



# THE LIONS' TALE

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# THE NEW FRATERNAL YEAR

**W**ith much pomp and a healthy dose of circumstance Lions Club Chapter 1577 waved *adios* to the old fraternal year and embraced the new one. PDG **Len Heimer** and his bride **Daly**, formerly of this very club, joined us for dinner and, later, Len administered the oaths of office to new President **Brandon Mund** and his crew.

Joining **Brandon** in leadership roles are **Leigh Anne Huddleston Dubose** (1st VP), **Dolly Williams** (2nd VP), **David Simmons** (3rd VP), **Doreen Fisher** (Secretary), **Craig Zgabay**

(Treasurer), **Dave Heefner** (Lion Tamer), **Lee Ambrosino** (Membership Chair), and Directors **Ginny Nance Rotge** and **Jim Pope** (1-year), and **Howard Weliver** and **Robert Armstrong** (2-year.)

**A generous mix** of old hands and new blood should bode well for Noon Lions in the new term. *Thank you all for stepping up*, and may this year bring you nothing but success and good fortune in your efforts on our behalf. You are so much appreciated.



Left to right: **Len Heimer**, **Dave Heefner**, **Howard Weliver** hiding behind **Ginny Rotge**, **Robert Armstrong**, **Lee Ambrosino**, **Jim Pope**, **Dolly Williams**, **Craig Zgabay**, **Jack Morgan**, **Doreen Fisher** and **Brandon Mund**.

# Memorial Service - 7 June



The traditional Memorial Service officiated by Lion Chaplain Deacon **Ben Wehman** provided a solemn and well-deserved tribute to fallen Lions during the fraternal year. The **'Call to Celebration'** reflected on the lives and service of six Veteran Lions. Not only did these members

proudly serve in various branches of the U.S. Military, they also proudly wore the Lions colors as they personified Lionism throughout decades of leadership and service to the Club. Those memorialized were

**PDG William J. (Bill) Kolodzie**



**PP Melvin Jochec**



**PP Robert T (Bob) Pfeuffer**



**Delio R. E. (Ray) Bustos**

**Jack Knight**



**Reinhart P. (Flip) Deschner**

Family members of Lions Pfeuffer and Knight were in attendance for the

touching tribute. Fellow Lions Ben Wehman, **Dennis Heitkamp**, **Charles Stephens** and **Skip Stem** offered their own perspectives and anecdotal comments on the commitment and dedication of our fallen Lions.



I had the privilege and pleasure of serving with several of these Lions over the last few years on various fundraisers and events...it was truly an honor to know them! They touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

**IPP Lee Ambrosino**



President **Jack Morgan** officiates as **Kevin Fisher** increases our ranks by one. His sponsor is wife and Secretary-elect **Doreen**.

# Installation & Awards Banquet—21 June

**T**he Installation of Officers and Directors is covered on Page 1 of this esteemed publication. But before that took place, we added a new face to the directory in the person of **Joel Evans**, sponsored by **Fred Hanz**, the oath administered by PDG **Len Heimer**. Welcome aboard, Joel.



And then the distribution of “goodies” commenced as one of the last official acts of President **Jack Morgan**. Members were recognized for their talents and efforts over the past year.

**Recipients of the Perfect Attendance Award** were Lions

**Ambrosino, Baese, Bradfute, Cre-**



**Weliver, White and Williams**. For real people with actual lives this award reflects genuine dedication to the cause.



**Centennial Vest Guards** were awarded to Lions **Thompson** (Lions Alert Chairman), **Smith** (Scholarships Committee), **Martinka** (club audits), **Berger** (Wurstfest and the Craft Beer Fest), **Halliburton** (vision screening), **Call** (vision screening, photos & Secretary), **Bryan** (Wurstfest & vision screening) and **Carse** (Asst. Chaplain).



**Century Keys** were awarded to Lions **Armstrong** (IT Chairman, NBMS LEO Advisor), **VerNell Martinez** (Club Historian), **Hanz** (Director 2016-2018), **Krueger** (Director 2016-2018), **Pope** (Director 2017-2018), **Rotge** (Director 2017-2018), and **Newberry** (Wurstfest parking lot sign and electrical.)



**swell, Call, Hanz, Heitkamp, Krueger, Morgan, Mund, Rotge, Schreier, Stem,**

# Installation & Awards Banquet (continued)



**Your Old Editor** garnered a Distinguished Service Award, as well (hereafter to be referred to as a DSA) for churning out this stuff on a monthly basis, and for Lion Taming his first 3 years. (Politics suggested a selfie with the new boss might be a wise career move.)



reer move.)



**John Creswell** scored a DSA for his excellent record of PR for the club. He takes a lot of the digipix which appear in here, as well.

Texas Lions Camp bricks were awarded to Lions **White** (Food Booth Chair), **Dubose** (parking lot chair), **Weliver** (vision screening), **Schreier** (Lion Tamer 2016-2018), **Baese** (LCIF coordinator), **Simmons** (Head LEO advisor, Oak Run MS LEO advisor, Scholarship chair), **Wehman** (Chaplain & memorial program), **Smetanka** (Song Leader), **Stephens** (Sign-Up Genius), **Wells** (Peace poster chair, asst. Song Leader) and **Shafer** (food booth start-up.)

**Don Hildebrand** carried off the Devoted Lion Service Award for his continuing service on Red Kettle and White Cane days.



**Skip Stem** was awarded a much deserved DSA for his tireless efforts as Vision Screening Czar, and for acting as Asst. Lion Tamer.

**Cameron Bradfute** earned his DSA for his efforts as Membership Chair, work with LEOS and in the Wursfest parking lot.



**Third VP Dolly Williams** bagged a Service Award for her service as 3rd VP, Care Chair, eyeglass recycling and so much more.



**Mike Pfeuffer's** DSA was earned as Sight Conservation Chair, tireless efforts in the food booth and in the parking lot.

Few gathered were truly shocked when Treasurer **Howard Weliver** took home the Treasurer Award.



**Longtime Asst. Treasurer Hal Holtman** was awarded a Distinguished Service Award in absentia.

**Past Everything Dennis Heitkamp** walked off with the Presidents Appreciation Plaque for services to this club too numerous to fully list here. Thank you, Dennis.



# Installation & Awards Banquet (continued)

**New guy** (with a really nice camera) **Keith Domke** rated a Certificate of Appreciation and President Appreciation Pin for his effective PR efforts on behalf of our club.



Then President-elect and club Secretary **Brandon Mund** presented President **Jack Morgan** with a very much deserved and well earned Melvin Jones Fellow. It's been a fine year, Jack, and you've been a fine executive officer for this organization.



Towards the end of the proceedings the heavy hardware started to appear. The prestigious Jack Weich Awards were presented to Club Secretary and

President-elect **Brandon Mund** who was also instrumental in our winning our W.A.C. McCormack Award, first in our club's history (page 8),

And also a President's Plaque. Well done, Jack



and also to Zone 5A Chair, Past President and White Cane Chair **Lee Ambrosino**.



**Melvin Jones Fellows** Awards went to Past President, Tail Twister and Texas Lions Centennial contributor Ranger **Ray Martinez**, and also to PP, PDG and guest of the club **Len Heimer**, his a *Progressive Melvin Jones*.



# Installation & Awards Banquet (concluded)

**B**ut, wait! There was one more award left to be given — **LION OF THE YEAR!**

**Always the last one** because it is the most prestigious of them all. There can be only one recipient in the club in the fraternal year. The exact qualifica-

tions and/or specifications of the recipient for it are unknown to this miserable scribbler, but what *is* known is that the winner of that honor this year is thoroughly and without any reservations truly deserving of it.

**Congratulations, IPP Lee Ambrosino!**



## New Braunfels Noon Lions Club Officers & Directors for 2018—2019

### Officers

Brandon Mund, President  
 Leigh Anne Dubose, First Vice-president  
 Dolly Williams, Second Vice-president  
 David Simmons, Third Vice-president  
 Doreen Fisher, Secretary  
 Craig Zgabay, Treasurer  
 Dave Heefner, Lion Tamer  
 Lee Ambrosino, Chairman Membership Committee, PP, Zone 5A Chair  
 Jack Morgan, Immediate Past President, LCIF Coordinator  
 Dennis Heitkamp, PDG, PCC

### Directors

Ginny Rotge, One-year Director  
 Jim Pope, One-year Director  
 Howard Weliver, Two-year Director  
 Robert Armstrong, Two-year Director

### Chairs of Standing Committees

Skip Stem, Vision Screening  
 Mike Pfeuffer, Sight Conservation  
 David Simmons, Care Committee  
 Delia Jade Saucedo, Tail Twister  
 VerNell Martinez, Historian  
 Robert Armstrong, Head LEO Advisor  
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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|------|
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| Fabius Bascon, Jr. | 15th |
| Carl Fox           | 26th |
| Kevin Fisher       | 28th |
| Jack Morgan        | 30th |

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clouds ever  
look down on  
us and say  
"Hey look...that  
one is shaped  
like an idiot."



I am starting  
to think  
I will never  
be old enough  
to know better.

If you weigh  
200 pounds on Earth,  
you'll be only  
76 pounds on Mars.  
You're not overweight,  
you're just  
not on the right planet.

## 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.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Bert and John:

I think this is newsworthy and should be included in both the newspaper and our July Lions' Tale.

At the District 2-S3 Lions convention held in Round Rock, Texas, on May 5, 2018, our club was honored with the annual C.W.A. MacCormack Award. Lion MacCormack was one of the two delegates to the organizing convention of Lions Club International from the Lions Club of Austin in 1917.

This award is presented each year by the Austin Founder Lions Club (one of the original Lions Clubs) to the most active club in our district based on MMRs and monthly activity reports.

As far as we can determine at this time, this is a first time our club has received this very prestigious award.

I attached a picture of the award. This was recognized at our June 7 regular meeting.

Thanks,

Jack Morgan



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