

## DUNCANVILLE LIONS TALE

## **Message from the President**

Welcome to the *new* Lions year in hopes of many fun & meaningful ways to serve our community. The 2016-17 Executive Board & Directors are looking forward to supporting our members & planning a great year of Lionism!!

As I shared during the Lions Installation Banquet, I have seldom been on the receiving end of the efforts of the Duncanville Host & Noon Lions clubs in my younger days growing up in town (from the 4th of July Parade, Kidsville, community pool and much more). Whether I realized it or not, Lions has been a part of my life from an early age. I am very excited about the opportunity to serve alongside each of you this year and continue to create lasting memories for those in our community.

Several of my goals (listed below) for 2016-2017 include improving the communications & exposure of our local club. From restarting this newsletter again, redesigning & updating our website, creating a @DvilleLions Twitter account & so forth... my hope is to set the foundation that our club can continue to build on for years to come.

Likewise, we are entering a special year of Lionism as Lion Clubs International celebrates it's 100th Anniversary. More discussion will be coming about a Centennial Legacy Project & service opportunities, so be prepared to think outside-of-the-box & look for unique ways to celebrate this huge milestone!

## 2016-2017 Goals

- Be the first president to welcome a new baby into their family during their year! ☺
- Have Fun Being a Lion!
- · Earn Centennial Service Diamond Award
- Grow membership by 5
- Update By-Laws
- · Re-establish monthly newsletter for Lions members
- Update & redesign website
- Gavel-travel 2-3 local clubs
- Support Committee Chairpersons & Special Events
- One New Service Project (Creative Service Project Contest)
- · Centennial Legacy Project
- · Celebrate 100 Years of Lions Club International

Kasey Cheshier

President, Duncanville Noon Lions Club

**July 2016** 





## Red, White & Lightning!!

The Lions 4th of July Parade was a roaring success (pun intended in honor of IPP Dale Ward). The weather played an interesting role. There were lightening and rainstorms, yet the 4th of July parade has never been cancelled nor will it. The show must go on.

First, I would like to thank our Lion volunteers for their dedication and work. We had the Class of '73 representation as well as newer Lions. The Street Boss and others helped make it run smoothly. Second goes to the City of Duncanville for their efforts, coordination and communication - even getting the City vehicles and the City Council there. Plus, we are thankful for the Police Color Guard, the officers and Citizens on Patrol. Third, the parade participants for getting there during the morning of uncertainty plus their cooperation. Fourth, our Lions Scholarship awardees for caring our Lions banner. Lastly, Mother Nature for making the conditions great with a slight delay for a parade.

#### **Don McBurnett - Parade Chairperson**





Saturday, July 23 at 9am

First United Methodist Church - Coppell 425 Heartz Rd, Coppell, TX 75019

## **Upcoming Events:**

July 15 - Reg Meeting, Lt. Kropff with Duncanville PD discusses Open Carry Laws

July 20 - Gavel Travel to Oak Cliff Lions (12pm at Methodist Hospital Dallas Weiss Auditorium)

- **Board Meeting** (6pm at Lions Building)

July 22 - Reg Meeting, Rick Wilkens w/ Olden Year Museum

July 23 - District 2-X1 Cabinet Meeting, 9am in Coppell

July 29 - Reg Meeting, Haskell Grey w/ Eon Reality

Aug 1 - Evening Branch Meeting, Misha Champan w/ American Cancer Society

Aug 5 - Reg Meeting, Wood Cantrell w/ Cedar Ridge Nature Preserve

Aug 12- Reg Meeting, Carey Risinger, Food Operations with the State Fair of Texas



#### Centennial Lapel Pin - \$3.70 each

See Lion Norma if you are interested in ordering!

## 4th of July Parade Winners



Grand Marshall – First Christian Church



Community Spirit - Duncanville Rotary Club



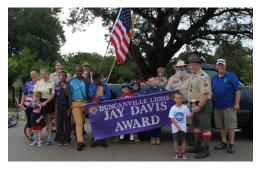
Presidents – Best Robotics Home School Alliance



Theme - Ben Franklin Apothecary and Kitchens Deli



Bob Hughson - Duncanville Community Theatre



Jay Davis - Cub Scouts Pack 1



Inspiration – Hella Shriners



## **NEW MEMBERS!!**

- Richard "Rick" Moser
   John Trouris
- Betty Doller

- Marion Austin



# Local & District Awards 2015-2016



Duncanville Evening "Grass Roots Lion"

Lion Pat Virzi



Duncanville Noon "Grass Roots Lion"

Dan Barkley



Cub Lion of the Year

Doyce Smith



Lion of the Year
Mike Douglas



Jack Wiech Fellowship

**Larry Easley** 



Melvin Jones Fellowship

Walt Hackfeld



Pancho Luna Award

Norma Flatt

## **Evening Branch News**

I am so enthusiastic about the upcoming year. Our Evening Branch Club, however small, has proven the old saying that "the best things come in small package" holds true for our group. We have been very active in our inaugural two years. Our focus for the coming year will be sustainability and continued growth; to be community centered and continue our "Mindful Monday Meetings."

Sustainability and continued growth, by welcoming guest and potential new members to visit our club. We plan to continue to support the day club in its activities but we are also planning a White Cane Day event in October. With the changing demographics of our community we hope to be community centered by reaching out to the community at large, via social media along with the traditional means of word of mouth. Our Mindful Monday Meetings will serve as resource to the community with programs regarding health issues and local available resources; we may even have some virtual guest speakers by way of Skype as we move into the future.

I want to take a moment at this time to thank our Past President Laura for all of her service and dedication she has given over the past two years.

As always you are all welcomed and encouraged to visit our club meetings! I'd like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our next meeting on August 1st at 7:15 when our program will be presented by Brighter Tomorrows and Misha Chapman with the American Cancer Society will also make a visit.

Carmen Ramirez-Partlow - President, Duncanville Evening Branch

## Texas Lions Camp Visit





The finale of the Smokin Blues & BBQ Festival organized by the Duncanville Noon Lions Club in April was the trip that thirteen of our membership made to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Mike Douglas presented a \$5,000.00 check for the kids on Friday evening the 24th of June, and on Saturday the 25th, barbecue with all of the trimmings was fed to almost 250 people, kids and counselors combined. The weekend was a great success.

It rained on us just before the dinner bell was rung. Some of us got wet, I think all of us did, but the spirit of service and enthusiasm was not dampened in the least. We all pitched in, loaded up and hauled all of the food and drink to the dry inside of the camp cafeteria, where the camp counselors lent a hand in serving the food. We fed all of the 250 people in about 15 minutes. We had plenty of food, with little left over. The whole event was close to perfect. Maybe it was perfect? Our intentions were perfect.

Our hats should remain off for a little longer in honor of Mike Douglas whose vision, coordination and hard work brought about our successes, and we should give applause to Duncanville Noon Lions Club as WE SERVED our community producing the festival that resulted in help for the kids at camp. Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, our spotlight charity for 2016, held the light for me that weekend so I could see who We Serve.

#### - Lion Cary Efurd

### **July Birthday's**

Lee Burton - July 3
Chris Anderson - July 6
Melissa Douglas - July 11
Carmen Ramirez Partlow - July 11
Joe Veracruz - July 14
Jeff Burton - July 20
John Thompson - July 23
David Malone - July 24

\*\*Please let us know if your name is not listed and your birthday is this month. We'll update our list.

#### **Club Anniversaries**

Don Pope - 32 Years Danny Noah- 10 Years Ann Jespersen - 5 Years

#### **Congrats!**

 Lion Betsy Thompson on welcoming twins in May (Emmett & Emmory)

## **Prayer Requests**

- Lion Don McBurnett
- Lion Kasey's Wife (Joy Cheshier)
  - City of Dallas

#### **Lions Tale**

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