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District Governor's Message

Well it's Autumn, school has started, football is ready to play and Lions are ready to work. First I would like to pay my respects to the Ogea family. Both LuAnn and Leo Ogea were Past District Governors of 2-S3 from Rockdale. Leo was a District Governor in 1989-90. Leo past away on August 30th at the age of 94.

Do to the massive flooding around Baton Rouge, Louisiana, our Alert Fund will send a check for \$2,000 to District 8-N. If clubs are interested in helping, please send your monetary donation to Maureen Kinald at 2-S3 Charities.

I would like to thank PDG Shirley Dillman, FVDG John & Lion Brenda Pruett, and Lion John Stoker for their efforts on a membership drive for the Bastrop Evening Club. Of the 20 new names collected, almost half attended the Bastrop membership meeting.

The USA/Canada forum will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on September 15th thru 17th. Topics include Lions Alert, Legal & Ethical issues, the grant process, Plus-optix vision screener, Youth Exchange development, and conducting effective zone meetings, plus many others. Lions speakers include Billy Riggs, PID Bill Hansen and IP Bob Corlew.

Lastly, our next cabinet meeting will be on October 22nd at the Lake Travis United Methodist Church. The address is 1502 RR 620 of the same town. My thanks for the Austin Lake Travis Lions for hosting this event.

Giving Lions Take Service to New Heights



District Governor
Lion John Lyon and Patti
2016 - 2017



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 15-17, 2016
Omaha, Nebraska

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

Our District Websites?

by IPDG Mike Smith

I have been working as the District webmaster again since coming back from Japan in June. The district now has two separate websites. The one that everyone knows is Lionsdistrict2s3.org that is our membership site it has links to several of our important files is meant to serve the lions of this district. The other website is lionsdistrict2s3.com this is meant to be our general public website and most important it will be the home of our charities foundation for the district.

The charities pages will have access to KidSight vision screening information from training schedules for Spot vision screener training to the link to submit your online report on your completed KidSight vision projects for the spot vision screening units owned by the charities. The Alert page is where you as a club will be able to learn of the resources available to your club if you are the designated alert club for your community. The Alert fund is also where we will collect donated funds for disasters throughout the state and nationwide should the lions want to contribute. The funds can come from individual lions and or the Lions clubs themselves.

There are two other sections; one will be describing and have links to all important Leadership training events in our district and Statewide. We have a page where individual Lions that want to subscribe to our district newsletter. Current method of distribution is through the club presidents and secretaries on the newswire. But now our monthly newsletter will be sent out to our subscriber list as well as the club presidents and secretaries.

Our District Public website is <http://lionsdistrict2s3.com> Check it out Today!

IPDG Mike Smith, Webmaster

1st VDG John Pruett

Leader Dogs for the Blind

As a Lion, my life is further enriched daily either directly or indirectly through service to others. Most recently, Lion Brenda and I had the opportunity to visit the Leader Dogs facility in Rochester, Michigan, and witness first-hand the amazing work done there. I am grateful for the invitation and support from Leader Dogs that made this trip possible. Leader Dogs for the Blind was established in 1939. The first graduating class was on October 8, 1939 and the cost to graduate a client/dog was \$600.00, the cost is currently \$40,000.00. Leader Dogs graduates and places approximately 200 dogs with clients per year at no cost to the client. The operating budget of Leader Dogs is 12 million dollars. Leader Dogs just completed and opened a 14.5 million dollar kennel at the facility for housing of dogs with funds raised through a generous capital campaign. The full operation is quite impressive from the breeding colony, to the puppy raisers, to the finished fully trained guide dog. The breeds used for Leader Dogs include the Labrador Retriever (80%), the Golden Retriever (15%), and the German Shepherd. Greatest graduation success is achieved with the Labrador at 44%. Dogs that do not graduate are considered for a "career change", which may include other service opportunities to include adoption as a pet. I must say that over the years I have had several Labradors as a companion. Currently I have Max, a yellow lab, and now seven years old. Trainers suggested that the success rate for labs was higher because of their disposition, ability to adapt to changing environments, and they will do anything for a treat.

The stated mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. The testimony of clients is very moving. To hear them talk about how these wonderful dogs have changed their lives is quite inspiring. Also to hear them speak to their relationship with their dog is equally emotional. Clearly, Leader Dogs is exceeding the goals of their mission statement. They offer several programs including: 1) guide dog training; 2) accelerated orientation and mobility training; 3) deaf-blind guide dog training; 4) gps technology; 5) Summer Experience Camp for legally blind boys and girls aged 16-17; and 6) orientation and mobility seminars for professionals and university programs.

Of the 12 million dollar operating budget, Lions Clubs provide approximately 6.2 million dollars. General fundraising provides 4.2 million and 2.0 million comes from Lions Clubs. In our district through our 100% charities donation we give \$1.00 per member to Leader Dogs per year. Let me assure you we are getting a very good return on our investment! I am always amazed at the power of the cumulative donation. If you would like to learn more about Leader Dogs through a presentation at your club contact Leader Dogs District Chair Lion Greg Teggemann, of the Taylor Lions Club. Lion Greg recently gave the Milano Evening Lions Club an excellent presentation on Leaders Dogs.

I started this article by saying how being a Lion has enriched my life. This trip to Leader Dogs and fully realizing our involvement in this excellent program is another example. Thank you for letting me serve on the District Governor's team for 2016-2017!



1st Vice District Governor
John Pruett



The Lions Den
September, 2016

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Everyone Counts

District GLT Coordinator – PDG Frank Kinald

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Public Relations Tips

by Lion John Creswell

creswellj@sbcglobal.net

A reader of last month's "What's Public Relations?" article suggested that a club Public Relations (PR) Chair can access a lot of good information at www.lionsclubs.org. PR Chairs, it's time to do some homework! Open your Internet browser and log into www.lionsclubs.org (you don't have to enter a password). Click on the magnifying glass (search box) in the upper right hand corner of the home page and type in "public relations." You'll be amazed at what you'll find on PR. In no time at all, you'll have the knowledge to do a great PR job.

Download and print a copy of "Lions Clubs Int. Public Relations Guide, PR-710 EN 4/15." Other good PR articles include:

- "Additional PR Resources"
- "Information for PR Chairperson"
- "PR Forms and Publications"
- "PR and Communications"
- "Communicate your Activities"

Let's continue to share PR tips with other Lions. Keep the good ideas coming!

DG's Club Visitation Schedule

SEPTEMBER

Sept 6 Kyle
 Sept 6 Lago Vista 7PM
 Sept 7 New Braunfels Evening 6PM
 Sept 12 Jarrell
 Sept 12 Austin West
 Sept 13 New Braunfels Breakfast 7AM
 Sept 19 Texas State
 Sept 20 Cedar Park Longhorns 7PM
 Sept 26 Hutto 6:30PM
 Sept 27 University of Texas 6:30PM
 Sept 28 Georgetown 12N

OCTOBER

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 27 Austin South

NOVEMBER

Nov 3 Blanco 6:30PM
 Nov 10 Burnet
 Nov 15 NB New Century
 Nov 17 Johnson City
 Nov 24 Austin North

NB Noon Lions Award Scholarships

High School Scholarships: The following high school seniors are awarded New Braunfels Noon Lions Club thousand-dollar scholarships toward their further education. Congratulations, seniors: Samantha James - New Braunfels HS; Christopher Howe - New Braunfels HS; Karla Morales - New Braunfels HS; and Chelsea Guerrero - Canyon HS.

Stahlman Award winners, members of the NBHS Marine Corps JROTC, at \$2,000 each are — Samantha James, Christopher Howe, and Adrian Martinez.

Texas Lions Camp, at \$1000 each, are — Taylor Gbur and Arkeliah "Kelia" Hinton.





THE GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB
presents their 44th annual



FISH FRY BAR-B-Q & AUCTION

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Dinner served 3:00-6:30 p.m.

FISH FRY & BAR-B-Q: Adults \$10.00 – Children \$5.00

Silent Auction 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. // Live Auction at 6:45 p.m.

OUR 2016 CHARITY GOAL IS \$40,000

www.gardenridgelions.org

**Approximately 80+ items in
Live Auction, including:**

Dinners at Select Restaurants

Electronics

Power Tools

Vacation Packages

Road Base Materials

Loads of Cut Firewood & more!

Raffle Drawing at 6:30 p.m.

Super Raffle

Following Live Auction

(need not be present to win)

KIDS Entertainment





Burnet Area Lions Club
PO Box 1111
Burnet, Texas 78611



Charter Night Celebration

The Burnet Area Lions Club Charter Banquet, Fish Fry with all the fixings' was held September 10, 2016, 6:00 pm at the Burnet County Fair and Rodeo Banquet Room, 1301 Houston Clinton Drive, Burnet, Texas 78611. Lion Joe Canady, Burnet Area Lions Club President can be contacted at JCCanadyTX@gmail.com or Lion Janet Bohanan, Secretary, at TheBohanans77@yahoo.com . Send them your congratulations!!!

Hello Club Presidents and Secretaries,

This is announcing the charter celebration of District 2-S3's newest club. It is a tradition that the surrounding clubs participate and represent their club at the new club charter celebration. There is another tradition that goes on at the celebration, there is a parade of checks where the new club will receive those monetary gifts presented. If your club was unable to participate, take advantage of the opportunity to congratulate the officers and members of the Burnet Area Lions Club by sending them a check to get them started as our newest Lions club. You never know both clubs could partner up for a common project in the future. Not close to Burnet, Tx no worry All district 2-S3 clubs are welcome to participate!

Michael Smith, IPDG Lions District 2-S3

PDG Frank Kinald loosens the crowd up.



Guest Speaker, Past International Director, Mike Butler.



Pictured Right: PDG Mike Smith presents Club Charter to Burnet Area Lions Club President Joey Canady.



PDG Mike Smith Installs new Club Officers.



PV Lions Club Learn About Environmental Photo Contest

Lion Jo Anne Smith, Lions District 2-S3 Environmental Chair, gives a presentation on the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to the Point Venture Lions Club.

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions and Leos to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. The contest begins at the club level where every Lion and Leo can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest. Winning photographs advance to the district, multiple district and international competitions.



"Texas vs The World" Track Meet To Benefit Lions KidSight Initiative

Hello, Lions:

There will be a track meet at Texas State University Track Complex on September 17-18, with net proceeds to benefit KidSight, which as you know provides state of the art free eye screenings for younger kids. Net funds raised go to purchase additional SPOTS for the Central Texas Lions KidSight Foundation. These SPOTS have been used to provide screenings throughout the District for various clubs to use for the past several years. These meets attract all levels of competition...even some past and current Olympians sometimes.

As schools, day cares, etc. become more aware of the value of SPOT, we know the demand will rise and we'll need more folks trained AND more devices. The track meet is one of the ways we're trying to raise funds to buy these devices that all can use. So, please encourage your members to sign up at the link below. It will be a fun, outdoor event with some great athletes in attendance. You will be amazed at some of them!



So we need Lions to assist the Certified Officials who will be running the various events. Don't worry if you don't know much about track and field. They will show you what to do; no experience necessary and we would certainly give your club shout outs over the PA system, as well as acknowledgement in the program.

Just go to the link below for all the information...who, what, when, etc., and sign up. It will be loads of fun for a good cause.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040444a5a72da46-lions6>

Questions? Contact Lion Seth at
seth.brower@trackforlife.com



Thanks, Lion Seth Brower



Lago Vista Lion, Jo Anne Smith, describes criteria for entry into the Environmental Photo Contest and displays the 2015-16 winners.



PV Lions, Fred Marshall and Gene Glass view the display of the 2015-16 Environmental Photo Contest winners.

Round Rock Partners With Other Clubs For KSVS

Thanks to Round Rock Noon Lions many partnerships, 79 Round Rock ISD students can now see more clearly. The team consisted of five Lions Clubs, a Rotarian family, two Target employees (one asking to be invited to a Lions meeting) and one fellow who signed up on Just Because website. He was curious about what a vision screening was all about. He arrived, stood back to take it all in, then sprang into action to man the masses lining up the first 3 hours. Before departing he reassured everyone that he wanted to attend a meeting and perhaps become a Lion. (Yes, he attended and asked for an application and when our next KSVS training and screening would be held). A great win for all.

Many thanks to Police Chief Alan Banks for bringing the Kutz4Kids program to Round Rock and especially for the primary organizer, Joseph Claypool, Round Rock Police Department's Community Affairs Officer. Everyone came together Sunday August 14, 2016 to wrangle students from hallways filled with 18,000+ students and families who were invited to pick up school supplies, get Kutz4Kidz (free haircuts by 65 barbers/hair salon professionals), plus free food and games. This huge festival was organized by Claypool with the help of RRISD's Rachel Brunson and Marianne Reap of Round Rock Partnership in Education Foundation with a magical festival of live music, free hot dogs, about 100 vendors and organizations to show useful items from free and reduced lunches to chances to win prizes and play in jump ups. Lions and other volunteers assisted screeners by braving the crowded hallways to seek parental signatures for their children interested in 'Ice Cream 4 Eye Screen'. Andy's Frozen Yogurt provided 1,000 coupons for cones plus 1,000 Andy's fun cartoon stickers. Unfortunately, we ran out of coupons, but fortunately students keep coming!

The Round Rock Lions are most appreciative for assistance by Lions from Hutto, Point Venture, Lago Vista, and Chelsea Elliott of West Austin Lions (founder of half-Helen Foundation). We could not have done the following without these caring Lions.

Together we screened **1,026** students in 8 hours. Exciting results! Tabulation revealed 886 students received "Within Normal Range" reports, **141** showed 'Recommendation for Complete Eye Exam' to have follow-up eye exams. Of those, **79 students** had eye exams with **34** taking their glasses home the same

day and another **23** had to be cut at the Essilor Foundation's home site and will be delivered to students at their school in early September. Another **62** have family insurance or are waiting to have eye exams by their family doctors or to be seen by our Lion Dr. Daniel Brinchman OD. We are extremely grateful for our Lion Dr. Brinchman, who with his assistant, examined 27 students within 7 hours. Seven of those students received glasses on-site from the Essilor van. Others, without insurance, are asking Round Rock Lions for assistance. A 12 year old student had no idea she was so visually challenged along with an embarrassed Mother who felt she had neglected her daughter for, probably, many years. A 11 year old boy showed "Within Normal Range", but stated he has frequent headaches in the eye area. Lions obtained an eye exam for him. Yes, he did need glasses. Thanks to our partnership with LensCrafters, as of this writing, another 5 students have received glasses via our Lions Club.

Follow-up: Since this screening, Lions are being called and asked to 'please' be put on the list to assist with the RRISD school supply distribution again next year as it was a fun and a most valuable service. Dr. Brinchman will be providing assistance to make certain all Lions speak only words of encouragement to parents to provide follow up and remind them to get annual exams.

Essilor Foundation contacted us with words of praise and appreciation for including them for the third year in our 'back to school' event. They have extended an invitation to assist vision exams in their van during professional vision screenings/exams at 9 different Round Rock Schools during November and December.



Pictured Below: Lion Ron Smith mans the printer for results for a Father of student just screened by Lion Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott also of Lago Vista. Lion Chelsea Elliott of Austin West Lions Club and founder of Half-Helen Foundation busily screens another student.



"Ice Cream for Eye Screens" In Round Rock

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18,000 in attendance and
Over 1,000 children screened

Pictured Right: A small part masses at the Round Rock ISD festival to welcome students back to school.



Pictured Left: Parents lined up to register for their child's KidSight vision screening (KSVS).



Pictured Right: Jackie Lambert of Point Venture Lions Club also assists Round Rock Lion's huge annual KSVS event during the back to school supply distribution.



Pictured Left: Lion Dr. Daniel Brinchman providing one of 27 eye exams during the August 14th KSVS community screening.

Spring Branch - Bulverde Lions Club

Truly A Family Club

Introducing the future Lion's International President: Cayden Skyler Rahe Doyle

Cayden is 5 years of age and has been an active member of the Spring Branch Bulverde Lions Club for several years. At the age of three, Cayden was seen helping move traffic cones, which were bigger than he, and rolling up inflatable bouncy rides. Cayden is also qualified to assist with loading and assembling of the club's Blue Lion Train (BLT). What this little boy does is amazing and makes his parents and club members proud!

As of the June 2016 SBBLC meeting Cayden was given the official position of "Tail Twister" Cayden received several hours of detailed training and about a year of on-the-job training. His endeavors in collecting money is one he does with a true Lion's heart as he resists giving change to ANYONE! Heads up have the money you really want to give for it is too hard to resist this little darling face.

The club members look forward to the day he can advance and take leadership roles in our club!

Respectfully submitted
Lion Wilmajean "Willie" Blank



Cayden Skyler Rahe Doyle

Point Venture Lions KSVS Round Rock Event



Lions KidSight USA is a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children aged 6 months through 6 years. On Sunday, July 24, 7 seven Point Venture Lions were among the 1000 volunteers who assisted with KidsSight Vision Screening at the Round Rock High School. Screenings for vision problems were administered with the "Spot" machine to 1,026 children and glasses were made on site. PV Lions Jackie Lambert, Scotta Petmecky, Bill Roney, Anita Roney, Laurie Glass, Carole Thomas, and Cindy Wheeler screened over 350 children during their shift.



Lions Receive SPOT Training

On August 24, Zone Chair Lion JoAnn Steinfort (center royal blue shirt) presented certificates to Lions Corey Bailey (Georgetown Noon Club), Cindy Estes (Florence Club), and Ryan Brace (Georgetown Noon Club) for completed Welch Allyn training here in Georgetown on the SPOT machine for KidSight. Lion Paul Krause and 3 others also completed the training. GNLC now has 12 certified screeners!!



New SPOT Makes Debut In New Braunfels

by Tom Call & Bert Childs

The New Braunfels Noon Lions Club purchased a oh so spiffy new Allyn Welch SPOT vision screening miracle and it came out of the closet (literally) Saturday, 27 August, and made its public debut at the Health Fair hosted by the Gruene United Methodist Church. It was historic. Heretofore, those of us having qualified on the camera practiced a lot on each other, learning the nuances of the machine and the techniques for getting that perfect shot in a quicker time. But at the Health Fair we had a whole host of uninitiated civilians to practice on.

And they were impressed. Business was slow at the beginning, but as more and more people got to discussing the fabulous appliance being wielded in the dark room by those folks in the gold vests, lines started to form. Over the course of the four-hour event, we probably screened forty.

The following Monday, 29 September, marked the first school outing for SPOT. Howard Weliver manned the scope and Juanita Wells positioned the children. The machine worked like a charm and within one hour 65 children had been screened. Karen Schwind, Health Services Coordinator for NBISD, had the children's names of each class alphabetized on a flash drive. As each class came up to the stage for screening the flash drive for those children was loaded onto the scope. Their names were automatically presented to Howard (operating the scope). He selected their name on the touch screen lined their eyes up in the screen and viola. Just that quick. At the end of the class the flash drive was reinserted and the information for that class was downloaded back to the drive. It was amazing to watch. If a child's eyes failed to pass the parameters of acceptability, the information was shown in red. At the end of the session Dr. Brodtmann, the TSO optometrist checking the retinas of the children, jokingly remarked that he was beginning to feel like some guy in a factory being replaced by a machine. It's a great piece of equipment but the good doctor needn't worry just yet.



NB and Comal ISD Vision Screening Under New Leadership

School bells are ringing, moms are busy packing brown-bag lunches, teachers are hoping their TM mantras still work and the munchkins are back at their desks. That can only mean vision screening is back!

The late, great, irreplaceable Ralph Koch, who led the vision screening program so successfully for so many years, has been succeeded by his true disciple and cheerleader Leon "Skip" Stem, who accepted the baton without so much as a single false step. Skip led his crew to an opening day triumph at STS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL, about an outfielder's throw from Seekatz Opera House.

This season promises some new dynamics as among the newest volunteers are three (count 'em, three) rookie Lion-and-spouse teams — Mike and Carlyn Pfeuffer, Treasurer and Lion of the Year Howard and Cosette Weliver, and Craig and Tammy Zgabay. New blood is oh, so welcome to we of the Geritol set, who sometime envision ourselves shackled to our oars 'til death do us part. And, of course, the stalwart team of Ray and Vernell Martinez, which rarely misses an opportunity to serve, was hard at it again along with most of the usual suspects. This reporter would like to list the names of all those who showed the colors in the gym that day, but he'd inadvertently leave someone out, and that would be unacceptable.



The operation at SPP went off unreasonably smoothly given the long hiatus since January, but only because the veterans of a lot of campaigns were on hand to set it up, tear it down and help the new folks find their way. It all gets easier with repetition. Thanks to all who gave of their time, and to Skip for stepping up to take on this load, our signature service to the community.



Eye testing the old fashioned way

Many Hands Make Light Work

DISINTEGRATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST: Challenges and Dilemmas for U.S. Policy

Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
The High Road, 700 Dawson Road



EYTAN GILBOA, PhD
Chair and Academic
Director, IPD Forum

Please join the Austin Founder Lions Club for a public conversation on international affairs focusing on the current situation in the Middle East in a broad, historical context. Following a presentation by Professor Eytan Gilboa, chair

and academic director of the Israel Public Diplomacy Forum, audience members will participate in a conversation about the challenges in the Middle East and how those affect U.S. leadership and diplomacy. The public is invited to attend.

... researchers have predominantly associated global real-time news coverage with forcing policy on leaders and accelerating the pace of international communication.

The public is invited to attend this event free of charge, but donations of used eyeglasses are always appreciated and online reservation is necessary to ensure a seat. A buffet is also provided for \$20, with priority seating reserved for lunch guests; online luncheon reservations and payment required by 5 p.m., Sept. 13th (austindowntownlions.org). Questions? Call 512.441.1555 or email info@austindowntownlions.org.

The Israel Public Diplomacy Forum, a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization, was established to advance international understanding of Israel and the Middle East. The purpose of IPD Forum events is not to advocate a particular position, but rather to explain the issues, address questions and enhance understanding. In Texas, IPD events have been hosted by various groups including the World Affairs Councils of Greater Houston and San Antonio, and Texas Women in Business.



Register by Tuesday, Sept. 13!
Seating is limited.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Gilboa serves as chair and academic director of the IPD Forum. Harvard educated, Gilboa is a renowned expert on international communication, public diplomacy and U.S. policy in the Middle East. Having taught at Hebrew University, he also has been a visiting professor at a number of prestigious U.S. and European universities. He also worked as a senior researcher for the Center for International and Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C.; Harvard University's Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy; and the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy.

SCHEDULE

11:30 - 11:50 a.m. – Registration and mingling

11:50 - 12:20 p.m. – Lunch

12:20 - 1:00 p.m. – Presentation

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. – Q&A

The Austin Founder Lions Club hosts this thought-provoking and informative event as part of its centennial year celebration as the oldest Lions Club in the world.



Register online at
www.austindowntownlions.org

A Memorial to a Fallen Lion

Lion Ralph A. Koch, Jr.

February 23, 1931 - August 12, 2016

New Braunfels Noon Lion LTC Ralph A. Koch, Jr. (USA, Ret.) got his final calling on August 12, 2016. During a life that spanned more than 85 years, evolved a man who was blessed with an abundance of intelligence and a noble and kind-hearted spirit.

Upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1953, Lion Ralph was commissioned in the U.S. Army's Signal Corps and served for twenty one years until his retirement in 1974 as lieutenant colonel. His credentials included a Master of Science Degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University as well as alumnus status of the Canadian Army Staff College in 1965. Ralph's military career encompassed many assignments which spanned from Panama and Germany to Vietnam and Korea, including his command of the 26th Signal Battalion while serving in Germany. A deco-rated veteran, Ralph was the recipient of many commendations and medals including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze service bars.

Lion Ralph enjoyed good fortune on a personal level as well. Surrounded by a loving wife and two children, Ralph brought his family to New Braunfels upon his retirement from the Army. Over the years, he enjoyed working for the Gruene Winery, Opa's Haus and Centex Office Supply. Upon his wife Judy's passing, Ralph joined the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club in 2003. No doubt drawing upon his disciplined military demeanor, Ralph embraced Lionism with a Mighty Roar of action! Never one to take a back seat to volunteerism, Ralph chaired and coordinated the club's signature Vision and Hearing Screening Program for several years, overseeing the annual screening of more than 7,000 students from 24 schools in Comal County. He was also a standing volunteer for the annual Wurstfest Parking Lot and White Cane Day fundraisers. Lion Ralph was recognized for his seamless dedication to the Lions being a recipient of the coveted Melvin Jones Fellowship, Jack Weich and TLC Silver Leaf awards. Lion Ralph was a community 'volunteer extraordinaire' and was profiled by the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung this past Spring as an **Unsung Hero** for his outstanding service to this community.



His surviving family – sisters **Peggy Cotton** and **Susan Gonzalez**, his son, SFC **Ralph A Koch III** (USA, Ret.), along with his daughter **Sabrina** and husband **Gary Tucker** were most appreciative of the representation of fellow Lions at his memorial service. Your presence was a great testament of respect and tribute in honor of Lion Ralph. A gentle giant...a role model for Lionism!

New Braunfels Noon Lions President, Lee Ambrosino

A LION OF A MAN HAS FOREVER LEFT OUR DEN

"Membership Growth" New Members - August

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

Austin Founder Lions Club

John Balicki	sponsored by	
Erin Leon	sponsored by	James Roberson

Austin Lake Travis Lions Club

Cathleen McGrath	sponsored by	Linda Davis
Corinne L Moore	sponsored by	Linda Davis

Georgetown (Noon) Lions Club

John Tiller	sponsored by	Paul Steinfort
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Lago Vista Lions Club

Greta Drengenberg	sponsored by	Kurt Tessnow
Joseph A Gudka	sponsored by	Bill Williams
Enrique Lopez	sponsored by	Linda Ray

San Marcos (Noon) Lions Club

Fred Clamons	sponsored by	Mitchell Hoffman
Carolyn D Ortiz	sponsored by	Naomi Narvaiz

Schertz Cinolo Lions Club

Emilea L Lopez	sponsored by	Jodi Lopez
Rodney P Robles	sponsored by	Dorothy Short

Texas State - University Campus Club

Thomas L Amador	sponsored by	Abril Cardenas
Gabrielle A Cantu	sponsored by	Yulisa Lopez
Christine M Desantis	sponsored by	Madelaine Cermak
Timoth A Fajardo	sponsored by	Whitney Pyle
Lidia Granados	sponsored by	
Brandon M Wells	sponsored by	Whitney Pyle

University of Texas - University Campus Club

Karla Caro	Michael Chen
Rosaline Chen	Many Chiu
Russell Dickerson	Chris Gray
David Hubp	Michael Ibidapo
Justin Kang	Meghana Koleti
Dyla Lee	Lucy Liu
Nick Nieman	Khushboo Panjwani
Jayaj Poudel	Jacob Praytor
Haley Ross	Divya Sangwan
Happy Situ	Ryan Street
Cema Tork	Dulce Trejo
Nancy Trinh	Isabelle Tunnell
CelindaVallejo-Rodriguez	Anthony Velasquez
Audrey Wang	Emiliano Zapata

Wimberley Lions Club

Robert Land	sponsored by	Michael Murphy
Robbie Schaack	sponsored by	Eric Price
Tamara E Stark	sponsored by	Lee Gibson

In Memory of PDG Leo Ogea

Funeral services for Leo Ogea, 94 of Rockdale will be 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 2, 2016 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale. Burial will follow in the Salty Cemetery in the Salty Community. Rev. Adam Stranicky of St. John's United Methodist Church is officiating. Visitation is Thursday, September 1, 2016 at St. John's United Methodist Church from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Leo Ogea, a resident of Rockdale since 1956 was born August 29, 1922 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Malus and Onezia (Benoit) Ogea. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and after his honorable discharge he joined the U.S. Air Force. After his active military time, he served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 20 years. On November 9, 1945, he and LuNan Galbreath were married in Corpus Christi, Texas. Leo lived in Lake Charles, Louisiana, moved to Thorndale and in 1956 came to Rockdale. Leo owned and operated Ogea Insurance Agency in Rockdale, retiring in 1987 and was also a rancher. He was a faithful member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale. A member of the Rockdale Noon Lion's Club since 1958, where he has served as District Governor, District Cabinet Officer and Lions International. He was a member of the Lions Club Leader Dogs for the Blind. Was chosen as Lion of the Year numerous times. He was also a member and President of the "Old Gezer Coffee Club" at McDonald's in Rockdale.

Leo passed away Tuesday morning, August 30, 2016 in the Cameron Nursing Home in Cameron. He was preceded in death by his wife, LuNan Ogea on May 10, 2012; Grandson, Staff Sergeant Adam Ogea USMC on August 1, 2010; A brother-in-law, Thomas Galbreath and his parents.

Surviving are two sons, Billy Darrell Ogea and wife Anita of Rockdale and Thomas Lynn Ogea of Round Rock; Granddaughter, Amy Casas and husband Jessie of Rockdale; Granddaughter-in-law, Shannon Smith of Shawboro, North Carolina; Four great-grandchildren, McKade, McKason and Leo Casas all of Rockdale and Kaylee Addyson Ogea of Shawboro, North Carolina; Brother and sisters-in-law, Bill Galbreath and wife Lillian of Rockdale and Wanda Galbreath of Round Rock and a special nephew, Billy Dale Galbreath and wife Robin of Rockdale.



A Memorial To Our Lost Lions

PDG Leo Ogea Rockdale Lions Club

Jim Kohl Garden Ridge Lions Club

Ralph Koch New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

MEET OUR NEW LIONS

New Braunfels Breakfast

Gloria Jung: I moved to New Braunfels in 1963 at the age of 16 with my widowed mother and 13 year old brother from Shiner, TX. We did not know anyone here, but my mother wanted us children to receive a better education and be nearer colleges rather than striving on the farm life that took my father's life at a young age.

I was a legal secretary for 42 years and retired in July 2012 after working for the Law Firm of Cornelius & Powell (James Cornelius and John Powell) for 30 years. For the past three years I have been working parttime at Zoeller Funeral Home as a receptionist.

I am married to my best friend Ferdinand Jung, Jr., known as "Ferdy" or "Jr." for 31 years. Jr. is retired after working for Wuest's grocery for 29 years. He says he is now my "house frau".

I have a 43 year old daughter, Shanna, whom I adopted.. She is truly God-given and has blessed my life. She is married and has given me two grandsons, both NBHS graduates, and of course, the joy of my life. They live across the street from me. Will is 19, Colton is 18 and both are working on their college careers. Neither grandson is able to drive a car due to disabilities, but both are very active with school and church.

My son-in-law, Tommy, is on pre-deployment status and waiting for his orders with the Texas Army National Guard. I belong to St. Paul Lutheran Church, active in Sunday School and participate in several Bible Studies. I started a Friday AM Prayer Group on Nov. 7, 2001 which is still ongoing.

Angie Morales Sanchez: Born and raised in New Braunfels, and I am married to Bonifacio "Boni" P. Sanchez. I have a son, Allen Kieny married to Kim. I have a granddaughter, Rylie, who is a Junior, and a grandson, Reed, who is a Freshman, at Johnson High School in San Antonio. I helped my husband raise his two grandsons when his daughter died at 23 years old in an automobile accident leaving the 2 boys, ages 1 and 3 years old at the time.



Everyone knows me as Angie Morales because my parents owned "Morales Funeral Home" that I closed in November, 2007. I was the first female funeral director in New Braunfels. I have been a part-time Funeral Director at Zoeller Funeral Home for 3-1/2 years. I was recognized on June 16, 2016 by the Texas Funeral Directors' Association as the First Female Funeral Director in the State of Texas to be licensed for 50 years as a Funeral Director. It was an honor to serve as a Female Funeral Professional. I truly love my work and being with the people I serve. I believe it is a gift and talent that God has given me.

I also love to cook and bake. I bake cookies and banana bread for Rylie to raise money for her out of state soccer games. I have helped Rylie go to Florida, California, and New York by selling cookies and banana bread. For my coworkers I bake their favorite cake for their birthday.

I love to sew baby blankets for all my grandkids and for friends and co-workers who have babies. I help out at the soup kitchen on Thursdays and Fridays when I can.

I love being in the Lion's Club and helping out in anyway I can.

Lago Vista

Tommie Thompson: Tommie is a returning Lion, a throwback from the past, if you will. He's been married to Dawn for more than 18 years. Hailing from Stone Mountain, Georgia, Tommie has spent time in Tommie has spent time in many areas due to his military service of 26 years. His main hobby is playing golf and you can much of that without enjoying the company of friends at the same time. We're glad to have Tommie back and we can thank his sponsor, Jim Dougherty for that.



Enrique Lopez: Enrique has been married to his wife, Luisa, for about 21 years and they have 2 daughters, 19 & 17, one whom is a former Leo. He is currently a realtor in this area and when he has time, he enjoys pursuing hobbies such as boating and landscaping. Few people know that he was born in Mexico City, Mexico and his zodiac sign shows him to be a Leo. Enrique is a former Lion and has rejoined to help the club be more active in Lago Vista. Jo Anne Smith is his sponsor.



MORE NEW LIONS

San Marcos Bluebonnet

Cherry Walts: Our newest member, was born in Austin on February 9, 1942, and lived there until she was married. She and her new family then spent most of their time in Virginia until her husband retired from the U. S. Army in 1989. They did get to live in Greece for 3 years and in Hawaii for about 5 years. Cherry loves doing mosaics and she and her husband enjoy season tickets to the Texas Ballet Theatre in Fort Worth and the Austin Symphony.

Everyone is encouraged to invite potential new members to a club meeting or to volunteer with them at one of our community service or fundraising projects. Potential new members receive their first lunch at a first Tuesday meeting free!

Wimberley



Robbie Schaack: The Wimberley Lions inducted another new member at the August 6 meeting. Lion Robbie Schaack, a dentist, moved to Wimberley in February. He feels like a city slicker in the hill country, but is very happy to be here and a part of the Lions Club. From left are Robbie's sponsor, Lion Eric Price, Lion Robbie Schaack, Lion Terri Baccus and Lion Boss John Estepp. Welcome Lion Robbie!

Bob Land & Tamara Stark: Please welcome two new members to the Wimberley Lions Club: Bob Land and Tamara Stark. Lion Bob Land is new to Wimberley but not new to volunteering for the community as a past member of the Kiwanis Club. He is looking forward to being a Wimberley Lion!

Lion Tamara Stark took over as head of the cleanup crew for Market Days when Kelly moved to Colorado.

Wimberley - continued



Shown from left are Lion Michael Murphy (Bob Land's sponsor), new Lion Bob Land, Lion Lee Gibson (Tamara's sponsor), new Lion Tamara Stark, Lion Boss John Estepp and Lion Misty Moore.

Wimberly Lion Receives Membership Pin



Lion Terri Baccus, Membership Chair, receives a Silver Centennial Award pin from Lion Boss John Estepp for bringing in new members during the centennial year. Way to go, Terri

South Austin Lions Club Sponsored Fundraiser

Family Bowling Fun Day

Feeling EXTRA
LUCKY?!?!?

Lions Club raffle
\$1 per entry
free raffle ticket
for donating 2
children's books

September 24

1- 3:00 p.m.

Westgate

Lanes

2701 W.

William

Cannon

Austin

100% of all
proceeds will go
to our Wild Horse
Tales Literacy
Project, Texas
Lions Camp and
Lone Star Eye
bank

**Your \$100 Lane Sponsors Fee Includes:**

- **Advertisement space by your lane! ** Give a shout out, represent your team or club, and promote your business!**
- **TWO games for up to FOUR bowlers (shoes provided)**
- **Hugs and Appreciation from South Austin Lions Club**
- **Proceeds will be used to purchase books for the Wild Horse Tales Literacy Project and to make donations to the Texas Lions Camp and the Lone Star Eye bank**

**** Max signage size 3 ft x 3 ft. Signage and list of bowlers MUST be submitted prior to Sept. 22nd ****

Contact Lion Liz Bumguardner for more information or to sponsor a lane.

Liz.bumguardner@gmail.com (cell) 512-203-5972

www.SouthAustinLions.org



Taylor Lions Club

Annual 4-Person Select-Shot

Golf Tournament

Mustang Creek Golf Course

Taylor, Texas

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start



\$75 per Person

Includes greens fee, golf cart, lunch, beverage tickets & prizes.

1st Place - \$300.

2nd Place - \$200.

3rd Place - \$100.

Purchase up to 2 Mulligans per person at \$5 each

Long Drive Contest

Closest to Pin Contest

For more Information, Contact

Lion Mark Thompson

(512) 352-5225

Registration Deadline: September 24, 2016

Austin Founder Lions Club Sells Roses To Benefit KidSight Vision Program

The Austin Founder Lions Club will help you make someone's day special on Thursday, Oct. 20 by delivering a dozen beautiful long-stemmed red roses with your personalized message. The primary beneficiary of the annual Rose Day sale will be the club's KidSight program which provides free vision screenings for children. A portion of the proceeds also will help fund scholarships the club awards and other charitable activities.

Rose orders are being accepted through Oct. 13. Cost is \$25 per dozen. The roses are packaged in an attractive florist box and include your personalized message. Deliveries will be made Oct. 20 in Austin and the immediate area, including Round Rock, Cedar Park, Lakeway, etc.

"A dozen roses is a great way to celebrate an anniversary or birthday or say 'thank you' to a valued client or colleague," said Robert Watson, chair of the event. "October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and sending roses to a breast cancer survivor would be a special way to show your support," he added.

October also is National Dental Hygiene Month and National Physical Therapy month, and the rose delivery day occurs during National Healthcare Quality Week and National Health Education Week. "Dentists, orthopedic surgeons and hospitals could use roses as a way to 'thank you' to their employees, and patients could show appreciation to their dental hygienists, physical therapists or health educators. As an incentive, orders of six dozen or more roses delivered to the same address receive a 10 percent discount," Watson explained.

Visit the AFLC's website at <http://www.austindowntownlions.org/> for more information and to place your order. Be sure to complete your personalized message.

Make Someone's Day Special



October 20

Have a dozen or more beautiful, long-stemmed red roses delivered to a loved one or special friend, or say "thank-you" to a valued client, colleague or employee.

At the same time, help support Austin Founder Lions Club's projects. The primary beneficiary of Rose Day proceeds will be the club's **KidSight** vision screening program. Proceeds also will help support scholarships for students and other charitable activities.



On **Oct. 20**, Austin Founder Lions Club members will hand-deliver beautiful long-stemmed red roses packaged in attractive florist boxes – along with your personalized message – to individuals in Austin and the immediate area (Round Rock, Cedar Park, Lakeway, etc.). Deliveries will be made to both residential and business addresses during normal business hours.

Cost is \$25 for a dozen roses delivered. Receive a 10 percent discount on orders of six dozen or more delivered to the same address. Each box of roses will contain your personalized message.

It's simple to order. Complete the form on the next page, or order online at

www.AustinDowntownLions.org

Rose Day Order Form

Place your order by Oct. 13.

Please complete all of the following information, and print or write legibly. Use multiple forms for additional recipients.

Lion Who Sold: _____ Check if N/A ☐

Purchaser Information

Name _____ Daytime Telephone _____

Recipient Information

Name _____

Delivery Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Check One: ☐ Residence ☐ Business

If Business, its name _____

Recipient's Daytime Phone _____ Recipient's Cell _____

Any special instructions (such as delivery time window, call before arriving, beware of dog, etc.)

Payment Information

Quantity	Description	Per Unit	Subtotal
	Dozen Roses	\$25.00	
	Less 10% Discount for 6 Dozen or more to same address	- \$	
	Additional Tax Deductible Contribution		
		TOTAL	\$

Paid by: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ PayPal

Please make checks payable to:

Austin Founder Lions Club and send check with this form to **Rose Sale, P.O. Box 42181, Austin TX 78704.**

Credit Card Information: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Print Name As It Appears on Card _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Email Address _____

Purchaser's Message to Recipient

TO: _____ FROM: _____

MESSAGE: _____

New Braunfels Breakfast Lion Awarded Jack Wiech

Past District Governor and Past President of the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club Michael Smith honored twice Immediate Past President Mike Stallings with a Jack Wiech Fellowship. PDG Lion Smith gave this as an appreciation to IPP Lion Stallings for his dedication and service to our club and our community, including the Texas Lions Camp.

The JACK WIECH FELLOWSHIP, established in 1994, is to pay tribute to the founder of the Texas Lions Camp, Lion Jack Wiech, and to provide the means for improvements to the camp programs and facilities. Lion Wiech organized and chartered the Camp in 1949, dedicated "to the perpetual use, enjoyment and rehabilitation of the crippled children of Texas". Over 65,000 Texas children with physical disabilities, Type-1 diabetes and cancer attended the one-week-long residential Camp at no cost to the parents. Lion Jack Wiech served as the President of the Camp for the first five years and was a permanent member of the Board of Directors.

Lion Stallings served as President of the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 terms. His commitment and organizational skills brought the Club to a higher level of participation and service in our community.



Immediate Past District Governor Mike Smith presents Lion Mike Stallings of the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club with the prestigious Texas Lions Camp Jack Wiech Fellowship.

Lago Vista Lions & Learning Ally

Connecting two wonderful organizations, Lago Vista Lions Club and Learning Ally, that share a mission to serve the blind was an effort close to the heart of Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott. Now in her fourth year as a volunteer in the Austin studio of Learning Ally, only one of eight in the country, Susan was struck as a new Lion by the commitment of Lions to Helen Keller's charge to be "knights of the blind". Learning Ally, a non-profit originally started to record books for blind veterans of World War II so they could return to school and to work, is the only organization providing books that are navigable for those who are visually impaired.



Lion Susan working in the Austin Learning Ally studio, recording books for the blind.

Volunteers, most often professionals in their fields, record and help to produce a library, currently numbering 80,000 volumes, of textbooks and popular titles for students in K-12, college and graduate school. Once it was learned that the same resources are beneficial to those with dyslexia, the organization revised its name to Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and is now called Learning Ally.

The Lago Vista Lions Club made a donation of \$750, the average cost of producing a book. In November, she will present a program to the club about Learning Ally and hopes to serve as an ambassador for Learning Ally to other Lions clubs.



The Lago Vista Lions Club presents a \$750.00 Check to Learning Ally. (L to R) Charlie Petri, Toni Ericson, Cheri Nightingale, Gigi Franklin and Lago Vista Lions Susan Nilsson-Weiskott

NB Noon Lion Distinguished Alumnus

Long-time Lion (1971), and New Braunfels High School Unicorn, Jerome Friesenhahn was celebrated as a Distinguished Unicorn Alumnus in a ceremony held 9 August at the Seekatz Opera House.

The New Braunfels ISD Education Foundation established the award in 2004 to honor alumni of New Braunfels High School who have demonstrated

"leadership, outstanding moral character and empathy toward others in their personal and professional lives, whether as mentors, role models, business or professional leaders or civic volunteers."

The New Braunfels ISD Education Foundation provides resources to inspire learning, enrich teaching and enhance opportunities for the teachers and students of the NBISD.

Jerome joins fellow Lions Hal Holtman and Dennis Heitkamp (2005) and Arno Becker (2006) in receiving this honor. Congratulations, Jerome.



Lion Jerome Friesenhahn



NB Breakfast Lions Sponsor Girls State

Sydney Rubey, also a senior at New Braunfels Canyon High School, represented The New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club at the American Legion Girls State 2016.

Participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities, of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical, with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

Sydney said, "I truly learned a lot about how a bill was introduced and traveled through

committee to the Senate floor. the bill that I co-sponsored did not make it out of committee, but the experience was unique for me.



Point Venture Lions Club Hosts Guide Dogs of Texas

Natalie Garza and Beth Morton of Guide Dogs of Texas were guests at the August 9, 2016 PV Lions meeting. Natalie is an instructor at the Austin Satellite location and Beth is a guide dog trainer. The other special guest was Gavin, a guide dog in training. Natalie presented a detailed description of the guide dog training and placement process.



Guide Dogs of Texas guests, Natalie Garza, Beth Morton, and Gavin.

Wimberley Supports TLC Tourney

Lion Jack Massengale gives the Wimberley Lions Club an update on the Golf Tournament held in Fredericksburg to benefit Texas Lions Camp. He says it was more like a Wimberley Lions golf tournament as Wimberley had 7 teams entered in the competition out of a total of 31 teams from all over the state. Congratulations to Lions Craig Biggs, Byron Eckols, Richard Jordan and Jay Nichols for taking second place in the tournament.



Bluebonnet Lions Charities



Above: Ashley Hurst accepts Bluebonnet Lions 2016 grant for Hays County Food Bank from 2015-16 Donations Committee members: Trish, Irene, Sandra, Martha, Edna, and Beth.



Right: Lynn Lombardo and Trish Schneider accept Bluebonnet Lions 2016 grant for \$1,000 for CASA of Central Texas from the 2015-16 Donations & scholarship Committee.

Wimberley Lion Wins Truck

Brookshires Manager, Kent Pursley, along with Asst. Store Dir. John Quiser, presented our own Lion Lane Hartsock and his wife Beverly, with a beautiful Ford F150 truck as the winner of a store giveaway prize the end of August. Lion Lane and Beverly certainly deserved the new truck after losing everything in last year's Memorial Day flood. CONGRATULATIONS LION LANE AND BEVERLY!



Point Venture Lions Host TLC Campers

On Sunday, July 24, 11 Point Venture Lions and volunteers served refreshments to the 238 incoming campers at the Texas Lions Camp for Disabled Children in Kerrville. The camp is one of the many charities the PV Lions Club supports through its fundraising efforts.

Thank you volunteers!!!



Those PV Lions welcoming the campers are (back row): Fred Marshall, Barry Pasarew, Keith Kirk, Gene Glass, Clyde Hance; (middle row): Scotta Petmecky, Phyllis Marshall, Laurie Glass; (front row): Jackie Lambert, Ann Kirk, and, special guest volunteer, Madeline Glass.

New District Camp Director Takes Office

Lion Ann Ward, a member of the Austin Founder Lions Club, was sworn in as the District's new elected Camp Director on Aug. 6 in Kerrville. Ward is one of 32 elected directors in the state, and represents the North portion of District 2-S3.

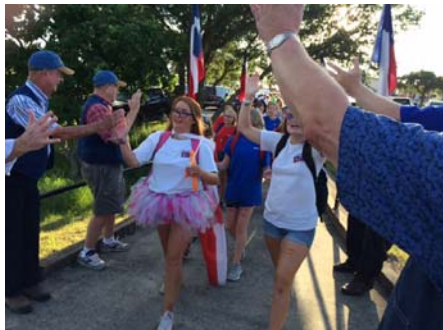
"Texas Lions Camp is a well-kept secret, and I want to work with Lions in District 2-S3 to raise awareness of the camp so that more children with special needs can benefit from the life-changing experience a summer camp session provides," Ward said. "We can do a better job of recruiting campers; every session should be full," she added.

Ward will be contacting clubs to schedule a time to visit the club and make a presentation about Texas Lions Camp, and will provide ideas and suggestions on how to raise visibility for the camp and recruit more campers. Contact her at awardcomm@gmail.com or via phone at 512-338-1623 for more information and to schedule a program.

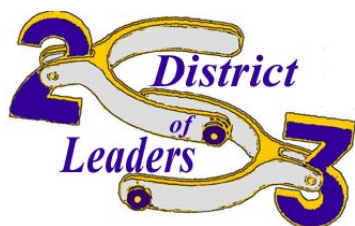


Lion Ann Ward
Camp Director
North

NB Breakfast Lions at TLC



Members of the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club attended the camper graduation ceremonies for the Texas Lions Camp on August 5. The Club members cheered as the campers paraded down the pathway in celebratory fashion.



Bluebonnet Lions LCI Community Legacy Project

Lions International Centennial Service Project—a local project that will connect Bluebonnet Lions with our community and build our Lion Legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during the Lions Int'l Centennial Celebration.

Legacy projects are visible gifts to our local community that commemorate 100 years of Lionism and service contributions to San Marcos. Our Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important our club is to our community and beyond. All Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018, so we need to start planning ours today.

We may want to collaborate with another community organization(s) to do this. Find Planning Guide - Press release - Projects FAQ and more information here:
<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php/>

NB Lion Sponsors Camper

Lion Tom Call

This young lady is the one I sponsored for the Texas Lions Camp this year. She had a ball, and her mother is extremely grateful. Abby is now 13 and has been handling diabetes from age 3 months. Her mother had to resign from the Army to take care of her full time, and even now Abby has to check her blood seven plus times a day, has an insulin pump and all that.

At the camp, she not only got to join other kids of similar circumstances and



learn more about how to take care of themselves from skilled doctors and nurses, but while doing all the things other kids without those problems can do. These pictures are just the tip of the iceberg about Abby's week at the camp. Being 13 years old she can attend the camp next year and is excited about the prospect.

Abby's mom Kimberly contacted me because of our web page, so it actually works. I sponsored a young boy last year and a young girl the year before because of the web page. When they called wanting information, I quickly volunteered to sponsor, finding out only later that there are responsibilities that go along with it.

So far, I haven't had any problems other than providing gas money for a dad to take his youngster to camp. I don't offer that, but problems like that can arise. It was either take the girl to camp or help the dad take her. I chose the latter.



Lunch for the Lago Vista Police Department



On August 11, 2016, the Lago Vista Leo Club together with the Lago Vista Lion Club are proud to say we stand by our police force. Our two clubs came together and provided a delicious homemade lunch for the force. We served them roast beef with gravy, King Ranch Chicken casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, coleslaw, fruit, rolls, sweet iced tea, cake, cookies and brownies, all made from the heart.

Due to the recent rising animosity towards the police across the United States, and all the tragedies following, we would like to take this opportunity to say we appreciate all our local police department does for all of us. Our community is very lucky to have such great law enforcement officers protecting us. Every time a man or woman who has sworn the oath "to protect and serve" goes out on patrol they are in harm's way and we want you to know we stand behind you and with you. Thank you for protecting and serving.



Lago Vista Leos

The Leo's will be collecting baby food and snacks (granola bars, Cheeze-Its, jerky etc) for a service project until mid November and take them to their meeting at the Crockett Hotel in San Antonio Veteran's Day weekend. Evidently baby food now comes in plastic containers which means it will not be as heavy! They will donate these items to an orphanage.



New Braunfels HS Leo Club



Isaiah Sandivar, VP, New Braunfels High School Leo Club at "Meet the Unicorns"

CLUB NEWS.....

BLANCO LIONS CLUB

We will meet at the Old 300 Bar-B-Que (4th and Pecan St.) on Thursday September 1st. 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 normal donations are way down.

Stuff the Bus: Stuff the bus was the best ever; \$1,300 in donations plus lots of additional supplies! I received this from Lion Matt: Final drop of school supplies were left with the Elementary principal and counselor today at 1 pm. They were overjoyed saying this year when students needed items they just reached into the supply and handed it out. They took photos. Superintendent, Dr. Ford, would be sure to post them in his weekly Bell publication. Once the photos are e-mailed to us we HOPE to have it placed in the BCN. Matt and Martha

Game Ball Raffle: We started with a lightning delayed game but only a little rain. The next games are 9/2 and 9/9. Please show up between 6 and 6:30 to help sell tickets. We have fallen behind our normal collections.

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

Membership: We are 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.

LEOs: Leos are on summer vacation.

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Hearing Testing: On August 4th, 2016, six Lions attended Elementary School hearing testing training at the Club of Garden Ridge. Headed by Chairman Dick Holloway, were Mark DuBois, Dave Heier, Carmen McCaw, Mark Meyers, and Mark Delaney.

Firewood: Led by Chairman Todd Arvidson, seven Lions loaded up 4 pick-up trucks full of oak logs and delivered them to our firewood working site at Lion Walter Brown's. We now have 4 more loads of firewood to sale at our Annual Fish Fry & Auction. We are going to have enough firewood to sale for a couple of years. These oak logs donations came from Lion Pat Hartley's house and a neighbor of Lion Dick Holloway. The Lions assisting in the work project August 27, 2016, were Todd Arvidson (with his truck), Jim Newbold (with his truck), Pat Hartley, Dick Holloway, Mark DuBois, Larry Steele and Rich Simmons.

District 2-S3's 100% Charities: Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, \$83; 2-S3 Youth Opportunities, \$166; District 2-S3 Charities, \$83; Leader Dogs, 166; World Services for the Blind, \$166; Texas Lions Foundation, \$166; Lions Club International Foundation, \$83; Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, \$830; and Texas Lions Camp, \$830.

TLC – Semi-Annual Dues: We donated \$871.50 to the Texas Lions Camp.

44th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction: We are working real hard on the final preparations for our signature fundrais-

er, the Garden Ridge Lions Charities, Inc. 44th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction, to be held Saturday, October 1, 2016.

Hearing/Vision Screening: Chairman Dick Holloway has initiated a new schedule to perform hearing/vision screening of children attending Comal ISD and New Braunfels ISD elementary schools. Commencing on August 29th, 12 Lions and Lion Helpers completed hearing/vision screenings for 3 Elementary Schools during August; screening over 900 children.

GEORGETOWN (NOON) LIONS CLUB



Pictured Above: Angie Toohey (Addie's Mom); 9-year-old TLC Camper, Addie Toohey; and GNLC President, JoAnn Steinfort.

TLC Camper: On August 10, GNLC hosted 9-year-old Addie Toohey who shared experiences from her first week at Texas Lions Camp. They were thrilled and looking forward to next year. We also had a great American Cancer Society Program by Lauren Worsley.

Other August Activities: Another \$2500 was presented to the Boys and Girls Club of Georgetown; We presented a scholarship to camp counselor Janeth Favela at Texas State; We sent ANOTHER 634 pairs of used glasses to TLERC thru the State Council Meeting in Kerrville; Members of our Kid-Sight team screened 24 individuals at the library on August 13; 4 of our members attended Lion JoAnn's first Zone Meeting, and 3 members attended the State Council Meeting in Kerrville in August where Chancellor Bob Corlew, President of Lions Clubs International was in attendance.



PDG Paul Steinfort, International President Bob Corlew and JoAnn Steinfort at MD-2 Stae Council Meeting in Kerrville.

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB**District 2-S3 Recognition, August 2, 2016:**

Lago Vista Lions President Don Zschoche presented the District 2-S3 Positive Growth Banner Patch for 2015-2016 to Lion Anita Burke, Membership Director.



Lago Vista Lions President Don Zschoche presented the runner-up for the District 2-S3 Cultural and Community Awareness Award for 2014-2015 for the Cops, Kids and Quilts program for 2015-2016 to Lion Marilyn Gates.

Summer Reading Program: On 08/03/2016 the Summer Reading Program featured a Special program called mystic Drumz World Music Safari; on 08/10/2016 the Summer Reading Program featured Awards Ceremony and Usborne Book Fair; and on 08/17/2016 the Summer Reading Program featured Grand Finale Performance by the Hideout Theatre!!!



Lago Vista Lions Treasurer Mike Zaydel is our most active Lion supporting these programs all summer long as well as previous years. Lion Mike provided both set up and tear down activities weekly during the Summer Reading Programs.

Blood Drive, Bloodmobile Chair Lion Linda Spoorlein: Our 08/27/2016 blood drive had 30 participants and a total of

25 pints collected. Lago Vista Lions blood donors were: Lions, Don Zschoche, Ron Smith, Ken Johnston and Judy Devore.

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 10/22/2016.

Centennial Challenge: KidSight Vision Screening with Spot (08/14/2016) On 08/14/2016 seven Lago Vista Lions collaborated with Round Rock Noon Lions performed vision screening for 345 children with 69 referrals during the Round Rock ISD Back To School Event at Round Rock High School.

The Learning Ally (08/10/2016) On 08/10/2016 The Lago Vista Lions Club made a donation of \$750 to The Learning Ally, the average cost of producing a book.

Summer Reading Program (08/03,10,17/2016) Lago Vista Lions supported the Lago Vista Library Summer Reading Program all summer long..

Aluminum Can Recycle (08/09/2016) On 08/09/2016 we recycled collected 2575 aluminum can recycling, weight was 78 pounds at \$0.35/pound resulting in \$27.30 in cash.

MCQUEENEY LIONS CLUB

Weekly Public Bingo: 8/04/16 - Public Bingo, 8/11/16 - Public Bingo, 8/18/16 - Public Bingo, and 8/25/16 - Public Bingo.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Business Meeting, 4 August: Tail Twister Cameron Bradfute commemorated the Rio Olympics with a little Olympic inspired competition of his own. Paul Martinka's sprint relay team bested Jimmy Cook's by a comfortable margin, but was subsequently disqualified for "doping" violations when Cameron discovered Tylenol, Zyrtec and Viagra had been used by many of the participants.

Third Vice President Mark Reynolds introduced Judd Earley of the 100 Club of Comal County who related to the faithful some history and statistical data on the national organization, as well as pertinent information on concealed carry rules and reciprocal privileges in other states.



For instance, did you know that the first 100 Club was founded in Detroit, and the largest is in Houston, covering 31 counties and boasting 40 thousand members? The 100 Club of

Comal County was founded in 2001 as a direct result of the shooting death of Trooper Randy Vetter on Interstate 35 in August of 2000.

The Century Club also provides aid to law enforcement and first responders stricken by cancer and other illnesses, and provides support to those suffering from non-life threatening situations such as plastic surgery to repair a gunshot wound to the face and other grim realities.

McDonald's and FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD host a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day each May 25th in support of the 100 Club, which is a 501(c)3 entity — all contributions are tax exempt.

Business Meeting, 4 August: In the absence of Tail Twister Cameron Bradfute, and inspired by the realization that we often don't really get to know many of our fellow Lions until we scan their obituaries, Judge Bob Pfeuffer has instituted a new Know Your Lions program. The abbreviated give-and-take will assume the form of a five-minute (más o menos) interview. The first victim of the judge's new program was Bert Childs. No great secrets were divulged, and Bert did not embarrass himself to any great degree, nor was he reduced to tears, so the maiden voyage of the program was generally regarded a success.



DG Official Visit: District Governor of 2-S3, John Lyon, was the featured speaker, introduced by Zone Chair Norm Schaule. Governor Lyon spoke of our 100th anniversary to be celebrated in Chicago next summer, and in Dallas the following November.

He spoke of the establishment of the Texas Lions Camp in 1949, and of the establishment of the Leos organization in 1957, and that the club was just opened to women in 1987.

Governor Lyon also spoke of the need to keep ours and other clubs growing, lest we die from apathy and attrition. He cited the Gruene Lions Club which eventually slid beneath the waves with only 8 members remaining onboard. District 2-S3 had 80 thousand members not so many years ago, and today we number only about 45 thousand. The handwriting is on the wall. But along with quantity, the clubs must ensure quality, folks that will show up and participate, or it is for naught.

NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Program Speaker: *New Braunfels Master Plan;* Christopher J. Looney, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development

for New Braunfels provided an overview of the City's Comprehensive Plan. With the population projected to reach 89,000+ by 2019, the City has begun steps to update the older Master Plan to accommodate expected growth.



Community engagement encouraged; the process of collecting and parsing information begins this summer with an anticipated final adoption in early 2018. Key to this process is gathering maximum input from a broad spectrum of citizens. Reaching out includes a website, citizen surveys and public meetings.

Program Speaker: *Headwaters at the Comal;* Roger Biggers, P.E. and Executive Director of External Affairs for New Braunfels Utilities provided members with an overview of the *Headwaters at the Comal* Project. Situated on the banks of the Comal Springs and Blieders Creek, the Headwaters at the Comal will highlight the hydrological, environmental and cultural history of the region and will be a living demonstration of sustainable practices for the local community and nation.

The landscape design of this property will include the restoration of the Comal Springs headwaters and the transformation of more than 16 acres of asphalt into immersive native landscape. Plant groupings will evoke regional typologies while newly introduced berms and bioswales filter and cleanse storm water before returning it to the creek. Public amenities will include a central courtyard, event lawn, display gardens, walking trails, outdoor classrooms, natural spring overlooks, wastewater treatment wetlands, composting facilities and more.

POINT VENTURE LIONS CLUB

Meeting, August 23: Recruiting new members is the lifeblood of this great service organization. New members revitalize clubs by offering new energy and new ideas, thus providing a much greater impact on our communities.



PV Lion President, Ron Gallagher, presented LCI Membership Recruitment awards to Ron Weindorf and Debbie Conger for their efforts promoting our club within the community.

SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

From President Debby: Well it's back to school for all the young people! Our city will be filled with Texas State students again! It was so great seeing and hearing from one of the Texas State Campus Club members at our evening meeting in August. Whitney Pyle shared many things with us, and although some of us old folks were lost, I do think that some of the technology she shared would help us communicate more efficiently. Luckily Kate and Linda A were there and maybe they can lead us into this new world!! Don't worry! We'll still have our wonderful newsletter (thanks, Carol) and emails!

With all the new and old Community Service projects we're embarking on, we really need some leaders to step forward. I think chairs for the Fundraising projects are just about secured. Get ready and let's hit the ground running! Looking forward to a busy year!

"Pecans & More"....I will be chairing pecan sales again this year along with co-chair Judy Aswell. Information should be arriving soon from Durham-Ellis. I'm also looking at other vendors to make sure we are getting the best product and making the most money we can. See the Bluebonnet Lions Club website for product selection and prices.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for agreeing to reschedule our August Board meeting to August 29. We only had three Board members who were able to get out in the pouring rain on August 16! **Debby Lawrence, President**

Lucio Adopt-a-Park project - Linda Alexander, Chair: Our next park cleanup will be Saturday, September 10 from 9 -10 am. If you have never helped with this project this would be a great time to try it out. Plastic gloves, bug spray, trash bags, and water will be provided or bring your own garden gloves. Ramon Lucio Park is located on CM Allen Parkway off I-35 just behind the City baseball fields. We park at the fields and spread out from there. Just look for Bluebonnet Lions wandering around with trash bags! Everyone is welcome.

San Marcos Public Library Book Sale project - Dj Domstead, Chair: Mark your calendars for October 20-23. Sign up at September 6 luncheon to volunteer or contact DJ to find out when she will need help.

School Fuel Project - Debby Lawrence, Chair: Our School Fuel project is 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. Details and sign-up sheets will be forthcoming as the date draws nearer, but be sure to add it to your calendar now!

Reach Out and Read - Trish Wilder, 2015-16 Chair: This is our signature community service project which is ongoing throughout the year. Trish is looking for someone to volunteer to chair this worthy project for 2016-17. She is happy to mentor you as the new volunteer chair until you are comfortable with the position. If you are interested, please let Trish know so you and she can transfer the duties.

Family 4 Life—Linda Alexander, Chair: Thanks to Irene, Edna, Gloria, Debby, Sandi, Carol, Martha, and Linda for preparing food and/or serving 25 campers plus numerous camp counselors for the Family 4 Life event on Saturday, August 27. It was a great success and they were very appreciative. Family 4 Life connects foster children with their siblings and provides opportunities for them to spend time together. See www.family4life.org for more information about this worthwhile organization.

Thankful Turkey 5K Fundraiser - Martha Moore & Ramika Adams, Co-Chairs: The 14th Annual Thankful Turkey 5K is scheduled for November 19 at the First Baptist Church on McCarty Lane. Sign up NOW to get involved in all the FUN.

Gloria and Edna are rounding up door prizes and race medals. Trish and Cherry are ordering race t-shirts. Judy and Melissa are scrounging for goodie bag and refreshment items. Sandi is gathering race prizes.

Ramika is organizing the Kids Fun Run. David Alexander and Cyndi are planning the course and marketing with Sandra, Linda A, and Kate. Carol, Beverly, and Ramika are heading up the "7 Touches" sponsorship teams.

Sponsorship letters are now available by email from Lions Martha or Carol. The first four sponsors will receive special recognition. Please contact your favorite business in town TODAY and offer them the opportunity to sponsor this event. They will thank you for thinking of them!

Next Thankful Turkey 5K planning committee meeting will be Monday, September 12, at 5:30pm at the First Baptist Church. Anyone interested in helping with this community project is invited.

Lions Peace Poster Contest (starts February, 2017): We've been doing this project at Goodnight & Miller Middle Schools for many years. We will have two kits for Goodnight & Miller in early spring. Art teachers will need to be contacted and given the kits so they will know the theme and be ready to prepare the students when school starts in Fall, 2017. A committee of our members will judge the poster submissions and awards will be given to winners at our evening meeting in November, 2017.

Reach Out and Read: Ongoing project which provides books to pre-school children through Corridor Primary Care pediatricians. Chair gives books to Corridor in honor of each speaker. Chair also provides labels/stickers that read "Donated by Bluebonnet Lions Club" showing that we provided the books for distribution by Corridor Primary Care.

San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance: Members sign up to bring/serve light snacks to members of SMGA at their annual meeting usually held on a Sunday afternoon in the spring.

Youth Fest KidSight Vision Screening: Our club partners with the San Marcos Lions Club to screen pre-school children

for vision needs during Youth Fest on April 1, 2017.

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

From the President: The end of the Summer of 2016 is near! We have been a busy Lions Club sending seven exchange students to all parts of the world from Australia to Japan. In addition, we have hosted exchange students from the J.C. Hyer Youth Exchange Camp, hailing from twenty different countries. Overall, the J.C. Hyer experience has been worthwhile. We will be opening opportunities to other clubs in our Lions Zone IV-B this year to benefit in a great service project.

It is official; we finally have a new Lions Zone IV-B Chair. His name is Larkin Smith with the San Marcos Lions Club. Lion Larkin visited our club at the last meeting on August 16th to get acquainted with us. He was very impressed with our youth exchange program, chaired this year by Lion Dave Osborn.

Regarding membership, the life blood of our club, we are up to 209 members at the last meeting. This is a +2 growth. Let's keep the growth going!

The new Lion Centennial Committee, under Lion Beverly Nesmith, has hit the road running. Your Lions Board will be reviewing their proposed projects and selecting ones to develop. You will be seeing a presentation in the Fall to vote on funding the selected ones.

Our Vision Screening Lions, Bill Higdon and Harold Tannehill, are set on another record pace. They were at the Back to School Fiesta, held at the Methodist Church, on August 13th, along with several other Lions. Other spot screenings are being scheduled as part of our ongoing service to youth in our community.

The Summer Market Days have been hot. Thanks to Lion Tail Twister Bobby Burris, he has helped keeping the cool by giving out popsicles free to kids at Market Day and selling cold bottled water from his golf cart. The vendors and parents alike think this was pretty cool!

The upcoming Market Days are our big ones as they generate the most revenue for our club. With the new marketing committee, under Lion Craig Biggs leadership, we hope to increase our sales toward our goal of reaching the four million dollar grant mark next Spring.

Thank you for making our Lions Club a great place to be a Lion!

Lion Boss, John Estepp

Back to School Fiesta: At the back to School Fiesta we had seven Lions and one volunteer helping. They were Annette Higdon as the volunteer and Lions Ron Steel, Harold Tannehill, Bob Slider, Gloria Ibarra, Judy Walker, Lee Gibson, and Bill Higdon. The total Lions hours for the event including travel to and from the event, set up, screen, and pack up to leave was around 30.



The total people screened, including adults, were 97, with 16 referrals to an eye care professional.

Tailtwister: Lion Bobby Burris, our new Tailtwister, incorporates the help of Lion Lane for his "Price Is Right" routine, making a game out of getting us to put money in the little yellow cans... all for a great cause!



Thanks to Lion Bobby for making it fun to give up our money!

Tailtwister Lion Bobby Burris had these Lions each give their best Tarzan or Jane of the Jungle yells. Lion Judy Walker won a batch of bananas as a prize.



Pictured from left to right are: Lions Misty Moore, Gloria Ibarra, CW Bruns, Bobby Burris, Judy Walker, Bernie Gutierrez and Gary Wellborn.

We didn't know we had such jungle- adapted Lions. Thanks for the laughs Lion Bobby and Lions!

Zone IV-B Chair: New Lions Zone IV-B Chair from the San Marcos Lions, Lion Larkin Smith, was introduced at the meeting. Lion Larkin wants to promote Lionism outside regular club activities, and work on linking our web sites so we can work together.



Lion Larkin Smith

EMS Cart: In addition, our Centennial Project Committee is working hard to get info and projects for the Board to ap-

prove 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 Market Day each month. A photo will be added to next month's newsletter, as no one had a camera for the official presentation.

Program, Lion Ellen Karas: For the Aug. 2nd evening program, Lion Ellen Karas tells her story of survival after the American Embassy bombing by Al Qaeda terrorists in Nairobi, Africa, in 1998 which left her blind. At the time she was working for the US Department of Commerce, and had just set up a new Trade Agency at the Embassy there when the bombing occurred. After 35 eye surgeries, a new ear drum and a 9 month stay at Walter Reed Medical Center; she had to attend a school for the blind.



Ellen said she felt worthless at first, but told herself to make the best of it and, eventually, came to the decision to help others which gives her a sense of purpose. She has since written a book called "Code Name Gloria" that details her experience.

It was a very moving and spell-binding story! Thank you Ellen!

