



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

June is a big month for activities outside our regular meetings, and I'd like to highlight three. First, is our annual Installation Banquet on June 10. Featured speaker will be PDG Beverly Stebbins, who will talk about "Women in Lionism", and install our new officers. Number two is a work day and media event, in conjunction with the Abilene Fire Dep't, for our Habitat for Humanity renovation project. It's on June 12, at the house at 2710 North Willis, starting at 9 a.m. We need lots of Cactus Lions on hand, wearing vests, to make a good showing. And, third is our club's Ice Cream Social, which will be held on June 19 at Lion J. L. Edwards' house, 4049 Fairmount, starting at 7:30 p.m. J.L. and his wife Sue are graciously opening their home to the Cactus Lion's for food and fellowship, and I look forward to seeing you there. By the way, I'm proud to report that our club is sponsoring 8 kiddos for Texas Lions Camp sessions this summer.

Dean Baird

Board Meeting Highlights

Incoming President Dean Baird called the June 1, 2004, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Tena Andrews, John Massey, Dino Andino, John Ingram, Bob Nelson, PDG Hal Griffin, Fannie Mae Massey, and Jim Gibson. Minutes of the May 3 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 remaining at 31 active, 10 at-large, and 1 affiliate. With the addition of another 16,000+ points from May, the club's total in the Dist. Governor's Contest now stands at 122,973. Pres. Baird announced that the Installation Banquet meal will cost \$12.88 per person. Tena Andrews said that at the June 2 business meeting she will make a last call for members to sign up to attend. PDG Griffin proposed sending a \$100 donation to the Lions Camp's *general fund* in honor of the banquet speaker, PDG Beverly Stebbins, and the board approved. Griffin also proposed a \$25 memorial gift to the camp in honor of PDG Leonard Hansen, who died on May 30, and the board approved. Bob Nelson raised the issue of not having an equitable distribution of members

working on flag routes, especially during summer when many members go on vacation(s). After a lively discussion, realignments were made on some of the eight teams. In addition, Dino Andino is coordinating help from the Dyess AFB volunteer group. Sec'y Massey proposed increasing to \$75 the amount given for gas to Lions who take campers to Kerrville and bring them back, and the board approved. Pres. Baird issued a reminder that Lions seeking a club donation to support a special project must present their request to the board, in person, first. Treas. Massey said about \$1,100 of budgeted charity funds remain unspent as the fiscal year ends. The board voted to divide it equally between the Leader Dog program, World Services for the Blind, and the Texas Lion's Camp. Next board meeting is July 6, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- June 3-5 – MD-2 State Convention, Longview
- June 10 – Cactus Lions' Installation Banquet
- June 12 – Habitat for Humanity work day
- June 14 – Flag Day - **Put out Flags**
- June 19 – Ice Cream Social at J.L. Edwards'
- June 26 – Leadership Training Class in Eastland
- July 5 – **Put out Flags** for July 4th

Community Volunteer Activity

For May, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 104 hours working with "Ivy Green IV" for the Leader Dog Program. **Dorothy Lowry** – 36 hours at Abilene Regional Hosp. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Several Cactus Lions** -- 20 hours for Meals on Wheels.

June Birthday Lions

June 1 -- **Jim Gibson**

June Program Schedule	
2 --	Business Meeting
9 --	No Meeting/Installation Banquet
16 --	Lynn King, Worker Rehabilitation
23 --	Donna Albus, Keep Abilene Beautiful
30 --	Congressman Charles Stenholm
Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino	