

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-X3



NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 10



Belive in the I'Mpossible

Piney Woods Leo Club
April Leo Club Awareness
Month

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

Audrey Hepburn



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Commitment

Commitment can be a scary word for many of us. What makes it difficult to commit? It could be we are wanting everything to be perfect prior to fully accepting the responsibility. We need to commit before success can be realized. It is our passion, motivation, and enthusiasm that brings us and others to want to fulfill our service projects and/or fundraising projects. True commitment is measured by action, not mere talk. We always hear that actions speak louder than words. That is so true. We will always follow a leader by example versus someone talking of what we can do. Anytime we proceed with a service or fundraising project, we will run into resistance. Our commitments and perseverance will help us overcome this obstacle.

How do we improve our commitments? First, make it measurable. Take time to reflect on how we spend our time and resources. This is a good indication of the level of commitment. Second, make your plans public and be transparent with the plans. This allows for others to help keep us on course and be a great sounding board for progress. Write down your plans to help hold yourself accountable and post it where you can see it on a regular basis.

“It was character that got us out of bed, commitment that moved us into action, and discipline that enabled us to follow through.” – Zig Ziglar

#ChangingTheWorld #BelieveInTheImpossible

Mark Your Calendars

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



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- April 19 & 20, 2024 - Temple Founder Lions Follies
 - April 20, 2024 - Riesel Lions Club Bingo
 - April 26-28, 2024 - Corsicana Lions Club Pickleball Open
 - May 4, 2024 - Crockett Lions Club 4D Barrell Race
 - May 4, 2024 - Hillsboro Lions Club Golf Tournament
 - May 11, 2024 - Palestine Lions Club Golf Tournament

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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Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe winter is over and the Texas heat is just around the corner. Clubs are starting to elect their officers for the 2024/2025 year and our new Lion Portal is launching! So many exciting things!

In addition to the spectacular eclipse for those who got to see it this month, April is Earth Month. It's a time to raise awareness regarding the importance of protecting the environment. Join Lions around the world and get involved in projects that benefit the environment. It could be a park or roadside clean up or planting trees and flowers. There is a list of activities on LCI if you need more ideas.

Take advantage of the resources available to you through the District and LCI. We would love to help whenever possible!

I look forward to seeing you all at the District Convention in Waco!



WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

BELTON

- JUSTIN JT GRIMM - Sponsor: Lawrence Williams

CORSICANA

- JOHN MARK WATSON - Sponsor: Robert Thompson

HAMILTON

- SHANE M GRIEVE - Sponsor: Ryan Polster

HILL COUNTY EVENING

- BRENDA ARIAS - Sponsor: Michelle Morgan

MCGREGOR

- MINDY N PRICE - Sponsor: Cassie Thomas

MEXIA

- AARON C WOODALL - Sponsor: Donald Corbitt

WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

PALESTINE

- MESHELL SCOTT - Sponsor: Cindy Piersol

PINEY WOODS

- MELISSA A HOLLOWAY - Sponsor: Dorian Sullivan

SALADO

- ANTHONY CRYAR - Sponsor: Hulda Horton
- JACK DAVIS - Sponsor: Kelly McLeod
- BRUCE GORDON - Sponsor: Hulda Horton
- SUSAN GORDON - Sponsor: Hulda Horton
- BOB MASSEY - Sponsor: Ray McIntosh
- RICHARD SAPP - Sponsor: C W Bill Ruth

TEMPLE BREAKFAST

- VELVA F JOHNSON - Sponsor: Larry Wilkey

WELCOME



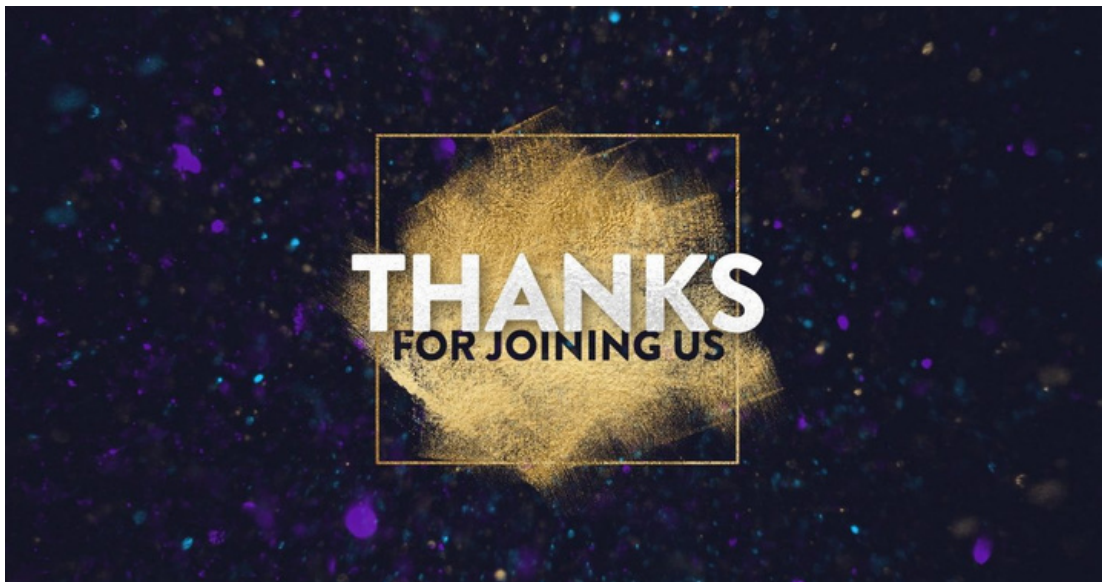
NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

TEMPLE FOUNDER

- JEREMY CAMERON - Sponsor: Kathleen Person
- DEBBIE COLLIER - Sponsor: Larry Neal
- RICHARD D JONES - Sponsor: Barbara Burtchell
- MIKE LANDRY - Sponsor: Guy Fowler
- F RHETT LAWHORN - Sponsor: Craig Lawhorn
- MEGAN MONDRIK - Sponsor: Larry Neal

TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES

- GLORIA PEREZ - Sponsor: Lorna Brockette



An Invitation to Discover
Texas Lions Camp



**AN OPEN INVITATION
FROM PID SAM LINDSEY**



EXPLORE THE CAMP FACILITIES

We will have an opportunity to explore the camp facilities and see the campers in action. See the latest updated facilities including bunkhouse 1 & 2 and the Eagle Trail Development.

[READ MORE](#)



ATTEND AN AWARDS CEREMONY

On the evening of June 14 at 7:00pm, attend the awards ceremony for the weeks campers. For many, this is the moment when "Lions truly become Lions", as you witness the joy of each and every camper!

[READ MORE](#)



**WANT TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT TLC**

Past International Director Sam Lindsey is loading up and heading out to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, TX on Friday, June 14, 2024. He has an open invitation to all Lions to meet and experience all the Texas Lions Camp has to offer.

All interested are asked to meet at the Texas Lions Camp Administrative Building at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 14, 2024.

For more information

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TLC Chairman's Chatter



Let the Good Times Roll



By the time most of your April newsletters go out, the last of the 75th celebration events will be over. I'll update you in May on the "Stay & Play Event" (April 5-8) during the eclipse; but 2 fun and very successful events were held in March.

On March 21st the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce held their monthly mixer on the TLC campus to celebrate our new bunkhouses and cabins with an official ribbon cutting; and to honor TLC for our 75 years in Kerrville. About 70 local Chamber members came to celebrate the impact our camp has had, not only on the Community, but also on the lives of the 82,000+ children and the hundreds of adult blind, who have come through our gates. Proclamations were read from the Governor, our State representative and by our Mayor; while greetings were sent from Rep. Chip Roy in Washington D.C., who will read a proclamation into the Federal Register during the House Session on April 4th, our actual birthday. A flag will also be flown over the nation's Capitol building in TLC's honor. **The message for TLC that they conveyed was really to ALL of the thousands of Lions (past & present) for the wonderful gifts of hope, confidence, fun & love we have given to so many people; along with their hopes that the Lions of the future will continue our great legacy.**

Then on March 22nd – 23rd, we hosted almost two hundred former campers and staff to a weekend reunion. Two even traveled from Australia & New Zealand to be at TLC. There were all sorts of activities to do on campus, plenty of time for reminiscing and a campfire with lots of storytelling. Thank You Steven King (Exec.V.P.) & Karen Anne (V.P. of Summer Camps) for planning such a great weekend. Seeing the joy and tears in everyone's eyes at being able to spend time on camp again & the enthusiasm with which they told their favorite stories really makes one feel – **HOW REALLY GREAT IT IS TO BE A TEXAS LION!** Our LCI President this year challenges Lions to "Change the World". **In Texas, Lions have been changing the world one child at a time for 75 years and those of us there this weekend saw first hand how true that is.**

Very, very few of them are Lions, but these are all super people, who would make great additions to any Lions Club. Likely most of them are just waiting to be asked. So if you know any past campers and counselors in your town, you need to invite them.

Next up is the 3rd Lions Camp workday on May the 4th. There is still plenty to do to get the campus ready for the 1st campers on June 2nd. Please get online and sign up your club to work. It's always a fun day. You'll meet Lions from all over the State. Bring your potential new Lions. There is no better way to recruit new members than to get them involved in an actual service project and it's a double whammy, when that service is at TLC.

As of this writing there is still room at our new program this summer – **Residential Day Camp** (June 16-18 & June 20-22). Like Family Camp, this is another attempt to give parents the comfort of being on campus with their child and not far away at some strange place they haven't been to. Hopefully this will give them the confidence to let the camper come to regular camp in the future. Also, like Family Camp, the camper can bring his/her whole family; but unlike Family Camp, at **Residential Day Camp**, all of the campers participate in activities as a group (just like regular camp) while their families get to go out and experience the Hill Country.

We are now in April and camper sign up is still in progress. Let's all join the camp & be that "Lion on our logo looking forward" and fill up our camp this year. **Let's each sign up a camper & make some dreams come true!**

Go be a Dream Catcher!

PCC Tom Blase, TLC Chairman



TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION

PDG Lion Lisle Meeker, TLF District Chairman
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Here we are in the last quarter of the Lions year and clubs are doing elections and planning inductions. I'm looking forward to come to your club and talk about Texas Lions Foundation. As you are planning your inductions look at what the foundation has to recognize and thank your outgoing president, lion of the year, your guest speaker, or someone in the community with one of our awards. The midterm report shows that the district is looking good over half of our clubs have sent in their 100% donations. Please send yours in if you have not, so we can 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 [MD-2 Lions of Texas \(texaslions.org\)](https://www.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.

Yours in Lionism



PEACE POSTER

Lion B.C. Seely, District Peace Poster Chair
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Peace Without Limits is the theme for the 2024-2025 International Peace Poster Contest. When ordering your kit from the Lion Store, I found it is better to order the kit when ordering other items. That will reduce your shipping cost. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

THE 2024-2025 CONTEST

Peace Without Limits

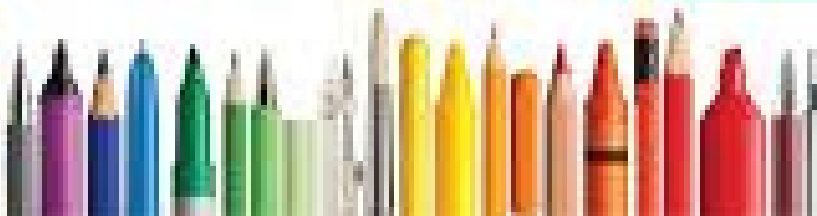
For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

The Toccoa Lions Club and the Meritt Lions Club will be sponsoring the local contests where you can submit your poster and share your vision of how "Peace Without Limits" will unfold. Posters will be due on Thursday, October 24, 2024. The judging will occur on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

To win the top prize in each club's contest you must be 11, 12, or 13 years old on November 15, 2024. People older and younger may submit posters for the contest and can win second place and lower. Each Lions club pays cash prizes and all posters submitted to the Lions will be published in the 2025 Lions peace poster calendar. Your poster will be on display at an art show in January 2025.



PEACE



Team Registration

1st 36 teams play

4 Players per team
\$125 per player
\$500 team



Use QR code for online registration or:
*Mail Check and Registration to
Sidney Hooper

**3.9% fee charged for using Venmo or Credit Card

REGISTRATION FORM

(Name, Email, Pullover Size)

TEAM NAME: _____

Team Member _____
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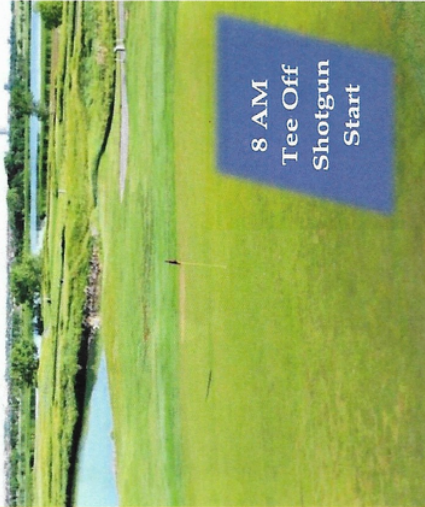
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Comanche Trails Golf Course



8 AM
Tee Off
Shotgun
Start

Come Play and Make a Child's Day!

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May 18, 2024



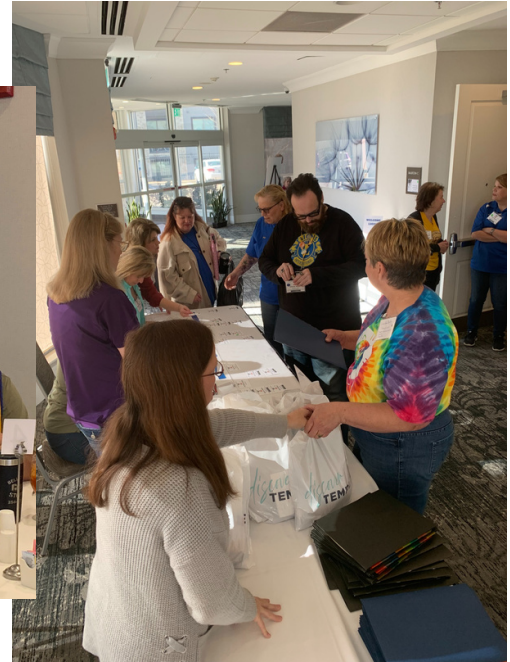


CAPS FOR CANCER

Lion Lea Ann Batey will have a cargo trailer at the District Convention so that participating clubs can put their bags and boxes of bottle caps into the trailer. Lion Lea and Lion Lorna will be delivering them to Del Rio 1st part of May. This will be a trial run to see what the cost will be for future runs. We ask that clubs who are participating in this collection consider making a donation to Lion Lea to aid in the gas cost of the trip. It is a little over 315 miles just to Del Rio. Pulling a trailer adds to the cost of gas . I'm guessing it will cost a little over \$200.00 in gas round trip but again this is just a guess. Won't know for sure until the 1st trip is made. So Please bring your caps to the convention or if not able to attend, send them with someone else or get in contact with Lion Lea. 254-598-0016 (prefers texts)

If anyone is going to be near Corsicana , they have bottle caps that need to be picked up from Club president Dan Owen Mobil # 903-875-5462. They have a big event that day and can not come to the convention.

TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

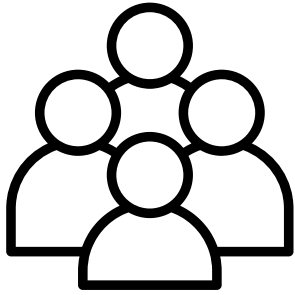


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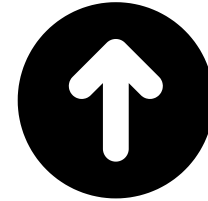


Congratulations
Graduates!

2-X3 News



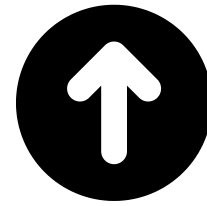
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Total Membership



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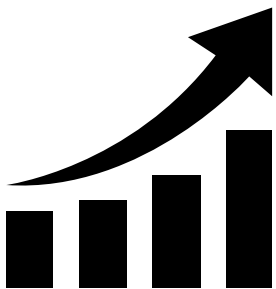


Total Clubs



1. **Temple Founder: 117**
2. **Salado: 66**
3. **Waco Founder: 65**

Membership Leaderboard



1. **Temple Founder: +20**
2. **Temple-Belton Ladies: +8**
3. **Belton: +6**

Growth Leaderboard

CLUB NEWS



BELTON

We are so blessed and thankful to be able to serve and give back to our community and families! Belton Lions delivered Easter baskets to 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!



CLUB NEWS



COPPERAS COVE

Copperas Cove Lions induct two new members during a visit from DG Randi Wilde!

Our March 21st meeting was truly inspiring with the induction of two new members, Tomas Ochoa, and Andrea Blevins, by DG Randi Wilde. DG Randi's visit was memorable as she discussed ways to increase our club membership, how our district was growing, upcoming events, and more! But the best part was the new member induction. Welcome to Tomas and Andrea who have been serving with us since the very beginning. Pictured below is DG Randi Wilde with members of the Copperas Cove Lions club.



Service projects were as plentiful as spring flowers. Leos and Lions partnered together to deliver cards and Easter goody bags to the local nursing home residents, helped paint a mural for the Harker Heights VFW as part of The Mission Continues project, donated much needed food and plasticware to the local soup kitchen, helped with flag retirement and disposal, and collected cans and pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.





Left: Pictured here are CC Lions, Leos and VFW Post 3892 members at the flag retirement and disposal ceremony.

CORSICANA

The Corsicana Lions Club donated time and material to building a playground for the House of Refuge. The House of Refuge provides a safe environment for the family. The family will live there until the woman finds a job and a place of her own with her children.

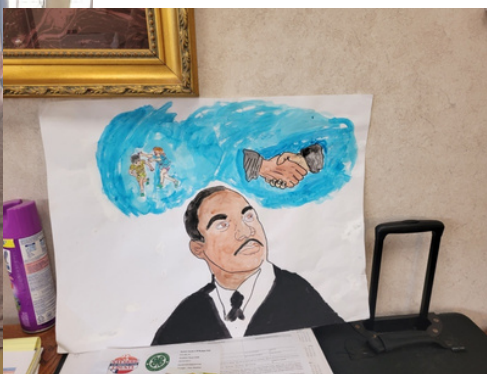




The 2023-24 Peace Poster Contest "Dare to Dream" - To a young person a dream isn't just a wish hope or desire - it's path, a goal an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. Thanks to Mildred students for the great job all year representing Navarro County, Mildred I.S.D.



1st Place



1st Place entry



2nd Place



3rd Place



Left: Part of the playground crew

CLUB NEWS



GRAPELAND NOON

Please consider helping the Grapeland Noon Lions with recycling your household bags and wraps. If we reach 1,000 lbs we get a new park bench for the Grapeland Park. We have 533 lbs collected with 467 lbs to go. Drop off bins listed below 📍

Recycle your household bags & wrap into a parkbench for Grapeland

Grapeland Noon Lions Club

Help us reach our goal of 1,000 lbs of plastic bags

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

Drop off bins in Grapeland:
The Gallery Salon
Grapeland Library
RP Feed/The Melon Shed
Grapeland Farm Supply
The Parts House

A green poster with a dark green background. On the left is a large green plastic bag with the Lions Club logo. To its right is a white recycling symbol and a thermometer graphic with a red liquid level. The text is in white and green. At the bottom right, there is a list of drop-off locations.

Grapeland Noon Lions Club members showed up to do the first spring clean-up on Milligan's Cemetery. Got it spring clean in two hours = 12 hours total.



CLUB NEWS



HARKER HEIGHTS

Harker Heights Lions presented the award to for the 3rd place District 2-X3 Peace Poster winner, Ms. Sirinity Bound's from Union Grove Middle School. Union Grove held a lunch time presentation in front of the 8th grade student body with Principal, Dr Lawrason, art teacher, Jordan Love, as well as Sirinity's parents. Cheers and celebrations were heard near and far! Congratulations Sirinity!



CLUB NEWS



HEWITT

At a March 2024 meeting the Hewitt Lions Club hosted BC Seely, Waco Women's Lion Club and Majors James and April Taylor, Salvation Army, McLennan County. BC Seely discussed the Lions Peace Poster and how to enter, organize and select winners of the poster. Majors James and April Taylor discussed the services performed by the Salvation Army and the new proposed Salvation Army Center of Hope Building. The Center of Hope Building is much needed in the Waco area and will help offer the best support possible so that the Salvation Army can help individuals and families leave homelessness for good.



Peace Poster Presentation



Salvation Army Presentation

HILL COUNTY EVENING

Hill County Evening Lions Club is making great strides with their enthusiasm and plans for their club. The first service project for 2024 was held 30 March in Hillsboro. A blood drive with an awesome Carter BloodCare team received 20 blood donations in honor of Erik Hannah the brother-in-law of Club member Donovan Green. The event was coordinated by Lion Donovan and is shown in one of the photos with the Hannah family. A few of the other Lions supporting the blood drive with free hot dogs, chips and drinks as shown are Lions Kenny Jones, Derek Meyers, Leann Richmond and Bill Sheffield. Give blood, it can save a life. The club also added new member Brenda Arias Sponsored by Michelle Morgan.

See photos on the next page



Lion Donovan



HILLSBORO

Right: President Chuck Smith Hillsboro Lions Club presenting a check to Lion David Skelton representing Mission Hillsboro.





Left: President Chuck Smith presenting a check to Paul Brown Hill College Rodeo Coach, who was also the guest speaker on March 19,2024 at the Hillsboro Lions Club Noon Meeting.

Right: Lion Cheryl Schulz with Angela Boyd speaker at Hillsboro Lions Club noon meeting on April 2,2024.



MART AREA

Pictures from Nerf Guns and Messy Buns sponsored by the Mart Area Lions Club, our Mom and son event





Mart Area Lions adopts McLennan Ave. Park



Left: Lambert Little Party

MCGREGOR

Right: McGregor Lions said goodbye to long-time member, Gigi Morgan. Lion Gigi Morgan, secretary/treasurer, faithful, caring, and giving member for 29 years, passed away at home on February 29, 2024, after a courageous battle with lung disease.



CLUB NEWS



PINEY WOODS

March 18- Food Distribution. We had a great turnout of volunteers for this produce distribution!



Piney Woods Lions volunteered at the PWFAA concession stand at the Pure Prairie League concert on March 23!



Piney Woods Lions answered the call to volunteer at the 2024 Forest Awareness Tour at Ratcliff Lake on March 20th. The Lions helped escort 5th Grade Classes from Houston County to multiple lessons that covered Living with Fire, Wildlife Biology, Soil & Water, Tree & Plant ID, Local Cultural History, Forest Mgmt & Forest Products, Fungi, and River Dynamics.

ROBINSON AREA



Waco Womens and Robinson Area collaborating on a future fundraising event.



CLUB NEWS



SALADO



Left: Salado Fire Chief Jim Franz was our first speaker of the month. He shared some Salado ESD statistics and some future plans with us.



Right: For our second program of the month, we were pleased to have 2 representatives from the Brotherhood Academy foster home with us.



Left: Our club continues to grow! Please welcome new Salado Lions Bruce and Susan Gordon (sponsor is Lion Hulda Horton), Bob Massey (sponsor is Lion Ray Don McIntosh), and Jack Davis (sponsor is Lion Kelly McLeod).

We were so happy to help again with the Bunny Hop at Thomas Arnold Elementary this year! A huge thank you to Lions David Mathews and Kenny Kalarek! It's a lot of hard work but those kiddos are certainly worth it! We serve!



CLUB NEWS



TEMPLE FOUNDER



On 03/20, TFLC welcomed Chris Del Conte - University of Texas Athletic Director - as our guest speaker. He presented an amazing program about the current status and future of UT sports.

WACO WOMENS

WWLC members placed Easter decals on kids during the Hewitt Easter Egg Hunt. Lions Jeanne Rieger, Kim Giles, LeeAnne Ostrander and B.C. Seely also provided pamphlets to parents about Texas Lions Camp and early warning signs of diabetes.

Picture: Kim Giles, B.C. Seely, LeeAnne Ostrander, and Jeanne Rieger



LEO SPOTLIGHT



COPPERAS COVE

Copperas Cove Leos with their parents, siblings and CC Lions distribute goody bags and cards to the residents at a local nursing residence.



Right: Ronald McDonald House needed pop tabs to help pay for projects and bills in the house. CC Leos stepped in by collecting cans from family and friends, removing the pop tabs, and making a large donation! The Ronald McDonald House appreciated the help!



PINEY WOODS



The Houston County Ministerial Association organized a dinner for the Ministers throughout the county on March 14. The Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the dinner. They learned how to formally set a table, served dinner, and refilled drinks.



PINEY WOODS Continued



Piney Woods Lions & Leos volunteered together at the March 2 workday at Texas Lions Camp. We cleaned up the gymnasium, cleared brush around Inspiration Point, painted several tractor implements, and shoveled out the manure in the petting zoo.



Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the Crockett Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. They helped setup the chairs and tables, served dinner to the VIP tables, provided drink refills, and helped with the silent auction.



PINEY WOODS Continued



April is National Child Abuse Awareness month. Piney Woods Leos planted blue pinwheels and tied blue ribbons around the Houston County Courthouse for Kalin's Center.



SEE YA NEXT MONTH!