



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

In all the years we've been doing the Spaghetti Supper, there's never been one quite like this one. We had helping hands all over the place, thanks to volunteers from Dyess AFB, plus our trusty Girl Scouts. On top of that, our Queen Candidate and some of her "court" were busy offering lovely roses our customers could buy for their sweethearts, since our supper was on St. Valentine's Day this year. To my mind, it would be hard to imagine a much more diverse combination of a fund raising event and community involvement between Lions, folks from Dyess, Girl Scouts, etc. A whole new audience got to see Lionism in action, and as a result, we may pick up some members for the Cactus Lions as an added byproduct of this event. It's amazing what kind of volunteer help is available in our community if you can find out where to tap into it. To those in our club and all the volunteers who made this year's Spaghetti Supper another great success, my hat is off.

Jud Hardy

Board Meeting Highlights

2nd Vice President Larry Duggan called the March 1, 2004, meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Dino Andino, Tena Andrews, Larry Duggan, and Jim Gibson. Minutes of the February 2 meeting and the financial report were offered by Sec'y. John Massey, and discussed. 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 there is a possibility that one of the volunteer couples from Dyess who helped at the Spaghetti Supper was favorably enough impressed that they may be joining the Cactus Lions. He said that although most of the ticket sales and major expenses for the Spaghetti Supper are accounted for at present, anyone with last minute ticket sales proceeds is urged to please turn them in ASAP. Jim Gibson said he has gone through the LCIF requirements for a Habitat for Humanity grant, and prepared a copy of the questions that need to be answered by Abilene's Habitat officials regarding the project the Cactus Lions plan to co-sponsor. He will meet with them this week to get their part of the paperwork under

way. He said that one of the LCIF requirements for a project like this is that the sponsoring club must have a project committee, so he is looking for volunteers. Next board meeting will be April 5, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Spaghetti Supper Report

With something like 90 percent of the ticket sales and most of the big expenses accounted for, according to club secretary John Massey, it looks like this annual fundraiser has cleared about \$6,000 so far. Of that, desert sales brought in \$300, and rose sales another \$136. Top ticket seller was John Massey, with 247. Other big sellers included Dennis Paschal – 90, Dean Baird - 83; Lou Voit - 82; and the Girl Scouts, *yes the Girl Scouts* - 77.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 20 – White Cane Day
Apr. 23-24 – Dist. 2-E1 Convention, Vernon, TX

Community Volunteer Activity

For February, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** -- 96 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.

March Birthday Lions

2 -- **Morgan Knapp**
2 -- **Peter Krumland**,
7 -- **John Massey**
7 -- **Bob Nelson**
22 -- **Ben Wright**
30 -- **Mary Coyne**

March Program Schedule

3 -- Business Meeting
10 -- Pete Beretta, Abilene Fire Dep't
17 -- Dr. Dennis O'Connell, Assoc. Prof. of Physical Therapy at HSU
24 -- Lynn King, Work and Rehabilitation
31 -- Dr. Julian Bridges, Prof. of Sociology at HSU