



The CUB

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Upcoming Programs

3/17/10 Encore Group from Turtle Creek Choral

3/24/10 Kevin Sloan, Oak Cliff Architecture

3/31/10 To Be Announced

4/7/10 Mike Looney, local author



Sunshine and Care Report

Lion Chaplain Amy Albutis welcomed back some recently absent **Lions, Ajay Torres, Ray Averitt and Kerry Goodwin**, along with a former member, Mary Bishop. **Lion PP/PDG Wayne Meachum** reported that his daughter-in-law, Amy Clark Meachum, had been elected as judge of the 201st State District Court in San Antonio. **PP/PDG Bill Melton** reported that Tuesday, March 9, was the 99th birthday of one of our former

This Week's Meeting:

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 @ noon

At this week's meeting of the Club, Dallas historian Vivian Castleberry will share with us stories of the original settlers of Oak Cliff. Castleberry is a native Texan and a "Distinguished Alumnae" of SMU. For almost 30 years, she served as the women's editor of the Dallas Times Herald, where she was the first woman to serve on the paper's editorial board. During her tenure with the Herald,



Castleberry won numerous journalism awards, including a Press Club award for "outstanding contributions to communications". Castleberry was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984, the year the honor was created. Since taking early retirement that same year, she has written four books: Daughters of Dallas, The Texas Tornado, Sarah the Bridge Builder, and Seeds of Success. She is a consultant to other writers, has taught at local community colleges, and makes numerous speeches. In May 2009, KERA-TV released a documentary on her life in its "Texas Trailblazer" series. Castleberry is married to Curtis W. Castleberry, a retired high school teacher. Together they raised five daughters, and have 14 grandchildren.

Welcome to Our Guests:

Lion Tamer Dick Geiger introduced the following Lions who brought guests to this week's meeting:

- **Lion PP Robert Hirsh** introduced two Gavel Travelers from the Dallas White Rock Lions Club -- its president Lion Hayward McMurray and Lion Ben Wheeler.
- **Lion Norrie Jensen** introduced her guest, Richard Ireland, owner and founder of a non-profit organization that provides tools to the military;

Humanitarians of the Year
Realtor Ebby Halliday.



Don't Forget . . .

. . . There will be a new member orientation at 11:15 a.m. this week in the regular luncheon meeting room. Sponsors of new members also are asked to be present, says **Lion 1st VP Danny Boyce**.

. . . It's too late to sign up now, but if you already did, don't forget the Progressive Potluck Dinner on Saturday, March 13. The event will start at 6 p.m. with appetizers in the home of **Lion President Charlie Tupper and wife Lion Dottie Dunnam**, 1154 N. Windomere, followed at 7 p.m. by the main course in the home of **Lion PP Steve and Linda Levine**, at 1640 Sylvan, with co-hosts **Lion Joe and Cindy Whitney**, and dessert at 8 p.m. in the 1027 Evergreen Hill home of **Lion PP Carolyn and David Dunnigan**. Everyone is to bring a favorite dish and cost will be \$5 per person, with the club providing fried chicken and non-alcoholic beverages.

. . . It's none too early to be thinking about your eligibility for the 100% Lion Award to be presented this summer. **Lion**

- **Lion Judge David Lopez** introduced his court coordinator, Cathy Sanchez;
- **Lion President Charlie Tupper** introduced former Oak Cliff Lion Mary Bishop, who had played with the Nitty Gritty Band and gave her a membership application.

A Message from the President

First, thank you to our Lions Club members, for voting to make certain that our Club stays strong and healthy. The dues increase was necessary to insure that we can keep up with the rises in the everyday expenses of the Club, i.e., food costs, the dues we must pay to Lions International, to our Lions District and to our State organization, the salary of our administrative secretary **Janet Nelson**, supplies, and all the other administrative costs we have to pay to keep the Club going. Your leaders



realize that you have voted to sacrifice more of your hard-earned money to do that, and that we have a duty to each of you regarding the finances of the Club. The good news is that each member of your Board of Directors takes his or her obligations regarding the Club finances seriously and then reacts thoughtfully. I want to especially thank our Treasurer, **Lion Alice Zaccarello**, our Secretary, **Lion Stan Altschuler**, and **PP Mark Snyder**, who handles the financial affairs for our Club, for getting all of the facts and figures together to be presented.

The other side of the coin is our charitable donations — they are made out of a separate, second account (“Activities” account) that is used solely for donations. The money we take in from the Extravaganza, our golf tournament, and other fundraising activities are put into that separate Activities account, and from the Activities account comes the dollars to fund the donations we make to charities. I am proud to tell you that our Civic Benefits Committee, chaired by **PP Bonnie Breazeale** met last week and will be recommending to the Board that a number of charitable requests be funded by dollars earned from the Extravaganza. I will have more to tell you on that, once the Board has reviewed and decided on the Committee’s recommendations.

However, I want to mention one recommendation in particular — the Committee has recommended that our Club donate \$1,500 from the Activities account to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for the Haitian and Chilean earthquake relief efforts. If there are any members who wish to make an individual donation in addition, please see me and we will arrange to add it to the Club donation. We are

Shelby Starr is in charge of the program and has application forms. Those selected to receive the award must complete a number of required activities to be eligible. See Lion Shelby for details.



Technology Olympics Is Coming

Members of Lions Clubs in District 2-X1 are being sought to participate in the Technology Olympics to be held Friday, April 16, at the Region 10 Education Service Center in Richardson. The event is for students up to age 22 who are blind or visually impaired and will test their skills in using assistive technology unique to those with their visual impairments. Lions are needed to sponsor a student's attendance at the event, help them navigate the lunch line register or move between activities. **Lion PP Darla Wisdom** will have more information at the luncheon.



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And, we are a fun club. This coming Saturday is the OCLC Progressive Dinner, with appetizers at the home of **Lions Charlie Tupper and Dottie Dunnam**, entrees hosted by **Lion Steve and Linda Levine** and their next door neighbors, **Lion Joe and Cindy Whitney**, then desserts at the home of **Lion Carolyn and David Dunnigan**. Thank you to those who have signed up for this.

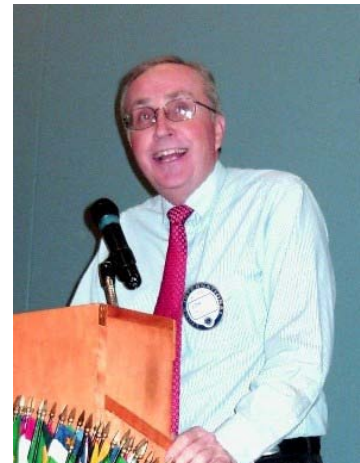
Then on Monday, May 3, come participate in our annual golf tournament. If you are a golfer, come on, and if you can, bring a team! If you aren't going to play, come volunteer on tournament day. We also need sponsors; if you know of businesses that can help sponsor a hole, or if you know of golfers who should be playing, tell someone! The tournament is being chaired this year by **Lion Ashley Chretien**, and she and her committee need your help! There is plenty to do, and we need plenty of help.

I am so proud to be a member of the Oak Cliff Lions Club, thanks to each of you and what you do to make our Club special and unique! You are what makes our Club The Greatest Lions Club in Lions International!

Important Announcements . . .

. . . As mentioned in the message form the president, Oak Cliff Lions overwhelmingly approved the board recommendation to increase monthly dues for regular members from \$35 to \$45 a month. **Lion Josh Holt** conducted the election.

. . . **Lion IPP Darla Wisdom** reminded us about the Dallas Institute of Funeral Services Lion Club Charter Night and Induction Ceremony this past Saturday, March 6, and asked that as many Oak Cliff Lions as possible attend, since we are the sponsoring club.



. . . Details of Club's eighth annual Golf Tournament to be held Monday, May 3, at the Golf Club of Dallas are being announced. We are seeking players at \$150 per golfer, or \$600 for a foursome, and players can sign up as a foursome or enter as a single, twosome or threesome and the Pro will assign you to a team. Activities throughout the day include: putting contest, longest drive, betting hole, closest to the pin, or win a car with a hole-in-one. Lunch and dinner from the Grill are provided with entry, as well as a cart, greens fees, silent auction, door prizes, and on-course beverages. Registration starts at 10 a.m. for the Texas Scramble, with a

March Birthdays

Judy Vincent, 8
Danny Boyce, 11
Scott Chase, 14
Gary Griffith, 14
Ashley Chretien, 18
Cong. Pete Sessions, 22;
Ray Averitt, 22
Kedric Couch, 23
Chris Gober, 29
Wendy Fox, 30
Herb Garon, 31



Upcoming Events:

3/12/10 (Fri) – NDSM Eye Clinic

3/27/10 (Sat) - Edison Middle School Eye Clinic

4/9/10 (Fri) – NDSM Eye Clinic

4/16-17/10 (Fri & Sat) – District 2-X1 Convention, MCM Elegante Hotel, 2330 Northwest Highway at I-35E, Dallas

4/18/10 (Sun) – Oak Cliff Earth Day, Lake Cliff Park

5/3/10 (Mon) – 8th Annual Golf Tournament, Golf Club of Dallas

5/14/10 (Fri) – NDSM Eye Clinic

6/11/10 (Fri) – NDSM Eye Clinic

shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and dinner and awards ceremony will follow the close of tournament. Lion Ashley Chretien is chairing the tournament. In addition to golfers, we need sponsors, hole sponsors, auction items and door prizes.

. . . **Lion President Charlie Tupper** introduced the two bookends at the head table – **Lions Terry James and Ed Oakley**.

Lion Terry joined the club earlier this year. Originally from southwest Dallas near Duncanville, he graduated from Duncanville High School, got his undergraduate degree from Texas Christian University and a law degree in 2009 from the University of Missouri. While at TCU, he had served in an internship program with **Lion State Sen. Royce West**, and he joined his staff after graduating. He enjoys running and reading and is quick to note he is an eligible bachelor.



Lion Ed joined the Club in 2001 shortly after being elected to the Dallas City Council. Born and raised in Davis, Okla., he has lived in Oak Cliff for 25 years. He graduated from Sam Houston State in 1974, and came to Dallas in the early 1980s to manage a portfolio of commercial properties for Gavin Enterprises, which he still does. He actually does the maintenance, repair, build-outs and more for his employer through his one-person company, Oakley Construction Co. He got into politics when he was involved with

a zoning dispute with the city and realized he knew more about the subject than the people he was talking to. He served six years on the Dallas Plan Commission and was on the Council from 2001 to 2007. He has just completed a one-year term as chair of the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce.

Last Week? Here's What You Missed . . .

Thanks to last week's speaker, Harvey Perriott with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the Metroplex. He said that his job entails working with the private sector so that the area's critical infrastructure is protected. Critical infrastructure includes such facilities as key banks and financial institutions, large office buildings, shipping and

Civic Benefits Committee Photos



transportation nodes, power plants and structures like arenas, hotels, shopping malls and other large public gathering places. He said his office has no regulatory authority and cannot mandate actions by the private sector, but offers only voluntary advice. All business owners or managers could do three things to increase their security which would not cost them a dime, Perriott said. First is developing a business continuity plan coordinating with emergency management, police and fire officials, so if they respond to an incident at the business they know what they're up against. Second is conducting security awareness training with key staff every few months to talk about security issues. Finally, Perriott said, they should develop random security measures, such as pre-vetting deliveries.

