

News from the Lion's Den

June 2014



Cy-Fair School District VIPS Luncheon

President Stedman, Lions Audrey, Sandy, and Chuck, attended the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District Volunteers in Public Schools Appreciation Luncheon on Wed. May 14. The program highlighted those persons and organizations who volunteer time and money to the students within the school district. The entertainment, which consisted of persons from within the schools, from students, to teachers to a principal, was outstanding. The Berry Center was filled with volunteers to our schools.

District Convention

Our District elected Lion Chris Moorman to be our next District Governor at the annual District convention held May 2-3. Lion John Peterson ran unopposed for Trustee of the Light House of Houston. Lion Stedman fought a hard race against Lion Ken Harrison from the Klein Lions Club, but was not victorious. Guest speaker PID Joe Al Picone was entertaining and enlightening. The food was good, and the fun and fellowship were wonderful. Many thanks to the many Lions and spouses who attended the District Convention.

Aeros and Autos

Several of our Lions Club members attended Aeros and Autos Car and Plane show at Ellington Airport on Saturday May 17. The weather was beautiful. You could hear and watch the cars run the half mile speed race track down a runway. Half of the proceeds to this event benefit our Texas Lions Camp.

Installation of Officers

District Governor Elect Lion Chris Moorman of the Liberty Lions Club will be our guest speaker and inducting officer on Tuesday June 24. Lions are encouraged to bring friends and spouses to this meeting. We would like a good turnout of Lions and friends for DGE Chris's visit.

Auto Theft Prevention

Deputy Sam Cerda from the Harris County Sheriff's Office Auto Theft Prevention Department gave a wonderful presentation to our Lions Club on May 27. He explained that most auto thefts are done by armatures because the vehicle was accessible and an easy target. Most are then used for another crime, such as burglary or drugs. He informed us that it is illegal in Texas to leave the keys in the ignition, the car running, and not be in attendance. This occurs most frequently at gas stations, convenience stores, dry cleaners, etc. NEVER leave children unattended in a car. Keep all valuables out of site to reduce the temptation for the car to be vandalized or stolen. Never hide a spare key on the car; thieves know where to look for them. Always park in a well lit area or in attended lots. Always be aware of your surroundings, especially at night. Take your keys with you every time. Roll up windows all the way. Older cars are often stolen and chopped up for parts, which can be worth much more than the value of the car. Many high end cars which are stolen are loaded into cargo containers and immediately shipped to other countries. Thieves can change the identity of a vehicle and then sell it to an unsuspecting victim. Deputy Cerda discussed several anti theft devices, such as car alarms, wheel/steering wheel locks, theft deterrent decals or identification, smart keys with computer chips, fuse cut offs and kill switches, etc. He explained how to spot a stolen vehicle: any deal too good to be true probably is stolen. Any scratches or screw changes in the VIN plate, more than one repainted panel, or no original keys all point to a stolen vehicle. Sellers who report selling the car for someone else or not having a fixed address are also suspect. In Houston in 2012, 599 vehicles were stolen. Each stolen car or truck increases everyone's insurance costs, and

decreases our sense of security and freedom. If you see something suspicious, notify someone. Everyone can do their part to decrease auto theft.

Lions Fun Night



Lions gathered for another Fun Night, this time meeting in the Lion's Den, due to the sometimes heavy rain which kept us from meeting at Bane Park. We had a good turnout of 8 Lions and plus about 12 guests, some of whom came and went during the evening. We feasted on ice cream root beer floats, banana splits, and brownie sundaes. Dominoes were produced, and a couple of rousing games ensued. I think everyone had a great time, and got their fill of ice cream and all the fixings. Thanks to all who joined on this event, and hope to see more of you at our next Fun Night.

Lions Help with Low Vision Screener

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has purchased, with assistance of the District Humanitarian Relief Fund, a Low Vision Screener for a family with the mother and three children having low vision. The children use a screener at school, but do not have access to one at home. These devices magnify print onto a computer like screen, making even newspaper type then readable

to those with severe vision deficit. Now the children and the mother can enjoy reading all year long. Lions: We Serve!!

Scholarship

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has awarded a scholarship to local 5th Grader who has been honored to attend the Youth National Leadership Seminar this summer in Washington, DC. We will present a check to the lad at the Awards Ceremony at Campbell Middle School at 6:30PM on Monday June 2. All Lions are invited to attend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Kamal June 19. Happy Anniversary to Lions Bud and Dorothy on June 17, and to Lion Don and Marie July 8.

Upcoming Events

Presidents and Secretaries Council meeting is Wed. June 4 at China Bear Restaurant on I-45 at Airline. All are welcome to come. Meeting starts at 7PM, come earlier to eat. Our next regular meeting Tuesday June 10 at 7PM at the Lions' Den. Installation of Officers with our next District Governor, Chris Moorman will be on Tuesday June 24. We will need a good head count of guests so that the appropriate number of meals can be prepared. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.