

## News from the Lion's Den

May 2018



### New Pretzel/Pizza Warmer

We have a new pretzel/pizza warmer for our concession stand. The large soft pretzels are baked in the oven first, and then kept warm in the oven, which has three shelves, so we can keep pepperoni and cheese pizza hot at the same time. Customers seem to really enjoy the soft pretzels, which can be baked, then brushed with melted butter, and sprinkled with salt or sugar and cinnamon. Thanks to President Keith for this great addition to our concession stand.

### Camp Work Day

Over 600 people showed up at Texas Lions Camp the first Saturday of April to work, beautify, and get the Camp ready for campers this summer. The cafeteria was full both at breakfast and lunch, but we were very well fed, and no one went hungry. Weather was the big surprise. It was in the 80's on Friday driving to Kerrville, but dropped down into the mid 30's that night. Saturday was very gusty winds, and temps were still in the mid 30's at noon. Luckily, we were given an indoor job, painting the bathrooms and laundry room of a house. With all of the helpers from our Club and The

Crew, we broke up into teams, and each team tackled a bathroom or laundry room. Lion Keith hung new blinds. Other Lions Club members were bush painting the inside of the garage, and those that came late had to paint the outside of the house, in the cold.



With over 600 people attending Camp Work Day, this is what the Work Assignment looked like, plus several other jobs that weren't listed on these.



Lion Becca and her group of Crew members and moms painted the master bathroom.



President Keith removed old blinds and readied window for the new ones.



Lion Randy and son Beau painted the other bathroom.



It took one to hold the light fixture while one painted the wall behind it.



This was the group from Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club who worked at the Camp, painting.



The Cafeteria was full both at breakfast and lunch.



We had our choice of many different types of cookies for dessert at lunch.

At noon it was only 37 degrees with a very strong north wind.



A Lion water fountain in front of a bunkhouse.



These are some of the bags of shrub clippings collected.



Many Lions had outside jobs, lots of gardening to do, placing mulch, trimming shubs, etc.

*Spirit Night at Willie's*  
Lions and friends turned out for another Willie's Spirit Night at the Jones Road Willie's. Lions Bob, Merrell, Keith, Becca, Chuck and Sandy were there. We had some Texas Lions Campers and families attend. Thanks to waiter Tyler for his help in this important fund raiser.



Lions Chuck, Merrell, Bob and Keith enjoy dinner.



Lions Keith, Becca, husband Tony and Chuck at Willie's Spirit Night.

### Birthday

PDG Lion Chuck's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday happen to fall on the night of our Lions Club meeting. He was serenaded with the Birthday Song, given a cake, and "won" a huge apple pie. This is in remembrance of many years ago during a spaghetti dinner and silent auction that we had, when he, Lion Dorothy and Milly's husband Lion Mickey, kept upping the bid on an apple pie. Lion Dorothy eventually won, paying about \$50 for the pie. She donated this one to make it up to Lion Chuck for not getting that one many years ago. Unfortunately, Lions Bud and Dorothy were in a car accident on the way to the meeting, and although unhurt, could not attend. Lion Becca recognized their car,

stopped, and was able to bring the pie and card to the meeting.



Happy Birthday Lion Chuck!!



PDG Lion Chuck reading the card from Lions Bud and Dorothy, with his huge apple pie nearby.

### Life After Polio

A local resident, whose great grandfather moved to this area many years ago, and helped with its growth, gave us a wonderful talk on his youth, and suffering from polio just before starting to school. Jack Emmott III told how he would be placed up on the stand above the baseball fields #3, 4 and 5, and would give a running commentary of the game his cousins and friends were playing but he could not. He told of living near 45 cousins and 15 aunts and

uncles in what was called Emmottsville, and of the many dairy farms in the area. Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club sponsored him to Texas Lions Camp in 1960, when he was 12 years old. He said he didn't want to go, but that his parents thought the two weeks at Camp with other kids with polio would be good for him. He was miserable and terribly homesick at first, but eventually loved his time at Texas Lions Camp. He told how he used an iron lung at night during his 30's to allow his breathing muscles to rest and heal. Although confined to a wheelchair, he leads an active life, is a divorce lawyer, saying his role is to be a peacemaker between the two parties.



Jack Emmott gave President Keith a Wonder Boy hat.



Jack Emmott and Lions

## Upcoming Events

Friday and Saturday May 3 & 4, District 2-S2 District Convention at the Houston Hilton North, same place as the Mid Winter Conference. Register on line through the District website at [www.lions2s2.org](http://www.lions2s2.org).

Tues. May 8, 2018, 7 PM, regular Lions Club meeting. Lion Liza Garza from the Houston Lady Lions Club will be our speaker on the Lions Eye Bank.

Tues. May 22, 2018, 7 PM, regular meeting of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club.

Thurs. through Sat. May 24-26, 2018, State Lions Club Convention in Corpus Christi. Register on line through the District website at [www.lions2s2.org](http://www.lions2s2.org).

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Jean Denson May 8. (Hope you get well soon, we miss you!!), Happy Birthday to Lion Stedman Douglas May 25. Happy Anniversary to Lion Becca Franco and husband Tony on May 26, and Happy Anniversary to Lions Chuck and Sandy, May 31.



Texas wildflowers this spring.