

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LIONS NEWS BRIEFS

CLUB OF THE MONTH

LUBBOCK HUB LIONS CLUB, TEXAS

FOUNDED: 1954

MEMBERSHIP: About 25 members

COMMUNITY SERVED: Lubbock, population: 200,000.

MEMBERS: Members are from varied professional backgrounds including sales, retail, computer programming, business management and administration.

MEETING MATTERS: The club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Rooftop Café in Lubbock.

CLAIM TO FAME: Hub Lions Senior Circuit Bingo. The club has been bringing bingo games to nursing homes in Lubbock since 1976. Prizes initially included fruits and vegetables in season, along with toiletries and other items in need at the various nursing homes, but have now expanded to items like jewelry and money. Families of Lions often come along to assist players who are hard of hearing or have trouble managing their cards.

HELPING THE PARENTS: Hub Lions have a history of supporting the Lubbock State School Parents Association in an effort to promote educational initiatives. Lions even helped renovate and paint the association's concession booth at the Panhandle South Plains Fair.



Lions get up on a ladder while painting the parents association's concession booth.

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS: Hub Lions routinely pick up trash and litter along a two-mile stretch of Highway 87 south of Lubbock as part of their quarterly Adopt-A-Highway program. Among the treasures: aluminum cans, Taco Bell sauce packets, tire treads and bungee cords. Past President Dan Seale once accidentally woke a garter snake before recognizing the creature, thinking it was a piece of litter.

WHY BE A LION: "Doing something like the highway cleanup is a nice project because it gets us out doing something together, and it's something we can put our names on. It's definitely something people recognize us for, and it's a great feeling when they do." – Club President Karen McCain

OVERHEARD

"'Raise money, give it away and have fun' was the phrase heard often. What a wonderful motto for a club, and for life."

— **Stacy Ross**, after her children took part in the Kodiak Lions' Soap Box Derby in Alaska in a letter in the *Kodiak Daily Mirror*.

"I think Tony was a very outstanding member and very outgoing as far as donating his time, but most of the Lions do the same thing. That's why we're here."

— **Matt Hemelberg**, praising his grandfather, Robert "Tony" Angus Lawson, in *C & G Newspapers*. Hemelberg became president of the Fraser Lions in Michigan in July.

43 YEARS AGO IN THE LION

NOVEMBER 1966

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was named one of six judges for Lions International's Peace Essay Contest, held to mark Lions' 50th anniversary in 1967.

