



# THE LIONS' TALE

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# iORA PRO PLUVIA!

**I**n case your Latin is a tad rusty, the headline reads *"Pray for Rain"*. According to the Edwards Aquifer Authority website, we harvest the majority of our precipitation between May and October — 20.6 inches of our 33.98-inch average total. To this point in our "wet season" we've garnered only about 2.6" of the normal 20.6, or about 12%. Predictions of cool fronts and rain showers for the last day of July produced a whopping .03" here at Rancho Kindergarten — not even enough to settle the dust.

**This digital indicator** is reading air temperature outside my office on Monday, July 23rd, at a quarter to three in the afternoon. By 7:30 it had cooled to 101°F . (*Wow, what a relief!* ) Now more than three weeks past the last measurable rainfall, with high temps consistently nudging three digits, and water restrictions teetering on the brink of Stage III, maybe someone should take another look at the big picture.



**How long can Comal** County support unlimited growth? Who monitors this activity? Where is

the gate keeper? I'm an immigrant myself, having escaped Houston over a quarter century ago, so I don't begrudge those looking for a better life, but there *is some upper limit* to what our hard-working aquifer can support. That fact cannot be denied. Has anyone seen that number? Has anyone even *calculated* it?

**I've seen the graphs** showing many more feet of the Edwards that could be exploited, and then there's the Trinity aquifer below that. But how many springs, like Comal, must run dry, and rivers and creeks die off, to take advantage of those additional resources.

**In our recent and current** "drought's-the-norm" weather patterns, one wonders why are we not *permanently* in Stage I water restrictions. Conservation, it seems, must be the keystone in any aquifer management program, and Stage I is just *not* that radical.

**Your old Editor dashed** off an interrogative to the Edwards Aquifer Authority addressing these concerns. If they haven't pad-locked my well and run me off by September, I'll get back to you on this. Meanwhile, pray for rain. — Ed.



# Business Meeting—5 July

**IPP Jack Morgan** opened the meeting and finished up some old business by presenting Perfect Attendance awards to **Dan Krueger** and **Skip Stem**, and then a Century Key to Dan and a Distinguished Service Award to Skip. Also TLC bricks were presented to **Ben Wehman** and David Simmons



Putting the official finish to his excellent term as president, Jack inducted our two newest members



**Michael Geary** and **Fabius Bascon** into the club, installed Dr Simmons as 3rd VP and relinquished the gavel.

With all the more senior officers scattered to the four winds, Third Veep **David Simmons**,



**IPP Jack Morgan** with new members **Fabius Bascon** (sponsor **Rachel Leier**) and **Michael Geary** (sponsor **Paul Martinka**.)

who had been installed only instants earlier, drew the assignment. One gets the impression from the outset that this was not the first time the good doctor has spoken before an audience. He handled the emceeing with poise and aplomb.

With the housekeeping chores taken care of, Skip Stem gave an overview of the upcoming Vision Screening campaign and a personal invitation to get involved.

**Phil Newberry** received his Distinguished Service Award primarily for *pro bono* electric services rendered on many



previous Wurstfests.

The program that followed was presented by representatives of New Braunfels Volunteers in Medicine — **Dawn Peterson** and Noon Lion **Ashley Woodward**. The volunteers cater to the underserved in our community. Medical professionals — doctors, dentists and hygienists — provide full-scope services to those who have little or no experience with medical or dental care.

**Patients must be 18 to 65 years of age** and have a maximum income of \$24 thousand. On average 500 patients are seen per month, and last year 6303 ER cases were seen. Funding is solely from grants — if you feel the urge, dig deep.



**Dawn Peterson, Ashley Woodward & David Simmons**

## Business Meeting—19 July

**A**fter the pledges to the national colors and the flag of The Republic were led by **Leigh Anne Dubose**, and **Juanita Wells** had led the assemblage in *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* and *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, new Prez **Brandon Mund** took the gavel and ran a very taut and shipshape business



meeting.

**First order of business** was induction of 1st VP Leigh Anne Dubose. Afterward our new leader shared with the group something about himself and his vision for Charter 1577 for the coming year.

**Brandon is a native** New Braunfelser. His motto for the year is “Here We Grow Again” and he personally handed out vest badges with that message emblazoned on them. He shared his goal of a 120-member club by the end of his term, and he emphasized that we can only achieve that by the dint of teamwork, *serious* teamwork.

**He looks to add a new** charity to our already auspicious outlays, adding \$20K in funds to our scholarship, ROTC, LEO and other standing obligations. And he requested volunteers to step up for hours at Texas Lions Camp and Vision Screening.

## In Memoriam

**V**eteran Lion **Billy Vaughn Pembleton** passed away peacefully into eternal life on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the age of 87 years old at Frank Tejada State Veterans Home in Floresville, TX.

**Hailing from** Graham County, KS, he served in the US Navy for six years. After military service, his work life included farming, parts manager, and sales. Declining health forced his early retirement in 1978. Bill married **Loree M. Snyder** on June 1, 1950 in Hill City, KS. They moved their family to Olathe, KS in 1968, and Bill and Loree have lived their retirement lives in New Braunfels from 1999 to the present.

**He is survived by** his wife

Loree of 68 years as well as four children 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Lion Billy held the distinguished honor of maintaining his Lion membership for over 67 years, serving in Clubs both here and Kansas. At the family’s request, memorial contributions may be made to the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank through the New Braunfels Lions Club.



(Contact **Lee Ambrosino**, Membership Chair, for details.)

# Vision Screening Call Skip Stem today and sign up

## 2018 LIONS VISION & HEARING SCREENING SCHEDULE – NBISD, CISD & OTHER SCHOOLS As of April 12, 2018

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL	CLUB	ADDRESS	DOCTOR
T 08-28	9:00 A.M.	Saints Peter & Paul	NBLC	386 N. Castell	
T 09-04	8:30 A.M.	Memorial	NBLC	1911 S. Walnut Ave	
W 09-05	8:30 A.M.	Bill Brown	CLNL	20410 Hwy 48 West	
M 09-10	8:30 A.M.	Goodwin-Frazier	NBLC	1441 Bus. 35N	
T 09-11	8:30 A.M.	Clear Springs	NBLC	550 Avery Parkway	
W 09-12	8:30 A.M.	Indian Springs	CLNL	25751 WildernessOak	
M 09-17	8:30 A.M.	Veramendi	NBLC	2290 Oak Run Pkwy	
T 09-18	8:30 A.M.	Hoffman Lane	NBLC	4600 FM 308	
T 09-18	8:30 A.M.	Arlon Seay	CLNL	20911 Hwy 48 West	
M 09-24	8:30 A.M.	Oak Creek	NBLC	3060 Goodwin Lane	
M 09-24	8:30 A.M.	Garden Ridge	CLNL	9401 Muni Pkwy	
T 09-25	8:30 A.M.	Seele	NBLC	540 Howard Street	
T 09-25	8:30 A.M.	Rebecca Creek	CLNL	125 Quest Ave	
W 09-26	8:30 A.M.	Freiheit	NBLC	2002 FM 1101	
M 10-01	8:30 A.M.	Lone Star	NBLC	2343 W San Antonio	
M 10-01	8:30 A.M.	Rahe-Bulverde	CLNL	1715 E. Ammann Rd	
T 10-02	8:30 A.M.	Johnson Ranch	NBLC	30501 Johnson Way	
M 10-08	8:30 A.M.	Voss Farms	NBLC	2510 Pahmeyer Road	
T 10-09	8:30 A.M.	Klein Road	NBLC	2620 Klein Way	
T 10-09	8:30 A.M.	Timberwood Park	CLNL	26715 S. Glenrose	
W 10-10	8:30 A.M.	Mountain Valley	CLNL	310 Cannan Road	
M 10-15	8:30 A.M.	Lamar	NBLC	240 W. Central Ave	
T 10-16	8:30 A.M.	County Line	NBLC	1200 County Line Rd	
W 10-17	8:30 A.M.	Carl Schurz	NBLC	633 W. Coll St.	
M 10-22	8:30 A.M.	Walnut Springs	NBLC	1900 S. Walnut Ave	
M 10-22	8:30 A.M.	Kinder Ranch	CLNL	42111 FM 3169	

### 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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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>Howard Weliver</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Mike Johnson</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Jim Pope</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>Wallace Johnson</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Ben Wehman</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Stacey Laird-Dicke</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Phil Newberry</b>	<b>19th</b>
<b>John Mathis</b>	<b>21st</b>
<b>Bill Hughes</b>	<b>25th</b>
<b>Chip Franck</b>	<b>28th</b>

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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.

# Coming Attractions

## New Braunfels Noon Lions Club Programming

August 2	<b>Stacey Laird-Dicke</b> , Director NB Parks and Recreation Update
August 16	<b>Lesley Vinka</b> , BSA Executive, 3 Rivers District
September 6	<b>Linda Davis</b> , District Governor Visit
September 20	<b>Max Harford</b> , Veramendi

## 2018 LCI and District 2-S3 Calendar of Events

September. 20-22	<b>USA/Canada Leadership Forum</b> Columbus, Ohio
October 13	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District 2-S3 Cabinet Meeting</b> Manor Lions Hall, Manor, TX
November 3-5	<b>Emerging Lions Leadership Institute</b> (ELLI) Oak Brook, IL
November 10-12	<b>Advanced Lions Leadership Institute</b> (ALLI) Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



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