

GRANBURY LIONS CLUB

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HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

The Granbury Lions Club was chartered March 6, 1961. Initial membership consisted of 40 business and civic leaders of the community. Membership has varied throughout the years, but has generally grown with the community. The Granbury Lions Club sponsored a second Lions Club in the Acton area; however, the Club disbanded a short time later. Most of its members subsequently joined the Granbury Lions Club. The Glen Rose Lions Club was sponsored by the Granbury Lions Club, chartered in August, 1995, and continues to be an active Club in our zone.

Lions International opened the membership to ladies in the early 1990's. The first woman admitted into the Granbury Lions Club was Lion Sylvia Campbell on February 9, 1993.

The Granbury Lions Club is known throughout Hood County for their pancake suppers using our "Revolving Pancake Cooker". During the early 1960's, Lions Club members needed a way to cook pancakes. Lion Burton Burks drew a picture of a grill he had seen and gave it to Bill Flint, a master tinker. The builder used a thick piece of aluminum plate for the revolving grill, powered by a one-two-hundred-fiftieth horsepower electric motor, driving a gear system from a 10-speed bicycle. The grill was heated by three butane gas burners from hot-water tanks, spaced under the grill to give even heat. The design of the legs of the grill was modified to allow for moving through doors. Three cooks operate the grill and can feed hundreds of people in one evening.

The cooker worked so well, it was written up in the national Lions magazine and several clubs from across the nation have asked for the plans. The design was also sent to Canada. The Granbury Lions Club members are very proud of their grill. The pancake cooker has been used for almost 50 years. Club members cook pancakes several times a year to raise funds for the club and to support other community organizations. Total number of pancakes cooked? Unknown! Perhaps: thousands X thousands!!

CLUB PROPERTY

In 1997, several members constructed a 30' x 50' metal building on leased property owned by the Hood County Livestock Raisers Association. This area, commonly known as the Reunion Grounds, is located on "reunion hill" about a mile northeast of town. Our building is often referred to as the Lions Club "Flag Barn".

The Club's assets housed in the Lions' building include: the Club trailer used as a float several times each year, vender's booth, the pancake cooker, approximately 800 flags on poles, a refrigerator, a deep freezer, and miscellaneous tools used to assemble the flags plus various

kitchen items needed when cooking pancakes. Simba, the club mascot, keeps some of his personal items used to keep him cool during parades and other events.

OFFICERS FOR THE 2010 - 2011 CLUB YEAR

President	Lion Dale Nickelson
1st Vice President	Lion Victor Bell
2nd Vice President	Lion James Cox
3rd Vice President	Lion Jim Osborne
Membership Chairman	Lion James Royse
Secretary	Lion Sylvia Campbell
Treasurer	Lion Jerry Ables
Lion Tamer	Lion John Albrecht
Lion Tail Twister	Lion Rod Heitschmidt
1st Year Directors	Lion Rod Curran & Mike Kirkland
2nd Year Directors	Lion Larry Baggette & Lion Jim Cotter
Immediate Past President	Lion Dale Stafford

WEEKLY CLUB MEETINGS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Granbury Lions Club meets weekly at noon on Tuesdays, at Spring Creek Barbeque (317 East Highway 377, Granbury, TX 76048) in the private dining room to the left of the front door. Each member pays for his/her own meal. The Club meets for lunch, to conduct any necessary club business, and to gain knowledge through various short programs. Meetings start promptly at noon and usually end by 1:00 p.m. Each member is encouraged to attend, as often as possible, and to bring guests and/or potential new members. Community members are often invited as guest speakers. Lion members in our area

The club traditionally hosts two annual evening socials; a Christmas party, usually the second Tuesday evening in December and an annual Installation Banquet in June.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in our Lions Club is open to adults living and/or working in the area who are interested in taking an active interest in the local, state, national, and world community. The members of the Granbury Lions Club are interested in providing good fellowship for members who are seeking new friendships and want to serve our community.

Our membership is a cross-section of the business and the retired-home community in the Granbury area. Members represent various professions including individuals who are: employed locally, self-employed, semi-employed, business owners and/or retired individuals. As with any organization, our membership participation varies, by activities or health of the members.

Until recently, the membership in the Granbury Lions Club had been experiencing an upward trend. However, the 2010-2011 club year, began with a membership of 41 Lions; after several members moved from our community or jobs changes prevented weekly attendance at our noon meetings. The Club's goal is to have everyone involved in club activities, as often as

possible. Persons interested in membership may contact: Lion James C. Royse, Membership Chairman, at 817-579-6141 or via e-mail: jcr@airmail.net.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Lions' fiscal year begins July 1st thru June 30th of the next year. Annual Club dues are currently \$90.00, payable in July for the new Club year. New members coming into the Club will pay an additional, onetime fee of \$25.00, upon joining the Club. Dues in the Lions Club are distributed as follows:

- \$39.00 and the \$25.00 new member fee, is sent to Lions International.
- \$42.75 is sent to District 2-E2 and Texas Lions to support various entities.
- Dues are pro-rated each month for new members who join after July.

Family unit members, other than Head of House: Annual dues \$70.50 each year. Initiation fee waived.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

The Granbury Lions Club conducts two major fundraising events each year.

1. Flag Project - Yearly contracts are sold in September & October for Lions to place American Flags in front of businesses or homes on the five patriotic holidays each year, beginning in 2010 with Veterans Day in November, Memorial Day on May 30th, Flag Day on June 14th, the 4th of July and concluding with Patriot Day 9-11-2011. The flag contract for these five (5) holidays is \$30.00. During city-wide celebrations and special events, Club members post American & Texas flags around the inter-circle of the town square.

Lion Dale (Nick) Nickelson is the 2010-2011 Flag Chairman (and President of the Club) Currently we have 10 routes and each route has a Route Chairman & helpers.

2. "*Jim Burks Annual Memorial Pancake Supper*" - Each Spring the membership sells tickets for the annual pancake supper. The supper is usually held on the first Saturday after Daylight Savings Time begins. The 2011 "*Jim Burks Annual Pancake Supper*" will be on Saturday, March 19th. Lions will arrive about 2:30 p.m. to start cooking bacon. Serving will be from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Hood County Senior Center. Lions get all the supplies, cook the meat and pancakes, serve pancakes, "bus the tables" and clean the center.

GRANBURY LIONS CLUB - A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

In addition to fundraising projects for the Lions Club, our members stand ready to assistance other individuals and organizations in our community.

Perfect Attendance Recognition - In the spring of 2004, the Lions Club of Granbury started a perfect attendance program to recognize elementary students on the elementary campuses in the Granbury, Lipan, and Tolar school districts. During the 2009-2010 school year, the Lions Club recognized approximately 1323 students at the end of each six weeks with Cici's Pizza coupons and/or Lions Club pencils. In May, 2010, 165 students with Perfect Attendance for the year were presented with Gold Dollars. In most cases, Club members and/or SIMBA (aka: Lion James Royse) went to the schools to personally make the presentations to the students.

Glasses and Exams - Granbury Lions Club provides eye exams and glasses, at no cost to students, who: (1) have no other insurance; (2) are qualified public schools students in Hood County; (3) fall into the income guidelines as determined by school nurses; and (4) are referred by a nurse to the Granbury Lions Club. The Club reserves the right to select the doctor & office where the students will go for their exam and to select frames for their glasses. During the 2009-2010 school year, the Lions provided exams &/or glasses for over 80 students.

Community Eye Clinic - For two years, the Granbury Lions Club has held an eye clinic in our community. We work in cooperation with the District 2-E2 Lions Organ & Eye Bank, to use their Mobile Vision Clinic (on wheels), developed for educational purposes and used throughout the district. Using the trailer, we have been able to establish new vision clinics for the Habitat for Humanity families living in the Rancho Brazos Community Center. The 2010 Eye Clinic will be held on the 23rd of October, 2010.

Dr. Chris Cheyne, of Cheyne Eye Center, volunteers his services to provide eye testing to one and all, young and old during this clinic. Using the equipment in the Mobile Clinic, basic eye examinations are provided to adults facing an economic challenge. Several Club members volunteer to work in the clinic. It is a pleasure to work with these homeowners because they are very appreciative for any help the Lions Club can provide.

Eyeglass Recycling Program - Club members have distributed drop boxes throughout Hood County for citizens to deposit used eye glasses. Several times a year, Club members collect "used" eyeglasses from doctors' offices in our community. In the three months since 1st July, 2010, club members have collected 631 pair of used glasses to be re-cycled. By the end of June, 2011, the total number of used glasses collected for the year may exceed 3,000 pair.

Lion Jerry Ables will sort, count and deliver these eyeglasses to the Fort Worth West Side Lions Club where the used eyeglasses will be cleaned, repaired, and the prescription lens identified. The Eye Glass Recycling Center in Fort Worth will send the glasses to the Midland Eyeglass Center for distribution to other parts of the world.

- (1) In January 2008 we purchased 600 reading glasses to be sent to Mexico (Chihuahua Organ & Eye Bank) for use in the Eye Clinic at Anahuac, Mexico.
- (2) Lion Hector (Coy) Gonzalez, President of the Chihuahua Ceredil Lions Club worked With the Granbury Lions Club President, Lion James Royse, to get 5 Lions from The above Lions Club to assists in the Eye Clinic on February 28 thru March 1, 2008. Dr. Chris Cheyne, O.D. from Granbury, was the doctor doing the

Eye exams. There were around 40 representatives from a local Granbury church who helped in the Eye Clinic, Dental Clinic, and Pharmacy Clinic in Anahuac, Mexico.

- (3) Lions International recognized both the Ceredil Lions Club and the Granbury Lions Clubs as a "Twin Club" and sent our members a "Twins Club" patch for our vests.

LEO - Lion Jim Cotter rescued Leo in 2003, to serve as the Granbury Lions Club mascot. Leo has visited many of our Club members' homes. In the last seven years, Leo has become a "world traveler". He has been to Iraq to visit soldiers; to Mexico to help in an Eye Clinic; spent a week in California visiting several sites; and several other places. Leo's host usually tells our membership about Leo's travels. Sometimes, Leo does make it back to Lions Club meetings, on a regular schedule, because he has been known to "hide from his host" when it is time to attend a Club meeting.

SIMBA - In 2004, Lion Jim Cotter came up another idea: He thought the Club should buy a Lion's costume so the Granbury Lions Club could have a mascot. The board and membership approved. Lion Jim found SIMBA and later he added a fan to the head of the Lion suit to help keep the "Lion" cooler. SIMBA now has a "F.A.S.T. Coolant System". Lion Jim was SIMBA until he realized "being SIMBA" was not good for his health. Lion James Royse became SIMBA. During local parades, the children all know SIMBA. Simba now has his own business card and e-mail address, thanks to Lions Ron and Nancy Curran. Our Club mascot will soon need a secretary to keep up with his schedule for visiting other Lions Club meetings and community activities in Texas District 2-E2.

In the last 6 or 7 years, several Club members have appeared as Simba: Lions Jim Cotter, Rod Heitschmidt, & Lion James Royse.

Since Simba needs help to dress himself and then to guide him around, the help of a second Lion is always needed. The Lions who have served as helpers are: Joyce Royse, Jim Cotter, George Fuller, Rod Heitschmidt, Mac Warren, & Jim Cox.

Pancake Events

1. Granbury Lions cook for our yearly fund-raiser in March.
2. We also provide the cooker and man-power to cook for the Hood County Senior Center in the fall.
3. The pancake fund raiser for the Hood County Senior Center has been scheduled for the 23rd of October, 2010. The funds raised will go into the Senior Center's coffers.
4. In January each year, several Lion members take the pancake cooker to the Livestock Raisers pavilion at 4:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, and cook pancakes for the 4-H Clubs in Hood County. All proceeds go directly to the 4-H Clubs.
5. The 10th Annual "Jim Burks Memorial" Pancake Supper has been scheduled for March 19, 2011. Most of the Granbury Lions Club members will participate in this annual fund raiser.
6. For the past few years, the Lions Club has also cooked pancakes on Saturday morning, after the annual Granbury "Relay for Life" Cancer walk.

Flag Program

Texas and American Flags around the Granbury Square

Since June, 2008, thanks to Lion Harry Turner and his flag crew, the Texas and American flags may be seen posted around the inside parking area of the Granbury Courthouse during special weekend events. The flags will be posted for community celebrations, as well as, the five legal holidays.

Lions Club Float - During the year, Club members decorate the float to fit several parade themes during the year. Lions and their family members are often encouraged to ride on the float. To the delight of children and adults alike, SIMBA (aka James Royse) doesn't need to be encouraged. The float may be seen in November for Veteran's Day, on the Friday evening following Thanksgiving for the Country Lighted Christmas Parade, in March for General Granbury's Birthday, and on July 4th.

Habitat of Humanity - Annually the Lions Club makes a \$400 donation to Habitat for Humanity. Our donation is matched by the Community Bank.

Scholarships - During the spring of 2010, the Lions Club awarded \$1000 college scholarships to 6 graduating seniors chosen from Hood County high schools in Lipan, Tolar and Granbury. The students and parents are hosted for lunch during a May meeting. Students are asked to introduce their parent(s) and relate their future plans. Scholarship information was given to each student informing them of the procedures to follow to get their scholarship money to the college of their choice.

THE LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS LIONS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ALSO

Melvin Jones Fellowship - Granbury Lions Club contributes \$1,000 to the Melvin Jones Fellowship to be used by the Lions Club International Foundation in the Sight First programs around the world. The highest recognition a Lions Club can give to a member, is to present the Lion with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

The following club members have been honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award:

Lion James Royse	June, 2010	Granbury Lions Club
Lion Dale Stafford	January, 2010	Granbury Lions Club
Lion Don Asa	June, 2009	Granbury Lions Club
Lion John Albrecht	January, 2009	Granbury Lions Club
Lion Jerry Ables	June, 2008	Granbury Lions Club
Lion Grady Daniels	February, 2008	Granbury Lions Club
Lion Ron Curran	2002-2003	Lake Travis Lions Club
Lion Victor Bell	1993-1994	De Soto Lions Club

Texas Lions Camp for Children - Children from Hood County may attend the Lions Camp during the summer. The camp is located on a 500+ acre site in Kerrville, Texas. Two types of sessions are held annually for students referred by Lions Clubs across Texas. One session is designed for Diabetic children and is fully staffed by doctors and nurses who teach children

how to live a normal life. Additional sessions are scheduled for children with several other types of physical handicapping conditions. Applications must be signed by a Lions Club member. During the summer of 2010, the Granbury Lions Club sponsored one child during the Diabetic Camp.

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions International maintains a facility to train "seeing eye" dogs and their owners in Rochester, Michigan.

Lions World Service for the Blind - In Little Rock, Arkansas, Lions International offers training to persons who have become blind. Training is provided to help each person to live independent lives and train for new employment.

Lions Club International Foundation - Sponsors numerous projects such as Campaign to Eliminate River Blindness and Trachoma and is funded 70% from the Melvin Jones Fellowship contributions.

The Granbury Lions Club is proud to have been a "100% Club" for many years. Additional donations are made to several entities each year in order for Granbury Lions Club to achieve "100% Club" status from District 2-E2 for our Club's extra efforts.

Texas Lions Camp for Cripple Children
Texas Lions Foundation
Drug Awareness Council
Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)
Sports Extravaganza

Julien C. Hyer Youth Camp
Organ and Eye Bank
Leader Dog Program
Lions World Services for the Blind (LWSB)
Satellite Eye Glass Recycling Center

Note:

Corrections or additions to this document should be sent to the Club Secretary: Lion Sylvia Campbell @: Phone number: 817 - 326 - 4644 OR E-mail: SylviaJC@LakeGranbury.com

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