



THE LIONS' TALE

New Braunfels Noon Lions

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The time has come again to trot out those same old tired resolutions to which you give the annual nod and wink before going on about your business as usual. If you're one of those rare and valiant souls whose life is so well ordered and correct that there is nothing left to resolve, your old editor stands in true awe. Maybe one of *his* resolutions should be to stand closer to you this year in the hope that some of that rubs off on him.

Your Noon Lions finished up the year with a flurry of activities including vision screen-

ings — we screened **6681 kids in 20 schools** (plus 2 Head Start groups), with **30 Lions** expending **693 hours** of their time in the effort. We brought in a slew of new members, wrote some fat checks to worthy charities, rang the bell for the Salvation Army and enjoyed a Christmas party *par excellence*. More on that later.

In this issue of your house organ an honest attempt will be made to cover it all pictorially. If by some unplanned happenstance your visage does not grace these pages, you have only your editor to blame. Apologies in advance.



BUSINESS MEETING — 6 DECEMBER



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**.



With sincere apologies, the initiation of **Jeff Coultas** was omitted from the December Lions' Tale. (When it comes to newsletter editors, I suspect you get what you pay for.)

Welcome, Jeff, and may your tenure with this august body be much more satisfying in the long run than it has begun.

NATIVITY BASH — 20 DECEMBER

Your club secretary, **Doreen Fisher**, in league with her husband **Kevin**, **Susan Miller**, **Anna Beth Darr** and **Dave Heefner** put a thoroughly festive touch on the old Seekatz Opera House for our annual Christmas party December 20th. In addition to the holiday decorations, games were available with tickets for later drawings as prizes.

Let's see — there was stick-the-Velcro-ornament-to-the-Christmas-tree toss, and the wreath-over-traffic-cone toss and puzzles and crosswords and scrambles with every place setting. There was a photographic venue with **Frank Howard** and **Tom Call** behind the cameras, doing the honors.



After a sumptuous repast of ham and turkey with all the trimmings, a DJ cranked up the dance music. Having a seemingly unlimited open bar with wine and beer and a pony keg of Shiner bock, much of it donated by COMAL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, CAPITOL WRIGHT DISTRIBUTING and TRI-CITY DISTRIBUTORS, did nothing to dampen the spirits, so to speak.

And if the Lions cookie at your place setting had a sticker on the back, the poinsettia centerpiece was yours as a prize. Tom Call drew the lucky dessert at our table but swapped with your old editor — not room enough for both him and flower at home. Thank you, sir.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Part 2



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Part 3



New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

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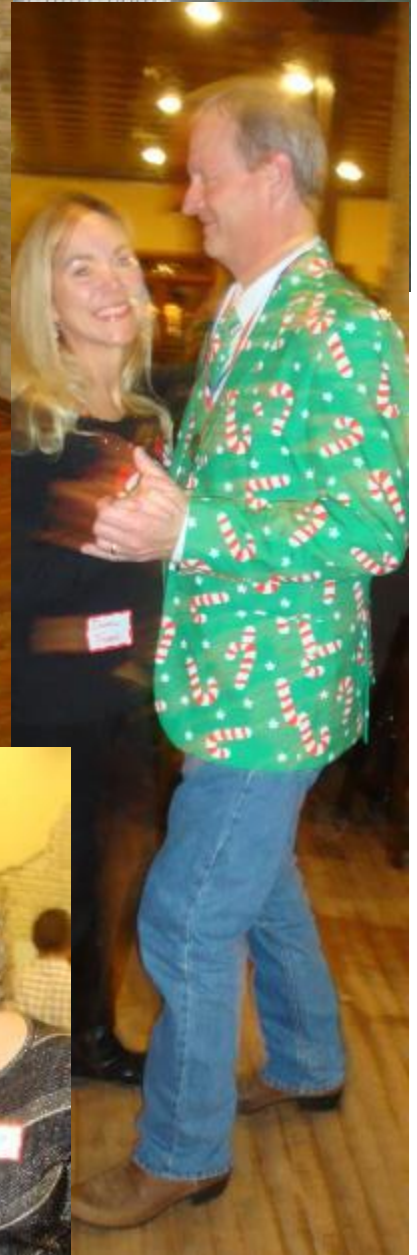
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dave Schreier	6th
David Smith	12th
Tom Call	12th
Bob Holder	16th
Jason Barth	17th
Rick Myrick	18th
Stephanie Bartose	19th
Ray Martinez	20th
Dani Dias	21st
Doreen Fisher	21st
Jim Merket	21st
Heather Orsak	23rd
Anna Beth Darr	24th
La Dale Brimmage	25th
Don Hildebrand	28th
Juanita Wells	29th

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Part 4



Lion Speak

For Members Only



Dear Fellow Lions,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May 2019 bring you and your loved ones good health and prosperity!

Well, we've reached the midway mark in our fiscal year. The last six months saw a flurry of activity with outstanding results...thanks to the leadership of our president, **Brandon Mund** as well as Board members and Committee Chairs **David Simmons, Dolly Williams, Howard Weliver, Robert Armstrong, Dora White, Jim Pope, Skip Stem** and **Mike Pfeuffer**! And, of course, **You**, the volunteers without which any of these accomplishments would have been achieved! Special thanks as well to Treasurer **Craig Zgabay** (processing the tons of money generated by our Wurstfest endeavors...just one aspect of his multi-tasking); Club Secretary **Doreen Fisher**, our Administrative Guru (when she's not planning a K---A--Christmas Party!) as well as our Editor-in-Chief, **Bert Childs** who produces a handsome monthly newsletter to keep our members informed of our achievements and items of interest. Of course, photographers **Tom Call, John Creswell, Frank Howard** and **Keith Domke** are always there to capture the 'Kodak' moment! Thank you guys! There are others who have stepped up to the plate as well. LEO Advisors David Simmons, Robert Armstrong and **Cameron Bradfute** have been busy working with their LEO members during the last six months and have planned a trip to the USS Lexington in February and a Texas Lions Camp Work Day on March 2nd). Grants Chair PP **Jack Morgan** and his team are finalizing the list of recipients for grants to be given in the weeks ahead...Thanks to the banner year from our Wurstfest fundraisers! Scholarships Chair David Simmons and his committee are in the process of evaluating candidates' applications for coveted scholarships. PCC **Dennis Heitkamp** is our GO TO for All Things Lion from an LCI, District and Club perspective. Chaplains **Richard Carse** and **Ben Wehman** are always there to provide for spiritual inspiration followed by cheerful musical leadership from Song Leader **Juanita Wells**. Our Tail Twister, **Delia Saucedo** continues to regale us with her comedic antics at our luncheons. Lion Tamer **Dave Heefner** ensures that we are properly nourished at the meetings. Historian **VerNell Martinez** has been chronicling our events...in preparation for our 100th year celebration which will be upon us in the not too distant future.

Key events for the upcoming six months: the Nominating Committee will be assembling a roster of candidates for the 2018-19 term (*Are you interested in taking a leadership role?*); our Vision Signature fundraiser '**White Cane Day**' will be held in the Spring and our Club will be hosting a Picnic for our Special Needs friends at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville on June 16th. Our year will close with the Annual Officers' Installation and Awards Dinner...not to be missed!

And, a very Special Thank You to the Sponsors who have reached out and to those who have accepted the invitation to **Serve** this great organization!

Yours in Lionism,

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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
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Jan. 3rd (Thursday): NB Noon Club Meeting – Speaker: **Ian Taylor**, Future of NBU Utilities

Jan. 17th (Thursday): NB Noon Club Meeting — Speaker: **Delia Saucedo**, Crisis Center of Comal County

Jan. 26th (Saturday): District 2-S3 Mid-winter Conference (3rd Cabinet Meeting), San Marcos High School (Hosted by San Marcos Lions Club)



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