

News from the Lion's Den

May 2015



Texas Lions Camp Directors Presentation

Lions Wes Carr and Scott Perry, both from the Conroe Noon Lions Club and Directors to the Texas Lions Camp, gave a wonderful presentation about the Camp. It sits on 515 acres of Kerrville countryside, contains 40 buildings, and is open all but two weeks of the year. Thirteen full time staff keep the place running during the year. Some interesting facts we learned: the camp has 400 beds; there is a 24 hour hospital with physicians and nurses on staff; Life Flight is just three minutes away; Campers have over 20 different activities to chose to do during their week at Camp: a kitchen staff of 21 persons provide 1350 meals a day: physicians, nurses, registered dietitians, and medical students are there during the nine weeks of Camp; Sea World uses the Camp facility as a training ground for their staff: and Texas Lions Camp is not only licensed as a State of Texas Camp, but also has the more stringent and prestigious American Camping Association Accreditation. It takes approximately \$2.7 million to run the Camp each year, at a cost of approximately \$1800 per camper, yet the Texas

Lions Camp is given to handicapped and diabetic children at NO cost to their families. All 25,000 Lions Club members within the State of Texas fund the camp through our Camp dues of \$21 per person. Other ways to support the Camp is through the Century Club, which is a donation of \$10 per month. Awards such as the Jack Weiche Award, Life Memberships to the Camp, engraved bricks, endowment programs, etc, help keep our Camp funded. A very special THANKS goes out to Lions Wes and Scott on their wonderful presentation.



Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club Wins Presidents and Secretary's Council Challenge Again

At the President and Secretary's Council Meeting held the first Wed. of April, the monthly challenge was for recycling. One other Club had conducted a recycling day, but Lion Chuck pointed out that the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club has been recycling since 2012, for nine months of the year when our concession stand is in operation, and thanks to our recycling efforts, we have very little trash to go to the landfills. WAY TO GO HOUSTON CY-FAIR LIONS CLUB!!!

Lions State Hall of Fame

Congratulations go to our very own Lion Don Robinson!! At the District Convention last month, it was announced that Lion Don will be inducted into the Texas State Lions Hall of Fame!! Lion Don is a Charter member of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club, which began in 1957, plus he served the Conroe Noon Lions Club prior to that. He was District Governor in 1982-1983, served at District Cabinet Secretary, and worked tirelessly in various offices of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas and the Eye Bank Foundation. He headed the campaign for Lion Howard Leverett for International Director, and co-chaired for International Director Marshall Cooper. He worked and supported the Lions Sight First Program. He continues to be our fun loving Tail Twister.



President Paul Past District Governor's Achievement Award

Five Outstanding Lions from District 2-S2 were awarded with the Past District Governor's Outstanding Achievement Award for all they have done for their Clubs and District. President Paul began his Lions career at the Bear Creek Lions Club, and when that Club disbanded, he transferred to Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. He was instrumental in getting our security system placed in our building after several break-ins. He is the scheduler for all concession stand workers, from our Club and the many Scout and other Lions Clubs who help man the concession stand during tournaments. He attends all President and Secretaries Cabinet meetings each month. His father was a Lion and District Governor in Illinois. His mother came from Illinois to attend this presentation, along with his two daughters, son-in-law, and grandson.



Lion Paul's mother and wife Cherie were present as Lion Paul accepted the award.

Upcoming Events

Dragon Boat Races, Allen's Landing on Brays Bayou, Saturday May 2, 2015, 8:30AM to 4:30PM. Come and cheer on "Blind Fury", the team of blind members of the Houston Light House.

Tuesday May 12, 7PM, at the Lions Den, regular meeting, speaker will be Robert Berry, demonstration Early Vision Screeners which can detect vision problems in children as young as three months of age.

Saturday May 16, 2015, 9AM-4PM, Aeros and Autos Car and Plane show. This is a major fundraiser for the Texas Lions Camp. We need workers to man booths, direct traffic, etc. Contact PDG Baron Cagle at 281-924-1747.

Tomball Lions Club annual Car Show, Saturday May 17, at The Depot in downtown Tomball,

Thurs. May 21-Sat. May 23, 2015, MD-2 Lions State Convention, Hilton, College Station. Register on line at lions2s2.org.

Tues. May 26, 2015, regular Lions Club meeting, guest speaker will be Dr. Moes Nasser of Vision Source Willowbrook, who will share his recent vision mission trip to Tanzania.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Stedman Douglas, May 25, Happy Anniversary to Lion Becca Franco May 26, and Happy Anniversary to Lions Chuck and Sandy May 31.