

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday June 12, 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 16

Guests: 5

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:10 after waiting for latecomers to arrive due to traffic. Lion John led the pledges to the flags. Cherie Yackley gave prayer. Lion Don is still out after having knee replacement surgery, and Lion Chuck motioned that we not sing a song tonight. Guests were introduced: DGE Mark Roth, Cherie Yackley, wife of President Paul, her father Frank McElroy, Florida Traub, guest of Lion Seth, who was a Lioness previously, and Nahid, wife of Lion Mazher.

After the meal, District Governor Elect Mark Roth inducted Robert Berry as a Lion. He explained that Lions Clubs will celebrate their 100th birthday next year, as it was founded in 1917 by Melvin Jones. Today Lions Clubs are the largest service organization worldwide. We are known for fighting causes of preventable blindness since Helen Keller, in 1925, challenged Lions to be “Knights of the Blind”. This makes Lions worldwide all with the same goal. In 1939 the Leader Dog program was started. Texas leads the nation in Leader Dog applications. In 1945 the Texas Lions Camp for Polio was established in Kerrville, TX. Our District sends kids by bus for two sessions each summer. DGE Mark told of a child named A’Miracle who went to Camp but cried when she saw her mother. Everyone was afraid that something terrible had happened to the little girl while at Camp, but when her mother asked why she was crying, she replied, “I learned how to swim!” The Lions Eye Bank of Texas, founded in 1953, provides corneas for those in need. It used to take 9 months for a cornea to be found, but thanks to Lions lobbying to change some rules, corneas are now available immediately. Leos, young Lions in training, were started in 1957, teaching kids the gift of service. In 1990, Sight First I, and in 2008 Sight First II raised millions of dollars to eradicate River Blindness. New Lions learn leadership skills through Lions Clubs.

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club was founded in 1957. DGE Mark reviewed that each fall we host a Bike Ride, we support Wreaths Across America, along with the Light House of Houston. Members of our Club have been District Governors, and we had one Past International Director. Three members were President of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, and Lion Chuck was President of the Eye Bank Foundation. Lions Chuck and Bud Casey have been elected Directors to the Texas Lions Camp. Membership to Lions Clubs is by invitation only. Our motto is: We Serve. Current Club involvement in the District includes Lion Bud on the Humanitarian Relief Fund Committee, Lion Paul as Zone Chairperson, Lion Chuck as Regional Zone Chairperson and Cabinet Bookkeeper, Secretary to the President and Secretaries Council is Lion Sandy, and Lion Stedman is Chairperson of the District Environmental Campaign.

New member Robert Berry was called to the front, along with his sponsor, Lion Chuck. The Oath of Membership was administered by DGE Mark. Lion Chuck handed Lion Robert his pin and his certificate of membership. Lion Chuck was presented with his sponsorship certificate and a Centennial pin.

Lion Mark then presented a Builder Key Award for sponsoring 10 new members, to Lion Chuck. He also presented a Centennial Celebration Membership Award.

New officers were then installed by DGE Mark as follows:

Lion Tamer: Stedman Douglas

Tail Twister: Don Robinson

2nd Year Directors: Terry Alderman and Dorothy Casey

1st Year Directors: Becca Franco and Mazher Poonawalla

Membership Chairperson: Bud Casey

Vice President: Keith Blaise

Treasurer: Chuck Martin

Secretary: Sandy Martin

President: Paul Yackley

The Board of Directors, consisting of these members, safeguards the monies and the establishment of the Club.

DGE Mark then thanked us for allowing him to be here tonight, stating that “this Club is really doing what Clubs are supposed to do.”

Lion Chuck pointed out that he was skipped over in the program by President Paul, as he was to formally introduce DGE Mark. A fine was paid by President Paul for his error.

Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports will not be given tonight.

President Paul read a list of accomplishments by the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club for the past year. We have increased membership by 30%. (A copy of the 2015-2016 Accomplishments will be included with these minutes.) President Paul gave Lions a Measles pin. Lion Chuck reported that Rotary Clubs could not eradicate measles, so Lions stepped in and did more than the Rotary Clubs stop measles. As Incoming President, President Paul said he was looking forward to his last year at President, which he called “Act III”.

Lion Chuck last weekend we had 84 games scheduled. We took in our most ever at \$3400 on Saturday, and games were cancelled mid day Sunday due to rain. We have 55 games scheduled this weekend. We need all the help we can get from our Club members. Cy-Fair Women’s Association members worked last weekend with Lion Paul.

Lion Chuck presented President Paul with an Lion’s Eye Bank Visionary Ambassador Award in recognition of another great year as President. Lion Chuck asked DGE Mark what type of honorarium he would like, since he could not find out what he currently has. They will discuss it in private.

President Paul asked Lion John to dismiss us with a discombobulated Lion’s Roar.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary