



# The Lions Den District 2-S3

Our Motto: "We Serve Better Together"



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## DG Charles Handrick



Okay Lions, here we are winding down our year.

Hopefully, all the Clubs out there are preparing for Officer elections and will fill out the PU 101's so we and International can have an accurate update to the Directories. If not, the info that we have on hand is going in. That means if the old President doesn't want his name out there, then make sure these forms are sent in by the Secretary. I have received some PU 101's already and this is great. Thanks to those Secretaries for their efficient work.

Also, if any Club wishes to nominate an individual for the Harry Reasonover Award (This is based on the outstanding service rendered by the candidate over his or her years of membership in the District) or the Gold Spur (which is presented by the District for outstanding service to Lionism by a Lion member during the year in which it is presented), or Silver Spur award (which is presented by the District for outstanding service to Lionism by a first year Lion member during the year in which it is presented). Please get these nominations to me as quickly as possible so we can present them at the Convention.

The District has been blessed with some very fine individuals who have stepped up to offer their services next year and their resolutions are printed in this Newsletter also. With the quality of leadership that is coming up, I am confident the District will rise to new heights in the State. Also, they will be looking for good help next year; especially in the Zone and Region Chair areas. So, please consider doing this for the District when asked, so

we can get some new ideas flowing in the District. (There will be a training session for this at the Convention also.)

We will be voting this year on several State Constitution changes and there will be a hard copy mail-out coming to each President in the very near future, so you can become familiar with them. We are also working on some District Changes and we will see if there is time to get these changes in before the Convention as well.

As this year winds down, there are a few things that still need to be done and I will be busy trying to get these done so as not to leave much clean up for the VDG next year.

I want to congratulate the Longhorn Campus Club and the Bastrop Lost Pines Club on excellent Charter nights and now we can look forward to two more. Schertz on the 18th of March and Spicewood is still in the planning stage. My Extension team is working hard to put in one more Club and we will hold that news until it happens.

I want to thank all the Clubs that I have visited already for making me feel welcome and I look forward to just a few more to finish up all the visits in the District. All the clubs are Great in their own way and I have learned so much this year and I would not trade this experience for anything in the World.

All the Lions out there are truly my "Every Day Heroes."

Hope to see you all at the District Convention

**DG Charles Handrick**  
**District 2-S3**  
**We Serve Better Together**



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## *District 2-S3 Convention*

### *April 17th & 18th Buda, Texas*

#### **District 2-S3 Presidents, Secretaries and Lions:**

For more than nine decades, the Lions of Texas and this great District have served tirelessly in our communities and around the world. We've responded as individuals and as Clubs. But, we've experienced the greatest impact when we've achieved goals Together. Your District Convention is a great opportunity to share-to meet other Lions and see the great work done in other Clubs.

The 2009 Convention kicks-off on Friday, with afternoon and evening events at Cabela's. The District Cabinet will meet in the afternoon and any Lion is welcome to attend. In the evening, EVERYONE is invited to join in a relaxing time of socializing and entertainment. A scrumptious meal, catered by Cabela's Food Services, and "back by popular demand" we will be entertained by "Gary Knippa and Friends." You will also get a chance to visit with candidates for Governor, Vice Governor, 2nd Vice Governor, Camp Director (South) and Lone Star Lions Eye Bank.

Saturday morning, we'll convene at Jack C. Hays high School, where you'll pick up your attendance packets starting at 7:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available. Scheduled activities begin with the Opening Ceremony at 8:25, followed by a fitting Memorial Service to recognize our departed Lions.

After the first business session, you can choose from an offering of workshops and seminars covering selected issues and topics. Following lunch, we will proceed directly into the second business session to accept nominations and conduct elections to fill District Leadership positions. The ballot will also include other important items.

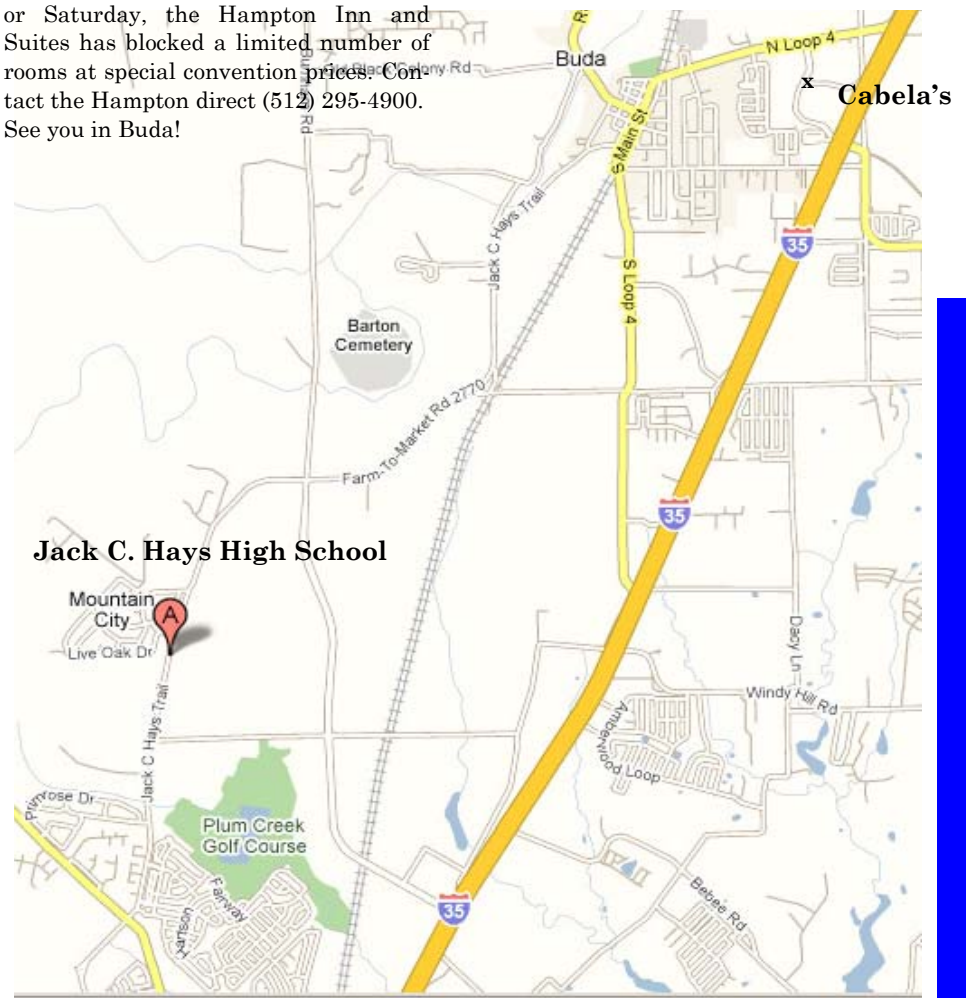
We are honored to have as our special guest, Past International Director Marshall Cooper, who will share his wit and wisdom at our Luncheon honoring Governor Charles Handrick. During the Luncheon, we will also honor deserving individual Lions for their service by presenting the Harry Reasonover Award,

Golden Spur Award, and Silver Spur Award.

Saturday evening, at the Governor-Elect's Banquet, we will recognize several Clubs for their outstanding achievements in Lionism this year and then relax and enjoy musical entertainment by the Sterling Quartet.

If you need lodging Friday and/or Saturday, the Hampton Inn and Suites has blocked a limited number of rooms at special convention prices. Contact the Hampton direct (512) 295-4900. See you in Buda!

## *See You In Buda!*



***From Cabela's and Austin: Take Main Street (Loop 4) into Old Town Buda. Go straight, through the traffic light in Downtown Buda, and turn right on to Jack C. Hays Trail, also called FM 2770. Go about 5 miles to the intersection or FM 1626. Go straight, about 1.5 miles, and Jack C. Hays High School, 4800 Jack C Hays Trail, will be on your right. Park in the main parking lot between the football stadium and the school. Follow the signs to the cafeteria.***

***Or from Austin: Take FM 1626 to Jack C. Hays Trail (FM 2770) and turn right and go 1.5 miles and Jack C. Hays High School will be on your right.***

**For more Info, go to: [http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.org/Committees/District\\_Convention.html](http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.org/Committees/District_Convention.html)**

## VDG Corner

It may be only March, but it's the time when governors start worrying about getting everything finished in good order. It's every governor's desire that all clubs get their dues paid, their 100% to the Lions' charities paid, and that they are paid on time. It is also when he evaluates the new club development and club membership. These are the things on which his success is based.

It would be so much better if the governor could simply focus on helping clubs be more effective in collecting and distributing money to the community and other Lions' charities, but the truth is that he is an administrator who must remind us all to take care of our responsibilities. It is encouraging to look at the clubs who have found successful fund raising projects and have no trouble taking care of their dues and charitable obligations. It is sad to see a few clubs struggle to find their way with only a few dollars raised and seemingly no way to improve. These are the clubs that cannot keep up with their obligations and

are continually behind. These are the clubs that fold.

Most clubs have paid their international and state dues and 100%. Clubs are beginning to turn in their PU 101s (2009-10 officers' form). Please remember that it is our governor's responsibility to monitor each club's reports and payments, and to remind us when we are behind. Lions Clubs International evaluates the success of our District and its governor by our meeting our financial obligations, growth in membership, and in accurate record keeping. We evaluate ourselves by the extent to which we help our community and our fellowmen. May we all end our Lions year successfully.



VDG Larry Nicholson

## LEOs Aboard USS Lexington

Leos from all three New Braunfels LEO Clubs, New Braunfels High & Middle Schools and Oak Run Middle School made the voyage aboard the USS Lexington in grand style. The Corpus Christi trip took place on the 7th & 8th of February. GOOD FOR YOU LEOs!!! Their next activity is a Lions Camp Work Day, March 6th & 7th.



LEOs join the Navy aboard the USS Lexington.

## Longhorn Lions Charter Night

The Austin Longhorn Campus Lions Club celebrated their Charter Night at Shipe Hall in Austin on Saturday night, February 18th. The New Braunfels Evening Lions Club is the sponsoring Club. PDG Lester Stockhorst was on hand to induct the newly chartered members while PDG Joe Al Picone was the guest speaker and presented the new Club with their official charter. The Club Offi-

cers include President, William Klingspoon; Vice President, Sean Skellenger; Treasurer, Chris Starr, Secretary, Katy Clove; Membership Chair, Tyler Nash; and Directors, Clay Samford and Lauren Matthews. The new Club comes on board with 32 new charter members.



Lion Betty Schilling, Past President of the New Braunfels Evening Lions Club speaks to attendees at Longhorn Charter Night celebration.



Joe Al Picone, shown with the new charter, banner and new Charter members of the Austin Longhorn Campus Lions Club. 'Hook 'em Horns'

You are cordially invited to attend the

***Spicewood Lions Club  
Charter Night Celebration***

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009**

**Lakehouse Café**  
406 Sleaf Drive, Spicewood



**Silent Auction & Social 6PM – Dinner 7PM**

**RSVP to Julie Weiss 512-789-0697**  
[julieweiss@zeecon.com](mailto:julieweiss@zeecon.com)

**\$20 per ticket payable to Spicewood Lions Club**

**Mail checks to: Paul Kronbergs  
P.O. Box 831  
Spicewood, TX 78669**

## Newly Formed Spicewood Lions Club

The newly formed Spicewood Lions Club appointed officers are: President, George Aja, [Emerging63@Yahoo.com](mailto:Emerging63@Yahoo.com); Julie Weiss, Secretary, Paul Kronbergs, Treasurer; and Brett Weiss, Membership Chair. The Charter members are: Angela Aja, George Aja Jr., Jacquie Banks, Eric Bass, Gary Bramblett, Fred Elizalde, Jane Ford, Donna Foster, Sherry Hollingswo, Andrew Jackson, Nancy Kronbergs, Paul Kronbergs, Patty Krueger, Connie Lawson, Mike Mandel, Casey Moss, Debra Mostue, Angie O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, Leta Paradise, Nancy Rhoads, Gary Sengbusch, Pamela Simek, Joyce Stephen, Don Vogelsang, Lois Vogelsang, Frank Weidman, Brett Weiss, and Julie Weiss.

## Lost Pines Charter Night



*It's Charter Night for the Bastrop Lost Pines Lions Club, held on March 6th.*



*Governor Charles Handrick presenting the charter to the new president, Lion David M. Collins.*

## "Membership is the Key" New Members—February

Congratulations to the newest members of District 2-S3 and their sponsors. If there is no sponsor listed, it was not submitted to LCI.

### *Lion Charles Handrick*

#### Bastrop Lost Pines Lions Club

Jim Mills	sponsored by	
Sara Nutt	sponsored by	
Carole Thomas	sponsored by	Terry Hickman

#### Bulverde Lions Club

David Hammond	sponsored by	Gene Wager
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#### Cedar Park Longhorn Lions Club

Michelle Calhoun	sponsored by	Samuel Johnson
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#### Elgin Evening Lions Club

Charles McGuire	sponsored by	L B Harden
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#### Georgetown Evening Lions Club

Gerald Pohlmeier	sponsored by	William Glenn
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#### Lago Vista Lions Club

Betty Houghton	sponsored by	Ray Kiker
David Houghton	sponsored by	Ray Kiker
Thomas McSwain	sponsored by	Donald Zschoche
Amy Wotipka	sponsored by	Marcia Gully

#### Marble Falls Noon Lions Club

Chester Batchelor	sponsored by	William Murray
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#### Point Venture Lions Club

Donald Burdick	sponsored by	Gene Glass
JoAnn Burdick	sponsored by	Gene Glass
Ronald Weindorf	sponsored by	John Franz

#### Round Rock Noon Lions Club

Rose Ellis	sponsored by	Shirley Dillman
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#### San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club

Irene Luna	sponsored by	Linda Alexander
Kathy Richardson	sponsored by	Beth Morrisset

#### Wimberley Lions Club

John Threeton	sponsored by	Lonnie Duke
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# DISTRICT GOVERNOR LARRY NICHOLSON

## Liberty Hill Lions Club Resolution

**Whereas**, Lion Larry Nicholson has been a member in good standing of the Liberty Hill Lions Club since 1990;

**Whereas**, Lion Nicholson has demonstrated an exemplary record of service to Lionism since 1990; and

**Whereas**, Lion Nicholson has served as Club President, Taitwister, Director; and

**Whereas**, Lion Nicholson has served as Cabinet Treasurer; Zone Chairman; and is currently serving as Vice-District Governor; and

**Whereas**, Lion Nicholson was honored by his club with a Melvin Jones Fellow award and a progressive Melvin Jones award; and

**Whereas**, Lion Nicholson has been a delegate to the district convention, and to numerous International Conventions; and

**Whereas**, Lion Nicholson has served as a director of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, and twice filled the position of Secretary of the Executive Board of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that we, the members of the Liberty Hill Lions Club, endorse Lion Larry Nicholson for the position of District Governor for the year 2009-2010.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, by unanimous vote of the Officers, Directors and Membership of the Liberty Hill Lions Club.

*Janet Oliver*

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Lion Janet Oliver—President

*Kathy Major*

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Lion Kathy Major—Secretary

# VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR MICHAEL SMITH

## NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LION MICHAEL SMITH

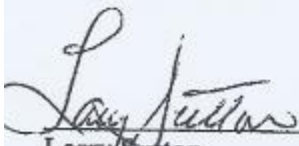
WHERE AS Lion Michael Smith has declared to this club his desire to serve as Vice District Governor in Lions year 2009/2010 for Lions District 2S3.

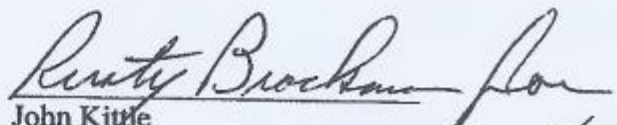
WHERE AS Lion Michael has been a member in good standing with the New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club since June 2002. Lion Michael has served his club as Lion Tamer in 2002/2003, Secretary three times 2003/2004, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, President 2004/2005 and Membership Chair 2007/2008 and will serve again in 2008/2009. Lion Michael has served as committee chair for two of the club fundraiser County Fair Booth and Wurstfest Parking. Lion Michael was awarded the "Lion of the Year" by his club for 2007/2008.

WHERE AS Lion Michael has served at the District level as Zone 5A Chair in 2005/2006. Region 5 Chair in 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and will serve 2008/2009. Lion Michael was elected as elected director south for the Texas Lions Camp for 2007/2009 As Region Chair Lion Michael has served on the MERL Team for the District and has demonstrated his ability to teach New Officer Training having assisted Lion Alan Ford Current Leadership Chair with the training of the Secretaries. Lion Michael has served as the Guiding Lion to the Gruene Lions Club for the past 2 lion's years.

RESOLVED The New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Board of Directors does hereby support Lion Michael Smith's Candidacy for the District Office of Vice District Governor for Lions year 2009/2010.

PASSED THIS DAY: 7/8/08

  
Larry Sutton  
Lion 1<sup>st</sup> VP President presiding

  
John Kittle  
Lion Secretary *JOHN KITTLE*

# 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR GARY COCANOUGH

## RESOLUTION

Dear Governor Handrick,

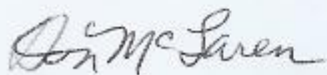
**Where As** the Georgetown Noon Lions Club is submitting the name of Lion Gary Cocanougher for his name to be placed on the ballot at the District 2-S3 convention on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Buda, Texas for the position of Second Vice District Governor.

**Where As** Lion Gary has been a Lion in good standing for 31 years, and has served in this club as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and President and on the Board. He has also served this District as Zone Chairman and currently serves as Region Chair.

**Where As** Lion Gary was a member of the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club in District 2-T2 for 25 years and served as President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, Treasurer, Tail Twister, Lion Tamer and served as a Board member. He also served as President of the District Eye Bank and on its Board. He also served as Zone Chairman.

**Where As** the Georgetown Noon Lions Club Board unanimous support this resolution.

Don McLaren Secretary



Lanny Long President

# LONE STAR LIONS EYE BANK LAURA NELL

## Resolution

Whereas Lion Laura Nell has been a member of the San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club for 8 years and has perfect attendance all 8 years, Lion Laura also served her club as president, secretary, vice president and membership director. She also organized and then advised the LEO Club at the San Marcos Baptist Academy for 3 years.

Whereas Lion Laura served her district as region chair for 3 years, as zone chair, as Midwinter Conference chair, and as Leo chair; she also served on the Mobile Health Screening Unit Board of Directors for 3 years and on the MERL team for 3 years. She is currently serving as Certified Guiding Lion for both the Bobcat Lions at Texas State University and the Austin Longhorn Campus Lions Clubs. She is also serving a one year appointment on the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank board of directors.

Whereas Lion Laura received The International President's Certificate of Appreciation; she is also the only Lion in the district ever to have received both the Gold and Silver Spur awards. Lion Laura received two District Governor's Appreciation Awards, was a 100% President, and is a Life member of the Texas Lions Camp. She received one Extension Award. Lion Laura was named Lion of the Month many times by her club.

The San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club hereby resolves to support Lion Laura Nell as nominee for District 2-S3 Region IV Director of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank on this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.



Debra G Sowards,  
President, San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club

2-17-09

17<sup>th</sup> Feb 09

# LIONS CAMP DIRECTOR (SOUTH) SKIP STEM



## New Braunfels Lions Club

Liberty · Intelligence  
Our Nation's Safety

Meets Thursday Noon

PO Box 310194  
New Braunfels, Texas 78131-0194

### RESOLUTION

The **NEW BRAUNFELS Lions Club** has served Lionism and Community since April 1924 and has founded numerous Clubs and continues to be a 200% Club, now offers a candidate for Texas Lions Camp Director, South from Lions District 2-S3, and

**WHEREAS,** Lion **SKIP STEM** is an active member in good standing of the New Braunfels Lions Club, and

**WHEREAS,** Lion **STEM** has served as Director, and currently serves as Texas Lions Camp Committee Chair of the New Braunfels Lions Club in their service to the community, District, State and Lions International and

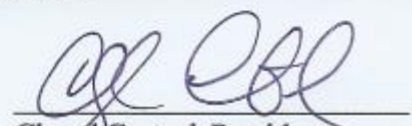
**WHEREAS,** Lion **STEM** served the Texas Lions Camp on the Camp Improvements Committee for the past year and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Braunfels Lions Club unanimously endorses Lion **SKIP STEM** as a candidate for Texas Lions Camp Director South for the Lions years 2009-2011.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of District 2-S3 for appropriate action.

**ADOPTED** by the New Braunfels Lions Club this 15th day of January, 2009.

  
Mary Cork, Secretary

  
Cheryl Casteel, President

## LEO Clubs



We should be most proud of this Lions District as we have more LEO Clubs than any other District in Texas. Still there are many middle and high schools without this opportunity for our future leaders. We are not always successful working within a school campus, so community clubs are an option.

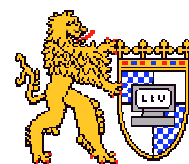
Any Lions Club wishing to begin a LEO Club should contact Lion Shirley Dillman for a presentation to your Lion's Club as well as to the community organization wishing to work with LEOs, Middle and High Schools will soon be dismissed for the summer and students have energy and that can be utilized to help your Lions Club or their community. The very first LEO Club started 51 years ago was by a baseball coach who wished to provide meaningful activities for his team during the summer months.

You may ask, why should we consider starting a LEO Club? As already stated, to provide more helping hands for your Club and to give back to their community, but with today's limited employment opportunities students with volunteer experience on their job applications are usually given preferential opportunities. Many high schools require 100 hours of volunteer service that a few other service clubs are already trying to provide. Scholarship applications are most successful for well rounded students with outstanding grades who have been able to give back to their schools, churches and communities. Successful admission to many colleges/universities. is also achieved by those so called 'over achievers' active in sporting events or volunteerism combined with proven academic success.

For assistance, visit [www.lionsclubs.org/youth](http://www.lionsclubs.org/youth), [shirley.dillman@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.dillman@gmail.com) or call 512-809-4556 . Lion Shirley Dillman - District 2-S3 Leo Chairperson

## Newly Inducted Round Rock LEOs

After meeting with both the Dawn Busters Lions Club and Leos of Round Rock High School, I feel the need to brag on the New Club and the growing LEO Program. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, VDG Larry Nicholson inducted 16 of the 27 new LEOs into our Lionistic Organiza-



tion. At least eleven more members will be inducted this month. It is exciting to observe the excitement of these LEOs as they plan for the upcoming partnership of a Bowl-A-Thon and Rubber Ducky Race with their sponsoring Lions Club. Perhaps the Dawn Busters Lion Club will volunteer to get cleaned up at a car wash being planned by the LEOs. Lion Shirley Dillman

## ROUND ROCK NOON LIONS "ADOPT A UNIT"

In the spring of 2008, the City of Round Rock, the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce, and the Round Rock Noon Lions teamed together with other entities to support Fort Hood Soldiers and their families in a program called "Adopt A Unit". The RR Noon Lions adopted the Bravo Company, 404th Aviation Support Battalion out of Fort Hood. There are 65 soldiers in Bravo Company who were deployed to Iraq June 15, 2008, and the RR Noon Lions have been involved in many activities to support the Troops overseas and their families stateside.

### Some of the support activities include:

- Tailgate Party in Old Settlers Park near the Dell Diamond in May 2008 for the soldiers and their families. They also received free tickets to the Round Rock Express Baseball Game that day after the Tailgate Party.
- Stuffed Goody Bags prior to deployment for the Troops. The Goody Bags contained magazines, non-perishable foods, toiletry items, socks, bedding, etc. Over 360 bags were sent to Fort Hood.
- Monthly "Support Boxes" have been sent containing similar items as in the Goody Bags. FYI – the Troops LOVE beef jerky!
- A Fall Festival on November 1, 2008 for the families at the Harker Heights VFW Hall. Inflatable toys, costumes, games, bags of candy, and all the hot dogs they could eat were among the highlights of the Fall Festival. Many thanks to the Round Rock High School LEO Club for their participation in the Fall Festival!
- Sent 3 big boxes of cookies to the Troops in Iraq in mid-November 2008.
- Signed and addressed over 200 Christmas Cards to the Troops in December 2008.
- Purchased, wrapped, and delivered 75 toys and gift cards to the Troops' children at Fort Hood in December 2008.

Major General Jeffery Hammond, Commanding General of the 4th Infantry Division in Baghdad expressed his sentiments to the RR Noon Lions in a letter in which he wrote..."We are forever grateful to you and your Lions Club for the kindness expressed to our Soldiers and Families. You are the reason we serve and we look forward to each day whereby we can continue our mission for the sake of liberty."

The best news of all is that the Bravo Company is scheduled to come home in May! We welcome them home with open arms and hearts, and thank them for their commitment to our country. The support from the Round Rock Noon Lions to Bravo Company will continue!

## NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH

### Lone Star Lions Eye Bank



March is National Eye Donor Month, and this year U. S. Senator Saxby Chambliss, R-Georgia, entered a proclamation into the Congressional Record, declaring March 2009 as "National Eye Donor Month." This is the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Eye Donor Month; President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first national Eye Donor Month in 1983.

Each March since 1983, the eye banking and eye donor communities have gathered to celebrate the GIFT of SIGHT, to honor eye donors and their families, and to raise awareness about eye donation. In his proclamation, Senator Chambliss said, "I urge my colleagues and all Americans to consider becoming eye donors to allow for the miracle of sight that so many of us take for granted."

Since 1961, more than 600,000 corneal transplants have been performed, restoring the sight of men, women and children ranging from 9 days to 107 years old. Corneal blindness can develop from a variety of diseases, injuries, or infections. "These transplants have over a 90 percent success rate and give renewed hope for those in need of a new beginning," said Senator Chambliss. "Despite these encouraging numbers, many Americans are still left waiting in the dark."

An estimated 11.4 million people have severe visual problems that are not correctable by glasses; and 1.1 million are legally blind. There is hope. Each year, more than 50,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants are performed – thanks to those who so generously give the Gift of Sight.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank has served 36 Central Texas counties for more than 34 years to manage the eye donor program and provide donor eye tissues for transplantation. In 2008, 507 donor corneas were provided for sight restoring transplantation – a 17 percent increase over the numbers of donor eye tissues provided during 2007.

Eye Banks like Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, work tirelessly to provide the services necessary to change

the lives of people suffering corneal blindness. Shawn Parker knows this, first hand. Shawn was living with Keratoconus, a non-inflammatory eye condition in which the normally round dome-shaped cornea progressively thins, causing a cone-like bulge to develop. The cornea is the clear window of the eye and is responsible for refracting most of the light coming into the eye. Abnormalities of the cornea can severely affect vision, making simple tasks like driving, reading or watching TV difficult. As the cornea continues to thin and change shape, a corneal transplant may be needed.

Shawn needed a corneal transplant. After her surgery, she said: "This is a miracle. I can see you, I can see you."

Sight restoration through corneal transplantation is amazing. So many people are waiting to have their sight restored – for their "new beginning." In Texas, you can make this miraculous difference by letting Sight be your Legacy. You can register as a donor at [www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org), or at your local Department of Public Safety office.

Make the decision today to become an eye donor and share this information to help educate others about the miracle of corneal transplantation and the urgent need for donor corneas. Your efforts to raise public awareness of the need for eye donors can make a difference in the lives of many.

I encourage you to consider becoming an eye donor. Thousands of people around the country are waiting for the Gift of Sight.

**Lion Doris Treadwell**  
**First Vice President**  
**Lone Star Lions Eye Bank**

[www.LSLEB.org](http://www.LSLEB.org)

## Lago Vista

### "CHILI & BEAN COOK-OFF"

February 14th brought us to Bar-K Park for our Fourth Annual non-sanctioned **OPEN COMPETITION**; meaning there are no strict rules regarding the ingredients that you may use in your chili or beans (**road kill should be fresh**). Although true Texas chili does not include beans, you can add beans if you prefer.

The event officially started at **8:00 A.M.** on Saturday with judging at **1:00 P.M.** The winners were announced at **3:00 P.M.**; 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies were awarded for each of the following categories, Chili, Beans, & Showmanship. A new entry in this year's cook-off was Mr. Gary Vinson, the program director with **KEYE TV (Channel 42 local Austin station)**. After receiving the details regarding our event, Gary was convinced this was worth sharing with the citizens of Austin, so the station sent a crew out to film the cook-off. **KEYE's** segment of "**WE ARE AUSTIN**" was aired February 22nd. It is also posted on their web site "[weareaustin.keyetv.com](http://weareaustin.keyetv.com)" The subjects of these segments, produced by **KEYE**, are what make Austin and the surrounding areas unique. This will be great publicity for our event, participants, Lago Vista Lions Club and the community. Gary brought along **KEYE's** own weather girl, Susan Vessell.

## Website Design

### Creating a Club Website

I now have some very informative information on the District web site about designing a club web site.

[http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.org/Committees/Information\\_Technology.html](http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.org/Committees/Information_Technology.html)

It provides steps from selecting a webmaster to maintaining your

website. There are links to **FREE** websites that will walk you through the design of a web site. Included is a "Web page example" that will give you an idea of what type of information to include on your web site.

LCIF has put out a document titled "Net Savvy, a Guide for Lions in the Digital Age" that gives good information on Lions clubs and the digital age. I encourage all Lions to take a look at these pages, discuss it at your club meetings and if your club doesn't have a web site think seriously about getting into the Digital Age." Lion Duane Lueders, District Information Technology Chair.

# CLUB NEWS

## BLANCO LIONS CLUB

Our Club held two regular member meetings and a Board of Directors meeting. Participation in an upcoming Relay for Life was discussed. In conjunction with local churches, we held a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and raised \$1,024.00 for Operation Graduation; the safe and sober graduation party for graduating high school seniors.

## BUDA LIONS CLUB

The Buda Lions Club has been busy working concessions for soccer at Hays High School and we are meeting on a regular basis for our upcoming County Fair in April. We donated \$100.00 to the American Legion Post in Manchaca for their golf tournament and \$100.00 each to 3 new clubs in our district (Bastrop, Schertz, and the UT Longhorn Campus Club). We also donated \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of the Vision Machine for Early Childhood Vision Screening. This machine is being purchased by our District, 2-S3.

## CAMERON LIONS CLUB

Last month, we contributed to Lions Eye Bank, \$200.00 and 10 hours; youth, \$5,000.00 and 8 hours; and community services, \$500.00 and 6 hours.

## CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS CLUB

We are happy to announce we have re-established our meeting place at the Canyon Lake Golf Course. Times and dates are unchanged. Activity has been slow since the first of the calendar year but things are about to pick up as we get ready for the next fund raising event, our annual "Fish Fry," which is the 3rd of May this year. More to come on that event later

We donated \$1,000.00 this month, half for the districts' mobile vision screening machine and half for a scholarship. Our 5 Feb meeting featured autobiographies from two of our own members, Robert Jones and George O'Donnell. They turned out to be very interesting life stories. Our guest

speaker at our 19 Feb meeting was Comal County Game Warden Mike McCall. Mike is originally from Pleasanton, Texas, and is a 1992 graduate of Southwest Texas University. His first year as a game warden was 2000 and he moved to Comal County in 2007. Mike explained his duties included water safety, game management (hunting and fishing) and any other law enforcement duties a licensed peace officer performs. He also shared some interesting stories about his duties in the past. Tail twisting netted \$131.00 this month.

## ELGIN EVENING LIONS CLUB

\$2,872.00 was collected and 294 Lion hours were expended toward aluminum can recycling.

## GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Over 80 people attended the Garden Ridge Lions Valentine's dinner. The men opened the meeting by singing "Let me Call You Sweetheart" to the women and Valentine candy was given to all the women present. A fantastic time was had by all. The slate of officers for Lions Year 2009-2010 was approved by the Board and will be presented to the General Membership at the next meeting. We are currently planning our annual wood-cutting project; the fire wood we cut will be seasoned and then sold at our October Fish Fry, BBQ, & Auction.

## GEORGETOWN (NOON) LIONS CLUB

**FEB 11** - Donna Covey (pronounced like the word associated with quail as opposed to that of our county commissioner) spoke to us about Partners in Education. What they are doing in the community obviously strikes a chord with Lions since several of our members have participated as mentors to kids in school. PIE is always in need of more mentors, so anyone with a spare hour or two a week could not only do some good but gain a lot of pleasure in bonding with a child.

**FEB 25** - We had two presenters from the Boy Scouts. The first was Daniel Hamilton who is originally from

Louisiana and fairly new to his job. He subbed for Tim Molepske, Director of Field Services for BSA, who was witness to an auto accident on his way to the meeting. We learned there are 767 youths and 352 adult leaders involved in scouting in the San Gabriel District of the Central TX Council of Boy Scouts. They want to get more kids into scouting and are trying to reach more Hispanics. Records show that boys who spend at least 5 years in scouting will graduate high school and college and be more successful and active in their communities.

We also had Ramsay Eddins as a guest for the second time, and he has a membership application in hand. Lion Bobby Seiferman of the Round Rock Noon Lions Club and who is employed in Georgetown at the SUN, visited our club. He was promoting the RRNL Charity Golf Tourney to be held at Blackhawk Golf Course on Saturday, March 28. It's \$75.00 per person with lunch, beverage tickets and prizes. You can even win up to \$300.00 for first place if you team up with someone good like Lion Gearl! There's even a putting contest. You can get more information from the district website.

**THIS AND THAT:** Three of us Lions, and one hopefully future Lion, played in the Lago Vista Golf Tournament on Monday March 2. We played solid enough to come in with the highest score, but received no prize for the feat. Lions Gearl and Lanny did well as did Gary Twyford who has visited our club and is "contemplating" whether to join. Lion D. Voelter (to distinguish from Lion A. Voelter), on the other hand, reverted back to the level of skill he exhibited when he first began playing the game. Not able to use a bad shoulder as an excuse since it now feels fine, he can only conclude the problem was a feeling of intimidation from playing with such great players. He had the surgery in August and was playing for the second time. But, that suggests rust as an excuse, and that sounds too much like burnt orange. Using up too many good shots on the driving range may have been a contributing factor.

Hutto Lions Club is having its annual golf tournament on April 13 with a deadline of April 3 to enter. Their website is [www.huttolionsclub.com/](http://www.huttolionsclub.com/). The individual entry fee is \$100.00, but those who have played in the past know they give out great prizes to the winners and for door prizes.

## CLUB NEWS (Continued)

Everyone should now have their Pancake Breakfast tickets, and the success of the event hinges on getting them sold. We still hope to have some help from Boy Scouts and others, but each Lion needs to make a reasonable if not exceptional effort.

The other thing we need to focus on is membership, so look around for prospects.

We remember those in our club who have experienced issues affecting their health in the past or still are. Add to those, Lion Mort's wife and Lion Leon's mother.

**FUTURE: March 11** – Lion Don Schoch from New Braunfels will make a visit to our club with information about the Lions World Services for the Blind. He will be joined by Lion Dennis Kraft, chairman of the Leader Dog for the Blind program, with presentations about both programs. They each take about 10 minutes for their respective talks and about 5 minutes for a question & answer period each for a total of about 30 minutes. We may have to start eating earlier than usual to get the program started in time.

**Mar 25** – Adrien Drouilhet is the Lions Camp Director and will be bringing us a new DVD to show us about the Camp.

**April 8** – Lion Susan is planning to bring Katherine McShane, President of Coffee Underwrites Philanthropy, to speak and present to us what sounds to be a good fundraiser. Her program is unique in that it costs nothing to sign up and she does all the work. For a group that has not been wild about getting out and selling tickets, this could be a good fit. Artwork is required for the back label of the coffee sold on our behalf. I can picture a shot of one of our pancake cooks flipping a pancake or Lion Koonce swinging a club. There is no charge and no risk to signing up. My understanding is we would receive 30% of the sale price of coffee sold with our label.

Other Dates: **April 17/18** – District Convention in Buda. **April 18** – Pancake Breakfast is in Sun City at the pavilion which is beyond the Del Webb Blvd. bridge over Berry Creek and to the left.

### GEORGETOWN EVENING LIONS CLUB

The First Annual Bowling Tournament netted a profit of \$400.00; we donated \$100.00 to the Children's Eyeglass Fund, The Caring Place, Texas Lions Camp, and the Eye Bank. \$100.00 was also donated to District 2-S3 for funding the vision screening equipment.

### LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

\$250.00 was donated to children's eye photo screening and 510 pair of used eyeglasses were collected.

### LIBERTY HILL (MORNING) LIONS CLUB

In the area of community services, 106 hours were contributed in aid to the elderly.

### LULING LIONS CLUB

At the February 12 meeting, Lion Rick Carter presented a slide show program, showing scenes of Luling during the 1940's thru the 1970's, including the old train station and the great train derailment.

At the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the minutes and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. The scholarship applications are in; they were presented to the Scholarship Committee to evaluate and make their recommendations.

A motion was made and approved at the March 5 meeting to give the Little League \$50.00 to put up a banner for the Lions on the outer fence. We also discussed up-coming events.

Randy presented the program at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting on the Old Zedler Mill project. It's coming along slowly but surely; very interesting history of the mill. James Trench was one of our scholarship recipients. He brought us up to date on his plans for this coming year. Peggy Toussaint has the program this next week

### MANOR LIONS CLUB

Club Meeting, 9 February 2009: Lion Herb Dieringer provided the meal. District 2-S3 Governor Charles Handrick discussed all the charities

covered by the 100% club designation.

Club Meeting, 23 February 2009: Lion John Burrell provided the meal. \$100.00 was donated to the Manor Youth Ball Park.

Club Meeting, 9 March 2009: Lions John Burrell and George Reid are the assigned cooks.

### MARBLE FALLS NOON LIONS CLUB

220 hours and \$1,000.00 was contributed towards community services; 30 hours and \$300.00 was contributed to youth programs; and 12 hours and \$118.00 was contributed to health related services. 290 pair of used eyeglasses were collected.

### NEW BRAUNFELS (NOON) LIONS CLUB

Our Club received a Banner Patch and Chevron for 30 consecutive years as a 100% contributor to TLC for Lion Year 2008-2009. Our club has also been recognized for successful completion of joint projects and activities supporting Leo-Lion collaboration and was awarded the Leo-Lion Serving Together Banner Patch and one for each of our three Leo clubs' banners. Leos from New Braunfels High School, New Braunfels Middle School and Oak Run Middle School and their chaperons had an enlightening trip to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi where they experienced a great weekend exploring and learning about the history of the old ship.

Don Meyer & Joe Barbour received their 25 year membership chevrons and Melvin Jochev received his 50 year chevron as faithful members of our club. Donations to the HW Golf Tournament, sight conservation and to help the start of the new club in Schertz/Cibolo totaling about \$500.00 were made this month as well as \$2,500.00 paid out in scholarships.

### NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

The New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club netted \$4,080.00 from its Marksmen Concert fundraiser in October. All the proceeds for the next three years' Marksmen Concert will go toward fulfilling the pledge the club made for LCI Campaign SightFirst II.

## CLUB NEWS (Continued)

### ROCKDALE NOON LIONS CLUB

234 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected. The following donations were made: 47 hours, health related services; 81 hours, youth programs; and 42 hours and \$41.00, community services.

### SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

We collected 1,042 pair of used eyeglasses last month, 8 Lions contributed 31 hours for charity, and we inducted two new members. Ending the month with 34 members, we welcome our newest members Irene Luna, sponsored by Linda Alexander, and Kathy Richardson, sponsored by Beth Morrisset.

### SAN MARCOS EVENING LIONS CLUB

We assisted with a school program, LEOs, and youth scholarships.

### WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

Wimberley Lions shrank by 4 last month. A new membership drive is now in place similar to last years in which we had 10 new members in that 3 month time period. Our total is now 183. Wimberley donated \$2,040.00 to the Hays Caldwell Women's Center, \$1,000.00 to the Wimberley Valley Art League, \$500.00 to Hays County Sheriff's Junior Deputy Academy, \$5,000.00 to the Burke Foundation, and \$200.00 towards the memorial scholarship for the late Sheriff Allen Bridges. These donations were raised during our first Saturday of the month Market Days. Our Concession Managers have expanded the food selection and will be offering pulled pork at 3 concessions starting in March. Wimberley Lions recognize a Teacher and Student of the Month. This month we recognized Jamie Thibodeaux, a third grade teacher at Bowen and Hannah, one of her best 3rd grade students. Both received nice prizes. Lastly March 7th will be the start of our new year for Market Days. Several changes had to be made during our off months, including 4 new booths, a larger BBQ cooker for Brisket sales, a larger menu, and a updated website for customers and vendors

[www.shopmarketdays.com](http://www.shopmarketdays.com)

### Lion John Lyon

March 03, 2009: Lion David Erck gave the invocation, Lion norm Parish led the pledge of allegiance, and Lion Don Campbell reminded us of one of Doc Greer's favorite songs "When the Saints go Marching In".

While I enjoyed the piano led singing, this reporter particularly enjoyed the memory of Doc Greer standing on a chair at Ranch 7A meetings with shouts of "watch out for the fan!" This routine continued when we moved the meetings to the VFW with Lion Herman Leyh assisting Doc climb a stepstool. The same shouts of watch the fan continued sans fan.

Our Tail Twister, Lion Nathan Dean, set a record of almost \$800.00 dollars raised at our last meeting by auctioning seats at Mandola's Table for the Burke Foundation event. The Wimberley Lions have contributed to the Burke Foundation for many years. Every investigation into the Burke Foundation that the Donations Committee has initiated has come back with raves for how much good the organization does with their resources. Mandola Winery Estate in Driftwood hosts the Burke annual fund raiser. A table for eight was auctioned. An excellent evening was enjoyed by the eight participants in this elegant restaurant. About 180 guests enjoyed the winery's product along with anti-pasta, pasta, meatballs, desert and coffee. Both a silent and live auction brought in more funds for the foundation to use to further its efforts. The Lions Club was singled out for a certificate of appreciation and two signed bottles of wine. The participants thought it appropriate to bring the wine back to the club.

Lion Nathan Dean was able to get \$20 each for the bottles. In addition, Lion Lewis Smith donated a full set of golf Clubs with leather bag which brought on more lively bidding.

Lion Russell Cox inducted a new member of the club. Bill Howe, E-mail: [crhowe@mrc.com](mailto:crhowe@mrc.com), Sponsor: Bob Pierce. Lion Lane Hartsock completed the fall donations by giving a check to Marcia Sanderson of PAWS for \$1,000.00 for vet services.

Martha Knies and Hugh Campbell made a presentation for the Village Store. In the last eight years,

the Village Store has returned over \$ 1 million to the seven charity organizations who operate and staff the Village Store. They believe they could do more with more space. They propose building a new Village store on the back side of Lions Parking Lot # 3. The funds to build the facility would be by donations and grants. Once the building is completed, it would be deeded to the Lions Club with a long term lease to the Village Store. Since the store would not be open during Market Days, only the building footprint would take parking space away from Market Day parking. This is in the planning phase. The purpose of this presentation was to let the club membership know what the Village Store and Lion Board is working towards.

Lion Linnea Bailey introduced Herb Dyer, COO Seton Hospital Hays. He brought us up on the status and potential of the new hospital in Kyle. This hospital is scheduled to become operational November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is currently ahead of schedule so it is anticipated to be open sometime in October. This will be full service facility with cardiac, OB, GI, stroke capability. As Ken Strange told us last month, our EMS with begin taking its heart and stroke patients there by ambulance instead of air-evac to Austin.

Lion Lane Hartsock outlined the election process for next year's board. Get your nominations in this week. Positions needing to be filled are 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Tail Twister, two Directors, and Membership.

Lion Bill Hull made a request for Lions to step forward to host a youth exchange this summer. Below is his plea:

**Request for Host Families for Lions International Youth Exchange:** The State Youth Exchange Chairman is charged with the task of finding host families for 20-25 youth from around the world who will be attending The Jimmy Ross Lions Cowboy Camp in Amarillo 7/13-7/20. I have committed that the Wimberley Lions Club will host three of those students. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know a young person(s) for a week to ten days. The youth are both male and female between the ages of 16 and 19. Each of the students is responsible for making and paying for his/her own flight arrangements to Austin or San Antonio.

The dates that are available for us are June 21-July 13 or July 20-

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Aug. 10. There will be activities with other clubs in the district for these young people. We will invite them to our meetings and put them to work at Market Day.

Over the last five years, our club has sponsored 32 young people as outbound youth exchange students. During that time, we have hosted one student. Now is the time for our club and our members to help out with this outstanding program and help change some lives. You will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Please give this some thought and contact me for further information. Thank you.

Bill Hull, Chair, Youth Exchange and Camps Committee  
[bhull2@gmail.com](mailto:bhull2@gmail.com)

## Memorial To Deceased Lions

Lion G.E. Britton of Austin Capital City Evening Lions Club passed away on Feb. 12, 2009 at the age of 85. Her funeral was Wednesday, February 18, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Austin.

The Georgetown Noon Lions lost the member who had been in our Club the longest, Lion Judge Bill Lott, who died about a week ago. His services were Monday. He last came to a meeting in January and will be greatly missed



The Garden Ridge Lions Club attended services for 84 year old Lion Reed Switzer, a long-time member of our Club; he will also be greatly missed.



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# 16th Annual 2009 Harry Wickersham Memorial TLC Golf Tournament



The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament is in its 16th year, and is a Memorial Tournament in memory of Harry Wickersham.

Since it began, the tournament has been a tremendous time of fun and fellowship, and by the way, has raised \$348,000 for the Camp's Operations and Endowment Funds.

The 2008 Tournament was a huge success and raised funds for the children of Texas Lions Camp. Many people came together to make this happen.

### Tournament - 2009

The 2009 tournament will be held at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Texas; as in prior

years. The Tourney will "shotgun start" at 8:00 a.m. on the Thursday prior to Board Day, July 30, 2009.

Registration: Register in one of two ways: manually, by downloading the form and returning with your check made payable to Texas Lions Camp, or on-line with your credit card.

Hole Sponsorships: The Tournament is an important fundraiser for TLC, and we value our sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a hole for the Tournament, go to [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com) and download the form or give on-line through our secure server.

The following Clubs and individuals in District 2-S3 have contributed to the Operations and Endowment Funds of the Texas Lions Camp by sponsoring one or more holes (\$100.00 per hole) for the 2009 tournament: PDG Lester Stockhorst, PDG Dennis Heitkamp, San Marcos Lions Club (2), Marble Falls

Lions Club (2), Liberty Hill Morning Lions Club, Bastrop Evening Lions Club, Garden Ridge Lions Club, Pflugerville Lions Club, New Braunfels Noon Lions Club, Shirley J. Dillman (2), PDG Angela & VDG Larry Nicholson, and Round Rock Noon Lions Club.

Let's make this list grow; sponsor a hole!





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