

News from the Lion's Den

June 2018



PDG C. Don Robinson



PDG C. Don Robinson began his Lions membership with the Conroe Noon Lions Club. He is a Charter Member (January 1957) of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. He was a driving force to keep this club together in its early years. He has served Lionism continuously since then. He is this club's Tail Twister and song leader.

He graduated from Regan High School, Houston, Texas in 1942. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1943. After serving his country with honor, he returned to Houston and graduated from the University of Houston in 1949 with a Petroleum Engineering degree. After several years in the energy field, he joined his father at their Ford dealership in Conroe. After several years in the car business, he moved to Houston in the mid 1950s and went into home construction. He built over 70 homes in the new community of Jersey Village.

He became President of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club in 1967. He was Zone Chair in 1968-69, Region Chair in 1969-70, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer in 1979-80. He was elected District Governor in 1982. He managed the campaign of C. Howard Leverett, Jr. as he campaigned and won the election for International Director in 1986. He was also co-chair of the committee that helped elect Marshall Cooper as an International Director in 1993.

He was presented a Melvin Jones by his club in 1994. C. Don has been President of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, the Lions Eye Bank Foundation and the Past District Governors' Association of Texas (1994-95). He is a Life Member of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. He is a Life Member and Century Club member of the Texas Lions Camp. He was the Chair of the Camp Improvement Committee. In addition, PDG C. Don was also inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame in 2015.

He has received two International President Awards and an Extension Award. He was inducted into the Texas Lions State Hall of Fame in 2013.

We are so grateful for his many years of dedicated service. As a family of Lions, we

also send love and prayers for peace and comfort to his family.

Guest

Guest Jennifer Nguyen expressed interest in joining our club. She currently attends the University of Houston Downtown. She is enrolled in the Ophthalmology Department. Please give her a warm welcome and encourage her to help with our fundraising and service activities.

Lions Eye Bank of Texas Director

We welcomed Lion Liza Garza from the Houston Lady Lions Club. As the elected director of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, she gave us a wonderful overview of the Eye Bank. Corneas must be harvested within 24 hours of death. Even if a person has signed the Donor Card or has Donor marked on their Texas Drivers License, permission must be obtained from next of kin for procurement. This is why it is so vital that we inform our family members of our wishes for our body tissues once we die. The first cornea transplant took place in 1905, and the Lions Eye Bank was established in 1953. The annual Bowl-A-Thon and White Cane Day are two of the fundraisers the Eye Bank uses to raise monies. Transplant recovery and use is provided by the doctors of Baylor College of Medicine. Everyone was urged to make an appointment to tour the Eye Bank.

Eyeglasses Collected

Ms. Marge Donovan and Ms. Laura Espinosa turned in 56 pair of used eyeglasses that they collected at their work, Siemens, at Fallbrook and the Beltway. Lion Chuck gave a short talk on the used eyeglasses that Lion Sandy collects. They end up at the Conroe Noon Lions recycling center. There they are cleaned, repaired and

graded in preparation for shipment with doctors that are going to countries to do vision screening. They were warmly thanked for collecting these glasses and seeing that they will be used to help others.

Baseball

Regular league baseball is over for the spring season, but tournaments continue into the summer. Please be available to help work a few hours at our concession stand. The monies we earn are sent to the Lions Charities.

Texas State Lions Club Convention

Lions Chuck and Sandy attended the Texas State Lions Club Convention in Corpus Christi. It was great to connect with other Lions throughout our state. There was a Memorial Service for all of the deceased Past District Governors in each District. The finalists for the Youth Contests were chosen, and we were pleased to hear the speeches by the winning entries. Like any Convention, we seemed to be eating all the time. This is a great opportunity to meet Lions from around the State and hear about their projects. Next year's State Convention will be held in Waxahachie, TX. Plan on attending.

Spirit Night

Join us for another wonderful evening of great food and fellowship at Willie's Ice House and Grill, at Hwy 290 and Jones Road, from 5:00 PM until closing. This is a very easy fund raiser for us. All we have to do is show up with a table full of friends, order a great meal, and let your server note that you are there to support the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. Our Club receives a percentage of the tickets that mention the Lions Club. Hope to see everyone there!!



Tues. July 10, 2018, 7 PM, regular meeting of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. Request meals through Lion Sandy please.

Tues. July 24, 2018, 7 PM, regular meeting of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday on June 7 to Lion Todd Gaudin.

Happy Birthday on June 19 to Lion Kamal

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Jennifer Finch. Happy Birthday on June 28 to

Lion Steve Nickerson. Happy Anniversary on

June 17 to Lions Bud and Dorothy Casey.

Upcoming Events

Wed. June 6, 2018, 7 PM, PCS meeting at China Bear Restaurant, I-45 N. at Airtex. Come early if you plan to eat. Hear all about what other Clubs in our District are doing, and meet other Lions from the District. There will also be an election of next year's P & S C officers that night.

Tues. June 12, 2018, 7 PM, Annual Installation Dinner, District Governor Elect Karl Johnson and wife Jane, will be our guests. New officers will be installed into their prospective jobs. Please plan on attending, and bringing a friend or neighbor. Please notify Lion Sandy by Friday morning June 8 if you plan to attend so that meals can be ordered for everyone.

Mon. June 25, Spirit Night at Willie's Ice House and Grill, Hwy 290 at Jones Road. Bring a friend and all of your family for a great meal and help support your Lions Club.