

News from the Lion's Den

May 2017



Wheel Chair Ramp Built

Lion Chuck heard of a woman who lived not far from him who needed wheelchair ramps built for her father, who is a double amputee. With the help and guidance of the Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club, ramps were built for both the front and back doors of the house. There was a 5 inch drop from the house to the concrete, which translated into the ramps being 5 feet long. This will be submitted as a Humanitarian Relief Fund Grant, with matching funds from that District entity.



The front door with 5 inch drop to concrete before ramp.



Construction of the front door ramp.



The completed ramp, with side guards attached.



Back door with 5 inch drop.



The ramp base was screwed into the concrete for stability.



Completed rear ramp.

Speakers on Living Trusts

Galen Gaither and John Woodward from Legacy Assurance Plan, a Living Trust, explained the difference between a will and a Living Trust. In Texas, when one spouse dies without a will, the other automatically inherits everything. If you die and leave a will, it must go through Probate Court, which can take many months, and cost thousands of dollars. Probate court is public, and anyone can find out your business after you die. If you die without a will, the State of Texas decides what to do with all of your personal belongings and material possessions. With a Revocable Living Trust, only you can make changes, and having a Trust eliminated

Probate. With a Trust, you can designate monies to grandchildren or others, and stipulate when and how much money they can receive at a time. You have much more control over dispersal of your property with a Living Trust. Pamphlets were given to everyone at the meeting.

Fixing up our Property

We had a very good discussion at the second Club meeting of April, on the continued upkeep of our meeting room, concession stand, and kitchen. Lion Bob Ruger, who is certified in food management from being a ship captain for the State of Alaska, pointed out several things which need repair in our facility. We discussed what cleaning needs to be done on an ongoing basis, how food supplies need to be stored away from cleaning supplies, and other things to bring our concession stand up to standards, and make it easier for all who work there. Lion Keith discussed alternatives to the very time consuming sno cones that kids love, such as frozen pop ices, ice cream bars, etc. Lions Bob and Merrell have already started major cleaning at the concessions stand, kitchen, and meeting room. Since these areas belong to all of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions, he asked that all Lions participate in the cleanup. Lion Dorothy agreed to act as Club Historian, and will need help sorting and disposing of the boxes of Lions memorabilia in the closets. Once we get everything up to standards, we will need to be sure to have extensive training to all outside organizations who work for us. Each worker will need to complete an on line Food Handlers Certification, at www.TABCpermit.com, or www.texas.foodhandlerclasses.com. Duplicate and no longer used items from the concession stand were on the table for us to take what we wanted. Leftover items could be sold on line or

donated. Working together, we can get our facility up to standards.

District 2-S2 Convention

For those who attended the 99th Annual District 2-S 2 Convention, it was a great time. Friday night was The Roaring Twenties event. We had several Lions within the District dress in period clothing. There was a contest for the best costume. We had entertainment by a singer, Robert Berry did his magic show acts, and a 10 year old boy sang his heart out to us and did an amazing job. Saturday morning was the Candidate Breakfast, where we got to meet all the candidates for District offices. The Past District Governors Distinguished Achievement Award Luncheon was a great presentation of awards to five outstanding Lions within the District. We had a business meeting, a memorial service to honor Lions who have died during the past year, the District election, and a reception prior to the banquet. Our guest speakers were Past International President Lion Jimmy Ross and wife Lion Velda, from Quitaque, Tx. They were wonderful speakers, as usual. District Governor Mark Roth passed out awards to deserving Lions in the District. There were six Hospitality Rooms where you could meet and talk with various candidates, enjoy more food, snacks and drinks, and relax. Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club had several members present throughout the convention. We celebrated DG Marks's Birthday on Friday, as well as 100 years of Lions Clubs International. Congratulations to our own Lion Stedman Douglas in his newly elected position as Director for the Humanitarian Relief Fund.



Lion Sam Thomas (Baytown Lions Club), PDG Rick Reynolds (Cut and Shoot Lions Club), and District Vision Chairperson Lion Paul Moore (Conroe Lions Club) dressed for the Roaring Twenties.



Lion Judy Champion, Cabinet Secretary, PDG Rick Reynolds, and 1st Vice District Governor Betty Ezell in costume.



District Governor Mark Roth.



Lion Chuck receiving an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation presented by PIP Jimmy Ross, with DG Mark, Lion Velda, and PID Don Buckalew (Conroe Noon Lions Club). Lion Chuck also received an award for outstanding Lion for the 3rd Quarter in District 2-S2.



DG Mark Roth, and PIP Jimmy Ross speaking.



PIP Jimmy Ross, and Wife Lion Velda, speaking to us about her recent bout with leukemia.

Upcoming Events

Tues. May 9, 7PM, regular Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club meeting, speaker will be Peggy Venable, talking on schools and Texans for Education Opportunity.

May 18-20, Texas Lions State Convention, plan to meet old and new Lions at the Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio. Registration information available at <http://www.lions2s2.org/NL032017.pdf>.

Tues. May 23, 7PM, regular Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club meeting, speaker will be Lion Syd Waldman, Houston Westbury Lions Club, talking about funeral s and preparations.

Lions Clubs International Convention, June 30-July 4, 2017, Chicago Illinois, Registration information available at: <http://www.lions2s2.org/NL032017.pdf>

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Jean Denson on May 8,
Happy Birthday to Lion Stedman Douglas on
May 25, Happy Anniversary to Lion Becca
Franco and husband Tony on May 26, and
Happy Anniversary to Lions Chuck and Sandy
Martin on May 31.