

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club  
Tuesday Nov. 22, 2016 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

**Members: 13**

**Guests: 4**

President Paul opened the meeting promptly. Lion Kim led the pledges to the flags. Lion Scott Perry gave prayer. Lion Don led us in singing "Oh Beautiful, Beautiful Texas." Guests were introduced: Lions Scott Perry and Andrew Perry from the Conroe Noon Lions Club, Steve Nickerson, visiting us and looking for a Lions Club to call home, and Lion Wan Yee, from Malaysia. Lion Wan Yee told us she became a Lioness in 1988, and then converted to Lions Club when women were admitted. Her Lions Club in Malaysia is 24 years old, and composed mostly of women. Theirs is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best Club in her District, one of two in Malaysia. Her Club consists of 70 members, mostly middle income people of her area. She is single and loves to travel all over the world where she visits Lions Clubs nearby. She loves to help with service projects of the Clubs she visits, and spoke of delivering Meals on Wheels in Australia. Currently she is visiting her brother in Houston and wanted to visit Clubs in the area.

Lion Scott Perry is one of two Elected Directors to the Texas Lions Camp from District 2-S2. He and his cousin, Lion Andrew, are from the Conroe Noon Lions Club, which has 330 members, making it the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Club in the State, and the 6<sup>th</sup> largest in the world. Lion Scott explained that being a Director to the Texas Lions Camp is a two year commitment. Lions throughout the state own and operate TLC, and provide it without charge to qualifying participants. Texas Lions Camp teaches children the Can Do philosophy that they can do anything they set their minds to do. Camp started at the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children, Inc, in 1949 by Lion Jack Weich in response to the polio epidemic ravaging the country at that time. The Camp consists of 515 acres in Kerrville, TX, and consists of 40 structures, including air conditioned cabins with bunk beds, a modern dining hall, and an infirmary that is a 24 hr a day mini hospital with 13 full time staff on three shifts. Life Flight can be on campus within 3 minutes if necessary. Camping staff is recruited from all over the world. The 21 full time kitchen staff cooks 1350 meals a day. Last year, 1472 campers enjoyed a full week at TLC, but we have the capacity for more children to be served. Children are offered challenge by choice; they are never pushed into doing something. Over 20 different programs are available for the children to choose activities they enjoy or want to learn. Texas Lions Camp employs 19 full time staff, and over 200 summer positions are available. The Camp is fully accredited, and is used to train the staff at Sea World in San Antonio. It costs \$2.7 million per year to run the camp, at an associated cost per camper of \$1800 per week. Lions members help pay for this by \$21/member/year of our dues goes to the Camp. 100% Charity donation is an additional \$10 per member per Club. Becoming a Century Club Member, by donating \$10 per month or \$100 per year, also helps to support the Camp, as does the Camp License plates for your vehicle, of which \$22 of the \$30 fee goes to the Camp. Donations in the form of endowments, gifts, etc are other income sources. Lion Scott then gave some very impressive stats about our Club and the Camp. Last year, Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club sponsored 39 campers. Over the past 18 years, we have donated \$38,000 to the Camp for endowment, name bricks, Jack Weich Fellowships, etc. We have been 100% Camp contributors for the past 53 consecutive years. Our \$12,000 endowment has been paid, and will be renewed. We currently have 3 Century Club members, 5 Life Members, 4 name bricks, and 2 Jack Weich Fellowships.

Lion Chuck motioned that we dispense with the minutes and treasurer's reports due to the time. Motion passed.

President Paul presented a Silver Centennial Award to Lion Bob Rugur for successfully recruiting a new member who has remained a member for a year.

Holiday in the Park will be held Sunday December 4 from 1-4 PM at Clark Henry Park. We will attempt to do Vision Screening using Lion Bob's device and will need Lions to do screening and recruit new members and new Campers.

The District Peace Poster Contest will be judged at our building on Mon. Nov. 28. All are invited to participate.

Dues are due, and the credit card machine is available. See Lion Chuck.

District 2-S2 will enter a float honoring 100 years of Lionism in the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Parade. The float is being constructed with our theme. We will need Lions to ride on the float, walk beside it, and be on street corners to talk with cameramen about Lionism. Handicapped campers will also participate on horseback or on the float.

Building maintenance was discussed. The dishwasher is working better since Lion Sandy opened the little door that holds the dishwasher compound. The garbage disposal is leaking when water is run in the sink. And the freezer in the refrig in the kitchen is not freezing.

Lion Keith passed out projected costs for TV's on a swivel bracket for the concession stand to inform our customers what we as Lions do in our community. A power point slide presentation could be made and run on a flash drive. Motion by Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Mazher, that we purchase 2 TV screens and brackets with a \$500 limit, passed.

Lion Sandy thanked all the Lions who purchased Christmas gifts for needy children and brought them to tonight's meeting. They will be taken to the PSC meeting in December and will be collected and distributed to the children prior to Christmas.

On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, four Lions sold wreaths for Wreaths Across America. We sold the equivalent of 41 wreaths, with lots of people just giving us a donation for this project. Wreaths are still \$15, and we are encouraged to continue selling them. All together we have sent 77 wreaths to the National Cemetery.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45PM after a hearty Lions Roar. Tail Twister collected \$11.50 in assorted fines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Martin, Secretary