



THE LIONS' TALE

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OK, it's the Fourth of July (plus or minus) and we all know what that celebrates, at least in general. But if you snoozed thru your high school history classes because your teacher was an enormous bore who should have been teaching Home Ec or woodshop instead (no intended slam against Home Ec or woodshop teachers) you missed a lot of fascinating drama. Consider 2½ million total colonists, divided as to political loyalties, pitted against a well trained and equipped **army** larger than that and the strongest Navy on the planet. Nice odds if you can get 'em. So, let's take a step back and scope it out from the beginning.

Early in 1763 the Redcoats whipped the French and various Indian tribes in the northern colonies and in Canada into submission — The Treaty of Paris ends the Seven Years War — but leaves King George III short of funds. In typical bureaucrat fashion, rather than trimming his sails and cutting his budget, his preferred solution was to dun the colonists in the New World. So Parliament passes the Stamp Act, imposing a tax on legal documents, newspapers, even playing cards. This is the first direct tax on the American colonists and goes over like the proverbial "lead balloon". A successful American campaign to have the act repealed gives Americans confidence that they can avoid future taxes as well.

In late 1768 British troops land in Boston to enforce the Townshend duties (taxes on paint, paper, tea, etc. — hmm, tea rings a bell) and clamp down on local radicals. The troops' presence leads to unrest and street fights — the March 1770 Boston Massacre leaves 5 dead. The British will call it "the incident on King Street."

April 19, 1775, the first shots of the Revolutionary War are fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts. The news of the bloodshed spreads quickly, and thousands of volunteers, the "Minute Men",

show up in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to get in on the action. It is the genesis of The Continental Army.

Two months later in the first major action of the war, *inexperienced* colonial soldiers hold off *hardened* British veterans for more than two hours at Breed's Hill. (Which just goes to show you don't need to go to boot camp to know how to shoot.) Although eventually forced to abandon their position, including the high ground of Bunker Hill overlooking Boston, the patriots show that they are not intimidated by the long lines of red-coated infantrymen. Of the 2,200 British "lobsterbacks" who participated in the fighting, more than 1,000 end up dead or wounded. (*Fist Bump!*)

July 1776, The Declaration of Independence is adopted by the Second Continental Congress. Following a decade of agitation over taxes and a year of war, representatives make the break with Britain. King George III isn't willing to let his subjects go without a fight, and *loyalist sentiment* remains strong in many areas. Americans' primary allegiance is to their states; nationalism will grow slowly.

Then in 1781 a joint French and American force traps a large British army on Virginia's Yorktown peninsula. Unable to evacuate or receive reinforcements because the French fleet has driven off the British fleet, General Cornwallis is forced to surrender. Although New York City and Charleston, S.C., will remain in British hands until a peace treaty is signed two years later, the war for American independence is essentially over.

God Bless America!



June 3, 2021 Business Meeting Memorial Service

The Annual Memorial Service giving tribute to this past year's passing Lions was led by Chaplain **Ben Wehman** as he provided an inspirational opening prayer.

As Lion **Ben** read off each fallen Lion, President **Robert Armstrong** rang the bell in their honor. Following this ceremonial rite, the following Lions paid verbal tribute:

Lion Dennis Heitkamp reflected upon Volunteer Extraordinaire and Past President **John Creswell's** prolific contributions; Lion **Fred Hanz** high-lighted



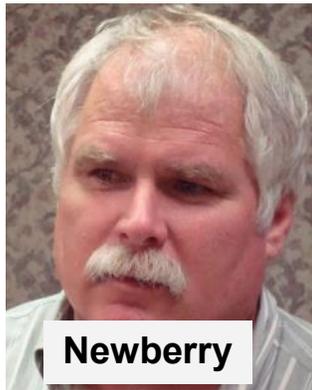
Creswell

the contributions of **Wurstfest Food Booth Guru Ray Prosen**; Lion **Cameron Bradfute** honored **Phil Newberry's** many



Prosen

selfless contributions, as he quite often applied his electrical engineering skills on projects and tasks in the Wurstfest Food Booth and Parking Lot.



Newberry

Our Club has suffered a great loss upon their passing and they will be

dearly missed! Chaplain **Jim Merket** provided a thoughtful closing prayer concluding the service.

Sponsored by Lion **Vanessa Dean**, **Dennis Hank** of Miller & Miller Insurance was inducted as a new Lion at the June 3rd business meeting.



GOOD TO KNOW

Essential information

To access the Member Directory please reference instructions below:

- Go to website: www.newbraunfelslions.com
- On Home page, Scroll cursor down to Quick Links
- Click on Directory

For Log on access, please contact Lion Lee at 210-865-1801 as info is exclusive to Lion Members

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Note: If you need to update your profile, please email changes to leeambrosino@gvtc.com

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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.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT: Well, good people, we're off to a rocky start in our second stint at editorship of this grand rag. After a 26 month hiatus we're way out of practice in attractive composition and exceedingly rusty on the fine points of the software. God willing, we'll get there in another issue or two.

You can thank Lioness Extraordinaire, the indefatigable Lee Ambrosino that anything resembling a newsletter got out the door this month — she wrote the vast majority of the text and stayed close behind me with her virtual cattle prod to encourage me to keep my nose to the grindstone.



Ink-stained
Wretch

As always the rank and file (that's you all) are invited and encouraged to submit "copy" (text) and "art" (what we old linotype guys call photographs and drawings) for inclusion in this house organ. I reserve the right to edit for size and content, but this publication will be much more interesting with a variety of inputs. And, try as I might, I can't be everywhere all the time. There's a byline in it for you.



The indefatigable
Lee Ambrosino

A handwritten signature in orange ink, appearing to be 'B. B. B.' or similar.

June 17th Business Meeting

Officers' Installation Segment

The New Braunfels Noon Lions Club was honored by the presence of our own Past Council Chair Heitkamp, who presided over the change of command ceremonies held at the Knights of Columbus Hall during our Annual Officers' Installation and Awards Dinner. The occasion was festive and the proceedings went off without a hitch. Lion Heitkamp's script was infused with a modicum of satirical humor which kept the audience alert!

Taking the oaths of office were President Stephen Brockman, First VP Delia Saucedo-Milam (in Absentia), Second VP Jim Merket, Third VP Vanessa Dean (in Absentia), Secretary Forrest McGlothlin, Treasurer Howard Weliver, Lion Tamers David Heefner and Kurt Andersen, Membership Chair David Simmons, IPP & LCIF Coordinator Robert Armstrong, 1-year Directors Doreen Fisher and Brooks Wilson (in Absentia), 2-year Directors David Heefner and Lynn Caddell (in Absentia), Marketing/Comms Chairs Michael Plumeyer and Tim Brown, Service Chair Ashley Woodward (in Absentia).



Prez Brockman



Past-everything Heitkamp

Non-elected individuals include volunteers Bert Childs (Lions' Tale Newsletter), Tail Twisters Cordell Bunch and Cameron Bradfute, Frank Altschuler (Song Leader), Peace Poster Chair Juanita Wells, Jim Merket (Vision Screening Chair), and Lee Ambrosino (Care Chair and Membership Directory Administrator).

New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

Officers & Directors for 2021-2022

Officers

Stephen Brockman, President
Delia Saucedo-Milam, First Vice President
Jim Merket, Second Vice President
Vanessa Dean, Third Vice President
Forrest McGlothlin, Secretary
Howard Weliver, Treasurer
Dave Heefner, **Kurt Andersen**, Lion Tamers
David Simmons, Chairman Membership Committee, PP
Robert Armstrong, Immediate Past President, LCIF Coordinator
Dennis Heitkamp, PDG, PCC

Directors

Brooks Wilson, **Doreen Fisher**, One-year Directors
Dave Heefner, **Lynn Caddell**, Two-year Directors

Chairs of Standing Committees

Jim Merket, Vision Screening
Ashley Woodward, Service Chair
Mike Pfeuffer, Sight Conservation
Lee Ambrosino, Care Chair
Cordell Bunch, **Cameron Bradfute**, Tail Twisters
Winki Smith, Historian
Cameron Bradfute, Head LEO Advisor
Michael Plumeyer, **Tim Brown**, Marketing/Communications
Frank Altschuler, Song Leader
Bert Childs, Ink-stained Wretch



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ron Walton	1st
Fabius Bascon, Jr	15th
Carl Fox	26th
Kevin Fisher	28th
Jack Morgan	30th

June 17th Officers' Installation and Awards Dinner Awards Segment

Upon the conclusion of the Officers' Installation ceremony, the focus of the meeting shifted to awards for services rendered this fraternal year, and President Robert was front and center.

An impressive number of individuals were recognized for their dedicated and well-executed displays of volunteerism throughout a year riddled with the effects of the unanticipated Pandemic and the unexpected winter storm. Perseverance and sheer determination enabled our Club to meet its philanthropic obligations to LCI and our community. And, several of our current members were ever so diligent in continuing the member recruitment trend!

Special Awards were given to the following individuals for their volunteerism: Kurt Andersen, Cameron Bradfute, Stephen Brockman, Tim Brown, Dave Heefner, Hal Holtman, Jim Merket, Charles Stephens, Juanita Wells, Melissa Wyman, Michael Pfeuffer and Eric Schoondergang.

Former Breakfast Lions Michael "Mac" McDonald and Lynn Caddell were awarded Special Awards for handling the transition of the Breakfast Club and its special service projects and fundraisers into the Noon Club.

The following recipients were awarded accordingly for their Lionesque endeavors:

Dan Krueger: Melvin Jones Fellow

Vanessa Dean: Jack Wiech Fellow

Craig Zgabay and Ashley Woodward: Co-Lion of the Year

Delia Saucedo-Milam and Cordell Bunch: Century Key

Lee Ambrosino, Pam Seeds and Doreen Fisher: Texas Lions Camp Endowment
Brick

President Robert presented special Thank You tokens to Sponsor Lee Ambrosino, Club Secretary Doreen Fisher as well as Spouse Christine Armstrong for their supportive roles during his term.

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W	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					12:00 PM - Lions Meeting		
28	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	8:00 AM - Flag Day- July 4th			12:00 PM - Board Meeting			9:00 AM - KIMBERLY'S Quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Event
29	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					12:00 PM - Lions Meeting		
30	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
31	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
							8:00 AM - Paint the Rock House

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August 2021							
W	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
32	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					12:00 PM - Lions Meeting		
33	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
							7:00 AM - Habitat Build
34	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					12:00 PM - Lions Meeting		
35	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
36	29	30	31	1	2	3	4