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From Governor John Cole

Fellow Lions,

We didn't have a newsletter for April because we were busy preparing for the district convention April 1st & 2nd. March 26th we had the *Kind a Like a County Fair* at Comanche Park



in San Antonio. A good time was had by all. District Tail Twister Wendy found a lion in and was twisting his tail as I looked on. Lion La-



Juana looks at some of the pins PDG Lytle had



for sale, with the proceeds going to the Lion Sight Research Foundation. Lion Juanita and the Spurs Coyote posed for a picture. Lion Wendy had a



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

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Tissue Centers mobile vehicle joined with our MESU to provide



a health screening area for those in attendance. All three reported a good turn out. Members of the First Ladies Club



were there to help out. Kids enjoyed leaning about the PETS and had a good time racing them. The Floresville LEO clubs were there and manned a



booth. Over all this was a successful event. An Express News reporter was there and put an article in the Sunday Star covering the event.



April 1st & 2nd we held our District Convention in Del Rio. Lion Wendy Van Winkle was our convention chairperson and did an outstanding job. There were almost 200 in attendance for our meetings and youth contest. Our voting delegation was smaller than I had hoped for, out of those in attendance; we had only 71 delegates from the 28 clubs registered. Less than half (47%) of our clubs were represented at the convention. There were also 17 PGDs attending. With the number of Lions in the District there are about 170 delegates that could have voted on the leadership and constitution of our District. **I encourage each club president for next year to make an effort to attend the district meetings.** These meetings are where the business of the District is conducted and every Lions club in good standing

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should take an active part and be represented at these meetings. We had a total of 18 con-



testants for our youth contest. Youth contest coordinator PDG Ray Conner led a team of Lions in the various contests that went



very well. Lion Katherine Willem-Darter had four contestants in the Diabetic Awareness Essay. First place went to Maricela Torres sponsored by the Sabinal Lions, runner up was Sabrina Hernandez sponsored by the Del Rio San Felipe Lions club. Lion Eddie Williams had three contestants in the Drug

Awareness Speech. First place went to Michael Breshears sponsored by the Leakey Lions, runner up was Guillermo Guerra sponsored by the Del Rio San

Felipe Lions. Outstanding Youth chairman 1st VDGE Richard Keilholz had six contestants, First place went to Nicolle Ramirez sponsored by the Westside Lions, and runner up was Haley Labus sponsored by the Floresville Lions. Lion Robert Kneupper had five contestants in the Young Women's Pageant. First place went to Sarah Ann Marie Rubio sponsored by the Leakey Lions, Runner up was Maricela Torres sponsored by the Sabinal Lions. I wish to express my thanks to these contest chairpersons for the time devoted to making these contests a success. I also wish to thank the clubs that sponsored the youth of these contest. I thank the youth of the District for taking the time to compete. I encourage all the clubs of the district to seek out and sponsor a youth in these contests next year. We as Lions can make the contests a bigger and better event if more

clubs would sponsor the youth of their area. I am asking for clubs or individual Lions to make a commitment to the Youth Scholarship Fund, so that we may increase each scholarship next year by \$500.00. (See letter on page) This commitment needs to be made now so DGE Marbach will know how to plan for next years contest.

Contestants of the Young Women's Pageant posed for



pictures after the contest. First place was Sara Ann Marie Rubio



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of Leakey, second place was



Maricela Torres of Sabinal. Saturday morning, we were served a free breakfast by the Del Rio San Felipe & Amistad Lions clubs. After breakfast the Lions were welcomed by former Lion and Val Verde County Judge Laura Allen, my daughter. After



her welcome and before she could leave the podium PID M.P. "Mike" Butler was able to



persuade her to rejoin the Lions of the Del Rio Host club. After the business meeting was over we tried something new this year; the meeting was turned over to the committee chairpersons to give their reports. The Lions were free to attend which or all committee reports that they wanted to hear. This was something new and different that has not been done in our district before. Please let DGE Howie or 1st VDGE Richard know if you liked this format and how they may improve it for next year. If you didn't like this format please make suggestions and maybe we will need to return to ways of old. At our awards luncheon three Lions were welcomed into the District 2A2 Herb C. Petry Jr. Hall of Fame Lion Bill Mechler was welcomed by PCC Mike Rourke, Lion Margret Blankenship was welcomed by PID Mike Butler, and Sam Pantusa was welcomed



by PDG Lytle Blankenship. PCC



Rourke and PDG Tijerina then



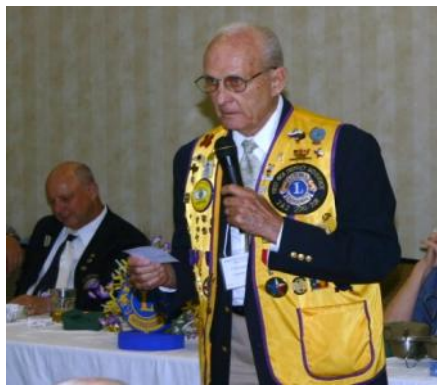
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presented Lion Curley Evans as this year's addition to the Hall of Fame. DGE Howie Marbach



then had the floor to tell us of his ideas and plans for next year. I then presented this year's dis-



trict Lion of the Year Lion Wendy Van Winkle. The last award I made was to a very hard working and well deserving Lion, a Lion that was there for me all year as he has been for past governors no matter



what we might ask of him. He was always ready to step up and complete the Job. Lion Sam Pantusa was presented the Region Chairman of the year award. During our awards dinner, PID



Butler was served one of his least favorite dinners – chicken.

With a smile on his face he accepted it and even carried it with him during his presentation to the Lions of District 2A2. April 14th Pat and I were in Kerrville for the 25th anniversary of the



Sunrise club. The Kerrville mayor presented a proclama-



tion honoring their years of service. I visited with DGE Howie and PDGs Seale and Lloyd. Lion Sheryl helped President Brian



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draw tickets for the door prizes. April 16th I attended the Fiesta



parade in San Antonio and watched Our Lady of the Lake



Lions club participate while showing off the PET's.

April 26th PDGs Tijerina, Lopez, Carrillo, Lions Wendy & Pat and I were in Comstock for an interest meeting to form a new Lions club there. But due to a large brush fire northwest of town,

most all of the residents were out fighting the fire. We will select another date and try again.



April 28th I traveled about 80 miles Northwest of Del Rio with



the Del Rio Host Lions club to feed the firefighters that were battling the many fires in that area. With a donation of soda's, chips and water from the HEB store, the Host Lions prepared



BBQ brisket sandwiches and handed them to the firefighters.

This fire had burnt over 65,000 acres and has since and spread



to 175,000 acres. Val Verde county and Taxes is getting support from many areas. I met firefighters from Colorado, Arizona, and the Texas Army reserves. We visited with firefighters of the National Forest Service from Minnesota, Montana, and Utah along with our firefighters from Val Verde County.

Let me give you an update on our membership for the District. As of April 24th we had 1719 members in the district, we have added 198 new Lions but have lost 210 Lions for a minus 12 for the year. We have two months left in order to gain those 12 new Lions. As I have said all year we will need to retain the Lions we now have in order to reach this goal and give DGE Howie an even start for next year.

Yours in Service,

- Governor John Cole

From First Vice District Governor Howie Marbach



*2-A2 First Vice District Governor
Lion Howie Marbach and his Partner
in service Elaine.*

Hello Fellow Lions!

Believe it or not we only have two months left in this Lions year. So let's all pitch in and help Governor John have the best year possible. Remember Together-Everyone-Achieves-More because no one can do it all by themselves. Last month 2nd VDG Richard and myself met twice with Governor John, and he sure has been a wealth of knowledge; and if we have a great year next year it is primarily due to Governor John's help.

Don't forget the District Convention in Del Rio at the Ramada Inn on April 1 & 2, 2011. We had a lot of fun at the District Convention at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio, and gathered a lot of information. One of the highlights was the Youth Scholarship

Banquet. It is amazing to see the great youth we have in our District. This convention made me a little sad because I have been chairman of the Convention Booklet for the last 18 years, and next year I will not be able to do it. Also, after 10 years of being the Youth Contest Chairmen I will no longer be the chairman. It sure is hard not to be actively involved with these great youth. I do want to thank all the contestants and Lions that sold all the ads for the Convention Booklet, along with people/businesses that purchased them. They all did a fantastic job.

During the last two Beacon articles we talked about Attitude and Leadership. So in this issue I will talk briefly about Goals:

We need to use our goals properly, for our benefit, the benefit of our family, our business or job and the organizations (like the Lions) we belong to and work with; nothing really happens until we set good proper goals with a purpose. When it comes to goal setting most of us just go along with our peers or just don't set any. I have 5 questions I am going to ask about goals that will help us to understand them better.

1. What is a goal?

A goal is a target with a date on it. It lets you know what the score is. A goal makes the game worth playing and makes life worth living. Mark Twain said "A man without a goal is dead"

2. Why have a goal or goals?

So you know the type of person have to be and what you have to do to achieve it.

- It gives you direction and purpose.
- It produces urgency. That's why it has a date or amount.
- It encourages stretching. A stretch goal is a goal that's in our reach but just out of our grasp. It gets us out of our comfort zone.
- It tells us when to celebrate, and I like to celebrate.
- It lifts everyone around us. The president brings in a new member at the start of the Lions year, and sells the first youth contest ad, and the other Lions will join in (leadership by example).

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From First Vice District Governor Howie Marbach

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- Its necessary for life. An individual or organization without a goal will die or at least go dead in the water.

3. What do goals do?

- Expands our awareness of new opportunity because it has pay value. (There is reward tied to it).
- Increases creativity by stimulating new ideas.
- Produces lot of energy.

4. How do goals work?

They expand our comfort zone. So we can become familiar with our goals. We are not comfortable with prospecting for new members, because we don't do it enough - it needs to be a year around, 12month thing. Our goals familiarize us with our feelings for the goal, so we can get comfortable with our goal. That sounds like double-talk,

but familiarization is the primary purpose of a goal.

5. How do we get familiar with our goals?

By using good goal setting techniques or strategies, so we can accomplish great things.

- Decide what you want.
- Write it down, because there is magic in writing them down. Studies have shown that 85% of the people have no goals; 12% have goals in their minds and they accomplished 1 to 5 times more than the 85% did; 3% used the techniques and strategies described here, and they accomplished 50 to 100 times more than the 97% did. So there is magic in goal setting.
- Define it clearly and specifically
- Read them every morning and every evening.

- Experience the goal in advanced reality. Vividly imagine reaching those goals, because $\text{Imagination} \times \text{Vividness} = \text{Reality}$.

This should give you a better understanding of Goal setting. If you apply these principals/techniques they will accomplish your Goals and bring you success.

The Team is still looking for district officers and chairmen. If you want to serve your fellow man please contact us at:
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Yours In Lionism and God Bless

- First VDG Howie

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.



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From Second Vice District Governor Richard Keilholz



*Second Vice District Governor
Lion Richard J. Keilholz*

My Fellow Lions:

With the beginning of May, we are now in the home stretch with the month of June right around the corner. We are so close to having a positive membership, but I also know how challenging these last two months are when it comes to bringing in new members while retaining our members on the back side. My advice to you is to try and finish strong! Remember this: new membership brings on more help with your service projects and thus benefits the community (s) you serve.

March and April have been busy months for most of us, whether it be with trying to raise funds, or service projects,

as well as, electing new leadership for the 2011-2012 Lion Year. We have the "It's Kinda Like a County Fair" behind us which was a great event in building the fellowship with other Lion members and for some sponsoring a booth to try and raise money for their service projects. I know I enjoyed the camaraderie with my fellow Lions. I want to again thank Lion Sam Pantusa for his time and energy for spearheading this outstanding event.

As we near the end of our 2010-2011 Lion Year, I want to tell you a story that has an important message with it. **"In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he fi-**

nally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition!!" And so we will face obstacles but, we need to stay positive and look for the opportunities even in difficult times.

I would like to thank the following Lions clubs who have donated to the annual Marion Jones "Stride for Sight" thus far: Sabinal Lions Club, Buffalo Valley Lions Club, Central Park Lions Club, Del Rio Host Lions Club, Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club, Northside Lions Club, Helotes Lions Club, Edgewood Lions Club, Heart O' the Hills Lions Club, San Felipe Amistad Lions Club, Alamo Heights Lions Club and Natalia Lions Club. These results are as of April 21, 2011. We are still a long way from achieving our goal of \$40,000. I would like to emphasize that the money donated this

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From Second Vice District Governor Richard Keilholz

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year will be going directly to help provide optical equipment for patients who cannot afford to purchase this equipment. I feel that this is one of the best uses of the "Stride for Sight" funds in recent years. This is what Helen Keller, in her request to the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind", would have embraced. Let us not forget that the Low Vision Center and the Eberlin Sight Research Center are one of the central projects of District 2-A2 along with the "Texas Lions Camp." We need to continue to support this project at the highest level possible. We are "Knights for the Blind" and this is our opportunity to step for-

ward and renew our long standing commitment.

The following Lions Club have either indicated they will be participating or have been submitting their **Tally Sheets** for the **Beacon Contest: (Large club – 56+ members) Del Rio Host Lions Club, Hondo Lions Club, S.A. Edgewood Lions Club and S.A. Founder Lions Club; (Medium size club = 31-55 members) Floresville Lions Club, La Vernia Lions Club, S.A. Windcrest Lions Club and Utopia Lions Club; (Small club = 1-30 members) OLLU Campus Lions Club, S.A. First Ladies Lions Club and S.A. Northwest Lions Club.** All Tally Sheets must be turned in by the

first week of July, 2011. Again, let me remind you that you are vying for the "Bragging Rights" as the best club in District 2-A2. There will be a first, second and third place winner in each category. Good luck and Finish Strong.

As always, as I continue to visit Lions Clubs in the District, I hope to learn more about you and your club and ways that I can give you my full support. Again, if I can be of service to you or your club, please let me know.

Yours in Service,

Richard J. Keilholz
SVDC District 2-A2

San Felipe Del Rio Amistad Lions seek Lions Goodwill Ambassador

The deadline for entry and orientation for the next San Felipe Amistad Lions Goodwill Ambassador is May 15th at 3 pm.

- No fees are included.
- Please send in a photo prior to deadline.
- Please make sure you email your photo.

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A \$500.00 Scholarship is awarded each year to the winner. Areas of Competition include: Panel Interview, Onstage Interview, Photogenic and Formal Wear.

Kayla Renee Hernandez Vasquez San Felipe Amistad Lions Ambassador of Goodwill 2010-11 will crown her successor during the Installation banquet. Pageant will be held June 17, 2011 at 6 pm.

The Search is On for the 2011-12 San Felipe Amistad Lions Goodwill Ambassador.

Pageant is free and open to girls in ages 15-18 years old. For registration information contact Lion Amy Haynes msamyhaynes@yahoo.com, Syria Ramirez syriaramirez@aol.com or Claudia Lopez claudia.lopez304@gmail.com 488-5886.

From District Chaplain PDG Lytle Blankenship

As I approach the final days of my service as Chaplain for this District, under the leadership of our District Governor, Lion John Cole, let me express my appreciation for the cooperation and assistance of everyone. However, let me leave you with a personal story which forever reminds me, that man's work is never done.

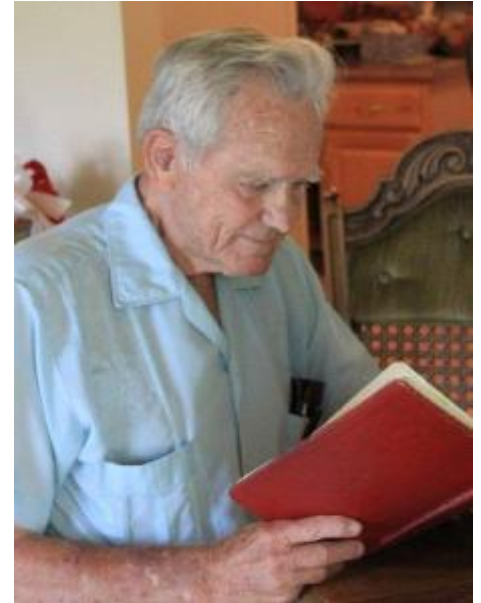
I once knew a beggar who I passed many times in front of the New Stanley Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. His legs were badly deformed and the way he positioned himself on the unyielding and non-conforming concrete must have been unbearably painful. But hour after hour, day after day for the nearly three years that I saw this disheveled, almost non-committal African, he seldom missed his almost personal viewing bleacher as he watched the parade of humans move stoically by leaving only a few tinkles in the old tin cup.

Several years later, with the memory of the beggar long faded in the past, I had an occasion to return to Kenya. While there I made a trip with a Missionary friend out to a Wakamba village. After traveling down a highway towards Mombasa for awhile, Harold suddenly darted to the left into a dry wadi bed as if it were a road. In

less than a mile Harold stopped at a crudely built church building near a motte of trees and bushes which Harold called "Kathemboni" or "place of sacrifice" which was apparently a place of human sacrifice in days long gone by. Nearby I could see a group of 20 or so little children dressed in a blue school attire holding their class beneath a large umbrella tree while moving along in the background was a herd of small, grayish Zebu cattle.

But what got my attention the most was one of the two men standing there to greet us. One was evidently the preacher for this small church but the other was a crippled man having to use crutches. Still he was quite mobile and standing rather erect. Suddenly it dawned on me that this was my New Stanley Hotel beggar. As I learned later someone had befriended him, started to show some concern for his status and to help him feel like he was really more than just a beggar. Someone, perhaps a Lion (a good active club in Nairobi) or just another person who possessed a concerning spirit for fellowman reached down and "touched his life with hope."

As I reflect back today on the lives of the 33 Lions whom we recognized and honored during the Me-



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Chaplain, District 2-A2*

morial Services on 2 April in Del Rio plus two other Lions who have now joined them I can only imagine the impact they had on so many of their fellowmen like my "beggar." The two Lions which will be honored more appropriately at our Annual Convention in April 2012 are Virginia Thompson, Pearsall Lions Club and Javier A. Esquivel, Sr., Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club. How many lives have been made better by these 35 Lions who have left a well-marked trail for the rest of us to follow in our few remaining years? May we be faithful to our motto, "We Serve," (Lytle: 25/4/11)

*-PDG Lytle
2-A2 District Chaplain*

From The Texas Lions Foundation

Fellow Lions,

Your Texas Lions Foundation has had a very busy year so far. Our high temperatures, combined with no substantial rainfall, have left this state in pretty bad shape. Now, in addition to brush fires, we have to start to worry about tornados. Emergency grants have already been given to three areas in west and north Texas due to fires, and we still have a long way to go before summer is over. I am sure there will be other requests, not only for emergency grants, but also for humanitarian grants as well. For the first time in the four years I have been your trustee, we may have to stop taking requests for a while in order to replenish funds. I hope it doesn't come down to that, but there is a finite limit as to what we can do.

My congratulations to Gov. John and the clubs in Del Rio for host-

ing another successful District Convention. Due to the constraints of time and a change in the agenda in the way the com-



mittee reports were done, the amount of donations was dramatically down from previous years. Speaking only for the Texas Lions Foundation, in past

years I have received \$6000-\$10,000 in checks and pledges at the district convention, but this year only \$2250 was collected or pledged. For the past three years, we have led the state. However, this year in March we were in 9th place among the sixteen districts, in April we climbed to 7th place, and for the first of May, we are in fourth place. Unfortunately, we are still \$7000 behind the first place district, and we have just two months to go. I know it has been a difficult year financially for both clubs and individuals, but if you club is considering honoring some individual, please consider the Texas Lions Foundation for a contribution.

May we all close out this year on a high note! Go 4 it!!!

Your fellow Lion,

- PDG John Seale

I'd rather be in a club with 10 members who work than a club with 100 members who only pay dues. I'd rather be in a club that makes a good time than a club that sits and waits for one. I'd rather be in a little club with a big heart than a big club with little heart. It's about quality folks, not quantity.

- SVDGE Wendy

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From The Hondo Lions Club

On April 17th, the Hondo Lions Club held a fundraiser to raise scholarship money for High School Seniors interested in applying for a Lions Club Scholarship. Part of the requirement to apply for such a scholarship requires the interested High

School Senior to participate at the function and/or fundraiser.

Our net profit for this Chicken BBQ was \$3,800, which will be awarded to local Seniors.

Our Club also held a Spring Golf

Tournament on March 27th that was very successful...our net profit was \$6,200.

All monies raised will benefit our Nelson Bippert & Tommy Hollmig Scholarship Fund.



Kinda Like A County Fair



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The Northside Lions want to personally thank all our sponsors and partners for making the Kinda-Like a County Fair a success. Your generosity and willingness to participate made this day possible.

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From TLERC • April Showers Bring May Flowers

There is nothing like the view of a Texas valley or hillside covered in Bluebonnets, Indian Paint Brush, or any of a number of other colorful wildflowers that appear in May after those wonderful April showers; but just like everything else that we HAVE, we take it for granted until we don't have it.

Well, out here at the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (good old West Texas-Midland), we are certainly missing those May flowers, because we haven't had any April showers (nor March back to September showers for that matter). Even in the dry desert we take for granted the little bit of rain we know we will get in the early spring; which helps me draw an analogy to the plight of the visually impaired, that we as "Knights of the Blind" are trying to help at TLERC.

People take their sight for granted until things start getting blurry. Even with glasses, we take our sight for granted until we lose or break them, or until we can no longer see clearly out of them. The April showers for those in need are the recycled glasses they get at no cost from

Lions recycling centers like ours. (By the end of this year we will have sent out another couple of hundred thousand pair of glasses to missions & Lions center in developing nations.) The April showers are the eye exams & new glasses we put on



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children. (This year we made over 800 new pair of glasses in our lab for about \$14-\$18/pair to the Lions Clubs that used our service.) The April showers are the thousands of man hours, Lions across the State put into collecting, sorting, and processing used glasses for those in need, and the April showers are the dollars TLERC gets from Lions Clubs for 100% (\$2/member) or Focus Club (\$3/member) donations, "Visionary Knights of the Blind", or honoring a special Lion with one of our 3 levels of fellowship. The May flower is the sight these showers bring to

those, whom we help; those people, who can now see to do their school work, learn new skills, find a job or to do their current jobs.

We know this is the time of year when Clubs finish off their 100% (or greater) contributions or honor those special Lions in their Club with awards, such as TLERC's 3 fellowship awards. There are also, only 2 months left to become a CHARTER MEMBER to our "Visionary Knight of the Blind" monthly or annual giving program (June 30 deadline). You can find our enrollment forms on the State website.

For the sake of the visually impaired, please send some of those April showers to TLERC. Those showers may not bring any May flowers, but those you bless with the gift of sight won't care. They'll be happy to just clearly see a good old prickly pear.

If you have any questions about our giving programs, please call me at 325-315-7060.

-Tom Blasé

2A1 SVDG

TLERC Promotions Director

From the Texas Lions Camp • Our Living Heritage

I have just returned from the Lions Legends Tribute, hosted by District 2-S2's Past District Governor's Association, and I am so thankful to have been a participant in this amazing ceremony. In an unpre-

cedented act of patronage, three of our Camp Past Presidents (PDG Eddie Munger: 1967-1969, PDG Jimmy McPherson 1973-1975, and PDG Fred Hamilton: 1979-1981) were honored for

their leadership and service to others before a crowd of ~200 Lions, family members and friends.

The event was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Houston and included multi-media (courtesy Terry Landers), a reception, lunch and myriad speakers, of which I was one. Master of Ceremonies for this auspicious occasion was IPD Don Buckalew, who did a fantastic job as always. Also on hand to commemorate the occasion,

was the Nash 3, injecting their flare for music and a celebration of patriotism and heritage like only they can do.

One of the highest callings we have as people is to esteem and



honor our seniors – especially our senior, seniors. These living treasures possess a wealth of experience, knowledge, and wisdom...and when you look into their eyes, you are immediately confronted with the contrast of those who have learned first-hand what really matters in life.

To honor those who have lived their life with such dignity and who have paved the way for us to flourish is cousin to the act of expressing thankfulness. We

must practice the discipline of thankfulness early and often if we are to live on the high plain for which we have been called.

My congratulations and heartfelt thanks go out to PDG, Dr. Irv

Wishnow, PDG Ron Landers and the PDG Association of District 2-S2 for their tireless efforts in organizing this landmark event. I for one, found this to be a defining moment and a most wel-

come reminder of the things that really matter in life. I hope that the event is something that will not only be repeated in District 2-S2, but will become contagious and repeated as a matter of practice in the other 15 districts and beyond.

Best regards,

-Stephen S. Mabry, CFRE, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

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District 2-T1

King, Jack & Rebecca 100.00
Langhorne, Bob & Cheryle 100.00
Total District 2-T1 200.00

District 2-T2

Linker, Gary & Judy 100.00
Lubbock Lip Lipscomb Lions Club 100.00
Meadow Lions Club 100.00
Shannon, Charles & Jerry Beth 1,000.00
Total District 2-T2 1,300.00

District 2-T3

Odessa A.M. Lions Club 1,900.00
Total District 2-T3 1,900.00

District 2-E1

Abilene Cactus Lions Club 100.00
Baird, Dean 100.00
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Campbell, Luren & Beatt 100.00
Conway, Sam & Sandy 100.00
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Elmwood West Lions Club 100.00
Emmons, Sharon 100.00
Graf, Charles 100.00
Griffin, Hal & Sandy 200.00
Isbell, Tom & Marnette 500.00
Loder, Sue 100.00
McGlathery, Derrel & Linda 25.00
Mitchell, Virgie & Bob 100.00
Smith, C. Lee & Sue 100.00
Stroud, Hugh & Carolyn 100.00
Sult, Gary & Jana 100.00
Sult, Gary & Jana 75.00
Ward, Tom 100.00
Watson, Cindy & Barry 100.00
Total District 2-E1 2,500.00

District 2-E2

Bridgeport Lions Club 100.00
McCown, Mac & Mary 100.00
Total District 2-E2 200.00

District 2-X1

Irving Nooday Lions Club 100.00
Total District 2-X1 100.00

District 2-X2

Nacol, Lynn & Charles 100.00
Van Alstine, Leon & Nancy 100.00
Total District 2-X2 200.00

District 2-X3

Brenneke, Norwood 100.00
Killeen Evening Lions Club 100.00
Total District 2-X3 200.00

District 2-A1

Concho Pearl Lions Club 100.00
Wilks, Jim & Marjorie 200.00
Total District 2-A1 300.00

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District 2-A2

Alamo Heights Lions Club 100.00
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 Brackettville Lions Club 100.00
 Buffalo Valley Lions Club 500.00
 Butler, Mike and Sheryl 300.00
 Carrillo, Manny & Diane 150.00
 Carrillo, Manny & Diane 100.00
In Memory of IPDG Glenn Burns
 Carroll, Herb & Pat 100.00
 China Grove Area Lions Club 100.00
 Cole, John & Pat 200.00
 Del Rio Host Lions Club 100.00
 District 2-A2 420.00
 Frantzen, Kaderli & Klier 100.00
 Frantzen, Lester 100.00
 Fredericksburg Lions Club 100.00
 Helotes Lions Club 200.00
 Herb's Hat Shop 100.00
 La Vernia Lions Club 100.00
 Lawson, Cal 100.00
 Mabry, Stephen 100.00
In Honor of Shawn Mabry
 Pro Shots Photography 100.00
 San Antonio Alamo Postal Lions 100.00
 San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club 100.00
 Tijerina, Ernesto "TJ" and Juanita 200.00
 Weir, Warren 200.00
 Willems-Darter, Katherine & Mike 100.00
Total District 2-A2 4,870.00

District 2-A3

Boling, Ike & Eloise 100.00
 Cantu, Arthur 100.00
 Harlingen Lions Club 100.00
 Lugo, Jose & Araceli 100.00
 Rockport Lions Club 100.00

Soto, Dr Nicole 100.00
 Talbert, Rick & Lupita 100.00
 Weslaco Lions Club 500.00
In Memory of PDG Roy Davis
Total District 2-A3 1,200.00

District 2-S1

Browning, James & Jayne 100.00
 Carthage Lions Club 100.00
 Cully, Moe & Henny 100.00
 District 2-S1 PDG Association 100.00
 Orange Lions Club 100.00
 South County Breakfast Lions Club 100.00
 Yost, Harold 100.00
Total District 2-S1 700.00

District 2-S2

Badeaux, Margaret 100.00
 Bren-Tech 100.00
 Conner, George & Theda 100.00
 Council of Governors 2010-2011 100.00
 Houston Aldine Lions 100.00
Total District 2-S2 500.00

District 2-S3

Dillman, Shirley 200.00
 Heitkamp, Dennis 100.00
Total District 2-S3 300.00

District 2-S4

Angleton Lions Club 100.00
 Calapan, Abelardo & Thelma 200.00
 Carstarphen, John 100.00
In Loving Memory of Lion Oktavia Carstarphen
 District 2-S4 Region 1 Zone 1 Lions 180.00
In Loving Memory of Lion Oktavia Carstarphen
 District 2-S4 Zone 1 353.00
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Galveston Lions Club 100.00
Hallettsville Lions Club 100.00
Henke Jr, Henry & Marcella 100.00
Mitchell, Suzi 100.00
Needville Lions Club 100.00
Pearland Lions Club 100.00
Rosenberg Lions Club 500.00
Shinn, David 100.00
Stanley, Thomas 100.00
Texas City Host 200.00
Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00
Victoria Lions Club 100.00
Wallis, Susan & Tom 100.00

Wheeler, William 100.00
Wright, Milton & Marian 100.00
Total District 2-S4 3,288.00

District 2-S5

Calvert Lions Club 100.00
Hopkins, John & Sherrie 100.00
Murray, Vicky & Jack 100.00
Paige Lions Club 100.00
Scott, Jeffrey 300.00
Weimar Lions Club 100.00
Total District 2-S5 800.00

TOTAL 18,558.00

Kerrville Sunrise Lions

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Please Join us in this celebration on

Thursday, April 14, 2011

5:00pm to 7:30pm

Tucker Hall

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Light hors d'oeuvres ◦ wine ◦ cake ◦ coffee

320 St. Peter's Street
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Please R.S.V.P. to
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LOCAL LIONS CLUB THAT SERVED THE COMMUNITY, DIES AT 88

by Lion Jim Weed, MD2 Public Relations

The Local Lions Club, a community service organization that built parks, cleaned the highway and helped the blind, died last night. It was 88.

The club died after a long, debilitating illness.

Local Lions Club was founded 88 years ago with the motto, "We Serve," and is remembered for its work in building "Town Park." Although the park is now over-ground with weeds there still remains a plaque with the Lions emblem dedicating the park for use by local citizens.

In its early years Local Lions Club raised the funds needed to purchase a fire engine for the volunteer fire department and provided a building for a fire station in the center of town. Less than a year after the fire engine was delivered, volunteer firemen were credited with saving the local hospital when it caught fire late one night. The fire station was located a block from City Hall on the now vacant lot next to the police department. The city has relied on Neighbor City, 25 miles away, for fire protection in recent years.

At one time Local Lions Club provided free eye screenings. They were famous for providing eye glasses and hearing aids for

those who could not afford them. The Club's work helped thousands of people in its 88 years of existence, although that help diminished significantly in its last few years of life.

Local citizens old enough to remember can recall the spectacular July 4th events Local Lions Club presented each year. The club sponsored a July 4th parade and a band concert in "Town Park" followed by a magnificent fireworks display. There is still a small parade each year, but the concerts are no longer held and fireworks are banned because local fire protection is no longer available.

The autopsy report shows Local Lions Club died from complications of apathy after a long illness. The club fell into ill health a few years ago when members starting bickering over internal club politics. The club almost died when the members began to fight over interpretations of the club constitution and by-laws and it is reported that one member became so irritating that other members began to resign. Some members developed "IAMS" (It's About Me Syndrome) and lost their memory of the motto "We Serve." It became impossible to get enough members to continue community service projects.

After the upheaval it looked like Local Lions Club was recovering when a new membership campaign brought the club back from the brink of death. The new members, however, did not receive the proper orientation and were not made to feel welcome and valuable to the club. As a result the club developed an apathy infection.

Club members stopped attending region and district meetings and the district failed to recognize how ill the club had become. The autopsy shows that if the apathy infection had been diagnosed and treated earlier the club might have been saved.

As the apathy infection spread through the club, members no longer stepped up to take leading roles. It became difficult to find members to run for club offices and in the end no one ran at all. After being in a comma for the past six months the last 3 members decided to end life support and the club died quietly last night.

Local Lions Club is survived by a now run-down park and fleeting memories of older citizens. There will be no funeral or memorial service because there is no one left who cares. The plaque in "Town Park" has been changed to read: "Local Lions Club. They Used to Serve."

33rd Annual Bluebonnet Fest

May 20-21, 2011

La Vernia City Park



Arts & Crafts Vendors, Food & Drink Booths
Carnival Rides & Euro-Bungee Jump
A Live Auction & Raffle
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Free Petting Zoo, Free Pony Rides &
Be Amazed by The Magic of Cody Sanders
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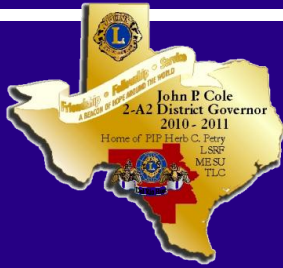


Master Gardener Calvin Finch will answer your gardening questions and pass out Free Xeriscape plants
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Dance under the Stars to Live Music by
Travis Schultz & The Rutmakers @ 5pm on Saturday and
Clint Taft & The Buck Wild Band @7pm on Saturday

Friday, May 20, 6pm to 9pm
Saturday, May 21, 9am to 11pm

Free Admission - Go to www.LaVerniaLions.org for more info



May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Deadline for international convention regular registration fees	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)	9	10	11	12	13	14 SightFirst grant application for review at the August 2011 SAC
15 Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership Report Form (Leo-72) due	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>White Cane Week</i>						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
		<u>MMR's Due</u>				

Upcoming Events and Governor's Travel

June 2nd-4th State Convention, Beaumont TX.

July 4th-8th International Convention, Seattle, Washington.



If you are a Club, Zone, Region or District Officer, a GLT (Global Leadership Training) will be held in the very near future. Plan on attending one as attendance is MANDATORY. The workshops will be held at the following locations, dates, and times.

May 28, Floresville, 9:00—11:30 a.m.

June 18, Helotes, 9:00—11:30 a.m.

June 11, Kerrville, 9:00—11:30 a.m.

June 25, Del Rio Host Lions Hut (Fox Drive), 9:00—11:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DGE Howie Marbach at 210-414-7389

FVDGE Richard Keilholz at 210-240-1521 or SVDGE Wendy Van Winkle at 830-703-0996