



The Lion's Tale



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The Prez Sez

Happy New Year, everybody. I want to extend my personal thanks to a couple of Cactus Lions for jobs well done. Irene Grant chaired the club's annual Christmas Party, and Boyd King was in charge of arranging the club's Christmas Party for Cottage 6730 at Abilene State School. Both events went extremely well and afforded lots of fun and fellowship to everyone involved with them. In other matters, we need to start thinking about club officers for next year, and I encourage any member who has an interest in serving the Cactus Lions in a particular capacity to let me know, so we can make certain you are given consideration when the time comes to start making up a slate of proposed candidates. Last, but by no means least, I want everyone to stay focused this month on *selling tickets for our annual Spaghetti Supper*. Be sure you contact all your customers from last year, plus any new prospects you can come up with. And remember to keep a supply of tickets with you at all times for selling to "opportune" customers you encounter during your day-to-day activities at work or socially. *Dean Baird*

Board Meeting Highlights

Pres. Dean Baird called the Jan. 3, 2004, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the following Cactus Lions present: John Massey, Bob Nelson, PDG Hal Griffin, Tena Andrews, and David Scott. Minutes of the Nov. 29, 2004, meeting and the financial report were presented by Sec'y. John Massey, and approved. December's membership roll showed 28 active, 08 at-large, and 1 affiliate. Note was made that two members -- Dino Andino and Brandon Hooper -- are currently in the hospital and should be kept in our thoughts and prayers. In a discussion on upcoming Spaghetti Supper arrangements, Bob Nelson agreed to prepare a poster to help bring the event to the attention of the general public. The question of making changes to the flag service was discussed, and the board approved a proposal by PDG Griffin to keep everything the same as it is now. Members were reminded that the District 2-E1 Midwinter Conference is scheduled for January 14 and 15 in Graham. Those planning to attend should get their reservations in as soon as possible. Pres. Baird

read an announcement from the Lion's International president about a \$200,000 LCIF contribution to the worldwide relief effort for victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia. Next board meeting is Jan. 31, at 7:00 p.m., in Dean Baird's office. This meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 14 & 15 – Dist. 2-E1 Midwinter Conference
Feb. 12 – Annual Cactus Lions Spaghetti Supper

January Birthday Lions

5 – Dorothy Lowry, 8 – Barbara Voit,
8 – David Scott, 31 – David Massey

Volunteer Activity

For December, Cactus Lions were as busy as a beehive doing for others. The following activities and hours were reported: **Sandy Griffin** – 56 hours training Ivy Green for the Leader Dog Program. **Dorothy Lowry** – 32 hours at Abilene Regional Hospital. **J. L. Edwards** -- 4 hours at Hendrick Medical Center. **Several Members** – 20 hours for Meals on Wheels. **Five Members** – 5 hours for the Hospice Tree in the Mall of Abilene. **Seven Members** – 22 hours arranging and conducting a Christmas Party for a dorm at Abilene State School. **Jim Gibson** – 57 hours setting up and operating a model train layout at Abilene State School's annual indoor/outdoor "Christmas Lane" event.

Special Notice

A 60th Wedding anniversary celebration for Dennis Paschal and his wife Marjorie is scheduled for Jan. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hawley Church of Christ. All Cactus Lions are invited to attend.

January Program Schedule

5 -- Business Meeting
12 -- Roberta Thompson, Abilene Housing Authority
19 – To Be Announced
26 – To Be Announced
Program Chairman – Jerome 'Dino' Andino