



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

I've heard it said that Lionism is one of Abilene's best kept secrets. Modesty may be a virtue in some situations, but not having others know what we are all about as Cactus Lions could be hindering us when it comes to recruiting new members. With that idea in mind, we decided to try a new idea this month, and participate in The Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's *1st Annual Family Night* on Sept. 27, at 5:30 p.m., at the Civic Center. We'll have a table where we can talk to visitors, and we've invited some of the campers we've sponsored to come as our guests to help promote the Texas Lions' Camp in Kerrville, one of our premier activities. I hope several of you will be able to come to this event and help us "show and tell" about Cactus Lionism. There will be food and various activities, so it should be a fun evening. And, it could turn out to be a great opportunity for gaining prospective members and recruiting some campers for next summer.

Dean Baird

Board Meeting Highlights

President Dean Baird called the September 7, 2004, meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Tena Andrews, John Massey, David Scott, Bob Nelson, Dino Andino, Mark Kennedy and Boyd King. Minutes of the August 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 still at 30 active, 8 at-large, and 1 affiliate. Sec'y Massey noted that Rickie Hargrave has resigned from the club. The Cactus Club's budget was discussed and approved, and board members were reminded that there will be two flag service days this month, virtually back to back. Next board meeting is October 4, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Community Volunteer Activity

For August, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 170 hours training "Ivy Green V" for the Leader Dog Program. **Dorothy Lowry** – 48 hours at Abilene Regional Hospital. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Several Cactus**

Lions -- 20 hours for Meals on Wheels and 120 hours for Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat House Project Update

The joint LCIF/ Cactus Lions/ Habitat for Humanity project is proceeding well, despite a rain cancellation on one of the major scheduled workdays. Several Cactus Lions have been working diligently to fulfill the club's "sweat equity" commitment to help rehab the home at 2710 North Willis for occupancy by Michael Clay, a wheelchair-bound paraplegic, and his family. September workdays included 2, 10, 11, 17, and 18. Additional workdays are set for Oct. 1 and 2, and completion with final touches is estimated to occur on Oct. 9. Every Cactus Lion is strongly urged to participate in as many of the remaining scheduled workdays as possible. Work starts at 9 a.m., and Abilene Habitat for Humanity provides lunch for volunteer workers.

Scheduled Activities

- Sep. 6 – Flag Service for "Labor Day"
- Sep. 11 – Flag Service for "Patriot Day"
- Sep. 27 – Abilene Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse 1st Annual Family Night

September Birthday Lions

- Sep. 4 – **Charles Sims**, Sep. 7 – **Pete Beretta**,
- Sep. 8 – **Ernest Proctor**, Sep. 9 – **Marie Nixon**,
- Sep. 22 – **Jerome "Dino" Andino**,
- Sep. 23 -- **Angela Treat**

Editor's Note:

As most of you have no doubt noticed, this issue of *The Lion's Tale* is very late. The reason is, your friendly editor has been out of town a lot. And, there's a good chance next month will be a similar situation, so please don't be surprised or too upset, if it happens again.

September Program Schedule

- 8 -- Business Meeting
- 15 – Billy Woods, Texas Lions Camp Director
- 22 – Barney Johnson, Shriner's Club
- 29 – Scott Golding, Abilene Medical Care Mission

Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino