

News from the Lion's Den

December 2016



HRF Program

Our own Lion Bud Casey gave us a program on the District Humanitarian Relief Fund. This fund matches Club monies up to \$1250 so that Clubs can help more people. There are strict guidelines to be followed, as recipients must live within the District 2-S2 boundaries, and must be willing to accept the gift or services offered. HRF funds can help pay for medical expenses, utilities, special equipment like scooters or scooter car carriers. He gave us copies of the by-laws and HRF request form and urged us to look for ways to help others through our Lions Club and District 2-S2.

Wreaths Across America Sales

We again sold live wreaths to honor our fallen heroes at the Houston National Cemetery on Friday Nov 11, 2016, Veteran's Day. Small flags were given to Veterans while we informed the public about Wreaths Across America and the purchase of a live wreath for only \$15. Many people stopped and filled out a form to purchase a wreath, but many other just donated monies for the project. We had our best sales day ever, with \$617 taken in, the equivalent of over 41 wreaths. Thanks to Lion

Terry for again procuring the Cypress Ace Hardware location, and working the event along with Lions Bud Casey, Sandy Martin, and Chuck Martin. Please continue to sell wreaths to your friends and neighbors.

Texas Lions Camp Presentation

Lion Scott Perry from the Conroe Noon Lions Club gave us a wonderful presentation on the Texas Lions Camp. As elected Director from our District, he serves a two year term. He explained at all the Lions of Texas own the 515 acres in Kerrville. Over structures comprise the Camp, with air conditioned cabins with bunk beds, a modern dining hall, and a 24 hour a day infirmary staffed by 13 full time staff. Last year, 1472 children attended Texas Lions Camp, at no cost to the parents. Children can choose from over 20 activities. They are challenged by choice, never pushed into trying new things, but each child is taught the Can Do philosophy that they can try whatever they want to do. The Camp has 19 full time staff, and over 200 summer workers. Counselors are recruited worldwide. The 21 full time kitchen workers provide 1350 meals a day. Lion Scott explained how Lions within Texas help to support the camp by contributions from our District dues, Century Club membership, Texas Lions Camp license plates, endowments, etc. Director Scott informed the Club that last year we sponsored 39 Campers. Over the past 18 years, we have provided the Camp with \$38,000 in 100% Contributions, endowments, etc. From the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club we have 3 Century Club Members, 5 Lions with Life Membership to the Camp, 4 name bricks, and 2 persons with Jack Weich Fellowships. We need to be proud of our support to our Texas Lions Camp.



Camp Director Lion Scott Perry

Guests

We welcomed Wan Yee, a Lion from Malaysia and Steve Nickerson to our Club recently. Steve's stepfather was a Lion in Rhode Island, and he is looking for a Club to call home. Lion Wan Yee travels all over the world, and seeks to visit different Clubs in her travels. She loves to help with various Club projects when she visits.



Christmas Gifts for Needy Kids

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club again stepped up and provided Christmas gifts for 11 needy children this year. Names and gift requests were obtained at the PSC meeting in Nov. Club member then chose the child they wished to

help. Gifts were brought to the last meeting in November, and will be taken to the Dec. PSC meeting to be distributed. Many thanks to ALL who opened their hearts and wallets to brighten the Christmas of a child who otherwise might not receive gifts on Christmas morning.



Upcoming Events

Sun. Dec. 4, 2016, Jersey Village Holiday in the Park. Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club will have a booth, informing the public of our Club and all that we do. We will hope to do vision screening. We will advertise the Texas Lions Camp. This is a great fun way to share your love of our Club to the public. Wear your purple Club shirts or Lions Vest.

Wed. Dec. 7, 7PM, PSC meeting, China Bear, I-45 at Airtex.

Tues. Dec. 13, 2016, Annual Christmas Dinner and District Governor's visit at the Lion's Den. DG Mark Roth, and 1st DG Betty Ezell will be our guests. Wear your Christmas apparel and come and join us in the wonderful meeting. Please let Lion Sandy (281-550-2798) know if you are bringing a guest so we can have food for everyone.

Wed. Dec. 14, 2016, 7PM, fruit and vegetable sorting for the Christmas Cheer Food Baskets at the Lions' Den.

Thurs. Dec. 15, 2013, 7PM basket stuffing for Christmas Cheer Food Baskets, and cookie swap. Bring some cookies to share with others.

Sat. Dec. 17, 11AM, Wreaths Across America program, at the Houston National Cemetery, followed by lying of the live wreaths on graves of our Fallen Hero's. This is a great ceremony and community event, especially for children. All are invited to attend and place wreaths on graves.

SUNDAY Dec. 18, 2016, 1PM, Christmas Cheer Food Basket delivery. Please contact Lion Becca Franco at 713-408-7776 if you plan on helping to deliver the food baskets so she will have a route ready for you. This is one of our biggest community service projects, and we welcome all assistance.

Tues. Jan. 10, 2017, regular meeting of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club, 7PM at the Lion's Den.

Tues. Jan. 24, 2017, 7PM, regular meeting of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club.

KidSight Vision Screening

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club continues to do KidSight Vision Screening at various Day Care and Pre Schools in the area. In November, we screened 551 children, with 53 being referred for complete professional eye examinations. Thanks to all Lions who help on this worthwhile project.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Diego Blanco on Dec. 7, Lion Michael Denny on Dec. 10, and to Lion Merrell Greene on Dec. 13.

