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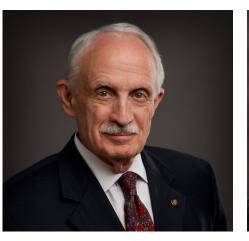
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# THE BOARD BEAT









**GLENDA SUMMERS** Assistant Tail Twister

#### Q: Tell us about your job/hobbies outside the club. Where are you originally from?

**A:** I'm a realtor with Sotheby's and am very proud to be a born and raised Austinite.

### Q: What do you like doing in your free time?

**A:** Traveling is my passion. When I'm not doing that I love doing anything outside, and hanging out with my friends and family.

## Q: Tell us something not many people know about you.

**A:** I rode Hunter Jumper and Western Reining on Texas A&M's very first equestrian team. I made it all the way to Nationals my sophomore year and placed 7th in Western reining. Since then, Texas A&M has won 6 national championships.

## Q: Tell us about your job/hobbies outside the club.

**JOHN NYFELER** 

Director

A: I am a mostly retired architect doing some consulting work with attorneys in dispute resolution of design and construction issues. My "hobby" is serving as public relations officer and cheerleader for my wife, Sally Fly.

### Q: Tell us something not many people know about you.

A: The birth certificate prepared by the physician attending my mother at my birth, entered my time of birth as: "December 21-22, 12:00 Midnight." So I may have no birth DAY at all, or I may have two birth DAYs. Ominously, the time is also on the cusp between two signs of the Zodiac. Some who know me say that explains a lot!

### Q: Tell us about your job/hobbies outside the club.

**A:** I am a Certified Financial Planner®.

## Q: What is your favorite part of Lions Club?

A: I am proud of the many activities that Lions help with. My favorite is the Lions Camp at Kerrville. It is inspiring to go to the camp every year and help clean up the camp so that it will be ready for the eager campers.

## Q: Tell us something not many people know about you.

A: One interesting thing that many Lions will not know is that in 1982, I went to a concert at the Parmount. I won a 1959 finned, shocking pink Cadillac that belonged to Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's. Ask me about it.

# **LET'S CELEBRATE**

Happy Birthday to all of our Lions with December, January and February birthdays!

Robert Watson	
Alex Pope	
Scott Arnold	
Alan Ford	
Chris Moyseos	
Ellen Grimmett	
William Harris	
John Nyfeler	
Michael Conroy	
Materia Construction	
Moton Crockett Jr.	
Moton Crockett Jr. Melissa Coad	
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Melissa Coad Peggy Brunner	
Melissa Coad Peggy Brunner Cameron Labunski	
Melissa Coad Peggy Brunner Cameron Labunski	
Melissa Coad Peggy Brunner Cameron Labunski Elisabeth Uhl	
Melissa Coad Peggy Brunner Cameron Labunski Elisabeth Uhl Linda Locke	
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**Cliff Barkley** 

**Glenda Summers** 

December 1 st December 1 1th December 1 3th December 1 5th December 1 8th December 1 9th December 1 9th December 21 st December 23rd

January 5th January 9th January 12th January 14th January 31st

February 9th February 11th February 13th February 14th February 15th February 21st

# NEW YEAR, NEW STORE

With the launch of our new Lands' End Austin Founder Lions Club Store, you can now order exactly the item you want, whenever you want, branded with our club logo!

Austin Founder Lions Club has established a "store" with Lands' End, a national retailer known for its high quality leisure clothing. This arrangement allows Austin Founder Lions Club members to purchase items branded with the AFLC logo at any time. There's no need to wait to be part of a group order. Your purchase is shipped directly to your address.

Lands' End has a guaranteed return policy, even items that have the club's logo. Members are encouraged to visit the store periodically as sales merchandise changes.

#### HOW TO GET STARTED:

1. Visit the Austin Founder Lions Club Lands' End Store at the link below:

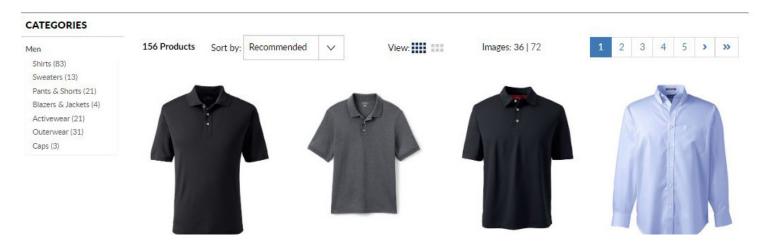
#### http://business.landsend.com/store/AustinFounderLions

2. Browse men's or women's apparel or promotional products (caps, tote bags, etc.). Select your size and color, remembering the Lions primary color palette: blue, yellow/gold, purple and gray. White and black items also are appropriate. LCI allows using additional colors stemming from the primary color palette, including orange, deep red, olive green, brown and cool gray. For example, a turquoise or hot pink top is not appropriate while a maroon red or dark green shirt would be within LCI's parameters.

3. Choose the club's logo either in color or black, and select the location on your apparel for its placement. Add to your bag.

4. When you are finished shopping, check out. You will enter your shipping information and pay online.

If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Hendrickson at <u>bhendrickson@dbrinc.com</u>. A big thankyou goes to Brittany, a member of the club's Public Relations Committee and a director on the board, for researching this idea, and making it a reality!





## **TEXAS LIONS CAMP**

Thanks to the work of Lions across the state, Texas Lions Camp is enjoyed by campers with special medical needs all summer

Austin Founder Lions plan to be in Kerrville on Saturday, April 6 for the annual Work Days at Texas Lions Camp. Everyone is invited to participate in helping prepare the camp for this summer's campers. Some 500 Lions from around the state will be there, each club assigned a specific project. In the past, AFLC members have painted dormitories and done gardening. While we have not received this year's assignment, many hands will be needed to complete our work! Members may want to carpool to Kerrville. Overnight accommodations are available at the camp (bring your own bed linens and towels) at no charge (or you can stay in a local motel), and breakfast and lunch on April 6 will be served at the camp. For more information, contact Lion Rudy Munguia.

The nine 2019 camp sessions begin June 2 in Kerrville. All Lions are encouraged to recruit campers. Potential campers are Texas children ages 6 to 16 with physical disabilities both visible and not (except autism is not served), Type 1 diabetes, Down syndrome, epilepsy, cancer and neurological problems. Any Lion in Texas may sponsor a camper. The sponsor is the liaison to the family, but has no financial responsibility for the camper. However, if the family needs help with transportation, the Lion's club hopefully will help get the child to and from camp.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 16 when AFLC will be hosting the Refreshment Stand during camper check-in at TLC. Club members will serve soft drinks, sno-cones, snacks, etc.



## FALALA LIONS HOLIDAY PARTY

AFLC Inducts New Members, Collects Food, Toys at Holiday Party

About 50 members and their guests celebrated the holidays Dec. 13 at Lions Municipal Golf Course, which the club originally built and gave to the City of Austin. Attendees brought lots of toys which were contributed to the Blue Santa program. In addition, more than 100 cans of food were collected for the Central Texas Food Bank.

Margarine Beaman, a Blue Santa board member, attended the holiday luncheon and explained how the program works. She introduced "Santa," an Austin Police Department officer, in a blue suit.

PDG J.P. Kirksey inducted new members into the club. Those inductees and their sponsors included Thomas Benevelli (sponsored by Ann Ward), Jane Edmond (sponsored by Sam Ruiz), Nancy Phillips (sponsored by Glenda Summers), Brandon Thurman (sponsored by Roberto Martinez), and Norman Trying (sponsored by Rudy Munguia).

Entertainment included holiday songs by soloist Russell Gregory accompanied by Paul Keith on piano; steel drum music provided by Angela Smith added an island flavor; and group singing of Christmas carols got everyone in the spirit. More than 25 items were included in a silent auction, and a number of door prizes were raffled ranging from poinsettias to a pair of cowboy boots (value \$500) generously donated by Allen Boots. A good time was had by all!





## **COATS FOR KIDS VISION SCREENINGS**

AFLC Screen 227 at Coats for Kids Event





Lion Drew Scheberle, right and his wife, left

Lion Rudy Munguia and Lion Linda Locke

A large number of Austin Founder Lions Club members and friends provided vision screening during the Health Fair at the annual "Coats for Kids" distribution, sponsored by the Junior League of Austin on Dec. 8. Simba, the club's vision screening trailer, was parked on the north patio of the Palmer Events Center, and some 227 individuals – about 70 percent children – were screened, and approximately 27 percent were referred for follow-up exams.

AFLC provided vouchers to 22 individuals, mostly children, for followup examinations/glasses, if needed. VSP eye insurance company provided the vouchers as well as a list of doctors who participate with the voucher program.

Among those participating in the screening, which was coordinated by Tommy Cowan, were Alan Ford; Brittany Hendrickson and her husband Drew; J.P. Kirksey; Linda Locke; Rudy Munguia; John Nyfeler; Patti Robinson; Sam Ruiz; Judy Saal; Drew Scheberle and his wife and daughter; Greg Thompson; Ann Ward; and Robert Watson. Former club member Vicki Flaugher also participated.







# LIONS ON THE LOOSE

A look back at Lions in the community over the last few months.



#### HOUSE PARK DEDICATION

Six AFLC members participated in a ceremony Nov. 9, 2018, to re-dedicate the House Park Stadium Scoreboard, which the club erected in 1945 to honor the memory of "Austin High School Students in World War II." Since the stadium is about to be renovated, the plaque was presented and will be installed following the refurbishing.

Austin Independent School District Athletic Director Leal Anderson was on the field to receive the plaque which honors all Austin high school students who served during World War II.

#### LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW BY REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD

On Jan. 3, Rep. Donna Howard, who represents House District 48 in Austin, shared her insights on the 2019 Texas legislative session with AFLC members. The long-time House Appropriations Committee member said that public education funding would be a top priority. She explained the disparities in state funding for public schools and charter schools. She noted that more than \$600 million or more than 50 percent of the property taxes collected from taxpayers in the Austin Independent School District will be sent to the State under the "recapture" or Robin Hood system.





#### **GUS GARCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

On Dec. 6, some 30 AFLC members visited the Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy, a middle school named in honor of the late Lion Gustavo L. "Gus" Garcia. Club President Scott Hendrix and club member/Austin Independent School District Board Member Ann Teich presented a \$500 check to Sterlin McGruder, school principal. Marina Garcia attended the meeting, and presented the school with a matching \$500 check from she and her husband, who was unable to attend.

The club annually honors schools named for former members, and also presented \$500 checks to Boone, Cowan, Kocurek, Pickle and Widen elementary schools. Lion Tommy Cowan made a \$500 donation in the club's name to Monte Jane Akin Elementary in Leander, named about AFLC Treasurer Jim Roberson's wife.



#### **REMEMBERING LION BOB WALCOTT**

Long-time AFLC Lion Tamer Robert "Bob" Walcott passed away Dec. 1 in Waterford, Wis., where he had moved in August to be closer to family. A funeral mass was held Jan. 3 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin, and several club members attended.

Bob was a Lion for approximately 30 years. He became a Lion as a charter member of the Cottage Grove, Minn., Lions Club. During his 30 years with the club, he served as president and as treasurer for 10 years. The retired 3M executive was 10-year member of the Austin Balcones Lions Club, which he served as president. His last 20 years as a Lion were with AFLC, which he served as Lion Tamer for 15 years.

The club made a contribution in Bob's memory to Faith in Action, a favorite charity he supported.



#### LIONS USA/CANADA FORUM

AFLC Lions Patti Robinson, left, and Ann Ward, right, posed with International Director Candidate PCC Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina during the Lions USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. Both agreed the Forum is an excellent educational opportunity, and brought back lots of new ideas for the club.



#### MOTON CROCKETT MARKS ANOTHER YEAR!

On Jan. 3, Austin Founder Lions Club honored its oldest member, Lion Moton Crockett, who turned 96 on Jan. 5. PDG J.P. Kirksey, left, surprised Crockett with a birthday cake as members sang "Happy Birthday!" Crockett was appreciative of the recognition, and everyone enjoyed some delicious chocolate cake.

In addition to being the club's oldest member, Lion Moton is the club's longest serving member at 50 years. He joined the club in 1968. What a treasure!

## **REMEMBERING GUS GARCIA**

Former Mayor Lion Gus Garcia - Lion for 10 Years



The first elected Hispanic Mayor of Austin and an AFLC member, Gus Garcia passed away Dec. 17 in his home at age 84. Several memorial services were held in his honor, and attended by AFLC members.

Gus joined AFLC in January 2008, and he exemplified the Lions motto. In addition to working with the club on numerous service projects, Gus served the community as the first Hispanic member of the Austin Independent School District board and its first Hispanic board president.

AFLC honors Garcia with Jack Wiech Fellowship



During a memorial serving honoring the late Austin Mayor Gus Garcia, Austin Founder Lions Club presented a Jack Wiech Fellowship to honor him posthumously. The event was held at the Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy, named in his honor. First Vice President Ann Ward and Immediate Past President Leonor Marques presented the award and pin to his widow, Marina. Ten members of the club attended the ceremony and stood as the presentation was made.

The M.O.V.E. or Music Outreach Volunteer Entertainers band played. Led by Mike Sullivan for more than 10 years, the band has included two AFLC members: the late Gus Garcia who was the featured vocalist, and former A.I.S.D. school principal Rudy Munguia, who plays accordion. The band accompanied a tape recording of Garcia singing "Cielito Lindo."

Garcia participated in a number of the club's service projects, such as vision screening at the El Mundo Back to School Festival and Coats for Kids, and he helped clean up the park named in his honor on It's My Park Day. He also participated in Work Days at Texas Lions Camp.



## **ROSE DAY SUCCESS**

#### **AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS SELL 220 DOZEN ROSES IN 2018**

Austin Founder Lions packaged and delivered more than 220 dozen roses for the club's annual Rose Day Sale in October. This year, the club tied the event to Halloween, and offered yellow and orange roses as well as the traditional red.

The club netted just under \$4,000.00 from the fund-raising event, which was chaired by Lion Robert Watson. Special thanks go to Lion Leonor Marques who organized and mapped out all the delivery routes, plus matched the greeting cards with each route and order.

Thanks also to all the Lions who helped package and deliver roses. And, thank you to all the Lions who sold roses to friends, neighbors and coworkers and/or purchased roses themselves!





#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US PICK UP BOXES OF EYEGLASSES ONCE THEY ARE FULL? CHECK OUT THESE AVAILABLE LOCATIONS...

#### **Gene Rogers Optical**

2700 W. Anderson Ln Austin, Texas 78757 512-451-7316

#### North Austin Optical

8015 Shoal Creek Blvd, Ste. 123 Austin, Texas 78757 512-458-4440

#### **Premier Optics**

8105 Shoal Creek Blvd, Ste. A Austin, Texas 78757 512-454-4641

#### Austin Diagnostic

12221 N Mopac Exwy, Suite 2N Austin, Texas 78758 512-901-4527

#### LasikPlus Vision

9705 Research Blvd, Ste. C Austin, Texas 78759 512-382-3850

#### **Vision Center**

12701 Research Blvd, Suite 101 Austin, Texas 78759 512-258-2020

#### **Vision Works**

10515 N Mopac Expw Suite A115 Austin, Texas 78759 512-345-7260

#### **Eyecare Vision Center**

4815 W. Braker Ln Suite 560 Austin, Texas 78759 512-338-9774

#### Seton Northwest

11113 Research Blvd Austin, Texas 78759 512-324-6000

#### Capitol Optical Salon Northwest

11901 Jollyville Rd Austin, Texas 78759 512-250-8485

#### Northwest Hills Eye Care

3808 Spicewood Springs Rd #100 Austin, Texas 78759 512-328-0555

## **EYEGLASS RECYCLING**

#### Old Glasses Give New Life With Lions Recycle For Sight Program

To donate used glasses (including sunglasses and reading glasses; sorry no contact lenses), place them in the specially marked Lions Recycle for Sight collection boxes found at various community locations. A list of locations where collection boxes are available in Austin is on the club's website.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates 153 million people around the world have uncorrected refractive errors (nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism). Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions of people in low- and middle-income countries lack access to basic vision services. Without eyeglasses many people throughout the world have fewer opportunities for education, employment and a better quality of life.

The Austin Founder Lions Club would like you to donate your used eyeglasses. The glasses that we collect are shipped to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland, Texas, where trained volunteers sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses. Prepared glasses are stored in the warehouse until they are requested for distribution by Lions and other groups. Each year, the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center supplies 60-80 missions sponsored by church groups, physicians and other organizations with used eyeglasses.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN EYEGLASS RECYCLING PLEASE CONTACT KEN CRONE AT 512-448-1766 OR <u>KCRONE78@YAHOO.COM</u>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*Events subject to change, please check club website for updates.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

Topic: Forklift Danceworks
Speaker: Krissie Marty
Location: Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Time: 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

**Topic:** Keeping Austin Live Music Alive **Speaker:** Colin Kendrick and Matt Ott **Location:** Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired **Time:** 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 2-3, 2019 | LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

**Location:** Crowne Plaza on I-35 @ U.S. Hwy. 290 East, Austin **Time:** 11:30 a.m. March 2 through 2:30 p.m. March 3

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 | VISION SCREENING (NORTH) Location:** Ortega Elementary, 1135 Garland Ave. **Contact:** Rudy Munguia (258-6553) or Leonor Marques (739-6670)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 | LEO CLUB'S CHILI SUPPER Location:** Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired Bistro **Time:** 4 – 6 p.m. | **Tickets:** \$5.00

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019 | VISION SCREENING (SOUTH) Location: Ortega Elementary, 1135 Garland Ave. Contact: Rudy Munguia (258-6553) or Leonor Marques (739-6670)

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING Topic:** Biking in Austin – Getting from Here to There

**Topic:** Biking in Austin – Getting from Here to There **Speaker:** Laura Dierenfield **Location:** Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired **Time:** 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 | CLUB FIELD TRIP

**Topic & Speaker:** Cathy Zinsor **Location:** Skyscape at University of Texas - Turrell Exhibit **Time:** 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. \*More information to follow

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

**Topic:** Meet Austin's New City Manager **Speaker:** Spencer Cronk **Location:** Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired **Time:** 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 | VISION SCREENING (SOUTH) Location: Sunset Valley Elementary, 3000 Jones Road

**Location:** Sunset Valley Elementary, 3000 Jones Road **Contact:** Robert Watson (431-6324) or Beverly Weeks (279-1702)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 | WORK DAY AT TEXAS LIONS CAMP Location: Texas Lions Camp, Kerrville Time: 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

# COMMITTEE <

## SPORTING CLAY

Responsible for coordinating Annual Sporting Clay event on June 7th. The next committee meeting will be on Friday, March 1st at Haddon + Cowan Architects starting at 12:00 pm. Please bring your own lunch. Contact Ann Ward at <u>awardcomm@gmail.com</u>

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Responsible for planning and securing speakers for weekly programs. Meets quarterly. Contact Mac Ragsdale at <u>mac51triangle@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>

#### MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Responsible for raising awareness among members and the community about the club and its activities. Contact Brittany Hendrickson at <u>bhendrickson@</u> <u>dbrinc.com</u>

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Responsible for recruiting and retaining club members. Contact Bill Martin at <u>wim34@sbcqlobal.net</u>

# **EYES ON DECK**

Austin Founder Lions work with the Austin Independent School District to conduct vision screening among prekindergarten three- and four-year-old children. Detecting vision problems early helps the child learn better and has a life-long impact. If detected early, Amblyopia or "lazy eye" can usually be corrected completely. In addition, the club provides vision screening of children and adults at community events, such as Coats for Kids or school festivals. Contact Tommy Cowan at 512-762-5317 to get involved! Rudy Munguia and Robert Watson coordinate pre-K screenings, and Sam Ruiz coordinates community events.

#### TUESDAY VISION SCREENINGS (NORTH)

Contact: Rudy Munguia (512-258-6553) & Leonor Marques (512-739-6670)

March 5 | Ortega Elementary | 1135 Garland Ave April 9 | Kocurek Elementary | 9800 Curlew Drive April 23 | McBee Elementary | 1001 West Braker Lane

#### WEDNESDAY VISION SCREENINGS (SOUTH)

Contact: Robert Watson (512-431-6324) & Beverly Weeks (512-279-1702)

March 6 | Dawson Elementary | 3001 S. 1st Street March 27 | Sunset Valley Elementary | 3000 Jones Road April 10 | Williams Elementary | 500 Mairo Street April 24 | Joslin Elementary | 4500 Manchaca Road

## TEAMS, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 7TH

Austin Founder Lions' ninth annual Sporting Clay Shoot-Out is scheduled for Friday, June 7 at Capital City Clays.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to help out with this major fund-raising event for our club! The Sponsorship Flyer and Registration Form now is available on the club website at <u>http://www.austindowntownlions.</u> <u>org/</u>. Both cash and in-kind sponsorships are available, and benefits are commensurate with the financial contribution. Sponsorships range from the Premier Tournament Sponsor at \$8,000 to Station Sponsors at \$200. Team registration is \$800 for a four-person group through May 12. On and after May 13, the price is \$900. Registration includes breakfast and lunch, shells, beverages and snacks.

The NFL Alumni – Austin Chapter is supporting the Shoot-Out again this year. As Lions Clubs International has added a focus on diabetes, the beneficiary for 2019 is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Austin Chapter. In addition to educating local parents and caregivers of Type 1 diabetic children, JDRF – Austin Chapter helps recruit campers for Texas Lions Camp.

To volunteer at the event, contact Suzanne Rose, co-chair, at <u>s.suzannerose@gmail.com.</u>

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Austin Founder Lions Club