



# THE LIONS' TALE

## New Braunfels Noon Lions

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# Local Newsletter Editor Indicted on Copyright Infringement Charges

**W**ell, perhaps it's not quite that bad just yet. Your old editor hasn't been cuffed, perp-walked or frog-marched before a grand jury to this point, but the news has come down from On High that he has committed grievous transgressions against the good and order of civilized society.

**In a teacup**, the beef is that all those cartoons and jokes that have been inserted hither and thither throughout your **Lions' Tale** for the last 4½ years of the current editorship were utilized without explicit permission from their authors. By your old editor's reckoning, any stuff that makes the rounds endlessly on the internet must, by the time it reaches him for the *third time*, be considered in the *public domain*. He has since been disabused of that reckoning — copyrighted is copyrighted, now and forever.

**He could better understand** the complaint if New Braunfels Noon Lions Club was somehow *profiting* from their use. Otherwise, it amounts to free publicity, introducing their work to per-

haps a new audience, maybe expanding the artists fan base.

**Your old ink-stained wretch** comprehends expecting due credit (or cash) for one's labors, but he's doubtful the webcrawlers are kicking back much into the kitty either. Perhaps the biggest mystery of all is that anyone with any horsepower actually **reads** this rag, let alone takes note of what may or may not be kosher in it. Apparently Big Brother has a trick algorithm for just that purpose, and uses it to harass the monthly 8-page newsletter of a non-profit club with circulation of just over 100. Well done!

**In any event**, to the "Funnies Police" who peruse this publication looking for additional trespasses of this nature, be advised that the **Lions' Tale** is as of this moment officially a **MIRTH-FREE ZONE**, at least until the next editor takes the reins. You can pack up your hatchet.

**Sincere and heart-felt** apologies to all aggrieved parties. *Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.*—Ed.



**The Pay-It-Forward** deck continues to shrink as **Michael Plumeyer** draws the six of spades on 17 January. Only 10 cards or so, stand between some lucky Lion and a sweet payday.

**Next opportunity** — 7 February. Be there!

# BUSINESS MEETING – 3 JANUARY



**Vanessa Dean** sponsors our two newest Noon Lions husband **Paul** and **Heather Orsak**. Welcome aboard, Paul and Heather. Holler if you need something.

At this meeting **Mike Pfeuffer** was awarded the Silver Centennial Pin...

and **Cameron Bradfute** and **Tom Call** garnered Diamond Centennial pins.

Bravo Zulu all!  
Well Done!



Photos by John Creswell



Guest speaker **Ian Taylor** from NBU assured the assembly that in spite of New Braunfels' unrestrained growth, there will be water and electricity for all for the foreseeable future. Good news!

# BUSINESS MEETING—17 JANUARY



IPP **Jack Morgan** and President **Brandon Mund** inform the assembly of a new club structure for elections and grants to be awarded in the near future.



**Howard Weliver** introduces guest speaker **Stacy Hill**, executive director of the Crisis Center of Comal County who explained the whys and wherefores of that operation.

## EYEGLOSS DONATION LOCATIONS

January 2019

<u>Location</u>	<u>Servicing Club-Noon Lions</u>
Albright Eyecare – 1595 E Common	Tom Call
Capital West Securities – 259 N Seguin – Chuck Teeter	Lee Ambrosino
Comal County Senior Center	Josh Salge
Comal County Extension Service-Hwy 46 W- 830-620-3440 – Amanda	Salge/Creswell
Eye Associates (Tex-Specs) – 1551 N Walnut Ste	Josh Salge
Family Eye Care – 1099 N Walnut Ste D- Mark Carolan OD	Howard Weliver
First United Methodist Church – San Antonio St Two locations	John Creswell
Hill Country Eye Associates – 1929 Hwy 46W Ste103	Jim Merket
Johnson Furniture – Seguin Street	Dolly
Lone Star Vision/Eyemart Express 1667 S I-35 #100 – 102	Howard Weliver
Real Eyes - 218 E Austin ( every 6 weeks)	Dolly
Rio Terra Senior Living – 2294 E Commons	Tom Call
TSO Texas State Optical-101 S IH 35 W	Dave Heefner
Two Rivers Eye Care – 1659 W Hwy 46	John Creswell
Vision Source (Dr. Hull)-147 Fredericksburg Rd	Dolly
Vision Works – 160 Creekside Way	Josh Salge



Fellow Lion **Ken Pundsack** lost his 25-year old daughter **Kimberly** in 2016 to a drunk driver. Ken and his wife **Darla** have adopted a two mile stretch of FM 1863 in memory of Kimberly. On Saturday, 19 January, Ken and hardy volunteers **Jimmy Cook**, **Rachel Leier** and **Jim Merket** policed that section of the roadway for that which should not have been there..

### New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

Officers & Directors for 2018—2019

#### Officers

**Brandon Mund**, President  
**David Simmons**, First Vice-president  
**Dolly Williams**, Second Vice-president  
**Robert Armstrong**, 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  
**Stephen Brockman**, Two-year Director

#### Chairs of Standing Committees

**Skip Stem**, Vision Screening  
**Mike Pfeuffer**, Sight Conservation  
**David Simmons**, Care Committee  
**Delia Jade Saucedo**, Tail Twister  
**Cameron Bradfute**, Historian  
**Robert Armstrong**, Head LEO Advisor  
**Bert Childs**, Newsletter editor

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>Dwight Edens</b>	<b>7th</b>
<b>Chuck Bryan</b>	<b>11th</b>
<b>Skip Stem</b>	<b>17th</b>
<b>Lee Ambrosino</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Glenn Avriett</b>	<b>21st</b>
<b>John Creswell</b>	<b>21st</b>
<b>Ken Lowery</b>	<b>23rd</b>

# In Memorium

**Alas, it is with much sadness** that we report the passing of Lion Past President **Monroe Lloyd Miller**. Born May 17, 1925 to Abraham and Blanche Small Miller in Brooklyn, New York, he departed this earth on January 3, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Carrell Metzke Miller of New Braunfels.

**Raised during the depression** in Brooklyn, NY, Monroe's first job was sweeping out the "candy store" his parents owned. After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, Monroe entered the United States Coast Guard.

**During WWII**, Monroe served as a Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class and Medic on the *USS Cavalier*, which was attached to the Marines. Monroe was involved in seven invasions including Saipan, Tinian, Philippines in the South Pacific. Unfortunately, his ship was torpedoed! What remained of the *USS Cavalier* had to be towed back to Pearl Harbor.

**Holding a Bachelor of Science** Degree, Monroe worked almost 25 years in the medical and equipment field. He was President of a division of Warner Lambert Company in Morris Plains, NJ prior to coming to Houston to become President of Hycel, Inc. When Hycel was sold, Monroe went back to NJ to become an Investment Banker.



**After moving to Sargent**, Texas in 1989, Monroe helped start the Sargent Lions Club and worked the chairs to become President. He was also a life member of the Sargent Texas VFW Post 2412. While not playing golf or fishing, he was also a Volunteer EMT.

**Moving to New Braunfels** in May of 1997, Monroe joined the New Braunfels Noon Lions Club becoming President in 2004. Among his many accomplishments as a Noon Lion, he was instrumental in overseeing the execution of the Stallman Scholarship at this time. Monroe was named a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2005. In 2018, he passed his 26th year as a Lion.

**He joined the board** of Eden Home in 2000, serving as President of the Board for six years. While serving on the 4A and 4B Boards as their Presidents, he helped bring firms to New Braunfels that have contributed much to the city both financially and with dedicated employees contributing to the betterment of our community.

**Two of his greatest surprises** and honors were receiving the Besserung Award in 2007 at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, and, receiving the Chair of the Board Award in the Field of Elder Care at the 2006 Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

**Being appointed** by the City Manager to the Planning Board of the Central Texas Technology Center and being President of that group during the planning, development and building of CTTC was another honor for him.

**In November 2006**, The Alamo Community College District recognized him for his cutting-edge approach and Joint Partnership in the Creation and Advancement of The Central Texas Technology Center.

**Monroe also brought** his expertise and insight to a group of local professionals to start an incubator project in New Braunfels. He brought together a group of local professionals to train companies in how businesses are run. The Center of Entrepreneurship was opened in early June 2008 with its first Board of Directors chosen and Monroe as its first Chair. The Spark Small Business Board is a direct result of Monroe's work to assist the small business community in New Braunfels and Comal County.

**Lion Monroe** – We salute you for your outstanding patriotism as one of our country's Greatest Generation to serve this country as well as your service to Lionism and your business acumen to various communities!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee".

PP Lee Ambrosino

(Note: This edited tribute is being provided in large part thanks to the awesome compilation penned by his wife, Carrell Metzke Miller.)

## Lion Speak For Members Only



Dear Fellow Lions,

As we quickly slip into the second month of 2019, I wanted to draw your attention to **Lions Clubs International Foundation**. LCIF is taking their efforts to a whole new level. With a three-year capital campaign, LCIF will raise US\$300 million to increase their commitment to communities and the service capacity of Lions. Campaign 100 will support LCIF's expanded focus areas, and empower Lions as they take on pressing global causes. Contributions at the Club level are based on an assessment from your member dues. As a 200% Club, we contribute \$2.00 per member annually. Additionally, the Club budgets and donates a lump sum to LCIF. Each \$1000, donated provides us a credit to secure a Melvin Jones Fellow recognition award for Lions who have demonstrated outstanding service during the year. The lump sum is really contingent on the success of our Wurstfest fundraising efforts.

**All Clubs have been asked** to reach out to their members in a plea to step up individual donations and pledges to realize this goal. Please see message below. You may contact **Lion Jack Morgan**, IPP/LCIF Chair for more information should you wish to support this initiative.

Yours in Lionism,



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### MESSAGE FROM PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT AND LCIF CHAIRPERSON DR. NARESH AGGARWAL

Dear Lions,



As I meet more and more Lions who are dedicated to making positive change, I always find myself awestruck at what Lions accomplish. Your compassion and desire to do good deserves an endless round of applause!

**Thank you to Lions** who serve by contributing their time and talent. The many hours you dedicate to serving your community and your world are an extraordinary effort that is greatly appreciated by me, Lions of the world, and those whose lives are changing because of you. Thank you to the Lions who are able to make donations to the Foundation. Thank you to every Lion who believes in the motto, "We Serve."

**Wherever I travel**, Lions are raising their hands to join the LCIF movement. While every Chairman is given the target of raising more funds, I have given myself a different target – to significantly raise the number of Lions who contribute to LCIF. So please encourage Lions around you and keep in mind the "Power of Each" – small donations make a big difference.

**Without you, we would** not be able to make such great strides. We're extending a helping hand to vulnerable populations. We're putting a stop to avoidable blindness. We're educating our children. We're supporting those who have lost everything in a natural disaster. We're fighting diabetes. We're feeding the hungry. We're protecting our environment. And, we're combating childhood cancer. If you have not done so yet, visit [LCIF.org/BE100](http://LCIF.org/BE100) to find out more about our plans for the future, including Campaign 100.

**The world faces challenges**, but Lions are here to give hope. Our Foundation is here to assist Lions. Again, thank you for your service, from the bottom of my heart.

Namaste!

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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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.

## Coming Attractions

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

**Feb 7th** (Thursday): NB Noon Club Meeting – Speaker: **Karen Ratcliff**, Lone Star Lions Eyebank  
Induction of new members  
Vote on clubs Policy & Procedures Manual  
Introduction of 2019-2020 Nominating Committee

**Feb 9th** (Saturday): LEO's trip to *USS Lexington*, Corpus Christi

**Feb 21st** (Thursday): NB Noon Club Meeting — Speaker **Trish Wilson**, Texas Lions Camp

**Mar 2nd** (Saturday): Lions and LEOs Texas Lions Camp Workday (TLC, Kerrville)

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