



# THE LIONS' TALE

## New Braunfels Noon Lions

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Prez Brandon  
Dr. Simmons  
3VP Dolly

Is it WAY too early to wish you all a very

Merry Christmas  
and/or  
Happy Chanuka  
?

**W**e'll say not, OK? After all, the retail stores have been decorating for the season since weeks before Halloween. We don't want to be spectacularly late to the party.

**And speaking of the party**, your Noon Lions will celebrate their annual Nativity Bash on Thursday evening, 20 December, at the Seekatz Opera House from 6 to 9 pm (that's 1800 to 2100 for those who wore the uniform) and it will take the place of our usual noon luncheon/business meeting. Additional details are assumed to be forthcoming — stuff like, will there be a gift exchange, ugly sweater contest or public display of tattoos.

**One thing is almost certain**: what with **Ronnie Thompson's** transfer to the Canyon Lake Club, the likelihood of **Kitty Welch's** leading of a Tootie-Ta line seems remote at best. Perhaps a volunteer will step forward to take that on.

**Does it bother anyone else** that every Christ-

image you will encounter this season will be replete with white Christmases, snowmen, ponds full of fur-trimmed skaters, belled horses pulling open sleighs over the mountain and through the woods to Grandmother's house?

**I can't remember at what** age it hit me like a draft notice — *we don't have any of that stuff in South Texas!* All my ingrained images of the season were nothing more than brain-washing.

**I know a bunch of us** have transferred in from winter wonderlands like Iowa and New York. You all had all that stuff in your youth, and I'm wondering if you felt gypped and/or shocked by your first couple of Christmases down here. If so, tough!. You've at least had the chance to actually live those Christmas cards at some point.....but, then again, while t-shirts at Christmas won't evoke images of Currier & Ives, they're surely more comfortable than parkas.

**God Bless Texas!**



Currier & Ives' blatant thumb in your eye depicting a "real" Christmas which we have no chance to experience.

## BUSINESS MEETING — 1 NOVEMBER

**L**ions and guests were presented with a rare opportunity today to learn just how much they *didn't know* about the special place that they call home...New Braunfels!

**Featured speaker Jan Kingsbury** of Spass Walking Tours, provided us with a sampling of the history of our city from its rugged beginnings to its present day flourishing growth.

**For those who are native** to this area, Ms. Kingsbury's knowledgeable revelations of the many Gems 'hidden' in plain sight afforded them a trip down Memory Lane while the rest of us "auslanders" were 'educated' on the wealth of traditions and experiences yet to be explored through its culture, history and cuisine.

**From the founding** of New Braunfels in 1845, its historical business and residential structures, the Sophienburg Museum and Archives, Museum of Texas Homemade Furniture and Conservation Plaza, the historical murals depicting the early days of New Braunfels to the lush surroundings of Landa Park and the Comal River, one can be transported through the annals of time...or live in the moment.

**Whether taking any** of the Spass Walking Tours or visiting the sites on your own, Ms. Kingsbury's presentation whetted our appetites to consider embracing the 'Specialness' of this beautiful town we call home. Visit [www.spasswalkingtours.com](http://www.spasswalkingtours.com) or stop by the New Braunfels Visitors Bureau to find out places of interest.

[by Lee Ambrosino]



**Newest Noon Lion Jeff Coultas** proudly displays his Certificate of Membership and, membership card after his initiation into this prestigious organization.

**Welcome aboard, Jeff!**

## BUSINESS MEETING — 15 NOVEMBER

**O**ur featured speaker this day was **Jessica Thomas** from CASA of Central Texas, established in 1985. CASA, an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates for children is a national volunteer movement founded in 1977. CASA of Central Texas is a member of the National and Texas CASA Associations. There are more than 1,000 CASA programs nationwide and 71 CASA programs in the state of Texas. With offices situated in both New Braunfels and San Marcos, the agency serves Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe and Hays Counties.

**Their Vision: the belief** that every child has the right to a safe, nurturing, permanent home. Their Mission: to advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system by recruiting, training and supporting community volunteers.

**Ms. Thomas shared some** startling statistics on the ever-growing number of children who become wards of the court due to neglect and abuse in their home environment. Here in this region, they are assigned a CASA volunteer who liaisons between the child and a specific court established to hear the Child Protection Docket exclusively. She outlined the qualifications for becoming a CASA volunteer as well as the time commitments and training requirements involved. For details on CASA or to become a volunteer, please visit [www.casacentex.org](http://www.casacentex.org).

[by Lee Ambrosino]

# Wurstfest Revisited

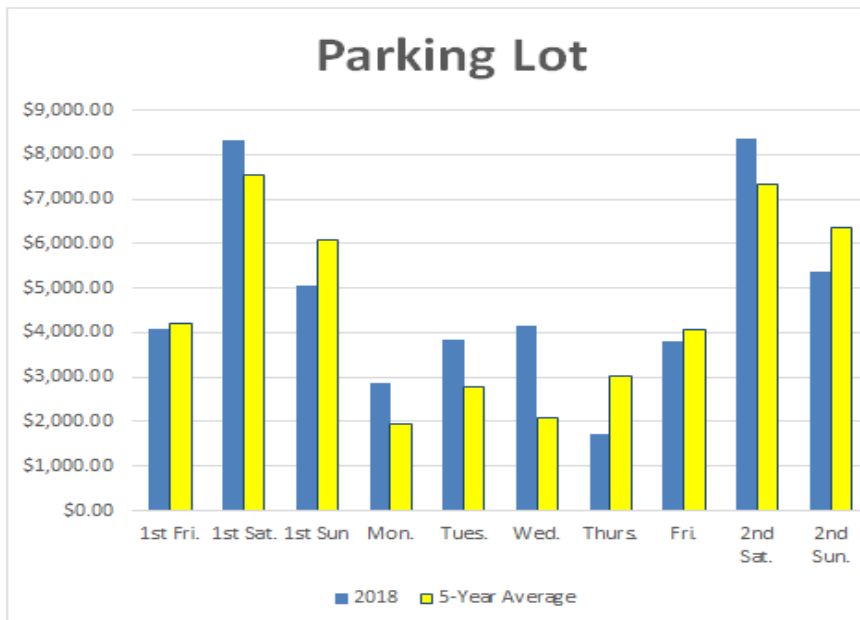
**T**o borrow from the late sports broadcasting legend **Keith Jackson**, “WHOA NELLIE!” Not only did we survive yet another Ten Day Salute to Sausage (*and Profit*) but **We Served** the public in services both *gastronomical* and *astronomical* — that is, in matters concerning time and space. Or, parking cars as it were. (The scientific definition is more impressive the pedestrian alternative.

The gross numbers (not as in “icky”, but as opposed to *net* numbers) issued by Treasurer **Craig Zgabay** at the end of November looked like this:

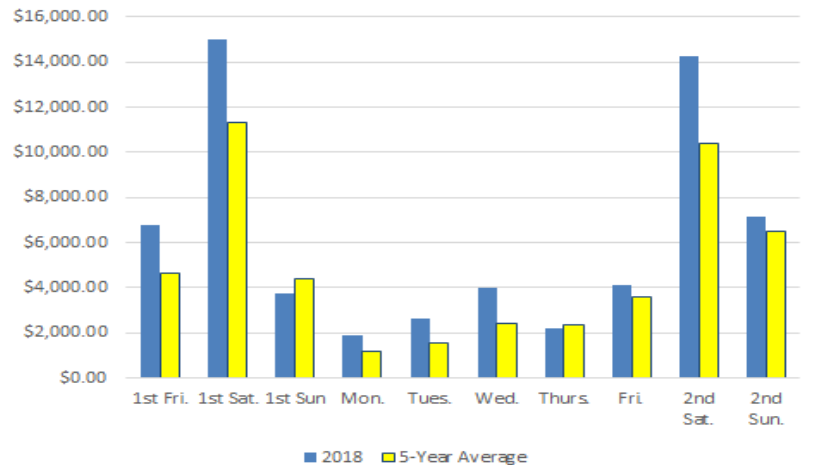
Parking lot    \$47,635  
Food booth    \$61,705  
Total            \$109,341

We should be able to finance a few scholarships with gifts left over, even after all the bills are paid.

For those who are more visually gratified by bar graphs, our treasurer also issued the following data showing this year’s action versus the 5-year running average. The numbers are impressive. We exceeded our five-year averages 5 of 10 days, and came mighty danged close in two more.



## Food Booth



It does not fall to your old ink-stained wretch to thank you all for coming out and volunteering your time and efforts to the cause. I’m certain your shift captains and the veeps in charge — **David** in the food booth and **Dolly** in the parking lot — have already done that profusely. But let the record show that 68 Noon Lions manned 10 days of food booth shifts, logging a total of **895 hours** in the process. Twenty-one LEOs volunteered an additional 135 hours, and 46 other volunteers (spouses, family co-workers) added 156 hours to the total — 1186 man-hours.

Over in **Dolly’s** parking lot 28 shifts were scheduled over the ten days for which 63 Noon Lions (and a spouse or two) volunteered, expending **510 hours** in that often muddy service. The NBHS US-MCJROTC also furnished 22 cadets for the project who furnished 210 hours of service over the 10 days, and made more than a few chow runs back to the booth.

**Thank you all** for living our motto “We Serve”. Many hands make light work. We did good. —Ed.

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# Wurstfest Revisited

## Part 2



## Vision Screening Winding Down

### But There Are Still Two Chances to Get Involved

M 12-03	9:00 A.M.	Oak Run Middle	NBLC	415 Timber Hollow	
T 12-04	9:00 A.M.	N.B. Middle	NBLC	4150 Klein Meadow	

### New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

Officers & Directors for 2018—2019

#### Officers

**Brandon Mund**, President  
**David Simmons**, First Vice-president  
**Dolly Williams**, Second Vice-president  
**Robert Armstrong**, Third Vice-president  
**Doreen Fisher**, Secretary  
**Craig Zgabay**, Treasurer  
**Dave Heefner**, Lion Tamer  
**Lee Ambrosino**, Chairman Membership Committee, PP, Zone 5A Chair  
**Jack Morgan**, Immediate Past President, LCIF Coordinator  
**Dennis Heitkamp**, PDG, PCC

#### Directors

**Ginny Rotge**, One-year Director  
**Jim Pope**, One-year Director  
**Howard Weliver**, Two-year Director  
**Stephen Brockman**, Two-year Director

#### Chairs of Standing Committees

**Skip Stem**, Vision Screening  
**Mike Pfeuffer**, Sight Conservation  
**David Simmons**, Care Committee  
**Delia Jade Saucedo**, Tail Twister  
**Cameron Bradfute**, Historian  
**Robert Armstrong**, Head LEO Advisor  
**Bert Childs**, Newsletter editor

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Vanessa Dean</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Frank Howard</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Henry Pruitt</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Buz Farrell</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Henry Hull</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>Dennis Heitkamp</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>Leigh Anne Dubose</b>	<b>11th</b>
<b>David Berger</b>	<b>15th</b>
<b>Ken Pundsack</b>	<b>17th</b>
<b>Michael Geary</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Winki Smith</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Richard Halliburton</b>	<b>29th</b>
<b>Cynthia Michael</b>	<b>31st</b>



# Wurstfest Revisited

## Part 3



# Lion Speak

## For Members Only



**A**s we wrap ourselves in the trappings of this holiday season, for many of us it may also be a time to set aside a few minutes as we take stock of the past year in terms of objectives and goals we set, successes and shortcomings in striving to achieve those goals as well as mapping out a plan for the new year.

**I had determined that the theme** for this month's column was to reiterate and reflect upon the **Lions Code of Ethics** that we as Lions pledged during our induction into Lionism. Little did I know that as I was sitting at my computer to compose this message, the news of the day would be espousing the many merits and contributions upon the passing of one of this nation's public figures and heroes, that of former President George H. W. Bush. Politics aside, one only has to take a page out of his biography to realize that his life was governed by a Code of Ethics that in many respects mirrors those reflected below. I invite you to ponder these words as you gather among family and friends and celebrate the rebirth of life. How we live and act this day can have a far-reaching impact on many tomorrows.

### **Lions Code of Ethics**

*To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service*

*To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.*

*To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.*

*Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.*

*To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demand nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.*

*Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.*

*To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.*

*To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.*

**Wishing you all a blessed** and joyous holiday season! Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment!

Yours in Lionism,

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Find your Lion Member number after a \$ sign in the text of this newsletter and you will get one FREE ticket to be placed in the Drawing of your choice. **Show the number** at the Check-In Table to receive your ticket.

There are two numbers hidden in this issue of **The Lions' Tale**.

NOTE: NEW NUMBERS WILL BE PICKED AT RANDOM FOR EACH MONTH. YOUR NUMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR ONLY ONE DRAWING FOR THE MONTH THAT IT APPEARS IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Don't know what your Member Number is? Check the label on your Monthly **Lions** Magazine.

# *Coming Attractions*

***Your Presence... Your Volunteerism  
Is Most Desired at the upcoming Events!***

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** NB Noon Club Meeting – Speaker: **Kellie Stallous**, Presentation: NB Homeless

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** **Red Kettle** Day Fundraiser – Lions “Ring the Bell” for The Salvation Army  
8 am – 6 pm (2 hour shifts) – Granzin’s Meat Market; WalMart (both doors)

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** NB Noon Club Christmas Party, Seekatz Opera House – 6 – 9 pm  
Social, Dinner and Dancing [Note: No Noon Meeting]

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