



Austin
Founder
Lions Club

LION LETTERS

Club News, Events, Service, and More

September 2020 | Summer Newsletter



Peace Through Service

PEACE 2020-2021

Club Expands Peace Poster Contest

After a successful experience in 2019-2020, Austin Founder Lions Club is expanding its Peace Poster contest to another school this year. One contest will be held among art students ages 11 to 13 at Gus Garcia Young Men’s Leadership Academy. Another contest will be held among middle school art students at Bertha Means Young Women’s Leadership Academy. “We are pleased to be able to have these two competitions, and look forward to recognizing the artistic talent of these schools’ young people,” said John Nyfeler, committee chair.

Other committee members for 2020-2021 include AFLC members Gloria Munguia, Syd Popinsky and Ann Ward.

Each school art teacher has been provided with the LCI Peace Poster kit which includes all the rules. By Nov. 15, the club must send the two winning posters to the District for the next level of judging. District winners compete at the Multiple District level, which for AFLC is the state of Texas. The Multiple District winners then compete for the international awards.

Local judges for the posters for both schools have been named and include Nathan Nordstrom, By-permission Grafitti Artist; Yvonne Nava, KVUE anchor; Rex Hamilton, Austin Mural artist; and José Martinez, Mexic-arte Museum.

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4 Austin Founders Lions Club Presents Awards

Lion Leonor Marques received one of the club's three Jack Wiech Fellowships, which was delivered by 2019-2020 President Ann Ward and presented while maintaining appropriate social distancing!

MESSAGE FROM

President Rudy Munguia

Dear Austin Founder Lions Club Member,

Hello, and I am hoping everyone is staying safe. This may be a very trying time in our life and as Lions, but I believe, as others do, that we are working our way through this pandemic. As President, I am often asked when we will return to in-person meetings. We will return, of course, but only when it is safe to do so. At present, we are continuing our virtual meetings through the month of December, and we will reevaluate our situation at that time. The virtual meetings we are having are working out quite well. We can still see our friends and fellow Lions and even share a conversation during our meetings. I encourage you to join us each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. as you are able.

I want to remind you that our Rose Day fund raiser is on Oct. 29. You can get more information on ordering your roses on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. Do plan on helping make our fund raiser a success. Everyone who is able should buy at least one dozen roses to help with the sales.

Please know that I am honored to serve as the president of the Austin Founder Lions Club this year. Enjoy this issue of the newsletter and come join us each week. You can contact me about any questions or suggestions you might have at rmunguia24@gmail.com or by phone at 512-784-3071.



AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS CLUB Presents Awards

During the June 18 Austin Founder Lions Club meeting via Zoom, four club awards were presented, and 2019-2020 President Ann Ward recognized members who contributed to the successful 2019-2020 year.

The AFLC Board honored Ward with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Incoming President Rudy Munguia noted that Ward had worked tirelessly through the year, had guided the club through its response to COVID-19 and moved meetings onto the Zoom platform, had raised the status and profile of the club with District 2-S3 and with Texas Lions Camp, had improved the club newsletter to make it more attractive and professional, and helped achieve the successful new Casino Night fund-raiser and implemented two new service projects, including the Peace Poster contest and the H-E-B gift card project.

Jack Wiech Fellowship Recipients

BRITTANY HENDRICKSON Casino Night chair; Newsletter editor

LEONOR MARQUES Secretary; caterer contact/driver; Rose Day routes; Meals on Wheels chair; Zoom host

SAM RUIZ Forged partnership with Dell Medical School of Ophthalmology and Texas Society of Ophthalmologists; secured more than 150 vouchers for follow-up vision care and glasses; tracks recipients to ensure follow-through.

President Ward announced award certificates which will be presented to the following club members whose work contributed to the successful year:

Exemplary Lions

TOMMY COWAN Leadership on vision activities and involvement in Casino Night

MARK HASTINGS Behind-the-scenes technical/web support, providing an answering service for the club, communications

MIM HRUBY Membership Committee chair, member retention efforts

LINDA LOCKE Service reporting/volunteer recruitment for activities, chair of Holiday Party

MAC RAGSDALE Program Committee chair

NORMAN TYRING Club cultural change agent, implementation of Member Profiles

Lion King Awards

Two individuals helped Ward throughout the year. They were sounding-boards, and offered valuable historical perspective as well as objective input on issues:

JIM ROBERSON Treasurer and Finance Committee chair

PDG J.P. KIRKSEY Mentor

President's Award

President Ward presented a personal Texas Lions Foundation Award to **JOHN NYFELER** for his tremendous support throughout the year, presiding in the president's absence when she was traveling. In addition, he created the Peace Poster contest from scratch, and it was a very professional, meaningful experience for all involved.



Right Top: Lion Sam Ruiz received a Jack Wiech Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding work forging partnerships with the Dell Medical School of Ophthalmology and the Texas Society of Ophthalmologists. He also secured more than 150 vouchers for follow-up vision care and glasses, and he tracks recipients to ensure follow-through.

Right Bottom: Lion John Nyfeler received a special President's Award from 2019-2020 President Ann Ward. She presented him with a personal Texas Lions Foundation Award for his tremendous support as First Vice President and for creating the club's Peace Poster contest.

Opposite Page Left: Lion Ann Ward was honored by the AFLC Board with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Opposite Page Right: Lion Brittany Hendrickson posed with the Jack Wiech Fellowship award which she received for serving as Casino Night chair and club newsletter editor.

AFLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Board Installed Virtually

On June 18, Past District Governor J.P. Kirksey installed the 2020-2021 Board of Directors virtually during our weekly Zoom meeting. Congratulations to the new officers and board members!

President

Past President **RUDY MUNGUIA**

1st Vice President

GAYLORD ARMSTRONG

2nd Vice President

GLENDA SUMMERS

3rd Vice President

LINDA LOCKE

Secretary

Past President **LEONOR MARQUES**

Treasurer

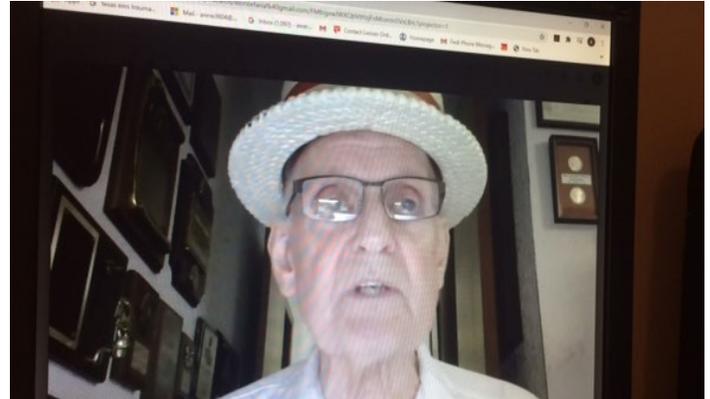
Past President **JIM ROBERSON**

Membership Chair

Point Venture Past President **MIM HRUBY**

Marketing Chair

Past President **MARK HASTINGS**



PDG J. P. Kirksey installed the 2020-2021 Board virtually on Zoom.

Lion Tamer

Past President **PATTI ROBINSON**

Tail Twister

Past President **SCOTT HENDRIX**

Director 2-year Term

KIM WRIGHT

SAM RUIZ

NORMAN TYRING

Director 1-year Term

BILL ANDERSON

FRED JENGA

JUDY SAAL

Immediate Past President

ANN WARD

CLARIFICATION OF BOARD POSITIONS

Directors Anderson and Saal are serving the second year of their two-year terms which began July 1, 2019. Jenga is serving the second year of Linda Locke's unexpired two-year director term.

In July, Lion Norman Tyring resigned from his position, and President Munguia appointed John Nyfeler to fulfill Tyring's unexpired term.

Meet The AFLC Board



RUDY MUNGUIA
President



GAYLORD ARMSTRONG
1st Vice President



GLENDA SUMMERS
2nd Vice President



LINDA LOCKE
3rd Vice President



LEONOR MARQUES
Secretary



JIM ROBERSON
Treasurer



MIM HRUBY
Membership Chair



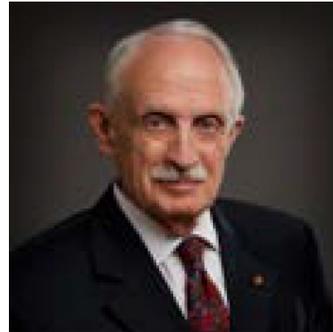
MARK HASTINGS
Marketing Chair



PATTI ROBINSON
Lion Tamer



SCOTT HENDRIX
Tail Twister



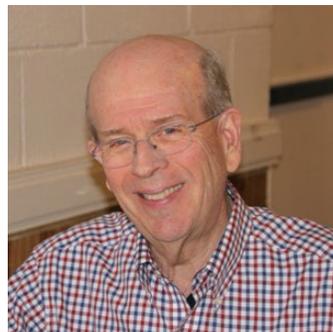
JOHN NYFELER
Director 2-year Term



SAM RUIZ
Director 2-year Term



KIM WRIGHT
Director 2-year Term



BILL ANDERSON
Director 1-year Term



FRED JENGA
Director 1-year Term



JUDY SAAL
Director 1-year Term

AFLC ROSE DAY

Sure to Make Recipients Feel Special, Appreciated

Austin Founder Lions Club is linking its annual Rose Day fund-raiser to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Surprising loved ones, family members, friends, valued clients, employees, etc., with a dozen long-stemmed red roses is sure to make the recipient feel special and appreciated. On Oct. 29, AFLC members will provide contact-less delivery of a dozen beautiful long-stemmed red roses in an attractive florist box which will include the sender's personalized message. Lions will hand-trim and pack the boxes on Oct. 28, and deliver them in-person the following day.

The cost is just \$26.00 per dozen, and, if more than one dozen roses are delivered to the same address, the cost is only \$23 per subsequent dozen. The Austin Metro delivery area includes Round Rock, Pflugerville, Cedar Park, Lakeway, etc. Deliveries will be made to both residential and business addresses during normal business hours. For questions about the delivery area, call 512-441-1555.

Deadline to place orders is Wednesday, Oct. 21. Order securely online at www.austindowntownlions.org or print and

complete the order form on the next page and mail it with your payment to: Austin Founder Lions Club, P.O. Box 28306, Austin, TX 78755 for receipt by Oct. 21.

“Because of COVID-19, the future is uncertain, and Rose Day may be our only fundraiser this year,” noted Lion Robert Watson, committee chair. “It is imperative that everyone participates, and we work together to make Rose Day successful.”

Members are encouraged to distribute the Rose Day flyer to friends, family, dentists, doctors, CPAs, other groups you are involved with, businesses you are associated with and anyone else. “We also have an electronic email that can be sent to employees informing them of Rose Day if you can arrange with the business' Human Resources or a manager for its distribution,” Watson said. “When selling roses, we suggest you highlight that Austin Founder Lions Club is a 501(c)3 organization whose projects include the life-changing KidSight Vision Screening Program, scholarships for students, and hosting summer camp for children with special medical needs,” he added.

Want to make someone's day during this pandemic?

Surprise loved ones, family members, friends, valued clients, employees, etc. with a dozen long-stemmed red roses, delivered anywhere in the Austin Metro Area.* The cost is just \$26.00, and, if we deliver more than one dozen roses to the same address, you pay only \$23.00 per subsequent dozen.



On **October 29**, members of Austin Founder Lions Club will provide contact-less delivery of a dozen beautiful long-stemmed red roses in an attractive florist box which will include your personalized message. Lions hand-trim and pack the boxes, and deliver them in-person. In addition to making someone's day, you are helping Austin Founder Lions have the financial resources to serve our community

5 Reasons to Send a Dozen Roses

1. Make someone feel special and appreciated – it's an awesome surprise!
2. Write your own personalized message – and we won't tell if it's a little sexy or suggestive!
3. Maintain social distance while connecting safely with special people!
4. Boost mental health in a calorie-free, affordable, gluten-free way!
5. Support Austin Founder Lions Club's service to the greater Austin community, including vision screening, eyeglass recycling, sponsoring children with special medical needs to attend Texas Lions Camp, providing scholarships to Texas School for the Blind & Visually impaired graduates, and helping train Leader Dogs for the blind.

Your order and payment must be received no later than Wednesday, October 21.

Order Online or by Mail

Online by filling out the secure online form at www.austindowntownlions.org.

Mail the order form and payment to: Austin Founder Lions Club, P.O. Box 28306, Austin, TX 78755 for receipt by October 21.

Questions? (512) 441-1555

*You can send roses to any home or business street address in the metro Austin area (Round Rock, Cedar Park, Lakeway, etc.)

Rose Day Order Form

Please complete all of the following information, and print or write legibly. Complete one form per recipient, and be sure to provide recipient's phone numbers!



Austin
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Delivery: October 29

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): _____

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

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: _____ CCV _____ ZIP Code _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____

Message to Recipient: _____

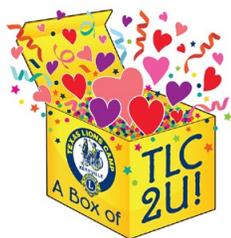


UPDATES

Texas Lions Camp Activities And Fund-Raisers



For the first time since its founding in 1949, Texas Lions Camp did not welcome children to its campus this summer due to COVID-19. However, some 1,100 children with special medication conditions enjoyed a virtual camp, TLC2U. Each of the campers received a box of supplies and camp-branded swag prior to July



4. **Austin Founder Lions Club contributed \$1,000 toward the mailing of the special TLC2U boxes, which included a “wish stick.”**

Summer camp activities kicked off July 5 with a spectacular live-streamed fireworks show on Facebook. Karen-Anne King, vice president of summer camps, introduced the wish stick concept virtually and encouraged campers to make a “BIG” wish for the upcoming year, and then work to make it come true. Then, a beautiful fireworks display provided a “BIG” kick-off for the two-week online/virtual camp. [You can check out the opening night at https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=282614986314573&ref=watch_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=282614986314573&ref=watch_permalink).

Activities from line dancing and zip lining to cooking and arts and crafts were presented virtually by counselors literally around the world. Lions can view recordings of many of the summer camp activities throughout the two-week period. [Videos are posted on YouTube and may be accessed at http://lionscamp.com/become-a-camper.html#undefined2](http://lionscamp.com/become-a-camper.html#undefined2).

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

The 27th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament was held July 30 at Lady Bird Golf Course in Fredericksburg. The event raised more than \$135,000 for Texas Lions Camp from sponsorships, teams and raffles.

Austin Founder Lions Club sponsored a Hole, and five club members supported the event as Hole sponsors, including:

\$100+

Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club
PDG J. P. Kirksey
Rudy Munguia
In Tribute to Ann Ward
The Nyfeler Organization, Inc.
John Nyfeler
James E. Roberson & Co., PC
Ann Ward

Associate Member PDG Shirley Dillman sponsored at the \$200 level.

TLC Silent Auction

The **Silent Auction** usually held at the TLC Annual Meeting breakfast **moved online for 2020**. Following its conclusion on Aug. 31, the 23 donated items generated \$2,800! The final numbers for the tournament will be announced later this month. Proceeds benefit TLC’s **CAMPaign Vision 2020** capital building campaign.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Elections



AFLC's Ann Ward Elected TLC Board Secretary at August Board Meeting

During the Texas Lions Camp Annual Board Meeting on Aug. 1, Austin Founder Lions Club's Immediate Past President Ann Ward was elected secretary of the board and will serve a seven-year term on the TLC Executive Committee. She served as one of District 2-S3's TLC Elected Directors from 2016-2020.

Other officers moved up, with Lion Kent Basinger of Mt. Pleasant becoming Chairman. PDG Gary Linker of Lubbock became immediate past chairman.

Replacing Lion Ann as the North District 2-S3 Elected Director is Lion Connie Zschoche of Lago Vista Lions Club, who spoke to AFLC on Aug. 27.

District Director Achievement Awards were presented during the meeting. Lion Ann received a fourth year tab for her 100 percent Elected Director's pin. TLC requirements for the award include participation in TLC board and committee meetings, presentations to clubs in the district and achieving a minimum of 50 percent 100% Participation by clubs in the district. In addition, she had booths at District events and recruited campers from the District.

"It was a privilege to serve as the North Elected Director for the past four years," Lion Ann said. "I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to join the Executive Committee, and look forward to moving up through the offices. Texas Lions Camp has such transformational effects on the lives of children with special medical needs and their families. My Dad introduced me to TLC when I was 10 years old, and I went there many summers when he was attending Lions and TLC meetings. It truly is a special place, and my service to TLC is an ongoing tribute to my Dad," she added.

Photo: Lion Ann Ward immediately assumed the duties of secretary at the Aug. 1 Texas Lions Camp Board meeting after her election to the Executive Committee position. At right is Lion Susan Wallis, who moved up to treasurer.

TLC Masks

PDG Tom Blasé of Kerrville, third vice chair of the TLC Executive Committee, is capitalizing on the COVID-19 pandemic, and is selling special TLC face masks. All proceeds will go to TLC's building project. **The mask order form is available online at www.lionscamp.com. Cost is \$10 per mask, plus \$1 for shipping.**



AFLC Continues Meeting by Zoom; Check Out Recordings

With extended City of Austin and Travis County restrictions on gathering sizes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin Founder Lions Club continues to host weekly meetings on Zoom. The current local restrictions do not expire until Dec. 15.

This summer's programs have covered topics ranging from women's suffrage and art to communication and health care. Each Zoom meeting is recorded, and you may listen to some of our terrific speakers at your convenience. [Follow this link to the club's YouTube channel, where recordings from July 23 forward are located: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS-QEUSZUXfrnOMQvUi2s6A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS-QEUSZUXfrnOMQvUi2s6A)



On June 4, to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, the program featured **Mimi Marziani**, president of the Texas Civil Rights

Project. The right to vote in the United States has been a bruising political and social struggle over the course of our country's history. Texas faces new challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. Mimi discussed issues that will determine **how people vote in the November election**; she talked about what citizens can do to ensure the 2020 elections are fair and do not prohibit voters casting their ballot.



On June 11, **Keri K. Stephens**, PhD, an associate professor in Organizational Communication Technology and a Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Moody

College of Communication at The University of Texas at Austin, addressed **"COVID-19 and the Future of Work: Five Helpful Tips."** She shared research

and practical tips to help us better understand the challenges faced while working during COVID-19, and provided five tips related to remote work that should be helpful as we re-envision the future of work through our COVID-19 experiences.

The June 18 meeting featured a report on the 2019-2020 year, presentation of awards and the installation of the 2020-2021 board. See related stories in this newsletter.



On June 25, club members heard from another of Membership Chair Mim and Lion Ron Hruby's accomplished granddaughters. **Jacqueline Hruby** spent the spring

2019 semester in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, working as an **intern for Abundant Robotics** with its Apple Harvesting Robot. She talked about her experiences and what she learned both professionally and personally. Meet another impressive Hruby granddaughter in the recorded program.



On July 2, club members learned about **Women & Their Work**, the Austin nonprofit visual and performing arts organization. For more than 40 years, W&TW has

brought groundbreaking art to Austin through exhibitions, performances, and educational workshops. **Betty Trent**, AIA LEEDAP, an architect who has lived in Austin for more than 40 years, spoke in her role as a W&TW board member. She was joined by **Diane Sikes**, program director. At the conclusion of their presentation, they donated a mask for auction to benefit the club's Administrative Fund. It was made from the prayer flags that were

part of the art installation W&TW commissioned, “THIRST,” which featured a 38-foot tall tree killed by drought hovering in the center of Lady Bird Lake to memorialize the 500 million trees that died in Texas as a result of the 2011-2013 droughts. The installation was accompanied by thousands of prayer flags. Artist Beili Liu has repurposed these flags into face masks during the current pandemic.



Members learned important lessons from an 18th Century Eastern European Jewish Rabbi during a July 9 presentation by **Sandy Kress, J.D.**, who had a distinguished career in the political arena where he was a leader in reforming public education. He now turns most of his time, energy and spirit to the study and teaching of sacred texts and other religious topics. He shared “**How Old Hasidic Pearls of Wisdom Can Help Us in Our Own Difficult Time.**”



On July 16, **Maggie Luce** talked about “hybrid agents” in her presentation, “**Real Estate and Lending are Better Together.**” Combining the realtor and loan officer roles ensures buyers get in-depth education and understand their options when buying property.



Dr. David Paydarfar, one of the leading U.S. authorities on the cause, cure and prevention of neurological diseases, spoke to the club on July 23 on “**The Latest Science on Prevention and Cure of Neurological Diseases.**” He provided an update on the proposed development by Dell Medical School of an international center for the cure, treatment and prevention of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases, dementia, etc. The recording is available on the YouTube channel.



On July 30, **Dr. Julie Martenson**, executive director, discussed **The University of Texas at Austin Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (UT OLLI)** where curious adults age 50 and older can enjoy classes taught by leading

scholars and experts. Since COVID-19 arrived, OLLI moved online; she previewed plans for the 2020-2021 year.



Wayne Meissner, one of the most notable and recognized criminal defense attorneys and litigators in Texas, spoke on Aug. 6. In his talk “**Law Enforcement and Legal Issues in Austin and Travis County and the 2020 Election,**” he shared his perspective on how the social, racial and discrimination issues occurring nationally are affecting Austin and Travis County and the 2020 election.



Classroom discipline measures disproportionately affect African American students. On Aug. 13, Dr. **Gaye Lang** introduced the club to Restorative Discipline Practices (RDF) in her talk “**Raising the Bar: Measuring Restorative Practices.**”



On Aug. 20, **Qusay Hussein** told his moving story of being a victim of a suicide bomb attack in Mosul, Iraq, which resulted in his loss of eyesight. With the help of Doctors Without Borders, he eventually made his way to Austin where he is an ACC graduate, university student and supporter of Refugee Services of Texas. His program, “**Humanity, Tenacity and Peace,**” is available on YouTube.



Members received an update on “**Texas Lions Camp: Exciting Times Ahead**” on Aug. 27. New TLC Elected Director **Connie Zschoche** and **Ann Ward**, newly elected TLC Board secretary, provided information about the virtual TLC2U camp this summer, upcoming fundraising events and a major capital campaign effort to replace a quad of bunkhouses.

WATCH ON AFLC'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS-QEUSZUXfrnOMQvUi2s6A>



AFLC MEMBER NEWS

AFLC Inducts New Members, Holds Orientation

On Aug. 20, Austin Founder Lions inducted four new members into the club. Past President Leonor Marques inducted the following new Lions:

GREG DEW, sponsored by Bob Thonhoff;

BILL HANKS, sponsored by Alan Ford;

GLORIA MUNGUIA, sponsored by President Rudy Munguia; and

STEVE REILLY, sponsored by Immediate Past President Ann Ward

Lion Dew, who is training a Leader Dog puppy, had several special guests for the induction, including PID Jenny Ware of Rapid River, Michigan, who currently serves as Campaign 100 Constitutional Area 1 Vice Chairperson; and his aunt and uncle, Lions Phyllis and Phil Krebs from Springfield, Mo. They are both Leader Dog Ambassadors and currently are raising their 12th future Leader Dog. His uncle, Jerry Dew of Maryville, Mo., also a Lion, attended via Zoom. Gloria Munguia's special guests included her son Paul Munguia and grandson Julian, and nephew, Bryan Ramirez.

The club created a two-part Zoom orientation for new members. The first 1.5 hour session was presented Aug. 26, and part two was presented Sept. 2. New members participating included Greg Dew, Bill Hanks, David Mann, Sandra Mann, Gloria Munguia, Suzan Nyfeler, Rachael Reed, Steve Reilly and Carolyn Wright. New members who attended both orientation sessions or listened to the recordings of both sessions were eligible for a Sept. 10 prize drawing of \$25 toward the next quarter's dues. Winner of the drawing was Sandi Mann.

Membership Chair Mim Hruby, who is past president of the Point Venture Lions Club, organized the orientation. Past President Alan Ford created the two-part course and PowerPoint presentations, and presented much of the overview of Lions Club International and the history of the Austin Founder Lions Club. Other presenters included Hruby, PDG J.P. Kirksey, Rudy Munguia and Ward. Past President Leonor Marques hosted the Zoom meetings, and helped moderate questions.

Photo: This screen shot shows some of the participants in the AFLC's two-part new member ZOOM orientation sessions.

BIRTHDAYS

Let's Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to all our Lions members with birthdays in July, August and September! Hope you had a special day!

DEWAYNE NAUMANN	July 4	J.P. KIRKSEY	Aug. 16
ANN TEICH	July 5	HERB CANADA	Aug. 17
ALLAN FRANK	July 14	TOMMY COWAN	Aug. 27
MOLLIE TOWER	July 17	FRED JENGA	Aug. 28
JON WISSER	July 21	RON HRUBY	Aug. 31
ROBERT SEIDEL	July 26		
LEONOR MARQUES	July 27	GREG HARKRIDER	Sept. 6
		SAM HAMMETT	Sept. 6
TOM UHL	Aug. 1	MEAGAN AHMAD	Sept. 8
GAYLORD ARMSTRONG	Aug. 3	LAURA TYRING	Sept. 9
STEVE REILLY	Aug. 4	SUZANNE ROSE	Sept. 10
CHUCK MANDELBAUM	Aug. 8	LAMAR URBANOVSKY	Sept. 21
ANNE RODGERS	Aug. 9		

Survey Shows High Member Satisfaction

Austin Founder Lions are highly satisfied with their club, according to the membership survey conducted in June. High quality programs continue to be the prime reason members attend weekly, followed by supporting the club. Almost 70% of respondents rated their membership as “very valuable.”

Regarding club meetings, the response to the new Member Profiles was positive, as was the implementation of weekly meeting agendas. Of the 27 respondents, 23 “like” the format with pledges, introduction of guests, Member Profile, LCI information, announcements and program. However, a few people would prefer fewer than weekly meetings.

Most joined the club to provide community service, and 80% of respondents like the club’s types and volume of service activities, with vision services and Texas Lions Club being the top areas.

Almost 70% of respondents say they are “very well informed” about what is going on with the club. There were many positive comments, such as “awesome club,” “good-hearted people,” “admire history of service,” “like service orientation” and “feels inclusive.”

Thanks to everyone who took time to complete the survey. The complete report is posted on the club’s website under “Meeting Minutes” in the members only section.



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