



# THE LIONS' TALE

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# APRIL (אפריל in Hebrew)

## Month of Salvation and Liberation

**Y**up. A lotta good stuff has happened in April throughout the many millennia.

**For the Israelites stuck in Egypt** building pyramids under the taskmasters' lash, it was a time for I AM to show them He was their Guy, the God of Abraham and Jacob, who had infinitely more muscle than Pharaoh, who could free them from bondage if they only had the good sense to follow orders, like painting their lintels with goats' blood and staying indoors for the night. It was the first Passover.

[Editor's note: the scriptures (Exodus chapters 7 thru 12) make it clear that Pharaoh relented on several occasions and offered to let Moses lead the Jews out, but then Yahweh "made Pharaoh's heart stubborn" and queered the deal. It seems to your editor that it sorta makes Pharaoh a pawn in the proceedings, although it does give Charlton Heston and Yul Brenner more to do in the movie.]

**At any rate, after turning the Nile** to blood and sending plagues of frogs, mosquitoes, gadflies, dead livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness "so thick it could be felt", and finally death of all the first born of Egypt, Yahweh allowed Pharaoh to relent and send the Israelites eastward to the land "flowing with milk and honey" — but not just yet. They didn't even have water until Moses banged the correct rock with his staff, but that's a story for another time.

**At the Passover a few centuries** later the prophet, and for Christians the Messiah, was nailed to a tree in Jerusalem to buy a chance at salvation for believers.

**At that same time of year** (although a few centuries removed) in the northern Mexican state of Coahuila, The Runaway Scrape was ongoing. That is the period in early 1836 generally beginning with the siege and fall of the Alamo and ending with the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21. It was a period of terror and panic among the settlements of Texas, as Santa Anna and the Mexican armies swept eastward from San Antonio, virtually unopposed.

**During the Runaway**, the colonists gathered a few personal possessions, abandoned their homes, and headed eastward under most difficult conditions. Rain and cold weather during the period slowed the settler's eastward progress along the muddy roads and trails. There was widespread hunger and sickness, and many died. News of Santa Anna's atrocities (some true, but some distorted by rumor—we know *that* works) added to the frenzy.

**The news of the Texas victory** at San Jacinto was received amid great rejoicing by the participants of the Runaway Scrape. The settlers immediately began the return to their settlements. For most, however, it meant the beginning of a rebuilding, for many of the homes and settlements were either burned by the Texans to prevent supplies from falling into the hands of the Mexicans, or by the Mexican army as it moved eastward.

**So, whether you are celebrating** Passover on the 20th, Easter on the 21st, Texas Independence Day, all or none of the above, Peace be with you in April, Noon Lion, and may God continue to bless you.

# Business Meeting - 7 March

**I**n recognition of Saint Patrick's Day to be celebrated a week and a half hence, song leader and chanteuse **Juanita Wells** led the assembly in a rousing rendition of "I'm Looking Over a Four-leaf Clover" followed by George M. Cohan's patriotic standard "It's a Grand Old Flag" both sung with gusto.

Then **John Creswell** introduced our newest Noon Lion **Jack Johnson** (not to be confused with the first black heavy-weight boxing champ of the last century.) Welcome aboard, Jack.



**Your editor's notes** got a little bit scrambled about this time — perhaps he needs some of that miracle drug that comes from jellyfish — so he can only report with a modicum of certainty that **Delia Saucedo** has

something going on on 27 April dealing with the Crisis Center of Comal County, **Henry Pruitt's** name made my notes, **Heather Orsak** is involved with an annual Beer Run and Prez **Brandon** spoke of a painting party at the IDD Center, Texas Lions Camp workday on April 5 & 6 and something going on at the St. Jude's Ranch for Children. You all have the editor's sincere apologies for his lack of coherence during this portion of the program. He means no slight to any of you. THIS IS A SILENT SCREAM!

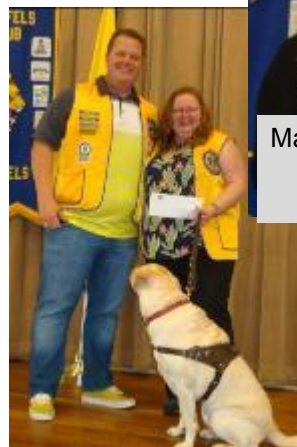
**Immediate Past President Jack Morgan** read the slate of candidates for fraternal year 2019-2020. You can check these out on page 5 and be ready to cast your ballots at the 4 April business meeting.

**More grant monies were awarded** to local charities at this juncture of the proceedings. Our own

**Evan Partee** picked up a check for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, **Delia Saucedo** scored funding for the Crisis Center of Comal County, **Manijeh Nuereca**



received a check for Family Promise of Comal County and **Sandy Merrill** and **Billy** fetched an award for Guide Dogs of Texas.



Manijeh Nuereca with Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels

**Featured speaker** for the day was **Evan Partee** on behalf of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Comal and Guadalupe Counties.

Her talk was comprehensive and covered a lot of information.

**There is always a need for volunteers** to become not only "Bigs" but also to serve on the board and to donate time, talent and treasure. The organization serves kids from the ages of 6 to 17, and "Bigs" serve a one-year terms.



And, oh yeah, **Stephen Brockman** at the 7 March business meeting coaxed a joker from the ever-thinning deck, thereby securing a Pay-It-Forward jackpot north of a grand and small change.

**Congratulations, Stephen!!**



Perhaps you've heard your club needs to replace its newsletter editor for the good of the institution. Horace Greely would be proud of you for taking on this task. Give it some thought.

## Business Meeting -



Newest Noon Lion **Karen Carfee** with sponsor **Robert Armstrong**.



**Clarisa DeSanto** and **Allison Dietert Humpries** of the New Braunfels 175th Anniversary Board



**Ashley Woodward** and **Bre Jameson** of Christian Ministries (Volunteers in Medicine)



Executive Director **Justin Ball** and board members **Valen Miller** and **Linda Gabbard** of Heritage Society of New Braunfels



**Whoa!**

Best check the cork board in the post office.

# JOB OPPORTUNITY

**T**he *ideal* applicant will have a vocabulary of *at least* 100 words, and the ability to recognize several parts of speech, and on a good day be able to stack noun on verb with some degree of confidence. Plagiarism is not necessarily encouraged but if your deadline is rapidly approaching and writer's block is an issue, well, heck, if it's good enough for members of Congress, who's to say that all's not fair in love, war and newsprint.

**In case the nature of this job opp** is still a mystery, your old editor is hanging up his quill in a short while and this great club deserves a decent newsletter. If I understand the rudiments of the deal, **Tom Call** resurrected a defunct publication early on in his membership, and held it together for some years before pawning it off on the current management. Now current management is looking for a pawn, sorry, a new editor to take the load.

**Look, this gig is pretty easy** if you have more than half your synapses still firing. Your old editor will be pleased to offer a guiding hand (or not, as desired), and even to cobble together the occasional article should it be requested. He just doesn't want the whole load any longer. You have a minimum of 4 photographers who are frothing to send you all the



"art" (newspaper speak for pictures) you can say grace over. Piece of cake, really.

**Come see me** at the April 4th meeting and we can chat about it. There are perks to this job that I dare not commit to print, but I will relate in person. Trust me on this.

**See you soon,**



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## KIMBERLY'S Quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Event

The Texas Adopt-A-Highway program provides a way to keep the roadways of Texas clean and beautiful, but also provides a way for an organization or private group to be recognized. In our case we adopted a section of FM 1863 in the memory of our daughter, Kimberly, whom was taken from us by a drunk driver in February 2016. April is designated as Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off which is the single largest one-day event in Texas.

We have been residents of Rim Rock Ranch since September 2001 and Kimberly grew up playing in the Rim Rock Ranch Park and through out the neighborhood.

Kimberly's next Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup event will be Saturday, April 6, 2019. The grass on the shoulders of FM 1863 are still fairly short. Please come out and help if you are able. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.



**Please contact Ken Pundsak** at the April 4th meeting or at **210-380-4589** for more information and details of what to bring, when and where to bring it and what to wear.

**Thank you** for your consideration of this worthwhile event.



# Slate of Officers & Directors

## FY 2019 - 2020

President — David Simmons  
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 3rd VP — Delia Saucedo  
 Secretary — Doreen Fisher  
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**Lions' Tale Editor ??— this could be your big show biz break**

### 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

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Stan Cunnningham</b> | <b>5th</b>  |
| <b>Fred Hanz</b>        | <b>6th</b>  |
| <b>Frank Weisser</b>    | <b>6th</b>  |
| <b>Brooks Wilson</b>    | <b>10th</b> |
| <b>Paul Martinka</b>    | <b>16th</b> |
| <b>Ray Prosen</b>       | <b>25th</b> |
| <b>Evan Partee</b>      | <b>30th</b> |

## Lion Speak For Members Only



**Welcome New Members!** You're decision to join the Club's prestigious roster of business owners and professionals, educators, military veterans and retirees from various industries provides you the unique distinction of being a member of the world's largest Service organization... one of more than 1.4 million individuals world-wide embracing humanitarianism! And, whether you live in the U.S., Japan, Turkey or one of the 200+ countries and regions that Lions Clubs call home, you will discover

that you all share a common bond, the willingness **To Serve!**

**Yes, it's All About Service...**to your neighbor, your community, your country, and the world-at-large. The **Service Journey** spans more than 100 years across the world and every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most. The kindness of committed Lions enables us to make a viable and positive impact on changing the world.

At the Lions Clubs International level, we're uniting our global service around five areas of need.—

**DIABETES:** We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

**VISION:** We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

**HUNGER:** We serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.

**ENVIRONMENT:** We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.

**CHILDHOOD CANCER:** We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive. These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them.

**At the local Club level**, members identify, assess and determine which cause(s) they can embrace and act upon. For the NB Noon Lions Club, our Service Journey focuses primarily on **VISION. Vision Screening**, our Signature Service commitment, enables our members to screen more than 7,000 students within the county annually, identifying individuals who may need follow up. Monies raised from our White Cane Day Fundraiser supports the Texas Lone Star Eyebank as well as funds to provide financial assistance within the community for qualified individuals who require corrective lenses. Our Eyeglass Recycling efforts provide individuals worldwide with recycled eyeglasses.

Our Service Journey doesn't need to stop here. ALL members are welcome to present ideas for consideration on how best to serve our community's needs. I strongly encourage you to share your ideas with the Board. **Get Involved...We Serve!**

Yours in Lionism,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee' followed by a stylized flourish.

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## Complimentary Ticket for the Drawing of your Choice

Find your Lion Member number after a S 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!*

**April 4th** (Thursday): NB Noon Club Meeting – 2019-2020 NBNLC Officers & Directors Elections  
Induction of New Members  
Speaker: Crystal Moore - Restore

**April 5th & 6th** (Fri-Sat): Service Project – Texas Lions Camp Work Detail, Kerrville

**April 18th** (Thursday): NB Noon Club Meeting – Speaker: Court Van Sicker - Honors Flight San Antonio

**April 30th** (Tuesday): Zone 5A Quarterly Meeting – NB Public Library (6:30-8:15 pm)

**Did you hear we need a new Lions' Tale editor? The rumors abound, and they're all true. Take the leap!**



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