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"Together We Can Achieve Success!"



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We're Not Done!

I have several items I wish to share with you this month. I hope I'm not too long winded and you will bear with me.

⇒ **First**, a message from International President Joe Preston, focusing on **membership**, and some thoughts on what we can do to increase our numbers.

"I am asking club leaders to continue making membership growth a priority and to keep in mind that every club project or event is an opportunity to connect with potential new members. I am also sharing information on club branches as an effective way to increase membership. To support the Protecting our Environment campaign, I am encouraging clubs to plan an environmental project in April. Our clubs mean so much to our communities, and we can do so much more when we strengthen our membership!"

*Together in service,
Joe Preston'*

Membership continues to be a priority. It's important to continue building by inviting new members, and there are many ways to do it:

Ask One – Each Lion can play a part in building membership, and it all starts by asking one friend, family

member or neighbor to join.

Service Projects – Invite family and friends to serve with you to experience the satisfaction of service, and invite them to keep serving as Lions.

Special Events – Invite your community to join you for special events like Family and Friends Month in April to showcase your club and the difference you're making.

Inviting new members is the responsibility of all Lions. Make membership a priority – Ask One! The State Council of Governors has designated February as Membership Month; and LCI has designated April as a month for sponsors to receive a pin for recruiting a new member.

⇒ **Next, Dues** – It is that time of year when invoices are sent from LCI. It is the responsibility of all clubs to pay by March 15 to remain in "good standing". This includes multiple district (State) and District dues. Prompt payment is important to meet our financial responsibilities and operating expenses. Also, for clubs to be recognized as a 100% club you need to make payments to the District charities.

⇒ **Finally, Elections** – I hope clubs have started the nomination process, formalizing next year's slate of officers and planning their elections. LCI's deadline for submission of the roster of officers is April 15.

Next Month – Welcoming a new club – details to follow.

Remember: Together we can achieve success!

Len



Daly and DG Len Heimer
2014–2015

State Photo Contest Announcement:

To Lion Jo Anne Smith, Lago Vista Lions Club, I am pleased to announce you have won the State Environmental Photo Contest, voted on this past weekend at the Council of Governors' meeting. I have a blue ribbon and copy of this year's calendar that I will get to you. Your entry will be in next year's calendar.

Again, congratulations on an OUTSTANDING entry, Len Heimer, DG 2-S3



*Lions Clubs International
District 2-S3 Convention*

May 1 & 2, 2015

New Braunfels Presbyterian Church

Schedule of Events

Friday District Cabinet Meeting and Governor's Social – Knights of Columbus Hall

Saturday Morning Registration, Memorial Service, & Breakout Training Sessions

Saturday Afternoon Governor's Luncheon
Business Meeting
Election

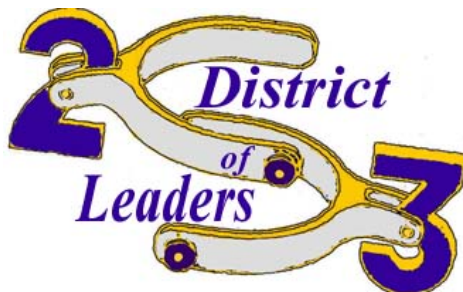
INTERNATIONAL GUEST PID Dr Gary Anderson

REGISTRATION On District Website in Early March. Print, Complete and Mail by April 15, 2015

MEET THE CANDIDATES
Texas Lions Camp Director – South
Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Directors and
2nd VDG

BREAKOUT/TRAINING TOPICS
Strengthening your Club
Social Media
Officer Training
More to come

LODGING Details to be Finalized



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February, 2015*

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District 2-S3 2015 District Convention Registration Friday, May 1, & Saturday, May 2, 2015 In New Braunfels



Club Name _____
Signature of Officer _____

NOTE TO CABINET MEMBERS - Register on this Form or Register With Your Club

Print or type Lion/Guest Name		Voting Delegate Please Check One		Is This Your First District Convention?	Please Enter For Each Attendee Everyone Attending Must Pay Convention Fee			
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Lago Vista LEOs Win District Youth Contests

By Lago Vista Lions Club President Pauline Wheeler

On Saturday, January 17th, Ken and I drove to Wimberley where we met up with LV Lions Mike de Sorigo, Linda Jameson, Faye Tessnow and 1st VDG Kurt Tessnow. Leos Lily Jameson and Emily Moseley were also there waiting to shine in the youth essay contests. Shine they did and sweeping the awards in all categories. Leo advisor and mother hen Linda, probably did not have any fingernails left after waiting for the results of the interviews being judged in another room. The results were not in until after the 11.00a.m. break and the feature presentation being given by PDG Paul Baker from Canada. He gave a very entertaining motivational program. Let`s just say that at one point everyone in the room no matter what their status, was involved in physical problem solving and it was hilarious and inventive.

During the reports section of the agenda, Lago Vista was recognized for the great work Lions Ron and Jo Anne Smith have been doing with KidSight. JoAnne also won the District Environmental photo contest and her photo will go forward to be judged at the State level the first weekend in February. It was such a beautiful photo I find it hard to believe she won`t win. Good Luck Jo Anne.

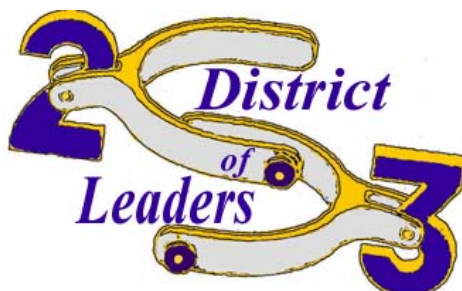
Then we got the distinct pleasure of Lily reading her winning essay on Diabetes and Emily reading her winning essay on drug awareness, where she debated the pros and cons of legalization of marijuana use. She had a compelling viewpoint and both girls received a standing ovation when finished. This was probably enjoyed almost as much as the nice cash awards given them.

I apologize for gushing, but it was a great day to be the President of Lago Vista Lions Club and to be acknowledged for the very active club that we are.

PDG Larry Nicholson, District Youth Opportunities Chair, shown with LV Leo Lily Jameson, and LV Leo Emily Moseley; District level winners.




Each year the Lions of Texas sponsor three contests for high school age students. They are the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest, the Drug Awareness Speech contest, and the Outstanding Youth contest. The Lions of Texas believe in the young people in our schools and want to encourage students in their pursuit of excellence while learning to be of service to others. Contest entrants must be juniors or seniors in high school.



Lion John N. Rewjuk

It is with sadness to report that Jarrell Noon Lion John N. Rewjuk passed away on January 17, 2015. Lion John was born May 14, 1929 in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine. Lion John survived both Stalin and Hitler and eventually with his mother and brother were sent to the states by the Red Cross. Lion John went on to serve twenty-four years in the U.S. Air Force. Lion John was a founding member of the Jarrell Noon Lions Club, having served in many positions of leadership during his tenure with the Jarrell Noon Lions. Lion John was laid to rest on January 26, 2015 with full military honors. Over half of the Jarrell Noon Lions attended Lions John's funeral, knowing that he will be greatly missed for the service he provided the Jarrell community as a member of the Jarrell Noon Lions.



A Memorial To Our Lost Lions

Rich Morgan	
Dean Taylor	Garden Ridge Lions Club
John N Rewjuk	Jarrell Noon Lions Club
Robert D Goodwin	Marble Falls Noon Lions Club
Chuck Walker	North Austin Lions Club
PDG Erwin H Teggeman	
Wallace "Sonny" Brueckner	Taylor Lions Club

Lion Richard B Morgan

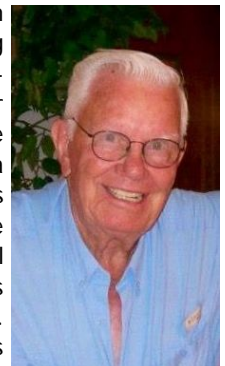
Colonel Richard Barton Morgan, DVM was born May 20, 1920, in Burlington, Iowa, passed away February 4, 2015. Richard married Lorraine Bess Morgan, RN, 1st Lieutenant (USA) (Iwansky) on March 8, 1946 and they were married for over 60 years until her death on August 22, 2006. Richard graduated from: High School, Ames High School, Ames, Iowa, undergraduate degree from Iowa State University, DVM from Iowa State University, MPH from University of Michigan, and Graduated from the Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was a member of the 10th Mountain Division during WWII, and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. He also was in the Vietnam War, and was awarded the Legion of Merit. Colonel Morgan retired from the US Army having services for 27 years. Post military: Assistant Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois, and the Public Health Administrator for DeKalb Co. Illinois. Member of the Rotary Club in Sycamore, IL, member of the Planning and Zoning board for Garden Ridge, TX, Lions Club member, Shriner, and Mason. He enjoyed golf, fishing, hunting, gardening and his family. He was preceded in death by his father, Barton Stowe Morgan, PhD, his mother: Catherine S. Morgan (Wallace) and his siblings: Margaret Sargent, Harold Morgan and Paul Morgan. Richard and Lorraine are survived by five of their six children; James Richard Morgan with wife Gail, John Barton Morgan with wife Dawn, Daniel Morgan with wife Jacquelyn, Nancy Lorraine Morgan Brickley (deceased) with husband Bill, Retha Ann Morgan Skinner, and Mary Margaret Haka with husband Josh; sixteen grandchildren, Jennifer Laycock (Andy), Ben Morgan (Leann), Jodi Stedman (Lance), Amy Tracy (Matt), Mary Blacharski (Andrzej), Kara Reiber, Katie Brickley, Kathryn Fahm (Morgan), Margaret Morgan, Barton Skinner (Jennifer), Lee Skinner (Tiffany), Jillian Haywood (Brian), Jack Henry Skinner, Stewart Haka (Caitlin) Nelson Haka, and Grace Haka and by nineteen great-grandchildren. Colonel Morgan will be buried next to his wife at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors. A graveside service will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 9:00AM.



Derrell (Dean) Taylor of Garden Ridge, Texas, graduated this life and went to heaven on January 21, 2015 at 84 years young. Dean was born the 13th child in his family to Edna Pearl Bailey and John Bray Taylor in Slaton, Texas during the Great Depression. Times were hard but there was never a lack of playmates. He enjoyed card games and dominoes from which he learned to be a fierce competitor. He took that competitiveness and used it in every part of his life. Dean joined the Army in 1948 at the age of 17, completing tours in both Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded many medals, including Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medic Badge, the Bronze Star and Purple Heart to name just a few. He retired from the service on December 31, 1968. During his time in the Army, he worked part-time at the Car Mart on Broadway. Thus began his love for automobiles. In 1970, he opened Dean's Auto Parts and Service which flourished for many years before adding Dean's Used Cars. Dean was a respected business man with a passion for selling and financing automobiles. He was a man of great character whose firm handshake was stronger than any contract. Customers became friends and still remain to this day. Dean was a self made man, well grounded in his roots, never forgetting where he came from. He loved motorcycles, traveling and all things NASCAR. He was a member of Windcrest United Methodist Church, member of the Garden Ridge Lion's Club, past president of the Randolph Motorcycle Association and past Wagon Master of Canyon Sams' RV club. He is survived by his beloved wife of 17 years, Paula Diane Lux Taylor, his 3 children: daughter Gina Brandes and husband Chris, son Derrell Taylor, Jr., youngest daughter Michelle Holder and husband Rusty, step son Gregory Salmon of La Jolla, CA, his grandchildren: Casey, Shanna and Taylor Brandes; Brandon Taylor; Gary, Christina, Ryan and Eric Holder; Anna and Den Salmon, 12 Great Grandchildren, sister Wanda Love Ferguson of Farmer's Branch, Tx., brother in law and wife Don and Judy Lux of Surprise, AZ, many nieces and nephews, and his beloved car lot cat Maggie Mae.

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Lion PDG Erwin Teggeman

It is with great sadness that I share the news of a passing of Lion Erwin Teggeman of the Taylor Lion's Club. Lion Teggeman has been a member of Taylor Lions Club for as long as most can remember. He established a legacy in the Teggeman/Collins family of Lionism and cherished his time in serving others.



Lion Erwin joined the Taylor Lions Club in 1949. He soon took over the job of State Lions Treasurer. He was president of Taylor Lions Club in 1954-55, and Governor of District 2-S3 in 1957-58. He was the first member of the Taylor Lions Club to receive the Melvin Jones Award.

Lion Erwin had the pleasure of working with Lion Melvin Jones while the Texas Lions Camp was being organized; he attended many International Conventions, and worked on the election campaigns for several international presidents from Texas.

He sponsored over 18 Lions in Taylor and he also worked to set up many new Lions Clubs, including the Thrall Lions, where his father was charter president. His Taylor Lions legacy is carried on by a daughter, son, son-in-law, and grandson in the Taylor Lions Club.

Lion Erwin fought dementia for 15 years and lived at Will-O-Bell Nursing Home for almost 8 years. He was placed on Hospice Care as of Thursday and died peacefully Friday morning, January 30. While this was not a surprise, death always has a sting. We are thankful for friends and family who offer their support. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers, Lion Greg Teggeman.

"PDG Erwin Teggeman was a genuine Monarch," PDG JP Kirksey. "He was truly a great Lion," PCC Dennis Heitkamp.

Lion Chuck Walker

Charles "Chuck" Alborn Walker was born in Grand Rapids, MN on June 5, 1921 to Harold Ray Walker and Harriet Adeline Christensen Walker. He passed away on February 3, 2015 at Longhorn Village in Austin, TX. He moved to Austin, Texas just before World War II. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1941 and married Marvel Jean Snow Halden on September 11, 1942 in Topeka, KS. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on August 5, 1942. In WWII he was a bomber Liberator Pilot in the South Pacific and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for flying 250 miles with two engines on one wing knocked out of commission. That was the first time a Liberator had accomplished such a feat. He received the Oak Leaf Custer for 200 hours of combat flying. He received the Air Force Medal for his part in a mission in which six planes sank 2 Japanese ships, then fought their way home through 16 attacking enemy planes, shooting down 7 of them. He also received 2 Silver Stars. Following WWII, he returned to college and graduated from the University of Texas in May 1948 with BA in Chemistry and BS in Pharmacy (double major). During the Korean War, he was a flight instructor at Randolph Air Force Base. He returned to college (part-time) during the 1950's and received his Masters and worked on his PhD in the mid 1960's. He was elected to the Honors in the School of Pharmacy twice – once as an undergraduate and once while working on his PhD. For his Master's Thesis he did a survey of all the pharmacies in Texas and figured the "actual cost" to fill a prescription. The results were used to determine reimbursement for Texas Medicaid Prescriptions starting in the 1960's. He remained in the Air Force Reserve and achieved the rank Lt. Colonel. During the Bay of Pigs, era his reserve unit prepared local landing fields in Central Texas for alternate landing sites for the planes then stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base.

He worked as a Pharmacist at the Halden's Pharmacy at 13th and Colorado with his father-in-law George Halden. He owned the Burnet Road Prescription House, the Shoal Creek Pharmacy and Cedar Park Pharmacy. He retired as a pharmacist in 2001 at the age of 80.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jean Halden Walker in 2002, and one grandson, Henry David (Harry) Andrews in 1988. He is survived by his sister Carol Enid Walker Sobey and her husband Bill of Pierce, AZ and their 6 children and many grandchildren, and his 7 children -- Karen Walker Ratcliffe of Austin, TX, Arlene Suzanne Walker-Andrews and spouse David of Missoula, MT, Christie Allayne Walker Lange and spouse Paul of Round Rock, TX, Alan Gerald Walker and spouse Christine of Austin, TX, Dana Michael Walker of Yuma, AZ, Shawn Paul Walker and spouse Kimberly of Hutto, TX and Teresa Ann Walker Krauklis and spouse Brian of Katy, TX along with 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Chuck was active in the Lions Club, and was the last living Charter Member of the North Austin Lions Club, founded in 1948. Although he regularly worked 90+ hour weeks, he was always off on Thursday nights for his Lions Club Meeting and had perfect attendance until his health prevented his attending every meeting. He served in all the club offices, including being President 3 times, and was on the Board of Directors for the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank in Manor, TX. Chuck was an Eagle Scout, had a Palm Award and was Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 3 at the University Methodist Church and received the Silver Palm Award in 1948.

Chuck said his proudest accomplishment in life was having 7 intelligent and giving children each with his or her own strengths and unique abilities.

Obits Continued from page 5

Lion Chuck Walker, of the North Austin Lions Club died on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Lion Chuck was a charter member of the North Austin Lions and had been a Lion for 67+ years. He also served on the board of the Eye Bank, back when it was just in one district.

Lion "Sonny" Brueckner

It is with sadness I inform you of the death of a former Lion, Wallace "Sonny" Brueckner. Sonny passed away on Monday, January 26, 2015 after a long battle with diabetes. There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 1st at First Baptist Church at Seventh and Davis Streets in Taylor.

"Membership Growth" New Members - January

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

Buda Lions Club

Ron Smith sponsored by Brenda Locricchio

Cameron Lions Club

Shirley L Miller-Lee sponsored by Pat Foster

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Ted Lane sponsored by David Heier
 Bryan E. Lantzy sponsored by John Mitzel
 David M Leazer II sponsored by Mark Frye

Hutto Lions Club

Melissa Hollingsworth sponsored by Michelle Larkin

Manor Lions Club

Cathryn Godfrey sponsored by Randall Godfrey

Round Rock Noon Lions Club

Cory Ellerbroek sponsored by Shirley Dillman

San Marcos Lions Club

James M Baker sponsored by Mike Rhoades
 Michael T Doyle sponsored by Debbie Smith
 Nicole K Dray sponsored by
 Sequoia E Owens sponsored by James Smith
 Gregory Rodriguez sponsored by Debbie Smith

Taylor Lions Club

Misty Meyer Gonzales sponsored by Gayle Collins
 Raul Gonzales sponsored by Mark Thompson

Wimberley Lions Club

Danny R Jones sponsored by Christian Bruns
 Lynn W Jones sponsored by Christian Bruns
 Lamar A Shafer sponsored by Jack Massengale

Making an Impact in the Community

By Lion David Voelter, Georgetown Noon 2nd VP

I was in First Texas Bank downtown some months ago and was recognized as a member of Lions by Jaynie Zatlö, a loan assistant. She was making a trip to an island in the Caribbean—I later found out it was Cuba and prior to President Obama's recent announcement—and she was interested in getting a pair of glasses with the prescription of a special individual there. She wanted to know if she might be able to get a pair from TLERC in Midland.

Lion JoAnn, our Eyeglass Collection Chair, gave Jaynie the phone number of TLERC, and she got in contact with Caroline there. Jaynie was able to get a pair of glasses to give to a protestant pastor in Cuba who was very appreciative. The Cuban prescription was written somewhat reversed to how our doctors would write them, but TLERC had no trouble interpreting it. This pastor had a special need in Jaynie's view and warranted an extra effort to get him a pair that corrected his vision problems.

The group Jaynie works with has a religious focus, but they collect glasses to take down there—collected as we do prior to screening and categorizing-- for the people to go through to find a pair that they can use. Jaynie too was very thankful for the help from Lions.

Membership Note: Keep wearing that pin so people know you're a Lion. That's always an open door to making a difference and leaving "pawprints" in our community.





USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 17-19, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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



Leadership Development for Lions

Each year, Lions Leaders from across North America gather for three days of training, sharing, fellowship and rededication to building the world's largest, and by far, most active service organization. That event is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The 2015 Forum in Grand Rapids promises new events that will only enhance the tradition of excellence that is the [USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum](#).

Georgetown Noon Lions Club Wins "Club Excellence Award"



Once again, Georgetown Noon Lions Club was presented with the Club Excellence Award. DG Len Heimer presented the award to President Annette Voelter at the Mid-Winter Conference (photo left), and Immediate Past DG Frank Kinald made another presentation at our January 28 club meeting [right], sharing that only 5 district clubs completed the application, to



be done by the club secretary soon after the end of the Lions year. There is a banner patch plus a personal pin for the President Lion Annette's lapel.

Thanks to Lion Jo Ann for finishing the application. The criteria for the award are below (in brief), and doesn't change a lot from year to year. Look at the award and review our LCI President's program that we are indeed a good club, even as we look to do things a little better. CONGRATULATIONS, Fellow Lions.

2013-14 Club Excellence Award Criteria

1. Club in Good Standing (i.e., all dues paid in timely manner; regular club meetings)
2. Monthly Membership reports, activity reports, officer reporting form (PU101) submitted on time.
3. Contributions made to Lions Clubs International Foundation
4. At least 3 service projects (this is an easy one. Did you know that charity contributions are a service project?)
5. Net growth in membership or sponsor a new club, with orientation and proper induction. (We had a net growth of 5. Each new member was oriented one-on-one or in small groups by membership chair and sponsors)
6. Communication—publicizing service activities through local media, and communicate effectively to members
7. Leadership Development—New officers elected on time; we're represented at zone meetings; majority of officers involved in some training [i.e., zone, conventions, forums, midwinter conference, online seminars, etc.]

GNLC Wins Peace Poster District Award

Samantha Miller (left) holds the \$125 check for earning 2nd Place in District 2-S3 Peace Poster judging. Her teacher Ms. Almeida shows the certificate award. Georgetown Noon Lions Club Peace Poster chair Lion Maureen Kinald presented the awards at the school since Samantha was unable to attend Midwinter Conference.



SM Bluebonnet Lion of the Month



Trish Wilder receiving Lion of the Month award for December from president Liz Sumter for chairing December Food Bank drive and collecting over \$600 in donations. Sponsored by Lion Linda Jalufka, Trish is our newest member joining in August, 2014.

Two Lago Vista High School Students Win First Place Awards

The Point Venture and Lago Vista Lions Clubs each sent one contestant to the Youth Scholarship Contest held at the District 2-S3 Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Wimberley January 17th. Both contestants entered more than one competition and both brought home multiple awards.

Senior, Emily Moseley, sponsored by Point Venture Lions 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. Junior, Lily Jameson, sponsored by Lago Vista Lions won First Place in the Diabetes Awareness essay contest and Second Place in the Outstanding Youth essay/interview contest.

First place awards were \$500 and Second place was \$250. Both students will go on to compete in the state competition in May where First place prize is \$3,000 and Second place is \$1,000. Both students are active members of the local Lago Vista Leo club.



Lions District 2-S3 Coordinator, Past District Governor Larry Nicholson with winners Lily Jameson and Emily Moseley.

Austin Downtown Founder Club Plans Centennial Celebration

The Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2016. Chartered on Jan. 18, 1916, the club is planning a gala to mark the beginning of its centennial year. The gala event is scheduled for Jan. 9, 2016, at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. Current Lions International President Joe Preston from Arizona will be the keynote speaker at the evening banquet, which will be preceded by a reception. Lions from across the state – and especially those from the 13 clubs sponsored directly by Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club and more than 60 other clubs indirectly sponsored or co-sponsored, are invited to attend.

More details will be available soon. In the meantime, mark your calendar and plan to come celebrate with the Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club.

Club Membership

Do You Have an Elevator Speech?

BY PDG Waldo Dalchau, District 2-S5

About eight years ago at a USA/Canada Leadership Forum, I went to a session called "Create the Perfect Elevator Pitch to Recruit New Lions Club Members". In that class the instructor said, "If you can't tell people who you are and why they should join your Lions Club in an elevator ride, 30 seconds or less, you're wasting your time". Every Lion should consider having and practicing an Elevator Speech. Why? Because you never know when somebody is going to see you wearing your Lions logo, emblem, pin or vest and ask, "What are Lions?" or "What do you do as a Lion"? Those two questions avail a perfect opportunity for you to sell them on what Lionism is and why they should become a member of your club.

So, do you have an elevator speech about Lions? What can you communicate about your Lions Club in 30 seconds or less? Ideally, almost everything. As a Lion, one of the best things you can do is speak clearly to prospects about our organization and your club. An Elevator Speech is a concentrated description of Lions and/or your club that should take no more than 30 seconds or 200 words to say. The Elevator Speech must do three things: communicate what Lions service is, what that service does for those we serve, and who Lions are and why we serve those we serve.

When giving someone your speech, be confident, not cocky. You should enter the conversation assuming the Lions reputation precedes you. It's more important to describe what Lions do using keywords, and then wait for an invitation to share more.

Be sure to use keywords that are clearly understood. Lions tend to use words or terminology that listeners don't know how to respond to, like: Texas Lions Camp, instead of "summer camp for children with handicaps", or Eyeglass Program, instead of "furnishing eyeglasses free of charge to needy school children".

An easy format to use for your Elevator Speech is, "We do [fill in the blank] so that [fill in the blank] can [fill in the blank]. How you fill in the blanks is up to you. Simply, its: who is your club, what your club does, where it does it, why it does it, and how it does it. Once you fill in the blanks and after a little practice, the art of the Elevator Speech should be more fluid and you will be able to adapt the speech on-the-fly to your audience.

In considering what information you should use in your speech, answer these four questions.

1. **What is your service?** Briefly describe what Lions do without focusing too much on the details.
2. **Who do you serve?** Briefly describe the community or people Lions serve. Keep the subjects of discussion local; international projects tend to confuse your audience.
3. **Who's behind Lions?** Tell a little about yourself and Lions' background and achievements.
4. **What's your competitive advantage?** Tell what distinguishes Lions from Rotary, Kiwanis, or Pilots and other service programs...your competitors.

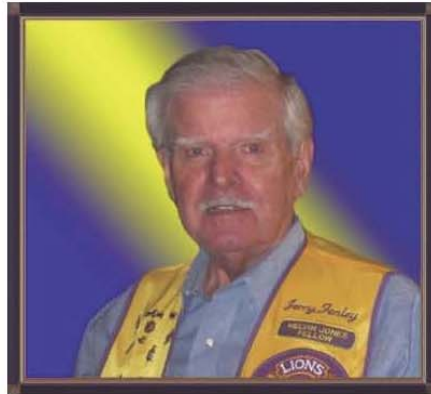
Finally, avoid these mistakes:

1. **Don't monopolize.** Build in pauses where the listener might ask a question or two.
2. **Avoid Lions lingo or acronyms.** Your listener might not have a clue what the Texas Lions Camp is, or, PID. Don't confuse them.
3. **Don't hog the spotlight.** Tell only a little about yourself and the Lions' background.
4. **Don't blend in.** Leave the listener with an idea of what sets you apart from other service organizations.

A good idea would be for a group of Lions in your club to sit around a table and share ideas about how to fill in the blanks of your Elevator Speech, and then share those ideas with other club members. Practice the speech on one another and "be ready" when someone asks, "What are Lions and what do they do"? This is a great marketing strategy that can gain new members...if you pitch it right.

Jerry Fenley Memorial Golf Tournament March 14, 2015

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Members
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Last Date to Enter
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Tournament Format: Six Person
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Three Flights 1st & 2nd prizes
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ENTRY FORM

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Lago Vista, TX 78645
Make Checks Payable to:
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Proceeds from this event support Lago Vista High School Scholarships, Texas Lions Camp, Kid Sight Program, Eye Exams & Glasses, Lago Vista Children's Library Program and other Lions North Shore Charities

Lago Vista Golf Tournament

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

By: Lion Gary Ladner, Golf Tournament Chair

As you all know the Jerry Fenley Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 14th. It will be a six person scramble with a Noon shot gun start. Get your teams together soon. I expect we will have a full tournament again this year.

The golf tournament committee and other Lions are in the process of contacting over 250 potential sponsors or donators. Over 40 of these are new contacts this year. I am extremely pleased with the results so far. Several of the nice donated prizes will be included in a raffle and a silent auction. When this newsletter went to press we had received over \$6000 in Hole Sponsorships. Lion Mike Beal received from State Farm Insurance Agent Luke Smith \$1000 for a Diamond Hole Sponsorship. Mike also received from Cody Pools \$500 for a Gold Hole Sponsorship.

Lion Ken Wheeler continues to contact potential sponsors and donators that are not on our contact spread sheet. Several have donated nice prizes. As he did last year, Ken recently received a Silver Sponsorship for \$250 from Beck Funeral Homes. Lion Carl Spoto made arrangements for The Golf Cart Zone in Austin to donate a new golf cart for a potential hole-in-one prize on hole number 18. Lion Jeff Nokes received from Express Oil Change in Cedar Park \$1000 for a Diamond Sponsorship.

I would like to thank all of the hard working Lions that are helping with this important Lions Club Fundraiser. Not only are you soliciting money, and door prizes, but you are donating money and prizes individually. I certainly appreciate all of your efforts very much.

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



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



Lago Vista Lions Club "Lion of the Quarter"

Lion Mike Beal is extremely active in the Lago Vista Lions Club and participates in all fundraisers and is a member of: The BBQ team, Chili feast, Road clean-up, Texas Lions Camp, KidsSight, and Helping Hands. He is a Director and Treasurer of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, a member of the BOD and a Past President of LSLEB. He is a member of the BOD and a Past President and he chairs the constitution and by-laws committee and the finance committee of the Lago Vista Lions Club.

If he sees a need within the club he feels it is his duty to offer to fill it. He only seems to know the words "how can I help?"

Mike Beal was deservedly awarded Lion of the Quarter for Oct – Dec 2014 by a majority vote of his peers and presented by Lion President Pauline Wheeler.



Lago Vista Lions Club President Pauline Wheeler presents the Lago Vista "Lion of the Quarter" award to Lion Mike Beal.

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE!



Start a club in your district!



Keep members happy and coming back!



Invite a friend, a relative or neighbor to join your club!



Ask One in April and Be Recognized

Invite a member to join your club in April and receive a Membership Growth Award Pin!

Plus, if you invited a member in October, you will receive a gold pin and banner patch for your club.

Georgetown Noon Lions Club Earns Growth Award

Membership Chair PDG Paul Steinfort presents Lion President Annette Voelter with the 2013-2014 Membership Growth Award at the January 28 meeting. The award honors clubs who show a net growth during the year. GNLC's net growth of +5 put them in the top half dozen clubs in District 2-S3 last year for net growth.

So, fellow Lions, don't forget to look around and ASK ONE!! We are two Lions behind on our goal for net growth.



G-Town Noon Presents Jack Wiech Award

Lion PDG Mort Sheffloe was honored by our club at the January 28 meeting with the Jack Wiech Fellowship, to help celebrate his recent 90th birthday and to pay tribute to his 54 years of service as a Lion. PDG Mort served as District Governor in Nebraska in 1972-73 and has continued his stellar service in our club for more than 20 years. His humor, kindness, and wise counsel has been indispensable to our club. He also served in WW II as a sergeant and was present at Normandy. He has been recognized in several publications and events for his military service.

The Jack Wiech Fellowship is an exciting way to honor an individual and is perhaps the highest honor one can give on behalf of the camp. It signifies that \$1,000 was presented to the camp in the name of the awardee, to help with camp programs and facilities and to honor the first President of the Board of TLC. In finishing our commitment to the endowment plan, GNLC has been able to provide a total of over \$11,000 to the Texas Lions Camp.

PDG Mort, we honor you and we truly appreciate all you've done for our Lions and our country!!



Georgetown Noon President Annette Voelter presents Jack Wiech Fellowship to PDG Mort Sheffloe.

Why I Became a LION

By Lago Vista Lion Don Zschoche

Connie and I were having dinner in what was then Remington's. We had moved into our brand new home in our brand new neighborhood. We knew no one. We didn't even have a grocery store to buy food. We had no idea what we could do in our leisure time, or where we would do it. This was very different from our home in California where we could shop for anything within minutes from the house. There was no train that would take us to downtown Los Angeles for Dinner and a play. These are some of the things we talked about over our dinner.

I noticed another couple sitting at a table near us, the place was far from packed. I turned to the couple and introduced myself, told them we were new here, asked if they lived around here, and if they knew where to have a "night out" besides Remington's. Well, turned out they were not long in town either. But, they did share where to shop, see a movie, have a "night out". They also went to the same church we did. Then came the invitation. Anita said that they were members of the Lago Vista Lions Club. She told me about the charities they support and how they support them. She said it was not a social club so to speak, but a service club. A member was expected to take part in fund raisers and community projects and support Lionism. She would even pay for our dinner if we decided to come to a meeting on Tuesday night.

We didn't go right away. I went first as Connie was busy making our new house a home. The next thing I knew, I was at an orientation and being installed as a member. That was almost 9 years ago. Over those years I have served by picking up trash on Lohman Ford road, washed gym floors at the Texas Lion Camp, served lunch to TLC campers, sold raffle tickets, and smoked brisket for troops returning to Ft. Hood from combat tours. I have been on our clubs Board of Directors. I have donated blood, checked someone's blood pressure. I have sold BBQ, oranges, chili dinners, served burgers and breakfast burritos; just to name a few. All of this is to serve one goal, help those who need help.

It is not easy to stand for hours in front of a store and sell raffle tickets. It is tiring to spend the night or day smoking brisket. It takes a lot of time getting sponsors for our golf tournament. The other side of this coin is the good that comes from all the sacrifice. A child can get the glasses they need. A child with a disability can go away to summer camp for free. A student can have a scholarship that will help with the cost of their education. I don't do any of these things for a return, but I do feel a sense of accomplishment when I see the smiles on the faces of those we did serve.

San Marcos Blue Santa

At right, Lion Judy (San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club) & husband, Randy Aswell help Blue Santa gift wrapping with Lion Trish Wilder (also from the SM Bluebonnet LC) in the background. San Marcos Police Department provides a free meeting place for our evening meetings so these Lions were giving back.



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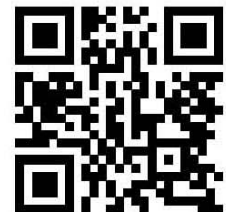
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Event & Date	Fee	No. of Tickets	Total
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Friday May 22, 2015 Lunch-Texas Country Reporter	\$30		
Friday May 22, 2015 PDG Banquet	\$36		
Saturday May 23, 2015 Breakfast-Hall of Fame	\$25		
Saturday May 23, 2015 Youth Contest Luncheon	\$25		
Saturday May 23, 2015 MD-2 Banquet	\$40		
*Totals	\$206		

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Please have your information to us by May 10th –

Mahalo DG Thom Holt at hhoolltt@verizon.net Golf Chair

Schertz-Cibolo News

Schertz-Cibolo Lions has taken the lead on Lions President Joe Preston "Strengthen the Pride" challenge; by increasing membership development and through service by preparing meals last month for 750+. Our club has also adopted a local neighborhood park in which we will plant trees, repaint the gazebo, install pavers and 6 truckloads of crushed granite and topsoil for the trails. We have also "Strengthened our Pride" through Leadership by creating and sponsoring the first ever LEO's club within our community. Pictured below are from the charter ceremony that inducted some of our local LEO's. This new LEO club is already 23 Leo's strong and growing.



Lago Vista Area Volunteers Receive Donation

Point Venture Lions Club President John Franz presented a \$400 check to Lago Vista Area Volunteers Vice President Jerry Alger. The donation can help purchase medical equipment which is lent " free of charge" to local residents. This group of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" has been in existence since 1987 providing wheel-chairs, walkers, crutches and much more thanks to the dedication of these volunteers and donations from the community.



Point Venture Lions President John Franz presenting the check to LVAV Vice President Jerry Alger while other Board members look on.



***Welcome Schertz-Cibolo Lions Club
Samuel Clemens High School LEOs***



Kidsight Vision Screening

Lions in District 2-S3 are transitioning their KidSight Vision Screening activities into the national [Lions Kidsight USA](#) program whose goal is to ensure that eye screening and follow-up care is given to ALL children aged six months through six years. Lions Kidsight USA has three levels of involvement, and District 2-S3 has a strong beginning level on which to build. Visit the [Lions Kidsight USA](#) website to learn more.

With one unit in 2013, District 2-S3 screened some 1,000 children. In 2014, with six units, about 5,000 children were screened. The **San Marcos** and **Dripping Springs** Lions Clubs each are acquiring Spot units along with Lions blue tents and screening booths for Kidsight activities. This will bring the number of units in the district to nine. Two other clubs are poised to act by June, which will give the district 11 units.

On average, one in every five children screened is referred for a complete eye exam. According to educational experts, 80 percent of learning is visual so finding eye conditions early contributes to a child's intellectual and social development. Identifying amblyopia – commonly called "lazy eye" – can be completely corrected almost 100 percent of the time if identified before age 5. A child's visual brain development is critical from birth to age 6.

Approximately 35 Lions from District 2-S3 participated in a Kid Sight Vision Screening training Feb. 9 hosted by The University of Texas Lions Club. Each participant completed the course to become certified Welch Allyn vision screener s. Welch Allyn now is the manufacturer of the SPOT cameras. The Spot Certification indicates recognition by Welch Allyn and the Texas Department of State Health Services as a trained screener capable of using the Spot vision screening device. Further training must be obtained from the state so that Spot-based vision screening may be provided according to Texas Department of State Health Services' regulations in a state-licensed facility.

Visit the district's [Kidsight resource page](#) to identify potential dates for screenings and to reserve equipment. Promotional materials and needed forms are available for download.

For more information or assistance, contact District 2-S3 Kidsight Vision Committee Chairman Lion Wayne Orlowski at 512/243-5116 or wcorlowski@earthlink.net.



NB Breakfast LC Member Spotlight

Paul Finley was born in Lima, Ohio, on March 31, 1951. An only child, Paul grew up on the farm in Ohio. Banned from the milk barn so as not to terrify the milk cows, Paul turned to school activities that included running track, playing basketball, and playing the drums in the high school band, and a rock and roll band. Summer time fun was hoeing corn and balin' hay.

Paul attended Texas Lutheran University and then St. Mary's School of Law. From 1976-1985 Paul was an Assistant District Attorney for the 25th Judicial District of Texas. For 21 years he served as Municipal Judge for the City of Schertz. He presently is a shareholder in the Reagan Burrus PLLC law firm. Paul is married to Pam and they have two sons, Jeff who is married to Alli and is an attorney in San Antonio, and Brett, who works for the Texas Legislative Council.

Paul is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions, and still drums on occasion for the Bustin' Loose band.

Although hardly old enough, Paul and Pam are expectant grandparents this August.



New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

Our eagle-eyed president, John Creswell, espied this item in the New Braunfels Public Library early in January. It is the donor board identifying the charitable souls and institutions which have ponied up the bucks to help our fine, newish book repository thrive. There — just to the right of, and a tad above, the center of the board — is the plaque of the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club (circled in yellow.)



San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Thankful Turkey 5K



Above Left: Lion Judy Aswell as MC of the SM Bluebonnet Thankful Turkey 5K Run/Walk. Above Right: Lion Linda Jalufka awarding a turkey to a winning runner.

Above: Moe Johnson, our Thankful Turkey 5K Platinum sponsor. Right: Door prizes for the Thankful Turkey 5K Run/Walk.



New Braunfels Noon Vision Screening

In January of 2015, five (5) Lions used a total of 8 volunteer hours to screen 40 children at the Tree of Life Church (they call it eNACT Academy). There were 4 failures, one of whom had already seen a doctor and will have her glasses next week. The remaining three will be referred for professional examinations and help where necessary.

This brings the total number of children screened in the 2014-2015 school year to 7013. This is a new one-year record.

During the 2014-2015 school year, 26 of the NB Noon Lions, with the help of some spouses and non-lion guests, spent **1,050 volunteer hours** at 24 schools. Spouses who contributed a significant number of hours were **Jackie Heitkamp** and **Vernell Martinez**, and guest (former Lion) **Fred Clifford** also provided many hours of help with the screening. The doctors who helped at about two thirds of the schools were counted as guests, if they were not Lions, as were any assistants the doctors may have brought with them.

The Canyon Lake Noon Lions, in addition to participating in the screening at 7 of the NBISD elementary schools, also provided all of the workforce at 9 of the CISD elementary schools at the same time the NB Noon Lions were screening at other CISD schools. This effort on the part of the Canyon Lake club allowed us to finish the screening in the 120 day deadline. (The Tree of Life screening would have been finished within the 120 day period if they had not postponed it.) — *Ralph Koch*



Social Media- Link-In?

By PDG Mike Smith

What is social media and why is it necessary in today's age? This is a continuing series to delve into this topic quite extensively. Last month we expounded on the use of a face book page for the Lions club. This month I take on Linked-In.

Linked-In is social media sites developed to network and actively socialize with other businesses. While it is geared for individuals within a business setting to link up, I can see where Lions can also use it's standard feature to their clubs advantage. Lions individuals should link and network with other lions using this platform.

The Google+ social media site operates similarly to facebook with both individual or personal sites and business sites. With the popularity of Google this is a growing social media site and every Lions club should have a google+ site for their club activities with links back to websites and other social media sites. If your club has Facebook page a google+ page is twice as handy of getting your clubs message out to the community. While I have not gone to google+ with our club I have for my Realtor business and I invite you to like us on google+.

As part of this series I will have hyperlinks to the pages I have created in any of the social media sites. I invite you to visit like us or link-in to us if you are a Lion. For those of you that would like to link-in with us [click here](#).

Next time I will be looking at another 2 sites Instagram and Pinterest as tools necessary to get the word out in your PR campaigns.



Lago Vista Lions Club

By Lion Bob McCarty

2014-2015 Youth Contests: Each year the Lions of Texas sponsor three contests for high school age students. They are the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest, the Drug Awareness Speech contest, and the Outstanding Youth contest. The Lions of Texas believe in the young people in our schools and want to encourage students in their pursuit of excellence while learning to be of service to others. Contest entrants must be juniors or seniors in high school.

The Lago Vista Lions Club Youth Contest Committee has completed its' interview and selection process in the Lions Youth Contests and have selected the following Leos for awards.

Leo Lily Jameson - First Place in Outstanding Youth and in Diabetic Awareness Essay. Lily will represent the Lago Vista Lions Club in both of these categories in competition during the Lions District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference in Wimberley.

Leo Emily Moseley - First place in Drug Awareness Speech, and Second place in the Outstanding Youth contest. Emily will also represent the Lago Vista Lions Club at the Mid-winter conference in the Drug Awareness Speech contest.

Leo Jocelynn McCaleb - 2nd place in Diabetic Essay We recognized these 3 Leos accomplishments at our 6 January 2015 Business Meeting at K-Oaks. All of the Leo's are to be commended on their outstanding submittals and presentations and we wish them the best of luck at the District Competition.

I also want to acknowledge the outstanding support and efforts by Lions Faye Tessnow (judge) and Leo Advisor Linda Jameson, during this years' contest.

Leos Emily Moseley, Lily Jameson, and Jocelynn McCaleb; winners of the Lago Vista and Point Venture Lions Club's Youth Contests.

Lago Vista Leo Club Highlights

By LEO Lily Jameson

The Lago Vista Leo's are up and running this new year-well we actually never stopped! At our first meeting this year, we started in like gangbusters making Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. I am the chairman of this project and have been wanting to do something for the elderly and/or disabled for a long time. We were trying to all get together and go to a local nursing home, but with everyone's school and work schedules, we just could not come up with enough Leo's on a certain day. So, it was back to the drawing board so to say! I researched and made phone calls and found out that Valentine's Day is a particular lonely day for a lot of people. So I came up with the idea for our club to make and decorate homemade Valentine's Day cards for people. I brought pink, red and white card stock paper to the meeting and asked all Leo's to make a card of each color. Their creativity was limitless! I spread little Valentine's Day stickers which consisted of hearts, little lady bugs, glitter, colored pens and lots of cute sayings all over our table at the Primrose Room where we conduct our Leo meetings. In the end, we will have donated around 350 cards. As soon as the glitter dries, I will get them mailed off to one of the Meals on Wheels corporate offices where they will be dispersed with food on Valentine's Day. We hope we are brightening up the recipients day and know that they are thought of from our little club! The club members were very receptive and liked the idea. Here are a few of the Valentine makers from our meeting...



CLUB NEWS.....

AUSTIN LAKE TRAVIS LIONS CLUB

Mobile Meals: We provide meal delivery service to area residents who are homebound and cannot prepare meals on their own.

Central Texas Lions KidSight Vision Screening: Austin Lake Travis Lions Club, plus other District Lions Clubs, participate in the Central Texas Lions KidSight Program including vision screening children, community education, eye care professionals support and sponsorship, and fundraising for the foundation.

AUSTIN SOUTH AUSTIN LIONS CLUB

District Mid-Winter Conference: Four Lions attended the January 17 Mid-Winter Lions Conference in Wimberley. South Austin Lions Club donated a door prize for the conference.

Community Child Vision Screening on Jan. 31, 2015: The club planned a community child vision screening on Jan. 31, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Premier High School of Austin to coincide with the school Family Fun Day. We scheduled the SPOT machine, contacted area day care centers, posted on school website, sent email reminders for students and families of the event. Additional information will be added on Saturday following the event.

BLANCO LIONS CLUB

Uptown Blanco raised the price of the meal again so it was decided to change our meeting date and location. We will meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Social Hall of the Blanco United Methodist Church. Instead of a meal there will be a dessert served. This should allow interested individuals to attend at no cost. **Please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting.** About two bags a meeting has been going to the Food Bank.

Projects: Lion John, Bob and myself took another load of cans to San Antonio. We tried a different recycling center and were paid more than normal for the cans. Please remember to if the bins are full to either move cans to the yard or call someone with a pickup to get them moved.

Christmas Parade: Donations for coffee at the parade were about \$70, substantially less than last year.

Membership: A personal invitation to attend a meeting could be an effective tool to recruit new members. Get new member information sheets from Lion Tom to give to prospective members. This should be our highest priority project in order to keep the club viable.

LEOs: The LEO Club has helped our community in December by hanging Christmas at Bindseil Park, participating in the BHS Student Council coat/toy drive, and donating 5 FULL boxes of canned goods to the Good Samaritans! So many will benefit from their kindness and generosity. Our LEO Club members have logged 352.5 community service hours since school started in August!

The top three LEO Club members are; Patton Keutz with 14 hours, Colton Barrow with 13.5 hours and Courtney Marshall with 12.5 hours.

Congratulations to these dedicated young people. The LEO Club is a wonderful group and I feel very blessed to a part of their amazing willingness to help our community!

BUCKHOLTS LIONS CLUB

Reading Action Program R.A.P.: President Marrs read to school children on December 18th. He read to pre-k - 3rd grade classes.

BUDA LIONS CLUB

Shoes for Kids Program: Buda Lions Club made a donation to the Shoes for Kids program in the amount of \$500.

Friends of the Buda Library: Made a donation to the Friends of the Buda Library.

Shattered Dreams Program: Donated funds to the Lehman High School shattered dreams program

Hays County Livestock Show: We purchased a saddle that was presented to the FFA winner at the Hays County Livestock show.

Soccer Games – Concession: During the soccer season at Hays High School we run the concession stands.

CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS CLUB

Club Meeting, January 15, 2015: Canyon Lake Noon Lions held their regular meetings (board and business) during January; we raised a total of \$73.50 from the Pay It Forward Raffle, 50/50, and Tail Twister.

Annual Donations: During the month of January, Canyon Lake Noon Lions donated \$250.00 to the 100 Club of Comal County; paid the Lions Camp Semi-Annual Dues; and paid \$100.00 to Canyon Lake High School for organization of a Leo Club.

ELGIN EVENING LIONS CLUB

Down Home Ranch: The Elgin Evening Lions Club gave money to the Down Home Ranch.

Ministerial Alliance: The Elgin Evening Lions Club gave money to the Ministerial Alliance.

Soup Kitchen: The Elgin Evening Lions Club gave money for the soup kitchen

Family Crisis: The Elgin Evening Lions Club gave money to the family crisis center.

Advocacy Outreach: The Elgin Evening Lions Club gave money to Advocacy Outreach.

Recycling: The Elgin Lions Club recycles clothing from the thrift store.

Scholarships: The Elgin Evening Lions Club gave scholarships to our seniors.

Lions Camp: The Elgin Evening Lions Club gave donation to the Lion Camp.

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Texas Lions Camp: We paid our Semi-annual dues of \$976.50 to the Texas Lions Camp.

GEORGETOWN (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Pancakes and Bratwurst Fundraiser: 2nd VP David Voelter has worked hard to coordinate efforts for our spring fundraiser, which will be April 16 (Thursday) at San Gabriel Community Center. Lion Jimmy Wilson will be the event chair and there are vice chairs for Ads and Tickets (Lions Carol & Ben), Set-Up (Lion PDG Gary), Procurement (Lion JoAnn), PR (Lion PDG Paul). We plan to do a pancake supper with bratwurst and applesauce or baked apples; price, menu, "title," and etc. are among details being tweaked.

Lion Leadership Forum: Lions interested in learning more about Lions or serving in some leadership position should consider attending the excellent Leadership Forum March 7-8. If interested, contact Lions Annette or PDG Paul ASAP. The board will help with the registration fee.

Texas Lions Camp Work Day: TLC Chair Lion Ben has scheduled our work day at the camp for March 28. Times/duties/ "what to bring" will be reported at meetings, etc. We need a great turnout!

Recent KidSight Vision Screening: Lion Carol reported that 5 Lions volunteered to screen vision at The Caring Place on January 19. Only six were screened, but one needed referral, and we were able to determine some ideas for our next effort there.

JARRELL LIONS CLUB

Geography Bee: The Jarrell Noon Lions Club paid \$100.00 to sponsor the Geography Bee. Ten students participated and the winner will advance to a state competition.

JISD Mentoring Program: Three Jarrell Lions spent a total of 18 hours in January mentoring three (3) students in the JISD.

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

Scholarship Committee (Lion Sheryl Speckmann): The Scholarship Committee has delivered applications for a Lago Vista Lions Club Scholarship to the high school. Applications are to be turned in by April 1, 2015. During the month of April, the committee will be evaluating the applications and then meet with the applicants in early May. The Blue and Gold Awards Night is at the new LVHS Performing Arts Center on May 20.

Texas Lions Camp: Trish Wilson, Development Director Texas Lions Camp accepts a check for \$1950 for our five year commitment to the endowment fund from Lion President Pauline Wheeler at our January 20th meeting.



Lion President Pauline Wheeler presents an Endowment Campaign check to TLC Trish Wilson.

LULING LIONS CLUB

Weekly Meeting, January 22: Guests; David Meyers, Tray Hicks and Randy Engelton. Lion Rick Carter inducted 3 new members into our club; Lion JJ Wells, Lion Elly Dietz and Lion Elaine M Wells. Randy Engelton presented the program. Randy has a collection of Arrowheads that he has acquired over the last 30 years or so. He showed us many samples that he has in his collection and where some of them came from; the presentation was very interesting. President Rick Carter formed the scholarship committee with the following Lions; Lion Bill Gieser, Lion Lisa Gieser, Lion Joe Tetley, Lion Elliot Richmond and Lion Elly Dietz. All the Flag Program letters have been sent out to clients we had last year and some new ones too. We should be seeing results by the end of next week.



Three inducted into Lions Club on 01/22/2015 by President Lion Rick Carter. The new Lions are Lion Elly Del Prado Dietz, Lion Justin J Wells and Lion Elaine M Webb.



Randy Eckols presented a program to the Lions club on his collection of arrow heads vfrom around the country.

Weekly Meeting, January 29: Guest; Tim Ball. Tim Ball presented the program on the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center. They have opened up a local office here in Luling at the First United Methodist Church. They are open on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month from 9:00 to 12:00 PM. Parking and entrance in the back for confidentiality. Call us at 830-303-2151. This is an outstanding program. Lion David Gieser made a motion to make Kristen Holcom treasurer since Lion Mike Gyllenband has asked to step down since he cannot be here very often. Lion Elliot Richmond made a motion to furnish glasses for a needy individual. We received a letter from the Little League Organization asking if we want to sponsor a team again this year. It was put on hold until the Business meeting next week.

Weekly Meeting, February 5: Lion Kristen Holcomb presented the financial report. Lion Lisa Gaspard made a motion to accept them as presented. Seconded by Lion Elliot Richmond. Passed by all present. Lion David Gieser presented the minutes for last month. Lion Kristen Holcomb made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Lion Lisa Gaspard. Passed by all present. Lion Elliot Richmond made a motion to sponsor a Little League team again this year. Seconded by Lion David Gieser. Passed by all present. Cost will be about \$300 to \$400. Cheaper if they can use last year's banner. Lion Fred Buchholtz made a motion to purchase a small trailer in order to transport our flags better during our flag days. Seconded by Lion Elliot Richmond. Passed by all present. If it works well we may invest in another trailer. All flag renewal letters have been sent out. As of now we have about 34% of last year members signed up for this year. Remember to ask friends, co-workers, relatives or anyone else to sign up for a flag. Just contact Lion Rick Carter to get them signed up. Also, let's invite anyone else who you may think would make a good Lion. Invite them to a meeting and tell them what it is all about. We are working on making up a new brochure for our club so we can pass them out to prospects.

Weekly Meeting, February 12: Guest: David Ellison. Lion Lisa Gaspard introduced her guest, David Ellison, ex-police officer, as our guest speaker. David Ellison presented a program on the neighborhood watch program and how it works and helps keep the community safe for all residences; very interesting and informative. We signed up for putting flags out and picking them up for this coming Monday (Presidents Day). Lion Elliot Richmond made a motion to furnish eye glasses for a needy individual. Seconded by Lion Kristen Holcomb and passed by all present. We will have a very interesting program this next week. Make sure you reserve your seats. Call Rick to order your lunch.

MANOR LIONS CLUB

Weekly Meeting, January 12: PDG Gil Burrell reported 350 families received toys for tots from the marines staged from Lions Hall. A motion passed allowing Hub Sherman to get more lights in the parking lot. Attendance at Bingo is increasing at each night.

Weekly Meeting, January 26: The final landscaping project will be rose bushes along the fence line. Discussion of bingo was lively as we're still working out some wrinkles. Lion Kitz Daniels resigned as secretary due to overwhelming home and work demands. Lion Karen Ratcliff will be taking over that position. PDG Gil Burrell reported on an IRS foul-up with the bank. Lion Karen Ratcliffe has reported 520 eyeglasses & 597 sunglasses collected.

Weekly Meeting, February 9: Lion Dave Rory Calhoun will provide the meal.

Weekly Meeting, February 23: Lions Chuck Perkins and John Burrell will provide the meal.

MILANO LIONS CLUB

Reading Action Program (RAP): Seven Milano Lions made audio recording of a library book for the Milano Elementary School. Each character part in the book was read by a different Lion. This is the second time we have recorded for the school and the children like hearing the book read with characters. They are able to check-out the books and audio recordings and read along.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

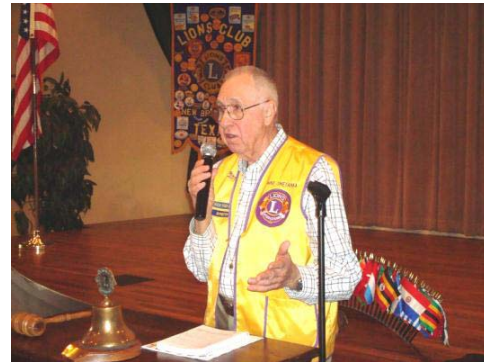
One of our standing charitable causes is the New Braunfels Senior Citizens Center. Each year we make a generous donation to the center, and 2015 will be no exception. **Go Seniors! Getting old is not all that much fun**, but generally it beats the alternative.



Here, at the January 15th business meeting President John Creswell presents a check to Center President Robert Lopez in the amount of three thousand dollars.



Dave Schreier receives his sponsorship certificate from Prez Creswell for sponsoring Ken Pundsak who received his membership certificate at the same time.



First Vice Mike Smetanka kicks off the Club Excellence Process (Lite) program with dissemination of a couple of survey questionnaires. One deals with our meetings specifically and one asks about what the local community needs.

NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

Mid-Winter Conference: Members of the New Braunfels Evening Lions Club attended Lions District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference, January 17, 2015. It was a great enthusiastic, informational, FUN meeting; speakers were super — the entire group participated in fun exercises designed to assist clubs in future events. Jack Hicks won a generous door prize of assorted meats and cheeses.



Lions Larry Kunkle, Jack Hicks and Bobbie Hasert attend Conference.



Lion Betty Schilling gave a report on status of upcom-

ing District Convention to be held in New Braunfels.

Boy Scouts: President Larry Kunkel presented money to Boy Scout Troop 119 for their help with our project at Wursthfest. The Boy Scouts received TWO checks, one for \$880 and one for \$990.

Puppy Playland Park: Our check was for the support that these park volunteers gave to our parking lot project at Wursthfest.



On behalf of New Braunfels Puppy Playland park, Brooke Heithoff accepts a check for \$1760.45 from Lion Jeff Kunkel.

POINT VENTURE LIONS CLUB

Special Guests Receive Donation: Tracy Wancho, coach of the Special Olympics at Lago Vista High School and students Kara Mayer and Kaitie Malone were special guests at a recent Point Venture Lions Club meeting. Coach Wancho explained the program and the girls addressed the club and answered questions on the many sports in which they participate. Both students are competitors in this year's Special Olympics. First Vice President Rob Wheeler presented Coach Wancho with a \$700 check as part of the PV Lions club's charitable donations program.



Kaitie, Kara and Coach Wancho enjoying the meeting.



First Vice President Rob Wheeler presenting \$700 check for Special Olympics to Coach Tracy Wancho.

ROUND ROCK NOON LIONS CLUB

Family Fitness Challenge: Our 5K run/walk with push-up contest was cancelled Jan 11th due to icy road conditions so we've rescheduled and are contacting all vendors and participants for our April 11th event to be held at our local Round Rock Police Department's facility.

Food Collection: We are assisting our Round Rock HS's challenge with another school in the district to collect the most 15 ounce or larger boxes of cereal for the 'Empty Bowl' challenge that involves art classes to create bowls for sale as a fund raiser as well as actual food for our local food pantry.

Medical Supplies to Guatemala: 4 Lions are working with shipping companies to have a 40 foot high cube certified sea worthy container shipped from Hutto, TX to Guatemala that is full of medical supplies headed for out U.S. landfills. Central America values an assortment of items from syringes to examination tables to audio booth for hearing tests.

SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

Central Texas Life Care Project (Bonnie Flammang, chair): Cheri Martin, Executive director, will explain their "Mommie Money" program and open gifts at a baby shower during our February 17 evening meeting. Life Care Center in San Marcos accepts baby items for their little Material Assistance Program shop. By taking classes in such things as child development, child rearing, budgeting, finding jobs, saving for apartments, & Bible study, moms earn and then spend this earned money on baby items in the shop. All new baby items are welcome as shower gifts.

Greenbelt Alliance Project (Kathy Rogers, chair): The San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance (SMGA) annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 3-5 pm at the Rec Hall in City Park (behind tube rental). SMGA will provide beer, wine, and dessert. Bluebonnet Lions will provide food, tea, and servers for about 100 people. We are proud to show our appreciation for SMGA's volunteers and their dedication to con-

servation.

Miller Middle School Track Meet (Carol Peters, chair):

We have been invited back to help Coach Jill Dow with the Miller Middle School track meet on Thursday, March 26, from 4-8 pm. The meet will be held at GOODNIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL track on Hwy 123 (site of old high school). Sign up at February meetings to volunteer to help. Jobs include selling tickets at the door, helping in concession stand, or just cheering on these enthusiastic young men and women.

Youth Fest (Linda Alexander, chair): Save the date: Saturday, April 11. Sign up to help at February or March meetings.

Ramon Lucio Adopt-a-Park Project (Linda Alexander, Chair):

Bluebonnet Lions have adopted Ramon Lucio Park at CM Allen & Cheatham Street for 2014-15. Our 2nd of four clean-ups will be held on February 21 at 10am rain or shine. All supplies are provided but feel free to bring your own gloves if preferred.



Nuts & More Sale (Debby Lawrence & Judy Aswell, co-chairs): We are wrapping up the Nuts & More sale and should have a total for you at the February luncheon. Thanks to Liz for buying what we had left! I was really happy to get rid of the last box!!

Thankful Turkey 5K (Linda Alexander & Sandi Gray, co-

-chairs): Contact Linda to reserve one of six GOODY BAGS still available for a bargain donation of \$10. Over a \$20 value of gifts and gift certificates from Grin's, Palmers, Mamacita's, Carino's, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Hays Co BBQ, Scentsy, Dick's Classic Garage, and Half Price Books. Also we have 2L & 1XL TT5K yellow long sleeved shirts for \$10 donation.

So far we grossed over \$4,000 in sponsorships. Moe's Better Half March 1, 2015, Marathon was our Platinum sponsor. Grande, Walton, CTMC, Thermon, MVBA, TSO, Century Link, and Community Impact Newspaper were our Gold Sponsors. Remme Corporation, Corridor Primary Care/Dr. Greg Moore were Silver plus 13 Bronze. Remember

to thank them when you shop there!

KidSight Vision Screening Training (Kathy, co-chair):

A training session will be held on February 8 from 1-3 pm at the University of Texas Lions Club, 2247 Guadalupe Street Room 2.102 in Austin. We need more Bluebonnet Lions volunteers trained if we want to do screenings in the future. Contact Kathy or Debby for more information or to join the car pool.

Hays County Food Bank Project (Trish Wilder, Chair):

Mallory will take a group picture for the Daily Record on Wednesday, February 4 at 11am at the Food Bank off MLK Drive. All Bluebonnet Lions are encouraged to participate.

Donations Committee (Sandi Gray, chair):

Our 2015 grant application is now on our website, <http://home.centurytel.net/bluebonnetlions>. The deadline submittal date is April 15. The proceeds we all worked for with our Nuts & More and Thankful Turkey 5K projects are the source of these donations. The next step is for YOU to decide who those funds will benefit by inviting your favorite charities to apply.

Social Committee (Debby Lawrence, chair):

A big thanks to Linda A and Cyndi for the delicious refreshments! February's evening meeting will be our Baby Shower for Central Texas Life Care Center. Bobbie Flammang and Ellie Stewart are the hostesses.

We are so glad to see Linda A back! She's worked hard getting back to normal and was extremely excited when she was allowed to begin driving! Haven't heard of any one being ill but I'm sure some have been fighting allergies and colds. I know I have! Eat healthy and keep washing those hands to stay well!

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

Student / Teacher of the Month: The Student and teacher for the Month of January were Student Rhett Strauss and Teacher Wendy Willoughby. The student received \$25 and the teacher was awarded \$100. We do this for all of the schools during the year.

Mid-Winter Conference held in Wimberley on January 17, 2015:

The Wimberley Lions hosted the Mid-Winter Conference in Wimberley on January 17th. There were a total of 146 attendees, with lots of fellowship, good food and great speakers. Many of the Wimberley Lions and 33 Leo's were involved in the planning of this event.

Used Eyeglasses Collected: Wimberley Lions Club turned in 198 pair of glasses in January. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and special thanks to Lion Rogers Holt for coordinating the effort.

Wimberley Leo Club assists at Mid-Winter Conference:

The Wimberley Lions hosted the Mid-Winter Conference in Wimberley and were greatly assisted by 33 members of the High School Leo Club. They helped serve the tables, cleaned up and directed Lions to the right locations. They moved a lot of meeting needs from Lions Field to the High School. We could not have done it without them. They are supervised by Lion Dr. Bob Pierce.

Vision Screening: The Wimberley Lion's did a vision screening at Mother's Day at the Wimberley Methodist Church which totaled 22 kids with one referral. Pictured are Lions Harold Tannahill, Bill Higdon and Glenn Fisseler. We also contributed one Lion on site at Austin Club's screening at Coats for Kids.

