



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

This year's Abilene Lions/McMurry Charity Football Game will be Oct. 9, at Shotwell Stadium. Between now and then, we need to sell ads for the souvenir programs, and contract forms will be provided to every member. Let's be sure we all do our part in this worthwhile way to support the Lions Camp in Kerrville. Since plenty of bug spray was available, not even the pesky mosquitoes could infringe on the fun, fellowship and fantastic flavors of home-made frozen treats and cookies to be enjoyed at the Cactus Club's Ice Cream Social on June 19. Many thanks to J. L. Edwards and his wife Sue, who graciously hosted this event at their home. And now, I want to congratulate Jim Gibson for being named our newest "Lion of the Year". Jim has been a Cactus Lion since 1985, and among other things, served two terms as club president. When asked what keeps him motivated and involved in Cactus Club activities, Jim said, "It's the satisfaction of participating in projects that make the world a little better for the less-fortunate among us." He added that one of the most awesome rewards of being a Texas Lion is knowing that you helped make possible the unique and often life-changing experiences many disabled and diabetic kids enjoy during summer sessions at the Lion's Camp in Kerrville. From what I've seen of Jim Gibson in action since I've been a Cactus Lion, I must say that he exemplifies the Lion's motto, "We Serve", and is an excellent choice to be our club's Lion of the Year for 2003-04. *Dean Baird*

Board Meeting Highlights

President Dean Baird called the July 6, 2004, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Tena Andrews, John Massey, Dino Andino, John Ingram, Fannie Mae Massey, David Scott and Jim Gibson. Minutes of the June 1 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 dropped to 31 active, 9 *at-large*, and 1 affiliate. Sec'y Massey announced that Briarstone is raising the cost of meals from \$7.00 to \$7.50 this month, and suggested that some way to cover the increase must be devised. He said he would prepare a

spread sheet with possible options to be discussed at the next board meeting. David Scott said that area Lions clubs are sponsoring a Diabetes Awareness Seminar on August 28, from 9 – 12 a.m., at Ambassador Suites. Each club is being asked to contribute \$200 to cover expenses, and his request for that amount from the Cactus Lions was approved. Pres. Baird raised the question of making past district governors from the Cactus Lions members of the board, and after a brief discussion this matter was tabled until information on precedents related to this in other clubs can be obtained. Jim Gibson reported that he contacted LCIF HQ about the status of the club's Habitat For Humanity matching grant request. He was told that the grant awarding board had met, but that the results will be made known to us via LCIF through our District Governor. Next board meeting is Aug. 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Community Volunteer Activity

For June, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 117 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 for Meals on Wheels. **Eight members** also volunteered 32 hours of labor on a Habitat for a Humanity project.

July Birthday Lions

- July 1 -- **John Campbell**
- July 5 – **Robert Jones**
- July 17 – **Diane Russell**
- July 27 – **Boyd King**

<h3><u>July Program Schedule</u></h3> <p>7 -- Business Meeting 14 -- Carl Cook, Hope Haven Update 21 -- To Be Announced 28 -- Member will have an opportunity to meet and visit with Michael Clay and his family, who are slated to receive the Habitat for Humanity house at 2710 N. Willis, which our club is helping to refurbish. Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino</p>
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