

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday December 9, 2014 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 12

Guests: 8

President Paul opened the meeting promptly. Lion Kamal led the pledges to the flags. Lion Amanda gave prayer. Since our song bird, Lion Don, was absent, there was no song.

After the meal, guests were introduced: Cheri, wife of President Paul; Ed, guest of Lion Amanda; Tony, husband of Lion Becca; 1st Vice District Governor Noah Speer and wife Pat, and Christina and Lindsey, daughters of Lion Littlejohn.

1st Vice District Governor Noah, from the Huntsville Lions Club, introduced District Governor Chris Moorman, of the Liberty Lions Club. He said when Lion Chris first became a Lion, he did not know you could say NO to a request; consequently, he served lots of Club and District offices. DG Chris is married, with three daughters. Maybe that is why he does not know how to say no.

DG Chris thanked our Club for having him as a speaker, and thanked us for being Lions and doing all that we do. Our Club participates in the Humanitarian Relief Fund, Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Lighthouse of Houston, the Texas Lions Camp, and the Texas Lions Foundation. He could tell we participated in all these charities by the patches on our Club banners. Since Lions have eradicated River Blindness, measles is now the targeted disease. Even today, 330 kids die each day from measles.

DG Chris gave his condolences to the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club for the loss of PDG Lion Fred Hamilton, whose funeral he attended this morning. He reported that Lion Fred was most proud of being a Lion and helping others.

DG Chris reported that International President Joe Preston, from Arizona, is musically inclined, and wrote a song, "Strengthen the Pride", which stresses leadership, opportunities and development. On-line leadership courses are available through the Lions Clubs International website. He encourages us to partner with other service Clubs, schools, churches, hospitals, etc, to get more done. President Joe encourages us to strengthen the pride through re-dedication, by doing a special unique service project around Jan. 15, (Melvin Jones' birthday). He encourages us to ask one other person to come to a meeting.

Lion Chris encouraged us to exercise more. Exercise lowers hypertension, obesity and depression, while increasing sleep and mental acuity.

DG Chris told how his personal motto, "Destroy to Grow", came about. He said we need to change in order to keep up in today's society. We might need to destroy our old ways and embrace new ways in order to grow our Club.

DG Chris then presented a letter and 15 year Chevron pin to Lion Sandy. Letters for 2 other members who are not present was given to President Paul.

Motion was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Becca, to dispense with the regular meeting tonight. Motion passed.

Lion Paul then presented DG Chris with a letter explaining our gift of a Life Membership to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas for him.

Lion Chuck apologized to DG Chris for sitting beside him during the singing of hymns at Lion Fred's funeral.

Lion Sandy thanked all who participated in the Christmas gifts for needy children, explaining our Club donated 2 bicycles, 2 soccer balls, 2 basketballs, 3 games, and various assorted clothing and other items.

There will be a brief Board of Directors meeting immediately following the regular meeting.

With no further business, Lion Bud led us in a hearty Lions Roar. Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary