

# News from the Lion's Den

March 2018



## The Wall Remains!!

Last spring, members of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club attended one of the three Work Days at the Camp. They were assigned to build a retaining wall in front of the administration building. No one in the group had ever done this before, and Lion Chuck is proud to show everyone that the wall remains standing. He took these pictures at the Feb. Camp Board of Directors meeting. Thanks Lion Chuck!!



## Texas Lions Camp Work Day 2018

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club will be attending the Sat. April 7 work day at the Camp. We don't yet know what project we will be given to help spruce up our Camp before the upcoming Camper summer season, but whatever it is, we will do it with our hands and hearts. If you want to attend, please notify President Keith, so that he can get you on the list. We start with a hearty breakfast prepared at the Camp Dining Hall, then go to our assigned projects to work.

We assemble again for a prepared lunch at the Dining Hall. After lunch, complete the project, and tour the Camp, and you are free to leave for the day. You can sleep in the Camp bunk houses if you make arrangements with the Camp. There are lots of various motels in the area, along with a beautiful City Park with campground just across the river. If you have never been to the Camp, this is a great way to learn about it, while helping get ready for the coming Campers. Please consider coming to help beautify our Texas Lions Camp.

### **Campers**

Please be on the lookout for children who could benefit from a week of full service camp at the Texas Lions Camp. Children with everything from asthma to missing limbs to burns, to those in a wheelchair could be potential Campers. Sponsoring a child is easy. The parents complete the on line application, printing out two forms. One is a physician form which the child's doctor then completes. The other is the Lions Sponsorship form. Have the parent complete the top portion of form. Then you complete the bottom half. You can scan it and email it to the camp, to the Registrar, Jess, at: [jess@lionscamp.com](mailto:jess@lionscamp.com). I always also copy the parent on this part so that they know the form was sent to the Camp. Then just sit back and await the Notice of Assignment form that the Camp will send to you when the Camper has been assigned at the Camp. Be sure your camper has transportation to and from the Camp. The District offers bus transportation for sessions 4 and 5, the weeks of July 1-7, and July 8-14. Another great time to visit the Camp is any Friday evening Awards Ceremony. It will bring tears to your eyes seeing all the Campers awarded for something special they have done during the week. If you are lucky enough to sponsor a child to Texas Lions Camp, please give

a copy of the Notice of Assignment to Lion Sandy so that the child and family can be invited to our Campers Dinners in Sept.

### ***PDG Ron Landers speaks about Bingo***

PDG Ron Landers, of the Houston Spring Branch Lions Club, spoke to us about organized Bingo in the state of Texas. The state provides two kinds of Bingo licenses, one for ongoing games, and a temporary license for a one time or yearly event. Most organizations join a "unit" Bingo hall, where the hall has professionals who do all the paperwork, accounting, etc. Only specific supplies purchased from one of 5 approved vendors, such as numbered balls, cards, machines, can be used. It takes at least 100 players to make the game profitable. Prizes need to be \$500 to be competitive. At least one representative of each organization profiting from the game must be present, but they cannot play, or invite others with them to play the games. As our building can only hold 100 people, plus the needed space for the machine, etc, our facility is not ideal for Bingo.

### ***Mid Winter Conference***

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club was represented by Lions attending the District Mid Winter Conference. Lions Paul, Stedman, Mazher, Chuck and Sandy attended the function. There were great sessions on the inner workings of Lions Clubs International. We had a great speaker, Past Council Chair Rick Talbert, from District 2-A3. If you missed it this year, plan to attend next year.

### **Wheelchair Ramp Built**

Lion Chuck heard of the need for a wheelchair ramp to be built at the home of a 16 year old boy in the area. He contacted his friend and master wheelchair ramp builder, PDG Rick Reynolds of the Cut and Shoot Lions Club. The ramp was built specifically for this home, as it

entailed a turn to accommodate the gate to the back yard. Thanks to Lion Chuck and the workers to completed this project for this young man.



## Baseball

You know it is spring when baseball starts up again. There will be lots of tournaments in the upcoming weekends at our fields. That means we need workers to man the Concession Stand. The more workers from our Lions Club that help out, the less we have to pay to others to do the job for us. If you are physically able, please volunteer to help out. Bring a friend. This is a great way to introduce them to what Lions do. Please be available and volunteer to Lion Paul to work a shift. If everyone who was physically able worked a shift during the weekend, we would not need to pay others to do our jobs, and some Lions would not need to work two shifts a weekend to cover. This is our major fundraiser. It is a lot of fun to interact with the public and tell them about Lions. Call Lion Paul Yackley at 281-704-6742 to volunteer. See you there!!

## Mystery Dinner Theater

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club will host its very first Mystery Dinner Theater on Sat. March 31 at the Lion's Den. Dinner will consist of one of three different entrees, plus deserts. Tickets are \$25 per person, and can be ordered for that price through Lion Merrell or Lion Julie by contacting

them before this Sunday, March 4 at 6PM. After that time, tickets can be purchased on line through EventBrite. Links will be posted on the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club Facebook page. With the on-line registration will include a \$2.03 charge per ticket. This dinner theater will include a full meal, and a fun and interactive theater presentation. Lion Jennifer and her theater friends will keep us entertained for the evening. Tickets and seating will be limited, so if you plan on attending, please notify Lion Merrell at 713-472-9120 or Lion Julie at 713-591-0084. Please advertise this event on your local NextDoor or other neighborhood websites. Invite friends and guests to come out for a great meal and entertainment. Naturally, we need Lions to volunteer to help make this event successful. We need help with advertising in the community, table decorations, room decorations, meal purchasing and preparation, door host, servers for food and beverage, among other things. Contact Lions Merrell and Julie to offer your help to make this successful. No presentation happens without the assistance of lots of other people, and we know that YOU want to be the people who help make this a success.

## Upcoming Events

PSC meeting, Wed. March 7, 7PM, China Bear Restaurant, I-45 N. at Airtex. You don't have to be a President or Secretary or on the District Cabinet to attend these informative meetings.

Tues. March 13, 7 PM, regular Lions Club meeting at the Lion's Den. Guest speaker will be Charles Hearne, who will present on Prison Entreupership Program.

Saturday March 24, 2018, Lions Eye Bank of Texas Bowl-A-Thon, AFM Diamond Lanes, 267

North Forest Blvd, Houston. Practice starts at noon, with actual bowling starting at 1PM. Those bowling for Team Houston Cy-Fair are Lions Jennifer, John Peterson, Bob and Merrell. Come out and cheer them on!! There will be door prizes and fun for everyone.

Tues. March 27, 7 PM, regular Lions Club meeting. Jack Emmott will be our guest speaker, talking about life after Polio.

Saturday March 31, 2018, 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM, Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club presents a Murder Mystery Dinner. Volunteers are needed to help with several projects. Please assist in this fund raising endeavor.

Sat. April 7. Camp Work Day. Please notify President Keith if you plan on attending.

Tues. April 10, 7 PM, Lions Club meeting

Tues. April 24, 7 PM, Lions Club meeting

Friday and Saturday May 3 & 4, District 2-S2 State 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).

Saturday May 12. District Cabinet meeting.

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 Robert Berry, March 3; Lion Dorothy Casey, March 10; and Lion John Peterson, March 30. Happy Anniversary to Lions Laura and Randy Matthews on March 29, and to Lion Todd Gaudin on March 31.

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