

News from the Lion's Den

April 2014



Texas Lions Camp Work Day

Come join us at the Texas Lions Camp for a work day to clean up the camp and get it ready for this summer's campers. Work day is Saturday April 5. The Camp will need to know if you want breakfast and/or lunch that day so they can be prepared with enough food. You may stay at the men's or women's bunkhouses, just like a real TLC Camper. There are many good hotels/motels in the Kerrville area. Also there is a beautiful State/City park not far from the Camp that has both RV and tent camping facilities. You don't need any special skills, just bring your work gloves, a hammer, maybe a paint brush, and your old work clothes and hat and prepared to get down and dirty to make OUR Texas Lions Camp bright and beautiful. Arrangements can be made through our very own Camp Director, Lion Bud Casey, at 713-598-2457. Let's make a great showing from Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club!!

District Offices

District 2-S2 is in need of willing persons to fill vacancies in upcoming elections. Each year, at the District convention, Club delegates vote for representatives. Each club gets 1 voting delegate for each 10 members in good standing. All Past District Governors from each Club also vote. Some

of the positions available are Texas Lions Camp Director. Lion Bud will be completing his term in June. This is a 2 year commitment. The elected director is expected to meet with Clubs, put on programs about the Camp, encourage Clubs to sponsor campers, and attend business meetings at the Camp in Kerrville. This is probably the most difficult of all the elected offices. The Humanitarian Relief Fund is a 3 year commitment, which basically meets only when proposals/requests for funds are obtained, usually at Cabinet or Presidents and Secretary's Council meetings. Members would only need to review the proposals, make sure it is within the guidelines, and accept or deny. The Lions Eye Bank of Texas directorship is a 2 year commitment, with quarterly meetings, as is the Light House of Houston directorship. Those are either luncheon or dinner meetings, with directors having input into the running of the organization. The District Convention in May is when elections for these offices are conducted. Candidates must make resolution at least 30 days prior to the Convention, unless they become a write in candidate. Resolutions for candidacy are usually read at Cabinet or PSC meetings. Lion Chuck urged member of our Club to strongly consider continued service within the District Level.

Scout Project at TLC

As his Eagle Scout Project, a previous Texas Lions Camp Camper from Kingwood has opted to enlarge the climbing wall at the Texas Lions Camp. He plans on building two more sections, then assembling them at the camp, with proper planting and guide wires. His project needs to be done in May, for inspection for use for this summer session. Our Club has donated \$500 towards this project. A plaque at the base of the climbing wall will be inscribed with the names of contributing Lions Clubs.

New Website

Our Club website will have a much needed upgrade and make over very soon. Lion John Donato, with Vast Marketing Group, has been awarded the contract. The new website will be much more user friendly, allowing easier navigation, and provide more updated information to the public and members. Please visit our website at: <http://www.houstoncy-fairlions.org>.

Student Award

Hayden Rinehart, a 5th Grade student within the Houston Cy-Fair School District, has been nominated to attend a special Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC this summer. Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has given him a scholarship to help with this trip. Hayden sent a letter thanking us, which is duplicated below:

Dear Lions Club, Thank you very much for helping sponsor my trip to the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference. At the Camp we will be experiencing hands on lessons and projects outside a classroom to help us learn and understand the six leadership traits: character, communication, goal setting, problem solving, respect and teamwork. Many of the lessons will take place at various historical landmarks and memorials. Among these memorials are the Korean War Memorial and the Viet Nam War Memorial. These are particular to me because my grandpa along with other family members fought in at least one of them. Thank you once again and I plan on using this experience to become a leader in my community. Sincerely, Hayden Rinehart.

Lion Becca plans to formally present Hayden with his scholarship money at the Emmotte Elementary Awards Ceremony June 2. It would be wonderful if we could have a lot of Lions Club members on hand that day to congratulate Hayden on his accomplishment of being chosen for this coveted adventure.

Lions Fun Event

Several Lions attended the St. Stephen's United Methodist Church Car Show on Saturday March 23. There was a wide variety of cars on display. Kamel and friend had a Corvette on display. The barbecue lunch was wonderful. I think everyone enjoyed looking at all the different cars on display.





Cy-Fair Sports Association Upgrades

David Lemley from the Cy-Fair Sports Association spoke to our Lions Club about upcoming improvements to the baseball fields at the West Little York Complex. Netting will be placed to protect the public and concession stand from hit balls. They hope to have the scoreboards refurbished and running again.

District Leo Chairperson program

Lion Eme Nisnisan from the Royal Oaks Lions Club presented a program about Leo Clubs. Leos are teens ages 12 to 18, who, like Lions Club members, do community service projects and help make the world a better place. President Stedman, along with Lions Chuck, Amanda and Bud, hope to start a Leos Club with our Club as the sponsor. Lion Emee brought her Leo Team.



Next Fun Lions Event

Friday April 12 at 8PM, meet at the Marble Slab at Hwy 6 and West Road, in the Kroger Shopping plaza, behind Memorial Hermann Clinic for a fun Ice Cream Social. Bring friends and family!! Let's eat to great fellowship!

Texas Lions Camp Campers

Please continue to recruit new and repeat handicapped or diabetic campers. Parents complete the on line application, and there will be a Sponsorship Form which a Lions Club member needs to complete and mail/fax to the camp. We need to get as many children as possible to our beautiful TLC so they can have a great summer like most other children.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Elizabeth Hilbun April 6 and to Lion Chuck, April 24.