



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

The Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's *1st Annual Family Night* on Sept. 27, was a very worthwhile event for our club to participate in. Several of our campers came, along with eight Cactus Lions, and we were able to make a strong public showing for Lionism and our club. A crowd of about 500 people attended this premier of what promises to be a popular yearly affair. If you weren't there, you missed out on a good time. I encourage all of you who can to attend the Second Cabinet Meeting for this year in Albany on Oct. 30. It is always interesting and instructive to see what goes on at the bureaucratic levels of Lionism above our club. Please keep John Ingram, who is battling some serious health problems, and Benjamin Wright, a new member who died unexpectedly last month, in your prayers.

Dean Baird

Board Meeting Highlights

President Dean Baird called the Oct. 4, 2004, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Tena Andrews, John Massey, Dino Andino, Sandy Griffin, PDG Hal Griffin, and Maureen Kofkee. Minutes of the Sept. 7 meeting and the financial report were presented by Sec'y. John Massey, and approved. The M&A report showed membership dropped to 29 active, 7 at-large, and 1 affiliate. Requests for eyeglasses were reviewed and approved, and a thank-you from one recipient of glasses was read. Sec'y. Massey proposed that any Past District Governor member of the club in good standing automatically be a member of the board of directors, and the motion was approved. Sandy Griffin made a presentation on ways to get new members and have more publicity in the local media, including public service announcements on the radio stations. Board members approved a proposal to put these ideas to work. Pursuant to a letter from DG Karen Godbout requesting help for a Clyde family, the board discussed and then approved a \$1,000 donation for a person lift to move two children in the family with severe mobility problems. The money will come out of Billy Kniffin's bequeath to the club when she died last year. A new member to be, Maureen Kofkee, presented a novel idea for fundraising based on a "tasting party". After PDG Griffin

discussed next year's Harry Wickersham golf tournament to benefit the Texas Lions Camp, the board approved sponsoring a hole for \$100. This meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting is Nov. 1, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office.

Community Volunteer Activity

For September, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 174 hours training "Ivy Green V" for the Leader Dog Program. **Dorothy Lowry** – 40 hours at Abilene Regional Hospital. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Lou Voit** -- 4 hours at the *Fort Imagination* event. **8 Cactus Lions** -- 27 hours for Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse's *Family Night*, and **Several Cactus Lions** - 20 hours for *Meals on Wheels*.

Habitat House Project Update

The joint LCIF/ Cactus Lions/ Habitat for Humanity project continued to move along well during September. Several Cactus Lions diligently provided dozens of "sweat equity" hours to help rehab the home at 2710 North Willis for Michael Clay, a wheelchair-bound paraplegic, and his family. Remaining workdays include Oct. 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 22 & 23, and 29, and Dedication is now set for Oct. 30. Please try and help on as many of the scheduled workdays as you can. Work starts at 9 a.m., and lunch is provided for volunteers.

Scheduled Activities

- Oct. 11 – Flag Service for "Columbus Day"
- Oct. 30 – Cabinet Meeting in Albany

October Birthday Lions

- Oct. 15 – **Dennis Paschal**
- Oct. 20 – **PDG Hal Griffin**

October Program Schedule

- 6 -- Business Meeting
- 13 – Robin Chandler, Audiologist at West Texas Rehab Center
- 20 – Spokesperson for the Salvation Army
- 27 – Jody Houston, Executive Director, Abilene Food Bank

Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino