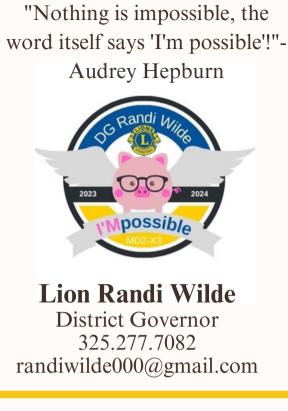
# LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-X3



#### NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 07



# Belive in the IMpossible





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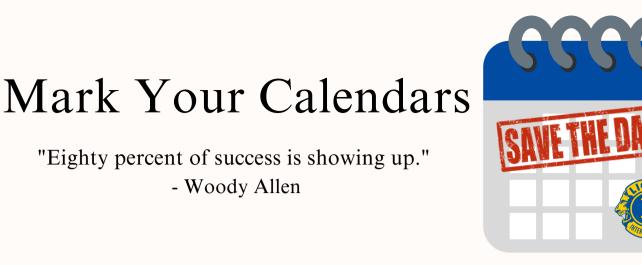
We have a lot to celebrate within our district. In the first half of the year, we have chartered two new clubs which is ensuring our communities are being served. It has been so wonderful to welcome our new clubs into the district.

This first half of our Lion year has been full of clubs serving their communities. Please ensure we are submitting all of our great service projects into the Lion Portal. If your club needs assistance in entering your service projects into the portal please reach out to myself or PDG Angela Cases, our District Service Chair. We would be happy to help you enter it.

We are asking each club to strive for Club Excellence Award this year. 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 are looking forward to a great second half of our Lions years.

#ChangingTheWorld #BelieveInTheImpossible



- January 3, 2024 Texas Lions Camp Open Registration for Campers
- January 27, 2024 Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting McGregor, TX
- February 3, 2024 Texas Lions Camp Birthday Party Kerrville, TX





Lion Stacey Phillips Second Vice District Governor 253.468.5271 staceyphillips68@gmail.com



### Happy New Year!

I hope 2024 has started off well for everyone and their loved ones. As we begin the second half of our Lions' year, lets explore new ideas to keep our clubs moving forward. You are making a difference in people's lives and making your communities better places to live.

Congratulations to the Hill County Evening Lions Club! Their Charter celebration is on January 20th, I hope to see some of you there!

Let's make this a great year, filled with friendship, fellowship, kindness and joy. Be proud of what your club is doing and share for all to see!





### **NEW MEMBERS 2-X3**

### COPPERAS COVE

ANDREA BIVINS - Sponsor: Darie McCleaves

#### CORSICANA

- THOMAS PEASE Sponsor: Dennis Wilson
- MICHAEL SHORES Sponsor: Dennis Wilson

#### HILL COUNTY EVENING

- ADAM BETTS
- TONYA GREGORIO
- JAY JOLLY
- NANCY JOLLY

#### KOSSE

- JACLYN D DUNCAN Sponsor: John Rasco
- STACY L LOCKHART Sponsor: John Rasco
- MADELYN WILSON Sponsor: Jaclyn Duncan



## **NEW MEMBERS 2-X3**

### MARLIN

- MADISON ELLIOTT Sponsor: Jay Elliott
- LEO GREEN Sponsor: Michael Magouirk
- KAYLA ROSAS Sponsor: Jay Elliott

#### MCGREGOR

• FLOYD E SOUTHALL JR - Sponsor: William Fowler

#### PINEY WOODS

• DANIELLE N PENNINGTON - Sponsor: Ellen Brooks

#### **TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES**

• JAN CHRISTMAS - Sponsor: Bridget Whitaker





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





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

Cabinet Meeting Registration Form

Club Name: Name:		Title:	Saturday Cabinet Meeting (\$25):	Amount Due:
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#### \$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 <u>CThomas@McGregor-Texas.com</u>

Staybridge Suites Waco South 205 Colonnade Pkwy Woodway, TX 76712 Extended Stay America Waco- Woodway 5903 Woodway Dr. Waco, TX 76712



#### TLC Chairman's Chatter Happy Birthday TLC



Let the Celebration begin! The 1<sup>st</sup> event to celebrate the Lions Camp' birthday will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 in conjunction with the Camp's Semi-Annual Board Meeting and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council of Governors' weekend in Kerrville. The Past District Governors' Association has designated their Saturday evening banquet at the Y.O. as TLC's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, where the guest speaker will be Past International President Douglas Alexander. Tickets are now available on line. (Go to Texas Lions.org, Council Meetings, 2023-24 3<sup>rd</sup> Council of Governors' Meeting or you can go to pdgtxlions.com). There will be a social hour with pre-dinner music prior to the banquet.

The Kerrville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their monthly wine and cheese party on the Texas Lions Camp campus on March 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We hope to have some Federal, State, and local proclamations to honor the occasion, as well as local dignitaries and possibly our State &/or Federal Representatives.

Next up is the past Counselors & Campers Homecoming (March 22-24). This will be a great opportunity for reminiscing and touring the camp to see all the changes that have been made in the camp over the years. A complete outline of events and the registration form will be available on the camp website. If you know any past staff members, counselors, or campers, please contact them to let them know about this fun event....and while you are at it invite them to come to one of your meetings, many of these folks have never been invited to join a Lions Club.

Since April 4, 1949 is the date the State of Texas officially incorporated us, our main event will be on the campus of TLC from April 5-8. Lions will be offered the opportunity to stay on campus in our bunkhouses. There will be a nightly fee, but meals will be included. As you may recall Kerrville is virtually "dead center" for the April 8<sup>th</sup> total eclipse. Rooms in town, if available, are \$500-\$600/night and likely grocery stores and restaurants will run out of food. So here's a chance to celebrate, have some fun, and enjoy the eclipse; and on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-9pm, TLC will host a Musical Festival at the Kerr County Youth Exhibit Center across the highway from the camp. Eric Pasley, a former TLC camper, will be our headliner. All of this culminating with one of Mother Nature's most spectacular events on April 8<sup>th</sup> – a total eclipse.

One thing I think we should remember, as we celebrate our successes of the past, is that this is like our Lion's logo: one Lion looking backwards and one looking forward. Our celebrations are looking to the past, things that are done. We certainly need to honor that legacy, but at the same time we the Lions of Texas have to be the Lion looking forward to the things that are to come. **2024 is certainly not the end of anything; it is the birth year of our 2<sup>nd</sup> 75 years.** 

We are now in January and camper sign up is already started for summer 2024. Let's go be the ""Lions looking forward" and fill up our camp this year. (I've attached the summer camping dates) Let's make some dreams come true!

Go be a Dream Catcher! PCC Tom Blase, TLC Chairman

#### Texas Lions Camp Summer Camp Schedule – 2024

- 1. June 2-8, 2024 HC 1 (Friday ✔ out) 1st
- June 9-15, 2024 HC 2 (Friday ✓ out) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 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
- July 21-23, 2024 Family Camp 1<sup>st</sup>
- 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 Camp District Report Submitted by Lions Camp Director Dick Chapin & Angela Cases

Well, another year has come to a close and we should be preparing for another fantastic year at Texas Lions Camp.

As I hope that you know, Angela Cases has picked up another title and has joined me as one of our two Elected District Texas Lions Camp Directors. She is already on the go, so you can contact either of us to receive your annual update briefing of Camp activities and needs.

Attached below is the 2024 Camp schedule, and as usual campers should get registered as soon as possible, before preferred dates are filled. Registration started on 3 January 2024, so be sure that you get this information out to potential campers immediately.

I am in my fourth year as an Elected Director for our District and my term will expire on 30 June 2024. Please survey all of your members to identify someone to take my place. This is an elected two- year position on the District Staff and can be extended for two additional years. Texas Lions Camp Constitution & Bylaws requires me to step down, for at least a year before I could reapply for the position. Eligible members must submit a Resolution to the District, as soon as possible, for any member interested being nominated for the position. Then at the District Convention, they will have an opportunity to speak to the eligible voters giving their reasons for wanting to fulfill this position. Voting members will then select their preference.

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 have already endorsed a return camper from last year to attend again this year. His parents have said this is all he can talk about since camping last year. So, check with your past campers and get them excited to reapply.

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.

Dick Chapin dchapin77@gmail.com 254.319.8034 Angela Cases lion.angelascases@gmail.com \_(603) 321-7365

### **Century Club**

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Support Levels

**Bank Draft information** 

Credit Card Payment information



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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### LIONS DISTRICT 2-X3 PAST DISTRICT <u>GOVERNORS</u> ASSOCIATION TOM P. KIRKHAM AWARD COMMITTEE PDG JOE HOLMAN, CHAIRMAN

January 5, 2024

Dear Lions Club President,

This letter announces the beginning of the selection process for the 2023-2024 Tom P. Kirkham Award.

The Tom P. Kirkham Award is District 2-X3's most prestigious award, and it is given yearly to one outstanding District Lion. Eligibility requirements for the award are as follows:

- A Lion who has, over time, consistently provided outstanding service to the community and club.
- A Lion who has displayed outstanding leadership qualities
- A Lion who is not the District Governor, a Vice District Governor, a Past District Governor or a previous Tom P. Kirkham awardee
- The nominee MUST attend the District Convention Governors Banquet unless excused by the Selection Committee

Your club's Board of Directors may identify <u>one</u> member Lion whom they consider to be most deserving of this award and submit a letter of nomination to the Tom P. Kirkham Award Committee. This letter should state the candidate's accomplishments, outline his/her leadership qualities and express the club's support of the candidate.

The letter of nomination may be mailed to: PDG Joe L. Holman 271 Meadow Glen Drive Killeen, TX 76543 The letter must be postmarked no later than February 23, 2024.

The letter may also be submitted electronically to me at <u>rangerjoe74@gmail.com</u>. Formats should be limited to .doc, .docx, .rtf or .pdf. Electronic submissions must be <u>received</u> by me no later than 12:59 pm February 23, 2024. Please request "read receipt" if you submit electronically.

The Tom Kirkham Award Committee, composed of active members of the Past District Governors Association, will review and vote on all submissions to select an Award recipient. The Tom Kirkham Award will be presented to the designated recipient at the District 2-X3 Convention Governors Banquet in Waco, April 27, 2024.

Please consider honoring your finest Lion with a nomination.

Sincerely,

PDG Joe Holman, Chairman



## TEXAS LIONS MUSEUM

PDG Lion Lawrence Sanchez, Texas Lions Museum Trustee Killeen Evening Lions Club, lasertag9850@gmail.com

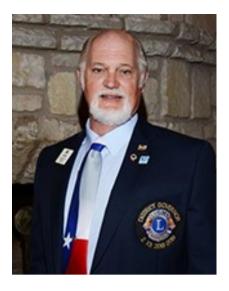
As your Texas Lions Museum and Office Foundation Trustee, I have visited the Belton Lions Club in Lions District 2-X3. Thank you for allowing me to give each of you a presentation to your members. I feel great that I'm updating and spreading the information about your Texas Lions Museum.

Lion District 2-X3 has had twenty-nine 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.

"A museum has to renew its collection to be alive, but that does not mean we give up on important old works." **David Rockefeller** "If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten."**Rudyard Kipling** "When in a museum, walk slowly but keep walking." **Gertrude Stein** 

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 Lion Lisle Meeker, TLF District Chairman Temple Breakfast Club, Imeeker53@gmail.com

I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and safe New Year. We have started our second of the Lions calendar year. I'm looking forward to coming 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. Just received the midterm report and looking good over half of our clubs have sent in their donations please send yours in if you have not please do so soon we want to finish strong this 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 <u>MD-2 Lions of Texas (texaslions.org)</u>. 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.



## PEACE POSTER

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

Congratulations to all our clubs who entered a poster for the Dare to Dream Peace Poster Contest!

District 2-X3 had eleven entries for the Peace Poster contest this year. Winners for first–fifth place will be announced at the January 2024, District 2-X3 meeting on January 27, 2024 in McGregor. (The first place winner was sent to the state contest. We have not heard about the winners of the state contest.)

The student posters and mailing tubes may be picked up at our district meeting. Thank you to all the clubs who sent an entry!







**Total Clubs** 

- 1. Temple Founder: 102
- 2. Grapeland Noon: 65
- 3. Waco Founder: 65

Membership Leaderboard



- 1. Grapeland Noon: +8
- 2. Temple Belton Ladies: +7
- 3. Groesbeck: +6

**Growth Leaderboard** 



#### **BELTON**

Each year, Belton Lions are honored to participate in the B.I.S.D. HeartBEAT Angel Program - helping to provide Christmas for less fortunate children in the Belton School District - Our Club adopted ten (10) children in the program - providing them with clothing and toys for Christmas! - where there is a need, there is a Belton Lion.



Belton Lions are so blessed and thankful to be able to serve and give back to our community and families! We filled and delivered Christmas Baskets (all the fixin's for a full Christmas Dinner) for HOCTIL (Heart of Central Texas Independent Living) 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!





Belton Lions Club, in collaboration with Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center, Inc. (HOCTIL), hosted "Pictures with Santa" for Children with Special Needs and their Siblings. Sixty-three families, 148 Children and 113 Adults signed up through HOCTIL for the event.



#### **BELTON Continued**









#### **BUFFALO**



The Buffalo Lions Club brought boys and girls toys to the December club meeting for distribution to Toys for Tots,



Lion Sam Thompson and Past President Mellissa Gray presented President Dan Owen the Lion of the Year Award

#### **CORSICANA**



Lion Sam Thompson, Lion Mike Gage and Past President Melissa Gray presented Lion Vicki Bennett, Treasurer, with the Jack Wiech Fellowship Award.

#### **CORSICANA** Continued



Lions Past President, Melissa Gray, Lion Sam Thompson and Lion Vicki Bennett, present Lion Cheryl Chaffin with the Lions Club Century Club Key Holder



Lion Sam Thompson presented Lion Dennis Wilson, Lion Marsha Banks, Lions Jim and Vicki Bennett with a Brick at the Texas Lions Camp.

Right: New Members were inducted in the Corsicana Lions Club Michael Shores and Tommy Pease, sponsored by Lion Dennis Wilson. President Dan Owen officiating.



### GATESVILLE



Left: Gatesville Lions Club members try to help at the Gatesville Care Center the 1st Wednesday of every month. Lion Joyce Talbott has been a very dedicated helper and we call other lions to assist if their schedule allows it.

#### **GRAPELAND NOON**



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Grapeland Noon Lions Club December 4 at 8:37 AM · 📀

Grapeland lions actually work for themselves Saturday December 2nd. Lion James Chaffin has provided a storage container for the club which now allows all of our supplies (tables, cookers, paper goods, float decorations, etc) to be stored in one place. Several of our lions pitched in for the big move. Thanks lions and thank you James Chaffin!





Christmas at the Park was held on December 8th at the Grapeland city park. The Grapeland Noon Lions were on hand to serve free chili and vegetable beef stew to the crowd. Thank you Lion Mike Goolsby, Lion Terry Hollister and Lion Bill Senkowsky for doing the cooking! Thanks to all the Lions who set up the booth and served.



### HARKER HEIGHTS

Harker Heights Lions Club- sorting and distributing toys and food to families for Christmas. Working with HH Fire Department for Santa Pals



#### HEWITT

The Hewitt Lions Club had a very busy December. The club rang the bell and collected money for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle, sold raffle tickets for a Traeger 780 Grill/Smoker (benefiting the Lions Foundation Fund for Midway High School Scholarships), sold pecans as a fundraiser, collected money from members for bicycles and purchased/delivered 31 bicycles for Toys for Tots. In December the Hewitt Lions also performed vision screening.

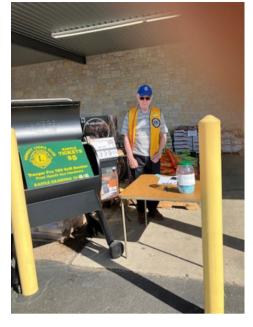






#### **HEWITT Continued**











#### **HILLSBORO**

The Hillsboro Lions Club hosted the annual sack races at Hillsboro elementary school. The Lions have been hosting this event since 1930!





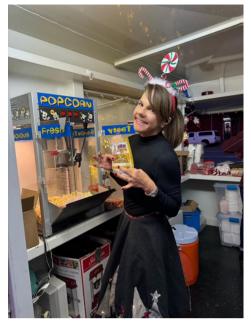
#### **HILLSBORO** Continued

Lions Kennie and Jennifer Nowlin and Lisa Jamen decorated the club trailer and served up popcorn and hot cocoa during the town's Christmas parade.









Left: Every year we volunteer at the local food bank and this year we helped box and deliver food for over 100 families. We serve! Lions Lenn Williams, Lynn Gray (not pictured), Vicki Adams, Lea Sanders, David Skelton, and special guest Chip Chillington

#### **HILL COUNTY EVENING**

Hill County Evening added new members: Adam Betts, Tonya Gregorio, Jay Jolly, and Nancy Jolly. They also participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army.



Tonya Gregorio and Liz Schneider



Cheryl Hermann and Jeanetta Green



Michelle Morgan and Donavan Green

#### **KILLEEN EVENING**

Park clean up and food pantry December 16.





#### **KILLEEN LADIES**

It is amazing how fast the year has flown by. KLLC is so blessed to still be together and still making it happen. We were able to provide 20 Christmas meals to some people in need. We also completed our Wrapping for Donation event to earn the funds to be used towards future projects. We also gave Cirilo Lopez the manager of the Walmart on Stan Schlueter and Bunny Trail an appreciation Lion award for allowing us to have our week long event there. Here is to another year of projects, fun and adventures!





### **KILLEEN NOON**

The Killeen Noon Lions Club participated in several activities in December. Lions Dick Chapin, Will Montrose, and PDG Joe Holman, with the gratefully appreciated assistance of Lion Lea Beaty, conducted an eye screening at Pat Carney Elementary School, screening 166 students. Thank you, Lion Lea!! Members then participated in the annual Killeen Christmas Parade on December 9th, delighting hundreds of parade viewers with our own Noon Lion! We then closed out the Christmas season by ringing for the Salvation Army at the Harker Heights Walmart on December 15th, and helping the Killeen Food Care Center on December 7th and 14th.

The members of the Killeen Noon Lions Club extend best wishes for 2024 to all Lions in District 2-X3.



Lion Lea helps with vision Killeen Christmas parade

screening





Getting ready for the Killeen Christmas parade

Lions Will and Dick eye screening





Lions Leslie and Jack



Christmas Bingo at the Rosewood



Barbara, Jack, Brockley





Lions Al and Diane



Lion Dick and Salvation Army Lt David Beckham



Lions Kathy and Bob



### KOSSE

The Kosse Lions Club donated three full sacks of groceries to 10 families in Kosse through the Kosse City Hall.



### LAMPASAS

the Lampasas Lions Club has recently completed a project that we are really excited about! This total dollar amount of this project exceeded \$75,000! We raised funds and received a \$25,000 grant from LCRA in order to install 8 exercise equipment stations and a walking path at the 580 Sports Complex in Lampasas.





#### **PINEY WOODS**



Dec 9 Traveled to Oak Lawn Cemetery, Mabank Texas, to mark 325 Veterans Graves in preparation for the Wreaths Across America



Dec 9 Volunteered at the 4th Annual Ciera & Friends Events at Good Shepherd Fellowship Church





Dec 17 Wreaths Across America

Dec 18 Food Distribution







#### **ROBINSON AREA**

Have you ever helped build a prize-winning Christmas parade float? That's just what our club did this year! We placed 1st overall!



Building the float in front of our President Lion Mandy Moss' house



Front view of the float



Full view of the float with a Back to the Future theme



Lions waiting for the parade to start



Left: Our own DG Lion Randi in a Lion costume

> Right: Club president Lion Mandy receiving the prize money from Chamber of Commerce president Linda Vaughn





#### SALADO

We began the month with our famous Salado Lion's Pancake Breakfast. We had a great crowd and, as always, a great crew of Salado Lions helping out!



We ended the month with our final highway clean-up of the year. We had a great problem this time...too many Lions! We serve!





We had another wonderful Salado Lion's Christmas Luncheon this year! Frank and Cathy did an amazing job once again with the food and, as always, it was again a pleasure to have the Salado High School Chorus sing for us. We hope and pray that everyone has the happiest of New Years!





### **TEMPLE BREAKFAST**

Right: Temple Breakfast Lions doing vision screening during our Feed My Sheep free pediatric clinic for uninsured children





Left: Temple Breakfast Lions conducting vision screening during HEB's feast of sharing



Right: Temple Breakfast Lions pose by the feed my sheep clinic trailer float before the start of the Temple Christmas Parade The sheep is Dr Ponder

Below: Ringing the bell for the Salvation Army





Temple Breakfast delivering food baskets to needy families at our adopted school



### **TEMPLE FOUNDER**

Temple Founder Lions said goodbye to long-time Lion Elwood Smith. Elwood was proudest of his 40+ years of perfect attendance with the club where he served as President and Chaplain. He was so inspired by Lions that his family requested memorials be made to the Temple Founder Lions Club Charities.



### **WACO FOUNDER**



Left: The photo shows the Founder Lions Club entry in the Nov. 11, 2023 Veteran Day Parade; reputed to be the longest Vet's Day Parade in the nation. In the photo are (left to right), Bobby Batson (Cen-Tex Corvette Club), Magan Gardner (Founder Vets Day Queen) and Lions Gayle Avant & Walter Drake.



#### WACO WOMENS

December is always a wonderful month for lions to serve others and enjoy the holiday cheer.

WWLC started the month off celebrating our 10th Anniversary with our members, families and lion friends. We are so grateful as a club that we are part of such a great organization, Lions Club International. WWLC provided over 100 stuffed animals to the McLennan County DA Josh Teten's office to give to children who appear in court to help ease their anxiety. We provided snacks and mittens for our homeless high schoolers at The Cove, and rang the bell for the Salvation Army. We are truly blessed to be a part of a great organization that not only helps in their community but far away too.





#### Waco Women's Lions Club Service through the Years

"Fill a Fiat" to benefit McLennan County Pack of Hope "Dinner in the Dark" to benefit Leader Dog "Lions Love Our Troops" care packages for deployed soldiers Camo Santa Toy Drive for deployed soldiers' children Legacy Stories Contest for senior citizens Helping organizations feed the homeless at area churches Annual bell-ringing for the Salvation Army Bringing Christmas cheer to Salvation Army's Sally's House Vision screenings at numerous Central Texas schools Food donations for Caritas Christmas parties for teenagers who utilize The Cove Serving at HEB's Feast of Sharing/Food for Families events Volunteering for Little League organizations to benefit youth Sponsoring campers at Texas Lions Camp Contributions of used eyeglasses for LERC Clothing donations for Esther's House Volunteering at Central Texas Special Olympic Games Assist with annual clean-up at Lions Park Assisting other Lions clubs with their service projects + lots more!

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# LEO SPOTLIGHT

### **PINEY WOODS**

Piney Woods Leo Club travelled to Frontier Camp on Dec 2 for their annual team building event. They spent the morning with multiple team-building challenges, and finished up with the big slide before lunch. After lunch they got to do the high ropes and zipline for the first time since we've been going to Frontier Camp. They also got to visit the trampoline pad for the first time.





It was a busy day with 3 different volunteer opportunities for the Piney Woods Leo Club. The first one was a road trip to Mabank to help mark about 425 Veteran's graves at Oak Lawn Cemetery.





### **PINEY WOODS** Continued

Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the 4th Annual Ciera and Friends event on Dec 9. They helped at many of the interactive tables throughout the event.













### **PINEY WOODS** Continued

Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the SHARE Toy Store for 3 Saturdays in December. They helped shop for items needed, stocked the toy store, and helped at the Stuff the Bus toy drive in front of Walmart (in support of the Toy Store).



Below: Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the PWFAA concession stand on Dec 14th.





The Piney Woods Leos visited Enchanted Pines (assisted living home) along with the Crockett ISD Band on Dec 14 at lunch time. The non-band Leos handed out the homemade Christmas cards & ornaments they'd made, and candy canes to each resident. The Leos also delivered a beautiful flower arrangement in Christmas colors to Enchanted Pines. The flower arrangement will keep it in public areas like the lobby for all the residents to enjoy. The residents absolutely loved the music, and getting the cards & ornaments & candy canes!



#### **PINEY WOODS** Continued











Piney Woods Leos drove 1.5 hours to Mabank to participate with Wreaths Across America. There were 625 wreaths in total between Eubank Cedar Creek Memorial Park and Oak Lawn Cemetery

