

# THE OAK CLIFF LIONS CLUB



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*The Weekly Newsletter  
of the Oak Cliff Lions  
Club, the "Greatest  
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[www.oakcliffions.club](http://www.oakcliffions.club)

January 10, 2022

Club meetings are from 12:00 – 1:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's  
program details at [www.oakcliffions.club](http://www.oakcliffions.club)

Hybrid Club Meeting – both in person and on Facebook  
Lunch Reservations Required – Check email from Colleen Martin

Wednesday, **January 12<sup>th</sup>** at NOON  
Tyler Street Church – **Yates Hall**

927 West 10<sup>st</sup> Street with parking off 9<sup>th</sup> Street behind the church

**Ted Ferguson**  
**1973 Oak Cliff Lions Club Youth Baseball World Series Champions**

**If you are NOT vaccinated, please wear a mask!**

The Club and the Church are following CDC guidelines, If you have not been fully vaccinated, it is recommended that you continue to wear your mask when not eating and stay socially distanced. The Oak Cliff Lions Club, Lions International or Tyler Street Church cannot be held responsible for your health. If you feel under the weather at all, please do not come in person, attend the meeting via Zoom.

# Speaker – Ted Ferguson



Speaker will be Ted Ferguson, brother of PP Lion Fred Ferguson. He will speak about The 1973 Oak Cliff Lions Club Youth Baseball World Series Champions, which many OCLC Lions may not be aware of. He will bring the 5' trophy-winning Baseball autographed by the team and presented to Coach Dean, team picture autographed, the list of players, and the Proclamation signed by Mayor Wes Wise naming August 17, 1973 as Oak Cliff Lions Club Day.

This was a great championship for the youth team and a great honor for the Oak Cliff Lions Club. These young men played their hearts out and made proud The Oak Cliff Lions Club by being **The Sandy Koufax World Series Champion.**



1973 Little League National Championship trophy won by the Oak Cliff Lions; a team sponsored by The Oak Cliff Lions Club.

# December 22<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting



# Lion Opportunities for January

**NO First Tuesday this month.** Rescheduled to February 8th, 2022. Venue: TBA, from 5:30 to 7 PM. Check your email for more information.

## **Workday at OCLC Garden**

Saturday or Sunday, TBA at the Oak Cliff Founders Park, 1300 N Zang Blvd. from 10 AM, weather permitted.

## **Food Pantry**

1st Wednesday, January 5th, 2022, from 11 AM to 1 PM at Soul of Christ Ministries, 2402 S Beckley Ave. Dallas, TX 75224

## **North Dallas Shared Ministries Adult Eye Clinic**

Every 2nd Friday, January 14th, 2022, from 8 AM to noon at North Dallas Shared Ministries, 2875 Merrell Rd. Dallas, TX 75229

## **Food Pantry**

3rd Friday, January 21st, 2022, from 11 AM to 1 PM at Soul of Christ Ministries, 2402 S Beckley Ave. Dallas, TX 75224

## **4th Wednesday Program**

January 26th, 2022 in person & via Zoom from noon to 1 PM at Tyler Street Church, 927 W Tenth St., Dallas, TX 75208. Speaker: TBA

**Visit the Oak Cliff Lions Club Facebook page or check your email for more information**

# District 2-X1 MidWinter Conference

What: Midwinter Conference/3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting

When: Saturday, January 22, 2022 (in person meeting)  
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Conference starts at 9:00 am (sign-in begins at 8:30 am) with breakfast

Where: Northgate United Methodist Church  
3700 W. Northgate Drive  
Irving, Texas

Cost: \$10 per person for lunch

Registration is required for Lunch as the host club (Dallas Everest LC) will need a head count for meals.

There will be two sessions, lasting about an hour each. President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tail Twister Officer training will be covered as a refresher or for first-time officer training. All club officers are encouraged to attend. You can expect sessions to be informative and encouraging, with presentations that will support our district to grow and motivate our clubs to increase retention and increase recruitment of membership that is inclusive and diverse.

All new club members are invited to the New Member Orientation session that begins at 9:30 AM.

Other membership growth sessions will also be offered to help you grow your club's membership starting at 10:45 AM.

Lunch will be served and there will be a Presentation by International Director T.J. Tijerina between the morning Conference and the afternoon Cabinet Meeting.

The registration Form and a full agenda will be posted on the District Web Site [www.lionsdistrict2x1.org](http://www.lionsdistrict2x1.org).

# To Me, Being Blind is a Gift

Story by Sharon Horrigan

Blake Lindsay, outreach manager at Envision Dallas, has never believed being blind is a disability. A successful radio personality for 22 years, Lindsay spent time in the banking industry and is a motivational speaker, author, and voice artist. In 2009, he joined Envision Dallas as manager of communications.

A graduate of the first class of NIB's Advocates for Leadership and Employment program, Lindsay works with NIB's public policy team in educating national, state, and local officials about the efforts of NIB and its associated agencies to increase employment opportunities for people who are blind. As part of his advocacy work, he frequently speaks at Rotary International, Kiwanis, and Lions clubs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, as well as at schools, to raise awareness about Envision Dallas' services and the capabilities of people who are blind.

Envision Dallas Outreach Manager Blake Lindsay also serves as an advocate for people who are blind at both the local and federal levels. "For me, being blind is a gift," says Lindsay who is also a voice artist, motivational speaker, and author.

"Over the past 12 years, I have spoken to a lot of Lions Clubs about White Cane Day, with a focus on making it a celebration about not just canes, but all the technical innovations that have empowered people who are blind to live independent lives," says Lindsay. "I had been trying for years to speak at the Oak Cliff Lions Club here in Dallas, but they were a larger club and usually got celebrities to speak. I must have finally worn them down because they let me visit and talk with them about White Cane Day. Then they asked me to come back and speak again," he recalls. "I immediately loved the group and felt very at home there," says Lindsay, who joined the Oak Cliff Lions Club about eight years ago. The club wasted no time putting him to work. "They expected me to roll up my sleeves and dive in. I really appreciated that," says Lindsay. Over the years, he has volunteered as a greeter at the club's low vision clinic, helped run the eyeglass recycling program, and more recently, participated in the club's pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

This year, Lindsay is the club's first vice president. "The club has about 100 members, so that makes it one of the larger clubs in the area," says Lindsay. "We do a lot of good work, and I'm proud of the difference we are making in our community."

Many thanks to Lion Blake Lindsay for passing this story along!

## Other Stuff You Should Know...

If you have stories and/or photos of your Lions activities, please submit them to Lion Sara Kitto (skitto91664@gmail.com) Let your fellow Lions know what you have been up to!

**Inspire, Lead, Serve**

### Lions Birthdays January

1st – James Buerger, Chad West, Maria Romero  
8<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Weldon Estes  
11<sup>th</sup> - Stoney Greene, Barbara Key  
13<sup>th</sup> – Alison Beazley Reese  
16<sup>th</sup> - Joe McElroy  
17<sup>th</sup> - Dottie Dunnam  
19<sup>th</sup> – Jeannie Furlong  
20<sup>th</sup> – Alan Schrock-Santana  
31<sup>st</sup> = Darla Wisdom

Please let Administrative Secretary Colleen Martin know if your birthday is NOT listed!  
Colleen.Martin@oakcliffions.org

### Sunshine & Care

Please hold Virginia Ferguson, wife for Past President Lion Fred Ferguson in your prayers as Virginia continues to deal with severe cancer. Prayers too for LaVonne Rea, wife of Past President Gordon Rea, who was recently hospitalized.

Please share your Care and Sunshine information with Lion Blake Lindsay. He can be emailed at [blake.lindsay@envionius.com](mailto:blake.lindsay@envionius.com)

