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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 3 – District Attorney Henry Garza
June 10 – Dr. Larry Montgomery – “There is no normal pain”
June 17 – NO MEETING
June 24 – Jerry Grote – Catcher for the 1969 “Miracle Mets”

LIONS CALENDAR

June 1 – Executive committee meeting , noon, Nifty’s
June 3 – Regular noon meeting, Gober
June 8 – Regular Board meeting, noon, Cotton Patch
June 10 – Regular noon meeting, Gober

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lion Neil Graeff, as well as other Lions, attended the Grand Opening of Lions Junction Splash Park and observed that this is the perfect venue from which to solicit donations for bricks. A sign up sheet was passed around for this and the next two weekends. Please be thinking of an hour time slot during the next two weekends that you would be able to pass out applications and solicit interest at the park. **Thanks to Lion Neil for taking the initiative with this excellent idea.**

Our Lions Camp visit will be **on June 26** to cook hamburgers for the campers and to witness the awards banquet. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next few meetings.

The annual Installation and Awards Banquet will be Thursday June 18 at 6:30 at Gober. A sign up sheet will circulate.

Lion officers are meeting over the next several weeks to assign Lions to committees. If there is a particular committee you are interested in serving on, please let Ray Harper, John Bailey, Charlie pierce, or Glenn Brandt know. When asked to serve as a committee chair, please be generous with your time and talent.

GUESTS

Prop Walker was the guest of Lion Robert Berry

GREETERS

Volunteers for the rest of the year are greatly encouraged. We have none scheduled.

BIRTHDAYS

May 30 – Lion Jack Staub
May 30 – Lion Mike Ludlow
June 5 – Lion John Haydon
June 7 – Lion George White

UPCOMING MEAL

June 3 – Susan’s – Ham, red beans, potato salad, cole slaw, cornbread
June 10 – Kolache Kitchen –parmesan chicken & pasta, tossed salad, bread sticks

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

Lion Robert Berry introduced our newest member, Wes Riddle, retired Army and owner of Glen-Riddle Manor in Belton, who discussed Saudi Arabia in the post 911 era. Wes is a West Point graduate, earned a masters at Oxford, and served in the Gulf War in a patriot missile battery.

Saudi Arabia has had a new king over the previous 4 years and has undergone some very concrete changes. It represents the center of the Arab world in terms of culture, geography, economy, and religion. It is a political and business ally and friend to the U.S. and is embracing modernity at a rapid pace relative to the rest of the Middle East. Saudi Arabia, despite the nationality of the 911 terrorists, rejects extremism and is a peaceful people. It is indispensable in the peace process. When sharing intelligence with other countries, Saudis prefer to work with the U.S. over any other nation. Saudi Arabia is pro-American in regards to our people but blames our government for anything negative.

In 20 years, Wes sees Saudi Arabia as being vastly different from its current culture. And though much more tolerant of other religions now, religion will be the last component to change drastically. Saudis are very curious about our culture and have adopted some facets of it. There is still quite a bit of government control but Saudis experience “freedom within oppression.”

I have asked Wes to forward me this talk once he has it fully edited and will let you know when it comes through. Like most programs, this write-up does it very little justice. You should have been there.