

News from the Lion's Den

March 2016



Lone Star College Students Volunteer

Three students from Cy-Fair Lone Star College attended our first meeting in February. They have offered to volunteer at Vision Screening and the Concession Stand as part of their curriculum at the College. Susan Domingo, Jung Woo, and Marlin Moonsammy will be working with experienced Lions at the Concession Stand. They are assisting with Vision Screenings as their college classes allow. Please welcome them. Who knows, they might decide to become Lions after their experiences with us.

Welcome New Members

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club is growing!! We welcome new members Diego Blanco, who works with Lions Bud and Dorothy at Century 21 Cy-Fair. Kim Westerman, a student at Rice University, has been accepted into Dental School this fall. Both Diego and Kim have worked in the concession stand last fall, and helped with Christmas food baskets.

Keith Blaise found our Club on an internet search, came, liked what we did, and invited his wife Julie to join him. Keith has jumped in and

is coordinating our Lions Camp Work Weekend, and also working with Lion Merrell on the Peace Poster Contest. Julie has helped with Vision Screening.

Fousseni (Seni) Sanogo and Karsumo Siefa found our Club through a mutual friend. Seni was a member of the Copperfield Club before they disbanded. Karsumo has helped with Vision Screening.

Robert and Karen Berry joined our Club last fall. Robert is Vice President of the company from which we purchased our PlusOptix Vision Screener. Lion Karen is State Certified and has helped on several Vision Screening.

These eight will be inducted into the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club by Lion Sam Thomas at our regular meeting Tues. March 8. Please welcome them warmly.

Dictionary Project

Lion Bud has been coordinating the District 2-S2 Dictionary Project for our Club. He was given a list of 11 elementary schools within the Cy-Fair School District. Of those, nine have agreed to accept dictionaries for the third graders of their schools. Lion Bud told how 73 cases of 24 dictionaries each were off loaded from an 18 wheeler, onto the back of the Harris County Park golf cart, and driven into our meeting room where they were stacked against the wall. We spend a meeting putting labels into each of the 1752 books. Lions members were asked to take a school, contact the person listed, and arrange for getting the dictionaries into the hands of the students. Thanks for all who diligently put labels in books during our last meeting, and for those who will get the books into the hands of the 3rd Grade Students at the selected schools.



Club members putting labels into dictionaries.

Texas Lions Camp Work Weekend

Lion Keith has arranged for our stay and meals at the Texas Lions Camp for Friday night April 1, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday April 2. Four Lions Club members and 10 members of the Venture Crew Scouts will attend the scheduled Camp Work Day. We will be assigned some maintenance or clean up task for the day. This is a great way for new Lions to visit Texas Lions Camp and see all that we offer there.

Get Campers for TLC

If you know of a child who is handicapped or has Type 1 Diabetes, please talk to them about our Texas Lions Camp. There is NO COST to the families for the children to attend, as the Camp is owned and operated by all of the Lions Club members in the state of Texas. Please direct prospective campers to the Camp webpage at: www.lionscamp.com. On the left they can click on applications, then complete the appropriate forms online. Remind parents that they need to print out the Physician form for their child's physician to complete, and the Lion Sponsorship form, which the Lions member completes and sends to the Camp. District 2-S2 provides bus transportation to two sessions for Handicapped Campers. At our Club meetings in September, we invite the Campers and their families to dinner. We love to hear about the kids experiences at TLC, and connect with the parents.

Shirt Orders

Purple polo shirts with the Lions Club Logo, Houston Cy-Fair, and the Lions name have been ordered. For those who also work the Vision Screening Program, yellow shirts with logos as above, along with the KidSight logo, are being made. The purple shirts are great for wearing to the meetings, working in the concession stand, and at other Club functions.

KidSight Vision Screening

During February, Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club members screened 171 children at 6 Preschools and Day Care Centers. Of these, 30 were referred for complete eye examinations. If you know of a Preschool or Day Care or a Church Mother's Day Out Program in your neighborhood, please discuss with them this free vision screening service for children 6 months of age and older. Or direct them to

Lion Sandy (281-550-2798) to schedule a screening. Thanks to all the Lions and Lone Star Students who help with this important community service.

Eye Bank Bowl-A-Thon

Lions Keith Blaise and John Peterson look like they are enjoying themselves at the Bowl-A-Thon for the Texas Eye Bank.



Upcoming Events

Tues. March 8, 7PM, Lions Club meeting, special guest Lion Sam Thomas of the Baytown Lions Club and District Global Membership Team Chairperson. He will induct all 8 of our new Lions Club members. Then he will give the new Lions, as well as a review for the old Lions, a history of how Lions Clubs came to be, what we have accomplished, and where we are going. This is a great meeting to bring guests who are considering joining. Please let Lion Sandy know at 281-550-2798 if you will be coming by 5PM on Friday March 4 so that meals can be ordered for everyone.

Tues. March 22, District Governor Noah Speer will be our Guest Speaker. Please again bring guests, and let Lion Sandy know if you will attend for meal preparation.

Saturday April 2, 2016, Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp. Contact Lion Keith Blaies at 713-240-0037 to reserve a spot or transportation.

Saturday April 23, District 2-S2 Lions Club Convention to be held at **Park Inn Houston North by Radisson, 500 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Houston, TX 77060**. Information for registration will be forthcoming.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Robert Berry on March 3, Happy Birthday to Lion Dorothy Casey on March 10, and Happy Anniversary to Lion Todd Gaudin March 31.

Happy Leap Day!!