Message from the President

It’s hard to believe that my year as the Duncanville Noon Lions Club President is coming to an end. Out of the many leadership positions I have had within the community, this role has truly been one the most rewarding & fun positions. Reflecting on my goals for year, I feel we’ve accomplished a lot & I’m confident the club is in better position to continue to serve in our community more effectively for years to come.

2016-2017 Goals

- Be the first president to welcome a new baby into their family during their year! 😊
- Have Fun Being a Lion!
- Earn Centennial Service Diamond Award
- Grow membership by 5
- Update By-Laws
- Re-establish monthly newsletter for Lions members
- Update & redesign website
- Gavel-travel 2-3 local clubs
- Support Committee Chairpersons & Special Events
- One New Service Project (Creative Service Project Contest)
- Centennial Legacy Project
- Celebrate 100 Years of Lions Club International

While I’m looking forward to taking the most coveted role of the Lionism.... the Immediate Past President, I promise you that I will continue to serve with energy & enthusiasm. I greatly look forward to supporting our incoming president & future officers of the club. And of course... I still get to write these newsletters.

And speaking of a new year of Lionism... we are currently recruiting members to sign up for committees & volunteer to help for the year of 2017-18. Please see Mike Chrietberg or Norma Flatt. I want to thank each one of you for supporting the work of Lionism in the Duncanville Noon Lions Club. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you during the centennial year of Lions International.

Lion Kasey Cheshier
(Soon to be “Past President”, Duncanville Noon Lions Club)

4th of July Parade

Duncanville Lions Club invites all to attend the annual 4th of July Parade. Our traditional route will travel down Freeman,Wheatland and Main Street starting at 9am. Volunteers will be needed & Lion Don will be having a committee meeting on Monday, June 19th at 4:30pm at Ben Franklin Apothecary.

Potential parade participants can pick up applications at the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce, Ben Franklin Apothecary, Red Bird Lanes or download online at our club website.

Honoring the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club International, the theme will be “‘Liberty & 100 Years of Lionism” with Lion John Thompson, who recently celebrated his 50th anniversary of being a Lion, will be Grand Marshal.

2017 Parade Theme & Grand Marshal

2017-2018 Duncanville Lions Installation Banquet

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Lions Club Community Building
Social  6:30 p.m. • Dinner  7:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by June 16, 2017
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Upcoming Events:

June 2 - **Reg Meeting**: Mike Prendergast, Storm Chaser with Storm Warriors TV & CBS 11

June 5 - **Branch Club Meeting**: Lion Roy Chirayil. Volunteer Reception Center for Emergency Response

June 7 - **Lions Legacy Gift Presentation**
2pm @ D’ville Public Library

June 9 - **Reg Meeting**: Lion Kathie Novotny, The Role of Dallas in early Lionsim

June 16 - **Reg Meeting**: Mayor David Green, State of the City

June 21 - **Board Meeting**:
6pm at Lions Building

June 22 - **Installation Banquet**
June 23 - **No Meeting**

June 30 - **Reg Meeting**: Lion Kasey (Year End Review)

July 4 - **4th of July Parade** (Volunteers needed)

Lions in the Community

Our Lions Team (Duncanville FB Defensive Line/LBs) finished 1st place in the fire truck pull.

Lions Walt & Carmen Huckfeld at the Special Olympics and Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes event.

Lion Cathy Self-Morgan receiving Gatorade Coaching Excellence Award

Lion Kasey eating his way to a back-2-back victory at duncanSWITCH’s Pizza Eating Competition

Lions Park Clean-up

Lion Whitney, Lion Ramiro & others won 1st place at the D’Ville Chamber Bowling Tournament
The Evening Branch Club is moving along as promised, “we might be small but might”. May 12th we participated in the Best Southwest Cities Relay for Life Event, where six of our members participated. Our top teams top fund raisers were Claudia Kingston $1000, Joseph Kyle $490 and Carmen Ramirez Hackfeld $270; overall our team came in 4th in donations totaling $2,790 out of 41 teams in our category.

Our officers will be installed by PDG Darla Wisdom on Monday, June 5th at 7:15 at our regular meeting. Our program that evening will be Lion Roy Chirayil speaking on the Volunteer Reception Center for Emergency Response. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Please let us know if your name is not listed and your birthday is this month.**

**Club Anniversaries**

- Samantha Wolverton - 9 Years

**Prayer Requests**

- Brazell family
- Lion Cary Efurd
- Lion Pat Cheshier’s wife, Sandra

The Duncanville Lions Club presented scholarships in the amount of $1,500 each to eleven very deserving Duncanville High School graduating seniors.

*This year’s recipients of the Lions Club Scholarships were:*

- Michelle Figueroa
- Amber Foreman
- Darrina Green
- Morgan Laurent
- Patrick Price
- Lillbeth Ramirez
- Ruth Thunderhawk
- Iris Tsing
- Michelle Villegas
- Chanciss Wesson
- Chionisty Williams

In recognition of the Centennial Anniversary of Lions Club International, the scholarships were awarded in honor of all Past District Governors within the club and current Duncanville Lions who have served the community for over 45 years.

**Past District Governors from Duncanville:**

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*Deceased

**Duncanville Lions with 45+ years in Lionism:**

| Tommy Wolverton | 46 years |
| Hugh Childress  | 60 years |
| John Thompson   | 50 years |

**Lions Clubs Convention**

June 30 – July 4, 2017
Chicago, IL

**Duncanville Lions Web Site:**
www.duncanvillelionsclub.com

**Facebook:** Duncanville Lions Club

**Twitter:** @DvilleLions
The Duncanville Noon Lions Club recently completed a custom designed wood bench as a gift to the community & to the "Friends of the Duncanville Library". The project is a part of Lions Clubs International’s Centennial Community Legacy Projects program.

The gift continues to raise awareness of the local service organization & highlights key service areas of Lions International across the globe. The bench was custom-designed by Ballard Custom Builds with fine pine wood & built with books as the legs. The spines on the books highlight key service areas of Lions International including Literacy, Hunger Relief, Environment, Vision, Pediatric Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief and the Texas Lions Camp. In addition to extra seating at the public library, the project also encourages creativity & adds to the thriving art initiatives happening throughout the city.

Kyle Ballard of Ballard Custom Builds said, “I was honored to be selected to design and build the bench for the Duncanville Noon Lions’ Club Century Club Project. In hearing the proposal, I felt that there was an opportunity to create something that was more than a bench... a real conversation piece. So with that in mind, I believe what we have created is a bench that serves not only a functional purpose as well as a piece of art. My hope is that it is a piece that both the Duncanville Lion’s and Library can be proud of for many years.”

The Duncanville Noon Lions’ Legacy Project was completed as a part of Lions Clubs International’s Centennial Celebration to commemorate its 100th anniversary in 2017. As a part of the Centennial Celebration, Lions clubs around the world are working to help more than 100 million people and complete Legacy Projects that make lasting contributions to their communities.

Kasey Cheshier, President of the Duncanville Noon Lion adds, "Our club has such a heart for encouraging literacy in all ages & challenging others to think creatively. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to provide this unique gift to the community & hope it continues to raise our club's visibility in Duncanville. Likewise, we hope this gift creates a lasting legacy of our service contributions to date, but also encourages others to get involved with our service organization & give back to the greater good of the community through Lionism."

Joe Hassler, President of the Duncanville Library Advisory Board said, “What it means for the library and community, is that it is another example of two groups of people coming together to help better the community that we live and serve in. It is exciting to be able to work together with two great service groups to help make Duncanville a better place for all to live.”

A dedication ceremony for the Legacy Project will be on Wednesday, June 7th at the Duncanville Library at 2pm. This date is the official 100th anniversary of Lions International, which was founded in Chicago during an organizational meeting on June 7, 1917.

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
2pm - 2:30pm

Duncanville Public Library
201 James Collins Blvd.
Duncanville, Texas 75116