

News from the Lion's Den

January 2016



Jersey Village Holiday in the Park

Houston Cy-Fair Lions participated in the Jersey Village Holiday in the Park event the first Sunday in December. We had hoped to do Vision Screening on children who visited the event with their parents. We borrowed a canopy with sides from the Venture Troop, but unfortunately, even after adding blue tarps on the sides, there was too much light to conduct the vision screening. We made contact with several parents, and suggested they ask their Day Care to schedule a Vision Screening for all the children there. We even secured a new camper for the Down's Syndrome week at Texas Lions Camp. So although the Vision Screening did not happen as planned, we made contact with the community. Thanks to all who attended and helped with this event.



1st Vice District Gov. Mark Roth

was our guest speaker at our Annual District Governor's Christmas Dinner in place of DG Noah Speer. 1st VDG Mark gave an overview of the history of Lions Clubs International and our past 99 years. Then he proceeded to install new members Lions Bob Rugur and Merrell Greene, with sponsor Bud Casey. We had a great turnout at our Christmas dinner, with lots of guests and some prospective members. New members Lions Bob and Merrell told us why they wanted to become Lions, to help other. Both have worked in the concession stand, and Bob helps with the Vision Screening program. Welcome Merrell and Bob!!



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New members Lion Merrell, Lion Bud Casey, new member Lion Bob, 1st VDG Mark Roth, President Paul.

Wreaths Across America

The rains held off for the 8th Annual Wreaths Across America at the Houston National Cemetery. After an inspiring service, thousands of volunteers laid live evergreen wreaths with red bows on the graves of veterans buried here. It did not take long to transform the cemetery into a beautiful and reverent place. This year 5800 wreaths were placed. The amphitheater for the ceremony was overflowing with volunteers. Len Cannon of KHOU TV was again the Master of Ceremonies. Alex deMassi, the young man who started this program at Houston, also spoke. He was 6 years old when he saw on TV about Wreaths Across America in Arlington National Cemetery, and wondered why Houston did not do the same thing to honor our fallen heroes. This year Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club sold 67 wreaths for the cemetery.



Christmas Cheer Food Baskets

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club, in cooperating with several different Scouting Troops, made Christmas a lot better by providing 60 families with a basket and a large bag of food. Each family received a turkey (or precooked ham if they did not have an oven), fresh potatoes, yams, oranges, apples, celery, and onions, a dozen eggs, and lots of various canned and boxed foods. Scouts conducted neighborhood food drives and helped sort the food goods into the baskets and bags alongside several Lions members. Twelve teams then hand delivered the basket and bag of food to the 60 different families within the Cy-Fair School District. All families were very appreciative of our donations. This project fed 316 people this Christmas. Many thanks to Ed, friend of Lion Amanda, who made plastic

Christmas tree ornaments that said “Houston Cy-Fair Lions 2015”, which were placed in the baskets along with candy canes. The Lions’ Den was quite a site with 60 baskets and 60 large blue bags filled with food lined up on the tables. Thanks to all who participated in this annual Christmas project, from the Scouts, to the parents of the Scouts, to the Club members. And a very special THANK YOU goes out to Lion Becca for all her wonderful organization of this project, down to the detailed maps and directions for basket delivery.



Tables full of baskets and bags of food.



Somes of the many people who delivered the Christmas Cheer Baskets this year.



Almost 60 frozen turkeys filled two tables.

KidSight Vision Screening

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club continues to do KidSight Early Vision Screening at various Day Care Centers and Mother’s Day Out programs in the area. For December, 292 children were screened, with 28 needing a full eye examination by a professional. Since we started this program on Oct. 14, we have screened a total of 884 people, with 780 of those being children, and 86 children and 40 adults being referred for a complete eye examination. Many thanks to all the Lions who help out with this important program. This has been a wonderful community service from our Lions Club.

Check out our Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club Facebook page and our website at www.houstoncy-fairlions.org.

Upcoming Events

Wed. Jan. 6, 2016, Presidents and Secretaries Council meeting, 7PM, China Bear Restaurant off I-45 at Airtex.

Tues. Jan. 12, 2016 7PM, regular Lions Club meeting at the Lion's Den. Program will be Lion Milly Spencer.

Saturday Jan. 23, 2016, 9AM to 1:30PM, Lions District 2-S2 Midwinter Conference, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7901 Westview, corner of Westview and Wirt, \$20 per person including continental breakfast and lunch. This year's programs will focus heavily on what we do not know about Lions, what we have forgotten that we know and why we are all proud to be Lions. This is a great half day seminar for new Lions Club members, but everyone benefits. Contact PDG Lion Margaret Badeaux 713-865-5549 or PDG Lion Chuck Martin 281-685-6322 for registration and information.

Tues. Jan. 26, 2016, 7PM, regular Lions Club meeting at the Lion's Den.

Get Well Wishes

Our best Get Well Wishes are sent out to Lion Bud who is recovering at home after surgery. We hope you rest so you can recover faster and be back with us at Lions meetings!!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Jan. 6 to Lion Sheldon Littlejohn, Jan. 10 to Lion John Donato, Jan. 14 to Lion President Paul Yackley, and Jan 23 to Lion Dr. Sherril Morris.

