

## **Wimberley Lions Club – February 3, 2009 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Lion Boss Frank Williams. Lion Bill Hull offered the opening prayer and Lion Bob Jeffers led the pledge Lion Jim McMeans led the group in singing “God Bless America.”

The President moved throughout the room to have members introduce any guests they had brought to the meeting.

Tail-twister Nathan Deans reported that he only issued 1 fine this evening to members who were not wearing their pins. Great job, Lions. Lion Deans announced that the next meeting would be a “hat” meeting. All members should wear a hat to the Feb. 17 meeting. In order to raise funds for the LEAP initiative, Lions Deans auctioned off an almost new Palm Pilot. He also offered raffle tickets for \$5 each to support the Lions Canine Companions for Independence Program. If you are interested in a ticket, contact Lion Deans. Grand prize is a round-trip airline ticket anywhere or \$2,000 cash.

Lion Lewis Smith reported on Lions to be remembered. He gave a good report on Bill Noles’ surgery recovery. Bill is doing very well and walking without pain.

Lion President introduced Linda Land, principal of Bowen Intermediate School, to present the teacher and student of the month. Each was awarded a certificate and cash prize.

Lions Lane Hartsock and Beverly Nesmith presented 5 donations:

- \$2040 to the Hays Caldwell Women’s Center
- \$1000 to the Wimberley Valley Art League
- \$500 to the Hays County Sheriff’s Junior Deputy Academy
- \$5000 to the Burke Foundation
- \$200 from the President’s Discretionary fund toward the memorial scholarship being established to honor the late sheriff Allen Bridges

Lion Frank Curtis introduced Ken Strange of Wimberley EMS to present the evening’s program. Highlights of Ken’s presentation included:

- Wimberley EMS has operated for over 30 years. It began as a volunteer service with 1 ambulance parked at a volunteer’s home.
- Today the service has 14 fully-certified paramedics on staff. All are nationally-registered, which means they are qualified to work as an EMT anywhere in the US.
- Wimberley EMS is funded by 3 sources: ad valorem taxes, fees for service (set by Medicare) and donations.
- The population of Wimberley used to be mostly seniors, but is now moving toward more families. EMS has increased their equipment and training for children.

- All EMT's in Texas must have 48 hours of continuing education every 2 years to stay current in the field.
- If you call 911 from your cell phone and the call is answered anything other than "Hays County Emergency," you should ask to be transferred to Hays County Emergency. Sometimes cell phone calls can go to neighboring counties, depending on your location.
- Wimberley EMS answered 1400 calls in 2008 and 155 already in the month of January 2009.

Lion Jim McMeans announced that the 2009 membership challenge will kick off at the next meeting. Members will be divided into 10 teams which will compete to add new members to the club. The goal is to reach 200 members.

Lion President recognized those Lions who had worked today cleaning up the field for the March market. Thanks for all the hard work.

The next meeting is Feb. 17, 2009.

Meeting adjourned.