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www.bluebonnetlions.org

Our Motto is WE SERVE.
*More Volunteers in More Places than Any Other Service Club
Organization! Come Serve with Us!*

President's Corner

Wow, fall is here! It's a busy time for us with the Nuts and More fundraiser as well as our Thankful Turkey Mermaid Virtual 5K! We need all BLC members to participate! Raising these funds will allow us to give back to our community in multiple ways. The more we raise, the more we can give!

Don't forget about the next joint meeting with the SM Lions is Friday, Oct. 1! Come enjoy the camaraderie with fellow Lions! When caring people come together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing!

That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships, and improving the world through kindness.



In Lionism and Love,
Lion Debby

Bluebonnet Lion Calendar (see pg. 2 for add'l Club/Committee Meetings)

October 2021

October 1 – 1st Friday Joint Mtg. with San Marcos Lions Club – 12:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn & Convention Center, buffet \$10 (see pg. 2 for more details)

October 16—District Cabinet Meeting in Lockhart

October 19– Evening Mtg – 6:00 p.m. – First United Methodist Church in the library with speaker Rachel Sanborn, Director of Operations for The San Marcos River Foundation *Board Meeting to follow*

October 26 – Bluebonnet Bash – Taco Cabana 5:30 p.m.

November 2021

November 5 – 1st Friday Joint Mtg. with San Marcos Lions Club – 12:00 p.m. Holiday Inn & Convention Center, buffet \$10 (see pg. 2 for more details)

November 16– Evening Mtg – 6:00 p.m. – Fall Picnic-location to be announced

November 30 – Bluebonnet Bash – Taco Cabana – 5:30 p.m.

CLUB NEWS

Editor's Note: Please send your newsletter submissions to trish.wilder323@gmail.com by 28th of each month.

*****Bluebonnet Bash Location*****

The board discussed a new location, Taco Cabana, for our Bluebonnet Bash. This new name and location are the perfect reason to bring a potential new member.

Calendar of events continued:

No other Club or Committee meetings of note.

All Bluebonnet Lion Members are welcome to attend all Club and Committee meetings even if you haven't signed up. Your ideas and your time make a difference. From time-to-time, these Committee meeting times/dates/locations will be communicated by email.

Hope and Cheer – Patty Blackson, Chair

Please be sure to let Patti know when you (or another Lion) is ill, in the hospital, having surgery or just having a rough time! Sometime just getting a card can cheer them up and turn a frown upside down!

October Birthdays

Donna Perkins - Oct. 8
Monica Hammond - Oct. 14
Irene Luna - Oct. 19
Kay McBrayer - Oct. 20



Bluebonnet Bashes are back! Last Tuesday of the month at Taco Cabana at 5:30 p.m.

Social Committee – Beverly Marek, Chair

Please let Beverly know how you can help.

Membership Committee

A Membership Drive is underway from now until Feb 15. Bring a “potential new member” guest to a meeting and you will be entered in a drawing for a nice prize! New members bring new ideas, new leadership potential and are essential to the longevity of any organization. Need help recruiting new members? Contact Lion Judy at 512 558 1032 (text or call) or judya@grandecom.net.

Your nut sale customers could be potential new members, invite them to the next meeting! Guests are also welcome at the First Friday Joint meeting Bash the last Tuesday of each month.

Programs Committee–Sandra Ellison, Chair

The committee is looking for ideas for future programs for our evening meetings. Share your ideas or suggestions with Sandra.

Awards Committee–Liz Dobbins, Chair

Lions of the Month awards are given for outstanding contributions during the month recognized. Stay tuned...

Marketing & Communications Committee–Trish Wilder, Chair

Our Club's website is updated with current information. Please visit our website and share it with your friends and potential members. Our Club's Facebook page is updated with new posts and events during the week. After liking our Club's FB page, you can share posts on your own FB page or with your friends and potential members. Your shares help our Club grow!

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Club Service Committee (Community Service Fundraising) –Shalana Poole, Chair

The Committee met recently to discuss and plan upcoming service and fundraising initiatives so be ready to hear about these opportunities to serve. These initiatives will be presented to our Club's Board for approval.

Eyecare Committee (Eyeglass Recycling and KidSight) –Patti Blackson, Chair

State Vision Training
Saturday November 6, 2021
Grace Presbyterian Church
1705 Gattis School Road
Round Rock
Starts: 9:00 a.m.
Concludes by or before 1:00 p.m.

Certification of training on the *Spot Vision Screening Equipment* is required prior to taking this class.

RSVP to Patti Blackson is required. (512) 517-0560

Grant Committee (Grants and Scholarships) –Martha Moore, Chair

Our Grant Committee usually meets in the Spring and will make grant applications available on our Club's website and in-person at that time. The Committee also discusses scholarships and shares how applicants can submit their requests.

Reach Out and Read Committee–Vacant, Chair

Our Club's signature program needs a Chair. Speak with Debby to learn more about this program and your interest in becoming its Chair.



Nuts & More Sale – Debby Lawrence & Judy Aswell, Co-chairs

Let's go nuts!! Some great selling points for our nuts are that they are this year's crop! They're coming off the trees right now! They freeze well and can last for a year! The nuts and the snack mixes make great gifts! Preorders are mandatory as we'll only order what we need. The order deadline is Oct. 15. Just need your full case count, not your order form! You can email me or call me with the totals. Remember to let me or Judy know what extras you will have so we can help move them where needed. Payment can be collected as you take the order or when delivered. If payment is a check, please turn in quickly. Any questions or if you need assistance, let Judy or me know!

PRE-ORDERS ARE REQUIRED!! Contact all your previous customers. Judy has a pre-written email you can request that can be sent to your customers. Take the order form with you wherever you go, everyone loves nuts this time of the year! This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and we need all members to take orders. Remember to utilize your social media to get the word out.

Orders are due by October 15. Orders received after Oct 15 are not guaranteed to be filled. You do **not** have to collect money as you take pre-orders but if you do, and the payment is a check, please turn checks in asap!

Placing your order: After you have totaled your order sheet for each item listed, please round your order up to the nearest case of 12 for each item. In other words, if you have orders for 9 bags of pecans pieces, go ahead and order a full case (12). This ensures you have extras for those requests you get after the deadline of Oct 15. You will not get stuck with your extras, Debby and Judy will make sure of that by moving extras around to others who need them. Give Debby your totals only for each item listed. She does not need your order form.

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Order Delivery- Expected mid-November. Once the order arrives, notice will be sent for you to pick up your order to distribute and collect payment. All order money is to be turned in to Debby by December 30.

Questions – Contact Debby at 512 393-8549 or shortypie@outlook.com or Judy at 512 558 1032 or judya@grandecom.net

BLUEBONNET LIONS' ANNUAL PECANS AND MORE FUNDRAISER

For more information or to place an order, contact any BLC member or call Debby (512) 393-8549 or Judy (512) 558-1032



PECANS:
HALVES \$12.00
PIECES \$11.00

THIS YEAR'S CROP, TEXAS GROWN, TOP QUALITY FANCY HALVES AND PIECES



MOUNTAIN MIX \$7.00
ROASTED, SALTED ALMONDS, CASHEWS AND COCKTAIL PEANUTS, RAISINS AND M&M'S



TRASH MIX \$6.00
SESAME STICKS, COCKTAIL PEANUTS, PRETZELS, HOT AND SPICY PEANUTS, PEANUT OIL AND SALT



HUNTER'S MIX \$7.00
CASHEWS, COCKTAIL PEANUTS, SESAME STICKS, SESAME SEEDS, NATURAL ALMONDS, PECANS, PEANUT OIL AND SALT



WALNUTS \$9.00
ENGLISH WALNUT MIXED HALVES AND PIECES



ALMONDS \$9.00
WHOLE, NATURAL

ALL PRODUCT EXCEPT PECANS ARE PACKAGED IN 1LB RESEALABLE BAGS.

Thankful Turkey Mermaid Virtual 5K- Shalana Poole & Trish Wilder, Co-Chairs

Get ready to walk off that turkey and stuffing on Thanksgiving Day, y'all. This virtual event can be done at anytime before, on or after Thanksgiving Day! Be on the lookout for our mascots, Turmaid and Merkey, as they visit sponsors of our first virtual 5K.



All 5k participants will register at www.thankfulturkeymermaid.com. This year we are partnering with For the Love of Go and Athlete Guild for our 5K.

We need sponsors! Please talk to your friends, your vet, your dentist, your doctor, the businesses you shop in and your employer to ask for their help. When they sponsor our 5K, they'll be supporting our community and we'll show them off on our Facebook site and our website!

For a copy of our sponsor letter and opportunities letter, please visit our website at www.bluebonnetlions.org, our Facebook page or it can be emailed to you or the sponsor. You can the letters out on the next page.

Our Committee will meet soon so stay tuned.

Did you know, if you save a picture of the 2021 Pecans and More flier that you can share it to your Facebook page? You can use the flier emailed by Judy or the image on our Club's FB page.

CLUB NEWS



San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club

Dear Celebrated Sponsor-

The Bluebonnet Lions Club is excited to present their 18th Annual *Thankful Turkey Mermaid 5K Run/Walk* on Thursday, November 25, 2021 as a first-ever virtual event. We honor the Mermaid Capital of Texas with the race logo and are welcoming all participants to get off the couch to run/walk off the turkey and stuffing with their families. Race day registration can be done at thankfulturkeymermaid.com as our Club is now partnering with For the Love of Go and Athlete Guild.

We hope you will consider sponsoring this year's event. Your support will enable us to "give" all funds raised back to the San Marcos community as grants and scholarships. Please note that we are offering complimentary 5K race packets/entries with a \$500 sponsorship which we hope you will want to take advantage of. These can be gifted to your employees or anyone you choose.

Our Thankful Turkey Mermaid event participants represent a wide range of ages and are from all over Central Texas.

We invite you to review the enclosed sponsorship opportunities as you consider supporting this community event. Annually, the Bluebonnet Lions Club contributes funds and many volunteer hours to a variety of services like our signature project *Reach Out and Read* early literacy program, *KidSight* vision screenings, *Texas Lions Camp* and many other programs. The funds raised will be donated back into the local community such as the Hays County Area Food Bank, CASA, Redwood Community Center, Hands of Hope, Hays County Child Protective Services, School Fuel and many others. We also support local youth by presenting a scholarship to a deserving local High School graduate each year.

We hope you will consider supporting us and we've also made it easier to donate/sponsor through the "Donate" button on our Club's website at www.bluebonnetlions.org. You can also visit our Facebook page for more information or updates. If you have any questions regarding the run, feel free to call Shalana Poole or Trish Wilder at 512-822-7524 or email info@flashpointfinancial.com.

We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to promoting your business on our event marketing material!

San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions
Thankful Turkey Mermaid 5K Planning Committee

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2021 Thankful Turkey Mermaid 5K Virtual Run/Walk Sponsor Opportunities

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	PLATINUM \$500	GOLD \$300	SILVER \$200	BRONZE \$100	IN-KIND VALUED AT \$50
LARGE LOGO PROMINENT ON T-SHIRT*/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	/				
NAME ON EVENT POSTER*	/				
2 COMPLIMENTARY 5K ENTRIES INCLUDING T-SHIRTS	/				
LOGO ON T-SHIRT*/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	/	/			
FACEBOOK/WEBSITE /VIDEO/PROMOS	/	/			
1 COMPLIMENTARY 5K ENTRY INCLUDING T-SHIRT		/			
NAME ON FLYERS/ADS*	/	/	/	/	
MEDIA "THANK YOU"	/	/	/	/	
1 COMPLIMENTARY RUN ENTRY (NO SHIRT)			/		
NAME ON T-SHIRT*	/	/	/	/	
NAME ON WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	/	/	/	/	/
*PLEASE NOTE: SOME BENEFITS SUBJECT TO DATE/PRINT DEADLINES					

Please indicate your level of support for the 18th Thankful Turkey Mermaid 5K on November 25, 2021 below (if these sponsor opportunities don't fit with your situation, call us to discuss options!):

Your sponsor level choice: Platinum _____ Gold _____ Silver _____ Bronze _____ In Kind _____

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ or Donation Amount on website \$ _____



*Camera Ready Artwork for logo required for Platinum & Gold sponsorship. Vector format (EPS, AI, CDR) preferred. If Vector not available, provide the largest, highest resolution bitmap image possible (JPG, TIF, BMP, etc.).

Logo files to be emailed to: info@flashpointfinancial.com **no later than Friday, November 12, 2021**

For more information, contact Event Chairs, Lions Shalana Poole or Trish Wilder at info@flashpointfinancial.com

Mail to: San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions, P.O. Box 654, San Marcos, TX 78667

Payment and form must be received no later than Friday, November 12, 2021 to be included on event T-shirt

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CLUB T-SHIRTS

We are compiling an order for club T-shirts and if you don't have one, or want to order another one, let Linda Alexander know ASAP. We have (1) Large shirt available and will order more when we have an order of at least 12 shirts. There will be a signup sheet at the October and November meetings. These shirts are great to wear when we volunteer at a public event, help pick up litter at our adopted Ramon Lucio park, Fundriasing events, join the noon club at their meetings, attend District/Zone meetings/conventions, or represent Bluebonnet Lions in the community. It's comfortable and inexpensive and we always want to proudly identify ourselves as Bluebonnet Lions. Prices have gone up since our last order, so pricing will depend on how many we order.



CLUB VEST

If you don't have a club vest, you need one! We have a few vests available and we need to deplete our inventory before we order more. Here are the number/sizes/pricing of vests we have now in our inventory: (1) Med \$25 (no pocket) - (1) XL \$26 (2 pockets) - (2) XXL \$27 (2 pockets). The is fit generous and Linda Alexander will have them at upcoming meetings so you can try them on. As soon as we deplete our inventory, we will begin taking orders for more. The price will surely go up, so get your vest now.



NAME BADGE - \$7.50

When you joined Bluebonnet Lions, you were given a complimentary Lions International pin and name badge with your name on it. You should wear it at club meetings and when you represent our club in the community. If you have lost your name badge, or would like to have a 2nd one, we can order another one for you. The price is \$7.50 - just let Linda Alexander know you want one.



CLUB NEWS

Christmas Adopt-a-Family Project- Carol Peters, Chair

The Board has approved for San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions to adopt a family at Goodnight Junior High. We will get a list of the children in the family, their ages, and their suggested gifts. We will also be providing a Christmas meal for the family. We will need volunteers to buy for each child or donate money or food items for the dinner. There will be a sign up sheet for the project at our October 19 meeting. If you would like to help but will not be able to attend the meeting, please call Carol at 512-268-2610 or email capeters12@austin.rr.com.



Volunteer opportunities: The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers this season. Our Momma Lion, Beth Morrisset was a supporter of this initiative. Please reach out to: Lisa Cruz at The Salvation Army San Marcos Center, (512) 754-8541.

The San Marcos Public Library is asking for volunteers to help with its book sale on October 15-17. Help is also needed October 14 to sort and pack books for the sale. Call Suzanne at 513-393-8202.

These volunteer opportunities are not in conjunction with the Bluebonnet Lions Club.

Lion Challenge:

LCI has announced an initiative to all Lions to share a project for our community with other service organizations. While at the San Marcos Lions booth at the Mermaid parade, Lions Shalana and Debby brainstormed with Lion Mike Smith (Service Chair for SM Lions) to come up with a quick project. We've challenged the local Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club to a Children's book collection drive. The dates for the drive are from 10/10 – 10/16. Unfortunately, we won't have a meeting during this time frame but we can still pull this off! It's all Lions which includes our Club, the SM Lions and the Bobcat Lions. You can drop books off anytime at my house – 2643 Rolling Oaks (just leave them on the porch), Lion Ramika's office – Damron Realty – 102 Wonder World Dr, Suite 301 M-F 9am-5pm or Lion Judy's house. Judy and Debby are both willing to pick up your donations as well. Just let them know when and where!

CLUB NEWS

Seen and heard around San Marcos:



District Governor Collins receives a book in her honor from President Debby Lawrence on behalf of Reach Out and Read.



Texas Lions Camp Director Paul Drush speaking to our Club at our September evening meeting.

MERMAID SPLASH ROYAL COURT

QUEEN



ROSE BROOKS



KING



RON COLEY

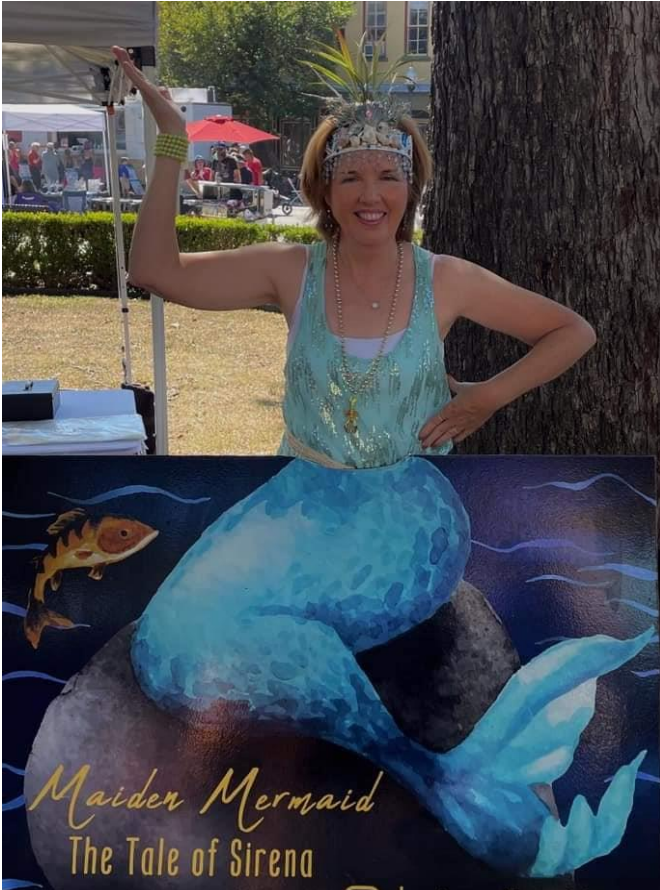
Bluebonnet Lion Rose Brooks was honored as the Queen of Splash at this year's Mermaid Promenade.



Humor from Lion Sandra Baggett.

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Lions Shalana Poole and Debby Lawrence at the Mermaid Promenade.



Lion Judy Aswell at the Mermaid Promenade.



Bluebonnet Lion Judy Aswell presents Lion Paul Drush with a vintage Texas Lions Camp pin.

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Pecan recipes:

Saltine Cracker Candy with Toasted Pecans (Crack Crackers)

35 saltines
1 cup butter, cubed (save the wrappers!)
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped pecans, toasted

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 15x10x1 baking sheet with foil; use the butter wrappers to grease the foil or spray with cooking spray. Arrange saltines in a single layer. In a large heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Spread evenly over crackers with an offset spatula.

Bake 8-10 minutes or until bubbly. Immediately sprinkle with chocolate chips. Allow chips to soften for a few minutes, then spread with an offset spatula covering all crackers. Sprinkle with pecans. Cool slightly. Refrigerate, uncovered, 1 hour or until set. Break into pieces. Store in an airtight container. Make about 2 pounds.

Pecan Praline Pie Bark

2 sleeves (about 20 or so) Honey Graham crackers
1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 ½ cups chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil: use the butter wrappers to grease the foil or spray with cooking spray. Place the graham crackers all over the pan edge to edge, breaking apart to fill in any gaps. In a medium saucepan, mix the butter and brown sugar. Bring to a boil over medium heat and boil for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in vanilla and chopped pecans. Pour the hot mixture over the graham crackers. Working quickly, use an offset spatula to spread to coat all graham crackers. Bake for 10 minutes or until the mixture is brown and bubbly. Allow the bark to cool completely. Break into pieces and store in an airtight container.