

# The Lions Den

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## From District Governor Linda.....

The Mid-Winter conference is just around the corner and we have a very special day in San Marcos planned for you on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

It will involve several breakout sessions for information exchange, guest speakers who can talk about the killer in our area known as Diabetes, and some other fun and games. One special guest that we all know is our own Trish Wilson, the fast-talking woman from Kerrville! Please come to the event with a positive attitude and a desire to learn.

We have included the Awards Matrix in this issue of the Lions Den for your review.

BEWARE, you may be asked to give up the last of your cash. But, it will be for a good cause.

Here are some reminders about the Mid-Winter Conference....

- ◆ Bring a door prize
- ◆ Bring money
- ◆ Bring a silent auction item
- ◆ Bring more money
- ◆ Bring an appetite...if you pre-paid, your meal gets you in the door and it's delicious.
- ◆ Desserts are provided for sale as a fundraiser.
- ◆ Bring prospective or new members for orientation and induction
- ◆ Bring even MORE money!! LOL

See you in San Marcos on January 26<sup>th</sup>! The gavel drops at 8:45 am!! Don't plan to leave early because we have a jam-packed Saturday. Remember, we have new member induction and orientation

for anyone wanting to be amazed at our history.

So, please come!! Questions? Call me at 512-799-2924.



Linda

## District Leadership 2018-2019

**1st Vice District Governor**  
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**International President**  
[Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir](#)

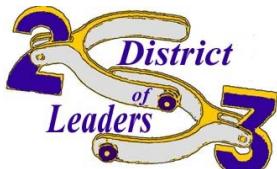
## FINDING UNIQUE PLACES TO HOLD INDUCTIONS

Adopt refusing to say, "That's always the way we do it!"

In Liberty Hill, they have a beautiful "Sculpture Park". I've had discussions with members of that club to hold new member induction ceremonies at the park. That place is very special to the members of that community. Invite the member's family to attend along with members of the community to this ceremony. Make it special for both the member's family and the club.

Next month, we'll talk about New Member Orientations

### First VDG Larkin Smith



### THE LIONS NETWORK OF PEOPLE

In the November *Lion Magazine* there is a quote from Stella Foo of the Lions Club of Kuala in Malaysia. She said: "My heart to serve soared when I realized how powerful is the network of people that I am in".

It is really a great network of people that we serve with. We each need to evaluate where we are in our service as Lions and learn to use our available network. Each one of us are at different points in our service journey and we should each challenge ourselves to grow.

Those who are learning to active at the club level should find ways to be more engaged within the local club and strengthen the local network. As we grow in service, Lions can learn to be more active in the Zone and District activities. These steps of growth will help each of us to unlock to potential of the Lions Network.

During the past few months I have gained more appreciation for the power of our network. During my participation in ALLI this past November in Canada I learned that members from everywhere have the same service goals as we do in District 2 S3. The knowledge gained from sharing common experience has helped me to grow in my desire to serve both in my local club and to serve you as your 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

I hope each of you challenge yourselves to explore what is out there. Hopefully you will find the powerful network of people that are Lions will be an encouragement to you and stimulate you to grow as a Lion and a Lion leader.

**2nd VDG Gary Fuchs**



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## **AWARDS—WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY**

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<b>2-S3 Lions Indi- vidual Awards</b>	<b>Sub- mis- sion Dead- line</b>	<b>Criteria for Award</b>	<b>Submitted to:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Presented By:</b>
Texas Lions Hall of Fame	30 days before MWC	Bestows honor to outstanding Lions who have given usefully of their time, talent, and means to further the cause of humanitarian services; including community involvement; minimum of 15 years of service; nominate one lion every 3 years. Resolution format with attachment showing years of service, activities, positions held, awards received, current position, and community service.	District Governor, upon receipt of candidate's Club signoff using double envelopes	Selection committee made up of past Hall of Fame winners.	District Governor at State Convention.
D2-S3 Hall of Honor	N/A	Highest member Award based on serving District 2-S3 Cabinet and/or a District Committee for 5+ years, serving District now, and including community involvement.	N/A	District Governor.	District Governor
Harry Reasonover	30 days before District Convention	Highest individual Award in D2-S3; named for delegate who was present at the first Convention of Lions Clubs International; Service rendered at both club & district levels; based on Nomination Reports; Use resolution format for nominations.	District Governor, upon receipt of candidate's Club signoff	Secret Selection Committee, 3 Lions in good standing	Doris Treadwell, West Austin Club, Plaque, at District Convention
Gold Spur	30 days before District Convention	Outstanding Service to Lionism 1+ years; based on Nomination Reports; Use resolution format for nominations.	District Governor, upon receipt of candidate's Club signoff	Secret Selection Committee, 3 Lions in good standing	District Governor, at District Convention
Silver Spur	30 days before District Convention	Outstanding Service to Lionism in first year; based on Nomination Reports; Use resolution format for nominations.	District Governor, upon receipt of candidate's Club signoff	Secret Selection Committee, 3 Lions in good standing	District Governor, at District Convention

D2-S3 Lions CLUB Awards	Deadline	Criteria for Award	Submitted to:	Approved By:	Presented By:
<i>Service to New Heights UNDER REVIEW</i>	<i>30 Days Before District Convention</i>	<i>Most service activities</i>	New Braunfels Breakfast	New Braunfels Breakfast	PDG Michael Smith, New Braunfels Breakfast Club, Banner Patch and/or Certificate
C.W.A. MacCor-mack	30 Days Before District Convention	Most active club: MMRs & SARs in D2-S3; Named for delegate who was present at the first Convention of Lions Clubs International.	District Governor	District Governor	President Scott Hen-drix, Austin Found-er Club
FELLOWSHIPS	Deadline	Criteria for Award	Submitted to:	Approved By:	Presented By:
LSLEB Celeste & Harrison Shepherd Fellow	None	\$1000 for each fellow for dedicated service to saving sight	Send gifting form to: Lone Star Lions Eye Bank P. O. Box 347 Manor, TX 78653	N/A	Donor
Jack Weich Fellow (TLC focus)	None	\$1000 for each fellow to provide the means for improvements to the camp programs and facilities	Send gifting form to: Texas Lions Camp PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029-0247	N/A	Donor
Melvin Jones Fel-low (MJF) or Progres-sive Melvin Jones Fel-low (PMJF)	None	\$1000 for each fellow to one of five special program areas. Use Form LCIF42M	<a href="mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org">donorassistance@lionsclubs.org</a> or mail to:  Lions Clubs International Founda-tion Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547	N/A	Donor
LCI WEB SITE and NEWS-LETTER Awards	Deadline	Criteria for Award	Submitted to:	Approved By:	Presented By:
Internation-al Web Site Con-test	May 1	Send club URL. Use Form PR753	<a href="mailto:PR@lionsclubs.org">PR@lionsclubs.org</a> or mail to Lions Clubs International, Public Relations and Communications Division, 300 W 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842	Judged at LCI Con-vention	
Internation-al Newsletter Contest	May 1	Send best newsletter (2 copies) Use Form PR753	<a href="mailto:PR@lionsclubs.org">PR@lionsclubs.org</a> or mail to Lions Clubs International, Public Relations and Communications Division, 300 W 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842	Judged at LCI Con-vention	

## MESSAGE FROM PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT AND LCIF CHAIRPERSON DR. NARESH AGGARWAL



Dear Lions,

As I meet more and more Lions who are dedicated to making positive change, I always find myself awestruck at what Lions accomplish. Your compassion and desire to do good deserves an endless round of applause!

Thank you to Lions who serve by contributing their time and talent. The many hours you dedicate to serving your community and your world are an extraordinary effort that is greatly appreciated by me, Lions of the world, and those whose lives are changing because of you. Thank you to the Lions who are able to make donations to the Foundation. Thank you to every Lion who believes in the motto, "We Serve."

Wherever I travel, Lions are raising their hands to join the LCIF movement. While every Chairman is given the target of raising more funds, I have given myself a different target – to significantly raise the number of Lions who contribute to LCIF. So please encourage Lions around you and keep in mind the "Power of Each" – small donations make a big difference.

Without you, we would not be able to make such great strides. We're extending a helping hand to vulnerable populations. We're putting a stop to avoidable blindness. We're educating our children. We're supporting those who have lost everything in a natural disaster. We're fighting diabetes. We're feeding the hungry. We're protecting our environment. And, we're combating childhood cancer. If you have not done so yet, visit [LCIF.org/BE100](http://LCIF.org/BE100) to find out more about our plans for the future, including Campaign 100.

The world faces challenges, but Lions are here to give hope. Our Foundation is here to assist Lions. Again, thank you for your service, from the bottom of my heart.

Namaste!

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal  
Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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## FIRST IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE LONE STAR LIONS EYE BANK...

Many people have no idea what an Eye Bank does, and certainly not what our Lone Star Lions Eye Bank does. The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank was started by District 2-S3 in 1974. It is composed of 3 districts: 2-S3, 2-S5 and 2-X3 which cover 36 Texas counties. Our Eye Bank recovers corneas for Transplant and corneas and whole globes for research and eye surgeries, as well as educates the public as to what eye banks do. **It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity – which means donations are tax deductible.**



The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank is unique because of our structure. There is a Board of Directors composed of Lions who are elected for 3-year terms from their districts and who are responsible for the oversight of the LSLEB. There are 6 directors from each district, plus the Governors and 2 Vice District Governors from those 3 districts. The Board meets at least 4 times a year and oversees the Professional Staff of the Lions Eye Bank (currently 17 employees, 11 of which are full time). The Executive board is selected for 1 year terms from those 18 directors for the positions of President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President and 3 members who each represent a district. This executive board meets an additional 4 to 6 times a year. The Board must approve all contracts, employee positions, employee benefits, policy manuals, and equipment acquisitions and/or improvements. It also administers a Reserve Fund.

**The board members receive neither compensation nor reimbursement of expenses for their services.**

The Professional Staff includes an Executive Director, Referral or Consent Coordinators, Technical and Distribution Staff, Recovery Technicians, Quality Assurance and Control, Hospital Development, Surgeon Development, Office Manager and Bookkeeper. An MD is also the Medical Director (**who serves without compensation**).

The Executive Director is responsible for making sure that the Eye Bank follows all the regulations of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) and the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Eye Bank is inspected every 3 years by EBAA and every 4 years by the FDA. The Executive Director, in addition to being the Chief Administrator to whom all departments report, also prepares medical reviews, is the chief financial officer, reports to the EBAA on a regular basis, oversees all operations, makes recommendations, and reports to the Board of Directors.

Referral or Consent Coordinators are those individuals who contact the family members of the deceased, get the medical information from the hospital or medical examiner or medical facility, do the Triage (getting patient information covering medical and social history), coordinate the recovery of tissue with the hospital, funeral home, medical examiner's office or other locations, send out the recovery technicians, and do follow up with the donor families. They coordinate with other organ and tissue centers as well. This is stressful and emotionally demanding work that requires patience, empathy and caring.

Next month I'll continue with the job functions of other professional staff. Feel free to visit our website: [www.lsleb.org](http://www.lsleb.org). We are also on Facebook at Lone Star Lions Eye Bank.

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## Texas Lions Camp News

**By Ann Ward  
District 2 S-3 North Elected Director**

Texas Lions Camp President John Eads tells a story about asking a 10-year-old boy in a wheelchair about his experience at Texas Lions Camp that summer. The boy told John, "I spend 51 weeks of the year in a place made just for you, and one week in a place made just for me. And it's like Heaven on Earth." That boy's words bring tears to my eyes every time I hear them, and to John's every time he retells that boy's story.

This is why we Lions need to be recruiting campers for the summer 2019 sessions at Texas Lions Camp. Online enrollment is available now at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com). Paper applications will be accepted after Feb. 1.

Clubs should reach out to schools, special education professionals, therapists, physicians, nurse practitioners, parents and others. It's especially important to reach out to families of children with Type 1 diabetes – those camping sessions fill up quickly! Use your club website to promote Texas Lions Camp, as well as your Facebook page, and any other social media platforms you use.

One of the best things about Texas Lions Camp is that children with special needs spend a week with other children just like them. They have real peers, perhaps for the first time ever. They make friends that may last a lifetime. And, they have fun! Let's all work to find qualifying children so they can spend a week in a place made just for them!

And, let's get our camp ready to receive children. If your club hasn't already registered for the annual spring **Work Days** at camp, please sign up now! Follow the links on the Texas Lions Camp Home page (scroll down to pictures of previous Work Days). The Work Days are scheduled for the first Saturdays of March, April and May (March 2, April 6 and May 4). Join some 500 Lions from across the state each Work Day. Each club is assigned a specific task. From painting dorms to gardening and trail maintenance, Lions serve TLC while building camaraderie among club members. This is a great opportunity for new Lions to see Texas Lions Camp.

If your club hasn't had a Texas Lions Camp program in a couple of years, it's time for an update! I would love the opportunity to present a program to your club. Please contact me at [award-comm@gmail.com](mailto:award-comm@gmail.com) or at 512-338-1623 to schedule a club presentation.

*"One of the world's premier summer camps, the Texas Lions Camp was founded in 1949 and dedicated to the perpetual enjoyment of children who have physical disabilities. Today, TLC serves about 1,500 excited campers per summer and has provided services to more than 70,000 since its inception."*



## **LIONS District 2-S3 Charitable/Disaster Relief Fund (CDRF) Matching Funds Request Form**

The CDRF provides funds for local disaster relief and to aid LIONS Clubs in charitable efforts that are beyond the resources of the individual club.

The CDRF will match funds up to \$1,000.00 raised by a club to aid in their project

Once the CDRF Request has been approved, the 2-S3 Charities Treasurer will issue a check payable to the service provider.

**LIONS Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other LIONS Club(s) assisting in project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Request description:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
=====

**Name and address of service provider:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Person(s) benefitting from project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this an emergency situation:** Yes  No  **Date funds needed:** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Club contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Contact's phone number: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Contact's email:** \_\_\_\_\_
- =====

**Submit requests to: PDG Frank Kinald, 604 W Sequoia Spur, Georgetown, TX 78628**

**In an emergency situation, the completed Request form may be emailed to: PDG Frank Kinald**

## **"Membership Growth" New Members - December**

Congratulations to the newest members of District 2-S3 and their sponsors. **District Governor Linda Davis**

### **Austin Founder Lions Club**

Thomas Benevelli	sponsored by	Ann Ward
Nancy Philips	sponsored by	Glenda Summers

### **Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club**

Elisabeth McNeese	sponsored by	Norman Schaule
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### **Pflugerville Lions Club**

Julian Acosta	sponsored by	Wayne Redd
Larry Paseornek	sponsored by	Cesar Ruiz

### **San Marcos Club**

Dennis Gutierrez	sponsored by	Samantha Armbruster
Gary Loyd	sponsored by	Mitchell Hoffman

### **Schertz Cibolo Lions Club**

Mel Fields	sponsored by	Dorothy Short
Deborah Sanchez	sponsored by	Darlene Evans

### **University of Texas—University Campus Club**

Shree Balaji  
 Mitchell Fellows  
 Kenneth Fernandez  
 Tony Ho  
 Anusha Jiwani  
 Austin Lee  
 David Lee  
 Ethan Maddin  
 Paula Manaloto  
 Rohan Matthew  
 Miranda Rivera  
 Linda Thi  
 Troy Waldrop  
 Diavione Williams  
 Shala Williams  
 Vanessa Zapata

*In Memory*

<b>Thaddeus McDonald</b>	<b>Austin Capital City</b>
<b>Gustavo Garcia</b>	<b>Austin Founder Lions</b>
<b>Robert Walcott</b>	<b>Austin Founder Lions</b>
<b>Dayton Tatman</b>	<b>Spring Branch-Bulverde</b>
<b>Lindall Clinton Rose</b>	<b>New Braunfels Evening Lions</b>

### **In Memory of Lion Lin Rose**

Lindall Clinton Rose Sr. passed peacefully at the age of ninety-three at his home in New Braunfels, TX on December 30th, 2018. He was born April 30th, 1925 in Nocona, TX to Bearllie and Lillie Belle Rose. Lin loved New Braunfels so much upon first sight that he moved his family here to what he deemed as paradise. His time in New Braunfels was spent residing on or near the humble yet gorgeous shores of the Comal River. Lin's more than sixty years in New Braunfels were filled with service and civic duty, including helping to establish our Little League Program and New Braunfels first swim team in Landa Park. He was also a Senior Opa of the Wurstfest Association, which he joined in the early 1970's.

Lin was most proud of his service and achievements as an integral member of the New Braunfels Evening Lions Club, reaching the office of District Governor for the International Association of Lions Clubs from 1982 -1983 and was also selected to be the Council Chair for the State of Texas. He was granted the Harry Reasonover Award in 1985, the Texas Lions Hall of Fame in 1989, and the District 2-S3 Service Hall of Honor in 2011. His military career of service began with the U.S. Navy as a young man. Lin retired in 1981 from the Department of Defense as a graphic artist at Randolph AFB. He was a beloved friend, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. Most of his loved ones referred to him as 'Popo'.

Lin was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of sixty years to the day, Kitty Rose; and his very cherished brother and sister-in-law Bobby Patterson and Berniece Fox. He is survived by his children: Valorery Rose Preusser and Jim Preusser; his grandchildren: Lindall "Clint" Rose Jr., Subrina and Howard Athas; Tyson and Jessica Preusser; Jimmie and Robin Preusser, Kori Athas and fiancé Jess Rutherford, great-grandchildren: Ivan and Ingrid Preusser, Jordan Wisdom, Tanner and Tori Mitchem. He has 4 great-great-grandchildren. Lin is also survived by his two sisters and brother-in-law Judy Patterson and Patsy DiFilippo and Bill Fox of Wichita Falls, TX and their families.

Arrangements will be made at a later date for a Celebration of Life in Lin's Honor. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in his name to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, TX.



**With  
Deepest  
Sympathy...**

## **Club Leadership Series—PDG Mike Smith, 2S3 GLT**

### ***The Role of the Vice Presidents***

Well the holidays are over, and our thoughts are focused on the task of leading our Lions clubs in our spring activities. The club president has the task of keeping this year on track as to what happens day to day. There is one club leader that goes into high gear in January and has a vital role to play in maintaining your club's success in the future. If you have not already guessed, it is the Vice President!

A new structure was introduced in the last year or two that outlines major leadership roles within the new club. The structure and organization as it was first presented is ideal for those clubs with a membership level of 25 to 50 members. There is a modification for clubs of less than twenty-five and more than fifty. The role of the Vice President changes as the membership grows or declines. The Lions Clubs with less than twenty-five only have one Vice President; clubs 25 to 50 have ideally two Vice Presidents, and larger than fifty it is recommended to have three Vice Presidents.

Now that we have defined the number of Vice Presidents, what is their actual role in the club leadership arena? The Vice President's role is that they help to implement the global leadership initiative as the leadership Global Action Team (GAT) member at the club level. For the clubs greater than twenty-five, the first VP has this role. The Vice President has the role along with a separate leadership committee of defining who is ready to serve as a club leader going forward and the duty to make sure all members are given the opportunity to serve in a leadership position.

You are the Vice President or First Vice President—do you know your committee starts its deliberations in the month of January? Yes, January is when the leadership begins the task of finding the new club leaders and Board of Directors for the new Lions year starting in July. You only have three and half months to nominate and hold your club elections. (**Deadline is April 15, 2019**). You need to encourage members to not get entrenched in any one position but move forward and take on a new role, so you have more members trained in various positions. This aspect is the hardest to implement I know but the long-term benefits to the club outweigh the short-term difficulty.

This article is the first in a series of monthly newsletter articles I plan to submit to the District Newsletter. I am your Leadership Team coordinator at the District level and I am responsible for helping you as Vice President at the club level understand your changing role. I will be sending all Vice Presidents an email series over the next ten weeks that further defines your role and gives you some helpful hints on implementing some changes in your club organization. Please contact me, PDG Mike Smith, by email with your questions and or comments at [mslions2s3@gmail.com](mailto:mslions2s3@gmail.com).

I look forward to working with you this spring!



## Club News—Austin Founder Lions Club

### AFLC Screen 227 at 'Coats for Kids' Event



A large number of Austin Founder Lions Club members and friends provided vision screening during the Health Fair at the annual "Coats for Kids" distribution, sponsored by the

Junior League of Austin on Dec. 8. Simba, the club's vision screening trailer, was parked on the north patio of the Palmer Events Center, and some 227 individuals – about 70 percent children – were screened, and approximately 27 percent were referred for follow-up exams.

AFLC provided vouchers to 22 individuals, mostly children, for follow-up examinations/glasses, if needed. VSP eye insurance company provided the vouchers as well as a list of doctors who participate with the voucher program.



Some of the Austin Founder Lions participating in the club's vision screening at the Junior League's annual "Coats for Kids" health fair included John Nyfeler, left; Vicki Flaughen; Ann Ward; Rudy Munguia; J.P. Kirksey; and Alan Ford.



Austin Founder Lions Robert Watson, left, and Greg Thompson worked at the "Coats for Kids" vision screening on Dec. 8.

### Moton Crockett Marks Another Year!!!



Founder Lions Club honored its oldest member, Lion Moton Crockett, who turned 96 on Jan. 5. PDG J.P. Kirksey, left, surprised Crockett with a birthday cake as members sang "Happy Birthday!" Crockett was appreciative of the recognition, and everyone enjoyed some delicious chocolate cake.

In addition to being the club's oldest member, Lion Moton is the club's longest serving member at 50 years. He joined the club in 1968. What a treasure!



## ***Rep Donna Howard Speaks to AFLC***



State Representative Donna Howard, who represents House District 48 in Austin, spoke to members of the Austin Founder Lions Club on Jan. 3. The long-time member of the House Appropriations Committee and its subcommittee on higher education said that public education funding would be a top priority for the upcoming legislative session. She explained the disparities in state funding for public schools and charter schools. She noted that more than \$600 million or more than 50 percent of the property taxes collected from property taxpayers in the Austin Independent School District will be sent to the State under the "recapture" or Robin Hood system.

She noted that in addition to public and higher education, her priorities included addressing mental health needs, expanding access to post-partum care for low-income women and helping foster children transition out of foster care when they reach legal age.

AFLC member Gaylord Armstrong introduced Rep. Howard, reporting that she has served in the Texas House of Representatives since 2006. During

the 2017 legislative session, she served as vice chair of the powerful Calendars Committee, which sets the agenda for House floor debate.

The Austin native earned a Bachelor's degree in nursing and a Master's degree in health education from the University of Texas. She worked as a critical care nurse at Brackenridge and Seton hospitals, and served as Austin's first hospital-based Patient Education Coordinator. She is a past president of the Texas Nurses Association (District 5) and was a health education instructor at UT.

Rep. Howard was elected to the Eanes Independent School District board in West Austin for the 1996-1999 term. She has served on the boards of Austin Area Interreligious Ministries, Common Cause Texas, Texas Freedom Network and the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. She now serves as a board member of the Expanding Horizons Foundation, supporting low-income housing and education.

She and her husband Derek, an attorney, have three adult children and four grandchildren. She is active in her neighborhood and church communities.



## AFLC Honors Member's Namesake School

### Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy

On Dec. 6, approximately 30 members of the Austin Founder Lions Club visited the Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy, a middle school named in honor of Lion Gustavo L. "Gus" Garcia. Austin Founder Lions Club President Scott Hendrix and AFLC member/Austin Independent School District Board Member Ann Teich presented a \$500 check to Sterlin McGruder, school principal. Marina Garcia attended the meeting, and presented the school with a matching \$500 check from she and her husband, who was unable to attend. The club annually honors schools named for former members.

"Our event was very timely," said Leonor Marques, club secretary and Immediate Past President. Garcia died in his home on Dec. 17, 2018. His 40-year civic and political career included many firsts, including being the first Hispanic mayor of Austin, the first Hispanic member of the AISD Board and its first Hispanic board president. Gus and Marina were married for 58 years, and have three sons and five grandchildren.

In 2007, the school district named the Northeast Austin middle school in his honor, and then in 2014 converted it to an all-male campus now called the Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy. The sixth to eighth graders there are issued purple-and-white ties in a ceremony at the beginning of the school year, an accessory they must wear to class, and take a pledge that includes becoming a "Gus Garcia Man." Several students interacted with AFLC members on Dec. 6 and provided information and insights about their school.



As students at Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy look on, Austin Founder Lions Club member/Austin Independent School District Board Member Ann Teich and Club President Scott Hendrix present a \$500 check to Sterlin McGruder, school principal, while Marina Garcia looks on.



## *AFLC Celebrates Holidays!*

### ***AFLC Inducts New Members, Collects Food, Toys at Holiday Party***

About 50 members and their guests celebrated the holidays December 13 at Lions Municipal Golf Course, which the club originally built and gave to the City of Austin. Attendees brought lots of toys which were contributed to the Blue Santa program. In addition, more than 100 cans of food were collected for the Central Texas Food Bank.

Margarine Beaman, a Blue Santa board member, attended the special holiday luncheon and explained how the program works. And, she introduced "Santa," an Austin Police Department officer, who was attired in his blue suit.

PDG J.P. Kirksey inducted new members into the club. Those inductees and their sponsors included:

Thomas Benevelli – sponsored by Ann Ward  
 Jane Edmond – sponsored by Sam Ruiz  
 Nancy Phillips – sponsored by Glenda Summers  
 Brandon Thurman – sponsored by Roberto Martinez  
 Norman Tyring – sponsored by Rudy Munguia

Entertainment included holiday songs by soloist Russell Gregory accompanied by Paul Keith on piano; steel drum music provided by Angela Smith added an island flavor; and group singing of Christmas carols got everyone in the spirit. More than 25 items were included in a silent auction, and a number of door prizes were raffled ranging from poinsettias to a pair of cowboy boots (value \$500) generously donated by Allen Boots. A good time was had by all!



PDG J.P. Kirksey, holding the microphone, inducted new members into the Austin Founder Lions Club at the annual Holiday Party. From left are Brandon Thurmon; his sponsor Roberto Martinez; Rudy Garcia; his new member Norman Tyring; Nancy Phillips; her sponsor Glenda Summers; Kirksey; Jane Edmond whose sponsor Sam Ruiz is not in the photo; Ann Ward; and her new member Tom Benevelli.



## Club News—New Braunfels Evening Lions

### **Wurstfest—A Ten day Salute to Sausage!!!**



Once again, the New Braunfels Evening Lions Club called upon its members to work numerous hours and various shifts to supply the muscle required to man our booth for (10) days of Wurstfest, and as usual they came through with flying colors.

Club members, along with their friends and family, contributed over 300 hours of cooking, prepping, and serving to satisfy the hungry patrons that made it to the Wurstfest grounds this year. Several changes were made to this year's menu in an effort to increase revenue from the event.

Several changes were made to this year's menu in an effort to increase revenue from the event . Fried Twinkies and biscuits and gravy made their debut this year in our booth along with the other items we previously served. The strategy of adding items without adding complexity of additional manpower helped us successfully increase revenue without the need for additional manpower. Another change that happened this year involved our Wurstfest parking lot. The Wurstfest Association designated it for employee parking, so lot administration was simplified but revenue remained the same.

Bottom line, our club raised almost \$30,000.00 in profit at the conclusion of the event. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the set-up, manning, and clean-up of our booth to make this year's Wurstfest another smashing success.



New Braunfels Evening Lions at Wurstfest.

### **Lions Assist Veteran with Service Project**

New Braunfels Evening Lions Club members teamed up to add some much needed repairs to the mobile home of a local veteran. The project originally called for our club to replace the mobile home's laundry room and hallway floor, but a further inspection prompted us to replace all of the washing machine plumbing as well. Six Lions and seven hours later, the project was completed to the delight of Mr. Little, a senior citizen and veteran.

Many thanks to the work crew who gave up a Saturday for this much needed project. The project was done in conjunction with Serve Outdoors, a support organization championed by Lion Darrel Schacht.



## New Braunfels Noon Lions Celebrates Service!



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**Combining our donations** to the Blue Santa and Green Santa charities this year, President **Brandon Mund** presents our check for \$500 (\$250 each) to Blue Santa's **Paul Erickson** and **Maria Elena Gonzales**, and to Green Santa **Theresa Hendon**.



## Club News—Point Venture, Bluebonnet & Canyon Lake Lions

### Point Venture Lions

Three PV Lions, Laurie Carr, Cindy Clemons and Jackie Lambert along with Lago Vista Lion Mike Beal, SPOT custodian conducted Vision Screening at the Harmony School of Endeavor in Austin. 217 students from K through 7th grade were tested with 27 needing referrals (12%).



Pictured above are Point Venture Lions Laurie Carr and Cindy Clemons with school nurse, Teneisha Ainsworth.

### Bluebonnet Lions Club

Thanks to Lion Cherry for organizing the Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringing! Thanks to all the Lions who rang the bell to raise funds for the Salvation Army to continue their work.

This year's LCI Peace Poster theme is "Kindness Matters". Winners have been selected. Pictured right, Lions Trish and Carol had the hard job of judging!



### Canyon Lake Noon Lions



Lion Candice Fierro welcomed new Lion Emery Wren Fierro into the world on December 6th, 2018! What better baby gift than a stuffed Lion (that's nearly as big as she is!). Welcome, Emery, and congratulations to the new parents!



New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung Managing Editor Keith Domke (a New Braunfels Noon Lion) was guest speaker at the January 3rd meeting. President Diane Schaule presented him with her Club's 40th Anniversary pin!

## Holidays with Garden Ridge Lions

**2018 Garden Ridge Lions Operation Santa Claus:** As is our annual tradition, the Garden Ridge Lions Club distributed food baskets and toys this year to needy families in our local community. We start Operation Santa Claus in early November, sending out solicitation letters through our contacts in the local elementary schools, church members, social services and other sources to assist us in identifying deserving families that we may be able to serve during the holiday season. The night before delivery, Lions members, spouses, sons, daughters, and grandchildren help sort the food baskets and toys for the recipient families. The next morning begins the delivery process to the homes of the needy.

This year we selected 51 families consisting of 153 children. We spent \$2,736 on food, at an average cost of a little under \$54 per family; a great bang for our buck. We also teamed up with Elf Louise again, a local charity who provides thousands of free toys to children annually throughout the San Antonio community. Elf Louise provided us with free toys for most of the children on our list. In addition, the Garden Ridge Women's Club also donated toys, allowing us to provide gifts to the remaining children on our list. Between Elf Louise and the Women's Club, we were able to provide two toys each to all 153 children. There were heartwarming stories of some of the hardships seen by our members and also heartfelt thanks they and our Club received for the food and gifts by the recipient families and children. It was well worth our time and effort; 1st Vice President Bill Swint, Operation Santa Claus Chairman and Mandy Hagy, Co-Chair.

A note from President Mark Dubois:.. What a team effort for them as they gathered family names for delivery, ordered toys for each child, ordered food for the food baskets, mapped out the routes for delivery to the families, and organized delivery of the toys and food to the Community Center and then out to the families. What an amazing team effort! Thank you all very much.

Victoria Speakmon, daughter of Lion Dave and Lori Speakmon, initiated a hygiene drive in support of the children of the 50 families on our Lions Operation Santa Claus list; over two-hundred children will each receive two toys/gifts and a hygiene kit for Christmas, along with a generous food basket for the family. Victoria raised the money, ordered the needed hygiene supplies and built the kits specifically geared to the sex and age of each child. The kits consisted of soap, toothpaste, deodorant, fragrances, etc., and was individually wrapped in a net Christmas stocking. Victoria has assisted in our Lions Operation Santa Claus for many years, starting when she was a young child. She truly has the giving spirit.



### OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



## More Holiday Spirit with Garden Ridge Lions



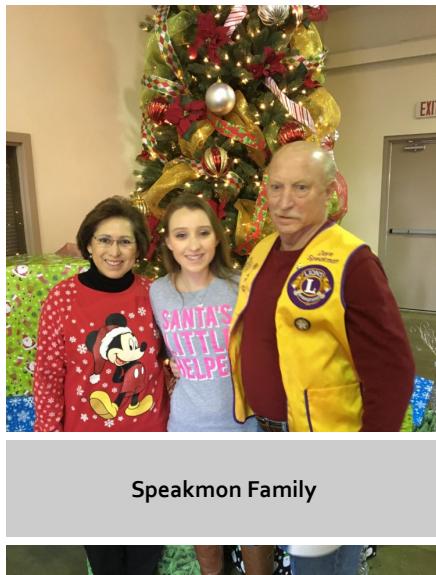
Mandy Hagy & Victoria Speakmon



Filling Carts with Joy!!



New Lions Rick & Marva Shelton



Speakmon Family



Greg Loser & Rick Shelton



# We Serve

### **Wimberley Lions Club**

The Wimberley Lions program for the evening, presented by Dr. Charles Johnson, was on the Medical Explorers program offered by Texas State University. Dr. Johnson was one of the founders of this program that is designed to help college students decide which area of health/medicine they want to pursue as a career. Started in 1991, the Medical Explorers program is a unit of the Boy Scouts of America, and the only one of its kind in the US. Their primary sponsor is the Hays County EMS, and the students have weekly meetings with presentations by health professionals. Students also have structured mentoring opportunities where they can go on Missionary trips to serve the poor, shadow a medical or dental professional, volunteer at a hospital, ride along with EMS, or get involved with first responders to name a few. This is a great program of service, learning, and career preparation, and is open to any college student that wants to pursue medicine.



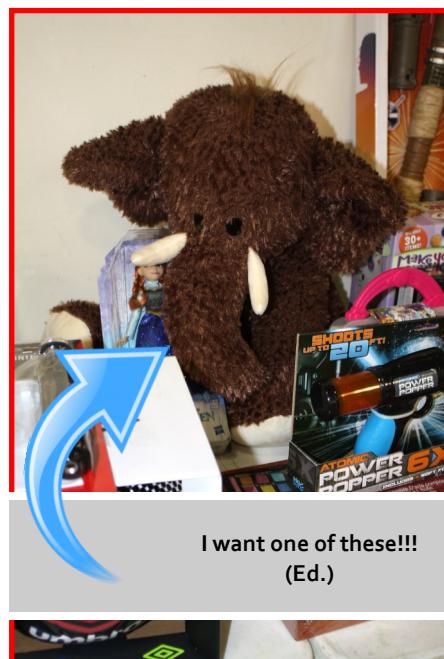
Dr. Johnson explains the Medical Explorers program.



Lion President Richard Newsum presents Dr. Johnson with a certificate of appreciation.

### **Gold Santa Program at Wimberley**

The Wimberley Lions donate toys every year for the Gold Santa program that distributes toys to needy children in the community. Looks like quite a haul! Merry Christmas to all!



## **Wimberley Lions Club GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

Lion Patrick Cox presents an update on our upcoming celebration marking the 50th Anniversary of the Wimberley Lions Club and \$4 Million in grants, youth exchange and scholarships given to the Wimberley community. He holds a copy of the local newspaper from 1972, when Market Days first opened at its present location as a Lions project to raise money for the community. The celebration will be held on January 15, 2019 at the Wimberley Community Center, from 5:30 to 7:30PM.



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Wimberley Lions welcomed new member Jamie Jobes to the club at the December 4 meeting. Lion Jamie has lived in Wimberley since 2004, and recently retired as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 127. He is a welcome addition to the club and looks forward to helping out at Market Days. Shown from left are Lion President Richard Newsum, 2VP Lion Eric Price who is Jamie's sponsor, new

Lion Jamie Jobes, and Membership Chair Lion Tom Campbell.



## **Hutto Leos & Lions**

The Hutto Leos totally organized the town's 'Orange Santa' that grew to serving 300 needy families this year. Many community organizations came together to enjoy the fun and to provide needed services for families with children. Families were invited to the Hutto HS for fun, health services, and given items to make a more enjoyable Christmas. The JROTC of Texas State Technical College of Williamson County provided coats, local hairstylists were giving free hair cuts, Hutto Lions Club provided eye exams, the Hutto High School HOSA club provided blood pressure checks, the Farley Leos conducted Santa's Workshop with crafts and letter writing to Santa as well as photo ops with Santa, various other student groups gave away snacks.



Both HEB and Walmart provided bags that were arranged neatly on tables. One bag contained corn, green beans, stuffing, cornbread, cranberries, and desserts for each family. Costco gave them a deal on turkeys. The second bag contained toys three toys that were paired with children of each family. They were on the table so runners could quickly identify them. Once the family and the kids had gone through and enjoyed everything else, they would check in and a runner would get their bags of food and gifts to take out to the car for each family.

This is just one more example of the Lions and Leos of Hutto being well known for their many visible and meaningful public events.