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Oak Cliff Lions Club Weekly CUB Newsletter

Next Meeting & Program

Wed., Jan. 4 | NOON

Weiss Auditorium | Methodist Hospital
1441 North Beckley Avenue, Dallas
No Reservation Required | Guests Welcome

Burton Gilliam, Actor

While working as a fireman for the city of Dallas, Gilliam appeared in the role of "Floyd", the desk clerk, in the film *Paper Moon*. He then went on to appear in such popular movies as *Blazing Saddles* and *Back to the Future Part III*.

Gilliam also has had roles in movies such as *Honeymoon in Vegas*, *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot*, *Fletch*, *Gator*, *Telefon*, *The Terror Within II* and *Farewell, My Lovely*. His television appearances include *Alice*, *Charlie's Angels*, *The A-Team*, *The Dukes of Hazzard* and *The Fall Guy*, and he appeared as a regular on *Evening Shade*.

Before acting, Gilliam was a member of the Coast Guard's boxing team, where he won 201 out of 217 fights. He remained in the boxing world for decades, working as a referee in California.

Gilliam was born in Dallas and lives with his wife, Susan, in Allen, Texas. He has two children and four grandchildren. His granddaughter Hollie Vise is an American former world champion artistic gymnast. Gilliam graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1956 and was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 2004. This is his VERY FIRST program to a Lions Club... ever. Let's make him feel welcome!



We are BACK in the Blazin' Saddle in 2023!

To celebrate our return to weekly meetings at the Weiss Auditorium, we will have a special day on Jan. 4 to usher in the second half of our fearless leader President Lion Blazin' Blake Lindsay!

We also return to the antics and comradery that has made our Club the "Greatest Lions Club in All

BACK IN THE BLAZIN SADDLE

Have you
seen this
man???



Lions International." So don your boots, jeans and other cowboy attire for a good time.

HINT: There could be some extra "fines" handed out, an opportunity to "rescue" our president and a costume contest. Don't miss it!

Meeting Recap



Recap of Dec. 14 Meeting

District Governor Lion Fred Conger gave an inspiring program and handed out service chevron awards and other honors including a Club Excellence patch presentation and an award for Past President Lion Nia MacKay. He encouraged us to share the joy of being a Lion, thing "BIG" when we serve, keep our foundation strong and be a local advocate. He also reported that the District is on track with its 2022-23 goals.

In addition, several members participated in the Ugly Sweater informal contest with our Tail Twister Lion Charlene Vezina naming Lions Kathy and Larry Frazier the winners! Past President Lion Bill Lawhorn also won the auction of the golden lion sitting in the a lotus position.



OCLC Holiday Party

For the third time in six years, Past President Lion Diana Ezzell and her husband David opened their beautiful home to host the OCLC Holiday Party. In addition to OCLC members, several members of the Dallas South Club including the distinguished Past District Governors Lion Don Johnson and Lion Henry White also attended the party! The Ezzells personally prepared the food and made everyone fell welcome and loved!

Past President Lion Dennis Jeter also present PDG Lion Bill Melton with a signed copy of Dr. Gary Cook's book as a token of his appreciation for being named the 2022 Oak Cliff Lions Club Bill Melton Humanitarian of the Year. Lion Bill then complimented Lion Dennis on chairing a successful Humanitarian Award Luncheon.

Upcoming Programs

January 4
Burton Gilliam, Actor



January 11
Brett Shipp, Reporter

January 18
Dakota Anderson, Musician

Announcements



Weekly Meetings Return in January

Start blocking Wednesdays at noon again on your calendars starting Jan. 4 as we return to weekly meetings back at the Weiss Auditorium at Methodist Hospital.

We are working on a festive and fun program to kick off the new year and get back to the rowdy antics that are such a rich legacy of our OCLC culture.

You won't want to miss the Jan. 4 meeting!

After Jan. 4, we have an exciting lineup of programs each week to educate, inform and inspire members and guests.



Support LSTF
Enter to Win
2023 Ford
Maverick Pickup

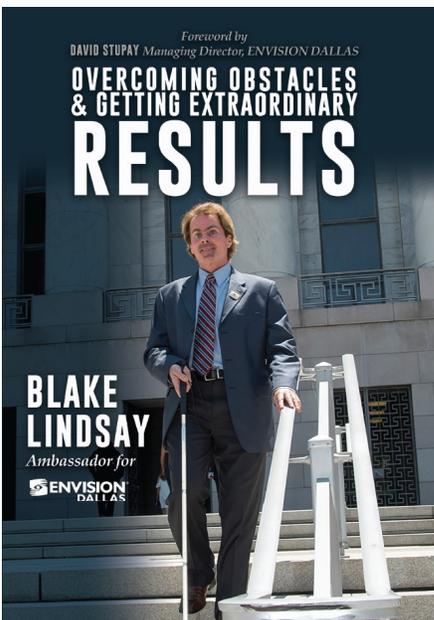


Support LSTF. Win a Truck!

The Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation has been part of District 2X-1 since 1956 with OCLC as one of the founding member clubs. This year LSTF has examined over 2,300 North Texans and we've put glasses on nearly 2,000 of them. But this comes at a cost of fuel, bus maintenance and equipment.

To raise money, LSTF is selling tickets to win a 2023 Ford Maverick Hybrid Pickup Truck. Tickets are \$100 each, and no more than 1,000 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Denim & Diamonds Gala in June.

Visit <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/lstf> to purchase.



Buy Lion Blake's Book to Support OCLC

Our President Lion Blake Lindsay has released his book *Overcoming Obstacles and Getting Extraordinary Results* this month and has offered to sell discounted copies of the book as a fundraiser for the Oak Cliff Lions Club.

The MSRP of the book is \$19.95, and he will offer copies to OCLC members and guests for \$10 each with \$5.80 going to the OCLC Activity Account to support our charities.

We are honored to have such a generous and inspiring leader this year. To read more about his book and story, visit the link below.

<https://www.blakelindsay.com/blog-archive/overcoming-obstacles-announcement>

A little sunshine was shared at the Wednesday meeting including Past President Lion John Dodd bragging that his wife Betty has officially put up with him for 60 years. Past President Lion Michelle Metzger also shared her daughter Bailey (and past OCLC scholarship recipient) would be performing at the upcoming Liberty Bowl in Memphis in the Marching Jayhawks for the first appearance by Kansas University in a bowl game since 2008.

On the sick report, we also learned that Past President Lion Durhl Caussey would undergo surgery this week, so keep him and his wife Lion Joann Holt Caussey in your prayers.

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

Birthdays

December

5 Chris King
9 Nia MacKay
13 Sydney Allen
15 Bill Melton

26 Paul Nielsen
27 Perry Flowers
28 Lonnie Goodman
29 Don Herring, Jr.

Service Opportunities

Meals on Wheels

9:30 AM - Monday thru Friday

PRIORITY NEED: 1st and/or 5th Mondays

Cliff Temple Baptist Church, 134 W 10th Street, Dallas, TX 75208

For more details and to sign up, email [Lion Teri Bailey](#).

North Dallas Shared Ministries Adult Eye Clinic (2nd Friday)

January date TBD - 8 AM to noon

2875 Merrell Rd. Dallas, TX 75229

Diabetes Awareness and Wellness Now (DAWN) **District 2X-1 Sponsored**

Saturdays, February 11th - 10 AM to 1 PM

Juanita Craft Rec Center, 4500 Spring Ave, Dallas TX 75210

Contact PP Lion Nia MacKay (972) 697-3521

Upcoming Events

Jan. 4 Return to weekly meetings at Weiss Auditorium Wednesdays @ Noon

Jan. 21 Mid Winter Conference | Richardson

Apr. 14-15 District Convention | Richardson

May 18-20 MD-2 State Texas Lions Convention | Fort Worth | [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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