



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

It's amazing how many people are quick to say they'll help with a club project when the issue of undertaking it is being discussed and voted on. Based on what looked like ample membership commitment at the time, we've obligated our club to some really labor intensive projects. For the most part, it's worked out okay because enough members to get the job done have usually showed up when they were needed. But we are headed for a potential "labor crisis" for three reasons: fewer members due to death, moving, etc.; members whose ill health prevents them from handling very much in the way of physical exertion; and members with conflicting commitments. This is becoming acute with regard to our flag routes. In fact, without some members on occasion delivering their own route -- plus that of another team whose members were away or indisposed, some routes could not have been covered this summer. Obviously, more active members would help solve this problem, and we need to redouble our efforts to recruit new Cactus Lions. But in the meantime, those of us left to do the projects we've obligated our club to, like flags and the Habitat for Humanity home rehab, are going to have to show up and help out in every way we can in order to live up to our contractual and volunteer service commitments. *Dean Baird*

Board Meeting Highlights

President Dean Baird called the August 3, 2004, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Tena Andrews, John Massey, John Ingram, David Scott and PDG Hal Griffin. Minutes of the July 6 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 down to 30 active, 8 at-large, and 1 affiliate. Sec'y Massey said he checked with several Past District Governors to see if they were members of their clubs' boards, and they all were. Pres. Baird read a letter from Larry Duggan requesting member-at-large status, and his request was approved. Pres. Baird read a letter from LCIF stating that the Cactus Lion's Club request for a Habitat for Humanity matching grant of \$2000 had been approved for rehabbing an Abilene house for

a disabled father and his family. She said she also heard from Abilene's Habitat office that several workdays are scheduled during August. Next board meeting is Sept. 7, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Community Volunteer Activity

For July, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 190 hours training "Ivy Green IV" for the Leader Dog Program. **Dorothy Lowry** – 36 hours at Abilene Regional Hospital. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Several Cactus Lions** -- 20 hours for Meals on Wheels.

Habitat House Project

The LCIF matching grant request for \$2000 submitted by Jim Gibson on behalf of the Cactus Lions has been approved. That means we can now commence our club's "sweat equity" commitment to help rehab 2710 North Willis for occupancy by Michael Clay, who is disabled, and his family. Every Cactus Lion is strongly urged to participate in as many of the scheduled workdays listed below as possible. Work starts at 9 a.m. Abilene Habitat for Humanity provides lunch for volunteer workers.

Thursday, August **12** and Saturday, August **14**
 Thursday, August **19** and Saturday, August **21**
 Saturday, August **28**

August Birthday Lions

Aug 3 – **Thomas Morris**, Aug 7 – **Irene Grant**, Aug 10 – **Lou Voit**, Aug 18 – **Brandon Hooper**, Aug 22 – **Bill Rhodes**, Aug 25 – **Dean Baird**

Special Event Reminder

Abilene's first **Diabetic Educational Forum** is set for August 28 at the Ambassador Suites, starting at 8 a.m. Lions in vests are needed.

August Program Schedule	
4 --	Business Meeting
11 --	Congressman Randy Neugebauer
18 --	Jackie Clay, wife of Habitat for Humanity home recipient Michael Clay
25 --	Dist. Gov. Karen Godbout's "Official Visit"
Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino	