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District Governor's Message

Another month has flown by. I want to ponder on some of the things that have happened in history in October. The Gregorian calendar was accepted in 1582, which added leap years. In 1957, Sputnik 1 was launched weighing only 184 pounds. 1979, The Panama Canal was turned over to Panama and in 1988 World Sight Day was started by LCI to increase awareness about the importance of eye health.

I want to thank all the clubs that I have visited recently and apologize for missing the Austin Founder visit. USA/Canada Forum in Omaha was fun and educational; especially about upcoming ideas for the future of Spot Vision. Another thanks to PDG Shirley Dillman and Lions John Kelley of Marion. We spent most of a day recruiting new members.

Peace Poster winners from each club needs to be submitted by November 15th to PDG Angie Nicholson of Liberty Hill.

Environmental Photo Contest-Photos are due by December 1 and need to be sent to Lion Jo Ann Smith of Lago Vista. Contestants can be Lions or LEO's, Depict a natural theme without people, must be originals and of your local environment, and be on 8X10" photo paper.

Flooding in Louisiana-August of 2016, had the worst flooding since Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Over 126,000 homes flooded and 13 deaths. Our District Alert fund sent \$2,000 to DG Françoise Retard of District 8N for flood relief. Several clubs have donated money for this

relief as well.

District Cabinet Meeting is coming up on October 22 at the United Methodist Church of Lake Travis. As a reminder, resolution for District directors and candidates for 2VDG will be announced at this meeting and conclude these announcements at the Mid-Winter cabinet meeting.

Our speaker at the cabinet meeting will talk about Emergency Operations Centers which ties into our Alert Committee. Several training sessions will be offered including Guiding Lions Introductions, Spot Vision Training, Custodial Club discussion and agreements.

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District Governor

Lion John Lyon and Patti

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2nd Cabinet Meeting Lake Travis United Methodist Church

DIRECTIONS FROM LAKEWAY AND BEE CAVE:

- Follow RR 620 toward Mansfield Dam
- Go just past Debba Drive and turn left into the Lake Travis United Methodist Church parking lot.
- Stay right and curve to the right before you come to the first building.
- Stay right on driveway until you come to the last building.
- You will see parking in front of the building and along the right side of the driveway.

or,

DIRECTIONS FROM MANSFIELD DAM:

- Follow RR 620 past the Dam.
- Continue on RR 620 for approximately 2.5 to 3 miles After you pass Oak Grove Dr, look for driveway on right at 1502 RR 620 North
- Turn into the Lake Travis United Methodist Church parking lot.
- Stay right and curve to the right before you come to the first building.
- Stay right on driveway until you come to the last building.
- You will see parking in front of the building and along the right side of the driveway.

SEE YOU THERE!
Saturday, Oct. 22

Registration & Map: pages 3 & 4

Become a Certified Guiding Lion

by John Pruett, 1st VDG

Certified Guiding Lions help guide new clubs through the first couple of years of their formation. This is a critical period in the establishment and future success of a new club. The Guiding Lion will orient and train new club officers, and motivate and support new club growth. Lions Clubs International has added a new training module on club rebuilding for Guiding Lions. For those clubs seeking help from the District Governor's Team the Guiding Lion is an extremely valuable resource.

One can become a Certified Guiding Lion by taking the course individually on-line or facilitated by an instructor. To take the course on-line just go to lionsclubs.org and download the necessary course material. The certification is valid for three years. One must retake the course every three years to maintain certification.

An active District that is busy establishing new clubs and working with established clubs that could use a little help for whatever reason, should have an available list of highly motivated Guiding Lions. This is a much needed and highly rewarding leadership position in the District. If you are interested visit the International website and read more

about it, or contact any member of the Governor's Team. We can certainly use your help as we reach out to those we serve.



1st Vice District Governor
John Pruett



The Lions Den
October, 2016

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DG's Club Visitation Schedule

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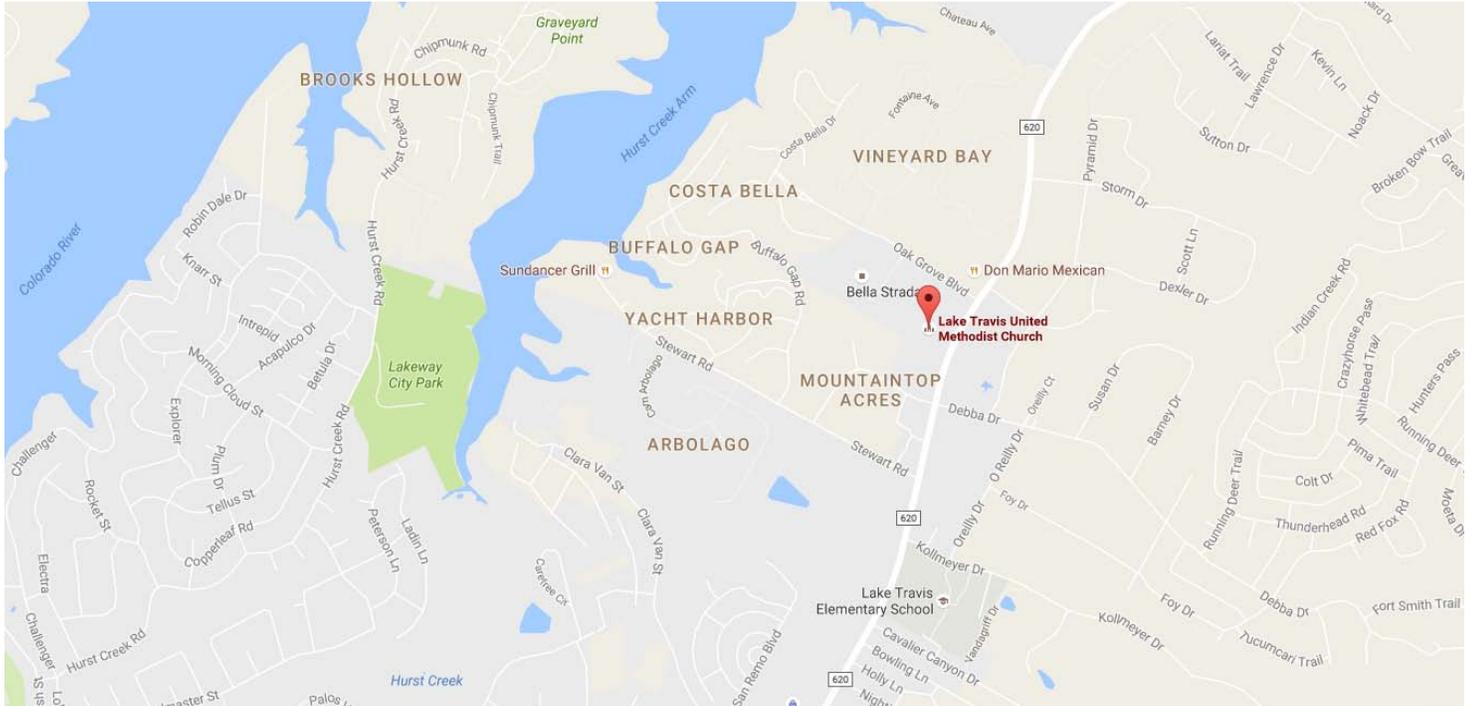
- Oct 3 Elgin
- Oct 4 McQueeney 7PM
- Oct 5 Florence 12N
- Oct 6 Milano 7PM
- Oct 10 Manor
- Oct 12 Austin Capital City Evening
- Oct 13 Round Rock 12N
- Oct 13 Bulverde
- Oct 18 San Marcos Bluebonnets
- Oct 19 Rockdale
- Oct 22 Cabinet Meeting
- Oct 24 Buda
- Oct 26 Lockhart
- Oct 27 Austin South

NOVEMBER

- Nov 3 Blanco 6:30PM
- Nov 10 Burnet
- Nov 10 Austin North
- Nov 14 Texas State
- Nov 15 NB New Century
- Nov 17 Johnson City
- Nov 17 Austin Founder
- Nov 24 Austin North



Second Cabinet Meeting Lake Travis United Methodist Church

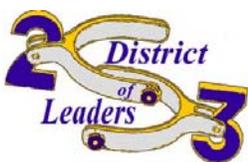


Lake Travis United Methodist Church

1502 Ranch Rd. 620 N.

Austin, TX 78734

(512) 266-9877



All Lions are Invited
See You in Lake Travis



"Membership Growth" New Members - September

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

Austin Founder Lions Club

Brittany N Buffum	sponsored by	Tommy Cowan
Melissa B Coad	sponsored by	Tommy Cowan
Jack D Pfister	sponsored by	Anne Rodgers

Bulverde Lions Club

Karl L Mayer	sponsored by	Geoffrey Young
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Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Gloria Wildberger	sponsored by	Thomas Meyer
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Florence Lions Club

Neil Borders Jr.	sponsored by	Amy Crane
James Cheshire	sponsored by	Amy Crane

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Richard C Simmons	sponsored by	Todd Arvidson
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Hutto Lions Club

Jake Davis	sponsored by	Andy Bowen
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Lago Vista Lions Club

Eddie-Carol Cargile	sponsored by	Eugene Cargile
Julie N McCreary	sponsored by	Linda Winston

Marion Lions Club

Don R Roberts	sponsored by	Belinda Reasor
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Pflugerville Lions Club

Ryan L Barnes	sponsored by	Jeff Marsh
Ray C Krzesniak	sponsored by	Walley Erickson

Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club

Timothy W Norden	sponsored by	David Almond
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Taylor Lions Club

Janice Killian	sponsored by	Mark Thompson
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Wimberley Lions Club

Kent V Lenertz	sponsored by	Douglas McLean
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Attention Lions The Leos Need Your Help

Attention Lions, the Leo's of District 2-S3 are asking for your help as we want to be able to provide families with much needed items. The District 2-S3 Leos are collecting several items and we would like to invite all District 2-S3 Lions to join with us! We will have a table at the District 2-S3 Cabinet Meeting in Lakeway, Texas, on Saturday, October 22, 2016, for Lions to drop off their donations.

Our wish list includes:

- ⇒ New Books for the Dell Children's Hospital
- ⇒ Used books for Ronald McDonald House



District 2-S3 Leos are also collecting baby food (small plastic containers of various flavors of baby food) and non perishable snack items packed in individual packages such as Cheese Its, beef jerky, nuts, granola bars, crackers, and etc.

*** We will also have a raffle at this meeting ... please bring your dollars!!!

Leo Sydney Gutierrez-Gomez





A Memorial To Our Lost Lions

Michael Bruce Jones **Austin North Lions Club**

Acie C McAda **New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club**

PR Tips & Tools

by 2-S3 PR Chair, John Creswell

Let's talk about your club newsletter this month. A well written newsletter is a great public relations communication and recruiting tool. I admit I'm biased. I think my New Braunfels Noon Lions Club publishes the best monthly newsletter in District 2-S3.* Lion scribe Bert Childs effectively uses an active writing style and humor.

Caution! Be careful using humor. What's funny to some may be offensive to others. Jokes and stories that were acceptable a few years ago may be offensive to younger - and prospective - members. If you're using cartoons, be careful of copyright infringement.

Use color in your newsletter (I know it's more expensive, but it grabs a reader's attention). Send emailed newsletters in color and print black and white copies if cost is a concern. Use action photos whenever possible. You have to use a few staged pictures during the year, but photos of Lions actively working in their communities tell readers that We Serve!

Finally, have your newsletter reviewed by one or more members before it goes to press. Keep sharing your PR Tips & Tools with me. Lion John Creswell at creswellj@sbcglobal.net.

*Send me your newsletter, if you think it's the best in the District. We'll all benefit if we share PR tips and tools.



Buda Lions Remember Patriot's Day

The Buda Lions Club was at the center of Buda on the morning of September 11th, 2016, handing out flags and reminding passers-by and motorists the reason they were doing so. For the last 14 years, the Buda Lions have celebrated Patriot's Day in much the same way, with a patriotic flair that is well appreciated and enjoyed.

Eight Buda Lions walked the intersection of Main and FM 967, encouraging stopped (safety is a huge factor) drivers to accept a miniature US Flag to remind them that the day was the 15th anniversary of September 11, 2001, a day all of us should remember. This effort by the Buda Lions has as an objective to cause those who pass through to remember that day, the effects the attacks had on our Nation, and to remind others to be vigilant in the pursuit of our Nation's Freedom. We also encouraged drivers to remember that Freedom is Not Free, and that we pause, remember, and support those who have defended our freedoms and liberties, both at home and abroad. We estimate that we handed out about 1,000 flags, and with each one, hoped we would continue the memory of those lost that day and since, and of those who continue to defend the Nation.

Buda Lions participating that morning were Nelia Barrera, Darrell Cooper, Keith Cooper, Jim Fletcher, President Mike Jackson, Tammy Jackson, Alan Robinson and Dan Stim.



SM Bluebonnet LC - Thankful Turkey 5K

Pictured on the right are Kelli Whigham of Law Firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen and Moe Johnson of Moe's Better Half March 5, 2017 Marathon presenting Thankful Turkey 5K sponsorship checks to Treasurer Linda Alexander. "MVBA has sponsored Thankful Turkey for several years and is pleased to support Bluebonnet Lions again."



District 2-S3 Environmental Chair Report

by Lion Jo Anne Smith (Contact info: LagoJAS@Gmail.com)



Hello, my name is Lion Jo Anne Smith and I am your 2015-2016 District 2-S3 Environmental Chair. I am here to assist your club over the next fiscal year on ways your club can plan, execute and publicize your environmental projects. Some areas I might be of assistance are:

1. Encourage club participation in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

Your club deadline is December 1, 2016.

LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo

- Only one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo entry per Lions club.
- Mail your club printed photo entry **AND** entry form to me at 20609 Oak Ridge, Lago Vista, TX 78645 by December 1, 2016.

Be thinking about photos that has been taken or could be taken in the following four areas:

- Animal life
- Plant life
- Urban or natural landscape
- Weather phenomenon

More info at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/environmental-photo-contest/index.php#sthash.c1CVa2Fe.dpuf>

2. Encourage your club to conduct hands-on environmental service projects

A Focus on Recycling -- Lions can fulfill the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" environmental message by reducing landfill debris through reuse or recycling. -Lion's environmental efforts occur at Lions club, district and multiple district activities as well as in the homes of environmentally-conscious Lions. Items to be recycled can include:

- Eyeglasses (Lions recycle millions of pairs each year)
- Hearing aids
- Electronics (Batteries, cell phones, computers)
- Books, magazines, telephone books
- Plastics
- Paint
- Inkjet or //toner cartridges
- Shoes
- Clothing
- Medical equipment such as wheelchairs and crutches
- Organize a recycling program by working with local recycling organizations.

See more at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/environment/recycling-projects.php#sthash.08dE17B3.dpuf>



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2016-2017 contest chairman. We are excited about the 2017 MD2 Lions Environmental Photo Contest and encourage all districts to participate. Last year there were eight (8) district entries in the MD2 contest and we trust that there will be more this year.

MD2 has been represented well in the international contests in the past. We had a winning landscape entry at international convention in 2009 and our 2012, 2014 and 2016 entries were selected to appear in LCI's wall calendar. Way to go Texas! (It's time to have another winner.) **Now to continue this standard.....**

This is the first year that Leos have been invited to participate alongside Lions in the Environmental Photo Contest. The contest provides a way for Lions/Leos to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving their environment. This may also provide an opportunity to involve some Lions/Leos at the district level that might not otherwise participate in district activities.

Contest rules and the entry form are attached and available for use in newsletters and other correspondence. Digital files may be found on International's website at <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/environmental-photo-contest/index.php>. Please note that this year there will be no categories or special theme in the international competition.

We encourage each district to have a contest chairman and to promote the contest. Each district's entry in the MD2 contest must be received at the state office by to January 27, 2017. We will be glad to assist districts in starting or enhancing their contest. We recommend contest information be included in MD2 newsletters and on the website.

Carry those cameras with you and start snapping those pictures!

Respectively submitted,
 PDG Fredda Buckner
 Texas Lions Environmental Photo Contest Chairman
pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net

Environmental Photo Contest Application

 Lion Photographer's Full Name

 Lion Photographer's E-mail Address

 Lion Photographer's Phone Number

 Lions Club or LEO Club Name

Mail, with photo, to:

Lion Jo Anne Smith
20609 Oak Ridge
Lago Vista, TX 78645



Lions 2016-2017 Photo Contest Rules



Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

- The 2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
 - All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, landscape, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
 - Photos should be original, unaltered and must be taken by the submitting Lion.
- LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit their photo(s) to the DISTRICT by December 1, 2016 to:
Lion Jo Anne Smith
20609 Oak Ridge
Lago Vista, TX 78645
- Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.
 - Photos that include people will be disqualified.
 - Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)
 - All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
 - LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit **one** winning photo to the MULTIPLE DISTRICT by January 27, 2017. Photos shall be mailed to reach the state office by this date.
 - LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL by March 1, 2017. Photos must be submitted to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL with a complete and signed official entry form (available on the LCI website). Multiple entries will not be accepted.
 - Contest photos become the property of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.
 - LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display MULTIPLE DISTRICT-level entries at the International Convention in Chicago. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos.
 - The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the photos will be featured on the LCI website.
 - At all levels of the competition, photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.
 - Email contest questions to: LagoJAS@Gmail.com



Austin Founder Lions Create Simba To Use in Vision Screening

The Austin Founder Lions Club (AFLC) purchased a small trailer and retrofitted it for the club's KidSight Vision Screening activities - and have named it SIMBA. AFLC Lions Tommy Cowan, Craig Estes, Jim Overton and Lamar Urbanovsky outfitted the trailer with exterior signage, interior flooring, carpet, a new printer and DVD player.



Lions Anne Rodgers, back, and Terry Heller, center, pose with some of the pre-kindergartners in front of Simba.

As part of the AFLC's centennial year celebration and service initiative, the club is Spot-screening *all* 3-year-old pre-kindergarten children in Austin Independent School District elementary schools. In September, the AFLC SIMBA "A" team leaders - Lions Tommy Cowan, Terry Heller, and Anne Rodgers - screened 880 children at six schools. Some 217 children, or almost 25 percent, were referred for follow-up eye examinations.

In addition, Austin Founders are providing Spot team support for Lion Chelsea Elliott (West Austin Lions), founder of Half-Helen Foundation (HHF), volunteering additional hours Spot screening pre-kindergarten 4-year olds and kindergartners. HHF is in the second year of a research effort to gather baseline data comparing Spot findings and the 150-year old eye-chart screening methodologies in Texas.

SIMBA has also been scheduled for several community health screening events, most recently providing Spot vision screening at the Viking Community Festival Sept. 24 at Lanier High School. A total of 124 people were screened, with 26 referrals, or almost 21 percent.

Proceeds from the club's annual Rose Day sale on Oct. 20 will be used to help support the Simba Spot screening initiative.



Lago Vista Lions Centennial Challenge September



KidSight Vision Screening (September 2016): During Sep 6-15, 2016 we conducted 6 Head Start Vision Screening programs for 325 children with 36 referrals. We used vision screeners from Lago Vista Lions, Point Venture Lions and Marble Falls Lions.

During Sep 19-29, 2016 we conducted Lago Vista Elementary School Vision Screening programs; SPOT screening for 107 children with 7 referrals and Chart screening for 202 children with 15 referrals.



Road Clean Up (09/17/2016): On 09/17/2016 the Road Clean Up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). 8 bags of trash were collected by 6 Lions.



Austin Founder Lions John Nyfeler, left, Tommy Cowan, Terry Heller and Mark Hastings celebrate the unveiling of SIMBA, the club's new vision screening trailer.

Wimberley LC Centennial Project

It was noted in our Wimberley Lions Club August Newsletter that our Centennial Project Committee is working hard to get info and projects for the Board to approve the end of September. We started by donating our EMS Cart that is used for Market Day to the Wimberley Fire Department and in return, they are going to have the cart on the field for Wimberley Market Day each month. The Committee will have a presentation to present to the Board on the 27th of September for approval of the 3 other projects we are hoping to complete for the Centennial this next year.



EMS Cart

Does Your Club Have a Centennial Project?

Georgetown Evening Lions "Engaging Our Youth"

When Georgetown Evening Lions Club accepted the Centennial Service Challenge "Engaging Our Youth", they sought to partner with a local organization making a difference in children's lives. Several times a week, members drive by a sign on Shell Road marking the location of Georgetown **Annunciation Maternity Home**, a nationally accredited maternity home in Texas licensed to provide free services to women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

<http://www.thematernityhome.org/>

The Club decided to focus efforts to help these special teens and young women make a better start as moms, believing this would also help their children.



Annunciation Home welcomed the Club's support. The most pressing need identified was for a new gliding rocker chair and foot rest. New mothers may stay at the Home for up to two years after the birth of their child, learning to care for themselves and their babies. They attend a certified, onsite high school, and learn to prepare meals, do laundry, and budget. Most importantly, moms are responsible to provide warmth and comfort to the children. What better way to create a bond between mother and baby than to feed and cuddle little ones in a comfortable rocking chair.

Georgetown Evening Lions purchased a chair and foot rest which meets the requirements of the Home.



Club members decided to add individual gifts for moms and babies. These included diapers, bottles, pacifiers, shirts, "onesies", plus blankets and bath towels. A special "Lion" baby outfit even made its way into the gift set. The rocker and other presents were delivered to Annunciation Home by Lions, who took the opportunity to tour the living and school facilities. Most importantly, Lions visited the nursery and met the littlest residents, the babies!



"Engaging Our Youth" can start before birth and continue into young adulthood. Georgetown Evening Lions make a positive difference in the lives of our children from the beginning.



Are You A Team Player?

by GLT Chair,
PDG Frank Kinald

Now that football season is underway, this might be a good time to think about being a team player in your LIONS club. Here are five traits to cultivate in yourself to become a valued member of a team.

Willingness to contribute. Are you ready to put the team's goals first? This doesn't mean ignoring your own needs and goals, but it does mean putting your energy into contributing to the team so you can share in its success.

Acceptance of roles. Members of a team have specific jobs and roles. You won't be helpful if you insist on going outside the boundaries of what the team needs from you. Do your job, but don't try to be a hero by doing someone else's job, doing more than is needed, or telling others what to do.

Eagerness to assist. On a team no one can back off and say, "That's not my job". Be the one to pitch in to help wherever you're needed as situations call for it.

Identification with the group. Effective team members take pride from their association with their group. When you join a group, start talking up the experience, both to yourself and others.

Responsible attitude. Everyone is eager to share credit, but are you willing to accept responsibility for failure? Can you be honest about your mistakes and be willing to learn from experience.

The dictionary defines **teamwork** as "work done by several associates with each doing a part but all subordinating personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole". But I think the Three Musketeers said it best as "All for one and one for all".



The Future of Lionism... is in our hands.

By PDG Shirley Dillman, Lions District 2-S3 GMT Chair

Parents of students: Plan ahead to leave your legacy of commitment 'To Serve.'

Do you or any of your club members have sons and daughters living on a campus? They may serve as Lions where ever they live by joining your Lion's Club under the 'Family Plan' using your address.

Having membership of volunteerism in a world known service organize like Lions Clubs International can benefit them to gain employment after graduation as many companies such as Dell, Kohl's and Target desire their employees to wear their company shirts and volunteer at community functions – especially events benefiting youth.

Young leaders bring new energy, inspire fresh ideas for service and provide increased support for local and international projects. They will provide a

wealth of expertise for social media of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, posting selfies at your projects, use You Tube and some blog.

Lions Clubs International has made it easy to get students involved. Students enrolled in an educational institution and between the age of 18 through age 30 pay only half international dues (\$21.50) and are exempt of entrance fees when they join any Lions club. Certification is required. Club secretaries may complete certification online using MyLCI, or submit the paper certification form with the monthly membership report or club charter application.



Round Rock Lions Picnic for Campers

Eight of our 14 Texas Lions Campers were treated to a hamburger and hot dog picnic in early September by the Round Rock Noon Lions. Too many sporting and church events prevented others from attending. What a delight to know these physically challenged, Down Syndrome, and diabetic youth are not idly sitting at home, but busy in our community with other children, sporting events, and church. Stories were shared by campers about activities they enjoyed. Everyone stated eagerness to return next year, except one diabetic gal who was sad that she aged out, but most grateful for the years she's had to build lasting relationships with other Type I diabetics. Her parents continue to praise Lions for sponsoring this valuable week with Dr. Ponder to learn methods and ideas to lead 'normal' lives. We Round Rock Lions take our hats off to all other Lions who help to make these weeks of camping free to all families with youth facing experiences differently than most of their peers. Parents shared their experiences of a week without their child, the noticeable independence in them being more capable to help themselves, and the eagerness for next year to camp.



KidSight Important for Texas Children

By Lion Ann Ward, Austin Founder Lions Club

I had the opportunity to travel to Iceland in August where I had the pleasure of meeting Lion Gerður Jónsdóttir, who founded the Akureyri YLFA Lions Club in 2011. There are four clubs in the northern Iceland city which has a population of about 80,000. Naturally, we shared information about our respective clubs' activities and how we serve our communities.

Lion Gerður's club raises money to help disabled children in Akureyri. Through the LIONS Reading program, she and her fellow Lions help children who have one or both parents that are non-Icelanders read once a week at the town library.

As I was describing Austin Founder Lions' involvement in the KidSight vision screening program, I was surprised to learn that Iceland does not participate in the program. However, Gerður explained that Iceland's public health system provides routine vision screenings as part of children's annual check-ups, so there is no need for KidSight screening. In fact, Iceland's health system provides eye exams for adults as well as needed glasses.

I shared with Lion Gerður how our MD 2-S3 SPOT KidSight program fills a much-needed gap in vision screening in Texas. I explained that the State of Texas requires all children age four who are enrolled for the first time in any public, private, parochial or denominational school or in a Department of Family and Protective Services licensed child-care center and licensed child care home in Texas be screened or have a professional examination for possible vision and hearing problems. The state also requires screening for all first-, third-, fifth- and seventh-grade students.

Approved charts for distance acuity testing include: (1) Sloan Letter Chart, (2) Snellen "Tumbling E" Chart and (3) HOTV Matching-Symbol Test. Photo screening may be used for individuals through five years of age and those with disabilities who do not respond well to other allowable screening methods. More information about state requirements is available at <http://www.dshs.thqexas.gov/vhs/require.shtm>.

For more information about the District 2-S3 KidSight program, visit the website at <http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.com/kid-sight-vision-screening.html>.

If you want to learn more about my Icelandic friend's club, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Lionsklúbburinn-YlfaMD-109-21014779010283/photos>.

I encourage you to try to meet Lions in other countries if you travel. It's fun to see our similarities, and learn how different cultures serve. That's what Lions are all about!



Lion Ann Ward, right, secretary of the Austin Founder Lions Club, met Lion Gerður Jónsdóttir, founder of the Akureyri YLFA Lions Club in Akureyri, Iceland, during a recent vacation. They exchanged banners and pins, and shared information about their respective clubs.

New Braunfels LC Members Help at Senior Serve-A-Thon

Lions Paul Leming, Bill Mehrer, Mike Stallings, Paul Finley, Dale Wade, and Greg Baumbach represented the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club at the annual Senior Citizen's Center Serve-A-Thon. The crew cleaned up, mowed, and manicured a senior's yard. With assistance from members of the NBHS Junior ROTC program, members filled 20 yard bags and stacked up several piles of limbs transforming the yard into a neighborhood jewel.





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

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Point Venture Lions Club Sponsor Dinner Tuesday, September 27, 2016



CTX Roofing, Joe and Kerryn Spivey



Sponsors, Bob and Kingsberry Otto, and PV Lion and Edward Jones Investments, Trey Cox.



PV Lion, Charlie Knapp, and sponsors, Janet and Larry Ryden.

The Point Venture Lions Club held its annual sponsor dinner on Tuesday, September 27 to recognize and thank those who contributed to very successful fundraising events. In December, 2015, the club hosted Christmas in the Village, our Christmas home tour, and in June, 2016, our 12th annual golf tournament was held. Both events far exceeded targeted fundraising goals with Christmas in the Village raising \$6,000 and the golf tournament, \$25,000.

Charities

Proceeds from these events support our major Lions charities:

- The Texas Lions Camp
- The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- The Texas School for the Deaf
- Service Dogs, Inc.
- LVHS Scholarships; 11 awarded in 2016
- Lions Club International Foundation

Other local charities supported are:

- Blue Santa
- The Horse Boy Foundation (a camp in Elgin, Texas for autistic children)
- Lago Vista Volunteers
- LVISD projects:
 - Teacher grants
 - Special Olympics
 - Arbor Day trees
 - Prize money for essay and peace poster contests
- North Shore youth sports programs:
 - soccer
 - golf little league

Sponsors' donations have also enabled our Lions club to support unique and unexpected needs that may arise in our community. An effort to provide meals for firefighters protecting our homes has been implemented and volunteers have answered individuals' calls for medical assistance.



PV Lion, Mike Bucko, and Gunnar Agrelius, ReBath of Austin Josh, Debra, and Laney Agrelius, PV Lion Aylisa Bucko



Special guest speaker, Emily Moseley, and Point Venture Lions Club president, Ron Gallagher.



Lions, Carole Thomas (Carole Thomas Custom Homes) and Ray Burch, with special guest, Gloria Price

Sponsors

Those generous sponsors being honored include:

- Roy and Karen Mills—The Gnarly Gar
- Josh and Debra Agrelius, Gunnar, and Laney—ReBath of Austin
- Jan Talley—Vista Verde Custom Homes
- Bob and Kingsberry Otto—our newest Diamond sponsors
- Joe and Kerry Spivey—CTX Roofing
- Gary and Charlene Robertson
- Jeanne Calvi
- Hazel Pipkin
- Larry and Janet Ryden
- Michael and Rhonda Tenbrook—Lake Travis Family Dentistry

We are very fortunate to have members of our Lions club with businesses in our community who were also generous contributors:

- Trey Cox—Edward Jones Investments
- Kathy Christian—Art by Kathy
- Carole Thomas—Carole Thomas Custom Homes

Speaker

LVISD graduate, former Lago Vista Leo, and PV Lions Club scholarship winner, Emily Moseley, was the guest speaker at the Sponsor Dinner. In 2014, Emily was a participant in the Lions District 2 S-3 Outstanding Youth Competition. Emily, sponsored by the Point Venture Lions Club, won First Place in the Drug Awareness speech contest and First Place in the Outstanding Youth essay/interview contest and Second Place in the Diabetes Awareness contest.

Emily described her experience participating in the Lago Vista Leo Club and its impact on developing leadership qualities and involvement in social service activities. She delivered a first-hand account of what Lions can mean to the youth in our community.

Due to our sponsors' gifts, the PV Lions Club awarded 11 scholarships to deserving LVISD seniors in 2016.

Sponsor Dinner Photos



PV Lions, Gene and Laurie Glass, and special guest speaker, Emily Moseley



PV Lion, Roy Ables, and sponsor, Hazel Pipkin



The Gnarly Gar sponsors, Roy and Karen Mills, and PV Lion, Nora Skaff



Sponsor Dinner guests, Lil Burch and Fran Pontesso



Sponsor Dinner emcee, Debbie Conger, and Lion Joe Conger



Guest Tammy Moseley, speaker Emily Moseley, and PV Lions president, Ron Gallagher



PV Mayor and Lion, Cristin Cecala, Sponsor Debra Agrelius and Laney



Lion Hank Riemer was recognized as a 10-year charter member of the Point Venture Lions Club during the Sponsor Dinner by emcee, Debbie Conger, and president, Ron Gallagher.



Lion Gene Glass and Vista Verde Custom Homes sponsor, Jan Talley.



Back row: Mike Tenbrook, Gary Robertson, Joe Spivey, Bob Otto, Kingsberry Otto, Jan Talley, Janet Ryden

Front row: Rhonda Tenbrook, Charlene Robertson, Kerryn Spivey, Jeanne Calvi, Hazel Pipkin



Back row: Larry Ryden, Roy Mills, Josh Agrelius

Front row: Karen Mills, Debra Agrelius, Laney Agrelius, Gunnar Agrelius

- Upcoming PV Lions Events:**
- Fall community clean-up (date TBA)
 - Fall Fling—10-15-16
 - Concert in the Village—12-03-16



New Lago Vista Lions



EDDIE-CAROL CARGILE: Eddie-Carol moved to Lago Vista from truly "all over" as she said she was a true Army brat, traveling all over the world with her folks. In those days, they were called Military Gypsies. She met and married our Lion Gene who was then in the Army and spent more time moving around with the Army. After retirement, they moved on to Lago Vista to be near her folks.

Eddie-Carroll and Gene are parents of five children with 15 grand-children and one great-grandchild. Only one of the families live in Lago Vista and that child has kept them very busy with five of the grandkids. Children range in age from 45 to 52 and the grandkids from 11 to 27.

Throughout much of that time, Eddie-Carol worked as a science teacher, teaching kids in grades 7-12 in at least five different schools. She really wanted to become a doctor but because of Viet Nam, she didn't go to medical school. Little known facts are how she got her name Eddie-Carol. She was named after her parents, Edward and Caroline. And because of that name, she's had other strange things happen; like when she received a draft notice from the Navy! Eddie-Carroll's sponsor is her husband, 16 year Lion, Gene Cargile.



JOE GUDKA: Joe graduated from Texas State University, formerly known as Southwest Texas State, with his major in Business Administration. Immediately after graduation, he and Terry were married and they are currently counting at 53 years. They have three children ranging in age from 45-52, their youngest, a daughter, lives near 620 on the west side of Austin. In the early days, Joe worked for Sears, mostly as a buyer, but not limited to that position. Those 21 years with Sears took him to Lafayette, LA, Columbia, El Salvador, Chicago, Guam, and finally back to Houston. After leaving Sears, Joe opened his own business manufacturing wooden window blinds. He retired from business 7 years ago.

His hobbies today are fishing, sometimes at Rockport, and trading stocks. Formerly, he did cross country. Unknown facts about Joe are that he holds a brown belt in Judo and that while in high school, he studied three years with the Catholic Minor Seminary to be a priest. He also attained the rank of Eagle Scout and served as a Scoutmaster. We are really happy to have Joe back with us as a Lion. His sponsor is Lion Joe Burke.



JULIE MC CREARY: Julie has lived in Austin nearly her whole life. She and her husband, Harold, moved to this area from El Paso and then on to Lago Vista in 2005. They've been married 15 years. Harold is still employed at Applied Materials here in Austin. Jarrod, Julie's only son, is 25, lives with them and has just graduated college. Julie had a job with the State as a Human Resources Manager and retired in 2010. Julie loves to read and travel and would ride horseback every day if she had a horse.

Two little know facts about Julie would be that in 1983 she was part of a pilot program to civilianize drivers license testing. When she was approved, she continued to test drivers until 1990. The other fact is really nothing less than a real miracle. For only 27 of the 40 weeks of gestation, she endured a very risky pregnancy. At the very premature birth of her son, Jarrod, he was 1 pound 15 ounces and 13 inches long.

The very meeting Julie turned in her Lions member application, she volunteered for and receive the title of Chairperson for the " A LION LIVES HERE" sign. Lion Linda Winston, her sponsor, is very proud of her.

New G'Town Noon Lion

District Governor John Lyon inducts new Lion John Tiller (center) as sponsor PDG Paul Steinfort looks on, along with President JoAnn Steinfort and Membership Chair Marcie Ramm, who presented the member and sponsor certificates. Lion John Tiller's father is a Melvin Jones Fellow in another state, and we welcome our new Lion John to the family.



Lions Pride NB Breakfast LC

Lion Eddie Temple: I was born in New Braunfels - lived here until I was nine years old - then we moved to Longview, TX for my Dad's job. I was married in 1982 and we moved back to New Braunfels. I have two grown children and two grandchildren--they're the best!

I have worked at the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, worked as a stock broker, managed a rental car franchise and worked in the insurance industry. For the last 18 years I have worked at USAA as a Financial Advisor. Before I worked at USAA, I enjoyed being a member of several civic groups.

I recently started working from home - which allows me to join the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions. I look forward to getting to know everyone and helping to serve our community.



Invite a Guest
Get a New Member



Wimberley's 210th New Member!

A hearty Lion welcome to new Wimberley Lions Club member Kent Lenertz, our 210th member! Lion Kent is a retired sales engineer from Pearland who moved here three years ago. With his kids in college at Texas State, he is ready to serve as a Lion. Welcome Kent!



Shown from left are Lion Doug McLean (Kent's sponsor), new member Lion Kent Lenertz, Membership Chair Terri Baccus and Lion Boss John Estep.

New Braunfels Noon Lions Receive Award

Presented to the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club at the September 15 business meeting was this handsome plaque from the SALVATION ARMY.

The inscription reads "Recognizing Noon Lions as the Top Civic Club Christmas Kettle Volunteer Performer".

Well done, Lions. ROAR!



AFLC, Austin Optimists Partner; Optimists Present Check to TLC

The Austin Founder Lions Club (AFLC), the oldest Lions Club in the world, and the Austin Optimist Club, the oldest Optimist Club in Austin, have formed a partnership to work together on fund-raisers to help support each club's projects that benefit the youth of the Greater Austin area.

No single organization can meet all the needs of this community. By acknowledging this truth, club members are finding it easy to find common ground and work together. The success of both clubs benefits the community we both serve.

The partnership was announced during the Texas Council of Governors/Past District Governors' Association/Texas Lions Camp Board meeting in August in Kerrville. AFLC Past President Lillie Gilligan introduced Ronnie Faith, the incoming president of the Austin Optimist Club. She presented a \$1,000 check to Texas Lions Camp Executive Director Stephen Mabry at the TLC breakfast.

Among the ways the two clubs are supporting each other are the following:

- ◆ Becoming familiar with the signature projects of the respective clubs. The Optimist Club raises funds with its annual Christmas Tree Lot. AFLC raises money through its annual Sporting Clay Shoot-Out, golf tournament and annual Rose Sale. Both clubs are working to support each other's projects both physically and financially.
- ◆ Making referrals of interesting speakers and programs. Having interesting, relevant speakers and programs for weekly meetings is a challenge for both organizations and is key to continued success.



LEFT: Austin Founder Lions Club Past Presidents Tommy Cowan, second from left, and Lillie Gilligan, right, presented Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew, center, with a club banner and pin and a book highlighting the century of service provided by the oldest Lions Club in the world. Ronnie Faith, president-elect of the Austin Optimist Club, left; Stephen Mabry, CEO of Texas Lions Camp; and Governor John Lyons shared in the history-making presentation at the Texas Lions Camp President's Picnic in August.



RIGHT: Ronnie Faith, second from left, incoming president of the Austin Optimists Club, presented a check for \$1,000 to Stephen Mabry, right, CEO of Texas Lions Camp. Austin Founder Lions Bill Martin, vice chairman of the Camp Maintenance Committee, left, and Lillie Gilligan, second from right, have worked with the Austin Optimists Club to inform them about the life-changing work of Texas Lions Camp and members voted to provide financial support to the camp!



PDG J.P. Kirksey and International President Bob Corlew.

Hook E'm Horns!

LEFT: PDG J.P. Kirksey, left, immediate past president of the Austin Founder Lions Club, presented Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew with a Longhorn cap during the Past District Governors Association informal dinner during the Council of Governor's meeting in Kerrville in August. Corlew lived in San Antonio for three years and graduated from St. Mary's Law School. Corlew spoke favorably of The University of Texas and expressed appreciation for the cap. He was also very proficient with the Hook 'E'm hand gesture.

Lago Vista Lions Club - BBQ and Bake Sale



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September 3, 2016





NB Noon Lions Kick-Off Comal County Fair & Rodeo

Just in time for it to not be fall quite yet (the calendar's got to be mistaken, doesn't it?) the boffo extravaganza known as the COMAL COUNTY FAIR & RODEO got underway Tuesday, 20 September, at the Fair Grounds on Common Street. It is billed as the "Largest County Fair in Central Texas", and I believe it is also one of the *oldest* although that information is not prominently displayed on the association's website.

Of course, what concerns our group most directly is the Fair *Parade* which was held on Fri-day, 23 September, with over 200 entries inching their way east-ward up San Antonio Street to the delight of many thousands of fans lining the parade route. If 200 entries sounds a bit pikerish, consider that NBISD was considered a *single entry* but consisted of five or six combined marching bands, cheerleaders (one float for each campus), volley ballers, footballers, dance teams, service clubs and all the rest. That "one entry" stretched nearly the length of the parade route. You gotta love it!



New Braunfels Leos Parade Float

One of the 200+ was our Leos float, decorated to a fare-the-well in yellow balloons and festooned with purple netting. Our Leos, some 20-plus of them, were energetic and animated and can not be accused of shinking violetism on along the route. Supervision (not that it was necessary) was provided by Noon Lions Treasurer Howard Weliver, Secretary Tom Call, 1st Vice President Jack Morgan, Richard Haliburton and PP John Creswell, and by ORMS math

teacher **Adriana Hernandez-Aguilera** (a Leo herself in a former life.) Providing the horsepower, as in years past, was **Andy Lowry** of Lowry Electrical. Thank you, sir.



Wimberley "Outstanding Lion"

Lion Ron Steel gets recognized for all of his hard work with the Lions and receives the coveted Outstanding Lion award. Lion Ron has made a tremendous contribution in just two short years by getting involved in more than a few Lion committees and duties such as Market Days Ambassador, Mkt. Day hauling, Program Committee, TLC Committee, Marketing Committee, Bell Ring-er for the Salvation Army... and an out-standing golfer to boot! Congratulations Ron, keep up the great work!

Shown from left are Lions Ron Steel, Richard Newsum, and Lion Boss John Estep.



"The Lady Lions of Wimberley"



Our own Lion Oda Lisa (5th from left), a professional wordsmith, is writing an article featuring the Lady Lions of Wimberley. Although all of our Lion ladies did not attend the meeting, we got a group photo of those that did... and what a group! We currently have 46 Lady Lions, making up 21% of our club membership. Their collective Lion resumé would take up too much room for a newsletter; but, keep an eye out for Oda Lisa's series on the Lady Lions of Wimberley.

Shown left to right are: Linnea Bailey, Celise Daugherty, Karen Brittan, Gloria Ibarra, Oda Lisa Hernandez, Lee Gibson, Amy Cox, Judy Walker, Pat Bruns, Cindy Forsyth, Cathy Moreman and Misty Moore.

LEOs Installed by Buda Lions

PDG Charles and Lion Nancy Handrick with the Buda Lions Club installed both the Club Members and Officers for the two Leo Clubs in the Hays CISD for this school year. We would like to thank the sponsors, Marco Pizana and Christina Miranda, for taking on the role to be a sponsor and help organize events for the Leos.

Hays High School Leos



From Left to Right: Lion Nancy Handrick; Leo Club Officers for Hays High School – Secretary Katie Williams, Treasurer Liliana Palacios, Historian Loryn Hudson, President Jhordy Solís and Vice President Thomas Farrell; and PDG Charles Handrick.

Lehman High School Leos



From Left to Right: PDG Charles Handrick; Leo Club Officers for Lehman High School – President Brianna Salas, Vice President Caroline Salas, Parliamentarian Alexis Ochoa-King, Historian Sebastian Becerra, Secretary Alejandra Rangel and Treasurer Landry Rhode; and Lion Nancy Handrick.

New Braunfels Leos - Comal County Parade Float



New Braunfels Leos are blowing up yellow balloons for their float. The Leos were one of 200+ entries in the Comal County Fair Parade through downtown New Braunfels to kick-off this year's Fair.

CLUB NEWS.....

BLANCO LIONS CLUB

We will meet at the Old 300 Bar-B-Que (4th and Pecan St.) on Thursday October 6th. 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. Lion Carol should be home from the hospital shortly. Lion Bob is recuperating from a fall.

Zone Meeting: Lions June, Jim, Matt and Martha attended the zone meeting in Johnson City. Items discussed were the various clubs activities and the merging of the Marble Falls club into the Spicewood club. We also picked up some new eyeglass donation boxes for the banks.

Game Ball Raffle: The next game is 10/14. Please show up between 6 and 6:30 to help sell tickets. We have fallen behind our normal collections. This is Homecoming so it should be a good night.

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. For those paying dues quarterly they are due this month.

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Vision and Hearing Testing: The elementary school vision and hearing testing continues throughout New Braunfels and Comal County ISD's. Forty-seven Lions and spouses from the Garden Ridge Lions Club have conducted vision and hearing testing at the following elementary schools: Arlon Seay, Oak Creek, Seele, Rebecca Creek, Freiheit, Lone Star, Rahe-Bulverde, Johnson Ranch, Klein Road, Timberwood Park, and Kinder Ranch for over 3,000 elementary school children.

Texas Lions Camp for children - Counselor Scholarships: Counselors Henry Choy, John Kirbow, Laura Buckley, Mandy Coward, Meghan Ontiveros and Raegan Moss each received \$750.00 scholarships.

44th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction: We are working real hard on the final preparations for our signature fundraiser, the Garden Ridge Lions Charities, Inc. 44th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction, to be held Saturday, October 1, 2016. We are selling Auction Book ads, raffle tickets and bringing in Live and Silent Auction items to sell at our October fundraiser.

Wood Cutting: On September 17th and 24th, our Chairman, Lion Todd Arvidson, led a small crew to cut and split oak and mesquite firewood. This wood will be used to make up 6 truck-loads of firewood to be sold at our annual fundraiser Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction.

GEORGETOWN (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Ed Flood Award: IPDG Mike Smith attended the meeting to present the Texas Lions Foundation's prestigious Ed Flood Award to our own PDG Gary Cocanougher for his work as our district director for the Foundation.



LCI Centennial Service Challenge: DG John Lyon kicked off his official presentation by presenting the LCI Centennial Service Challenge patch for 2015-16 for providing service in all 4 target areas: Youth, Environment, Sight, Feeding the Hungry. The patch went to PDG Paul (Sec.) who then presented it to last year's secretary Lion JoAnn, whose reporting efforts were key to earning the award.



Football Book Winners: Lion Corey Bailey announced football book winners for the month: David Caruthers, Judy Olsen, Jan Green, Betty Koonce, Tiffany Thomas, Carol Hopper, Jeff Sawitch, and Joseph Abermides.

KidSight: Lion Carol Hopper reported for KidSight, that (as of Sept. 28) we have screened 266 individuals with 47 referrals. Venues have been 1 school (with 7 to go), 2 Head Starts, a Salvation Army event, and a library event. She is working on the providing screening for the 7 GISD schools and will notify team members of upcoming dates.

Club Social: Lion Jackie is opening her home for a club social on Saturday, October 29. It will be a Halloween Party (costumes encouraged). It will start at about 6 p.m. Theme and other details are being worked out, and members will be notified at our October 26 meeting and by email notification. We will need a count.

R.O.C.K.: We will be serving dinner to the women veterans at R.O.C.K. on Monday, Nov. 7. Lion Marquise is handling the sign-ups for food and attendance. Meat has been provided for this event. Lion Marquise reported that she will sign us up once a quarter, which will give everyone a chance to participate if they wish.

Senior Care: Senior Care activities are still being tweaked, as the committee is working on a balance between "too many" and "not enough" to help at the Wesleyan and Legacy. Lion Marquise would welcome help at her weekly Thursday manicures from 2-3. We're looking at weekly opportunities to help residents with shopping and to help with Bingo.

MANOR LIONS CLUB

Home School Event: The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank participated in the Home School event on Sept 23rd at the Austin Zoo. Lion Jennifer Lopez and Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe gave out 65 bags of material to adults and door prize tickets to 250 kids. 18 kids received a stuff toy and 15 received an Eye Bank Pin. In addition, they helped the Dripping Springs Lions doing their Kid Sight Vision Screening.



Manor Lions Fest: On September 30th and October 1st, the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank was represented at the Manor Lions Fest by Lion Doris Treadwell, Lion Jennifer Lopez and Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe. 59 adults received literature and 61 raffle tickets were sold for the 4 stuffed toys. In addition, 41 kids were screened with the District 2-S3 Spot unit. Over half of the kids had problems, with 4 being very serious.



Manor Night Out: On Tuesday, October 4th, LSLEB and Manor Lions shared a table at the Manor Night Out at the request of the Manor Police Department. 75 adults received information about the Eye Bank and 125 people heard about what the Lions in Manor do with a handout. Lion Doris Treadwell and Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe were present for the LSLEB and Lion James Sulcer, Lion Don Cannon, Lion Katy Burrell, PDG Gil Burrell, Lion Anne Weir and Lion Robert Weir represented the Manor Lions Club.



Whataburger: On Thursday, October 6th, Whataburger donated \$1,000 to the Manor Lions club.



Whataburger is the newest restaurant in town.

Manor Lions Club, PO Box 68 (mail only), 429 West Parson Rd., Manor TX 78653

The Manor Lions Club is a community based service organization. We have the following commitments:

- Scholarships for Graduating Students from Manor High Schools
- Kid Sight Vision Screening (especially pre-school children)
- Pay School Nurse dues - which provides vouchers for eyeglasses for Manor School District Students
- Support of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank (corneas for transplants to recover vision)
- Host of Manor Lions Fest
- Host of Manor Golf Tournament
- Disaster funds for local Texans through District Lions 2-S3 Charities and Texas Lions Foundation

- Re-cycling Eyeglasses to Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling in Midland, TX
- Support of LeaderDogs (providing guide dogs for the blind and blind/deaf)
- Training for Adults who become blind as adults – in taking care of themselves and new job skills (Lions World Service for the Blind)
- Lions Hall available for local rentals
- Support for international disasters through Lions Club International Foundation (Tsunamis, German Measles, River Blindness, etc.)
- Support for vision screening grants through Lions Club International Foundation
- Texas Lions Camp – Free Summer Camp for disabled and diabetic children
- Work with Youth through local Churches
- Support Local Businesses
- Members deliver Meals on Wheels to local families

The Manor Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in our Manor Hall at 429 West Parsons Road. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for your community and surrounding areas, please feel free to join us at one of our meetings.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Business Meeting, September 1: Tail Twister Cameron Bradfute started the meeting with a cerebral contest of football knowledge between two teams of eleven. I don't recall a winner being designated, but any team with the gridiron savvy to know the playing surface is 160 feet wide must surely have carried the day.

Then hizzonner Barron Casteel, mayor of New Braunfels, brought the faithful up to speed on the current state of, and de-signs for, our fair burg. If you sometimes feel like a shoe-horn might be a handy thing to carry around, it's probably because more than 70 thousand souls now call this place home, about three times the population of only 25 years ago.

Along with the obvious strains this massive influx of bodies has brought to our local governments — in terms of traffic, road repair, water and just about everything else — there are some silver linings. Sales taxes remain fixed at 8.25% but revenues are up 34%. Property tax rates have not increased in a while, but those revenues are up 26%. The general fund, just \$44M in the not too distant past (hizzonner gave a date of reference but this re-porter didn't scribble it quite fast enough) is now at \$60M+.

Water continues to be of major concern, especially to those who draw this vital resource directly from holes in the aquifer. One wonders how much longer the city and county can allow literally unbridled growth before, despite all the sunny predictions, shortage of potable water becomes catastrophic. At this moment, however, the city (through NBU) is still able to provide water to its customers at the astonishingly low rate of \$3.68/1000 gallons, the lowest rate in Texas according to the mayor. As a rainy day fund (pun in-tended), there are 14,000 acre-feet stashed in reserve beneath the NB airport, and a new well into the Trinity Aquifer can provide/is providing 4,000 acre-feet per year. It will surely be needed when the massive Veramendi project comes online a few years hence.

To accommodate its growing girth, the city has purchased the old Albertson's grocery store building at the corner of Landa

and Walnut and is busy re-engineering it for city use. It will house not only the city government and tax offices, but also many of the courts which are scattered be-tween the courthouse and the municipal building now. Stand by — it ain't over yet.

Business Meeting, September 15: For the second business meeting in a row, Third Veep Mark Reynolds treated the faithful to another full broadside of local government facts and figures, this time at the county level. Comal County Judge Sherman Krause shared the latest stats and pro-jects issuing from our newly remodeled court-house on the plaza. Judge Krause highly recommended a tour of the facility if you haven't yet been. It's new while remaining old.

The top concern of the county, as it is with the city, is growth. The county was home to not quite 20,000 souls in 1960 — visitors came in droves to float the rivers but then went home. Then they quit going home when they compared home to here. The best estimates for our current county population are 133,000; and the growth has been exponential, not linear.

As with the city, the county has to contend with increased traffic, road construction and maintenance, drinking water and storm runoff and, less quantifiable, if no less important, issues such as quality of life.

Some of these problems are easier to deal with than others. Comal County government is also revamping old quarters and moving into new ones. The annex is being reworked to make better use of the space, as is the bank building next to the courthouse. All elections activities are being moved away from the courthouse and annex to a completely separate facility to free up space and cut down on traffic.

And there will be a new jail, a state-of-the-art 600-bed gray-bar hotel, remote from the cur-rent sheriff's office, to house not only home- grown miscreants but perhaps some of those in nearby counties whose facilities are already stretched to maximum. Then the current lock-up will be converted to office space.

When asked about the possibility of limiting county growth, the answer was shorter than the question: "no".

NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

District Governor's Official Visit: Governor John Lyon of District 2-S3 honored the Club with a visit during the September 13 regular meeting. After an introduction by Zone V-A Chair Lion Norm Schaule of Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club, Governor Lyon spoke about the theme of International President Bob Corlew "New Mountain To Climb." IP Corlew believes without new challenges, we may start to loose members. He has not given up on the Ask One Challenge nor the Centennial Service Challenge. In fact, he wishes to continue these challenges until June of 2018. His plan involves three levels of Legacy Projects.

International President's Message: Clubs worldwide have eagerly embraced the Legacy Project initiative. More than 4,000 Legacy Projects have been reported to LCI on MyLCI. Clubs are undertaking smaller initiatives such as making park benches or doing larger projects such as building clinics. With three levels to choose from, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved: Level 1 Legacy Projects will raise your community visibility, Level 2 Legacy Projects are about giving back to the community, and Level 3 Legacy Projects are large-scale efforts. So connect with your community by planning a Legacy Project during our centennial. Make your centennial

celebration unforgettable by giving your community a lasting gift that Lions and community members will never forget. Chancellor Bob Corlew, Lions Clubs International President.

District Goals: "Our goals for this coming year, for without each club what is a District Governor, should be to increase our membership, support our community by offering new service projects. And offer ways to develop new leaders in our Club and District. If we start the year with these attitudes, we should have a very successful year," says District Governor Lyon.



Program: Amy McWhorter, Downtown Development Coordinator and Adam Michie, Engineer and Capital Projects Manager, both with the City of New Braunfels presented to us the Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project as part of the overall Downtown Implementation Plan. The \$2-million project will consist of a total reconstruction of downtown sidewalks and curbs as well as the addition of ADA accessibility. The entire construction of phase one is estimated to take nine months to one year to complete.

Of course, as the Club that puts out flags during special days, we are very interested in how the flag holders will be incorporated. Adam proposed that we have members liaison with his group to provide input. Lions Mac McDonald, Paul Finley, and Rusty Brockman agreed to represent our views.

POINT VENTURE LIONS CLUB



Environmental Photo Contest: On August 23, Lago Vista Lions 2nd VP and District 2-S3 Environmental Chair Jo Anne Smith gave the District 2-S3 Environmental Photo Contest presentation to the Point Venture Lions Club. She spoke about the rules, deadline and passed out forms for anyone wishing

to participate in the photo contest.

Road Clean-Up: On September 17, the Road Clean-up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). Eight (8) bags of trash were collected. Six Lions participated.



Zone II-B Meeting: On September 29, Zone II-B Meeting was held at The Stocktank at 8950 RR 1869, Liberty Hill, TX. Seven Lago Vista Lions in attendance.

SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

From President Debby: Happy Fall! Hope cooler weather is coming along with fall! As I announced at the September Noon meeting we had some additional funds to allocate. There were 3 agencies from the original list of requests that were not funded. The Donations Committee recommended funding these agencies. We will be donating the following: Camp Heartsong - \$1,000, Salvation Army - \$500, Hands of Hope - \$1,000, and Sara Wynette 5K - \$500.

The Sara Wynette 5K is in honor of Rita Mutschlechner's granddaughter. Rita is a charter member of the San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club. We all felt these were good choices. I'm very proud to be a part of this group who cares about our community and works hard to make a difference!

District Governor John Lyon will be our speaker at that October evening meeting. I encourage all members to make plans to attend this meeting. Judy spoke to the SMPD to see if we could be assured the large auditorium for this meeting so we have plenty of space. The Citizens Police Academy, taught by Cpl. Taylor has been using the room but they have graciously agreed to let us have it on October 18.

The SMPD allows the Bluebonnet Lions Club to use their meeting room monthly. Cpl. Taylor has requested that we each consider attending the Citizen Police Academy, a 13 week course that meets once weekly. The link below provides more details including the course application. The 40th class is in session now. You can register now for the next class. Lion Judy submitted her application, so come join her! It really is a great program and a service to the San Marcos community and Police Department. **Debby Lawrence, President.**

San Marcos Public Library Book Sale project - Dj Domstead, Chair: Friday October 21 & Saturday October 22 Bluebonnet Lions will be helping at the San Marcos Public Library from 10am to 5pm (6pm on Friday) at the City Rec Building behind the Lions Club Tube Rental; all funds benefit the San Marcos Library.

School Fuel Project - Debby Lawrence, Chair: Scheduled for Thursday, November 3 from 6:30-8:00 pm. We will be packing food sacks for SMCISD families in need which are then delivered to the schools for students to take home for weekend meals.

Family 4 Life - Linda Alexander, Chair: On Saturday, August 27, we served lunch to over 50 children in foster care, their related family members, and Family 4 Life staff at their overnight event at Dunbar Rec Center.

Photo below shows Family 4 Life staff and (left to right) Lions Debby, Linda Alexander (event chair), Edna, Irene, Gloria, and guest volunteer Gary Sandoval.



Thankful Turkey 14th Annual 5K Fundraiser - Martha Moore & Ramika Adams, Co-Chairs: Sign up NOW to get involved in all the FUN on Race Day, Saturday, November 19. Sponsor checks must be in by November 4 to be included on the race t-shirt. EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED!

Thank you to our sponsors as of October 9:

- ◆ Engie Hays Energy - Platinum
- ◆ 33rd (& final) Better Half Marathon - Gold
- ◆ Keller Williams Realty/Ramika Adams - Gold
- ◆ MVBA Attorneys at Law - Gold
- ◆ Corridor Primary Care/Gregory Moore, MD – Gold
- ◆ Pecan Plantation MHP - Silver
- ◆ Priority Personnel—Silver
- ◆ Central Texas Medical Center—Silver
- ◆ Café on the Square—In Kind
- ◆ Clyde & Sandi Gray—In Kind
- ◆ Dealer Alternative Auto Care—In Kind

Much appreciation to Bluebonnet Lions serving on the steering committee: Judy Aswell, Beth Morrisset, Trish Wilder, Melissa Mendoza, Debby Lawrence, Edna Anglin, Kate Shaw, Ellie Stewart, Carol Peters, Beverly Marek, Cherry Walt, Rose Brooks, Gloria Sandoval, Cyndi Jetton, Linda Alexander.

Membership Committee - Ramika Adams, Chair: On a scale of 1 to 5 with one being least desirable and five being most desirable for YOU, please rate the following options for sponsoring a new Bluebonnet Lion:

- 1) Ask a family member to join (daughter, niece, nephew?)

- 2) Invite a friend to join you at a meeting as your guest
- 3) Invite a member of your church to join you at a service project
- 4) Invite a Millennial (DOB 1982-2000) to help with a fundraiser
- 5) Invite your bank teller to be your guest at an evening meeting
- 6) Offer a free lunch to a Walmart cashier at our 1st Tuesday meeting

Lion Carol introduced two guests at our September evening meeting, Rita Pratte and Chris Laugelli. They are Community Engagement & Operations managers of the St. Bernard Parish Disaster Recovery group out of Louisiana. They are here to give further assistance to San Marcos residents who still need help with recovery from the 2015 devastating floods.

Remember that potential new members receive their first lunch free at a first Tuesday meeting! OCTOBER is LCI Membership Month.

Awards Committee - Melesa Yager, Chair: Congratulations to the following Bluebonnet Lions for their extraordinary service to our community:

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

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

Congratulations Lions! According to Lions International (LCI), Lions around the world have served 100 million people in two years. This is one year short of a three-year challenge issued to all Lions two years ago. We have done our Lion's share in our community through our service projects and grants to non-profit organizations helping others, youth exchange, and college scholarships.

We will have a busy Fall with the gearing up of the Youth Exchange Committee, chaired by Lion Dave Osborn, and the Grants Committee, chaired by Lion 1st VP Vic Forsyth. Both of these committees are very structured and under these Lions' capable leadership, I look forward to seeing how they complete their tasks next Spring.

In November, the Lions Centennial Committee will be making a formal presentation at a Lions meeting to get your approval for funding our Centennial Project after getting your Lions Board approval first. The committee is addressing the three centennial service levels LCI has designated. These will be discussed along with project renderings and detailed project costs for your review and approval.

Regarding membership, we are currently at 210 members. This is a +3 new members. Keep bringing those prospective Lion guest! We also have an orientation scheduled after the first Lions meeting in November. New members and their sponsors are encouraged to attend. Lion 3rd VP Ron Steel has been busy updating and polishing the orientation PowerPoint Presentation.

The upcoming Market Day theme (October 1st) is "Halloween". Let's have some fun! **Lion Boss John Estep**

New Tail Twister: Lion Bobby Burris, our new Tail Twister, is having a contest to come up with a name for our Lion Mascot. We all filled out ballots with our suggestions, anxious to see who wins a prize for the chosen name.



Above, Lion Bobby shows off one of the awesome prizes: a dishwasher!

Program: The evening program was presented by Tom Hegemier, P.E., of The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment in San Marcos. One of the Center's primary functions is to develop and promote programs and techniques to ensure sustainable water resources for human needs, ecosystem health, and economic development.



Tom Hegemier, shown here with Lion Boss John Estep, spoke primarily on storm water quality in the Cypress Creek watershed as it greatly affects the Wimberley Valley.

The population of Hays County is expected to double by 2060 bringing an estimated 40,000 people to the Wimberley Valley. Along with that comes more parking lots, roads and structures and an increase in storm water runoff and flooding. He discussed several ways to control runoff such as creek buffer zones, sand filter basins, wet ponds and detention basins. Some of these methods are better suited for larger cities, but creek buffer zones are the best option for the less populous hill country. We can't close the gate, but we can collectively act to address storm water runoff.

Program: The evening meeting was on Dark Sky Certification & Benefits and presented by Shannon du Plessis, Vice Chair of the Wimberley Dark Skies Committee.



Shannon du Plessis, Vice Chair of the Wimberley Dark Skies Committee, shown here with Lion Boss John Estep.

Dark Sky Communities require that outdoor lighting such as street lights, parking lot lights, and the like be aimed downward and/or hooded to prevent glare and urban sky glow, which block our starry night views. The Wimberley Valley Dark Sky Committee is seeking International Dark Sky Certification for our valley to help keep our little bit of heaven "heavenly". A few of the benefits of practicing Dark Sky guidelines are reduction of street glare and light trespass/pollution, reduction of energy costs without compromising safety, and among other things, being able to see the stars at night. 80% of North Americans will never see the Milky Way because of light pollution. To learn more about Dark Skies, visit www.DarkSky.org.

