



# The Lions Den District 2-S3

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## DG's Message

*DG John Lyon*

A reminder to all clubs that have a Peace Poster Contest. Please get those winning posters in before Nov 15th or they will not compete in the District Contest.

Our Environmental Photo Chair has reminded us during the last cabinet meeting that Dec 1 is the cut off for Lion Entrees.

November is National Diabetic Awareness. Please ask our Diabetic Awareness Chair Kurt Tessnow, if you would like a speaker.

Lions of District 2-S3 have a Leadership Forum running Feb 25-26 at the North Plaza Crown Hotel. Deadline is January 28th.

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Lets Keep Climbing"*



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

## Club LCIF Coordinator

*1st VDG John Pruett*

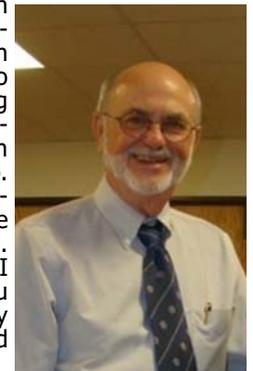
The mission of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is, "to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants." Since 1968, LCIF has awarded over 12,000 grants totaling more than US \$900 million dollars in four key areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts. Certainly in District 2-S3 we have benefited from funding through LCIF grants for the purchase of SPOT units for Kid-Sight, and disaster relief.

In the most recent LCIF Newsletter, LCIF awarded a US \$2 million dollar grant to support the Lions Kid Cancer Genome Project. Together with the Australian Lions Cancer Research Foundation, the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and other partners, this pilot initiative will improve the outcomes of children with high-risk cancer through whole genome sequencing.

Donations to LCIF have always been managed through each district or multiple districts by LCIF ambassadors (coordinators) at the multiple district and the district levels. The current MD-2 coordinator is PID Joe Al Picone, and our current MD-2, S3 coordinator is PDG Angie Nicholson. However, did you know that this year a new officer

position? The Club LCIF Coordinator has been added to the list of club officers found on MyLCI. I had not seen this information released prior to noticing it within MyLCI. Each club needs to consider filling this position as I believe most clubs are not aware of this addition to club officer list. This allows for an additional leadership opportunity within the club.

The coordinators primary responsibilities are to 1) increase awareness by educating Lions about the mission, achievements and significance of the Foundation; 2) assist Lions in submitting donations and LCIF recognition application; and 3) encouraging support of the Foundation through fundraising efforts within your club. So think about filling the LCIF Coordinator position within your club. Additional information can be found at [lcif.org](http://lcif.org). Lion Brenda and I wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.



*1st VDG John Pruett*

## Mid-Winter Conference

**January 28, 2017**

**Wimberley High School**

**All District 2-S3 Lions Are Invited**

# District 2-S3 KidSight News New and Noteworthy

As the incoming Chairperson of our District's KidSight Program, I'd like to review some of the changes we are instituting to help grow our program and make screenings easier for our Clubs.

I would first like to thank Lion Wayne for bringing KidSight to fruition in our District. His hard work and dedication has given our Program the reputation of being the best in Texas, and I appreciate his ongoing help and support as I take on my new role. I would also like to thank Lion Jan Johnson for stepping in as our Certified Trainer when Lion Wayne was unavailable.

We now have two additional Welch Allyn Certified Trainers – Lion Brenda Pruett in the north, and Lion Harold Tannerhill in the south. Because of the success of our Vision Screening training class during the break-out sessions at the second Cabinet meeting, we have scheduled additional sessions at the Mid-Winter Conference in Wimberley in January and at the District Convention in Manor in May. We have also added a tentative training session in March if there is a need for an additional class. You can reserve a place at any of these sessions on our newly updated web site. We are also working to organize a DSHS training session for those screeners who want to be able to do screenings in local schools. When we have a date, you will be able to register for that also on our web site.

PDG Charles Handrick has agreed to join us as liaison between the Custodians and the KidSight Committee. His experience as a screener and his knowledge of our District will be a great asset to our group. He will also be able to get the information to the Custodians that they will need and bring their concerns to the board for discussion.

PDG Len Heimer has agreed to join the Committee as Grant Administrator, and IPDG Mike Smith has taken on the duties of Webmaster for our KidSight page.

Hopefully these and future updates to our program will make it easier for screeners to access the information they need and reach the Children we serve in the District.

Thank you to all of the members of our KidSight Program – YOU SERVE!

### Lion Maureen Kinald



The Lions Den  
November, 2016

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

### Number of Children:

**Screened**  
**7,462**

**Referred**  
**979**



\* Year-To-Date: Lions Year - July 1 through October 31.

# District Clubs Learn about Texas Lions Camp

Texas Lions Camp District 2-S3 Director Ann Ward has visited several clubs in the district to talk about the camp, opportunities to become more involved on a club and personal level, and the 2017 camping season, including camper recruitment. Ward visited the Taylor Lions Club on Oct. 7, Hutto Lions Club on Oct. 24, Luling Lions Club on Oct. 27, the University of Texas Lions Club on Nov. 1 and the Florence Lions Club on Nov. 2. She also gave a camp report at the Oct. 22 Cabinet meeting.

"I am enjoying getting to visit Lions clubs in our district, and learn about their past involvement with our camp," Ward said. "I hope that all of our clubs in District 2-S3 will become more involved in supporting Texas Lions Camp, and especially help recruit campers. There should not be one vacant slot in any camp session. There are plenty of Texas children who can benefit from the camp; as Lions, we need to find them."

In conjunction with an Austin Founder Lions Club presentation to the Center for Child Protection Board on Oct. 20, Ward informed the approximately 40 board members about the camp and asked for their help in identifying children who might be potential campers.

If your club or other community organization would like to have a program about Texas Lions Camp, please contact Ward at 512-338-1623 or via email to:

[awardcomm@gmail.com](mailto:awardcomm@gmail.com)

## Health Salad for the Growth of LIONISM

PDG Frank Kinald

Start with 5 heads of Lettuce



- Let Us understand the goals and targets of our club
- Let Us increase our skills and use them to benefit others
- Let Us participate fully in club meetings
- Let Us earn respect and empowerment by our hard work
- Let Us understand our fellow Lions needs and wants

Add 5 cups of Peas



- Purpose
- Preparation
- Presence
- Promptness
- Perseverance

Add 3 cups of Squash



- Squash gossip
- Squash criticism
- Squash indifference

Toss in some Turnips



- Turn Up at meetings on time
- Turn Up with a smile
- Turn Up with new ideas
- Turn Up with a determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile

**And most important, make enough to serve an entire organization**

### A Thanksgiving Recipe For Lionism



We are looking for Texas Lions who play a musical instrument. We want to put together a Texas Lions Band; you must register to attend the 100th Lions International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, June 30 - July 4, 2017. Registration fee for the convention as well as travel would be the responsibility of each member attending the convention.

# Play an instrument? Want to be part of a memorable, fun time?

## Join Lions from all over Texas at the *Lions Centennial Convention in Chicago*

### June 30 - July 4, 2017

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

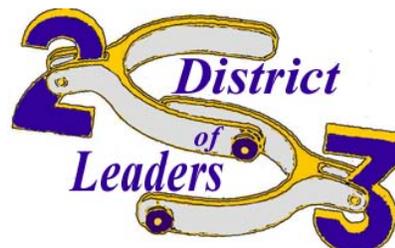
Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior experience:  HS Band       College Band       Band Director

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Austin Founder Lions Club Puts "Simba" To Work For KidSight



*Austin Founder Lions Club members Beverly Weeks and Sam Ruiz also participated in the Oct. 22 Reagan High School Hopefest where 137 individuals were screened; 42 were referred for follow-up care.*



*Austin Founder Lion Rudy Munguia worked as a translator at the Oct. 22 Reagan High School Hopefest. For the month of October, AFLC screened a total of 680 individuals with 149 referrals.*



*Austin Founder Lions Club provided a vision screening at the Mendez Community Festival on Oct. 29. Lions Mollie Tower, seated inside the trailer, and Roberto Martinez helped screen 64 individuals. Of these, 23 were referred for follow-up eye exams.*

# CLN Lions Club Shrimpfest

Canyon Lake Noon Lions boiled 505 pounds of fresh-caught gulf shrimp and 200 pounds of red potatoes on October 15th at their annual Shrimpfest event held at the Community Resource and Recreation Center (CRRC) in Canyon Lake. Generous portions of shrimp were served, along with coleslaw, tartar and cocktail sauce, to over 600 luncheon guests at this annual event. Desserts sold for \$1.00 each and were homemade by Lions--a sweet ending to the delicious seafood meal. Shrimpfest 2016 marked the first formal use of the Lions outdoor kitchen, donated, installed, and dedicated by Noon Lions in August 2016.



*Pictured below: The outdoor kitchen and cooking pavilion donated, installed, and dedicated by Canyon Lake Noon Lions in August 2016.*

# CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS



## ANNUAL SHRIMP FEST

**WHEN**

**October 15, 2016  
11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

**WHERE**

**CRRC Rec. Center**  
125 Mabel Jones Drive

**MENU:**  
FRESH  
BOILED  
SHRIMP,  
COLE SLAW,  
RED  
POTATOES,  
TEA

**DESSERTS:**  
\$1  
DONATION

**RAFFLE:** \$250  
GIFT CARD FROM  
LOWE'S MARKET,  
BROOKSHIRE  
BROS., VISA CARD,  
OR SCRATCH OFF

**LIVE MUSIC**

**TICKETS**  
\$12 At the Door or  
From any CLNL  
member  
More information:  
830-237-3180



## "Membership Growth" New Members - October

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

### Cameron Lions Club

Micah Holcombe	sponsored by	Roderick Holcombe
Brenda B Sanders	sponsored by	Dwight Jekel
Lindsey R Vaculin	sponsored by	Micah Holcombe

### Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Linda Harkness	sponsored by	Thomas Meyers
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### Cedar Park Longhorn Lions Club

Chad McCully	sponsored by	Sue Behm
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### Dripping Springs Lions Club

Sharon A Kemp	sponsored by	Sharon Goss
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### Jarrell Lions Club

Gwen Blakelsee	sponsored by	Cecilia Sinnwell
Duane Blakelsee	sponsored by	Cecilia Sinnwell
Lourdes Massa	sponsored by	Cecilia Sinnwell

### Lago Vista Lions Club

Patricia Lopez	sponsored by	Susan Nilsson-Weiskott
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### Luling Lions Club

Theresa S Velasquez	sponsored by	Lisa Gaspard
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### New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

James B Scardami Jr.	sponsored by	Bert Childs
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### Point Venture Lions Club

Fran A. Pontesso	sponsored by	Nan Knapp
Fred A Pontesso	sponsored by	Nan Knapp

### Round Rock Noon Lions Club

Jim D Holliday	sponsored by	Tino Hernandez
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### Schertz Cibolo Lions Club

Michael Long	sponsored by	Leigha Nielsen
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### Wimberley Lions Club

Ann Robertson	sponsored by	Judy Walker
Sylvanus L Robertson III	sponsored by	Frank Walker

## Garden Ridge Lions Raise \$53K

### *Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction*

We held our Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction Fundraiser on October 1st at the Garden Ridge Community Center. We served over 600 meals, held live and silent auctions, raffles and served deserts and beverages. Our Gross Charities Income was \$72,467.72; our expenses were \$19,016.25; and our resulting net charities income was \$53,451.72.

In February 2016 the Garden Ridge Lions started meeting to plan and make improvements to our annual October fundraiser. New software and 4 new computers were ordered. In April the Super and Regular Raffle tickets were being put together. By May the twenty committee chairmen were starting to get their committees filled. The Auction Book was started and ads were being sought and sold to pay for the Book. The Raffle tickets were printed and begun to be sold in July and August.

The Live and Silent Auction items were also being solicited in July and August. On Wednesday, September 28th, food was delivered to the Community Center to be put into their large freezer and commercial refrigerator. On September 29th and 30th the Garden Ridge Lions set up tables and chairs for eating, the food serving line and for the Live and Silent Auctions. The Auction items were brought in to be tagged. By October 1<sup>st</sup> the Garden Ridge Community Center was ready to open its doors to the public by 3pm. The Fish, Barbeque and all the fixings' were Cooked, smelling fine and ready to serve. The Auction items were ready to be viewed and the Raffle and food tickets were ready to be sold. All the Garden Ridge Lions did their jobs well and a good time was had by all. The food was eaten and the auction items were sold and the raffle tickets had winners. By 10pm, the Community Center was cleared of people, tables, chairs, most auction items and many tired Lions went home to rest. Sunday morning, October 2nd, the Community Center was cleaned, the serving line was cleaned, the fryers were cleaned and all put away in storage. The remaining Auction items were delivered and a successful fundraiser was done for the year.

It was wonderful seeing so many Lions working side by side for a common goal and having a fun time doing it. Thank you, Garden Ridge Lions for such a great year!!

**Lion Boss, Carmen McCaw**



*Fish Fry - 2016*

# A Special Bank Account

*PDG Frank Kinald*

Imagine there is a bank, which credits your account each morning with \$86,400.00, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during that day. What would you do?

Draw out every penny, of course!

Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is "Time."

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off as lost whatever of this you have failed to invest for a good purpose. It carries no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it deletes the records of that day. If you fail to use that day's deposit, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against tomorrow. Therefore, there is never "not enough time" or "too much time".

Time management is decided by you alone and nobody else. It is never the case of you not having enough time to do things, but the case of what you want to do with the time you have.



# Congratulations:

*PDG Shirley Dillman*

- ◆ **Blanco Lions doubled from 10 members reported July 1, 2016 to 20 for the October 2016 LCI report.**
- ◆ **Marion Lions are no longer fewer than 20 members; growing from 19 to 21.**
- ◆ **Our District has a positive 38 members reported for October.**

Reminder: Are your members conducting 'exit interviews'? LCI's report shows members of one year in Lionism to 55 years are dropping. Has your club determined if some of these Lions have relocated, had employment change so meeting at a different time better fits their schedule, or due to unspoken desires need to be guided to a different Lions Club?



# New Braunfels Noon Lions Club Induct New Member

Chapter 1577 of Lions Club International, New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club, welcomes its newest member, James Scardami, at the 20 October meeting. James is an import from the cornbelt who followed a southern belle to Texas and stayed. James is a graduate of the Marine Corps and has twins in the NBISD though this reporter can't remember at exactly which outpost.



*James is receiving his membership certificate from President Lee Ambrosino. The Lion on the right is his sponsor, Bert Childs.*

## Wimberley Lions Club Induct Two New Members



*The Wimberley Lions inducted two new members at the October 4th meeting. A husband and wife (gotta love it when we get a family two-fer). Larry Robertson is a retired helicopter pilot and his wife Ann, a retired lawyer, hail from Houston. They started a weekend home here first and now reside here full-time. Shown above from left are: sponsor Lion Kat Krause, new Lion Ann Robertson, Sponsor Lion Poncho Walker with new Lion Larry Robertson, Membership Chair Lion Terri Baccus and Lion Boss John Estepp.*

**WELCOME TO THE CLUB!**

## Wimberley Lions Club Taitwister

*Wimberley Lions Club's Taitwister brings the house down. If there is any doubt that Lion Neil Broussard has roots in Louisiana, it should all be pretty clear now. His "Boudreau" impression is just too good for him to be from anywhere else? Lion Neil sat in as Taitwister for Lion Bobby and told a few Boudreau stories that has us all rolling with laughter.*

*Although we won't be trying his recipe for Possum on the Half Shell anytime soon, we'll gladly listen to another Boudreau tale!*



# Medical Mission to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala



**Lions Ray Tremblay of Vancouver, TX, Alan Moore of Conroe, TX, Tino Hernandez and Shirley Dillman of Round Rock, Karen and Paul Moore of Montgomery, TX and Larry Nicholson of Liberty Hill, TX.**

Round Rock Lion's President Tino Hernandez orchestrated another most successful medical mission to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. About 45 greater Austin area residents, plus caring servants from UT, CO, FL, CA, British Columbia and Mexico joined our dedicated team consisting of 9 Doctors, 6 dentists, 3 pharmacists, 3 nurses, 1 great chiropractor adjusting us daily to keep us flexible and moving. Plus, an untold number of interpreters traveling with us and local Guatemalans were our greatest assets. A team of 6 Lions from 5 different Lions Clubs provided vision screening for 1,937 persons with over 1300 pairs of glasses for near and far sightedness to youth and adults. Another 1200+ pairs of sunglasses without prescriptions were provided as the intense sun of this mountain area causes cataracts for all ages. Several of us attended a Lion's Board meeting of an Antiqua Lions Club with a vision clinic in their large meeting complex where they are expanding to include a pediatric facility to open next year. They already provide cataract surgery. They were thrilled to experience vision screening with our Spot camera and may accompany us on our medical mission next October to Guatemala.

We were excited to meet 22 Lion leaders from Panama, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Nicaragua who were attending a Lions Leadership Conference in Antigua. The most memorable experience was witnessing our young female Doctor from Mexico who removed a tennis sized tumor from a gentleman's temple.

Our experiences in these rugged mountain communities without drug stores on every corner and medical care within a few miles makes us most grateful to live in North America. Yet, we seldom heard a child cry nor adults complain; but, they constantly heaped praises and blessings upon us.



**Happy new eyeglass recipient .**



**'Under Construction' A vision screening tent to prevent daylight from interfering with our Spot screening.**



**Above: Professional eyeglass fitting 'room' within a Church Sanctuary utilizing stacked pews to display our available eye and sunglasses.**



**Left: Paul Moore using 'Doc in a Box' to screen student's vision.**



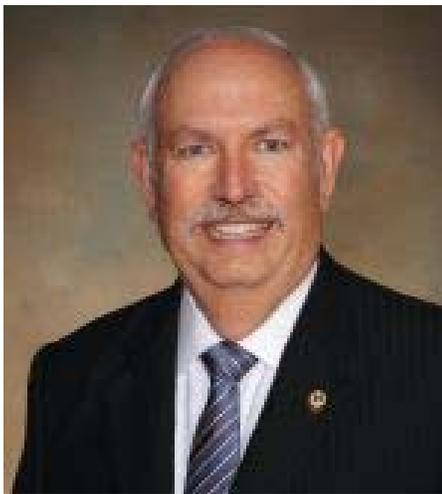
**Hip fellow with cap ajar and new sunglasses upside down**

### International President's Message

Rapidly approaching our Centennial in 2017, we now know that our forebears were right. Service is what makes a Lion. It's what we do. It's who we are. That has never been more evident than over the past couple of years. We set a goal to serve 100 million people by June 30, 2018. The four campaigns have been Engaging Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting the Environment.

We wondered whether we'd reach the goal because clubs typically had reported to Lions Clubs International serving 8 million people annually (but we knew the true figure was higher). I'm elated to tell you that in early September we reached our goal of serving 100 million people. Take pride in being part of an association that lives up to its amazing ideals.

Like Lions of yesteryear, we put service first. But unlike them, we are confident we will be here for a long, long time!



**Chancellor Bob Corlew, Lions Clubs International President**

## Whataburger Donates \$1000 To Manor Lions Club



**On Thursday, October 6th, Whataburger donated \$1,000 to the Manor Lions club. Whataburger is the newest restaurant in town.**

## Granger Lions Club's Pancake Supper



**The Granger Lions Club held its annual Pancake Supper on October 24 at the Community Center. Not only did the Lions feed the public, but Membership Chair Doc Etheridge used the opportunity to chat with a number of attendees about joining their declining membership. In the first photo, President John Pavelka is picking up batter (with its secret ingredients) from Randy Schwertner. In the photo right, Judy Gotcher is picking up sausage for a "to-go" tray while Joe Bartosh is waiting for the chance to sample it. In background are Dan Johnson and Mary Kallus.**

### What are YOU Thankful For?



## Lions Attend District 2-S3 Cabinet Meeting



*PDG Frank Kinald and PDG Charles Handrick listen to presentations.*



*District Governor John Lyon presenting IPDG Mike Smith a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions International for his term as District Governor.*

## Point Venture Lions Peace Poster Winners



*On November 7, Lions Laurie Glass, Debbie Conger and Cindy Wheeler judged over 85 entries. The winners received monetary prizes and the Lago Vista Intermediate School art department received support for art supplies. Thank you art teacher, Tracy Burke, for organizing this competition.*



*First place winner, Julia Ball, will have her art submitted to district competition. Congratulations Julia!*



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



# DG Visits Buda Lions Club

On October 24th, 2016 DG John Lyon visits the Buda Lions Club and speaks about his goals for the new Lion year, which is to grow clubs both in service and numbers.

Five of the Buda Lions Club members were recipients of the Milestone Chevron Award for their years of service. District Governor John Lyon presented the awards to the recipients during his visit to our club.



Milestone Chevron Awards

*Above: Standing left to right are Jim Fletcher for 30 years, Mike Huckaby for 40 years, DG John Lyon, Sandra Neilson for 10 years and PDG Charles Handrick for 30 years. Not present, Hank Gerdes for 10 years.*



*Left: Seated at the main table are left to right, Zone Chair Mike Jackson, DG John Lyon, PDG Charles Handrick and PDG JP Kirksey.*

# New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club Comal County Fair



The Club closed out the 2016 Comal County Fair with another successful frying event. Lion Frank Altschuler, Fair Booth Director this year, appreciates all of the Lion-ism turned into hard work. We fried gallons of pickles and dozens of Oreos for hundreds of hungry fair-goers.

The Club filled 160 shifts during the first Saturday and Tuesday through Sunday. that averages to 8 shifts per person. Our net profit of \$4,540 is on par with last year. We learned some valuable lessons, took notes, and plan to implement several changes for next year.

Some of the issues discussed at the quarterly Business meeting: reduce number of items keeping anchors: pickles & Oreos; better control of volunteers; shift leader training; and having only one cashier controlling money. If you have any ideas, insights, or suggestions, let a Board member know.



# SM Bluebonnet LC Lion of the Month

**Awards Committee—Melesa Yager, chair**  
Congratulations to the following Bluebonnet Lions for their extraordinary service to our community (see photos below):

- Lion Beverly Marek—July Lion of the Month
- Lion Ramika Adams—August Lion of the Month
- Lion Martha Moore - September Lion of the Month



*Lion Beverly Marek - July Lion of the Month*



*Lion Martha Moore - September Lion of the Month*

# New Braunfels Evening Lions Club Comal County Fair

## ***Lions Teamwork makes for Success At the 2016 Comal County Fair***

September, 2016 – The NB Evening Lions Club completed another successful fundraising project at the 2016 Comal County Fair which ran from September 19 – 25. To cover the multiple day event, club members contributed over 340 hours of work time. Along with the hours worked by club members, contributions were also made by the Smithson Valley Leo’s Club (38 hrs.) and Friends and Family of club members (72 hrs.) and our District Governor John Lyon. Several changes were made this year to improve club visibility and increase sales.

This is the first year that the club sold Wurst Nachos at the fair booth. For a new item, the nachos went extremely well. The decision was made to continue selling them at Wurstfest this year. Another new addition to the booth was the electronic signage that was displayed both outside the booth and inside. The new signs made it easier for the club to display pricing and also clear visualization of the products sold. Through the clubs efforts, around \$2400 in profit was raised that will be used for future donations for the club to distribute. Much thanks goes to Tom Matschek, Chairman of the Project Committee, D.J. Martinez, Concessions Chair for the Fair, and the entire cast of Lions Club members who donated their worktime to the fair booth fundraiser.



**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**



The Point Venture Lions Club is proud to announce

*Concert in the Village*

A Christmas Jazz concert featuring Joan Neely and the Marc Witmer Combo

Saturday, December 3, 2016 – Point Venture POA Clubroom

Special Patron Pre-Event at 6:00 PM

Concert at 7:00 PM

Proceeds dedicated to scholarships for Lago Vista High School Seniors

THIS IS A LIMITED SEATING EVENT WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO OUR PATRONS...

*Patron* levels are available in the following categories:

- *Grand Patron*- \$500 (includes two free reserved Section 1 seat tickets and opportunity to purchase two additional reserved seat tickets at \$25 each)
- *Patron of Honor*- \$250 (includes opportunity to purchase two reserved Section 2 seat tickets at \$25 each)
- *Patron*- \$100 (includes opportunity to purchase two reserved Section 3 seat tickets at \$25 each)

In addition, all *Patron* levels will be recognized in our signature Patron Brochure, be invited to a Pre-Concert Event and our annual sponsorship dinner. So escape the summer heat with thoughts of the Christmas season!

We are currently accepting applications for Patron levels until Saturday, October 22. After that time, we will open up tickets sales to the general public.

All questions may be directed to:

Chuck Lambert – 713-248-6337

Debbie Conger – 512-413-4476

Rob Wheeler – 512-796-8858

**Point Venture Lions Club Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**



PV Lions Club 1st Vice President, Barry Pasarew, presents complimentary mug to speaker, Elaine Hughes.

Special guest and speaker at the meeting was Lago Vista and Jonestown Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Elaine Hughes. Elaine presented an overview of the business, tourism, community and relocation opportunities in the Lago Vista, Jonestown, and Lake Travis North Shore region.



PV Lions Charlie Knapp, Ray Burch, Hank Riemer, and Clyde Hance, welcome guest speaker, Elaine Hughes,



Elaine Hughes and PV Lions Club 2nd Vice President, Carole Thomas.



The caterers, Carole Thomas, Brenda Ryan, and Chassey Wallace



## Point Venture Lions support the Lago Vista Leo's Club service project



Lago Vista Leos advisor, Linda Jameson, Leos Jae Maraquecho, Sydney Gutierrez-Gomez, and PV Lion, Chuck Lambert



PV Lion, Trey Cox, with Lago Vista Leos, Jae Morquecho and Sydney Gutierrez-Gomez

Addressing the needs of vulnerable children around the world and combatting children hunger, the Lago Vista Leos conducted a community-wide service project and collected baby food and snacks.

This year baby food items collected will be donated to an orphanage and gift boxes of the snacks will be sent to those serving in our military.

Members of the Point Venture Lions Club supported this opportunity to enrich the lives of less fortunate and needy children and brought baby food and snacks to the October 25 Lions meeting. Lago Vista Leos advisor, Linda Jameson, and Leos Jae Moraquecho and Sydney Gutierrez-Gomez, attended the meeting and collected the donated items.

Leo clubs receive special recognition for service to children in need. More importantly, they experience the pride and joy of restoring dignity with a promise of a brighter tomorrow. Thank you Lago Vista Leos!! Your club is a true inspiration to all Lions!!



## Arbor Day Tree Planting at Lago Vista Intermediate School



Welcomed by principal, Stacie Davis, representatives from the Lago Vista and Point Venture Lions Clubs gathered at the Lago Vista Intermediate School on Friday, November 4 and donated four Cleveland pear trees to the 4th Grade Foresters.

During a brief assembly, PV Lion coordinator, Cindy Wheeler, presented an overview of the project and emphasized the environmental importance of planting and caring for trees. Following planting the trees, these 4th graders will nourish and maintain the trees throughout the school year and beyond.

Those Lions assisting with the project were Lago Vista Lions president, Don Zschoche, Lago Lion, Ken Johnston, PV Lions Rob and Cindy Wheeler, Laurie Glass, and Nan Knapp.



## Lago Vista LC's Faye Tessnow Plaque Ceremony

Keep Lago Vista Beautiful (KLVB) purchased a plaque honoring Faye Tessnow and her work in Lago Vista. A ceremony was conducted at 10 AM on October 15, 2016 where the plaque was placed at the base of the garden she planted and maintained in the City Sports Complex near the pool. Mayor (Lion) Dale Mitchell officiated.

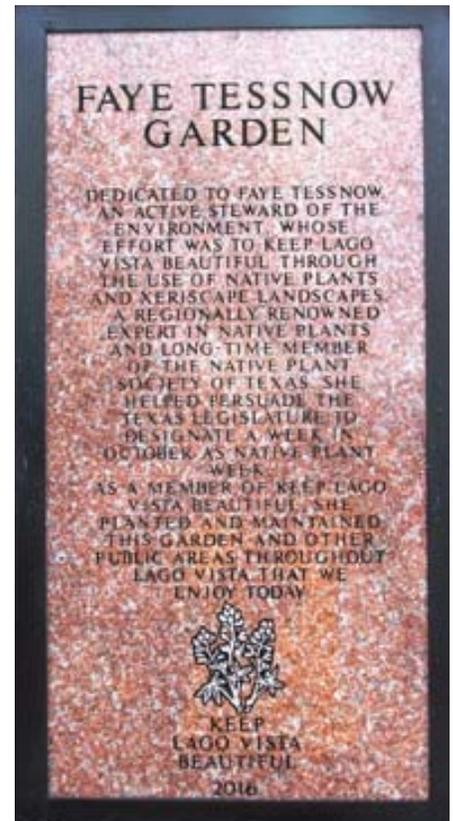
### *Faye Tessnow Garden*

Dedicated to Faye Tessnow, an active steward of the environment, whose effort was to keep Lago Vista beautiful through the use of native plants and xeriscape landscapes. A regionally renowned expert in native plants and long-time member of the Native Plant Society of Texas, she helped persuade the Texas legislature to designate a week in October as Native Plant Week.

As a member of Keep Lago Vista Beautiful, she planted and maintained this garden and other public areas throughout Lago Vista that we enjoy today.



**L-R: KLVB Chair (Lion) Frank Robbins, Mayor (Lion) Dale Mitchell, Dr. Alex Tessnow, Jake Tessnow, Max Tessnow, Lion Dr. Kurt Tessnow, Ashley Tessnow, Cathy Tessnow, Lt. Col (R) Rudy Tessnow.**



**Faye Tessnow Garden Plaque Dedicated 10/15/2016**

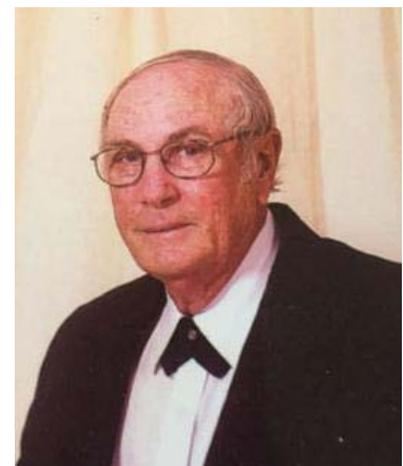
## William "Bill" Tart - New Braunfels Noon Lions Club



William "Bill" Tart, a resident of New Braunfels since 1968, passed away on October 11, 2016 at age 88. He was one of the first members of the United States Air Force and served in the Korean War during his military service. Upon his return to the States, he met the love of his life, Genevieve Oertli of Austin, Texas. Together, they traveled the world, made lifelong memories and raised three children. They were happily married for 56 years before her death in 2007.

He was very proud of starting his own company, Family Credit Services and being a part of the downtown business community. Bill embraced local lifestyle including a 52 year membership as a New Braunfels Lion until he resigned in 2013 due to his seven year battle with cancer. He was also an active member of the Wurstfest Association, Heritage Society and St. Paul Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.zoellerfuneralhm.com](http://www.zoellerfuneralhm.com)

**Thank you for your service.**



## SM Bluebonnet Lions Grants

At our luncheon at Salt Grass Steakhouse on September 6, we were able to give three additional grants from our 2015-16 fundraising efforts. The recipients were Camp Heartsong, Hands of Hope, and Salvation Army.



The photo above shows Martha Moore, 2015-16 Donations committee chair, and Debby Lawrence, 2015-16 First Vice President over Fundraising, presenting one of those grant checks to Allison Hardy & Murray Kast of CTMC Hospice Camp Heartsong.



Check presentation to Kathy McNeil



Check Presentation to Charlotte Evans



## Guide Dogs of Texas Visits New Braunfels Breakfast Club

Gail Waldon, Board Chair of Guide Dogs of Texas, along with her third guide dog Dante the Nose and Tim Howell of the Advisory Board visited the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club during their second regular meeting in October. The organization provides guide dogs to visually impaired Texans as well as offering unique client services such as specialized matching, training and follow-up. Each of our dogs is specially bred, raised and trained. From the moment they are born, puppies are groomed to be future guide dogs that will be paired with their new owners, who without a guide dog might not enjoy the freedom and independence they desire. Most dogs are Yellow Labradors, but there is a project to breed golden Retrievers and Yellow Labradors to get Goldadors. Guide dogs work for 8 years at placement, then retire.



San Antonio is the main campus with satellite cities Houston, Austin, and Dallas. The group averages placement of 6 dogs matched with clients per year; the goal is to increase up to 13 per year. Currently, there are 80 Guide Dogs working across the state.

### Interested in volunteering?

The group is looking for Community Volunteers, Client Volunteers, and Puppy Raisers. If you are interested contact Jenna Krysinski at [Jenna@guidedogsoftexas.org](mailto:Jenna@guidedogsoftexas.org) or call (210) 366-4081. You can visit their website for more information on volunteering as well.



## New Braunfels School Vision Screening



Cross Lutheran School

### Wimberley Lions Dress For Halloween

## Lago Vista - Lion of the Quarter



**Lion Craig Biggs, Marketing Manager**

**The Lago Vista Lions Club selected Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott as their Lion of the Quarter:** She worked on the following tasks; Serving as our club Chair for our Christmas Party Planning, serving as our club Chair for our Monthly Programs, conducted KidSight Vision Screening at Round Rock ISD for 345 children with 69 referrals (20%), assisted with a club Bake Sale during our BBQ Fundraising, conducted KidSight Vision Screening for the Williamson-Burnet County Head Start Vision Screening at Leander for 78 children with 7 referrals (9%), conducted KidSight Vision Screening for the Williamson-Burnet County Head Start Vision Screening at Liberty-Hill for 61 children with 8 referrals (13%), Served on our Road Clean-up Team in September, and continuously worked with Learning Ally to record books for the visually-impaired.



**Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott accepted the Lago Vista Lion of the Quarter Award from President Don Zschoche. Member since Jan 2016.**



**Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott recorded a book in a sound-proof room for the visually-impaired.**



**Lion Boss John Estep**



**Lion Ron Steel, Ambassador and Hauling**



**Membersib Chair Lion Terrie Baccus**



# Wimberley Lions Club Market Day Cart

*Decorated for Halloween*



*Lion Bobby Burris drives his refreshment cart around the field selling cold water, and handing out popsicle pops. He decorated the cart for Halloween here.*

# Lago Vista Lions

## Centennial Challenge (Oct)



### KidSight Vision Screening with Spot (10/15-26/2016)

On Oct 20, 2016 we conducted a SPOT Vision Screening at Grace Fellowship Church MDO for 20 children with 2 referrals.

On Oct 26, 2016 we conducted a SPOT Vision Screening at Liberty Hill ES for 235 kindergarteners with 21 referrals (9%).



### Vikings Read (Oct 19-30/2016)

In October 2017 we listened to 55 elementary students during 12 hours.



### Ink Jet Cartridge Recycle (10/07/2016)

On 10/07/2016 we recycled 30 ink jet cartridges and 4 cell phones.

### Aluminum Can Recycle (10/11/2016)

On 10/11/2016 we recycled 872 aluminum can recycling, weight was 24 pounds at \$0.35/pound resulting in \$8.40 in cash.

# Wimberley Market Day Entertainment

The Wimberley Lions Club, main Pavilion, entertainment for Halloween Market Day was **Little Beverly and the Shades**.

When they play, they are the biggest draw, next to our famous BBQ of course.

Come on out to Market Day in Wimberley; the first Saturday of the month.



# Community Service Project Energizes New Braunfels Evening Lions Members

Saturday, Oct 8 – Many members of our Lions Club came together for a project to help one of our community's senior citizens. A fallen tree was making it hard to maintain the lawn at a residence just north of New Braunfels and needed to be cut up and removed, which was outside of the resident's physical capabilities. The New Braunfels Evening Lions Club and several of the neighbors took on the project and successfully got the tree removed and the grounds cleaned up. Four chain saws and a lot of muscle were used to cut down the oversized oak tree and section it into wood that will be used for heat in the future. A special thanks goes out to Lion Betty Schilling for setting up the project and Lion Jeff Kunkle for supplying a chain-saw and the trailer to haul away the brush.



## Wimberley LC Program



*Wimberley Lions very own, Lion Oda Lesa Hernandez.*

The program for the October 4th evening was our own Lion Oda Lisa telling her story of blindness, and how faith, family and friends keep her going. In 1990, she was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa (also known as RP), a congenital disease that destroys the light receptor cells in the retina. At the time she was 28 years old with a toddler in tow, working as a computer programmer. By 1995, she was totally blind and taught herself how to read braille, then attended the School for the Blind. She had a guide dog to help her through the day, and her three sons to raise. Her sons, all adults now, still help her out and her computer (named Bruce) is equipped with technology so she can communicate and keep working. In her words, 'if you're going to be blind, now is the time' because of the computer technology available now.

A professional writer and poet, Oda Lisa joined the Lions Club in November of 2015, and has since become the District Chair for the World Services for the Blind, as well as the publicist for the Lions Club and Market Days, publishing several articles per month getting the word out about what we do as the Lions Club of Wimberley. She also has a radio show called Alphabet Soup on Wimberley's own radio station KVVH 94.1, and writes quips and verses for her own line of greeting cards.

Nothing can stop this amazing woman!

## Lago Vista Elementary School LVES Vikings Read Program

Lago Vista Lions was asked in late February to assist students at the Lago Vista Elementary School (their mascot is the Vikings) to listen to students read every morning until the end of the school year. The Vikings Read Program for the Lago Vista Lions began on 03/01/2016 and will end around mid-May 2017. Lions involved to date were: Jo Anne Smith and Jerry & Susan Nilsson-Weiskott. Lion Jo Anne Smith will be presenting this program at our next business meeting and will solicit for more volunteers.



## Wimberley HS Leo Ladies Market Day Decorating Contest



*Our Halloween Market Day Decorating Contest was championed by the Wimberley HS LEO ladies. Left to right are Brianna Archer, Kira Greer, Gabie Perez and Kaela Thompson. Pictured in front of them are some of the pumpkin decorating contest winners. Thank you LEOs for helping make the contest a big success!*

## *Leo Lily Jameson Awarded International Leo of the Year*

Our own District 2-S3 Lago Vista Leo, Lily Jameson, was awarded the International Leo of the Year award on Saturday, Oct 29th at Waco, Texas during the Council of Governors meeting at the Waco Lion's Den. State Leo Chair, Liz Bumguardner, PDG, Michael Smith, and the present DG, John Lyon, as well as myself, Linda Jameson, Lago Vista Leo Advisor, and Lily's mother, were with Lily when she accepted her award. Winning Leo of the Year for Lion's International is the result of hard work, leadership and dedication. Lily served as her local Lago Vista Leo President, 2-S3 District Leo President and MD2 State Leo President for the Leo year 2015-2016. Lily fulfilled the Leo Club Objective according to the LCI website, leading our Texas Leo Club program by "providing the youth of the world with an opportunity, contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."



*L-R: Lions Ken Johnston, Lions President Don Zschoche, Linda Jameson, Leo Lily Jameson, State Leo Chair Liz Bumguardner, Jo Anne & Ron Smith*

To be considered for the prestigious award, International Leo of the year, the Leo must have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, achieved a superior record as a Leo in implementing successful humanitarian service projects, made an identifiable contribution to the development and growth of the Leo Club Program, achieved distinction in the community outside of Leo club commitments and demonstrated high ethical standards and personal integrity. The Lago Vista Lion's Club is proud to say that Leo Lily Jameson went above and beyond all of the criteria listed.

In addition to myself, other Lago Vista Lions attending the award ceremony in support of Lily were: Lago Vista President, Don Zschoche, 2nd Vice President, JoAnne Smith, Lion Ron Smith, and Director, Ken Johnston.

Lily was presented the 2015-2016 Leo of the Year award which was signed by past Lions Club International President, Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Japan. She was also awarded the MD2 Extension Certificate for her efforts to bring the Leo Club Program to young people so that they may have opportunities to lead and serve.

Lily also took home the 100% Leo Multiple District President award also signed by past Lions Club International President, Dr. Yamada, of Japan. Along with these awards, Lily was presented a scholarship award to be applied to her college education for winning the Texas Leo of the Year Award.



*L-R: IPDG Michael Smith, Lion Linda Jameson, Leo Lily Jameson, and DG John Lyon.*

Leo Lily has also won the Leo Award of Honor for her outstanding accomplishments during her Leo years.

Lily personifies the Leo Club Motto:

**L=Leadership** (Develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader)

**E=Experience** (teamwork, cooperation and collaboration to bring exciting changes to communities and the world)

**O=Opportunity** (Make friends and feel the rewards of community service)



*L-R: Lions President Don Zschoche; Lion Linda Jameson; Leo Lily Jameson; State Leo chair, Liz Bumguardner.*



# NB Leos Induct New Members

The Ninth Grade Center Leos of New Braunfels High School, sponsored by the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club, inducted three new members on 05 October 2016.

*Pictured below, left to right, are Justin Burnup, Jake Rierson, and Helaina Hackett.*



And, Meet the Officers (Below)



*Present at the ceremony included, left to right, Savannah Wadstrom (Vice President), Dani Hill (Tail Twister), Maggie Kroesche (President), and Madeleine Balderama (Director). Not pictured are Jeremy Alkire (Secretary) and Stephanie Bell (Director).*



# Lago Vista Leos - Food Drive

Last November 2015 the Lago Vista Leos were able to fill an additional 65 boxes with various items for our Operation Gratitude for our service troops on top of last year's goal of 1000 boxes.

Anytime before 11/12/2016 please bring food items (i.e., granola bars, Cheeze-Its, jerky, canned food items, etc.) for older children to the next Lago Vista Lions meeting.

On 11/12/2016 the Lago Vista Leos, along with other Texas Leos, will be hosting a hot dog picnic with soldiers at Ft. Hood. After the picnic the food items will be given to needy families.



*Lago Vista Leos attending District 2-53 Cabinet Meeting in Lakeway, Texas, October 22 were collecting food items and raising money in support of Operation Gratitude.*



## New Braunfels Middle School



*It's A New Leo Year*

## Oak Run Middle School



## New Braunfels High School



The New Braunfels High, New Braunfels Middle School, and Oak Run Middle School Leo Clubs are sponsored by the New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club. New Leo Club members are initiated and Leo Officers are installed.

## CLUB NEWS.....

### BLANCO LIONS CLUB

We will meet at the Old 300 Bar-B-Que (4th and Pecan St.) on Thursday November 3rd. 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. Our District Governor will induct the 2016-17 officers and talk about the Lions Centennial activities. Come early and help set up the meeting room with a good arrangement and enough chairs and tables.

**Game Ball Raffle:** The next game is 11/3. Please show up between 6 and 6:30 to help sell tickets. We had a good night at Homecoming.

**Aluminum Cans:** We still have to fill the trailer and move the blower back to ABC Recycling.

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

**Christmas Parade:** Start preparing for the coffee stand at the Christmas parade.

### GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

**Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction:** We held our Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction Fundraiser on October 1st at the Garden Ridge Community Center. We served over 600 meals, held live and silent auctions, raffles and served deserts and beverages. Our Gross Charities Income was \$72,467.72; our expenses were \$19,016.25; and our resulting net charities income was \$53,451.72.



**National Night Out:** Lion Dick Holloway and a few of our other Lions set up a Lions Information Booth in the City's Community Center to celebrate National Night Out, October 4; they passed out Garden Ridge Lion information informing city residents of what we do in the community and solicited new members. We served pop-corn to all 250 interested people who approached our table.

**Lions Annual Picnic:** On Sunday October 16th approximately 70 hungry lions, family members, and friends showed

up to enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the annual Lion's Club Picnic.



The feast consisted of brisket, beans, cream corn, and all the extras, including plenty of ice cold liquid refreshments. A special thanks goes out to all who provided appetizers and deserts .... mmm, mmm good. We had games for the competitive folks although softball was not included this time. For some reason the distance between the bases seems to be getting longer each year. Good food, good friends, good fellowship ... what a great way to reward our members for the hard work that produced another very successful Fish Fry and Bar-B-Q.

**Road Clean-up:** Nineteen Lions showed up Saturday morning, October 15, for Bat Cave and Schoenthal Road clean-up. In fact, there were enough Lions to also help with the final clean-up of the Lions Den in Paul Davis Park. The Garden Ridge Lions Den is now a clean and nice place to have visitors. A special thank you to the following Lions who helped with the clean-up of the Lions Den: Larry and Jackie Browder, Bill Foote, Larry & Jessie Smedley, Larry Steele, Dave Heier, John McCaw, Becky Richardson (prospective member) and Pat Hartley. Carmen McCaw



**Elementary School Nurses:** We donated a \$150 Wal-Mart gift card to each school nurse at Morningside and Garden Ridge Elementary Schools. The card is used to purchase essential needs for the children as the need arises.

**District Cabinet Meeting:** Lions Jim Newbold, and Ray and Pam Pitzen attended the 2nd District 2-S3 Cabinet Meeting in Austin, Lake Travis, Texas on October 22, 2016.

**Guest Speakers:** Our guest speaker, 12 October, 2016 was Laura Torres, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Our guest speaker, 26 October, 2016 was Tim Zipp, 2016 Wurstfest President.

**Hearing Testing:** The elementary school hearing testing continues throughout New Braunfels and Comal County ISD's. Forty-nine Lions and spouses from the Garden Ridge Lions Club have conducted hearing testing at the following elementary schools: Carl Schurz, Startzville, Morningside, County Line, M.H. Specht, Hoffman Lane, Cross Lutheran, I-Centro, Bracken Christian, Bill Brown, Walnut Springs, Indian Springs, Lamar, and Tree of Life.

**New Members:** Welcome back long time Lion Dan Fordiani.

### GEORGETOWN (NOON) LIONS CLUB

**22 Activities In October:** 16 were service activities involving KidSight, senior care activities, eyeglass/ink cartridge recycling, nurse's voucher. Also a social, 3 club visits, and 2 district meetings. Please report your activities **often** to the secretary, including collection of eyeglasses and ink cartridges and food donations!!

**Successful KidSight Month:** KidSight October was a signature month. Chair Lion Carol Hopper has reported 7 vision screenings in October, with 36 Lions hours of service. 725 children (mostly GISD) were screened, with 112 referrals. Wow! She was assisted by only 2 screeners: Lions Ashley Faulkner and JoAnn Steinfort. Several others did help in September. PDG Gary Cocanougher and Lion Ashley became SPOT certified, bringing our total to 12 in the GNLC. 7 are state certified for the schools.

**Successful Senior Care Month:** Support at Senior Facilities has been fine tuned for several months and is off and running, as we look to give more of a service menu to our Lions. We have "adopted" both the Legacy and Wesleyan on Scenic. At least weekly, and some-times bi-weekly, we have had our Lions help out at one of the facilities with manicures and bingo. Results: 27 Lions hours and 121 folks served.

### Halloween Party:



Special thanks to Jackie Johannes for hosting and providing great Bar-B-Que and fixin's for our Halloween Party at Octo-

ber 29. As always, she outdid herself with her hospitality. Attending the party were Jackie, Nancy and Milton Rister, Don Jones, Gearl and Betty Koonce, Marquise Patton, JoAnn and Paul Steinfort.



**Programs:** Thanks to Lion Marcie Ramm for her arranging great programs for our October meetings: Dr. Weilan Johnson (topic: Skin Cancer), and Linda Sloan (topic: Habitat for Humanity). We were reminded about our club's involvement in Habitat building at 1501 Timber St. in 2003-4. Veteran members shared that we had raised \$15,000 and also received a grant from LCIF.

### LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

**Cabinet Meeting:** Members of the Lago Vista Lions Club attended the District 2-S3 Cabinet Meeting in Lakeway, Texas on October 22, 2016. DG John Lyon presented Membership Chevrons to members of the Lago Vista Lions Club; Lago Vista Lion President, Don Zschoche accepted the awards. Lion Mike Zaydel gave the District 2-S3 Audit Report, Lion JoAnne Smith gave the District 2-S3 Environmental report, and several Lago Vista Leos were attending.



**Car Wash:** The final amount raised by our Mister Car Wash fundraiser was \$1109.50. We sold 99 Express tickets and 109 Full-Serve tickets. Lions involved were: Lions Jo Anne Smith (chair), Kathleen Joyce (co-chair), Jerry and Susan Nilsson-Weiskott. Thanks to all who purchased the car wash tickets and made the fundraiser a BIG success!!!

**Blood Drive:** Our 10/22/2016 blood drive had 20 partici-

pants and a total of 19 pints 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 12/17/2016.**

### NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

**Business Meeting - 6 October:** Third Vice President Mark Reynolds lined up another interesting program for our first October meeting. Janice Jessen and Trino Pedraza from the newest NBU project, HEADWATERS AT THE COMAL, dropped by for a free feed and to give us the lowdown.

If you don't regularly navigate the intersection of Lakeview and Klingemann/River Roads, you may well not have noticed that there is something happening at the old NBU site. The 16 acres of blacktop parking lot which accumulate crud, both organic and inorganic, in copious amounts between the all too infrequent rain events seen in these parts then, when the precipitation does finally arrive, sluice said crud directly into that exact spot where Blieders Creek gives up her bounty to the Comal River. Yuk.

So NBU and the City of New Braunfels have undertaken converting the old parking lot into a green belt with amenities such as a central courtyard, event lawn, display gardens, walking trails, outdoor classrooms, natural spring overlooks, wastewater treatment wetlands, composting facilities and more. In its own words, the NBU website proclaims "*The Headwaters at the Comal will be a place that establishes a relationship between the community and the environment by demonstrating the regeneration and protection of water and ecological resources.*" They couldn't put it on the Web if it weren't true.

Phase I, including much of the landscaping and spring restoration, with some light construction thrown in for good measure, started this year and is budgeted at \$6 million. Phase II is scheduled to begin in 2018 and includes most of the building construction. The budget for that portion of the project is \$13 million and change. By 2021 the dust should have all settled and the beautiful park-like setting will be open to all New Braunfelsers and perhaps we county folks who partake of NBU's services.

**Business Meeting - 20 October:** What with Wurstfest looming large and more than a few critical spots still wanting filling in both the Food Booth and Parking Lot, First Vice President Jack Morgan institutes an "auction" to fill those slots.

Going through the list spot by spot and asking for a show of hands, Jack didn't get 'em all filled, but was justifiably pleased with the outcome. It was an unprecedented approach to an annual problem.

There is still room for *you* though, if you missed out. Call Jack at 830-857-5242.

### NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

**Board Meeting:** Secretary Randy reported that the Lions desktop calendars were ordered and will distribute when they arrive. He also presented the Q4 NBEL Newsletter, which was also emailed to all club members.

The High school students that we sponsored for Boys and Girls State, Emily Handcock accompanied by her mother, and Logan Piner both relayed their experience to the club and

expressed their appreciation for the sponsorship.

Treasurer Jeff thanked the club for sponsoring his daughter on a recent Mission trip, briefly explaining her experience there.

President Skip noted that the new per meal increase of \$2.56 was now in effect and that the (3) types of meals will be rotated going forward.

Lion Betty brought the Wurstfest work signup sheets to the meeting. She also reported that Saturdays Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 will be Wurstfest booth cleanup days, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Lion Bob reported that the Boy Scouts will once again work the Wurstfest parking lot. Wurstfest is putting up an 8' temporary fence and lighting for the event. He is still talking to World Car Mazda to see if they will contribute work hours this year. Also noted that we received \$850 back from Wurstfest to compensate us for the improvements we made to the parking lot.

Lion Betty reported that the service project the club did to cut down a tree for an elderly person was a success. She received thanks from many of the Oak Grove Estates neighbors.

President Skip noted that he will try to attend the District Cabinet meeting this month.

Lion Johnathan reported that he will be working with Lion Grey on the details of the Smithson Valley Leos Club, probably next February. The club will elect officers soon.

Lion Tom M. is currently working on the shirt design for our 50<sup>th</sup>. Orders are currently being taken by Jeff and Randy.

Lion Carl suggested using a P.A. for meeting to enhance hearing the meeting for some members. This could be a conflict with being too noisy for restaurant patrons.

A Lion resigned, dropping our membership to 36.

Jeff Kunkel won the attendance drawing

**Silver Centennial Award Winners:** Three members of the NB Evening Lions Club were awarded Silver Centennial pins this fall for Recruiting and retaining new Lions or for organizing a new Lions Club. The three recipients of the award were: Edward (Skip) Nolte, Larry Kunkel, and Carl Feltner.

**District 2-S3 Charities:** Answering a request from our District 2-S3 Governor, the NB Evening Lions club donated \$250 to help defer the medical costs of Lion Rod Garrison.

**Leftover Food From Comal County Fair:** The NB Evening Lions Club makes sure that charity is foremost on their mind during every project. After concluding their fundraising efforts at the Comal County Fair, the Lions were able to donate the leftover food items to a good cause. This year's recipient was the Crisis Center of Comal County. Our Lions Club gave the Center almost \$400 worth of food items that will be put to good use feeding families in need in the New Braunfels area.

**Other NBELC Donations:** Harry Wickersham Charity Golf Tournament, \$100; Project Graduation, \$500; and Eyeglasses & Exams, \$490.

**DG's Official Visit:** At our club meeting on September 7, we were honored with special guests, the District Governor, John Lyon, and our Zone V-A Chairman and his wife, Lions Norm and Diane Schuale.

DG John spoke about his goals for the District, including membership retention and growth. Additional goals included:

- Promote Social Media for club information and membership bonus
- Increase retention by club offering an exit questionnaire
- Establish two new clubs this year
- Promote leadership courses through LCI Web Site
- Promote women membership by a net gain of 1 per club

The re-Member campaign for membership retention and growth continues.

DG John also noted the effect of decrease of membership on the funding of the Texas Lions Camp. He encouraged members and the club to consider contributions to the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund to ensure the camp's continued financial health in the future.

In recognition of DG John's visit to our club, we donated \$100 to the District 2-S3 Charities.

**100% Club –TLC:** Our club has been recognized for our 38th consecutive year as a club with a 100% contribution to the Texas Lions Camp for the 2016-2017 year.

We participate in the District's 100% charitable funding by paying \$10 per member each year to the Texas Lions Camp. In addition, we also pay \$21 per member each year to the Texas Lions Camp as required by the Texas State Lions constitution and by-laws. Our club pays these from the results of our fund raising projects, including those at the Comal County Fair and the Wurstfest.

**Centennial Service Challenge Award:** For our efforts last year our club has received the Centennial Service Challenge Award. To receive this recognition, our club supported youth activities, vision programs, hunger initiatives, and environmental projects.

### SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

**From President Debby:** November is upon us which means we're heading into a very busy holiday season! Our pecans will arrive in a couple weeks and the Thankful Turkey 5K will be here before we know it!

If you missed our October evening meeting, you missed a good visit with District Governor John Lyon. He shared his goals which include growing membership. Please talk to your friends and invite them to visit our Club. Thanks to our hostesses Jennifer, Cherry, and Trish. The food was yummy! We also saw a new side of Cherry! She's quite the taitwister!

We also have a community service project coming up. We'll be packing food for the School Fuel on Thursday, November 3. Please come join us. Together we can make a difference in our great community.

**Thanks! Debby Lawrence, President**

**Birthday Cards for Seniors Project - Jill Stolar, chair:** Lion Jill has just volunteered to chair this BRAND NEW Bluebonnet Lions community service project. Thanks, Jill! Look for a signup sheet at November & December meetings. Happy Birthday to all senior citizens of San Marcos. Be visiting with you soon!

**LCI Centennial Service Project—Debby Lawrence, chair:** Debby and our Board of Directors have been looking

for appropriate projects to highlight Lionism and the Bluebonnet Lions Club in San Marcos to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs International.

They are considering placing two benches at CTMC with plaques as a lasting tribute to our service in the community. For more information, please attend the November 15 Board meeting at 7pm at SMPD after our regular evening meeting.

**Thankful Turkey 14th Annual 5K Fundraiser—Martha Moore & Ramika Adams, co-chairs:** Anticipation is mounting for Race Day, Saturday, November 19. EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED!

**Thank you to our biggest sponsors as of October 27:**

**Platinum Sponsors:** Engie Hays Energy, La Cima Development

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**In-Kind sponsors:** Café on the Square, Clyde & Sandi Gray, IsAnZe Phoenix Fitness, Dealer Alternative Auto Care

*If you have a Facebook or Twitter page, be sure to invite those friends to our Thankful Turkey event and include our website, [www.bluebonnetlions.org](http://www.bluebonnetlions.org), for registration.*

Much appreciation to Lions Beth Morrisset, Trish Wilder, Rose Brooks, Carol Peters, Cherry Walt, Gloria Sandoval, and Beverly Marek who are selling sponsorships. Also, Lion Edna has event posters and Lion Trish has printed registration brochures if you know a place who will act as a distribution site.



**Photo above: Staff at Hays Energy, second year Platinum sponsor of Bluebonnet Lions Thankful Turkey 5K. Look closely & you may see Lion Beverly Marek's husband, John. Sponsored by Lion Judy Aswell, Beverly joined Bluebonnet Lions in September, 2015, and jumped right in bringing several sponsors for last year's 13th Annual November event. Thanks, Beverly, for "RUNNING" with us ever since!**

**Wimberley Parking fundraising project—Debby Lawrence, chair:** Mark your calendar NOW! This project has been tentatively set for the Wimberley Market Day on December 3 from 7am-4pm with 3-hour shifts. Contact Debby if you would like to help. We can also support this project by carpooling to Market Day & parking in that lot. Happy holiday shopping!

**Membership Committee—Ramika Adams, chair:** Perfect Attendance requirements were changed in the By-laws last winter. Now the only requirement to achieve this award is to attend at least twelve Bluebonnet Lions meetings. There are 12 noon meetings, 12 evening meetings, and 12 Board meetings in our Lions year.

Secretary Judy keeps attendance at the meetings, but it is good to keep your own record of the meetings you attend. Contact Judy if you would like to know how many meetings she has re-recorded for you. If you are interested in receiving this award, there are still 23 meetings left before our annual meeting in June when Perfect Attendance awards for 2016-17 will be presented.

While our Club was unable to find a member to attend the District Cabinet meeting on Saturday, October 22, we will have another chance to send representatives on January 27-28 when the District will hold the next Cabinet meeting along with the Mid-Winter Conference at Wimberley High School. This event is open to ALL Lions in District 2-S3 which includes Clubs between Johnson City and Bulverde. It is a great opportunity to meet Lions from a greater area and to learn more about Lionism. There will also be leadership trainings available as well as honoring Peace Poster winners and other Lions contest winners. So mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Your registration will be paid by the Club administration account and will include breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

**Programs Committee—Kate Shaw, chair:** District Governor John Lyon shared his theme for 2016-17: "New Mountains to Climb" at our October evening meeting. He also passed out his "re-MEMBER TEXAS" growing membership coin to all present. Zone Chair Larkin Smith and San Marcos Lions Club President Mitchell Hoffman also attended that meeting.

**100% Club:** Our Club recently received the 100% Club banner patch for our donation to Texas Lions Camp & a plaque for continuous support of the Salvation Army. Check out our banner at the November evening meeting to see this patch and others we have received in the past for our service and funding efforts. Thanks to Lion Tamer Irene Luna for keeping our banners up to date.

**From the Desk of Zone Chair Larkin Smith:** Check out the San Marcos Lions Club website at [www.sanmarcoslionsclub.org](http://www.sanmarcoslionsclub.org) for links to websites for Bluebonnet Lions, Kyle Lions, Wimberley Lions, and Texas State Campus Lions Clubs.

**San Marcos Citizen Police Academy—Judy Aswell:** This is a 13-week course that meets once a week to give citizens an overview of the duties of police officers and introduce class members to various organizations in our community. Judy has registered for the next session of Academy classes and has invited more of our members to join her in this worthy community service.

Cpl Tayllor of SMPD can offer more information about the Academy. SMPD allows us to use their auditorium or training room each month for our evening meetings and this would be a great way for us to give back.

### WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

**Fellow Lions:** You can tell Fall has arrived in Wimberley by the inquiries about Youth Exchange applications and when our grant letters are going out! If you get an inquiry about the Youth Exchange Program, please direct those to Lion Dave Osborn. For grants inquiries, refer them to our Grants

Committee Chair, Lion 1st VP Vic Forsyth. We are looking forward to a great year for these committees as they are high profile in our Wimberley Community.

The Halloween theme at the October Market Day was another fun idea our Marketing Committee came up with. There were some terrific costumes worn by our Lions on the field. The November Market Day theme is Thanksgiving so put on your thinking caps on and get creative! This is another one of those major Market Days for our vendors, customers, and our concessions.

Regarding membership, we are currently standing at 203 members. Jobs and issues with health happen, so we need to continue to build our ranks. We will miss these members.

Some of you may not know how we get our Texas Lion Camp dinner assignment each year. On October 1st of each year, we submit an online application for a Sunday dinner we prepare for the campers and staff of the Texas Lion Camp. Well, the results are in.... out of the three dates we asked for, we have Sunday, June 25, 2017, as the date TLC has assigned our club. This is another one of those fun service projects we look forward to each Summer.

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

**Program - October 18th:** The program for October 18th was presented by Vicki McCuiston, Executive Director of the Barnabas Connection. The Barnabas Connection provides services to low-income families, assisting people in need through advocacy, education and direct service. One of their primary directives is to restore dignity to low-income families and help leverage them out of poverty.



Some of the programs that Barnabas sponsors are the Back to School Fiesta, providing free school supplies, backpacks and a gift certificate for shoes to Wimberley students in need; Christmas Store, a concept focused on restoring dignity to adults needing assistance with Christmas gifts for family members; Best Buds, an adult mentoring program in place at Scudder Elementary; and Free and reduced Lunches at area schools. Since two major floods hit Wimberley in 2015, Barnabas Connection has really stepped up and now has case managers working to assist those affected and help them with the rebuilding process. Flood recovery case management and financial assistance has closed 91 cases, 6 are pending closure, and 28 are still open. \$775,000 has been spent to date with an additional \$175,000 pledged for current clients.

**Tailtwister:** Tailtwister Lion Bobby Burris engages club members in a telephone game to check communication skills, or how well we can hear! One person at each table read a statement from a handout, and then whispered it to the Lion

sitting next to him/her, then each in turn whispered the message to their neighbor until it went all the way around the table. The last person to get the message then compared it to the original message on the handout. As you can imagine, very few were the same as the original. At one of the tables, the original message, "Scarecrows steal soft sandwiches" turned into "Someone stole somebody's sandwich"... close but no cigar!

**Centennial Membership Pins:**



*Lion Boss presents Centennial Membership pins to Lions Mark Dawson, Amy Cox and Jack Massengale. Way to bring in more members Lions!*

