

March 2023

Hello Fellow Lions of District 2-X3,

All, it has been a fast few weeks and I can see that each club is doing community service and the club visits that are being done by the DG team is moving in the right direction. Please allow us to say thank you to all for doing your part. The current plan is to complete the club visits over the next few months before the year is over. You as the club leadership and members can invite us to visit your club and club projects and allow us to help out where we can. The push this year is service and doing things your way to allow each club to grow their way. Your club vision is highly important to us and looking forward to June 30 the plan is to close the year on a positive note.

Now on a short, but important note about membership, we are down by -23. We as a team will do all that we can to support each club in being at a plus two by the end of the Lion's year. We are asking that each club sign up for the district convention to allow your members to see what is going on around the district by networking with Lions from other clubs. The convention is one way to show our Lion's pride to our local communities and the people we serve. It is our opportunity to thank some of the Lions for doing a great job for the district as well. From past experiences a convention can, be the start of a good next year for all Lions. You can gather good information about other clubs in the district and see what your club can do to make a difference. The convention is for all members and not just the officers of a club. The registration is open and we have plenty of space for each of you to join. The food is being catered by one of our very own Lions, and she is excited about planning the best meal and entertainment at the best cost. Join us Friday night for a social and then again on Saturday morning for the convention and election of officers for the 2023-24 Lions Year.

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Now switching to a plan for Pediatric Cancer and using our love of children as a guide and safety for each of them. The plan is to host a big event for those children with cancer and offer them a place and time to just enjoy themselves in a safe environment. If you are interested in helping with the planning of the event and making it happen soon, please reach out to myself and we will set a date and time for the event as a team.

Finally, the district is still on a strong track to meet our final goal of plus two in each club. Currently we are down -23 and there is plenty of time to reach the goal. Please reach out to PCC Ray to seek his help as needed for your club needs. He is available to assist as needed and you can reach him via email or cell phone. Thanks goes out to each of you, and I look forward to seeing each of you at the district convention. Remember to support our Lions Clubs International Foundation and Texas Lions Camp if you have the opportunity to do so this month.

Inspiring others to Serve!

DG Lion Darie





Service

We Serve! This is our motto. Have you ever sat back and thought about what service really means? The definition of service is an act of helpful activity; help; aid to do someone a service. It is so much more than the one activity. When we go out to our local schools to provide vision screenings, we are doing so much more than service, we are giving a child an opportunity that he or she would have possibly never had without our assistance. We changed a child's future by providing a service of eye screening and allowing them to see how bright their future can be. When we go to our local food pantries to ensure that individuals and families can receive the food to feed their families. It is a lasting impact that we as Lions make in our communities every day. Our one day of service can be a lifetime change for so many. This is so rewarding to know that we can have a great impact on our communities.

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I enjoy seeing all the clubs in our district celebrate their service activities either through reporting on LCI or celebrating their service activities on social media. Continue to spread the word of What Lions Do! Let everyone know how we as Lions are serving our communities. I encourage every club to promote their service projects in March. Brag about being a Lion and changing the world we live in.

"The highest of distinctions is service to others." - King George VI

Believe,

1st VDG Randi Wilde 325.277.7082 <u>randiwilde000@gmail.com</u>



Lion Renee Kettler 2nd Vice District Governor 254-386-7358 LionReneeKettler@gmail.com



Time is a thief! Where has the year gone? As I reflect on the year and what we have done I am not only amazed, I am proud! MD2-X3 is doing great things. I have enjoyed every photo, Facebook post and invitation to attend your meetings and events.

Have you entered your service projects into MyLion? If you haven't, why not? If you need assistance let's talk. I want to show the world what our district has done. We set goals at the beginning of the fiscal year. Watching your stats online will help you keep up with your success.

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?

<u>September 2022 - Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month</u> ((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 Rrberg07@gmail.com; 254-749-8794

January 2023 - Hunger Awareness Month

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

<u>April 2023 - Environmental Awareness Month</u> District Environmental Chairperson: TBN

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LIONS IN 2-X3!!!



FEBRUARY 2023

BELTON LIONS CLUB

- LION MARK BELLOMY (SPONSOR: LION LAWRENCE WILLIAMS)
- LION AMY YEAGER (SPONSOR: LION JOHN CORSI)
- LION CHRISTIAN CHILDS (SPONSOR: LOIN JOHN CORSI)

KILLEEN NOON LIONS CLUB

- LION ISRAEL CORTEZ (SPONSOR: LION KATHERINE LOGAN)
- LION ISOLEAN YOUNG (SPONSOR: LION BROCKLEY MOORE)

PALESTINE LIONS CLUB

 LION RUTH COOK (SPONSOR: LION MICHAEL EZZELL)

 LION STEVE MOREAU (SPONSOR: LION JOE JOHNSTON)





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 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.

Governor Darie McCleaves has sent a Convention Call for the District to each Club president and secretary. He is asking all the clubs to send as many representative and delegates as possible to the 2-X3 District Convention in Killeen Texas.

We have made arrangements for your stay at the premier hotel in Killeen which is the Shilo Suites and Inn. There is a special rate for the lions of District 2-X3. This is rate will expire March 23rd, 2023, by the time you get this newsletter you will have a few days to take advantage of this offer. This is for your convenience and you will be able to attend Friday's District social at the Killeen Lions Den on 5100 S. Trimmier Road, Killeen Texas 76543. See registration form for the code word.

District Social on April 14, 2023: We have offered so that everyone that will be attending the Convention on Saturday. This a time for meeting our International guest and enjoying the comfort of fellowship with members of clubs that you might or might 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.

A Necrology service will be presented for those great Lions from our District that have given so many service hours to our organization and are resting in peace with our creator. This event will be in conjunction with the April 15, 2023 breakfast.

Breakfast with the Past International Director Billy J. Blankenship will be very insightful with an open discussion, during your breakfast with an individual that has been in the thick of things in the higher levels of leadership and is well experienced through-out his visits around the United States. He has seen the works of different Lions Districts and the nuts and bolts of how our association policies work for us.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon will be held to give thanks to those Lions District members that have given their hard serving hearts through a contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation, by a club or by their selfless sharing.

The Governor's Banquet will be entertaining and honor hard working lions throughout the district. Guest Speaker will be insightful, grateful, and motivating.

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>	Needs
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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



It is already March middle of the third quarter and projects are being planned to service your communities during the second half of the year and you're needing help with your project please check with the Texas Lions Foundation. I would like to ask clubs as they are planning their projects and are not giving to TLF, please look at start giving 100% or if you are already giving increase your club's giving to the T L F to 200%, or maybe 300% recognize someone with a TLF award. Donations can also be given by individuals in 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 <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

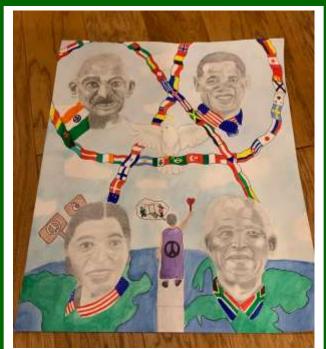


It is an honor to say that Killeen Noon Lions student, Clemente Rodriguez, won Second Place in the State Peace Poster contest. WhooHoo!

Peace Poster kits can be ordered from Lions Club International website now. The 2023-2024 theme is Dare to Dream. To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire - it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

If you have questions, please let me know and I'll be glad to help you with your order or questions.

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



Clemente Rodriguez's submission-2nd place in state sponsored by Killeen Noon Lions Club



International Peace Poster winner

SERVICE DOG FOR SKYLAR INFORMATION

In November of 2021, Skylar was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 15. Skylar is an athletic, outgoing kid, playing every sport he can. He's gearing up for his senior year of high school, and we are raising money to get a DAD (diabetic alert dog) through River's Edge Diabetic Alert Dogs for when he goes off to college. He has a lot of drops during his sleep that we currently wake him up for, and he won't have that when he's far from home.

His dog will be able to attend sporting events, school events, life events, and everything in between helping him stay safe! River's Edge Dog Academy

https://www.riversedgeda.com/

Solution, TX 77845

\$ 979-595-7959



HI,

My name is Skylar Pipkin on Nov 6th, 2020, my freshman year of high school and the day of my first varsity football playoff game I woke up not feeling well. I begged my mom to let me go to school and play if I didn't feel better, she could take me to the doctor Saturday. She agreed. My excitement and anticipation for the big game was short lived when I started feeling worse. I kept having to go to the restroom and I could not control my emotions. The school called my mom. She asked a few questions and decided to pick up a glucometer to bring with her. When she got to the school, she took my blood sugar. The results were HIGH!!!! Which meant my blood sugar was well over 600. I remember my mom being very calm as she told Ms. Glichrist. 'I'm taking Skylar to the ER I'm pretty sure he is in diabetic ketoacidosis. I will keep you all informed. "At that moment I suddenly became scared, overwhelmed, and terrified I was going to die. It was the longest ride ever to Huntsville. Once we got to the hospital my mom knew the nurse and told her, what she thought was wrong. I was immediately taken to a bed, IV started, labs drawn, and the nurse ask a lot of questions. My whole world was literally spinning out of control. A few minutes later the doctor came in he was taiking to my mom, he told her I was being transferred to Texas Children's ICU. I thought ICU that's where people die, that's where my grand daddy was when he died. So, I got the courage to ask the doctor myself point blank was I going to die. The doctor sat down beside me and said "You are very sick, the next 24- 48 will be critical. Your body was in what we call metabolic acidosis, and your blood sugar is very high. We will do everything we can." When you are a kid hearing this it is very terrifying. All I cold do is hug my mom and cry. I have never been so scared. After a week in TCH, I came home to a new way of life. I now must give myself a longacting insulin shot in the AM and a short acting insulin shot every time I eat more than 20 carbs. I do ok and if you see me on the field, court, track or in public I still look and act like a normal kid, but I have a lot of lows and when i'm low, i'm not good at waking up to my Dexcom. My mom has had to have the neighbors come crawl through the window, beat on the door and beat on the windows to try and arouse me enough to get up and get sugar in me while she has been at work and at night, she doesn't sleep well worried she will not hear my alarm go off when my sugar drops. When I'm at games, my sugar has dropped and she has noticed it or she gets my Dexcom notification, she has had to notify the principle or someone who is at the games to get me a snack out of my bag. My mom asks my TCH doctor about a diabetic dog last year, since I do experience lows and she said they were very beneficial, and after talking to several training facilities and actual parents with kids who have diabetic dogs, she started trying to find a training facility that would work for me. We finally found one that was local, and we visited it last month. After talking with the trainer, they would really like me to have a dog by July or August so I can start my senior year with my dog. This will allow me to go work with the dogs and the trainer at his facility to ensure that I find the right dog for me. (I'm hoping Charlie and I will be a match.) Then once I get my dog home since we are local, the trainer will be able to come to some of my games and make sure that I understand and am doing everything right before I graduate and head off to college. My dog will be able to go to school, all events, travel with me in high school and college keeping me safe from those dreaded lows and highs. (Diabetic dogs can tell before my Dexcom when it comes to lows and highs.) The cost is very expensive it is 25,000 for the dog and training. My family has been trying to find ways to get the funds so I can start training but, it is going to be hard, my morn is a single mom, she must buy my insulin, pay my medical bills, and help my sister in college with no help from my dad so there is not much left over to cover the 25,000. I would appreciate your help in this process.

Thank you for your consideration,

Skylan Rightan



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





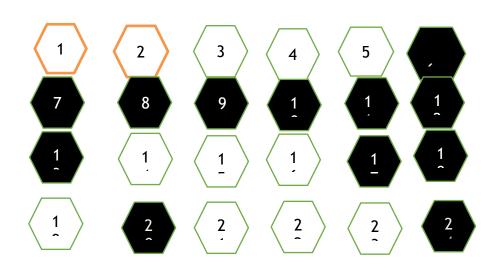


TEMPLE BREAKFAST LIONS MUSIC FESTIVAL BENEFIT

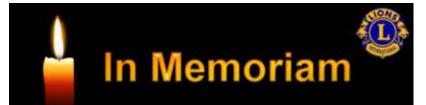
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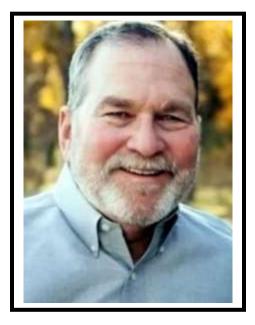
COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP \$500.00

LEVEL#1) Business vendor 10x10 vendor spot & logo rotated on the giant screen on the Main stage during intermission and mentioned by emcee and on radio ads. Request an application.
LEVEL#2) VIP For fans & friends provides table seating directly in front of the stage for 8 people, VIP parking. Meet & Greet Performing Artist. Contact: Roney 254-228-9484



STAGE





Above: Killeen Noon Lions bade farewell to Lion Randall Curtis. Lion Randall served his club for 31 years and stayed active because he really believed in the mission of Lions. Below: Clifton Lions said goodbye to Lion Dr. Don Gloff who served their club for 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.



Dr. Gloff receiving his 50year pin from PCC Lion Ray Harper



Left: Groesbeck Lions said goodbye to Lion Brenda Fox wife of President Cliff Fox. Lion Brenda always had a smile on her face and a kind word for each person who walked into Lions Club. She was willing to help with any project in any way she could, and was known as the best shopper for the club needs. Lion Brenda served on many committees, contributing her ideas, time and problemsolving skills. Lion Brenda will be missed!

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



GATESVILLE

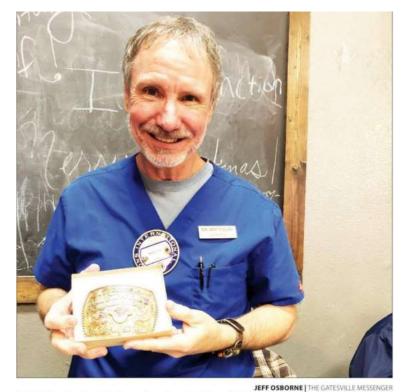


JEFF OSBORNE | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGE

Charles Talbott, center, the Gatesville Lions Club president, holds a bowl of chili during the 46th Annual Homer Davis Memorial Chili Supper on Jan. 27 in the Gatesville High School cafeteria. Standing with him are Jorge Trujillo, district hunger chair, Randi Wilde, first vice district governor, Darie McCleaves, district governor, and Renee Kettler, second vice district governor.



A warm welcome to our newest member Eric Moffett! He just moved here with his family and is the pastor at CCC. Thank you to Lion Creek for being his sponsor.



Dr. Brit Clay, a local veterinarian and member of the Gatesville Lions Club, had the winning bid of \$300 for this belt buckle. Proceeds will benefit the Cody Stephens Foundation, which works to promote heart screening programs and to raise awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.



BELTON: MARK A BELLOMY CHRISTIAN CREE CHILDS AMY J YEAGER

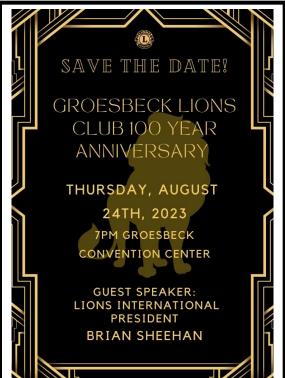
GROESBECK: ANTHONY FIGUEROA APRIL LECLAIR

KILLEEN NOON: ISRAEL CORTEZ ISOLEAN YOUNG

PALESTINE: RUTH A COOK STEVE MOREAU

We cannot do all the good in the world. But the world needs all the good that Lions can do !





GROESBECK

Groesbeck Lions would like to invite you to their 100th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday August 24th at 7:00 pm at the Groesbeck Convention Center. Please mark your calendars now to come hear our guest speaker Lions International President Brian Sheehan.

HEWITT



On Monday, February 27, 2023 at the Hewitt Lions Club Meeting, Detective Joseph Scaramucci, McLennan County Sheriff's Office/Homeland Security Investigations discussed Human Trafficking. Thank you, Detective Scaramucci for the presentation.

Pictured: Detective Scaramucci in the center with the club members On Wednesday, February 15, 2023 the Hewitt Lions Club with the Waco Founders Club performed eye screening at the West Texas High School Health Fair. The eye screenings were very much appreciated by all- teachers, students, parents and many vendors.



HILLSBORO

The Hillsboro Lions Club kicked off the new year with a great series of speakers! We also hosted our annual Chili lunch and it may have been our best yet.



The Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Dr. Peter Cornell representing the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Dr. Cornell shared the events that are coming up in the area, including a day of fun for children.

Pictured is Lion Dr. David Skelton with Dr. Peter Cornell



Art Mann(right) presented Mike Ryan from Gate Precast. Mike is responsible for the daily operation of the architectural and structural facilities in Hillsboro, TX. He spoke to the Lions about Gate's current projects - including their involvement in the National Medal of Honor Museum. The Hillsboro Gate Precast facility produces both architectural and structural precast.



Lion Lynn Gray (right) presented Head Coach & Assistant AD Swede Trenkle who gave us an update on our very own Hill College Rebels basketball teams.



Lion Levin Ainsworth (left) introduced Mr. Wayne Elmore who presented a program about his horrific accident and the changes he made in his life and attitude during recovery. He's written a book and his story is being considered for a movie. The name of the book is "Inspire Before You Retire".

Right: Real Estate Market Trends in Hillsboro

Lion Jamie Siddons introduced Bradley Dragoo, Branch Manager from Fairway Mortgage. Brad discussed the current real estate market and what mortgage lenders are doing to help buyers.





Hubbard Lions sponsored the annual sweetheart banquet.



KILLEEN EVENING

Our Program Speaker guest Matthew Irvine, the Director of the Killeen Convention and Visitors Bureau, Vivian Marschek of Killeen Kiwanis Club, and 1stVP/Leo Advisor Angelica Acosta getting her Key Membership Award 02/07/2023







Walmart Concessions Fundraiser 02/11-12/2023





Right: Killeen Food Care Center Project 02/18/2023





Charter Night with Guest Speaker PCC Ray Harper 02/18/2023















KILLEEN NOON

The Killeen Noon Lions Club continued its support to the Texas Humane Heroes animal shelter, Ronald McDonald House, and the homeless in Killeen with its monthly donations. We also held two bingo sessions at the Rosewood for residents, with a lively Valentines Day session that included themed headbands for all participants. Lions Leslie Holman, Kathy Logan, Barbara Bessong, Brockley Moore, Jack Humfleet, Danny Murphy, and Joe Holman were recognized at the Killeen Food Care Center awards banquet for over 100 service hours each at the Center over the past year. The club was also privileged to induct two members, Isolean Young and Israel Cortez, both which already have enthusiastically begun their service to the community. Congratulations to Isolean's sponsor Lion Brockley and Israel's sponsor Lion Kathy, for bringing these new members. The club is also actively planning for its annual golf tournament in April.



Killeen Food Care Center awards



Humane Heroes donation



ONE random act of KINDNESS at a time.



New member Israel Cortez



Lion Barbara



New member Isolean Young



Valentine Bingo



MCGREGOR

Right: Club members continue to "round-up" silent auction items for our April 14-16 Annual Barrels, BBQ, and Car Show at Extraco Events Center in Waco. Items include everything from horse panels, water troughs, deer protein and corn, Magnolia Silos gift basket, Waco Tours tickets, Top Golf tickets, soap basket, crystal decanter, fresh eggs, and more! The event will support the McGregor ISD Education Foundation. A registration flyer for the Saturday, April 15 Car Show, is included in the newsletter. If you can drive it, roll it, or drop ship it, we encourage you to enter. After the conclusion of the car show, you are required to take it home with you without regard to the method of delivery to the event.





Left: McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara gave us a very enlightning program, "What Every Person Should Know About Self-Protection" at home, while driving, and other occasions. He concluded by reminding us "**Self-defense is a basic human right**, not only a right but an obligation you have to yourself, your family, and loved ones to survive."

PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions Club held their Nerf War fundraiser on Saturday, Feb 11th. The participants had a fun time!







Piney Woods Cont'd

Piney Woods Lions Club held the monthly free Produce Distribution on Feb 20th. We received 18 pallets with 13 full of produce and 5 a mix of frozen goods. The produce included sweet potatoes, Idaho potatoes, onions, cauliflower, cabbage, and a small amount of mixed berries and assorted cut fruit. There were also baked goods, some buttermilk, some potato salad, and 40-pound boxes of frozen chicken (drumsticks and chicken breasts). It was unusually warm for February.



ROBINSON AREA





1VDG Lion Randi Wilde and Lion Linda Vaughn attended the chili lunch fundraiser sponsored by the Hillsboro Lions.



We had Kevin Lane of the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of American visit our club and fill us in on our new responsibilities as charter sponsor for Pack 1311.

Robinson Area Cont'd

We had a Facetime visit with 1VDG Lion Randi Wilde and Lion Tebo Richards from Lions International.





Robinson Area Lions served dinner for the Blue and Gold Ceremony for Boy Scouts Pack 1311. We were also able to donate \$150 which equates to scholarships for 2 scouts' dues.



Lion Jorge Trujillo and Lion Linda Vaughn at the Clifton Lions pancake dinner fundraiser

Right: Our first guest speaker of the month was Michael Apodaca and he spoke to us about the Casas Por Cristo ministry.

Far Right: Our second guest speaker of the month was Lion Dick Chapin who spoke to us about the Texas Lion's Camp.









We had the privilege of doing vision screenings at the Feed My Sheep Walk-In Clinic at the Salado High School. We also partnered with the Temple Breakfast Lions Club as they were there handing out goodie bags. What a tremendous event this was!







TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES

We made both our monthly meetings at the Belton VFW post, lively and memorable! Decorating Valentine cookies was so much fun! Lion Kathy Brandt, M.I.A. from Club involvement for a time, rejoined us for the activity.

1st Vice District Governor Randi Wilde from Robinson Area Lions had a guest with her the night she talked at a meeting. The 'We Are Small Pieces of a Larger Puzzle" idea was logical to LCI members. We thrived on the insight 1 Vice DG Randi presented, sharing some ideas of how she'll lead the District in the next Lion Year.

Lion Lorna and Lion Lea performed vision screenings at our partner non-profit, Body of Christ. Twelve of 19 people tested got referrals.

We have much work to do getting ready for a big, big garage sale 22APR!







TEMPLE BREAKFAST



Salado Lions Club and Temple Breakfast Lions Club teamed up to vision screen and hand out blessing bags for the kids during our recent Feed My Sheep free pediatric clinic in Salado. Together We Can!





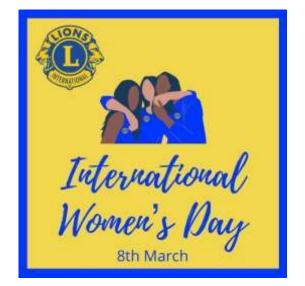
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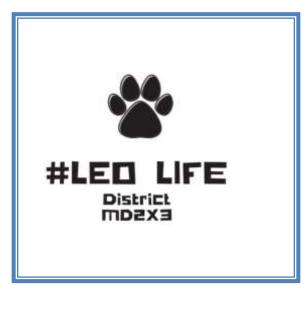
They say February can be the "love" month. Hopefully as lions we are all expressing our "love" toward others as we serve those in need. WWLC expressed their love for children in need by supplying valentine cards and craft items to the Texas Children's Hospital for Valentine's Day. Lion Melissa Sieh delivered the cards and crafts before February 14th so the students had plenty of time to complete their craft and sign their cards.

Lion Sharon Harper and PDG Ray Harper celebrated with Killeen Evening Lions their 58th year as Lions. WhooHoo! Lion Sharon is also organizing a Clean Up Day in March with her Meridian Leos at the Texas Lions Camp. She is one busy lion!

As we move into the Spring months, WWLC as Lions can't wait to share our upcoming Garage Sale extravaganza with McGregor Lions and cheering on our latest opportunity as a T-Ball Sponsor. Pictures forth coming!









PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leos made homemade Valentine's Day Cards to deliver to a local assisted living home.



Right: The Piney Woods Leo Club held their monthly meeting on Feb 5. The Leos have been busy recruiting, and Leo President Ariana Gonzalez inducted 5 new members during this meeting. As we enter the 8th month of this year, they have already set a new record for the number of new Leos recruited in one year.





Piney Woods Cont'd

Piney Woods Leos helped the Lions with their Nerf War fundraiser on Nov 11th.











Piney Woods Leos delivered their homemade Valentine's Day cards, longstemmed roses, and Mardi Gras beads to the residents of Enchanted Pines. The residents appreciated the gifts, but enjoyed seeing the Leos even more.





Piney Woods Leo Club President Ariana Gonzalez inducted new Leo Keegan Fields at the Feb 26 Leo Club Meeting. \rightarrow





Right: The club received a thank you card from the Adopt a Grandparent project for assembling the Christmas ornaments for the seniors. \rightarrow





