

# Oak Cliff Lions Club Weekly CUB Newsletter

## Wednesday Meeting & Program



Hybrid Meeting (in-person & live-streamed via Facebook) Wednesday, August 24, 2022 NOON

Tyler Street Church – Yates Hall 927 West 10st Street (parking off 9th Street behind the church) Lunch Reservations Required (<u>Colleen Martin</u>)

#### Speaker: Monte Anderson

Monte Anderson is President of Options Real Estate a multi-service real estate company specializing in creating sustainable neighborhoods in Texas' southern Dallas and northern Ellis counties. Since 1984 his focus has been to improve the living and working environments in these communities where he was born and raised. Monte is an outspoken and frequently recognized advocate for

policies and practice to serve urban neighborhoods. He is a nationally recognized speaker and teacher who uses his body of work to teach incremental development. In Dallas, he repurposed Tyler Station, a blighted 1930's manufacturing plant, into a transit oriented co-working facility, reconnecting the iconic property with its adjacent neighborhoods. Tyler Station is a Greater Dallas Planning Council Urban Design award winner. In the Trinity River Corridor Monte is responsible for the renovation of the 1940's Belmont Hotel, which received awards from Preservation Dallas and Preservation Texas. Surrounding the Belmont, Monte helped develop a more complete neighborhood with a range of projects including housing, a photography studio, animal hospital, fitness center, and restaurants. Both projects have been recognized with a North Texas Council of Governments' CLIDE Award. In Duncanville, Texas, Monte has been a formal partner with the City to advance economic and real estate development in over a decade of activity. He has partnered with or assisted many entrepreneurs to increase the number of owner occupied buildings on Main Street. With over two dozen projects in the largely one story downtown area, his work reintroduced mixed-use buildings in this first ring suburb for the first time in several decades. He co-founded the DuncanSWITCH monthly market to create a pipeline of startup businesses to grow the economic health of the core business district. Monte was also instrumental in the conversion of an abandoned Kmart to a tortilla manufacturing facility and Mexican restaurant, a project that brought 200 jobs to Duncanville. The Main Street Revitalization corridor is also a CLIDE Award winner. In Midlothian, Texas, Monte is incrementally building MidTowne Midlothian, a 131-acre mixed-use, traditional neighborhood development over a 25 year period. This multi-generational development connects schools, parks, and small retail buildings with multigenerational housing. MidTowne is another CLIDE Award winner. In DeSoto, Texas Monte completed an innovative retail concept, DeSoto Market Place, formerly a 50,000 sf retail center that was declining and providing no real value to the surrounding neighborhoods. Working with the City of DeSoto and the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation, the anchor tenant spot has been repurposed into a retail incubator housing startup retail, restaurants, and offices. The exterior includes a newly created space for retail trailers with overhead cafe lighting to attract neighbors to the center. A 2019 CLIDE Award winner. Monte currently represents District 3 on Duncanville's City Council. He is also a founding member and senior faculty member of Incremental Development Alliance, a group dedicated to training small developers nationwide to strengthen their own neighborhoods through incremental development. He served as president and founding member of the North Texas Chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism and is past President of the Oak Cliff Foundation, the entity that restored the historic Texas Theatre in Dallas. Monte is also a past chair of the DeSoto, Cedar Hill and Oak Cliff Chambers of Commerce and Best Southwest Partnership. In his spare time Monte enjoys playing with his grandchildren, his cats, and listening to rap music.







Our Low Vision Clinic at NDSM this month is back to seeing the numbers of people we served prior to the pandemic. Since the clinic revised its service criteria in May, ZIP Codes and ages are no longer applied, more people signed up for the service. This month we served 29 people, some of them are children 12 to 17 years old. This number has helped Dr. Donna Hass to keep her service and has made NDSM Exec. Director (Ex Officio) Judith Rorrie very happy to see the crowd. She stopped at our tables and complimented us many times during the service.

This month's clinic we also had a new volunteer: Jon Roussel, who helped at the frame selection/segment height and PD measurements table with Lions Nia MacKay, Walt Hackfield (Midlothian LC) and Lee Carter (Forney LC). Lions Charlene Vezina and Sheryll McKay did their usual service at the registration table. If you know someone who needs an eye exam, but can not afford it, please refer them to this clinic and apply on line **Apply Here**. They accept children 10 years and older.

If you'd like to volunteer at the Low Vision Clinic at NDSM, just come to the location at 2875 Merrell Rd., Dallas TX 75229 on 2nd Friday of the month between 8:30 AM and noon. Mask is required during service.

" Together We Can, Together We Will."





# **Sunshine & Care Report**

Please take a moment to call or send a card to those folks on the August Birthday list.

We all know how wonderful it is to get a moment of recognition!

Remember the people of Ukraine.



#### Please send any Sunshine & Care updates to Lion Chaplain Steve Bayless.



#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

6th - Beatrice Lovett 13th - Pat Crenshaw 15th - Miguel Ramirez 20th - Iris Smith 21st - Blake Lindsay 25th - Bill Lawhorn 29th - Teresa Wash **1st** TUESDAYS

**1st Tuesday Social!** Tuesday, September 6th 5:30 PM E Bar Tex Mex 1901 N Haskell Ave. #120, Dallas, TX 75204

Guests Encouraged!!

Contact <u>Colleen Martin</u> if your birthday is not listed or needs to be corrected.

### **Opportunities for SERVICE:**

Food Pantry (1st Wednesday) Wednesday, September 7th - 11 AM to 1 PM Soul of Christ Ministries, 2402 S Beckley Ave. Dallas, TX 75224

North Dallas Shared Ministries Adult Eye Clinic (2nd Friday) Friday, September 9th - 8 AM to noon 2875 Merrell Rd. Dallas, TX 75229

**Food Pantry** (3rd Friday) **Friday, September 16th** - 11 AM to 1 PM Soul of Christ Ministries, 2402 S Beckley Ave. Dallas, TX 75224

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & CLUB EVENTS:**

**2nd Wednesday Club Meeting Wednesday, September 14th Noon-1PM** Tyler Street Church - Anderson Hall, 927 W 10th St., Dallas, TX 75208 Speaker: TBA

**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

Wednesday, September 28th – Noon-1 PM Tyler Street Church - Anderson Hall, 927 W 10th St., Dallas, TX 75208 Speaker: TBA

### **District 2-X1 Cabinet Meetings**

Who: Cabinet Chairs. Everyone is welcomed Where: In-person, Zoom will be optional (President Blake will send the link from DG Fred Conger) When: Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022. First United Methodist Church, 414 W Broad St., Forney, TX 75126, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM



**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. <u>You can register</u> here!

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