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THE BLACK BEAN EPISODE (REPRISED)

Our ever-resourceful Tail Twister, **Ranger Ray Martinez**, provided the group at our March 1st business meeting with a subdued re-enactment of a grim day in Texas history. As the story unfolded, Lion Ray had each of us draw a bean from brown bags containing an array of tan beans interspersed with several black beans. Those pulling a black bean were assembled in a row. Known as The Black Bean Episode, an aftermath of the Mier Expedition resulted from an attempted escape of the captured Texans as they were being marched from Mier to Mexico City. After an escape at Salado, Tamulipas, on February 11, 1843, some 176

of the men were recaptured within about a week. A modified decree ordered that every tenth man would be executed. The victims were chosen by lottery, each man drawing a bean from an earthen jar containing 176 beans, seventeen black beans being the tokens signifying death. The doomed men were unshackled from their companions, placed in a separate courtyard, and shot at dusk on March 25, 1843. In all, 18 men were executed. Fortunately for our 'doomed' fellow Lions, they were each given a Hersey Kiss for their last meal and permitted to resume to their seats unscathed!

— By Lee Ambrosino, Zone 5A Chair



Photo by Tom Call

Business Meeting - 1 March

Making a Difference in an Abused Child's Life -- Our program for the first meeting in March touched upon a rather sobering issue, but one that is being addressed by an ever-expanding group of dedicated individuals. The topic was **CASA**, the acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates. The presenter, **Laura Torres** (Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator), provided an overview of this movement which originated more than 30 years ago, focusing upon the organization's local operation. With office locations in both New Braunfels and San Marcos, the organization covers Comal, Hays, Caldwell and Guadalupe Counties. Trained CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to help ensure that every child in foster care is moved to a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. The volunteers serve on one case at a time, ensuring a focused commitment when addressing the needs of the child or sibling group. To learn more about CASA or become a CASA Volunteer, visit www.casacentex.org.

— By Lee Ambrosino, Zone 5A Chair



Photo by Tom Call

Business Meeting - 15 March

We started the meeting with a local history quiz from Tail Twister **Ray Martinez**. Did you know that the city bought 128 acres of Landa Park in 1936 (a fairly recent purchase), that the fountain in the traffic circle precedes the court house by a year (1836), or that Ferdinand Lindheimer was the first editor of the *Die Neu-Braunfeler Zeitung* in 1852? Well, now you do.



Chaplain Deacon Ben Wehman led us in the blessing after recognizing the return of two ailing stalwarts, **Ronnie Thompson** and **Dan Krueger**, and soliciting prayers for long-time Lion, **teasipper** and all-around good guy **Bill Kolodzie**.

IPP Lee Ambrosino read the slate of candi-

dates for fiscal year 2018-2019 after confirming that no nominations had been made from the floor at the previous reading. ***Elections will be held at our April 5th business meeting and a quorum is required. Please make arrangements to attend that meeting.***

New membership directories were distributed (thanks, **Lee Ambrosino** and **Tom Call**) **White Cane Day** is scheduled for Saturday, 12 May, and your Noon Lions are responsible for Granzin's Meat Market and the Farmer's Market this year. Volunteer your time, please; don't make the day captains track you down and twist your arm. Zone 5A meeting soon, ask **Lee** for details. **VerNell's** history program delayed until 19 April.

The April 5th program will feature **Jack Bradfute**, **Cameron's** dad, who was a Dallas Cowboy in 1960 and '61, their first seasons in the NFL.

Coming Attractions

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White Cane Day—Saturday, 12 May
Are you signed up yet?



Relay for Life—Friday, 27 April

The annual **Relay for Life** will commence at 1800 hours on Friday, 27 April, and participants will maintain forward velocities, either in teams or individually, until midnight. (The days of dusk-to-dawn marathons went out with high button shoes.) The walk raises funds for cancer research and awareness of the scourge itself.



Juanita Wells
(standing still)

As usual our own **Juanita Wells**, a cancer survivor in her own right, will lead the charge for your New Braunfels Noon Lions. Call her for details.

In the past the run/walk has been held on the Canyon High School track, and probably is again this year, although your old editor does not have that tidbit in his files as yet.

New Braunfels Noon Lions Club Officers & Directors for 2017-2018

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- Jack Morgan**, President
- Dora White**, First Vice-president
- Leigh Huddleston**, Second Vice-president
- Dolly Williams**, Third Vice-president
- Brandon Mund**, Secretary
- Howard Weliver**, Treasurer
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- Cameron Bradfute**, Chairman Membership Committee
- Kermit Baese**, LCIF Coordinator
- Lee Ambrosino**, Immediate Past President, Zone 5A Chair
- Bill Kolodzie**, PDG
- Dennis Heitkamp**, PDG, PCC

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- Ginny Nance**, Two-year Director
- Jim Pope**, Two-year Director
- Dan Krueger**, One-year Director
- Fred Hanz**, One-year Director

Chairs of Standing Committees

- Skip Stem**, Vision Screening
- Mike Pfeuffer**, Sight Conservation
- Dolly Williams**, Care Committee
- Ray Martinez**, Tail Twister
- VerNell Martinez**, Historian
- David Simmons**, LEO Advisor
- Bert Childs**, Newsletter editor

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Stan Cunningham	5th
Fred Hanz	6th
Brooks Wilson	10th
Ron Ernst	16th
Paul Martinka	16th
Ray Prosen	25th

Mark Thy Calender

***Your Presence...Your Vote...Your Volunteerism
Is Most Desired at these upcoming Events!***

- April 3rd (Tuesday): Zone 5A Clubs Meeting – New Braunfels Public Library
Guest Speaker: 2nd VDG Larkin Smith (San Marcos)
Will present Membership Recruitment Opportunity
- April 5th (Thursday): NB Noon Club Meeting – 2018-19 Officers' & Board Elections Voting
Guest Speaker: former Dallas Cowboy Byron Bradfute
- April 21st (Saturday): NB Evening Club Fundraiser – Food Booth at SWAP Meet
- April 22nd (Sunday): County Fair Grounds, Common St. 6 am – 2 pm
- April 27th (Friday): Relay for Life – Walk raises funds for Cancer research and awareness
Church Hill Middle School 6 pm – Midnight
Contact Lion Juanita Wells for details or to register
- May 5th (Saturday): District 2-S3 Convention – Presentations, Officers' Elections Voting
St. Richard's Episcopal Church, Round Rock – 7:45 am – 4 pm
Contact Club Secretary for details or to register
- May 5th (Saturday): NB Evening Club – Kindermasken Parade – Downtown NB – 10 am – 12:30
pm
Meets at First Protestant Church Parking Lot
- May 6th (Sunday): Canyon Lake Noon Fundraiser – Fish Fry – CRRC Rec Center, Sattler
11:30 am – 3:00 pm Contact VP Kristy Huff for details
- May 12th (Saturday): White Cane Day Fundraiser – Multi-Club Initiative
NB Noon Club: **Granzin's Meat Market (8:15 am – 6:15 pm)**
 Farmers' Market (9 am – 1 pm)
 Arlan's Supermarket (9 am – 5 pm)
 Walgreens Hwy 46W (pending)
 Are you signed up yet?

NB Breakfast Club: NB Feed & Supply – Loop 337
NB Evening Club: Henne Hardware – Downtown NB

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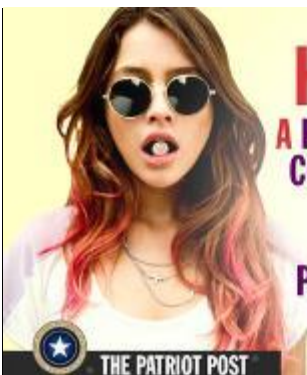
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THE PATRIOT POST



(This is a hint)

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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.

Don't know what your Member Number is? Check the label on your Monthly **Lions** Magazine.

Alleluia, He is risen!

Fellow Lions, I have written and rewritten this Easter greeting enough times to realize that I cannot seem to keep myself from proselytizing and/or preaching from the this bully pulpit.

Fortunately or unfortunately this ain't the proper forum for it — not vaguely like when I edited the Knights of Columbus Council 4183 *Knight Light* and I'd be taken to the woodshed if I *failed* to wax eloquent about the highest holy day in the Christian calendar. At any rate our good



chaplains **Ben Wehman** and **Rich Carse** will attend to that business in due time.

So, on that note, I will take this opportunity only to wish you all and your families a very Blessed and Joyous Easter, with the sincere hope that it will provide you with whatever it is that you need provided, spiritually and otherwise.

That's it. God bless you all.

Now, who wants to lead us in a rousing chorus of "The Old Rugged Cross"?



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