

April 2023

Reflection on the Good

Lions of District 2-X3 and friends of Lions, I wish to start out my message by saying that some things are meant to be based on society's rules and our way of life. Over the past year it has been many challenges for the district to face and make a difference for all. You all as a team have proven that our district is strong and willing to fight. Looking at the district numbers at first it appears that we are losing members, and nothing is being done to correct it. Allow me to inform you that the loss we are showing is mainly because of our members passing aways from July 2022 to now. As you know, the recruitment is strong, and we are working on ways in the clubs and community to keep members involved. When PPC Ray stated we can meet our goal in membership I still believe in this goal, and this is still possible before the end of the Lions year. Over the next few weeks please think about ways to help your club grow and the district achieve our goal. It is never about the money nor the bad of why we aren't achieving, it is about what we can do as a team to reach all goals.

I will just say that giving it your all is the only thing I can ask of each of you. You all are what will make this year successful. The support of the district is always there for you to seek out if needed and you can always contact us for support. Keep sharing your club's good news and watch for the good that comes from it in your local community and around the world.

The last thing I would like to seek your support on is very simple. Please consider joining the district in doing a big Pediatric Cancer event for those children fighting cancer. More information will follow in the next few weeks. Please start thinking about how your club and members would like to support and submit your ideas once the original event message is sent out this month.

My thanks to each of you for doing your part to keep us strong. Roar!

Inspiring Others to Serve! DG Lion Darie

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Mancala

Do you remember the game Mancala? As we were roaming around Below Five, we discovered the game. I remember playing it while I was younger with my sisters. The point of the game is to capture more pebbles than your opponent. While we were playing it made me think of us as Lions moving forward in our communities to serve others. We are in a consistent motion to serve others and think outside the box to do so in recent years.

How can we as a club, as a district keep moving forward? Take a step back. Einstein said, "No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it." We have some distance from our past, we can see it from a different perspective. Look back at what your club has done in the past. Remember the challenges and the successes. Then build upon those to recreate what we did or come up with a brand-new service project.

Get specific about why we might be stuck. Instead of saying "I feel stuck." Say, "I feel stuck because I'm overwhelmed with details." Once you name it, you are more likely to be able to tame it and keep moving forward.

Reconnect to your why. We all have reasons we joined Lions Clubs. Think back to your why. Most of us, our why is to serve others.

What are some different ways we can serve our communities? We have clubs that donate their time to their local food banks. We have clubs that buy Thanksgiving meals to give out to families. We have clubs that support local charities through fundraising. We as a district have collected canned foods for local food banks. We have written cards to children that are hospitalized. Not all service projects have to be grand or cost a lot of money.

Let's see all the new service projects that your club has done in the past year. Ensure you are submitting your service projects into LCI. The district can see what activities your club has done we can share with each other the successes.

"Baby steps count, too, as long as you're moving forward." - Chris Gardner

Believe, 1st VDF Randi Wilde 325.277.7082 randiwilde000@gmail.com Lion Renee Kettler 2nd Vice District Governor 254-386-7358 LionReneeKettler@gmail.com



Traveling in the last month for work I have had the opportunity to see different dynamics of work and different types of results. As Lions I believe this holds true for us as well. We are all busy doing things ... some of the things we do are a part of our Lions global causes, some of our things are part of our local goals, and some of our things are busy work keeping us entertained until we can do something productive. I challenge each of our clubs to take a glance at what we are doing. What are you busy with? Find value in your work and be busy with purpose. (If you are reading this message, please let me know via text or email. I want to see who is reading our messages.) I read a quote recently about ants that hit home, and I leave you with this...

"It is not enough to be busy. So are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?"

Lion, Renee



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.



Lions REALLY do serve!

Looking forward to April what environmental projects do you have planned?

September 2022 - Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month

((February 2023 - Childhood 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 Leab1031@gmail.com; 254-598-0016 District Vision Co-Chairperson: PDG Lawrence Sanchez, Killeen Evening Lions Club Lasertag9850@gmail.com; 254-466-5037

November 2022 - Diabetes Awareness Month

World Diabetes Day, November 14th Diabetes Chairperson: Lion Richard Bergman, Clifton Lions Club <u>Rrberg07@gmail.com</u>; 254-749-8794

January 2023 - Hunger Awareness Month

District Hunger Chairperson: Lion Jorge Trujillo, Robinson Area Lions Club Jorgetru14@gmail.com; 254-339-5647

April 2023 - Environmental Awareness Month District Environmental Chairperson: TBN

Lion Renee Kettler, 2VDG, GST LionReneeKettler@gmail.com; 254-386-7358







It's that time again!!!!

James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge grant to Texas Lions Camp for 2023.

All funds from this Challenge Grant will match gifts donated (\$1 for \$1 and up to \$50,000) in support of the <u>30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament</u> which is scheduled for August 3, 2023 at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg. <u>So, your gift will be</u> <u>doubled</u>!

2023 Goals:

- Set Tournament fund-raising goal of \$200,000 for 2023.
- Set Goal of raising <u>\$6,250 per Lion District.</u>
- Solicit ONE Corporate Sponsorship per District (\$500 or more). Corporate Sponsor packets will be mailed out by the Development office to each committee member.
- Solicit ONE LIVE OR SILENT AUCTION In-Kind item from each District (Valued at \$100 or more).

The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Website is live and ready to go: For online registration, go to: www.lionscamp.com/wickersham.html

The 2023 Texas Lions camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador is Faith Fortenberry. Please see the attached flyer to learn more about Faith.

30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament TITLE SPONSOR JAMES AVERY Forging Hope ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.-Donations are tax deductible-see your tax professional for details. August 3, 2023 8:00 am Shotgun Start Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course Fredericksburg, TX All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 in 2022-2023 by James Avery Artisan Jewelry For more information: www.lionscamp.com. Sponsor One or More Holes For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on signage and publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: <u>www.lionscamp.com</u>. Deadline to ensure recogni-tion/publication is July 14, 2023. Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp. Name_ Faith Fortenberry Address ____ **Camper** Ambassador City / State _____ 2022-2023 Zip _____ Phone ___ _____ District --Club_ Come Play and make a Kid's Day Email: in 2023! Credit Card: MC _____ Visa ____ Discover ____ Amount: ____ For more information or to download CC#: ____- ____ Explication: __ / __ CVC__ player registration forms go to www.lionscamp.com Signature: Date: MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP

PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029



The 2023 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador is camper Faith Fortenberry

of Woodway, Texas.

Faith has attended TLC for the past 4 summers including Texas Lions Camp's online camping program TLC2U in 2020. Faith is 11 years old and loves the Zip Line and Farm Life best, but also loves to be at the pool!



Her mother, Leeann, found out about camp from a local Lions Club member, Bill Waller of the Dawson Lions Club! Leeann stated, "I grew up going to summer camp most of my life, so after her diagnosis, I was so sad to think that this was something she might not get to experience. When I learned there was a camp for kids like her, I was thrilled!"

Faith's challenges are all physical. With a muscular disease, her only mobility is the use of her power chair. So, she needs constant assistance to be able to do everyday things like swimming, or getting dressed, or even any kind of arts and crafts.



Texas Lions Camp has helped Faith because it has given her the independence from her parents that she so desires. All of her friends also attend summer camp, so she loves being able to tell them that she too gets to have experiences like them! The family has seen her confidence increase, and the way she views herself!

Leeann commented that the Fortenberrys attended TLC-4-Families Camp the past two summers and loved being able to see Faith do things that ordinarily she would not get to do.

She looks so forward to this week, and we make a countdown each spring! It's fun being able to see her look forward to something!

One of their fondest memories from Family Camp was just being together without distractions from the outside world and doctor appointments as well as meeting other families that understand what it's like raising kids with extra needs.

The Fortenberry's give special praise to Vice President of Summer Camp, Karen-Anne King. "We love Karen-Anne King. She's a ray of sunshine & always makes us feel like superstars."

Faith's favorite memories of camp are just being around other kids who have struggles. Leeann told TLC that Faith shares stories that her camp buddies share during bunk time and how it just makes her feel "normal" that there are other kids like her who have a hard time just doing ordinary things that the rest of us take for granted. She has made lifelong friends and looks forward to reuniting with them each summer. It's the one week where she feels truly independent & doesn't depend on her parents. It's a life changing week for sure!

Texas Lions Camp is proud to have great campers like Faith attend our summer camping program and she is excited to be a part of the 30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. For more information on how you and your business can sponsor and/ or play in the Tournament, visit: www.lionscamp.com and look for the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament under the "GET INVOLVED" Tab.



Lions District 2-X3 Convention



The Lions District Convention will be on April 14-15, 2023, in the City of Killeen Texas. The Killeen Evening Lions Club and the Convention Chairman PDG Lawrence L. Sanchez invite you to attend the two-day Convention at the site of the enrichment of great military history and entertainment for everyone.

Registration for the two-day Convention with meals is now closed by the time you receive this Newsletter. You can still register at the door for a registration fee of Twenty-five dollars but there will be no meals included for April 15, 2023. Caterer had the final count on April 10, 2023. There are plenty of restaurants in Killeen that can really satisfy your appetite with a lot of different food cuisines in the city.

April 14, 2023, you are invited to attend Friday's District social at the Killeen Lion's Den on 5100 S. Trimmier Road, Killeen Texas 76543. This is a free event starting at 6:30 PM. Come and enjoy music and appetizers and drinks. This is a time to meet our international guest and enjoy the comfort of fellowship with members of clubs that you may or may not know in atmosphere of friendly conversation. Enjoy the food and drinks that will be provided by the District and the Killeen Evening Lions Club support. It is a free event that evening.

I ask that all clubs attending bring their Banner and stands to show your proud club and your successes so far this year.

Do not forget to empty out your pantries to donate non-perishable items for the Killeen Food Care Center. This would be a good way to meet your club Global causes. Hunger is the district service project.

If you want to have a voice for your club as a voting delegate, voting will start in the afternoon.

Then come to spend some time in the evening with a lot of entertainment of all kinds of Arts within the community and surrounding cities.

PDG Lawrence L. Sanchez Convention Chairman



Multiple District 2-X3 Convention Saturday, April 14-15, 2023 First United Methodist Church Killeen 3501 E. Elms Rd. Killeen, TX 76542 254 423-3893



Convention Events

Registration Open: Friday 5:00pm—7:00pm, Saturday 7:00am to 9:00am PDG Meeting—Friday 5:00pm—6:pm District Social—Friday 6:30pm to 9:00pm—FREE! Continental Breakfast with PID Billy J. Blankenship - Open Discussion—Saturday 7:30am to 8:45am District 2-X3 Convention—Saturday 9:00am start Melvin Jones Luncheon & Awards—Saturday Noon to 1:15pm Voting—Saturday afternoon, time to be officially announced Governor's Banquet—Saturday 6:00pm start

Hotel Information for host hotel is Shilo Inn Suites in Killeen, TX

Call: 254-699-0999 Group Discount Code: Lions Clubs Rate: \$106 + Tax Date: January 5—March 23, 2023

Date	Event	Early Bird Until March 17th	After Deadline March 17 – April 14	#Attendees (Mark in letter From below)	Total Amount Due
Fri, Apr 14th - Sat, Apr 15th	Convention Registration	\$20	\$25	8 (3)) 2	2
Saturday, April 15th	Continental Breakfast - with PID Billy J. Blankenship from MD 12 Tennessee. Open discussion before the Cabinet meeting	ŚŚ	\$8	2 2	
Saturday, April 15th	Melvin Jones Lunch	\$17	522	1	2
Saturday, April 15th	Governor's Banquet - Wear your Whites/black tie and join in the closing ceremony	\$22	\$25		
	No Tickets Sold at the Door			5	\$

Name	Title/Member/Guest	Club	Delegate Yes or <u>No</u>	
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Please make checks payable to: Killeen Evening Lions Club

Contact PDG Lawrence Sanchez @ 254-466-5037, lasertag9850@gmail.com or Lion Jeanne McCleaves @254-423-3732. Return form to Lawrence Sanchez, 2004 Kenyon Street, Killeen, TX 76543.

Breakfast	Drink	Your Choice	Name
Egg sandwich with Sausage and	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or		
cheese	water		
Egg sandwich with Bacon and cheese	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or water		
French Toast with Sausage and	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or		
cheese	water		
French Toast with Bacon and cheese	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or		
	water		
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Melvin Luncheon	Drink	Your	Name
		Choice	
Salisbury Steak mash potatoes with	Tea or water		
gravy, green beans, and roll			
Chicken mash potatoes with gravy,	Tea or water		
green beans, and roll			
Vegetarian: Impossible Burger	Tea or water		
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Governor's Banquet	Drink	Your	Name
		Choice	
Beef Tips over white rice, Mixed	Tea or water		
vegetables, Toss Salad Rolls			
Dessert: Cake			
Vegetarian: Spinach lasagna	Tea or water		
Toss Salad Rolls			
Dessert: Cake			

Please ensure that you have picked your meal choice and place a check in the Choice Box

DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT!!

District Governor Darie asks that you bring non-perishable food items or money for a food drive. Items will be donated to the Killeen Food Care Center.



District Convention Schedule of Events

Evening All Lion Members and Lion Leadership Team,

Schedule of Events for Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15.

FRIDAY, April 14 11:00am approximate time of arrival of International Family at Shiloh Inn. 6:30pm Social Night at Killeen Lion's Den 5100 Trimmier Road, Killeen, Texas 76542 Free Beverages (Alcohol and Soda) and Snacks

SATURDAY, April 15
7:00am Registration and Credentials Verification opens
7:30am Necrology Service Breakfast with the International Family
9:00am Call to Order – Colors will be posted by Harker Heights JROTC Color Guard
11:45 Melvin Jones Fellow Lunch
1:15pm Call to Order for Convention with Candidate Forum
2:00pm Recess Convention
2:00pm – 2:30 Election Committee will setup
2:30 – 3:30 Voting will commence.
3:30 Service project will be for the Global cause of Hunger. Please bring Non-Perishables items or Cash to be donated to the Killeen Food Care Center.
3:00-4:30 Global Leadership Team Training Offered
6:30pm PDG Line Up - Lion Jeffrey Southard will be at the door to help.
7:00pm Call to Order for District Governor's Celebration Banquet

Please know that the convention committee will do all that we can to keep us on schedule, but times will remain liquid by about 5-10 minutes. Please reach out to PDG Lawrence Sanchez for any additional questions or concerns about setup or special needs. If you need a set area for your display, please let PDG Lawrence know that as well space is limited for displays.

Thanks everyone for your support and I look forward to seeing each of you at the convention and celebration.

Inspiring Others to Serve!

DG Lion Darie McCleaves darie.mccleaves@gmail.com 254-423-3893

Not voting?

Join us back in the meeting room for a quick MyLion and officers review training. Bring service reporting questions, chair roll questions, or any lingering question you might have.

District GLT lion angela

April 15th

@Convention

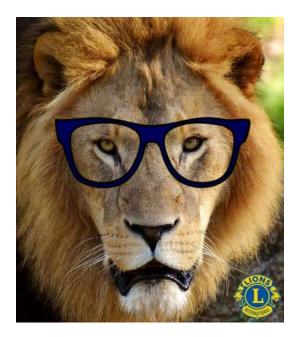


Of the many services provided by Lions and funded by Lions Clubs International Foundation, vision services are probably the best known. And it is a much-needed service which can change lives. 1 billion people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected. \$14.3 billion is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide. Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low- and middle-income regions is 4 times higher than in high-income regions. (Statistics from the World Health Organization).

LCIF addresses this need. From July 2022 to January 2023, LCIF has awarded 53 vision-related grants totaling \$6,640,439.

This is one of the many reasons that every Lions Club and every Lion should support LCIF. A small donation from each Lion will ensure that LCIF continues to address the problem of preventable blindness in the U.S. and around the world. Please contact me for more information on what you and/or your club can do to help in this effort.

Daniel Burkeen, dburkeen@earthlink.net



Give the gift of sight!



It is already April, start of the last quarter and those that have not sent in their 100% to the foundation yet, this is a good time. If you have not given 100% to the (TLF) foundation, I ask that you please start. As you are doing your election of officers for the next Lions year and planning your induction of new officers, this is a good time to recognize your outgoing president or outstanding lion with an award from the (TLF) foundation.

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. (<u>TLF Donations & Awards Form</u>) TLF concentrates its efforts in two areas: humanitarian services and disaster relief. (<u>Grant guidelines</u>) 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 <u>Click here</u>.

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 <u>Lmeeker53@gmail.com</u>.

Yours in Lionism PDG Lisle W. Meeker TLF Trustee

Texas Lions Museum

A huge "THANK YOU" to all Lions who have contributed to the Texas Lions Museum by becoming Life Members or Ebb Grindstaff Fellows. The museum has received the appropriate patches and has sent them to the Trustees. I will be distributing them either by personal visit to clubs, at the District Convention, or by mail after the convention. Please review the accompanying lists for accuracy and let me know if anyone has been left off.

PDG Joe Holman District 2-X3 Museum Trustee



Texas Lions Museum Life Members Buffalo Lions Club PID Sam Lindsey Harker Heights Lions Club PDG Janice Tooke **Hewitt Lions Club** Brenda Tidwell (deceased) **Robert Tidwell** PDG John Noles Wayne Pick Hillsboro Jennifer Nowlin Lenn Williams Lea Sanders **Jerry Barker Killeen Evening Lions Club** PCC Richard Robinson PDG Johnnie Tramp **PDG Gladys Tramp** PDG John Southard PDG Lawrence Sanchez DG Darie McCleaves **Bobby Virgen-Sims Jeffery Southard Beatrice Thompson** Mindy Wilson Higawet Tegegne Robinson Naomi Kuhn Killeen Noon Lions Club **Charles Hollinger** Danny Murphy **Dick Chapin** Darrel Heginbotham Linda Kieff PDG Joe Holman **Kosse Lions Club** Jodye Lindsey

> <u>Marlin Lions Club</u> Danny Fowler <u>Robinson Lions Club Members</u>

Robinson Area Lions Club Linda Moll David G. Hill Linda Vaughn David Hixson (deceased) **Temple Breakfast Lions Club Rick Smith** James Abbott **PDG Lisle Meeker Temple Founder Lions Club** William Sperling **Temple-Belton Ladies Lions Club** Lea Ann Batey Lions Club Waco Founder Harry "Buddy" Powell PDG C.C. Sirkel (deceased) Waco Women's Lions Club B.C. Seely Celina Fuller Susan Reed





Healthy fun in the fresh air along the beautiful Central Texas countryside!

12 Mile Ride (one rest stop) 30 Mile Ride (three rest stops) 50 Mile Ride (five rest stops) 55 Mile Ride (five rest stops) 62 Mile Ride (five rest stops)

King of the Mountain Cyclery (KOM) the Official Bike Shop for the ride. SAG and Support will be provided by KOM. Ride Routes in STRAVA links.

Morning juice, fruit and snacks prior to the Ride. Snacks and nutrition at each Rest Stop. Hot dog lunch and snow cones after the Ride.



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Register to ride today at

www.beltonlionsclub.com



McGregor Lions Club Annual Barrels, BBQ & Car Show

McGregor Lions Club Carshow Entry Form All Vehciles Welcome (Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles)

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Extraco Event Center 4601 Bosque Blvd Waco, Texas (Use Lake Air Entrance) Registration BAM-10AM Fee\$ 20.00 Show 11AM-3PM

Voting 11AM-3PM Awards Presentation 3:00PM

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SAVE THE DATE!

GROESBECK LIONS CLUB 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2023 7PM GROESBECK CONVENTION CENTER

GUEST SPEAKER: LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BRIAN SHEEHAN







SCRIP TALK

What is scrip talk?

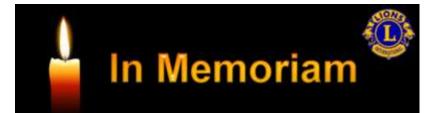
There have been questions brought up to me that I would like to answer. First what it is not, a charity looking for donations or buy anything. It is not affiliated with any other organization. It is its own organization. Scrip talk is a machine that helps the visually impaired read medical prescriptions. 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 <u>https://apps.apple.com/us/app/scriptalk-mobile/id1317698388</u> ScripTalk mobile Android App now available. Download here <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mistral.scriptalkmobilev2</u>

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





Grapeland Noon said goodbye to Lion Jimmy McGill. Lion Jimmy served since 2020, and leaves behind her husband of almost 50 years Lion L. C. McGill.

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





BUFFALO



Buffalo Lions Club Membership Chair Mike Anderson, sponsored 6 new members at the regular club meeting on March 7, 2022. This brings the total new members during the current Lions year to 12!

GATESVILLE





The Club was very happy to present the Scout leaders with a \$750 check to assist in their amazing work with the children of the community. Gatesville cub scouts Boy Scouts 272



GATESVILLE: LINDA BRAMHALL

GREATER ATHENS: DESTINY L SKILES

GROESBECK: ANTHONY FIGUEROA APRIL LECLAIR MARTHA STONE

HAMILTON: ANDY C IVEY

HILLSBORO: MARY F FALTER

KOSSE: WALTER MATULEWICZ

MEXIA: KENT KENDALL

OGLESBY: SARA JO POYNTER

WACO FOUNDER: RICK MAXFIELD JR

WACO WOMENS: VANESSA LE





Right and Below: On March 10, 2023 once again the Grapeland Noon Lions stepped up to remove a large dead tree for a lady club member. When there is a need our club supports each other. Left: Lion Martha Childress got a new medallion and pin for having sponsored 25 new lions during her time as a lion herself! It was presented by President Allen Cheatham. It was a very nice surprise! We only show this because we want to challenge all lions to do the same.







HEWITT



Pictured above from left to right are Jim Schampers (Hewitt Lions Club), Frank Heslin (Midland Downtown Lions Club), Paul Browning (Monahans Lions Club), and Jerry Upton (Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center). Please note that Frank, Paul, and Jerry are volunteers to TLERC. The Hewitt Lions Club delivered 3100 pairs of new eyeglass frames to Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling, Midland, Texas on March 26, 2023. The frames were collected by the Hewitt Lions and were donated to the Lions by Wal-Mart Optical Centers and other optical companies that are no longer in business. The frames were delivered to TLERC by Jim Schampers of the Hewitt Lions Club using his own personal vehicle.



HILLSBORO

The Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Aleshia Fleming, Choose Love ambassador and HIS Counselor, and several of her students to share about the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement.

She and the students shared what social emotional learning is, how it's been beneficial to them, and the Choose Love event happening in Hillsboro where the founder of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement (Scarlett Lewis) will be in attendance.



Lion Liz Scheider who is also the District Secretary attended the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute held in Kerrville on March 24-27 at the Texas Lions Camp. Candidates apply and go through an approval process. Once completed, they receive a certificate. Congratulations!

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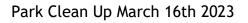
KILLEEN EVENING

Leader Dog Presentation by 1stVDG Randi Wilde and PDG Angela Cases March 7th 2023



















Killeen Food Care Center Service Project March 18th 2023





Above: Lion Lenn Williams giving a presentation about the Texas Eyeglass Recycle Center March 21st 2023



Left: PDG Lisle Meeker presenting the Club with the Texas Lions Foundation Banner Patch for our support 2022-2023

> Right: Zone Chair Stacey Phillips donates awesome décor for our convention grab bags March 21st 2023



PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions Club volunteered with the Leos at the Texas Lions Camp March workday on March 4th. We were assigned to clean up the nature trail in the morning. We then moved to the horse barn and helped oil saddles, and pick up the manure in and around the horse stables. There were 3 orphan goats at the camp that we got to hang out with while we were at the horse barn!









Piney Woods Lions received 23 pallets of food this month from the East Texas Food Bank. The food varies every month, but this one had a nice variety.



Piney Woods Lions Club is a member of the Crockett Chamber of Commerce, and attended the Chamber's Annual Award Banquet on March 21st. During the Award presentations, the Chamber jointly recognized the Piney Woods Lions & Leo Clubs with the Non-profit of the Year Award.



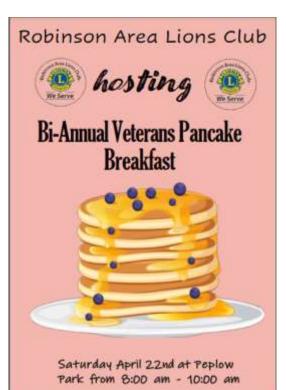


Piney Woods Lions helped plant blue pinwheels and tie blue ribbons around the courthouse for Kalin's Center for Child Abuse Prevention month.







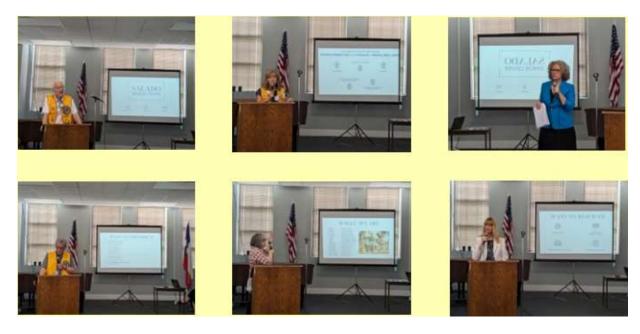


ROBINSON AREA



Make note of our upcoming events. Join us if you can. We'd love your support on our fundraiser!

SALADO



Lions George Dentry, Kim Bird, Melanie Kirchmeier, Dave Swarthout, Jeannie Lively, and community member Beth Correa spoke to us about the Salado Senior Center.



Our second guest speaker of the month was Lion and Salado Mayor Michael Coggin.



We were so pleased to have Jerri Kay Boyd, Thomas Arnold Life Skills/Special Ed Teacher and a few of her kiddos with us this month!



Our first Highway Clean-Up of the year! A huge thank you to Lions Kim Bird, Steve Lazarus, Ray Don McIntosh, Brenda Merz, Larry and Maurine Nathanson, Dave Swarthout, and of course Lion Joe Keyes for organizing it!





It was our privilege to help out with the Taste of Salado put on by the Public Arts of Salado for the 2nd year in a row! Thank you to Lions David Matthews and Ray Don McIntosh for helping put out all the tables and chairs for this event.

TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES

A hands-on service project at the Belton VFW benefitted non-profit organization, Days For Girls. Guest speaker Susan C. is the area representative from Days For Girls, and she gave us info about the organization and showed us how to assemble the feminine hygiene kits they send around the globe. These kits contain a shield, reusable, eco-friendly liners, panties and a washcloth, soap, and instruction sheet. DFG goes to third world countries where a great need for discreet period packs help girls stay in school during their monthly cycles. We packaged nearly 50 hygiene kits which get sent to Syria. Shout out to 3 ladies from the cornhole toss tournament at the VFW for putting the kits together with us. Made things go faster.

TEMPLE BREAKFAST

The music festival fundraiser was a first-time event that has been in the planning since 2015 with Eric Paslay when he asked Sandy and I at dinner after visiting the camp during diabetic week, how can I give back to the camp? I said come back and do a concert. So the planning started, then covid, and 2021 we started the final planning. The feedback we received from the band to the vendors to patrons that came through the gate was all positive and great constructive comments and can't wait until next year.

We all expected a bigger turn out. We had to project the attendance around 1500 to make sure the infrastructure support would handle it all to include security. We had around 500 show up so profits were low because we had 1/3 of the attendance. Over-all the club was happy with some changes before we plan next year. We are able to give the camp \$4,000.00 after all bills are paid. We will sit down at the end of April and discuss the rest of the input from the



club and start our pre-planning as far as dates and location and move from there. The main thing we accomplished was getting the word out to the community that we are here, what we do, and let them know about our Texas Lions Camp that needs campers and we need more Lions.





Temple Breakfast Cont'd

















WACO WOMENS



Top Row: Janna Marusak, Jeanne Rieger, Karen Noles, Second Row: B.C. Seely with her grands



On a cold blustery Saturday morning, several of the WWLC members sat on metal bleachers cheering on the Waco Women's Lions Club T-ball team as they played their first game of the season! It was a fun event for all of us, little and big.

We have a new member, Vanessa Le, a Baylor student who was a former Leo in Katy, TX and wants to continue serving her community as she pursues her education at Baylor.





PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leo Club volunteered at the March Texas Lions Camp workday. We helped clear off the nature trail, and then moved to the horse barn. There were saddles to be oiled, and alot of manure to pick up in the horse stall area. There were 3 orphan goats and quite a few barn animals to hang out with at the horse barn. This was our first workday since March of 2020.



March 4 was a dual event for the Piney Woods Leo Club. Some of the Leos travelled to Texas Lions Camp for the workday, while some volunteered in Crockett at the Walk Across Texas 5K Color Run. Eleven Leos helped hand out wrist bands as each runner completed a loop in the Davy Crockett Park for the 5K. Other Leos helped with registration, and then many helped spray colors on the runners during the 5K. This was the 2nd time the Leos participated with this annual event.









Piney Woods Cont'd

Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the monthly free produce distribution on March 20th. It's always a good distribution when it's not wet and raining!















Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the Piney Woods Fine Arts Association (PWFAA) concession stand for a ballet on March 10th. It was a small crowd, but the net sales were \$486. The Leos will receive a portion of the net sales after PWFAA deducts any costs for supplies.







Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the Crockett Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on March 21st. They helped set the tables up with everything from utensils to programs and centerpieces.





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