

# Del Rio Host Lions MONTHLY

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# Kids Shopping Spree

There's no doubt about it, the annual Kids Christmas Shopping Spree makes all the hard work worth it. Cooking on cold mornings, handling hot brisket in the dead of summer, being elbow deep in potato salad and cleaning grease out of places you never knew it could get all fades away when you see the look on the little



ones faces when they get to pick out a toy, a present for mommy and even get a brand new warm coat for themselves.



Wal-Mart graciously donated coats, Santa made a special trip to visit with the children (and a few of the big kids) and Lion



John Murray avidly supported the project. Second Vice President Gloria decorated



the hut and made sure all the gift wrapping supplies were ready, PDG Lion Manny cooked breakfast tacos for the kids



and eyebrows, Lion Harry organized identifying the eligible children and transporting them to Wal-Mart, Ramada donated the use of a van to help with the transportation, the LEO's pitched in at the post shopping party and many Lions were on hand to help the kids make their selections and stay on budget. To say it was a success is an understatement. It's easy to understand why this is one of the favorite projects of many of the Del Rio Host Lions.



and retained all of the hair on his arms



# Editorial: Upcoming Club and District Elections

On the 26th of January, the Del Rio Host Lions Club nomination committee will meet to discuss the upcoming elections, and eligibility of those that are interested in running for office. First Vice President Stacy Lewis will head the committee, so if you are considering running for office, please contact her immediately.

For those of you who have not given any thought to holding a club office, it's time to ask yourself why. Our numbers are strong. Our club has over 120 members, yet look around you on any given Thursday; how many people do you see? The next time you attend a project or fundraiser, look around you and count again; the numbers are fewer. Sadly, when it comes time for elections, the numbers once again are smaller.



Our club is blessed with many members, yet when it comes to taking responsibility for making our club as active as it should be and providing as much assistance to our local and global community, our club participation is sadly lacking.

Compounding the problem is the lack of members willing to participate in District activities, and the few members who will run for District offices even though they are well qualified. The District has openings for the Human Needs Board, the Hearing Board, and the Lions Sight Research Foundation.

Lions International does not run itself. It is an International Organization composed of thousands of clubs, few as large as ours, yet together Lions are able to accomplish amazing things; things we cannot accomplish as individuals. In our Dis-

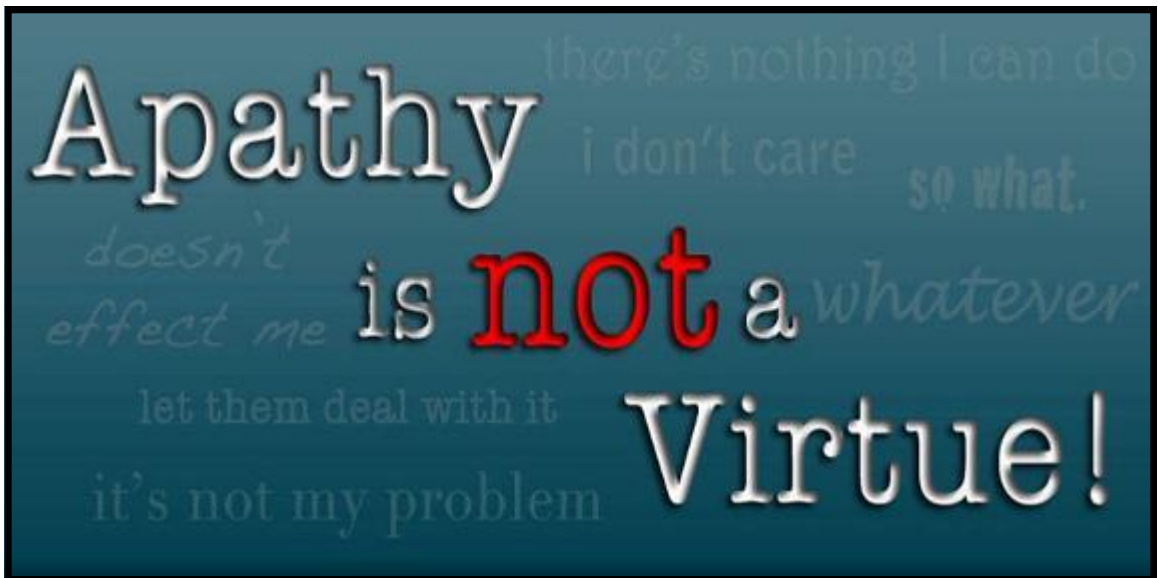
trict alone, we have the Lions Low Vision Center, the Mobile Eye Screening Unit, the Sight Research Foundation, the Texas Lions Camp, and a Personal Energy Transportation facility. None of these things could be accomplished if it were not for the collective enthusiasm and willingness to roll up our sleeves and get involved.

So please, consider becoming more active. Attend more meetings, run for an office, volunteer to be on a committee or be a committee chairperson. If we are to help

our fellow man, we can't do it while sitting on our behinds.

Do you remember why you became a Lion? It wasn't because you didn't care about your fellow man. Now more than ever, people need our help, and it's time to rededicate yourselves to Lionism and reclaim your Lions pride.

So, in life, and in Lionism, remember this:



Yours in Service,  
Lion Wendy Van Winkle  
The Very Grumpy Editor



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6 Noon Club Meeting	7 Mid-Winter	8 Conference
9	10 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11 Welcome Class 12/03 & Class 12/04	12	13 Noon Club Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Noon Club Meeting	21	22 Brown Bag Sale at Ramada
23	24	25	26 Nomination Committee Meeting	27 Noon Club Meeting	28	29
30	31					

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