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District Governor's Message

Let me start by saying that even though the end of the Lion year is coming soon, we must finish strong. We started the year with lots of new members and continued it through out the year. Before long, your club will be looking into dropping non-active members or members who have fallen behind in payments. Please consider all the events, training, orientation that your club has done in the last year. Lots of effort went into them being a Lion. It just seems like a lot of wasted effort at the end, if you don't ask them WHY before dropping them. WHY is important, we can't learn reasons without it. The WHY could be something you could improve. WHY's could be made easier.

Another concern this time of year is the reporting of club officers for next year. Originally due by Mid April but extended until May. Please make this happen. The timeframe is needed to update files through LCI. Originally called the PU-101, new officers are needed, even planned and trained for. Also report your newest club officer, LCIF Club Coordinator.

The Club LCIF Coordinator is responsible for educating Lions about the mission and success of LCIF and it's importance to Lions Club International, also implementing LCIF development of strategies within your club and collaborating with LCIF District Chair to promote LCIF in your area. This office lasts one year or until re-elected. LCIF is a foundation that we support, not just with our Melvin Jones Fellows. In the next coming

weeks, District 2-S3 will be instructed more on this subject, so watch your newsletter.

During the District Convention, which went very well, we offered 3 training sessions. One which is vitally important for the future was the GoTo Meeting (GTM) training. GTM like a conference call saves time and money, plus allows visual contact of items presented.

For those attending the International Convention in Chicago, wheel-chair and scooter rental are available. The equipment may be picked up at a booth at the McCormick Place or delivered for a fee. You may call 888-441-7575 for questions and pricing; or, for other ADA questions E-mail:

Carla.gerts@lionsclubs.org

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**District Governor
Lion John Lyon and Patti
2016 - 2017**

Harry Wickersham Golf Tourney

The 24th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held August 3, 2017, 8:00 am shotgun start, at the Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Every club in District 2-S3 should consider sponsoring one or more holes. For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp Website.

See page 8 of this Newsletter for an application.



Gabriella Kilbride, Camper 2016
Children Can...With TLC™

MyLion

DG Elect John Pruett

As we Lions begin a new century of service, and the anticipated launch of LCI Forward, we will have available new tools that will enhance our ability to communicate and connect for service. During the International Convention in July, LCI will introduce a new mobile app, MyLion, that will be available for download at that time. I attended an introductory webinar on MyLion last week. The device is quite simply amazing. MyLion is a mobile app for the smartphone, therefore, from your phone you can create events, invite, organize participation, promote, and share information. MyLion has eVite functionality so you can even invite non-members to events. The app has a built-in chat function that allows easy communication between members of your own club and members of other Lions clubs, even internationally.

MyLion will allow you to find activities in your area and allow you to join the activity of your choice. You can even screen activities related to your interest. If you are travelling to an area you can find and schedule participation in an activity on MyLion. MyLion allows for feedback on projects from members

and for those invited to attend or volunteer. You will be able to setup your own personal page for the sharing of stories and photos. Your club will be able to setup a club page managed by the club President, and will automatically be populated with member information from MyLCI. You will even be able to earn badges (digital pins) for your personal page.



1st VDG John Pruett

This is an exciting new technology that will become a vital tool in our digital toolbox. I would recommend visiting the website www.mylion.com to sign up for information releases prior to device launch. We will plan for District training seminars on the use of MyLion during 2017-2018.



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Lions District 2-S3 KidSight Program

***Year-To-Date Screenings and Referrals**

Number of Children:

Kids Screened

14,002

Kids Referred

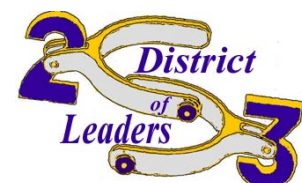
2,069



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

Lions,

If you are interested in SPOT or DSHS training, please go online to our new web site www.lionsdistrict2s3.com. Go to the District Charities pull down, and at the bottom of the KidSight page you can request training. We will then notify you when the next training will be held. **Thanks, Lion Maureen Kinald**





Biography of Lion Linda C. Davis 2nd Vice District Governor

- ◆ Born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- ◆ Attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a BS cum laude in Mathematics and Statistics (GO COWBOYS!)
- ◆ Successful IBM Technical Sales Executive specializing in Services and Software
- ◆ Lived in Tulsa, Denver, Hawaii, New Jersey, Atlanta, Maryland, Connecticut, Denver again, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Austin
- ◆ Retired from IBM after 31 years experience
- ◆ Certified Project Manager Professional, Project Management Institute
- ◆ Certified Networking Salesman, Cisco Corporation

FAMILY

- ◆ Son, Dax, Lion in Colleyville Club, Melvin Jones Award Recipient
- ◆ Daughter, Debbie, MidWest City, OK
- ◆ 4 Grandchildren: Christopher, Taylor, Dominique, and Genevieve

LIONS EXPERIENCE:

- ◆ Colleyville Lions Club Officers: Secretary, 2nd Vice-President; 1st Vice-President, and created the Colleyville xSIGHTment Run
- ◆ Served as Lake Travis Lions Club Officers: President, Membership Director
- ◆ Served as District Positions: District Membership Chairman, Global Membership Team Leader, Zone Chairman, and 2nd VDG
- ◆ Created and Managed the Mobile Meals Program for Homebound in Lake Travis area
- ◆ Recipient of Melvin Jones Award

OTHER SOCIAL EXPERIENCE:

- ◆ Austin Groups for the Elderly Board of Directors
- ◆ USA Track and Field Certified Official
- ◆ Certified US Diving Judge

- ◆ Competed in USTA National Team Tennis Championship
- ◆ Boy Scouts Committee Chairman
- ◆ Math and SAT Tutor
- ◆ Member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church; served as Usher, Chalice Bearer, Certified Safeguarding God's Children Instructor, and Certified Safeguarding God's People Instructor

SUMMARY:

The above highlights give you an idea of the many opportunities I have had to broaden my horizons throughout my life. I'm sorry I was not able to do more. But, I am a CAN DO person and I see all glasses half full! I am blessed with good health, high energy, and a positive attitude in all I do. I also have a very active curiosity and competitive spirit, and want to learn daily. This includes weekly tennis team drills/practices, and my desire to play Cribbage, work Sudokus and 1000+ piece jig saw puzzles.

I have a Coaching Management Style which has served me well. I want to inspire new Lions to take on leadership positions in their Clubs and inspire experienced Lions to expand their leadership to the District and State. Currently, I am completing my 2nd Vice-District Governor year and am running for the 1st Vice-District Governor position. So, I need your help. I need you to let me know how I can help you and your Club. I may be calling you to ask for your assistance as well. So, be ready to join me as we work on new projects and ideas to make our Clubs and District better.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion....



2nd VDG Linda Davis

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



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 21-23, 2017
Portland, Oregon

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



"Membership Growth" New Members - April

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

Buda Lions Club

Dolores Reyes-Pergiodakis sponsored by Nelia Barrera

Georgetown Noon Lions Club

Shelley Garrett sponsored by JoAnn Steinfort
Annarosa Morano sponsored by Grace Salone

Georgetown Evening Lions Club

Brett T Derning sponsored by John Case

Kyle Lions Club

Deanna M Pickens sponsored by Frank Mark Schultz
Melisse F Shepherd sponsored by Deanna M Pickens

Lago Vista Lions Club

Samantha A Moran sponsored by Jo Anne Smith
James Oglesby sponsored by Kenneth Martin

Liberty Hill Lions Club

Katherine A Kurczewski sponsored by Angela Nicholson
Robert A Kurczewski sponsored by Angela Nicholson

New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

Susan Miller sponsored by Jack Morgan

Pflugerville Lions Club

Chris L Boyle sponsored by Lloyd Hebbe
Bradley S Hickman sponsored by Lloyd Hebbe
Victor A Johnson sponsored by Thomas Marsh

Point Venture Lions Club

Marjorie Michelle Hill sponsored by Mim Hruby

Rockdale Noon Lions Club

Jolen W Johnson sponsored by Mike Pruet

Round Rock Noon Lions Club

John K Moore sponsored by Justin Lawhorn

San Marcos Lions Club

Jenny Mangrum sponsored by James Smith
Chuck Neubert sponsored by Mark Jalufka
Michael Anthony Pena sponsored by Mike Rhoades

Spring Branch-Bulverde Lions Club

Lorraine Little sponsored by Robert Evans

University of Texas/Campus Lions Club

Kaycee Armstrong Taylor Barroso
Hector Belmares Christian Benitez
Asley Cauich Eric Chen

Stephanie Chen
Chase Cree
David Do
Macheli Flores
Jacob Glosup
Sarita Hangtagool
Grace Heineman
Zeeshan Hussain
Deepak Jagannath
Mustapha Jolaade
Sophie Kellner
Jackie Le
Dayoung Lee
Irene Lee
Jamie Lin
Efren Loquias
Christine Mai
Melissa Natividad
Chau Nguyen
Nicholas Nguyen
Timmy Nguyen
Vivian Nguyen
Drew Orland
Feliciano Perez
Randy Phuong
Sindhu Raju
Kasey Rhone
Monica Salazar
Eiler Schoitz
Gracie Stanley
Erik Suh
Chaitanya Tambi
Matthew Thomas
Kaitlyn Trowbridge
Audrey Tu
Kathy Wang
Emily Xia
Brent Zhang

Heather Chong
Tom Dinh
Alysia Duhart
Simita Gaglani
Victoria Gorshkov
Fatima Hassan
Ana Hernandez-Quiros
Olivia Itheme
Andrea Jiang
William Jou
Sam Kim
Khoi Le
Faith Lee
Sarah Lee
Erica Lopez
Vivian Mach
Vicente Mendoza
Alex Nguyen
Michelle Nguyen
Tammy Nguyen
Tu Nguyen
Michael Normand
Lindsay Ozcelebi
Jeffrey Pham
Nicole Pwnall
Madison Rex
Joshua Richardson
Karissa Sandmann
Elena Solimano
Eric Su
Tyler Ta
Kevin Tan
Carina Tran
Michael Truong
Christina Vo
Katelynn Whittington
Elizabeth Zaragoza-Benetiz
Kelly Zhang

Wimberley Lions Club

Stacy D Dienst sponsored by Buck Baccus
Cade Wright sponsored by Terri Baccus



A Memorial To Our Lost Lions

- Marilyn L. Almond ... Austin North Austin Lions Club**
- James Alfred Hitt Austin North Austin Lions Club**
- James H. Jones Wimberley Lions Club**



Fish City Grill & Georgetown Noon Lions Charity Partnership

June 6, 2017, Any Meal

The Georgetown Noon Lions Club receives 15% of what you spend at Fish City Grill and YOU get a chance for a drawing for a \$50 Walmart certificate!

**Wolf Ranch Town Center,
1019 W. University Ave.
Georgetown, TX**



These funds will benefit Texas Lions Camp for Special Needs Children near Kerrville, as well as other youth services of this club, such as scholarships, vision screening, eyeglasses for kids, and more.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank BBQ Fundraiser on April 29th



The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank wishes to thank those who made the BBQ Fundraiser on April 29th, 2017 a success. The Lago Vista Lions who came on Friday afternoon and cooked all night preparing the BBQ Brisket and Sausage, beans, potato salad and the fixin's,



the Manor Lions Club for use of their facilities, the Manor and West Austin Lions who came and set up, served and cleaned up afterwards, Erica Garcia, Executive Director of the eye bank, who helped out, and the Lions from Districts 2-S3, 2-S5 and 2-X3 who sold and bought tickets for this event, even if they were not coming to eat. The Brisket and Sausage was Excellent! An LSLEB Donor Family member came and shared with many of us the excellent caring she received when she lost her daughter and how much the donating meant to her.



Lions Club - Public Relations

Lion John Creswell, District 2-S3 Public Relations Chair

After reading public relations material on the Internet and in magazines, books, etc., visiting with other Lions in the District, and serving as New Braunfels Noon Lions Club PR Chair this past year, I am more convinced than ever that PR is a low priority for most Lions. Many Lions take it for granted that club PR will somehow magically happen. **Wrong!** Good PR takes advance planning, teamwork, and networking with the media, public, and members.

Good PR is the life blood of a club! Good PR about a club's projects in the community! Good PR is how clubs grow members!

I feel that Lions Clubs should establish and fund a PR Committee. Why a PR Committee? Because few Lions can do it all - news releases, brochures, newsletters, radio, TV, social media, etc. Working as a PR team, Lions can share ideas and cross-train each other. Then, the PR continues when one team member is ill or goes on vacation. It's not a good practice to ask one Lion to do all of the Club's PR.

I've enjoyed the honor of serving as Public Relations Chair under District 2-S3 Governor Lion John Lyon's leadership this past year.

ROAR!

Lion John

John L Creswell, PhD
 District 2-S3 Public Relations Chair
 Past President, Public Relations Chair and Leo Advisor
 New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

Granger Lions Club 25 and 55 Years



Zone Chair JoAnn Steinfort (right) presents long-term member chevrons to Granger Lions members Mary Kallus (25 years) and George Heger (55 years).



24th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



Gabriella Kilbride, Camper 2016

Children Can...With TLC™

Come Play and Make a Kid's Day!

For more information or to download
player registration forms go to
www.lionscamp.com

August 3, 2017

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s).

All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: www.lionscamp.com

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ District _____

Club _____

Credit Card: MC ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ Amount: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail to: **Garion Brunson, 2-T3**
1541 JBS Parkway, Suite 7 Odessa, TX 79761

2017 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship Camper – Gabriella Kilbride

First time camper, Gabriella Kilbride rocked the third week of camp in 2016 with her winning personality and her "I can do ANYTHING" attitude. Known to all her friends as "Gaby", her limitations do not define her or hold her back. Gaby tried everything she was presented with a smile, no matter how difficult. Gaby describes herself as determined and you will find absolutely everyone agrees. Though faced with hardships, she rises above her circumstance to find the fun in life.

Gaby has known challenges her whole life. Born with a partial right arm and partial left leg, Gaby sees herself as "special" in a positive way. Adopted into a loving family who see Gaby as their "gift from God," her mother sums up Gaby in one simple sentence, "Gaby is the only one who didn't know she was handicapped." Gaby never assumes she can't do something, she just accomplishes her goals in her own special way. She added, "Her positive outlook and finding ways to do things helps our family look at life differently also. We always say, 'If Gaby can do it, so can we!!!"



Gaby and her family live in Waco, where a YMCA worker introduced them to Texas Lions Camp and how to submit an application. After researching the camp, there was never any hesitation in sending Gaby to camp.

Gaby says, "TLC is AWESOME!!!!" She had the time of her life, making friends, learning new things, riding a horse, and her cabin wing went to Sea World. She loved the counselors and felt very safe and secure the whole week, even though it was her first time away from home. Gaby has already informed her mother that she WILL be going to camp every year, until she is too old to participate!

Gaby's mother, Vicki gave her perspective on her daughter's experience at TLC :

"I believe that Gaby gained more independence and confidence, that she could do even more things than SHE ever imagined possible ...like going down a zip line! TLC is a God-send because of the energetic and loving counselors, the wide variety of activities available and TLC believing (as I do) that even children with disabilities need great memories that they will never forget."



Gaby's favorite subject in school is music. That became very apparent, when at the opening ceremonies of camp, she recognized the theme song being presented and strolled up to the stage, stole the microphone and sang "Try Everything" from memory. She not only stole the microphone, but also the hearts of all in the crowd. She went on to repeat the performance during the closing award ceremony on Friday night.

Gaby and her family are excited about her being a part of this year's Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament for Summer 2017. For more information on how you and your team can play in the Tournament, go to the Camp Website: www.lionscamp.com and look for the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Tab.



Texas Lions Camp is proud to have great kids, like Gaby, who attend our summer camping program and celebrate those who embody the TLC spirit of "Children Can...With TLC!"™

G-Town Noon Lions Club - Welcome Our Newest Lions

Lion Annarosa Morano (goes by "Anna") was sponsored by her daughter, Lion Dr. Grace Salone. Interesting fact: originally from Italy, Lion Anna recently became a US citizen.

Lion Shelley Garrett was sponsored by Lion Boss JoAnn Steinfort. Lion Shelly is in social work and works with placing special needs adults. The Steinforts met her and became friends through their moving sale process.

Although both are now Lions, we plan to formally induct them June 14. Please make them feel welcome.

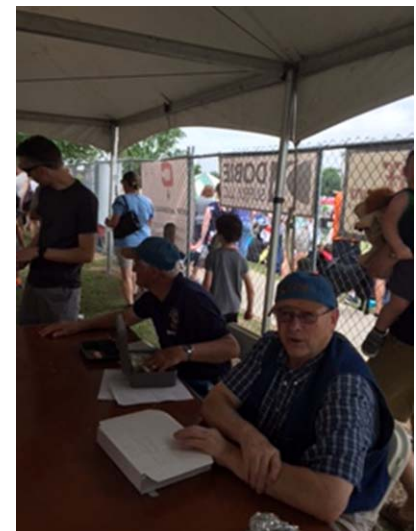
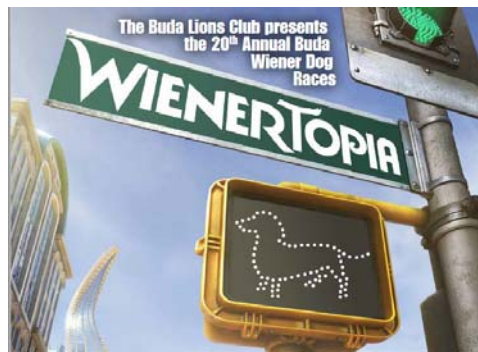


Texas Lions Camp Work Day Round Rock Noon Lions Club



Visually challenged Sarai Curiel accompanied by her family of 4 were a huge asset painting the archery building during Round Rock Lion's Work-Day at Texas Lions Camp workday.

New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Help Out at Weiner Dog Races



A grand time was had by all at this year's 20th Annual Buda Wiener Dog Races. Of course, the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions were on hand to provide assistance with welcoming attendees, selling tickets, and providing general information at the main gate.

AFLC Member Visits Australian Lions Club

by Lion Ann Ward

Austin Founder Lions Club Secretary Ann Ward spent the month of April traveling in Australia and New Zealand. While in Australia, she visited the Adelaide Lions Club, which was chartered on Sept. 30, 1961. Ward presented Adelaide City Lions President Lindsay Miller with a banner from the oldest Lions Club in the world, and he presented her with an Adelaide Lions Club polo shirt and cap.

Ward spoke to the approximately 30 members attending the evening dinner regarding her clubs service projects and fund-raising activities. As an elected director to the Texas Lions Camp Board for District 2-S3, she informed the Australian Lions about the camp and the children it serves.

The Adelaide Lions work at various events – such as football club presentations and community festivals – selling BBQ they prepare in their food truck. Among the club's service projects are providing blankets for the homeless and providing gift bags, cushions and port pillows made by the club for the adult cancer centre and children's craniofacial and burns wards. The club also hosts the Lions Children of Courage Awards to honor children with mental and/or physical disabilities.

"It was fun meeting Lions in Adelaide; they gave me a very warm, friendly welcome. I enjoyed seeing the similarity in how club meetings are conducted in two distant parts of the world," Ward said. "That evening, the program was about organ donation," a topic many U.S. clubs also are interested in, especially given our work with corneal transplants."

"Adelaide is a sister city to Austin, so it was especially significant that I attended a Lions meeting there," Ward added. "I hope to host some Adelaide Lions if they visit Austin."



Adelaide City Lions Club President Lindsay Miller, left, receives an Austin Founder Lions Club banner from Ann Ward, right, club secretary and Texas Lions Camp Board Elected Director, District 2-S3.

Global Membership Team

by PDG Shirley Dillman, GMT Chair

Congratulations to Blanco Lions with the greatest net increase in membership, 72.73%. Twenty-one clubs had a net increase, 22 experienced a decline in membership and 9 were status quo for the past 12 months. End result, our District shows a net increase of 4.

Our District leadership is aware that during May and June many clubs review member's attendance and perhaps delinquency of dues. That results in dropping members.

Please contact each member prior to dropping them to determine if life has created a need to transfer to a club meeting at a different time or day. Perhaps they need to change their membership status to 'Member At Large' for six month, then review with them if they need another six month, become 'Active' again, or transfer membership.

This is an excellent time for your incoming Board to begin conducting the 'Club Excellence Process' by using surveys to determine 'Community Needs' and 'Membership Satisfaction'. Just as we change as we age, so do needs of the community, as well as abilities and skills of club membership.

The 'Club Excellence Process' is designed to be a workshop program dedicated to enhancing member experience and better serving the community. A CEP workshop can be conducted in one of two formats: CEP Lite or CEP Pro. CEP Pro is a facilitator-guided workshop, and CEP Lite is a self-guided workshop in which a club member acts as the coordinator.

In either format, a participating club will examine its community's needs, analyze its membership experience, identify club and LCI resources, and develop action plans for moving forward.

Your club will benefit if your club desires to only conduct the two surveys with the new Board members reviewing the results to help them determine meeting organization, plus establishing goals for 'services' and 'fundraisers'.



NB Breakfast LC Scholarship Program

The Breakfast Club Board of Directors approved for delivery to local schools its Scholarship Program. The Program supports graduating seniors from New Braunfels ISD, Comal ISD, New Braunfels Christian Academy, and local home-schooled students. Applicants who are Leos or associated by family with LCI have preference. However, any student who can show an exemplary level of community service is welcomed to apply. The Program rewards two successful candidates with a \$1,000 scholarship each.



District 2-S3 Annual Convention Manor High School - May 13, 2017

The Lions District 2-S3 Annual Convention was held at Manor High School on May 13, 2017. Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe had the honor of conducting opening introductions; Boy Scout Pack 62 performed the Flag Presentation; Joy Howard sang the National Anthem; PDG J. P. Kirksey led the Lion Songs, and Rita Jonser, Mayor of Manor, Welcomed all Lions in attendance.

The Garden Ridge Lions Club presented the Memorial Service for our deceased Lions.

The Feature Presentation was on Learning Ally and the presenter was Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott of the Lago Vista Lions Club.

Breakout session Workshops/Seminars on the Texas Lions Camp - Endowment Fund, Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, and "Go To Meeting" were held.

Three new members of the Manor Lions Club were inducted into Lionism by International Director Bruce Beck.

Many International and District Awards were presented to Lions and Clubs in the District.

The attendees were then treated to an inspirational luncheon speaker, International Director from Minnesota, ID Bruce Beck.

In attendance at this year's convention was International Directors Bruce Beck and Sam Lindsey, MD-2 Council Chair Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina, Past MD-2 Council Chair Dennis Heitkamp, District Governor John Lyon, many Past District Governors, Vice District Governors John Pruett and Linda Davis, Lions and spouses.



Pictures by Lion Jo Anne Smith, Lago Vista Lions Club



Service Hall of Honor - PDG Mike Smith



Harry Reasonover Award - Mike Beal



Gold Spur - Brenda Pruett



Club Award - C.W.A. MacCormac Award Presented by AFLC to Georgetown Noon Lions Club.



Club Award - Service to New Heights Presented by NB Breakfast Club to Lago Vista, SM Bluebonnet and Wimberley Lions Clubs.



International President's Award ID Bruce Beck, PDG Shirley Dillman and DG John Lyon



International President's Leadership ID Bruce Beck, Liz Bumguardner and DG John Lyon



International President's Certificate of Appreciation: (Left to right) Shown with ID Bruce Beck and DG John Lyon; PDG Mike Smith, PDG Charles Handrick and PDG J.P. Kirksey

NB Evening LC Donates to "We're All In"

We're All In, a support group of the Comal County Jr. Livestock Association was on hand at our March 1 meeting to receive a donation of \$2,000 from our club presented by incoming president Tom Matschek. The organization ensures there are funds on hand so that all children selling livestock at the fair will have a buyer. **We're All In** typically raises around \$100,000 per year to support children selling livestock in the community.



Lago Vista Lions Road Warriors



(Back, L-R) Lions Gene Cargile, Bob McCarty, Mayor/Lion Dale Mitchell, Director Ken Johnston, Director Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott, President Don Zschoche, Road Clean-Up Chair Frank Robbins, (Front, L-R) Julie McCreary, Susan Nilsson-Weiskott, 2VP Jo Anne Smith.

April is "Protecting our Environment" Month

Lago Vista Lions Club - *By Lion Frank Robbins, Lago Vista LC Chair*

Road Cleanup

The Lago Vista Lions Club picks up trash from a 3.5 mile stretch of Lohman Ford Road in Lago Vista. This road is Lago Vista's main thoroughfare. The road cleanup is conducted generally monthly every third Saturday. Lions sign up at a regular club meeting and meet in the middle of the stretch that is cleaned. Teams are organized by particular pieces of the road to clean. From six to 12 Lions participate. It takes about an hour to pick up the trash. The committee chair picks up the collected bags from the street and dumps them in a city dumpster.

Over the last ve years, an average of 14 bags per outing are picked up. The record being 25 bags collected in November 2016. Since October, the pickup has gone from once every two months to once a month due to the increased volume of trash. Trash volume has increased about 40% since 2012. "The Road Warriors" as they are called participate in the annual Texas Trash-O- when the community picks trash up from many streets.

Over the last ve years, Lago Vista Lions have picked up about 462 bags of garbage from Lohman Ford Road. This amounts to about 6,930 pounds of garbage.

Cartridge Recycling

Cartridge Recycling at the Lago Vista Lions Club (The Club) involves six committee members that collect used (large printer) toner cartridges, (small printer) ink jet cartridges, cell phones and small electronics. Some cartridges and cell phones are brought by individual Lions and collected at a regular Lion meeting.

There are several companies that pay for the used cartridges and recycle/ remanufacture them for reuse at a much reduced price than the original cartridges cost. The Club has used a rm called Funding Factory for years. After some research and use of other companies they appear to pay the most and have the largest list of eligible products they will pay for. After at least 25 items are collected, the collected cartridges are boxed and shipped by free UPS to the recycler. The recycler provides data concerning what they received and the amount of payment that may be made. Checks are requested online.

Over the last ve years The Club has recycled 1,362 toner and 3,038 ink jet cartridges, 181 cell phones and 26 miscellaneous small electronic devices and received \$900.33. The trend for the amount collected, the price paid for the items, and the eligible items is decreasing. Collection is down about 20% from 2014. Funding per item is down about 40% since 2012. This may be due principally to an increased use/sale of recycled cartridges and less use of printed material. Few cell phones are collected today. We think collecting \$150 to \$200 a year is worth the e-ort.

5th Annual City of Lago Vista Clean Up

- ◆ 2017 City of Lago Vista One-Day Results: (Total vehicles: 587)
- ◆ Metal Recycling: 23 tons or 46,000 lbs.
- ◆ Trash Recycling: 152 tons or 304,000 lbs.
- ◆ Tree Recycling: 151 tons or 302,000 lbs.
- ◆ Electronic Waste: About 1200 lbs.

May is Eyeglass Recycling month as part of our "Protecting our Environment" Centennial Service Challenge Campaign.



New Braunfels Evening Lions At Camp Work Day

The New Braunfels Evening Lions Club has made a habit of contributing their time and money to support the Texas Lions Camp, and this year was no exception. At a work day event on April 1, eight New Braunfels Evening Lions Club members along with Garrett Kunkel made the journey to the Texas Lions Camp and installed a roll-up door in a storage room behind the main stage of the amphitheater. The club invested around \$180 in materials and a lift rental, along with a lot of sweat equity to put the door back into working order. A hearty thanks to the members who were able to participate in the project.



New Lions NB Evening LC

New Members Join New Braunfels Evening Lions Club at the March General meeting, three new members were sworn in by President Skip Nolte. Gwen Innmon, sponsored by Randy Christen, along with Tim Simecek and Darrel Schacht, sponsored by Grey Baker all took their oaths to join the New Braunfels Evening Lions club. With the addition of the three new members, our club membership has returned to its previous level of 39 active members. Join me in welcoming Gwen, Tim, and Darrel into our club.



Lago Vista Lion of the Quarter

In Memory of Lago Vista Lion Rick Dewine 08/31/1951 - 04/14/2017



Rick and Michelle were very active while members of the Lions Club of Lago Vista. They are the reason we raise funds for our charities by selling car wash tickets, they put in many hours getting sponsors for our golf tournaments, just to name a few.

Please keep Michelle and their family members in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with this sudden and untimely loss.



The Lion of the Quarter for Jan-Feb-Mar 2017 was awarded to Lion Connie Zschoche for coordinating the Texas Lions Camp Clean-Up and Welcome Teams; 2017 Annual Golf Tournament Resource Manager; and twice-a-month Meeting Dinner Reservations Coordinator.

Wimberley Lions Student/Teacher Of the Month

Wimberley High School Student of the Month Bobby Watson is also very smart and in the top 5 of his class. He is President of the LEO Club, on the Student Council, cast in WHS One Act Play (which is on the way to regionals), and is the son of our very own favorite caterer, Beth.



From left are Student of the Month Bobby Watson, WHS Asst. Principal Carey Soderstrom, and Lion Boss John.

Teacher of the Month goes to Sarah Schmidt, who teaches engineering at Wimberley High School. Sarah has a Bachelors and a Masters degree in math from Texas State, heads up the WHS STEM Club, and is competing in robotics... wow, what a brain!



From left are Teacher of the Month Sarah Schmidt, WHS Asst. Principal Carey Soderstrom, and Lion Boss John.

Lago Vista Lions Club Blood Drive

Our 04/08/2017 blood drive had 16 participants and a total of 14 pints collected. Lago Vista Lions blood donors were: Ken Johnston, Don Zschoche & Ron Smith. We want to thank the 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 06/23/2017.



Our Bloodmobile Chair Lion Linda Sporerlein "Bloodmobile serves 10 Counties, 1 Family."

NB Evening Lion Jack Hicks 20 years of service



At the February 1 General Club meeting, New Braunfels Evening Lions Club President Skip Nolte had the pleasure of presenting a Chevron Pin from Lions Clubs International to Lion Jack Hicks for his 20 years of service with the Lions Club. Throughout his twenty years of service, Lion Jack has served in a number of roles, including Club President. Jack is also a Melvin Jones Fellowship award recipient. Congratulations to Jack on his many years of service with the New Braunfels Evening Lions Club.

New Wimberley Lion

After a bit of a drought, we are delighted to welcome a new Lion to the club: meet Lion Cade Wright. Lion Cade is a newlywed originally from San Marcos, TX, where he received a degree in engineering from Texas State. He then spent 10 years working in Dallas, but really wanted to get back to the hill country. He is excited to be back in the Wimberley Valley now, and to be a part of the Lions club. **Welcome Cade!**

Shown from left are Lion Misty Moore, incoming Membership Chair, new Lion Cade, his sponsor, Lion Terri Baccus, and Lion Boss John Estep.



NB Evening LC - Wurstfest Fundraiser

November, 2016 – "It takes a Community" was more than just a slogan in describing how the NB Evening Lions Club joined with friends, family, and other organizations to make Wurstfest 2016 a huge fundraising success. The German festival, which has been a New Braunfels fixture since 1963, ran from November 4 – 13. The iconic event was attended by over 125,000 people over the span of the 10 day event. And just like the previous years, the crowd couldn't get enough of the fried Oreos served by the NB Evening Lions Club booth. Several menu changes, including the addition of Wurst Nachos, and the addition of new electronic signage help entice festival goers to visit our booth. Not only did each member contribute their time to work (5) or more shifts during the 10 day event, but many members were instrumental in recruiting outside friends and organizations to help with the monumental effort of staffing all of the required shifts. Here is a breakdown of the man hours worked during Wurstfest.

NBEL Members	585 Hours
Friends & Family	138 Hours
Smithson Valley Leos	80 Hours
Crisis Center	52 Hours
Eden Hill	27 Hours
New Braunfels Leos	24 Hours
HD Supply	14 Hours

In addition to covering all of the required booth hours, members spent two Saturdays preparing and cleaning the booth for the event, and an additional Saturday to cleanup the booth and remove all of the leftover food items after the event.



Members realize that Wurstfest is the core event for the club's fundraising efforts, and their hard work paid off in a big way. Here is a snapshot of fund-

raiser's financial results.

WF booth gross earnings	\$33,618
WF expenses	\$15,430
Profit	\$18,188

Additionally, we were able to donate 32 pounds of food, worth over \$230 to the Crisis Center after the event.

Much thanks goes to Tom Matschek and the entire Fund Raising committee for covering all of the details required to make the fundraiser a huge success.



Wimberley's Guest Speaker TLC's Trish Wilson



Above: Wimberley Lions President, John Estep and TLC's Marketing & Public Relations Director, Trish Wilson.

For the evening program, we were lucky to have Trish Wilson, Marketing & Public Relations Director for Texas Lions Camp, visit and tell us one of the many success stories of one of her campers. Texas Lions Camp is a summer camping facility dedicated to serving children from Texas with physical disabilities, Down syndrome, cancer and Type 1 diabetes. It is located on 500 hill country acres near Kerrville.

Her story was of a camper who'd had a brain tumor removed making him wheelchair-bound and weak on his right side, much like the symptoms of a stroke. He decided he wanted to take archery at camp to strengthen his right side, and now, years later, he has won 3 major archery awards. Yet another story about how TLC changed a life and helped a kid find out what they were capable of.

For info, visit www.lionscamp.com

NB Eve Lions Donate To Comal County Crisis Center

The New Braunfels Evening Lions Club continued with their efforts to serve the community when they hosted members on the Crisis Center of Comal County at their November 2, 2016 general meeting.

Stacy Hill, the Center's Director, accompanied by Dellia Saucedo, the Center's Community Outreach Coordinator, took a few minutes to explain the Center's mission along with the various ways they serve the community. After her presentations, New Braunfels Evening Lions Club President Skip Nolte presented the Center with a \$500.00 check that will be used to help families in need.

Below: New Braunfels Evening Lions Club check presentation.



New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

A little bit of History

By PDG, PCC Dennis Heitkamp

The New Braunfels Lions Club, Inc. is racing towards completing its first 100 Years of service. Can I in one page give you a true feeling of the projects, character and dedication of this almost 100 year old Club? I doubt it, so forgive me if I run over a little on my tasking.

The Club was organized at noon on 18 March, 1924, upstairs in the old First National Bank Building. There are 28 members listed on the Club Charter. There was no sponsoring Lions Club as it was not until later that Lions Club International required a sponsoring club to charter a new club.

The Club held its Charter night on April 16, 1925 in the Faust Hotel. During a March 1927 membership drive they inducted 24 new members, more than doubling its current membership. During the following years, the Club supported the Boy Scouts, Organized a Board of City Development, put on a play for the benefit of the High School Library, assisted the Chamber of Commerce in bringing a Textile Mill to town, distributed baskets to the needy at Christmas, and in 1929 organized a new Lions Club in Fredericksburg. Through the years, the Club has sponsored nine new Lions Clubs.

Starting in 1930, the Club met at the Traveler's Hotel. The Club advertised New Braunfels, conducted a City Slogan Contest, and sponsored cultivation and production of Pinto Beans in the District to encourage farmers to diversify their crops. From the Club's own Pinto Bean Plot, they donated 1,500 lbs. of beans to Charities in New Braunfels. The Club also sponsored a series of three trade days and launched a campaign for beautification of yards in New Braunfels. Other Club projects included collecting and distributing used clothing, They installed safety signs at all school crossings, aided blind persons in learning the Braille System, collected toys for distribution at Christmas, and gave cash to the Chamber of Commerce. In 1940, the Club helped secure a \$50,000 golf course for New Braunfels.

By 1942, the Club was actively participating in a proposed movement for a new City Hospital, purchased wheel chairs for the old hospital, and sold \$9,400 worth of War Bonds in a single day at a club-manned booth. In 1954, the Club paid off a pledge of \$10,000 to the hospital Board, and in 1958, the Club started construction on the first of two Little League Fields. In 1959, the Club completed, dedicated and placed plaques at the first Lions ball field and the Club sponsored the building of two tennis courts in Landa Park. In 1961, with 112 members, the Club started a Sight Conservation Committee in Comal County to screen all incoming students for eye problems.

In 1966, with 137 members, the club meetings were held

at Schwampkrugs. In 1969, the Club borrowed \$6,000 and pledged \$15,000 for the Pearce property to be given to the City as park land. That Park is now known as Prince Solms Park. The Club later funded the construction of the pedestrian bridge connecting Prince Solms Park and Hinman Island Park.

In 1970, with 145 members, the Club started a food service at Wurstfest serving a plate of summer sausage, smoked sausage and cheese. In 1971, the Wurstfest was moved to the Dittlinger Mills property in Landa Park and the club started its parking lot arrangement with the Wurstfest charging \$1.00 to park cars. The Club is indeed fortunate to have been able to maintain this profitable food booth and parking arrangement for over 45 years.

In 1979, the Club held an Armadillo outing to catch the beasts for a Hawaii Leprosy research project. The outing yielded zero Armadillo, however, the Armadillo Society, feeling sorry for the Club Lions, donated 4 of the animals. This resulted in a member having to baby sit the animals until they could be shipped to Hawaii. Recognition was given through the "Armadillo Sitter of the Year Award".

In 1984, the Club reached its high point in membership with 269 Regular Lions. At that time, the Club held its weekly meetings at Eagles Hall. The Club later moved to the Comal County Senior Citizens Center and to the Seekatz Opera House where the Club currently meets.

In 2015, the Club added a parking lot operation to the Wurstfest Association's newly organized Craft Beer Festival. This is a continuation of the close relationship that has developed between the New Braunfels Lions Club and the Wurstfest Association.

For over 30 years, the Club has also participated in the White Cane Day program. The funds from that program have been divided with 1/3 going to the Eye Bank and 2/3 to funding eye glasses for needy children and adults in Comal County.

The Club is most proud, however, for participating in the Sight Screening program at all public and private elementary schools in the New Braunfels and Comal Independent School Districts. Currently, that includes 28 elementary schools and over 7,000 students each year.

These are only a very small sampling of a truly huge number of very diverse projects of the Club. Hopefully, this sampling will give you an idea of the reason for the Lion pride we have in our Club.

New Braunfels Lions Club - 93 Years and Counting

Point Venture Lions Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2017



The Lakeside Singers, under the direction of Bill Parcher, entertained the Point Venture Lions club.



PV Lions, Aylisa and Mike Bucko, receive a donation from PV Lion treasurer, Gene Glass. The Buckos are the new Lago Vista Volunteers contacts for Point Venture residents.



Michelle Hill (right) is reinstated as a PV Lion by President, Ron Gallagher.



PV Lions, Cindy and Rob Wheeler, are recognized and celebrated for fifty years of marriage.

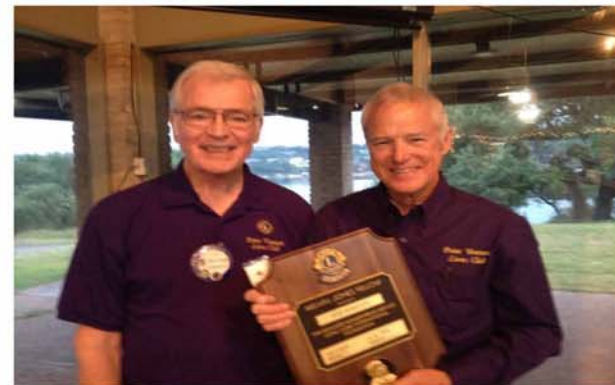


PV Lions, Mike (far left) and Aylisa (far right) Bucko work with Lago Vista volunteers at the LV Vikings track meet concession.

**Jack Weich and Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards Presentation
Point Venture Lions Club
Tuesday, May 9, 2017**



Lion, Rob Wheeler, presents the Jack Weich Fellowship Award to Debbie Conger and Chuck Lambert for their outstanding service to Lions and the community over many years. Congratulations Debbie and Chuck!!!



Lions, Nan Knapp and Chuck Lambert, present the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Laurie Glass and Rob Wheeler for their exemplary service and dedication by a Lion to their club, their community, and to Lions over all and their outstanding leadership to Lions over many years. Congratulations Laurie and Rob!!!



POINT VENTURE LIONS PROMOTE TEXAS LIONS CAMP AT EASTER EGG HUNT!!

During Trish Wilson's recent visit to Point Venture, she heard about plans for a community Easter Egg hunt. She provided literature to be distributed during this event. What a great way to reach families about the camp!



Crowd hears about Camp



Lions and friends hid 1750 eggs



A special thanks to Leo Sydney Gomez for being a great Easter bunny!

**Wimberley Lions Club
BBQ Team
Attend
EmilyAnn Festival**

Part of our Lions BBQ team were at the EmilyAnn Festival this year and everyone enjoyed it immensely.

GOOD JOB GUYS!



Left to right are Lions Michael Murphy and Eric Price.



Wimberley Lions' President John Estep.

**New Braunfels Evening LC
Christmas Party**

Saturday, Dec. 7 – In lieu of our regular December meeting, many members of our Lions Club met at Landa House to celebrate the holiday season and dine with the families of fellow NBE Lions club members. A roast beef supper with all the fixings was catered for the event. As an added bonus, all of the attending children got a chance to meet Santa Clause and present their wishes for Christmas Eve. Our Lions club also treated the event as an opportunity to spend some of our hard-earned fundraising money by presenting donations to local charities. Three New Braunfels charities were on hand to join in the holiday celebration and to receive their donations.



Stacy Hill, Executive Director of the Crisis Center of Comal County was on hand to receive \$248 in presents for a family that our Lions club adopted. Accompanying Stacy was Delia Saucedo.

President Skip Nolte presented Kay Scott, Executive Director of the Family Life Center a check for \$1750.



Santa and Skip present Sandy Buck of the SOS Food Bank with a check for \$500, along with 32.6 pounds of food members also collected for the food bank.

NB Leos at Folkfest



The Leos deserve a big ATTA BOY from New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club and Folkfest docents for working hard this past weekend [8 April] - just 1 week after the TLC Work Day. Lion David Simmon's gives you the number of Leos that signed up to work. To summarize: 7 New Braunfels Middle School Leos (1 worked 2 shifts) worked 5 shifts - 16 hours; 7 Oak Run Middle School Leos (1 worked 2 shifts and President Matthew Alkire worked 4 shifts) worked 8 shifts - 24 hours; 6 Ninth Grade Center Leos (4 worked 2 shifts) worked 20 hours. Total Leo hours: 60! Way to go Leos!

Photos and text by John Creswell



Wimberley Lions Club's Peace Poster Contest

This year's Peace Poster winners are some very talented 12 and 13 year olds, but the decision wasn't easy for Committee Chair Lion Cindy Forsyth. She had 50 entries to choose from this year and incorporated the help of WHS art teacher Tonya McQuaid. The contest is open to school children ages 11-13, with the winners receiving \$5,000 towards a college scholarship. Congratulations to the winners... well done, kids!



From left are the winners in the 13-year-old category, Gage for 2nd place and Isabella Stump for 1st place, 1st place winner in the 12-year-old category Kelsey Phillips, Lion Cindy and 2nd place winner Adelaide Fleshman (12 yr old).

CLUB NEWS.....

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

TLC Work Day, April 1, 2017: A record crowd of over 550 volunteers from across the state of Texas reported to the Lions Camp on April 1, for the second Camp Work Day of 2017.

Garden Ridge Lions and friends attending were Jim Anderson, Todd, Markus & Tristan Arvidson, Noelle and Joey Czerniak, John Mitzel, Jim Newbold, Dick Holloway, Dave Heier, Ray Pitzen, Mark DuBois, Greg Loser, Larry Thompson, Al Haddad, Larry Steele, Richard & Daniel Morman and Dick Vogt. Our task was to paint the exterior of the Well House. With paint brushes and rollers in hand we proceeded on our task with vigor occasionally painting our fellow volunteers. In the end we finished in record time, beating the approaching storm that threatened to wash off our hard work.

My sincere thanks to all involved in this most worthy project. For what it's worth we ARE the number one painting team for the camp. Lion Dick Holloway, Garden Ridge Lions Club's TLC Work Day Chair

Scholarships: Twelve scholarships were presented to seniors from local area high schools at our regular membership meeting on April 26th; each scholarship was for \$750.00, for a total donation of \$9,000.00. Receiving scholarships were Jordan Douglas, Dustin Helton, Taylor Henschel, Anna Long, Sarah Moberley, Alessandro Preda, Claire Therese Rosales, Sydney Marie Rubey, Shelby Marie Steinbach, Caitlyn Strickland, Jacob Sturman and Christopher Toudouze.

GEORGETOWN LIONS CLUB

Good Month for Service: Lion Ashley Faulkner set up a KidSight Screening at the YMCA Wellness activity at Williams Elementary Saturday, April 29. She was joined in her screening by Lions Carol Hopper and JoAnn Steinfort (PDG Paul stopped by with lunch!) Lion Ashley reports that 28 individuals were screened and 6 received referrals. Lion Ashley screened 7 children on May 5 at Frost and McCoy Elementaries, referring 3. Next KidSight screening for the club is at the Walmart Wellness day June 17 Georgetown. Contact Lion Ashley if you can help.



PHOTO: Lion Ashley provides a friendly face for screening kids!!

April Service Shorts: Thanks to the efforts of Finance Committee (led by Chr. Lion David Voelter), and our Board of Directors, the Georgetown Noon Lions made donations to local worthy causes in April:

- \$2,000 to Boys and Girls Club
- \$500 to Backpack Buddies
- \$500 to Meals on Wheels

PDG Frank Kinald announced the 3 scholarship winners which will be highlighted in June

Lion Boss JoAnn and PDG Paul Steinfort were presented "You Make a Difference" volunteer awards by the Wesleyan on Scenic Drive.

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

2017-2018 Elected Officers & Directors:

President: Lion Jo Anne Smith
 1st Vice President: Lion Anita Burke
 2nd Vice President: Lion Pat Evans
 Secretary: Lion Julie McCreary
 Treasurer: Lion Mike Zaydel; Asst. Treasurer: TBD
 Membership Director: Lion Kathleen Joyce
 Director 2nd Year: Lion Ken Johnston (2nd year of 2 year term)
 Director 2nd Year: Lion Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott (2nd year of 2 year term)
 Director 1st Year: Lion Gary Gates (1st year of 2 year term)
 Director 1st Year: Lion Linda Winston (1st year of 2 year term)
 Lion Tamer: Lion Paul Magrone
 Tail Twister: Lion Mike Zaydel
 Immediate Past President: Lion Don Zschoche

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Slate of Officers: The membership met, a quorum was sustained and balloting for officers and directors of the New Braunfels Lions Club for the coming fraternal year took place at the regular early April business meeting.

While voting on the nominees approved at the previous business meeting went off without a hitch, shortly thereafter there were adjustments made to accommodate the newly-elected secretary's unanticipated heavy work schedule, and Brandon Mund replaced James Scardami in that office by voice vote of the Board of Directors.

Jack Morgan, President; Dora White, First VP; Lee Ambrosino, IPP; Leigh Huddleston, Second VP; Dolly Williams, Third VP; Brandon Mund, Secretary; Howard Weliver, Treasurer; Cameron Bradfute, Membership; Dave Schreier, Lion Tamer; Kermit Baese, LCIF Director; Ginny Nance, two-Year Director; Jim Pope, Two-Year Director; Dan Kruegar, One-Year Director; and Fred Hanz, One-Year Director.

Business Meeting - 6 April: Perhaps because it was Election Day at the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club, everyone's favorite chanteuse Juanita Wells led the assemblage in a rousing chorus of My Country 'Tis of Thee' to open the proceedings.

The election itself held no surprises — the slate of candidates had seamlessly become the accepted nominees; which was in turn swept into office by written ballot.

John Creswell gave a brief overview of the Texas Lions Camp Work Day, which was productive if sparsely attended, White

Cane Day at Granzin's Meat Market on Saturday, 22 April is largely staffed at this point and captained by Don Hildebrand, and David Berger is still recruiting help for the parking lot during the Wurstfest Association's Craft Beer Festival that same day; busy time of year.

Our featured speaker for the afternoon was Ms. Oda Lisa, whose story of vision loss and subsequent support by the Lions Club was inspiring. She suffered from retinitis pigmentosa (RP) from age 3, but was not officially diagnosed with it until she was 25. RP is a genetic condition that causes retinal degeneration of the rods and cones, starts as night blindness and/or tunnel vision and often leads to complete blindness. By 1995 that was Oda's fate.

She trained with leader dogs in New York, and became a computer programmer, author of two books, poet, host of a radio talk show and alto in her choir. She credits her faith, family and friends for her positive outlook on life.

Business Meeting – 20 April: Tail Twister Cameron Bradfute opened the meeting with contestant James Scardami playing "Guess the Profession" of George Shafer, Bert Childs and Jack Morgan. James went oh-fer-three in the attempt. Then contestant Dora White played "Match the Skivvies Sleepwear" for Lions Dick Wehman, Ray Martinez, Dan Krueger and Mike Pfeuffer — Dora went four-for-four.

Cantor Buz Farrell led the assemblage in "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" and "America the Beautiful."

Susan Miller of Kerrville Lions Club fame became the latest NB Noon Lion, shown in center with President Lee Amrosino and sponsor Jack Morgan.



Welcome, Susan.

Our featured speaker this day was Tara Kohlenberg of the Sophienburg Archive and Museum. The Sophienburg is the repository of all things Neu Braunsfelser, and the current exhibit commemorates America's entry into The Great War in 1917.

Ethnic German populations in other parts of the state suffered indignities, and worse, including tarring and feathering, at the hands of those who did not share their ancestry nor understand their patriotism. That did not happen here as, like throwing a switch, the folks switched allegiances from supporting Germany to all Red, White and Blue the day the U.S. entered the war. German was no longer taught in the schools, and Comal County sent 500 recruits to fight alongside Gen. "Black Jack" Pershing in the American Expeditionary Force.

NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Meals On Wheels: Marsha Putnam, Meals On Wheels Intake Coordinator for the Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation, spoke to the Club.



Their nutrition department provides hot and nutritious meals for anyone who is home-bound and qualifies for the program. As the official "Meals On Wheels" program, they deliver ONLY to Comal County.

To qualify you must be: 60 years of age or older, Unable to prepare a meal or have one prepared, and, Home-bound.

Others with special needs may be eligible if funding is available or they are unable to go to a senior nutrition center for lunch.

Senior Citizens Foundation: Jana Evans, Volunteer Coordinator, provided the Club with an overview of the foundation. The Foundation is the only provider of Meals On Wheels in New Braunfels and Comal County. Its mission is to "Enrich the Lives of Aging Adults". They provide over 8,700 meals per month to at risk seniors that are home-bound. Not only do they provide nutritious meals, but the smiling volunteers with a heart, are often the eyes and ears to determine the well-being of each senior and may be their only daily contact.

The Senior Center is a 23,000 Sq. Ft. facility established in 1984, located near downtown New Braunfels. Since inception, it has grown to be the premier non-profit agency serving the seniors and disabled population of the area, as well as expanding its footprint by hosting monthly community dinners open to the public.

Jana extends an invitation to all to attend *The Big Give Bash*. This fundraiser will help support the many activities provided by the Foundation. The Bash is scheduled for Thursday, May 4 at the Senior Center from 6:30A to 7:30P. The event will host food trucks, live music, vendors, and a photo booth. Bring the kids from 3:30 - 7:30 for the bouncy house for and face painting.

NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

2015-2016 Donations: Here is a list of some of the donations made this past year and a half:

Lions Charities	\$6700
Lions Camp Cots	\$5500
Family Life Center	\$2000
Lions Camp Scholarships	\$4500
Debate Scholarships	\$2800
Boy Scouts(Wurstfest lot)	\$3229
CCJSA	\$2000
SOS Food Bank	\$ 500
St Jude's Ranch	\$ 200
NB Little League	\$ 700
Boys & Girls State	\$1340
MS Walkathon	\$ 200
Relay for Life	\$ 300
Puppy Play land	\$1175
Alves Land Service Proj.	\$2185
Eye Exams	\$ 472

SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

President's Corner: Happy May! Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and graduations will keep us busy this month. Seems like this year is flying by. We are in the time when we are beginning the plans for our next Lions year. I hope everyone will begin thinking of which committees you want to be part of. Trish will be placing sign up sheets out soon, but if you have a particular committee you are interested in chairing or co-chairing, reach out to her.

Our 25th anniversary as a Lions Club (32 years as a Lioness Club) is this year. I'd like to form a special committee to help plan this event. I will have a sign up sheet at the May noon meeting. We can combine it with our annual installation or it can be a separate event.

Also remember we are still looking for a 1st VP! Talk to Trish or I if you'd consider filling this very important office. **Happy to serve, Debby Lawrence**

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Linda Alexander, chair:

Birthday Cards for Seniors—Jill Stolar, chair: Hays Nursing Home & Rehab in San Marcos holds 2nd Friday birthday parties in the afternoon for seniors who make their home there. We provide a card and small gift for each resident with a birthday each month. Any Bluebonnet Lions interested in attending a party is invited.

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

Ramon Lucio Adopt-a-Park —Linda Alexander, chair: Our Park cleanup service project committee held a cleanup on Saturday, April 1 (No, this was NOT an April Fools joke!) We started at 9 am and were done by 10 am. Lions Edna, Gloria, Bev, Carol, and Linda Alexander attended.

An additional cleanup day was held on April 15 to pick up debris at the park from the April 11 storm. Thanks to all those who helped at that emergency event as well.

San Marcos Public Library Used Book Sale—Carol Peters, chair: Thank you to Bluebonnet Lions Beverly Marek, Sandra Ellison, and Melissa Mendoza for volunteering at the Library Book Sale on April 7 & 8. . .

Texas Lions Camp—Ann Ward, District 2S3 Director:

May 6 is a Texas Lions Camp workday in Kerrville. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Trish Wilson at 512-338-1623 or twilson@lionscamp.com. All Lions are welcome. Free breakfast and lunch will be served. Hernandez Elementary School Service Opportunity If you would like to volunteer in Mrs. Fernandez' Gifted & Talented classes at Hernandez and/or DeZavala elementary schools on May 3, 10, or 17, please contact her at 512-393-1608.



Central Texas Life Care volunteers enjoying some of the gifts they received at our March baby shower for area families in need. - photo by Linda Alexander



Lions Beth, Cathy, Melesa, Linda Jalufka, Linda Alexander, Ellie helped pack used glasses to send to the Texas Eyeglass Recycling. - photo sent by Linda J.

Fundraising Committee – Edna Anglin, Chair:

Wimberley Market Days Parking – Debby Lawrence chair: Tentative date is June 3. We have not heard back yet from Liz to confirm this event.

15th Annual Thankful Turkey 5K – Martha Moore and Ramika Adams, Co-chairs: The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017.

District 2-S3 Annual Convention—Debby Lawrence, chair: Our annual Lions District Convention will be held at Manor High School, 12700 Gregg Manor Rd in Manor, on Saturday, May 13 from 7:30:am to 2 pm. Our Bluebonnet Lions Club voting delegates will be Trish, Debby, and Linda Alexander.

Congratulations to our new 2017-18 officers-elect!

President—Trish Wilder
Past President—Debby Lawrence
Secretary—Judy Aswell

Treasurer—Linda Alexander
 Membership Director—Ramika Adams
 Director—Georgia Cheatham
 Director—Beverly Marek

Trish Wilder has appointed Cherry Walt to serve as 2nd Vice President beginning July 1, 2017. She still needs a volunteer to appoint to 1st Vice President position.

District 2S3 officer trainings will be held in May. The officers-elect will be installed at our June 20 evening meeting.

Volunteer Fair—Trish Wilder, chair: Our standing committees are: Awards, Budget, Fundraising, Community Service, Bylaws, Grant/Scholarship, Membership, External Communications, Programs, and Social. There will be a job description for each committee available at the May meetings. Please take a moment to sign up for whichever committee or committees that you are interested in for 2017-18.

Donations Committee—Martha Moore, chair: Our grant application deadline has been extended to May 2 at the noon meeting. The committee will present a list of approved applicants to the membership for a vote in May or June.

The Board voted at the April 24 Board meeting to be a \$350 sponsor of the Hernandez Elementary 5th Grade Girls Etiquette Club annual luncheon.

Allison Yager, daughter of Lion Melesa, is our scholarship recipient this year; easy choice, stellar application, valedictorian, destination Texas A&M University. The scholarship awards ceremony will be May 5 at 1:30 pm at the SMHS Auditorium. Martha welcomes any interested Bluebonnet Lion to join her in presenting the award to Allison.

Martha's email has changed. Please contact Judy Aswell or Linda Alexander for her new email address.

Awards Committee—Melesa Yager, chair: Congratulations to
LIONS OF THE MONTH
 February—Jill Stolar
 March—Sandi Gray

All Club members will vote for Lion of the Year at the May meetings. If you cannot attend a May meeting, please contact Melesa to give her your vote. Congratulations to Past Lions of the Year: Sandra Ellison (1989), Linda Jalufka (1991), Judy Aswell (1992), Debby Lawrence (1993), Beth Morrisset (1994), DJ Domstead (1998), Edna Anglin (2001), Linda Alexander (2009), Carol Peters, (2010), and Sandi Gray (2013).

Lion Beth Morrisset recently received an award from LCI for sponsoring 25 members during her Lion tenure. Way to grow our Club, Beth! See photo below.



Our June 20 officer installation will mark the 25th anniversary of our Club's chartering as a Lions Club. Let's celebrate with plenty of Perfect Attendance award presentations!

MD2 Centennial Celebration—Dallas DG Lion Bill Smothermon, chair: All Texas Lions are invited to the Multi-District Special Centennial Celebration in Richardson, Texas, October 5-7, 2017, which will be held at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas Hotel. Registration is \$220 from April 1 to August 15 and \$250 at the door. To reserve a room at the special rate of \$79 per night plus tax on a first come first serve basis, call 972-619-1234 by September 7.

The October 7 "Night in the Old West" Gala/dinner is included in the registration price and will be held at Eddie Deen's Ranch Downtown Dallas with a shuttle bus provided from the Hyatt Hotel. Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast at the Hyatt are also included in the registration fee. See Lion Carol or www.texaslions.org for the registration form.

TAYLOR LIONS CLUB

White Cane Day: We have had lot of activity in the month of April. On Saturday, April 15 we collected for White Cane Day at Wal-Mart in Taylor. There were 12 Lions including Lions Herbert, Greg, Gayle, Valerie, Shane, Judy, Glen, John, Doug, Deborah, Erwin and Bobby who spent alternate times promoting White Cane Day. We had a special helper who Valerie brought with her, Orié, her Chihuahua. Orié knew how to 'work the crowd'! \$1,000 was raised for the cause!

Easter: Our own Lion Joey played the Easter Bunny at Wal-Mart! Good job, Joey!

Crawfish Boil: The Annual Crawfish Boil is getting close and there is a lot of planning and working going on. The tickets are printed and need to be sold. On Saturday, April 29, Lions Doug, Glen, Judy, Deborah, Gayle, Greg and Paul walked the downtown district in Taylor to make citizens aware of the event and to sell tickets. Afterwards we all went and ate at Lucky Duck along with Lion Kenneth, Greg's son, Thomas, Lioness Mae Teggeman and Deborah's husband, John. We had lots of fun! Can't wait till Blackland Prairie Day on May 6th!

Blackland Prairie Days: This coming Saturday, May 6th, is Blackland Prairie Days in downtown Taylor. Our Lions Club has a booth and will be promoting our Lions Club and selling Crawfish Boil tickets. All Lions are asked to help man the booth. See you Saturday!

High School Scholarships: Lions Leland and Valerie are working hard on scholarships to be given to two area Seniors for 2017. They have visited with the high school personnel and have some applications in. If you know of a Senior graduating this year please let them know to put in their application and visit with Lion Leland and Lion Valerie and let them know.

Slate of Officers: 2017-2018 Officers for our Taylor Lions Club will be: President, Gayle Collins; 1st Vice-President, Doug Minzenmayer; 2nd Vice-President, Griffin Teggeman; Secretary, Valerie Connor; Treasurer, Herbert Brinkmeyer; Tail Twister, John Thomas; Membership, Shane Polach; Lion Tamer, Irene Schmidt, Immediate Past President, Glen Whatley; 2 year Directors, Leland Stevens, Paul Spaar and Erwin Stauffer; 1 year Directors, Deborah Parker, Don Artie-schoufsky and Greg Teggeman.

We will have a date, time and place for the annual installation banquet soon.

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

President's Letter for April: This year, we were able to give out \$155,000 in Grants for Scholarships, Youth Exchange, and worthy non-profit organizations that addressed needs within our community. Lion Vic's Grant Committee did a terrific job distributing the grants.

We have seven (7) youth from our community going to Europe this coming Summer for Youth Exchange. Six (6) are grant-funded and one is a returning student from last year that we are sponsoring. My thanks to Lion Dave Osborn for taking on this important Lion program!

The Centennial Project is progressing on schedule. The Centennial Park plans are being submitted and will by next Market Day if we have a "go" to proceed with construction. We were able to get a 10-foot variance (from the original 20-foot backset from the RR 12 Right-of-Way). This allowed us to keep the current pergola design. The pergola was moved further from the Cypress Creek boundary as the park site is in a flood plain. We have balanced the park layout by having an open concrete area between the pergola and the creek for the restored and new park benches to be placed. Now we have the city and county requirements incorporated into the park design, we will get Ozona Bank's signoff on the required changes and then get our commercial building permit submitted.

We're currently at 197 members right now. There are some upcoming inductions next Lions meeting. We are also experiencing the same membership issues other clubs are regarding aging members moving to be closer to their children, medical reasons, etc. Some of the other clubs are recruiting younger members and changing their committee meeting times to accommodate working younger members. It is hard for a working Lion member to take off for a mid-morning meeting that retired members can do without a problem. We need to be thinking about this when scheduling future committee meetings.

Keep up the great work Lions...Thank you for what you do for our club! **Lion Boss John Estep**

SPOT Vision Testing: The Lions SPOT Vision Testing hosted 82 kids and 4 adults for vision screening at the EmilyAnn Butterfly Festival held Saturday, April 22, here in Wimberley.



Left to right are Lions Cindy Forsyth, Allen Mecklenburg, Doris Fisseler, Judy Walker, Harold Tannahill, Bill Higdon, and John Palumbo.