Tuesday - July 3, 2007

Our new president Lion Ron Erwin (#24) won the Tail Twister's pot on the first drawing. Mr. Daniel Shimasaki, with Morgan Stanley, was a guest of Lion Albert Frankenberger. Our attendance was 23 members plus two guests.

Our one day White Cane Day last week netted our club \$904.47. Thanks to all members who worked White Cane.

The Awards and Installation of Officers banquet was enjoyed by all who attended. Lion Charles Hartwig was awarded The Lion of the Year award. Lions Ken Helman and Janine Helman were each awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award and Lion Larry Hinck was awarded the Edward Dalstrom Distinquished Service Award. Several other members were given certificates of appreciation for committee and officer duties performed last year.

The following Lions were presented 100% Attendance awards:

James Park	1 yr.	David Redmon	12 yrs	Vern Drake	17 yrs
Randy Dent	2 yrs				
Janine Helman	4 yrs	Pat Snodgrass	13 yrs	Bill Dickens	19 yrs
Ken Helman	5 yrs	Albert Frankenberger	14 yrs	Marcy Harrell	20 yrs
Tommy White	9 yrs	Bobby Wood	16 yrs	Ed Larson	25 yrs
Eric Grant	10 yrs	Bill Hester	16 yrs	Leon Lee	35 yrs
Bill Levins	11 yrs	Charles Hartwig	16 yrs	Don Vineyard	38 yrs
		Tony Bari	16 yrs	Jim Mashburn	55 yrs
		Brad Baker	16 yrs		

Our program this week was given by Ted Pylant representing the Craighead County Veterans Monument Foundation. Ted talked about supporting our troops overseas and the veterans returning from the Middle East, especially those who are disabled. Let's give our support to the local chapters of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veteran of Foreign Wars and MOAA.

FREEDOM

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us Freedom of the press. It is the soldier not the preacher who has given us Freedom of religion. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us Freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the Freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who serves beneath the Flag, who salutes the Flag, whose coffin is draped by the Flag, who allows the protester to burn the Flag. It is the soldier, not the politician, who has given his blood, his body, his life, who has given us these Freedoms."

Chaplain Father Dennis Edward O'Brien USMC