

# News from the Lion's Den

April 2018



## PEP Speaker

Mr. Charles Hearne from Prison Entrepreneurship Program gave us a wonderful presentation of the great things this organization is doing in our prisons. Men who qualify are given the opportunity to take classes in prison to turn their lives around. The first three months of the program center on character development, and they deal with issues of the hurt, heart, and pain that led them to jail. The next six months is the business plan completion. They must read Crime and Punishment, and are required to enroll in Toast Masters Public Speaking programs. They develop their own business plans, with feedback from volunteers in the business sector. Case management teams also assist with housing, education, mentoring, job placement, and start up business support once completing the program and released from prison. If they complete the courses, they graduate with a Certificate in Entrepreneurship from Baylor Hankamer School of Business, the #5 Business school in the nation. . The three year recidivism for graduates is only 7%, meaning that 93% of graduates remain out of jail and are doing well in society. Without this

program, Texas has 24% of re-jails while the national record is 50% of men released from jail find themselves back in jail. Mr. Hearne himself is a graduate of this program, although one would never guess based on the professionalism of his presentation and talk.

## New Officers

Officers for 2018-2019 were recently elected. They are as follows:

President: Lion Mazher Poonawala

Vice President: Lion Becca Franco

Secretary: Lion Sandy Martin

Treasurer: Lion Chuck Martin

Membership: Lion Merrell Greene

Lion Tamer: Lion Bob Rugur

Tail Twister: Lion Julie Blaies

LCIF Coordinator: Lion Paul Yackley

2 Yr. Directors: Lions Randy Matthews and Milly Spencer

Completing the last year as Directors: Lions Dorothy Casey and Terry Alderman Peterson

Lion Keith Blaies has earned the title of Immediate Past President.

Please assist these officers in any way you can to help make our Lions Club the best ever.

## Murder Mystery Dinner

Houston Cy-Fair Lions held their first Murder Mystery Dinner at the Lion's Den, and it was a great success. We had Lions plus members of the community in attendance. Decorations and

food were outstanding. Lion Merrell provided this recap of the evening:

Evening Special –The Latest Scoop from Your Ace Reporter Biff Baxter

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**This just in, Murder at the Roaring Lion Speakeasy. A Real Who-Dun-It.**

While classy dames and dapper dans dined on Rockerfeller Raws, Prohibition Spaghetti, Golden Age Chicken, Gatsby's Walorf and Picasso's Joy of Jello, a murder most foul occurred and the owner of the Roaring Lion Speakeasy was murdered in plain sight (gasp). With a great cast of notorious characters, diners delved into clues to determine which shady character could have done the disastrous deed. Along with Capone's Brownies and Zelda's Berries, diners dug for clues, often paying off the snitches. By the end of the evening, the culprit was apprehended and everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable way to spend an evening!

**So who-dun-it? That information remains classified (I don't want to be knocked off!)**

The following pictures are thanks to Lions Stedman and Merrell. It really looks like everyone had a wonderful time.





### *Willie's Spirit Nights*

Lion Julie has again contracted for us to receive a portion of the profits for the evenings of Mon. April 16 and Mon. June 25 at the Willie's Ice House and Grill on Hwy 290 at Jones Road. This is one of the easiest fund raisers we have ever done. Just come and invite your friends and family for a great meal at a great location. Our Club receives a percentage of the profits on those two evenings. We only have to inform other, and come and eat a great meal with great people. Hope to see all of you there!!

**Houston Cy-Fair Lions**

# **SPIRIT NIGHT!**

COME MEET UP FOR  
A ROARING GOOD  
TIME!

**APRIL 16 5:00-CLOSING**  
**WILLIES GRILL & ICEHOUSE**  
**JERSEY VILLAGE LOCATION**  
**17492 NORTHWEST FWY 77040**

15% of proceeds go toward the Houston  
Cy-Fair Lions Club.. Mention "LIONS" to  
your Wait Staff!

### **Upcoming Events**

Wed. April 4, 7 PM, PSC meeting at China Bear Restaurant, I-45 at Airtex.

Sat. April 7. Camp Work Day. Please notify President Keith if you plan on attending.

Tues. April 10, 7 PM, Lions Club meeting

Mon. April 16, 2018 Willie's Spirit Night, Jones Road location only. Please come and invite friends and neighbors.

Tues. April 24, 7 PM, Lions Club meeting, guest speaker will be Jack Emmott who will speak about his experiences after having polio as a child.

Friday and Saturday May 3 & 4, District 2-S2 State Convention. At the Houston Hilton North, same place as the Mid Winter Conference.

Register on line through the District website at [www.lions2s2.org](http://www.lions2s2.org).

Saturday May 12. District Cabinet meeting.

Thurs. through Sat. May 24-26, 2018, State Lions Club Convention in Corpus Christi. Register on line through the District website at [www.lions2s2.org](http://www.lions2s2.org).

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Happy Birthday April 24 to Lion Chuck, (another year that ends in 0). Happy Anniversary to Lions Gary and Christy Ginn, April 13.

#### *Happy Bluebonnets*

It is Bluebonnet season, so please enjoy these wildflowers from years past. Sorry I couldn't send the wonderful fragrance also.



