

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-X3



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Belive in the I'Mpossible

Mart Area Lions Club Charter Members
Charter Night - November 11, 2023

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

Audrey Hepburn



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District Governor

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Happy New Year!

We are at the half way point for our Lions year! It is so exciting to see all of the service projects that each of our clubs have completed so far this year! Remember to ensure that we entering all of our service projects into Lions Clubs International to receive credit for the great service we are doing in our communities. If you need assistance with inputting your information please reach out to myself, PDG Angela Cases our district Service Chair or Lion Patrick Uptmore our district Leadership Chair. We are willing to help you in any way we can.

We received word from Lions Clubs International that the new Lion Portal has been postponed for the January launch date. At this point in time. there has not been a targeted launched announced. As soon as we hear further details we will share it with everyone. We are looking forward to the launch and will have district training for everyone to feel comfortable with the new platform.

We have several events in January. First, the charter night celebration for the Hill County Evening Lions Club on January 20th in Hillsboro. Our guest speak will be PDG Jim Petty from 2-T2. We are looking forward to our Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting on January 27th in McGregor at the 5J Venue. Our guest speaker will be PCC Tom Blase, Texas Lions Camp Chairperson.

#ChangingTheWorld #BelieveInTheImpossible

Mark Your Calendars

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



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- January 3, 2024 - Texas Lions Camp Open Registration for Campers
 - January 20, 2024 - Hill County Evening Lions Club Charter Night
 - January 27, 2024 - Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting McGregor, TX
 - February 3, 2024 - Texas Lions Camp Birthday Party Kerrville, TX

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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What a great start to the Lion year - and end to the year of 2023. It has definitely been a whirlwind of a year for me. I got married, moved to a new home, gained two daughters, watched my youngest son start a new career as a firefighter and saw my oldest son begin new adventures in pharmacy school. In addition, I have worked with many of our MD2x3 clubs to celebrate successes, raise money, and brainstorm new ideas for growth.

As we enter 2024 I encourage all of you to reflect on not only your personal goals but those of your clubs. As we grow membership and add new service activities I look forward to working with all of you. As always, let me know how I can help.

Jon and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Myself and DG Randi where we celebrated Waco Women's Lions Club 10 year anniversary



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Greetings and Happy Holidays!

As the holiday season fast approaches, communities come together to celebrate. These celebrations present an opportunity to make a meaningful impact through volunteering. There are numerous ways to serve during the season; serving meals, organizing food drives for the food pantries, toy drives, community clean-ups, nursing home visits, and the list could go on.

Amidst the festive cheer, it is important to remember those who may be struggling. These acts of service, big or small, serve as beacons of hope and kindness to those who may be less fortunate. Whether it's a few hours of your time, or a more significant commitment, remember the essence of the season – goodwill to all.



WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

CORSICANA

- BLAKE GARNER - Sponsor: Mike Gage

GATESVILLE

- BETHZAIDA HOUGH - Sponsor: Rosemary Mathis
- PETER E KEOUGH - Sponsor: Bob Bates

GROESBECK

- JANICE LEVI - Sponsor: Kara McLelland
- THOMAS J LEVI - Sponsor: Ronald Bellomy

HAMILTON

- BLAIR SMITH - Sponsor: Robert Rhynsburger

HEWITT

- NORMAN L WATSON - Sponsor: Jeffrey Baldwin

HILL COUNTY EVENING

- MARY F FALTER
- MICHELLE MORGAN

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

HILLSBORO

- RACHAEL L ESPARZA- Sponsor: Chuck Smith
- KAITLYN FIRKINS - Sponsor: Debra Hanson
- MARY E MUNS - Sponsor: Tony Marley

KILLEEN NOON

- SHARLYN SORIANO - Sponsor: Jackeline Fountain

LOMETA

- HOLLY R HINES - Sponsor: Susan Hines

MART AREA

- SUSAN DELMONICO
- TRACY LANDIS
- WESLEY LANG

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

ROBINSON AREA

- MICHAEL G BAKER - Sponsor: Mandy Moss
- SARA BARTLETT - Sponsor: Mandy Moss

ROSEBUD-LOTT AREA

- ARNOLD BLAIR

TEMPLE FOUNDER

- BARBARA BURTCHELL - Sponsor: Guy Fowler
- ALAN P XENAKAS - Sponsor: Gary Gosney

I'MPOSSIBLE T-SHIRT

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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](#)

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MD2-X3 Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting 2023



Believe in The I'Mpossible

Saturday, January 27, 2024
5j Venue
31727 E. McGregor Dr.
McGregor, TX 76657

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

Club Name:			
Name:	Title:	Saturday Cabinet Meeting (\$25):	Amount Due:
# of Attendees:		Total Amount Due:	

\$25.00 per attendee

Breakfast and Lunch provided by McGregor Lions Club

Make checks payable to McGregor Lions Club
PO Box 235
McGregor, TX 76657

Please RSVP by Friday January 19th

For more information, email questions to McGregor Lions Club, Lion Cassie Thomas
CThomas@McGregor-Texas.com

Staybridge Suites Waco South
205 Colonnade Pkwy
Woodway, TX 76712

Extended Stay America Waco- Woodway
5903 Woodway Dr.
Waco, TX 76712



**CHARTER NIGHT BANQUET
HILL COUNTY EVENING LIONS CLUB
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024**



**6:00 – 8:00 pm
Historic City Hall
129 E Franklin St, Hillsboro, TX 76645**

**Meal: Chicken or Vegetable Lasagna
Roasted Carrots
Green Beans Almondine
Salad & Dinner Roll
Various Deserts**

GUEST SPEAKER – Jim Petty, Past District Governor

**\$ 25.00 PER PERSON WITH CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE
HILL COUNTY EVENING LIONS CLUB
MAIL TO: 212 CORSICANA ST, HILLSBORO, TX 76645**

**RSVP BY JANUARY 8, 2024
CONTACT: Lion Leann Richmond
817-528-1553
Email: hillcountyeveninglions@gmail.com**

Silent Auction

**NAME: _____ CLUB: _____
SELECT ONE – CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN _____**

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TLC Chairman's Chatter "Dreamcatching 101"



Prospecting Tips from the Pros (Part II)

For the last 2 months we have been talking about how thousands of Texas children have had their dreams come true at Texas Lions Camp, because we, the Lions of Texas, are their dreamcatchers. We are the webbing, snatching up all their negative thoughts, and allowing their dreams to sneak through the holes and come true at TLC. One of our 2 main jobs as "Dreamcatchers" is to find the campers, so they get the opportunity to come to Camp. **The magic that is - TLC - can't work if they don't come.**

Prospecting for campers can be a tough job. Privacy rules have eliminated most of the techniques we used in the past to get names and contact information. Many Lions just don't have any idea where to start. So last month, after soliciting ideas from the "pros" (those who have been highly successful in finding campers), we found there were only 3 broad categories of approaches and we discussed 2 of them: 1) **Media** (newspaper, radio, TV) and 2) **Flyers & "Do You Know Cards"**. This time we will cover the 3rd one: **Presentations**.

Dreamcatching 101: Prospecting Tips for Finding Campers

3) Presentations

Presentations take on two forms: Speaking to a group in a controlled setting or setting up a booth and talking to people as they come by. Before you do either of these you need to educate yourself about the camp and make sure you have plenty of camp brochures. Your elected TLC Directors can help you with both of these. You should also spend some time reviewing the camp website (lionscamp.com). There is information there to educate yourself on the camp, its history, the activities the campers enjoy, the camp schedule of the various camping sessions and even a marketing toolkit for you to use. If you are still not comfortable, then contact your elected director and see if they can help you with your 1st couple of presentations. They should also have "story boards" and other materials to set up a booth.

Some places you might be successful in setting up speaking engagements would include Special Needs support associations (they generally will have regular meetings for the parents); other service organizations, such as Elks, Rotary, etc. (they're always looking for programs); Senior Centers & Assisted living facilities (grandparents are always looking out for the grandkids); local Home-Schooling groups; your local PTA meeting; and your local Special Olympics. Many smaller towns don't have all of the various Special Needs associations, so don't be afraid to go to the nearest town, where your local people will have to go for the services they need for their children. If there is a Lions Club in that town, maybe you can partner with them in setting up and making presentations.

However, your schools are still the place where our "pros" have the most success. You should visit with your school Principals, the Special Education Director, the 504 Coordinator, and/or Health Services Director (school nurses) in your local school district. Virtually every one of these will have a regular faculty or staff meeting, where they might allow you time to tell them about TLC. You may also want to approach the Superintendent to speak at his/her annual teacher conclave, & your Region Education Service Center contact for health services (school nurses) to present at their August training or School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meeting. Both of these need to be contacted in June or you likely won't be able to get on the August agenda. These last 2 may also allow you to set up a booth.

Booths: Beside the 2 mentioned above, any of your fundraising or service activities, such as health fairs, public eye screenings, chili suppers, pancake breakfasts, bingo night, raffle ticket sales outside the local Wal-Mart, etc. are all good booth locations. Local church fairs, chili cook-offs, rodeos, large flea markets or swap meets, county fairs & livestock shows, & school fall festivals are other possibilities. Some of these may charge fees for a booth, but many will waive the fee for a non-profit such as Lions Club/Camp.

This may sound daunting to many of you, but don't do it alone. Do it as a club project, making use of the various talents of your members in the process....and don't forget your elected directors. They are there to help you. However, the time to start "making dreams come true" is now, because **Online Registration opens January 3, 2024**. The 2024 camping session is attached below.

Go be a Dream Catcher!
PCC Tom Blase, Chairman

Texas Lions Camp

Summer Camp Schedule – 2024

1. June 2-8, 2024 - HC 1 (Friday ✓ out) – 1st
2. June 9-15, 2024 - HC 2 (Friday ✓ out) – 2nd
3. June 16-18, 2024 - Residential Day Camp – 1st
4. June 20-22, 2024 - Residential Day Camp – 2nd
5. June 23-29, 2024 – Camp David and Down (Friday ✓ out)
6. June 30-July 6, 2024 – Diabetes Camp (Friday ✓ out) – 1st
7. July 7-13, 2024 - Diabetes Camp (Friday ✓ out) – 2nd
8. July 14-20, 2024 - Camp Discovery
9. July 21-23, 2024 - Family Camp – 1st
10. July 25-27, 2024 - Family Camp – 2nd
11. July 28-30, 2024 - Family Camp – 3rd
12. Aug 1-2, 2024 - Family Camp – 4th

TEXAS LIONS MUSEUM



PDG Lawrence Sanchez, District Chair Texas Lions Museum,
Killeen Evening Club, lasertag9850@gmail.com

As your Texas Lions Museum and Office Foundation Trustee I have visited the following Lions Clubs in Lions District 2-X3; Hillsboro Lions Club, Palestine Noon Lions Club, Killeen Evening Lions Club, Killeen Noon Lions Club, Grapeland Lions Club, Fairfield Lions Club, and the Killeen Ladies Lions Club. Thank you for allowing me to give each of you a presentation to your members. I feel great that I'm updating and spreading the information about your Texas Lions Museum.

Lion District 2-X3 has had twenty three of our Lions Clubs that have supported the Texas Lions Museum in the Governor's Humanitarian Charities so far. Two dollars a member of each club has made a difference in the success of our Grand opening of our Museum on August 3, 2024.

Those Lions Clubs that still have not made the commitments to support your museum please do so. It takes you to give a hand up to your history to be viewed by all Lions and non-Lions in our world. "If you build it they will come", so the saying goes.

I would like to invite the clubs that have supported the Museum to attend this upcoming Lions District 2-X3 Mid-Winter Conference on January 27, 2024 in McGregor Texas. Registration is on the District Website and District Newsletter.



TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION

{PDG Lisle Meeker, District Texas Lions Foundation Chair
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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Here we are it is Christmas I hope everyone has a joyful time and a safe and Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to come to your club and talk 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 once a year.

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.



DISTRICT PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Lion B.C. Seely, District Peace Poster Contest Chair
Waco Womens Lions Club, bc1seely@gmail.com

District 2-X3 had eleven entries for the Peace Poster contest this year. WhooHoo! Winners for first–fifth place will be announced at the January District 2-X3 meeting. The posters and mailing tubes may be picked up at the meeting. Thank you to all who sent an entry.



DARE TO
Dream!

2-X3 News



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Total Membership



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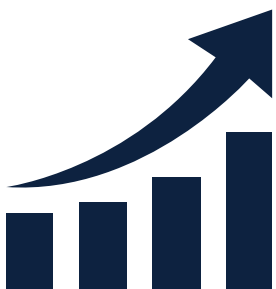


Total Clubs



1. **Temple Founder: 102**
2. **Salado: 65**
3. **Grapeland Noon: 64**
4. **Waco Founder: 64**

Membership Leaderboard



1. **Grapeland Noon: +7**
2. **Temple-Belton Ladies: +6**
3. **Groesbeck: +6**

Growth Leaderboard

CLUB NEWS



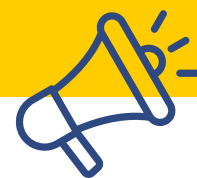
BELTON

HOCTIL Fall Festival for Families of Children with Special Needs,
October 21, 2023, Central Texas Christian School



1st Annual Lions on the Leon Picnic in the Park and Wacky Boat Race, October 7, 2023, Heritage Park. Belton Lions created this new event to showcase the new improvements that the City of Belton has made to an extended portion of Heritage Park. Great fun times boat building & racing ... enjoying food trucks, pony rides, games, vendors and a dunk tank! Capt. D did an amazing job putting this all together! We challenge you to race against us next October!





Belton Lions are so blessed and thankful to be able to serve and give back to our community and families! We filled and delivered Thanksgiving Baskets (all the fixin's for a full Thanksgiving Dinner) for HOCTIL families of children with special needs. Proud and humbled to be Belton Lions.

We SERVE because We are LIONS ~ We are LIONS because We CARE!



GRAPELAND NOON



Grapeland Noon Lions Club

November 16 at 7:36 PM · 🌐

On November 11th the Grapeland Noon lions partnered with the directors of the Grapeland Senior Citizens Center to honor the local Veterans with a Fish Fry and program. There were 89 present. A big thank you to all for their service !



At our November 16th meeting we were honored to have past District Governor Lawrence L. Sanchez as our guest speaker. He spoke to us about the Texas Lions Museum as well as the history of the Lions Club. Thank you again Mr. Sanchez we thoroughly enjoyed your visit!

Grapeland Noon Lions also welcomed three new members Henry Haws, Brandy Beard, and Carolyn Keels.



HEWITT

On Friday, November 17, 2023, Larry Hartgroves (President Hewitt Lions Club, pictured on left) and Walt Becker (Hewitt Lions member, pictured on right) delivered 115 pounds of food and \$705.00 on behalf of the Hewitt Lions for Food for Families. Food for Families is the largest food drive in Central Texas and all donations stay with food banks in Central Texas. For every \$1.00 donated, 2.5 lbs. of non-perishable food is purchased. Pictured in the center of the photo is Sean Bellafiore, First Alert Meteorologist, KWTX - TV (KWTX is the main sponsor of Food for Families).





HILL COUNTY EVENING

November Service project: Food for Families community drive benefiting Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries

New members for the month of November are: Adam Betts, Mary Falter, Tonya Gregorio, and Michelle Morgan



HUBBARD

Kent Fuller, left, safety coordinator brought an informative presentation on the safety procedures at Hubbard ISD including the classroom door lock-down procedure, glass door & window protection & lights added to the parking lot. Dr Justin Turner, right, is the superintendent of schools.

CLUB NEWS



KILLEEN LADIES

**Do you still have Gifts that need Wrapped?
Let us Wrap them for you.**

**We will be wrapping gifts at
Walmart on Stan Schuleter
in Killeen for donations.**

**Dec 16-23 1-7pm
Dec 24 10-2pm**

**All money raised will go
back into the community.**

A cartoon lion mascot wearing a pink face mask and a pink t-shirt with the Killeen Ladies Lions Club logo. The lion is surrounded by several wrapped gifts in various colors (red, green, blue, purple) and a red Santa hat. In the background, there is a Walmart logo and the Killeen Ladies Lions Club logo. The entire graphic is set against a white background with light blue snowflake patterns.

Killeen Ladies Lions Club had a great November. On Nov 4th GMC provided a truck and the Killeen Stan Schuleter Walmart provided us a location to have our Fill the Truck event. The Killeen Food Care Center and Fort Cavazos Main Post Food Pantry was given all the food we collected from that day. The monetary donations we collected was split between HARP and the Children's Advocacy Center. We also had Veterans from Charlie Company 15th BSB 2ABCT 1CD collect an additional 700 lbs of food that we were able to donate to the Fort Cavazos Main Post Food Pantry.

We were also able to donate 20 Thanksgiving meals to some families in need.





KILLEEN NOON

The Killeen Noon Lions Club participated in the annual Food For Families drive on November 17 th collecting over \$3,500 cash and 265 lbs of groceries from passing motorists. The collection resulted in a total of 9,070 lb of food for the Killeen Food Care Center. Members continued to support the Killeen Food Care Center on Thursdays, resulting in over 3,000 people served. We also continued our bi-weekly bingo sessions at the Rosewood Retirement Center.



Left: PDG Sanchez gave us a presentation on the Texas Lions Museum



Right: PDG Lisle Meeker gave the club a presentation on the Texas Lions Foundation



Working at the Killeen Food Care Center



Bingo at the Rosewood



PINEY WOODS

Food Distribution; November 20

East Texas Food Bank sent us 15 pallets of watermelons, onions, potatoes (idaho and sweet), mandarin oranges, grapefruits, and frozen chicken. It was great to see so many volunteers turn out today! There were at least 10 Lions, 14 Leos, and at least 16 additional volunteers from Standing with Crockett and others.



Volunteer Opportunity with Christmas on the Square Nov 18

Lions & Leos volunteered to help the Crockett Chamber of Commerce in the early morning for Christmas in Crockett! By my count there were 7 Lions and 33 Leos that turned out.



Adopt a Highway Clean up, November 11

We had a good turnout with 6 Lions and 12 Leos November 11. There was a lot of trash in all sections, and we wound up with 14 bags of trash.





ROBINSON AREA

Robinson Cub Scout Pack 1311, collected used eyeglasses and delivered them to our meeting, we added 2 new members (Lion Mike Baker and Lion Sara Bartlett), and we received our club giving patch from LCIF.



SALADO

Salado Lions said goodbye to long-time Lion Colonel John "Jack" Oliver. Colonel Oliver was 99 years old and my records say that he was a member of Lions for 51 years (since October 1, 1972). He was a great Tail Twister for our Salado Lions Club. He also served as an officer in the Air Force for 30 years and as a Bell County Commissioner for 12 years. Lion Jack served Lions for 51 years.





We were so pleased to have Taylor Munzy, our Salado FFA teacher/sponsor and the Ag Issues Team with us this month!



Left: With Thanksgiving approaching, we had the Salado Church of Christ Singers with us this month to help us get in the Spirit of Thanksgiving.

TEMPLE BREAKFAST



Temple Breakfast Lions Club participated in the annual Food For Families one day food drive. Collected donations and presented them to the Temple drop off site.



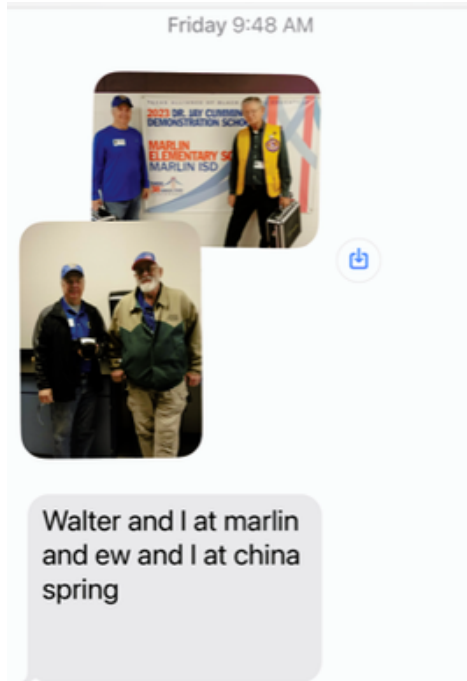
Temple Breakfast Lions Club collecting food from the the Rucks of those participating in Rucks on Main. There was over 6000lbs collected.



CLUB NEWS



WACO FOUNDER



WACO WOMENS



Later in the month several members put their talents together at Sironia's on Austin Avenue, Waco, Texas and turned gloves into snowmen with a chocolate bar inside for The Cove students. The Cove serves homeless high school students who need a place to study, have dinner and learn life skills after school. Later in December, WWLC members will set up a holiday party for them to enjoy treats and their snowmen gloves.



Waco Women's Lions Club started the month off with a "sip and visit" evening at the Valley Mills Vineyard. Members and guests enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the vineyard visiting, sipping and enjoying the beautiful weather.

LEO SPOTLIGHT



PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leos made Christmas Cards and decorated ornaments on November 5 for a local nursing home. The Leos will deliver these sometime in December.



Leo President Mayra Martinez formally inducted 6 new Leos during the November meeting.



LEOS Continued

The Woodmen Life selected the Piney Woods Leo Club for their Community Partnership Award! This is from their Award Bio read at the dinner:

"This great group of young individuals can be seen anywhere and everywhere there is a place needing a helping hand - here is a partial list just to name a few:

- Christmas in Crockett
- Drive Thru Food Distribution
- Adopt a Highway
- Christmas Cards for Nursing Homes
- Serving and Helping at Chamber Banquet or other Chamber functions
- Host Holiday Parties at Assisted Living Facilities

This is just to name a few of the things that this group does to help in the community. They are learning Leadership, Volunteerism, Community Responsibility, and Helping those in need or less fortunate."



Piney Woods Leos volunteered at 5:30am on Nov 18 to help the Crockett Chamber of Commerce. The Leos helped man the barricades as vendors arrived, and helped the vendors unload their stuff once they found their marked location in downtown Crockett. This was the largest number of vendors for Christmas in Crockett yet!

