

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-X3



NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 01



Belive in the I'Mpossible

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"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'"-

Audrey Hepburn



Lion Randi Wilde
District Governor

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Believe

We as a leadership team are so excited for the upcoming Lions year. 2023-2024 is going to be a fantastic Lions Year!

We have some goals that each club should strive for this coming year. First, is the Club Excellence Award from Lions Clubs International. The criteria to achieve this award is the following: 1. **Membership** – achieve a net growth of one or more members or Charter a new Lions Club or Club Branch. 2. **Service** – Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by \$5, started a new service project (consider one of our Global Causes!), & List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to LCI. 3. **Leadership & Organizational Excellence** – Club is in Good Standing: Not Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than \$50 outstanding 90 days or more, Reported Club Officers to LCI, & Key Officers participate in club officer training. 4. **Marketing** – The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media. We have all year to achieve these goals. We can do this!

Second, is for every club to be a net 2 growth in membership. Just Ask! Ask your neighbors, ask your co-workers, and ask your friends! It is surprising how many people we ask about Lions that say, "I was waiting for you to ask me to come to a meeting!" So many people in our communities want to serve; however, do not know who to ask about it. Let us ask them to help us serve our communities. The more hands we have the more service we can do!

We look forward to serving with each Lion in 2-X3 this coming year! #BelieveInTheImpossible

Mark Your Calendars

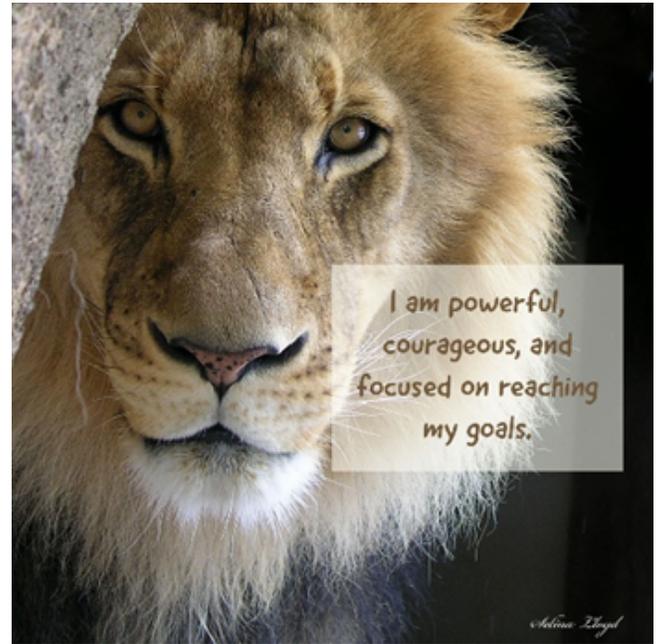
"Eighty percent of success is showing up."
- Woody Allen



District Cabinet Meetings

- August 11-12, 2023: Hillsboro, TX
- October 28, 2023: Salado, TX
- January 27, 2024: McGregor, TX
- April 26-27, 2024: Waco, TX

- July 28, 2023 - Riesel Lions Club Sweetheart Parade and Movie
- August 3, 2023 - Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament
- August 24, 2023 - Groesbeck Lions Club 100 Year Celebration
- October 7, 2023 - Lions On The Leon

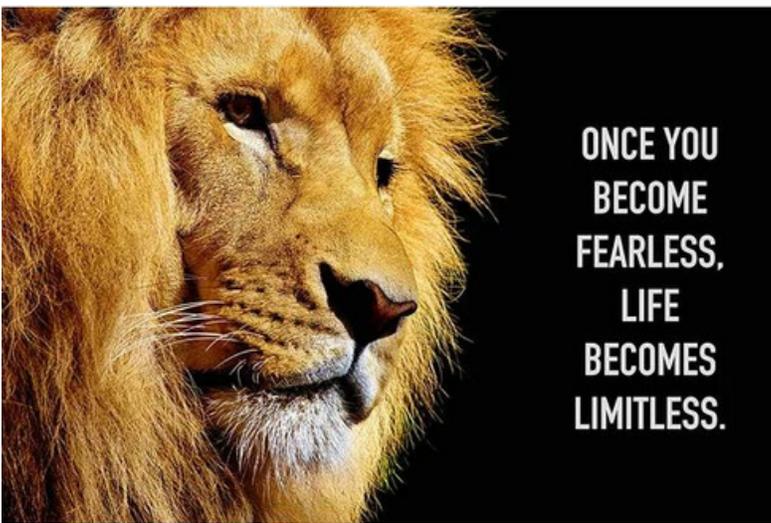


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It's the beginning of a new Lion year. Wow! As we begin another year, I would like to reflect on and look ahead to the vision of Lionism. Helping others, serving our communities and being a beacon of light in a world in need.

Meeting Lions from around the world has given me an insight of a universal language and a way to communicate with those who are not traditional English speaking. A touch, a smile, a hug...this all means so much. A simple gesture can change someone's world. You maybe one person in this universe...but to someone you are the universe.

Be the Lion someone needs...#drinkthekoolaid



Lion Stacey Phillips
Second Vice District Governor

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Happy New Year to All Lions in 2-X3!

They said it would be here before I knew I and here it is! I am looking forward to being a part of all the amazing things the Lions of 2-X3 are going to accomplish.

As we begin our new Lions year, let's recommit to serving and strengthening our communities. Whether through holding a club office, participating in a club event, or starting a new service project in your community, there are numerous opportunities to serve.

Encourage your clubs to find innovative ways to serve and new strategies to strengthen the membership for your club and the district. The goals the District Governor has set for the coming year are well within our reach!

Keep up the amazing work your clubs are doing in your communities; you are making a difference every day!

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



JUNE 2023



Grapeland Noon Lions Club

- Lion Tami Barugh (Sponsor: Lion Velda Green)
- Lion David Maass (Sponsor: Lion Martha Childress)

Groesbeck Lions Club

- Lion Stacy Glezman (Sponsor: Lion David Glezman)

Salado Lions Club

- Lion Lynette Jones (Sponsor: Lion Stephen Lazarus)

Temple Founder Lions Club

- Lion Annie McCall (Sponsor: Lion David Southerland)



MD2-X3 Cabinet Meeting 2023

Believe in the I'Mpossible



Saturday, August 12, 2023
First United Methodist Church
Family Life Center
315 E. Elm St.
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Registration opens at 8:30 am
Cabinet Meeting begins at 9:30 am

Club Name:				
Name:	Title:	Friday Night Social (FREE):	Saturday Cabinet Meeting (\$30):	Amount Due:
# of Attendees:		Total Amount Due:		

FREE Friday Night Social
Roadside America Museum
212 E Elm St.
Hillsboro, TX 76645
6:30 pm

\$30.00 per attendee

Breakfast and Lunch provided by Hillsboro Lions Club

Make checks payable to Hillsboro Lions Club
PO Box 175
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Please RSVP by Friday August 4th

For more information, email questions to Hillsboro Lions Club, Lion Liz Schneider lizschneider@go2liz.com

Holiday Inn Express
102 Dynasty Dr.
Hillsboro, TX 76645

La Quinta Inn & Suites
1513 Old Brandon Rd
Hillsboro, TX 76645



Texas Lions Camp 30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament



TITLE SPONSOR

JAMES AVERY
Forging Hope

August 3, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM Shotgun Start
Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course ~ Fredericksburg, Texas

FLORIDA SCRAMBLE

Entry Fee: \$130.00 per person/\$520 for team of Four until July 3, 2023
\$150.00 per person/\$600 for team of Four after July 3, 2023

4 Players per Team: Limited to 32 Teams

Team Prizes: Based on number of team entries

Individual Hole Prizes: You must play the shot to win the Prize.
Longest Drive - Back Nine and Straightest Drive - Front Nine
Closest to the Pin / All Par 3's and Drawing for Door Prizes

Breakfast Tacos
6:45 AM – 9:00 AM
Anniversary Lunch
Noon – 2:00 PM

Hole-In-One
New Vehicle
Sponsored By:
Crenwelge Automotive Group
Fredericksburg & Kerrville, Texas

Send Entries to: Fredericksburg Lions Club
Lester Frantzen, Tournament Director
P. O. Box 3402
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
Phone: 830-342-7051
Email: lcfrazier@gmail.com

Entry Form

30th Annual TLC Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament – August 3, 2023 – planned 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Make Checks Payable to: **Fredericksburg Lions Club** Amount Enclosed \$ _____

ENTRY FORM WITHOUT CORRECT ACCOMPANYING FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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| <p>1) Team Contact _____
 Phone: () _____
 Email: _____
 Lions Club: _____
 Address, City, Zip _____</p> | <p>2) Name: _____
 Phone: () _____
 Email: _____
 Lions Club: _____
 Address, City, Zip: _____</p> |
| <p>3) Name: _____
 Phone: () _____
 Email: _____
 Lions Club: _____
 Address, City, Zip: _____</p> | <p>4) Name: _____
 Phone: () _____
 Email: _____
 Lions Club: _____
 Address, City, Zip: _____</p> |

Entry Confirmation:

Entry Form confirmation will be sent by email only. If you do not list an email address for your team, you will not receive a confirmation.



Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up



For Century Club - It's "Service from the Heart"

If you aren't a member of the TLC Century Club, please "**Sign Up**"; if you are a member, consider "**Stepping Up**" to the next level; and if you were a member but dropped out, consider "**Catching Up**" (i.e., come back in).

What is Texas Lions Camp Century Club? It's an individual annual giving program, and as such, it is giving from you own heart, independent of Club budgets or fund raisers. It is one of the life bloods of our operating budget, that in normal times sends 1500 children with special needs to Texas Lions Camp every year, and yet less than 5% of Texas Lions are members.

Who can be a Century Club Member? Anyone can be a member. You don't have to be a Lion. It can be family or friends. You can even be a non-Texan, but it is our Texas Lions who are the backbone of the Century Club.

What does it cost to be a member? You can give your gift annually, or you can give monthly. A Bronze member is \$100 (\$10 if monthly); Silver is \$250; Gold \$500; Diamond is \$1,000; & Ambassador is \$5,000. Membership automatically renews each year, so members should join with the intention of making their same gift each year or even increasing their level.

How do I enroll or Step Up? Go to www.lionscamp.com, click on "Get Involved" and go to "Donate Now". There you will find "Ways to Give". Click that open and select "Century Club". If you scroll down, you will see the option to enroll online or to download and print out the form to send to the Camp directly.

Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up is a 3-year drive to beef up our Century Club membership for the Texas Lions Camp, as a birthday present to Texas Lions Camp on it's 75th Anniversary in 2024. Today we have half the number of Texas Lions, supporting twice the number of campers at twice the cost, as we did some 30 years ago. If we reach our goal of **2 new Century Club members/club/year** over the next 3 Lions years, we will generate an additional annual income of \$500,000, which would generate 15% of our operating budget, and help us keep serving our special children into the future.

Two per Club (6 over 3 years) is doable. "**Signing Up**" as a new Bronze member at \$10/mo. (\$120/yr.) counts as one; but a new Silver (\$250) counts as 2; Gold (\$500) is the same as 4 Bronze; etc. Likewise, "**Stepping Up**" from Bronze to Silver counts as a +1; Bronze to Gold adds the equivalent of 3 new Bronzes; going from Silver to Gold is the same as 2 new Bronzes, etc.

\$500,000/year – now that's some 75th Birthday present!

There's a saying at TLC that "ALL CAN DO". Yes, Texas Lions, 2/Club/Yr. WE CAN DO IT.

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.

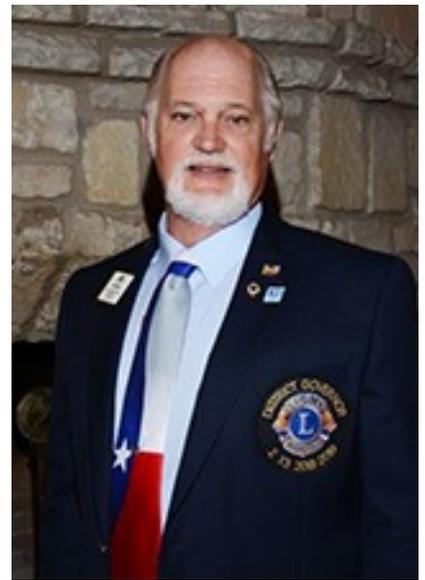
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Texas Lions Foundation



Well, here we are in the beginning of a new Lion year. I would like to welcome all our club's new officers. I look forward to talking with you soon about Texas Lions Foundation. If your club is not giving 100% to the (TLF) foundation, I ask that you please consider starting. If your club is giving 100%, I ask you to consider maybe 200% which is only \$4.00 per member.

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.

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 [MD-2 Lions of Texas \(texaslions.org\)](http://MD-2.Lions.of.Texas.texaslions.org). Just click on resources and you will find the Foundations link.

I am available to come to your club or come online if you are meeting on line 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 MD2-X3



Texas Lions Museum and Office

I would like to introduce myself to District 2-X3 as your new Texas Lions Museum and Office Trustee for the next three years. I'm PDG Lawrence L. Sanchez from the Killeen Evening Lions Club. I live at 2004 Kenyon Street, Killeen Texas. My email address is lasertag9850@gmail.com My Cellular number is 254-466-5037.

The Texas Lions Museum will be having an accreditation of museums from the American Alliance of Museums. District 2-X3 membership has been a big part of the success to get the accreditation. Thank you for your donations every year.

As your Museum Trustee it is my responsibility to keep you inform of the progress and encourage you to visit and place your clubs and district history. The history of our district is great since 1958 when the District X was divided into three parts which was District X-1, X-2, and X-3. My responsibility is to encourage Lions to donate to the Museum by honoring the Lions with a Ebb Grindstaff Fellowship award or a Life Membership award. Those clubs that want to honor a members for their dedication to the club is a way to say thank you, to those who deserve the recognition for their work.

I would like to recognize the hard work the PDG Joe Holman, he has an instrument of great help for the Texas Lions Museum, three year of traveling and making club visits when invited to do so.

If you need a visit, of any help to honor a member please give me a call and we can setup a date for me to come to you and make a presentation.

There will be Soft Grand Opening of Museum on August 3-5, 2023. Open from 08:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There will be new displays to see, so come up for a day to see our history for 106 year.

PDG Lawrence L. Sanchez
TLM&O Trustee



B.C. Seely

District Peace Poster Contest Chairperson

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Hello District 2-X3 Members,

Now is the time to order your Peace Poster kit. Peace Poster kits can be ordered from Lions Club International website now

The Peace Poster kits are now on sale through Lions Club International,
<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/other-ways-to-serve/contests/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

The 2023-2024 theme is **Dare to Dream**. This year, we are asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality. 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. Ask them to share their dream through art.

Just as a reminder, your contestant(s) can be someone from your neighborhood, youth group, church, family, day care and/or school. The contest is open to all students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15th .

If you have questions, contact me.

B.C Seely

BELTON

Capt D and Crew of the Belton Lions Club heartily enjoyed the Belton 4th of July Independence Day Parade! Thank you to the City of Belton, the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, and to all the Staff and Volunteers for the coordinated dedication to making this event smooth sailing - Thank Ye Mateys!



Build you a boat and mark your calendar to join us at the Lions on the Leon - Picnic and Wacky Boat Race, scheduled for October 7th! <http://www.BeltonLionsClub.com>

Happy 4th of July!

Saturday, October 7th
Heritage Park on
the Leon River

Compete for Trophies:
Cardboard Category
Wacky Open Category
Business Commercial
Civic Organizations
Individual / Family

Elimination Heats - Jackpot Race

Race Winner(s) - People's Choice
President's Award - Cardboard Class

BeltonLionsClub.com



CORSICANA

The Corsicana Lions Club donated a Golf Cart to the Texas Lions Camp in May. We purchased it and had it painted by Jordan Body Shop in Corsicana. They did all of the improvements and donated their time and money to our Club.

The Golf Cart was delivered to the Camp by Lion Ernest Kauffman and Lion Dan Owen.



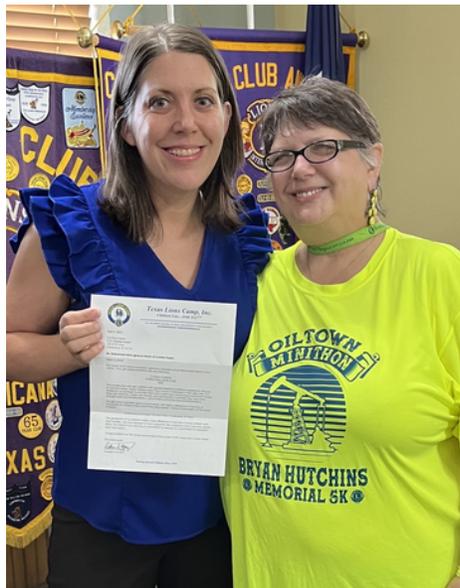
Above: Dennis Wilson was presented a Life Membership to the Texas Lions Camp for his service in our Club.

Above: President Melissa Gray was presented the Lion of the Year Award presented by last year's award winner Vicki Bennett.

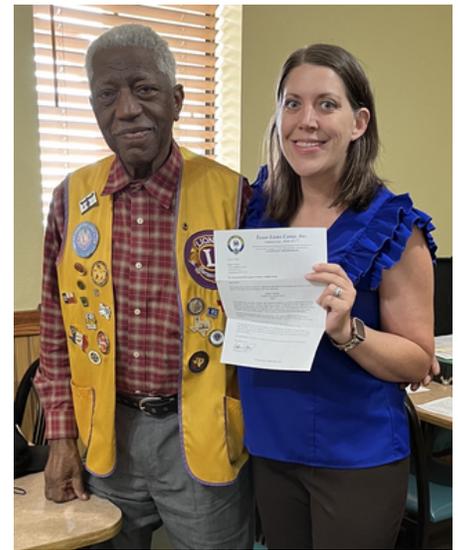
Below and following: New officers were installed and awards were handed out.



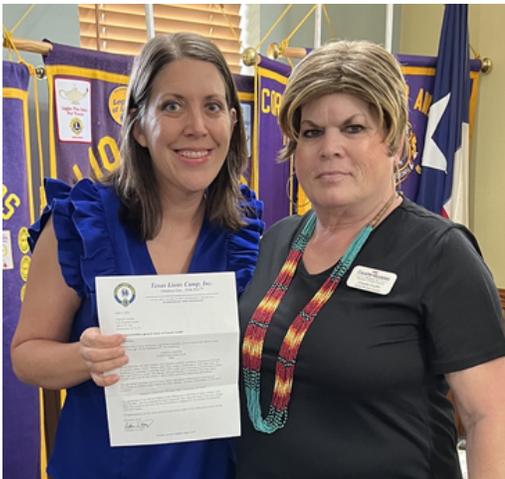
JoAnn Pierson was presented a Life Membership to the Texas Lions Camp for her service in our Club



Cyndi Parrish received an Endowment Brick for her service to our club



Elbert Turner was given an Endowment Brick at the Texas Lions Camp for his service in our club



Left: Cheryl Chaffin was presented with an Endowment Brick for her service to our Club



Right: Derek Kester received a Life Membership at the Texas Lions Camp for his service to our club.



Left: Diane Taylor was inducted into the Corsicana Lions Club



The Corsicana Lions Club presented Five Scholarships to students that will going off to College in the Fall. Lion Gloria Garcia, Lion Pres. Melissa Gray and Lion Marsha Banks.

GATESVILLE

June 7, 2023 - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLATION

Our sincere thanks to the “District Installing Officers”: DG Darie McCleaves, DGE Randi Wilde, and 1VDGE Renee Kettler

2023-2024 Officers and Directors



President: Jeremy Stills; First VP: Eric Moffett; Second VP: Oliver Puhr; Secretary: Shawnee Miller;
Treasurer: Richard
Shook; Lion Tamer: Carroll Hamilton; Asst. Lion Tamer: Ed Leach; Tail Twister: Britt Clay; Asst. Tail
Twister: Scott Johnson;
Song Leader: Kathy Harte; Membership Director: Linda Klontz; Past President: Charles Talbott;
Executive Secretary:
Rhonda Mohler

2023-2024 Directors: Denise Veach, Linda Klontz, Alan Mathis
2023-2025 Directors: James Marques, Greg Couture, Dora Jean Dyson

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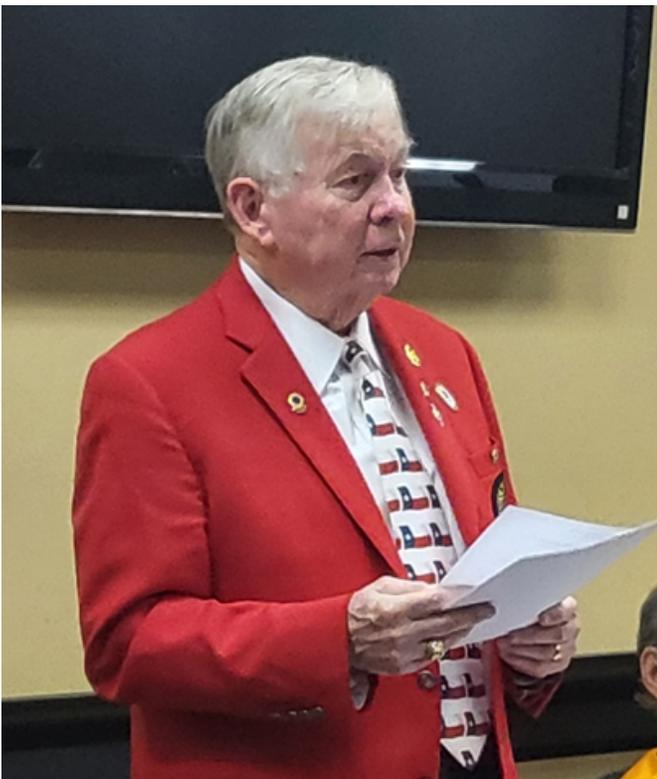
On Monday June 26, 2023 the Hewitt Lions Club installed new officers and presented the Lion of the Year Award. The installation dinner was attended by many spouses and was held at a Hampton Inn. A barbeque dinner was available.



Walt Becker (Outgoing President) presents (Incoming President) Larry Hartgroves with club gavel.



Hewitt Lions Club New Officers and Directors for 2023-2024



PDG Lion John Noles installed the officers



Walt Becker was selected as the Lion of the Year for the club!

HILLSBORO

Hillsboro Lions installed new officers and handed out awards at their last meeting. DGE Lion Randi Wilde was present to perform the installations.



Appreciation award to Katharine Mathys for over 10 years of service and 10 years as club secretary. Awarded by Club president Cami Steele.

Right: Citizens of the Year awarded to Mission Hillsboro Medical Clinic which is a free clinic for those in need. Includes a dental clinic. MHMC is one of the benevolences the Hillsboro Lions Club supports.



Rookie of the Year awarded to Lion Hilary Reinhard.





Outgoing Board



Lions who received their Keys for sponsoring a new member. Liz Schneider, Lynette Hearrall, Lea Sanders, Cami Steele and Kenny Nowlin



Texas Lions Museum donors with Club President. Jennifer Nowlin and Lenn Williams



Lion of the Year - Incoming Club President
Chuck Smith

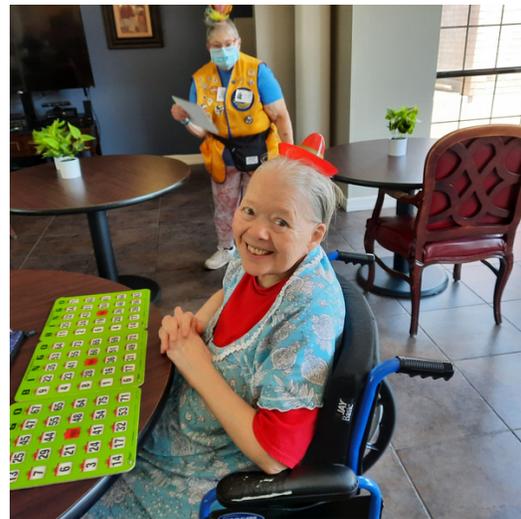


KILLEEN NOON

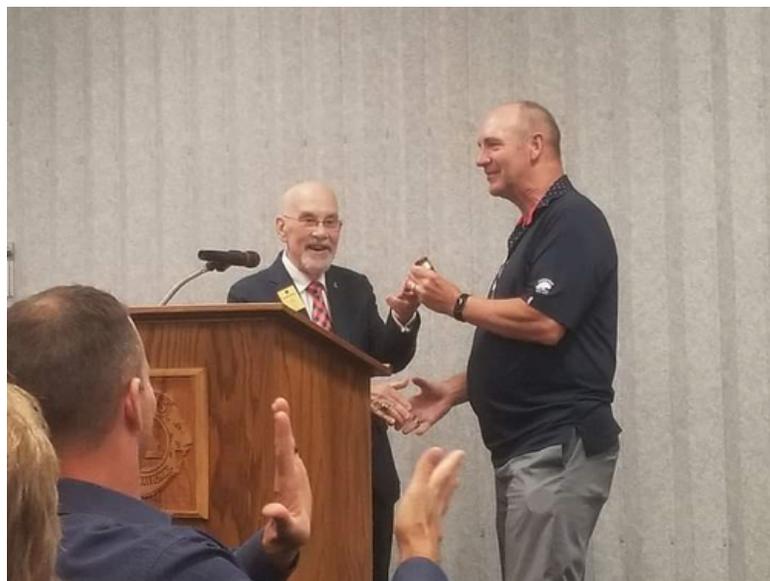
The Killeen Noon Lions Club continued its support to the Ronald McDonald House, and the homeless in Killeen with its monthly donations. We held two bingo sessions at the Rosewood for residents. PDG Richard Surface returned to the club to install the 2023-2024 officers (and to renew friendships and catch up on gossip). During the banquet, Boss Lion Will Montrose announced Lion Barbara Bessong as the Lion of the Year. Lion Barbara hit the ground running even before she became a Lion, putting in countless hours at the Killeen Food Care Center, as well as assisting with the Club's bi-weekly bingo at the Rosewood Retirement Home.



DPS Sgt Washko addresses
Killeen Noon Lions



Bingo time!



PDG Surface congratulates outgoing Boss Lion Will

PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions Club held the monthly free produce distribution on Monday, June 19th. The East Texas Food Bank sent us 13 pallets with watermelons, onions, potatoes, and a variety of mixed produce.



Piney Woods Lions volunteered at the East Texas Food Bank on Saturday, June 10th. It was our first experience sorting 270 donated boxes of food, and packing 4,800 pounds of food boxes.





Piney Woods Lions sold sausage burritos at the Piney Woods Fine Arts outdoor summer concert (Queen tribute) on Friday, June 16th.



Piney Woods Lions picked up trash for 2 miles along Loop 304 in Crockett on Saturday, June 24. We picked up 14 bags of trash for Adopt-a-Highway.



ROBINSON AREA

Robinson Area Lions had a fun time at their second annual cornhole tournament fundraiser. We more than doubled our players from the year before and had a very successful event. Some of the funds from this event were donated to our local Boy Scouts.



Robinson Area celebrated the end of the Lion year with a dinner at Luigi's. Our very own DGE Lion Randi Wilde was on hand to install our new officers. Another new member was inducted, and Lion Keith received his 10-year Chevron



SALADO



We had a great crew for our highway cleanup this month. A huge thanks to Lions Billy Thompson, Lynette Jones, Tom and Cathy Lathan, Ray Don McIntosh, Bill Taff, Kim and Erin Bird, Larry and Maurine Nathanson, Jim Athey, and of course to Lion Joe Keyes for continuing to lead this work!

We were so pleased to have Alfred D. Palmieri from the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport with us this month!



Salado Lion's Installation



Our club continues to grow! We are pleased to have Lynette Jones as a new Salado Lion. Her sponsor is Lion Steve Lazarus.



We had another wonderful Lion's Installation Banquet! Frank and Cathy provided another wonderful meal. We thank Lion Jasen Graham for his wonderful year of service as our president and we look forward to new incoming President, Lion Beth Aycock! Good luck also to all of our returning and new officers and let's have a great new Lion year!

WACO FOUNDER

Waco Founder Lions awarded Willie Hobbs Jr. posthumously for his help in getting the Waco Freedom Fountain built. The fountain is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Freedom Fountain hits 50th anniversary

Waco Trib 6/19/23
CHRISTOPHER DE LOS SANTOS
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The Waco Founder Lions Club commemorated the 50th anniversary of the downtown Freedom Fountain this week by awarding the widow and daughter of Willie Hobbs Jr., an active Lion for 51 years who helped to get the fountain built.

Club President Phillip Crawford presented a certificate of merit Wednesday to Barbara Hobbs, who was Willie's wife for 66 years, and their daughter, Gail Hobbs. Willie Hobbs died Jan. 12 at the age of 89. The Freedom Fountain, between the Waco Convention Center and the Waco Hilton, was a result of efforts by a group known as Waco's



Hobbs

Committee of Twelve, including Willie Hobbs, to advocate for better treatment of prisoners of war. In the early 1970s, the group took petitions to Vietnam War peace talks in Paris.

"The Freedom Fountain meant so much to my father, getting the letters and signatures to Paris," Gail Hobbs said. "I go there sometimes to reflect, and I encourage everyone to go there and reflect."

The Committee of Twelve flew to Paris on April 10, 1971 to visit the Vietnam War peace talks,

said Gayle Avant, a former Baylor University political science professor. Representing a cross section of residents, the group brought 40,825 letters and petition signatures calling for improved treatment for prisoners of war to give to the North Vietnamese negotiators.

"They were frustrated because the North Vietnamese didn't accept the signatures," Avant said. "They had to leave the petition and signatures on a table in the room where they met with the negotiators. The negotiators wouldn't let them hand over the papers."

The Committee of Twelve,

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Fountain

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under the leadership of then-Mayor Karl May and Chair Cullen Smith, included Willie Hobbs, then-Waco Tribune-Herald editor Harry Provence, Ed Brigham, Baylor student body President Manuel Gonzales, Jack Flanders, Richard Hill, Nadine Baldwin, Linda Hamilton, Carroll Fadal and Gary Jinks.

Returning to Waco after a week in Paris without having fully accomplished what they set out to do, the group thought of building a Freedom Fountain along the Brazos River, or elsewhere in Waco,

to inspire freedom for POWs, for Americans and for all people around the world, Avant said.

Dedicated May 21, 1973, the fountain stands near the Waco Convention Center and it has the word "freedom" written around it in 54 languages. The Committee of Twelve and other supporters raised nearly \$50,000 to pay for design and construction of the fountain.

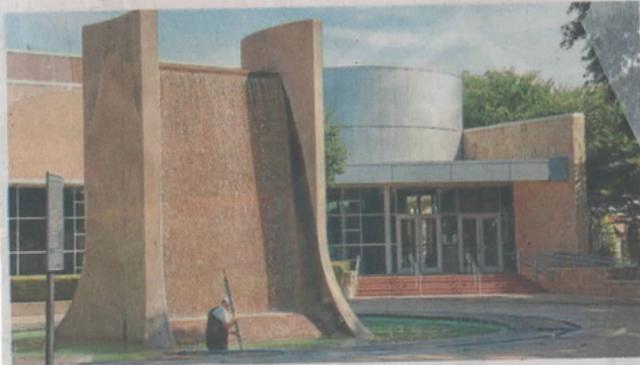
At the dedication, two freed POWs attended: Col. George Hall, whose wife lived in Waco during his captivity, and Capt. Ronald Bliss, who went on to attend law school at Baylor University.

Willie Hobbs was born in Mexia in 1933. He met his wife, Barbara,

in the library at Prairie View A&M University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial arts. From 1970 to 1995, Willie Hobbs worked at McLennan Community College, retiring as the admissions director.

"Willie loved the Lions Club," Barbara Hobbs said Wednesday. "In his last years while he struggled with illness, Willie continued to do things with the Lions Club."

Willie Hobbs served on the Heart of Texas Housing Finance Board, the Hillcrest Hospital board and the Freeman Center board. He also served with the YMCA, Red Cross and United Way.



ROD AYDELOTTE, TRIBUNE-HERALD

The Freedom Fountain, between the Waco Convention Center and Waco Hilton, has been standing for 50 years as an inspiration for freedom for POWs, Americans and people around the world. It has the word "freedom" written around it in 54 languages.

WACO WOMEN



President
Melissa Sieh,
incoming DG
2-X3 Randi
Wilde



1st VP Karen
Noles, incoming
DG 2-X3 Randi
Wilde, 2nd VP
Suzy Needler

June is always a fun month for our lion members. We know we are finishing up one lion year and looking forward to starting a new one with new ideas and goals.

During our installation of officers, we had the privilege of having not only having incoming 2-X3 DG Randi Wilde (including her partner in service, Patrick Uptmore) induct our officers but also incoming 2-X3 2 nd DG Stacey Phillips. Our Past DG John Noles started off our night with prayer before dinner and one of his trademark jokes which always brings a good laugh.

Our incoming leader, Lion Melissa Sieh loves pins! When she first became a lion, she commented, "I love the pins and want to collect them all." So, if you have any extras you want to share, give her one at our next district meeting. One thing we can always say about her, she is always smiling! Our first and second VPs are not new to offices of position. Lion Karen Noles (former secretary of District 2-X3) will be 1st VP and Suzy Needler (former co-president of WWLC) will be second VP. WWLC will be in great hands with our top leadership.

For some reason we could not get all our officers together in one picture so check out our Facebook page, Waco Women's Lions Club and 'like' us.

Awards were presented to the following for exceptional service to WWLC for the 2022-2023 lion year:

Leadership-Kim Giles, Strength and Integrity-Rose Moyer, Activity Involvement-Cindy Praesel, Debbie Hahn-Jeanne Rieger, Nurturer-Pam Cooper, Lion of the Year-B.C. Seely and outgoing President *LeeAnne Ostrander* was presented with a **Life Time membership to Texas Lions Camp** and a bouquet of flowers.

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PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the Lions Club monthly produce distribution on June 19.



Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the East Texas Food Bank on June 10th with the Piney Woods Lions Club.



Piney Woods Leos picked up trash with the Lions for Adopt-a-Highway on Saturday, June 24th.

