

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-X3



NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 03



Belive in the I'Mpossible

District 2-X3 First Cabinet
Meeting - Hillsboro, TX
08/12/2023

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

Audrey Hepburn



Lion Randi Wilde

District Governor

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Mission 1.5 Accepted

We are excited to announce that we have a new club in our district, Mart Area Lions Club! We also are working on starting an the Hill County Evening Lions Club in Hillsboro. Our district is doing our part to strive to exceed the goals set for us by International President Patti Hill. It is a big goal. Our goals for our district is two charter two new clubs and for each club to be a net 2 in membership this year. We have 6 clubs in the district that are at or exceeding net 2 in membership for the year!

In this day in time, we are seeing more needs in our communities. The way we as Lions can help is having extra hands to serve our communities. Ask your friend and neighbors to join your club for service projects in your town. This is a great way for others to see what Lions do best SERVICE! Spread the word of your clubs' terrific service through social media, local newspapers, and media outlets.

We are changing the world by believing in the impossible!

#ChangingTheWorld #BelieveInTheImpossible

Mark Your Calendars

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



- October 7, 2023 - Lions On The Leon
- October 7, 2023 - Greater Athens Lions Club Dinner in the Dark
- October 14, 2023 - Temple Belton Ladies Lion Garage Sale
- October 14, 2023 - Killeen Noon Yard Sale
- November 11, 2023 - Mart Area Lions Club Charter Night

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



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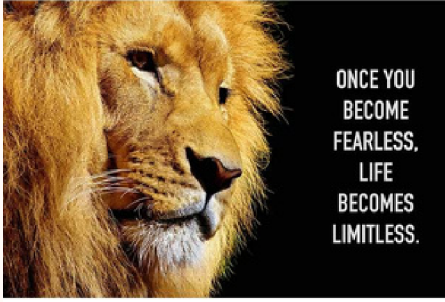
My husband and I sat down at a table with a group of people recently who were friends of friends. They were all people I had never met. One of my new friends mentioned he had seen my Facebook through mutual friend posts and saw that I was a Lion. He offered that he was not trying to sound odd or creepy, only he knew of someone who had been a part of Texas Lions Camp for many years. She was a camper and now volunteers every summer at the camp.

Within the conversation he mentioned his neighbors daughter had diabetes and just this summer he recommended her to the camp where she found opportunities she had never seen. He told me of her camp stories, the fun she had and more importantly the love and attention she felt because at Texas Lions Camp she was not different.

I asked him a simple question ... “are you a Lion?” And he said, “No. No one has ever asked”

What opportunities are we missing by not simply asking? Our friends see what we are doing. Our friends friends see it, too. JUST ASK!

For more information, find the Just Ask brochure online at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79863805>.



Lion Stacey Phillips
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What a great meeting in Hillsboro!! It was fantastic to see so many Lions there.

As we move through September, I would like us all to think of ways we can increase our membership. The strength of Lions is the clubs and their members, and as our clubs grow, we can do more service. But growth isn't just about new members, we also need to work hard to retain our existing members.

Keeping members engaged is key for long term success. Everyone needs to feel what they are doing is making an impact; that their efforts are important and they are not in this alone. Trying to balance family, faith, work, community, and other commitments can be a challenge, and we need to ensure that we are sharing Lions commitments, as well. We should not have just a handful of Lions handling every activity. We all need to maintain the balance in our lives. Share the love, take the initiative and celebrate your successes.

Please remember to report your service, and continue the great work you are doing for your Community!

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

DAWSON

- HAILEY MURPHY- Sponsor: Eddie Moore

FAIRFIELD

- MARK A PLUNK - Sponsor: Mark Ornelas

GATESVILLE

- DAVID SCOTT - Sponsor: Paul Stephens
- MITCHELL J UNREIN - Sponsor: Eric Moffett

GRAPELAND NOON

- CHRISTA R BURGESS - Sponsor: Dianne Hollister
- JAMES A CHAFFIN - Sponsor: Martha Childress
- ROBERT (BOB) E DANIEL JR - Sponsor: Dianne Hollister

GROESBECK

- JOHN ANDREW BILLINGSLLEY-Sponsor: John Billingsley
- BRITTANY MCDOWELL- Sponsor: Don Stevens

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DAWSON LIONS CLUB

- Hailey Murphy - Sponsor: Eddie Moore

FAIRFIELD LIONS CLUB

- Mark Plunk - Sponsor: Mark Ornelas

GATESVILLE LIONS CLUB

- David Scott - Sponsor: Paul Stephens
- Mitchell Unrein - Sponsor: Eric Moffett

GRAPELAND NOON LIONS CLUB

- Christa Burgess - Sponsor: Dianne Hollister
- Robert Daniel, Jr - Sponsor: Dianne Hollister
- James Chaffin - Sponsor: Martha Childress

GROESBECK LIONS CLUB

- Brittany McDowell - Sponsor: Don Stevens

KILLEEN NOON LIONS CLUB

- Angelo Mitchell - Sponsor: Barbara Bessong

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

OGLESBY LIONS CLUB

- Shane Webb - Sponsor: Charles Walter

TEMPLE FOUNDERS LIONS CLUB

- Michael Moore - Sponsor: Jeffrey Thigpen

TEMPLE BELTON LADIES LIONS CLUB

- Genera Miller - Sponsor: Lynette Talasek
- Taura Pool - Sponsor: Lorna Brockette
- Judy Morris - Sponsor: Kathy Brandt

WACO FOUNDERS LIONS CLUB

- Patricia Boyd - Sponsor: Karen Connie
- Chris Low - Sponsor: Robert Kinney

I'MPOSSIBLE T-SHIRT



S-XL | \$20.00

2XL | \$22.00

3XL | \$25.00



Show your support for our District Governor Randi Wilde and promote our district clubs by purchasing the I'MPossible T-Shirt. All orders are being processed by the Robinson Area Lions Club and funds will go to support the district. For additional information, reach out to a.n.wildemoss@gmail.com.

Shirts can be purchased at the District Cabinet meetings, or orders can be submitted at the link below. Thank you for your support! #believeintheimpossible

[Order Form](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) 



MD2-X3 2nd Cabinet Meeting 2023

Believe in the I'Mpossible



Saturday, October 28, 2023
Salado Civic Center
601 N. Main St.
Salado, TX 76571

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

Club Name:			
Name:	Title:	Saturday Cabinet Meeting (\$20):	Amount Due:
# of Attendees:		Total Amount Due:	

\$20.00 per attendee

Breakfast and Lunch provided by Salado Lions Club

Make checks payable to Salado Lions Club
PO Box 372
Salado, TX 76571

Please RSVP by Friday October 20th

For more information, email questions to Salado Lions Club, Lion Michael Novotny
michael.novotny@saladoisd.org

Holiday Inn Express
1991 N. Stagecoach Rd
Salado, TX 76571

Days Inn
10825 South Interstate 35
Salado, TX 76571

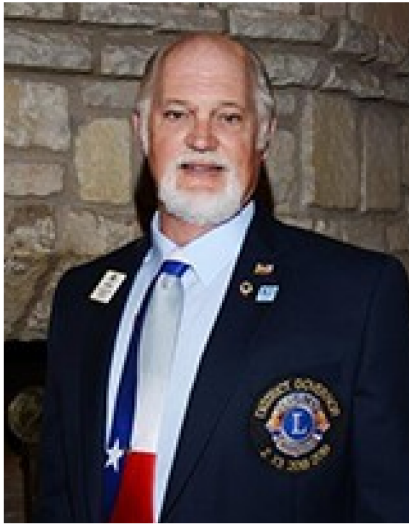
MART AREA LIONS CLUB CHARTER DINNER



November 11 6-8 pm
Mart Community Center
801 Bowie, Mart, Texas
Tickets \$20



CONTACT A MART AREA LION
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CONTACT TREASURER CAROLYN POTTS 254-495-5862 OR MARTMESSENGER@GMAIL.COM
MAILING ADDRESS: MART AREA LIONS CLUB P.O. BOX 122 MART, TX 76664
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MART AREA LIONS CLUB.
MEAL INCLUDES PORK, POTATO SALAD, BEANS, BREAD, CAKE AND COOKIES.



Texas Lions Foundation

PDG Lisle Meeker, District Texas Lions Foundation Chair
Temple Breakfast Lions Club, lmeeker53@gmail.com

I hope everyone had a great and safe Labor Day weekend. I would like to welcome all our club new officers. I look forward to come to your club and talk to your club 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. (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 [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 on line 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.

SCRIP TALK

What is scrip talk?

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

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

ScripTalk Mobile IOS App now available. Download here

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/scriptalk-mobile/id1317698388>

ScripTalk mobile Android App now available. Download here

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mistral.scriptalkmobilev2>

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

PDG Lisle Meeker

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District Peace Poster Contest

Lion B,C, Seely, District Peace Poster Contest Chair Waco
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Hi District 2-X3 Lions,

It's not too late to start your peace poster contest!! Any youth between the ages of 11-13 on November 15th is eligible. The deadline to send to me the poster, your district chair, is November 1, 2023! I'll be glad to help you in any way that I can.

My contact information:

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2516 Cambridge

Lorena, TX 76655

Bc1seely@gmail.com



To order a kit use the link below to log onto LCI. The cost of the kit is \$15.00.

The Peace Poster kits are on sale now through Lions Club International website.

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/other-ways-to-serve/contests/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

Please let me know if your club plans to submit a poster so I can be on the lookout for it in the mail. I have also met several of my lion members to pick up their poster if that works better and you are near Lorena, TX (Waco suburb right off I-35). I am good with you texting me that you are submitting a poster. Just be sure to sign your name and club since I may not have your number in my contacts.

The theme this year is Dare to Dream. I provided a flyer at the District 2-X3 meeting. It provides the general rules for the contest. If you need a copy, I'll be glad to email to you the flyer. Just let me know.



Texas Lions Camp

Lion Dick Chapin, District Texas Lions Camp Elected Director
Killeen Noon Lions Club, dchapin77@gmail.com

I am in my fourth year and my term will expire on 30 June 2024. This is an elected two-year position on the District Staff and can be extended for two additional years. The maximum four years, is specified in the Texas Lions Camp Bylaws.

At the present time, I am the only Director in the District, although we are authorized two. For those that may be interested, more information can be found by going to: lionscamp.com, then “get involved”, then “Board of Directors”, then “about elected directors”. Here you will find listed 1) Qualifications, 2) Job Description, 3) Tasks & Duties and 4) 100% Award Criteria. For those that may be interested, contact your club President and the District Governor.

I am the only Elected Director for the District, so get your requests to me soonest so that I can schedule your required annual Texas Lions Camp update briefing. I have already started giving update briefings to Lions Clubs and I also brief school counselors/nurses at five school districts.

There are hundreds of Lions Camp pictures on Face Book so take a look at them and click on “follow” to stay abreast of Texas Lions Camp activities posted there.

And as usual, please consider participating in the Century Club program. And, if you are already a member, please renew each year and consider stepping up to the next higher level. All of these funds go directly toward operation of the Camp.



TLC Chairman's Chatter
Texas Lions Camp – Summer of 2023
Where Dreams CAME True



For the 1st time since COVID came to Texas, we were able to have kids on campus together in bunkhouses; and while the numbers weren't back up to pre-pandemic levels, your Texas Lions Camp served 891 campers in 2023. There were 520 children in our regular sessions, which included the diabetic & Down Syndrome sessions, and 371 came to family camp. There are several reasons the numbers were lower than in the past: Parents are fearful, in general, about not having their children in sight; COVID itself, still causes some parents concern, and possibly we, the Lions of Texas, got out of the habit of recruiting kids after 3 years. (We'll get back in the swing in '24.)

Since we opened our doors, almost 83,000 children have come to camp and most of them have had dreams of things they wanted to accomplish. However, they were told those dreams might not come true because of their limitations; but with TLC's **"All Can Do"** attitude, those kids have had their dreams come true at Lions Camp. When their dreams come true in these little things, our campers gain confidence to dream and accomplish bigger things as they become adults. Thousands of kids have had their dreams come true at TLC and that's because of us, the Lions of Texas. Here are some of the dozens of testimonials we received just this year (great comments to share with reluctant parents next year):

Ryan loved Lions Camp! For years his brothers went to Pine Cove, and we have been searching for a camp with the same exciting camp experience for Ryan and found it with Lions Camp. **The energy and excitement the staff brought on Day 1 made me realize we finally found a camp for him.**

I am very impressed with how the camp is run. **I felt completely comfortable being away from my child for the first time for so long.** She came home more independent but more confident as well.

Thank you so much TLC for **showing my son that there are other children out there like him.** He also said he likes that no one treats him any different because of his disability.

My son loved it! He was very scared to be away from us . It was his first time at any kind of camp . He loved it and will be back, and hopefully he will be a leader once he goes to college. All the team and leaders really loved him . Y'all made my son come back! **Opening his eyes to all the things a Type1 can do!** Reese was amazing with him. We look forward to next year. **Also, we are joining our local Lions Club to be part of the family!** Thanks again for everything!

The staff energy levels were amazing, and **they actually got Gracie to participate in the songs and cheers, something that never happens.** She loved the camp, and we will return next year for sure. We don't know how the staff stayed so energetic and kept the kids so engaged.

I'm just so grateful that Cameron got to have this experience **as well as give me and his Dad some respite.** Thank you for all you do **and the opportunities that you provide** for our special kiddos! I'm forever grateful!

Kate was so thrilled. **She couldn't wait to tell us all about it and smiled and bounced up and down in the backseat for hours!** I have rarely seen her that ecstatic! I am so disappointed that I just found you all - so sad that she will age out for next summer. What a great job - we are so grateful for you and the Lions Club.

Although my child had some issues, he loved being there. The experience was great for him! He hasn't quit talking about it. This camp is **an awesome place for kids like him to learn about himself and learn how to work with others.** He struggled, but I believe it has helped him and will prayerfully be apparent in his other activities this summer and when he returns to school.

Thank you for making this possible. This experience **has helped my daughter in so many ways that wouldn't otherwise be possible.**

I just love this camp. I feel like it **builds the confidence of my child.**

..... **makes you proud to be a Texas Lion, doesn't it?**

PCC Tom Blase, Chairman Texas Lions Camp

2-X3 News



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Total Membership



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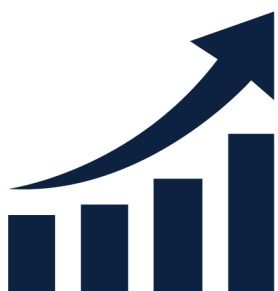


Total Clubs



1. Temple Founder: 101
2. Salado: 68
3. Waco Founder: 63

Membership Leaderboard



1. Temple Belton Ladies: +8
2. Copperas Cove: +5
3. Temple Founder: +4
4. Grapeland Noon: +4

Growth Leaderboard

CLUB NEWS



BELTON

Right: Recently, Camp Director, Lion Dick Chapin presented a slide show about the history of the Texas Lions Camp (chartered in 1949), to where we are today. After the Presentation: Lion Dwayne Williams presented Lion Chapin with a check donation to Texas Lions Camp; and the Club presented a check donation for the Camp.



Left: Past President James Harrison paid a surprise visit to Temple-Belton Ladies Lions Club recently, presenting them with our "Friends of Belton Lions" award for their Charity Service through "Sight for Children" and Adult Vision Screening" assistance to the Belton Lions Club.



A HUGE salute of honor and appreciation to both - Lion Charles "Mac" Hickerson and Lion Rob Potts for their outstanding 45 YEARS of SERVICE in the Belton Lions Club! They are role models for every LION!

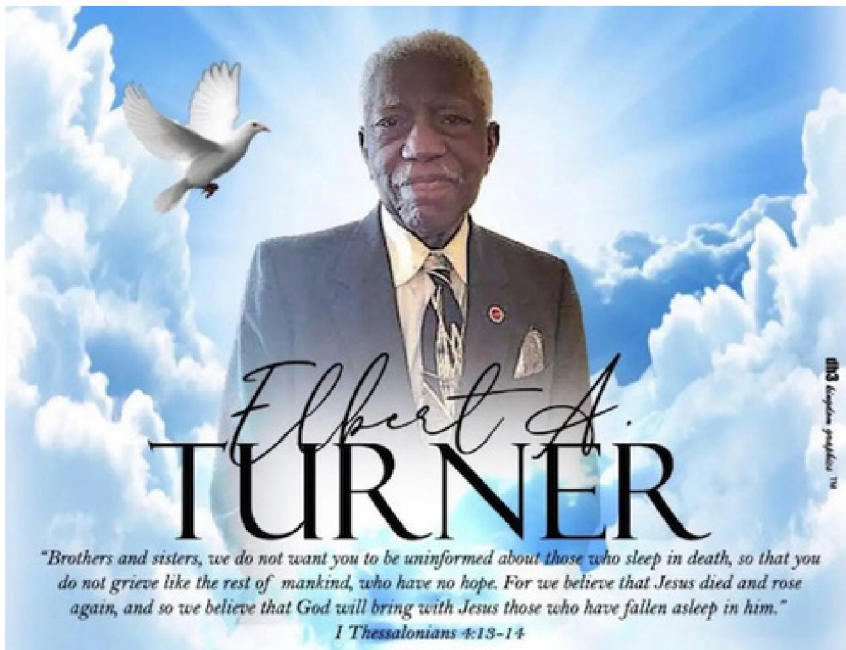




Make plans to join Belton Lions - cruising on Carnival Jubilee, visiting Cozumel, Costa Maya and Mahogany Bay, January 13-20, 2024. Reserve your spot early! For more information: www.beltonlionsclub.com or call Your Travel Agent - Belton at 254-939-0731.



It's a PSA! That's a Pirate Service Announcement for all you landlubbers! Get ready to race the Black Pearl at the Belton Lions Club Wacky Boat Race on October 7th at Heritage Park!



CORSICANA

Corsicana Lions said goodbye to long-time member Lion Elbert Turner. Elbert was a member from 1997-2011 and came back 2018 and held the position of membership chair 2018-2020. He was a faithful servant of the community inside and outside of the club..

GATESVILLE

New members: Alyssa Still left and Jay Burns center below





Above: Thank you to the Leading Ladies for the wonderful performance at the 8/23/23 Lions Club meeting.



Above: Gatesville Lion's Club was very happy to present Team Gatesville with a \$400 check for their wonderful organization on 08/30/2023.

GRAPELAND NOON



Left: Lions – Billy Wells, Wayne Kaminsky, Ben Childress, Velda Green

Top Right: Lions – Linda Neel, Donnis Collins

Bottom Right: Lions – Donnis Collins, Ben Childress, Wayne Kaminsky



Top Left: Lions – Dianne Hollister, Dlane Mattox, Eddie Childress, Donnis Collins, Tim Howard

Top Right: Lions – Donnis Collins, Eddie Childress

Bottom Left: Lions – Linda Neel, Mike Goolsby, Wayne Kaminsky, Martha Childress

Bottom Right: Wayne Kaminsky





HEWITT

On August 05, 2023 the Hewitt Lions volunteered at a local Wal-Mart to assist in collecting school supplies for a Stuff the Bus event sponsored by the Salvation Army. Many school supplies were collected for schools in the McLennan County, Area.



Two Hewitt Lions celebrated a total of 50 years with the Lions. Larry Hartgroves (pictured on left) celebrated 30 years and Steve Wilcox (pictured on right) celebrated 20 years.

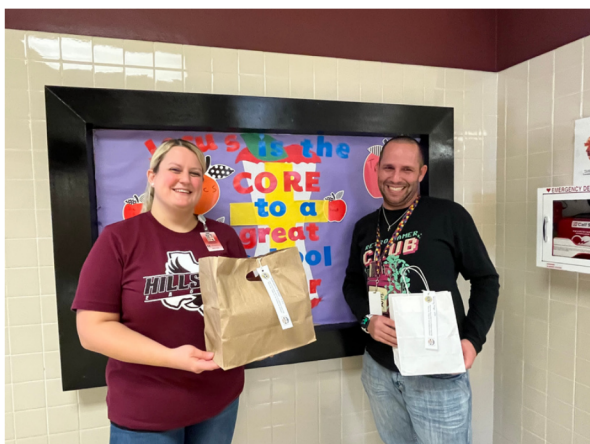
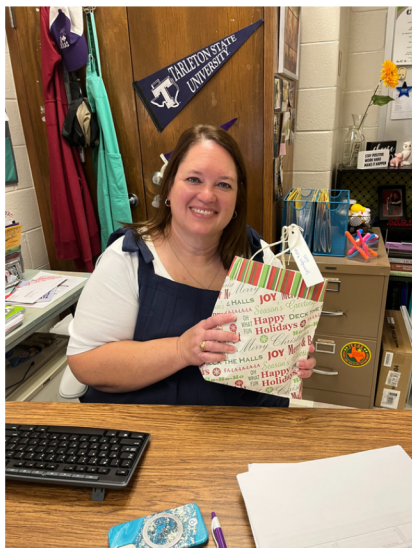


HILLSBORO

Hillsboro Lions hosted the first District Cabinet meeting of the new Lion year.



As part of the District Cabinet meeting, the Hillsboro Club hosted a school supply drive as a service project.





PDG Angela Cases presented a Program about Service on 29 August. She also presented Lion Liz Schneider with items from the Leader Dog Raffle that she won !!

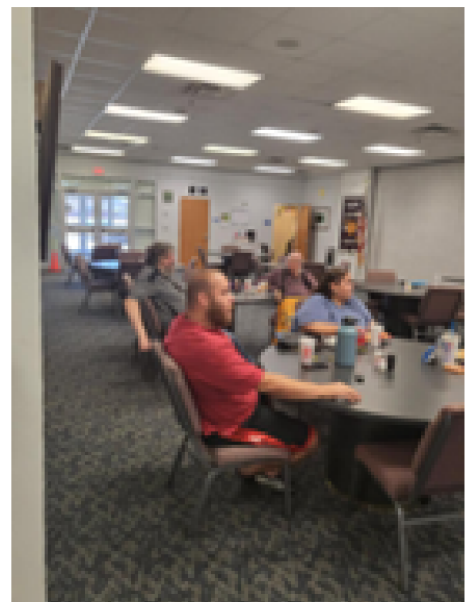
KILLEEN EVENING



Park Clean Up August 10th 2023



Right: KELC Retreat August 13th 2023





Left: Texas Eyeglass Recycling Center Program presented by Lion Len Williams August 15th 2023

Below: Killeen Food Care Center Service Project August 19th 2023



KILLEEN LADIES

Hello everybody, the Killeen Ladies Lions Club has been busy for the new school year. We prepared hygiene kits, gathered glasses, purchased school supplies for five elementary schools based off of what they said they needed, along with delivering them, and we also did donations to HARP (Homeless Awareness Response Program). Hopefully our upcoming holidays and events will go as well.





KILLEEN NOON

The Killeen Noon Lions helped the Killeen Food Care Center celebrate its 30th anniversary during one of the club's service days. Lions Will, Ronny, Barbara, Jack, Joe, Brockley, and Leslie served over 150 clients that day. The club met DG Randi's challenge and installed Angelo as its first new member for this Lion Year. The club is also preparing for its annual Yard Sale, scheduled for October 14th at the Lions Den. Come on down and discover the great deals on items you have been searching for and could never find!



FUNDRAISING YARD SALE
14 OCTOBER 2023
8 AM - - 1 PM
KILLEEN NOON LIONS CLUB
5100 TRIMMIER RD
KILLEEN, TEXAS
TOYS-BOOKS-TOOLS, ELECTRONICS-SPORTS
KITCHENWARE- GAMES , FURNITURE-MUSIC





PALESTINE NOON



Past President Richard Rutledge swore in our new officers in July. We have a great crew again this year!



Left: The Palestine Library had their grand opening in the historical Carnegie Building. Palestine Noon Lions Club was able to get some benches for this wonderful event so the community can sit and enjoy the beautiful weather while reading their books.

Palastine Noon Lions Club completed a vision screening during one of the back-to-school shoe drives in Palestine. We screened 171 kids and referred 43 to one of our local optometrists to get an eye exam and maybe some glasses, if needed.

COMING UP!!! We are looking forward to cooler weather and our next fish fry! Come see us at the Palestine Farmer's Market on November 20th from 11:00-1:00.

ROBINSON AREA



<-- Texas Lions Camp camper Elizabeth Gustafson and her mom, Michelle Gustafson, came to our meeting and shared about their camping experience this summer. This is a camper that we sponsored and really appreciated being able to share their experience. -->





RALC was also happy to be able to present a check to Robinson Cub Scout Pack 1311.



New Lions Jaci and Hunter excited to receive their name tags



Another full house!



DG Lion Randi always willing to share some words of wisdom



<--Robinson Area Lions attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Groesbeck Lions Club -->





SALADO



Left: Pamela Anderson from our very own Salado Museum was our first guest speaker of the month and she spoke to us about Texas, specifically Salado history and the history of the Brazos Trail Region.



Right: Lion and Salado Mayor Michael Coggin handed out special Salado Coins to Frank and Kathy for their great service to our club and to Salado.

We were so pleased to be able to serve at Heart and Hands again, this time to help them do some Spring (almost) cleaning at their building. We cleaned the windows, swept and mopped the floors, dusted off all the food shelves, tidied up the clothing area, and cleaned the bathroom. We Serve!





TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Temple Breakfast Lions provided breakfast to our adopted school faculty to say thank you for teaching and keeping our children safe and healthy in the upcoming year.



PDG Lisle Meeker presents a check from Temple Breakfast Lions from April's concert for \$4,000.00 to Texas Lions Camp during Council of Governors meeting early August

LEO SPOTLIGHT



PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leos volunteered alongside the Piney Woods Lions on Aug 19 at the East Texas Food Bank. We bagged 16oz of rice into individual bags and packaged 24 of these into boxes. We bagged 105 boxes of rice for a total of 2,520 pounds of rice.



LEO SPOTLIGHT *Continued*

Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the monthly free Produce Distribution on Aug 21st. It was over 100 degrees, but we provided food to about 1,000 families.



Until next month...

