



# The Lions Den

## District 2-S3

*"Vision of Dreams"*



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## DG Gary Cocanougher



Lions of District 2-S3, it is hard to believe that over 3 months have passed since I became Governor. I have been busy visiting your clubs and really have enjoyed each club and proud of what you are doing in your community. At the time of this writing I have 10 clubs left for my official visits, and will then start working on a long list of objectives I would like for us to accomplish. I will be continuing to visit your club at special activities, but you have to let me know when they are. As you know in my speech one of my goals is building membership especially with the clubs that are less than 20 members. I want these clubs to start thinking about and preparing a list of individuals that would make good Lions and a team will be put in place along with your members to go call on these po-

tential members. We have lost 60 members this year, but gained 90 members for a positive membership growth of 30 members. I am most pleased with this increase, but remember it is not how we start but how we finish that counts.

We are in the month that International President Tam wants us to focus more on Sight. Make sure you put more effort into your community of letting them know what Lions do, by collecting more glasses or helping do more eye exams or whatever you can do. On October 20 Zone Chair Patti Robinson has arranged for several Blind kids to walk from the Capitol to City Hall in downtown Austin to celebrate White Cane Days. I will be participating and encourage any Lion that can to join us contact Patti for details.

As we continue to live by our Motto We Serve, our Disaster team will be meeting after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting in Lago Vista on October 15 to dis-

cuss how we can assist the victims of the fires. I did apply for a grant from the Texas Lions Foundation and received \$2,000 of which has been spent for this need. I also applied and was awarded a grant from Lions Club International Foundation of \$10,000 and will decide our course of action this Saturday.



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## District Governor Pays Lago Vista a Visit

The Lago Club sat mesmerized with the ideas shared by our DG Gary Cocanougher at the first August meeting. He was just full of interesting information about Lions all over the world and had lots of praise for our club. He said there are currently 1950 Lions in 54 clubs in our District and his goal at the end of his term is 2000 members. He would also like each club to work hard on member retention, finding signature projects that we're known by in our communities and focus more on our youth. Our District has a total of 21 Leo Clubs with seven formed just last year. 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. We were lucky enough to have two visiting couples at this meeting hearing him discuss what it means to be a Lion. It also served as a very loud reminder of why we all joined Lions in the first place!

District Governor Gary also installed our new 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Lion Frank Robbins and officially welcomed him into the Board of Directors, Lion Frank is a relatively new Lion and we are really happy he's on board and anxious to volunteer.



## PCC Robinson Speaks At Lago Vista Club

It was our clubs great pleasure to have as our guest speaker, Past Council Chair Richard Robinson and the current Lions Club International Foundation for Multiple District 2. Lion Richard is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow 11 times over and his partner in service, Lion Renee Robinson is a PMJF five times. PDG Charles Handrick and his wife, Lion Nancy were in attendance as well to hear the very positive information about LCIF. Since the LCIF and MJF go hand in hand, the Lago Clubs six present Melvin Jones Fellows were all on hand at the head tables. They are Lions Alex Dunn, Jerry Fenley, Don Zschoche, Mike deSorgo, Anita Burke and Jim Orr. MJF's Mike Thornton and Jim Dougherty were out of town.



patches are sent for club accomplishments and he could tell that the accomplishments for our club were many and said that we had a commendable legacy hard to be matched.

Donations we make to LCIF give us "credits" and once our credits are 1000, we can turn those in for a Melvin Jones Fellow Award for one of our members. The other way to become a Melvin Jones is to pay the \$1000. Did you know that honoring a member by awarding him a MJF represents 75% of all donations to LCIF? Did you know that one

MJF awarded saves the sight of 106 people in the world? It is LCIF who builds hospitals and supplies the staff to operate them in many countries. Through LCIF, River Blindness in South America is GONE! Lions did this by supplying 13.7 million doses of medications to cure River Blindness. Lions

have given sight to 8 million people through cataract surgeries. Forty one million children have been inoculated for diseases by Lions.

Lions are now involved with the Special Olympics for disabled children and have supplied 200,000 pair of glasses. Did you know that Lions Club is the only service organization in communist countries? Through LCIF, grants are awarded all over the world for catastrophes ranging from \$75-10,000, all done through the very compassionate hearts of Lions. So you see, by honoring someone in your club, you really do so much more! A Melvin Jones is the highest award LCIF gives and is awarded for service and generosity. President Mike Beal presented Lion Richard a check in the amount of \$2000 from the Lago Vista Lions.



## Bluebonnet Lions Annual Pecan Sales

The Bluebonnet Lions are having their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pecan Sale which benefits charitable needs in the San Marcos community. As a member of the Bluebonnet Lions, I am taking pre-orders. Many of you have ordered pecans in the past and know how good they are. This year, we have added two new items, Almonds and Walnuts.

All nuts are fresh, raw and sold in **one pound cellophane bags** and are priced as follows:

<b>Pecan Halves</b>	<b>\$11.50</b>
<b>Pecan Pieces</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>English Walnut Halves and Pieces</b>	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Whole Almonds</b>	<b>6.00</b>

Due to the drought, pecans are not as plentiful as last year. This is why we are offering additional nuts this year. Although pecans have risen in price, ours are still less expensive than at the grocery and are more delicious.

Please let me know how many bags of each variety of nuts you would like to have and I will make arrangements to get them to you when they arrive.



Pre-payment is much appreciated. Please make checks out to San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions and mail to:

Judy Aswell  
1205 Hwy 123 Suite 304  
San Marcos, TX 78666

Please pass the word along to your friends!

Thank you,  
Judy Aswell  
Bluebonnet Lions  
[512 558 1032](tel:5125581032)



[judva@grandecom.net](mailto:judva@grandecom.net)

## Governor's 2011-2012 Visitation Schedule

### October

<u>Club/Event</u>	<u>Date of Visit</u>
Wimberley	October 4, 2011
Spring Branch-Bulverde	October 5, 2011
Austin Founders	October 6, 2011
Buckholts	October 6, 2011
<b>Eye Bank Directors Meeting</b>	<b>October 8, 2011</b>
Buda	October 10, 2011
Kyle	October 13, 2011
Austin North	October 13, 2011
<b>2S3 Cabinet Meeting, Lago Vista</b>	<b>October 15, 2011</b>
New Braunfels Evening	October 19, 2011

### November

<u>Club/Event</u>	<u>Date of Visit</u>
Austin South	November 1, 2011
<b>Council of Gov's, Round Rock</b>	<b>November 4-6, 2011</b>
Austin West	November 14, 2011
New Braunfels New Century	November 15, 2011

### December

<u>Club/Event</u>	<u>Date of Visit</u>
Austin South	December 1, 2011
New Braunfels New Century	December 6, 2011

## 2-S3 & LCI Environmental Photo Contest

Please send winning club-level photos to 2-S3 Chair, Carol Peters, at 36 Mill Street, Maxwell, TX 78656, by November 15, 2011, or bring them to the October 15 Cabinet Meeting. 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".

More information about the contest is available at [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment).

There you will find information, contest rules, and the entry form. There is also an order form for the 2012 wall calendar with the winning photos of the 2011 LCI contest. These calendars make great Christmas gifts as well as examples for the contest.

Carol Peters  
2s3 Green Team Chair  
512-357-2627, [capeters12@austin.rr.com](mailto:capeters12@austin.rr.com)

## New Members

*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*

### September

#### Austin Founder Lions Club

Sheryl G Draker sponsored by  
Eric L. Gates sponsored by  
James Sackrider sponsored by  
Todd M. Smith sponsored by

#### Austin Lake Travis Lions Club

Jan L. Johnson sponsored by Beverly Verlinde

#### Austin South Austin Lions Club

Elizabeth Camarena sponsored by Elizabeth Bumgardner

#### Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Mike L. Griesing sponsored by Robert E. Jones, Sr.

#### Dripping Springs Lions Club

Lorenzo Gordon sponsored by

#### Garden Ridge Lions Club

Alex G. Ornstein sponsored by Mark Frye

#### Georgetown (Noon) Lions Club

Cecil H. Stubblefield sponsored by

#### Granger Lions Club

Amanda L. Brosch sponsored by Mark Harwell

#### Liberty Hill Lions Club

Jason S. Stanley sponsored by Darwin Wiggers

#### New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club

David R. Willis sponsored by Lynn Caddell

#### New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

Virginia Nance sponsored by Mary Carol Cork

#### Rockdale Noon Lions Club

Deedra A. Jacob sponsored by Paul E. Dixon

#### San Marcos Lions Club

William G. Adams, Jr. sponsored by Cody S. Dailey  
Jon R. Stencil sponsored by Randolph Goodman

#### Schertz Cibolo Lions Club

Gabriel A. Castro sponsored by Timothy C. Jacobs

#### Spicewood Lions Club

William Bohl sponsored by Andy Blair  
Rita Hanson-Bohl sponsored by Andy Blair  
Adrielyn Lamb sponsored by Julie Weiss

#### Spring Branch-Bulverde Lions Club

Nolan Blank sponsored by Dayton Tatman  
Willmajean Blank sponsored by Dayton Tatman

#### Wimberley Lions Club

Don R. Anderson sponsored by Stanley M. Luczkowski  
Carol L. Josephson sponsored by Christian W. Bruns  
Edgar Josephson III sponsored by Christian W. Bruns  
Frank B. Walker sponsored by John Bourke  
Judy B. Walker sponsored by John Bourke

# LONE STAR LIONS EYE BANK \$1,000,000 HOLE IN ONE SHOOT-OUT October 22, 2011 Manor, Texas



Is your club looking for a way to help promote your golf tournament? Want to create new excitement? Let us help you!

We can offer your club an exciting package of prizes to help your tournament attendance and raise money for our Eye Bank.

What are we talking about?

- \$5,000 cash prize for a Hole in One on a Par 3.
- The golfer closest to the pin on the hole wins an entry into the Hole in One Shoot-Out for one swing at \$1,000,000 Grand Prize in October 2011.

**DETAILS:**

1. LSLEB will provide each participating Lions Golf tournament with an insurance policy to pay a \$5,000 hole in one prize at their tournament.
2. The golfer closest to the pin on the hole wins an entry to the Shootout for \$1,000,000 in October 2011 in Manor, Texas.
3. The goal is to raise \$10 per golfer for LSLEB. We are offering 2 options to participating tournaments:
  - a. The golf tournament would add an additional cost to their entry fee of at least \$10 and donate a minimum of \$10 per golfer to LSLEB.
  - b. The entry is a separate ticket sold as an option to each golfer for \$10 – LSLEB will provide entry tickets and a volunteer to sell entries into the contest. Only golfers who buy the entry would be eligible for the \$5000 prize and the closest to the pin that purchases a ticket will win the entry to the \$1,000,000 shoot-out.

Our goal is for 10-20 tournaments in 2011 and for this to become an annual event.

We plan to solicit sponsors and media coverage for the Shoot Out Finals in October 2011.

**To sign up your tournament please contact Lion Wade Burton  
[Wadeb@austin.rr.com](mailto:Wadeb@austin.rr.com) or 913-375-8607 or your LSLEB board member.**

## Lago LEOs

As school has started, a review of the busy Leos summer is in order, as well as a summary of future plans.

The Leos spent several Saturdays cleaning up the ever expanding Bar-K park. Additionally, the Leos gave assistance to 2 blood drives that the Lions put on and a few Leos made a walking float for the 4th of July parade while passing out flyers promoting the Leo Club. This served as a good marketing tool for the club as well as raising awareness of who the people are behind the Leo organization.

Along with those projects, the Leos are currently undertaking more projects to help the local community. To help our more wise citizens who need assistance with house/yard projects, the Leos are putting together a task force to help alleviate such burdens. They will be starting this particular project in October.

Additionally, the Leos helped The Lions Club to sort donated items and load them on a truck which were given to the fire victims in Bastrop. The Leos will also be collecting food which will be given as Thanksgiving dinner donations. In December, the Leo's will be busy with the 2nd annual Lago Vista Leo Coat Drive in December.

The Leos are very happy to say they have been working very hard to grow their club membership and have several new faces to hand the club off to as the senior Leos graduate in 2012. More projects will start to pop up for our busy Leos club, and information will be given then for anyone who would like to help!

## New Braunfels Leos

Initiation ceremonies for our new Leos will be held at the Oak Run Middle School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. October 4th. All new Leos from all three schools will be initiated in the presence of their families, old members and guests. Lions will also be there to welcome the new initiates to the Leo Experience.

Leos from all three schools are getting ready for the Team Building experience, Oct. 8, at John Newcombe Tennis Ranch. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will consist of both high and low ropes courses. Participants will need to bring their own bag lunches. Special "Participant Medical History & Liability Release Form" previously issued to the Leos plus \$15 is required by Sept. 28.



Once again the Leos turned out to help at the Friends of the Library Book Fair, Saturday September 24. They assisted customers by handing out plastic bags during the morning while books were on sale at marked prices. In the afternoon when the "Bag Sale" was taking place they helped haul the bags to cars or to the front of the Civic Center for pickup. The bags were \$5 for as many books that would fit. It was pretty exciting, especially when it came time to recycle the remaining books.

Leos take to the Street with Lions Message in Comal County Fair Parade: Thirty Leos from the three schools paraded with the Lions float and had a great time doing it; a great group of kids.



*Some Ride*



*Some March*

## Wimberley Market Days Concession # 2

This concession has a long tradition of serving the middle part of Lions Field at our monthly Market Days. Starting out as a trailer for drinks and sausage wraps; it is now an island of convenience with clean restrooms, a pavilion for eating and enjoying local musical talent. The menu has varied over the years trying to find the combination that appealed to most of the customers. The current menu seems to fill the bill. They offer sliced Bar-B-Que sandwiches, turkey legs, sausage wraps, hot dogs, chicken tenders, and french-fries.



Fellow Lions, Amber Ghosn has been an excited camper at TLC the past two years. I nor most other persons without diabetes in their families realize the seriousness of this crippling and sometimes fatal diseases that no child should ever have to endure. PDG Shirley Dillman

On Mon, Oct 10, 2011 at 11:24 AM, Christina Ghosn <[crghosn@gmail.com](mailto:crghosn@gmail.com)> wrote:

## WALK TO CURE DIABETES

Good morning friends: I hope this email finds you all well and enjoying the cooler temps and rain. It is finally beginning to feel like fall. With fall comes Halloween and with Halloween for the Ghosn family comes the Walk to Cure Diabetes. As you all know, we have two kiddos with Type 1 Diabetes. Marcus was diagnosed when he was 2 and Amber when she was 9. Each year our family walks with the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) to raise money to fund the research that will lead to a cure for Diabetes. The JDRF is a phenomenal organization that is extremely efficient; 85% of every dollar goes directly to research.

Many of you have walked with our family in the past and we sincerely hope you will walk with us again and help us raise money by registering for our team. If you can't walk please consider going to our fundraising page to make a donation. I am not kidding when I say no amount is too small. Every single dollar counts. The site is secure and you can be assured your information is safe. However, if you prefer not to donate online you are welcome to donate cash or checks directly to our family via mail, or an envelope sent home via one of our kiddos. Marcus is in Mrs. Blair's room and Alex is in Ms. Kitslar's room. Obviously Amber has many teachers and so any donations sent via Amber can be given directly to her via your own child.

- Amber and Marcus will not grow out of Diabetes.
- They poke their fingers 8-14 times everyday to check their blood sugars.
- They have to get insulin injections 4-6 times a day (although their insulin pumps make this easier, the infusion sets that allow the insulin to get from the pumps to their bodies have to be changed every 3 days and the site changes are very painful).
- They have to count every carbohydrate that they eat and take insulin for the carbs.
- Even with the best care it is very possible that they will develop diabetes complications such as blindness, kidney problems, heart problems, and nerve problems earlier in life than people without diabetes.
- I wake up nearly every night between 2-3am to check their blood sugars – I do this because it is very possible for my children to die in their sleep due to severe low blood sugars. Just last month, two children in the diabetes community died in their sleep.
- Their insulin pumps are attached to their bodies 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Diabetes has not limited much of what my kids can do, although sleep-overs are not something we are willing to risk with either of them. Amber and Marcus are very strong, confident kids that had to grow up much earlier than their peers. They face death every-day each time they get insulin they risk having seizures, going into a coma or dying. We don't have an option though – without the insulin they would be dead in less than a week.

I will not ask again. I already hate asking anyone to donate money, especially when I know money is tight for everyone. If you can donate that is wonderful and we thank you in advance. If you can't donate we completely understand and hope you will not think ill of us for offering you the opportunity to donate or join our team.

To donate or learn more please visit our team page:

[http://www2.jdrf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=walk\\_homepage](http://www2.jdrf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=walk_homepage)

Search for our team "Team Ghosn" in Texas. Once on the team page you can select which team member to donate to, or join the team and help collect donations. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Again, thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Sincerely, Christina Ghosn [512-636-0251](tel:512-636-0251) or E-mail [crghosn@gmail.com](mailto:crghosn@gmail.com)

**The Walk to cure diabetes will be held at Austin's Mueller Lake Park, Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 9 A.M.**

## G-Town Noon Kudos - Oktober Fest a Huge Success

We were proud to hear from Lion Boss Warren Wille that Lions were stepping up to the plate to help victims of central Texas fires, including the disaster funds for which DG Gary has submitted applications.

Lion Warren presented Lion Russ Miller with a beautiful silver award as one of only 6 TLC directors to achieve 100% level of commitments. We are proud of all the work that he and Lion Joan Miller have done for the Camp.

Lion Joan presented Lion Susan Hopper, Zone chair, with a personal thank you for all her work as President in year 2010-2011—a lovely Past President's pin.



*Lion Warren Wille, Pres., with our Raffle story board—luxury vacation,*

Bravo Lion Joan and team, which turned out to be 25 of our 30 members when we all converged to put on the Oktober Fest. Everyone had a great time, it appeared with folks staying on a long time to enjoy desserts and visit after a wonderful meal. We served 157 people in a little over 2.5 hours. That's moving! Lion Bill Becker was outstanding in his role as inside cook, with



*Oktober Fest 2011: Lion Bill Becker cooking up German Potato Salad---yum!*

Lions Jay Jernigan and Mort Gold doing their usual masterful job cooking Brats outside. Lion Joan and Lion Richard did the bulk of serving food in the hot kitchen. The dessert ladies, too many to



*Lions Gearl Koonce and David at the beverage table—gallons of iced tea and water were served.*

mention, outdid themselves! Lion Pam Jernigan was a Jill of all trades—cleaning, playing the kazoo, mopping floors and seeing that guests had everything they needed. Lions Don McClaren and Chuck Fischer did their usual fine job of taking tickets, and money, while next to them, Lion Annette sold Raffle



*We served 157 folks who lingered to enjoy desserts, friends, and the spirit*

tickets, assisted by Lions Mort Sheffloe and Lion Boss Warren Wille. Lions Sue and Wade Burton arrived later after work and pitched in serving and cleaning. OMG, those pots and pans. There must be a Lions award for dishpan hands, Lion Susan. Lions David Voelter and Gearl Koonce worked the beverage table, and Lions Nancy Rister, Jackie Johannes, and Betty Sue Koonce served desserts. Your humble editor helped our chair, Lion Joan Miller with prepping the hall, and then as needed serv-

ing and cleaning. Lion Joan—you are my hero! What an effort.

To anyone who should have been mentioned and isn't, thank you nonetheless for a great event. You all made it look like we had been doing this for years, instead of our second year. *Lion Carol Hopper*



*Lions Pam Jernigan on kazoo and Gearl Koonce on vocals.*



*Lions Joan Miller, chr., Mort Sheffloe, Chuck Fischer and Don McClaren setting up to take tickets. Lion Mort is our 50 year Lion.*



*Lions Nancy Rister and Jackie Johannes attending to 16 feet of dessert tables.*

## Help LSLEB Promote Donor Awareness During 16th Annual National Donor Sabbath

In November each year, faith communities throughout the United States observe National Donor Sabbath. This year marks the 16th annual event.

National Donor Sabbath is part of a national donation initiative launched by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 1997. Observed Friday through Sunday two week-ends before Thanksgiving, the three-day designation seeks to include the days of worship of the major religions.

Houses of worship hold services and programs focused on the life-affirming gifts of hope passed to others by eye, organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors. As a result, faith leaders increase awareness of donation and transplantation. Those who donate heal and strengthen not just their recipients, but families, friends, and the larger community.

Many people turn to their faith leaders for help when dealing with life and death issues. Nearly every religion in the United States officially supports organ, tissue, and eye donation or supports the individual choices of its members. Donation is viewed by most religions as an act of compassion and generosity, and National Donor Sabbath is celebrated in many houses of worship, often with a transplant recipient sharing a personal story of receiving "a second chance at life."

Awareness of donation increases each year, but so does the need for donors. More than 110,000 people were on the organ transplant waiting list as of April 2011 despite the fact that nearly 8,000 deceased donors and over 6,500 living donors gave the 'gift of life' - an organ transplant - to more than 28,500 people in 2010.

The most common and successful of all transplant surgeries performed today are corneal transplants. Each year, approximately 50,000 Americans receive a corneal transplant. The need in Texas is especially great as only 8% of Texans are registered donors. Texas has the second lowest percentage of registered donors in the United States.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank asks all religious leaders to educate their congregants on the critical shortage of organ, tissue and eye donation. Please join us in this mission to save a life... and another...and another.

You're invited to enlist your house of worship to participate in National Donor Sabbath and thereby help to increase the numbers of Texans on the statewide Donate Life Registry ([www.DonateLifeTexas.org](http://www.DonateLifeTexas.org)).

For more information on how your house of worship can participate in Donor Sabbath 2011, please contact Heather at [hbeliveaux@lsleb.org](mailto:hbeliveaux@lsleb.org) or call 512-457-0638.



### National Donor Sabbath

*3 ways you can participate  
in  
National Donor Sabbath*

- 1. Enlist your house of worship to participate:** LSLEB can provide bulletins and bookmarks. LSLEB can provide information for your house of worship, including free bulletins and bookmarks. E-mail Heather at [HBeliveaux@LSLEB.org](mailto:HBeliveaux@LSLEB.org) for more information.
- 2. Register to be an Eye Donor:** Sign up on the Texas Donor Registry at [www.DonateLifeTexas.org](http://www.DonateLifeTexas.org). Share your decision with your family members.
- 3. Celebrate the season of giving:** In lieu of gifts, ask friends and family to make contributions to Lone Star Lions Eye Bank in honor or in memory of a loved one. You can donate online at [www.LSLEB.org](http://www.LSLEB.org).



*Imagine the  
difference the  
gift of  
SIGHT  
can make!*

## Youth Contests

There are three contests for high school age students. They are the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest, the Drug Awareness Speech contest, and the Outstanding Youth contest.

- Entrants must be juniors or seniors in high school.
- Each contest carries a reward of a \$500.00 scholarship for 1st place, and \$250.00 for 2nd place. Winners at the MD-2 level receive \$ 3000.00 and \$1000.00 respectively.
- Students enter the District contest with the commitment to compete in the MD-2 contest in May in Houston.
- There is no entry fee for the District contest, but clubs should be prepared to pay transportation to McQueeney for their contestant.
- There is a \$200.00 fee for the District winner to compete at the MD-2 contest in Houston. The sponsoring club assumes responsibility for this fee and the transportation costs for the winning contestant. The \$200.00 entry fee includes lodging for the contestant and chaperone.
- Entry forms, rules and information are available on the District Website.
- Information and forms for the MD-2 contests are on the MD-2 website.
- Use the MD-2 application form for District entries, do NOT send \$200.00.

Please call me on my cell at 512-470-1326 for information or suggestions. This is an important Lions activity that is not only an opportunity for the youth of our communities, but also, an enhancement of our Lions mission of service. I encourage your club to be involved in the Youth contests.

**PDG Larry Nicholson**



**For forms, rules and information on these three contests, go to the District Website at:**

[www.LionsDistrict2S3.org](http://www.LionsDistrict2S3.org)

**and from the "District Bulletin Board," click on "2012 Youth Contest Information."**

## Texas Lions Camp

*Picnic Registration for Summer 2012  
Begins October 1, 2011*

It is time again to register your Lions club for a picnic, watermelon party, coke float party or awards night sponsorship. Don't miss this opportunity to involve and excite your members while serving the awesome kids of Texas. Texas Lions Camp will begin registration for these special service projects at 12:01am on October 1, 2011.

Registration is easy. All we need is the questions below answered in an email sent to [twilson@lionscamp.com](mailto:twilson@lionscamp.com) on or after October 1. The assignments are made on a first come first serve basis. Once received a confirmation email will be sent by Oct 4 to your contact person giving you the specifics on the event and the next steps to take to get ready to serve. A brief description of the opportunities to serve follows.

If you have a Leo club in your area, there must be adult supervision of the Leo club with a Lions club or other adults in order for them to participate. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or need help in any way and I look forward to working with you this next summer!

Trish Wilson  
Director of Development  
Summer Picnic Coordinator  
[twilson@lionscamp.com](mailto:twilson@lionscamp.com)  
830-896-8500 x 243

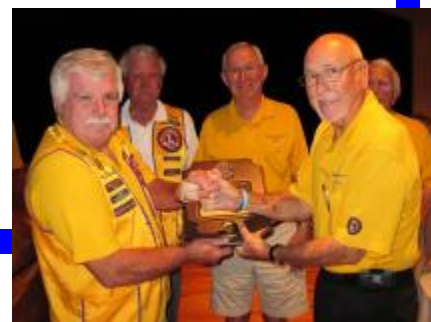


### Questions to answer:

1. Club name (list all that will be participating if unified effort of more than one club)
  2. Contact person
  3. Address and email of contact person
  4. Home / Work / Cell phone of contact person
  5. Type of event wishing to serve (see descriptions of opportunities on attached page)
  6. First choice of date to serve (see attached schedule)
  7. Second and Third choice of dates as back-up
- Number of Lions attending (approx.)

## Lago Vista Lions Honor Lion Mike Thornton

At the first August meeting of the Lago Vista Lions Club, Immediate Past President Don Zschoche spoke of the next recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow award, given to Lion Mike Thornton because of his overwhelming dedication to service, no matter what, not only to Lionism, but our whole community. That award is the highest and best, as it is given in honor of the founder, Melvin Jones. Jones was a businessman in Chicago, Ill and his code was, "you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." That also refers to the "service to others" background of Lion Mike Thornton, sponsored into Lionism in November of 2002 by Lion Jim Dougherty. Working with others on many projects through the years, he was a very positive role model as Membership Director for several years, sharing the joy in his service to Lions with others. His latest love has been serving on the barbeque team. "Not even illness could stop his desire to serve his community", said Zschoche. Lions motto WE SERVE; Lion Mike shows us exactly how it's done!



# 1st Annual Bulverde Lions Foundation "Four Man Scramble" Golf Tournament



## Thursday, October 20, 2011

Hawk Golf Course

10101 Rebecca Creek Road

Spring Branch, Texas 78070

Cost: \$60 per player, or \$240 per team of 4.

Come join us in a "Four Man Scramble" at the Hawk on October 20, 2011 on Rebecca Creek Road, just off of US 281 in Comal County. Check-in at noon and Tee time at 1:00 pm. Bring your own team or be assigned to a team needing a 4<sup>th</sup>. Price includes an after tournament meal provided by the Hawk. Make checks payable to the **Bulverde Lions Foundation**, a 501(c) (3), benefiting the local community.

Registration and check may be mailed to Joe Hamilton at 1019 Victoria Lane, Spring Branch, TX. 78070.

Player 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address or email \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address or email \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Address or email \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Address or email \_\_\_\_\_

Come join us for a good cause and a good time. This will be one to talk about!

This event is sponsored by the Bulverde Lions Club with all proceeds to benefit the Bulverde Lions Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization.

For more info, go to: <http://www.bulverdelionsclub.com> or contact Lion Joe Hamilton at: [jphgmh@gvtc.com](mailto:jphgmh@gvtc.com)

# People In Lorenzo Need Glasses TOO!



Texas is a huge land mass with thousands of cities, towns, villages, and some small specks on the map, which only show up because there is a Post Office. Most Texans have never heard of Pandale, Cornudas, Twitty, or Lawn. They have no idea how to get to Bruni, Edcouch, Vashti, or Lorenzo; and don't bother to ask for information about Danevang, Kiomatia, Iredell, or Fred. In Lionism, as in other endeavors, we tend to concentrate where there are large groups of people in need (i.e. large cities) and several Lions Clubs to share the work and costs. Many times the little ones go unnoticed.

There are hundreds of hidden little towns just like those above and as the Lions of 2-T2 recently found out, **people in Lorenzo need glasses too!** Maybe it was because the people of Lorenzo kept showing up for help at the eye screenings routinely held by the Lions Clubs in Lubbock, or maybe the Lorenzo Lions saw what a great service the Lions were offering in Lubbock.

Whatever the reason, the Lorenzo Lions held their first eye screening and clinic on 9/24 at the Lorenzo High School gym. Lions from Lubbock under the direction of 2T2's TLERC Director, PID Marshall Cooper, brought the screening lane equipment. Lion Tom Mills, an optician from Big Spring and TLERC's optical lab director, came to help fit glasses on adults. Lions from Midland Downtown brought Pedia Vision to screen the children. Dave Hoopman, TLERC's COO, brought the mobile exam room along with several thousand pair of glasses. Lion Dr. Norman Gould came to examine the children.

A couple of dozen adults were fitted with recycled glasses and 9 children will be receiving new glasses as a result of this joint effort. It was a successful day and the Lorenzo Lions found out that being part of an International Organization means having "shovel ready" projects available. It means being part of a team (Lions from their own District, as well as 2-A1) and it means access to several Multiple District 2 State programs (in this case the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) that they can use "to serve" their community.

It was also an important day for the Lorenzo Lions, because now they see the opportunity to partner with two other nearby small town Lions Clubs to start a regular screening for their area. They learned that if they buy just a little bit of equipment and take the TLERC training class, they can go out on their own to help eliminate preventable blindness in another small corner of Texas.

What are you doing to answer the call of Sight First: to eliminate preventable blindness around the world? Are you putting glasses on your local children for \$14/pair? Are you doing regular eye screenings in your communities? Do you have PediaVision yet? If you haven't started or if you need help with your existing programs, call your TLERC Director or call TLERC's offices. **It's just possible that the people in Twitty, or Kiomatia, Pandale, Bruni, Iredell, or Fred..... need glasses too!**



Lion Tom Blase, A1 VDG  
TLERC Promotions Director

## Wimberley Lions Highlighted!



*Lion Lane Hartsock is presented a pin for recruiting five new members for the Wimberley Lions Club.*

*Shown are the new members of the Wimberley Lions Club and their sponsors. Left to Right is E. J. Josephson, Carol Josephson, Gary Harlow, Frank Walker, Judy Walker, Jack Burke, Don Anderson and Stan Luczkowski.*

# CLUB NEWS

## AUSTIN LAKE TRAVIS LIONS CLUB

**Charity Track Meet:** Throughout the year, our Club hosts charity track meets for people from 4 to 94. On September 24-25, we held an event that was not only attended by people from around the State and the region, but the Mexico Olympic Track and Field Team also attended. The two-day event was well attended and the participants performed well. The volunteer Lions that supported the event earn money for their Club. The meets are held throughout the year so if anyone wants to volunteer or enter the event, please contact Lion Seth Brower at 512-794-3818.

## BULVERDE LIONS CLUB

Lions Club International Bulverde Chapter Meeting Minutes, 22 September 2011: Guests: Bill Mladenka; Texas Lions Camp, Geoffrey Young; Clay Meyers; and Tim Hering (Joining Club). Key Dates: 7-8 October 2011, Support for Matt Wright Fund Raiser at Anhalt Hall; 8 October 2011, 2011 Wright BBQ Cook Off; 20 October 2011, Bulverde Lions Club Golf Tournament; and 13 April 2012, Wild Game Dinner Minutes. Cook, George McNew; Meal, Carne fajita, refried beans, and deserts. Old Business: None; New Business:



1. President Joe Hamilton opened meeting with introduction of guests – Bill Mladenka from Texas Lions Camp, Geoffrey Young, Clay Meyers, Tim Hering (Joining Club).
2. Bill Mladenka provided an overview of Texas Lions Camp and thanked BLC for their support. TLC is supported by the dividends of an endowment and the support of the Region's clubs. Some renovation of the camp is needed and volunteers sought to help. Camp starts in June 2012. The camp supports children with disabilities. More information is provided at this link: <http://www.lionscamp.com>.
3. Jerry Stewart indicated donated items are being sought for St Judes Childrens Camp. Items needed include dishes and cookware.
4. Bulverde Jubilee on September 10 went well. Donations to the Club totaled \$176.00. Thanks to Tom Hotalings for his assistance in organization of this fund raiser.
5. Raffle tickets for the Wild Game Dinner are now available. The buggy is available to show at events. POC is Robert Tennis.
6. Joe Hamilton talked about the Comal County 100 Club providing a means for law enforcement and fire prevention families to be supported in the event one of these public servants dies in the line of duty. Website is located

at this link: <http://www.100clubofcomalcounty.org/>

7. Friends of Matthew Wright have planned a fundraiser to be held October 7-8 at Anhalt Dance Hall, in Spring Branch, featuring a Barbecue Cook-Off during the day and some great entertainment by Johnny Dee and the Rocking 88's, beginning at 8:00pm. Lion Henry Uriegas will represent the BLC for the BBQ Cook-off. Joe Hamilton volunteered to organize the parking team – volunteers should arrive at Anhalt Dance Hall at 10:00 am. More information about this event can be found at this website: <http://hillcountrytimes.com/lifestyle/happenings/matthew-wright-fundraiser-coming-up-in-october>.
8. BLC Golf Tournament scheduled for 20 October at Hawk Golf Course in Spring Branch. So far only 2 people signed up.
9. Wild Game Dinner tickets are available for sale. Flyer is available for distribution. WGD Steering Committee to meet at 6:00 pm on 13 October prior to the normal BLC meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Steven Carpenter Secretary Approved by Joe Hamilton President.



## CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS CLUB

**Shrimpfest Planning:** The upcoming Shrimpfest on Saturday, October 8th occupied most of the meeting. The estimated cost was \$6.57/pound for 30-35 count flash frozen shrimp. A decision was made to decrease the amount of shrimp to 700 pounds, because of excess shrimp the last few years. The Board decided on brown shrimp instead of white because they cost \$1 a pound less, are bigger shrimp, and after cooking in our special spices taste the same; also, coleslaw instead of corn. We discussed freezer space at CRRC and when to move the shrimp, silent auction - bring packets to George O'Donnell's business by September 23rd, dessert flyers are out, Gay Helm will pick up the bread from Super S Foods, and propaganda table is manned. Ticket prices will remain \$10.00 per ticket. Banners advertising the Shrimpfest will be at new locations this year: FM306 & Maricopa and in front of Dairy Queen on FM2673. Harmonica Bob, and George and Brenda will entertain at Shrimpfest at no charge. The wagon for the stuffed Lion mascot should be ready to display at the Shrimpfest. The new wall banners to be used for the Shrimpfest and Fish Fry have been made and were displayed for CLNL viewing. Lion logos will be sewed onto the wall ban-

## CLUB NEWS *(Continued)*

ners before the Shrimpfest. Vacancies for serving line and cooking team members were filled. Ten members from the Leo's club will be assisting us at the Shrimpfest by serving tea.

**Retama Road Trip:** Lion Bob Wickman reported that the Retama Race Track managers have decided to cancel racing on Thursdays and extend the racing season. Thursday racing was not a money maker. Therefore, our planned Retama Road Trip will have to be moved from Thursday, October 13th, to Friday October 14th. An e-mail was sent out to all members. Please notify Bob ASAP on your availability on the new date. A \$30.00 ticket includes entry, parking, Italian buffet in a private dining room, and reserved seating. There will be a horse race named for the Canyon Lake Noon Lions and a group picture will be taken with the winning jockey. Lions are encouraged to wear their official Lion's vests.

**Rachel's Challenge:** The Canyon Lake Community Coalition was formed which included the presidents of all service organizations in the area to help support Rachel's Challenge. The coalition met on September 13th at CRRC and more than 500 people showed up to support the coalition. Lion Norm Schaule thanked George O'Donnell, Buster Webb, and Bob Wickman for helping with the parking. Ten Leo's members also showed up and helped.

**Aluminum Can Collection:** On September 7th, aluminum cans were collected and netted \$828.

Guest Speakers: 9/1 Sheriff Bob Holder described the workings of his department.

National Public Lands Day was held on Saturday, September 24th. Lion Tom Meyer worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to help register boy and girl scout troops at 8:00 am to help clean up a 30 acre area which burned two weeks before.

During the reporting period, a total of 40 club members participated in vision screening at 6 separate local schools for a total of 102 Lion man hours.

### Donations:

1. Donated \$250 to the 100 Club of Comal County.
2. Donated \$500 to the CRRC Rachel's Challenge.
3. Donated \$500 to the New Life Children's Treatment Center Golf Tournament.

### Community Recognition:

1. We received a Certificate of Recognition for our club's 2010-2011 contributions to Leader Dogs for the Blind.
2. We received a thank you letter from Tye Preston Memorial Library for our Lion's club donation of \$2000, which fulfilled our total pledge of \$10,000.00 (\$2K a year for 5 years) for the construction and furnishing of the library.
3. We received a thank you letter from Community Resources and Recreation Center (CRRC) for a donation of \$500 for re-

pairs to the facility.

4. We received a thank you letter for a donation of \$100 to support Startzville's summer food program.

5. We received a thank you letter from Last Chance Forever for a donation of \$100. Last Chance Forever helps birds of prey survive. They put on a great program for us in July.

**Dam Freedom Walk:** Lion Jack Bogle reported on the wonderful Dam Freedom Walk held on September 11th, and recommended that everyone put it on their calendar for next year.

**Opening of Fire Station #5:** Lion and ESD #3 Fire Commissioner Keith Lewis welcomed everyone to attend the Tuesday, October 4th opening of our new Fire Station #5 on Island View. The firehouse will open from 4 to 9 pm with finger food and opening ceremonies.

**LEO Activity:** Leo Advisor Norm Schaule reported that 10 members from the MVMS Leo's have signed up to help at the Shrimpfest. Next week, we hope to meet with the High School and get their Leo's club started. The cost to start a new Leo club would be \$100.

New members/Reinstatements/Resignations - Roy Danford (Sponsor - Jim Feibelman) and Kevin McHugh (Sponsor - Tom Meyer) each have submitted an application for membership. They will be voted on at the next Board meeting, and if approved, they will be inducted at the next meeting. We also had one resignation from Lion Terry Coffee. Wellness: Jack Sharp has been moved to Oak tree rehabilitation center. Tail Twister and Raffle: Netted \$190

### DRIPPING SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

During a recent Blood Drive, 13 pints of blood were donated.

### ELGIN EVENING LIONS CLUB

**Scholarships:** The Elgin Evening Lions Club has given \$14,000 in Scholarships this year. We also sent clothing to the Bastrop fire victims to help the many people that lost everything they owned. The Lions Thrift Shop uses volunteers to help keep the store open; this month we spent 250 hours working in the store. We also sent \$773.00 to pay for the dues to NASN for our school nurses and sent \$500.00 to the Cattlemen for Cancer.

*Lions Support  
Bastrop Fire Disaster  
Relief from  
a Red Cross Mobile  
Relief van.*



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### FLORENCE LIONS CLUB

**Club Meeting 9/21/11:** Held on the side of Highway 195 showing respect as the Funeral Procession of Petty Officer Brian K. Lundy who was killed in action while conducting a dismantled patrol in Marjah, Helmand province, Afghanistan, on September 9, 2011.



*President Lion Joan Caskey, Secretary Lion Amy Crane, Lion Patty Golden, Lion Cindy Estes, Treasurer Lion Marcie Ramm, and Lion Linda Davis, District 2-S3 Global Membership Team Lead.*

### GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

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

**Bastrop Fire Relief:** We donated \$1,000 to District 2-S3 Disaster Relief in support of the devastating fires in Bastrop County.

**New Member:** We inducted one new member this month; welcome new Lion Alex Ornstein, sponsored by Lion Mark Frye.

**Texas Lions Camp for children Counselor Scholarships:** Counselor Brianna Versteeg received a \$500 scholarship, which was paid this month. This completes our four scholarships for the year.

**Guiding Lion Training:** We had three Lions attend Guiding Lion Training in New Braunfels; Lions Bob Shilliday, Pam

Pitzen, and Ray Pitzen.

**Zone Meeting:** Zone V-B Chair Alan Schodowski held a zone meeting at TJ's Burgers & More in New Braunfels; Lions Wayne Tyson and Jim Newbold attended.

**School Nurse Gift Cards:** We purchased two Wal-Mart \$150 gift cards, one each for Morningside Elementary School and Garden Ridge Elementary School nurses. These cards will be used by the nurses to purchase clothing items needed for the children when they have accidents. The clothes used will be cleaned by the parents and returned to the nurse for future use.

**Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction:** We just completed our annual fundraiser and it was once again a resounding success; more on this next month.

THE GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB  
presents their 39th annual

## FISH FRY BAR-B-Q & AUCTION

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Event Opens at 3:00 p.m.  
Silent Auction 3:00-6:30 p.m.  
Dinner Served 3:30-7:30 p.m.  
Fish Fry & Bar-B-Q - Adults \$10.00 / Children \$7.00  
Entertainment 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Live Auction at 6:30 p.m.

Join Our Live Auction  
(SAMPLE ITEMS)

Enter Our Super Raffle  
PICK YOUR GRAND PRIZE (1 of 4)  
\$4000 toward:

### GEORGETOWN EVENING LIONS CLUB

On September 8th the club presented its' 3rd Annual Bluegrass Gospel concert with "The Marksmen," a 3 time Grammy award nominated group, who again performed many of their favorite songs and several from their new record. Many of those in attendance made donations for the relief of the Wild-fire victims as they left after the show. The donations were combined with a special Tail Twister collection and turned



over to the district's Disaster Committee. Past President Maureen Kinald was one of several LIONS who attended the Guiding LION training session presented by PDG Angela Nicholson on the 10th. The club also hosted DG Gary Cocanougher on his official visit at our club meeting on the 13th. As a spe-

## CLUB NEWS *(Continued)*

cial treat, musical selections were performed for the Governor and the club members by a local student who is taking advanced voice training lessons. On Saturday the 24th, several club members helped out at the Liberty Hill LIONS club Annual Rip Roaring Bicycle Ride by staffing rest stop #3 and passing out refreshments and drinks to the riders. The club also received a Thank You letter from a Texas LIONS Camp counselor who received one of the clubs annual scholarship awards. Fourth annual concert with "The Marksman" quartet playing at our local high school raised \$2500 for Lions Charities with 240 people in attendance.

**Charter LEO Club:** Georgetown, Texas is in the process of splitting their High Schools. Georgetown High School and the new High School will be called East View. East View will start up over the next two years. Georgetown Evening Lions have identified two teachers at East View that have agreed to serve as sponsors for a new Leo Club in that school. Club met the teachers and two Lions (Maureen Kinald and Martha Woodley) have agreed to mentor the Club as it forms.

Club members staffed a rest area for the Liberty Hill Lions Club Rip Roarin' Ride to raise \$250 for Lions Charities.

### GEORGETOWN NOON LIONS CLUB

#### Oktober Fest 2011:

Our annual Oktober Fest fundraiser was a success in attendance, eclipsing last year by a few more people. This is our second one and we are learning all the time how to maximize the event for



best outcomes financially. Photos show our guests and Lion Bill Becker who cooked for the whole event. He gave a whole new meaning to slaving over a hot stove. We have added a last minute fundraiser on Oct. 1 on which we hope to build on in coming years---Flight Breakfast before the annual Air Show at

the Georgetown Municipal Airport. This potentially large event will be the first time that we have done this fundraiser. A garage sale the following weekend is hoped to fill coffers even further so that we can triple scholarships giving this year.



**Plans are in the works:** Early child hood vision screening that involves the GISD Health Tech. students, Mobile Health

Screening for adults, tree planting, and plans to use some funds to support our local food pantry are all evidence of support for global initiatives. We are proud to welcome a new member this month, Stubby Stubblefield. We will help him celebrate 60 years in Lions. Several members have given individually to help the fire victims in Central Texas and all of our prayers are with them.

### GRUENE LIONS CLUB

**Highway Clean-up:** September 17, 2011, Gruene Lions gathered to participate in a highway cleanup of our adopted stretch of Loop 337 in New Braunfels, TX.

### HUTTO LIONS CLUB

**Wall of Flags:** A Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion was presented to the Club at the September 12 meeting. At the first Hutto High School football game, the American Legion held a memorial service for a former Hutto High school student killed in Afghanistan. The Hutto Lions Club participated by providing a "Wall of Flags" from our "Flag Lease Project".

### LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

Taken from "The Story of Texas Lions MD-2" pamphlet and well worth remembering .....

Give this thing we call Lionism, this philosophy of life, a chance to work. All Lions Clubs are different. You may not like some of the activities, projects or even a member; but remember this .... Lionism is bigger than you, me or an entire club, and each member guides its future. The work we do has been recognized by governments and heads of governments all over the world. We have made a name for ourselves and we are very proud. We are the 'WORLD'S BIGGEST DOERS'. Even though you are just a member today, we know that if you will apply yourself, serve on the committee assigned, attend club meetings, work on projects, it won't be long until you can look at yourself in the mirror and say "I'm a Lion".

This all sums up the fact that a Lions Club is a unique organization, with an identity all its own. Your identity as a Lion can be recognized by the Lion emblem you wear on your lapel or by wearing any Lions apparel. This recognition is your valuable asset because it symbolizes that you are a person dedicated to service to the fellow men in your community, state, nation and throughout the world. So wear your Lions identification proudly.

Lion Dale Winston was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Lion Carol Peters, District 2-S3 Chairperson of the Lions Green Team hailing Winston's service to the environment. Congrats, Lion Dale!

Saturday, September 3rd, the BBQ, Serving and Bake Sale Teams were hard at work in the parking lot of Super S Food Store. The day was hot and so were the profits! Twenty-three Lions worked a total of 121 hours cooking and serving 18 brisquets, 70 chicken halves and serving untold cakes and cookies.

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The bake sale netted \$121 and the BBQ brought in a net of \$907 for a total of \$1028.00! The Pitmaster said this accomplishment would not be possible without the dedication of all the cooks, servers, cashiers and bake sale volunteers. A special thanks to Lions Pauline Wheeler and Jo Anne Smith for filling in at the bake sale for Lion Edna Hill who was out of town.

Lago Vista's Leo Club met to make future project plans along with plans for a membership drive. Leo President Elaziel Comparon met with about nine other Leos and received 2-3 applications for new Leos. Leo advisor, Lion Vernon Reher was in attendance along with VP Bob McCarty and Membership Chair, Lion Anita Burke.

**Bastrop Fire Victims Support:** Over the weekend of September 3rd, 4th, and 5th, members of the Lago Vista Lions Club collected donations of clothing, personal items, baked goods and ice water to distribute to the Bastrop County fire victims. Lion Christie Bader instigated a donation drive for the fire victims in Bastrop. Items were brought to a meeting and then taken to the storage facility, managed by Christie to be sorted and packed. She placed a sign on Hwy 1431 and people began bringing donations. Lions Christie, Shelley and Perry Castleberry and Peggy Sharp and Peggy's husband delivered all the donations to Bastrop and worked all day doing anything that was needed. Mostly they worked at the donations drop-off and were sorting and handing out soda, water and baked goods baked by Lion Shelley. The collection task continues with members sorting and boxing and making ready for the next drop-off of donations to Bastrop. Sorting dropped-off items were Lions Glenda Hendricks, Faye Tessnow, Linda Winston, Christi Bader, Anita Burke, Bob Valentine and Jim Orr with his wife, Boogie. Next came the Leo Club with club sponsor Lion Vernon Reher. They sorted and loaded onto the moving truck supplied by Highland Lakes Real Estate. Lion Christi delivered all these items to Bastrop. Have we completed our mission? We don't know yet whether Bastrop has all they need. If they need more, we will probably collect and deliver more.

The Lago Vista Club received a letter of gratitude for the \$2000 donation received from our club. The LCIF Board of Trustees Chair said that this contribution will help make possible programs ranging from emergency and long-term disaster relief, to training for the disabled, and blindness prevention around the world and assured us that it will certainly have a positive impact on many lives.

**Spicewood Wildfire Victims Support:** In September, the Lago Vista Lions Club donated \$ 500.00 to the Spicewood Lions Club for distribution to Spicewood wildfire victims as needed. Lago Vista's Board of Directors voted to send \$500.00 to our neighbors in Spicewood to assist in their fire clean-up efforts. Spicewood is in our Zone and would extend the same help to us in this area of our Zone if we needed the help. Lions helping Lions.

**Blood Mobile:** On September 17, 2011, in conjunction with the Point Venture Lions Club, the Central Texas Bloodmobile was set up at CVS parking lot and a blood drive conducted. The Blood Mobile folks were at it again. They had 24 show to donate and collected 20 pints for the day. Chair David Henderson, Lions Pauline and Ken Wheeler, members of our Leo Club and Lion Mary Switters from the Pt. Venture Club were at work that day.

**Cops, Kids and Quilts:** Chair Marilyn Gates announced that Cops, Kids and Quilts program would begin again. Lion Marilyn had visited with Lago Vista Police Station and was told they could use 8-10 quilts and she also wanted to make extra to donate to Blue Santa.

**Super S BBQ Sale:** On Saturday, September 3, 2011, the Lago Vista Lions Club BBQ Smoker Trailer was set up in the Super S Grocery parking lot and BBQ lunches sold to the community.

**Bake Sale:** In conjunction with the BBQ sale, a bake sale was conducted.

### LIBERTY HILL LIONS CLUB

**Rip Roarin' Ride:** We conducted our tenth annual Rip Roarin' Ride, a bike ride through the hill country surrounding Liberty Hill. Because of the hot weather, this year's turnout was lower than last year. Riders in a 14, 28, 50, 65, 80, 92, or 103 miles enjoyed themselves, and members and volunteers made it enjoyable for the riders, serving refreshments at rest stops and support along the route. We have many volunteers from our community and the Georgetown Evening Lions Club does one of our rest stops for a share of the profits.



Lion Jimmy Oliver feels that the 10th annual Rip Roarin' Ride was a success, despite the heat for the day. Temperatures were great to begin the day and those doing a shorter ride were pleased with the weather. However, those who chose a longer ride were beginning to suffer by the time they finished their ride, with temperatures reaching 98 or higher. Lion Jimmy reports that he thinks we should make about \$7,500

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on this year's ride. There were 313 registered riders, but a few did not show for the ride. We had lots of volunteers to help us, with the Georgetown Evening Lions doing Rest Stop 3. Other volunteers from the community helped with Rest Stops 1, 2, and 4. Our own Lions were at Rest Stops 2 and 4. Many other volunteers were helping with SAG and the finish line. This is our big fundraiser of the year, and enables us to do the service we do each year.



We will be doing the Early Childhood Vision Screening again this year at the Fellowship Fest on Oct. 22 from 1-3 p.m. We will need all the help we can get for that day. We need Lions to sign up for times they can work to sign children up and give out information on our club and the screening that is done on the children. We also need Lions to help with the 5K Run earlier in the day. We had help from the folks at Fellowship on our ride, now we can help them.

### LOCKHART LIONS CLUB



**Annual School Supplies Drive:** On Saturday morning September 3rd, eight Lions contributed part of their Labor Day weekend to conducting a charity traffic stop in downtown Lockhart, with fund collected to be used for school supplies for needy families. The club presented a check for \$712 at the LISD school board meeting held on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual GBRA Clean-Up:** On Saturday morning September 24th, 2011, seven members of the Lockhart Lions Club participated in an annual event, sponsored by the Guadalupe-Blanco

River Authority, to remove litter and waste material at city parks adjacent to waterways running through Lockhart and along stream beds within the city limits. One of our members was involved in registration and equipping the approximately 200 volunteers that took part in the event. The other six cleaned up the area within and around Lions Park along with other volunteers. We also cleaned the Lions Park sign, which was moldy and unsightly. The club donated \$50 to help fund materials for the event.



### MANOR LIONS CLUB

**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Mondays (7pm) of each month at Manor Lions Hall at Lexington & Browning.

Lions Loyd and Lois ShROUT provided the meal. The Boss Lion reported that all the "cake ladies" received flowers. The Building committee will be comprised of Lions Paul, Gil, Doug, Herb, Hub, Don & Rubert. Manor Fest was the primary focus of this meeting. The Banner was agreed on, our float needs 5 people, and Doug was approved to purchase 8 trophies. The steak Fry served 94 people.

**Club Meeting, 22 August 2011:** Lion Rubert Ceder provided the meal. Lion Hub Sherman reported that Manorfest is going well. Lion Hub reported that Manorfest planning is going well. We are in desperate need of auction items, volunteers and sponsors. All available Lions will be needed as this year Manorfest promises to be bigger, better, and more profitable than ever before.

**Club Meeting, 12 September 2011:** Lions Loyd & Lois ShROUT will provide the meal. This meeting will be the official visit of our new District Governor Gary Cocanougher.

**Fish Fry Fundraiser, 23 September 2011:** All hands needed! The Manorfest Queen will be voted on at this event.

**Club Meeting, 26 September 2011:** Lion Rubert Ceder will provide the meal.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Manorfest, 1 October 2011; Turkey

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Shoots, Begin 2 October 2011; and Fish Fry (tentative), 4 November 2011.

### MILANO EVENING LIONS CLUB

Milano President Nathan Batten, who builds cabinets and electric guitars, presented a program to the Milano Evening Lions Club on Thursday, October 6th at the Milano Senior Citizens Center. Shown left to right are club President Bill McMinn, Batten club Vice-president Jerry Hall, and Georgetown Lion / Texas Lions Camp director Adrien F. Drouilhet III, Ph.D. (who spoke to the club about camp endowments). The District Governor and Zone Chairman attended on Sept. 1 for his annual visit. He spoke of his goals and gave his vision statement. A short business meeting followed.



### NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

**SOS Food Bank:** Staffing the food bank, stacking, sorting and issuing food items to needy families.

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

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

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

**Comal County Senior Service Activity:** Deliver Meals-on-wheels to elderly. Assist in the Senior Center Library.

**Visitor Assistance:** 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 find.

**Sophienburg Museum:** Act as docent for visitors to the museum. Work in the archives section sorting, screening, cataloging the valuable collections, and assisting genealogists in finding desired documents.

**Red Cross Disaster Service:** Service on Emergency Response Vehicle at the Bastrop, TX forest fires and delivered meals to responders.



**Red Cross CAC Activation:** 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 hours per shift seven days per week. In emergencies we activate cards in the middle of the night also.

**Eyeglass 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.

**LEO Advisors:** Service as advisors to three schools Leo clubs sponsored by the New Braunfels Lions Club. Guide the 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.

**Vision Screening:** The New Braunfels (NB) Noon Lions Club has pursued its Signature Service Project of Vision Screening for over 25 years, long before the Texas law requiring it. The law now requires 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



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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. From the beginning of the school year in September and into November, the club will visit 20 schools and screen over 4,000 youngsters.



**Other Projects:** Mentor/Council children, support and encourage children in local schools by assisting them in reading and math; Eyeglasses for the needy; helping the town; Texas Lions Camp; and State Convention 2013.

### NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

**Words from the Lion Boss President Lynn Caddell Fellow Lions,** It is a great time to be a Lion. It is a great time to be a member of the NBBLC. We have a lot going on. It is a great time to be involved. Most of our committees are in place. If you are not on a committee I encourage you to contact the committee chairman of your choice or a project and get involved. The Fair Booth committee needs the help and support of all of us. Comal County Fair September 20th – 25th.



**Things we have going on this fall:** vision screening, tree planting, Leo Club, Marksmen Concert, and Fair Booth. I hope that before long we decide on a signature service project that we do on our own or with other clubs in NB. I really appreciate the help and support I have received this year so far. Our club has a wealth of experience and knowledge of Lionism. Please invite new member prospects to join us for breakfast each meeting.

I was given a T shirt last week; on the back it said " If you ain't the lead dog the scenery never changes" We Serve with a ROAR, Lynn Caddell

**Comal County Fair Booth Opens:** Our clubs major fund raiser is the fair booth at the Comal County Fair. This year the booth was open on September 17, September 20-25th. By the time you get this newsletter it will be all over; I do believe Lion Ed Lee has this booth running smoothly this year and I think he deserves a lot of kudos in organizing this event this year. Thanks to all the members that worked their shift and for many that worked overtime as well. We are close to the \$11,000 goal set by the chairman for the gross income.



*Lion Dale Wade, Lion Richard Hall and wife and Lion Marc Rogers man the booth. The GREEN Beans were a HIT!*

### NEW BRAUNFELS EVENING LIONS CLUB

We made donations to LCIF and obtained one life membership; attended Club and Board meetings and audited books. We are a District 2-S3 100% club in support of the District and State. We contributed hours to a Newsletter and Web page work for club.

**Comal Co Fair:** We also have 52 friends help us working and they put in 80 hours. Our youth helped out; they worked the fair with 19 youth and put in 76 hours of work.

**Aluminum cans:** We had one Lion and 3 friends helping on this. We also assisted in the School vision screening program in New Braunfels and Comal County.

### POINT VENTURE LIONS CLUB

At our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we were pleased to have the District Governor Gary Cocanougher be our special guest speaker for the evening. Governor Cocanougher talked to us about his "Vision of Dreams" plan for the coming year. He is asking Lions to plant trees in our community, work on strengthening

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our membership, expand our service to others and work with young adults through Leo Clubs.



September 29<sup>th</sup> Lion's meeting, the PV Lions hosted a Sponsors Appreciation Night to those businesses and individuals that donated funds towards our Annual Golf Tournament event that was held in June of this year. Everyone enjoyed drinks, chicken and beef fajitas with all the trimmings, chips, salsa, and guacamole and for dessert cheesecake with cherries on top. Our special guest speaker for the evening was Bill Daugherty from the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired located in Austin. He gave a brief recap of the history of the school, its accomplishments, and the education and student life program for the selected children that attend, as well as being a resource center to communities throughout the state. Presently the school has over 150 students who live on campus and are able to go home to their families, located across Texas, every weekend during the school year. Lion John Franz, Chairman of the Golf Tournament, present to Mr. Daugherty with a check for \$4,000 to the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



The Annual Point Venture POA Fall Festival will be held Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm at the Park. The Festival has proven to be a significant fundraiser for the PV Lions Club. The Lions sell meal tickets, prepares and serve the food. Last year, we had over 125 hungry neighbors enjoy this fun event. The festival includes a petting zoo, horseback riding, antique car show and the delicious meal of brats, hot dogs and all the trimmings.

Upcoming projects for our community will be the hanging of the Christmas wreaths and Christmas lights in November. Ongoing projects are Ball Moss Removal every Wednesday morning; house number painting and Lohman Ford trash pickup as needed.

### ROUND ROCK NOON LIONS CLUB

Our White Cane drive was held in front of our two Wal-Mart Stores with over \$400.00 collected. The exciting news was that a couple just moving here are interested in visiting and helping our Club; potential members, maybe. Several families were also provided information for their children to attend our TX Lions Camp next summer and 2 blind persons will investigate getting Leader Dogs. Shoppers approached us with stories of their family members being Lions. They shared positive stories about the value of Lion's services for persons in their families.

Our many activities were highlighted with aid to the elderly by driving them to medical appointments and church services; assisting a 'throws' track meet with the eldest gentleman being 80 and the youngest participate 14. Three of the tracksters were attempting to qualify for the Olympics. Also, a high school Senior with attendance and grade issues is being mentored.

We have 23 sites for eyeglass collection that netted a record 665 pairs sorted and packed for any one month period.

We are most proud of two of our Lions on a Medical Mission to Peru.

Seven District Lions Clubs were visited. Two of those were presentations about our TX Lions Camp Endowment CAMPAign.

One Lion is Early Response Team trained and spent one full day sorting the remains of a home totally burned in Bastrop. Heart breaking to know 6 vintage vehicles were charred beyond recognition plus silver was melted and other valuables within the home were gone or in bits or pieces. It is extremely humbling to sort through ashes of a family's lifetime material collections. Please let a trusted someone know the area of your home where valuables are kept. We were able to work around those areas so ashes could be put through sieves.

### SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

NOTES TO MEMBERS from President Bonnie: Fall is in the air! Cooler weather, a little rain, and pecan sales! This year, we have the addition of walnuts, almonds, and Butter Braids to open our major fundraising season. Those of you who came to the evening meeting know those Butter Braids are great! I plan to order at least six to have them on hand for the holidays. We will make \$5 for each one we sell, so each of us needs to become a "bread pusher."

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And our Thankful Turkey 5K Run is coming up in November. Liz Sumter is the Chair this year and is asking all of us to help line up sponsors for this event. Sponsorship letters, along with a variety of sponsorship levels, will be out soon.

October will also be about fun! Our evening meeting will be a Halloween Party, coupled with prizes for a "Cook Off." There are no categories, so bring your favorite Halloween Treat, wear costumes (or not), but be prepared for fun!

So remember, push sales but be sure and come to our "just for fun" evening meeting. Blessings, *Bonnie Flammang*

### SAN MARCOS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

**October!!!** Maybe some cooler weather and some rain will fall upon us. We sure could use some. We need the rain for crops, other plants, and for the forest to suppress fires. We also need it for recharging the aquifer we depend on for water for our needs and to keep the springs flowing enough to support our tubing enterprise.

While we're waiting for the cooler weather and the rain, keep in mind that we have several events just around the corner. Don't forget to sign up to help with the book sale at the tubing facility on Oct. 6th, 9am-1pm. Also we have River Clean-up 9 am to Noon on Oct. 8th, tubing center. If you show up early at the tubing center I believe they have coffee and breakfast tacos. Finally, we will participate in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Jack Fairchild agreed to organize this event. Please assist him when he asks for help. In all these events, wear your vests so we are recognized.

Lunch--a topic dear to all of us. I would like to resolve this issue in December and settle it for the rest of the year. The main issue is how to match the number of meals to the number of people actually eating and paying to eat. George and his crew have done a great job making it come out a lot closer and is open to any suggestions anyone has to improve it. So if you have any ideas, please share them with George. We will continue to pick up BBQ or chicken through November and then in December I would like to spend part of one of our meetings to get all members to decide how we will settle how we will continue.

I am attending a wedding in November and will miss the meetings on the 11th and the 18th. Don't worry though, two of our past diligent Presidents have volunteered to cover for me. Ron Knot will get you through the program on the 11th and John Schramm wants to lead (harass) you on the 18th.

See you at some of the upcoming events!! President, Al Green

**Tube Rental, Turn off the Lights:** We have finished the year and closed the doors. The final accounting is underway. By all accounts we had a record year in gross revenues. We will wait for the final numbers to come in to see how we did.

This is a good time to reflect on the year. If during your time at the new facility this summer you saw something that you liked or thought we could do better, please let me know. We are always looking for ways to improve our operation and to better serve our customers and the community. There are no bad ideas!

The tube committee will meet over the next several months to map out our path forward for next year. Please consider this as a personal invitation to participate on the committee to help us to continue to improve this project.

Have a good winter!! (If it ever gets here) *John Schramm, Co-Chair*

During September, the Lions Club recognized LeRon Hutto from San Marcos High School as our "Student of the Week." "Teacher of the Month" recipient during September was Rodney Guerrero from Goodnight Middle School.

We will continue to recognize high achieving students and teachers during the coming school year. *Joe Kenworthy, Education Chair*

**Sight:** Four more pairs of glasses; three seniors and one child. *Harry Stewart, Chair*

**Mexican Dinner, Ron Knott, Chair:** The San Marcos Lion's Club Annual Mexican Dinner is scheduled for February 3, 2012 at the City Park Rec Hall. The tickets and paper goods have been ordered. The sign permits are in place. The menu has been set. Volunteers are needed to continue this tradition.

**Finance, Don Arledge, Chair:** Finance Committee met on September 12 to discuss some old and new donation requests. Requests forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval were Texas Lions Camp Endowment, Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos and Greenbelt Alliance. Those that were not forwarded were SMCISD High School Academy and Water Aid Chapter at Texas State University. We asked for direction from the BOD: what, if anything, we should do to help in the 'wildfires' recovery process? What efforts should be made to possibly fund the early eye screening machine SPOT? The next meeting date has not been set.

**Social, Karen Arledge, Chair:** The Christmas Party will be held Friday, Dec 16th at the Price Center. We will have it catered this year. More on that in the following months!

**Care & Concern, Karen Arledge:** It was nice to hear that Zeke was on the move the other day and made it to a meeting. Everyone enjoyed seeing him! Let's keep Del Domstead in our thoughts and hope he can return to our meetings soon! If you know of anyone in our club that needs our help whether it be thoughts, prayers or visitation, please let me know so that we can help!

### Lions Tale All.....

Michael Ryan was born Jan. 10th in San Angelo, Texas. He has lived in San Marcos for 13 years and works for Gary Job Corp. Michael is married to his wife Joan, who is a teacher,

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and they have an 11 year old son, Will, that attends the Master School. Michael enjoys scouting and knows Lion Kramer. He is also actively involved in the San Marcos Educators Foundation. He attends the First United Methodist Church where he is on the Board of Trustees. Let's make him feel welcome! *Lion Karen*

### SCHERTZ CIBOLO LIONS CLUB

**Hearing & Vision Screening Training:** In an effort to assist the local school district, 9 of our members completed an 8-hour training course which will enable these Lions to assist school nurses perform the hearing and vision tests administered to students at the beginning of the school year. The school district greatly appreciates our assistance!

**Car Smash:** On September 23rd and 24th, our club set up our second annual car smash booth at the annual Schertz Fest. A local auto wrecking service provided us with an automobile



and removed all glass from the vehicle for our use. Patrons gave us 1 ticket for one swing with a sledge hammer or 3 tickets for 5 swings. Tickets were \$1 each; with our club receiving 80% from each ticket (the city received the remaining 20%). The wrecking service delivered and retrieved the car at no cost to our club. The event was a huge success and we were able to raise \$400.00 during the very short event without having any expenses.

### SPICEWOOD LIONS CLUB

**Spicewood VFD Destruction Derby Concessions:** Our club holds the motto "We Serve" close to our hearts. In that spirit, our club members make themselves available to the local community. As volunteers, we have helped the Spicewood VFD/EMS with their annual fundraiser by manning their concession area and helping with "day of" activities. We have over 25 volunteers working 2-16 hours in a 2 day period - not to mention the shopping and prep before the event.

### SPRING BRANCH BULVERDE LIONS CLUB

**2011 Bulverde Jubilee:** The club participated in the parade and operated a kid's games area during the annual Bulverde Jubilee. The jubilee is a community celebration with a patriotic theme. Our booth gave out Lions information and advertised the club's annual fund raiser -- the Mow Down Show Down lawn mower races.



### TAYLOR LIONS CLUB

**Car Wash for Flying Vikings:** 10 Lions assisted about 25 youth with a car wash to help defray costs of pilots at next month's Flying Vikings event. Over \$1,000 was raised in 4 hours.

**B&M Concessions:** Lions earned about \$100 at the final B&M Tractor Parts Consignment Auction concession stand.

### WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

**LEO Club Blood Drive:** The Wimberley Leo Club had a Blood Drive and collected 46 pints of blood and 12 of those were collected from Leo's. Twenty members of the club worked on organizing the blood drive. Tasks included hanging posters announcing the drive, collecting donor names during lunch break, and checking donors in on the day of the drive. This was a very successful drive and we will host another drive next year. *Pictured below are Leo Chair Lion John Stark and Leo Savanna Martorrel.*



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**Road Warriors:** Our monthly group of Road Warriors continues to clean up Wimberley area roads in spite of the stifling heat. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by all of the community. This group is led by Lion Frank Williams and he is very diligent about keeping it going.



**Eyeglass Recycling:** Over 100 pairs of eyeglasses were turned in this month. The Club continues to work hard to collect them every month.

**Area IV-B Zone Meeting:** Zone Chair Les Kubena held a Zone IV-B meeting in Wimberley on September 24th and shared DG Gary's "Vision of Dreams" focal points and how we can contribute. It was a very interesting and interactive meeting. Membership recruiting, retention, recognition and communication were discussed. Twelve Lions from the Zone attended.



**Wimberley Market Days:** The Wimberley Lions Market Days operates on the first Saturday of each month from March through December. Three all-time records were broken last year and we continue to have large crowds this year. 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.

## Point Venture Lions Name Melvin Jones Fellows

*Lion Bob Adolph*

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the backbone of LCIF, providing 70 percent of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is awarded to those who donate US \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. Lion Melvin Jones the founder of this great service organization, died in 1961. His philosophy of life, "you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," lives in our motto "WE SERVE."

At our September 13, 2011 Lions meeting, Lion Mim Hruby recognized one of our own humanitarians, Lion Bob Adolph. Not only does he serve the Point Venture Lions Club, but also serves our community. Bob Adolph became a Lion on 4/4/06. His mentor and sponsor was Lion Rich Witmer. I know Lion Rich would be so proud of Lion Bob and he has become the Lion that serves, just as deceased Lion Rich did. Lion Bob has served on the following projects and committees for the Point Venture Lions:

- Clean Up your road
- Clean Up Days
- Weed Patrol
- Audit/Financial Reconciliation
- Nominating Committee
- Safety Officer
- Texas Lions Camp Work Day and picnics
- Food Service for Golf Tournament
- Fourth of July Cooking Team
- Christmas in the Village
- Community Service Projects Coordinator
- Ball Moss Project
- Save our Trees Co-Coordinator

Lion Bob's Officer's Positions held in our Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and now Point Venture Lions President

And if this list is not enough, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the monumental job he has done with obtaining CapMetro funds and planning, implementing, and supervising Point Venture road maintenance and repairs. He has personally saved the tax payers in our commu-



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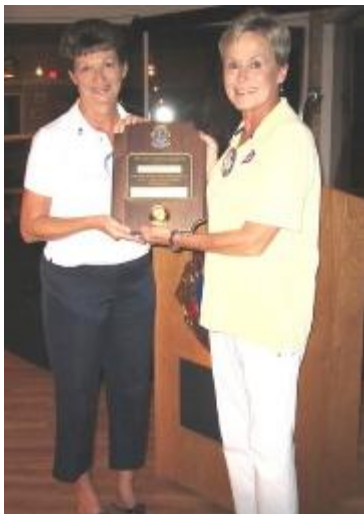
nity of Point Venture hundreds of thousand of dollars due to his diligent work with CapMetro. He has served as City Councilman for more than 8 years. Lion Bob also serves as a Meals on Wheels volunteer and Helping Hands volunteer contractor. He continues to help out at the Hill Country Community Ministries Food Pantry. When it comes to Serving the Lions or the Community or his neighbor...Lion Bob the Man! He is truly a Melvin Jones Fellow recipient.

Nominated by Lion Mim Hruby

**Lion Debbie Conger**

Melvin Jones was a visionary, a self-starter, and, at a meeting, presented the question to a group of businessmen who were about to go under, "What if these men, who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" And that is how Lions International was born - at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization. One fellow Lion comes to mind when I read this description of someone who works diligently to improve our community and that person is Lion Debbie Conger.

Lion Debbie was the Point Venture Lions Club President July, 2009 through June, 2010 but her commitment to the club began far before then. She became a charter member in 2005, with husband, Joe, coordinated the first Point Venture Lions Club golf tournament, organized the door prizes for the 2006 golf tournament, served as bartender for a year, has been a club board member since 2007, and has served on various committees. She volunteered to be the golf tournament chair in 2007 and, the nominating committee, recognizing her potential and excellent leadership qualities, approached her to become 3rd vice president. Again, in 2009, she took on the job of golf tournament chair. For the 2010 golf tournament, Lion Debbie secured two donated Southwest Airlines round-trip tickets and raffle tickets were sold prior to the golf tournament. Proceeds from this fundraiser were approximately \$4700. She did the same for the 2011 tournament and close to \$4300 has been raised.



Prior to becoming Lions Club president, Lion Debbie, like Lion Melvin Jones, had a vision for the well-being of the club and approached her position with determination and resolve. One of her main objectives was to acquire a 501(c)(3) status for our club. Working with treasurer, Lion Gene Glass, this project was completed and, today, the club is a non-profit organization with tax-exempt status and other fiscal benefits. Some other accomplishments by the

club during her leadership include: the Melvin Jones Fellowship was awarded to Lion Gene Glass, our club participated in the Early Childhood Vision Screening with the Lago Vista club, we served food for the first time at the Fall Festival and Easter Egg Hunt (both were lucrative fundraisers), we participated in the Blue Santa project providing area needy families with gifts and food gift cards, the Rich Witmer Memorial Scholarship for a Lago Vista high school senior was established, with Lion Jeanne Calvi's design we acquired Point Venture Lions pins, our club was recognized for being the most active Lions Club at the district convention in April of 2010 and Lion Debbie was presented a plaque, club member Lion Beverly Carter taught members how to make balloon animals for a fundraiser at the Lago Vista street dance, members were encouraged to participate in blood drives, 8 club members became certified alcohol seller/servers, and work and research were already underway on establishing a liquor liability policy for the club and Debbie oversaw this project during her tenure as President.

Lion Debbie has attended the Texas Lions Camp workday in Kerrville as well as the watermelon feast held there in June, she shows up for every trash pick-up day, and has had perfect attendance every year since becoming a member. Lion Debbie's talents reach far and wide and are not just limited to administrative and managerial duties. Let's not forget that in November, 2010, she and her fellow performers, the Venture Girls, participated in the karaoke night and brought down the house with their rendition of "One Fine Day".

Aside from her commitment to our Lions club, Debbie has been very influential in other areas and projects throughout the Point Venture community. She was president of the Point Venture Women's Golf Association for two years, has served as games chair for that group, and continues to serve on the POA golf committee. Lion Debbie invited Lions members to join the Women's Golf Association's annual Sunshine Kids event, providing them the opportunity to reach out to these children who are afflicted with cancer. She is currently leading the charge to build a permanent cover on the golf course deck and is planning a fundraising event to cover the costs.

Lion Debbie is a shining example of Lionism, is committed to its purpose, and possesses a loving and giving spirit for all who know her. Her contribution and dedication to this Lions club certainly more than qualifies her to be a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient and it gives me great pleasure to present this award to my friend, Debbie. Congratulations Lion Debbie Conger!!

Nominated by Lion Nan Knapp



## *New Braunfels Noon Lion Bob Pfeuffer Honored*



*Lion Dennis Heitkamp, Past President of The Texas Lions Camp, presents an appreciation plaque to Lion Bob Pfeuffer of the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club as Lion Skip Stem, past Director of the Camp, looks on. The award is in recognition for Bob and his wife's pledge to the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund of \$5000. A thousand of which has already been donated. We all join in expressing our appreciation to Bob and his wife for their recognition of the importance of the Fund to insure the continued service of the Camp to the physically challenged children of Texas.*

## *Wimberley Market Days*

The Saturday before Market Day is Lions Field Cleanup day. The Wimberley Lions Club sends out an email announcing it and requesting volunteers to come out and participate. That starts with coffee and donuts provided - and many come a little early to visit (and perhaps discuss the previous night's football game). Field Mgr Jack Bourke sends them out with



pick-up grippers and a plastic bag to collect all the small trash on the field and the parking lots. The usual turnout is 15 to 20 Lions and sometimes volunteers from local organizations who reciprocate service with our Lions Club.

One group who seem to consistently show up to help are the local Scouts. The picture to the right is most of last Saturday's (Sept 24<sup>th</sup>) group from Pack 127. They had 12 scouts along with their leaders (One whom is one of our newest Lion members, Dr Eric Price). They walked all over the parking lot and cleaned it up everything that wasn't growing or tied down. And back at the field, all those stale donuts disappeared also.

## *Lion Receives 45 Year Pin*



*District 2 S-3 Governor Gary Cocanougher visited our club September 15. In addition to describing his goals for the year, Lion Gary made a presentation of the 45 year pin to our Lion and New Braunfels "Living Legend" award winner Bill Schumann.*

## *New Braunfels Noon Lions Inducts New Lion*



*Virginia (Ginny) Nance, shown here with President Gregg Van de Loo and her sponsor Mary Carol Cork joined our club September 8th.*

