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On the heels of Memorial Day and the cusp of D-Day this seems an appropriate time to honor all those who stormed the beaches of Normandy, June 6, 1944, and the Airborne Pathfinders who led the way, the Coasties who drove many of the landing craft, the Swabbies that shelled the coastal defenses in preparation for and defense of the guys who clawed out a foothold on the continent, and the Air Corps guys who flew the transports, gliders, fighters and bombers prior to and during the assault. And the medics, who rate special mention here. God bless 'em all.



Remember Flag Day, June 14th.

Traditionally, several local groups offer honorable incineration of banners that have exceeded their service lives. Check the Herald-Zeitung for times and locations.

Business Meeting - 4 May



President **Lee Ambrosino** and Re-Store boss **Ginny Nance** present a check for \$3000 to Habitat for Humanity Executive Director **Crystal Moore**.



David Berger won the Pay It Forward drawing and when advised to pick a joker from the deck he declared he already had his joker in the person of 3rd Vesp and Ticket Czar **Ronnie Thompson**, then proceeded to pull the ace of hearts from the deck. One for two ain't bad.



Our featured speaker for this meeting was **Joel Boggess**, motivational speaker and author.

At the tender age of five Joel fell 30 feet from a railroad trestle to the rocks below, sustaining life-threatening injuries. In the two-hour trip between the scene of the accident and the hospital, Joel quit breathing, went into a coma and developed seizures. He was in the coma for a month.

With the aid of the McQueeny Lions Club he gradually regained his health and assisted his grandfather in the construction of the Lions building in McQueeny. And, of course, he is way keen on passing along Lionism to children and grandchildren.

Business Meeting - 18 May

The program this day honored the three John E Stallman Scholarship Fund recipients from the NBHS MJROTC detachment, and their Marine Corps advisors Lt. Col. **Mark House** and First Sgt. **Felix Acosta**.

Stallman scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 were awarded to Cadets **Cameron Camacho**, **Alexander Adams** and **Matthew Boyd**. Each recipient gave a brief address extolling the virtues of the USMC JROTC program and what it has meant to them personally. And, man, they all looked really squared away and spiffy in their "dress canvas".



John Creswell's guest at the meeting was **Miles Smith**, Managing Editor of the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung.



From left to right: 1st VP **Jack Morgan**, Secretary and LEO advisor **Tom Call**, 1st Sgt **Felix Acosta** USMC (ret.), Cadet **Cameron Camacho** with his folks to his right, Pres. **Lee Ambrosino**, Cadet **Alexander Adams**, Cadet **Matthew Boyd** with his mom to his right, Lt Col **Mark House** USMC (ret.) and PR Czar and LEO advisor **John Creswell**.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our annual visit for Texas Lions Camp graduation ceremonies is scheduled for **23 June**. It is during that visit that two camp counselors will be awarded scholarships, and it is surely worth the effort to be there. \$2352178

A **training session** for all new officers and directors is scheduled for **17 June** in the New Braunfels Convention Center, Honors Hall at 10am. If you qualify for this training, you really should go. You will learn a lot you do not now know.

Leos at Landa

Pavilion Six in Landa Park was the site of the end of school picnic thrown for the various Leos clubs and sponsored by your Noon Lions on Saturday, May 27th. Despite the sultry weather, ten Leos came out to enjoy hot dogs and soda water and, of course, each other's company. Club stalwarts who put on the event are the usual suspects — headed up by Secretary **Tom Call** — and who need no further introduction.



Photos and text by John Creswell

Complimentary Ticket for the Drawing of your Choice

Find your Lion Member number after a \$ sign in the text of this newsletter and you will get one FREE ticket to be placed in the Drawing of your choice. **Show the number** at the Check-In Table to receive your ticket. There are two numbers hidden in this issue of **The Lions' Tale**.

NOTE: NEW NUMBERS WILL BE PICKED AT RANDOM FOR EACH MONTH. YOUR NUMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR ONLY ONE DRAWING FOR THE MONTH THAT IT APPEARS IN THE NEWSLETTER.

The District 2-S3 Conference was held at the Manor, Texas, High School on Saturday, 13 May. Your Noon Lions contingent consisted of President **Lee Ambrosino**, Second Vice President **Ronnie Thompson**, Care Chair and Third Vice President Elect **Dolly Williams**, PCC/PDG and Past Everything **Dennis Heitkamp** and his charming bride **Jackie**.

The usual district business was conducted and later there were break-out sessions for the benefit of incoming officers and directors. Of particular interest to my correspondent at the conference was the Roll Call of Lions lost during the previous 12 months; he says it was solemn and correct and very well done. Among the names for whom the bell tolled was our own **Ralph Koch**, may he rest in peace.

District Governor **John Lyon** will transfer his baton to Governor Elect **John Pruett** next month.

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Second Lieutenant Dana Call graduated from the United States Air Force Academy on 24 May. The ex-Army Corps of Engineers guy on the right is her grandfather. He administered the oath. About as good as it gets.

Bravo Zulu, Dana and Tom. Well done!

New Braunfels Noon Lions Club Officers & Directors for 2016-2017

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Lee Ambrosino, President
Jack Morgan, First Vice-president
Ronnie Thompson, Second Vice-president
Mark Reynolds, Third Vice-president
Tom Call, Secretary
Howard Weliver, Treasurer
Dave Schreier, Lion Tamer
Dennis Heitkamp, Chairman Membership Committee, PCC & PDG
Mike Smetanka, Immediate Past President
Bill Kolodzie, PDG

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David Simmons, One-year Director

Chairs of Standing Committees

Skip Stem, Vision Screening
Mike Pfeuffer, Sight Conservation
Dolly Williams, Care Committee
Tail Twister, Cameron Bradfute
Bert Childs, Newsletter editor

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

VerNell Martinez	3rd
David Simmons	4th
Dolly Williams	7th
Bill Schumann	8th
Craig Murphy	15th
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For more information on OPERATION K9 visit www.operationk9.org

Second Vice President Ronnie Thompson and President **Lee Ambrosino** present our Noon Lions check for \$500 to President and Founder of **OPERATION K9 Joan Moss**, in support of the operation and all its good works. Service dogs Halo and Kimber also express an interest in the proceedings, or maybe it's just snack time. 30 May 2017



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