

THE OAK CLIFF LIONS CLUB



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*The Weekly Newsletter
of the Oak Cliff Lions
Club, the "Greatest
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January 24, 2022

Club meetings are from 12:00 – 1:00 PM 2nd and 4th Wednesday's
program details at www.oakcliffions.club

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

Wednesday, **January 26th** at NOON
Tyler Street Church – **Yates Hall**

927 West 10st Street with parking off 9th 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



Ted was born and raised in Oak Cliff and attended James Bowie elementary school and then attended WH Adamson High School from 1952-1955 where he played baseball all four years as a second baseman. After High School he had a scholarship to Sul Ross College, but due to some circumstances at the College with the Scholarship Committee, all scholarships for the College were suspended, so Ted went to the University of Texas in Austin deciding to play baseball

for them. He was a “walk on” and beat out the second baseman that had a scholarship and played one year. However, a throat injury in one of the games, kept him from going back to college. But he fell in love and in December of 1956, he married the love of his life, Patricia Cleveland, who, by the way, went to Sunset High School. In February 1957, Ted signed a contract to play baseball for the Milwaukee Braves, but due to only being married for two months, he decided not to play because it would have left his beautiful wife at home by herself too often.

In 1961, Ted entered the Life Insurance and shortly thereafter signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Again, an injury to his shoulder caused him to miss spring training and he finally decided that he needed to just “do the insurance thing” and has been doing that ever since. He still has his Pittsburgh Pirate uniform and says that it reminds him of “what might have been.”

Ted is an avid Gospel singer and has worked with a couple of quartets, one being the “The Songs of Inspirations” which featured Lions club pianist, Marion Snider, and the Dudley M Hughes Quartet. He took the place of bass singer Floyd Gray (also a member) and sang with the Quartet for 14 years. He then formed his own group, singing together for over 40 years. They performed with Johnny Cash, Sonny James, Box Car Willie, and recorded five albums with Slim Whitman. Ted continues to sing today. Ted was a 20-year member of the Oak Cliff Lions Club and performed every year in their Minstrel shows at the Texas Theater and then at Bronco Bowl.

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.**

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

Story and photos by President, Lion Nia MacKay

At the Mid Winter Conference and 3rd Cabinet Meeting, the Oak Cliff Lions Club was awarded the “District 2-X1 Outstanding Achievement Service Activity Reporting”, one of three new traveling trophies. We earned it through our efforts in reporting all of our Club activities; our programs, events, meetings, and any other non-Lion activities we were involved in. This is the second time we have won the award two years in a row. The new 24” traveling trophy was provided this year by the District 2-X1 Past District Governor association and will be presented at the Wednesday Program.



For the second time in a row, our Club has also won 2nd place on the Membership Drive contest and was awarded a \$300 check by the District. According to the International Director Ernesto ‘TJ’ Tijerina, the keynote speaker at the conference, our District holds first place in the number of new members being recruited on both the State level MD-2 and LCI globally. One half of the total new members recruited in MD-2 on this first half of 2021-2022 (152) came from our District (76). Our Club added two new members in December and three in January 2022. We’ve been a great part on our District’s and our State’s achievement in Global Membership Champion success. A stellar achievement at this time of the year despite pandemic!



At this conference four of our Lions who have been members between 40 to 70 years were given their Chevron Monarch awards. Two of our Lions, PP Mark Snyder and Ruben Esquivel, attended the ceremony and received the 40 and 45 years service pins from Lion ID ‘TJ’. Two others from our Club received 40 (PP Danny Boyce) and 50 (Tom Strom) years of service certificates and pins. Our Club has five other members who have been members for over 45 years who have yet to receive their pins and/or certificates. Our Club and District Governor plan to award their certificates and pins at the District Conference in April of 2022.

Mid-Winter Conference Cont.

For the Diabetes Awareness and Wellness' 'Striding for Healthy Living Contest,' Lion PP Dennis Jeter won 1st Place for both Most Miles Overall (200 miles) and Most Miles Biked (200 miles), Lion Linda Peterson won 1st Place for Most Miles Walked (120 miles), and Lion Nia MacKay won 1st Place for Most Miles Run (105 miles). Our Club accumulated a total of 1,5026 miles in the month of November from walking, running, and biking thanks to our 24 participants, 14 of which were non-Lions. Great job and keep it up! Our Club has turned in a 'Life Membership' request for the Texas Lions Camp certificate and pin for Lion PP Danny Boyce to TLC Chair Lion Joe Kyle at the conference. Lion Danny has been serving in the TLC Board for years and we appreciate his dedication and commitment to this organization.

Fellow Lions, we did a great job for the first half of the 2021-2022 term, but we won't stop here.

Let's keep the ball rolling, keep asking, keep making a difference, and keep serving.

Truly, It is A GREAT DAY TO BE A LION!



Mid-Winter Conference Cont.



Attending the conference were Lions PDG Wayne Meachum, PDG Darla Wisdom, PP Mark Snyder, Ruben Esquivel, Charlene Vezina, Larry Frazier, Kathy Frazier, Anissa MacKay, Nia MacKay and our three new members, Lions Colleen Martin (via Zoom), Carol West and Vitaly Lunev (both in-person).



1st Meeting in January

Photos provided by Lions Kathy and Larry Frazier



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
8th - Dr. Weldon Estes
11th - Stoney Greene, Barbara Key
13th – Alison Beazley Reese
16th - Joe McElroy
17th - Dottie Dunnam
19th – Jeannie Furlong
20th – Alan Schrock-Santana
31st = 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.

Sunshine: Lion Dottie Dunnam has fully recovered! Lion Sara Kitto and husband Bill are expecting their first grandbaby in July!

Please share your Care and Sunshine information with Lion Blake Lindsay. He can be emailed at blake.lindsay@envisionus.com