

# LION LETTERS

CLUB NEWS, EVENTS, SUPPORT, AND MORE

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ANNUAL SPORTSMANSHIP  
AWARD WINNERS

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SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT  
COMING UP SOON!

**TLC**  
WORK DAY  
**SUCCESS**



Cover Photo: PDG Shirley Dillman, an Associate member of AFLC and a member of the Round Rock Lions, drove the wheel barrow while Veryan Thompson, wife of AFLC member Greg Thompson, prepared to rake.  
Pictured Above: PDG J.P. Kirksey trimmed shrubs as part of AFLC's participation in the April 6 Texas Lions Camp Work Day.

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL AFLC SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

**DATE:** Friday, June 7, 2019

**LOCATION:** Capital City Clays, 8707 Lindell Lane, Austin TX

**TIME:** 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:** Ann Ward at 512-338-1623

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY - VARIETY OF ASSIGNMENTS**



Theresa Gross, back, an employee at TSBVI, and Mya Gipson, a four-year member of the Mufasa Leo Club work at TLC Work Day.



# TEXAS LIONS CAMP WORK DAY

**O**n April 6, some 13 members of Austin Founder Lions Club and their family members participated in the Texas Lions Camp Work Day. Zone 3-B Chairman Jerry Williams, a member of Austin Capital City Evening Lions Club, attended with AFLC. Joining the group were eight members of the Mufasa Leo Club, which is based at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and three TSBVI staff members. The Lions and Leos performed landscaping maintenance. Austin Founder Lions Rudy Munguia and Craig Estes

coordinated the project. Among the Austin Founder Lions participants were Shirley Dillman, associate member and Round Rock Noon Lions member; Craig Estes; J.P. Kirksey; Linda Locke and her husband Larry and granddaughter Payton; Rudy Munguia and his grandson Lucas Parker; Mac Ragsdale; Patti Robinson; Judy Saal; Greg Thompson and his wife Veryan; and Kim Wright.

Lion Patti organized the Leo club's participation. The Leos presented TLC with a \$500 check for the Texas Lions Camp 26th Annual Harry

Wickersham Golf Tournament; they raised the funds during a chili supper in February. Leo members attending included Lucas Parker, Dimitri Deese, Earl Washington, Kimberly Berry, Mike Hernandez, Wyattte Hertel, Yatziri Castillo and Jordan Lister. They were accompanied by TSBVI staff members Theresa Gross, Alex Hughes, Kodie Nagy Montgomery and Kim Wright.

Many club members traveled to Kerrville on April 5 and enjoyed dinner at Mamacita's restaurant.

Check out photos from our fun on the next two pages!



Austin Founder Lions, Mufasa Leo Club members and TSBVI staff participated in the April 6 TLC Work Day.



Lion Linda Locke raked mulch.



Lion Kim Wright, also an employee of TSBVI, worked at the event.



Lion Greg Thompson and his wife Vervan helped trim shrubs.



Mac Ragsdale wielded the trimmers on the hedges.



Craig Estes helped coordinate the club's participation in the annual TLC Work Day.



Leo Earl Washington and Kimberly Berry, Leo Club President, worked in a flower bed.



Is Lion Patti Robinson, left, showing Lion Judy Saal, her pre-work manicure?

# ANNUAL AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS - AUSTIN ISD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS



Two Austin high school teams and their coaches were honored recently by the Austin Founder Lions Club. Sportsmanship Award trophies were presented to the Anderson High School Baseball Team which is coached by Kenny Matthews and to the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders Soccer Team, coached by Andy Langford. Greg Harkrider, chairman of the club's Sportsmanship Awards Committee, along with Austin Independent School District Athletic Director Leal Anderson presented the traveling trophies and \$500 checks to the coaches.

Alexandria Anderson, a recently retired World Class NIKE American sprinter who specialized in the 100 and 200 meters, was the keynote speaker. She told the audience that "Good sportsmanship is the most important aspect of the game. It is how we show respect for our self, our opponent and the sport." She pointed out that there always will be a winner and loser, and that is it important to lose with dignity and win with humility.

"For more than 70 years, the Austin Founder Lions Club annually has recognized local high school boys' and girls' athletic teams for their good sportsmanship," said Scott Hendrix, club president. "Club members believe teaching good sportsmanship is an important component of team sports. Our awards are intended to encourage good sportsmanship and recognize those teams and their fans who demonstrate it consistently throughout the year," he added.

Only team sports are considered for the awards. For boys, the sports considered are football, basketball, baseball and soccer. For girls, volleyball, basketball, softball and soccer are considered. One boys and one girls team from among the four sports is honored, and recipients are selected only from Austin Independent School District schools.

"The club asks various officials (referees, umpires, etc.) to vote on which teams demonstrate the best sportsmanship based on the behavior of players, coaches and fans," Harkrider explained. "Each official picks the top three teams in the sport that he/she officiates during the year. A point/percentage system is used to compare the teams fairly," he added.

"These school teams have coaches who teach good sportsmanship and hold players and fans accountable to maintain these standards," Harkrider said. "We are pleased to recognize the coaches, players and fans of these teams, and appreciate the model they set for others."



## ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Austin Founder Lions Club President Scott Hendrix, left, posed with some members of the Anderson High School Baseball Team, which won the club's Good Sportsmanship Award in a boys' sport. Pictured are Brett Allen, Trevor Marek and Carter Raney, who holds the traveling trophy, and Coach Kenny Matthews.

## ANN RICHARDS SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Austin Founder Lions Club President Scott Hendrix, left, congratulated Ann Richards School for Young Leaders' Meg Brown, center, athletic coordinator; and Andy Langford, coach of the soccer team, which won the club's Good Sportsmanship Award in girls' sports.



## KEYNOTE: ALEXANDRIA ANDERSON

Keynote speaker Alexandria Anderson, far right, posed with the winning coaches after the presentation of Austin Founder Lions Club's annual Sportsmanship Awards. Pictured from left are Anderson High School Baseball Coach Kenny Matthews; AFLC President Scott Hendrix; AFLC Board Member John Nyfeler who introduced Alexandria; and Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders Soccer Team Coach Andy Langford.

# LIONS ON THE LOOSE

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



## LIONS RECONNECT WITH JDRF - AUSTIN CHAPTER

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Austin Chapter is this year's primary beneficiary of the club's Sporting Clay Shoot-Out Tournament, which also is supported by the NFL Alumni – Austin Chapter. On March 28, Mike Brin, executive director, spoke to the club, sharing facts and figures about diabetes in general, and Type 1 specifically. Lion Alan Ford, pictured at right, brought a much-used t-shirt from a JDRF event in which AFLC participated many years ago, which he showed to First Vice President Ann Ward, left, and Brin. Ford expressed his pleasure at reconnecting with JDRF.



## AFLC LEARNS ABOUT DELL MED SCHOOL VISION INITIATIVES

On May 2, Jane Edmond, M.D., director of the Mitchel and Shannon Wong Eye Institute and chair of its Ophthalmology Department at Dell Medical School, spoke to members of the Austin Founder Lions Club. President Scott Hendrix, left, presented Dr. Edmond, who is a member of the club, with a mug in thanks for her presentation, which was attended by Dr. Mitchel Wong, right. She talked about ways to improve ocular health in the greater Austin area, and focused on the needs of low-income residents. She also provided information about retinopathy and macular degeneration.



## AFLC SUPPORTS TYPEONENATION SUMMIT

Austin Founder Lions volunteered at "TypeOneNation," an annual educational summit presented by JDRF – Austin Chapter. Volunteering at the March 30 event were AFLC members Tommy Cowan, left, and Mim Hruby, far right. They assisted JDRF with registration.



## LSLEB HONORS AUSTIN FOUNDER LION

On May 2, Lone Star Lions Eye Bank President Karen Ratcliffe and 3rd Vice President Nelia Barrera presented Austin Founder Lions Club member Moton Crockett Jr., with the Celeste and Harrison Shepherd Fellowship in recognition of his generous financial support of the organization. The award is named in honor of a Lions couple who generously supported the LSLEB. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Mitchel Wong, AFLC guest and Dell Medical School benefactor; Daniel Mercado, executive director of LSLEB; AFLC President Scott Hendrix; Ratcliffe; Dr. Jane Edmond, AFLC featured speaker and director of the Mitchel and Shannon Wong Eye Institute and chair of its Ophthalmology Department at Dell Medical School; and Taylor Vanek, LSLEB referral coordinator manager. Barrera stands to the left of Crockett, holding the plaque.



## CHECKING OUT CASINO NIGHT

Austin Founder Lions has a committee that is pursuing the idea of creating a Casino Night Fund-raiser in 2020. The event would be Feb. 7, and proceeds would be used primarily to support the club's vision screening activities, as well as other service projects. On May 3, four adventuresome (crazy?) AFLC members traveled through heavy rains and severe storms to attend the Schertz-Cibolo Lions Club's 10th annual Casino Night. Lions Tommy "Bat Man" Cowan, left; "Venetian Masquerader" Brittany Hendrickson; "Bunny" Ann Ward; and "Sinatra Pal" Scott Arnold took a turn at the photo booth. The group learned a lot from the Schertz-Cibolo Lions and brought back many great ideas and tips.



## WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS

PDG J.P. Kirksey, far right, conducted an induction of new members on May 23. Pictured left to right are Lion Bill Anderson who sponsored Fred Jenga; President Scott Hendrix; Lion Tommy Cowan who sponsored Mariela Gutierrez; Gopal Karsaliya who was sponsored by Lion Ellen Grimmett who was absent and Lion Ann Ward filled in. Welcome new members! A new member orientation is being planned for late June.

# LET'S CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday to all of our Lions with March, April & May birthdays!

Jim Roberson  
 Don Schroeder  
 Carol Unruh  
 Jonathan Ratcliff  
 Kirk Watson  
 Steven Balazs  
 Richard Berkowitz  
 Jose Manny Sifuentes  
 Lillie Gilligan  
 Bill Tamminga

Ann Ward  
 Patti Robinson  
 Bill Anderson  
 Brenda Bohm  
 Rudy Munguia

Bill Martin  
 Roberto Martinez  
 Mac Ragsdale  
 Mark Hastings  
 Cari Clark  
 Ann Yelderman

March 1st  
 March 7th  
 March 9th  
 March 15th  
 March 18th  
 March 20th  
 March 22nd  
 March 25th  
 March 30th  
 March 30th

April 2nd  
 April 14th  
 April 23rd  
 April 23rd  
 April 24th

May 6th  
 May 9th  
 May 20th  
 May 24th  
 May 31st  
 May 31st

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### JUNE 6TH MEETING: ACC CONTINUING EDUCATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH | 11:45 AM

Topic: Learning Never Ends: How ACC is Serving through Continuing Education

Speaker: Hector Aguilar, Ph.D. | Dean of Continuing Education at Austin Community College

Location: TSBVI | 1100 W. 45th St., Austin, TX 78756

Register at [Austindowntownlions.org](http://Austindowntownlions.org)



### ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH | 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Come out and join us for the 9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot-Out with the NFL Alumni Austin Chapter and JDRF Austin Chapter. To join us - contact Ann Ward at 512-338-1623.

### JUNE 13TH CLUB MEETING: TOPIC TBA

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH | 11:45 AM | TSBVI

### JUNE 16TH: TEXAS LIONS CAMP

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH | 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM | KERRVILLE, TX

AFLC will host the refreshment stand at Texas Lions Camp for arriving campers and their families. Come greet the campers and help serve sno-cones, sodas and snacks. Contact Ann Ward at 512-338-1623 or [awardcomm@gmail.com](mailto:awardcomm@gmail.com) for more information.



### JUNE 20TH MEETING: BOARD INSTALLATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH | 11:45 AM | TSBVI

Past International Director Joe Al Picone will install the 2019-20 Austin Founder Lions Club officers and board. PID Joe Al and his wife Muriel were long-time friends of President-elect Ann Ward's father, PDG Tom Ward, and her mother Loyce. Please join 2019-20 board members for this special occasion and hear from a great Lion who has served on the LCI Board of Directors.



### JULY 27TH VISION SCREENING - HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH | TIME TBA

We will be at the St. John's Community Center - AP Health Fair on Saturday, July 27th for vision screenings. Please contact Tommy Cowan if you would like to join us!

### AUGUST 10TH VISION SCREENING - HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH | TIME TBA

We will be at the Doris Miller Health Fair on Saturday, August 10th for vision screenings. More details to come. Please contact Tommy Cowan if you would like to join us!

**WE  
SERVE.**



**Austin  
Founder  
Lions Club**