



# The Lion's Tale



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## The Prez Sez

Our Annual Spaghetti Supper is February 14 this year, and each and every Cactus Lion needs to sell as many tickets as they possibly can to bring in the number of customers needed for a successful fundraising event. Unlike some past years, we will be paying for some of the most expensive ingredients in our "Secret Sauce", namely the beef. With overhead costs higher, it will take more ticket sales to equal past levels of fundraising dollars. I urge you to work your "hit list" hard and contact everyone you can think of between now and Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> to sell tickets for our delicious, once-a-year dinner. And, equally important, make certain you set aside all of that Saturday to show up and help with the many chores that have to be done.

*Jud Hardy*

## Board Meeting Highlights

Pres. Jud Hardy called the February 2, 2004, meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Dean Baird, John Massey, Bob Nelson, Tena Andrews, PDG Hal Griffin, Dino Andino, and Jim Gibson. Minutes of the January 5 meeting and the financial report were read by Sec'y. John Massey, and approved. Items of business and discussion included the following: The M&A report showed membership at 29 active, 11 at large and 1 affiliate. Sec'y. Massey said that for our Spaghetti Supper, United Grocers donated canned tomatoes and tomato sauce, and HEB donated \$50. He is trying to find the best deal he can for the ground beef. PDG Hal Griffin requested that the Cactus Lions contribute \$113 to the Jimmy Ross campaign to purchase a copy machine that will be used during the International Convention. After a discussion, the board elected to bring this item up for a vote by all members at the business meeting. Dino Andino mentioned the need for better manners on the part of some members who have been interrupting presenters during their programs lately. Pres. Hardy said he would address this problem at the business meeting. Sec'y. Massey raised the question of what to do with a \$5,000 bequest made to the Cactus Lions by Billie Kniffin, a long-time, loyal friend of the club, and wife of former member Ed Kniffin, who preceded her in death. One suggestion was to

sponsor the conversion of a Habitat for Humanity house for use by a wheelchair bound father and his family. Jim Gibson will check on requirements and other issues pertaining to this project, and report to the club. Bob Nelson formally requested the \$300 our club normally makes available each year to help one member attend the Lion's International Convention. Next board meeting will be March 1, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

## Spaghetti Supper Bulletin

All members should be on hand at the Abilene High School Cafeteria at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, to start Spaghetti Supper preparations. Each member is asked to bring two dessert items to be sold to diners from the club's dessert table. Members wanting to purchase containers of surplus "Secret Sauce" after the supper should keep in mind that every attempt will be made to distribute it equitably, based upon how much is left over *after the last customer has been served.*

## Upcoming Events

Feb 16 – **Presidents' Day – We Put Out Flags.**

## Community Volunteer Activity

For January, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** -- 81 hours working with "Ivy Green IV" for the Leader Dog Program. **Jud Hardy** -- 24 hours at Abilene Christian Ministries. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **David Scott** -- 6 hours at Abilene Meals on Wheels.

## February Birthday Lions

9 -- **Fannie Mae Massey**, 12 -- **Tena Andrews**,  
15 -- **J. L. Edwards**, 16 -- **Larry Duggan**,  
16 -- **Cindy Mundschenk**

## February Program Schedule

4 -- Business Meeting  
11 -- Danny Murillo, pres. of *Sudden Impact*  
18 -- Jim McDonald, Financial Mgmt.  
Program Mgr., Dyess AFB Family Support Center  
25 -- Surprise Presentation. Guess Who?