

November 2022

Happy Thanksgiving Lions Family,

We at the district will be praying that each of you have a joyful holiday and that many friends reach out to you to share their love. We know that we always focus on the projects going on around the world and in our local communities. This time we want to break the tradition a little and focus on Choice and living the way we wish as a Lion and community volunteer. Every day we are faced with many options to help others and that is a choice that we all must make. We ask that each of you take a minute to take care of yourself and your family. Be thankful for having them around and take care of their needs first then reach out to the community. This may be hard for some as I had the issue of not taking care of others first. My family is very large, and Lions are part of my family.

My choice this year was to reach out to the homeless and families in need. At the same

time, I will be spending quality time with my family here in Texas and around the world using technology available. You are all very important to the district and we want you to know you are very important to both your family and the district. So please take the time this Thanksgiving and do something that gives your family most of your time.

Remember where there is a need there is a Lion. Together We Can!

"One Lion, One Leo, and One Mission!"

We Serve!

Kindness Matters, DG Lion Darie



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From your District Cabinet







One of the biggest areas that most of our clubs struggle with is membership and membership retention. Truly, to discover why Lions leave we need to discover the why? Why did they join? Is it to serve or is it for fellowship? Is it to build their resume and for networking? Each of us has our own reason. I joined to spend time with my mom who was involved with the club. Once we know the why, we can then know what motivates our members to be active in the club.

So often we hear those dreaded words, "We always did it this way!"

When we make this statement, it automatically makes the person who suggested the change think their opinion is not valued. We must think outside the box to get new members and to retain new members. What is the worst thing that could happen if we try a suggestion? We lose out on some of our time. What if it is a success? We have the possibility for so much more to gain. We have now let our new member know their opinion is valuable and we accept all ideas. It may take some more planning and logistics to make a suggestion work. Again, think outside the box. If it is due to lack of manpower to pull off a project on a grand scale, reach out to local clubs, not only Lions, to assist with the project. So many of our towns have several Lions clubs; however, the clubs rarely interact with each other. My goal is to have each city that has multiple clubs set up a fundraising project or service project together.

How can we retain members? Statistics tell us that roughly one-third of volunteers drop out of service within a year of signing up. Not only do these individuals decide not to give their Cont'd 1VDG Page 3

time to the same organization, but they also choose not to give their time at all. Unfortunately, it's safe to assume that, for many of them, the volunteer experience didn't live up to their expectations.

To help prevent members from leaving we need to understand why they choose to leave. First, their skills and expectations are not matched to the job. Someone that has a background in training is wanting to teach and win hearts and minds for the cause. Instead, they are asked to make phone calls to members about upcoming events, which leaves them feeling unfilled. Second, they do not feel appreciated. People want and need to be thanked. No one, no matter how selfless and generous, is above needing a pat on the back. Third, they feel they did not get the proper training. Unfortunately, I have seen where a new Lion joins a club and immediately is being asked to chair a committee or step up in a leadership role. Some can do this and thrive. Many of us need to learn the organization and club before taking on these roles. Lastly, the experience is chaotic. When we fail to fill in the details for a service project and leave everything up to chance, members will feel lost and unsupported which will lead them to serve somewhere else that has structure.

Let's look for the solutions. First, match volunteer skills and expectations to the task. Explain what the job entails and describe why it's important to the organization. We all perform better when we know the "why". Second, offer recognition. Single out someone doing an awesome job and publicly recognize them during an awards ceremony. A simple pat on the back and a good job can go a long way to ensuring we feel appreciated. Third, make engagement a priority. Training is paramount for any new task someone is starting. It is the foundation of ensuring consistency and confidence. Allow questions to be asked and if there are any unknowns, get the answers. Lastly, have a good game plan in place when starting any service project or fundraising event. The more details we have the more comfortable everyone will be with the event. Plan for the unexpected and have a plan in place to overcome any obstacles that may arise.

If we invest time and energy into each new member to make them feel invaluable, they are likely to make a long-term investment in your clubs.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." - Sherry Anderson

Believe,

1st VDG Randi Wilde 325.277.7082 randiwilde000@gmail.com Lion Renee Kettler
2nd Vice District Governor
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We are five months into our Lion year, and I am once again amazed at what we can do in a short amount of time. I have enjoyed visiting with many of you and visiting your clubs. I love to see how we are all working together in so many ways.

I have visited a small number of clubs, but they have all been wonderful visits. I also have several clubs scheduled for visits as we close out 2022. If I have not already contacted your club, please reach out to me to schedule a time I can come and get to know you. I want to see your talents and know your names.

November is diabetes awareness month. Does your club have a service project in mind? Remember, your project can be simple. Host a medical professional at your meeting. Pass out informational literature on diabetes awareness. Help with a diabetes screening event.



Remember the goals you set ... S.M.A.R.T Goals!

S - Specific - clearly state your goal.

M - Measurable - ensure you can measure success.

A - Attainable - set goals you know you can achieve!

R - Relevant - set goals relevant to your club.

T - Time-based - set a deadline for completion.

District Service Reported Year to Date:

Clubs Reporting Service: 46% (22 of 48)

Number of People Served: 47,884 Volunteer Hours Reported: 5,110

Number of Service Activities Reported: 354

Funds Raised YTD: \$36,331 Funds Donated YTD: \$23,653











Lions REALLY do serve!

We join a service organization for a reason. We are not an eat and greet organization. You have shown that in your year-to-date service reports! Great job!

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. What is your diabetes awareness project for November? Do you need assistance or motivation? Great, Lion Richard Bergman has some for you.

Also, check out the webinars online at www.texaslions.org. Click on Programs and Diabetes, Wellness and Beyond. The next webinar is November 29th with Ralph DeFronzo, MD. Dr. DeFronzo is the Deputy Director, Diabetes Institute UHS in San Antonio. His topic is Diabetes Time to Treat. There are also archives of videos you can review.

September 2022 - Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month

District Pediatric Cancer Chairperson: DG Darie McCleaves, Killeen Evening Club Darie.mccleaves@gmail.com; 254-423-3893

October 2022 - Vision Awareness Month

World Sight Day, October 13th

District Vision Co-Chairperson: Lion Lea Ann Batey, Temple-Belton Lady Lions Club

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District Vision Co-Chairperson: PDG Lawrence Sanchez, Killeen Evening Lions Club

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November 2022 - Diabetes Awareness Month

World Diabetes Day, November 14th

Diabetes Chairperson: Lion Richard Bergman, Clifton Lions Club

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January 2023 - Hunger Awareness Month

District Hunger Chairperson: Lion Jorge Trujillo, Robinson Area Lions Club

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April 2023 - Environmental Awareness Month

District Environmental Chairperson: TBN

Lion Renee Kettler, 2VDG, GST

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Welcome to Our Newest Lions in 2-X3!



October 2022



Buffalo Lions Club

- Lion Susan Pense (Sponsor: Lion Sam Lindsey)
- Lion Jim Watterson Jr (Sponsor: Lion Michael Anderson)
- Lion Chris Van Hooser (Sponsor: Lion Michael Anderson)
- Lion Peggy Wright (Sponsor: Lion Michael Anderson)

Clifton Lions Club

- Lion Talon Cacy (Sponsor: Lion Renee Kettler)
- Lion Rayleen Evans (Sponsor: Lion Renee Kettle)
- Lion Bryan McCain (Sponsor: Lion Merville McCain)
- Lion Ally Tello (Sponsor: Lion Renee Kettler)
- Lion Rebecca Clift (Sponsor: Lion Talon Clift)
- Lion Sheldon Ivie (Sponsor: Lion Steve Payne)
- Lion Erin Sheilds (Sponsor: Lion Renee Kettler)

Groesbeck Lions Club

Lion Julia Morton (Sponsor: Lion Larry Price)

Hillsboro Lions Club

- Lion Greg Czarnecki (Sponsor: Lion Liz Schneider)
- Lion Lynette Finley (Sponsor: Lion Noah Dansby)
- Lion Teresa Czarnecki (Sponsor: Lion Liz Schneider)
- Lion Hilary Reinhard (Sponsor: Lion Liz Schneider)

Lampasas Lions Club

- Lion Jacqueline Dane (Sponsor: Lion Alexis Thompson)
- Lion Krysta Huckabee (Sponsor: Lion Courtney Carnley)
- Lion Tanner Dane (Sponsor: Lion Alexis Thompson)
- Lion Christy Lavender (Sponsor: Lion Alexis Thompson)

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October 2022



Oglesby Lions Club

Lion David Anderson (Sponsor: Lion Megan Ney)

Palestine Lions Club

- Lion Cindy Piersol (Sponsor: Lion John Piersol)
- Lion Ly Sath (Sponsor: Lion Michael Ezzell

Piney Woods Lions Club

- Lion Lori Adams (Sponsor: Lion Ellen Brooks)
- Lion Grant Sinclair (Sponsor: Lion Ellen Brooks)
- Lion Monica Pierre (Sponsor: Lion Margaret Tuggle)
- Lion Nicole Sinclair (Sponsor: Lion Margaret Tuggle)

Riesel Lions Club

- Lion Kathy Fryer (Sponsor: Lion Delores Niles)
- Lion Shawna Richardson (Sponsor: Lion Tracy Daniels)
- Lion Jerry Richardson Jr (Sponsor: Lion Shawna Richardson)

Temple Breakfast Lions Club

- Lion Pamela Butler (Sponsor: Lion Stephen Butler)
- Lion Angela Simmons (Sponsor: Lion Stephen Butler)
- Lion Sharnita Newman (Sponsor: Lion Stephen Butler)

Waco Women's Lions Club

Lion Cathy Cassidy (Sponsor: Lion Jeanne Rieger)





Get involved with Texas Lions Camp!!!!

Many clubs have been asking how they can get their club involved with Texas Lions Camp. We are happy to announce that TLC has many opportunities for you and your members! You can go to https://lionscamp.com/picnics.html to see a full list of available events to sponsor and volunteer!







Fun ways of volunteering at the Texas Lions Camp!! A description of each type of event is available at: https://lionscamp.com/PicnicDescriptions.html.

Carnival Crew Refreshment Stand Watermelon Picnic Movie Night Concessions Awards Night Host Treasure Hunt

Picnic Meal Luggage Crew Campout Cookout

- 1. Consider with your Club or team if you would like to provide a meal or special event during the summer season of 2023.
- 2. Consider if your team would prefer just to donate the funds that would have otherwise been used to provide your picnic or special event, in lieu of being present to serve at the event.
- 3. Plan to register during the month of November.

Once your club has selected their top three choices of events they would like to provide, a designated leader should register those selections between November 1-30, 2022. Following the November registration period, TLC will use a "randomizer" to select and award the events to those selected by the randomizer and will publish the list after contacting all registrants.

As usual, don't forget to shop through Amazon Smiles with your designated charity.

If you haven't signed up or upgraded your Century Club Membership, TLC encourages you to do so!

Century Club

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The Century Club is an annual opportunity to personally participate in giving to Texas Lions Camp and the programs it has established to provide at no cost a quality summer camp experience for Texas children with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer. An individual, couple, family or business can be a Century Club member by giving annually or monthly at whatever level you desire. Choose the level and how you'd like to make your payments whether lump sum or monthly through automatic draft. Automatic bank draft can be set up simply by filling out the information necessary on the form below and including a voided check. All Century Club members will receive an inscribed plaque, patch and a lapel pin. Each year a new medallion for your plaque will arrive once your annual membership renewal is paid. At the end of 10 years membership, a new plaque will arrive along with your eleventh year medallion. Fill out the form below with the level you'd like to start with and send it with your payment to Texas Lions Camp at the address given above. For any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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LCIF - NEWS

The Mission of the Lions Clubs International Foundation is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month.

LCIF is fighting to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for people diagnosed with this disease.

Just one story: District 13 OH4 received a \$60,000 diabetes grant to renovate 12 cabins at Camp Ho Mita Koda, a camp for diabetic children located in Newbury, Ohio. The cabins needed new roofs, new wiring, insulation, fans, doors, and interior siding. Lions have volunteered at the camp planting trees, updating lighting in the dining hall, cutting & stacking wood for the camp fire ring, and volunteering at special events.

These and many other stories reflect the support of Lions for LCIF here and around the world.

There are many ways to contribute, as individual Lions and as clubs. If you club is not participating, please consider doing so. And individuals can contribute monthly or annually, any amount.

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According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA) prediabetes is on the rise. Think of prediabetes as an early warning sign for diabetes. Prediabetes happens when your blood glucose(sugar) is higher than normal, but not yet high enough for diabetes. If you or someone you know has prediabetes, here are a few things to try to help get the glucose levels back to normal:

- Manage your weight
- Set a simple exercise routine
- Eat meals that focus on fresh fruits and vegetables
- Watch alcohol and processed food intake
- Cut out added sugars (read labels)
- Get restful sleep
- Manage stress
- Consult with your physician about any medications you are taking that might increase your blood glucose levels

I urge each of you to have an annual physical. Often times, this is when prediabetes or diabetes is discovered.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. What is your club doing, to further the Diabetes Global Cause? If your club has a special project regarding Diabetes, we would love for you to share!

Sincerely, Richard Bergman District 2-3X Diabetes Chair





Here we are in a new Lion's year 2022-2023 and projects are being planned to service your communities and you may need help. I would like to ask clubs as they are planning their budgets to please consider starting to give 100% or increase your club's giving to the Texas Lions Foundation to 200%, or maybe 300%. Donations can also be given by individuals various ways and I can show you the ways you can, please contact me or go to the Foundation website.

Texas Lions Foundation (TLF) is an organization committed to filling humanitarian needs throughout the world. As a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, its purpose is to promote human welfare by careful application of contributed funds. (TLF Donations & Awards Form) TLF concentrates its efforts in two areas: humanitarian services and disaster relief. (Grant guidelines) The Foundation strives to support projects that, while falling into one of these two categories, also have long-term and far-reaching effects, and promote the objectives of the Texas Lions Foundation. Overall, the Foundation maintains a strong commitment to helping people achieve their own potential, and implementing projects that make permanent and positive changes. Projects are favored that provide benefits to as many people as possible. Here is the link to get further information Click here.

I am available to come to your club or come online if you prefer and do a presentation on the Texas Lions Foundation. Please contact me by phone 254-289-9550 or by email Lmeeker53@gmail.com.

Yours in Lionism
PDG Lisle W. Meeker
TLF Trustee

PEACE

Peace Poster Notice

Peace Poster entries need to be postmarked by November 15, 2022. If you are sending an entry, please let me know so I can be on the lookout for the mailing tube. Those do not fit in mailboxes and I want to be sure I receive your entry.

I have received notices from the following clubs: Killeen Noon, Grapeland Noon, Marlin, Groesbeck and Waco Women's Lions Club.

B.C. Seely District 2-X3 Peace Poster Chair











SCRIP TALK

What is scrip talk?

There have been questions brought up to me that I would like to answer. First what it is not, a charity looking for donations or buy anything. It is not affiliated with any other organization. It is its own organization. Scrip talk is a machine that helps the visually impaired read medical prescriptions. It is part on En-Vision America, the machine is supplied on loan to patients at no cost. It is a FREE program. The display and handouts that you see at District Cabinet meetings are information for Lions to get the word out to their communities, the visually impaired, and the pharmacies.

We are excited to announce the new ScripTalk mobile app is now available in the iOS and Android App Stores

ScripTalk Mobile IOS App now available. Download here https://apps.apple.com/us/app/scriptalk-mobile/id1317698388

ScripTalk mobile Android App now available. Download here https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mistral.scriptalkmobilev2

Please help spread the word, pick up the information cards at the next District Cabinet Meeting and share in your communities. If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Lisle Meeker 254-289-9550 Lmeeker53@gmail.com

Pancake Supper Benefiting the Clifton Lions Club DATE: Thursday, November 17th WHEN: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM WHERE: Clifton Civic Center COST: \$10.00 Each (5 & Under Free)







SAVE THE DATE 1 APRIL 2023

THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE

"THE TEMPLE BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB PRESENTS A BENEFIT MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR TEXAS LIONS CAMP "IN TEMPLE MLK FESTIVAL GROUNDS 3:00-11:30pm.

STARRING ONE OF THEIR VERY OWN CAMPERS THAT IS A GREAT SINGER SONG WRITER ERIC PASLAY. JOINED BY HOLLY TUCKER, JAY WHITE BLUES COMMANDER, JEAN-PIERRE AND ZYDECO ANGLES, TYLER BIGLEY, AND RARE DOG

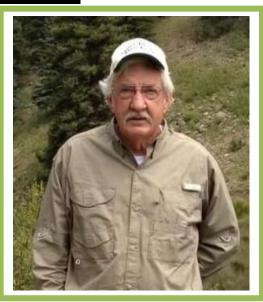


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In Memoriam



Groesbeck Lions said goodbye to Angelique Harkin left and Harvey Fredriksson right. Lion Angelique had been a member of the Groesbeck Lions Club since 2011. Angelique's husband, Shawn, continues to be a member of the Club. Their daughter, Kaitlyn was a camper at Texas Lions Camp, and went back in 2016 as a camp counselor. Lion Angelique helped with many of the Lions Club events throughout the years and supported her husband as he served as President of the Groesbeck Lions Club.



Left: Gatesville Lions bade farewell to long-time Lion Charlie Wise. Lion Charlie Wise was a dedicated long-term member who encouraged and supported so many in the community. Our fellow Lion will be SO missed. Charlie served for just shy of 54 years.

Right: Piney Woods Lions said goodbye to Lion Seth Melgoza. Seth was only a member for a brief period of time, but he will always be remembered for his great attitude and his willingness to work any time he was asked.

willingness time he wa Above: Lion Harvey was a member of the Groesbeck Lions Club since 2016. Lion Harvey served faithfully each year at almost all events held by the Groesbeck Lions including the Groesbeck Lions Annual Car Show, the Spirit of Christmas Food Drive, Lions Eye Screening Events and more. He served as a Director, Tail Twister (as needed) and helped in any way needed with a joke and a song ready to share with those around him. Harvey's wife, Sharon, continues to be a member of the Club.



District 2-X3 offers its condolences to all clubs and family members that have lost Lions.



BELTON



Left: Lion Mac Hickerson presented our 2022 Spinning Plate Winner Scott Alvarez, joined by wife Jennifer, with a BLC Commemorative Plate; and Trophy from the Belton Bacon Blues and Brews Event. And Thank you to Judy Garrett, 4B Event Coordinator for the City of Belton, for the opportunity to present the competition during the event.







Above: We Thank HOCTIL (Heart of Central Texas Independent Living) for the opportunity to SERVE at the 2022 HOCTIL Fall Festival for Children with Special Needs and their Families! Amazing Kiddos, Costumes, Games, Candy and Fun!

BUFFALO



The Buffalo Lions Club members brought food today as our contribution to the Lord's Pantry which serves our community.



The Buffalo Lions Club screened 300 children at the Centerville, TX elementary school, which brings the total number to over 1,100 in Leon County so far this year! Great job Lea, Lorna, Angela, and Pat.



BUFFALO: SUSAN L PENSE CHRIS R VAN HOOSER JIM WATTERSON JR PEGGY L WRIGHT

CLIFTON:
TALON CACY
REBECCA N CLIFT
RAYLEEN EVANS
SHELDON K IVIE
BRYAN D MCCAIN
ERIN E SHIELDS
ALLY TELLO

GROESBECK: RAUL LUNA JULIA A MORTON

HILLSBORO: GREG A CZARNECKI TERESA L CZARNECKI LYNETTE A FINLEY THOMAS M MILLS HILARY REINHARD

KOSSE: MICHAEL S BLAIR

LAMPASAS:
JACQUELINE M DANE
TANNER A DANE
KRYSTA HUCKABEE
CHRISTY LAVENDER

CLIFTON



Mr. Lion visits National Night Out in Clifton



Mr Lion with Clifton Lions President Savannah Lea and her son Dawson



New members to Clifton Lions Club Lion Ally Tello, Lion Raylene Evans Lion Brian McCain With sponsor 2VDG Renee Kettler and President Lion Savannah Lea



Natalie Austin visits the Clifton Lions club to share about the Texas Lions Camp.



Vision Screens at National Night Out in Clifton Lion Rebecca, Lion Talon, Lion Butch with Mr Lion (Lion Richard Bergman)



October presentation for Clifton Membership Meeting was Laura Bush, the "First Lady", or President of Bosque Animal Rescue Kennels



OGLESBY: DAVID ANDERSON

PALESTINE: CINDY PIERSOL LY SATH

PINEY WOODS: LORI K ADAMS MONICA N PIERRE GRANT SINCLAIR NICOLE SINCLAIR

RIESEL: KATHY FRYER JERRY W RICHARDSON JR SHAWNA L RICHARDSON

TEMPLE BREAKFAST; PAMELA N BUTLER SHARNITA R NEWMAN ANGELA N SIMMONS

WACD WOMENS: CATHY A CASSIDY



CORSICANA



THE CORSICANA LIONS CLUB, WITH THE HELP OF THE CORSICANA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, HAS BUILT AN 18-HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE. THE CLUB DESIGNED AND CREATED THIS COURSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS TO PARTICIPATE IN DISC GOLF. THE CLUB HOLDS A TOURNAMENT EVERY YEAR IN THE SPRING.

WITH THE HELP OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS IN OUR TOWN THIS TOURNAMENT HAS EVOLVED INTO A SUCCESSFUL MONEY-MAKING PROJECT TO PROVIDE CONTRIBUTIONS TO MANY SUPPORT GROUPS IN CORSICANA AND NAVARRO COUNTY.



1ST PLACE: CHANCE KIRK, RANCE NELSON



2ND PLACE: VINCE GARCIA, WILL ATKINSON

THE CORSICANA LIONS CLUB HELD IT'S ANNUAL COL. PAUL BENNETT/EDDIE HAMBRICK GOLF TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 14TH, 2022. THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDED \$2150.00 PRIZE MONEY FOR THE GOLFERS, RAFFLE TICKET PRIZES AND LUNCH WAS PROVIDED BY MOON TOWERS RESTAURANT LOCATED AT THE OAKS GOLF COURSE IN CORSICANA, TX.

LIONS VP DAN OWEN WAS THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. APPROXIMATELY \$6500.00 WAS RAISED FOR THE TEXAS CHILDREN'S CAMP.

GATESVILLE



Bob Harrell, the Coryell County Sesion for the Texas Department of Emergency Management, spoke to the Uses Club about the Importance of preparing for potential disorters.



Gateeville Lians Club President Charles Talbott presented a check from the club to Gateeville High. School volleyball coach Janey Weber for 5200 to help cover the team's expenses.



Lions at the Care Center on Wednesday October 5. Lions filled 24 boxes with non-perishable items. The Gatesville Lions volunteer the first Wednesday of every month at the Care Center. Pictured (left to right): Lions Tom Creek, Greg Couture, Scott Johnson, and Joyce Talbott



Left: Thank you to Jimmy Knox for talking to the club about safety in the workplace and the blessings of foster and adoption.

GRAPELAND NOON



Peace Posters Winners were announced at the Grapeland Junior/High School Auditorium October 7, 2022. Shown in the group picture are: Lion Billie Kaminsky, Dilliah Lanz 3rd Place, Cooper LeBlanc 2nd Place, Mattie McCordic 1st Place and Lion Martha Childress. Good luck at District competition Mattie!



It's the 77th Annual Peanut Festival in Grapeland Texas and the Grapeland Noon Lions are busy busy! Our Queen Contestant this year is Marley Duhon, a Senior at GISD.



Grapeland Noon Lions Park Cars at the Peanut Festival as a fundraiser for the club. The parking lot transfers from Railroad ride away to a parking lot when the lions get busy roping and flagging on Friday for the big day on Saturday. A long hot day for the lions but a lot of fun for all the visitors. Thanks to all who parked with us!









Once again, the Grapeland Noon Lions stepped up to do the cooking and serving for 2200 Nucor/Vulcraft annual picnic. It is a fundraiser for our club which we appreciate very much. From 'set up' to 'cut up' by Tim Howard and Allen Cheatham we all worked hard but had great pride in our community service.

GREATER ATHENS







It can be difficult to do simple things when you can't see what you are doing. The guests at the Greater Athens Area Lions Club Dinner in the Dark learned that on October 8, 2022 at the Athens Country Club. Guests experienced a little bit of life the way a visually impaired person lives.

Lions Club Immediate Past President, Daniel Hunt, introduced Mark Prentice from Leader Dogs for the Blind. Mr. Prentice instructed guests to remove their blindfold, and they saw what they had been missing (and how much of it was on their shirt!). He then gave a presentation on how much a leader dog means to visually impaired people.

Two awards were presented to the Athens Lions. The first was by Mr. Prentice. He awarded the club with a Leader Dogs trophy for the club's work in promoting the Leader Dogs program in the community. Next, Angela Cases, Lions District 2X-3 Immediate Past District Governor awarded the Lions Excellence Award to Val Franklin, Secretary of the Athens Lions Club, for the largest increase in membership in the last year. The club grew by 300% in the 2022 fiscal year.

HEWITT







To celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month the Hewitt Lions Club attended a Down Syndrome Event sponsored by the Elite Therapy Center in Waco, Texas on October 16, 2022, from 2 to 4:00 pm. The Elite Therapy Center works with disabled children. The Lions supported a group of children with Down Syndrome and their parents as they had an art and cookie decorating class. Fun was had by all.



HILLSBORO

Left: Hillsboro Lions Club recently heard from Lion Greg Walker on airstreaming and his most recent adventure. Walker and his wife spent 50 days travelling around with another group of airstreamers. They were able to experience Taos, New Mexico, the Grand Canyon, Albuquerque Balloon Festival, sites in Utah, and many other places while away.

Our annual Pecan fundraiser has started! Regular pecans are \$14 per bag, chocolate covered pecans and cranberry walnut trail mix are \$10 a bag. Contact any Lions Club member to purchase.

Right: Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Teresa Czarnecki to the weekly meeting. Czarnecki spoke about her volunteer efforts with Paw Pals. She and several other volunteers have just finished up with the Paw Pals Garage Sale fundraiser they host at the Hillsboro Outlet Mall. She shared about the budget the organization has and how they get funding to support the shelter animals and the community. Czarnecki is also one of the main organizers of the Hillsboro TX Helping Hands Facebook group where she organizes cleanup efforts around the area.

Pictured are Czarnecki and Lion Chuck Schneider.





The Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed the Hill College choir to perform at their weekly meeting. Hill College President, Dr. Thomas Mills and his wife, Yvonne, were also in attendance. The Hill College Music Department performs numerous free-admission programs throughout the year to showcase Hill College's very own performing artists and allows for those in attendance to interact with the artists following each event.

Pictured are the Hill College Choir and musical director Dr. Chul (Caleb) Chang on piano.

Right: Hillsboro Lions Club participated in the town's AutumnFest celebration. Lions Lisa Jamen and Hilary Reinhard decorated a booth and spread the word about the great things the Lions are doing in our town.

Pictured Lisa Jamen and Hilary Reinhard



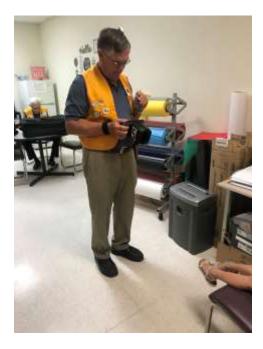




HUBBARD

Left: Natalie Austin, director of the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, presented a program to us. She shared that the camp is 515 acres and updated us that the new bunk cabins are ready for 2022 camping sessions which return to full week sessions since Covid & some weekend sessions.







Above:Lion Marvin Matthys, Ken Cavanaugh, & Katharine Matthys & helper Melinda Cavanaugh screened 220 students at Hubbard, Mt calm, Dawson, Coolidge & Penelope.

Right: The Hubbard Lions Club welcomed two new members -Alana Jackman & Frank Webb Veteran Eugene Fulton & Marvin Matthys are their sponsors and installed by Lion Katharine Matthys



KILLEEN EVENING



Killeen Food Care Center Program with Raymond Cockrell



Lion Naomi Kuhn received Melvin Jones Fellowship









Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Project



Noah Mullen at Yard Sale

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Yard Sale



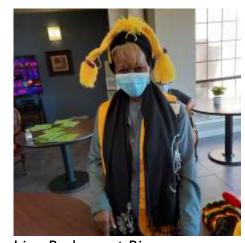
Killeen Noon Lions Yard Sale



Crazy hats at Rosewood Bingo



Crazy Hat Bingo at the Rosewood



Lion Barbara at Bingo

The Killeen Noon Lions Club held its annual Yard Sale on Oct 1st, with a myriad of clothing items, nick knacks, tools, hard to find items and generally good stuff. The event was well supported by the community, and funds received exceeded our hopes. We continued to support the Rosewood Retirement facility with bi-weekly bingo, Lion Brockley getting ample opportunity to exercise his vocal talents by calling numbers. We provided hats to the residents for the Crazy Hat Day to celebrate Halloween, in which residents and facility managers took part. Weekly support at the Killeen Food Care Center also continued.



Killeen Noon Yard Sale



Killeen Food Care Center

MCGREGOR

Club members welcomed SPOOKS, GOBLINS, and a bunch of strangely dressed adults to the annual event at The Exchange Event Center. Members grilled and served 480 hot dogs with chips, condiments, and bottled water generously donated by the Rhett Revolution. Fun, fellowship, and 'We Serve'.





MEXIA

Left: Mexia Lions Club participated in Mexia Downtown's 4th Annual Boo Bash on October 31. Pictured are President Michael Jones, 3rd Vice President Patty Manley, and Robin Green. Also there and not pictured was Tailtwister James McKeand, and a few volunteers. Great time was had by all. Boo Bash served approximately 2,000 kids!

On October 5, several Mexia Lions Club members visited McBay Elementary school and helped with vision screenings. 224 students were examined and 63 were recommended for vision exams.

PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions Club held their annual Houston County Amazing Race fundraiser on Saturday, Oct 1st. This was our 3rd time to host this event, and it improves each year! There were 12 teams competing this time around (the most we've had). We adapted the television show to cover Houston County. There are 5 towns, and we select a site within each town for the teams to travel to. At each of these 5 sites, they are given a choice between a mental or physical task. Once they complete the task, they are given a clue to take them to the next site. Due to the distance between some of the towns, we include 2 roadblock sites where there is only one challenge that each team must complete. This is a fun event for adults and kids, and we've had a few families form teams to compete together.





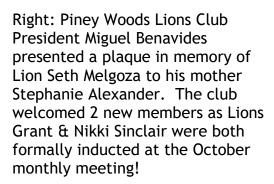






Piney Woods Lions volunteered at the first National Night Out in Crockett on Oct 4th. The Crockett Chamber of Commerce hosted the event, and asked our club to make ice cream floats for the participants.













Piney Woods Lions Club hosted the 2021-2022 LCI Young Leaders in Service Award Ceremony for the Piney Woods Leos on Sunday, October 16. 2-X3 District Governor (DG) Darie McCleaves, 1st Vice DG Randi Wilde, and 2nd Vice DG Renee Kettler helped us recognize the 15 Piney Woods Leos that volunteered at least 50 hours during the past year. These youth are courteous, respectful, altruistic, and truly embody the Lions Club motto "we serve".







ROBINSON AREA

The Robinson Area Lions hosted their semi-annual Veterans Appreciation breakfast. Our local Veterans always enjoy this event and are grateful for the recognition.













Robinson Area Cont'd

Robinson Area Lions are proud that they had the largest percentage of members in attendance at the District Cabinet meeting in Palestine.

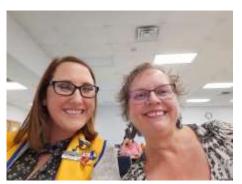
RALC would also like to announce they are pre-selling 1-quart poinsettia plants as a fundraiser for \$10 each. Orders are due by November 28th and plants will arrive on the 5th of December or shortly thereafter.











SALADO



We were pleased to have our Salado Police Chief and Lion Gary McHone as our first guest speaker of the month! Lion Gary has also graciously agreed to serve as our club's 3rd VP.



Lion Ed Sustala refurbished a bench that was donated to our Salado Public Library (our librarian and Lion Jeanie Lively is also pictured).



It was so nice having Salado student Segiv Eldridge with us again to remind us of the wonderful Wreaths for Vets program!



Community Engagement
Director for HOPE
Pregnancy Center, Inc.
was our second speaker
of the month and she
did a wonderful job of
explaining all the great
work their
organization does.

TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES

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Together We Serve Pin



Honor a club member for their consummate service, dedication and commitment to Lionism and Leader Dogs for the Blind with a Together We Serve lapel pin. Get started online 2 or download an order form

Lion Lea and Lion Lorna travelled to Buffalo I.S.D., Dew I.S.D. and Leon I.S.D. for vision screening. Accompanied by Lion Angela and Lion Renee of the Buffalo Lions Club, the screenings reached a broad range of individuals.

Fundraising season is here, and we have pecans for sale.

Congratulations, Lion Bridget for her pin from Leader Dogs. Bridget was our Club president for 3 years during COVID, a true commitment to Lionism. Therefore, a contribution was made in her honor at Leader Dogs For the Blind. Well done, Bridget, and Thank You.



Dollars for Dogs

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Right 2: During 6 October club meeting PCC Ray Harper inducted Temple Breakfast Lions Club 4 newest members.

From left PDG Lisle Meeker sponsor of Steven Butler far right. Next to PDG Meeker is Angela Simmons, Sharnita Newman, Pamela Butler

TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Left: PDG Lisle Meeker Temple Breakfast Lions Club (left) through Lions resources presented an Orcom vision device to Jennel Ramirez (right) who is blind from diabetes and her father in the middle Joe Ramirez.





Temple Breakfast Lions Club set up a informational booth and handed out candy to the Trickier Treaters at Temple Parks and Recreation's Fright Fest over 1000 goblins and monsters and more came by.

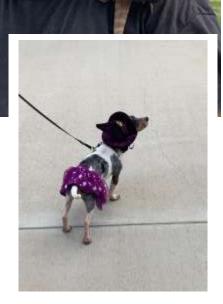


















KILLEEN

LEO Fish fry Fundraiser October 2nd, 2022















←International Festival →



PINEY WOODS



Leo President Ariana Gonzalez formally inducted 4 new Leos at the October monthly meeting. The Leos seem determined to set a new record for the number of new Leos recruited this year.



Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the Lions Club's Amazing Race fundraiser on Oct 1st. The Leos were a huge help at each location involved as they helped time contestants and supervise the results of the various challenges.







The Plney Woods Leos that volunteered a minimum of 50 hours this past year were recognized at the LCI Young Leaders in Service Award Ceremony on Oct 16. There were 15 Leos that earned the award, and 13 were able to attend the ceremony. As a community-based Leo Club, the ages of the Leos ranged from 7th grade up to High School seniors that graduated this past year, and they represented 4 of the 5 public school systems and Homeschool within Houston County. Combined these 15 Leos volunteered a total of 541 hours during the 2021-2022 year. That is about 1/3 of the total 1,561 hours the entire club volunteered this past year!











←Piney Woods Leo Club were requested at the first in-member Houston County Electric Coop (HCEC) meeting since the pandemic. The Leos handed out cold water bottles, and picked up empty plates and bottles from the tables for HCEC.

