

BEACON



From Governor John Cole

Fellow Lions,

I hope that each one of you had a very Merry Christmas and are off to a great start for the New Year. As we start the Year of 2011, our Lions year is half over. The time sure flies. It seems like just last week I was taking the oath to be your Governor for this year. I have enjoyed visiting each club and meeting the members. I still have a few clubs to visit yet this year and I am looking forward to those visits.

While we are still down in the total number of members for the district this year we have accomplished a lot. As I have visited the clubs and heard of the completed projects and plans being made for coming ones, it shows just how much Lions are involved in the commu-

nities. It makes me proud to be a Lion and your Governor. The big project coming up in the district is the **KINDA-LIKE a COUNTY FAIR** set for March 26th at Comanche Park #2. This is a great opportunity for all the clubs to come together for a great day of fun. For more information contact Lion Sam Pantusa at 210-326-3915.

On December 8th I had the honor of attending the 95th Anniversary of the San Antonio Founder Lions Club. President Mary Thomas



greeted me and we spoke of the history of



2-A2 District Governor Lion John Cole and his Partner in Service Lion Pat

the Founder Club. I was able to meet and visit with their guest speaker Heloise. She



told of how a doctor at Wilford Hall performed

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an operation on her when she was only three years old. The operation was ahead of its time and on the cutting edge. An operation of this type was not performed on children that young. It work and saved her sight, though she still has some vision problem she is able to see and do things that people with normal vision can do. She told us the reason she chose to address the Lions was the work they do with the vision impaired. As the meeting was coming to a close who should appear but Santa. Both



Heloise and I had the chance to tell him of our Christmas wishes along with other Lions in attendance.

On December 11th I attended my clubs annual children shopping trip at Wal-Mart. For over 30 years the Del Rio Host club has been taking 25-50 underprivileged children Christmas shopping. Santa was on hand to greet



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From Governor John Cole

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the Lions and children. Lion John Murray, who is a big supporter of the shopping trip, got



to visit Santa. Wal-Mart and their employees go above and beyond to help us make this event a success. They also provide coats to some of the children that do not have one.

Dec. 16th Pat and I attended the Northside Christmas party and got to visit with an old friend who had just been released



from the hospital that day. PCC Ray Costa and Pat catch up on

what has been happening since they last talked. President Merlin and wife Pat joke with Lion



Sam. Lion Fred Stokes installed a new Lion in their club. What a



way to celebrate Christmas, installing a new Lion in the Club!

I want to thank the Founder and Northside clubs for inviting me to attend these functions. I also want to thank the other clubs that have invited me to their clubs and say I'm sorry I had scheduling conflict and was unable to attend.

As we move forward into the New Year we start with our Mid-Winter conference to be held in Helotes Jan. 7th & 8th. We will have a reception Friday eve-

ning 6-8 PM at the La Quinta on loop 1604 at Hwy 16. Then Saturday we will have our business meeting at the Helotes Lions club house starting at 9 AM. Our guest speaker at lunch will be Dr. Rosende, Assistant Dean of the medical school at UTHSC San Antonio. I encourage all Lions of the district to attend.

Yours in Service,

- Governor John Cole

STATE AND DISTRICT PINS AVAILABLE

**Order your MD2 and
District 2-A2 pins!**

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(830)775-3046**



From First Vice District Governor Howie Marbach



Fellow Lions,

Well fellow Lions Christmas has come and so has the New Year . So I would like to start by wishing you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one. I hope that the old year met all your goals and plans. What happens in the new year depends on us and our expectations, goals, and plans, that we make. I will talk about expectations, plans, and goal setting in the next issues of the Beacon, but I would like to give you something to think about until then. In order for us to succeed we need to do certain things, and I want to briefly quote a few.

SUCCESS is:

Knowing your purpose in life,
Growing to reach your maximum potential,
and
Sowing seeds that benefit others.

LEADERSHIP is:

The ability to inspire others in a way that gets them excited to work together toward a shared vision. Therefore, we must convey that vision in such a way that others want to join in achieving it.

POSITIVE EXPECTANCY:

An attitude of positive expectancy is crucial to accomplishment and personal suc-

cess. There are four principals necessary for living with positive expectancy:

1. Visualization
2. A Burning Desire
3. A Sincere Belief, and
4. Enthusiastic Action.

The Lion who expects great things, makes noble plans, and daily pursues them, can not help but succeed.

GOAL SETTING:

1. Decide what you want,
2. Write it down,
3. Define it clearly and specifically,
4. Read it every morning and every evening,
5. Experience the goal in advanced reality.

SUCCESS is:

10 - 15% technical (what we learn in school) and 85 - 90% personal and human relationships (that is not learned in school). So for success we need to work on the personal and human relationships skills because they are most important.

Sir Winston Churchill said, "You can't Teach, what you don't Know; You can't Lead, where you won't Go." We will be talking more about these ideas/principals in the next few issues of the Beacon.

I am excited to see you all at the Mid-Winter conference in Helotes this weekend. SEE YOU THERE!

The Team has started working on filling the Cabinet and Committee Officers. Anyone interested in serving Please contact me. Also, if you have any positive ideas or suggestions about Lionism PLEASE don't hesitate to contact me at my home (210) 658-2168; cell (210) 414-7389; or E-mail me at HOWIEM@QUIXNET.NET at anytime of the day or night.

"Please don't walk in front of me, because I may not follow ; please don't walk behind me, because I may not lead ; just walk beside me and be my friend."

Yours In Lionism,
- *VDG Howie*

KINDA-LIKE A COUNTY FAIR

FREE ADMISSION



FREE PARKING

***A Family Event hosted by Area Lions Clubs
We Serve and Have Fun Doing it!!!***

**9:00 a.m. Kick-off—”Lions Walk to Beat Blindness” 5K Walk
Along the scenic Salado Creek Greenway to benefit the Lions Low Vision Center**

Competitions for the Kids • lots of fun and excitement !

SAWS H2O Heroes Contest • High School Drum Line Competition
Two-Ball Basketball Shooting Contest • Softball Home Run Derby Contest
JROTC Drill Team Competition • Cheerleader Team Competition
Talent Show (three age divisions)

Music and Entertainment

Feature Performance at 6: p.m. **PATSY TORRES** and her ensemble Positive Force Tour

WIN THE RAFFLE FOR A PERSONAL TOUR OF THE DALLAS COWBOYS TRAINING CAMP

Your guide will be Greg Simmons of KSAT 12



See the Spurs Coyote and other mascots



GREAT FOOD -- GAMES -- MOON BOUNCES -- RIDES -- CART RACES

CLASSIC CARS & MOTORCYCLE to check out

SILENT Auction with Great Deals PLAY BINGO from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Visit with the LIONS and learn about all the services that they provide like the

Check out the FREE HEALTH FAIR & SIGHT SCREENING

Help with the Lions EYEGLOSS Recycling Program by bringing glasses that you don't need anymore

Vendors Welcome: FOOD Vendors • NON-FOOD Vendors • SPONSOR Opportunities

Saturday – March 26, 2011

COMANCHE PARK #2 • 2600 Rigsby, San Antonio, TX

From Second Vice District Governor Richard Keilholz

My Fellow Lions,

This month brings us to the end of another calendar year and the beginning of a new year. I would like to take just a moment to reflect back on the Lion members who passed on during this past year. We lost some very dedicated fellow Lions whose service will be sorely missed and we will have to work hard to recruit new members to try and continue to meet the needs of those less fortunate. I would like to especially remember PDG Glen Burns. I will miss his friendship, his leadership, his encouragement and his advice; however, I will always remember the kind of Lion he was and the service he exemplified. We need to keep Lion Donna Burns in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Coming into the New Year brings hope and new challenges. We, as a District, continue to struggle with our membership, as well as, building new leadership. We need to stay positive and focused. Helen Keller once said, "No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit." We need to continue to pursue our goals of service to others, and one way of doing this is by building on our membership to help in this venture. Robert K. Greenleaf

says it best when he states that, "Purpose and laughter are the twins that must not separate. Each is empty without the other."

Again, I would like to remind you and your club, that it is not too late to turn in your Tally Sheets for Governor John Cole's Beacon Contest and vie for the bragging rights as the best club in District 2-A2 with the winners receiving a coveted patch for your club's banner. If you need any information with respect to the "Beacon Contest" please let me know. I hope to give a status report at our upcoming Mid-Winter Conference to be held at the Helotes Lion Club Building in Helotes, Texas, on January 7-8, 2011.

As your Second Vice District Governor, I will be attending the upcoming Third Council of Governors meeting in February to be held in Kerrville, Texas. Together with Governor John and First Vice District Governor Howie we will try to keep you informed on everything that the Lions of Texas are working on especially the Texas Lions Leadership Forum being held in Austin, Texas, in March. This is an excellent way for Lion members to begin preparing yourself for future leadership positions within the Club and the District.

If your club has not yet done so, this is a good time to begin the process of identifying your Outstanding Youth Contestants at your area high



*Second Vice District Governor
Lion Richard J. Keilholz*

schools. I will have applications available at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 8, 2011. Don't forget about the other Youth Programs in our District, such as, "The Diabetic Essay Contest", "The Drug Awareness Contest", and "The Young Women's Scholarship Pageant".

Again, if I can be of service to you or your club, please let me know. I will continue to visit Lions Clubs in the District to learn more about your club and ways that I can give you my full support by developing new leadership and fellowship within our District.

Yours in Service,

Richard J. Keilholz
SVDG District 2-A2

From District Chaplain PDG Lytle Blankenship

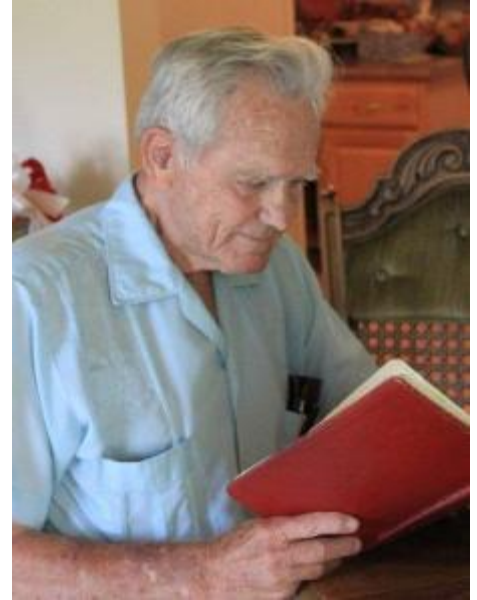
Quoting what our District Newsletter Editor, Lion Wendy, wrote: "We need Lions who will accept positions of leadership, understanding that it is not just a position, but working position that will define what we can and will accomplish in the future." So in line with that philosophy, "Do you presidents and secretaries read the District Newsletter and if so do you respond positively to any noted requests? Some of you must not since getting information about deceased Lions in your Club is about as successful as pulling teeth from a Rhode Island Red rooster."

We need to pay our last respects to any Lion who has departed our midst, whether a Club member for two days or two years; whether the Lion attended regularly, sporadically, seldom or never for several years. Past Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe was a Member-at-large in the Uvalde Club for many years. I never saw him in a Club meeting, but he had a history in Lionism and I have already received a photo and information on Gov. Briscoe. Hopefully you would want to be remembered when your time comes. Just putting a deceased

Lion's name on your Monthly Reports does not insure that I will receive it. I would still advise you to send the Lion's name to me also as soon as death occurs. We have two times we can honor your departed friend: the 1st is through the Beacon, District Newsletter; the 2nd will be at the Annual District Convention in April where each departed Lion is remembered in more detail.

PDG Glenn Burns, Immediate Past District Governor, S.A. Central Park, whose memorial services were held on 11 December at Morgan's Wonderland in S.A. with PDG Lytle Blankenship officiating. Other speakers were PID M.P. "Mike" Butler, PCC Michael Rourke, and PDG Wallace Roberts. Lion Glenn was faithful to Lionism for many years and was District Governor in 2009-2010. As Immediate Past District Governor he was serving as Chairman of the PDG Advisory Council for Governor Cole. More information about his services in Lionism will be presented at the District Convention.

We also mourn Lion Manny Ortego, S.A. Alamo Heights Lions Club; Lion Jack Stark, Del Rio



*PDG Lytle H. Blankenship, Ph.D.
Chaplain, District 2-A2*

Host Lions Club, who also died on Christmas Eve; and Lion Peter Van DeWater, S.A. Founder Club. All these Lions will be honored during the Annual District Convention in Del Rio in April 2011.

As we remember Lion PDG Glenn Burns, and other Lions who have left our midst this day let us thank God for their service to mankind and the privilege we had of serving with them. They did not complete their goals as any man of any substance seldom does. Much unfinished business still lingers in the arena of service. I believe

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2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me
A crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
The righteous Judge, shall give me at that
day: and not to me only, but unto all them
also that love his appearing.



From District Chaplain PDG Lytle Blankenship

In Loving Memory
Poland Glenn Burns

Born
March 9, 1935
Farmersville, Texas

Passed Away
December 5, 2010
San Antonio, Texas

Memorial Service
Friday, December 10, 2010
3:00 p.m.
Morgan's Wonderland

Officiating
PDG Lytle Blankenship
District 2-A2 Chaplain

Speakers
PID M.P. "Mike" Butler
PDG Wallace Roberts
PCC Michael "Mike" Rourke

Refreshments provided by
San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club

Porter Loring Mortuary North

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they will be watching us to see how well we carry on with this unfinished business. Will we be faithful to the principles of Lionism as they were faithful? Let us then continue to serve mankind just as the one who first taught us how to serve.

If those Lions who have left us could leave any words of advice it might be these:

Look to this day! For it is life.

The very life of life.

In its brief course lie all the varieties and realities of your existence.

The bliss of growth,

The glory of action,

The splendor of beauty.

For yesterday is but a dream,

And tomorrow is only a vision;

But today well lived

Makes every yesterday

a dream of happiness,

And every tomorrow

a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this DAY!

(author unknown)

Yours Truly in Lionism,

PDG Lytle H. Blankenship

Chaplain, District 2-A2

District 2-A2 Beacon Contest

3 rd . Quarter Relief of Hunger.....	1000	_____
4 th . Quarter Environmental Impact.....	1000	_____
Club Newsletter (Submit copy with this Tally Sheet to receive credit).....	500	_____
100% Governors Goals All donations made by June 1, 2011.....	3000	_____
Extension Chartering a New Club in District 2-A2.....	3000	_____

Bonus Service Projects:

Sponsor Campers to the Texas Lions Camp (up to 5 per club)	500 ea.	_____
Sponsor a M.E.S.U. Screening (up to 2 per club).....	500 ea.	_____
Sponsor a Blind Person to attend L.W.S.B.	500 ea.	_____
Sponsor a Blind Person to attend the Leader Dog School.....	500 ea.	_____
Recycled Eyeglasses (for each 50 pair).....	200	_____
Used Hearing Aid collection	200 ea.	_____
Hosting a Youth Exchange Student.....	500	_____
Sponsoring a Youth Exchange Student.....	500	_____
Sponsoring a Contestant for the District Youth Scholarships.....	500 ea.	_____
Texas Lions Leadership Forum (up to 5 Members per club).....	500 ea.	_____
Sending L.C.I.F. an additional \$100.00 for Disaster Relief.....	200	_____
Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship (up to 5 per club).....	200 ea.	_____
Sending Texas Lions Foundation an additional \$100.00 (up to 5 per club)...	200 ea.	_____
Participation in the "Stride for Sight" (up to 10 per club).....	500 ea.	_____
Participation in the "Kinda Like a County Fair".....	2000	_____
Displaying your Club Banner at each District Meeting.....	250 ea.	_____

MONTHLY TOTAL _____

EDITORS NOTE:

Please keep track of your activities (meeting attendance, project attendance, sponsoring new members, visiting clubs, etc. This information is important to your club Secretary so the monthly totals are accurate. Don't let your club lose out on "Bragging Rights" because you forgot to list your activities! If it helps, make copies of these pages so you'll have them on hand to keep track of your activities as you go, it's much easier than trying to remember months later!

TLERC - Looking Forward – Looking Back

One of the most distinguishing features of our Lions logo is the two Lions looking back to the past and looking forward to the future; and while most of the time we need to keep pointed towards the future, it doesn't hurt to take a quick peek at the past. For 19 months now, I have been writing a monthly article for TLERC and for the most part we have concentrated on education – trying to help the Lions of MD2 understand what TLERC does and what programs and services TLERC has available. However, this month for a change we'd like to be more informational and look back for a little bit at 2010....

.....and what a busy year it was! We started the year by kicking off our new giving program. We sent out our first new Focus Club banner patches for those Clubs giving 150%. We added new levels of fellowships (\$1000 – PDG Ike Fitzgerald Gold Fellowship, and the \$250 Dr. Norman Gould Bronze Fellowship) and we kicked off our "Visionary Knight of the Blind" monthly bank draft program.

We sat our first Foundation Board of Directors, consisting of one Director from every Sub-District in MD2, and we selected our first Board President, PDG Claude Durham, and Vice-President, PDG Zac Gray. Prior to this we operated under a three person Incorporating

Board. We also held our first three Board Meetings. We completed our move to our new address by moving the lens laboratory from the old offices.

This spring TLERC was designated an official 501(c)3 Foundation, giving donors the ability to deduct their donations. Obviously this was an important milestone as we start to develop our giving program. At our last Board meeting we established a new "Platinum Knights" Fellowship for gifts of \$10,000 or more. To support this effort our first 4 color brochure was just sent to the printer. This will give our Directors a professional piece to approach Foundations, Trusts, Corporations and large donors.

Last month our new "Visionary Knight of the Blind" medallion was sent to be cast. Soon all of our Charter "Visionary Knights of the Blind" will receive this memento for their generous support. A display Board is currently being developed to help the Directors support TLERC at Mid-Winter Conferences, District Conventions, etc.; plus a new audio/visual Power Point presentation is now available for the Directors. Please call on them to come to your meetings and present this informative program.

However, all of that is organizational and promotional. It pales

in comparison to the hundreds of thousands of glasses received, sorted and read at TLERC & its satellites; the dozens of missions completed; the thousands of adults screened and fitted with used glasses around the world; the thousands of children in MD2 that have been screened; the hundreds of pairs of glasses made for children in our own lens lab (at \$14-\$18/pair), and the many people trained at TLERC's monthly classes to set up and run an Adult Screening program....and yet we barely scratched the surface.

Most exciting as we head into 2011 is our newest pilot training program: the Phoropter. This is the actual machine the doctor uses to find your prescription. We'll give more details about what this can mean to the Lions Sight First efforts in future articles. However, we have shown that lay people are capable of learning how to use this equipment and taking it into developing countries.

...but 2010 is history. We are looking forward to all we can do together in MD2 in 2011. Is your Club or District coming along to complete the Sight First Mission of **eliminating preventable blindness?**

Lion Tom Blase,
2A1 2ndVDG
TLERC Promotions Director

Mid Winter Conference
 January 7-8, 2010
 Helotes Lions Club
 14690 Bandera Road (SH Hwy16)
Registration Form



NAME: _____

Lion Office Held _____ Spouse _____ Guest

Club Name: _____

NAME: _____

Lion Office Held _____ Spouse _____ Guest

Club Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone (Include Area Code): Day _____ Evening _____

Quantity

_____ Lunch price for Lions, Spouse, Guest : \$6.00 ea. Lunch price at the door is \$8.00 ea. (Includes juice, coffee, cookies and fruit) Lunch menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, dessert, ice tea or water.

The headquarters hotel will be the La Quinta hotel located at 11155 Loop 1604 N. A block of rooms have been reserved, ph. 210.447.8000. Mention the group code #616014215 to get the lions price of \$75 + tax. It is located between Bandera Rd. (Hw 16) and Braun Rd. on the west side (outside the loop). Registration will be from 4-6 P.M. on Friday Jan. 7th and the reception will be from 6-8 P.M. You can also register Saturday at the Helotes Lions Club. If you choose not to pre-register, or if your club needs a display table, please call me in advance to aid in arranging the room.

Please mail payment payable to the Helotes Lions Club. Mail payment or address any questions to:

Bill Barker
 13502 Flying W Trail
 Helotes, TX 78023
210-695-8439

Agenda for Mid-Winter Conference

Fellow Lions,

The following is the proposed agenda for the mid-winter conference. As you can see, it is a little long. Therefore, I ask all of you to adhere to the time limits set so everyone will be able to make their presentations. I have Tail Twister Wendy's assurance that she will be more than willing to keep us on schedule.

DC John

Agenda District 2A-2 Mid. Winter Conference
Helotes Lions Building • 14690 Hwy 16 N. • Helotes, TX

FRIENDSHIP FELLOWSHIP SERVICE A BEACON of HOPE

Friday January 7, 2011
La Quinta Inns & Suites
11155 W. Loop 1604 N
San Antonio, TX 78254
210-447-8000

LQ6160GM@laquinta.com

4:00 - 6:00	Registration	(Hospitality Rooms Open)	Hotel lobby
6:00 - 8:00	Candidate Reception	(Hospitality Rooms Closed)	Meeting Room
8:00 -		Hospitality Rooms Open	

Saturday January 8, 2011

08:00 – 09:00	Registration	Continental Breakfast	Helotes Lions Building
09:00 – 09:10	Opening and Welcome		DG John Cole
	Presentation of the Colors		Boy Scotts Troop 485
	Pledge		
	Opening Song		
	Invocation		PDG Blankenship
09:10 – 09:15	Introduction of Guest		VDG Marbach
09:15 – 09:20	Cabinet Secretary's Report		Lion Newman Leus
09:20 – 09:25	District Treasurers' Report		Lion Marilyn Weed
09:25 –	Membership Report		2 nd VDG Keilholz
09:35	Retention and Extension		PDG TJ Tijerina
09:35 – 09:40	Texas Lions Foundation		PDG Seale
09:40 – 09:45	Scouting Award		Lion Warren Wolf
09:45 – 09:50	Constitution and By-Laws		PDG Carrillo
09:50 – 09:55	Sight Research Foundation		Lion Jim Weed
09:55 – 10:05	BREAK		
10:05 –	Youth Task Force Coordinator		PDG Conner
10:20	Youth Contest Chairs (2 minutes ea.)		Lions Darter, Kneupper, Williams, Diaz, Keilholz
10:20 – 10:25	Texas Lions Camp		Lions McCain/Thomas

Agenda for Mid-Winter Conference

10:25 – 10:30	Hearing Board Chair	Lion Garcia
10:30 – 10:35	LCIF	PDG Weir
10:35 – 10:40	Wickersham Golf Tournament	PDG Carrillo
10:40 – 10:45	Eyeglass Recycle Program	Lions Martin/Sievers
10:45 – 11:00	Tail Twister Fun	Lions Wendy/Harry/Dave
11:00 – 11:10	BREAK	
11:10 – 11:15	Nominations and Elections	Lion Condren/Merrifield
11:15 – 11:20	District Convention (Del Rio April 1st & 2nd)	Lion Van Winkle
11:20 – 11:25	Convention Booklet	VDG Marbach
12:25 – 12:30	Kind-a-Like-a- County Fair	Lion Pantusa
12:30 – 12:35	Camp Endowment Campaign	PDG Carroll
12:35 – 12:40	Announcements	DG Cole
12:40 – 12:45	Lunch Blessing	Chaplain Blankenship
12:45 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 13:20	Introduction of Guest Speaker • Dr. Carlos Rosende	Lion Jim Weed

Dr. Rosende from the UT Health Science Center in SA will be the luncheon speaker at the Mid-Winter Conference this weekend.

He was serving as Professor and Head of the Department of Ophthalmology until 15 November when he became the Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs in the School of Medicine. He was also appointed President and CEO of UT Medicine. He has been a good friend for the Lions and will continue to be an important point of contact with UTHSC/SA in his new role.

Carlos A. Rosende, M.D., Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, is a specialist in diabetic retinopathy as well as an outstanding general ophthalmologist. Dr. Rosende received his Bachelor of Science degree in bioscience at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1977 and his M.D. degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1981. In 1982, he completed an internship in internal medicine at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va., and in 1986, his ophthalmology residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Prior to joining the UTHSC School of Medicine and UT Medicine, he was chair of the Ophthalmology Department at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA. He also held positions at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk and at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences at Bethesda, MD. In 1982 and 1983, he was medical officer aboard the U.S.S. Saipan. Dr. Rosende will be on leave from his position as chair, and an acting chair will be appointed to continue steering the department in the superb trajectory that he has started.

13:20	Dr. Rosende from UTHSC Benediction & Adjourn PDG's Meeting	Chaplain Blankenship Time & Location TBA
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Till We Meet in Del Rio April 1st & 2nd 2011

Founder Lions Club 95th Anniversary Holiday Gala

By Lion Guy Murray, Editor

Journal of the San Antonio Founder Lions Club

Wednesday evening December 8, 2010, members and guests of the San Antonio Founder Lions Club gathered in the ball room of the Oak Hills Country Club to celebrate the 95th anniversary of their founding and enjoy fellowship. The festive decorations included a twelve-foot Christmas tree. Members and their guests quickly transitioned into a convivial holiday mood. The sound of nostalgic holiday tunes with a jazzy flare by pianist Andrew T. Przybyla added cheer and warmth to the entire room.

From the buzz of everyone greeting their friends and meeting guests, it was clear that everyone was enjoying the holiday spirit and sharing their joy. President Mary Thomas ably moved the members into the evening's activities with a warm welcome to everyone and reviewed the evening's festivities. The program began with the Club's traditional program. Lion Ralph Hoggattled "the chorus" in singing God Bless America, and Lion Selig Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance to our country. Lion Ken Crowder expressed our thanks in the evening's invocation. President

Mary Thomas introduced members of the head table that included her escort Charles Curry, Lion Dennis and Barbara Alvey, Heloise and her friend Mary, and Lion Dr. Bob and Betsy Rice. On a more somber note, she asked for prayers for Donna Burns, wife of Founder Lions Club Past President and District Governor Glenn Burns who passed away earlier in the week.

Past District Governor Warren Weir recognized Lion dignitaries present. They were: District Governor John Cole, Second Vice District Governor Richard Keilholz and spouse Ester, Past District Governor and Past Council Chair Michael Rourke and his spouse Lion Liz, and himself. Past President Bill Becker introduced guests from West Side Lions Club: President Rosemary Paletta, Adrian Council, Jodie and Val Antonio, Past President Ray and Ginger Castillo, Yolanda Villalobos, Eva Medina, Rosie and Ernest Hernandez. Guests from the Edgewood Lions Club included Past President Chris Condren, PDG and PCC Mike Rourke and Liz. Guests from the Central Park Lion Club were Past President Dennis and Barbara Alvey.

Past President Roland Keller in-

roduced past presidents of the Founder Club: Ken Crowder, Mike Gonzales, Bill Becker, Ron Hall, Warren Weir, Roland Keller, Rod Chisholm, Roger Gary, Ralph Hoggatt, Dean Neugent, George Harvey, Charles Shawm and Henry Simms.

Past President Rod Chisholm presented "This Day In History" 147 years ago. Lion Rod said, "There is a lot of discussion tonight about events that occurred with this Club some 95 years ago . . . but I'm not going to talk about that. I'll leave that for more august speakers. Instead, tonight I'll report on events that occurred on this day in 1863."

You see, back in 1863, there was a Civil War and the Confederate States of America decided to take a risky chance; several months before at the Battle of Gettysburg their army had taken a shot at breaking the spirit of the Union. Having lost that shot, they began to feel the pinch of the Union naval blockade. To break the blockade, they decided to try something radical. They didn't have enough warships, so in an effort to hobble the Union Navy, they tried an experiment with a new device called the submarine.

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They launched this experimental ship called the H. L. Hunley into Charleston Harbor. The vessel began well, but then it took on water and sank like a rock. The records of the time report only one casualty – the pilot inventor, one H. L. Hunley.

Which reminds me of that famous quote by Oscar Wilde: “Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes”. And that’s the way – wait — Oscar also said, “There’s no sin except stupidity”. And, that’s the way it was way back in 1863.

President Mary Thomas recognized Lion Dr. Bob Rice for receiving the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award on Sunday, October 17, at its Annual Meeting in Chicago. Dr. Bob, who practices with Rashid, Rice and Flynn Eye Associates, was recognized for his charitable deeds - including providing free eye care to the needy through the nonprofit I Care San Antonio, a clinic he founded in 1992. The Clinic, housed at the Haven for Hope Complex, has 20 volunteer eye care providers, including retina, glaucoma, pediatric and cornea-ophthalmology special-

ists, and optometrists. I Care San Antonio has cared for more than 18,000 patients, providing eye examinations and treatment worth more than \$3.3 million. It has performed more than 1,000 laser and surgical procedures and given out more than 14,000 pair of prescription glasses. Dr. Bob was congratulated for receipt of this most prestigious award and thanked for his service to our community. She then called on Dr. Bob to introduce our guest speaker.

Lion Dr. Bob Rice introduced Heloise by reviewing some of her many accomplishments: Heloise’s parents were Heloise and Mike Homan Cruse, a captain in the Army Air Force. Cruse was then stationed in China, and Heloise moved to Nanking in 1948. They left China and moved to Waco, where daughter Kiah Michelle, the current Heloise, was born. Her mother added Ponce’ and corrected Michelle to Marschelle and then added Heloise to finally complete her name.

Colonel Cruse and Heloise moved to San Antonio in 1966. Heloise’s daughter Ponce’, who was majoring at Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) was helping her mother out with the

column. Heloise died in 1977, and her daughter took over the column and continues to write the Hints from Heloise column. Today Hints from Heloise runs seven days a week in more than 500 newspapers in the United States and internationally. Heloise is a Contributing Editor of Good Housekeeping magazine. She is a frequent guest on local radio shows, and appears on national TV, including Late Show with David Letterman, Today Show, The View, Jane Pauley Show, CNN, and local stations.

Heloise is the author of numerous books and gives speeches to business and civic organizations in the USA. Her charity work includes frequent appearances for Battered Women’s Shelters, the USO, The American Heart Association, military family support-services, and animal related causes. Her awards include Communicator of Achievement 2009 from the National Federation of Press Women, Mental Health Mission award from the National Mental Health Association’s first award for outstanding contributions to mental health education, Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southwest Texas State University, and Headliner Award from

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Women in Communication. Heloise attained a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1974 and a double major in Business Administration and Mathematics, with a teacher's degree.

Heloise began her talk by presenting the Heloise Purple Rose to Lion Dr. Bob Rice for his contribution to the community and then gave a recap of her experience that endeared her to our Lions Club.

In 1953 eye surgery was at its cutting edge and eye surgery for children was usually delayed until the age of 6 or older. At the age of 2 ½ her left eye was so severely turned that a Dr. Bland Schwarting at Wilford Hall Hospital performed eye surgery which she attributes to saving her sight. She had other eye surgeries later, but she believes the bold move of Dr. Schwarting at her early age was the most saving. Although one of her eyes is for short vision and the other for far vision, she grew up with this condition and it was normal for her. She learned to cope with depth perception. The condition, however, made for some interesting and humorous experiences while learning how to drive on the weekend in the Pentagon

parking lot, learning parallel parking in a cemetery using headstones as markers, and learning how to operate and land a hot air balloon. Her laughter is contagious as she told about her difficulty in learning to read as a child and conquering landing a balloon when 10 feet above the ground seemed like 40. She wrapped up her story with encouragement to the Lions Club to continue to help people retain or gain their vision because "Anything and everything you do, no matter how minor, you never know how much it affected them."

President Mary thanked Heloise for sharing her vision story. In appreciation the Club is donating \$1,000 to Texas State Department of Business and English in her name.

In acknowledgement of the 95th anniversary of the Founder Lion Club Historian Past President Henry Simms reviewed the early formation of our Club as first, a "Den" in the Royal Order of Lions, a secretive, fraternal organization. Then, in less than two years, we converted and reorganized as an open "Luncheon" style club under the banner of the International Association of Lions Clubs, whose founder and first Presi-

dent, Dr. Wm Perry Woods, in 1917, turned control of that organization over to the member clubs, of which ours was the oldest in establishment.

President Mary closed the meeting by commending Lion Jackie Wynn, for the successful Charity Golf Tournament for Lions Camp and presented her with a lifetime membership to the Texas Lions Camp. She extended holiday greetings to and asked everyone to take the 2011 Lions calendar on the table as their gift from the Club.

Lion Marc Wall presented the benediction. Santa Claus arrived immediately in his red suit and white beard with bells jingling and ho and ho's. His visit presented a photo op for those who were brave enough to sit on Santa's knee. Heloise and President Mary were first and received a "good little girl awards" of candy canes, and that prompted others to come forth for the sweets and photos. This Santa (AKA Rod Chisholm) has been elected to take our Christmas Gifts to the family adopted by the Founder Lion Club. The memorable event concluded with the singing of *Silent Night*. And that is the way it was at the Founder Lions Club on the evening of December 8, 2010.

New Acting Chair of Ophthalmology at UTHSCSA



*Steven Chalfin, MD, FACS
Research Scientist
Naval Medical Research Unit
San Antonio*

Steven Chalfin was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1954. He received his BS degree in Biophysics from the Pennsylvania State University in 1976. He attended Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, PA, receiving his MD in 1980. Following a Residency in General Surgery at the Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania from 1980-82, he received a commission in the United States Navy. He completed Naval Flight Surgeon training in Pen-

sacola, FL in 1982. From 1982-85 he was a Flight Surgeon for Patrol Wings, US Pacific Fleet. Dr. Chalfin completed his Residency in Ophthalmology at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD in 1988. He was the Chief of Ophthalmology at Naval Hospital, Pensacola, FL from 1988-90. During this time he participated in research efforts at the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory. He was a long-time member of the US Navy Special Board of Flight Surgeons.

Following three years in private practice, Dr. Chalfin joined the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), where he is now a tenured Professor and Acting Chair of Ophthalmology. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Surgery at the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

In 1996 Dr. Chalfin joined the bioelectromagnetics research group at the Naval Health Re-

search Command detachment (Brooks AFB) as a Visiting Research Scientist. He primarily worked on the ocular effects of microwave radiation. He has continued this association to the present time, working on diverse areas including laser and microwave ocular damage, HEMI, and Combat Casualty Care. His CV lists over thirty publications, in addition to numerous abstracts and presentations.

In 2005 Dr. Chalfin retired from the US Naval Reserve as a Captain.

Dr. Chalfin is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of numerous scientific organizations, including the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) and the Society of Photo-optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE). He is a past Chair of the Institutional Review Board at UTHSCSA. He is a member of NASA's Ophthalmology Advisory Board.

Do you have a suggestion or submission for the Beacon? Club news, photos and schedules of events for your club are all welcome. Deadline is the 21st of each month. Send to

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Total T3	1,900.00	
E1		
Griffin, Hal & Sandy	200.00	—
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Total E1	300.00	
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Total E2	100.00	
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Van Alstine, Leon & Nancy	100.00	—
Total X2	100.00	
X3		
Brenneke, Norwood	100.00	—
Total X3	100.00	
A1		
Wilks, Jim & Marjorie	200.00	—
Total A1	200.00	
A2		
Carroll, Herb & Pat	100.00	—
Pro Shots Photography	100.00	—
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Frantzen, Lester	100.00	—
Fredericksburg Lions Club	100.00	—
Harlingen Lions Club	100.00	—
District 2-A2	420.00	—
Brackettville Lions Club	100.00	—
Cole, John & Pat	200.00	—
Alamo Heights Lions Club	100.00	—
Total A2	1,420.00	
S1		
South County Breakfast Lions Club	100.00	—
Cully, Moe & Henny	100.00	—
Total S1	200.00	
S2		
Bren-Tech	100.00	—
Total S2	100.00	
S3		
Heitkamp, Dennis	100.00	—
Dillman, Shirley	200.00	—
Total S3	300.00	
S4		
Carstarphen, John	100.00	In Loving Memory of Lion Oktavia Garstarphen
District 2-S4 Zone 1	353.00	—
District 2-S4 Region 1 Zone 1 Lions	180.00	In Loving Memory of Lion Oktavia Garstarphen
Total S4	633.00	
Total District	5,353.00	
TOTAL	5,353.00	

From Floresville Lions Club



Above, Lion Teddi Harlee (from left) and Lion Paul Sack watch as Faye Taylor is inducted into the Floresville Lions Club by Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus during

the club's Dec. 9 noon meeting at Jack's Cafe in Floresville. Lion Teddi sponsored Lion Faye's membership.

On the right, Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus (from left), Lion Nancy Hosek, Lion Paul Sack, and Lion Faye Taylor look over the canned goods Floresville Lions Club members collected before Christmas to donate to two local charities. Members

also collected toys for the local Sheriff Santa program, which provides toys to needy children who might otherwise not receive Christmas presents.



Arkansas Lions Apply for LCIF 'Emergency Grant' to Assist Victims of an EF3 Tornado

A deadly tornado ripped through Northwest Arkansas early New Year's Eve morning and impacted four communities, for an estimated total of 5 businesses and 54 homes. 31 received major damage/destroyed and 23 were minor/repairable. Over the weekend the DG viewed the impacted areas and met with both Washington Emergency Management and the Red Cross in order to compile the necessary reporting required for an Emergency Grant Request. Upon approval, area Lion volunteers will be needed to administer the grant vouchers. Also, a big thank you to PDG Don Drake, the MD-7 Alert Chair, for his guidance and help servicing NWA community. District Governor Ron Frey responded to our inquiry of needs and told us the town of Cincinnati is need of some big ticket items – A new Fire Station, Cattle Grain Feed 17% and of course donations. Many people's lives were destroyed and any monetary assistance would probably be appropriate, also. Let's keep them in our prayers.

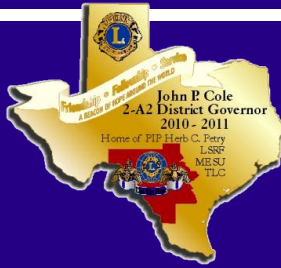


From San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club

The SA First Ladies Lions Club was busy during the months of November and December. In November we sponsored 4 families from Brewer Elem. we provided food boxes and also gave them each of Gift Card. We were also honored to have 2ND VDG Richard Keilholz visit our club. In December we bought toys for 11 children. The Lady Lions decided that instead of exchanging

gifts among each other, we would each donate that money and buy gifts for these children. We knew we had made a wise decision when we saw the faces on the children when they came to get their gifts. We are so blessed to be able to give to those less fortunate than we. I am so glad to be a Lion, and I know you are too. May God continue to pour His blessings over you.





January 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Peace Poster Kits available through Club Supplies Sales
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Mid Winter Conference • Helotes
9	10	11	12	13 	14	15 Deadline for districts to submit a single Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry to the multiple district
LCIF Week				Melvin Jones' Birthday		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 MMR's Due					

Upcoming Events and Governor's Travel

- Jan 7 & 8 Mid-winter conference, Helotes Lions Club.
- Feb 3rd-5th 3rd Council of Governors Kerrville
- Feb 28th Gov. visit First Ladies Club
- Mar 5th & 6th Texas Leadership Forum Austin
- Mar. 26th Kind a Like a County Fair II Comanche Park San Antonio
- Apr 1st & 2nd District Convention, Del Rio TX.
- Apr 8 Oyster bake San Antonio
- Apr 15th & 16th Fiesta San Antonio
- May 7th & 8th Super bull Del Rio
- June 2nd-4th State Convention, Beaumont TX.
- July 4th-8th International Convention, Seattle, Washington.

