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"We Are Lions, Lets Keep Climbing"



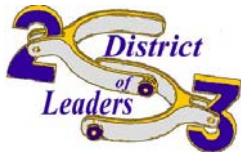
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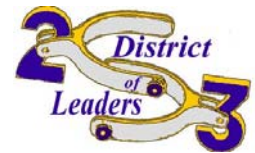
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Zone Chairs Needed! District Governor's Message



Zone Chairs have the ability to learn about their district, relate problems to the District Governor Team and help when clubs are struggling. Zone Chairs must have served as a Past President and be in good standing with their club. Training is offered at some cabinet meetings or available online thru LCI.

www.Lionsclubs.org

For those Clubs in need, several booklets are available for encouraging leadership roles, a Lions mentorship program, and building a strong-er club.

Last January, The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank lost their past Executive Director David Butters. He past away from cancer. One of David's wishes, he wanted Tissue and Organ Donors to come forward and register for donation. The one site that comes to mind is Donate Texas Life. If you go to renew your Drivers License, they will link you to this site.

Eye Donor Awareness was made into a proclamation by our Governor Greg Abbott, who named March as Eye Donor Month. Zone Chairs and Club Presidents should broach this subject during their respective meetings. Manor is one of eight Eye Banks in Texas but it could not survive without our help. The Donate Texas Life is a program that

will contact the next of kin after the passing. Several thousands of corneas have been transplanted with great success. Please consider discussing this subject with your love ones before registering, it's tough enough on them. SO don't leave them out in the cold.

Texas Lions Camps has a new campaign called the ONE MORE program. WE can make a difference in the lives of over 1500 young campers this summer by taking ONE MORE opportunity to do ONE MORE. ONE MORE could include ONE MORE workday, or ONE MORE donation, ONE MORE camper or ONE MORE picnic. Please go to the TLC website of www.LionsCamp.com for several examples of ONE MORE.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be held in Portland, Oregon from September 21-23. Early Bird Registration ends on June 9th and late fees apply if after September 16th. Over 90 seminars will be offered. For more details go to www.lionsforum.org.

Our district lost a good one, PDG Ron Knott of San Marcos passed away on February 14th. A memorial was held on the 25th at the Pennington Funeral Home with several Lions present. Ron served as District Governor in 2001-2002. Ron also served on the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where he served as the President from

2015-16. Recently I had traveled with Ron, we were going to a Charities Meeting and I drove. Ron talked the entire time on the way back. He wanted a Satellite for the TLERC to come to District 2-S3. As he got out, he mentioned that he was worried that I looked sleepy and should get a coffee. Always caring and correct, I was. I thought that we would talk again. Thank you Ron for all you did for us Lions and we will miss you!



*"We Are Lions,
Lets Keep Climbing"*

District Governor

Lion John Lyon and Patti

**See You All at the District 2-S3 Convention
Saturday, May 13, 2017**

Club Membership Chair

1st VDG John Pruett

The club Membership Chair position is often misunderstood. Most think of it as the person responsible for developing a plan to increase the club's membership through the invitation of new members. This is in part correct; however, the position is responsible for much more. The Membership Chair is important to the health and vitality of the club and thus, the club's ability to serve the community. Lions Clubs International (LCI) provides a detailed brochure on the duties of the Membership Chair, and the brochure can be found on the website and downloaded with this link www.lionsclubs.org/memberchair.

Club growth occurs not only by the addition of new members through invite, but also through retention of highly satisfied members. Member satisfaction can be achieved through planning and continual feedback from your members. LCI offers many tools that assist the Membership Chair to fulfill their obligation to the club. Some of those tools include the Club Quality Initiative (CEP, and CEP-lite), How are our Ratings (and administrative guide), and Blueprint for a Stronger Club. All of these resources are downloadable from the LCI website. The Club Excellence Process (CEP), by use of needs assessments, allows the club to identify member and community satisfying service

projects.

As Membership Chair there are District resources that can provide help and support. Along with you local Membership Committee, the District Global Membership Team (DGMT), consisting of the District Global Membership Coordinator, the District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors and the Zone Chairs are available to support you as part of a unified team.

As club elections will be occurring soon those newly elected Membership chairs, and those that will serve another term, the DGMT will be offering training specifically designed for you. We plan to offer this training in both face-to-face and on-line formats. It is our hope that you will take advantage and attend these valuable trainings. "We Serve"



1st Vice District Governor
John Pruett



The Lions Den
March, 2017

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

Number of Children:

Kids Screened

13,296

Kids Referred

1,972



***Year-To-Date: Lions Year –July 1 through February 28**



Directions to District 2-S3 Convention:

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

From the South on IH35

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

From the North on IH35

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

From The Toll Road 130

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

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

From Manor High School

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

Technology is Making a Big Contribution

2nd VDG Linda Davis

Technology is making a big contribution to the operations of our District

We all attend meetings for our Club including membership and board meetings. Then, many members represent our Club at Zone meetings and District Cabinet meetings as well. Occasionally, we work with ad hoc groups that you may be communicating with in order to learn about some successful programs they have created. So, enter technology!!

We have started using "GoToMeeting," a conferencing software application, in the Charities Committee. Everyone invited to the meeting can call in or launch the link to the "GoToMeeting" website. The Leader and the other committee members can not only talk to each other but you can see each other or see a presentation. Seeing each other during the meeting enhances the online meeting since you get to see the face of the participants and their reaction to the material being shown or discussed.

Other factors that benefit from the "GoToMeeting" software include the savings of time and money. You eliminate the driving time and reduce time lost due to side conversations talking over each other. Also, there is a Chat Room that can be used simultaneously during the meeting that can be used for questions or side conversations.

To help learn more about "GoToMeeting," a breakout session will be held at the upcoming District Convention on May 13th. 1st VDG John Pruett and Lion Maureen Kinald, Charities Committee Chair, will be presenting this session, so don't let this opportunity slip by you. This is the first step toward a Digital District!!



2nd VDG Linda Davis

2017 DISTRICT 2-S3 CONVENTION

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(listed times may not be exact)

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES, Saturday, May 13, 2017

Manor High School

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

Evening

Manor Lions Club

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



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.

Club Name _____

My club is current with their dues.

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				\$	\$	\$	\$
				Enclosed (Add 4 Column Boxes Above)			
				\$			

Make Checks Payable To:

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



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
2017 DISTRICT 2-S3 CONVENTION
Manor, Texas May 13, 2017
ANNUAL CALL TO CONVENTION

March 9, 2017

District 2-S3 Presidents & Secretaries:

For more than nine decades, the Lions of Texas and this great District have served tirelessly in our communities and around the World. We've responded as individuals and as Clubs. But we've experienced the greatest impact by bringing Dignity, Harmony and Humanity to those less fortunate in our communities. Your District Convention is a great opportunity to share and grow – to meet other Lions and see the great work done in other Clubs.

The 2017 Convention kicks off on Saturday morning. We'll convene at Manor High School where you'll pick up your attendance packets starting at 7:30 am. Breakfast Tacos will be available. Scheduled activities begin with the Opening Ceremony at 8:25 am followed by a meaningful Memorial Service to recognize our departed Lions presented by the Garden Ridge Lions Club and then our Featured Speaker.

Then you can choose from an offering of seminars covering Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund; Lone Star Lions Eye Bank; and Using "Go-to-Meeting" video-conferencing for meetings. Following lunch, we will proceed directly into the business session to conduct the necessary business, accept nominations, and conduct elections to fill District leadership positions.

We are honored to have as our special guest, International Director Bruce Beck who will share his wit and wisdom at our Luncheon honoring Governor John Lyon. Prior to the Luncheon we will have a New Member Induction session and then honor a Club as well as individual Lions for their service by presenting the C.W.A. McCormick, Harry Reasonover, Golden Spur, Silver Spur, and District 2-S3 Hall of Honor Awards.

Saturday Evening at the Manor Lions Hall at 5:30 to 6:30 is a social hour, followed at 6:30 pm the Governor-Elect Banquet. We will relax and enjoy musical entertainment by Ronnie Caywood, receive the Election results, welcome our newly elected Governor, and enjoy Lions fellowship with a great meal.

If you need lodging for the Convention, Americas Best Value Inn & Suites at 11301 Hwy 290 East, Manor TX 78653 has blocked a limited number of rooms at special convention prices. Contact the Americas Best Value Inn Suites direct – 512.272.9373 and request the Lions Special RATE for May 12-14, 2017.

So, now's the time – Bring your Lions to their Convention! Print and complete the registration materials and mail them to the address provided for each form. Postmark your registration by April 29, 2017 to take advantage of the bargain-rate Convention fee and meal prices. Registration fees will be significantly higher after April 29th. There will be no meal tickets available to buy at the door.

Each club is entitled to one delegate for each 10 dues paying members and one delegate for a fraction of 5/10 or greater; i.e., 5 to 14 members = 1 delegate. 15 to 24 = 2 delegates 25 to 34 = 3 delegates.

See you in Manor!

Centennial***We are Lions. Let's Keep Climbing.******DG John Lyon & Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe, Convention Chair***

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

Visit us at:
www.lagolionsclub.org
or call/email
Lion Gary Ladner
P: (512) 267-9758
E: g.ladner@att.net



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All proceeds to go to
The Lions Club of Lago Vista
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LAGO VISTA GOLF CLUB
4616 RIMROCK DRIVE
LAGO VISTA, TX 78645

Lago Vista's "Phil Wilson Memorial Charity Golf Tourney"

As you all know the Phil Wilson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday March 25TH. It will be a six person scramble with a Noon shot gun start. Contact **Lion Jim Rogers** if you plan to have a team. We plan to have 22 teams and are near that number as this update goes to press. The first 22 teams PAID will play in the tournament.

The golf tournament committee and other Lions are in the process of contacting over 290 potential sponsors and donators. Over 35 of these are new contacts this year. I am extremely pleased with the results so far. Several of the nice donated prizes will be included in a raffle and a silent auction. When this newsletter went to press we had received over \$16,600 in Hole Sponsorships.

The following are some of the large donations so far:

Lion Mike Beal received \$1000 for a Diamond Sponsorship from **Re-Bath** plus \$260 to cover hole-in-one insurance. **Lion Mike Beal** also received \$500 for a Gold Sponsorship from **Cody Pools**. **Lion Jo Ann Thornton** received \$1000 for a diamond Sponsorship from **Vista Verde Custom Homes**. **Lion Jeff Nokes** received \$1000 for a Diamond Sponsorship from **Express Oil Change** in Cedar Park. **Lion Jim Rogers** received \$750 for a Platinum Sponsorship from **Lantz's Lakeside Plumbing**. **Lion Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott** received \$500 for a Gold Sponsorship from **Qdoba Mexican Eats** and \$750 for a Platinum Sponsorship from **Excalibur Plumbing**. I received \$1,000 Diamond Sponsorship from **Rich and Jill Piasecki**. We also received \$1000 for a Diamond Hole Sponsorship in memory of Lion Phil Wilson from an anonymous donor. **Lion Carl Spoto** made arrangements for **The Golf Cart Zone** in Austin to donate a new golf cart for a potential hole-in-one prize on hole number 18. I would like to thank all of the hard working Lions that are helping with this important soliciting money, door prizes, raffle prizes, silent auction items and goodie bag items, but you are donating money and prizes individually. I certainly appreciate all of your efforts very much.

Remember as I have mentioned at previous Lions meetings and via email each Lion in good standing, who donates at least \$100 for a Hole Sponsorship or \$100 or more in prizes for the silent auction will be entered in a drawing for several nice prizes. These prizes are yet to be determined and will be selected from donations received. The drawing will be held the first meeting after the golf tournament.

All you Lions who are contacting potential sponsors and donors keep up the good work. The next couple weeks are prime time to finish up your contact list. If for some reason you cannot make the contact listed on the spread sheet assigned to you, let me know and I will see if someone else can help out with that contact. Bring all donations to me at future Lions meetings, committee meetings or drop off at our house.

Special thanks to **Lions Ron and Jo Anne Smith, Patti McClure, and Duane Lueders** for helping with publicity for this event. **Lion Patti McClure** designed the poster, sponsorship form and the entry form that we are using for the tournament. She also designed the poster that we are using to sell raffle tickets. **Lions Ron and Jo Anne Smith** distributed the posters to many local businesses. **Lion Jo Anne Smith** also gets the word out through the local media outlets, while **Lion Duane Lueders** spreads the word via the web and face book. Also thanks to **Lion Connie Zschoche** for keeping sponsorships and donations posted on the spread sheets.

Sign-up sheets for Lion workers on the day of the event are ready. Many of you have already signed up; however, I still need a couple more workers. See me at Lions meetings in March if you can help. **Lion John Spoerlein** and **Lion Connie Zschoche** will be looking for help to cook and serve the BBQ dinner.



The next Lions Golf Tournament Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 14TH at 3PM in the LVPOA Activity Center Primrose Room. All Lions are welcome to attend. This is our Club's largest fundraiser and we need everyone to help out.

Thanks to **Lion Duane Lueders**, updates about the Golf Tournament are posted on our Lions web site. From the web site you can print a sponsorship form and a golf tournament entry form. In the members only section you can review updates on all sponsorships and donations received to date on **Lion Connie Zschoche's** spreadsheet. Go to www.lagolionsclub.org



Golf tournament chair, Lion Gary Ladner and wife, Linda in front of the raffle drawing board at the chili feast. **Linda is modeling this year's grand prize: Pearl and diamond ring courtesy of, Whitestone Jewelry in Cedar Park, TX.**

by **Lion Gary L. Ladner**



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)

PRESENTING SPONSOR: AutoNation Chevrolet
West Austin

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USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM September 21-23, 2017 Portland, OR

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March 2017

**Leo Day puts
the focus on
our future**

Build Your Leadership Skills Year
Round With Lions University

**Global Initiative
on Health &
Wellness**



Forum Facebook page
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Spring Has Sprung in the
Pacific Northwest U.S.

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September 21-23**

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For more Information: www.lionsforum.org



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LEADERSHIP FORUM**

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 21-23, 2017
Portland, Oregon

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



USA/Canada
**LIONS
LEADERSHIP FORUM**

"Membership Growth" New Members - February

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

Austin Founder Lions Club

Rehema Apio	sponsored by	Bonnie Glasgow
Cari L Clark	sponsored by	Tommy Cowan
Teel Clark	sponsored by	Tommy Cowan
Shelley J Cox	sponsored by	Terry Heller
Robbie Cumming	sponsored by	Bonnie Glasgow
Meagan J Fisher	sponsored by	Bonnie Glasgow
Robin E Hutzler	sponsored by	Milton Ragsdale
David Mott	sponsored by	Bonnie Glasgow
Trevor Moylan	sponsored by	Bonnie Glasgow
Duyen T Phan	sponsored by	Bonnie Glasgow
Jamie M Zapata	sponsored by	Terry Heller

Buckholts Lions Club

Rebekka J Arnold	sponsored by	Christopher Marrs
Karin E Bryant	sponsored by	Douglas Williams

Buda Lions Club

Cameron M Dowler	sponsored by	
Rebecca R Fisher	sponsored by	Bruce Fisher
Christine M Greve	sponsored by	Nancy Handrick

Cameron Lions Club

Matthew D Feggestad	sponsored by	James Anderle
Cheryl G Heller	sponsored by	Shirley Miller-Lee

Dripping Springs Lions Club

Billy H Riggs	sponsored by	Wayne Orlowski
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Garden Ridge Lions Club

Mike W Heath	sponsored by	Al Haddad
Tonya L Heath	sponsored by	Al Haddad

Lago Vista Lions Club

Evelyn Ruut	sponsored by	Susan Nilsson-Weiskott
Peter Ruut	sponsored by	Gerald Nilsson-Weiskott
Edward R Tidwell	sponsored by	Donald Zschoche

Marion Lions Club

Beverly Doty	sponsored by	Gregory Doty
Melba I Peterson	sponsored by	Belinda Reasor

New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

Eddie A Dobbins	sponsored by	Wallace Johnson
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New Braunfels Evening Lions Club

Gwen Innmon	sponsored by	Randy Christen
Darrel Schacht	sponsored by	Grey Baker
Timothy Simecek	sponsored by	Grey Baker

Point Venture Lions Club

James C Carr	sponsored by	Charles Lambert
Laura Carr	sponsored by	Jackie Lambert
Keith A Jordan	sponsored by	Charles Lambert

Renee Jordan	sponsored by	Jackie Lambert
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Rockdale Noon Lions Club

Kimberly R Wettstein	sponsored by	Joe Mahan
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San Marcos (Noon) Lions Club

Ben Kvanli	sponsored by	Brian Olson
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Taylor Lions Club

Griffin B Teggeman	sponsored by	Gayle Collins
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Texas State Univ/Campus Lions Club

Sonia Garcia	sponsored by	
Raylynn Hendrick	sponsored by	
Alicia R Hernandez	sponsored by	
Hannah E Sheehan	sponsored by	

Brain Teaser

PDG Frank Kinald, District Taitwister

If you can read this you have a strong mind:

7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3 H0W
OUR M1ND5 C4N D0 4M4Z1NG
7H1NG5! 1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5!

1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17 WA5 H4RD BU7
NOW, ON 7H15 LIN3 YOUR M1ND 1S
R34D1NG 17 4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7
3V3N 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17.

B3 PROUD! ONLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N
R3AD 7H15.

If you like this brain teaser, send Frank a dollar, or bring a dollar to the District Convention, for the Taitwister fund.



A Memorial To Our Lost Lions

William R. Godden Blanco Lions Club

PDG Ron Knott San Marcos Lions Club

Lago Vista Youth Contests



Jacquelyn Emery
1st Outstanding Youth: \$200
1st Diabetes: \$200



Emily Hahn
2nd Outstanding Youth: \$100

In Memory of Lion "Ron" Knott

April 26, 1942 - February 14, 2017



Ronnie F. "Ron" Knott of New Braunfels, TX, beloved husband, father, grand-and great grandfather, brother and friend passed away in San Marcos, TX, on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the age of 74, surrounded by family. He was born in Childress, TX on April 26, 1942, the son of Fordy and Mollie (Lee) Knott.

His parents and a sister, Wanda Elizabeth McBee preceded him in death.

He is survived by his devoted wife of almost 35 years, Joyce Ann "Jan" (Berry) Knott; sister, Florene Ritz (Jim) of Frisco, TX; two brothers, Leeroy Knott (Mary) of Naples, SC and Ernie Dwight Knott (Hazel) of Wagaman, LA; five daughters,

Ronetta Sawatzki of Richland Hills, TX, Ruth Molina (George) of San Marcos, TX, Stacy Post (Darrell) of San Antonio, TX, Jana Tuerff (Brian) of Austin,, TX, and Derwalea King (Richard) of Cedar Creek, TX. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Ron graduated from Quannah High School and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.

He actively served in both the local and district Lions Club. A 26 year member of the Local Lions Club, his involvement included his service to TLC Century Club, TLERC Knights of the Blind, Chairman of four local Lions committees, Historian, Lion Tamer, VP, Board Member and President of the San Marcos Lions Club. District involvement included serving as Chair and Co-chair of Region IV, Mid-Winter Conference, District Convention, District Extension, MD2 Membership. Vice District Governor, Governor, State Governors Rep. to the Executive Board, Texas Lions Planned Giving and Endowment Committee, VP TLERC Board, Texas Lions Camp Long Range Planning Committee, and Presenter/Member Texas Lions Regional Leadership Institute.

Ron served as Director and President of the Board of the San Marcos Area Food Bank and volunteered his time to Meals-on-Wheels. He was a member of the Men's Fellowship First Methodist Church, San Marcos Healthy Communities Committee, San Marcos Summer Fest Committee, Pecos Chamber of Commerce, where he won the award for Outstanding Director for Leadership and Community Service, and a two year member of the West of the Pecos Board of Directors. Other awards earned included Melvin Jones Fellow, District Governor, International President, two Extension Awards for two clubs, Senior Grand Master Membership Key, Jack Weich Fellow and the Harry Reasonover Award.

He traveled on mission trips to deliver eyeglasses on behalf of the Lions Club, and received Lion of the Month five times during his career.

Ron will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.



Charity Challenge

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Celebrates National Eye Donor Month during March

By Lion Mike Beal, Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Director



First proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, National Eye Donor Month promotes eye donation awareness and pays tribute to the lives of eye donors and corneal recipients. Once again, the U.S. House of Representatives has proclaimed March 2017 as National Eye Donor Month. Texas governor Greg Abbott also proclaimed March 2017 as Eye Donor Month.

Over 48,000 Americans have their sight restored each year as a result of corneal transplants. The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, and its 85 accredited fellow eye banks across the country, provide the tissue that makes these life-enhancing procedures possible. The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, located in Manor, TX, collects, processes and provides corneal tissue to restore sight. It is supported by Lions Districts 2-S3, 2-S5 and 2-X3. Unlike other organs and tissue, U.S. eye banks secure a sufficient number of corneas to

avoid shortages or wait lists. In fact, in 2014, eye banks in the U.S. provided 24,000 corneas to patients overseas, and another 26,000 corneas for research and training that may lead to preventative and restorative treatments for vision loss and eye damage. Without the generosity of over 65,000 eye donors each year, the above statistics would not be possible. The Eye Bank Association of America's (EBAA) honors every donor's decision to donate their corneas upon death with an annual National Eye Donor Month commemoration. Give the gift of sight and life by becoming a registered organ, eye and tissue donor.

Registration is fast and easy at www.DonateLifeTexas.org.



Congratulations to the 2016-17 International Peace Poster Contest Winner

Lakkana Meepara from Thailand is the 2016-17 International Peace Poster Contest winner! The theme was "A Celebration of Peace." Thirteen year-old Lakkana, who is in her school's art club and passionate about volunteering for environmental issues, says she "wants everyone to build peace together, because peace is something that makes everyone happy." Lakkana will receive a cash award of US\$5,000, and will be honored at Lions' upcoming international convention in Chicago.

2017-18 Peace Poster kits are on sale now. Don't miss your opportunity to engage youth in your community. **Visit lionsclubs.org/peaceposter today to learn more!**



Don't Miss Your Chance to Own a Centennial Coin!

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Point Venture Lions Club February 14, 2017 Meeting



Chuck Lambert (left) honors John Franz



Chuck Lambert, John Franz, and PV Lions President, Ron Gallagher



John and Liz Franz

Longtime member, John Franz, was honored for his years of exceptional leadership and devoted service to the PV Lions Club with a Distinguished Service Award. John has been very active with the Texas Lions Camp, PV City Emergency Services, the PV WCID Board of Directors, and is a Lions Club past-president. John and his wife, Liz, will relocate to the Georgetown area and will be greatly missed by the Point Venture community.



PV Lions president, Ron Gallagher, presents a bottle of champagne to Lion Trey Cox who guessed the closest number of Valentine hearts in a jar.



Tail Twister, Cindy Wheeler (left) with February birthday honorees, Phyllis Marshall and Fred Pontesso.

Point Venture Lions Meeting

February 28, 2017



PV 1st VP, Barry Pasarew, presents complimentary mug to guest speaker, Carl Schwope

Carl Schwope, fire management officer at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, was the guest speaker at the PV Lions February 28 meeting. Mr. Schwope emphasized the benefits of prescribed fires helping to preserve the wildlife and habitat of the Refuge.



Carl Schwope and PV Lion, Trey Cox

New Member Induction



New PV Lions, Laurie and Jim Carr (right) and their sponsors, Chuck and Jackie Lambert.

New members of the Lago Vista Volunteers



PV Lions, Aylisa and Mike Bucko, are the new Lago Vista Volunteers contacts for Point Venture residents. The Volunteers provide the loan of durable medical equipment to community residents. Thank you for your service Aylisa and Mike!!

PV Lions celebrate Mardi Gras



Caterers, Fran Pontesso and Cindy Clemons

Garden Ridge Lions Induction



The Garden Ridge Lions Club inducted two new members February 22, 2017. From left to right: Al Haddad, sponsor; new Lions Mike and Tonya Heath; and Bill Foote, Lion Hunter.

AFLC Gains Visibility at Austin Marathon



Several members of the Austin Founder Lions Club volunteered for the Austin Marathon, held Feb. 19 in downtown Austin. Pictured left to right are club President Jim Overton, Secretary Ann Ward, Past President Rudy Munquía, Treasurer Jim Roberson, PDG Shirley Dillman, Tail Twister Sam Ruiz and Director Paula Nasta.

Texas State Stuff

Reprinted from the New Braunfels
Noon Lion's Tale

State nickname — Lone Star State

State motto — Friendship

State song — "Texas, Our Texas"

State flower — bluebonnet

State tree and nut — pecan

State mammal (large) — longhorn

State mammal (small) — nine-banded armadillo

State plant — prickly pear cactus

State reptile — Texas horned lizard, or "Horned Frog"

The San Jacinto Monument is the world's tallest masonry column at 567.31 feet, 23 feet taller than the Washington Monument. The limestone star at the top is 34 feet tall and weighs 220 tons. Hopefully it is well anchored.

Area — 268,601 square miles, second only to Alaska

Population — 27 million, second only to California (2014)

Capital — Austin, founded as "Waterloo" in 1837

The name Texas comes from the Caddo Indian word "tejas" meaning roughly "those who are friends", hence the state motto.

Six flags have flown over Texas: Spanish, French, Mexican, The Republic of Texas (Lone Star), Confederacy and the Stars and Stripes.

Before Mirabeau Beauregard Lamar, 2nd President of The Republic, scrapped the design of the original flag of Texas in favor of the flag we all now know and love. The flag of the Republic of Texas was a yellow star on a dark blue field.

Texans fly more state flags than the next 12 states combined. There is indeed pride in the Lone Star — whether yellow or white.



Clubs, Individuals Can Support Texas Lions Camp

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



Summer camp is fast approaching, and Lions Clubs from across the state are traveling to Kerrville to help spruce up Texas Lions Camp. The first camp workday was March 4 in Kerrville, and despite the rain, Lions completed their assignments. The next workday is Saturday, April 1, no fooling! And the final workday is May 6. It's not too late to participate. Register for a workday online at www.lionscamp.com.

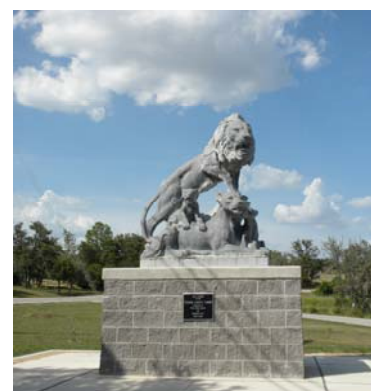
As I've been speaking to clubs around the District, I've been impressed with how individual clubs support the camp through their dues, 100 percent participation, memorials and honorariums as well as endowment contributions and Jack Wiech Fellowships. However, the camp raises only about \$1 million of its \$2.7 million budget from club dues and charities. That's why development and individual support are so important. Since the Internal Revenue Service has classified the camp as a charitable 501(c)3 organization, contributions are tax deductible.

Most of us Lions know someone connected with a large business which may make charitable contributions. Some of us also know people who are connected to philanthropic organizations/foundations. If you have a contact, talk to him or her about Texas Lions Camp and the amazing work that goes on in Kerrville each summer. If your contact is interested, then communicate with the camp's Director of Development, Milton Dare, at mdare@lionscamp.com or 830/896-8500. You can introduce Milton to your contact, and he can learn more about how the company or foundation might be interested in working with Texas Lions Camp. He can prepare and submit a proposal for funding, if appropriate.

Individuals also can support the camp for as little as \$10 per month. Century Club membership provides much-needed funds for operations, and a Bronze Century Club membership is only \$100 a year or \$10 a month. The Silver level is \$250/year or \$21 per month. A Gold Century Club membership is \$500 or \$42 per month, and the Diamond Level is \$1,000 per year, or \$84 per month. The Ambassador Club is \$5,000 per year, or \$420 per month. Most of us can afford \$10 a month to help the camp continue to serve 1,500 special needs children each summer. Of course, if circumstances change, you can discontinue your monthly donation at any time.

Another way to become personally involved in Texas Lions Camp is to become a Life Member, at a cost of \$100 per year, or \$125 if you want a nice plaque. Individuals may learn more and contribute online at <http://www.lionscamp.com/Donations.html>.

You also can help recruit campers! Although more than half of the 1,500 spaces are filled, camper applications still are being accepted. Help spread the word, and direct parents and teachers to the camp website at www.lionscamp.com. Let's make sure every camp session is full this summer!



Tailtwister - Wimberley Lions Club

Once again, Wimberley Lion Bobby Burris brings new fun and entertaining ways to Twist our Tails! Featuring from L to R, DG John Lyon, Lion Bobby (in the back), Lion Rebecca Stoian, Lion CW Bruns and Lion Neil Broussard.





Austin Founder Lions Craig Estes (above) and Jim Overton (below) trimmed trees at Gus Garcia Park during It's My Park Day on March 4.



Founder Club Honors Garcia at "It's My Park Day" In Austin

Members of Austin Founder Lions Club honored one of their own on March 4 during It's My Park Day, sponsored by the Austin Parks Foundation. Club members didn't let the rain stop them from helping clean up Gus Garcia Park, which is named in honor of former Austin Mayor Gustavo "Gus" L. Garcia, a long-time member of the Austin Founder Lions Club.

Club members volunteering at the clean-up included Lions Craig Estes, Gus Garcia, Rudy Munguia, Jim Overton, Sam Ruiz, Ann Ward and Diane Venable.

The park is located on Rundberg Lane around the Gustova "Gus" L. Garcia Recreation Center, which offers year-round programs for youth, teens, adults and seniors. The center is named in honor of Garcia who dedicated more than three decades of his life to public service. He served as President of the Board of the Austin Independent School District, as a member of the Austin City Council, as Mayor Pro Tem and in 2001, was elected as Austin's first Hispanic Mayor.

"Our club wanted to participate in It's My Park Day, and naturally we wanted to work at Gus Garcia Park," said Jim Overton, club president. "Despite the weather, we picked up a lot trash and trimmed trees around the center. It was a real honor to have the park namesake with us, and to support the north Austin community."



Gus Garcia Park event coordinator Chelsea Ray, left, is pictured with Austin Founder Lions Rudy Munguia, Sam Ruiz, former Mayor and park namesake Gus Garcia and Ann Ward.

"It's My Park Day"

Work Day At the Camp

Time **once again** to round up your work gloves and dump the dead scorpions out of your steel-toes. The New Braunfels Noon Lions are scheduled for a day of fresh air and sunshine on April First in Kerrville at the Texas Lions Camp.

A contingent of Leos will be heading west with sponsors and chaperones after school on March 31st. If you're able, you can carpool up and bunk in the dorms Friday night. Otherwise, an early departure Saturday should get you to camp in time for a hearty breakfast served up by whichever club has drawn the black bean for the weekend.

This is a chance to meet Lions from all over the state, and to do good for some really special kids.

TLC "Horse Stables"



Founder Club Conducts Group Induction Ceremony

On Feb. 9, Austin Founder Lions Club inducted 12 new members into the club. Lion Alan Ford provided a brief orientation to Lions Clubs International and to the oldest Lions Club in the world. Each sponsor presented his/her new member(s) with a pin, a club banner and a membership certificate.



Pictured left to right are: Membership Committee Chairman Tommy Cowan, front far left, new members Jacob Hock, Carol Unruh and Justin Hayes; sponsor Bill Martin, second row far left, new member Jose "Manny" Sifuentes, sponsor Beverly Weeks, new members Rehema Apio, Robin Hutzler, Jamie Zapata and Mary Rodriguez Wester; and new members, back row far left, Jonathan Ratcliff, David Mott, Bonnie Glasgow and Gaylord Armstrong.

Sponsors not pictured include Terry Heller, Jim Overton and Mac Ragsdale.

Lago Vista Lions Club - February Centennial Projects



Road Clean-Up: On 02/11/2017 the Road Clean Up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). Eight (8) bags of trash were collected. Eleven Lions participated: Chairman Frank Robbins, Gene Cargile, Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott, Susan Nilsson-Weiskott, Ron Smith, Bob McCarty, Darren Webb, Mike Beal, Julie McCreary, Don Zschoche, and Gary Ladner.



Ink Cartridges: On 02/15/2017 the Ink Cartridges Recycle Team collected and sent in for recycling. **30 toner cartridges and 21 ink jet cartridges were collected.** Five Lions participated: Chairman Frank Robbins, Gary Ladner, Jo Anne Smith, Mike Beal and Scott Cameron.

Viking Read: On 02/03/2017 one Lion listened to 6 children read at the Lago Vista Elementary School.

Blood Drive: Our 02/11/2017 blood drive had 20 participants and a total of 18 pints were collected. We want to thank the Lago Vista Lions and Point Venture 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 04/08/2017.

Lago Vista Middle School Chili Feast and Bake Sale

by Lion John Spoerlein

The Lago Vista Lions Club "Chili Feast" was successful another year due the Lions that stepped forward when called upon to live the Lion motto, "We Serve". I want to take this time to thank all that volunteered to work the event in some capacity as well as those that may have missed working but either bought or sold their tickets. A special thanks to Lion Mike Beal for printing, cutting, mailing and tracking the ticket sales for the

event. Another Lion that is always eager to dice onions for the event, Lion Jo Anne Smith. Lion Shirley Murphy booked our entertainment, Johnny Blue. And last, but not least, is Lion Mike Zaydel for dealing with the financial support and selling tickets at the door of the event. Each year that we do the "Chili Feast" is a money maker for the club. This years numbers are very consistent with prior years but we add-

ed the silent auction this year, along with selling raffle tickets for the golf tournament, and brought in an additional \$629.00 to the day's net profits. The bake sale, chaired by Lion Linda Spoerlein, generated \$171.00. So the total profit from the event was \$2,491.00.

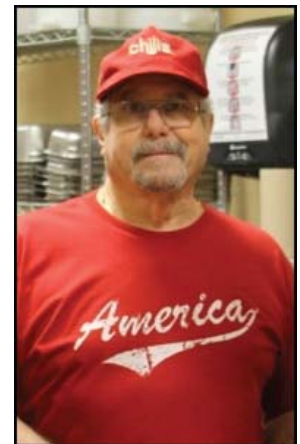


Lions Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott & Mike Beal with Julie McCreary.



Lion Ellen Spoto (right) served Frito-Chili Pie to patron.

Great job team!!!!



Lion John Spoerlein led the Chili Feast.



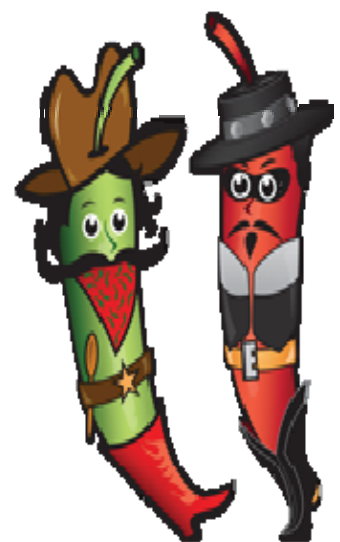
Lions Jim Orr and Duane Lueders prepared tea & lemonade.



Lion Susan Nilsson-Wieskott helped patrons at the Silent Auction table.



1VDG John Pruett and wife Lion Brenda came from Milano to enjoy the chili.



Wimberley Lions Host Mid-Winter Conference



Wimberley Lions Membership Chair Terri Baccus, Lion Misty Moore and Lion Neil Broussard welcomed fellow Lions from District for the Mid Winter Conference.



Meanwhile, Lion Bobby Burris delights attendees with his Taittwisting.

Right: Lion D.G. John Lyon jokes with Wimberley Lion Pres. John Estep, while Lion Dist. 2nd VDG Linda Davis and 1st VDG John Pruett looks on.



Above: Wimberley Lion District Chair for the Mid-Winter, Lee Gibson and DG John Lyon welcoming Mid-Winter Conference guests.

Right: KAPS Leo Officers and members cooked breakfast for the MD cleanup crew of the Wimberley Lions on Saturday morning, Feb. 25th. Eggs, biscuits, pancakes, gravey, sausage, bacon, and various fruits and pastries were served along with coffee and juice. GREAT CREW and SUPER FOOD!! A BIG THANK YOU TO KAPS LEOS AND SPONSORS!!!!

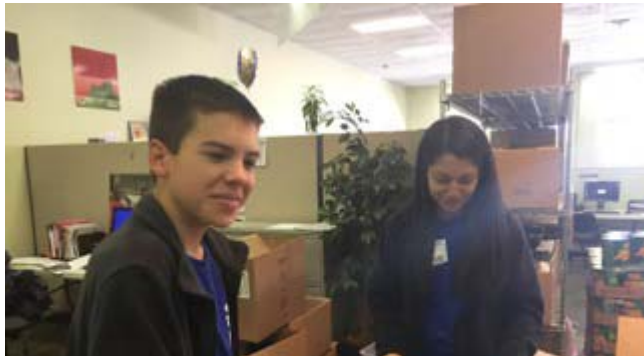


Ninth Grade Center Leos Help Out at "Kitchen Table"

The Ninth Grade Center Leo Club, sponsored by the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club, gave 21 hours of collective assistance to the **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!

Leos filled emergency shopping baskets, filled food boxes in anticipation of clients needs, and re-stocked shelves.



New Braunfels Leos Visit the USS Lexington



Leos assemble for their annual pilgrimage to Corpus Christi to spend a night on The Blue Ghost, the World War II aircraft carrier USS Lexington (CV-16), who picked up the moniker after having been erroneously reported sunk so many times during her service in the Pacific. It is rumored that a grand time was had by Leos, sponsors and chaperones.

If you've not toured this vintage man-of-war, you owe it to yourself to do so, even if you missed out on being in the Navy.

Leos at Sea

CLUB NEWS.....

BLANCO LIONS CLUB

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

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: The annual Pancake Supper will be held 2/28 at Trinity Lutheran Church from 5 to 8. Setup will start about 3:30 and we will need a few griddles. We need lots of help since this is the first event for the Operation Graduation organizer. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend.

Lion Bill Godden: Lion Bill passed away early this month. For years, Bill ran the aluminum cans project but did not attend meetings because of a hearing problem.

LEOs: The LEO Club will be very busy on April 1st. We have committed to volunteer at the VFD Fish Fry and at a benefit focusing on child abuse at the Blanco Courthouse. The members are looking forward to both of these events and will be able to capture a lot of volunteer hours in one day. Other upcoming events include the Blanco Trash Off and Bake Sale.

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Valentine's Dinner: The Garden Ridge Lions Club held a Valentines dinner for members and guests February 8, 2017 at The Club at Garden Ridge, Event Center. Over 100 Lions & guests attended; roses were given to all the ladies attending, and a fantastic meal was served by honorary Lion Doty Bit-tenger.

Boys State: We are supporting 4 High School Seniors to attend this year's Boys State at the University of Texas, in Austin. It takes \$295 to support each boy attending; our total donation is \$1,180. Boys State is intended to educate our youth in the duties, privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship; give future citizens, in a realistic manner, an opportunity to learn the problems of government by performing the same duties as real office holders in the everyday world; inform them of the rights and privileges of American citizenship; and instill a deep sense of the personal responsibilities and obligations which this citizenship entails.

Girls State: We are supporting 3 High School Seniors to attend this year's Girls State in Seguin. It takes \$425 to support each girl attending; our total donation is \$1,275. Girls State is intended to educate our youth in the duties, privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship; give future citizens, in a realistic manner, an opportunity to learn the problems of government by performing the same duties as real office holders in the everyday world; inform them of the rights and privileges of American citizenship; and instill a deep sense of the personal responsibilities and obligations which this citizenship entails.

Slate of Officers 2017-18: A proposed slate of officers for next year was presented by 1st VP John Mitzel to the Board; a motion was made and approved to accept the proposed

slate. It will next be presented to the general membership on February 22nd. The general membership will vote on this slate on March 22, 2017.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank: The Garden Ridge Lions Club is donating \$100 to the LSLEB to help purchase a new Eye/Cornea refrigeration unit.

Leader Dogs: We donated \$400 to the Leader Dogs for the Blind Program.

Fallen Oak Trees - Local Tornado Damage: On Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, 2017; several Garden Ridge Lions, Todd Arvidson, Dick Holloway, Jim Newbold, John McCaw and Dave Heier loaded their pick-ups and trailers with downed Live Oak trees from a recent tornado in our local area. A local neighbor had extensive damage from fallen trees on and around his property. We hauled ten loads of unseasoned firewood to our wood storage location at Lion Walter Brown's. Once the wood is seasoned, we will cut and split it into loads of firewood to sell at our fall Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction fund raiser.

GEORGETOWN (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Communications: A reminder to respond in a timely manner when Lion Boss asks for a meeting count. With new catering systems in place, timely count is needed to provide accurate counting and not have to pay for unused meals (and to have enough food)

When you respond to an email about count, it only works when you respond to the original email, instead of to the last person who "replied all." Since we don't need a "reply all" for meal count, Lion Boss JoAnn will be sending out her reminders as "BCC" so you only respond to original sender.

Recycling Ink Cartridges: We are still recycling used ink cartridges and toner cartridges. We've heard members say "well, I don't use that many" - but you all know people who use them. Bring them to our club meetings. We have sent 2 shipments to the recycling center. Cartridges they don't take are turned in to Office Depot under PDG Paul's rewards number. If we turn in 10/mo. and make \$10/mo. purchases, we can receive a \$20 coupon. So far since July 1, we have received checks or coupons worth almost \$80 which we have redeemed for ink cartridges to print off Lions materials. If any officer has need of paper, we can also pick some of that up—let PDG Paul know.

Senior Care Activities: Although we've expanded our senior care activities, we could still use more people to help in the following ways: Bingo at Wesleyan on Scenic from 2-3 Wednesday afternoons. 35-50 folks play bingo and they need us to wander around helping them. Let Lion JoAnn know if you can help. Manicures at Legacy (Williams Dr) on Thursdays 1:15--3:00. Let Lions Marquise or Maureen know if you'd like to help.

KidSight: Our Chair Lion Ashley set up a KidSight screening for the kids of our Fire and Police workers March 18 from 10-12 at the Public Safety and Training Center at 3500 D.B. Wood Rd. Good opportunity to see how it works!

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

Guide Dogs for the Blind Program: On Tuesday 02/21/2017 we had a very special program with Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) led by Sue Dishart, the Planned Giving Officer from the San Rafael, CA. Campus. I had made contact with her about a year ago to come to our Club for a presentation. A group of Guide Dog Puppy Raisers and their puppies

attended before the meeting to let us see where a Guide Dog's career starts and how they are made ready in the first step to becoming a Certified Guide Dog for the Blind. Sue Dishart also brought a couple of Austinites and their Guide Dogs to show the end result and to present their perspective into life of a vision impaired Guide Dog Handler.



The Guide Dog Puppies and their raisers from the Lone Star Guide Dog Raisers of Austin.

Sue gave some history and facts about Guide Dogs for the Blind and their presence, and need, in Texas.

Shelly and I have been involved with GDB for over 30 years. This started out as just a tour of the facility by our longtime friends from Santa Barbara, CA. who moved to San Rafael in a job transfer. Once we visited the Campus and saw all of the cute Labs, Golden Retrievers, and a few German Shepherds, we were hooked. I was very involved in the naming of Guide Dogs for the Blind as an Official Project for MD-4 (California), and would very much like to see GDB named an Official Project of 2-S3 and then on to making it official with MD-2 (Texas).

I think we made a great start Tuesday night with a great impression on Sue, with the offering of the Tail Twister Pot as a donation, and then two match offers, and I heard even one or two personal checks thrown in for good measure. At dinner Wednesday evening, with Sue, Shelly and I had all we could do to hold down the emotions as Sue repeatedly thanked the Lions Club of Lago Vista and all of its great and generous members.

I too would like to THANK the Lions Club of Lago Vista members that were present and especially President Don Zschoche and Treasurer Mike Zaydel for their invoking of a very nice gift for Sue to take back to San Rafael. I truly believe we opened some eyes.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Business Meeting – 2 February: Trendy Sharp of the Child's Advocate Center of Comal County (CAC) delivered an unvarnished look at the magnitude of the child- and/or sex-abuse problem we have in our quaint little Hill Country enclave. In 2016 alone there were 1458 cases of child abuse in Comal County. On average, one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually molested before the age of 16. [That number seems really high for our community, but I was scribbling fast trying to keep up — it may be a national average, not a Comal County statistic—Ed.]



Trendy stressed that we are obligated by law to re-report suspected child abuse or neglect. If a child is in immediate danger, it's a 911 call. Otherwise, the hotline number is 800-252-5400.

There are multiple opportunities for volunteerism in these areas, and Trendy says she wakes up every morning knowing she will make a difference in some child's life. It may even be the first time the child's story is believed. Heart rending.

Business Meeting – 16 February: Third VP Mark Reynolds introduces Becky Voges and Tara Gray who give an impassioned program on the local programs of the American Cancer Society. They gave a similar program a year ago. Topics included the Survivor Celebration Dinner March 23rd at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (\$10/ticket now, \$15 at the door) and the Relay for Life, April 21st at Church Hill Middle School. (by John Creswell)



Member Drawing: Craig Zgabay draws the winning Joker in this month's Pay It Forward drawing. His half of the pot comes to somewhere in the neighborhood of sixty bucks. President Lee Ambrosino's brainchild is starting to pay dividends for the club. Congratulations, Craig.

NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Program – NBU Explains Wastewater: Doug Draeger, Executive Director of Operations for New Braunfels Utilities,

provide a most interesting program on the history of wastewater in our city.



NBU exceeds all TCEQ requirements. Not only has NBU been a leader in wastewater treatment, but it serves as a training field trip for TCEQ.

Currently, NBU is investing more than \$40 million for the relocation and construction of a new plant to replace the Gruene road plant.

The new plant will address the needs of existing and future customers with a state-of-the-art design that uses better treatment technology to safely treat and discharge wastewater. The result will be an asset for our rivers and our community for years to come.



NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

General Meeting minutes – February 15, 2017: President Skip announced that he was approached about whether our club will sponsor attendees this year for Texas Boy's State. Cost would be \$295 per person. Lion Carl made a motion to sponsor (2) boys, Bob 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Jeff noted that with the recent donations made by the club, we are getting back on track to meet our budgeted target.

Darryl Schacht was at the meeting and submitted an application to join our club.

Induction ceremony for (3) new members is scheduled for the Mar. 1 general meeting. The three include Gwen Innmon, Timothy Simecek, and Darryl Schacht.

The most recent member spreadsheet is being sent out to all club members. Secretary is asking members to review their information and report changes or updates if needed.

Secretary sent out 2 week notice for nomination meeting that will occur at the Mar. 1 general meeting.

Lion Tom noted that the Club's 50th Anniversary party is on schedule for May 6 at TBar M. Invitations will include member and spouse or guest only.

Tom is still waiting to hear back from the Swap Meet committee on whether we will have a vendor spot or not this year.

Skip noted that a small group of club members will go to the Lion's camp on Saturday, Mar. 4 to evaluate the needs for our future project to update the restrooms in the ceremony area in preparation for our April 1 workday at the camp. Team will depart New Braunfels at 7:00 on March 4.

Lion Johnathan sent out Club surveys by email last week. Please fill out and return as soon as possible or drop off a hard copy at the next meeting. Randy will have hardcopy surveys at the next meeting for those who can't reply via computer.

Treasurer Jeff rolled out information on shirts for our 50th year. Prices will be \$13 - \$15 for T-shirts, Polo shirts will be around \$30 for Cotton Knit or Dry Lock Fabrics, Columbia Sports shirts will be around \$50, Hats may also be offered, Options will be finalized and sent out to the membership for ordering.

A member of the New Braunfels Little League made a brief presentation to the members at the meeting. He explained how over 1600 kids participate on over 120 different baseball and softball teams. Our club has agreed to sponsor a team, as well as pay the fee for advertising banners.

Lion Johnathan gave an update on the Smithson Valley Leo's club. He noted that the club is meeting and has already scheduled (3) different club events, including an after school event at an elementary school, helping at an animal shelter, and working at a Mayfair event at a NB elementary school. Potential members must attend at least (2) meetings and (2) events to be considered for membership. Despite our offer to help, the Leos have decided to purchase their own shirts. Johnathan also noted that Lion Grey Baker was in attendance at their last meeting.

Attendance Drawing – Skip Nolte, present at the meeting.

General Meeting minutes – March 1, 2017: Vice President Tom Matschek led the meeting in the absence of President Skip Nolte.

Treasurer Jeff brought information to the meeting on t-shirts (\$15), polos (\$30), and hats (\$15) available for purchase for our 50th anniversary. Signups were taken at the meeting, and will continue. Members wanting to purchase an item should contact Jeff.

Lion Johnathan passed out hard copies of our new member's survey. Please return the electronic version that was sent to

all members as soon as possible if you didn't complete one already.

Several Lions will be heading to Lions camp this Saturday to evaluate the needs for the presentation area restroom renovation. The team will leave from the Oaks at 7:00 in the morning.

Lion Tom confirmed that we will not have a booth at the Swap Meet this year.

Our 50th anniversary celebration is still scheduled for May 6 in the Bluebonnet room of T Bar M. The event will be somewhat formal. Invitations will be sent out in the near future.

Our Club donated \$1500 to the Kindermasken parade and costume contest. Our donation will help pay for brochures and prizes.

A representative from Upward Basketball was on hand to receive a donation of \$1000 from the club for team sponsorship.

A representative from "Were All In" was on hand to receive a \$2000 donation from our club. The organization buys livestock at the fair from less fortunate youths and donates the meat.

Two new members, Gwen Innmon and Timothy Simecek were sworn in at a ceremony during the meeting.

Nominations for the 2017-2018 fiscal year were read. Election will be held at the April 5 meeting. Here is the list of nominees: President – Tom Matschek, 1st Vice President – Ted Faro, 2nd Vice President – DJ Martinez, 3rd Vice President – Glenn Herman, Secretary – Randy Christen, Treasurer – Brad Hooper, 1 Year Director – Chance Litton, 2 Year Director – Johnathan McKinley, Tail Twister – Bob Miller, Lion Tamer – David Duhon, and Membership Chairman – Skip Nolte.

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

President's Letter: Market Day is gearing up for a new season. The Market Day Management Team has been very busy making changes to Lions Field. One change is a new concession, located in the shaved ice building by Concession #1, to sell funnel cakes. managed by Past President Bob Shipe. Concession #2 is now under the management of our District Governor John Lyon. Another beer concession will be added near Concession #2 by the Summer.

The Market Day Marketing Committee, under the direction of our Marketing Director Craig Biggs, has been working on new advertising and other social media outlets to promote Market Day. We have seen the benefits of the marketing efforts over the last year. Our Grants Committee was given a \$158,000 budget to work with. Thank you MD Marketing Committee!

Other changes to Market Day include a courtesy cart to assist some of our customers needing a little help getting around. Lion Bobby Burriss is gearing up his golf cart for more surprises for our Market Day customers. Go Bobby!

Our theme for the March Market Day is Saint Patrick's Day, so wear your Kelley green shirts and hats and be creative. Our customers have noticed our themes, so the atmosphere tends to be more festive. Thanks to Lions Amy Cox, Terri Baccus, and Misty Moore for transforming Lions Field each Market Day!

Centennial Project

Our Centennial Service Project is proceeding. We will have

recycling containers at Market Day. The Wimberley High School Leos will be collecting the recyclables after each market. Our customers have asked why we don't have recycling, so we have made this part of our Centennial Service Project this year. The Centennial Park is in need of a structural engineer to approve our pergola plans prior to obtaining a commercial building permit from the City of Wimberley. There is time built into our time line for some delays. Currently, we are looking at construction of the pergola in April. There are other smaller projects, such as restoring the park benches, can be started in March. I will continue keep you informed on this project till completion. Keep up the great work Lions...Thank you for what you do for our club! **Lion Boss, John Estep**

Market Day: LIONS + MARKET DAYS = \$4 MILLION IN GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Did you know that all of the profits that the Wimberley Lions Club generates at Market Days go back into the community for local projects and activities? In the calendar year 2017, the Lions will have given almost \$4,000,000 for worthy local endeavors. In the calendar year 2017, the Lions will contribute over \$155,000 to local projects. The Wimberley Lions Club truly makes a difference in this community. Some of the types of activities that will be assisted in 2017 are college scholarships for 32 Wimberley students each year; youth exchange trips for about 10 Wimberley students; 8 non-school youth projects such as Boys and Girls Scouts, Special Olympics and the Hays County Youth Shelter; 10 in-school youth projects such as Leo Clubs in the Wimberley high schools, band support and academic improvement projects; and 24 community service projects of non-profit organizations such as Crisis Bread Basket, Emily Ann Theatre and the Wimberley Players.

Even the animals have not been overlooked by the Wimberley Lions. Worthy animal rescue projects such as WAG, PAWS and ARF will receive grants from the Lions in 2017.

Think of all these community grants made by the Wimberley Lions the next time you buy a barbecue plate and a drink. Think of these community organizations each time you park your car in a Lions Parking Lot. The money that you are paying is going back into the community for worthy causes through the Wimberley Lions Club.

For a complete listing of the Wimberley Lions Club grantees, please go to the Lions web site at www.wimberleylions.org/grants.

Caterer: Better late than never, our favorite caterer, Beth, receives her Lions Christmas gift from Lion President John Estep.



Program – February 7: Our program for the Feb. 7th evening was presented by Lion Rebecca Stoian. Lion Rebecca handles all of the booth leases for our Market Day vendors... all 475 of them, give or take! With the help of her daughter Emily, Rebecca explained the differences between leases and rentals, and the steps taken to tidy up the system. Rebecca's daughter, Emily assisted with the visual aids.



Scudder Primary School: Scudder Primary School principal, Dara Richardson, introduces 1st grader Ella Patek, the student of the month for January 2017. Ella's teachers say that she is a joy to teach and always gives 100% effort.



Lion President John Estep presents Ella with a Certificate of Appreciation and a little cash for her savings



Scudder Primary's teacher of the month is Karrie Flanagan. Karrie teaches special needs children, and always has a smile on her face. Her peers applaud her ability to remain calm in stressful situations.



Program – February 21: The program for February 21st was a presentation by Dr. Tom Fitch, CTMC, on Chest Pain and Stroke Prevention. Dr. Fitch recently survived a stroke and shared his story with us. When he started feeling, in his words 'weird', he and his wife did the "FAST" test and he seemed to have passed. The FAST test is F= face uneven?; A= one arm weaker?; S= speech slurred?; T= time to call EMS right away!. Dr. Fitch had a couple of other symptoms though in that his balance was off and vision blurred. So, he recommends the BE FAST test, adding the B= balance off, and the E= eyes blurry.

Do not hesitate to call EMS if you experience any of the BE FAST symptoms. Time is of the essence when a stroke occurs, and medication is needed within 4 hours.

