



The CUB

The weekly newsletter of the Oak Cliff Lions Club

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Upcoming Programs

9/15/10 Maria Munoz-Blanco, Manager, Oak Cliff Cultural Center

9/22/10 Michael Jenkins, Director, Dallas Summer Musicals

9/29/10 Police Chief David Brown, Dallas Police Officer of the Month

10/6/10 Brent Brown, Architect, the Calatrava Bridge Area Development Project

10/13/10 Kit Sawers, Vice President of Special Events, North Texas Super Bowl XLV Committee



Sunshine and Care Report

Lion Chaplain David Mills reported that **Lion PP Dr. Burt Bryan** has his first grandchild, William Bryan Duff, born earlier this week. Welcome back to the following Lions who have missed

This Week's Meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010 @ noon

There will be no speaker this week, as the Oak Cliff Lions kick off the 2010 version of Extravaganza. The particulars of this year's Extravaganza on Nov. 18 will be revealed Wednesday, but **Chairman and Lion PP Darla Wisdom** hinted that we should think the "dark jungles of Africa". She said Lions should wear their animal prints to the meeting, bring their "best roaring voices" and be ready to roar. As usual, tickets will be sold on this opening day, so all Lions are forewarned to bring their checkbooks or their credit cards. Lion President Danny Boyce said although this year's version of Extravaganza will be different than in the past, it still needs the support of all Lions to be successful.



Welcome to Our Guests:

Lion Tamer Nora Mercado introduced the following Lions who brought guests to last week's luncheon:

- **Lion PP Amy Alburdis** introduced Karen Mordecai, the publisher of People Newspapers;
- **Lion PP Carolyn Dunnigan** introduced the new pastor at Kessler Park United Methodist Church, the Rev. David Carr;
- **Lion John McCall Jr.**, introduced the manager of the Home Depot on Fort Worth Avenue, Shane Van Orden, and said the store has signed on as a platinum sponsor of the Oak Cliff Home Tour;
- **Lion Nora Mercado** introduced her younger sister, Jacqueline Mojica.



one or more meetings: **Lions Keith Vinson, Scott Chase, Bobby Allen, PP Steve Elwell, PP Mark Snyder, Don Hicks, Ruben Esquivel, Diane and Jeff Francis, PP Dennis Jeter, and Kathie Magers.**



Lions Potluck Set Sept. 11

There's still time to make a reservation for the club's first social event this year – the potluck dinner on Saturday, Sept. 11. The deadline to sign up is this Wednesday at our luncheon. The event will be at 6 p.m. in **Lion Iris Smith's** Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 305 S. Fannin St. in Rockwall. The \$5 per person donation will cover the fried chicken and non-alcoholic beverages. Each couple is asked to bring a favorite appetizer, salad/side dish or dessert and Lion PP Robert Hirsh says he already has plenty of desserts promised, but we could use more appetizers, salads or other side dishes. There will be entertainment. For information contact **Lion Iris** at irissmith.rwc@sbcglobal.net or **Lion Robert** at rhirsh@sbcglobal.net.

Don't Forget . . .

Important Announcements

. . . On behalf of the club's Civic Benefits Committee, **Lion PP Robert Hirsh** presented a check for \$535 to **Lion Carol Donovan** for Master Peace, a group which provides peace education programs in the Dallas schools.



. . . **Lion President Danny Boyce** presented long-term attendance pins to three Lions who missed the previous week's ceremony. Receiving the pins were **Lion PP Mark Snyder**, 33 years; **Lion Don Hicks**, 28 years, and **Lion PP Carolyn Dunnigan**, 23 years.

. . . **Lion PP Steve Levine** announced a new project for the Lions Club, Coats for Kids, to provide warm winter wear for children and adults in the community. He said there would be a box on each luncheon starting next Wednesday through Nov. 10, to collect new or gently worn coats, jackets, hats and scarves. Levine said the items collected would be distributed through the community service outlet of Tyler Street United Methodist Church.



. . . **Lion President Danny** introduced the two bookends for the week's meeting, **Lions Helen Spears and C. E. Groves.**

Lion Helen was the youngest of six children who grew up on a farm near Mansfield. Raised by her widowed mother, she began cutting hair, standing on a box, when she was 10 years old. After graduating from Mansfield High School in 1946, attending college in Arlington, and completing barber and secretarial schooling, she received her Barber License in 1953, then attended Beauty School. After working in barber schools in Fort Worth, Abilene, El Paso, and New Orleans, Lion Helen opened the Texas Barber & Beauty College in Dallas. During the following 38 years, from her schools in Oak Cliff, Garland and Richardson, her goal was to make it financially possible for her students to become true professionals, not only as barbers and beauticians, but in the way they acted and talked as well. Lion Helen has served on numerous boards and commissions throughout her career,



. . . Our next Gavel Travel will be at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Cedar Hill Lions Club. See **Lion Stan Altschuler** for details.

. . . The Sports Extravaganza is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 23, and **Lion Wendy Fox** again is looking for volunteers to give four to four and a half hours of their time for this important activity. She said the Oak Cliff Lions Club again will be serving lunch to the participants and their parents.

. . . Keep looking for campers who the club can sponsor for next year's Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. **Lion Dick Lenzner** is spearheading a special effort to find handicapped youngsters who would benefit from a camping experience. Lenzner said last Wednesday, he had been contacted by the father of such a youngster who said he had been looking for years for this sort of thing. Lion Dick has more of his business cards available to be distributed.



Park Friends Need Our Help

The Friends of Oak Cliff Parks are asking members of the Oak Cliff Lions Club for help in two different ways this week. First, the group is having two work

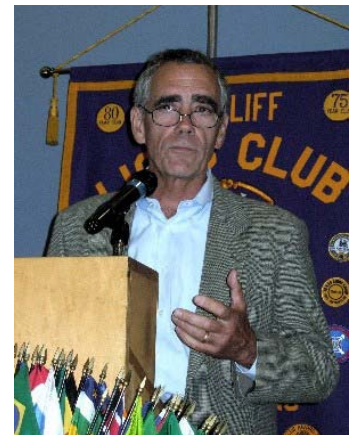
most notably 18 years as chairman of the Texas State Board of Barber Examiners – appointed by Govs. Dolph Briscoe, Mark White, and Bill Clements. She re-joined the Oak Cliff Lions Club in May of 2009, shortly after her memorable 80th birthday party. She loves working (“I do not like being retired!”), and is “one happy, happy member”.



Lion C. E. has been a member of the Oak Cliff Lions Club for 43 years. He proudly claims, at 93 years old, to be the oldest member actively attending our meetings. He owned and operated his own business, Beauti-door, for many years. C.E. and his wife Ethel celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in March. They have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grand children.

Last Week? Here's What You Missed . . .

Thanks to last week's speaker, Dallas Morning News reporter and blogger Roy Appleton, who started his presentation by looking back at what was in the news in Oak Cliff 100 years ago. There was concern about watering lawns and a law was passed allowing sprinkling only for a few hours each day. And testing was underway on three artisan wells that had been dug in Oak Cliff to provide the water supply for the area. The Oak Cliff Improvement League met at the Hotel Cliff to hear two nurserymen talk about how to deal with the bore worms that were damaging Oak Cliff trees. Residents along Jefferson were concerned about plans to install curbs for the street cars coming down the street and construction of the Houston Street viaduct was about to get started. Today, said Appleton, the city is looking for federal clearance to begin a study of using that viaduct to bring streetcars across the Trinity from downtown to Methodist Medical Center. Appleton urged club members to contact him at rappleton@dallasnews.com with information about stories in Oak Cliff that can be included on his blog. The Oak Cliff blog, Appleton said, is part of the News' intensified coverage of Oak Cliff and other areas of the Metroplex to better serve its core readers. In many ways, he said, the newspaper has lowered the bar, and we can see many things on the blog that we would never have seen in the paper in the past. Through the 16 months it has been operation, said Appleton, there have been 900 posts. “There's a lot going on and it's hard to keep up,” he said. Appleton pointed to a number of



days in the EarthKind Rose Demonstration Garden at Lake Cliff Park, a project for which the Oak Cliff Lions Club has donated money for the past couple of years. The work days will be Saturday, Sept. 4, and Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. Those wanting to help should park on Crawford Street as work will start on the Zang Boulevard side of the park and should bring their own hand tools and water, and wear a hat, gloves and sun block.

Second, the Friends of Oak Cliff Parks still are collecting signatures for petitions to the city to stop the moving of \$250,000 for rebuilding the WPA Pergola in the Kiest Park Memorial Garden to another project. That money was part of \$2 million approved by Dallas voters for work in the park. The remainder is for restoring the park's walking trail. Dallas residents who want to sign the petition online can go to <http://www.petitiononline.com/wpa1935/petition.html> to do so.

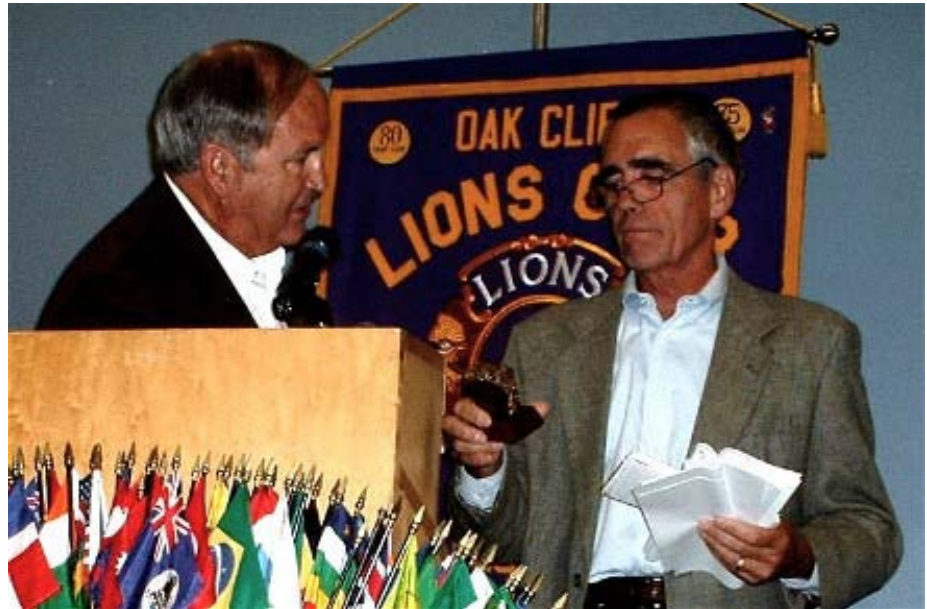
September Birthdays

Dr. Burt Bryan, 5
Katie Webb, 8
Brent Jackson, 11
Robert Hirsh, 12
Kerry Goodwin, 13
Roberto Canas, 13
Sara Kitto, 16
Joe Whitney, 17
Carol Donovan, 18
Rafael Anchia, 26
Layne Vincent, 27
Jaime Cortes, 27
Bobby Allen, 30

Upcoming Events:

9/10/10 (Fri) – NDSM Eye Clinic

issues making headlines now, including the preservation of the old church adjacent to Adamson, the DHA's Cliff Manor project, the Bishop-Davis land use study, issues at Kiest Park, the University of North Texas at Dallas, the renovation of Turner House, the work of the Fort Worth Avenue Development Group, the redevelopment of the Oak Cliff Gateway and the new Aldi grocery store under construction on Fort Worth Avenue.



100% Lions Honored



The above photograph was taken at the Oak Cliff Lions meeting on Aug. 25, during which the club's 100% Lions for 2009-2010 were honored. There was no room in last week's CUB for it, so we're including it this week.