



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

For the second time in less than a month Cactus Lions were extremely well represented at an out of town Lions meeting. This time it was the Nov. 18 Zone/Region meeting in Tuscola. Thirteen Lions from our club attended, and I must say that I am very impressed by that level of Cactus Club participation. My thanks goes to all those who took the time to travel to this event. I want to encourage all of you who can to attend the club's Christmas Party on Dec. 9. It's a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship and good food outside our normal Wednesday meeting environment. Finally, as we ring out 2004, I think we can all take justifiable pride in what we accomplished together this year for the betterment of our fellow human beings.

Season's Greetings.

Dean Baird

Board Meeting Highlights

President Dean Baird called the Nov. 29, 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, David Scott, and Jim Gibson. Sec'y. John Massey read minutes for the Nov. 1 meeting and financial report, and the board approved them. Membership on the M&A report stands at 28 active, 8 at-large, and 1 affiliate. According to Pres. Baird, 13 Cactus Lions attended the Zone/Region meeting on Nov. 18 at Tuscola, which was excellent club participation. Pres. Baird also mentioned the club's Christmas Party on Dec. 9, which will be at the Whitten Inn. Total cost is \$12.60 per person for a tasty steak dinner. During a discussion of the District Governor's contest point system, the fact was noted that big points are given when clubs have selected district chairs speak on the area they represent. The program chairman was duly encouraged to line up more of these speakers. When it was mentioned that Woodson Bell Choir will receive a \$300 check at the business meeting, David Scott suggested the need to take photos of this and similar events and try to get them published. Members concurred. Pres. Baird said that Sunday, Dec. 5 is our club's day to man the Hospice Tree in the Mall, and secured a volunteer to fill one remaining open time slot. PDG Hal Griffin told about how the eyeglass sorting program in

Midland has been staffed by prison inmates for some time, and restated the current need for donated eyeglasses to keep this program going. David Scott suggested a couple of ways glasses might be obtained, including seeking help from local Scouts to canvass neighborhoods. Dino Andino said Linda Mares from KRBC has promised him she would help with publicity in this area. On a related note, PDG Griffin said he appeared live on a 106.9 radio talk show last week discussing Lionism and the Lion's Camp. Jim Gibson reported that he met DG Karen Godbout in Tuscola, Nov. 24 to close out the joint bank account for the club's home renovation grant project. On Nov. 29 he gave Habitat a check for \$8,000, and sent a Final Report to LCIF on the completed project. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Next meeting is Jan. 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Dean Baird's office.

Community Volunteer Activity

For November, the following was reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 98 hours for "Ivy Green V" Leader Dog training. **Dorothy Lowry** – 20 hours at Abilene Regional Hospital. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Several Cactus Lions** – Meals on Wheels.

Scheduled Activities

- Dec. 1 – "Hometown Day", a Lenscrafters and Lions joint event where 27 people will get glasses.
- Dec. 5 – Hospice Tree in the Mall of Abilene
- Dec. 9 – Cactus Lions' Christmas Party at Whitten Inn. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7.
- Dec. 14 – State School Christmas Party for Cottage 6730, which we also hosted last year.

December Birthday Lions

Dec. 5 – **John Ingram**

December Program Schedule

- 1 -- Business Meeting, Woodson Bell Choir
 - 8 – No meeting due to Christmas Party
 - 15 – Claude Milton, head of security at Abilene Regional Airport
 - 22 – To Be Announced
 - 29 – No meeting due to New Year's holiday
- Program Chairman: Jerome "Dino" Andino