

Woodville Lions Club 65th Anniversary

by Lions President Jan Smith 2013-14

Woodville Lions Club was chartered by Lions Club International in 1948. The early meetings took place in the Wisenbaker Café on N. Magnolia. The Lions Den on Hwy 190 was found and donated by the Woodville Lumber Co., provided to the Club with a 100-year lease at one dollar a year.

Architect Bob White, son-in-law of Allen Shivers, drew the plans on the back of a calendar. The lumber companies in town donated lumber. The cypress planks on the outside of the building were milled to look like logs using a custom made milling tool just for this job. One carpenter was hired, and he with his son and the Lion members built the Lions Club building.

Some of the goals of the Lions Club is to send kids with Diabetes or a disability to the Texas Lions Camp every summer, support the Lions Eye Bank for research and development involving sight restoration, support the training and furnish Leader Dogs at no cost to the Blind, free Vision Screening and Eye Glass Recycling, World Service for the Blind teaching blind clients life and business skills, student scholarships and support to local community charities. The fund raisers that the Woodville Lions Club promote such as the Annual Rodeo, Chili Supper, and Golf Tournament are for the purpose of donating to these charities and goals.

Thank you Tyler County for your continued support of the Lions Clubs all over Tyler County.

Quotes from our Club Presidents:

“I love the excitement of the children trying to catch a goat and just being in the arena during the Lions Rodeo. I remember a lot of their parents trying to catch a goat at that same age. It’s tradition”.
Steve Evans, President 1986-1987

“We Serve” Russ Nalley, President 1988-1989

“When you see a little girl sing to the Lions Club because they helped her get an ocular implant and she could now hear for the first time in her short five years, you are thankful to be a Lion. You made a difference in someone’s life. When a man could not see the water meters to read for his job and then he could see because the Lions got him glasses, then you are proud you are a Lion. When you see a blind person relying on a Leader Dog because the local Lions got them a dog, then you are glad to be a Lion.”
Dr. Keith Bellamy, President 2003-2004

“My Lions Club raises local money to give away to just and warranted causes.” Randy Carter, President 2004-2005

“Helping people see better, hear better and live better lives”. Gary Dannar, President 2007-2008

“Every year we offer five \$1,000 scholarships to Tyler County School graduating Seniors. We send kids to Diabetic Week for Lions Camp, escort each year at the Dogwood Festival and help with glasses for kids at school. We are a service oriented organization and support local programs. We serve.”
Sergio Ramos, President 2009-2010

“When you see someone around town with that bright yellow/gold vest on, just know that they are on a mission.” Jan Smith, President 2013-2014

