



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

As most of you know by now, the Cactus Lions Club lost two members during April: President Jud Hardy, and long-time member David Miller. Dave hadn't attended many meetings in recent years due to poor health and tending to his wife, who has Alzheimer's disease. We are saddened by their deaths, but can happily acknowledge the fact that each made significant contributions to Lionism.

On another subject, I want to tell you all that I really enjoyed the May 23-24 District Convention in Vernon. I was particularly impressed with the presentations and messages of the speech contestants, especially those in the Diabetic Awareness category. And, receiving one of two Jack Wiech Fellowships that were awarded to lucky winners of a drawing at the convention was a wonderful surprise for me. Vernon went all out to make the convention a great event, and I think they set the bar pretty high for Abilene, which will host next year's District get-together.

Dean Baird

Board Meeting Highlights

Acting President Dean Baird called the May 3, 2004, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Tena Andrews, John Massey, Mark Kennedy, Larry Duggan, Dino Andino, John Ingram, and Jim Gibson. Minutes of the April 5 meeting and the financial report were presented by Sec'y. John Massey, and approved. Items of business and discussion included the following: The M&A report showed membership at 31 active, 10 at-large, and 1 affiliate. With the addition of 16,675 points from April, the club's total in the annual Dist. Governor's Contest now stands at 105,819. Sec'y. Massey suggested, and the board approved, an amendment to last month's decision to award Queen Contestants a \$100 Savings Bond. It states that in order for a queen contestant to receive the bond, they must actually attend the district convention and represent the Cactus Lions Club in the competition. Pres. Baird mentioned three items of interest: The Annual Nurses' Appreciation Breakfast will be May 13, at 6:30 a.m. at Briarstone. A letter she received recently stated that the Cactus Lions Club's share of last Fall's Charity Football Game is \$876. There

will be two Lions' leadership training classes in the near future. One is in Seymour on May 8, and the second is in Eastland on June 26. For details, contact Pres. Baird. After Pres. Baird provided several options for this year's installation banquet, the Board discussed them and voted to go with Thursday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Whitten Inn. The meal will be steak, baked potato, veggies, etc. Price should be in the \$11-\$12 range per person. Next board meeting is June 7, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- May 8 – Lions' Leadership Training Class in Vernon
- May 13 – Nurses' Appreciation Breakfast
- May 15 – Armed Forces Day – **Put out Flags**
- May 31 – Memorial Day - **Put out Flags**
- June 3-5 – MD-2 State Convention, Longview
- June 10 – Cactus Lions' Installation Banquet
- June 14 – Flag Day - **Put out Flags**
- June 26 – Lions' Leadership Training Class in Eastland

Community Volunteer Activity

For April, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 106 hours working with "Ivy Green IV" for the Leader Dog Program. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Several Cactus Lions** -- 20 hours in support of Meals on Wheels.

May Birthday Lions

- May 7 -- **Mark Kennedy**
- May 29 -- **Sandy Griffin**

May Program Schedule

- 5 -- Business Meeting
- 12 -- Harley Hall, American Eagle, "Progress"
- 19 -- Prof. Joe Alcorta, HSU, "Faith, Family, Fitness and Fun"
- 26 -- TSgt. Storey, Dyess AFB, "Dyess Air Team"

Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino