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LIONS LUNCHEON MEETING

Luby's Cafeteria - Fiesta Room - 911 N. Main - 11:50 a.m.



March 10, 2010

Russ Jones

**“LEAP -
Law Enforcement
Against Prohibition”**

Russ Jones has been involved in the War on Drugs for over 40 years as a police officer, narcotics detective, DEA task force officer, State and Federal Court recognized forensic expert, and as one who has written and implemented substance abuse treatment programs.

His work has taken him from Latin America to the old Soviet Union, through Communist China, and even Tibet.

This vast and varied experience has led him to believe that the War on Drugs, as currently being fought by means of law enforcement, is a failed policy. Along with hundreds of other law enforcement professionals, Russ Jones believes that we need to fight smarter. By attacking this war economically and by eliminating the black market, he argues that we will remove the drug cartels single source of revenue.

Chairman Ken Crowder
Chaplain of the Day Guy Murray
Pledge of Allegiance Joe Gonzales
Introduction of Guest Speaker Marie Senter
Introduction of Guests Jimmy Peet
Greeter Jan Wolf

March 17, 2010

Colonel Gary Walston

**“Role of National Guard and Reserve Forces
in the Global War on Terrorism”**

Colonel Gary Walston's military flying career spanned over three decades, serving in his last assignment as commander of the Air Guard's 149th Fighter Wing (F-4C and F-16A) at Kelly Air Force Base. Gary received his Air Force wings at Williams Air Force Base in October, 1995, and was assigned as a T-38 IP there. He then moved to Tyndall AFB to serve as a T-38 Pilot Instructor Training Instructor. In January, 1970, Captain Walston left the active Air Force and joined the 147th Fighter Wing (Houston Air National Guard) and instructed in the F-101 and T-33. In 1976, he was transferred to the Pentagon where he served as Air National Advisor to the Director of Air Force Operations and then the Air National Guard Chief of Manpower and Organization. In 1979, Lieutenant Colonel Walston moved back to Texas as the Assistant Deputy for Operations at the 136th Airlift Wing (C-130). In 1983, he moved to San Antonio. He retired in December, 1995, after accumulating over 6,800 hours in fighter, airlift, and trainer aircraft.

Chairman Ken Crowder
Chaplain of the Day Dean Neugent
Pledge of Allegiance Ralph Hoggatt
Introduction of Guest Speaker Dick Porter
Introduction of Guests Roland Keller
Greeter Marian Hartman

Meeting Notes of February 24, 2010

Lion President Ken Crowder called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. after which we sang our usual songs led by Lion Ralph Hoggatt and accompanied by Lion Mary Thomas at the piano. Lion Jill Marino then offered a thoughtful invocation. Lion Amy Sanchez introduced our guests of the day – Velma Murray, spouse of Lion Guy, and Mary Jane Chisholm, spouse of Lion Rod.

Although our lone birthday luminary for the week, Lion Sarah Trenchard, could not be with us today, we send her our best wishes as she celebrates the occasion. There were no reported anniversaries this week.

At this point in our meeting, President Ken announced the sad news that Virginia Simms, spouse of Lion Henry, passed away early this morning. The Founder Lions Club expresses its sincere condolences to Henry and his family.

This Day in History – by Lion Rod Chisholm.

On this day, February 24, 1868, marked the first time in the history of this country that decorated floats appeared in a street parade, in this case, celebrating the beginning of Lent or Fat Tuesday. Lion Rod posed the question, “Which of our American cities hosted the parade and its attendant celebration?” In unison Club members responded with New Orleans, but they were silenced as Rod signaled for quiet. The Mardi Gras Parade on February 24, 1868, marched down the streets of not New Orleans, but Mobile, Alabama. And, that is what happened on this day in history.

President Ken announced that the Board of Directors, after much deliberation, recommends that the Founder Club meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month to be effective April 1, 2010. The membership will vote on this issue during the regular weekly meeting on March 10.

Lion George Harvey briefed the assembly regarding the progress for the upcoming Birdies for Charity Golf Tournament urging those who have not committed to the program to consider doing so at their earliest convenience.

Lion Roland Keller introduced Mr. Kyle Burns, President and CEO of the Free Trade *Alliance* of San Antonio. The Free Trade *Alliance* is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting San Antonio as an international trade center through its efforts in business development, foreign investment, and trade advocacy.

Prior to the *Alliance*, Kyle held the position of Vice President for International Sales at Columbia Industries where he worked from 1993 to 2007. In this role, he was responsible for the international sales and marketing efforts of five brands of sporting goods. He has extensive experience working and traveling throughout Asia and Europe. Moreover, he recently set up a

distribution center in the Netherlands to distribute Columbia's family of brands throughout Europe. Mr. Burns emphasized the necessity for San Antonio businesses to position themselves to engage in a worldwide economy. Cultural understanding, tailoring products to specific populations, and international finance are among just a few of many concerns that must be addressed to successfully compete in the international market place.

Tail Twister Lion Arthur Browne presided over the drawing to win a jackpot of over \$300. Lion Marie Senter held the winning number, but unfortunately she could not locate the crafty joker. The meeting adjourned to meet again on March 3.

- Guy Murray, Assistant Editor

Meeting Notes of March 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Crowder. We opened the meeting by singing *God Bless America* and *The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You*. We jointly pledged allegiance to the flag, and Lion Gary Morrison gave our prayer of the day.

Lion Rod Chisholm gave us "This Day In History In 1877." This was the year that the presidential election was decided by an electoral commission. The contestants were Sam Tilden and Rutherford B. Hayes. All but 19 votes were counted and assigned. The last 19 were determined by an electoral commission made up of equal numbers of House of Representatives, Senators, and Supreme Court judges. That assemblage gave all 19 of the undecided votes to Mr. Hayes. That's the way it was on this day in 1877.

Birdies for Charity Chair Lion George Harvey announced the receipt of charitable donations made to Birdies for Charity in honor of our members' birthdays - some birthdays of which will not be celebrated by the celebrant until October. Pledges to Birdies for Charity may be made until May 15.

Lion Gary Morrison introduced our speaker of the day, Randy Felts. Mr. Felts was born and raised in northeastern Arkansas, and he is a Corporate Member of the Professional Tour Guide of San Antonio. He is also an active toastmaster at the J. W. Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa.

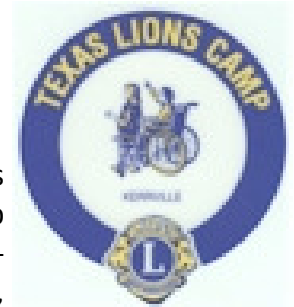
Mr. Felts took us back in history to 1715, when historic folk lore was first available. He mentioned events about the Mexican General Santa Anna and spoke with some special significance about events that occurred at Wimberley, Texas. His story made a good legend about a fiddle player named Adam Gimble which became important because of activities he carried out. At that time Mr. Gimble played his fiddle for gatherings, dances, etc. On one occasion a person told the player that he did not think he could influence the local rattlesnakes with his playing. Gimble knew where he had seen several snakes nearby. He took his fiddle to the site here rattlesnakes had been seen and played. Many snakes came out to hear the music. Mr. Gimble beheaded an eight-foot snake and brought it back to collect the \$100 that had been promised if he could influence the snakes.

Lion Marie Senter had the lucky winning raffle ticket; however. Lion Marie did not select the Joker to win the pot. We all formed a circle and sang our closing song.

- Jim Flinn, Assistant Editor

Save These Dates . . . Saturday, April 10, and May 1

These dates represent opportunities “to serve” by helping the Texas Lions Camp staff prepare the camp for the 2010 campers. A workday at the camp is a small effort to support the endeavors of the camp and prepare the campus for the influx of needy young people. Although we, as Founder Lions, are not counselors, our efforts will go a long way toward making the campers’ visit a memorable one. Work at the camp can include painting, fence work, brush cutting, carpentry work, planting flowers, and other items. The day begins with a breakfast. You will then be assigned to a team to work on a project of your interest. You will also be served lunch, with the day ending around mid-afternoon. Reservations must be made so the camp knows how many people to expect, and there is a limit as to the number of volunteers the Camp can accept each workday. If you are interested, in working one or more days, please contact the Club Office

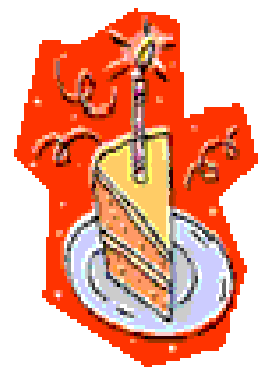


The Founder Lions Club sends prayers and condolences to the family of Lions Henry Simms. We shall miss Virginia. She was a grand lady with a wonderful smile.

We were also saddened to learn the passing of Mike Gonzales’ mother. May memories be of comfort to you during this time.

Happy Birthday Founder Lions

Selig Frank	March 2	Glen Hartman	March 11
Gary Woods	March 4	George Cowden III	March 12
Jerry Kelfer	March 6	Al Lambrecht	March 15
Glenn Burns	March 9	Dr. Bob Rice	March 18





February 24, 2010

Mr. Ken Crowder, President
San Antonio Founder Lions Club
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Re: Donation of \$3,595.00 towards the Chuck Picciuti Pavilion

Dear Lions,

We deeply appreciate your attention to the facility and program needs. Without you, we could not fulfill the Camp's mission to better serve the handicapped and diabetic children that are our guests.

The Staff strives to update and improve the activities provided for all of the campers. The replacement of equipment and additions to the program area are essential for the continuing success of the summer sessions.

Thank you again, and we wish you the very best for your Club in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Mabry

Stephen S. Mabry, CAE, CFRE
Chief Executive Officer



We Serve

Lions Pledge

I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics.

I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.

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