



Lions begin fiscal year with new momentum

The Panorama Lions Club, an organization founded in 1971, is entering its 2019-20 fiscal year with a burst of new energy and momentum thanks to a series of successful fundraising, membership and service programs.

“We’re grateful for the support of Panorama residents in our recent Charity Golf Tournament and the popular Flags With Pride program that continues to do well,” said outgoing president Royce Engler.

During the past year, Panorama Lions donated approximately \$20,000 to various charities and academic recipients. This includes such organizations as Crime-stoppers, Meals On Wheels, Habitat For Humanity, Montgomery County Crisis Assistance Center and Panorama Samaritans, as well as key Lions International programs like the Texas Lions Camp for disabled children, Lions Eye Bank and Leader Dogs for the Blind program.

They also supported Willis High School students with college scholarships, and made donations to Meador Elementary School and Lynn Lucas Middle School.

New officers for 2019-20 were recently inducted by District Governor Karl Johnson. They are: Bob Lamons, president, Sandra Whiteker, vice president, Sharon



Lions District 2-S2 Governor Karl Johnson (center) recently inducted the 2019-20 club officers.

Aurich, secretary, Rich Broome, treasurer, Charlotte Branham, membership chair, Chris Tassos, marketing communications chair, Jim Modeland, Lion Tamer, and Judy Trosvig, Tail Twister. Key program committees will be managed by Wendy Marquart, Flags With Pride, Vicki Modeland, Golf Tournament, and Max Martensen, Programs.

At that same meeting, five new members were inducted to go with five others previously added in 2018-19. The

five new members are Debbie and Mike Parker, Terry and Hyalie Elliott, and Allison Allen.

The Panorama Lions meet in the clubhouse the second and fourth Wednesday of each month with a casual dinner at 6:00 followed by a 1-hour business meeting at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining or finding out more about the Panorama Lions, call Charlotte Branham at 936-525-9004, or visit the club’s website at www.panoramalions.com.

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, Panorama Village department heads, City Council members and I will put our heads together during a series of public budget hearings to try to set an affordable and practical budget. As with all public hearings, the public may attend but not contribute during the meetings.

The time for public contribution is now. If you have an idea to better the management of our city, you are encouraged to bring it to the attention of the Mayor or any member of City Council.

The dates of the budget hearings will be listed on the Panorama website. If the budget is actually approved during a budget meeting there will be no reason



**From
The
Mayor
Lynn Scott**

for subsequent meetings.

The State Legislature in the last session passed a law prohibiting Cities from raising budgets more than 3.5 % in a one-year period. In that same session, you might be interested to know, the legislature raised their own budget 11.4%.

Under this new legislation, with inflation currently at nearly 2%, cities would be limited to an actual incremental

increase of 1.5% to cover everything from personnel costs to infrastructure maintenance and emergency repairs.

Last year Panorama Village did not raise its tax rate. The only increase in tax revenues resulted from increased property evaluations. Like small cities across the state, we are fighting to maintain staffs that are lured by private sector companies that can pay much more.

The legislature gave cities an out. We could call for a vote to approve additional taxes. In our small city, the cost for an election would be nearly 1% of our budget.

In my opinion, the legislature is acting the way they accuse those people in Washington of acting.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

At a recent City Council meeting, we were discussing the importance of fertilizer in keeping a golf course looking good. I know there's a lot more to it than that, so I tracked down our golf course superintendent Steve Gilley and asked him to share some of his secrets for a happy golf course.

Steve said the fairways and tee boxes are fertilized in March with a "pre-emerge" for summer weed control. They get another treatment in August because the grass uses all its fuel in the summertime and needs extra help. Our greens receive weekly sprays of liquid fertilizer in the spring and summer, and bi-weekly in the winter.

The greens are aerified twice a year to provide better drainage, relieve compaction and create space for roots to take in

oxygen and grow in open channels. This usually occurs in May and August.

Weed control is a major emphasis, with a pre-emerge added to fertilizer in March for goosegrass and crabgrass control, and another pre-emerge spray applied in October to get rid of poa anna grass. These three types are the hardest weeds to control.

Steve said the new irrigation systems installed in 2017 on the Rolling Hills nine (19-27) are doing a good job conserving water by only applying it where needed. This will be especially important as we enter the hottest season of the year. Our sand traps on that nine were redone during the renovation to drain properly and have been instrumental in

keeping the bunkers looking good and playing good.

As many of you know, our greens are developing quite a reputation throughout the Montgomery County area as being very smooth and very fast. Steve says this is largely due to the special greens rollers and mowers purchased in 2017.

All of our agronomy practices are geared toward having optimum playing conditions on our peak days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The mowing and fertilizing work is scheduled to maximize weekend play. I know that many Panorama golfers are thrilled with the work that Steve and his crew have been doing to get our course in top shape. All I can say is, keep it up Steve!

New Ladies Association officers announced

The Panorama Ladies Association has announced new officers for the 2019-20 program year. Carolyn Bracken has been elected to serve as president. Brenda Storseth will serve as First Vice President, with Jo Broome as Second Vice President and Jenni Clark as Third Vice President. Conni Heugel will assume the position of Secretary, with Dolly Rasco as Treasurer and Charlotte Belin as Parliamentarian.



Granddaddy catfish reeled in

In case you were wondering what size fish reside in Lake Panorama, take a look at this 21 pound, 34-inch blue catfish caught by Panorama resident Jim Archer on April 16th. Jim was fishing in his kayak near the 21st green using a 4-pound test line! It took him 40 minutes to "wear out" the catfish and drag him into the boat. And yes, the Big Daddy fish was released back into the lake to fight another day.



Funnel cakes on July Fourth

The golf club is rolling out another fun attraction for your Fourth of July fun – funnel cakes! They will cost \$4.00 each and will be served in the Pavilion area from 3:00 to 7:30 pm. Just the thing to get the family in a good mood for music and fireworks to follow.

Friday Food Specials

- July 5** Enchiladas and tamales \$11.50
- July 12** Sirloin steak \$14.95
- July 19** Baked pork chops \$12.95
- July 26** Fried fish \$11.50

Ask about our dessert du jour. Reservations requested by Thursday at 1:00 pm.

Yard of the Month

Steve and Barbara Parker
2 Winged Foot Drive



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 2** City Council meeting, 6:00 pm at City Hall.
- July 4** Fourth of July Celebration – see complete schedule in June Village Voice or at www.panoramavillagetx.gov.
- July 24** Panorama Lions, 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. Larry Smith will talk about Leader Dogs For The Blind.