

News from the Lion's Den

July 2018



KidSight Vision Screening

I received this email from the director of one of the preschools where we have done KidSight Vision Screening. I wanted to share it with you.

One of my parents wanted me to send this to y'all. Thank you for helping her daughter.

“I want to express gratitude to (the preschool) and the Lions Club! 2 days after receiving the slip from the vision screening we got Brooke into the eye dr. She has astigmatism and a borderline lazy eye. We are so thankful this was caught just before her 3rd birthday. Could you please forward this to the Lions Club or share their contact information? A picture of Brooke in her new glasses is attached! ☐ Thanks!!”



I replied: “Thank you so much for sharing this with me. This is the exact reason that the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club purchased the expensive vision screening camera, to be able to find children who needed glasses and get their vision corrected early when it makes the most impact. Thanks so much for the beautiful picture of Brooke in her new glasses. Please inform other parents why this free screening is so vital to their children.

Sandy Martin, Certified Vision Screener
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

DGE Karl Johnson Installs new Officers

District Governor Elect Karl Johnson, and wife Lion Jane, were our guests the first meeting in June. DGE Karl installed our new officers, stressing how important their jobs are to the functioning and success of this Lions Club. DGE Karl explained that he and the other Vice District Governors have made a five year plan

for our District goals. He wants to help new members find that “ah ha” moment, that warm and fuzzy feeling that makes them want to continue to help others through Lionism. He asked that at the end of our meeting we share stories that have happened to us about being Lions.



DGE Karl Johnson



DGE Karl presenting Jack Weich Fellowship Award to President Keith, as our Clubs appreciation of his hard work and leadership. Lion Chuck also presented President Keith with an engraved brick to be placed around our flagpole in recognition of his year as President of our Club.



DGE Karl presented PDG Chuck with a Senior Master Key medallion for sponsoring 30 new members into Lions.

Welcome Newest Lion

DGE Karl installed Jennifer Nguyen as our newest Lions Club member. She is a student at U of H, studying optometry, and lives in the area. Please welcome her into our Lions family. (I apologize for not getting your picture during the induction, Jennifer. I will be sure to put one in our next newsletter.)

Willie's Spirit Night

We had another successful and fun evening at Willie's Ice House and Grill at Jones Road and Hwy 290. Several Lions and guests attended, along with some Campers and their families. As usual, the food was great, and the fellowship fun. This has been a very easy and fun fund raiser for us. Thank you Lion Julie for setting these up for us.



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(Sorry, I got there late as I was on an errand, and lots of other Lions had just left.)

iBug Presenters

Michael McCulloch and Sandhya Rao gave us a wonderful presentation on how modern I-phones help the blind and visually impaired navigate in today's fast pace world. Using free apps on their phones, they can access the time, their calendars, GPS directions, and even have the phone read labels or instructions to them using a reading app. Both are members of the Heights Lions Club.



Michael McCulloch and Sandhya Rao

Lion Bob presented Award

President Keith presented Lion Bob with the coveted Jack Weich Fellowship Award for his leadership this past year. The Award benefits the Texas Lions Camp. Lion Keith then pinned the special Jack Weich Fellowship pin on Bob.



President Keith passes the Gavel

President Keith formally passed the gavel and the presidency of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club to incoming President Mazher Poonawalla. We greatly appreciate your guidance Lion Keith, and look forward to the leadership of Lion Mazher.



Ransom request for our Gong

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has received a Ransom request for the return of our bronze Gong. It seems the Gong took a ride to Conroe Noon Lions Club, compliments of DGE Karl Johnson, when he visited us to install our new officers. The ransom requested that three members of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club need to show up at any Wed. noon meeting of the Conroe Noon Lions Club, at the Conroe Convention Center in order to retrieve our prized gong. Lion Chuck remembers putting it in our locked closet after the meeting, so maybe DGE Karl has magical powers. Lions Chuck, Sandy and Mazher attended the required meeting at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe to rescue our beloved gong. It seems DGE Karl had fled for his life (actually in Los Vegas getting prepared to be sworn in as our District Governor), and was not present to receive the wrath of the delegation from the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. But our beloved Gong has been returned. Let this be a lesson to all: NEVER let the gong or gavel out of your sight, especially if there is another Lion from a visiting Club present, as they might try to abscond with our treasures also.



PDG Chuck receives our Gong back from the President Bobby Brennan of the Conroe Noon Lions Club.

The Conroe Noon Lions Club Meeting

Lions Chuck, Sandy, and Mazher drove to Conroe to attend one of the weekly noon meetings to fulfill the ransom note to retrieve our Gong. We were amazed at the Club and meeting. It was their Partners in Service Meeting, with many businesses that help support the Club present, but the number of Lions and guests present was amazing. The food was outstanding, with the very best blackberry cobbler or apple pie for dessert. Plus they had a truly outstanding speaker, a professor at Texas A&M who was invited to come to America to study when he was a young man living in Africa.



It was impossible to get a picture of everyone in the room at once.



We had make your own salad, choice of fish or chicken, green beans, potatoes, cooked beans, and bread.



Dessert consisted of blackberry cobbler or apple pie.



Save your empty pill bottles please.



These are the four cases of Lions name badges. With over 300 members, Conroe Noon Lions Club is second only to the Lubbock Lions Club in size.

Save Pill Bottles

We have been asked to save empty pill bottles. Remove the labels, and bring them to the regular Club meeting, and Lion Sandy will be sure they get taken to the PSC meeting, where one Club is collecting them for use on Mission trips. Many times doctors in foreign countries have to just put the medication to the patient's hand, which then gets lost. Both prescription and non prescription bottles can be saved. This is just another little way for Houston Cy-Fair Lions members to help others around the world.

Upcoming Events

Tues. July 10, 2018, regular meeting of Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club, 7 PM at the Lions Den. Please let Lion Sandy know by Fri. July 5 if you plan to attend so that appropriate meals can be procured. Our guest speaker will be Dr. James Oevermann, optometrist at Cy-Fair Eye Care, who will discuss vision testing in young children.

We will be hosting the District Cabinet meeting on July 14 at 9 AM. Come see how the District conducts business.

Tues. July 24, 2018, 7 PM, regular meeting of Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club.

Wed. Aug. 1, 2018, 7 PM, PSC meeting at China Bear Restaurant.

Fri. and Sat. Aug. 3-4, Council of Governors meeting and Camp meeting at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, TX.

Tues. Aug. 14, 2018, 7 PM, Lions Club meeting

Tues. Aug. 28, 2018, 7 PM, Lions Club meeting

Wed. Sept. 5, 2018, PSC meeting at China Bear Restaurant.

Tues. Sept. 11, 2018, Regular Lions Club meeting. We will host our Texas Lions Camp Handicapped Campers and their families. Come

and meet the kids we sponsored to Camp, and hear their exciting stories of their week at camp.

Fri.-Sat. Sept. 20-22, USA Canada Forum, Columbus, Ohio. These are always a wonderful learning experience for Lions of all stages of development.

Tues. Sept. 25, 2018, Regular Lions Club meeting. We will host our Texas Lions Camp Diabetic Campers and their families. Meet the kids, hear their stories, and learn how the parents coped with their children away for a week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Laura Matthews, July 27.

Happy Anniversary to Lions Robert and Karen Berry on July 4, and also to Lions Bob and Merrell on July 4.

