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District Governor's Message

Well it's the start of a New Year and time to assess our plans with our club. We started the Lions year in July with a bang, a big positive number, lots of projects and fundraisers. Christmas comes around and we think of family and close friends. The club drops some members (minus 48 for December). Did we plan for that? Did we plan for a positive in membership including more women? Did we contribute to Lions Charities like a Life membership to Texas Lions Camp, or 20-20 Visionary for Lone Star Lions Eye Bank or give a Melvin Jones to a worthy Lion. Let's continue to grow and climb those New Mountains.

The Mid-Winter Conference & Cabinet meeting will be January 28th at Wimberley High School. Attendance sheets are available. We will be starting at 8:30AM with a good Texas breakfast, two guest speakers, Lion Oda Lisa Hernandez about World Services for the Blind and Lion Don Casey about Water Conservation and Quality. Possibly 5 training sessions about Spot Training, LCIF by PDG Angie Nicholson, TLF by PDG Gary Cocanougher, Membership & Recruiting by PDG Paul Steinfort, and Public Speaking by PDG Frank Kinald. Don't forget we will be announcing the Peace Poster Winner and will listen to the Youth Contest Winners.

During the Mid-Winter meeting, we will hear nominations for District Officer, i.e., 2VDG Elect, Director for Texas Lions Camp - South Side. Nominations which come from the club are to be turned over to Lion Nancy Handrick - District Secretary and announced by that club during the Mid-Winter.

The Centennial Celebration is in Chicago on June 30 thru the 4th. If enough people sign-up for the con-

vention, please contact the District Governor if you would like take a chartered bus trip to Chicago. Depending on the number of travelers, we could have more than 2 pick-up sites. Details will come later.

New KSVS chair- Lion Maureen Kinald has taken over this committee and will announce some changes at a Custodial Club Meeting to be announced at the Mid-Winter.

AS a reminder to any MD-2 state committee chairs, the Council of Governors will meet on Feb 4th in Kerrville. If you have any reports, please email them to Sandy Merritt at the State Secretary' office or if you wish to address the Council, please arrive on the 3rd.

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Lets Keep Climbing"



District Governor

Lion John Lyon and Patti

2016 - 2017

Mid-Winter Conference

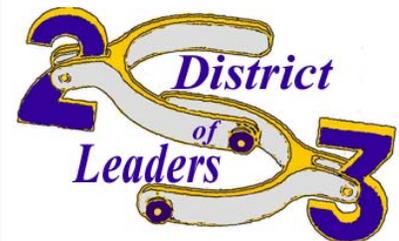
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3rd Cabinet Meeting

*Saturday
January 28, 2017*

**Wimberley High School
100 Carney Lane
Wimberley, TX 78676**

**See Registration
Form on page 4**



Everyone is Invited

Hope to see **EVERYONE**
in Wimberley

1st VDG John Pruett "LCI Forward"

I just returned from the GMT/GLT Area Training for first Vice District Governors (1VDG) that, this year, was held in Arlington, Texas. The purpose of this training, in part, is for 1VDG's to design district goals for their year of responsibility leading the district. As you know we are entering our 2nd century of service so accordingly LCI is launching a bold new five-year strategic plan in June of 2017 entitled "LCI Forward".

The primary goal of LCI Forward is to respond to growing needs worldwide, to improve the lives of at least 200 million people per year by 2020-2021. This is to be achieved by a number of supporting goals. The four primary areas of focus are: 1) enhance service impact and improve visibility; 2) reshape public opinion and improve visibility; 3) pursue club, district, and organizational excellence; and 4) improve membership value and reach new markets.

I would like to begin the discussion of these focus areas with the pursuit of club, district, and organizational excellence. In time, and in future newsletters I will discuss each focus area. As I begin to write goals for next year that are consistent with the LCI Forward strategic plan, it is imperative that I stress the connection between the club and the district and thus, to the LCI organization in general. In order to provide a total quality program we have

many tools available. At the club level those would include, your club your way, blueprint for a stronger club, and the club quality program. Clearly the district connection to the club, other than administrative, is support for the club by offering training in service focus, leadership development, and facilitating teamwork.

We must always remember that our primary focus is service. If we wish to enhance service then strengthening the club and district, and improving relationship and communication within the district would be huge steps in the right direction. You can find additional information on LCI Forward, including videos and a PowerPoint, on the LCI website. We are beginning a new year and a new century of Lionism. I am hopeful that we can enhance the value of serving as a Lion by expanding member benefits, training, and services. I hope to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Cabinet meeting later this month!



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

Number of Children:

Kids Screened

12,046

Kids Referred

1,790



***Year-To-Date: Lions Year –July 1 through November 30**





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)





**District 2-S3
Mid-Winter Conference
District Governor - Lion John Lyon**

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2017

WHERE: Wimberley High School
100 Carney Lane
Wimberley, TX 78676

Schedule: 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM – Registration and Breakfast
8:45 AM – Call To Order

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee, Breakfast and Lunch: **\$15.00** in Advance - **\$18.00** at the Door
Registration Fee for those not staying for lunch: **\$6.00**

| Name | Club | \$ |
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Total Enclosed \$ _____

Early registration deadline is January 22, 2017

Make checks payable to: Wimberley Lions Club

Mail TO: Lion Lee Gibson
P. O. Box 2963
Wimberley, TX 78676

How To Remember Names

By Frank Kinald, GLT Chair

Commit to remembering the person's name before you are introduced.

Many of us are so distracted by our own thoughts, that we're not present for an introduction. Try to push everything out of your mind, but meeting and remembering the person's name

Repeat their name back to them. The process of repetition helps us to remember things.

Repeat their name to someone else. In a recent study, researchers found that repeating a name to another person engages the mental processes found in communication, which helps words stick deeper in our minds.

Create a word association with their name. If you meet John and he works in a bank, you might think John Money. If you meet Mary and she works in a Real Estate firm, you might think Mary House. The association with other words will help you remember their name.

Study the person's face. Repeat their name to yourself over & over. Associate their name with some strong character feature in their appearance, like Bob with the strong jaw or Jane with the long blonde hair. Decide that they look like a "Bob" or a "Jane".

Review names to yourself after meeting people. If you're in an event and you are meeting multiple people, after each new introduction mentally run through all the names of the people you've just met. For example, "That was John who plays chess, and before him, Jane with long blonde hair, and before her, George who likes to cook....."

If you practice these hints, you will have no trouble remembering names.

Be The Light You Want Others To See

According to an old story, Benjamin Franklin wanted people in the city of Philadelphia to adopt street lighting but couldn't get anyone interested in helping with the project. So instead of arguing, he simply hung a nice lantern on a long bracket in front of his door. He kept the glass clean and polished and every night he made a point of going outside to light it as the sun set.

Franklin's neighbors watched. And soon they began mounting their own lights outside their homes on their own. After a short while the entire city was brightly lit at night without Franklin having to do anything more than demonstrate the usefulness of a light.

Sometimes the best way to persuade is to set an example, to be the light you want others to see.

Public Relations Tips

by John Creswell, 2-S3 PR Chair

I wonder how many Lions clubs in District 2-S3 ask one Lion to do all of the public relations jobs? Is this fair? Is it realistic? How many of us are competent in every aspect of public relations? The answer: Not many! Public relations needs to be shared! It's a win-win situation, good for the Club and good for the Lion.

The club's Board of Directors should budget funds and appoint a member to chair the PR committee (3 – 5 members). The PR Chair may do one or more of the PR jobs (news releases, club brochures, newsletter, webmaster, Facebook, Twitter, free on-line calendars, e-mail, etc.). The PR Committee needs to be able to quickly adapt as technology changes and improves.

Committee members should be cross-trained, to fill in when one is on vacation or ill. The Committee should meet monthly and keep the club's Board of Directors and members informed. Finally, rotate members and bring new members on the PR Committee. New ideas and members will keep your club's PR alive and well.

Keep sending me your good PR ideas!

John L Creswell

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USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 21-23, 2017
Portland, Oregon

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



"Membership Growth" New Members - December

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

Austin Founder Lions Club

| | | |
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| Linda Locke | sponsored by | Patti Robinson |
| Roxanne Saltijeral | sponsored by | Herbert Canada |
| Carol M Unruh | sponsored by | Beverly Weeks |

Hutto Lions Club

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| Gregory Nestle | sponsored by | Brandy Baker |
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New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

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| Ronald T Ernst | sponsored by | Dennis Heitkamp |
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San Marcos (Noon) Lions Club

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| Walter L Mott | sponsored by | Antonio Palacios |
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NB Noon Lions A Red Kettle Christmas

New Braunfels Noon Lions President Lee Ambrosino presents our traditional annual check for \$500 to Capt. Roman Leal of the Salvation Army of New Braunfels.

In addition to the cash donation, the NB Noon Lions and a bunch of Leos also manned the kettle and rang the bell outside GRANZIN'S MEAT MARKET all day on 10 December.

A great big Thank You to all those who took an active role in the event.



Presentation of the \$500 Check: Ronnie Thompson, Tom Call, Capt. Roman Leal, Heaven Salinas, Mykenzi Tucker, Jassmyn Martinez, Prez Lee Ambrosino.



San Marcos, Texas



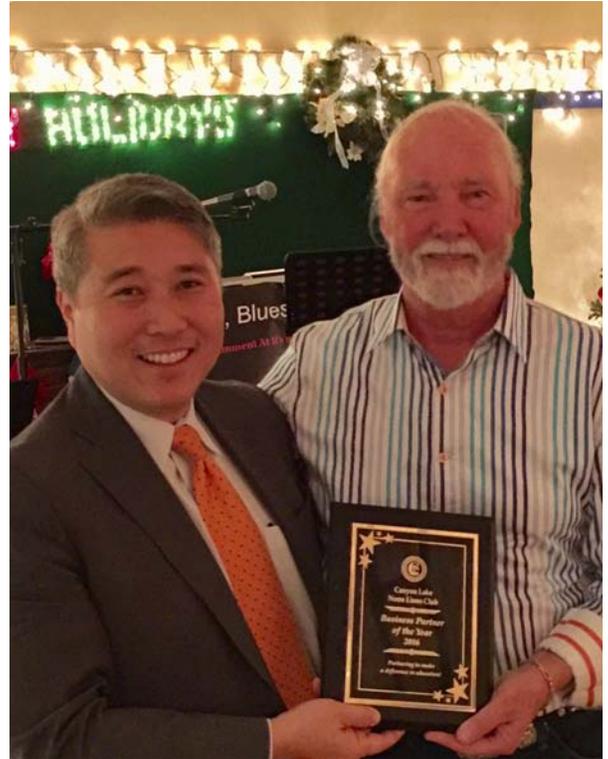
"Runners, take your mark!" at the San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club Thankful Turkey 5K Run

(photo by Linda Jalufka, 11/19/2016)

Canyon Lake Noon Lions



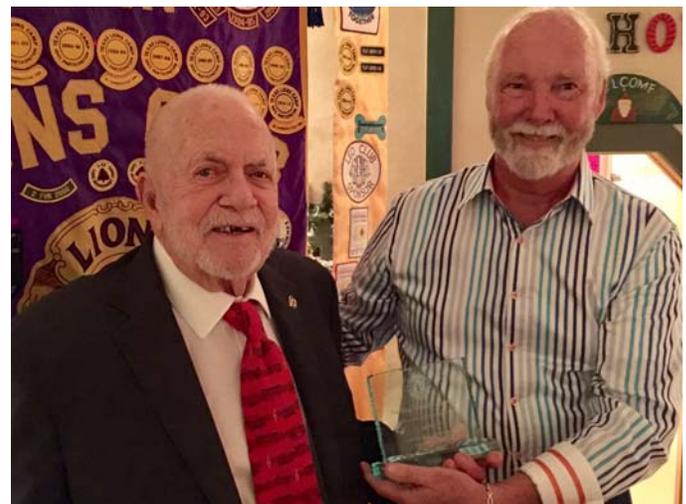
Canyon Lake Noon Lions, in coordination with the Community Resource and Recreation Center (CRRC), marked the third year of sponsorship of a pancake breakfast with Santa at the CRRC North Pole Village. With all griddles cookin', Lions displayed their creativity in tailoring pancakes to special orders from the kids and their parents. Third year attendance surpassed prior years with 244 attending! Santa was on hand to hear Christmas wishes.



Comal Independent School District Superintendent Andrew Kim (also a Lion) presented Canyon Lake Noon Lions President Tom Meyer with a plaque naming the Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club the Comal ISD Business Partner of the Year 2016.



In it's 38th year, the Canyon Lake Christmas Parade is the largest in Comal County, Texas. On a very cloudy, chilly Saturday morning, 87 entries lined up for this annual event. Weather didn't stop the Commemorative Air Force from several flyovers of the area. Mr. Andrew Kim, Superintendent of Comal Independent School District and a Lion, was the parade grand marshal. Pictured is Mr. Kim and his two sons, in a car driven by Lion Bill Cox.



Lions President Tom Meyer presented Lion Dutch Wehner with a plaque recognizing 20 years of service to the Canyon Lake Noon Lions. Dutch served in many capacities and never missed the Lions fish fry and shrimpfest fundraiser events.

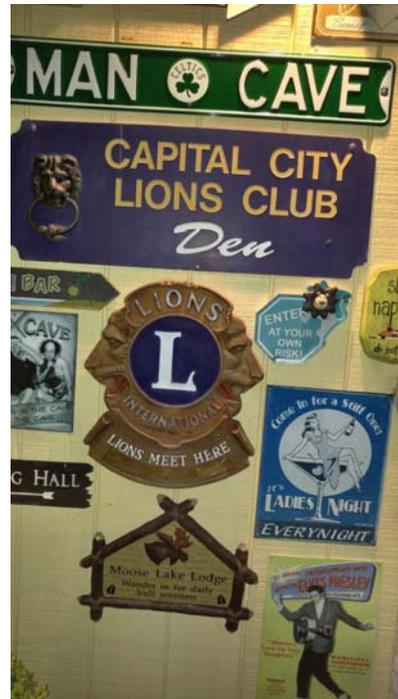
HAPPY NEW YEAR From The Capital City Lions Club



Austin Capital City Lions Club wishes each Club a wonderful and successful upcoming year. We had a good year; we had several members sick, some had operations, but thanks to the good Lord, no members to report departing this earth.

We had a fantastic "end of the year" celebration with our members, members from another Club and numerous invited guests.

We celebrated with two successful fund raisers, provided school supplies for our adopted schools, added a member to our roster, celebrated with members who've served this country, and members reaching milestones with our Club- one year, ten years and twenty-five years of "Serving". Lastly, we invite all Clubs to come and celebrate our 50th Anniversary August 2017(more details forthcoming)



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



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\$10,000.00!

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The Lions Club of Lago Vista
charitable organizations

LAGO VISTA GOLF CLUB
4616 RIMROCK DRIVE
LAGO VISTA, TX 78645

San Marcos Lions Club Christmas Basket Distribution

For 35 years the San Marcos Lions Club has made sure some of the community's most needy residents received a "Christmas Food Basket" delivery.

So it was again this year as the club joined with Boy Scout Troop 112 and the San Marcos High School Leo Club Saturday, December 18 to deliver two full boxes of turkeys, vegetables, dried beans, bread, canned goods, fresh fruit and pies to 94 local families.

Following the traditional gathering of the Lions behind HEB Grocery, a convoy of trucks, vans, SUVs and trailers fanned out across the city with their nutritious loads of Christmas cheer.

Scouts and Leos loaded the vehicles and then road along with the Lions to help carry the boxes into the homes of appreciative recipients.

With the assistance of one of the largest number of San Marcos Lion volunteers in recent years, the entire process was completed in just over two hours.

Organization for the event came from Lion Jim Lanning, who also provided leadership at the club's similar "Christmas in July" event this past summer. The club plans to continue both the July and December food deliveries, and hopes to expand the program to four additional dates in the coming year or two.

There were 48 people involved in this operation and approximately \$5,000 was donated from the club to purchase the food. We estimate that a total of 100 man hours was devoted to the annual project.

Returning to San Marcos to assist with the delivery of Saturday's food baskets was former Lion John Lloyd. Lloyd guided the food program for 28 years before moving to Austin a few years ago.



A New Century of Service

by IPDG Michael Smith

I am back after a six-month hiatus talking about the exciting new items in the District toolbox. Do you know that we are halfway through our 100th year of service? Have you started a new project to cement your club's legacy in the community in which you serve? Two great questions to ponder now while there is still time to plan and implement one.

Your Lions District has been hard at work to upgrade the tools we must communicate and train our Lion leaders with. The first one I can report is our new district public website. For those of you that have not looked at the new website I strongly encourage you to visit <http://lionsdistrict2s3.com>. This separate website is one I hope you send the public to. Why a separate one for the public you ask? This website will stress the service aspect of Lionism and will be home to our District Charities Inc webpages. The public will be able to readily see what we Lions in this district do on a regular basis.

In the last sixty days the District Charities BOD have purchased the "Go To Meeting Software" that will also be shared with the district to conduct online training. Look for your New Club officer training to be held online several times April through June. While we still may hold a couple of onsite meetings in conjunction with new officer training. The types of training are being developed now that the District Leadership team wants to convert to the online format. I look to be delivering the good news about the efforts here over the next few months.

The newswire continues to be effective to a point in our Districts communication efforts with both our club officers and the District cabinet itself. I say to a point because this year several club officers are not receiving it because their email information is not updated. If you have not been receiving an email with the district newsletter or any of the District announcements please email me direct at mions2s3@gmail.com with your updated information. We send out the District newsletter via the newswire to the club officers (President-Secretary) to re-distribute to their members. I realized that the distribution was not always happening so on the public website under District 2-S3 News I added an individual subscription online registration form to allow our Lions to sign up to receive it on a regular basis without having to rely on your club officers to pass it on to you.

I will be addressing several issues over the next several months in my articles as I have volunteered to be the next Global Leadership Team Coordinator. An alert plan is going to be presented to the District Charities BOD and the Cabinet in January. Then look for the details in next month's article. I am back and I am looking forward to bringing you informative articles over the rest of this Lions year.

District Peace Poster Contest

Below: The District 2-S3 Peace Poster Winner for 2016-17. Elizabeth Chong, age 13, is a student in Liberty Hill Junior High School. She is sponsored by the Liberty Hill Lions Club.

Right: The second place winner is Sonia Mohan, age 13, a student of Hudson Bend Middle School. She is sponsored by the Austin Lake Travis Lions Club. Congratulations to both winners.



Lago Vista and Point Venture Residents help save lives!!!

On December 17 the Lago Vista and Point Venture Lions hosted a joint bloodmobile. Twenty-five pints of whole blood and two donations of red blood cells were collected

PV Lion Ann Kirk and LV Lion Linda Spoerlein greet donors.



Point Venture Lions Conduct Holiday Food Drive!!!

Point Venture residents donated over 444 pounds of food that was delivered to Hill Country Ministries food bank which provided 500 holiday meals to families in need.



GIVING IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Point Venture Lions Club

Concert in the Village

Concert in the Village performers and organizers...

On December 3, the Point Venture Lions Club sponsored a community holiday event to raise funds for Lago Vista High School students furthering their education. A festive pre-event reception kicked off the evening with melodic strains from harpist, Linda Godsey, and an appetizer buffet by PV Lions caterers, Cindy Wheeler, Jackie Lambert, and Phyllis Marshall. Patrons were escorted to their seats by volunteer PV Lion ushers and were entertained by vocalist Joan Neely with accompaniment by the Marc Witmer Combo. Joan entertained the sold out audience with some Christmas favorites, followed by her special forte, jazz melodies. Due to the popularity of this event, plans are underway for the 2017 concert.



Harpist, Linda Godsey



Vocalist, Joan Neely



Chuck Lambert and Debbie Conger with musician Marc Witmer



Vocalist, Joan Neely accompanied by the Marc Witmer Combo



Concert organizers, PV Lions
Chuck Lambert, Rob Wheeler,
Debbie Conger, Barry Pasarew



Reception caterers, PV Lions
Cindy Wheeler, Phyllis Marshall,
Jackie Lambert



Point Venture Lions Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2016

The Point Venture Lions held their annual potluck dinner, gift exchange, and brief meeting on Tuesday, December 13. Our club was contacted to donate items for sack lunches for needy children during their Christmas vacation and many Lions responded with their donations.



PV Lions president, Ron Gallagher, presents a check to Bill Cecala, coordinator of the "sack lunch drive".



PV Lions and guests enjoyed a hearty potluck buffet.



PV Lions Fran and Fred Pontesso (left) and Anita Roney (right) welcome prospective new members John and Jean Lundin (center).



Prospective new members, Jim and Laura Carr, and PV Lion, Chuck Lambert.



Phyllis Marshall, guest Laura Carr, Jan Gallagher, and Laurie Glass



PV Lions Fred Marshall, President, Ron Gallagher, and Gene Glass.



PV Lions Trey Cox, Fred Marshall and Mike Bucko show off their gifts.

Teacher Grants—2016

The Point Venture Lions Club awarded \$3,365.24 in teacher grants to Lago Vista elementary, intermediate, middle school, and high school teachers and principals. Candidates must submit applications for the funds and decisions are based on need and frequency of past awards.



Point Venture Lions Bill Roney, Anita Roney, and Charity Committee member, Cindy Wheeler, (left to right) present a check to Lago Vista teachers and principals for approved grants.

Kicking Off Our Centennial Year

There is no greater calling in Lionism than to recruit new members, or retain our Lions. By recruiting your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, or business persons you allow them to delight in the joy of giving. Seeing a child's face light up when you place a new pair of glasses on their face. Awesome, watch them look about in wonderment, or the warm inner feeling you get from an elderly citizen, or veteran praising you for giving them a hand up, or the smile as a hungry child or homeless person receives an apple, sandwich, or hot chocolate.

Consider this fact: each Lion serves an average of 70 people a year. If every club in our District grew by just one member, Lions could serve an extra 3,640 persons annually (52 clubs x 70). WOW! You need look no further than today's headlines to see that the world needs more helpers/Lions 'To Serve'. Governing entities cannot and will not serve the needs of our youth, elderly, and less fortunate citizens in each and every community in our nation or abroad.

There are many other benefits that fulfill needs our Lions or potential members. Lions Clubs International provides a multitude of professional resources for negotiating, communication, fundraising, acquiring grants, insurance, and travel opportunities to name a few.

Discover what your members or potential members want or need. Mentor them to fulfill those desires. Call on PDGs Frank Kinald liondogman@msn.com or Shirley Dillman shirley.dillman@gmail.com as speakers or for helpful suggestions.

Your challenge: Drive this message home to members in your club. Membership growth is the responsibility of **every** Lion.

Have a prosperous 2017
Lion Shirley Dillman – GMT Coordinator



Central Texas Vision For Life

Lions assisting the Essilor Foundation's van for 'Central Texas Vision For Life. We assisted with selection and fitting of frames on elementary students from 5 different Title 1 schools so far.



Registration Open for Summer Texas Lions Camp Sessions

On Jan. 3, the **Texas Lions Camp** began accepting applications from children with special medical needs for week-long sessions during the summer of 2017. Now is the time for local clubs in District 2-S3 to ramp up their efforts to recruit campers, according to Lion Ann Ward, Texas Lions Camp elected director, District 2-S3. Ward sent a sample news release to each club president in December, along with some ideas on how to promote the camp locally.

Texas Lions Camp offers five sessions for children with physical disabilities, one session for children with Down syndrome and two sessions for children with Type 1 diabetes. Camp sessions begin on a Sunday and conclude with an awards program on Friday evenings. The complete summer 2017 schedule, which kicks off June 4, is available online at www.lionscamp.com.

Applications should be made online at www.lionscamp.com; select the "Applications" tab from the menu bar on the left. Parents should complete the appropriate application for their child's medical condition. Each application requires medical information to be completed by the potential camper's physician. In addition, each applicant must have a Lion sponsor. Any active Lion may be a sponsor, basically serving as a liaison for the camper/family. If the family is unable to arrange transportation to the camp, then the sponsor and his/her club should provide assistance. Paper applications will be accepted beginning Feb. 3.

"Texas Lions Camp provides an amazing, life-changing experience for the children who attend," Ward said. "As Lions, we should make sure that every slot is filled this summer. Since the camps for children with specific medical conditions – like Down syndrome and diabetes fill up quickly, those applicants need to submit early," she added. The camp does everything possible to try to accommodate children's special medical needs. Even if the condition or disability is not listed among those accepted in the list online, encourage the parent to contact the camp registrar to discuss specific needs. However, the camp is unable to serve children with autism due to program structure which would be over-stimulating and inappropriate for an autistic child.

"In 2016, Texas Lions Camp served more than 1,400 children," Ward said. "Since the camp opened in 1953, more than 70,000 Texas children with special medical needs have been served. While TLC has an awesome legacy, the need has never been greater," she added.

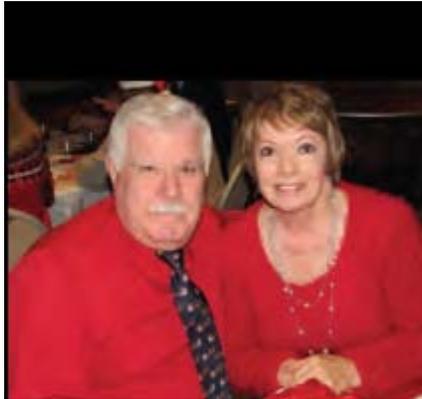
For more information, go to www.lionscamp.com or contact Ward at annw3604@msn.com or 512-338-1623.



Lago Vista Lions Club Christmas



Director Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott and wife Lion Susan (Christmas Party Chair)



President Don Zschoche and wife Lion Connie



1VP Kurt Tessnow and Lion Greta Drengenberg



Leos Advisor Lion Linda Jameson and 2VP Jo Anne Smith



Lion Charm and Lions Secretary Mike de Sargo



Director Ken Johnston and wife Shelley



Treasurer Mike Zaydel



NB Noon LC - Christmas Party! - 15 December



The Seven Dutchmen orchestra provided the festive entertainment for the evening.



New Braunfels Noon Lions Club Christmas Party 2016 at the Seekatz Hall

Photos by John Creswell & Tom Call

NB Noon's Newest Lion



New Braunfels Noon President Lee Ambrosino welcomes newest Noon Lion Ron Ernst, with sponsor Dennis Heitkamp in support.



Lago Vista Lions Centennial Challenge



State of Texas Vision Certification: On 12/10/2016 a State of Texas Vision Screening Certification Training was conducted at Buda, TX. Three Lago Vista Lions participated and received their state vision screening certification cards.



Blue Santa: On 12/06/2016 the Lago Vista Lions President Don Zschoche presented Blue Santa Secretary Liz Hagler with a \$500 check for the Blue Santa Program.

Peace Poster: On 12/13/2017 we selected as the Lago Vista Lions Peace Poster Contest Winner from the Lago Vista Middle School and passed out cash prizes to all the winners.



Road Clean Up: On 12/17/2017 the Road Clean Up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). Twenty-nine (16) bags of trash were collected by 12 Lions.

COMAL COUNTY SHERIFF PASSES THE BATON

Sheriff (and New Braunfels Noon Lion) James Robert "Bob" Holder turned in the keys to his cruiser on Saturday, 31 December, and re-joined the ranks of civilians in Comal County. Mark Reynolds is our new Comal County Sheriff and is also a New Braunfels Noon Lion.

Sheriff Bob enjoyed a 51-year career in law enforcement following 4 years in the Marine Corps. He was Comal County's 23rd sheriff and had held the post since 1997.

He will be missed, but hopefully not on first and third Thursdays (meeting days for the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club).

Best of luck in your retirement, Sheriff.



Sheriff (and Lion) Bob Holder congratulated by Judge (and Lion) Charles Stephens and New Braunfels Noon Lions President Lee Ambrosino.



There's a new sheriff in town Lion Mark Reynolds.

NB Noon LC Vision Screening Wrap-Up

We finished up our Vision Screening program just after Thanksgiving, and Vision Czar Skip Stem gave a full report of the totals at the 1 December business meeting. They are indeed impressive:

Total number of students screened in both school districts plus private and parochial schools was 6692. Of those, 308 were referred to professionals for additional study.

We logged 799 man-hours at 24 schools, and that number would have been much higher without our spiffy new SPOT camera. (Often the victim would have scarcely settled into the chair before we had a good reading and sent them on their way. Amazing bit of technology that.)

Twenty-four Noon Lions and spouses participated and need to be recognized for their service. First of all, Fred Clifford and Richard Haliburton, who made every trip. Then President Lee Ambrosino, Arno Becker, Chuck Bryan, Secretary Tom Call, Bert Childs, John Creswell, Franklin Demuth, Membership Chair Dennis & Jackie Heitkamp, Henry Hull, Ray & Vernell (soon to have her name in purple) Martinez, Ginny Nance, Mike & Carlyn Pfeuffer, Lion Tamer Dave and Maggie Schreier, IPP Mike Smetanka, Treasurer Howard & Cosette Weliver and, of course, Skip.



Vision Czar Skip Stem introduces indispensable vision screening partners Canyon ISD nurse Courtney Nesloney and NBISD nurse Karen Schwind.

Lago Vista Peace Poster Contest



Emma Eagle, age 12, was selected as the Lago Vista Lions Peace Poster Contest Winner from the Lago Vista Middle School.

Pictured Left: Close Up of the Winning Peace Poster Contest Entry



(Back Row): Lions Peace Poster Contest Co-Chairs Joe & Glynda Wolverton with Lions Susan & Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott. Lion Joe Wolverton distributed out cash prizes to all.

(Front Row): 1st Place: Emma Eagle, 2nd Place: Lilian Warren, 3rd Place: Monica Lopez-Ulloa, Honorable mentions: Isabella Zaleski & Taylor St. Clair. Lago Vista Middle School Art Teacher: Tracy Burke

SM Bluebonnet Lions - Brown Santa

Brown Santa Project

San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Judy and Linda volunteered to help Brown Santa prepare Christmas gifts for Hays County children in need.

This is a Board approved community service project for individual Lions who will then send their service hours to Bluebonnet Secretary Judy so she can include them in her monthly report to LCI.



Austin Founder Lions Club

AFLC Celebrates Special Birthday



Lion Moton Crockett, the oldest member of the Austin Founder Lions Club - the oldest continuously operating club in the world, celebrated his 94th birthday on January 5. Austin Founder Lions surprised Crockett, a former University of Texas Longhorn Band Drum Major, with a cake. PDG J.P. Kirksey shared Crockett's many contributions to the Austin Founder LC and the city of Austin in his tribute.

LCI Peace Poster Contest

It's the 30th anniversary of our Peace Poster Contest! To celebrate, we redesigned our Peace Poster kits. Invite young artists in your communities to submit a poster design that expresses our theme, "The Future of Peace." The contest is a great way to connect with your community and encourage youth to express their vision of peace.

Children aged 11-13 are eligible to participate. All you need to do to unlock a child's creativity is purchase a Peace Poster kit from club supplies. Purchase your [Peace Poster kit](#) today!



Centennial Year Accolades for AFLC Past President



President Jim Overton, center, presented Immediate Past President J.P. Kirksey, right, with patches recognizing the club's Centennial Service and Club Excellence awards for activities during Kirksey's 2016 term. AFLC donated a Lions drinking fountain to the City of Austin as the club's Centennial Service Project and to commemorate the club's 2016 centennial year. Lion Tommy Cowan, left, is coordinating its installation in the Children's Playscape at Austin's Zilker Park.

Lago Vista Lions Vision Certification

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Lions Director Jerry and Susan Nilsson-Weiskott and Director Ken Johnston show their State of Texas Vision Screening Certification

Texas Lions Camp Spring Work Days

Are you ready to help spruce up Texas Lions Camp? Get those paint brushes and gardening tools ready! Camp work-days will be the **first Saturdays of March, April and May** at the 500+acre camp in Kerrville. **Sign-up now** for your choice of March 4, April 1 and/or May 6. Register for a workday online at www.lionscamp.com.

"I find it inspiring to see several hundred Lions from around the state working at the camp each year," said Ann Ward, District 2-S3 elected director. "We are all focused on the common goal of preparing the facilities that will help the staff deliver an incredible experience to some 1,500 summer campers. Building self-confidence and instilling the "can do" attitude literally change these young people's lives," she added.

A few **opportunities for providing service at the camp this summer are still available.** If your club would like to host a picnic, handle luggage or participate in a welcome reception, contact Trish Wilson at the camp at twilson@lionscamp.com.



Lago Vista Lions Support Blue Santa



Lago Vista Lions President Don Zschoche presented Blue Santa Secretary Liz Hagler with a \$500 check for the Blue Santa Program.



San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club Banners



The photos above show both of San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club banners with all of the patches the Club has earned since the Club was chartered almost 25 years ago in July, 1992. It is the job of our Club's Lion Tamer to keep our banners up to date and bring them to meetings for display.

When you bring a guest to a meeting, be sure to show them the banners and talk with them about the continuous service we have done over the past 25 years as a Lions Club as well as the service completed from May, 1984 to July, 1992, as a Lioness Club.

AFLC Conducts Vision Screening At Coats for Kids Event

On Dec. 10, Austin Founder Lions hosted a vision screening at the Community Fair held in conjunction with the annual Coats for Kids distribution at Palmer Events Center in Austin. The Junior League of Austin, with partners Jack Brown Cleaners and KVUE-TV, collects and distributes more than 25,000 coats each year for needy Austin families.

Austin Founder Lions operated two SPOT cameras inside Simba, the club's dedicated vision screening trailer. Some 291 children were screened at the event, and 72 were referred for follow-up. Many were able to have eyeglasses made on-site in the Essilor KidsVision mobile lab van.

Among AFLC members working at the event were Tommy Cowan, Terry Heller, J.P. Kirksey, Linda Locke, Rudy Munguia, Jim Overton, Patti Robinson, Sam Ruiz, Greg Thompson, Beverly Weeks and Robert Watson.



Austin Founder Lions provided a vision screening using its Simba trailer at the annual Coats for Kids Community Fair on Dec. 10. Many of the children referred for follow-up were examined and fitted for eyeglasses the Essilor KidsVision van, pictured on the right.

Lago Vista Tree Lighting Ceremony



(L-R): Lions Bob McCarty, Connie Zschoche, Mike Beal, John Spoerlein, Mike Zaydel, Ken Johnston, Carl Spoto & Shelley Johnston.



Lions served citizens hot dogs

MILANO LEO CLUB

December 6, 2016, the Milano ISD Leo Club donated 90 winter hats to the CPS Board for children in foster care and kinship care.



Pictured are (front, L-R) Amie Weaver, Amber Weaver, Kolbi Coldiron, (middle row, L-R) Zack Hopkins, Luke Hollingsworth, Bianca Fernandez, Sammie Pierce, Shavon Butler, RN Jeannie Weed, (back row (L-R) Leo Advisor and First VDG John Pruet, Chole Yoakum, Shanazue Butler, Lion President Brenda Pruet.

Blanco Lions Club LEOs

The Blanco LEO Club's community service for the 1st semester. The LEO Club, sponsored by the Blanco Lions Club, has been busy during the 1st semester of the 2016-17 school year. The members cleaned Panther Stadium 5 times, helped with 5th quarter twice, volunteered at the EMS and Twin Sisters fundraisers, hung Christmas lights in Bindseil Park, participated in the Middle School Lock-In and donated canned goods to Good Samaritans. The LEO Club logged 285.5 community service hours from August 27th to December 16th.



New Braunfels 9th Grade Center Leos

Leos Begin Eyeglasses Recycling Drive

President Maggie Kroesche of the New Braunfels High School Ninth Grade Center Leo Club (sponsored by the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club) reports that the *2017 Eyeglasses Recycling Drive* begins in January and continues until May.



The Leos will place collection boxes in two locations at the Ninth Grade Center. In addition, all Leos are asked to solicit unwanted eyeglasses from their families, neighbors, and friends.



Canyon Lake High School Leos Feed the Hungry

Canyon Lake High School Leo Club is helping feed their less fortunate neighbors. They've been collecting canned goods for several months to donate to the Community Resource & Recreation Center (CRRC) food pantry, which provides nutritious food to over 600 Canyon Lake residents monthly. The Leos recent food drive yielded approximately 200 pounds of canned goods and a cash donation that will purchase a whopping \$360.00 worth of groceries from the San Antonio Food Bank.



Pictured is Leo Club President, Ellie McNeese, with CRRC Board President Diane Schaule (also a Lion), surrounded by other Leo members. Thank you, Leos!!!

Leos Working for Humane Society of New Braunfels



New Braunfels High School Ninth Grade Center Leo Club (sponsored by the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club) kicks off January with a month-long Need-It drive for Humane Society of New Braunfels Area. Leos will publicize throughout the campus and collect items needed by the HSNBA.

Items include: bleach, bleach wipes, Dawn dish soap, latex gloves, hand sanitizer, paper towels, dog and cat collars, dog leashes, dog and cat toys, and cat and kitten food, hard and canned.

Leos will also support the \$10 Challenge. Saving lives isn't cheap. HSNBA's contracts with the city and county only cover about three days of care for each animal they bring to our shelter. If the animal stays longer than 3 days, or needs any veterinary treatment, grooming, behavior assistance or anything else to help them become more adoptable, HSNBA relies on donations to cover those expenses.

Lions wishing to help out can bring items to January meetings.

CLUB NEWS.....

BLANCO LIONS CLUB

We will meet at the Old 300 Bar-B-Que (4th and Pecan St.) on Thursday January 5th. 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.

Christmas Parade: The coffee and hot chocolate stand was a big success with over \$250 in donations. Thanks to all the Lions who participated.

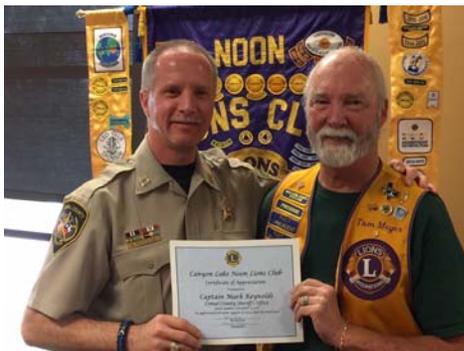
Lion Tommy Lewis: Lion Tommy suffered a serious heart problem and after a few days in the hospital has been moved to Deercreek Rehab in Wimberly. He should be released around 1/12 so if you have a chance go visit him.

Lion Elissa Barker: On 12/29 Lion Elissa's restaurant suffered a major fire. If you can help in any way contact her.

LEOs: This is a summary for the LEO Club's community service for the 1st semester. The LEO Club has been busy during the 1st semester of the 2016-17 school year. The members cleaned Panther Stadium 5 times, helped with 5th quarter twice, volunteered at the EMS and Twin Sisters fundraisers, hung Christmas lights in Bindseil Park, participated in the Middle School Lock-In and donated canned goods to Good Samaritans. The LEO Club logged 285.5 community service hours from August 27th to December 16th.

We have several members I'd like to recognize: Mia Albrecht (LEO Club President)-12 hours, Sienna Buchenbacker (LEO Club Secretary)-21 hours, Chase Coggins-10 hours, Kelby Cox - 11 hours, Kade Fryhover-10 hours, Hallie Gloor-12 hours, Mark Kuebel - 14 hours, Jenna McHugh-12.5, Jayme Mowery-10 hours, Brandon Phipps-11.5 hours, Wade Robinson-13 hours, Dalton Savanich-12, and Nellie Saldana-10.5.

CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS CLUB



Canyon Lake Noon Lions President Tom Meyer thanked Captain Mark Reynolds of the Comal County Sheriff's Office, with a Certificate of Appreciation for

his presentation to the Noon Lions. Comal County Sheriff's Office has undertaken a project to acquire property adjacent to the Sheriff's Office and expand the currently-overcrowded, aging jail facility.



Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club President welcomed new Lion Linda Harkness in a November 3 induction ceremony. President Meyer is Linda's sponsor. CLNL is very pleased to welcome Linda to our Club. She worked tirelessly during the recent Lions Shrimpfest event and is very enthusiastic about our mission!



Tailtwister Extraordinaire Roy Danford rode his stick horse to the podium at a recent meeting to celebrate the Lions pending road trip to Retama Race Track on October 22nd. There is never a dull moment with Tailtwister Roy and his antics!

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Lions Christmas Party: 122 people attended this year's Garden Ridge Lions Christmas Party held at The Club at Garden Ridge Event Center on Wednesday, December 14. A sixteen member coral group from the New Braunfels Canyon High School Choir sang Christmas carols for our entertainment. Dottie once again delivered with a fantastic meal. We made a donation to the Canyon High School Choir.

Operation Santa Claus: As is our annual tradition, the Garden Ridge Lions Club again distributed food baskets and toys this year to needy families in our local community. We start Operation Santa Claus in early November, sending out solici-

tation letters through our contacts in the local elementary schools, church members, social services and other sources to assist us in identifying deserving families that we may be able to serve during the holiday season. The night before delivery, Lions members, spouses, sons, daughters, and grandchildren helped sort the food baskets and toys for the recipient families. The next morning begins the delivery process to the homes of the needy. This year we selected 51 families consisting of 151 children. We spent \$2,585 on food, at an average cost of a little over \$50 per family; a great bang for our buck. This year our normal toy distribution company went out of business. In its place, we teamed up with Elf Louise, a local charity who provides thousands of free toys to children annually throughout the San Antonio community. Elf Louise provided us with free toys for most of the children on our list. In addition, the Garden Ridge Women's Club also donated toys, allowing us to provide gifts to the remaining children on our list. Between Elf Louise and the Women's Club, we were able to provide two toys each to all 151 children. There were heartwarming stories of some of the hardships seen by our members and also heartfelt thanks they and our Club received for the food and gifts by the recipient families and children. It was well worth our time and effort; 1st Vice President John Mitzel, Operation Santa Claus Chairman.

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

Lago Vista Lions Blood Drive: Our 12/17/2016 blood drive had 28 participants and a total of 25 pints collected. We want to thank the Point Venture Lions and Lago Vista Lions volunteers and those who donated blood for this successful event. For every Lion who donates a pint of blood, it banks for other Lions in need. Our next Bloodmobile Collection date is 02/11/2017.



(L-R Lions): Director Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott, Margo Mendoza. Director Ken Johnston and Linda Spoerlein (not shown). Blood Donors were: Lions Ron Smith (not shown) and Ken Johnston.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

From the President: May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Taking a look back...

When the 2016-2017 Board of Directors/Trustees embarked on our term of leadership for the club, we pursued our commitments based on our skill sets and the confidence that you placed in us when the vote was cast last April. For the most part, our efforts as a club have reflected satisfying results for both our Charities activities and Service Projects these past six months.

Our Signature Service Project, Vision Screening, led by Chair Skip Stem, produced exceptional results in terms of schools covered, students screened, and follow up referrals. And, the utilization of the SPOT Scope equipment launched us into the high tech era of screening.

Wurstfest, our Signature Fundraiser for the Fall of 2016, yielded a fulfilling harvest of income to support our many charities who are the recipients of the funds largesse. Led by Food Booth Chair, Jack Morgan and Parking Lot Chairs, Lee Ambrosino and Ronnie Thompson, I am pleased to report that we exceeded our financial goals.

Third VP Mark Reynolds has provided us with an array of guest speakers who have piqued our interests while giving us a glimpse into the future of this community from various aspects of services and infrastructure.

Our LEO Advisors, David Simmons, John Creswell and Tom Call, have worked diligently and endlessly to ensure that the LEOs are always there to support our volunteer efforts.

Juanita Wells, our Poster Contest Chair, works closely with the local schools to have our young student artists participate in the Peace Poster Contest.

Treasurer Howard Weliver, along with Lion Hal Holtman, Asst. Treasurer, ensures that we tow *The Financial Line*, while Secretary Tom Call is our liaison with LCI, the Public and each of us as members.

Lion Tamer David Schreier and crew Jim Tiller, Dan Krueger and Skip Stem ensure that our meetings are run smoothly and efficiently. Tail Twister Cameron Bradfute simultaneously entertains and educates us while Lion Bob Pfeuffer is our own *Reflections* Interviewer, providing insights into the personal lives of our fellow members. Lion Dora White and her staff of Caterall ensured we always had a tasty and fulfilling meal at our luncheons. She recently turned over the helm to new owner and Lion Craig Zgabay whom I've no doubt will make Dora proud. Membership Chair, Dennis Heitkamp, has been instrumental in spearheading projects to keep our members attuned to the concepts of Lionism while introducing initiatives to grow our member base. Lion Cameron has also initiated the *Five O'clock Somewhere* Member get together to provide insights on our club's history and Lionism.

Care Chair, Dolly Williams is our liaison with those members who are absent due to health or other issues which prevent them from attending meetings. Sight Conservation Chair, Mike Pfeuffer, is the Club's liaison with the public and local eye doctors; coordinating financial assistance to ensure those in need get the proper treatment for correctional lenses, etc. IPP Mike Smetanka along with Directors Fred Hanz and Dan Krueger round out our Board in providing insight and support to ensure we are meeting our objectives and stepping up to the plate whenever needed. Then, there's Bert Childs...our resident Editor, who tirelessly puts out this monthly rag! And, a superb job he does!!!!

And, of course, there's You, the Lions who join together to personify our motto "We Serve"! Without the time and effort of many of you, we would not be here, serving this community; my endless thanks to you all.

Forging ahead...Though 2017 may hold some uncertainty for the world, the country and yes, even for each of us, I encourage you to embrace the challenges ahead...both the foreseen as well as the unanticipated! Our Club is no different. Each of us, in our own way, can make a positive difference.

We have much work ahead of us to complete the 2016-2017 cycle and beyond. Texas Camp Work Day (April 1st), White Cane Day Fundraiser (TBA) and Texas Lions Camp Graduation Day (June 23rd) are just around the corner. And, we're currently in the process of recruiting for members to step up and take on a Leadership role as we enter into the 93rd year of this Club's history! Get to know your fellow Lions and have some FUN!!

Being a member of this Club has been a rewarding experience for me and I look forward to continued friendships and new ones to bud!

My challenge to you...be a game changer. Make your actions count and make that positive difference!

Yours in Lionism! **President Lee Ambrosino**

Program, December 1: State Senator Dr. Donna Campbell (District 25) was our featured speaker this day. Her opening salvo was a quote from Benjamin Franklin regarding the type of government the Continental Convention of 1787 was cobbling together — "A republic, if you can keep it" said he, and then she went on to express her opinion that much of what is wrong with this state and the union is that so many of the younger generations have little to no knowledge of the founders or the founding of this nation. And, worse, much of what they are being taught is intentionally skewed way left.



State Senator, Donna Campbell

Part of her remedy rests in Senate Bill 174, The Founding Principles Act, wherein high school students would be required to take a course in the founding, including the Constitution and the Federalist Papers, as a requisite to graduation. She says Texas Governor Greg Abbott is firmly onboard.

Other priorities include: Annexation reform — where those in the crosshairs get to decide whether to be annexed or not, school choice, end of sanctuary cities, property tax reform, ending subsidies for illegals and a rational "bathroom bill". Her agenda seemed warmly received by all in attendance.

NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Program, Kitchen Table: Monica Borrego spoke to the Club about the New Braunfels Food Bank's Kitchen Table. The Kitchen Table is client choice program of the New Braunfels Food Bank created to provide a variety of services with one goal in mind – to fight hunger!

New Braunfels Food Bank (NBFB) is part of the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB). The SAFB supports a warehouse of 40 acres and a 27 acre garden. It distributes to 20 agencies in a Comal County who in turn retail to the communities.

SAFB facility offers three culinary kitchens with chefs providing three meals daily year round, an after school meal program for kids, and an eighteen week culinary program to train adults 18 years & older. In addition, it provides a warehouse program training for the incarcerated; all at an overhead of less than 2%.

Kitchen Table serves the NB area as an emergency basket, including perishables (40% inventory). Clients return for orientation explaining the Kitchen Table point system for balanced nutrition. Clients are primarily children & seniors 60+ with an average visit of 4 times a year. Summer increases visits due to school vacation.

The New Braunfels food Bank hopes to emulate the SAFB with its new facility under construction on South Seguin Avenue. The \$6 million building sits on 2.5 acres at 28,000 square feet. It is scheduled to open in summer 2017.

ROUND ROCK NOON LIONS CLUB

Round Rock Lions just completed a busy season of providing food and gifts. It started by assisting the huge free community Thanksgiving dinner that actually provided meals for about 1800 persons in our Greater Round Rock area. 400+ meals were delivered to shut-ins or those less able to travel as well as our Round Rock Police force on duty. At 12:00 Noon, hundreds of local citizens enjoyed turkey, with all the trimmings, and a huge assortment of desserts. All extra yummy foods were taken down town Austin to help nourish our homeless citizens.

We assisted our Club President, Tino Hernandez, as he spends countless hours visiting organizations recruiting individuals, companies, or clubs to assist Wounded Warriors, cancer victims, homeless or needy children referred by school nurses, or anyone down on their luck. We enjoyed shopping and wrapping specific items for two special families with children needing gifts and food.

We're delighted that Lion Justin Lawhorn is spearheading our 1st annual 5k/kid's k run for March 4, 2017. Our task for the next 2 months is to recruit sponsors and runners to financially support expansion of our destination 'Play For All' Park specially designed for children with physical disabilities.

The mission of this gated park is to provide a safe, fun place to play and develop new skills for children of all abilities in Round Rock and surrounding areas. The 'Play for All' Park will serve more than 100,000 children in Williamson County along with an estimated 7,945 children with a disability. Phase 1 exceeded \$2.3 million. Phase 2 is expected to exceed \$2.5 million.

We Lions are proud to collaborate with dozens of businesses, other non-profit civic organizations, and hundreds of families to provide financial support for this awesome playground. For complete information visit www.roundrocklions.org.

SAN MARCOS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Christmas Basket Distribution: There were 48 people involved in this operation and approximately \$5,000 was donated from the club to purchase the food. We estimate that a total of 100 man hours was devoted to the annual project. [See our story on page 10.](#)



SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

President's Corner: Welcome to 2017!! 2016 has been a successful year. Pecan and More Sale is complete as well as the Thankful Turkey 5K and Kid's Fun Run. We have also done several community service events - Redwood Reading, Park Cleanup, Library Book Sale, Birthday Cards for residents of Hays Nursing & Rehab, and of course Reach Out and Read.

Let's get ready for a great year. We had a fun Christmas party at Sherry's house. Great food, great friends, and fun presents! Thanks to all who attended. Hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed New Year!

Our District 2S-3 Mid-Winter Conference will be held Saturday, January 28 at Wimberley High School, 100 Carney Lane. This is a great opportunity to see what's going on in the District. There will be several training sessions, a guest speaker on LCI World Services for the Blind, and a guest speaker on Water Conservation & Quality. Breakfast starts at 8 am. Lunch usually starts around noon. You can sign up at our January 3 or January 17 meeting and the Club will pay the registration cost. Let Debby know when you sign up if you cannot stay for lunch. You can also self-pay \$18 at the Door on January 28 if you prefer.

If you play an instrument, there is a place reserved for you on the Texas Lions Band float in the International Parade of Nations on Saturday, July 1. The parade will open the LCI Centennial Convention in Chicago. Learn more at the January 28 Mid-Winter Conference or call PDG JP Kirksey at 512-282-2053. **President, Debby Lawrence**

Greenbelt Alliance Service Project - Judy Aswell, chair: Make plans now to help serve lunch to the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance at their annual meeting on Sunday, February 12. Sign-up sheet for food items will be available at January meetings. Servers will also be needed. See more details in the February newsletter.

Reach Out & Read Project - Edna Anglin, chair:



Lions & staff celebrate a December delivery of books for Corridor Primary Care Pediatrics patients. See photo above.

Birthday Cards for Seniors - Jill Stolar, chair: We will deliver a birthday card and small gift to residents at Hays Nursing Home & Rehab in San Marcos for their 2nd Friday of each month birthday parties for seniors who make their home there. Any Bluebonnet Lion who would like to join us is welcome. If you would like to donate birthday cards or small travel lotions for this project, please contact Lion Jill or bring the items to any evening meeting. Members can also add personal signatures to the cards.

Centennial Project - Debby Lawrence, chair: The Board appropriated up to \$3,000 for this LCI 100th anniversary project to commemorate service to the San Marcos community. New benches with engraved plaques for the running track at CTMC are being planned.

KidSight Vision Screening - Linda Alexander, chair: Mark your calendar for April 1 Youth Fest KidSight project. There will be a KidSight training session on January 28 at Wimberley High School. Other trainings are tentatively scheduled for March & May. ***Below, Lion Linda Alexander checks a preschooler at First Baptist Church for vision problems.***



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - Edna Anglin, chair:**Bluebonnet Lions Bake Sale - Debby Lawrence, chair:**

We will partner with the San Marcos Lions Club at their Annual Mexican Dinner (now Fajita Dinner) on February 10 from 11am to 7pm at the Rec Center behind the Lions Tube Rental. We will need plenty of homemade goodies to sell.

If you don't bake but would like to help with the goodies, you can contribute money toward the purchase of a large cobbler or gallon of ice cream. I will then purchase and bake the cobblers which will be very popular! Sign up at January meetings.

Help will also be needed to serve at the event on February 10 AND I am looking for some special desserts that can be auctioned off at the event. We have some really nice bakery boxes that were decorated by Lions a few years back that would be perfect for filling with special treats. If you make something really special and would like to donate it or fill a box with goodies, please let Debby know.

Thankful Turkey 14th Annual 5K Fundraiser - Martha Moore & Ramika Adams, co-chair:

Congratulations to the four Thankful Turkey 5K Over-all Champion and Masters Champion male and female run-ners from Austin, San Marcos, Fentress, and Cedar Park as well as to the 39 runners from San Marcos, Kyle, Austin, San Antonio, Lockhart, League City, New Braunfels, Luling, Kingsbury, Niederwald, and Blanco who won first, second, or third place prizes in their individual age categories. AND to the first place female runner age 48-57 who joined us from Pullman, Washington!

We had over 75 runners attend the 5K and about 12 young runners at our first annual Fun Run on November 19. Without runners there would be no event so our gratitude and the gratitude of each of our grant recipients goes out to these runners for their participation and enthusiasm.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Project: This community service project was approved by the Board for individual Lion's participation without an official chair. At right Lion Beth rings the bell and will let Secretary Judy know her hours so Judy can report them to LCI toward service hours donated by Bluebonnet Lions this year. LCI keeps these records that show that LCI is the largest service organization in the world.

Other projects approved for individual service are Blue/Brown Santa, Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity.



(Photo by Judy Aswell)

Membership Committee - Ramika Adams, chair: Our committee will host a Club Orientation in late January for new members, potential new members, sponsors, and any member wishing to renew their orientation. Please 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.

Leadership training opportunities will abound at the District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference on January 28 at Wimberley High School. Hope everyone can attend!

Awards Committee - Melesa Yager, chair: Congratulations to Kate Shaw, our November Lion of the Month. Kate chairs our Programs Committee, coordinates our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bluebonnetlions>, and designed some of our marketing materials for the 2016 Thankful Turkey 5K.

Texas Lions Camp - Ann Ward, TLC District 2S-3 Director:

Texas Lions Camp enrollment for summer, 2017, begins on January 3. It's time for Lions to reach out in the community to make prospective campers and their parents aware that they can sign up online at www.lionscamp.com. The sessions for children with Type I Diabetes fill up fast so it's especially important to promote early registration for these camps.

I also want to encourage your Club to participate in one of the TLC workdays which are the first Saturdays of March, April, and May. Beginning on January 3 you can register online for a workday at www.lionscamp.com.

If your club would like to host a picnic, handle luggage, or participate in a welcome reception during one of the camp sessions this summer, please contact Trish Wilson at the camp at twilson@lionscamp.com or by phone at 512-338-1623.

Thanks for your help to promote and recruit campers.

Lions Leadership Training opportunities - GLT (Global Leadership Team) chair Frank Kinald:

In addition to the Mid-Winter Conference trainings on January 28, there will be a Leadership Forum at North Plaza Crown Hotel in Austin on February 25-26. PDG Frank Kinald reminds us that "Time management is decided by YOU alone and nobody else. It is never the case of you not having ENOUGH TIME to do things, but the case of what you want to do with the time you have."

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