

# LION LETTERS

CLUB NEWS, EVENTS, SUPPORT, AND MORE

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# THE BOARD BEAT

Lion Scott Hendrix, 2018-2019 Austin Founder Lions Club President

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

I am an investment portfolio manager and fiduciary for a wide variety of individual, family and business-owner clients.

**Q: Where are you originally from? How long have you been in Austin?**

Born and raised in Austin, I have lived here for all but a dozen years, beginning my career on the east coast.

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

Lions are primarily focused on service in our community and have a tremendous legacy of assistance to those who face the challenges of impaired vision. I am honored to follow the legacy of my father, who served as President of the Austin Lions Club in the 1960's.

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

My family, including two teenage daughters, keeps me busy on the home front. I enjoy cycling, swimming, and cooking when I have the time to relax.

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

Like several others in our Lions Club, I am an alumni of the University of Texas and the U.T. Longhorn Alumni Band. I played - and still occasionally play - the saxophone.



# LET'S CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday to all of our Lions with October and November birthdays....

Will Williams  
Michael Cowan  
Bob Walcott

October 13th  
October 17th  
October 30th

Judy Jones  
Bob Thonhoff  
Tom Orlando  
Greg Thompson  
Scott Hendrix  
Wes Braden  
Beverly Weeks  
Craig Estes  
Clyde Sutton  
Paul Spaar  
Ken Crone

November 3rd  
November 5th  
November 8th  
November 15th  
November 16th  
November 18th  
November 18th  
November 25th  
November 28th  
November 29th  
November 30th

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

**Topic:** Silver-Haired Legislature  
**Speakers:** Linda Parrish & Paul Stempko  
**Location:** NEW LOCATION: Rudy's BBQ | 3914 N. Lamar Blvd - Crockett Room  
**Time:** Arrive at 11:30 AM to purchase lunch. Meeting begins at 11:45 AM

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018 | VISION SCREENING (SOUTH)

**Location:** Cunningham Elementary | 2200 Berkeley Ave.  
**Contact:** Robert Watson (512-431-6324) or Beverly Weeks (512-279-1702)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

**Topic:** Annual Veterans Program - "Combat Canines"  
**Speaker:** Nancy Schiassari  
**Location:** Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
**Time:** 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

**Topic:** Annual Lion District Governor Visit  
**Speaker:** Linda Davis  
**Location:** Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
**Time:** 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

**THANKSGIVING WEEK:** NO MEETING OR EVENTS. ENJOY YOUR WEEK WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS AND WE WILL SEE YOU THE FOLLOWING WEEK!

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018 | VISION SCREENING (NORTH)

**Location:** Barbara Jordan Elementary | 6711 Johnny Morris Rd.  
**Contact:** Rudy Munguia (512-258-6553) or Leo Marques (512-739-6670)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018 | VISION SCREENING (SOUTH)

**Location:** Boone Elementary  
**Contact:** Robert Watson (512-431-6324) or Beverly Weeks (512-279-1702)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018 | WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

**Speaker/Topic:** TBD  
**Location:** Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
**Time:** 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 | VISION SCREENING (NORTH)

**Location:** Oak Springs Elementary | 3601 Webberville Rd.  
**Contact:** Rudy Munguia (512-258-6553) or Leo Marques (512-739-6670)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 | ANNUAL AISD CELEBRATION

**Speaker/Topic:** Annual AISD Lion-School Celebration  
**Location:** Field Trip to Austin ISD School  
**Time:** 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 | LIONS HOLIDAY PARTY

**Speaker/Topic:** Lions Holiday Party  
**Location:** TBD  
**Time:** TBD

**DECEMBER 17-31:** NO MEETINGS OR EVENTS. ENJOY YOUR WEEK WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS AND WE WILL SEE YOU BACK IN 2019!

# COMMITTEE CORNER

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Responsible for planning and securing speakers for weekly programs. Meets quarterly. Contact Mac Ragsdale at [mac51triangle@gmail.com](mailto:mac51triangle@gmail.com)

## MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Responsible for raising awareness among members and the community about the club and its activities. Next meeting - November 5th, 7am at Russell's Bistro. Contact Ann Ward at [awardcomm@gmail.com](mailto:awardcomm@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Responsible for recruiting and retaining club members. Contact Bill Martin at [wjm34@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjm34@sbcglobal.net)

## ROSE DAY COMMITTEE

Responsible for coordinating annual fundraiser selling and delivering roses. Contact Robert Watson at [robertwatson41@gmail.com](mailto:robertwatson41@gmail.com)

# ROSE DAY 2018



Each fall, club members package and deliver 400+ dozens of roses to happy recipients throughout the greater Austin area. This year, the event is coordinated with Halloween to deliver a "spook-tacular" treat. We consulted the Great Pumpkin who advised that roses are good for mental health and are both gluten and sugar free! And, Morticia Adams loved roses! They go with every decor! So, send the flyer to all your friends, neighbors and co-workers, and help sell roses! And, plan to help package roses on Monday, Oct. 29 and deliver them on Oct. 30. Contact Rose Day Chair Robert Watson at [robertwatson41@gmail.com](mailto:robertwatson41@gmail.com) or 512-431-6324.

## Top Five Reasons to Send Roses this Halloween

1. You can choose yellow, orange, black or red roses.
2. Morticia Adams loved roses! They go with every decor.
3. Austin Founder Lions hand-package each order in a florist box, and if it's a Halloween gift, we'll add appropriate decorations.
4. The Great Pumpkin says roses are good for mental health, are gluten free and have no calories. Chocolates -- once on the lips, forever on the hips!
5. Your purchase helps support Austin Founder Lions Club's service to the greater Austin community, including vision screening, eyeglass recycling, sponsoring children with special needs to attend Texas Lions Camp, supporting Lions Lone Star Eye Bank and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

On Oct. 30, AFLC members will hand-deliver roses in Austin and the immediate area (Round Rock, Pflugerville, Cedar Park, Lakeway, Steiner Ranch, Circle C and Onion Creek). Deliveries will be made to both residential and business addresses during normal business hours. It's simple to order. Complete this form, or order online at [www.AustinDowntownLions.org](http://www.AustinDowntownLions.org).



Austin Founder Lions Club



## Rose Day Order Form

Please complete all of the following information, and print or write legibly. Complete one form per recipient.

**Purchaser Info:**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient Info:**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Business  Residence  
 If Business, Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Instructions (Beware of dog, delivery hours, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Rose Color:  Red  Black  Orange  Yellow

Use Halloween Decorations:  Yes  No

Quantity	Description	Per Unit	Subtotal
	First Dozen Roses	\$26.00	
	Additional Dozen to Same Address	\$23.00	
	Additional Tax Deductible Contribution		
	<b>Total</b>		

**Payment Info:** Payment Method:  Cash  Check  Credit Card

Please make checks payable to **Austin Founder Lions Club** and send check with this form to Rose Sale, P.O. Box 28306, Austin TX 78755.

Name as it Appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Message to Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **October 20, 2018** | Last day to place your rose orders
- **October 29, 2018** | Packaging roses from 10 AM - 12 PM
- **October 30, 2018** | Delivery Day!



# 8TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT RECAP

Great Smokey Mo's BBQ, friendly competition and the opportunity to meet former National Football League players make this a fun event, and everyone has a great time.

Austin Founder Lions Club's eighth annual Sporting Clay Shoot-Out was June 8, 2018, at Capital City Clays. A total of 21 teams competed in two fields. Prizes were awarded for First, Second and Dead Last in both the Blue and Red fields. Winning teams were sponsored by Austin Sonic Drive-In and DBR Engineering. Second place winners were Labor Finders and The University of Texas Cowboys. Dead Last went to TAB Technologies.

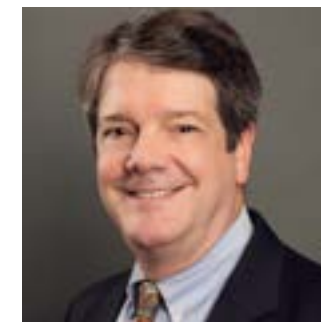
The NFL Alumni – Austin Chapter again supported the event with some 22 former players who hosted each shooting station, signed autographs and posed for pictures. Thanks, guys!

Continued support by both past and new Team, Event and Station sponsors and generous participants – plus several raffles – helped make this event financially successful. Thanks to all the sponsors who contributed! The primary beneficiary for the event

was again the Center for Child Protection.

Austin Founder Lion Cameron Labunski was chair of the event. Jim Overton and Tommy Cowan were co-chairs. Other committee members included Austin Founder Lions Mark Hastings, Brittany Hendrickson, Sam Ruiz, Ann Ward and Robert Watson; NFLA members Raul Allegre, Stevie Lee, Chris McNeeley and Dan Neil; and Center for Child Protection's Anne West.

## MEET THE 2018-2019 BOARD:



**SCOTT HENDRIX**  
President



**ANN WARD**  
1st Vice President



**EVAN WIENCK**  
2nd Vice President



**LEONOR MARQUES**  
Immediate Past President/  
Secretary



**JIM ROBERSON**  
Treasurer



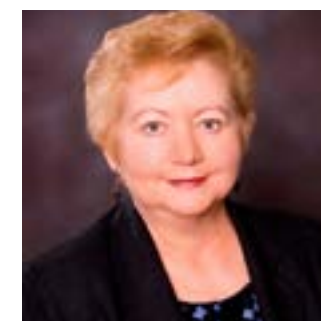
**JUDY SAAL**  
Lion Tamer



**OPEN**  
Asst. Lion Tamer



**CRAIG ESTES**  
Tail Twister



**GLENDA SUMMERS**  
Asst. Tail Twister



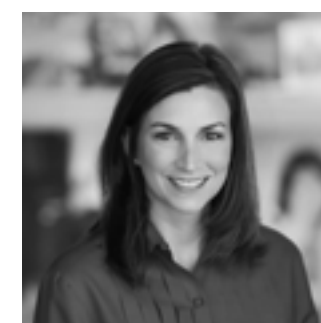
**BILL MARTIN**  
Membership Director



**GAYLORD ARMSTRONG**  
Director



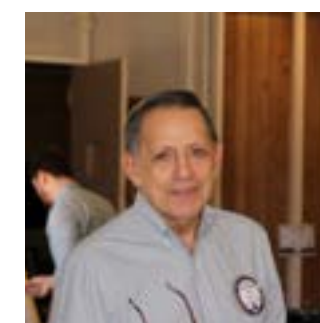
**BRITTANY HENDRICKSON**  
Director



**TEEL CLARK JARVIS**  
Director



**JOHN NYFELER**  
Director



**SAM RUIZ**  
Director



**TOM UHL**  
Director



## FAREWELL TO LION BOB WALCOTT

*Granddaughter Samantha Walcott came to Austin to help move long-time Austin Founder Lions Club Lion Tamer Bob Walcott to Waterford, Wis. The club honored Walcott at farewell dinner in August.*

More than 30 members of the Austin Founder Lions Club gathered at Olive Garden in northwest Austin on Aug. 5 to bid farewell to long-time Lion Tamer Robert "Bob" Walcott. Walcott has moved to Waterford, Wis., to be near family. Members made him an Honorary Texas Ranger, and showered him with gifts ranging from hats and books to a club mug and book bag.

The retired 3M executive is a former president and 10-year member of the Austin Balcones Lions Club before transferring to the Austin Founder Lions Club, in which he served for 20 years. Walcott 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. He was AFLC's Lion Tamer for 15 years.

In June, the club presented Walcott with a Jack Wiech Fellowship in recognition of his long-time service.

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BOB:

Email Address: [rlwalcott18@gmail.com](mailto:rlwalcott18@gmail.com)  
 Phone Number: 651-260-5205  
 Mailing Address: 30409 Barnes Ln. Waterford, WI 53185



# LIONS ON THE LOOSE

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



On Aug. 16th, members of the Austin Founder Lions Club served ice cream to Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired faculty during an orientation social. Scooping up the treat were Syd Popinsky, left, LEO Lucas Parker with Mufasa Central LEO Club, Alan Ford, Chuck Mandelbaum, and Robert Watson.

Austin Mayor Steve Adler spoke to approximately 50 members and guests of the Austin Founder Lions Club on Aug. 30. He talked about the city's rapid growth and the challenges of mobility and affordability. AFLC President Scott Hendrix, left, presented Adler with a club mug.



Austin Founder Lion PDG J.P. Kirksey, president of the Past District Governors of Texas, presented LCI President Gudrun Yngvadottir with a badge signifying her becoming an Honorary Texas Ranger.

Austin Founder Lions Club presented a \$1,000 scholarship to a Texas Lions Camp summer staff member at the Aug. 3 Awards/Graduation Ceremony. Ann Ward, left, 1st Vice President of the club and a District 2-S3 Elected Director to the TLC Board, and AFLC Past President Bill Martin, right, made the presentation to Aubri Carter, who attends Ole Miss.



# EYES ON DECK: UPCOMING VISION SCREENINGS

Austin Founder Lions work with the Austin Independent School District to conduct vision screening among pre-kindergarten 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)**

October 16 | Pillow Elementary | 3025 Crosscreek Drive  
October 23 | Allison Elementary | 515 Vargas Road  
November 27 | Barbara Jordan Elementary | 6711 Johnny Morris Road  
December 4 | Oak Springs Elementary | 3601 Webberville Road  
January 8 | Zavala Elementary | 310 Robert Martinez Jr. Street  
January 15 | Metz Elementary | 84 Robert Martinez Jr. Street  
January 29 | Winn Montessori | 3500 Susquehanna Lane  
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)**

September 19 | Perez Elementary | 7500 S. Pleasant Valley Road  
October 3 | Casey Elementary | 9400 Texas Oaks Drive  
October 24 | Patton Elementary | 6001 Westcreek Drive  
November 7 | Cunningham Elementary | 2200 Berkeley Avenue  
November 28 | Boone Elementary | 8101 Croftwood Drive  
January 9 | Pleasant Hill Elementary | 6405 Circle S Road  
January 16 | Houston Elementary | 5409 Ponciana Drive  
January 30 | St. Elmo - Sierra Vista Apts. | 600 W. St. Elmo Road  
February 6 | Widen Elementary | 5605 Nuckols Crossing  
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

# WE SERVE.



**Austin  
Founder  
Lions Club**