



Serving Together

I Believe



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Thoughts From The District Governor *Jimmy Richardson*

I'm still full of turkey. Thanksgiving is however much more than turkey. It is just what it says, a time of giving thanks for everything that we have. The economy is pretty bad, but we are still so blessed by a Holy God. I am very encouraged at what I hear from so many clubs as to how they are going to "serve" those who are needy at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. Christmas is as you know just around the corner. Christmas is a time to honor God for providing a way for us to come into his presence. And he did it just because he loved us. I wish each of you a very merry Christmas.

We are going to hold the youth contests again this year. There will be a contest for the Diabetic essay, the drug awareness speech, and the outstanding Youth. These will be held in Livingston, Jan. 21 at the Memorial Medical Center Conference Room, 1717 Hwy. 59, note the change in location for this meeting. You can get the applications off of the MD-2 website. There is a \$100 entrance fee for each contest. Also, remember to pick up your peace poster at the midwinter conference. The winners of the peace poster contest are listed in this newsletter. I want to thank each club who participated in this contest. I think that you are all winners.

The burn ban is off here now, because there is a little moisture. It may be time to start to think of a tree planting project in your club. Dr. Tam is very committed to this project. I look forward to seeing reports of tree planting in our district. I think that this can be a very rewarding experience for every club.

I guess it's about time for me to start thinking about Christmas shopping. Until next month –
MERRY CHRISTMAS –

Jimmy Richardson

DG 2-S1

DO YOU BELIEVE?

by *Wing-Kun Tam*

President, The International Association of Lions Clubs



First of all, in this season of belief, let me offer best wishes to all my fellow Lions, their loved ones, friends and families.

We have come a long way in five months. My belief in the power of what every Lion can do to change the world and help those in need is as strong as ever.

The early success of our campaign to plant 1 million trees makes me both proud and also so humble. Whether it's planting trees in lands scarred by the tsunami in Japan or tornadoes in the United States, or planting trees to restore our planet's critical forests in Africa or South Asia, we have succeeded in unifying Lions all over the world. These acts of service are fun and rewarding to do. They bring clubs together and bring smiles to ourselves and to people in the communities we

serve. Through October, together we planted more than 3.7 MILLION trees in more than 60 countries. Isn't that amazing?

Some Lions ask me if I will set another target. I politely say "no" because I believe the target lies in each of our hearts. It is the Lions who determine how far we go and how many trees we plant. Every tree counts, even if you can plant only one. Every member matters, too.

You see, the act of planting trees is certainly good for the environment and directly addresses the critical global issue of lost trees and forests. But to me, it's also a strong symbol of our association's commitment to the future and a reason to invite friends, families and others to join us in making it happen.

I'm also proud and humbled by Lions' response to this year's "My Club, My Family" initiative. We have had strong membership growth this year, exceeding a 10,000 net gain through October. But inviting new members is easy; treating them as if they were family and involving them in meaningful service will ensure they stay.

So my fellow Lions, with all we have done in five months, I am now happy to say that "I Believe" has clearly transformed into "We Believe." It's because of you and your belief in what we can do. Your belief, and more importantly, your actions, have given me the greatest gift of all as your international president.

Consider this special issue a holiday gift to all Lions. The story's message is that Lions are indeed a precious gift to our communities. May the warm glow of family be part of your regular household and your Lions club as you believe in our great service mission.

Hi Lions,

There has been a change in the location for the Mid-Winter Conference on January 21, 2012. We hope many of you and your members plan to attend. Please advise your clubs of the location change. The new location is the Memorial Medical Center Conference Room in Livingston. The address is 1717 Hwy 59 Loop N in Livingston. The Medical Center is next to Livingston Jr. High on the 59 by-pass.

Thanks for all you do to promote Lionism in your communities. Happy Thanksgiving!

Bobbie Fagan
Zone Chairman

Garrison Lions Club Holiday/ Appreciation Dinner November 29, 2011



Left to Right Lion Marvin Martin, son Lion Louise Martin, spouse Lion Tom Martin, Lions Clubs International Life Member recipient (Lion for 38 years; community celebration for Tom's 100th birthday) District Governor James Richardson

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San Augustine Lions Club

This past September, the Lions Club in San Augustine, Texas took a major step in meeting its commitment to support the “Today’s Promise for Tomorrow’s Children Endowment CAMPAign”, a fund raising effort to support the Texas Lions Camp. In the spring of this year, fellow Lion Waldo Dalchau shared the state Lions Club objective of creating a 25 million dollar endowment for the Texas Lions Camp. Waldo asked if we, as a club, wanted to accept the challenge to raise our share of funding. It was a big challenge for a small club. Our commitment of \$15,000 over five years would be equal to almost one-third of our normal income over that period. There was a lot of concern among the membership but we all strongly believe in the good work of the Lions Camp and decided to stretch ourselves and make this commitment.

To show how good intentions can sometimes be rewarded; two weeks after the club’s decision to support the endowment one of the new energy companies in our area offered their help. During a conversation between one of our members and the Superintendent of Operations for EXCO Resources, Inc. for our area, the subject of their support of community projects came up. We shared the vision of Texas Lions to create an endowment for the Lions Camp that would ensure a well-funded future for this top-notch facility. We explained the purpose and mission of the Lions Camp and that’s all it took to get EXCO to sign on to help us raise the money we needed.

It was suggested that we sponsor a golf tournament with all the profits designated for our club’s contribution to the Lions Camp. We had never held a golf tournament before so we started early to get our plans together. We found lots of valuable help from the manager of the Center Golf Club in Center, Texas. Not only did the club give us a great deal on costs but they went out of the way to support all the activities that we held during the tournament.

Our worries about getting enough teams to play, sponsors for the holes, and companies to provide food were put aside when by the end of the first month of planning we were sold out! The support of EXCO and the many companies who sponsored holes and provided great food made the tournament a fun event for everyone and a tremendous success for our fund raiser. After all expenses were covered we made \$6,000.00 for the Lions Camp!

Next year we have commitments from EXCO to again sponsor this event and we are planning a bigger tournament to make room for more teams. We believe, with the wonderful support we have received, we will be able to fulfill our commitment to the endowment within the first three years of the five year campaign.

So, from our small but proud Club in San Augustine we say to all Texas Clubs: We Can Make this Happen – Twenty-five million dollars to help ensure deserving kids from all over Texas have a first-class facility to help them realize the goal of developing greater self-esteem and independence.



Lions Clubs of District 2-S1

If your club would like to sponsor a student in one of the youth contest here is some information for your club.

The students have to be a JR or SR at their high school.

Go to the District 2-S1 web site and click on the Multiple District Link. It is www.texaslions.org Then look on the left side of the page and click on youth contest. Then scroll down till you see Youth Contest Forms. There are 4 forms you need to print out. Under the youth contest forms are the contest and the theme for the Diabetic Essay, and also for the Drug Awareness Speech Contest, and the Outstanding Youth Contest.

Each club can sponsor 1 student for whatever contest your club chooses. If you have more students who would like to compete then ask other clubs to sponsor them. The cost is \$100.00 per contest per student. Please make checks out to District 2-S1.

The District Contest will be held January 21st at the Mid Winter Cabinet Meeting in Livingston. The meeting will be at the Memorial Medical Center Conference Room 1717 Hwy. 59 Loop. I will need all completed forms and checks by January 9th. Please make sure that your students fill out all forms and have everything ready to go.

At this time DG Jimmy Richardson does not know how much money will be awarded to the District Winner. He is still in the process of securing these funds.

You can email me at Ladydcr28@aol.com or call me at 409-423-5382 and I will do my best to help you and your student anyway I can.

Please have your student check their schedule close. The winners of the district contest will compete at state at the TX Lions MD-2 State Competition May 18-19 2012. It will be held at the Sheraton North Houston 15700 JFK Boulevard Houston, TX 77032. Their phone # is 281- 442- 5100.

Thanks,

Lion Diane Smith

OFY Chairperson

Peace Poster Contest

Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children ages 11-13 , to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2011-2012 contest theme is "Children Know Peace."

We had 7 clubs enter a poster for the District 2-S1 contest. All seven posters were awesome and the judges were very impressed with all of the art work. The criteria for judging are, **originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.**

The winner is Kristen Long, who is sponsored by the Kirbyville Lions Club

2nd place is Emily Hale, who is sponsored by the Beaumont Founders Club

3rd place is Madison Barbosa, who is sponsored by the Nederland Professional Lions Club

A special thank you goes out to all of the students who participated in the contest, and all of the clubs that went the extra mile to ensure that their students had a chance to show off their talent.

This is the 4th year that a student from Kirbyville has won the District 2-S1 Peace Poster Contest. The poster is on its way to the next level of competition which is the State Peace Poster Contest.

I would like to personally thank Lion Linda Sedtal from the Nederland Professional Lions Club for her help with the Peace Poster contest for the South end clubs. It was a pleasure working with you. Thanks so much for all of your help.

Peace Poster Chair

Lion Diane Smith

ARE YOU PAYING YOUR LIFE FORWARD?

What does that mean? I believe Kind deeds earn “brownie points” somewhere in the cosmos where a barter system is in place. There are two kinds of kind deeds, intentional and unintentional; the value of each is measured (by whom I don’t know). I think motive is also part of the equation. So in that ledger of life, are you in the red or black? Someday you may have to draw on your balance.

I belong to the Lions Club, South County Breakfast Lions Club to be precise. Less than a year ago I was undeservingly elected as president of our club. Originally I knew little about Lionism and as I learn, the more I realize I NEED to learn. Lions Club is the largest “SERVICE” organization in the world and one of the most respected as well. I am a part of it and have found a vehicle to help me increase my “brownie” account.

Lions Club is about volunteering: time, money, work, and planning. Those who have never VOLUNTEERED have little understanding of positive feelings and satisfaction one gets from the experience. Not everyone gets those feelings mostly because of their selfish reasons. If you look around, you will see the same people volunteering in many areas. If you ask them “Where do you find the energy?” they will tell you volunteering gives them energy plus a lot more. If you ask “Where do you find the time?” If you are observant you will notice the people who volunteer the most are the busiest people and are also the most respected. If you “THINK” you don’t have the time to volunteer, your account will remain low unless you have discovered a way to volunteer without effort. Good luck with that.

I am challenging you to WORK on your “Brownie Account” so you can FEEL the benefits of good deeds. Libraries are full of books extolling the benefits of volunteering but only experience will really do it justice.

While you are working, consider how you would feel if you were in the shoes of the beneficiary of your work. Think how you would feel if you were in their shoes, both with or without your efforts. I believe you will get a sense of accomplishment and pride.

If you need assistance in deciding on a recipient of your efforts, please consider the Lions Club, especially South County Breakfast Lions Club. We meet the first and third Thursday of each month at the First Christian Church, 5856 9th Avenue, Port Arthur, TX, at 7:00 AM. We are a breakfast club so breakfast is served between 6:30 and 7:00 AM. Come join us. If you decide to come for breakfast we ask that you let me know 48 hours in advance so the cooks can prepare for you.

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Enjoying life one day at a time

'tis the season!

It is **THE** season. It is the season to be jolly. It is the season to celebrate and to party. It is the season to give thanks for all of our many blessings. It is the season to share our blessings with our family & friends. Most importantly, it is the season to give to those less fortunate and in need.

And what better gift could you give than the gift of SIGHT?

Through TLERC that's the gift you and all of the Lions of MD2 give all year long. It's the gift we will keep on giving as long as we have the continued support (monetary & physical) of the Lions of Texas. This Christmas, as people continue to struggle in a failing economy, providing glasses for those in need is even more important.

So as you decide how to share your many blessings this year, consider becoming a TLERC **"Visionary Knight of the Blind"** (min \$100/year or \$10/mo bank draft). Our initial goal is to have 400 Visionary Knights (25/District), although we have a very long way to go.

If a copy of the enrollment form is not in this newsletter, you can obtain one by contacting your TLERC District Director, calling TLERC (432-683-3611), or from the Texas State website. Santa has just delivered a new load of the beautiful Visionary Knights of the Blind medallions with their oak desk stands that you will receive after signing up. So join this special group of Lions, and **keep giving sight all year long!**

From all of the volunteers and staff at the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center may all of you have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Lion Tom Blase, 2A1 VDG
TLERC Promotions Director





Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Dear Lion,

I would like to share with you some exciting changes to our donation procedures that will enable us to help even more people. Many of you have shared with your Board of Trustees and me interesting ideas for expanding giving opportunities to our Foundation. As a result, you can now choose from five general categories to designate your donations and receive Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition for each donation:

Area of Greatest Need: Donations in this category will support all program areas and allow LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.

Disaster: Donations designated here enable LCIF to direct the funds to the areas most in need following disasters in order to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief.

Sight: Donations here seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.

Youth: Donations in this category support the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.

Humanitarian Needs: Donations here will fund projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the [measles](#) program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

I know you will agree with me that these positive changes will help LCIF to provide aid to even more people in need around the world. These changes are effective immediately for all future donations. [Donating](#) is as easy as before - details on each program can be found [online](#).

I thank you for your continued support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L. Scruggs, III
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Sight: What Better Gift?



Club Gifts to TLERC

Focus Club – Almost from our inception, Lions Clubs have been challenged to fight blindness. A "Focus Club" is one focused on providing the gift of vision to those in need, by supporting TLERC with at least a **\$3 per member** gift.

Individual Gifts to TLERC

Visionary Knights of the Blind – All Lions have been challenged by Helen Keller to be "Knights of the Blind". A "Visionary" recognizes that this fight is never ending. Thus, Visionary Knights of the Blind provide perpetual help by gifting at least **\$100/year**. This can be done by personal check or bank draft (min. \$10/mo).



The PDG O. Ike Fitzgerald Gold Vision Fellowship – A **\$1,000 or greater** gift recognizing PDG Ike's passion and determination in taking TLERC from vision to reality.

The Lion George Miles Silver Vision Fellowship – A **\$500** gift recognizing the hard work of Lion George Miles in setting up and operating the TLERC recycling warehouse.

The Doctor Norman S. Gould Bronze Vision Fellowship – A **\$250** gift recognizing Lion Gould's tireless effort and dedication in developing the optometric programs of TLERC.

TLERC is a standalone 501(c)3 Foundation under the Lions of Texas. All deductions are tax deductible as allowed by U.S. tax law. TLERC joins the Texas Lions Camp and the Texas Lions Foundation as one of 3 that all Lions Clubs of the State of Texas have taken on the responsibility to maintain and support.

Enroll for individual gifts on the reverse side

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
Mail Donations and Forms To: 401 N. Colorado, Suite 100 Midland, TX 79701
tlerc@attglobal.net 432-683-3611

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone, Cell, Pager: _____ Email Address: _____

Lions Club Affiliation: _____ District: _____

A) Gold, Silver, or Bronze Vision Fellowship Gifts

\$1000 Gold Vision \$500 Silver Vision \$250 Bronze Vision

Name of Honoree as it is to be shown on plaque (Please print clearly): _____
Check here if gift is to be given in memory of a deceased honoree

Please use a separate form for each gift. Plaque will be sent directly to the Donor's address listed above, not the honoree.

B) Visionary Knights of the Blind – Payment Options

Visionary "Knights of the Blind" are a special breed of "CAT", meeting the plea of Helen Keller by recognizing that her challenge to Lions is never ending. Such Visionaries understand that our financial support must be ongoing.

Enter name or names as you want it shown: _____

1. **Recurring Annual Payments** – Please select the annual level you wish to donate and send your check to the address above. A reminder letter will be sent to you each year on the anniversary of your enrollment as a Visionary Knight of the Blind.

\$100 (minimum) \$150 \$250 \$500 \$_____ (other annual amount)

2. **Monthly Bank Draft** – Please select the monthly amount you wish TLERC to draft monthly from your bank account. Drafts will be on the 15th of each month (or the 1st business day thereafter). Then follow the instructions below by completing and signing the form and attaching a voided check. Please return this form to the address above.

\$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$_____ (other monthly amount)

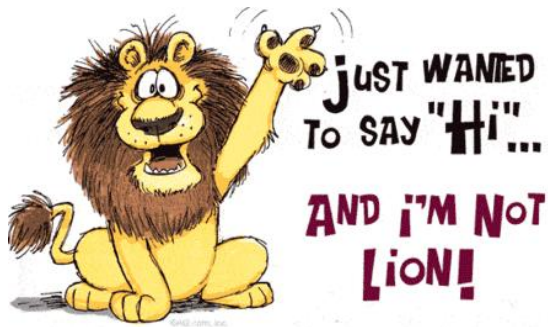
Instructions for Monthly Automatic Draft:

1) Enter amount of monthly automatic draft below 2) Sign and date lines marked with an 'X' 3) Attach a VOIDED check to this form

To The Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, I have given order to (print name of your Financial Institution): _____
_____ to honor for you as they become due, on my monthly drafts and charge same to my account with this financial institution. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. Enter amount of monthly automatic draft selected above:
\$_____ (minimum \$10/month)

Please sign and date below – use signature(s) required on your account

:X _____ Date: __/__/____ X _____ Date: __/__/____
(second signature only if 2 signatures required on check)



Kirbyville Lions Club

Wishes

District Governor

Jimmy Richardson & Betty

1st Vice District Governor

Chester Garner & Joni

2nd Vice District Governor

The Best !!

Home Club Of

DG Jimmy Richardson

PDG Doyel Chandler

CARTHAGE LIONS CLUB

Congratulates

DG Jimmy & Betty Richardson

1st VDG Chester & Joni Garner

2nd VDG

PDG James Browning

PDG James Marshall

PDG Bruce Rickert

PDG Chet Stout

&

Lions of Carthage Lions Club

We Meet

Every Thursday Noon

Masonic Lodge - N Davis

Visitors Welcome



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Visitors Welcome

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5856 9th Ave. Port Arthur, Texas 77642

2011-12 President

J.D. Crabbs

CONGRATULATIONS!

District Governor Jimmy Richardson
and Partner in Service Betty
1st Vice District Governor Chester Garner
and Partner in Service Joni
2nd Vice District Governor

Leadership for
“Serving Together”
and
“I Believe”

Garrison Lions Club
Home Club of
PDG Dr. Bonita Lowrie

Moving Forward With Service

Lets Start A New Lions Club?

*This means more Service
In Your Community*

“Living To Serve”

*We Can Grow,
With Your Help!*

Give PDG Moe Cully a call

409-985-5628

We're Ready To Help You



CONGRATULATIONS TO

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
JIMMY RICHARDSON & BETTY**

**1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
CHESTER GARNER & JONI**

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Beaumont Breakfast Lions Club

“Serving Together” for 43 years Proudly Supports

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1st VDG Chester Garner & Joni

2nd VDG



Home Club of District Recording Secretary

Billie Blackburn

Zone 3B Chair Robert Blackburn

The 9th Annual Charity Bowling Tournament

Corrections to Directory

Any info in the directory that is wrong please send it to liondk@sbcglobal.net along with the page #.

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409-720-7145 (Pat's cell) - didn't change

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Congratulates and Supports

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1st Vice Governor

Lion Chester Garner and Joni

2nd Vice Governor



Home Club Of

PDG Lion Fred Renkema

& Lion Rita



Home Club Of

PDG Vera LeBlanc

District 2-S1

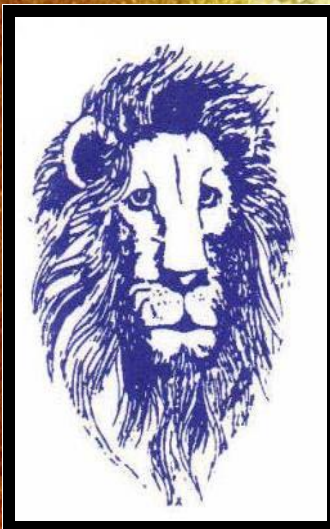
**LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S
SAFETY**

**Club Meetings First & Third Mondays 6:30pm at
The Schooner Restaurant in Nederland**

We Wish Continued
Success To
District Governor
Jimmy Richardson
& Betty Richardson

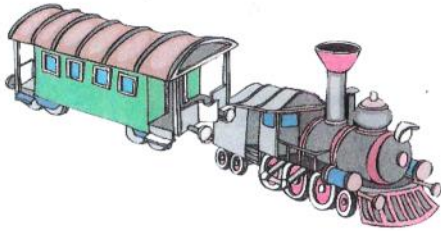


Vice District Governor
Chester Garner
& Joni Garner



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PDG Sam Robinson 1957-58
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District 2S-1

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2nd V.D.G. Lion

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*Supporting District 2-S1 Governor
Jimmy and Betty Richardson
and all of the District Leaders and Chairs*

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Home Club: South County Breakfast Lions Club



Alto Lions Club

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Home Club of PDG

David Middleton & (Lion Holly)

Living Lionism Daily

CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS

Beaumont Breakfast Lions Club

Beaumont Breakfast Lions provided two needy families with food baskets for Thanksgiving. We are working on our annual Bowling Tournament scheduled for February. We are assisting in the planning of the Lions Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness. We are preparing for our Christmas basket project and looking forward to a new year. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Burkeville - Toledo Bend Lions Club

November 4 marked the final home football game for Burkeville ISD. The BTB Lions ran the concession stand for the season (our major fund raiser for the year.) Our other yearly fund raiser is a raffle. Proceeds from the concession & raffle go towards scholarships for Burkeville ISD seniors, support for the FFA, Little League, and to provide free eye exams and glasses for our students in need of assistance. The most exciting event for November was to have DG Jimmy Richardson as our guest of honor at our monthly meeting. DG Jimmy inducted 5 new members into our club! At that meeting we also celebrated Lion JD Miller's birthday and return to "active duty" after a lengthy illness.

Garrison Lions Club

Holiday/Appreciation dinner November 29 to recognize those who baked cakes for the annual Lions Homecoming cake auction. District Governor James Richardson made his official visit. He had the privilege of presenting the LCI Life Member to Lion Tom Martin. The club does not meet in December.

Jacksonville Lions Club

During October, Jacksonville Lions heard from PDG David Middleton regarding the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Campaign. We had a program from Breezy Lake, Director of the Hospitality Administration Program at Lon Morris College. The Club also had a program from Dale Dotson, Athletic Director of Lon Morris College in which he discussed the various athletic programs of LMC.

Kirbyville Lions Club

We are getting ready for our Christmas In The Park fundraiser. We will be there selling some good food. We will also draw for the 2 guns we have been selling tickets on. Hope to see some of you Nov. 26 at this fun event. We had the Peace Poster Contest winner and the 2nd and 3rd runner up and parents and art teacher and principal of the JR High come to our meeting to honor them with certificates, food and fellowship. This is one of the best meetings ever. Whenever you can recognize the talent of your students, and the hard work that the teachers do, it is very uplifting. Kristen Long was our winner 2nd runner up was Charley Vennebush, 3rd place, Crisjen LaBiche. The winner of District 2-S1 Peace Poster is Kristen Long from Kirbyville. Her poster goes on to the state contest. Congratulations to all of these students. We had 100 students participate in this contest at Kirbyville. The Kirbyville Lions Club wishes all of the clubs in District 2-S1 a Happy Thanksgiving!

Nederland Professional Lions Club

November was a wonderful month for NPL's beginning with PDG Fred Renkema inducting FOUR new members, Jim and Pat Miller and Travis and Debbie Seymour. Vice-President Lion Rita Renkema announced all the wonderful plans for our annual Christmas Party. We provided Thanksgiving Dinner for a single mom and her five beautiful children all under the age of seven. Pie Sale was a great success and our sale and delivery of Poinsettias can be seen all over Mid-county. Lion Kittie Kay provided the Red Velvet Cake for our November Birthday. Lion Paul Goodwin arranged for Kay Decuir, CEO of the Shorkey Center to speak at our 2nd meeting of this month. We are looking forward to December sharing fellowship at our Christmas Party and sharing our blessings with the community.

Port Arthur Founders

November was a sad and happy month. Lion William Lively passed away on November 15, but we added a new member on November 18, Lion Shirley Hallum. We provided eye exams and glasses for one adult and one child. On November 4 Ms. Jody Holton, Marketing Director with the Port Arthur YMCA gave us some updates about the Y and some suggestions for seniors to stay in better health. On November 18, Founder Lion John Lindell, gave us updates on the upcoming income tax rules.

Rusk Lions Club

Rusk Lions, so busy! 2 Lions went to the District Convention in Center. Rusk hosted the Zone meeting. We were visited by the District Governor. We provided Thanksgiving meals for 3 local families. Assisted Cub Scout Pack 405 with Scouting for Food for the local food bank, gathering in nearly 500 food items. We enjoyed an informative program about Ducks Unlimited conservation efforts. The club is seeing brisk sales of the annual Grocery Gift Card Raffle, proceeds to go into the club Activity fund. Lions attended the local Veteran's Day downtown program. Heading for the Christmas parade!!

Sour Lake Lions Club

We will have a food booth and float in the December 8th Sour Lake Christmas parade. The District Governor will make his visit at our January meeting.