



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

Our Habitat for Humanity project wrapped up on Oct. 30, with a dedication of the refurbished house at 2710 N. Willis. Big smiles were the order of the day for Michael Clay and his family as Habitat formally recognized them as the proud owners before a sizeable crowd largely made up of friends and numerous volunteers who worked on redoing the house. I want to extend a special thanks to all the Cactus Lions who put in nearly 300 hours of "sweat equity" labor to supplement our club's monetary donation. Cactus Lion's were extremely well represented at the Oct. 30 Cabinet meeting in Albany. Ten Lions from our club were there, and that just may be a record. My thanks goes to all those who took the time to travel out of town for this event. Another important meeting closer to home is coming up on Nov. 18. It's a combined Zone and Region get-together in Tuscola, and I encourage you to be there if possible. As the season of major year-end holiday activities approaches, there will be many demands on our time, along with a variety of opportunities for community service. Please try and find time in your busy schedule to help us live up to our "We Serve" motto whenever the need arises.

Dean Baird

Board Meeting Highlights

President Dean Baird called the Nov 1, 2004, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: Tena Andrews, John Massey, Dino Andino, PDG Hal Griffin, Mark Kennedy, Bob Jones, Bob Nelson, Fanny Mae Massey, and Jim Gibson. Minutes of the Oct. 4 meeting and the financial report were presented by Sec'y. John Massey, and approved. The M&A report showed membership at 28 active, 8 at-large, and 1 affiliate. We lost Angela Treat, but we gained Maureen Kofkee. Pres. Baird noted that club member volunteers devoted a grand total of 287 hours to the Habitat House project. She then read a letter from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Abilene expressing thanks for tickets to the McMurry charity football game we donated to them. She also read a letter from Lou Voit telling of a big need for more donated eyeglasses at the Midland Recycling Center. Pres. Baird mentioned the Zone/Region meeting on Nov. 18 at Tuscola, and encouraged all

who can to attend. PDG Hal Griffin gave the board an extreme advance "heads up" about an idea he has for serving spaghetti with the club's famous "Secret Sauce" at a special picnic supper at the Texas Lions Camp in August, 2006, when he will be outgoing President of the Camp. Dino Andino asked Pres. Baird to read a touching tribute to his son, who passed away recently, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Next meeting is Nov. 29, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office.

Community Volunteer Activity

For October, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 91 hours training "Ivy Green V" for the Leader Dog Program. **Dorothy Lowry** – 28 hours at Abilene Regional Hospital. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Several Cactus Lions** -- 163 hours with Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat House Project Update

The Cactus Lions have fulfilled their "sweat equity" commitment associated with the rehab of the home at 2710 N. Willis for Michael Clay and his family. A dedication ceremony on Oct. 30 formally celebrated completion of the project, and along with several other groups, Cactus Lion volunteers were recognized for their participation.

Scheduled Activities

- Nov. 11 – Flag Service for "Veterans Day"
- Nov. 18 – Zone/Region meeting at Tuscola
- Dec. 5 – Hospice Tree in the Mall of Abilene
- Dec. 9 – Cactus Lions' Christmas Party

November Birthday Lions

- Nov. 3 – **Amy Smith**
- Nov. 27 – **Tom Butterfield**

<p align="center">November Program Schedule</p> <p>3 -- Business Meeting 10 – Kerry Fortune from Ben Richie Boys Ranch 17 – Jay Hobbs, Regional Director for the Alzheimers Assn. 24 – No Meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino</p>
