



Texas Lions Camp

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2008-2009 Elected Directors Newsletter

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2nd Largest Summer Camping Session

Elected Directors 2008-2009

- T1 Brad Pingle
Kenneth Hammons
- T2 Ted Boyd
Helen Sampson
- T3 John Van Druemel
Patsy Achim
- E1 Tom Isbell
Hugh Stroud
- E2 Jara Emma
John Paul Burnett
- X1 Dan Busdiecker
Joe Jessing
- X2 Nancy Van Alstine
Joan Marie Houser
- X3 Diane Waite
Eddie Hambrick
- A1 Jim Wilks
Jared Eggemeyer
- A2 Cal Lawson
Wendy Van Winkle
- A3 Paul Parr
David Dougherty
- S1 Rusty Sherrill
Lew Vail
- S2 Glen Starr
Betty Goetzman
- S3 Michael Smith
Adrien Drouilhet
- S4 John Carstarphen
Dennis Ray
- S5 Dick Witherite
Rosie Van Booven

On behalf of the [Texas Lions Camp](#), please thank all of the clubs in your district that were able to send children to a summer week of fun, education, and "Can Do" attitude building activities. Encourage all of your district clubs to have a standing committee to work on finding campers all year long. Also, encourage the clubs to make it a local project for deserving children in their communities to attend camp.



Mae Nell Rhymes

This past summer camping sessions served 1536 children from Texas – the 2nd largest summer group ever according to Mae Nell Rhymes, the official Registrar of the Camp. Mae Nell is retiring this year with nearly 47 years of service to the Texas Lions Camp! The Camp will surely miss her.

The largest number of children served was the summer of 2001 at 1621. Maximum capacity of the Camp for the summer would be just over 1800 children. So let's get going now to find more children to send, especially to the handicapped camping sessions.

Three things all Lions "Can Do" today to further support the Texas Lions Camp:

1. Invite someone to [join a Lions Club](#) – dues & 100% charities paid to the camp are based on membership!,

2. [Join the Century Club](#) of the Texas Lions Camp for as little as \$10/month, if you are not already a member, and

3. [Look for campers all year long.](#)

For Lions that haven't visited the Camp in a while, encourage them to go see the many improvements and make plans next year to be at an awards ceremony one Friday evening in 2009. First camping session next year begins May 31, 2009.

Executive Committee

Lion Jeanne Atkison of District 2-E2 served the elected directors very well this past year as our representative to the Executive Committee. I want to thank all of the elected directors for the opportunity to serve in this capacity this coming year and it is truly an honor to serve with the kind of leadership we have at the Camp.

I will do my very best to be the communication link between the Executive Committee and your effort to be the communicator and motivator in your district.

We are lucky at the Camp to have the dedicated Lion officers leading us and the professional leadership of the Executive Director, Lion Stephen Mabry and all the

staff at the Texas Lions Camp. Development Director, Trish Wilson, is also an invaluable resource – I have her [number on speed dial!](#)

If you need any assistance this year, please do not hesitate to ask. Mine and Trish's contact information follows.

Lion Glen Starr

17th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Another successful [golf tournament](#) was held on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at the Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg.

Newly elected Camp Secretary PDG Leon Van Alstine will chair the golf tournament the next two years.

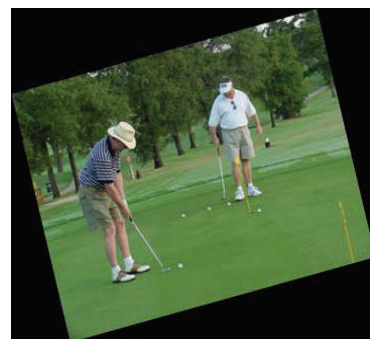
One of the things that elected directors can help the golf committee with in

the District is selling \$100 [hole sponsorships](#). The final report shows \$55,243 raised through hole sponsorships.

District 2-S4 has led all Districts the past few years in hole sponsorships thanks to the effort of the elected directors in that District. Director John Carstarphen has a knack of getting many

clubs and individual Lions to contribute and he works at it all year. [District 2-S4 contributed over \\$12,200](#) to the Camp through hole sponsorships.

We might all follow Lion John's lead and get started right away encouraging clubs and Lions in our District to contribute **now**. It's not too early to start.



Fun at the Harry Wickersham golf Tournament

Camp Budget

"The Texas Lions camp has in excess of \$10 million of real properties and various assets that require care, repair, and on-going maintenance."

*Stephen Mabry
Executive director*

We say the Camp is provided "without charge" — no where does it say the Camp is free!

The Camp's operating budget this coming year is \$1.97 million dollars. So, where will this money come from?

Membership dues at \$21/year should bring in \$546,000. The [100% charities participation](#) should provide \$325,000. Both of these items are dependent on membership — which is why it is so important for

membership in the state of Texas to grow. It would be great if all clubs would participate in the [100% charities program](#).

Fortunately, many Lions and other individuals recognize our membership numbers don't provide the necessary funding and choose to participate in the Century Club program — \$190,000 in Century Club donations is expected. Encourage [Century Club membership](#) everywhere you go. If you as an

elected director are not a member, please consider starting with a \$10/month automatic debit.

[Jack Wiech Fellowships](#), [honorariums](#), [life memberships](#), [license plate program](#), and [memorial donations](#) will add an expected \$356,000 collectively.

Investment income, lease groups, the [Camp Store](#), and other miscellaneous revenue balances the budget for 2008-2009.

60th Anniversary

Save the date — Friday, February 6, 2009.

As you know, the Texas Lions Camp was founded in 1949 in response to a polio epidemic that had spread across Texas and our nation. PDG Jack Wiech, President of the Camp for the first five years, was proud of the pro-

gress made and the children served. The work continues!

Plans are well underway for the Camp's 60th anniversary celebration with a banquet dinner, fun, and fellowship at The Inn of the Hills in Kerrville Friday evening, February 9, 2009. While all the details are not yet finalized,

1st VP Dennis Heitkamp is coordinating all the plans for what will be a night to remember.

Make your plans to attend this special event and spread the word throughout your District and encourage other Lions to also attend!



Jack Wiech—Founder

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to any Lions in your district. Questions, comments, and contributions to occasional future newsletters are appreciated! Contact:

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