

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-X3



NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 04



Belive in the I'Mpossible

Piney Woods Leos
Awards Ceremony

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

Audrey Hepburn



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Live Your Story

It is hard to believe that we have completed the first quarter of this Lion year! The district leadership team is amazed by all the service each club in the district has provided this first quarter. We had many clubs serving their communities through vision screenings. Buffalo Lions Club screened over 1300 kids last month! That is amazing!

We have spoken about this many times of living your story out loud. How is your community going to know all the great service we are doing in our communities if we are not sharing the service projects to our communities through social media, newsletters, and print ads. Shout it from the roof tops every chance we get to let everyone know what Lions do best SERVE! We heard several stories from individuals in our communities saying they did not realize all the great service Lions were doing in their communities until they saw it on Facebook. This is a great outlet to get the word out and share your stories.

When we are doing a service project ensure we are wearing our vest or t-shirt with the Lion logo so anyone passing by can see that Lions are at work! Continue to spread the word and live your store out loud.

#ChaningTheWorld #BelieveInTheImpossible

Mark Your Calendars

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



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- November 11, 2023 - Mart Area Lions Charter Night
 - November 18, 2023 - Riesel Lions Club Farmer's Market & Trade Day
 - November 16, 2023 - Clifton Lions Club Pancake Supper
 - January 20, 2024 - Hill County Evening 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



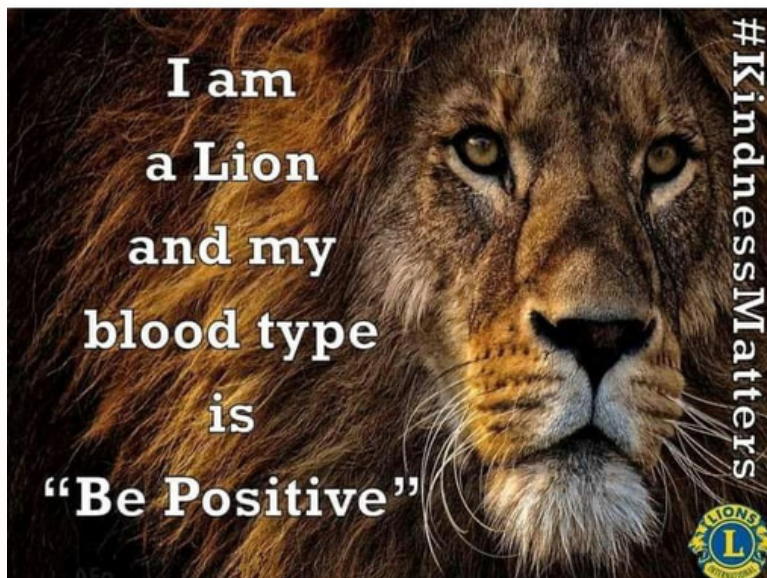
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my goals.

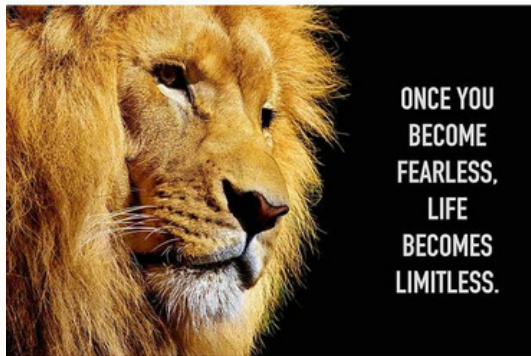
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We have completed the first quarter of our Lion fiscal year. I want to congratulate DG Randi on a successful first quarter with the addition of two new clubs and over 50 new members. And to think ... we've only just begun. I look forward to meeting with clubs as we move on our mission to grow and meet the goal of Mission 1.5.

How can the district help you? Do you need resources, ideas, motivation? You are not alone. We are in this together - together in service. Please let your DG Team know how we can help.





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Happy Fall, Y'all!

Fall is upon us and change is happening all around.

Congratulations to the Mart Area Lions Club and to the Hill County Evening Lions Club, and to the District. Two new clubs! That is so exciting! But in addition to adding new clubs and new members, we need to keep our current members engaged and involved. Member retention starts by reaching out to the members you feel might be losing interest in Lions. Let them know they are important to the success of the club, ask them what we can do to help them and LISTEN to what they say. Remember, we are all part of the greatest and largest service organization in the world and are all doing great work - sometimes small things, sometimes great things - but no matter what we do, WE SERVE.

On another note, at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno in September, MD-2 had the largest contingent in attendance! These forums are a great source of education and fellowship with other Lions from around the US and Canada. There is so much to see, do and learn and I suggest that everyone attend at least one, when they have the opportunity

At the forum, President Dr. Patti Hill was one of the distinguished guest speakers. Her challenge to increase membership through mission 1.5 was highlighted along with her vision of Changing the World. We've already made a pretty good start, but let's keep growing and doing the I'mpossible!

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

BELTON

- HILLARY G HICKLAND - Sponsor: Christa Strang

CORSICANA

- TERRA LORUSSO - Sponsor: Melissa Gray

GATESVILLE

- CLINTON S RAREY - Sponsor: Eric Moffett

GROESBECK

- JOHN ANDREW BILLINGSLEY - Sponsor: John Billingsley
- JENNIFER A WALKER - Sponsor: Shawn Harkin

HAMILTON

- LUCUS P ROBINSON - Sponsor: Brad Boulton

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

HILL COUNTY EVENING

- KANDY FARIS
- SYDNEY FARIS
- DONAVAN GREEN
- JEANETTA GREEN
- CHERYL HERMANN
- GARRY JAMES
- JUANITA JAMES
- KENNY JONES
- AMANDA MOSER
- DEREK MYERS
- LEANN RICHMOND
- WILLIAM SHEFFIELD
- SUSAN SHEWMAKE
- TAYLOR WEST
- AMBER WOODARD
- CAMRYN WOODARD
- CLAUDE WOODARD
- COREY WOODARD
- JEN WOODARD

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

HILLSBORO

- DARREL BEGGS - Sponsor: Gayle Scarborough

KILLEEN NOON

- SARAH A FRYE - Sponsor: William Montrose

MART AREA

- TERRY BIRKES
- CHRISTI BLACKBURN
- KRISTEN BOHANNON
- MIKE BOHANNON
- LISA BYRD
- JUNE-ROSE CAZENAVE
- LEE FLAGEL
- ANTHONY LABELLA
- LAMBERT LITTLE
- RAVONE MEDLOCK
- JAMES MILLER
- NATHANIEL MOORE
- REBECCA MOORE

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

MART AREA Continued

- BARBARA PAVELKA
- JERRY PAVELKA
- HANNAH PESINA
- JOSHUA PESINA
- CAROLYN POTTS
- JOHN RILEY
- BRENDA ROBERTS
- JERRY ROBERTS
- SHAWN YOUNGS

MERIDIAN

- WELDON HAMILTON

PALESTINE

- CHRISTIAN KAUDELKA - Sponsor: Joe Johnston

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

TEMPLE BREAKFAST

- KAREN BONNER - Sponsor: Lisle Meeker
- SCOTT BONNER - Sponsor: Lisle Meeker
- REBECCA GRANT - Sponsor: Lisle Meeker
- RICHARD W HAYES SR - Sponsor: Lisle Meeker

TEMPLE FOUNDER

- ROBERT R COGER - Sponsor: George White
- JACK MC CHURCH

WACO FOUNDER

- JENNIFER LOW - Sponsor: John Low

I'MPOSSIBLE T-SHIRT

**ORDER
NOW**

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 presents

Charter Night Celebration

Saturday, November 11

Doors open at 5 pm Dinner served at 6:30 pm

\$20/person

Guest Speaker -- Past International Director Sam Lindsey

Mart Community Center

804 East Bowie St.

Please RSVP by November 1. -- Attire: Business Casual

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lion Rebecca Moore at 254-651-7410 or email RMoore2516@gmail.com or Lion Carolyn Potts text to 254-495-5862 or email to martmessenger@gmail.com. You may also visit our FACEBOOK page and leave a message.



TLC Chairman's Chatter "Dreamcatching"



Did you know that we Lions are dreamcatchers? Have you ever been "Dreamcatching"?

Over 82,000 children have been through the magical gates of Texas Lions Camp and virtually every one of them had some sort of dream that they hoped would come true at camp.....and thousands of those dreams have come true at TLC. While that may make TLC seem magical to the kids, their dreams come true because **you, me, WE** – the Lions of Texas- are dreamcatchers for these campers.

According to Indian lore, a dreamcatcher is hung over a child's bed while they sleep. At night the bad dreams get caught up in the webbing, while the good dreams go through the holes, coming true on the other side. When a dream comes true, a coup feather is hung from the bottom of the dreamcatcher. We the Lions are the webbing that trap all the bad dreams by building a camp that accommodates their special needs, so they can be successful in reaching their goals & dreams; and thus, what's on the other side is Texas Lions Camp, where the good dreams can come true.

In order for us to be good dreamcatchers for our children, we have 2 main jobs. We have to find and recruit the kids, so they get the opportunity to go to Camp. Secondly, we have to continue to raise the money so they can go at no cost to the family, because if we didn't do that most of them would not be able to afford the cost.

This year for the first time in 3 years (due to COVID) we were able to have kids on campus again, which was so great to see again. However, we must have forgotten how to recruit the kids, because we could have handled many more campers than we had. This is why one of my challenges for us this year is to make a "sizeable" increase in the number of campers you or your club sent last summer. You decide what is "sizeable", but for example, if you had none, go for one. If your club sent 3, maybe shoot for 5. You get the idea.

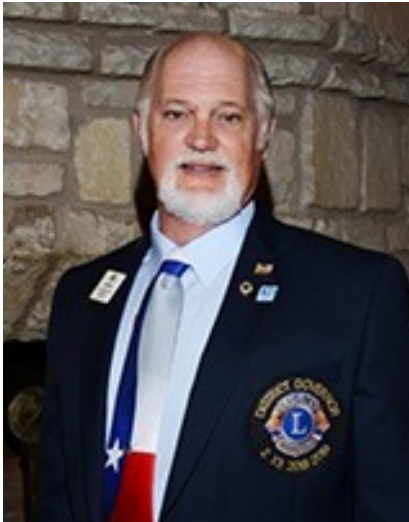
I know many of you struggle to find kids, because you don't know where to search or how to approach families. One of your best sources is your TLC Elected Directors. Many of them have come up with great sources for finding qualified campers (what I call "dreamcatching").

Next month I want to give you the 10 best ideas on recruiting campers for TLC. So, I'm asking all Lions (including Directors), who have a system figured out, to email me their best idea for finding kids. I'll pick the best ones and send them out next month. EMAIL: tomblasesr@gmail.com. Together we'll overcome the COVID slump for the summer of 2024.

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Let's all go "Dreamcatching" for Summer 2024.

PCC Tom Blase, Chairman Texas Lions Camp



TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION

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

As we enter our 2nd quarter of the Lions year our new officers should be pretty well settled in. 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 becoming a 200% club, 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://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.



PEACE POSTER

Lion BC Seely, District Peace Posterr Chair
Waco Womens Lions Club, bc1seely@gmail.com

Hello District 2-X3 Lions,

Please let me know if your club plans to submit a poster so I can be on the lookout for it in the mail. Presidents and Secretaries please check with your Peace Poster Chair to be sure they have seen this information. At this point, two clubs have notified me that they will be participating.

In the past, I have met several of our 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, calling or emailing me that your club is submitting a poster. Just be sure to sign your name and club's name since I may not have your number in my contacts.

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.

Dare to Dream

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Lorena, TX 76655



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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2-X3 News



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Total Membership



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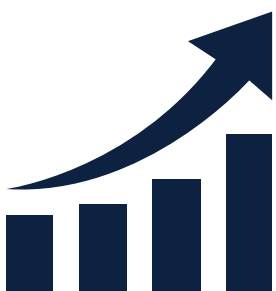


Total Clubs



1. Temple Founder: 101
2. Salado: 68
3. Waco Founder: 64

Membership Leaderboard



1. Temple-Belton Ladies: +7
2. Temple Breakfast: +5
3. Copperas Cove: +5
4. Grapeland Noon: +4
5. Temple Founder: +4

Growth Leaderboard

CLUB NEWS



BELTON

Great time at Belton's Bacon, Blues & Brews Cook-off over the last weekend in September! Thank you Judy Garrett and City of Belton for the opportunity to sell the "People's Choice" tickets; and continue our Spinning Plates Competition. Innovative Bacon Delights; along with Energizing and Entertaining Music; made for a fabulous Saturday of Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising. The 2023 Master Spinner receives an autographed plate, lunch with the Belton Lions and bragging rights?



GATESVILLE

Thank you to everyone for a great Golf Tournament! (Just a few photos from the day; so many others helped and participated.)



CLUB NEWS



GATESVILLE Continued



Left: The Gatesville Lions Club was happy to be one of the donors that helped bring "In God We Trust" posters into the school rooms.



The Club presented a \$1,000 check for the Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation for heart screening at our local schools. Check was presented to Vance Stephens (right)



Lion Tom Creek was awarded a check from Extraco for the Gatesville Salvation Army for his dedication to service.

GRAPELAND NOON

Grapeland Noon Lions Club
September 30 at 6:10 PM · 📍

Once again the Grapeland Noon Lions held the Spot Vision screening at Grapeland Elementary School. They have equipment to test students eyes. If they find a problem a report is given to the school nurse who shares it with the parents who can take them to eye doctor. If they need glasses our club will pay for them. It is a wonderful program. Shown are Lions Dlane Mattox, Eddie Childress and Velda Green.



Grapeland Noon Lions Club
September 23 at 2:05 PM · 📍

Happy Fall! It may be Fall but in Grapeland, Texas it is 95° but the Grapeland Noon Lions were working their Membership Drive at the Grapeland Parts House Car Show on Main Street. We gave Lions literature and invited lots of folks to join our local club. If you haven't already joined you are missing out. We have a lot of fun doing our projects and eating lunch at our noon meetings and all that to be ever giving back to our community. Pictured at our booth are President Velda Green, Lion June Springfield and Membership Chairman Martha Childress.



CLUB NEWS



GRAPELAND NOON *Continued*



Grapeland Noon Lions: Ben Childress, Wayne Kaminsky, Robert Gossett, Terry Hollister



Grapeland Noon Lions: (Top) Donnis Collins, Mike Goolsby, Albert Neel, Robert Gossett – Not shown is Lion Ben Childress

HEWITT

Pictured on the left side of Hewitt Lions Club President Larry Hartgroves (right side) is Jim Swanson who recently celebrated 10 years as a member with the Hewitt Lions Club.



CLUB NEWS



HILLSBORO



The Hillsboro Lions Club was recently fortunate enough to have retired National Park Ranger and astronomer, Larry Smith, present a program on planets, galaxies, the moon and stars, as well as an explanation of the upcoming solar eclipse.

Ranger Smith is pictured with program chair, Lion Noah Dansby.



Lion Dick Chapin, a director at Texas Lions Camp, came and gave us an updated on camp life and condition of the facilities. Pictured with Lion Chapin (right) is Hillsboro Lion President Chuck Smith.



Left: The Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Extension Agent, Tyler Mays, to their September 5th meeting. Mr. Mays discussed the economic activity in Hill County and the Central Texas Region based on agriculture. Corn, hay, ensilage, cotton, and wheat are the largest crops grown. Cow/calf and stocker production accounts for the greatest share of livestock production. Lion Matt Thomas served as the program chair. Pictured are Mr. Mays and Mr. Thomas.

CLUB NEWS



HUBBARD

Dr. Justin Turner-new Superintendent gave an informative report on how he plans to improve this school year



PINEY WOODS

Volunteer at East Texas Food Bank (ETFB)

We had a big group with 21 Leos and 6 Lions. We were assigned to bagging rice today. They had 2 one-ton bags ready to go with 2 rows of tables. There was a lot of good natured rivalry between the 2 teams (mostly from the bagging groups on each team)! Both teams processed just over half a ton of rice each. Together we bagged 105 boxes of rice (24 bags per box) for a total of 2,520 pounds of rice!

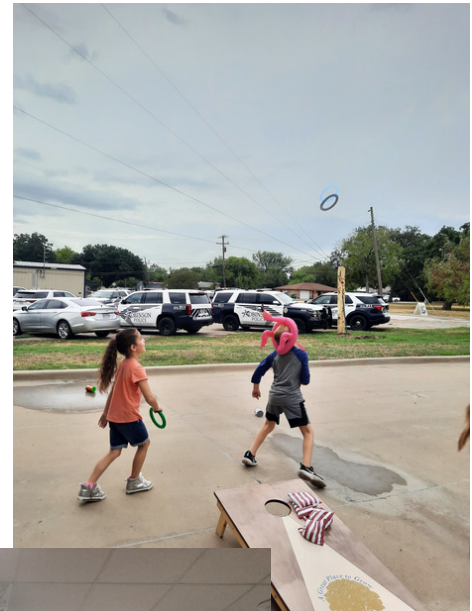


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ROBINSON AREA

Robinson Area Lions Club in conjunction with Robinson Chamber of Commerce hosted a First Responder Appreciation Day. A meal was served to the first responders and their families, and gift cards were given to each first responder. RALC was able to donate 2 much needed tool boxes to the Robinson Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions also had help from the Boy Scouts in serving the first responders.



CLUB NEWS



SALADO



Left: Sam Mikeska, a current investigator with the Bell County District Attorney's Office and former FBI agent spoke to us about active shooter situations and what we can and should do if we're ever involved with one.



Right: Lion Gary McHone, our former Salado Police Chief and current Salado ISD Police Chief spoke to us about the newly implemented Salado ISD police force.



Right: Club President Beth Aycock presented Lion Kenny Kelarek with a special recognition due to his great work in getting new members into our club.



<-- A huge thank you to Lions Steve Lazarus, Lynette Jones, and one of our new Salado High School Leo members, Juliet Glenn for helping out with the highway clean up this last go-round! Also, thanks again to Lion Joe Keyes for organizing this! -->



CLUB NEWS



TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Temple Breakfast Lions Club volunteering at Fiesta Temple Mexican Independence Day celebration



Above: Temple Breakfast Lions Club providing vision screening to people attending the Senior Expo on 26 September

CLUB NEWS



WACO FOUNDER

Vision screening, Vision screening and more VISION SCREENING



Lion Gary McWilliams and Lion Leon Noack vision screening at Riesel ISD



Lion Gary McWilliams giving program on using the Welch Allen spot screener



Completed Vision Screening Eagle Christian Academy, Lions Walter Drake and Lion Leon Noack



Lion Leon Noack getting ready for vision screening at the Dewey Center



Three great Lions, Tim Musselman and Nancy Musselman, and Gloria Arnold ready for vision screening at Dewey Center

CLUB NEWS



WACO WOMENS

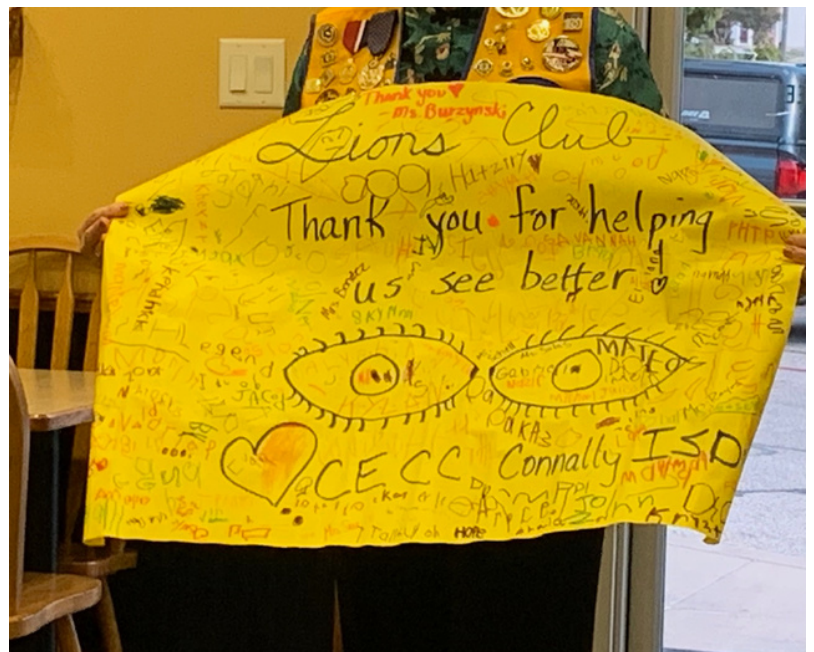
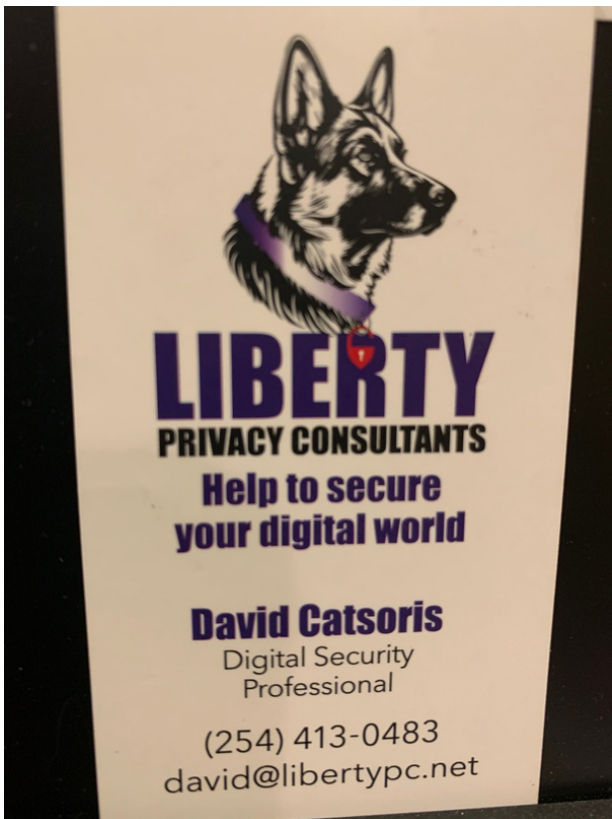
Waco Women's Lions Club had a wonderful month. Our September guest speaker, David Catsoris with Liberty Private Consultants provided us with many details on how to keep our personal information personal.

We sponsored a gift card basket for Christian Women Job Corp Basket of Hope event.

Vision screening was in full force once again. WWLC with the help of Jim Swanson of Hewitt Lions screened 1072 students with 242 needing a referral in September.

The icing on the cake was seeing a former student we had screened last year wearing his new glasses happily skipping around and jumping down the last step of the staircase no longer scared of his surroundings because he couldn't see.

We also received a huge "thank you" poster from our Early Childhood students at Connally ISD. Life is good serving as a Lion!!



LEO SPOTLIGHT



PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leos made 50 homemade Halloween Cards to deliver to a local assisted living facility in October. The Leos will be hosting a Halloween Party at Enchanted Pines closer to Halloween, and will share these cards at that time.



Piney Woods Leos volunteered on Sept 16 for the Hispanic Heritage Day Festival. We set up tables and chairs at the pavillion after several Leos helped load them at the Civic Center. Below:



Below: Piney Woods Leo Club held their monthly meeting on Sunday, Sept 10th. Leo Club President Mayra Martinez inducted 6 new Leos (their sponsors are standing with them in the picture).



LEO SPOTLIGHT *Continued*

Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the monthly free produce distribution on Sept 18th. We handed out a variety of breads, fruit pies, mixed retail packages, green grapes, onions, and potatoes to about 850 families.



Rebecca Huffman from the City of Crockett was very impressed with the Piney Woods Leos that helped setup for the Hispanic Heritage Day. She requested assistance from the Leos again to assemble pinch pot kits. These pinch pot kits are for kids from 6-13 ish yo, and are real fun to play with. These kits will be handed out to our little visitors during the National Night Out hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

