News from the Lion's Den

January 2017

Holiday in the Park

Jersey Village Holiday in the Park was moved to inside the Civic Center due to a weekend of heavy rain. Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club got to set up our booth just inside the front door. We offered KidSight Vision Screening, Wreaths Across America information and wreaths, and had the Texas Lions Camp display. We had a very successful day, with 60 children being screened, and 6 of those referred for a complete eye examination. We sold four wreaths for Wreaths Across America. We made contact with a couple potential campers for Texas Lions Camp, and we some potential members inquiring about our Club. Thanks to Lions Chuck, Sandy, Julie, and Paul, and to Lion Wan Yee, from Malaysia, who came out and helped with our project. Lion Wan Lee was truly amazed by our Vision Screening Program, and said she learned a lot from participating in this project.

Lions Sandy, Paul, Julie, Wan Yee, and Chuck at Holiday in the Park

District Governor Visit

DG Mark Roth, 1st VDG Betty Ezell, 2nd DG Karl Johnson and his wife Lion Jane were our guests at the Annual District Governor's Christmas Dinner. DG Mark praised our Club for all of our activities, especially our KidSight Vision Screening Program. We had a great turnout, with guests and spouses. Lion Sandy was presented with a Life Membership to the Texas Lions Camp. We awarded DG Mark with a Lions Eye Bank of Texas Ambassador Award.

We had a wonderful turnout for our DG.

DG Mark Roth during his address.

Lion Don and wife Marie, 2nd DG Karl Johnson and wife Lion Jane, 1st DG Betty Ezell, and DG Mark Roth.

Lion Sandy received a Life Membership to the Texas Lions Camp.

Lions Julie and Keith in their festive wear.

President Paul presents DG Mark with a Lions Eye Bank Ambassador Award.

Christmas Cheer Baskets

Lions and Scouts and Scout leaders packed 60 baskets and bags with canned, boxed, and fresh foods. The tables were full of filled baskets ready for delivery. There was a cookie swap afterwards, and everyone ate their share of cookies. Our baskets served 374 people in the 60 families. Thanks so much to the Scouts who did the food drives, and to all who helped sort and deliver the baskets.

Each family will receive a basket and a bag of food.

Fresh fruits and vegetables were included, along with a turkey or ham, and a dozen eggs.

Stuffed stocking for each family was very festive.

This is a close up of what one family would receive.

Wreaths Across America

The weather was cloudy, breezy, and warm, but no rain. The ceremony at the Houston National Cemetery was, as usual, very moving. Members from each branch of the military placed a live wreath in honor of the fallen from that branch of service. A fly over of WWII aircraft was right on time. There was a 21 gun salute, and Taps was played on a bugle. The hemicycle was jam packed with spectators. Placing wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes at the Houston National Cemetery was started in 2008. This year, enough wreaths were sold to be placed on EACH of the 60,000 graves on the 419 acres.

Houston Cy-Fair Lions and friends sold 78 wreaths this year.

Scout Color Guard presents the flags.

Vintage WWII planes did a fly over.

Members of each branch of the Service places wreaths.

The Houston National Cemetery was beautiful with every grave having a live balsam wreath.

Mid Winter Conference

District Governor Mark Roth
invites you to attend the annual

MID-WINTER LEADERSHIP MEETING

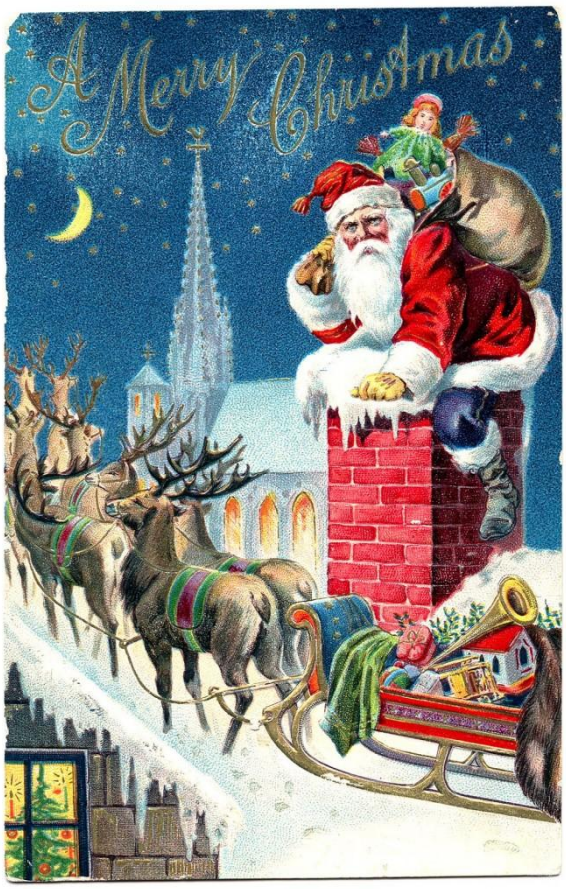
Saturday January 21st 2017 8:30am - 1:00pm
Hilton Houston North, Greenspoint

Including a re-enactment of Helen Keller's memorable "Knights of the Blind" speech

This is a wonderful learning experience. All Lions and guests are encouraged to attend. Register on line at: http://www.lions2s2conventions.com/

KidSight Vision Screening

We screened 367 children, with 40 being referred for complete eye examinations during Dec. 2016. We visited 6 Pre Schools, and had one public screening. Thusfar this Lions year, which is half over, we have screened 2355 children, with 238 sent for referral. Many thanks go to the Lions members who make this program possible.



Upcoming Events

Wed. Jan. 4, 2017, 7PM, PSC meeting, China Bear Restaurant, I-45 at Airtex.

Tues. Jan, 10, 2017, 7PM, regular Lions Club meeting at the Lions' Den.

Sat. Jan. 14, 2017, Charter Night for the new Cinco Ranch Lions Club.

Sat. Jan 21, 2017, District 2-S2 Mid Winter Conference, 8:30A – 1PM, Hilton Houston North, Greenspoint.

Tues. Jan. 24, 2017, 7PM, regular Lions Club meeting at the Lions' Den.

Texas Lions State Convention, May 18-20, 2017, the Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX.

June 30-July 4, 2017, 100th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago, IL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Jan. 7 to Lion Fousseni Sanogo, Jan. 10 to Lion John Donato, and Jan. 23 to Lion Dr. Sherril Morris.