



Lion Letter

District 2-E1



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FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings, Fellow Lions,

I repeat the GREAT NEWS! just in case you did not read your last month's newsletter. The goal for Campaign SightFirst II was \$150 million for the period ending June 30, 2008. I am so pleased to report that to date \$157.9 million has been raised, and the revised goal of \$200 million is achievable by June 30, 2008. The goal is achievable because You! You! and You!, dear Lions, opened your hearts and your wallets for such a worthy cause. If you pledged funds that have not been paid, please send your contributions for CSFII. Remember, for every \$1,000 contributed to CSFII, you may designate a Melvin Jones Fellow award. What a great way to recognize deserving Lions in your clubs or citizens in your community who are not Lions.

I hope by now you have registered for the District Convention and have all your eligible voting delegates certified to vote in the election. Be sure to join us Friday evening, following the golf tournament, for the fish fry hosted by the Clyde Lions Club. The Breckenridge Hotfooters will perform at this event, and we promise you will enjoy them. If anyone is interested, they offer beginner, intermediate and advance lessons (in Breckenridge, not Clyde). They are a fun group. A lot of hard-working, diligent Lions have put in many hours planning the convention. THANKS, GUYS AND GALS!

The Necrology Service will be at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the MCM Elegante Suites, so you will not have to get in your cars to drive to an offsite church. We hope all of you will join us for this touching memorial service.

I am still trying to visit all the clubs. If you have a date preference, please contact me; otherwise I will just pick my own date.

During the last few months of our Lions fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, I beg you to please bring in new members. At the end of January, District 2-E1 was a -13, meaning we have lost more members than we have gained. I know some of you have done an outstanding job of bringing in new members, but we need more. Please make your Governor proud by increasing the membership. Invite someone new to visit each meeting (18 to 39 age group, Baby Boomers, spouses, family members, busy people like you!). It is such a great feeling to sponsor new members, AND, it is so important that you retain the members you have! District 2-E1 needs you!

Again, we need to tip our hats to Lion Jodie Dearing for her efforts in getting the newsletter to us. She is one busy lady, but she always manages to "Git R Dun". Thanks, Lion Jodie!

Until next time, I remain yours in Lionism

DG Doris Kendrick



FROM THE DESK OF THE VDG

Has it been a month since our last Newsletter? My family has been in the process of moving. We are still in Eastland but we sold our house (a two story) and are waiting to build. We move on weekends and work during the week. I would not wish that on anyone!

Cindy and I attended the Sweetheart Banquet in Mineral Wells. We meet lots of fun people and hard workers. The banquet is the Clubs only fundraiser for the year and they collect about \$30,000 for the night. GREAT WORK!

Coming up the first weekend in March is the Leadership forum in Austin. I am told it is a great tool for all Lions and especially the VDG's. So I am due more education?

I know this is short, but we are still moving plus our internet has been down since the 15th of February. Try going with out your internet for two weeks. What did we ever do before the internet?

I am going to try to visit some of the Clubs for DG Doris. Please call me if I don't call you first. Thanks!

The District Convention is coning up in April, hope to see every one there.

VDG Dean

Our Texas Lions Camp

Workday Warriors!!!!

The Texas Lions Camp is in full swing preparing for the upcoming summer camp season. Coming off a great year in 2007, with 1,516 children attending summer camp, this year is expected to be even better. Three Workdays scheduled the first Saturdays of March, April, and May prepare the grounds and facilities for the excited children that will use them starting June 1.



On March 1, the first Workday saw over 100 Lions from all over the state rolling up their sleeves to lend a hand. District 2-E1 Lions should be proud of their very own PDG Hal Griffin, who put his elbow grease to good work cutting and clearing in the flowerbeds outside of the dining hall. Along with his participation and that of other caring Lions like him, the Texas Lions Camp will be ready in time for camp.

The 2-E1 Lions, along with so many Lions across the state, are making a difference in the lives of the numerous children that Texas Lions Camp serves each year. Thanks for a job well done!

Trish Wilson
Development Director
Texas Lions Camp
Kerrville, TX

Elmwood West Lions News



Lisa Smith, Executive Director of Abilene Adult Day Care, receives a \$500 donation from the Elmwood West Lions Club presented by Lion Bo Mathews.



Gail Pickel, Secretary Elmwood West Lions Club, presents a \$500 donation from the Club to Randy Halstead, Executive Director, Abilene Hope Haven.

School - A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

Tissue and Eye Bank



Quad District Tissue and Eye Bank Meeting March 8, 2008 at UT Southwestern Transplant Services Center in Dallas, Districts 2E-2, 2E-1, 2X-2, 2X-1

Stephenville Lions News

This month we had one Lion transfer to our Club, Lions Sandy Smith, and one member new to Lionism, Melinda Meyers, sponsored by Lion Jodie Dearing.



Lion Boss Les Maxwell is presented a Melvin Jones Award by our own PDG Gary Sult for his work with the Kamina Vision Initiative. The Award was made possible by an anonymous donor.

Just a sampling of the organizations/activities we helped sponsor in March: The Kamina Vision Project, Meals-on-Wheels, American Legion Boys' State, Mustang League Baseball, Special Awards Banquet, Livestock Show, and eyeglass purchases totaling over \$3,700.

Zone 3 Meeting

Zone 3 A and Zone 3 B met March 10, 2008 at the New York Hill restaurant in Thurber Texas sponsored by the Gordon Lions Club for a combined Zone Meeting. We had 25 members present, and guests PDG Hal Griffin and Lion Sandy Griffin, Ivy Green and Lion Tom Isbell. We had a well informed meeting.

PDG Tom Ward presented the program and spoke on the Winter Conference, Lion Sandi Conway spoke on behalf of Lions Services for Children, Lion Sam Conway gave an update from the recent Quad Meeting in Dallas. District Governor Doris Kendrick shared a lot of good information with us. PDG Hal Griffin spoke on our upcoming Convention and the importance for each club to be present and have eligible voting members present. We all support PDG Hal for International Director and look forward to having all Clubs attend our District 2-E1 Convention.

As Region Chair, I want to thank everyone for coming and give a special thanks to the Gordon Lions Club. We all shared in great food, fun and fellowship.

Lion Sandi Conway, Region Chair

Cisco Lions News

Lions Hetrick, Grady Visit Cisco Club (from Cisco Newspaper)

Cisco Lions recently greeted two guests at their noon meeting; Lion Margret Hetrick from the Ranger Lions Club and Lion Gary Grady from the Eastland Lions Club.

Lion Margaret said she was really happy to visit her former Lions Club in Cisco. The Cisco Lions Club was the first she joined. "I was just having breakfast at a local café, where the Lions were holding a meeting. Before I knew it, they had signed me up for their club! But I've never regretted being a Lion," she said. She invited Cisco members to visit the Ranger Lions Club.

Lion Grady gave a program on The Texas Messenger, a quarterly publication of the Eastland County Newspapers. The publication is now a countywide magazine, in part cosponsored by Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Ranger, and Rising Star EDCs, and features events, history, business, people, and articles from around Eastland County.

The Texas Messenger was first published as the Messenger by well-known Comanche County columnist and author, Charles Chupp, Lion Grady explained. After being sold to Eastland County Newspapers' publisher, H. V. O'Brien, the name was changed to The Texas Messenger.

Lion Grady showed examples of older and newer Texas Messengers, and told the Cisco Lions that several sold-out editions are now available on CD. The next two editions will feature businesses from all sponsor towns, and summer fun events, things to do, and places to go in Eastland County, he said. Cisco Lions currently meet on Wednesday in a room at the Cisco Junior College cafeteria. Lion Margaret and Lion Gary enjoyed choosing lunch from a wide variety of delicious entrees and sides, salads and desserts, and greeting old friends.

Nudity - A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter? Haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

Dress-Up - A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, Darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

Bible - A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed inbetween the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, Dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!!!!"

BRYSON LIONS CLUB

(This was in my other email, so I just found it!)

We had Representative Rick Hardcastle visit us in November. He talked about upcoming legislation and what he hoped he could accomplish. Rick has spoken to our Club several times in the past and he has always presented a good program and is willing to answer questions as long as we want to stay and ask them. Very informative.



December saw all the Lions at the home of Lion Bob & PDG Virgie Mitchell. It is always a pot luck dinner and we sack candy for the school kids for Santa to give away. Every sack has a bag of M&Ms and a handful of the mixed candy.

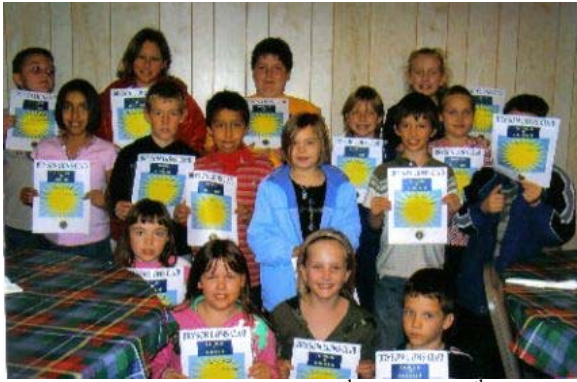


Pictured is Lion John Walden, Lion Pres. Jack Coody and Becky Walden stirring up the various kinds of candy.



Lion Kirk Clayton, Lion Christy Hopper, La Donna Schlittler, Lion Willard Schlittler and Lion Linda McGlathery pack the candy.

One of the things that we enjoy doing is having our "A" honor-roll students for lunch. We have been doing this for about 10 years and the students really look forward to it. They each receive a certificate stating they were on the "A" honor-roll and they have lunch with us.



Pictured is the elementary 2nd through 5th grades. I don't have a list of their names but the little girl in the middle with the blue coat is Lion Bob's and my great-granddaughter, Maci Thomas. She DOES have a certificate but lowered it just as the picture was taken.



The junior high and high school "A" honor-roll students. The young man in back row, second from right is our grandson, Cory Hopper. He is a junior and thinks he wants to go to A&M and major in chemical engineering.



This picture shows some of the elementary students with their principle, Sherry Coody, eating their lunches. In the background you can see Lion David Bowden and Lion John Walden.

Future programs include having a drug dog and his trainer, a member of the Relay for Life

cancer project, eyeglass recycling and Lion Les Maxwell (if I can contact him). When he reads this maybe he will call me!

PDG Virgie Mitchell

Exciting News for Lions who Collect Used Eyeglasses!!!

Release from Lions Clubs International:

Lions Clubs International will post your Club's eyeglass collection locations on the LCI Web site. Simply send an email to: programs@lionsclubs.org with the name of your club and up to six eyeglass drop-off locations, including the name and address of each business or organization that supports your collection efforts. We hope to post locations for every club!

Or, you may complete the "***Lions Recycle for Sight Club Participation Form***" and return it to the Health & Children's Services Department at Lions Clubs International. The form can be downloaded: www.lionsclubs.org (click on "Vision Programs" and then "Eyeglass Recycling" and then "Recycle for Sight." On this page, you'll find a direct link for the participation form – code no. IAD 404).

New! "Lions Recycle for Sight" promotional materials are available to enhance your club's collection campaign. For further information, contact Health & Children's Services at: 630-571-5466, ext. 318 or visit www.lionsclubs.org.

If you wish to view an example of a club that is posted, please go to the "Club Locator" on www.lionsclubs.org Search by State and then by City. Look up "Burr-Ridge Hinsdale Oak Brook Lions Club"

See Y'all Friday (or Saturday).



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