



Lion Letter

District 2-E1



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From the Desk of the Governor - 2009

My year is almost up, and it has been an exciting one! Before I get into my year, I want to thank Jodie Dearing for her years of service she has given as the district newsletter editor. Especially this year, she stayed in the position because she loved me so much! **THANK YOU JODIE!!!!**

Now the year in review - July 2008 – Bangkok Thailand – District Governors School. The District Governors were asked to set goals for the coming year – LCI wanted the Governors to have five new clubs and 125 new members. My goal was to have a plus one in new clubs and a plus one in membership. As of June 4th, we have a plus “half club” that is a branch club at McMurry. We stand at a zero in membership – none lost, none gained. We have June to add new members and make that a plus in membership. My goals could not have been reached without your help and hard work.

After Bangkok, the year started with a bang. We had a Guiding Lions School in Fort Worth, six 2-E1 Lions attended, and that produced the new Lions Club in Stamford.

During the following months, I made many club visits and enjoyed all of them but one. That one visit kind of made me “sick”. I was at the head table, the gavel disappeared? The Club President started the meeting – **NO GAVEL** – where’s the tail-twister? What does he do? He “kisses” the Madam Presidents hand(?) and said, “that’s okay.” **NO FINE? JUST A KISS?** The gavel does suddenly re-appear from my coat – I mean from somewhere and the meeting starts. Is that how a club like Abilene Cactus does business? Ha! Ha! It really was funny, I enjoyed that club visit – Abilene Cactus does have FUN!! 2009 began with another Guiding Lion workshop in Abilene. Thirteen Lions were in attendance. We canvassed McMurry, Abilene Christian and Hardin-Simmons. From that meeting, we have a branch at McMurry and a new club at Hardin-Simmons – chartered May 7, 2009 and the “Charter Night” will be September 19th with Past International President Jimmy Ross as keynote speaker – **mark your calendar.** ACU was having their SingSong – we will be back on that campus when school re-starts.

I have been told by many Lions that our District Convention, held here in Eastland, was a very successful convention. They enjoyed it immensely, especially International Director Doc Myers. I thank you for those comments. I thank all those Lions who helped make it happen.

The year is closing fast with the State Convention. There were many Lions from our District in Lubbock and I thank you for being there. For the Lions who missed it – here is a summary: Thursday morning was golf at the Meadowbrook Golf Course and BBQ, cowboy poetry and cowboy music at the Ranching Heritage Center on the Texas Tech Campus that evening. The evening was cut a little short with lightning in the area. The western singers felt a little uncomfortable using their electric guitars in the weather that was approaching.

Friday's Kickoff Breakfast – the keynote speaker was International Director Bev Stebbins. Friday noon was the Hall of Fame Luncheon for the 2009 inductees who were PCC Art Cook, 2-T2; PDG, CCE Don Peppard, 2-T3; PCC Dick Robinson, 2-X3; PDG John Kimbrough, 2-A2; PDG Dr. Irv Wishnow, 2-S2; PDG Ron Heinemeyer, 2-S5. Congratulations to all these men on their induction to the HOF. Friday evening was the PDG Banquet and Necrology service. The state lost nineteen PDG's during the 2008-2009 year- District 2-E1 lost PDG Sam Furr, Jr., 1949-50, from Olney.

The Texas Lions Foundation breakfast speaker was Lion Judge J. Q. Warnick, Jr., a Lion since 1981 and a member of the Lubbock Lions Club. Judge Warnick's message was about volunteers – figure the hours a club, a zone, a district or a state puts into a project and multiply by \$10.00 per hour. That would be quite a financial figure that Lions contribute to help people. The noon meal was the Youth contest sponsored by United Supermarkets. There were seven contestants in the "Drug Awareness" contest. Our own Lindsey Stephens of Olney was a contestant. The winner was 2-X1 Samuel Scott of Plano Lions Club. Second place went to 2-A2 Danielle Rae Rucker of the Sabinal Lions. The "Diabetes Awareness" had nine contestants. The winner was 2-T2 Hanna Hoots of the Odessa Westside Lions and the second place winner was our own Kyle Oxford of the Graham Noon Lions. Congrats Kyle! There were ten entries in the "Outstanding Youth" contest. The winner was 2-X1 Emily Pool of the Ennis Noon Lions; second place went to 2-X3 Aaron Beaman of the Groesbeck Lions. Rebekah Josefy of the Graham Noon Lions was our district contestant. The first place winners received \$3000.00 and the second place winners received \$1000.00.

The evening closed out with the Governor's Banquet. My daughter Erin was my escort for the evening and we were enlightened by International President Al Brandel. He spoke of the many things happening in Lionism and the State of Texas. He did challenge the governors to not stop, but continue to work hard for the remainder of our term.

The State Convention held in Lubbock June 4th thru the 6th was the crowning moment of my year. I realize my year has come to an end and I now pass the gavel to District Governor Elect Tom Isbell. I know the Lions of 2-E1 will help Tom as you have helped me.

Working with the District was a wonderful time. Working with the Council of Governors was really special. Sixteen of us from around the state and our partners in service became like family. My family has enjoyed each and every meeting with them, learning about their families, their Districts and what Lions are doing in Texas.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the Lions of District 2-E1 for the great year we have had. I thank you for allowing me to be your District Governor for the past year and I will always hold the memories of my year in my heart.

Thank you,

District Governor Dean A. Vernon, 2008-2009.



FROM YOUR VDG

As we near the end of District Governor Dean Vernon's year, I want to say thank you to all the Lions in our district who worked so hard to make his year a great success. We added a new club, the Stamford Lions Club. I participated in that as a result of the training that DG Vernon made available to me and remember PDG Luren Campbell, PDG Billy Wood, and Lion Sam Conway assisting with the visitation and enrollment of new members in Stamford. We added a new campus club at Hardin-Simmons. I was not involved with this, but know that PDG Karen Godbout and PDG Hal Griffin worked closely with DG Vernon with the enrollment of this new campus club and their first major fund raiser, a car wash in front of Lion Dean Baird's Insurance Agency. These two new clubs helped make DG Vernon's year a great success.

As we look forward to the beginning of a new year on July 1, I will need the help of all of you to make the new year a success. I've been negligent in that I have not gotten to know many of you throughout the district. However, the

more I get out and visit new clubs in the district, I've been tremendously impressed by the quality of leadership that is available throughout our district. I'm hopeful you will join with me in making this next year as successful as this past year has been under the leadership of District Governor Dean Vernon.

Our first District Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for July 18 in Graham. Information about this meeting will be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Please make every effort to have several members from your club in attendance. The theme for the 2009-2010 Lions Year is "Move to Grow." During incoming International President Eberhard Wirfs year, districts will be encouraged to take action to grow in several areas. Among those areas which will be emphasized in our first district cabinet meeting on July 18 will be on humanitarian service, club membership development, Leo clubs and Lions Quest.

I'm looking forward to this next year and your joining with me to make 2009-2010 one of our best years.

DGE Tom Isbell

ATTENTION!!!!!!

I have enjoyed being your Newsletter Editor for however many years it has been. I decided that it was time to pass it on and let someone else get to know all of you like I have. I will miss you and will surely see you at some district function!

Your new editor is: Lion Callie Sherman - csherman@stamfordamerican.net .

The inputs I got after 6-5-09 I will forward to Callie to give her a start on the July Newsletter.

Hugs,

Jodie

South Taylor County Lions News



Club President Karen Godbout presents a check from the South Taylor County Lions in the amount of \$100 to Eariene Hutto who with her husband owns and operates the Cedar Gap Farm, Bird Watching/Wildlife Observation Facility. Eariene gave the Club a very interesting program on the facility and the habits of local birds on May 25th. Club members also placed and retired the US Flags in their Fundraising Program prior to the meeting.

Elmwood West Lions News



Mary Cooksey with Club President PDG Allen Lamb presented a program on telephone 211 that everyone should learn about. It is not an emergency like 911 but a call for help for any conceivable need.



Gail Kent, center is flanked on the left by Connie Petross and Jennilee Latimer on the right, both bringing a program to the Elmwood West Lions Club from the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Betty Landry, Elmwood West Club program for the day and club President presents a \$500 check to Betty Bradley, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels.

James Wheeler

Gorman Lions News

The Gorman Lions Club will induct a new slate of Club officers with an Induction Banquet at 7:00 p.m. on June 9th at the Gorman Hotel. Incoming DG Tom Isbell will preside at the induction ceremonies.

The Peanut Country "Bike-a-Thon" is set for Saturday, June 13th. Sponsored by the Gorman Lions, this event features a choice of four distances for the bikers. Contact the Club if you wish to participate in the competition.

Bill W. Oldham
Secretary, Gorman Lions Club

Vernon Lions News



Lions Ronnie Richie and Todd Thomas consult concerning their turn at the grills while charcoaling hamburger patties for an open house for the new Wilbarger County Covered Multi-Purpose Center.



Lions Christina Campbell, Jan Anderson, Lori Adams, Amanda Anderson, and Donna Moore prepare burgers for an open house for the new Wilbarger County Covered Multi-Purpose Center



Lions Gib Baskerville, Allan Smith, and Ricky Graf pose while putting more hamburger patties on the grill for the open house visitors.

Leader Dogs for the Blind 70 for 70 Program

(Reprinted from the Lions of District @-A2 Newsletter)

In celebration of 70 years of Lions support for Leader Dogs for the Blind, the 70 for 70 program was created. Your club qualifies for this program by simply donating \$70 above your Club's regular donation made last year.

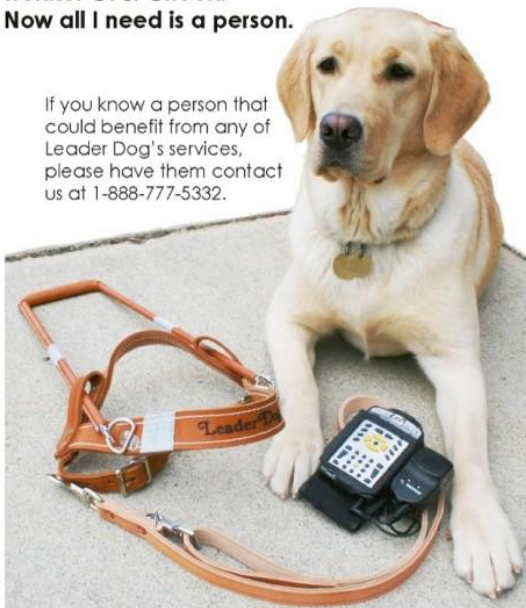
With this donation, your Club will receive a patch for your club banner. Additionally, each Club member will receive a commemorative 70 for 70 pin.

If your Club has already made a donation for this year, an additional donation can be made to qualify your Club for the award. And if your club donation equals \$250 or more, your club will also qualify for the Club Contributor patch for your banner.

For more information, contact Lion John Cole, District 2-A2 director for Leader Dogs for the Blind at jcole20@stx.rr.com.

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Anson Lions News

Lion Alfred T. Liner, a 52 year member of Anson Lions Club. "A.T." as he was known to everyone, seldom ever missed a meeting or participation in any Lions Club activity. His obituary is below. I found it interesting that the only memorials requested were to the Anson Lions Club.

The first bodies to be interred in the new Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene will be Monday, June 1st "A.T." will be interred the following afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Alfred T. Liner, 84, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, at an Abilene hospital. Services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Anson. Burial will be in Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

Born September 30, 1924 in Picton, A. T. was a son of the late V. A. and Maurene (Randolf) Liner. He graduated from Hawley High School and was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the 536th Amphibious Tractor Battalion. In 1946, A. T. married Jo Isbell in Abilene. He worked for Humble Oil Company for 50 years and later owned Liner Oil Company. A. T. was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Anson Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by two sisters (Billie Faye Liner and Betty Masserang) and one brother (Gerald Liner).

Survivors include his wife, Jo Liner of Anson; three sons, Jim Liner (and wife, Wanda) of Anson, Gary Liner (and wife, Kay) of Abilene and Eddie Liner (and wife, Tamara) of Salado; one brother, James Liner of Snyder; one sister, Dollie Redden of Merkel; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2009 at Adams-Graham Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Anson Lions Club, P. O. Box 586, Anson, TX 79501.

USA/Canada Forum

The USA/Canada Forum will be held in Memphis this year on September 24th – 28th. I highly recommend this venue as a fantastic introduction to Lionism or for Lions who have been members for a long time.

DGE Tom

District 2E-1 Cabinet Meeting

District 2-E1's First Cabinet Meeting will be held in the American Legion Building at 610 Elm in Graham on Saturday, July 18. VDGE Hugh Stroud is making all the arrangements, including a buffet lunch that includes chicken-fried steak. Cost of the meal will be \$12. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:00.

Lion Jim Weed from Del Rio will be a featured speaker. He's got a great story about the importance of continually recruiting new members. Lion Shirlee Gates, Zone 2-B Chair, will have an introduction to the Lions Quest program. Winners of the District Governor's Contest will be announced.

You will be receiving more information in the mail about the First Cabinet Meeting on July 18 in Graham. Please make plans to be in attendance.

DGE Tom

**DISTRICT CABINET MEETING
SATURDAY JULY 18, 2009
AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING
ON THE SQUARE
GRAHAM, TEXAS**

REGISTRATION: 9AM

BUSINESS MEETING 9:30AM

The cost of the noon meal is \$12.00. There will also be donuts, coffee and juice in the morning.
Reservations along with checks to cover cost of meal should be sent to:

Graham Evening Lions Club
Attn: VDG Hugh Stroud
1407 Crescent Dr
Graham, TX. 76450

stroudhe@sbcglobal.net

Home phone: 1-940-549-7147

Please try to have the reservation to VDG Hugh by July 6, 2009.
From July 7 to July 14 all RSVP should be **CALLED IN** to:
Lion Larry Choate at 1-940-549-5564

July 14 is final day for RSVP.

YOU MUST RSVP FOR YOUR MEAL

REGISTRATION

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**Thank you
VDG Hugh E. Stroud**