



# The Lion's Tale



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## The Prez Sez

Happy New Year, Cactus Lions. I'm keeping my comments short and sweet this month, because I want everyone to stay focused on one thing: *selling tickets for our annual Spaghetti Supper*. If you haven't already done so, dig out your list of customers from last year, add any new prospects you can think of for this year, and get going. And, remember to keep a supply of tickets with you at all times for selling to any "opportune" customers you encounter during your day-to-day activities.

*Jud Hardy*

## Board Meeting Highlights

Acting Pres. Dean Baird called the Jan. 5, 2004, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: John Massey, Bob Nelson, Mark Kennedy, PDG Hal Griffin, Tena Andrews, Cindy Mundschenk, and David Scott. Minutes of the Dec. 1 meeting and the financial report were presented by Sec'y. John Massey, and approved. December membership remained at 29 active, 11 at-large, and 1 affiliate. The need to push publicity for the upcoming Spaghetti Supper was discussed, and Sec'y. Massey made available posters for displaying in business locations around Abilene. Cindy Mundschenk proposed selling roses at the Spaghetti Supper, which will be held on Valentine's Day, as an extra way to raise money during that event. She volunteered to check out the feasibility of this idea. During a discussion on Flag Project issues, Mark Kennedy suggested dropping Labor Day as one of our service days. The board decided by majority vote that the club should stick to the nine days it is contractually obligated to, including Labor Day. Regarding donations of Spaghetti Supper supplies, Sec'y. Massey said that Mr. Gatti's has agreed to furnish 80 lbs. of spaghetti, and a letter is going to HEB asking for their help with the ground beef. Sec'y. Massey moved that enough activity fund dollars be added to donations collected recently from Cactus Club members to help offset a deficit at the Texas Lion's Camp in Kerrville this year, to come up with an even \$410. This amount would give the club another 100 percent TLC donation, and the board approved. (Note: At press time, \$360 had been pledged.) Members were reminded that reservations for the

Jan. 16 & 17 Midwinter Conference must be in by Jan. 13. It was also noted that there will be a Region 6 Diabetes Awareness Program in April. Next board meeting is Feb 2, at 7:00 p.m., in Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 16 & 17 – Dist. 2-E1 Midwinter Conference  
Feb. 14 – Annual Spaghetti Supper

## January Birthday Lions

5 – Dorothy Lowry, 8 – Barbara Voit, 8 – David Scott, 16 – Walt Mergenhagen, 31 – David Massey

## Volunteer Activity

For December, the following was reported:  
**Sandy Griffin** – 60 hours training "Ivy Green IV" for the Leader Dog Program. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Jud Hardy** – 24 hours at Abilene Christian Ministries.

## Hail to The Queen

Melissa McCoy, 18 year-old daughter of Marcille and Ronald McCoy, is the Cactus Lions' reigning Queen for the 2003/2004 term. A senior at Cooper High School, she has served as a member and an officer on the Cougarette Dance Team. As a participant in the West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program last March, she won 1st Place in the Talent portion of the program, and 1st runner-up in the Fitness portion.

A very accomplished dancer, Melissa has studied under Lion Cindy Mundschenk for 15 years, and hopes to pursue her interest in dance into college. She is proficient in Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop Jazz, and Lyrical; and has performed rolls such as the Sugarplum Fairy in the "Nutcracker," Soloist in "Gala Performance," Swanilda in "Coppelia," and a Stepsister in "Cinderella". She can be seen in the title role of Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet" in May, at Hardin Simmons University.

Melissa will represent the Abilene Cactus Lions Club in the District 2-E1 Lions Queen Contest at the District Convention in Vernon, April 23-24, 2004. At District level, she will be competing for a \$500 scholarship, and if she wins, she will move on to the state competition.

We wish Melissa good luck, and look forward to working with her at upcoming club functions.

*By Cindy Mundschenk*

**Editor's Note:** The January program schedule was not available at press time because an unexpected emergency situation required the Program Chairman to travel out of town before providing it to the editor.