



Wimberley Lions Club News

WIMBERLEY LIONS CLUB – March 3, 2009

Lion David Erck gave the invocation, Lion norm Parish led the pledge of allegiance, and Lion Don Campbell reminded us of one of Doc Greer's favorite songs "Til the Saint come marching in".

While I enjoyed the piano led singing, this reporter particularly enjoyed the memory of Doc Greer standing on a chair at Ranch 7A meetings with shouts of "watch out for the fan!" This routine continued when we moved the meetings to the VFW with Lion Herman Leyh assisting Doc climb a stepstool. The same shouts of watch the fan continued sans fan.

Our Tail Twister Lion Nathan Dean set a record of almost \$800 dollars raised at our last meeting by auctioning seats at Mandola's Table for the Burke Foundation event. The Wimberley Lions have contributed to the Burke Foundation for many years. Every investigation into the Burke Foundation that the Donations Committee has initiated has come back with raves for how much good the organization does with their resources. Mandola Winery Estate in Driftwood hosts the Burke annual fund raiser. A table for eight was auctioned. An excellent evening was enjoyed by the eight participants in this elegant restaurant. About 180 guests enjoyed the winery's product along with anti-pasta, pasta, meatballs, desert and coffee. Both a silent and live auction brought in more funds for the foundation to use to further its efforts. The Lions Club was singled out for a certificate of appreciation and two signed bottles of wine. The participants thought it appropriate to bring the wine back to the club.

Lion Nathan Dean was able to able to get \$20 each for the bottles. In addition, Lion Lewis Smith donated a full set of golf Clubs with leather bag which brought on more lively bidding.

Lion Russell Cox inducted a new member of the club. Bill Howe, Phone # 817-269-2549, E-mail: crhowe@mac.com, Sponsor: Bob Pierce

Lion Lane Hartsock completed the fall donations by giving a check to Marcia Sanderson of PAWS for \$1,000 for vet services.

Martha Knies and Hugh Campbell made a presentation for the Village Store. In the last eight years, the Village Store has returned over \$ 1 million to the seven charity organizations who operate and staff the Village Store. They believe they could do more with more space. They propose building a new Village store on the back side of Lions Parking Lot # 3. The funds to build the facility would be by donations and grants. Once the building is completed, it would be deeded to the Lions Club with a long term lease to the Village Store. Since the store would not be open during Market Days, only the building footprint would take parking space away from Market Day parking. This is in the planning phase. The purpose of thisa presentation was to let the club membership know what the Village Store and Lion Board is working towards.

Lion Linnea Bailey introduced Herb Dyer, COO Seton Hospital Hays. He brought us up on the status and potential of the new hospital in Kyle. This hospital is scheduled to become operational November 1st. It is currently ahead of schedule so it is anticipated to be open sometime in October. This will be full service facility with cardiac, OB, GI, stroke capability. As Ken Strange told us last month, our EMS with begin taking its heart and stroke patients there by ambulance instead of air-evac to Austin.

Lion Lane Hartsock outlined the election process for next year's board. Get your nominations in this week. Positions needing to be filled are 3rd VP, Tail Twister, two Directors, and Membership.

Lion Bill Hull made a request for Lions to step forward to host a youth exchange this summer. Below is his plea:

Request for Host Families for Lions International Youth Exchange

The State Youth Exchange Chairman is charged with the task of finding host families for 20-25 youth from around the world who will be attending The Jimmy Ross Lions Cowboy Camp in Amarillo 7/13-7/20. I have committed that the Wimberley Lions Club will host three of those students. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know a young person(s) for a week to ten days. The youth are both male and female between the ages of 16 and 19. Each of the students is responsible for making and paying for his/her own flight arrangements to Austin or San Antonio.

The dates that are available for us are June 21-July 13 or July 20-Aug. 10. There will be activities with other clubs in the district for these young people. We will invite them to our meetings and put them to work at Market Day.

Over the last five years, our club has sponsored 32 young people as outbound youth exchange students.

During that time, we have hosted one student. Now is the time for our club and our members to help out with this outstanding program and help change some lives. You will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Please give this some thought and contact me for further information.

Thank you.

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Market Day is this Saturday!