

News from the Lion's Den

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Cy-Fair School District Instructor for the Visually Impaired



Linda Washburn, teacher of Visually Impaired students in Cy-Fair School District, was a speaker at a Lions Club meeting. She explained how children are identified as having visual impairment, first having a standardized eye chart exam by the school nurses, then sent to our partnering ophthalmologists for detailed eye exam and glasses. The second step is to assess the child in the classroom with the teacher and other students. Linda then makes a report based on her findings, and then finally, a meeting is scheduled to determine if the child could benefit from a special Visual Impairment teacher. CFISD has nine teachers for the Visually Impaired, along with five teachers who specialize in orientation and mobility, training

kids to travel and maneuver around with white canes, etc. Five Visual Impairment teachers teach Braille and the use of a low vision magnifier. These teachers also teach daily skills, and work with classroom teachers to best serve the needed children. Linda thanked the Lions Club members very heartily for providing eye exams and eye glasses to children who could not otherwise afford this care. She discussed the family for whom we purchased the Low Vision Reader for a mother and three of her four children. Linda has worked with the same children for many years, and loves her job, especially the continuity of care she is able to provide over the years.

Recycling Program Instituted in Cambodian Village



Della Barbato with Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions gave a presentation on her recent trip to a small village in Cambodia to initiate recycling in the area. First she taught the teachers of the students, then taught the students in grades 6-9 how to sort various trash items. The students built bins to contain the recycled items. She then showed us some pictures of her last week in the area, where she toured an animal rehabilitation center,.

and did local touring via bicycle and canoe. More detailed information and pictures of her trip can be found at: <http://www.earth-voice.com/cambodia-blog>

Potential Magic Show Fundraiser



Robert Garbarino, owner of a company which produces and promotes several different fundraiser programs, came to a Lions Club meeting to discuss putting on a Magic Show program for Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. His company would do all the advertising, with funds paid to the Club. He suggested using the Berry Center as a venue, as he has used it several years ago for another organization. We would be given some tickets to sell, which we would retain all proceeds. He explained that besides being a fundraiser for the Club, providing an introductory letter about our Club can possibly lead to new members. We would be guaranteed \$2000 profit the first year. Lion Terry handed out information packets about his company to Lions to consider.

Former Houston Cy-Fair Lion Dies



George Jaehne was a member of this Lions Club for 42 years, from 1969 through 2011. He served as President for two years, and was Zone Chairperson 1974-1975. He was awarded the Melvin

Jones Fellow in 1996. George was very active in the Club, working the Concession stand both at the baseball fields and at the Cy-Fair Rodeo for many years. He served as our concession purchasing agent for many years. Lion George worked in the Insurance business. He dropped out of our Club due to several health issues.

Upcoming Events

Presidents and Secretaries Council meeting Wednesday Aug. 6 at 7PM at China Bear Restaurant at I-45 N and Airtex.

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club Tues. Aug. 12, with a speaker on Hurricane Preparedness. Student Hayden Reinhart will report on his trip to the Junior National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club Tues. Aug. 26 with our own Lion John Peterson speaking on the Light House of Houston.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lions Milly Spencer Aug. 14, Becca Franco Aug. 16, Amanda Crane Aug. 17, and Corene Henry Aug. 28. Happy Anniversary to Lion Clayton and Faye Dupree Aug. 23.