

News from the Lion's Den

January 2015



Children's Magic Festival

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club held their first Magic Show for Children at the Berry Center on Sunday Dec. 7, with shows at 2 and 4PM. Both kids and adults enjoyed the tricks and fun from magician C J Johnson. Children from the audience participated in many tricks.



District Governor Visits at Annual Christmas Dinner

District Governor Chris Moorman from the Liberty Lions Club was our guest at our annual Christmas Dinner recently. First Vice District Governor Noah Speer and wife Pat also attended. Governor Chris praised our Club for our participation in the various and many Charities of Lions Clubs, such as Humanitarian Relief Fund, Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Lighthouse of Houston, Texas Lions Camp, and Texas Lions Foundation. He pointed out on our Club banner the many patches we have received from our participation. He discussed International President Joe Preston's theme of Strengthen the Pride, through leadership, opportunities, and development. DG Chris encouraged us to exercise more, stating that regular exercise helps lower blood pressure, depression, obesity, and helps with sleep and mental acuity. We were urged to complete a specialized unique service project in January, to honor founding father Melvin Jones.



1st VDG Noah Speer, wife Pat, DG Chris Moorman, Lion Chuck



District Governor Chris Moorman

Past District Governor Fred Hamilton Dies

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club was saddened by the death of 97 year old Lion Fred Hamilton. Lion Fred was awarded his 55 year Lions chevron last December. Several Club members attended his funeral, where it was told that when his daughter asked him what he was most proud of in his life, he replied that being a Lion and helping others gave him the most pride. He and wife Lion Louise were both educators in the Cy-Fair School district, with an elementary school named after them. Lion Fred became a Lion on April 1, 1959, joining the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. Lion Fred Hamilton was Director and served two years as President of the Texas Lion's League for Crippled Children. Lion Fred was District Governor for the year 1971-72 and earned the 100% District Governor and Outstanding District Governor for the state of Texas and the International President's awards from International Presidents, Grindstaff (1982) and Fowler (1983). Lion Fred was inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame 1985, District 2-S2 Lions Hall of Fame 1994 and received a cluster of other awards and recognitions too numerous to

list or remember. He is Past President of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas and Past President of the Lions Eye Bank Foundation. Lion Hamilton became a Melvin Jones Fellow in 1992. He was a very integral part of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club for 56 years, the only Club to which he ever belonged. The Board of Directors voted to plant a tree and plaque honoring him.



Lions provide Christmas to Needy Children

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club members and friends again this year stepped up to purchase Christmas gifts for children who otherwise would not have a Christmas. The Club provided gifts for ten children, from the District 2-S2 Christmas Wish List Campaign. Two bicycles, two soccer balls, two basketballs, 3 games, and various other items and clothing were given. This is the view of the back of my van taking the toys and gifts to the PSC meeting the first Wed. of Dec. A great big THANK YOU goes to all who participated.



Christmas Cheer Food Baskets

Lion Becca again did a wonderful job of coordinating and executing the Annual Christmas Cheer Food Basket program. A total of 50 overflowing baskets, along with a shopping bag of fresh fruits and vegetables, a large frozen turkey, 5 pounds of potatoes, and a dozen eggs were given to each of the families selected by the Cy-Fair School District. 290 persons, including 183 children and 107 adults benefited from this annual giving project. Various Scout Troops conducted food drives, with the Lions Club purchasing many other foods to complete the baskets. Many thanks go to all those Lions and friends who helped sort the food items, and to all who delivered to the families.



Tables groaning with baskets and bags of food.



The Christmas Basket Delivery Teams



A truck full of turkeys.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Sheldon Littlejohn on Jan. 6, to Lion John Donato on Jan. 10, and President Lion Paul on Jan. 14.

Upcoming Events

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