *your* name inside!

Only a limited quantity of this once-in-a-lifetime historical record of Texas Lionism will be available. Reserve your copy by completing and returning the form below a.s.a.p!



Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff

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Yes! I would like _____ copies of *Texas Lions: Celebrating 100 Years*.

Make checks payable to: Texas Centennial Celebration

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Purchaser name _____

District Coordinator Name Charles Handrick

Phone _____

Phone 512-924-1250 Email chandrick@austin.lions.com

Email _____

Check enclosed: _____ copies @ \$30 per book = \$ _____

Please contact your State Representative and ask them to support HB 3157

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.B. No. 3157

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to requirements for screenings in public or private schools to detect vision disorders of students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 36.004,, health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The rules must allow an individual who attends a public or private school to be screened using photo screening to detect vision disorders.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

THIS BILL WILL ALLOW SCHOOL NURSES TO USE THE SPOT AND OTHER SCREENING EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THESE SCREENING CAMERAS WILL SAVE UNTOLD HOURS FOR SCHOOL NURSES AND PERMIT AUTISTIC, HANDICAPPED, SPECIAL ED CHILDREN TO BE PROPERLY SCREENED FOR VISION !

presently, THE SNELLEN CHART ONLY IS RECOGNIZED FOR SCREENING SCHOOL CHILDREN....LET US HELP MOVE INTO TODAY'S WORLD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Approved for distribution by DG John Lyon



5 FUN FACTS ABOUT Lions Clubs Centennial Silver Dollar Coin



A lot of behind-the-scenes work went into creating and releasing our limited-edition Centennial Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin this year. Here are 5 fun facts about the coin!

1. The process of creating the coin from concept to finished product took nearly 6 years!
2. Sandy Spring Lions Club (Maryland, USA) proposed the idea.
3. The "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act" was signed by former President Barack Obama on October 5, 2012.
4. The coin's design pays homage to LCI founder Melvin Jones and the association's international family of Lions.
5. Coin sales offer an opportunity to improve the lives of people around the world, with US\$10 authorized to be paid to LCIF for each coin sold – up to US\$4 million.

The Centennial Commemorative Coins may have taken 6 years to create, but they are only available for a limited time. Buy yours today and celebrate Lions' Centennial!

Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club's 4th Annual Car Show

Cars, kids, and community: That was the focus of the March 25th Spring Branch Bulverde Lions' 4th annual 2017 **Roar for Kids** Bulverde Car Show. Well over 2000 spectators saw the sun reflected in the lines and curves of over 165 polished vehicle bodies all displayed at the multi-level Bulverde Baptist Church parking lot. They saw muscle beneath propped-open hoods and hues more vibrant and alive than anything in a Crayola box. About the car show, show judge and Lions 2-S3 Past District Governor Len Heimer of New Braunfels said, "You think: beauty, power, and America. That's what a car show will do to you, especially one for charity and one showcasing eyebrow-raising cars, no matter the year."



One hundred percent of the Show's \$14,000 proceeds raised via the **Roar for Kids** car show is slated to be returned to the community by sending disabled or severely burned youngsters to 1-week camping experiences at The Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, or supporting St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Proceeds also help fund the SBB Lion Club's hosting of Bulverde's Day of Services, held annually at the Bulverde Community Park on the 2nd Saturday in August; it provides area residents with low-cost and free services from an assortment of local service providers.

Again this year, cars lined up with open hoods, trunks, and doors; all competing for South Texas' most distinctive car show awards—the creative excellence of Lions Patti and Gary Dawson. Ron Malinowski of Boerne beamed that the Dawson's **Roar for Kids** trophies are "the finest I've seen in 35 years of attending car shows all across the country."

Further information and an assortment of **Roar for Kids** car show photos can be found on the www.SBBLions.com or www.BulverdeCarShow.com websites. All in all, lots of people saw lots of cars on a stunningly beautiful spring day that was just perfect for being outside.



Photos by Bill Mcneill, Gary Dawson, Weslea Miller, and Terrie Domoe

Join Austin Founder Lions Club

For April 30 Golf Classic at MUNY

Austin Founder Lions Club, which built Lions Municipal Golf Course in 1924, will host its Golf Classic at the historic course on Sunday, **April 30**. Proceeds from the tournament and silent auction will support the community service activities of AFLC, and a primary beneficiary of the event is the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Individuals and teams of four are invited to participate in a four-person Texas Scramble, followed by a meal and an awards reception. Registration and warm-up begin at noon, April 30, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place teams as well as "dead last." Entry fee is \$150 per player or \$500 per team and includes a one-year subscription to *Golf Digest* magazine. Snacks, beverages, use of a golf cart and the awards reception and dinner are included. The awards dinner will feature a silent auction with items ranging from dinner gift certificates to hotel packages and more. The following are some of the donations you can expect to see at the



AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS
golf classic

TIME

APRIL 30TH, 2017 SUNDAY

REGISTRATION	11:00 AM
SHOTGUN START	1:00 PM
DINNER, AUCTION, & AWARDS	6:00 PM

PLACE

LIONS MUNICIPAL **GOLF** COURSE
2901 ENFIELD RD AUSTIN, TEXAS 78703

REGISTER

\$150 PER PLAYER, \$500 PER FOURSOME
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **4/21/17**
REGISTER AT aflcgo.com

CONTACT

SCOTT ARNOLD, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
golf@austindowntownlions.org
512.758.3110

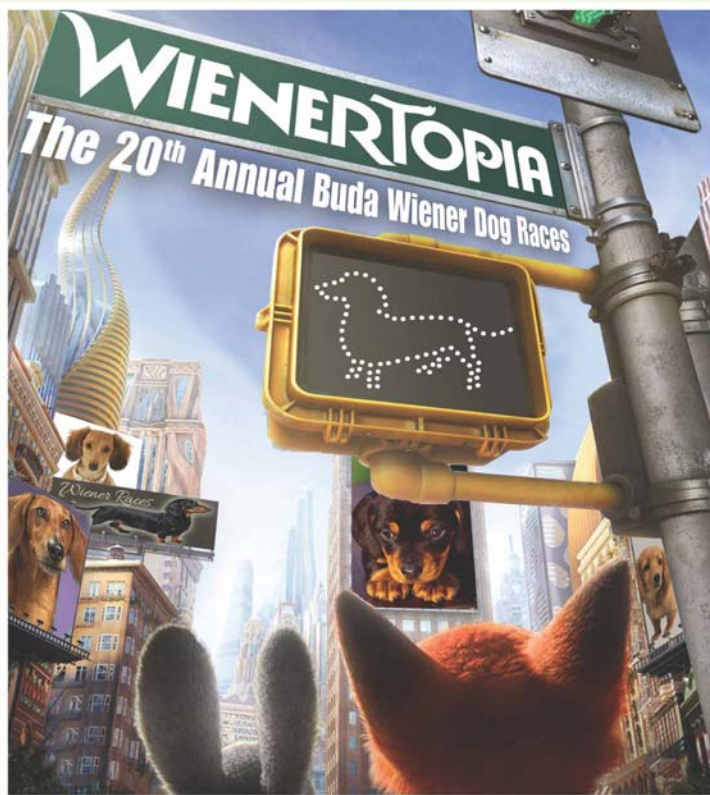
Austin Founder Lions Club | austindowntownlions.org

Proceeds support AFLC's commitment to vision services, including helping students at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

event: An outdoor barbeque grill with grill accessories, an original oil painting by a local artist, Avante Garde jewelry, and gift certificates from Austin Aquarium, Alamo Drafthouse, Top Golf, Fixe Austin and many others!

"Players and teams need to register by April 21," said Scott Arnold, chairman of the 2017 Golf Classic. "We're planning some fun competitive events at various holes. Participants will have an enjoyable time while helping raise money to support the Lions' charitable work," he added. To learn more about the 2017 Austin Founder Lions Golf Classic, please email golf@austindowntownlions.org or visit www.aflcgo.com for more information.





**20th Annual Buda Lions
Country Fair and Wiener Dog Races**
April 29-30, 2017 • 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 29, 2017

- 8:00 Registration for Wiener Dog Races
- 8:00 Pet Parade Registration and Judging
- 9:00 Pet Parade begins
- 9:00 DJ Jimmy Z Starts
- 9:15 Opening Ceremonies – Presentation of Colors
- 9:15 Pet Parade Awards
- 9:30 Korean Martial Arts - Demonstration
- 10:00 Wiener Dog Races Begin
- 10:00 Buda Bee Sign-up (K-5th Grade)
- 11:00 Buda Bee – K-5th Grade Spelling Contest
- Turn-In Beans
- Turn-In Chili
- 11:30 Mixed Breed Dachshund Races Begin
- 12:00 Mariachi Band Lehman High School – Los Lobos Mariachi
- Turn-In Chicken
- 1:00 "The Merles" Band
- 2:00 Wiener Dog Races Begin
- Turn-In Ribs
- 3:00 Mixed Breed Dachshund Races Begin
- Jay Dirks
- 4:00 Turn-In Brisket
- 5:30 Cook-Off Awards

Buses 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

FREE Parking at Cabela's and FREE Bus Ride to the Park



Sunday, April 30, 2017

- 8:30 Registration for Wiener Dog Races
- 9:00 DJ Jimmy Z
- 9:30 Church Band
- 10:00 Elvis on Stage
- Wiener Dog Races Begin
- 10:30 Turn-In Bake-Off Entries
- 11:00 Judging Bake-Off
- 11:30 Mixed Breed Dachshund Races Begin
- 12:30 Bake-Off Awards
- 1:00 Bake-Off Auction
- 1:30 Mixed Breed Dachshund Finals & Awards
- 3:00 Wiener Dog Quarter Finals, Semifinals and Finals
- 5:00 Wiener Dog Winner Trophy Presentation

Buses 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**BBQ COOK-OFF AND
BUDA BEE (SATURDAY)
BAKE-OFF (SUNDAY)
ARTS & CRAFT BOOTHS
FOOD, BOUNCY HOUSES
PETTING ZOO • FISH POND
AND LIVE MUSIC**



\$5.00 General Admission
Kids 12 years & under get in FREE
Sponsored by the Buda Lions Club

Complete details at
www.BudaLions.com

**GEORGETOWN LIONS
AT TLC**

Five of our Georgetown Noon Lions (incl. spouse) were joined by two Lions from Georgetown Evening Club at the April 1 Work Day in Kerrville at Texas Lions Camp for Special Needs.

Although only half of our original contingent was able to make it, we were paired with a dynamic painting crew from San Marcos Lions Club to paint a large garage. It took the morning to clean and prime, but the humidity prevented us from putting the paint on in the afternoon.



Above is a portion of the garage, including two of our Lions on the left, and some of the S.M. Lions along with their scaffolding.



Georgetown folks below: (left)—Adriana Tiller, JoAnn Steinfort, John Tiller. (right)—Randy Woodley, Carol Hopper. Paul Steinfort and Martha Woodley were also part of the crew.

Garden Ridge Lions Paint TLC TLC Work-Day 2017

Nineteen Garden Ridge Lions, Scouts and volunteers participated in the April 1 Lions Camp work day in Kerrville. Our project was to paint the masonry exterior walls of the Well House with beige latex and the building wooden trim with blue latex. I am pleased to report the task was completed in record time with the support of all involved. Of particular note was the fact that more paint was applied to the building than to the volunteers as can be seen in the below after action group mug shot .

The participants were Jim Anderson, Todd Arvidson, Tristan Arvidson (Scout), Markus Arvidson (Scout), Noelle Czerniak, Joey Czerniak (Scout), Mark DuBois, Al Haddad, Dave Heier, Dick Holloway, Greg Loser, John Mitzel, Richard Morman (Volunteer), Daniel Morman (Scout), Jim Newbold , Ray Pitzen, Larry Thompson, Larry Steele, and Dick Vogt (Total 19).

My sincere thanks to all involved in this most worthy project. For what it's worth we ARE the number one painting team for the camp. Regards, Painting Team Chair, Dick Holloway



New Braunfels Noon LC - Texas Lions Camp Work Day

Seven Noon Lions made the annual trek to Kerrville to put in what turned out to be a labor-intensive half day of work "spreading dirt on the athletic fields". Well, that was partly right. Calories were burned, let there be no mistake.

Picture a prairie with native grasses, wild flowers and weeds, mowed within the last couple of months but not otherwise tended. Then picture a mound of fresh black clay, about 60 feet long, 3 high and ten wide, that wanted to be moved and spread evenly over said prairie, converting it magically into a softball diamond, using only shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes and elbow grease for that purpose.

And, folks, it got done, all between about 8:30am and noon, under the supervision, coordination and tutelage of Lion Cameron Bradfute. Cameron directed an army of perhaps 30 Leos and Boy Scouts from locales as diverse as Midland and Rusk, as well as our own home grown Leos, coordinating their efforts, directing the flow of "soil" (not "dirt" per ag-man John Creswell) while manning a shovel and wheelbarrow himself the whole morning long. His sole competition for sweat equity champion on the day is Noon Lion Rachel Leier, who showed up ready to work. She didn't lay down her shovel the entire morning and moved maybe a ton of the heavy clay by herself.

Lion Dolly Williams spent most of the morning undoing some of bad news the armadillos had heaped upon the soccer field in the form of shallow but ankle-



challenging divots. She had only a Midland BSA Troop 19 scout master and one Leo for actual help. The rest of Troop 19 was more interested in playing "king of the hill" on the dirt pile.

And then there was The Board of Directors, old fudds who were *capable* of turning a shovel or two but more at home offering helpful hints for those actually shouldering the burden. Somehow your old editor got lumped into that category with IPP Mike Smetanka and Past-everything Dennis Heitkamp.

If you didn't make this Work Day, put a note on your calendar for next spring. Camaraderie, good fun, good eats and a good day's work for a good cause.



Cast and crew of the "Spread Dirt on the Playing Fields" exercise. Included in the assemblage are Leos from the Rusk High School. Scouts from Troop 19 in Midland, NBISD Leos, Leo advisors, volunteers and Lions from the NB Noon and Breakfast clubs. Well done, all.

Point Venture Lions Club Meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2017



Assistant Tail Twister, Rob Wheeler, and March birthday honorees, Debbie Conger and Bill Roney.



Lions Phyllis Marshall, Aylisa Bucko, and Jackie Lambert enjoy social hour.



The "Z" team chefs, Clyde Hance, Barry Pasarew, Charlie Knapp, and Frank Smith



New PV Lion, Jean Lundin, and Nora Skaff



On Saturday, April 1, nineteen Point Venture Lions attended workday at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, repaired, and painted picnic tables. Those Lions who participated are: Roy Ables, Dan and Kathy Christian, Trey Cox, Ron and Jan Gallagher, Chris and Lisa Guest, Clyde Hance, Keith and Ann Kirk, Chuck Lambert, John and Jean Lundin, Fred and Phyllis Marshall, Barry Pararew, Fred and Fran Pontesso.



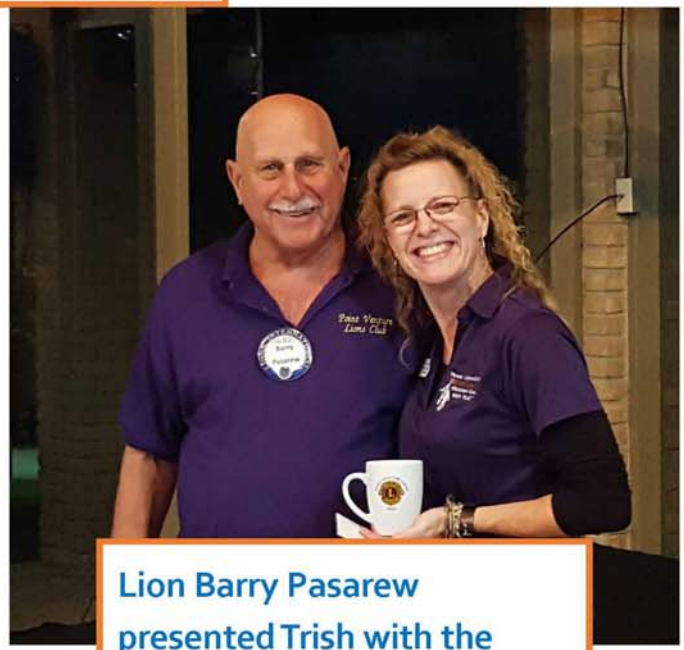
Trish Wilson, Director of Marketing for Texas Lions Camp, visited Point Venture Lions on March 7th.



Trish encouraged Lions to recruit campers .



Lion Clyde Hance presented Trish with a check for \$5250.



Lion Barry Pasarew presented Trish with the coveted PV Lions mug.

Welcome New Lago Vista Lions

Evelyn and Peter Ruut

Evelyn and Peter have been married 35 years March of this year and during those years, their children, Mario and Kim were born and have presented Evelyn and Peter with six grandchildren.

The two came from Woodstock, New York, and lived there for 20 years. Their children and grandchildren are in New Jersey and Florida.

Evelyn worked over the years as a bookkeeper and office manager while Peter was with Lucent Technologies and they are both now retired. Evelyn's hobbies are painting, writing and cooking while Peter is entertained with shooting sports and restoring corvettes.

Obscure facts of each: Evelyn is an artist and Peter was born in Estonia. They are both Tibetan Buddhists. Evelyn says that one of her uncles was a Lion and then meeting Susan and Jerry, their sponsors, the idea of being a Lion was very appealing. Welcome Evelyn and Peter!



Austin Founder Lions Club New Member Induction Ceremony

Our March 23rd meeting featured special guest, Alissa Magrum, the Executive Director of Colin's Hope. Colin's Hope is a local water safety and drowning prevention organization that was formed in 2008 after a local 4-year-old, Colin Holst, drowned in a public, lifeguarded pool in South Austin. During Alissa's talk, new club member Bonnie Glasgow conducted a fundraising challenge benefiting Colin's Hope by swimming 100 consecutive lengths of the Lions Club 25-yard pool – stopping only at each wall for 10 seconds. Prior to this exciting event, we inducted 7 new members into our club! "We usually do one at a time so it was a little out of the ordinary to have that many. But that's a good thing, right?" said Lion Ken Crone. We couldn't agree more. Our club made a pledge to bring in 50 new members this year and we are well on the way to achieving that goal with 42 new members! A busy meeting (and month), we had!

New Lions being inducted into the Austin Founder Lions Club



03/22/20

Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Fort Thomas, Arizona

Melvin Jones' Birthplace

Melvin was born on a cavalry outpost in Camp Thomas, Arizona on January 13, 1879. This was at a time when the west remained unsettled because the Apache Indians were making their last stand against the White man's encroachment on their land.



The Memorial was erected and dedicated in 1965 to honor Melvin Jones, founder of one of the largest humanitarian service organizations in the world, "LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL."



In June 1999 the Lions International Board gave this prestigious fifty-foot spire recognition as an International Shrine. On several occasions before his passing, Melvin visited the site of his birth and participated with the Arizona Lions groups who laid the foundation for the memorial now honoring his name.



Photos taken by Lions Robert Balch and Nadine Knaus, Garden Ridge Lions Club.

Golf Tournament Sets Record For Club Revenue

Lago Vista Lions Club

On Saturday March 25th, 20 teams of six players each showed up to play golf at the Lago Vista Golf Course. The weather was perfect and all looked forward to a great day of golf. **Lion John Spoerlein** and his BBQ team were smoking up the air.

Lion Anita Burke coordinated efforts in the Club House, including handing out door prize's to all the golfers. **Lions Joe and Glynda Wolverton** sold \$998 in mulligans to all the golfers who wanted that extra shot or two. **Lions Jim Orr and Linda Winston** and others at previous locations sold **\$1,846.00** worth of raffle tickets to potential winners. **Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott** and crew set up the silent auction at the Golf Tournament and at the Chili Feast and collected **\$3,315.00** from the highest bidders. **Lions Dale Mitchell and Scott Cameron** helped oversee workers on the course. **Lion Carl Spoto** collected **\$215.00** on the buy-a-birdie hole. **Lion Ken Johnston** collected **\$510.00** on hole number 12 from those golfers wanting to earn a hole-in-one if they hit the green. **Lion Jim Dougherty** collected **\$400.00** on hole number 15, the long par ve known as the tiger drive hole. **Lion Stephanie Smith** and friend went from hole to hole with the beverage cart and collected **\$325.00** in tip money. They donated all tips back to the Lions. **Lions Jo Anne Smith and Ron Smith** took some great photos of all the activities and including each team as they approached hole number two. **Lion Duane Lueders** also took some great pictures with his drone. **Lion Scott Cameron** coordinated the setup and take down of extra tables used for the silent auction.

Many of these same Lions and others spent countless hours contacting potential sponsors and donors for hole sponsorships, door prizes, silent auction items, and items for the goodie bags. The success of the tournament depended on the efforts of all these Lions and I thank each and every one of you.

Lion Connie Zschoche did a great job of keeping track of all sponsorships and donations and which Lion made the sponsor or donor contact. We thank all of our sponsors and donors.

It goes without saying that any successful event depends on good advertising prior to the event. Thanks to **Lion Jo Anne Smith** and her sister **Lion Patti McClure** for -nalizing our yers, sponsorship form and team entry form.

Jo Anne did a great job getting the word out through local businesses. **Lion Duane Lueders** kept everyone tuned in via the web on an as needed and timely basis. **Lion Patti McClure** included golf tournament updates in our monthly newsletters and made the board used to advertise the raffle.

Lion Mike Zaydel acted as our committee treasurer and did a great job of keeping track of income and expense items. As of this writing, Mike reports over **\$33,000.00** in income and approximately **\$7,000.00** in expenses. This means that our net income to the Lions Charity Fund will be over **\$26,000.00**. Excellent job by all involved. This is a new net income record for our Lions Charity Golf Tournament. Great team eort by 80 plus per cent of the membership.



Golf Tournament Chairman, Lion Gary Ladner



More sights from the Phil Wilson Golf Tournament Lago Vista Lions Club



Special Recognition Award to Lynda Ladner from President Don Zschoche.

Lago Vista Lions Club - Centennial Challenge (Mar)



Lago Vista Lions at Texas Lions Camp Work Day March 04, 2017, 4100 San Antonio Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028



On 03/14/2017, **Lago Vista Lions** 2VP Jo Anne Smith, President Don Zschoche, and Treasurer Mike Zaydel presented a **\$200.00** check to ght hunger to **Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)** Executive Director Tiesa Hollaway. This food bank serves Lago Vista and surrounding area with local food needs.



Aluminum can recycling, 03/13/2017, the **Lago Vista Lions Club** recycled 2541 aluminum cans worth \$30.80.

Road Clean-up, 03/18/2017: **Lago Vista Lions** Road Clean Up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). Twelve bags of trash (77 pounds) and were collected.



Month	Events	Children Screened	Children Referred	Percent Referred	Drive Miles	LV Hrs.
Aug-16	Back-to-School Screenings	383	70	18%	158	82
Sep-16	Williamson-Burnet Co Head Starts	288	42	15%	377	36
Oct-16	Public School Screenings (K & Pre-K)	416	34	8%	84	31
Nov-16	Private School Screenings	255	21	8%	74	12
Mar-17	Private School Screenings	27	0	0%	2	4
FINAL TOTAL		1369	167	12%	623	165

Wimberley Lions - Student & Teacher of the Month

RIGHT: The student of the Month, McKenna Ward, is an accomplished 8th grader! Not only is she a straight A student, she is very active in sports, playing volleyball, basketball, and the high jump in track and field; she is tall for her age!

Shown is Lion Boss John Estep, McKenna Ward, and Danforth Principal Greg Howard.



LEFT: Danforth Junior High Teacher of the Month award is presented to 6th grade English teacher, Amber Shand. Amber graduated from Texas State, did her student teaching at Danforth, and has now been teaching there for 14 years. She also heads up the 6th Grade Honor Society team.

Shown are Lion Boss John Estep, Amber Shand and Danforth Principal Greg Howard. Congratulations Amber!



Ninth Grade Center LEOs Attend TLC Work Day

Six members of the Ninth Grade Center Leo Club, sponsored by the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club, attended the Texas Lions Camp Work Day. Kyle Bearce, Mark Armstrong, Maggie Kroesche, and Savannah Wadstrom helped spread new top soil across the baseball field. Jeremy Alkire and Madeleine Balderrama assisted the Breakfast Lions in painting doors at the Administrative Center.



New Braunfels Noon Leos in Corpus



CLUB NEWS.....

BLANCO LIONS CLUB

We will meet at the Old 300 Bar-B-Que (4th and Pecan St.) on Thursday April 6th. Dinner can be ordered at the counter and paid as you order. Dinner will start at 6:00pm and the meeting will follow at 6:30. This should allow interested individuals to attend at no cost. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting to support the local food bank.

Membership: Still looking for new members. So far this year we're doing great. A personal invitation to attend a meeting could be an effective tool to recruit new members.

New Officers: We should nominate next year's officers at the meeting.

Centennial Project: We should organize a project to celebrate the 100th year of Lions.

Pancake Supper: The event was a success for the Lions with over \$400 given to Project Graduation.

LEOs: April is a very busy month for our club and the members have the opportunity to earn many volunteer hours. The LEO Club was involved in two events Saturday, April 1st. They volunteered at Yett Park for the Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry and at the Blanco Courthouse for the Child Abuse Awareness Fun Day. Saturday, April 22nd is the Blanco Trash Off. Members will help pick up trash in our city and we will also have a table set up to sell baked goods. If you would like to donate baked goods to our sale, please let me know. Your help will be greatly appreciated. *Submitted by Lion Kim.*

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

TLC Work Day, March 4, 2017: Nearly 10 Lions and Lion spouses participated March 4th at this year's first Lions Camp Work Day. Our task was to paint foot lockers in the children's bunkhouses. We painted over 100 foot lockers in 4 bunkhouses. Through much hard work, fun, and team work, we completed our workday just before lunch. We welcome volunteers for the upcoming April and May Work Days. The Staff of the Texas Lions Camp wishes to express their deepest gratitude to everyone that attended the work day on March 4th 2017.

Each person is to be commended for their extra effort in giving a "day's work" to the Camp. All of the projects are important and helpful in preparing the Camp for the summer. On behalf of the handicapped and diabetic campers that are our guests, we thank everyone for coming to the work day. We will be looking forward to seeing all of you again. The Texas Lions Camp staff.

Guest Speakers: On March 8, John Ferguson, SAMMC's Center for the Intrepid, was our guest speaker. Mr. Ferguson gave an excellent presentation on prosthesis for our wounded veterans. It is quite a chore to customize each prosthesis for a specific vet, whether it be for an entire limb amputation or a below the knee amputation. Our veterans are in good hands when assigned to the Center for the Intrepid for rehabilitation.

On March 22, Matt Scherer, CEO Scherer Communications, was our guest speaker. **Mr. Matt Scherer is an author, professional speaker, SA Tech Radio partner and CEO for Scherer Communications.** He serves as a communica-

tions engineer who bridges the gap from traditional media concepts to the newer forms of telling a story. He is also an Air Force veteran.

Officer Elections: Elections were held at our regular membership meeting with the following officers elected for the Garden Ridge Lions Club and the Garden Ridge Lions Charities, Inc.: President – John Mitzel, 1st Vice President – Mark DuBois, 2nd Vice President – Bill Swint, 3rd Vice President – Ray Pitzen, Director-2 year – John McCaw, Director-2 year – Dick Vogt, Director-1 year – Larry Thompson, Director-1 year – Dave Heier, Treasurer – Mark Meyers, Secretary – Jim Newbold, Lion Hunter – Bill Foote, Lion Tamer – Larry Smedley, Tail Twister – Mike Shands, Program Director – Mark Frye, and Imm Past President – Carmen McCaw.

Lone Star Books: We donated \$243.00 to the Garden Ridge Library to purchase the Lone Star Book series for the library's children reading program.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank: We donated \$100.00 to the LSLEB to aid in the purchase of a cornea refrigerator.

Hearing Aids: We donated \$250.00 to Aileen Mojica for loaner hearing aids.

GEORGETOWN LIONS CLUB



Lions JoAnn Steinfort, Marcie Ramm, and David Voelter (L-R) who were presented their Silver Centennial Membership pin. This award is presented to a sponsor whose new Lion has remained a Lion for more than a year. As the new Lion stays a 2nd and 3rd year, the sponsor receives a gold and diamond centennial pin, respectively.

Lions Gearl and Betty Koonce, who won our club's internal, just-for-fun-and-bragging-rights, football pool. They picked North Carolina; Liz Bailey was second—led for the last 2 weeks, but her Gonzaga team lost the championship!
GEORGETOWN EVENING LIONS CLUB

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

Chop'n Wood For Charity: Lago Vista Lions chop wood for upcoming fundraisers. Lago Vista Lions will be providing BBQ dinners for those golf teams that played or Lions that worked the Lago Vista Lions Annual Golf Tournament (dedicated to Phil Wilson) on 03/25/2017; 2) Lago Vista Lions will be providing labor only with the proceeds going to The Lone Star Eye Bank Fundraiser planned for on 04/29/2017.



In Photo (L-R): Lions Director Mike Beal, Director John Spoerlein, Bob McCarty, President Don Zschoche, Treasurer Mike Zaydel, and Director Jerry Nilsson-Wieskott. Note: Photos taken via drone by Lion Webmaster, Duane Lueders.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Business Meeting – March, 2: The Texas Independence Day meeting was as action-packed as the 16 March meeting was not. Tail Twister Cameron Bradfute broke the ice with a comprehensive quiz on lions of the *jungle* variety. Some of the more interesting items revealed were that males sleep about 20 hours a day while the females do all the hunting. Hmmm.

Cantor Buz Farrell led the assemblage in singing *Frere Jacques* in nearly every known language save Sanskrit, and *God Bless America* (in English only.) Ranger Ray Martinez, in honor of the occasion, regaled the group with his rendition of *I'm Coming Back to You, Texas* and made a fine job of it. The grand finale of the songfest was Bill Kolodzie's leading *Texas, Our Texas*.

Boy Scouts of America: Ted Borcharding of the Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America was awarded a check in the amount of \$600 in support of that stalwart group. Prez Lee Ambrosino and Boy Scouts liaison Lion Chuck Teeter help to prop the heavy thing up.



At that point in the proceedings we bolstered our number by one welcoming Eddie Dobbins into our club. Eddie is new to New Braunfels looking to get well established here. Eddie's sponsor is Wallace Johnson, which means Dollie's Heroes carves another notch in whatever it is we're carving notches in.

Program: Our featured speaker for the meeting was Lance Griffin, Director of Aggregate Operations of Cemex — you may have noticed their plant just south of town. Lance is a former Lion and has penned an app to join our merry band — or so your editor was told.



The Balcones Quarry from which the limestone is mined is the largest single quarry in the U.S. Ten thousand tons of limestone are mined every day from a 225-foot deep deposit and delivered to customers as far away as Houston. The limestone will be crushed for aggregate or calcified in huge kilns on its way to becoming cement.

The 2400-acre quarry is Wildlife Habitat Certified and has numerous awards for its stewardship. Even the water used is recycled at the rate of 90%, which in drought country is huge. Somewhat of a surprise is the number of old tires consumed in the kiln at the rate of one every 7 seconds. It is a testament to the Cemex operation that smoke has never been an issue.

Business Meeting – March, 16: Third Veep Mark Reynolds' guest speaker had to cancel for personal reasons so this meeting was shortened by that much. Even so, we adjourned only 3 minutes early.

Among the highlights: The membership competition has been extended by one quarter to the end of the Lion year; there are meetings and conventions galore on district, state and national levels—see Tom Call for details; \$2,000 was approved for transfer from reserves to the Sight Conservation program; new Leos sponsors are needed to replace Tom Call and John Creswell who are stepping down after long years on the job.

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, 22 April, two major events will go head-to-head in New Braunfels, and your participation in at least one of them will be hugely appreciated. Two would be better.

White Cane Day: First; one of our signature fund raisers, WHITE CANE DAY, is locked in at Granzin's Meat Market for the day, and perhaps at Wal-Mart, as well. Third Vice President Mark Reynolds is working on that venue and we expect confirmation shortly. Traditionally we stand two-hour shifts and dole out white canes and, depending on your shift captain, Tootsie Roll minis. The Tootsies chum the munchkins, thereby reeling in the folks with the folding green, and let me say they are much more desirable to the short set than the canes.

Craft Beer Festival: Second; the Wurstfest-sponsored CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL is also scheduled for that Saturday. Your Noon Lions man the parking lot across the street, in much the same manner as at Wurstfest, and will be in need of stout-

hearted souls to collect cash and dodge Buicks from mid-morning to early evening. David Berger is point man on this project.

Both of these events can be "cash cows" for the club, but both require sufficient Lion-power to get the most out of them. Adjust your schedule, figure out where you can help out and give Mark, David or both a call. Your club thanks you.

NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Program: Rusty Brockman, Vice President of Economic Development for the Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the greater New Braunfels Economic Development Council (EDC), aka the 4B Board. The EDC is a non-profit umbrella organization that serves as the public/private partnership involving the City via their economic sales tax corporation, the Economic Development Foundation, Comal County, NBU, and the Chamber.

Rusty provided the Club with the latest in demographics and economic benchmarks for the city. He noted that since 2010 the EDC initiated 17 projects involving quality of life (39%), infrastructure (34%), incentives (21%), and professional services (8%). The projects generate approximately \$5.80 to the City for every \$1 spent. Through 2015 the projects helped create an average of 1,414 jobs annually. That helped hold the 2016 unemployment rate to just at 3%, lower than the nation, state, region, and metro area rates.



Rusty is an active member of the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club.

NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

General Meeting – April 5, 2017: Treasurer Jeff distributed T-shirts that were order by members. He also noted that he has extra t-shirts and hats that are available for purchase and will be sold at the 50th anniversary party as well. Due to the 48 minimum-order for hats, only one color, sandstone color style will be ordered. He also covered the financial results for the club for the previous quarter. Motion was made by Lion Tom to approve the financial report, Lion Suzi 2nd, motion passed.

Mini-Gold Venue: Our Lions club has committed to build the entrance pergola and the sign stands for each hole at the Mini-golf venue at Landa Park. Lion Brad has arranged with his employer, PSP Industries, for fabricating the steel panels for the sponsor stands. Pre-work on the pergola will begin in April.

Lions 50th Anniversary: Lion Tom noted that the invitations for the 50th Anniversary party have been mailed to all members. Responses are due by April 17.

Leos: Lion Johnathan updated the members on the status of the Smithson Valley Leos Club. The club is very active. 5-10 Leos worked last weekend at an animal shelter. The club has already had 7-8 events. The clubs t-shirts have also been ordered.

TLC Work-Day: Several Lions participated in a work day last Saturday at the Lions Camp. The members reframed a doorway and installed a rollup door in one of the storage areas.

Election of Officers: President Skip read the list of officer candidates for the next term. It was agreed that the club will also appoint an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer at a later time. Lion Jeff made a motion to confirm the officer candidates, Lion Jack 2nd, motion passed. Here is the list of approved officers: President – Tom Matschek, 1st Vice President – Ted Faro, 2nd Vice President – DJ Martinez, 3rd Vice President – Tim Simecek, Secretary – Randy Christen, Treasurer – Brad Hooper, 1 Year Director – Chance Litton, 2 Year Director – Johnathan McKinley, Tail Twister – Bob Miller, Lion Tamer – David Duhon, and Membership Chairman – Skip Nolte.

Kindermasken Parade: Parade will be held on May 6 at 10:00 A.m. Our club will donate \$1250 in prizes to winners of the costume contest. Our clubs name will be on the brochures and also on the banner leading the parade. The NB Heritage Society's Folk Fest will also be sponsored by our club.

Member Surveys: Club members have until the end of the month to return their membership surveys.

District Convention: The District Convention will be on May 13 this year. Our club can send up to (4) delegates. Contact Skip if interested. The State convention will be in San Antonio this year. Advertising is being sold for the event. Lion Jack made a motion for our club to purchase a ½ page advertisement for \$90. Lion Bob 2nd, motion passed.

Club History: The District Governor has requested a (1) page history of our club. Lion Skip requested club history information from the club members. Lion Jeff has agreed to compile and send to Skip.

Lions Camp: Lion Darrel mentioned that his wife's school has a candidate for Lions Camp and will apply.

"Serve Outdoors": Lion Darrel mentioned that the non-profit "Serve Outdoors" is having a fundraiser, at which time they will present a wheel chair to a handicapped recipient, for which they are accepting donations. Lion Grey made a motion to donate ½ of the cost, up to a maximum of \$800, Lion Jeff 2nd, motion passed.

Attendance Drawing – Roy Crenwelge, not present at the meeting.

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

President's Letter for March 2017

Spot Sight Screening: Lions Bill Higdon and Harold Tannahill have been extremely busy screening school children in our community. In their program for our club March 7th, they reported 2020 screenings were performed in 2016. This is an increase of 305 screenings over the previous year when 1715 screenings were performed. This is a terrific program that helps our youngest students that can't tell us they can't

see well. The technology of the screening equipment is very impressive and works very well. Great work Lions Bill and Harold!

Market Day: Last Market Day, the weather did not cooperate as we wanted. Lion Bob Shipe's new funnel cake concession, located in the old shaved ice concession space, did a terrific day despite the weather. As the old saying goes, the location of a concession is a big factor in sales. This was one of the new season changes made by the Market Day Management Board. Great move ya'll.

Lion Bobby Burris's new goody golf cart, provided by the Sands Golf Course, did not have a fair start to gauge its potential. The April Market Day should be a better indicator. Have faith Bobby, you will do great. Our theme for the April Market Day is April Fool's Day, so wear something to the spirit of the day.

Centennial Project: The Centennial Park plans are going through the city process of getting a variance approved and plans reviewed. Lion John Stark has been a great resource for navigating this process. The City of Wimberley is excited about our Centennial Park Project as it represents a renewal of a park that the floods destroyed. The "Phoenix" Pergola, as I refer to our pergola, is symbolic of the rebirth of the older gazebo, not from the ashes, but from the flood waters of Cypress Creek.

Membership: Lion Terri Baccus reports we are at 201 members. We do have some inductions in April, so let's work on membership growth. We need more younger members as many of our older experienced Lions need to change jobs at Market day. Our Board of Directors has a good variety of age groups represented. The new slate of officers for the 2017-2018 Lion Year is looking good too!

Keep up the great work Lions...Thank you for what you do for our club!

Lion Boss John Estep