



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

First off, I want to thank each of you for your patience and understanding with regard to me missing meetings and being "out of pocket" lately. As most of you are aware, I have been suffering with some fairly serious health problems, and they have taken a toll on my time and energy. The doctors seem to be getting a better grip on what ails me, so hopefully I won't be indisposed as much during the "home stretch" of my club presidency. Changing subjects, I want to congratulate each of you, and especially chairman Peter Krumland, who volunteered to spend part of your Saturday on March 15 manning the white canes for sight conservation. The donation dollars collected is a good thing, but even more important, in my opinion, is people seeing Lions out in public in their vests doing good work. And, finally, I encourage each of you who can to attend the District Convention in Vernon on April 23-24. Even if you can only be at part of the meetings and/or functions, you will get a chance to see Lionism in action at another level, and help represent the Cactus Lion's Club by your presence.

Jud Hardy

Board Meeting Highlights

First V.P. Dean Baird called the April 5, 2004, meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: PDG Hal Griffin, Tena Andrews, Bob Nelson, John Massey, and Jim Gibson. Minutes of the March 1 meeting and the financial report were presented by Sec'y. John Massey, and discussed. Items of business and discussion included the following: The M&A report showed membership remained at 29 active, 11 at-large and 1 affiliate. Sec'y. Massey said three new members are slated for installation at this month's business meeting. They are Angela Treat, Amy Smith, and Irene Grant. Sec'y Massey said that one of our members has asked him if the club could give the queen contestant some sort of award, such as a scholarship. After discussing various ideas, the board voted to provide the queen candidate with a \$100 Savings Bond. The issue of some members being in arrears with their dues was discussed, and at PDG Griffin's suggestion, the board agreed that the secretary/treasurer should send formal letters to such members warning them

that they face being dropped from the club if they do not make arrangements to get caught up in a timely fashion. Bob Nelson said that voting delegates for the District Convention need to be certified beforehand, and a process to accomplish that was decided upon. Arrangements for this year's installation banquet were discussed, and Dean Baird agreed to coordinate the function, with a tentative target date being on or about June 10. Next board meeting will be May 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

White Cane Day Report

Cactus Club volunteers who came out on March 15 and wielded white canes in front of the new United Food Store on South 14th to raise money for Lions' sight conservation programs brought in a total of \$160. A special thanks goes to Peter Krumland, who jumped in on short notice and did an excellent job of coordinating this event.

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 7 – Election of Cactus Club officers
- Apr. 23-24 – Dist. 2-E1 Convention, Vernon, TX

Community Volunteer Activity

For March, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** -- 200 hours working with "Ivy Green IV" for the Leader Dog Program. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. Various Cactus members spent 20 hours supporting Meals on Wheels.

April Birthday Lions

25 -- **Dwain Hennessey**

April Program Schedule

- 7 -- Business Meeting
- 14 -- Susan Pierce, General Manager, American Eagle Aviation
- 21 -- Dr. Jill Walters, Assistant Professor of Psychology at HSU
- 28 -- Jess Solomon, Executive Director of Frontier Texas