



The Lions Den

District 2-S3

"Vision of Dreams"



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DG Gary Cocanougher



Lions of District 2-S3, as we enter the holiday season of Thanksgiving, let us reflect on the many things we have to be Thankful for. Our God, Family, Friends, Health, and the list could go on and on. One thing I am especially Thankful for is this great organization called Lions Club International that we are a part of. You see, without this organization there would be millions of people without resources to gain sight, eyeglasses, food, vaccinations, clean water, disaster relief, camps for disabled kids and many more deeds. I am also very Thankful for each of you Lions for having the Dream to become a Lion in the first place and helping with all the necessities that we provide. I am honored to be serving beside you and

wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Several PDG's told me at the beginning of the year that this year would go by quickly and they were right. As of this writing I have 6 more official visits to make with my last one December 6 in Gruene. After that my concentration will be to assist the clubs in need, not only to gain membership, but to help some clubs in other areas of need. I have a great team that is eager to assist in these areas. I look forward in assisting in any way that I can in order to make this a stronger district.

This weekend, the Council of Governor's meeting will be here in our District for the first time in many years. We are hosting at the Wingate Conference Center in Round Rock and some of you

donated money to help buy snacks for them, I want to Thank You for doing this. I will give you a report in my December Newsletter on how it went.

Yours in Lionsim

DG Gary

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Need a Website?

Does your club need a web site but, don't have anyone with the expertise to design one with some hard to use web design program? Here's a simple program that may fill your needs. <http://www.weebly.com/> It's free or you can pay not to have advertisements at the bottom of the page. My wife has used it and is really sold on it.

Duane Lueders, Webmaster
www.lionsdistrict2s3.org



From the desk of J. P. Kirksey

Everyone likes a birthday - even more as we progress through life. And, Clubs enjoy celebrating birthdays, although we usually refer to them as anniversaries. In any regard, achieving another year of fun, fellowship, and worthwhile service is a great milestone worthy of celebration. On October 11, I was honored to assist the Georgetown Evening Lions Club in their celebration of 41 great years of service.

Seasoned Lions (including two Charter members) and newer Lions were present with their spouses, and President Debra Seaman and her officers had the event well organized. And, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of numerous awards and recognitions given to deserving Lions for perfect attendance, membership development, out-

standing project work, and others.

If you already celebrate your achievements, a big CONGRATULATIONS! If you are lacking in your recognitions, start now. Recognize a Lion who did a great job or a committee that excelled in their tasks or a project chair who had the best outcome ever. Anniversaries are a great time to recognize everyone, but it can also be done immediately after the success - just be sure to do it. Don't fail to give yourself and your Lions a well-deserved pat-on-the-back.



Think, Plan, Act = Success
1st VDG J. P. Kirksey
2011-2012

Lions Environmental Photo Contest Reminder

Please send winning club-level photos to 2-S3 chair, Carol Peters, at 36 Mill Street, Maxwell, TX 78656, E-mail capeters12@austin.rr.com, by November 20, 2011. Any Lion in good standing is eligible to enter the contest by submitting 8"x10" photos of their environment (without people) in one of the following categories: animal life, plant life, urban or natural landscape, weather phenomenon, or 2012 special theme "protecting our future with trees".



November 20th is the deadline to send your club's contest winners to Lion Chairperson Carol Peters or DG Gary Cocanougher.

LSLEB Outreach Program

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank recently launched an outreach program to provide eye donor services to the citizens of the 36 Central Texas counties LSLEB serves (Districts 2-S3, 2-S5, and 2-X3) who currently go un-served. The outreach program, called the Donor Referral Partnership, works with those professionals outside of hospitals who take care of the deceased and their families including justices of the peace, nursing homes, hospice programs, first responders and funeral directors.

We estimate that a minimum of 72 corneas each month go uncollected due to the lack of a donation program outside of hospitals. These people and their families are typically not given the chance for organ and tissue donation even when they are registered donors, and as such Texas and the nation face a shortage of transplantable corneas for restoring sight.

The Referral Partnership began July 30, 2011 with invitations issued to the Justices of the Peace and the Funeral Directors working in the 36 Texas Counties served by LSLEB. Since then, LSLEB has had numerous requests to provide this unique service to their constituents.

If you are interested in helping LSLEB promote this new program in your community, please call the Eye Bank at 512-457-0638.



Support Needed for St. Jude Children's Ranch

St. Jude's is a non-profit community resource that serves abused, abandoned, and neglected children and families. The Bulverde Lion's Club supports the mission of St. Jude's and we seek your help to assist in getting needed items to the Ranch. If anyone wishes to donate any of the needed items listed below, please contact our coordinator, Jerry Steward, and his phone number is 830-228-5660 and email address is jlstew85100@gvvc.com. Additional information about St. Jude's Ranch for Children is available on their website at <http://www.stjudesranch.org>.

Thanks in advance for any help you can mobilize to help us help the St. Jude's Children's Ranch.

Sincerely, Joe Hamilton,
President, Bulverde Lion's Club

St. Jude's Wish List:

- ◆ Toothpaste and hygiene items
- ◆ Clothing and shoes
- ◆ Pots and pans
- ◆ Kitchen and cooking utensils
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Twin size bedding pillows, comforters/sheets
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Bath mats
- ◆ Area rugs
- ◆ Hair clips, accessories and styling products
- ◆ Bulletin boards
- ◆ Decorative artwork and posters
- ◆ Art and craft supplies (paper, glitter, glue, markers, etc.)
- ◆ Large Rubbermaid storage tubs
- ◆ Board games
- ◆ DVD players
- ◆ CD/Radio players
- ◆ G, PG, and PG-13 DVDs
- ◆ Assorted sports balls- volleyballs, basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs and gloves
- ◆ Bicycles and helmets
- ◆ Exercise equipment- machines and free weights
- ◆ Gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Academy, HEB and Hobby Lobby)
- ◆ Passes for activities, like: San Antonio Zoo, movie tickets, Crocodile Gap, Fiesta Texas, Sea World, Schlitterbahn, Landa Park Pool Pass, The Children's Museum, and local restaurants like, McDonald's and Chick-Fil'A.

New Members - October

Congratulations to the newest members of District 2-S3 and their sponsors. If there is no sponsor listed, it was not submitted to LCI.
Lion Gary Cocanougher

Austin Founder Lions Club

Chris A Moysesos sponsored by Lillie Gilligan

Bulverde Lions Club

Randy Mark Cheatum sponsored by Joe P Hamilton

Tim Hering sponsored by Scott Hering

Geoffrey W Young sponsored by Jim Barr

Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Roy Danford Jr sponsored by Jim Feibelman

Kevin John McHugh sponsored by Tom Meyer

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Stephen M Gallets sponsored by Jay Feibelman

William E Terry sponsored by Jay Feibelman

Granger Lions Club

Jan Pickett sponsored by Mark Harwell

Gruene Lions Club

Michael Dean sponsored by

Connie A Real sponsored by Jim Collier

Hutto Lions Club

Tom M Britton III sponsored by

Lago Vista Lions Club

Richard J Kelly Sr sponsored by Gerald W Fenley

New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

Catherine Ward-Crixell sponsored by Mary Carol Cork

San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club

Gloria J Fortin sponsored by Bonnie Flammang

Schertz Cibolo Lions Club

Leigha M Nielsen sponsored by Timothy C Jacobs

Spicewood Lions Club

Debra Bay-Borelli sponsored by Ginny Jacks

Michael Bay-Borelli sponsored by Ginny Jacks

Joanna Jones sponsored by

Doug Kougl sponsored by Brett Weiss

Jill Kougl sponsored by Brett Weiss

Joni Langle sponsored by Brett Weiss

Marianne Naufel sponsored by Julie Weiss

John Veasey sponsored by Ginny Jacks

Stacy Veasey sponsored by Ginny Jacks

Wimberley Lions Club

Martin L Jacobvitz sponsored by Lee Gibson

David M Osborn sponsored by

Gary L Politte sponsored by

TLERC "By the Numbers"

If you read the "In the Spotlight" Lions News Briefs this month in the "Lion" magazine, you would see some numbers like these in the "By the Numbers" section: **775** (volunteer hours worked on a project by one club), **10,000** (pounds of vegetables sent to Joplin, Mo after the tornado), **13** (pigs cooked to raise money for the needy), and **7,536** (hats, mittens, scarves & mittens collected for the poor).

Well, TLERC also has some pretty important numbers this month: **14** (the age in months of a Down Syndrome child, who needed glasses), **48** (the pupular distance that the tiny frames will have to accommodate), **+4** (the prescription in diopters needed in both eyes), **43** (the child's head measurement in centimeters), **5,761** (the distance in miles that one small pair of glasses traveled from TLERC in Midland, Texas to Bratislava, Slovakia).

Everyone has heard how something was accomplished, because somebody "knew a guy, who knew someone, who had a friend", etc. Well luckily that "someone" at the end this time was Lion Marie Bryan, TLERC's San Angelo Satellite Manager. It didn't take long for Lion Marie to get the wheels in motion. Soon a tiny pair of glasses was made at TLERC's lab and then sent on its way to 14 month old Maximilian Franz Zwirn in Slovakia.

Slovakia has an optometry industry, but as a struggling nation trying to rebuild after years of conflict, its inventory is limited. The young boy's mother could not find frames with a strap that were small enough for an active toddler.

CLUB EXCELLENCE PROCESS



Lions—I have now been trained as a facilitator for the Club Excellence Process. If you feel that your club has lost its focus on what your focus is as a club, or you wish to look at new ideas to update or enhance your club, then let's look at doing the Club Excellence Process. I can meet with your

club or your board of directors to discuss what benefits can come from this process and what is entailed in the process. After that meeting, the club has a little homework to do before I return. On my return, we look at the results found in your homework and set some goals and make some plans to help your club achieve those goals you set. The first meeting will take an hour and a half to two hours. The second meeting will take two hours or more, depending on what you want to achieve. Call me at home—512-515-6447 or on my cell—512-470-5156 or email me at angienick1@austin.rr.com to make arrangements for the process to begin. There is a form for your president to fill out to send to LCI for materials to be sent to your club. This is an excellent program and one that can help each club in our district to become bigger and better and better able to serve your community.

PDG Angie Nicholson, GLT Coordinator for District 2-53

It is amazing that TLERC's Children's Eyeglass Program with its state of the art lab is becoming known around the world, yet we have Club's in MD2 that do not know we can put new glasses on needy children. This leads me to some more numbers: **14** (the number in dollars it takes to make a new pair of glasses for a child - actually \$14-\$18/pair), **1,000** (the number of new glasses TLERC cut last year for children).

However, if we are going to do everything "By the Numbers", **there is only one number that means anything: 1** (the number of **each individual** adult or child that you **serve**, when you recycle glasses, hold adult eye screenings, put new glasses on needy children, or contribute to TLERC's Focus Club, Visionary Knights of the Blind, or Fellowship giving programs).

Tom Blase, 2A1VDG
TLERC Promotions



Countdown to Halloween

*The New Braunfels Noon Lions
celebrate Halloween!*



Apparently, Tailtwister for the day, Gina Littrell found a "deal" on toilet paper so we have a 'Mummy Wrapping' contest as our introduction to Halloween.



Clear winners Berger and Herold.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank hosts 10th Annual Seminar

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank hosted its 10th Annual Seminar on July 31, 2011, at the Manor Lions Hall. The Seminar culminated in the installation of the 2011-2012 Board of Directors of the Eye Bank.

This year's Seminar was dedicated to the topic of *Serving the Un-served* in our Central Texas community. The Eye Bank announced the establishment of a new referral program that will allow the Eye Bank to serve those who wish to be eye/cornea donors, but ultimately pass away outside of the current limited channels of donation referral. To learn more about this program, see "Referral Partnership" on the back page of this newsletter.

During the Seminar, LSLEB Executive Director, Bess Beliveaux, recounted the story of an Eye Bank volunteer whose son passed away in a car accident. This devastated father rushed to the funeral home and waited for an hour and a half to hold his dear child one last time. Days later, in shock and grief, the family realized they had never been approached about donation. This family' story is not uncommon and highlights the importance of building a referral program in Central Texas that reaches every person and family who wishes to choose the gift of sight.

In the Eye Bank's efforts to build this referral program, a special invitation was extended to Justices of the Peace, Funeral Home Directors and Lions Club Members. Over 80 community members from Central Texas attended the Seminar.

The Seminar featured two special guest speakers. Dr. Suzanna Dana spoke to seminar participants about the compatibility of donation and a forensic investigation. And, for the second time, we were honored to have eight-year old Chase Perry, a corneal transplant patient, speak to the audience about the transplants he has received since birth and the impact they have had on his life. Lone Star Lions Eye Bank has provided all of the tissues used in Chase's surgeries and we have loved watching him grow up over the years.

A unique component of this year's Seminar was a series of Roundtable Discussions with Seminar participants about our new referral program. These sessions produced ideas and contacts that will help the Eye Bank continue to build a successful referral program and offer a starting point for interested individuals and organizations to support the referral program in their local community. For ideas on how you, your business or civic organization can become involved, consider participating in the Ambassador Training Program that will be held on January 21, 2012.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank is grateful to those who traveled far and wide to attend the Seminar and for their continued dedication to the Eye Bank's mission to provide sight restoring vision to all who need it.



Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Board,

BLC Recognized for Assistance to Friends of Matthew Wright

Bulverde, Texas Nov 10, 2011. The Bulverde Lions Club (BLC) accepts mementos of appreciation from the "Friends of Matthew Wright" for assistance rendered during a fundraiser held October 7-8, 2011 at Anhalt Dance Hall in Spring Branch Texas. In 2009 Matthew Wright was attacked and beaten sustaining a serious brain stem injury in 2009 while breaking up a fight between a guy and girl he did not know. Matthew is now paralyzed, and cannot speak, eat, or drink. Despite two brain surgeries, comas, multiple infections, and paralysis - the Friends of Matthew Wright continue their great efforts to seek medical treatments and they are optimistic about improving his quality of life. Matt's emotional and physical ability to take on major surgery takes strength and courage from some unknown reservoir he seems to possess. Fundraisers provide the means to continue in this struggle. Funds raised on October 7-8 will be used to defray expenses for Matthew's medical treatment. Pictured here are (L-R) BLC President Joe Hamilton, Patti Prescott (FMW), Susan Bradley (Matthew Wright's Mother), BLC Lion George McNew, and BLC Lion Tom Hotaling. Visit Matthew Wright's Facebook page for more information <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wright-Bar-B-Que-Cook-off-October7-8-2011/140197092717792?sk=wall&filter=12#!/groups/216118350273/>



San Marcos Lions

Education: During October, the Lions Club recognized Daniel Sexton from the San Marcos Baptist Academy and Shaquela Flint from San Marcos High School as our "Student of the Week"

recipients. "Teacher of the Month" recipient during October was Laura Pfeil from Bowie Elementary School.

We will continue to recognize high achieving students and teachers during the coming school year.

NB Noon Lions Continue Vision Screening

As we end the second full month of our annual Vision Screening at the Elementary Schools in the New Braunfels and Comal ISDs, and at a few private and parochial schools, we have visited 19 schools and screened well over 2100 Pre-Kinder, Kindergarten, First, Third and Fifth grade students. The Canyon Lake Noon Lions have assisted us by doing an additional four schools on their own, adding another 900 plus children to the count, which amounts to over 3000 children screened to date. At some of the schools, the screening in-



cludes stereo vision testing, shown above, along with near and distance acuity tests and a muscle imbalance test. At others, only distance acuity testing (required by Texas State law) is done by the Lions volunteers. In addition, we frequently have a volunteer Doctor perform a retinoscopy exam on the 4 and 5-year olds.

Awards: The SMN Lions Club Awards Committee presented Lion Ron Knott with the Lion of the Quarter award at the meeting on Friday October 28th. Ron has graciously taken on the task of our club's annual Mexican Dinner. Please congratulate Ron and let's all give him some help with this great event for our community.

San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions 5K Run

Thankful Turkey 5K

The Event

5K Run & Walk. The wheelchair division will start at 7:55 a.m.; all other divisions will start promptly at 8:00 a.m.

The Course

The 5K race is on a flat-and-fast course (net 13 feet variation in elevation) within the River Ridge Business Park.

Entry Fee

Pre-registration (postmarked by 11/13/11): \$20.00
 Late registration (11/14/11 - race day): \$25.00
 Current students of Texas State University - San Marcos (with student ID) receive a \$3.00 discount.

Online Registration

Register online at:
<https://www.racetechs.com/register/thankful-turkey-5k-run-and-walk-2011>

Awards

The top 3 male and female finishers in each age division and the male and female wheelchair winners will receive awards as follows: 1st place, a turkey; 2nd place, a ham; and 3rd place, a pie. The overall male and female winners and the male and female Masters winners will receive a turkey and an award. The awards presentation will be at 9:30 a.m.

T-Shirts & Personalized Race Bibs

All registered participants will receive a "Thankful Turkey 5K" T-shirt. Register by **Wednesday, 11/16** and your first name will be printed on your race number!

Divisions

17 and under, 18-27, 28-37, 38-47, 48-57, 58-67, 68 and over, and wheelchair.

T-Shirt Pick-Up

T-shirts may be picked up on race day only at the registration area, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Promotional products provided by sponsors will be available while supplies last.

Race Contact

David Alexander • E-mail: dta0251@centurytel.net • Phone: (512) 753-6920

About the Bluebonnet Lions Club

The Bluebonnet Lions club is a nonprofit community service organization that has been serving the San Marcos community for more than 25 years. If you are interested in visiting or learning more about the Bluebonnet Lions Club and its community projects, call Linda Alexander at 353-2305 or visit our website at <http://home.centurytel.net/bluebonnetlions/>.

All proceeds will go back into the San Marcos community to benefit local and Lions' charities and youth programs.



Thankful Turkey 5K Run & Walk
 8:00 a.m., Saturday, November 19, 2011
 River Ridge Business Park
 San Marcos, Texas

The San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club is proud to present the 9th Annual Thankful Turkey 5k Run and Walk on November 19th at the River Ridge Park in San Marcos. This successful fundraising event will continue to benefit a number of charitable causes in San Marcos for all ages and a wide spectrum of needs.

To our past sponsors — thank you for your sponsorship over the past years and your continued contributions towards the success of this fundraiser. To our first time sponsors of this event — welcome aboard. Your sponsorship is needed and will be gratefully appreciated, especially this year as times have become tougher for a number of individuals and businesses throughout our Community. The sponsorship levels are: Platinum, \$500; Gold, \$300; Silver, \$200; Bronze, \$100; and Door Prize.

Presented by the



<http://home.centurytel.net/bluebonnetlions/>



Wimberley Lions Induct New Members

New Members Sworn in Oct 4th



New Lions David Osborn and Marty Jacobvitz were sworn in by Lion Stan with their sponsors

New Member Sworn in Oct 18th



New Lion Gary Politte sworn in by District Governor Gary Cocanougher. Shown here with his sponsor Lee and Membership Chair Stan.

New Braunfels LEOs

NB Noon 1st Vice President, Lion David Berger, leads Leos from all schools in oath.



Our Leos have been exceptionally busy with their beginning of the year activities and volunteer projects. It appears that it will continue to be a very productive year for them.

What is a Signature Service Project?

3rd Vice President Lion Mike Smith,
New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club

We are a Lions Club and we serve our communities in which we live. Each club needs to find a service project to call their own. In today's economy, that can be a difficult job. The New Braunfels Breakfast club has been a 100% club for Lion's charities for most of its 35 year existence. However, we have struggled and continue to struggle on a community service project that is truly ours.

We have chosen to partner with other organizations such as Salvation Army (Red Kettle Project) and "green Santa Project" for our Kids Christmas. I want to state up front that these are worthwhile projects and worthy of our support; I still receive a satisfaction in doing these projects. I do believe every Lions club must develop their own service project in the community that the community sees as necessary and becomes synonymous with the New Braunfels Breakfast club. Only by developing this type of service project can we earn the true satisfaction of serving this community.

Looking back on the Kids Christmas project for instance, this was truly a signature service project for our club in New Braunfels. It started from the idea that we should take the less fortunate kids in this community and see to it that they had a chance to give a present to their family and have one present for themselves. The project originally involved taking the kids around the downtown stores and let them purchase a certain amount for each child. Over the years it was moved to Wal-Mart and for a few years Wal-Mart gave a donation to the project. Wal-Mart now has a bidding system for their grants and it takes a bit more time to apply timely for these grants. The chairs for this project have all but gone away at this point that the project has lost its signature status with our club in recent years.

I know as immediate past District Governor that all the clubs are struggling with forming a signature service project. We shall not overcome declining membership until the club as a whole provides that sense of pride in serving a community need and getting the recognition for meeting that need on a club level. Do you have an idea for a signature service project? Every member of the club can submit a project to the Board of Directors for consideration. If you know of a project that we as Lions can participate in, do not hesitate to bring it up to a board member for discussion. While signature projects can be onetime events, for the most part they are year in and year out projects that the club gets involved in.

In the next couple of years I would like to see the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club develop a signature service project (All ours). I will be working toward that end and I need every member's thoughts and input to make it a reality.

THE GRUENE LIONS CLUB PRESENTS
HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2-7 P.M.

ADMISSION IS ONE CANNED GOOD PER CHILD!

SAFE TRICK-OR TREATING!
FREE CANDY AND PRIZES!
FREE GAMES FOR KIDS!

ALL CANNED GOODS
WILL BE DONATED TO
THE SOS FOOD BANK

A Halloween-themed illustration featuring silhouettes of a graveyard with various crosses and tombstones, a large ghostly figure, a smaller ghost, and a witch. Bats are flying in the sky, and a church steeple is visible on the right. The background is a gradient of orange and red.

FUN & GAMES FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

COSTUME CONTEST 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

CASH & PRIZES FOR PET, BABY, CHILD, TEEN, & ADULT

Wimberley Lions Donate to Community

\$21,800 given to Sixteen Organizations to Start the Fall Donations



The Wimberley Lions Club handed out checks to local organizations to support youth and community needs. \$1,000 of these funds went to help those who lost from the local Forrest Fires. This is part of our fall donation budget of \$112,950. Additional checks will be given out next month. Funds also go to programs to fund scholarships, youth exchange program, Texas Lions Camp, leader dog program, and the prevention of blindness.



New Braunfels Evening Lions Comal County Fair

Lions Larry Kunkel, Chris Martinez, Bob Peterson and Clinton Brandt just finished moving supplies to the storage booth which wraps up the Fair for 2011-2012. Our gross income was over \$12,000 - above the average for the past 12 years! We had an excellent year and I want to extend a big "thank you" to Lions, friends and family members who volunteered to work the booth. The young ladies from the Aristocrats also were a big boost - they were wonderful! I am grateful for each of you for participating.

As mentioned, we all did yeoman duty, but I want to pause for a moment and give a big shout-out to four members. They are Lions Betty Shilling, Grey Baker, Harvey Soell and Chis Martinez. Betty and Grey did an outstanding job of ordering food which resulted in minimum inventory at the conclusion of the Fair. Harvey rearranged the booth which provided an efficient and cooler work space at a very reasonable cost. Chris was instrumental in securing insurance, refrigerators and organized the clean-up activities and oversaw the whole process. The next time you see these Lions, please give them a big "thank you". HARRY BOTKIN, President



**FLORENCE LION'S CLUB
PRESENTS**



FLORENCE

Buffalo Off-Road Play Day

Sunday, October 30, 2011

8 am till 4 pm at

**CTOR (between Stillman Valley
& Stillhouse Road on FM 2484)**

**Proceeds from Fund Raiser will directly
benefit Florence School Foundation,
it's teachers and students.**

Pre-Registration (Until October 29th)

for all day ride (or part of day)

Adult - \$25 Second Adult Rider \$20

Kids Under 18 - \$15 (must be accompanied by an adult)

Spectators - \$10

All paid admissions include a

T-Shirt & Meal

Course Equipment:

4 Wheelers / ATV's & Dirt Bikes

No Pickups / Jeeps or Side by Sides

for more information, please visit:

<http://florencenoonlions.webs.com>



CLUB NEWS

AUSTIN FOUNDERS LIONS CLUB

Membership Drive: Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club Fall Membership Reception Thursday, September 29, 2011 6:30-8:30 PM (loading from LCRA dock at 6:00 PM), Fajita dinner - Music & 2 hr Cruise of Lake Austin. Come bring your prospective members to enjoy dinner, music, and a delicious meal as we cruise on Lake Austin. This boat trip will be slightly different than last year's - all are welcome per the following: Prospective Members - Free; Lion bringing prospective member - Free; Lion without prospective member - \$25; Lion guest (not prospect) \$25. This is a perfect opportunity to get to know the club in a relaxed and personal setting and for prospective members to see what Lionism is all about by sharing time and conversation with us all. Registration through September 22 - please sign up at the upcoming luncheon or contact Tommy Cowan to add you and/or your prospective members to the attendance list. Directions to Lake Austin Riverboats Loading Dock Lake: Austin Riverboats loads up on the East side of the Hula Hut near the intersection of Lake Austin Blvd and Enfield Road. Parking is available in Oyster Landing across from the Hula Hut. From IH-35: Head towards downtown and take 6th street across town until it turns into Lake Austin Blvd. Follow that past Exposition and the light at Red Bud Trail and then you'll see the Hula Hut. Park and hop on! From Mopac: Head towards downtown and take the Lake Austin Blvd exit. Follow that West to Hula Hut. Park and hop on.

Rose Day Fundraiser: Annual Rose Day Fundraiser Thursday, October 20, 2011, \$25 for one dozen long stemmed roses boxed and delivered anywhere in the Austin Metro Area* \$22 each for additional dozen(s) delivered to the same address Want to surprise valued clients, employees, associates or loved ones? How about a dozen long-stem roses, delivered for just \$25.00? Or, if we deliver two dozen or more to the same address, \$22.00 for each additional dozen. Have several dozen brought to your office! Each year, the Austin Downtown Lions Club accepts orders for roses to be delivered on "Rose Day". We order beautiful long-stemmed roses in bulk and trim, box and deliver them ourselves. Proceeds go toward: Texas Lions Camp and Equestrian Center, Central Texas Eye Bank, Mobile Health Screening Unit, Leader Dog Program, Scholarships to students from Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Austin Lions Sight Conservation Committee providing glasses for AISD children, and to support many other services for blind and visually impaired individuals.

BULVERDE LIONS CLUB

Meeting Minutes, 13 October 2011: Guests: Tim Hering (New Member) Mark Cheatum (New Member) Harold (Red) Warner Geoffrey Young Patrick McCoy Key Dates: 20 October 2011: Bulverde Lions Club Golf Tournament 3 November 2011: Peace Poster Contest Judging Spring Branch Middle School 3 March 2012: Lions Camp Work Day 31 March 2012: Lions Camp Workday 13 April 2012: Wild Game Dinner 5 May 2012: Lions Camp Workday Minutes: Cooks: Henry Uriegas Meal: Pork Chops, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Deserts Old Business: None New Business: 1. President Joe Hamilton opened meeting with introduction of guests - Tim Hering and Mark Cheatum are our newest members to the club. 2. BLC was instrumental in success of the Friends of Matthew Wright fundraiser on October 8 at Anhalt Dance Hall, in Spring Branch. Lion Henry Uriegas represented the BLC at the BBQ Cook-off and won numerous awards. Parking lot team assisted with parking. BLC is providing fundraising assistance for the Friends of Matthew Wright. 3. Planning for BLC Golf Tournament scheduled for 20 October at Hawk Golf Course in Spring Branch is underway. Need volunteers to assist with registration, monitoring of holes. Volunteers need to arrive NLT 12:00 noon. Tee Time begins at 1:00 pm. Plan is to have the Wild Game Dinner Hunting buggy (to be raffled) available for display and Wild Game Dinner tickets will be available for sale on site. 4. Discussed upcoming Lions Camp Work Days: 3 March 2012; 31 March 2012; 5 May 2012. George McNew suggested we plan to attend the first date and take a team to Kerrville, TX. 5. Jerry Steward discussed need for donated items for St Jude's Children's Ranch. See attachment for more information about needs. Jerry volunteered to serve as coordinator for donations. 6. Jerry discussed need to obtain Internal Revenue Service documents confirming the BLC's tax exempt status to assist with collection of donations from businesses, etc to support club activities. 7. Joe McNew provided update on planning for the Wild Game Dinner in April 2012. Plan is to conduct a meeting for the WGD at 6:00 pm on the first regularly scheduled club meeting of each month. Dave Menig provided an overview of income and expenses for the WGD and for club activities. In the future, more attention will be given to ensuring WGD activities are more finitely reported to ensure better visibility of activities within each cost center. Joe McNew indicated the four gun auction is not generating sufficient income to continue this event in the future. Penny raffles and card games have been shown to be more profitable. Jim Barr was successful in securing support to advertise the Wild Game Dinner via a banner on the huge Steer display on Highway 281. 8. Mason Burgess requested judging assistance to support the Lions Club International annual Peace Poster contest on November 3, 2011. Three judges are needed to ensure BLC submits and entry to the

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District NLT November 15, 2011. 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Steven Carpenter Secretary, Approved by Joe Hamilton President.



CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS CLUB

Shrimpfest: We bought 700 lbs of brown shrimp and used 600 lbs. Out of the remaining frozen 100 lbs, all but three 5 lbs boxes were sold. The remaining shrimp was auctioned off to our members. We received only good comments; best shrimp ever and coleslaw was excellent. We do not have a final ticket sales or silent auction count yet, but as of today, we made approximately \$6,300; Great job to everyone. President Alan Chalfont stated that the shrimpfest is our major money earner, but he questions what our orientation for the shrimpfest should be. It seems that the selling of shrimp tickets is our number one priority. But, other Lion Clubs concentrate on the raffle items first, which they bring in around \$20-30K. We need to raffle off big, big money makers, such as a flat screened 3D TV, which raffle tickets can be sold months in advance. Other raffle items such as \$400 worth of groceries, a dump truck full of top soil, and dinners for many people are crowd pleasers. Some clubs takes 10 raffle items all worth around \$250, which you buy a raffle ticket and you are part of all ten drawings. For all these raffled items; the winner doesn't need to be present. We also need to think seasonally for raffled items: winter - rifles, summer gas grills and fishing tackle. Even gift cards are suggested. We will form a committee to review the above

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suggestions.



LEO Activity: Norm Schuale reported that the Leo's Club at Mountain Valley Middle School now has 31 members. Fifteen (15) Leo members assisted during the Shrimpfest at the following work stations: tea, silent auction, dessert table, and cooking. Leo club members will be helping at the Rebecca Creek Carnival tonight. Lion Club volunteers please come from 5-8 pm. The Leo's Club will have a luncheon beginning at 11 am on Veteran's Day, November 11, for all veterans in the Lions club. All attempts to start a Leo Club at the High School have met with resistance. We will try again next year.



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Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club Pin: Our Canyon Lake Noon Lion's Club pins have arrived and are selling for \$5 each.

Speakers: On October 6, 2011, Lion Bill Mladenka, Camp Director, Texas Lions Camp gave a talk on the camp and different ways we all can help. This was followed by a talk by Mr. L. T. Stem (Skip), Director of the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund, who gave a talk about the Endowment Fund. The fund is set up for 5 years starting with January 2010 and we are shooting for 10 million dollars. He discussed various amounts each club and club member should consider above what the club currently gives. On October 20, 2011, fellow Lion's Club member Shawn Wherry, who is our Fire/Ems Chief for ESD#3 talked about the EMS side of ESD#3.



Halloween Funfest: Pierre Crestin yearly has put on a Halloween Funfest event at the Canyon Lake Cabins and Cottages at 2140 FM306. This year it will be on Sunday, October 30th from 7-10:00 pm (free admission). Five Lions have volunteered to help Mr. Crestin during the event.

Texas Lions Camp Pizza Day: This event will be held on June 22, 2011. We had hoped to stay at the Inn of the Hills, but they are booked up for that time period. So we have set aside 20 rooms at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel at \$85 each.

Retama Race Track Road Trip: Bob Wickman reported that 47 members, wives, and guests attended the event. For some, it was their first horse race. There was a race named after our club and club members were able to go down to the winner's circle and take a picture with the winning horse, jockey, and owners. President Alan Chalfont sent a thank you letter to the race track for a wonderful evening, which included parking, admission, Italian buffet, our own bar, and special seating for \$30 a person.



Vision Screening: During October, a total of 44 Lions spent 138 hours screening elementary school students for vision problems.

Tye Preston Memorial Library: On October 22, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Tye Preston Memorial Library, the New Braunfels Astronomy Club will be bringing telescopes and be on hand to answer any question. The library has requested that 4 Lion members assist with parking.

50 Year Monarch Milestone Award Pin: - Pres. Alan Chalfont presented Lion Bob Richards his 50 year pin. Bob gave a talk on his 50 years with the Lions club.

Donations:

- ◆ Donation to Communities in Schools - Roxy's Kids - \$500.
- ◆ Donation Hope Hospice - \$500.

Community Recognition: We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Comal County Citizen's Sheriff Academy for our \$100 contribution to the 2011 Law Enforcement Appreciation Week.

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be on Thursday night, December 15th. Bret Graham, the entertainment, has been given a deposit of \$100. We will be negotiating with the Canyon Lake Golf Club next week for use of their banquet room.

Christmas Parade: The Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 10, 2011, beginning at 9 am. Lion Sol Fuss will be Santa Claus as usual. His beard is coming along nicely. Amy Simmons will be Mrs. Claus. Chuck Varney will tow the Lion Cage behind his golf cart. Leo club members will be right behind our banner. We will receive 1500 candy canes from Dollar General. Grand Marshall will be determined at a later date.

New members/Reinstatements/Resignations: During the October 6th meeting, Roy Danford (Sponsor - Jim Feibelman)

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and Kevin McHugh (Sponsor - Tom Meyer) were inducted into the club.

Wellness: Wellness report shows Jack Sharp (pneumonia), Joel Collins (cancer), and Ron Davis (blood clot in his leg and lung) are doing better. Carol Wilder had a stent implanted which failed a few days later leading to a massive heart attack. She is in intensive care barely hanging on - prayers are needed. Kevin McHugh had a slight stroke due to closure in carotid artery stent and will have an operation on October 25th.

DRIPPING SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Wild West Fest

ELGIN EVENING LIONS CLUB

Recycling: The Elgin Evening Lions Club recycled \$960 in clothing and other things this month. Also gave \$450.00 to the Soup Kitchen, Elgin's Hogeye was Oct. 22 and we kept the Thrift Shop open and all had a very good time.

FLORENCE LIONS CLUB

Buffalo Off-road Play Day: Held a fundraiser at Central Texas Off Road track with riders paying an entry fee including all day ride, meal, and shirt. Our club raised funds to help support the Florence ISD Foundation.

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction: We held our Annual Fish Fry, BBQ and Auction Fundraiser on October 1st at the Garden Ridge Community Center. We served 525 meals, held live and silent auctions, raffles and served deserts and beverages. Numbers are still being crunched, but we estimate a net income of over \$32,000. Now, we need to start preparation for next year's Fish Fry.

Hearing Testing: Elementary school hearing testing continues throughout New Braunfels and Comal County ISD's. Forty-eight Lions and spouses from the Garden Ridge Lions Club have conducted hearing testing at twelve elementary schools during the month of October.

Donations: Aid to the Needy, \$300, We donated \$500 to the Roy Maas Bridge program to purchase Christmas presents for homeless and disadvantaged teenagers, and we donated

\$1,000 to the Hope Hospice program in New Braunfels, Texas.

Club Picnic: Nearly 100 Lions, spouses and guests attended this year's Picnic in the Park celebration. Lion Sergio Martinez roasted a pig, Lion Harvey Bell and his wife Nancy spearheaded the entire operation, with his able assistant, Nigel Davies. All ladies present went home with a potted plant.

Used Eyeglasses: We collected and turned in over 300 pair of used eyeglasses this month to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) in Midland, Texas.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker this month was Colonel Gregg Stevens, USA Retired. His topic was "US Army Medical Department Center and School."

GEORGETOWN EVENING LIONS CLUB

Meeting, October 11, 2011: Pledge of Allegiance - Lion Adrien Drouilhet; Prayer - Lion Randy Woodley; Lions opened by introducing their spouses and guests to our 41st Annual Charter Night Celebration! Tailtwister - Lion Dean May gave an explanation of what LIONS means and how it applies to our Club! Lions Club members participated in "Roaring Dollars". Many praised their spouses and the rain we received! Program - PDG JL Akridge introduced our guest speaker - 1st Vice-District Governor - JP Kirksey. 1st Vice-District Governor JP Kirksey shared some 'fresh' air in a jar with us from Seattle. He then entertained the club with a number of jokes. He reviewed the history of Lions with the start 95 years ago with a vision of Melvin Jones and challenged Lions to do and give more. Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be "Knights of the Blind". Lions have carried a bright torch for vision causes ever since. He congratulated Lions on our contributions. The Club was recognized with multiple 100% chevrons for our banner as a 200% club in 2010-2011. The achievements of the Club were recounted and the Georgetown View magazine article due in November 2011 was mentioned. District 2-53 has more Leo Clubs than any other District in Texas, 22...soon to be 23 when ours is ready. Challenges facing Lions today were discussed...membership, motivation, service provided and other key areas. Lions in Texas totaled 45,000 members when 1st VDG JP joined Lions in 1979 in; now, we have dropped to 28,000 members. We need to grow. Clubs are encouraged to establish Signature activities for Clubs (we are working on ours) and to support Lions International themes through the year... (Youth, Vision, Hunger and Environment). He wished the Club well and another successful year!

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Awards: Awarding of Consecutive years of Perfect Attendance (Lions pin chevron and "Beacon of Hope" pins)

- Lion JL Akridge - 41 years
- Lion Adrien Drouilhet - 26 years
- Lion Bill Glenn - 1 year
- Lion Frank Kinald - 3 years
- Lion Maureen Kinald - 2 years
- Lion Bob Martin - 2 years
- Lion Gerald Pohlmeier - 2 years
- Lion Weldon Wade - 8 years

Lion Randy Woodley presented Lion Bill Glenn with Lifetime Membership with Lone Star Lions Eye Bank in honor of his year of service as Club President. Lion Adrien Drouilhet was presented with the "Lion of the Year" Award.



GEORGETOWN NOON LIONS CLUB

October 12, 2011 meeting: Another busy month for the Georgetown Noon Lions - Flight breakfast on October 1 at the Georgetown Municipal Airport AirFest, Garage Sale just

off the square at the First Texas Bank on Oct. 8, and judging barbecue and doing other chores at the Chisholm Trail Ride and Cook-off on Oct. 15. The Lions really stepped up to the plate this month following a busy Sept. to complete all events. We will continue our busy Fall schedule with the sale of raffle tickets for a drawing in December. This will be done individually and at Wesley Fest on Nov. 5, Market Days and the Christmas Stroll. Lion Carol Hopper is chairing the vendor table committee and helping with decorations at the State Convention in 2013 and will be asking for volunteers to help with this task. We welcomed visitors from the Point Venture Lions Club and bought some great T-shirts from Lion Mim Hruby; a very good value. **Program:** Don Jansen, City of Georgetown Fire Plans Inspector talked about protecting our homes during extreme fire conditions and answered questions about the Bastrop fires; Very helpful.

Flight Breakfast: October 1st



Civil Air Patrol members help Lions at Flight Breakfast.



Lions Richard, Gearl, Linzy, Carol and Betty Sue with DG Gary serve at Flight Breakfast.

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Florence LEOs help at Flight Breakfast.

Fundraising: October 8 was our very first garage sale held near the square in Georgetown where the second Saturday Market Days event was going on. We learned a lot about what sells and what does not and to also be looking for rain soaked clouds coming in. Yes, our drought ravaged area was visited by heavy showers just as we were closing up shop. Wet, weary but elated Lions cleaned up the area and profits of about \$850 were realized. We had the honor of judging barbecue the following Saturday at the community's fundraising event, The Chisholm Trail Ride and Barbecue Cookoff. This event was put on by a coalition of non profits to benefit the Williamson County Museum and the Nest, an after school retreat for homeless children. They can have a safe place to do homework, laundry, get a shower and a meal and have some adult help with issues, or just hang out in a comfortable place. Data is still pending on profits realized. We have helped 27 children since the beginning of the school year with vouchers for glasses and/or vision exams through our sight conservation program. Our Fall Raffle is on-going, with the drawing to take place in December, proceeds of which will go to the club's charities. Other work: helping with the plans for the state convention in 2013 and reaching out to other clubs to help them with their events. Last month, we helped the Liberty Hill Lions with a rest stop for bikers, and this month we will offer help to the Florence Lions who are having a fundraiser to benefit schools there. They helped us with our first Flight breakfast on Sept. 30, for which we were very grateful.

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**



*Top Picture: Garage Sale at First Texas Bank Oct. 8;
Bottom Picture: Lions Gearl, Susan, Nancy, Joan and Bill
Working the garage sale.*

October 26, 2011 meeting: The resolution letter and flyer about Lillie Gilligan's bid for TLC director 2012-2013 was circulated. Help was requested for the Florence Lions who are holding a fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 30. It promises to be a fun day of motorcycles doing an off road rally. Flyer attached to this newsletter. Information was briefly given about the availability of scholarship money via Youth Contests at the District and MD 2 levels. This will be brought to the board for consideration. Information about the Leadership Forum and the State Convention was given. There is a very good discount package available for the state convention, but money must be in by 1/2/12. Go to the MD 2 website for information and registration forms for the state convention. Go to the District website for Leadership Forum registration. Lion Gearl Koonce, 1st VP., complimented Lion Susan Hopper, Sight Conservation Chair, for her leadership. Twenty seven students have received vouchers for glasses and/or exams through the GISD School Nurse Program since the beginning of the school year. Lion David Voelter has put out a call for help on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Wesley Fest. Booth helpers are needed from 1:30 PM until about 4 PM, including take down of the easy up. He also encourages folks to sell those raffle

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tickets! **Program:** Kathy Keller, Exec. Dir. of WC4C, Williamson County Community Coordinated Child Care, talked about the program that provides quality child care. WC4C promotes a high standard of care throughout the county via programs that train care providers, subsidize quality care for working mothers, and provide parenting programs that foster good child development. A new child development center on Dawn Dr. has been created and will be a model of excellence to others. Volunteers are welcome. More info. is available at www.wc4c.org

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

New Lion Richard Kelly, Sr., lives in Lago Vista with his wife, Phoebe. They've owned property here for over 9 years, moving here from Austin. When asking how long he'd been in Austin, Lion Richard responded that he was enrolled at the University of Texas in 1960 and later went to work at Brackenridge Hospital. Lion Richard has worked for Austin Diagnostic Clinic just before his retirement three years ago. Phoebe is also retired as Director of Nursing for 42 years. The only nursing she does now is to watch Richards diet! They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next March. Lion Richard and Lion Jerry Fenley, his sponsor, both attended the same school in Phillips, Texas, but really got to know one another at school reunions, so they've known each other a long time. They have a son and a daughter, both living with their families in Cedar Park and Goergetown. They have four grandchildren ranging from 6 to 13 years old. Lion Richard and Phoebe like playing with their three dogs, cruising and visiting Yellowstone Park annually. Lion Richard says he still has too much time on his hands and is anxious to go to work with the Lions Club.

Secretary/Historian Lion Jerry Fenley made presentations to 26 recipients of the Perfect Attendance award. Lion Rusty Allen was presented something he's waited a long time for his 20 year pin. Lion Jerry said he didn't think this club had ever presented one before for 20 years. Lion John Spoerlein received his 10 year pin. The thing that got him going in Lions at that time was the Chili Feast held annually at the High School. He has since moved on up the line to be the BBQ Pitmaster. Six Lions received their 5 year pins and the rest were one year pins.

Christmas Party Chair, Lion Linda Winston has just dropped a few tidbits about the upcoming annual celebration. Guess what Lions? We're going to a BAH HUMBUG PARTY! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 6th. The list of

"pluses" include the fact that the party will be a service project and the entrance fee is one food staple and one Childs toy. These items will be distributed to the NW Rural Community Center and Blue Santa. There will be no meeting so don't wear Lions attire. At this time, the "unknowns" to you are what kind of meal we will have and what kind of entertainment we will have. You will just have to come and find out for yourselves!

Road Clean-up: The Orange Vest Brigade (aka Road Clean-Up Crew) was at it again on October 7th and 8th. They definitely pass the white glove test. That group worked 13 Lions over both days for a total of 26 hours and collected 19 bags of trash. We can't give enough thanks to all these Lions! The Lago Vista Lions Club regularly cleans-up the right-of-way along Lohman Ford road in Lago Vista.

When Lions live the, WE SERVE, we do it because it's why we joined Lions in the first place and because it's the right thing to do. A thanks is nice, but certainly not necessary. However, the Lago Vista Lions got a real treat in the form of a letter from the Spicewood Lions Club in Spicewood. The last paragraph said it all, "We are proud to be part of the Lions because our fellow clubs are so caring that they step up when needed most. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!" Our club donated \$500 to the club to be used for necessary items to be used in the clean-up after the fire destroyed part of the area. These are our Zone neighbors and we were glad to help.

One of the highlights of the year is the presentation of Perfect Attendance awards. One of the pins awarded was a first for our club and a personal goal met by the recipient. Lion Rusty Allen finally was eligible to receive his 20 year Perfect Attendance pin and it was presented to him with a standing "O"! Another recipient was to Lion John Spoerlein, who is a 10 year member and was given a pin to match. When he moved here, he was impressed with the local service club of good people doing good things. He also had a yen to be part of some cooking team. He got involved in the Chili Feast and later became the Pitmaster of our BBQ Team. Receiving 5 year Perfect Attendance pins were Lions Joe Burke and Connie and Don Zschoche.

The Old and the Newthe October 4th program was given by Lion Matt Underwood who is also the Lago Vista ISD Superintendent. He did a great job of explaining the plans for the new High School to be built with the approval of the citizens of Lago Vista. He was proud to announce that out of 200 same sized schools in the state, only two are rated Exemplary and only Lago Vista ISD has the highest percentage of students passing. After the presentation, the "Old Days" were

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remembered by Lion Rusty Allen. He said when he moved to Lago Vista 43 years ago, the high school had only six kids. Later when they had enough kids for a basketball team, the entire student body of boys were on the team while all the girls were cheerleaders.

Mid-October, the second Lions District 253 Cabinet Meeting was hosted by our club at the Travis Oaks Baptist Church community center. The day began with breakfast tacos, sausage biscuits, coffee and juices, after which District Governor Gary Cocanougher called the meeting to order. Lago Vista's mayor, Lion Randy Krueger gave a huge hill country welcome to all visiting Lions. Our own Tail Twister, Lion Bud Oglesby was at his best and collected \$150 in fines which was donated to the District Youth Contest Fund. Lago Vista Lions Club barber shop quartet, the Dandy Lions, provided some toe-tapping entertainment. After the business meeting, Billy Brookshire, gave an inspired presentation about the Hadley School for the Blind. Closing remarks were given by the District Governor, lunch was served and the meeting was adjourned.

Recycle: The Lago Vista Lions Club has collected 54 toner cartridges, 188 ink jet and 13 cell phones for a total income of \$ 110.99. A total of 226 pairs of eyeglasses were collected and sent to the eyeglass recycling center in Midland.

LULING LIONS CLUB

Eyeglass Recycling: Collected eye glasses.

Scholarships: Gave out 1200.00 worth of scholarships, and we are working on Kiwanis-Lions Fall Festival.

Carnival Fundraiser: We held our first Kiwanis-Lions Fall Festival this month to raise money for our projects. A three day event that was very successful.



MANOR LIONS CLUB

Manorfest, 1 October, 2011: According to "old timers", this was the best Manorfest ever! Great participation and a wonderful time had by all.



Club Meeting, 10 October, 2011: General discussion with kudos to all who worked and contributed to the success of Manorfest. Preliminary tally was: barbecue \$2400, sponsorships \$300, and Cars \$650. Turkey shoots have started and more help is needed.

Club Meeting, 10 October, 2011: Meal provided by Lion George Reid. More discussion of Manorfest, net proceeds of \$5179 showed a marked increase over last year. Lion Lois Shroul commended the club on behalf of the eye bank for two consecutive years at 100%. A report from the building committee projected a value of \$490K for the hall based on a market analysis.

Garage Sale: 29 October 2011; Fish Fry Fundraiser: 4 November 2011, All hands needed; Club Meeting: 14 November 2011, Lion Dave Nalle will provide the meal; Thanksgiving Holiday: 24 November 2011, Enjoy family, food, and football!; Club Meeting: 28 November 2011, Lion Doug Parker will provide the meal.

A note from your Newsletter editor: My apologies to the membership, but as I was hiking in the cool, wet mountains of Western New York and Pennsylvania, I just couldn't bring myself to work on the newsletter for October. Sorry.

MILANO EVENING LIONS CLUB

This is the club's next fundraiser: A hand-quilted "Quilt of Valor" in colors of dark red, dark blue, white and tan. Size is 55" x 70" - a perfect size for the back of the sofa or extra warmth on a bed. Give to current military, veterans or someone who is patriotic! Details will be announced soon about offer submission!

Monthly Meeting: Guest was Adrien Drouillet, Director of Lions Camp - requests pledge donation to camp's endowment program. Program presented by Nathan Battan - local resident who makes electric guitars. Short business meeting followed program: Membership Excellence Award for Past President Arthur Kelley. Annual raffle will continue until Oct. 28,

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the last home football game - drawings for the winners will take place at the game.

NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

WURSTFEST! It's here!! The sign-up sheets are being filled for work in the food booth and the parking lot. We need more help! Join the 'old, tired, weak, yearning to rest' in one of the venues and let's have some fun. The money we make to aid our charitable giving isn't bad either. Sign-up sheets are available at each luncheon meeting.



Comal County Senior Service Activities: Deliver Meals-on-wheels to elderly. Assist in Senior Center Library and Thrift Shop.

Eyeglasses Assistance: Review and evaluate qualifications for individuals in need of assistance with eye exams and or glasses. Complete the necessary forms, correspondence and related paperwork for processing the request.

Sophienburg Museum & Archives: We act as a docent for visitors to the museum. Work in the archives section, sorting, screening, cataloging the valuable collections; assisting genealogist in finding desired information.

New Braunfels Visitor Center: Assist visitors to our city in enhancing their enjoyment during their stay by pointing out the assets of the area as well as specific places they request to see.

Mentor/Counsel Children: Support and encourage children in local schools by assisting them in reading and math.

SOS Food Bank: Staffing the food bank, Stacking, sorting and issuing food stuffs to needy families.

LEO Program: Service as advisors to three schools Leo clubs sponsored by the New Braunfels Lions Club. Guide students and assist the school sponsors in planning and performing service projects for the community. As two of the clubs are middle schools there is a lot of paperwork done by the advisors. There are over 100 Leos in the three clubs.

Boy Scouts of America: Advise and assist Scouts in New Braunfels.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters: Sponsoring a child in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and showing support needed to help with school activities and sports and the importance of responsibility.

Brook Army Medical Center: Deliver books, snacks, water, etc. and set up for pizza parties for wounded warriors in medical rehabilitation at the Center for the Intrepid.

Red Cross Activities: Participate in and supervise a group of volunteers in activating Red Cross Client Assistance Cards (credit cards) for individuals suffering disastrous losses. Duties are 15 hour shifts seven days a week when on schedule. Act as Emergency Response Vehicle staff or Shelter staff when called upon.

Vision Screening: The New Braunfels (NB) Noon Lions Club has pursued its Signature Service Project of Vision Screening for a number of years. Texas law required that all children attending a Texas school for the first time and all Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten students have their visual acuity checked within the first 120 days of the school year. In addition, all 1st, 3rd and 5th grade students must be similarly checked before the end of the school year, but preferable also within the first 120 days. Fulfillment of this mandate falls squarely on the shoulders of the school nurses. The NB Noon Lions assist the school nurses by screening virtually all of those elementary school children. Coordination of this Herculean effort falls to Noon Lion Ralph Koch and its success reflects greatly on his skill and dedication. This year's project will end in mid-November.



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NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

IT'S ALL ABOUT TO HAPPEN. November 4th is just around the corner and you know what will happen then? All Lions will be involved in Wurstfest. It is hoped that by this time all Lions have signed up for a number of shifts. With only 42 members and with some of them unable to work because of age or physical problems, it is necessary that the rest of us sign up for as many shifts as possible. We could save a lot of money for our projects if we did not have to pay others to work for us in the booth. If all those who are able will sign up for as many shifts as they can possibly work it will really be a great help to the club. Remember some of our older members have been doing this for around 40 years, and just can no longer make it. LET'S SERVE!

ROUND ROCK NOON LIONS CLUB

October has been a month of total dedication by two Lions, plus a team of about 20 on a 10 day Medical Mission to Peru. The pictures are far too many for this publication, but reports indicate many more days, months or years are needed to meet needs that those folks don't realize are needed. Everyone viewing the pictures state how 'blessed' we are to live in this great country with our abundant medical resources that, yes, many cannot afford.

Another three Lions labored 120+ hours to sort, clean, and pack enough medical supplies to fill a 40' high cube container. Medical supplies include such items as Depends, walkers, motorized scooters, syringes, surgical gowns, com-modes, like new X-Ray machines, dental tools and chairs. Challenge - now, we need to locate a container as everything is ready to travel by land or water to Guatemala.

We had a successful drive outside of Wal-Mart educating shoppers about White Canes, providing a mini white cane and collecting funds to be divided between Leader Dog, Lone Star Lions Eye Bank and our Club's vision program to provide glasses to financial challenged persons.

We continue to enjoy working with the RRHS Leo Club; transporting elderly to appointments; assisting elementary schools; mentoring at middle and high schools; visiting with middle school art instructors for Peace Poster entries; and consulting with high school counselors to present our MD2 Youth Contests to Juniors and Seniors.

245 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected, sorted and added to the 5 boxes being sent to Midland this month.

The 'fire storms' in our District has found one Emergency Recovery Trained (ERT) Lion attending meetings and two days struggling through debris to locate anything salvageable

from 2 different home sites. This event pulls at one's heart strings as you first see, then rummage through ashes of one's life. The need is great - we can not turn our backs on these victims. As Helen Keller said, "No matter the challenge - there's always something positive". Amen to that statement.



Do you recognize the vintage Bentley and either a Model A or T that were destroyed in the Bastrop 'firestorm'? Another four antiques vehicles were annihilated on the same property.



Lions Miguel Morales and Ray Tremblay present a Certificate of Appreciation to Wade Stocklin of Alamo Mini-storage for providing free storage for our Lions Medical Supplies.



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Like new X-Ray equipment being wrapped securely for shipment to Guatemala.

Aid to Disadvantaged Children: One Lion mentored at a Middle and High School.

Aid to the Elderly: One Lion drove 4 different elderly citizens to 4 events for rehab and church service.

Aid to Vision Impaired: One Lions assisted 3 families to arrange vision services.

Assistance to School: 2 Lions assisted students and teachers in pre-school and elementary schools.

Club Visitations: 2 Lions visited 6 other Lions Clubs meetings.

Disaster Preparedness Planning: One Lion attended 2 meetings for firestorm recovery assistance.

Eyeglass Recycling: Two Lions collected, sorted and packed 245 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Medical Mission: Three Lions sorted and packed dental and X-Ray equipment, medical supplies, toys and clothing to be sent to Guatemala for 124 hours. Two Lions went on a medical mission trip to Peru for 10 days for 100+ hours.

Meetings: 2 Lions visited 6 other Lions Clubs meetings. 8 Lions attended our 2 regular meetings and one Board Meeting.

Other Disaster Preparedness & Relief: One Lion, Emergency Recovery Trained, worked 9 hours assisting a family to remove metal, bricks and ash from slab where a firestorm completely destroyed the home and buildings to look for possible valuables or keepsakes.

Other Fundraising: One Lion collected used cell phones for recycling. One Lion is chairing and organizing a fund raising event for January.

Scholarships: One Lion met with 3 different High School's counselors with scholarship opportunities.

Sight Awareness/education: 4 Lions collected for White Cane Days and distributed small white canes with red tips.

Sponsorship of LEO Club: One Lion Assisted at a Leo Club meeting.

Youth competition/contest: 1 Lion worked with 2 schools for Peace Poster contests and with one school for Peace Essay.



SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

November-cooler weather, pecans, walnuts, almonds, Butter Braids, and of course, the 5K Turkey Run. The Butter Braid orders are due in at the luncheon on Tuesday, the pecan sales are officially over, but Kathy ordered extra so it's not too late to get some. Please, please, please get people registered for the 5K. You can get applications on line or pick up some at the luncheon on Tuesday. You can put some out at your place of business, church, or clubs. Every extra person is \$\$\$ for our charities.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and we have so much to be thankful for--family, friends, and a great club that allows us to do some much good for our community. Let's all make a final push with our fund-raising, particularly the 5K. We NEED SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTICIPANTS!!! Then we can put our feet up (after we clean, cook, and decorate)

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and enjoy the holidays.

My best to you all, Bonnie

P.S. As an extra reward for all of our hard work, we have been awarded a cocktail party at the Outback Steak House. It will be for our Birthday Bash on Tuesday, November 29. We will receive complimentary Aussie-tizers for our entire group!!! One for every two people ... no limit. We can choose any Aussie-tizers from the menu. As usual, we will pay for our own drinks. We will receive Happy Hour prices for our entire visit, so be sure and come!

Boys & Girls Club: Club president served as judge for Halloween costume contest.

Hearing & Vision Screening: Trained members helped in elementary schools for 2 days in October.

Garage Sale: Club provided volunteers for garage sale in October that benefitted CTMS Hospice.

Habitat for Humanity: Planning meeting to provide food for community volunteers on November 5.

Thankful Turkey 5K fundraiser: Sponsorship solicitation, site application, registration forms added to website, t-shirt design finalized.

Pecan Sales Fundraiser: Members taking orders in community. Orders due October 15. Orders delivered October 29.

Santa Pictures Fundraiser: Planning for event in early December.

Butter Braids Fundraiser: Members taking orders through November 2.

Reach Out and Read: This is our club signature community service project. We initiated the project in 2008. Several local pediatricians took the Reach Out and Read training regarding prescribing during well-baby visits that parents read to their babies and techniques to use. Our club donates books to these pediatricians and each child receives a book at all wee-baby visits from birth to age five.

Texas Swing Festival Fundraiser: Planning for event in May.

Peace Poster: Committee members visited middle schools to check on progress.

SAN MARCOS LIONS CLUB

Fall is finally here! So are the cool weather and its holiday season; time to share with family and friends and to have good eats; the best of times for most of us. But, let's not forget our motto "We Serve". Find some time to share with those that are less fortunate than us. We need to help with bell ringing (November 19th); Don made up a sign-up sheet for this event and is ready to help you determine when you can participate. Start thinking about helping the police and sheriff with Blue or Brown Santa. They really like giving toys to deserving children that may not get any without help. Karen, don't keep us up too late partying on December the 16th! We need to get those Christmas Meals out on December 17th.

I want to thank everyone that helped with the Book Sale preparation and the River Clean-up last month. We had a good turn out for both events.

Don't forget (especially if you are a service veteran) to help Jack out with the Veteran's Day Parade, November 12. I'm sure he needs help with decorations and with riders. Don't make him come to you and ask for help, instead, seek him out.

As you may recall, I will be in Tennessee helping to make sure my sister's daughter gets married (I'm the videographer). However, Ron Knott said he would cover for me on November 11 and John Schramm said he would return as President for a day on November 18. Don't give them too hard a time, I may need them again.

Linda and I will see you when we get back and wish you, your family, and friends a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

P.S. Pray for rain, we still need to fill the aquifer to assure we have enough water for us and the toobing next year.

SPRING BRANCH BULVERDE LIONS CLUB

Meetings: One regularly scheduled general membership meeting, one quarterly special meeting and a regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting.

Wright Fundraiser: Fundraiser for local youth who was severely beaten when he interferred with a man attacking a woman. The fundraiser is to help defray his medical costs. Our club operated our "family Fun Fair" activities for kids.

Oct Fest: Local event with kids activities, vendor booths, petting zoo, pony rides, etc. Our club had a booth handing out literature about Lions Clubs and advertising our upcoming signature event - the Mow Down Show Down

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TAYLOR LIONS CLUB

Flying Vikings Fly Day: Provided funding, food and entertainment at 2nd Annual Flying Vikings Fly Day. Small plane pilots offer free rides to disabled or chronically ill youth, who actually get to fly the plane. A carnival atmosphere was created on the ground with free food and entertainment for those waiting for rides, along with their families. There were crafts for the kids, face painting, games, and the chance to explore helicopters, planes, fire trucks and ambulances. Taylor Lions contributed money for fuel, provided free food, and arranged for restaurants and businesses to provide more free food and activities.



Halloween Celebration at Miniature Golf Course: Sunday, October 30 - Opened the Miniature Golf Course for a free afternoon of golf. All youth received Halloween Treat Bags, along with cookies and drinks. Over 75 children played.

Tree Planting: Taylor Lions Club donated \$500 to the City of Taylor, who matched that amount to purchase 19 trees of several varieties. Trees are approximately 12-foot tall. Texas Forestry Service explained how to plant trees, and gave saplings to all participants. The Garden Club, Scouts, City Employees, and others helped the Lions with the planting. City employees will install a drip irrigation system, because of the drought conditions.



Early Childhood Vision Screening: Early Childhood Vision Screening at our Flying Vikings Fly Day screened about 25 children, and referred about 1/4 of them for further testing.



WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

Governor's Visit: District Governor Gary Cocanougher inspired our membership with stories about his experiences at the Lions International Convention. DG Gary provided interesting information about Lions international, the District, and the Wimberley Lions Club. He said there are currently 1960 Lions in 54 clubs in our District. He has a goal of 2,000 members before his term ends in June. He wants the Wimberley Club to reach 200. He is putting special emphasis on getting his under 20 member clubs up to 20 or higher. He also wants each club to work hard on member retention and finding signature projects. The successful clubs have that ingredient like our Market Days and Buda's Wiener Dog Races. His goals are the same as his motto this year which is "Vision of Dreams". So, we all need to work to make the DG's Vision of Dreams a reality by June, 2012. The Governor observed our club handing out \$ 21,800 in local donations to sixteen local organizations and inducting our newest Lion Gary Politte.

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Katherine Ann Porter School Leo's: The KAPS Leo's had two projects. They sent money to a sister school in Smithville for victims of the fire. They made the money selling fruit kabobs and smoothies at Market Day. They are also going to help the school start an archery program and their research has led them to a grant that may cover all of the costs. Great job, Leo's!!

Road Warriors: The Road Warriors continue to accomplish their "Mission" every month by cleaning up Wimberley roads. They are very dedicated and provide plenty of refreshments to encourage more Lions to come and help out!

Eyeglass Recycling: This month 106 eyeglasses were collected. Someone donated a bag of magnifying glasses which were also shipped.

Mobile Health Unit in Wimberley: The Wimberley Lions set up the MHSU at the Methodist Church on October 15th at a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. John Lyon coordinated the set up and testing included blood pressure, blood sugar, visual acuity and glaucoma. Several visitors were recommended to see a professional about eyeglasses. Lions participating were Bo Harrison, EJ & Carol Josephson, Meta Wilson, Aurora LeBrun, Gene Germain, Jerry Mackin and John Lyon.



Wimberley Market Days: The Wimberley Lions Market Days operates on the first Saturday of each month from March through December. We had a banner October Market Day with much cooler weather and a huge crowd. We are anticipating a better November and December crowd, This event brings in thousands of visitors which benefits the Lions Club as well as restaurants, Bed & Breakfasts, shop owners, etc. The local economy depends on the income generated by this event each month.

