

# News from the Lion's Den

March 2017



## Fix Up at the Den

Several Lions have been busy fixing up problems at the Lion's Den. Two picnic tables, which were originally made as an Eagle Scout Project many years ago, were in bad need of repair. Seats had rotted out, and it became dangerous to have children around them. Lions Bob and Chuck thought that just replacing the seat boards would fix the tables. On further investigation, some of the wood of the frame was also decayed and needed replacing. After several trips to Home Depot for treated wood, nuts, screws, etc. and a hectic afternoon of physical labor, both picnic tables are repaired and safe. Unfortunately, the tables fought back, and both Lion Chuck and Lion Bob had some scrapes and "owies" after their encounters with the man eating tables. Lion Bob whacked his shin on a seat brace, and Lion Chuck had a table throw him to the ground, injuring his elbow, shoulder, face, hand and leg. We certainly thank these two hard working Lions for their physical sacrifice to repair the tables. Luckily, Lion Merrell was there to keep the tables from attacking the men again.

Lion Keith pulled a misplaced tree that was growing in the gutters on the roof behind the Den. What looked like a simple project, the roots of the sapling had grown down into the down spout. Getting that out had to be quite a challenge!! Luckily, he did not end up bloodied like our other two heroes. Thanks to all who help keep our facilities looking their best.



These are the roots of the sapling that grew down the downspout from the roof to the ground as it is draped over the back fence.

### ***Lion Keith attends Forum***

Vice President Lion Keith recently attended the Lions Leadership Forum in Austin. Lions from throughout the state attend to learn how to be better leaders in their respective Clubs.

### **Baseball Season Starts**

The West Little York Baseball Complex has seen two tournaments this month. We desperately need workers for the Concession Stand. The monies we earn from selling food and drinks at the concession stand help fund our projects, like purchasing eyeglasses for children in the Cy-Fair School District. When we don't have enough Lions from our Club to run the concession stand, we are then forced to hire other Clubs and organizations to do the work for us. They then get the profits, not us. This helps their Clubs or organizations, but hurts us. Please, if you are physically able to work the concession stand, Lion Paul can schedule you with an experienced Lion for training. Contact Lion Paul at 281-704-6742 and let him know you are available and willing to help. If everyone worked a shift even every other weekend, we would have a lot more \$\$\$ in our Charity Account, and the same Lions would not have to work several shifts a weekend. It is really a lot of fun to interact with the kids and parents who are at our fields. Let's all pitch in and share the work. Remember: We Serve.

### ***Welcome New Member***

Steve Nickerson has been accepted as a new Lion!! He has attended several meetings, and requested membership. He is a teacher at Yes Prep School. We welcome Steve into our Lions family!!

### ***Lion Guest***

Lion Jean Denson, from the Moulton Lions Club, has visited twice and is interested in

transferring her membership to our Club. She has moved to this area. Please welcome her!!



### **Lions Leader Dog Program**

Lion Larry Smith, from the Woodlands Lions Club, gave a wonderful presentation about Lions Leader Dog program. Helping him was his own dog, Bentley. Leader Dog in Rochester, MI breeds their own dogs. Puppies are sent to "puppy raisers" who take the animal with them to get them used to being in social situations. After about a year of this training, the dog is then returned to Leader Dog School for further intense instruction on guiding a blind person. After the dog masters this, they are paired with a blind recipient. Together they spend more time at Leader Dog School, learning to work together and trust one another. Once comfortable together, they return to their homes. Leader Dogs typically work for 8-9 years before needing to be retired. Then the blind person goes back to Leader Dog in Rochester, MI to retrain with another Leader Dog. Costs for care and training of the dogs are covered by Lions.



Lion Larry Smith and Bentley

## Lions Club Float in Rodeo Parade

Houston Livestock and Rodeo Parade is Sat. March 4, 2017 starting at 10AM. The parade route begins at Bagby and Walker Streets, travels up to Travis, then over to Bell Street. The parade turns on Bell Street to Louisiana Street, before turning on Lamar Street, and ends at Lamar and Bagby. Every year since 1938 Downtown Houston is has been transformed into a celebration of Western lifestyle and heritage and the streets of Downtown Houston are filled with the sounds of hooves and marching bands as Houstonians and out-of-town Houston Rodeo spectators line the sidewalks and streets to witness the Houston Rodeo parade and Houston Rodeo Parade floats.

The 2017 Houston Rodeo Parade takes place before the 2017 Houston Rodeo kicks off and will include city, state and county officials as well as other Houston Rodeo parade dignitaries on horseback. They will join by marching bands, trail riders and many colorful Houston Rodeo parade floats. Each of the floats competes for awards such as President's Choice, Theme, Sweepstakes and a Houston Rodeo Parade Grand Prize.

Viewing the 2017 Houston Rodeo Parade is free and does not require any sort of Houston Rodeo Parade Ticket, nor does it require Houston Rodeo Concert a ticket. Simply choose your spot on the Houston Rodeo Parade Route from the map below and come on out and join the fun!

Lions of District 2-S2 have a beautiful float in the parade to celebrate Lions Clubs International 100 Years of Service. Our very own Lion Kim Westerman has been lucky enough to snag a coveted spot to ride on the float, along with District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Governors, and children campers sponsored to the Texas Lions Camp. Lions have been requested to attend the parade in their Lions Vests, to make our numbers known to the city of Houston. We also will need persons to read a short script of the float and what Lions do for our communities. Please contact PDG Eddie Risha at 936-672-1532 if you would like to assist.



### *Cinco Ranch Lions Club Charter Night*

Several members of our Lions Club were on hand to welcome in the newest Lions Club in our District. There was a wonderful turnout for the Cinco Ranch Lions Club in Katy. Lions Paul and Sandy attended, along with Certified Guiding Lion Chuck. The meal was wonderful. the speaker interesting, and the fellowship outstanding. Congratulations to Cinco Ranch Lions Club.

## Lions Eye Bank of Texas

### Bowl-A-Thon

Sat. March 25, Lions Eye Bank of Texas Bowl-A-Thon, AMF Diamond Lanes, 267 North Forest Blvd, Houston, 77090, registration begins at 12:30 PM and bowling starts at 1:30 PM. Come cheer on our team of four bowlers in this fun event. There will be hourly drawings for prizes, along with the fun and fellowship of being with Lions throughout our District. Come be a part of the fun and support the Lions Eye Bank of Texas.

### Upcoming Events

Wed. March 1, 7 PM, Presidents and Secretaries Council meeting, China Bear Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to come and learn what other Clubs are doing in our District.

Sat. March 4, 10 AM, Houston Livestock and Rodeo Parade. Come see the float celebrating 100 years of Lions service.

Tues. March 14, 7 PM, regular meeting of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club at the Lion's Den. Please contact Lion Sandy at 281-550-2798 to reserve a meal.

Sat. March 25, Lions Eye Bank of Texas Bowl-A-Thon, AMF Diamond Lanes, 267 North Forest Blvd, Houston, 77090, registration begins at 12:30 PM and bowling starts at 1:30 PM.

Tues. March 28, 7PM, regular meeting at the Lion's Den. Please call to reserve a meal.

April 28-29, 2017, Annual District 2-S2 Convention, Hilton Houston North, on Greenspoint. Past International President and fellow Texan Lion Jimmy Ross will be the guest speaker. Register online at [lions2s2conventions.com](http://lions2s2conventions.com). Plan to attend.

MD-2 TEXAS LIONS STATECONVENTION May 18-21, 2017 THE MENDER HOTEL 204 ALAMO PLAZA San Antonio, Texas 78207

June 30-July 4, 2017, Chicago Illinois, Lions Clubs International 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Robert Berry, March 3; Lion Dorothy Casey, March 10, and Lion John Peterson, March 30.