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District Governor's Message

First, let me say Thank You for the excellent work the Wimberley Lions did for the Mid-Winter Cabinet meeting and Conference. Dr Bob Pearce organized his LEO's who were always handy. Over 150 were registered to attend. Thanking PDG's Angie Nicholson, Gary Cocanougher, Paul Steinfort, Frank Kinald, District Treasurer Maureen Kinald and Spot Trainers Pres Brenda Preutt and Harold Tannahill for their hard work during the training sessions. Another big Thank You to PP Lee Gibson, the organizer's organizer. The Peace Poster Winner was announced as well as 3 young winners of the Youth Contests. Our Tailtwister and Invocation leader was Bobby Burris. With his help, we raised \$500 for the District Charities.

Several announcements were made during the Mid-Winter. One was the changes in election procedures. PDG Mike Smith will run the Elections, PDG Len Heimer will chair the Nominations, and part of the District Team will check on credentials. PLEASE NOTE, In just a few days the registration and other forms will be sent out. It is important that it is understood that delegates must be in good standing with the club and be in the club for more than one year. A signature is needed by the club secretary to secure voting regs. Another change was that future District Conventions maybe requested by a club. The club making this request must present this in writing one month before the convention. A third announcement was the formation of two new club committees,

LCIF Coordinator and ALERT Chair.

The ALERT Chair's purpose for the club is to have a prepared Lion that will help organize a Lion response to a disaster. LIONS are not first responders however during a disaster we can support those in need. Your chair should have a good understanding of government departments like Fire & Rescue or Police. They should become familiar with those in charge of those departments and have time to work with them when needed.

The LCIF Coordinator is responsible for aiding and teaching what the Foundation does and needs from each club.

Upcoming in May will be various awards. Last year PDG Angie Nicholson won the states highest award , The Texas Lions Hall of Fame. Every 3 years this award is given.

The Service Hall of Honor is a yearly award given to a Lion based on service to the District for 5 years or more while holding a district office.

Other awards for Lions include the Harry Reasonover (found on page 35 of our District Directory, Gold and Silver Spur. Both the CWA MacCormack and Service to New Heights are club awards. Please pay attention to your newsletter for upcoming application due dates.

A Few Announcements

The Peace Poster Kits are now available for \$11.95 from LCI.

USA/ Canada Forum will be in Portland

Oregon from Sept 21-23. Speakers include Colonel Don Pettit- An Astronaut who spent over 370 days in space. Jen Bricker – a motivational speaker who will talk about overcoming physical handicaps. IP Naresh Aggarwal will present his Presidential Themes. Plus Willie Jolley another motivational speaker. Over 90 seminars are presented and you can earn credits form the Lions University. Early registration runs until June 9 and will save you \$35.

*"We Are Lions,
Lets Keep Climbing"*



District Governor

Lion John Lyon and Patti

2016 - 2017

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

1st VDG John Pruett

Go To Meeting Software

Frequently, we would like to schedule a meeting for the conduct of District business, however, we find conflict in schedules, and of course, in some cases, large distances to travel. Thus, with our busy schedules we must allow a full day to attend a single meeting. These inconveniences tend to inhibit our interactions and our ability to communicate information, and conduct the necessary business of the District. Fortunately, if we embrace technology those days can be in past.

Our District 2-S3 charities foundation has purchased a subscription to the video-conferencing software platform, GoToMeeting that includes the organizer and up to 50 attendees. We have begun to use it for different committee meetings to include planning for the District Convention. While not replacing the need for face-to-face meetings the software enhances communication in that we can meet more often, and even offer training with this software platform. Meetings can be more conveniently scheduled and there is no need to travel. You can sit in your home with your computer and have virtually the same experience as actually being there. The organizer or presenter can display

their computer desktop and share documents, spreadsheets, powerpoints and videos with the attendees as they are discussed. Attendees can attend the meeting on-line or just receive audio by calling in as in a conference call. Scheduled on-line GoToMeetings requires a well thought out agenda and rigid attention to time, that is good news for all meetings.

We will have a breakout "training" session at our District Convention May 13, 2017. Plan to attend to learn how this technology can enhance our communication and training in so many ways. We will provide for actual demonstrations of the meeting and training formats.



1st Vice District Governor
John Pruett



The Lions Den
February, 2017

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Lions District 2-S3 KidSight Program *Year-To-Date Screenings and Referrals

Number of Children:

Kids Screened

12,983

Kids Referred

1,829



***Year-To-Date: Lions Year - July 1 through January 31, 2017**



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



In Manor (Manor Lions Club - Friday and Saturday evenings; Manor High School Saturday 7:30 to 2:00)

All Delegates and alternates are current with their dues.

My club is current with their dues.

Club Name _____

Signature of Officer _____

NOTE TO CABINET MEMBERS - Register on this Form or Register With Your Club

LIST ONLY ONE PERSON PER LINE

Print or type Lion/Guest Name	Voting Delegate Please Check One		Have been club member at least 1 year & a day	Please Enter For Each Attendee Everyone Attending Must Pay Convention Fee			
	Delegate	Alternate		Convention Fee	May 12th Cab Mtg Dinner	May 13th Saturday Luncheon	May 13th Sat. Evening 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 (postmarked by April 29, 2017)				X	X	X	X
If You Register After April 29, 2017				\$5.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total Cost Per Column				\$	\$	\$	\$
				\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$	\$	\$	\$
				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, TX 78628

Any Questions, Call/Text Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe 512.470.4644 or email kratcliffe@austin.rr.com



Play an instrument?
 Want to be part of a memorable, fun time?
 Join Lions from all over Texas at the
 Centennial Convention
 Chicago - June 30 – July 4, 2017

The Texas Lions Band will ride on a float and
 thrill the crowd in the International Parade of
 Nations on Saturday, July 1st
(and maybe some other appearances also)

Register for the Convention and complete the information below no later than Jan. 10, 2017.

Name _____ Club _____ District _____

Instrument: _____

Prior experience: HS Band College Band Band Director

Address: _____

Phone: Home ____ / ____ Mobile ____ / ____

Send to:
 PDG J. P. Kirksey
 12503 Scissortail Drive
 Manchaca, TX 78652
 512/282-2053 (home)
 512/585-0992 (mobile)





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THE LIONS CLUB OF LAGO VISTA 2017 Phil Wilson MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION: 10:00 AM
SHOTGUN START: 12:00 PM

LAST DATE TO ENTER
MARCH 19, 2017

MARCH 25th, 2017

Entry Fee:
\$60.00 Lago Vista Golf Club Members
\$75.00 Non Golf Club Members

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Lion Gary Ladner
P: (512) 267-9758
E: g.ladner@att.net



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Closest to the pin/Front and back nine
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4616 RIMROCK DRIVE
LAGO VISTA, TX 78645

USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Inspirational Speakers

The USA/Canada Forum is known for the quality of the professional speakers. This year's Forum features fantastic motivational speakers...From an astronaut who will present the future direction of space exploration, to an athlete who will talk of overcoming limitations, to the President of the Association concerning his 2017 -18 Program, and a challenge by one of the most exciting motivational speakers in the country.

All will leave you feeling inspired to be a better Lion & human being.

Colonel Don Pettit

The 4th most experienced Spacefarer of all time, Pettit has spent 370 days in space & 13 hours walking in space. He is from Silverton, Oregon.

Appearance subject to NASA assignment

Jen Bricker

Altitude Is Attitude - Born without legs, Bricker's amazing adoptive family gave her one simple rule, 'Never say can't', & helped her forge a life of triumph, not tragedy.

Naresh Aggarwal

The Power of We - 2017-18 LCI President Aggarwal will inspire all with his story & International Program.

Willie Jolley

Goals: Dreams With A Deadline - Dr. Willie Jolley is the number one motivational speaker in America today, according to the Zig Zigler 'Get Motivated Organization' .

Leadership with
Imagination
Service with
Creativity

91
leadership
building
seminars

Build Your Leadership Skills Year
Round With Lions University

4 Amazing
Inspirational
Speakers to
Headline the
2017 Forum

Countdown to
Portland

91 Seminars Build leadership skills

There's something for everyone at the Forum...

Whether you are the newest Lion or longest serving, the Forum offers leadership training for Lions & life.

CLUB LEADERS - learn how to grow & manage your club

LION LEADERS - hone & advance your leadership skills

YOUNG LIONS - network & grow your marketable leadership skills to advance your Lion & professional careers



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 21-23, 2017
Portland, Oregon

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



"Membership Growth" New Members - January

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

Austin Founder Lions Club

Edward Abili	sponsored by	Lillie Gilligan
J Gaylord Armstrong	sponsored by	James Overton
George Bocanegra	sponsored by	Tommy Cowan
Bonnie Glasgow	sponsored by	William Martin
Jystin Hayes	sponsored by	William Martin
Jacob H Hock	sponsored by	William Martin
Louis Moncivais	sponsored by	Tommy Cowan
Jonathan Ratcliff	sponsored by	William Martin
Jose M Sifuentes	sponsored by	Tommy Cowan
Mary Rodriguez	sponsored by	

Buda Lions Club

Hazel S Hammond	sponsored by	Nelia Barrera
Kerman D Hammond Sr	sponsored by	Nelia Barrera

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Barbara S Elia	sponsored by	Charles VL Elia
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Hutto Lions Club

Alexis Campbell	sponsored by	Brandy Baker
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McQueeney Lions Club

Leroy Fey	sponsored by	Jesus Leos
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New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

Judy E Adams	sponsored by	William Kolodzie
Vernell J Martinez	sponsored by	Ramiro Martinez

Pflugerville Lions Club

Joseph M Balsama	sponsored by	Robert Brydson
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Point Venture Lions Club

Cindy D Clemons	sponsored by	
Jean L Lundin	sponsored by	Laurie Glass
John D Lundin	sponsored by	Laurie Glass
Eleanor C Smith	sponsored by	Debbie Conger
Frank J Smith	sponsored by	Laurie Glass

San Marcos Lions Club

John A Diaz	sponsored by	Mike Rhoades
Everal A Garcia	sponsored by	Mitchell Hoffman
D'Ann Matlock	sponsored by	Jennifer Cooper

Wimberley Lions Club

Larry J Drake	sponsored by	Tom Campbell
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A Memorial To Our Lost Lions

Rosa Lee Jones North Austin Lions Club

William R Godden Blanco Lions Club

Roberta Calahan Capital City Eve Lions Club

Gloria J Thrasher Rockdale Noon Lions Club

Austin Founder LC Schedules Golf Classic

The Austin Founder Lions Club is hosting its Golf Classic on Sunday, **April 30** at Lions Municipal Golf Course, which the club originally built and donated to the City of Austin. Proceeds will benefit AFLC and its primary beneficiary, 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, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded to first- and second -place team. Entry fee is \$200 per player or \$700 per team and includes a one-year subscription to *Golf Digest* magazine. Snacks, beverages and the award dinner also are included. The awards dinner will feature a silent auction with items ranging from dinner gift certificates to hotel packages and more. Visit www.afcggolf.com for more information.

"Players and teams that register before March 20 will receive a discount. With the early bird registration by March 20, the price will be \$150 per player and \$500 per team," said Scott Arnold, chairman of the 2017 Golf Classic. Arnold also encourages individuals and businesses to become event sponsors. Sponsorships range from \$250.00 to \$7,500. Silent auction items also are requested, and begin at \$25. For more information, visit www.afcggolf.com or contact Arnold at 512-758-3110 or by email to scott.arnold@earthlink.net.

In 1935, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and she challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, Lions have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired. Austin Founder Lions Club supports the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in many ways, including sponsoring its Leo Club for high school students and helping finance club activities. AFLC also conducts SPOT vision screening for the community, and is working with the Austin Independent School District to test the vision of all three- and four-year old pre-kindergarten students.

Public Relations Tips

By Lion John Creswell
PR Chair

When you prepare your Club's media releases, remember "KISS," (Keep It Short and Simple). Make sure you've covered the 5 W's (Who, What, When, Where, and Why). Always have a fellow Lion or friend review your release before sending it.

Other tips to improve your news releases include:

- ◆ Use good photos. A resized photo (fewer pixels) may not be acceptable.
- ◆ Local media may not use a release (without being paid) that has the name of a local business (free publicity). Consider saying "An expert on ____ will be our speaker at our next meeting."

Keep on sharing your good PR tips with other Clubs. ROAR!

Giving A Speech Without Panicking

by Frank Kinald, Global Leadership Team

Giving a speech needn't be terrifying or stressful. Here's how to stay calm.

- **Know your subject.** The more you know your topic, the more secure you'll feel. Do your homework, anticipate questions and be ready with additional information.
- **Practice!** Rehearse thoroughly before addressing the audience. You'll get used to your own voice, and to standing up and talking for the length of your speech. Practice also gives you the opportunity to make changes ahead of time, such as removing awkward sentences and substituting words.
- **Arrive early.** Check out the facilities. Walk around and familiarize yourself with the layout. If possible, rehearse again at the site.
- **Loosen up and relax.** Take a short walk. Do some relaxation exercises. Sit down and wiggle your toes – it eases anxiety. Do some deep breathing exercises.

Now you're ready to give that speech!



Promotional Materials Available from Texas Lions Camp

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

Texas Lions Camp has unveiled a new online Event Tool Box that provides a selection of materials that will be useful in promoting and staging an event that features or benefits Texas Lions Camp. The materials will be useful at health fairs and community events where Lions promote registration for summer campers. The tool box also has materials that can be used at fund-raising events to benefit Texas Lions Camp. The tool box contains camera-ready artwork for items such as:

- banners,
- flyers with camp dates and disabilities served,
- table cloths,
- place-mats,
- table tents,
- posters and
- much more.

All items are available online at <http://lionscamp.com/EventToolbox.html>. Every item in the tool box is described and a link to the camera-ready art is provided.



ed. By making the camera-ready artwork available online, a club can simply work with a local printer to produce the quantity desired in a timely manner. A graphic designer or your local printer can personalize the materials with your club information, if desired. In some communities, Lions clubs have printers who provide their services as a donation or at a deeply discounted rate. The tool box approach allows clubs to take advantage of local resources.

Texas Lions Camp will update the items periodically and add additional materials. If you think of additional items that might be useful, please do not hesitate to pass on your suggestions to me at annw3604@msn.com. Note that camp brochures and camp maps still have to be ordered through the camp, since they are printed in large quantities to achieve cost savings.

I commend the Texas Lions Camp staff for developing such a professional tool box of resources, and I hope all clubs in District 2-S3 find the items helpful. Check it out today!



Ashley Woodward Sponsor Pin



New Braunfels Noon Lion Ashley Woodward receives her sponsorship pin from Secretary Tom Call.

New Members New Braunfels Noon Lions Club



Ray Martinez, VerNell and Prez Lee

VerNell Martinez, long-time vision screener and better half of Ranger Ray, finally took the bait and became one of us. Welcome aboard, VerNell!

Wimberley Outstanding Lion Award

The Outstanding Lion Award was presented to Oda Lisa Hernandez at the December 6 Wimberley Lions Club meeting. Oda Lisa hit the ground running when she joined the Wimberley Lions Club in the Fall of 2015. A published author and poet with her own radio show on Wimberley Valley Radio 94.1, she has played a huge part on the marketing committee as the publicist for Market Days, and, is the district chair for the World Services for the Blind.

Congratulations Oda Lisa! Keep on writing!



Left to right are Pres. John Estep, Lion Oda Lesa, and 2nd VP Richard Newsum.



Long-time care taker of Lion extraordinaire Bill Kolodzie, Judy Adams finally bites the bullet and becomes a Noon Lion. After many months of introducing Judy as a "guest" — heck, she was here more often than many of the members — she has taken the plunge. Welcome aboard, Judy. President Lee Ambrosino officiated at her induction.

Lago Vista Lion of the Qtr

On 01/03/2017 Lion Linda Jameson accepted the Lion of the Quarter Award from Lago Vista Lions President Don Zschoche for outstanding service as Leos Advisor. She coordinated the Austin Steam Train for Burnet kids; St Mary's Oktoberfest (snake demo); Masquerade dinner servers; collected food from PV & LV Lions. Lion Linda assisted the Leos with National Night Out (LVPD); oversaw the Leos who cleared tables at Friends of Library dinner; attended the Leo State meeting in Killeen; the collection of food cans at Lowe's (5 days); delivered the food in U-Haul to Ft Hood. She oversaw the Food Drive held in Lago Vista; the North Shore Flyer Train Cedar Park (2 days) and attended most Leos AND Lions regular meetings.



**CONGRATULATIONS
LION LINDA JAMESON.**

New Member - Wimberley Lions Club



The Wimberley Lions Club started off 2017 by welcoming new member Larry Drake, who retired to Wimberley with his dog Jesse, after 30 years working for an industrial supply company. From L to R are Lion Tom Campbell, Lion Larry's sponsor, Membership Chair Terri Baccus and Pres. John Estep. Lion Tom Campbell, is a relative and had a little sway in Larry's decision to move to Wimberley. We welcome Lion Larry to the Wimberley Lions Club!

Wimberley Lions Club Centennial Project

Yep, it's the Lions' 100th birthday this year. To celebrate this very special occasion, LCI has asked Lions Clubs throughout the world to come up with community projects using the following themes: Lead through Service; Invite new Members; Connect with Community.

Our club formed a special committee headed up by Past Pres. Beverly Nesmith, and joined by Past Presidents Lee Gibson, Lane Hartsock, Russell Cox, and Lewis Smith to come up with a few community projects to honor the centennial and Lion Vic Forsyth presented their ideas to the general membership for a vote (all of which passed unanimously).

For starters, they are currently drawing up plans for a new picnic table and pergola at the Ozona Bank park on Cypress Creek. Also in the works is a recycling program for Market Days which will incorporate the LEOs club.

Happy 100th! Lions ROAR!



Buda Lions Club Sponsors High Point Saddles

On January 28th, 2017, the Buda Lions Club sponsored High Point saddles for the Hays County Livestock Horse Show.



Standing left to right are Lion Darrell Cooper, Lion Mike Huckaby, Hays Livestock Show Queen with the winners and Keith Cooper.



Capital City Evening Lions Club

The Austin Capital City Evening Lions Club now has 16 members; one resigned and we lost one of our long time members, Lion Roberta Calahan, who passed on January 11, 2017. We will truly miss her gentle and soft spoken voice and her wiliness to help everyone in every way she could. Our club continues to do as much in the community as we can. Last Thanksgiving, we gave complete dinners with turkey and trimmings to two needy families. We also gave two turkey dinners to two needy families at Christmas. Our club also donated money to Blue Santa in Austin, Texas. Each member donated money at our Christmas party to give. We did some things different this year, we teamed up with Corinth Missionary Baptist Church and David's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Austin; we took sandwiches, clothing, bagged-up personal items, bottled water, and fruits, and passed them out to the homeless people under the bridge on 7th street.

Some of our Lions celebrated with the North Austin Lions Club at their Christmas Party and we really had a wonderful time. Our Club donated school supplies to Norman Elementary School and also participated in their RIF Day. Lions Shirley Jensen, Billie Chambers, and Olivia Ussery attended the vision SPOT check training in January, 2017. Lion Olivia Ussery will be custodian of the vision SPOT check machine. Lion Wilhite will continue to bring us excellent information from her health and wellness classes; she is also our number-one Taitwister. Lion Shirley Jensen, President and Lion Susie Mayo-Mayes, Correspondence Secretary.



Our Lions Year started off with District Governor John Lyon making his official annual visit to our club in August, 2016; we were very happy for his visit.

Welch Allyn Spot Screeners Certificates

Fellow Lions, we have been notified that there are Lions in our District who are certified as Welch Allyn Spot Screeners but have not received their certificates for having completed the training. This certificate is required for anyone who wished to attend the DSHS State training course.

If any of your members are requesting a Welch Allyn Certificate, please forward their names and email addresses to me. We will check their name against our list of certified screeners, and email their certificates to them.

Thank you, Lion Maureen Kinald, KidSight Chair mkinald@gmail.com



ALL AGES EVENT

round rock lions noon club

RUN FOR THE PARK

5K & KIDS' K

HELP EXPAND
'PLAY FOR ALL'

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017
OLD SETTLERS PARK

**AWARDS TO TOP 3 MALE & FEMALE,
TOP MASTERS AND AGE GROUPS**

8:00AM - 5K (\$30)

9:00AM - KIDS' K (\$15)

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Austin Founder Lions Club Collects For Travis County Sheriff's Brown Santa

At its Dec. 15 Holiday Party, members of Austin Founder Lions collected more than 300 gifts and \$151 in cash for Brown Santa, a program operated by the Travis County Sheriff's Office to help low-income families living in the county but not within the city limits. Honorary Member Greg Hamilton, then Travis County Sheriff, and the coordinators of Brown Santa, Mary Rodriguez and Louis Moncivais, attended and told the club about the Brown Santa program.

Many AFLC learned about "onesies" as the club was asked to collect clothing and other items for infants, including bottles, pacifiers, rattles, blankets, etc.

"Club members really got in the holiday spirit and filled three barrels with infant items," said Jim Overton, club president. "Helping those less fortunate during the holiday season exemplifies the Lions' spirit of service and demonstrates our compassion."

Prior to the club program on Brown Santa, members and their guests were entertained by M.O.V.E. or Music Outreach Volunteer Entertainers. Led by Mike Sullivan for more than 10 years, the band includes two AFLC members: former Austin Mayor Gus Garcia who is the featured vocalist and former A.I.S.D. school principal Rudy Munguia, who plays accordion. Playing a variety of music with a Tejano sound, the band was joined by AFLC piano player extraordinaire Terry Heller.



Members of the Music Outreach Volunteer Entertainers (M.O.V.E.) band entertained at the Dec. 15 Austin Founder Lions Club holiday party. Pictured left to right are Christy Taylor; Rollie Revering, accordion; Lion Rudy Garcia, accordion; and Lion Gus Garcia, lead vocalist.



Honorary Austin Founder Lions Club Member Greg Hamilton, then Travis County Sheriff, was recognized at the club's Holiday Luncheon and presented with a Texas State t-shirt to thank him for his service to the community. The Travis County Sheriff's Office coordinates the Brown Santa program, which the club supported with a gift drive for infants.



Travis County Sheriff Deputy Louis Moncivais, co-coordinator of the Brown Santa program, described the program to AFLC members. Moncivais joined the club following the meeting.

Lions Clubs International Centennial Silver Dollar on sale now!

In celebration of a century of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs worked with the United States Mint to produce a limited edition, professionally crafted silver dollar coin. This coin is a limited edition. No more than 400,000 will be created. Once sold out, no more coins will be made. Each coin is packaged in its own beautiful presentation case and includes a certificate of authenticity. For each coin sold, USD\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a USD\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

For a limited time only, you can purchase this historic keepsake for the low, introductory price of US\$47.95 only through the [U.S. Mint](#)! **But hurry: this offer expires at 3:00 pm EST on February 21, 2017.**



Centennial Silver Dollar
This 90% Silver, Limited Edition, Proof Silver Dollar, celebrating 100 Years of Service, is minted at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia,

TLC Challenges Lions to Do 'One More,' Reaches Out to New Lions Members

*By Ann Ward
Texas Lions Camp Elected Director District 2-S3*

At the Feb. 4 meeting of the Texas Lions Camp Board, a new initiative to encourage all Lions to consider "**ONE MORE** for Texas Lions Camp" was unveiled. The idea behind the campaign is this: When you are given ONE MORE day to do ONE MORE thing to change ONE MORE life, do you take that opportunity?

Texas Lions make a difference in the lives of some 1,500 campers each summer. You can take ONE MORE opportunity to recruit and sponsor ONE MORE child than you did last year. Lions can make a difference by making time to participate in the upcoming Camp Work Days to do ONE MORE thing to get camp ready for the summer. Lions can make ONE MORE donation to TLC by honoring someone, giving a memorial, buying a life membership, joining Century Club or going up to a new level. Lions are encouraged to tell ONE MORE person about TLC; bring someone with you to visit TLC this summer and see what a wonderful place it is.

Sign up now for **camp workdays**, which are scheduled **March 4, April 1 and May 6**. Register online at www.lionscamp.com. Some vacancies remain to host a summer picnic, operate the concession stand or participate in awards night. Information is available at www.lionscamp.com.

In addition to challenging Lions to do more, Texas Lions Camp has developed a **New Member Lion packet** to be sent from TLC to all new Lions when they join a Texas Lions Club. This packet provides an introduction to Texas Lions Camp. Promotional materials like maps, brochures, stickers, donations envelopes, flyers, schedule of camp sessions, newsletter, a note from a camper and information on how to sponsor campers are included in a beautiful pocketed container that embodies the spirit of camp and has a welcome letter from CEO Stephen Mabry. In mid-February, the camp began sending packets to only the members of Lions who have joined this 2016-17 Lion year. New clubs will receive a charter night pack so that they can distribute the new member packets as the Lions are inducted. TLC plans to go back to new Lions in the 2015-16 Lion year once the push for the current year is underway.

Names and addresses of new Lions will be obtained from the LCI database, so all club secretaries are encouraged to enter new members as soon as possible.



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Texas Centennial Celebration

Registration Form

REGISTRANT INFORMATION - Please type or print name as it appears on photo ID.

Lion (First Name) (Last Name)

Street City State ZIP

Mobile Phone (.....)..... e-Mail:

..... Lions Club Name District Title

COMPANION

Lion or Guest (First Name) (Last Name)

Street City State ZIP

Mobile Phone (.....)..... e-Mail:

..... Lions Club Name District Title

PACKAGE includes registration for each registrant listed above; official name badge and souvenir medallion; official Texas Centennial Celebration Program, and admissions for:

- a) "Celebrating The Past" Banquet at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Friday night October 6, 2017 (Dress: Business attire)
- b) "Legacy Lions Fellowship" Breakfast at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Dress code: Your choice)
- c) "A Night In The Old West" Gala & Dinner at EDDIE DEEN'S RANCH, Downtown Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Preferred Dress: 'Texan')
- d) Group transportation by shuttle bus from Hyatt Regency North Dallas to Eddie Deen's Ranch Downtown Dallas for Saturday Gala & Dinner; and back to Hyatt Regency North Dallas Hotel after dinner.

Note: Saturday Lunch and other personal needs on your own.

REGISTRATION FEES:	<input type="checkbox"/> Early (Post-marked on or before March 31, 2017)	Per Person \$195
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (Post-marked between April 1 through Aug.15, 2017)	\$220
	<input type="checkbox"/> Late (Post-marked from August 16, 2017 - onsite)	\$250

- a) Full payment of the complete package is required with this Form. Split-package is **not available**.
- b) **September 1, 2017:** Deadline for name-change or to receive a refund for cancellation of registration submitted in writing. Applicable refunds (after deducting \$20 as admin fee) will be processed soon after the event.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION - Hyatt Regency North Dallas
 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX-75081 - Phone: 972-619-1234
Room Reservation Link: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13913050/owner/1459738/home>

- Make your room reservations directly using the above link. Provide us the Hotel Confirmation # below.
- PACKAGE REGISTRATION is required for applying this Special Rate of \$79 per night for hotel room.
- **Special needs**, if any, should be requested to and arranged for well in advance with Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- Only a limited number of rooms available at this special rate to be reserved on first-come first served basis.

\$79 per night + tax
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 October 5, 6 & 7, 2017
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Mail Form & check to:
Bill Smothermon (DG 2016-17)
 14850 Quorum Dr. # 210 cell: 972-571-0806
 Dallas, TX 75254 lionbillsmo@gmail.com

Wimberley Lions Club Christmas



For the evening program, Chick Morgan and accompanist Maria Mullins performed music of the 1940s in honor of the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day (Dec. 7, 1942). She sang songs of the times such as "Praise the Lord and pass the Ammunition", a song about a gunner written in 1942. She had everyone singing along on Deep in the Heart of Texas, which was published and first performed in 1941. Interestingly, it was banned from play on radios in some factories because it disrupted the workers wanting to sing and clap along!

Another stellar program from Chick... we sure hope to see more of her.



Tailtwister Lion Bobby leads the Lion "Kazoo Band" in a rousing version of Jingle Bells as the crowd joined in.



Gold Santa of Wimberley

Each year at Christmas, for the Wimberley Lions Club's annual Christmas meeting, our Lions contribute an unwrapped toy for a girl and a boy and stack them up for our Gold Santa of Wimberley to come pick them up and distribute them to family's with children who can't afford a Christmas. Again this year, our members out did themselves in donation of toys. Thank you one and all for your contributions!



G-Town Noon New Year's Eve

Thanks to Lion Jackie for hosting her annual New Year's (Eve) early bird party. A pretty good group of Lions, some of Jackie's other friends, and a whole bunch of elves/snowpeople enjoyed some wonderful food and fellowship. Take a look at what you enjoyed - or maybe missed.



NB Noon - Spiritual Leaders

THEY HAVE OUR BACKS... SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING!

The New Braunfels Noon Lions are truly blessed to have not one...but two outstanding Lions in their Club who embrace the club spiritually at each of their meetings. The Rev. Richard Carse (21 years a member and Past President) and The Rev. Mr. Ben Wehman (33 years a member) have provided relevant words of inspiration and reflection as they lead the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club in prayer. As well, they execute a beautiful and solemn memorial service each year in remembrance of our departed Lions. Please join me in thanking them for their dedication and service to our Club. **President Lee Ambrosino**



Point Venture Lions Meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2017

2017 Lions Youth Contest Award Winners



The Lions of Texas sponsor three contests for high school age students. They are the Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest, the Drug Awareness Speech Contest, and the Outstanding Youth Contest. The winners, (left to right) Sydney Gutierrez-Gomez, Emily Hahn, and Jacquelyn Emery were recognized for their pursuit of excellence while learning to be of service to others and received a monetary award from the PV Lions Club. The winners are joined by their Leo advisor, Linda Jameson (right).



Left to right, PV Lion committee member Jackie Lambert, winners Emily Hahn, Jacquelyn Emery, Sydney Gutierrez-Gomez, PV Lion committee coordinator, Cindy Wheeler, PV Lion committee member Laurie Glass, and Leo youth advisor, Linda Jameson



Sydney Gutierrez-Gomez (left) won first place at the District Lions meeting on Saturday, January 28 and will advance to the State competition. Jacquelyn Emery took second place and Emily Hahn (far right) was the third place winner. Congratulations Leos!!!

Point Venture Lions Club New Member Induction Tuesday, January 24, 2017



Welcome new PV Lions!!! Cindy Clemons, Renee Jordan, Keith Jordan, Fran Pontesso, Fred Pontesso, John Lundin, and Jean Lundin.

The new PV Lions and their sponsors include Cindy Clemons/Anita Roney; Renee & Keith Jordan/Jackie & Chuck Lambert; Fran & Fred Pontesso/Nan & Charlie Knapp; Jean & John Lundin/Laurie Glass.



PV Lions Membership Chair, Chuck Lambert, inducts and presents certificates to new members and their sponsors Pictured (left to right) Chuck Lambert, Cindy Clemons, Jackie Lambert, Renee Jordan, Keith Jordan, Fran Pontesso, Fred Pontesso, John Lundin, Jean Lundin, Laurie Glass, Nan Knapp, Charlie Knapp.

Smiling Point Venture Lions January 24, 2017



Affiliate PV Lion and former Lion Zone chair, Bob Adolph, and PV Lion, Debbie Conger.



New PV Lions, Renee and Keith Jordan. Welcome Renee and Keith!!



Our PV Lion Meeting Greeter, Lisa Guest



Smiles all around from PV Lions Cindy Wheeler, Nora Skaff, Phyllis Marshall, and, new member, Jean Lundin. Welcome Jean!



New member, Cindy Clemons, with PV Lion, Phyllis Marshall. Welcome Cindy!!



POINT VENTURE LIONS TRASH CLEANUP ON FEBRUARY 4TH

It was a cold and rainy day, but the trash would not wait!! Twenty-nine Lions and Friends donned warm weather gear and finished the job.



Roses for the ladies!



Hotdogs for everyone!



Keeping our community clean is a family affair!

Environmental Photo Contest District 2-S3 Winners



First Place Photo
Club: Liberty Hill
Photographer: Darwin Wiggers
Category: Landscape



Lion Darwin Wiggers (above) accepted the District 2-S3 Environmental Photo Contest Award from the District 2-S3 Environmental Chair, Lion Jo Anne Smith



Second Place Photo
Club: Austin Downtown Founder
Photographer: JP Kirksey
Category: Animal Life



PDG JP Kirksey accepted the District 2-S3 Environmental Photo Contest Award from the District 2-S3 Environmental Chair, Lion Jo Anne Smith



Honorable Mention Photo
Club: Georgetown Noon
Photographer: PDG Frank Kinald
Category: Landscape

PDG Frank Kinald (right) accepted the District 2-S3 Environmental Photo Contest Award from the District 2-S3 Environmental Chair Lion Jo Anne Smith



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Environmental Photo Contest - Other Entries

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Club: New Braunfels
Photographer: John Creswell
Category: Landscape



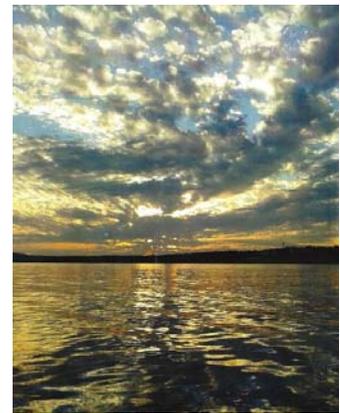
Club: Lago Vista
Photographer: Patti McClure
Category: Landscape

Picture of Lake Tahoe between the California and Nevada state lines on the way to Incline Village, NV.



Club: Buda
Photographer: Tammy Jackson
Category: Landscape

Club: Point Venture
Photographer: Carole Thomas
Category: Landscape



Lago Vista Lions Centennial Challenge



Aluminum Can Recycling: Lago Vista Lions for the period of Oct-Nov-Dec, 2016. Total Cans Collected, 2409; pounds collected, 73; and amount collected, \$29.20.

Road Clean-Up: On 01/21/2017 the Road Clean Up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). Twelve (12) bags of trash were collected. Six Lions participated: Chairman Frank Robbins, Gene Cargile, Ken Johnston, Mike Zaydel, Judy Devore and Gary Ladner.

Ink Cartridges Recycling: On 01/21/2017 the Ink Cartridges Recycle Team collected and sent in for recycling. 14 toner cartridges and 116 ink jet cartridges. Six Lions participated: Chairman Frank Robbins, Gary Ladner, Jo Anne Smith, Mike Beal and Scott Cameron. Other Lions contributed but are not known.

Youth Contest Awards District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conf.



Leos receiving their District 2-S3 Youth Contest Awards, January 28, 2017, at the Lions District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference.

New Braunfels HS Marine Corps Junior ROTC



For our first charitable contribution of the new year, New Braunfels Noon Lions Club donated six hundred dollars to the United States Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at New Braunfels High. You may recognize Secretary Tom Call, President Lee Ambrosino and Second VP Ronnie Thompson amidst Col. House and all those eager young faces who may some day be called upon to man the wall or storm the beach in defense of our freedoms. Oohrah! Semper Fi!

Our recently-appointed and hard working PR guy, PP John Creswell, managed to get it inserted into the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung on Page 2, 1 February. In his short stint as PR guy, John has got more photographs and more copy accepted by the NBH-Z than many, and possibly all, previous PR types.

If you have not tried this gig, you will have no idea of the enormity of it. There is no shortage of community organizations who seriously want and need public notice of their particular functions printed up in the local newspaper. It's a fight for extremely limited print space.

CLUB NEWS.....

BLANCO LIONS CLUB

We will meet at the Old 300 Bar-B-Que (4th and Pecan St.) on Thursday February 2nd. 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.

Aluminum Cans: We still have to fill the trailer and move the blower back to ABC Recycling. We decided to wait for the price of aluminum to increase.

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.

Pancake Supper: Operation Graduation has asked us to please help with the Pancake supper. It will be held 2/28. Details at meeting.

Lion Tommy Lewis: Lion Tommy is home from the hospital. More info at the meeting.

Eye Testing: Lion Amber has asked the Dripping Springs Lions to bring their equipment to the Blanco Elementary School on 2/20 to test the pre-school students. Details at meeting.

LEOs: The LEO Club is planning to volunteer at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. The event will be held on Saturday, February 4th in Austin at Westgate Lanes. Fourteen members have signed up to attend. We will also be volunteering at the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in March at Texas State University and the Blanco FVD Fish Fry in April. Submitted by Lion Kim.

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Texas Lions Camp: Paid Semi-annual dues of \$829.50 to the Texas Lions Camp.

Guest Speaker, January 25, 2017: Our Guest Speaker for January was Karen Ferguson, founder and owner of Shiloh Farms, home of RISE Rehabilitation; located in Garden Ridge.

Lions Road Clean-up: On January 28th, several Lions from the Garden Ridge Lions Club cleaned-up trash and litter along five miles of city roadside as a community service project.

Mid-Winter Conference: Lions Carmen McCaw and John Mitzel attended the District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference in Wimberley. Also attending were Ray and Pam Pitzen, representing the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank.

GEORGETOWN (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Bingo: Our 2017 Service record started immediately, with Wednesday Bingo at The Wesleyan on Scenic. With 40-50 residents showing up each week (2-3 p.m.) and only two staff

persons, our help and presence are highly regarded, as are the bingo prizes that some of our members bring (if interested, staff recommends \$3-5 per item).

"Un-trim" the tree at Wesleyan: On January 5, we gathered to "Un-trim" the tree at Wesleyan: GNLC Lions Jackie Johannes, Gearl Koonce, Betty Koonce, John Tiller, JoAnn Steinfort, Paul Steinfort, and Orland Park Lion & Lioness Jim Reichel and Kathy Hamilton (photo 1).



Photo 1

Eyeglass Recycling: On January 11, after our regular meeting, the 12 Lions monitoring our 25 Eyeglass Recycling Sites brought glasses to sort and box (photo 2). Attending this service activity were PDG's Paul Steinfort, Gary Co-canougher, Frank Kinald; GNLC Lions JoAnn Steinfort, David Voelter, Annette Voelter, Gearl Koonce, Betty Koonce, Marquise Patton, Jackie Johannes, and Don Jones. PDG's Gary and Frank carried 1900+ pairs of eyeglasses to Kerrville on Feb. 4 to the Recycling Trailer.



Photo 2

KidSight: On January 14, 5 members of our KidSight Team provided vision screening and Lions Information at Walmart's Wellness Day, thanks to the efforts of Lion Ashley Faulkner, our new KidSight Chair. (Photo 3)



Photo 3

Other Lions were Carol Hopper, JoAnn Steinfort, Maureen Kinald, PDG Paul Steinfort, PDG Frank Kinald.

Gumball Machine Report: Lion Gearl Koonce presented a check to Lion Boss JoAnn Steinfort for our share of the Georgetown area Gumball Machine project, and asked members to find other business to put our gumball machines in. It brings in a few dollars for not a lot of effort, so it's a good project for us!!



Football Book Project Ends: Lion Corey Bailey completed his first year as a Lion and as Football Book Chair with a check and a report at our February 8 Meeting.



LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

Mid-Winter Conference:



The Lago Vista Lions Club delegation at the Mid-Winter Conference.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Business Meeting - 5 January: During the business portion of the meeting Membership Director and Past-Everything Dennis Heitkamp took the membership to task for not doing as good a job as should be expected in shaking the bushes for new talent. The life of the club lies in the ability to recruit new and energetic talent; folks who will not only come to lunch but will also park cars and cook sausage when called upon.

Business Meeting - 19 January: "On the sixth day God created Man. On the seventh day, Man created waste water", and so began a most entertaining and informative dissertation on water treatment by NBU representative Doug Draeger. Then he went on to read the King James Version of Deuteronomy 23:12-14 which is the most flowery description you are likely to encounter concerning latrine etiquette. An excellent read actually.

"Waste water", a thinly-disguised euphemism for poop, and its treatment has evolved through stages of Romans tossing it from their windows into the street, to the Brits dumping it into the castle moat, to Sir Thomas Crapper's nearly efficient flush toilet. It was not until 1913 that the State of Texas disallowed untreated waste to be dumped into rivers. 54% of Texas homesteads still had no indoor plumbing as late as 1940.

The New Braunfels Utilities wastewater system is being constantly upgraded, and now we are assured it will be up to the task for the foreseeable future, so eat hearty.

Senior Citizens: President Lee Ambrosino and Secretary (and all-around handy-man) Tom Call present this exceedingly spiffy presentation check for \$6000 to Noon Lion Ken Lowery of the New Braunfels Senior Citizens' Center as a leg-up on the new year. The Senior Citizens' Center is one of the NB Noon Lions standing charities for the good work it does, and it is especially appreciated by those of us who spiral inexorably downward in that direction.



NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

Secretary Randy reported that the District and International Lions newsletters were distributed. Also, a pin was received from Waters of the Comal organization in honor of our donation to them, which was placed on our banner.

Two new members, Gwen Innmon and Timothy Simecek submitted applications and were approved by the board after the meeting.

President Skip awarded Lion Jack Hicks a pin for his 20 years of service with the Lions club. President Skip announced that Sam Lindsay, International Director, would be the key note speaker at our 50th anniversary party. The club will be responsible for his lodging and no other travel costs. Anniversary celebration will be on Saturday, May 6.

Cathy Nichols from the New Braunfels Heritage Society was our guest speaker. Cathy runs the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture. Her organization organizes the Folk Fest, which will be on April 8 and 9 this year and the Kindermasken Parade on May 6. Lion Jack Hicks made a motion to buy a sponsorship for the museum for \$1200, Lion Bob 2nd, motion passed.

Annual Swap Meet will be on April 21-23 this year. Club is waiting to hear back from the Swap Meet to see if we will have a booth this year.

Lion Grey is working with the Nomination Committee preparing nominations for next year. The first reading of the nominees will be at the March 1 meeting (nominations meeting) and the election will occur at the April 5 meeting.

Our club has decided to renovate the restrooms near the ceremony area of Lions Camp for our next work project. The project will be assessed by some members on Mar 4, and the work will occur on Saturday, April 1.

Skip announced he had attended the Mid-Winter conference. Noted that the Lion's Eye bank is in financial trouble and looking for donations. A presentation about the Texas Lions Foundation was made by one of the directors and he noted that clubs can make donations to the foundation as a way to recognize individual members for \$125.

Skip announced that the District Governor is trying to organize a bus to take area Lions to the Centennial Convention in Chicago on June 30 – July He has room for 50 people, with a cost of around \$170 each. Those interested should contact the Governor or Skip.

Lion Johnathan is close to completing our Membership survey that will cover, meetings, dues, charities, etc.

President Skip noted that \$25,500 was budgeted for charities in 2016-2017 of which \$13,000 has been spent, and an additional \$6,000 has been given to Lions Charities.

Treasurer Jeff is working on Shirt orders for our 50th, if you haven't had a chance to order a shirt or T-shirt, Contact Jeff.

Lion Jack asked about a marching band for the Centennial Convention. Skip noted that those interested should contact the District Governor.

Lion Tom noted he can get a special price on TVs to replace the ones we rent at Wurstfest. Grey made a motion to buy TVs up to \$1000; DJ 2nd, and passed.

SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

President's Corner: Hard to believe January is gone and February is upon us! I'm looking forward to a busy Spring. For those of you who missed the January evening meeting, you missed an interesting program buy own Carol Peters. Carol shared the information on the Texas Silver Haired Legislature. Thanks, Carol, for serving in this capacity and representing us silver haired folks.

Beverly Marek and I attended the Mid-Winter Conference on January 28. Great information was shared. Lion Larkin Smith, a member of the San Marcos Lions Club and our current Zone Chair, was nominated for 2nd VDG. Current 2nd VDG Linda Davis was nominated for 1st VDG. We also were treated to some great music by the Wimberley HS Jazz Band and of course great food! We heard the winning speeches for the Drug & Alcohol Awareness & Diabetes Awareness Contests. They will move to state level in San Antonio on May 20.

I want to encourage you to con-sider holding an office or chairing one of our standing committees for 2017- 18. We need someone to step into 1st & 2nd VP slots. Let Trish know if you are willing to serve in either of these offices. It's critical for our Club's continuation! See you at our February 10 Bake Sale!

School Supply Drive Service Project—CHAIR NEEDED:

We see school supply drives during the late summer, but Miller & Goodnight Middle School teachers tell us that some supplies are depleted in December so a school supply drive is needed to replenish Parent Liaison school inventories for needy students. There is still time to gather and deliver additional supplies to schools. If you would like to chair or co-chair this approved project, please contact Linda.

Greenbelt Alliance Service Project—Judy Aswell, chair:

San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance Annual Meeting Sunday, February 12, 2:30 pm Rec. Center (behind Lions tube rental) Food items and servers are needed..

2017 LCI Peace Poster Contest—Martha Moore, chair:

Daniel Hernandez, Miller art teacher, and Obdulia Lombardo, Goodnight art teacher, look forward each year in May to helping middle school students, ages 11-13, to think about the meaning of world peace & enter this international contest. By September our Lions project is in their plans. There will be sign-up sheets at a meeting soon!

Birthday Cards for Seniors—Jill Stolar, chair:

Hays Nursing Home & Rehab in San Marcos holds 2nd Friday birthday parties for seniors who make their home there. Any Bluebonnet Lion who would like to help deliver our birthday cards signed by Bluebonnet Lions is welcome.

If you would like to donate birthday cards, small hand sanitizers, or travel lotions for this project, please contact Lion Jill or bring the items to any evening meeting.

Central TX Life Care Baby Shower project—Melissa Mendoza & Bonnie Flammang, co-chairs: Tuesday, March 21 at 6 pm, San Marcos Police Dept Auditorium, : :Lion Bev Marek, Tailtwister, Hostesses—Lions Irene Luna & Edna Anglin Special Baby Shower Cake by Lion Sandi Gray. Start shopping now for great bargains on baby products to gift to needy babies and families in our community.

KidSight Vision Screening—Linda Alexander, chair:

There will be KidSight vision screening trainings in March & April. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 1 Youth Fest. Bluebonnet Lions will have a booth at the event for screenings using KidSight equipment. Volunteers will be needed!

Bluebonnet Lions Bake Sale—Debby Lawrence, chair: February 10, 11am to 7pm, San Marcos Rec. Center (behind Lions tube rental), San Marcos Lions Club Annual Fajita Dinner, Bluebonnet Lions Club Bake Sale & Auction.

Cobbler a la Mode & Homemade Goodies available for purchase. If you can help sell tickets to the Fajita Dinner, they will be available at our February 7 lunch meeting or from Debby. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 which benefits San Marcos Lions Club service projects. Bluebonnet Lions will be selling desserts & auctioning off specialty desserts to take home.

Debby appreciates everyone who has already committed to work or provide desserts. We have the potential to make a nice profit if we all participate!

Ramon Lucio Adopt-a-Park —Linda Alexander, chair: Thank you to Lion Beverly for hosting our January 14, 2017 cleanup. Our responsibility has increased to six cleanups per year. Stop by the corner of CM Allen Pkwy and Cheatham Street in San Marcos to admire the new sign thanking our Club as the adopters of Ramon Lucio Park.

Bluebonnet Lions are welcome to stop at the Park anytime to pick up trash. Please let Linda know the date that you were there so she can keep record of our participation.

Hernandez Elementary School Service Opportunity: Mrs. Fernandez, teacher at Hernandez Elementary School, has volunteer opportunities with her GT class on Wednesdays. If interested, please call Mrs. Fernandez at 512-393-1608.

Membership Committee—Ramika Adams, chair: Our committee will host a Club Orientation in February for new members, potential new members, sponsors, and any member wishing to renew their orientation. Notify Ramika if you are interested in attending. Please welcome Abigail Leal when you see her at a meeting. She is a potential new member.

Awards Committee—Melesa Yager, chair: The Awards committee is pleased to announce the December Lion of the Month, Irene Luna, Bluebonnet Lions Club Lion Tamer.

Donations Committee—Martha Moore, chair: It is time to start inviting your favorite non-profit organizations to apply for a Bluebonnet Lions grant. Application deadline is in April. Lions Beth, Edna, Melesa, Rose, Georgia C, and Irene signed up last May to serve on this Standing Committee this year.

The committee is encouraging all members to print the 2017 Grant Application from our website at www.bluebonnetlions.org, and mail or deliver it to your organization of choice. Be sure to sign it as the Bluebonnet Lion supporting that application.

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

President's Letter for December 2016: The Centennial Committee's project was approved by the club membership at the December 6th meeting. First VP Vic Forsyth presented the project in a brief PowerPoint presentation. Thank you Lions for your support on this project. We are now ready to go to the City of Wimberley's Planning and Zoning Board for approval of our park plan and pergola construction. With the approval of our Lions Board, Ozona Bank, and you, I am ready to run the final hurdle. As the designer of the pergola, I will be involved in the P&Z Board process addressing questions concerning our project. If any changes are needed, the digital CAD drawings can be revised and resubmitted in a timely fashion. The construction is estimated to start in early

March, 2017, with a completion in May, 2017. Dedication of the Centennial Park will be on Saturday, June 10th, to tie in with the 100 year anniversary of Lions International on June 7, 2017.

President's Letter for January 2017: We are half way through our 2016-2017 Lion Year. Our Lion budget was approved at the January 17th Lions Meeting with \$158,000 for grants. We are fortunate to be able to give this grant funding level. Lion Vic Forsyth will be meeting soon with his Grants Committee to determine the proposed distribution. You, the Lions membership will have the vote on their grants distribution at the March 7th Lions Meeting.

Our Lions Club hosted the Mid-Winter Conference and Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, January 28th at the Wimberley High School cafeteria. Over 200+ Lions from Lions District 2-S3 signed up to attend. This was District Governor John Lyon's third cabinet meeting. There were several breakout sessions, including spot training, LCIF Charities, membership & recruiting, public speaking, and Leo Clubs. Our Lion Tail Twister, Lion Bobbie Burris, did the tail twisting duties with another one of his challenging multiple choice test. Kudos to Lion Lee Gibson for organizing this meeting! I also like to thank all of you Lions whom assisted Lee to make this meeting successful (I did not have an exact list and did not want to leave anyone out whom participated).

Lion Dave Osborn, Chair of the Youth Exchange Committee, is close to sending the Youth Exchange (YE) students' applications to their selected YE camps early in February. We have six (6) grant funded students and one non-grant student.

First VP Lion Vic Forsyth is putting together his Lions Board for the 2017-2018 Lion Year. It is looking pretty good so far. I think you will be pleased when you see the results at our March 21st Lions Meeting.

Regarding the Lions Centennial Park Project, I am in the process of locating a licensed structural engineer to evaluate our park pergola design so we can get a commercial building permit from the City of Wimberley by March 1st. Once we acquire this permit, we will be able to start construction.

Time to wrap this one...Thank you Lions for what you do for our club! **President John Estep**