

News from the Lion's Den

August 2018



Storm Downs Field Lights

A severe thunderstorm with heavy winds downed a light pole between our baseball fields #4 and #5 recently. The electric company disconnected power to the pole, and the Cy-Fair Sports Association has assured us they will clean up the debris and broken glass, and replace the pole.



Dr. James Oevermann Speaks

We enjoyed Dr. James Oevermann, of Cypress Family Eyecare, who spoke to us about doing vision screening on very young children. He does exams on children we refer from our KidSight Vision Screening Program. He explained that he makes sure the eyes line up properly, that there are no cataracts or clouding of the lens of the eyes, that the young child can fixate and follow an object with their eyes, and that the red reflex is present. Instilling drops into the children's eyes allows him to do a more complete internal visualization. It is very helpful in the young child happens to fall asleep, as he just lifts the eyelids and does the exam without any fuss. He and his staff spend a lot of time educating the parents on the need and importance of the children wearing their glasses. He then answered questions from members on cataract surgeries, and when a child is mature enough for contacts. Thanks to Dr. Oevermann for a wonderful presentation.

Welcome New Member Jennifer Nguyen

Lion Jennifer Nugyen was officially presented her Lions Membership Certificate and pin, along with her sponsor Lion Merrell, receiving her sponsorship certificate. Lion Jennifer Nguyen is a student of ophthalmology at the University of Houston. Please welcome her.



Guests from India Lions Club

President Mazher received a phone call about a Lion visiting from India who wanted to attend our meeting. He and his brother came to visit. The Lion attended the International Lions Convention in Las Vegas, and was visiting his brother who lives in this area. Both were presented with our Club brochure. He then presented President Mazher with the pin from his current District Governor. Unfortunately, I did not get his name.



Brisket and Beans Dinner

Our Brisket and Beans Dinner was small and intimate but successful. We enjoyed Lion Merrell's brisket, beans, cole slaw, cheese cubes, and brownies with whipped cream for dessert. We had a table full of prizes that were given out via drawings throughout the evening. Some lucky people even won several times. Thanks to Lions Merrell and Julie for putting this together, and thanks to all the Lions and friends who came to make it a success.





PDG Ron Landers Speaks

PDG Ron Landers, of the Houston Spring Branch Lions Club, and his twin brother Ron, were our guest at the July 24th meeting. PDG Ron is an elected director of the Texas Lions Foundation. He explained the various ways this charity works to help Clubs by giving grants for various projects not covered by LCIF or other Lions affiliated charities. He talked about ways we can honor others with a gift donation to the Texas Lions Foundation.

Quilt for Bob Dowden Dinner

Lion Milly donated a hand pieced and hand quilted Grandma's Flower Garden pattern quilt to be auctioned at the Bob Dowden Dinner in Oct. The quilt was made by Lucile Lindow, wife of PDG AL Lindow from the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club back in the 1980's. Be sure to come

to the Bob Dowden Dinner on Oct. 6 at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe, so that you can bid and hopefully come home with this beautiful treasure.



Pill Bottles for Reuse

Thanks to all who saved and brought their empty pill bottles with the labels removed. These will be taken to the Aug. 1 PSC meeting, where they will be used on mission trips in third world countries so patients have an actual container to carry their medications in. Continue saving these, as the project is ongoing.



Used Eyeglasses Collected

Seventeen cases of used eyeglasses were collected at the end of last month and will be taken to the PSC meeting on Aug. 1. The entire back of the SUV third row seat and storage area is filled.



Upcoming Events

Wed. Aug. 1, 7 PM, Presidents and Secretaries' Council meeting, China Bear, I-45 at Airtex. There will be a Zone meeting for our Club prior to the PSC meeting.

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. Lion Laura Matthews, RN, will speak on Diabetes, especially diabetes in children at school.

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.

Oct. 3, PSC meeting, 7 PM, China Bear Restaurant

Sat. Oct. 6, Bob Dowden Dinner, at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe. This is a major fundraiser for the Texas Lions Camp. There will be live and silent auctions, always a wonderful speaker, and great food. If you would like to donate items for auction, contact Elected Director Lion Lisa Free-Marti at lionlisafm@gmail.com, 281-515-4909.

Apologies

My deepest apologies to Dr. Oevermann and PDG Rod Landers for not getting pictures of them to include in our newsletter. Sometimes I get so carried away taking notes that I forget to take pictures.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Becca Franco on Aug. 16, and to Lion Amanda Crane Malavase on Aug. 17.

