

BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER



San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions

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NOTES TO MEMBERS

From President Carol

Calendar

JUNE

- 1st Tuesday Noon Lunch Meeting - Logan's Roadhouse,**
June 1 Speaker - Lion Bill Hull, LCI Youth Camp & Exchange Program
- 5:30 Joint Board Meeting, SM Public Library**
Dues are due by 5:30 pm
- June 5 Photo Hike with SMGA at Ringtail Ridge
- June 10 TOWN meets 6:30 at SMPD Auditorium
Potluck and program on Cuban Gardening
- 3rd Tuesday 6:30 Dinner and Installation of 2010-11 Officers by**
June 15 PDG Angie Nicholson at the Price Center
- June 18 Deadline for advance \$15 ticket for the Lone Star Lions
Eye Bank Annual Seminar & Luncheon on 7/31.
Tickets are \$20 at the door on 7/31. It will be from
9:30 am - 1:00 pm at, 102 E. Wheeler, Manor, TX.
For more details call 512/457-0638.

JULY

- July 1-30 Chamber Book Drive**
July 4th Summerfest - Children's Craft Tent - 4:30 - 9:00
- 1st Tuesday Noon Lunch Meeting - Logan's Roadhouse,**
July 6 Speaker - Kathryn Fredericks, Texas "Watch Your Car" to reduce auto theft campaign
- July 8 Texas Outdoor Women's Network (TOWN) meets
6:30 at SMPD Auditorium
- 3rd Tuesday 5:30 Board Meeting, SMPD Auditorium**
July 20 6:30 Evening Meeting
- July 31 Lions Eyebank Seminar & Luncheon**
9:30 am - 1:00 pm at, 102 E. Wheeler, Manor, TX.
For more details call 512/457-0638.



Thank you to all Bluebonnets Lions for indicating their areas of interest in Lionism for next year. I, personally, am looking forward to Lion Linda's year and our installation dinner at the Price Center on June 15th. See you there.

Please start now taking photos for the 2011 LCI environmental photo contest. I have the 2010 calendar of the winning photos from around the world if you would like to see some samples. The photo categories are animal life, plant life, urban or natural landscape, and weather phenomenon. If you know a photographer who would like to enter the contest, invite them to join our club, membership in Lions is a requirement for participation. "Lions are ready" to grow green. The Bluebonnet Lions winning photo is due to DG Mike on January 4, 2011.

"When the situation seems impossible, I slow down and jot down what IS working and build solutions from there," Daily Comforts for Caregivers by Pat Samples.

Cheers, Lion Carol



NOTES & REMINDERS FROM SECRETARY, EDNA

Due are due annually on April 1st.

If you have not gotten your dues turned in please be sure to do so by 5:30 on June 1st. Anyone who is not current on their dues will be dropped from membership at the board meeting on June 1st.

Reminder: Please turn in all sign-up sheets or e-mail a log of any activities or meetings you have attended to Edna by the 25th of each month.

Committee chairman need to report meetings, attendance and hours worked to the club secretary by the 25th of each month. This information is needed for her monthly report on club activities. Please also report any changes of contact information to Edna. Address and email changes are especially important so you will receive club meeting and other notices, the newsletter, and *The Lion* magazine. The address for dues payments is still PO Box 654, San Marcos, TX 78667-0654.

Committee News



EYE CARE COMMITTEE

Ellie Stewart & Kathy Richardson, Co-Chairs

Keep collecting those eyeglasses for recycling. Let Ellie know if you know of a good place where we might place another collection box.

EYE BANK NEWS

Laura Nell, Board Member

The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Annual Seminar and Luncheon will be on July 31st in Manor at the Eye Bank, located at 102 East Wheeler. Come learn about all the changes that have been happening over the past year with the Eye Bank. Tickets are \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. For more details call 512/457-0638.



PROJECTS – COMMUNITY SERVICE

Debra Sowards & D J Domstead , Co-Chairs

Summerfest is just around the corner. Come enjoy the festivities and visiting with San Marcos kids while helping them with some simple crafts. Linda Alexander will be bringing her kite making kit and supplies. D J Domstead has provided us with some great book marks children can customize to suit their own artistic temperament. Kathy Rogers is providing the works for some unique "fireworks". Linda Jalufka, Bertie Garcia, Linda Alexander and Irene Luna have volunteered for the first shift and Sandi Gray and Carol Peters for the second shift. Come join in the fun. Kathy's daughter, Laura Johnson, has agreed to oversee the tent and activities in Kathy's absence. Please help her make this event a success for everyone involved.

The 2010-11 Lions International Peace Poster contest theme is "Vision of Peace". Call or email Lion Rose to join the committee which will be contacting the SMCISD middle school art teachers in May about next October's local contest. Our club normally involves about 50 local students age 11-13 in this contest each year.



PROJECTS – FUNDRAISING

Judy Aswell, Chair

If you need some great gifts to keep on hand to express your appreciation, sympathy or kind thoughts to those special people in your life remember the ROR handcrafted cards promoting literacy D J Domstead produces for our club. They are \$5 each or a package of 6 for \$20. Each card includes a label that can be pasted into a children's book naming the honoree as the book's donor. These books are then given to young children through the Reach Out and Read program. The cards can be obtained from Carol Peters.



MEMBERSHIP

Moriah Eberhart, Chair

For new member information packets contact Moriah. Visitors are always welcome at all meetings.



CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

Website Administrator & Year Book Editor

Linda Alexander, Chair

The San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club Yearbook and updates are available for members from Linda. The by-laws pages have been updated to reflect the revisions approved by the club.

Check out YOUR club website for all the new information at <http://home.centurytel.net/bluebonnetlions/>. Contact Linda for the password.

Email Correspondence

Debra Sowards, Chair

Please remember that all club emails/phone reminders must be approved by the President and should be club business only. Check with members for permission before sending friendship emails. Debra Sowards will be handling our email communications this year.

Newsletter

Editor, Kathy Rogers

Thank you to everyone who submits information for the newsletter. Your help is very welcomed. If you run across something you think other members might appreciate please pass it on to me at zinnia@grandecom.net. **Please have anything you want included in a newsletter to me by the 21st of each month.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Judy Aswell, Chair

Please continue to advise Judy of any club activities, special awards, member recognitions, etc. that you feel are newsworthy. Photos with captions or articles are preferred.

TAIL TWISTING

Judy Aswell, Coordinator

Be sure to Congratulate and Thank Sandy Gray. She was the winning bidder for the Bluebonnet LionYard Crew at the silent auction. Sandy's generous donation, along with those made by other members present at the May evening meeting gave our Tail Twisting Fund a much needed boost.

All of us are capable of making others laugh and cheering up a room. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to serve as Tail Twister for at least one Lion meeting this year. The concept of the "floating" Tail Twister was very successful last year and therefore, continues this year. Help is available to come up with ideas for Tail Twisting, so don't be shy, Sign up today by contacting Judy at 512/3962374 or judy@americruit.com.



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CARE & CONCERN COMMITTEE

Katy Lighthouse & Liz Sumter, Co-Chairs

Please continue to remember the following members and their families in your prayers – Bonnie Flammang's son, Michael, who is recovering from surgery, Linda Jalufka, Debra Sowards, Rita Mutschlechner, and Moriah Eberhart.

If you know of anyone in the club in need of some encouragement and the knowledge that their friends are thinking of them call Katy and she can send them a card and pass the word along.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chair Vacant

A big thank you to Edna for providing the delicious refreshments at our last evening meeting.

Our officer installation and dinner is set for June 15th, at 6:30, at the Price Center. Be sure to contact Lion Liz to RSVP at tesumter@msn.com, or call her, by June 10th. The tickets for the dinner will be \$7.00 each. Guests are welcome. PDG Angie Nicholson will join us to install our new 2010-11 officers



TIDBITS

YOGA for ANYONE
Wednesdays at 10:30-11:45.
\$10.00 Per Session

Maggie Young of No Excuses!
AFAA Certified in personal & group fitness
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DID YOU KNOW?

Chunks of cheese

Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil.
It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

Peppers with 3 bumps

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating.
Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Ground beef

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef.
It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

Scrambled eggs

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream; then beat them.

Add garlic

Add garlic immediately to a recipe for a light taste, or at the end of the recipe for a stronger taste of garlic.

Reheat Pizza

Heat leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove; set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza.

Easy Deviled Eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag.. Seal; mash till they are all broken up Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy; squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done - easy clean up.

Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave next to a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper weeds away

Start putting torn newspaper in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants, overlapping as you go; cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic; they will not get through wet newspapers.

Flexible vacuum

To get something out of a heat register or from under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... ta da! ... static is gone.

Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water.

Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient (peanut butter, honey, etc.) and watch how easily it comes right out. ?

Foggy Windshield?

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth! ?

Reopening envelope

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily.

Conditioner

Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

Goodbye Fruit Flies

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2 with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. The flies will be drawn to the cup.

Get Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load of clothes.) He took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it.. The lint filter is made of a mesh material . I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. Well the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh - that's what burns out the heating unit.

You can't **SEE** the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free. You know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box ... well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush ?at least every six months.

He said that increases the life of the dryer.