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Oak Cliff Lions Club Weekly CUB Newsletter

Wednesday Meeting & Program

**Oak Cliff Lions Club Bill Melton Humanitarian Award Luncheon
Honoring Dr. Gary Cook
Wednesday, November 9th
Wiess Auditorium, Methodist Hospital Dallas
11:30 AM - Reservations Required - Guest Meals \$12.50**



Dr. Gary Cook, Chancellor of Dallas Baptist University (DBU), will receive the Bill Melton Humanitarian Award from Oak Cliff Lions Club. The award will be presented at the noon luncheon meeting on Nov. 9 in Weiss Auditorium at Methodist Dallas Central. Dr. Cook will be the 44th recipient of the prestigious annual award, which recognizes and honors a person (or persons) whose activities, contributions and service to the community best symbolize the ideals of Lionism. The award is usually given to non-Lions who have demonstrated dedication to community, profession, God and mankind that exemplifies the motto of Lions Clubs International, "We Serve."

After serving 28 years as President of DBU, Dr. Cook was appointed Chancellor of Dallas Baptist University in 2016. He previously served ten years in administration at Baylor University in Waco. Prior to that, he served as Pastor of First Baptist Church of McGregor, Texas.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University, a Master of Arts in Aging Studies from the University of North Texas, a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Cook serves as Permanent Class President for the Class of 1972 at Baylor University. He also served as Graduating Class President for the Class of 1975 at Southern Seminary.

Dr. Cook and his wife, Sheila, are active members of Park Cities Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon. Sheila served as a teacher in the public school system for eighteen years. They have two sons, David and Mark. Dr. Cook has served on the board of directors of the Dallas YMCA, as a member of the board of trustees and executive committee of Baylor College of Dentistry, as a member of the Baylor Oral Health Foundation, and as chairman of the Education Division of the Dallas United Way Campaign. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Baylor University Medical Center, having served earlier as Chair of the Board for three years. He has served as a member of the International Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity. He was appointed by George Gallup to serve as a Fellow of the Gallup International Institute. He just completed two years as chair of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities Board of Directors.

Dr. Cook has also served as a member of the Waco City Council and Mayor Pro Tem of Waco. He received the Waco Humanitarian Award presented by the Waco Conference of Christians and Jews. Dr. Cook was appointed by Governor William Clements to serve a four-year term on the nine member Texas Board on Aging. He was appointed by Governor George Bush to serve as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in 1995. In 2004, Dr. Cook was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve as a founding member of the OneStar Foundation. He received the Hispanic Education Impact Award by the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference. In his first year as President of Dallas Baptist University, Dr. Cook established the DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner. Since 1989, this dinner has presented the Oak Cliff Good Samaritan Award each year to two outstanding members of the Oak Cliff community. These community leaders have been individuals of the highest character and integrity who have dedicated themselves to serving their fellow man. This dinner has been held each year on the DBU campus and has raised over \$375,000 for scholarships for young people from Oak Cliff.

For over 93 years, Oak Cliff Lions have supported a variety of local, state, national and international charities involving youth, vision, and other worthy causes and charities. It is estimated that the club has contributed over \$1.5 million to charitable causes through the dedicated efforts of club members.

In 2010, the annual humanitarian award was renamed to honor its Founding President, Past District Governor and former Dallas County Treasurer Bill Melton. The Dallas Oak Cliff Lions Club was organized and chartered in April 1929. The civic organization meets at noon every Wednesday in Weiss Auditorium at Dallas Methodist Central Hospital, off Beckley and Colorado in North Oak Cliff.

The awards program will start promptly at 12 noon Wed., Nov. 9. The event is free for members of Oak Cliff Lions Clubs, and guests will be charged \$12.50 for their lunch. Blake Lindsay is President of the Oak Cliff Lions Club, and Past President Dennis Jeter is Chairman of the Oak Cliff Lions Club's Bill Melton Humanitarian Award Committee. For more information about the organization or to make reservations for the awards program, please visit oakclifflions.org.

Thanks to all of our golfers! The tournament was a success with 40 golfers and a gaggle of volunteers! Thanks to everyone for helping create a successful event.







Sunshine & Care Report

Please take a moment to reflect on the folks that have been effected recently by hurricane Ian, those of our club and others that are recovering from illness, and the people of Ukraine.

Continued Prayers for Lion Tom Strom who has just returned home after three weeks in the hospital With major health issues.
Tom hopes to return to the Club in the coming months.

Lion Joan Harris passed away on October 27th and her services have been scheduled for November 22nd at Jeter and Son. Viewing will be at 10:30 AM and the service at 11:30 AM. Burial will be at DFW National Cemetery at 1:15 PM

[Obituary for Joan Harris](#)



Please send any Sunshine & Care updates to [Lion Chaplain Steve Bayless](#).



November Birthdays

Nov. 3rd - Dan Cunningham
4th - John Dodd
5th - Rabi Omolaja
7th - Abigail Tupper
12th - Bob Hodge
23rd - Bobbi Smith
24th - Richard Buickerood, Tasie Semos,
26th - Fawn Walker, Cynthia Konda

Opportunities for SERVICE:

Food Pantry (1st Wednesday)

Wednesday, December 7th - 11 AM to 1 PM

Soul of Christ Ministries, 2402 S Beckley Ave. Dallas, TX 75224

Diabetes Awareness and Wellness Now (DAWN)

Saturdays, November 12th and February 11th - 10 AM to 1 PM
Juanita Craft Rec Center, 4500 Spring Ave, Dallas TX 75210
Contact PP Lion Nia McKay (972) 697-3521

North Dallas Shared Ministries Adult Eye Clinic (2nd Friday)
Friday, November 11th - 8 AM to noon
2875 Merrell Rd. Dallas, TX 75229

Food Pantry (3rd Friday)
Friday, November 18th - 11 AM to 1 PM
Soul of Christ Ministries, 2402 S Beckley Ave. Dallas, TX 75224



Thanks to all the volunteers that supported this year's Sports Extravaganza. The day began with lots of rainy weather, but it cleared up for all the athletes to compete. The turnout was better than expected with this being the first time after a 2 year hiatus.



The Oak Cliff Lion volunteers included, Charlene Vezina, Sheryll McKay, Blake and Jennifer Lindsay, Nia MacKay, Steve and Marna Bayless, Wayne Meachum, Jon Rousel, Alan Schrock, Linda and Bob Hodge and Vitaly Lunev.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & CLUB EVENTS:

2nd Wednesday Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 9th Noon-1PM

Methodist Hospital, Weiss Auditorium - 1441 N. Beckley Ave, Dallas, TX 75208
Bill Melton Humanitarian Award Honoring Dr. Gary Cook

District 2-X1 Zone 3 Meeting

Who: Club executives (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Service Chair, Membership and Marketing/Communications Chairs) Everyone is welcomed

Where: Zoom (President Blake will send the link)

When: TBD

Please contact Zone 3 Chair - Lion Saroj Sigdel (sarojthe1@gmail.com or 214-507-2672) for further details.

4th Wednesday Club Meeting (Board Meeting is from 11 AM to Noon at same location)

Wednesday, November 23rd – Noon-1 PM

La Calle Dolce - 415 W. 12th Street, Dallas, TX 75206



Mid Winter Conference will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023 in Richardson, TX and the **District Spring Convention** will be held April 14 & 15, 2023 will also be in Richardson.

Early Bird Registration is open now for the **MD-2 State Texas Lions Convention** that will happen May 18 - 20, 2023 in Fort Worth. [You can register here!](#)



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