

News from the Lion's Den

February 2017



German Lions

Lion Merrell Greene gave a great slide presentation about their recent trip to Germany, where they visited outdoor Christmas markets, smelled fresh baked gingerbread in Nuremberg, and drank a hot German spiced wine called Gluehwein, which they purchased from a booth run by the Lions Club of Munich, Germany. Merrell told of their conversation with the German Lions, learning about the projects that Club does. As a special treat, she brought hot Gluehwein and fresh homemade gingerbread. It was like taking a mini trip to Germany!!



Lion Merrell giving her presentation.

Lions Chevron Pins

Three Houston Cy-Fair Lions were presented with their membership Chevron pins. Lion PDG Don Robinson was presented with this 60 year chevron. As our last remaining Charter member, I am sure he could tell us lots about how this Club has changed and evolved over the years. President Paul Yackley was presented with his 20 year chevron. He told how he became a Lion: his father, District Governor in Illinois, invited him to a meeting, pulled out a completed form and asked Paul to sign. It was an application to become a Lion. Lion Terry Alderman also received her 10 year chevron. Congratulations to these three Lions, who together have 90 years of service with the world's largest Service Organization.



PDG Lion Don Robinson is presented with his 60 year Chevron.



President Paul receives his 20 year Lions Chevron.

Lions Help with See to Succeed at Berry Center

Certified Vision Screening Lions Bob Rugur, Merrell Greene, and Chuck and Sandy Martin volunteered at the Cy-Fair Independent School District's first See to Succeed event at the Berry Center. This program, a huge collaboration between Texas Health and Human Services, CFISD, HISD, and many other private entities, provided comprehensive vision screening and complete vision examinations to children who failed the standardized vision screening done in the schools. Approximately 1200 kids were shuttled through about 8 different stations in the screening process over the four days of the program, from checking far and near vision, to refractive examination, and a regular full vision examination by a licensed optometrist. At the last station, the children got to choose their own frames from hundreds on display. Various optical labs then produce each prescription, which will be mailed to the child's school in about 4 weeks. This is an absolutely free program, and there was no financial screening of the children. This will help ensure that kids who need eyeglasses will actually get them, and save Lions Clubs funds from purchasing exams

and glasses. It was like watching a very fine run machine as these children were screened. Twelve optometrists were set up in one room, and the efficiency was just amazing to watch.



Twelve optometrists did complete vision examinations on the children.



These are the frames that the children could choose from for their glasses.

Mid Winter Conference

District 2-S2's Mid Winter Conference was a huge success. There were 10 awesome sessions from which to choose, all of them well presented. Meals were great, from the full breakfast buffet to the luncheon dinner. Our special Key Note Speaker was actress Molly Mulligan portraying Helen Keller's speech at the 1925 Lions Club International Convention when she challenged Lions to become "Knights for the Blind." Lions Chuck, Sandy, Paul, Bud and Keith were present. If you didn't go, you missed a wonderful convention.



Fruit tray at breakfast



Close up of the fruit sculpture on the fruit tray.



District Governor Mark Roth at the Midwinter Conference.



We felt like Helen Keller was actually there with us during her speech.

PDG Eddie Risha guest speaker

PDG Eddie Risha spoke to us about Lions Clubs International Foundation, which provides humanitarian relief worldwide in times of need. LCIF was the first on the scene of the tragedy of 9-11, and at the major tsunami in Japan, bringing food, clothing, water, medications, etc. to those in need. Locally, LCIF has provided funds for the flood victims of last spring, and the wildfires in Montgomery County a few years ago. PDG Eddie discussed the current measles imitative, where for a dollar per injection, a child can be protected from measles, which kills 300 children daily.



PDG Eddie Risha talking about LCIF.

Lion Chuck recognized

Lion Chuck was presented a 15 member pin for sponsoring 15 Lions. Way to go Lion Chuck!!



Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club turns 60!!

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club was chartered in Jan. of 1957. To celebrate our birthday, we all sang Happy Birthday to our Club, and shared some Anniversary Cake.



Upcoming Events

Presidents and Secretaries Council Meeting, Wed. Feb. 1, at China Bear, I-45 N. at Airtex. Meeting starts at 7PM, come early to eat at the

buffet. Guest speaker will discuss the See to Succeed Program that provides free professional eye examinations and glasses for children in public schools.

Tues. Feb. 14, 7PM, Lions Club meeting at the Lions' Den.

Tues. Feb. 28, 7PM, Lions Club meeting, guest speaker will be Lion Larry Smith, talking about Leader Dogs for the Blind. This is a great meeting to bring a friend to let them see what Lions do to help the blind.

Tues. March 8, 7PM, regular Lions Club meeting.

Tues. March 28, 7 PM, regular Lions Club meeting.

Saturday April 1, Work Day at Texas Lions Camp. This is where Lions from throughout the state come to spruce up the Camp in preparation for the busy summer of campers. If you like, you can sleep in the bunk house free of charge on Friday night. Breakfast and lunch are provided at the Camp dining hall. Please contact Lion Keith Blaies at 713-240-3307 or krblaies@gmail.com so that the Camp knows how many persons will be at the Camp that weekend.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Be sure to show the love of your life how special they are to you. Bring them to our Lions Club meeting!!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Bob Rugur Feb. 7.
Happy belated Birthday to President Paul, Jan. 14. I am sorry I left him off the Birthday greetings last month.