

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday June 28, 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 7

Guests: 0

President Paul opened the meeting at 7:10PM hoping more members would show up. Lion Keith led the pledges to the flags. Lion Julie gave prayer. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Keith, motioned that there not be a song tonight, as our song leader, Lion Don was not present. He is doing much better after having his knee replacement surgery, but did not feel he wanted to be out walking on wet, slippery sidewalks tonight. He hopes to join us at the next meeting.

After the meal, Lions Chuck and Sandy gave a slide show presentation on their recent visit to Aruba. While expecting a lush tropical island with lots of beautiful colorful flowers and lots of fresh fruits, they found Aruba to actually be a very dry desert where only cacti and prickly bushes grow. The island is 18 miles north of the Venezuelan coast, outside the hurricane belt. It is 20 miles long and 6 miles wide. The southwest coast is calm, shallow, with white sandy beaches, and this is where the tourist hotels and resorts are located. The northeast side is rocky, with very strong waves, and little is developed there. There is a constant 15-20 mph wind from the east. They toured the National Park, which takes up 1/3 of the island. Various cacti, both small and large tree size varieties, were shown. In the middle of the island are two piles of huge round rocks that appear to just have been dropped from the sky. Geologists have no idea about their origin. Goats and burros roam freely. Lions Chuck and Sandy attended a meeting of the Aruba Lions Club in their own Lion's Den. The Aruba Lions Club donated the equivalent of \$3000 to provide breakfast for needy children prior to school each morning. Each year, the Lions of Aruba have a house built, which they then sell tickets for \$25, and the winner gets the keys to the new house. They provide hospital beds, wheelchairs, crutches and walkers to anyone in need on the island. They have a Smile Mobile, which is a trailer outfitted with a dental lab, that goes to nursing homes and does free dental care to the elderly. One of their members is a dentist, who developed this program. Their Leos Club helps the Lions Club with many activities. Lions Chuck and Sandy were presented with the banner and pin of the Aruba Lions Club, which was started in 1947.

Secretary's report was emailed. No one reported any changes. Motion to accept as written was made by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Sandy, and passed.

Treasurer's report was given

There were no baseball tournaments the past 2 weekends. There may be a tournament this weekend. We will have a kickball tournament here on Saturday July 9.

Lion Bud reported that he is waiting on finalization of the Magic Show by their promoters, which should occur before the end of the month.

Lion Bud reported that the District Camp Bus needs adult riders to accompany the campers this Sunday morning. The bus leaves Memorial City Mall at 9AM, and helpers are requested to be there at least by 8AM. They will return home from Kerrville later that evening.

Lion Chuck reported that Karsumo Seifa, who joined our Club earlier this year, has not attended and is delinquent on dues. He is still unemployed, and requests to be dropped from our Club until his situation improves. Motion to accept his resignation by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Bud, and passed.

The hot dog machine has been repaired. The heating element was replaced after it broke and short circuited, giving Lion Keith quite a scare. Thanks to Lions Chuck and Paul for the repairs, which were much more economical than replacing the machine.

With no further business, President Paul adjourned the meeting at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Martin, Secretary