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Our Motto is **WE SERVE**

*More Volunteers in More Places than Any Other Service Club Organization
Come Serve With Us*

Calendar

OCTOBER 2017

- Oct. 3 Noon Lunch Mtg, Saltgrass, \$11**
Prog: Debby Lawrence, Committee structure
- Oct. 4 Thankful Turkey 5K planning mtg (p. 2)**
- Oct. 14 Lions District 2-S3 Cabinet mtg (see p. 3)**
- Oct. 16-19 Hands of Hope Lunch project (see p. 2)**
- Oct. 17 6 pm, Evening Mtg, SMPD Training Room**
7:15 pm, Board meeting
- Oct. 18 5:30 pm, Lion DJ Domstead inducted into San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame at Activity Ctr**
- Oct. 21 Library Book Sale project (see p. 2)**
- Oct. 31 5:30 pm Birthday Bash/Chuy's Restaurant**
Eyeglass recycling project (see p. 2)

NOVEMBER 2017

- Nov. 3 Hays Nursing Home November birthday Celebration (see p. 2)**
- Nov. 7 Noon lunch mtg, Saltgrass, \$11**
Program: TBA
- Nov. 12-14 Advance Lions Leadership Institute, Houston, Texas**
- Nov. 14 World Diabetes Day**
- Nov. 15 Postmark deadline for Peace Poster contest**
- Nov. 21 6 pm, Evening mtg, SMPD Training Room**
Program: Peace Poster winners announced
7:15 pm, Board meeting
- Nov. 28 Birthday Bash at Chuy's Restaurant**

President's Corner

Lions Centennial Celebration continues into the 2nd 100 Years!

Thank you to each of you who serve in Lions and in our community! Our committees are busy planning and creating for our Club. If you missed our September evening meeting, you missed hearing Michelle Harper speak to us about the United Way. I learned so much and have a renewed Passion for serving our community and the surrounding areas.

Our second District Cabinet meeting will be held in McQueeney, Texas, on October 14, 2017 beginning at 8 am. If you would like to attend, please let me or Lion Linda Alexander know.

Our program for our upcoming luncheon at the Salt Grass will be hosted by Lion Debby Lawrence who will help us better understand what each of our committees does and how you can serve.

Exciting things are happening for our Club and our community. We also have a goal to grow by three new members this year. So be on the lookout for service-minded folks.

At your service, Trish.

Treasurer Linda's note—If you pay your Lions dues by installments, your last installment for 2017-18 is due by November 21. You can mail payment to Bluebonnet Lions, PO Box 654, San Marcos, TX 78667.

Club News

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Cherry Walts, chair

Board-adopted service projects for 2017-18 that need chairs are: Family 4 Life, Youth Fest, Redwood Reading, January school supply drive, Habitat for Humanity. Contact Cherry to volunteer to chair or if you have a new project to suggest and chair. New projects must be approved by Board..



Playscape & Day of Caring—Trish Wilder, chair

Thank you to Bluebonnet Lions Beverly, Carol, Cherry, Ramika, and Trish who volunteered at the LCI Centennial Challenge “Engaging Our Youth” community partnership Playscape project in August (photo above).

And to Cherry, Ramika, Maggie, and Trish for answering United Way’s call to help stuff book bags on Sept. 21.

Centennial Project—Debby Lawrence, chair

CTMC Creation Health Trail Bluebonnet Lions Bench was dedicated on September 20. Please use the bench whenever you can and wear your vest. Access this new Liona landmark through the Emergency Room entrance. Follow the drive around back & park in the lot near the Trail.

Hands of Hope—Judy Aswell, chair

Bluebonnet Lions will be providing lunches daily to Hands of Hope participants on October 16-19. If you can provide a dish on one of those days, please call or text Lion Judy at 512-558-1032.

Hands of Hope is a project of several religious communities in San Marcos that provides classes to women who find themselves needing to enter the job market later in life to support their families.

Birthday Cards for Seniors—Jill Stolar, chair

Bluebonnet Lions deliver birthday cards to Hays Nursing Home residents monthly. Donated cards & small hand sanitizers are needed. Bring to Jill at any evening meeting.

Members can sign the cards at evening meetings and are invited to stop by Hays Nursing Home on first Fridays.

San Marcos Library Book Sale—DJ Domstead, chair

Bluebonnet Lions are invited to volunteer at the Book Sale on Saturday, October 21, from 10am –5pm at the Rec Hall behind Lions Tube Rental. Sign up to help for a couple of hours at the October 3 luncheon or text/call DJ at 512-787-1946 so she can notify the library staff in advance.

LCI Peace Poster Contest—Martha Moore, chair

Posters are due on October 11. Judging will follow. Contest theme is “The Future of Peace”. The winning posters will be delivered to DG Pruitt by November 15 and be entered into the District contest the winners of which are announced at Lions Mid-Winter Conference in January.

Eyeglass Recycling—Melesa Yager & Martha Moore, co-chairs

The LCI Centennial service project for October is “Sharing the Vision”. On Halloween Bluebonnet Lions are asked to canvas their neighborhood for used eyeglasses to recycle. You can bring donated glasses to a meeting or drop them in a Lions recycling box at the San Marcos Library or HEB pharmacy.

Trish Wilder is also asking members to collect used reading glasses for Hurricane Harvey victims that she will forward to DG John Pruitt for distribution.

School Fuel—Debby Lawrence, chair

Watch for an opportunity in November to help pack food bags for needy families in the San Marcos School District . If you miss that one, we will do it again in the spring. Let Debby know if you would like to get on her email list for this project.

School Fuel provides a bag of weekend staples and snacks that elementary students pick up at school on Fridays. Packing is done at El Centro on McKee Street.

Adopt-a-Park, Linda Alexander, chair

Thank you to all the bluebonnet Lions who showed up on Saturday, September 23, for the 2nd clean up at Ramon Lucio Park out of 6 required to retain our Adopt-a-Park sign. Our next cleanup will probably be in November. Contact Linda to be added to her Park Cleanup email list.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE—Trish Wilder, chair

Thankful Turkey 5K & Fun Run—chair needed

There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 4, at 5:30 pm at Trish Wilder’s office on CM Allen Parkway. We will discuss options for the 15th annual event currently scheduled for November 18. Many hands are needed !! Hope to see you there.

Pecans & More—Debby Lawrence, chair

Texas Pecan Halves	\$11.00
Texas Pecan Pieces	10.50
Walnuts Mixed halves & Pieces	9.00
Almonds Raw	9.00
Mountain Mix	7.00
Trash Mix	6.00

Friday, October 13 is the deadline to email or call in your order to Debby. All prices above are for 1-lb bags that come in 12-count cases. This year Debby is requesting that members order by full cases ONLY. For example, a case of halves will cost \$132.

If you have more than you need, let Debby know and she will use them for extras for those who sell more than they ordered. Color brochures will be available at the October 3 luncheon. All items ordered by October 13 will be received before Thanksgiving. Payments will be accepted BUT NOT REQUIRED on Oct. 13.

Flora Club News

From the Club Secretary's Desk—Judy Aswell

Advise Judy Aswell and Linda Alexander if you have any changes regarding your personal information that may need to be updated with LCI.

Board minutes & financial reports are available to all members upon request to Judy Aswell or Linda Alexander..

If you are paying your Lions dues by installment, the last installment is due to Linda Alexander by November 21.



Membership Committee—Ramika Adams, chair

Lion Judy Aswell, above left, inducted two new Centennial members. Sponsor Cherry Walts, new member Patricia Hiam, new member Maggie Moreno with newborn daughter Jossalyn, and sponsor Rose Brooks. Remember that October is Lions International Membership Growth Month. Guests are always welcome to our meetings! A potential member must attend either a lunch or an evening meeting plus a Board meeting to qualify.

Lions District 2S3 Cabinet Meeting—Trish Wilder

Hosted by the McQueeney Lions Club, this leadership training opportunity will be held on Saturday, October 14.

Social Committee—Beverly Marek, chair

Lions Debby & Beth will hostess our October 17 evening meeting. Thank you to Lions Pat & Cherry for August evening and to Gloria, Linda A, and Beverly for September evening refreshments. Let Beverly know if you can hostess an evening meeting in the Spring.

October birthday girls are Lions Cathy Eggers and Irene Luna. Maybe we will see them at our October 31 Birthday Bash at Chuy's in their honor.

Program Committee—Kate Shaw, chair

At our September luncheon Carol Ann Weed spoke about her stepfather who was in the Lubbock Lions Club for many years. While he sponsored 77 Lions during his tenure, he never thought to invite his stepdaughter to join! When Carol Ann was finally invited to join the Lake Travis Lions Club by Lion and current 2nd Vice District Governor Linda Davis, she jumped at the chance to honor her Stepdad's service to Lionism

Please contact Kate at kate.h.shaw@gmail.com or give her a call at 512-619-3610 to suggest a speaker for our meetings.

Awards Committee—Debby Lawrence, chair

Cherry Walts received the Lion of the Month award for August. Even though a fairly new Lion, Cherry stepped up to fill a leadership role as 2nd Vice President. She is also chairing the Community Service Committee this year and has already brought in a new member. Sponsored by Judy Aswell, Cherry joined Bluebonnet Lions Club in June, 2016. Congrats, Cherry!

Mochas & Javas is partnering with Bluebonnet Lions this year by giving us \$10 gift cards at half price to present to our Lions of the Month. Please visit Mochas & Javas when you need a great cup of coffee. They have locations on Hunter Road, Sessoms Road, and in the CTMC lobby.

Debby is open to suggestions for anyone you think might deserve Lion of the Month or just a Pat-on-the-Back award. Other committee members are Rose Brooks, Irene Luna, and Carol Peters. Please contact any committee member to suggest a Lions member worthy of the prestigious Lion of the Month award or contact Debby to join the Awards Committee.



Increasing Lions membership is the 2017-18 goal of DG John Pruett and Bluebonnet Lions President Trish Wilder. Photo above shows LCI Growth Award presented by 2017 Bluebonnet Lions president Trish Wilder to Lion Judy Aswell.

Bluebonnet Lions Centennial Members—Ramika Adams, chair

In June Bluebonnet Lions celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Charter Members. Those are members who joined the newly formed San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club in 1992 and have continued their membership without interruption since then.

So what is a Centennial Member? That is a member who joined a Lions Club between July, 2016 and June, 2018 during the Centennial celebration of Lions Clubs International. In 2043 Bluebonnet Lions will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their Centennial Lions and the 50th anniversary of their Club!

Would you like to be known as a Centennial Sponsor like Lion Cherry and Rose and receive a limited-edition pin and certificate? Can you think of a young community member, son, daughter, or grandchild who might like to become a Centennial member of LCI by joining Bluebonnet Lions? Let them know that that opportunity will only be good until June, 2018. Lady Lions, that is just 9 months away. So let's start looking and asking NOW!

Around the District

Zone IV B—San Marcos Lions, San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions, Wimberley Lions, Texas State Campus Lions, Kyle Lions Clubs

Peanut Butter.....

Thank you Jiff for bringing us powdered peanut butter! This product has one quarter of the calories and 10 percent of the fat of the regular peanut butter. Powdered peanut butter is made by pressing oil out of peanuts and is a diet-friendly way to add protein (5 grams in 2 tablespoons).

You can sub 2 parts powder & 1 part water for any recipe that calls for peanut butter. Try sprinkling it over air-popped popcorn. Also swap it with 1/3 of flour in pancake mix or add to smoothies and Greek yogurt.

For sandwiches, stick to the original!

- Texas Retired Teachers Healthy Newsletter

San Marcos Senior Volunteer of the Year

Lion Rose Brooks was inducted as the first San Marcos Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame honoree on August 21, 2017, at the San Marcos Activity Center during the monthly 50+ Dance Social. Rose was inducted into the San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club in April, 2007.

Sponsored by Lion Carol Peters, Rose serves on the Bluebonnet Lions Fundraising, Social, Donations, Membership, and Awards committees. Her favorite fundraiser is Pecans & More Sales. Her favorite Bluebonnet Lions grant awardee is the San Marcos Education Foundation on whose Board she has served for many years.

Rose has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. She is a retired counselor from Gary Job Corps and continues to work for her daughter's company. Duplicate bridge, Scholarship Cake Auction, education, and housing are only a few of her hobbies.

Texas Lions Centennial Celebration

Mark your calendar for this October 5-7, 2017 event at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas Hotel in Richardson, TX. There will be a display of historic Lions items from District 2'S3.

Registration is \$250 at the door. To reserve a room at the special price of \$79 per night, call 972-619-1234 by September 7.

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

Available bus excursions include George W. Bush Presidential Center, Sixth Floor Museum, and Dallas Cultural District Stroll. Be a part of Lions History! Registration form is available at www.texaslions.org.

See photos on right of some of the past Lions activities in Texas that will be on display at the Celebration.

Below are some Texas Lions memories over the past 100 years.

