



The Claw

Wichita Falls Founder Lions Club

February 2012 Edition

30 January 2012

CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2012:

Every Thursday of Every Week: Meals on Wheels, Lion President Ayres is working with members to keep this important project of our Club going.

01 February 2012: Regular weekly meeting, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

09 February 2012: State Hospital Party, Lions Hosts for February: Lions Melodie Berry & Lou Murdock. Meet **Lion Mike Lockstone** at the Hospital gate at 06:20p.

Future Volunteer Hosts are: Lions all; **February, Lions Jerry Elam & Frank Rubane**; March, Dr. CC Hayley & Norman York; April, LaDonna & Joe Cullen; May, Dan Gray & TBA; June, TBA. Lion President still needs volunteers for a couple of months.

13 February 2012: Monthly Board of Director's meeting, all members may attend. Dutch treat lunch. 11:30a, Luby's Cafeteria meeting room.

08 February 2012: Regular weekly meeting, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

15 February 2012: Regular weekly meeting, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

22 February 2012: Regular weekly meeting, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

23 February 2012: Monthly meeting of the TxOk Fair Board, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

29 February 2012: Regular weekly meeting, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

Wichita Theatre party: Watch for special dates as announced at our Club Meeting.

24 March 2012: District 2E-1 Officer Training – Details to follow, to be at Luby's Cafeteria. Hold a place in your schedule for this if you are a club officer.

DISTRICT 2E-1 CALENDAR for FEBRUARY:

Feb 2-4	Third Council of Governors Meeting – Y. O. Ranch Resort Hotel	Kerrville
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PROGRAMS for FEBRUARY: Program Chair for the month of **February 2012** is **Lion Darrel Kirkland**. The programs announced for this month are:

01 February 2012: -- **Hon. Woody Gossom** – County Judge, Wichita County.

08 February 2012: – **Stan Murrow** – *Boy Scouts of America* Executive.

15 February 2012: – **Sandy Griffin** – Leader Dogs for the Blind.

22 February 2012: – **MSU Student Affairs Dept.** – MSU happenings.

29 February 2012: – **Bob Hampton** – Confederate General Albert Sydney Johnson.

Lion President Ayres Cermin has named most of the **Program Chairs** for each month of this Lion Year. The Program Chair for; **March, Norman Mason**; April, Lou Murdock; May, Bruce Boyd; June, Melodie Berry; July, Derek Dansby.

BIRTHDAYS for LIONS in FEBRUARY:

Here is a list of the birth dates of our fellow Lions in the month of February. If I do not have your birth date listed and it is in February, please let me know.

Happy birthday, Fellow Lions!

Lion Larry Miller	06 February
Lion Jack Mason	21 February
Lion Vickie Mundt	21 February
Lion Chris Vomastek	26 February

All should have a wonderful birthday. Birthdays are wonderful for without them we would not be here! Let's give each Lion with a Birthday a rousing **"Happy Birthday!"**

FROM the OLD ARMADILLO:

KEEPER OF THE SPRING

The late Peter Marshall was an eloquent speaker and for several years served as the chaplain of the US Senate. He used to love to tell the story of the "Keeper of the Spring," a quiet forest dweller who lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slope of the Alps. The old gentleman had been hired many years earlier by a young town councilman to clear away the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevices that fed the lovely spring flowing through their town. With faithful, silent regularity, he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt that would otherwise have choked and contaminated the fresh flow of water. The village soon became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal clear spring, the mill wheels of various businesses located near the water turned day and night, farmlands were naturally irrigated, and the view from restaurants was picturesque beyond description. Years passed.

One evening the town council met for its semiannual meeting. As they reviewed the budget, one man's eye caught the salary figure being paid the obscure keeper of the spring. Said the keeper of the purse, "Who is the old man? Why do we keep him on year after year? No one ever sees him. For all we know, the strange ranger of the hills is doing us no good. He isn't necessary any longer." By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with the old man's services. For several weeks, nothing changed. By early autumn, the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools, hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the spring. A few days later, the water was much darker. Within another week, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks, and a foul odor was soon detected. The mill wheels moved more slowly, some finally ground to a halt. Swans left, as did the tourists. Clammy fingers of disease and sickness reached deeply into the village.

Quickly, the embarrassed council called a special meeting. Realizing their gross error in judgment, they rehired the old keeper of the spring, and within a few weeks, the veritable river of life began to clear up. The wheels started to turn, and new life returned to the hamlet in the Alps. Never become discouraged with the seeming smallness of your task, job, or life. Cling fast to the words of Edward Everett Hale, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do something I can do." The key to accomplishment is believing that what you can do will make a difference.

Lion Charlie, Editor

