

Sheridan Lions Club installs 2000-01 officers

On June 27, the Sheridan Lions Club held their 2000-2001 officer installation at the Sheridan Lions Club Community Center. This is the 36th year of very active community service for the Sheridan Lions.

Lion Lavo Brisco was in charge of all the arrangements for the installation.

Lion President Leah Ross opened the meeting and Lion Fred Grahmann gave a very resonating welcome to all.

Lion Franklin Walker led the pledge to the U.S. flag; Lion Natalie Dupre led the pledge to the Texas flag, and the blessing was given by Lion

Carl Milentz.

A very delicious meal of chicken and beef fajitas with all the trimmings were enjoyed by all.

Lion President Ross presented Lion Reggie Brisco with the President's Award for his work on the Sheridan Lions Club Community Center.

Awards were also presented to Lions who had \$200 or more in raffle sales for the Gumbo Supper.

Eighteen members were presented with perfect attendance pins, ranging from one year to 22 years of perfect attendance.

Lion Jean Walker was the install-

ing officer and installed the following members for the 2000-2001 Lion year: President, Wayne Dupre; Secretary, Zeldia Walker; Treasurer, Natalie Dupre; 1st Vice-President, Reggie Brisco; 2nd Vice-President, Monte Peck; 3rd Vice-President, Franklin Walker; Tailtwister, Fred Grahmann; Lion Tamer, Ron Lewis; Directors, one year, Bo Vavrusa and Jack Vawter; two year, Alan Kloss and W.C. Gohlke.

In-coming Lion President Dupre introduced his officers and directors and, in keeping with the tailtwister tradition, Lion Grahmann was the only one that didn't receive any applause.

Praise and thanks were given by Lion Ross for her leadership and other Lions who worked very hard on the renovation of the Sheridan Lions Club Community Center. The building now has a completely new look.

The Lions Club extends its thanks to the LCRA for their grant funds, local donations from individuals and organizations, and the many volunteer hours donated by our Lion members and their families.

The 2000-2001 officers and directors are looking forward to a very enjoyable year of fellowship and service to our Sheridan community. We do serve our community!



Sheridan Lions Club officers are, from left, President, Wayne Dupre; Secretary, Zeldia Walker; Treasurer, Natalie Dupre; 2nd Vice President, Monte Peck; Tailtwister, Fred Grahmann; 1st Vice-President, Reggie Brisco; 3rd Vice President, Franklin Walker; Director, Alan Kloss; Lion Tamer, Ron Lewis; Director, Bo Vavrusa. Not pictured are Directors Bill Gohlke and Jack Vawter.

Photo Courtesy of Sheridan Lions

Help for our hospitals

Too many hospitals in Texas and across the country are on the brink of financial disaster.

As a result, institutions that are the cornerstones of their communities may have to reduce or eliminate many of the vital services they provide in order to stay afloat.

A good example of how this is unfolding can be seen at Henderson Memorial Hospital in East Texas. This facility, which serves the 45,000 or so residents of Rusk County, has experienced a 10% increase in patients this year. But as a result of changes in the way Medicare reimburses hospitals, Henderson Memorial is collecting less money than it did the year before: realizing only 51¢ for every dollar it bills. You don't need an accountant to figure out that this picture is drawn in red ink.

The Texas Hospital Association estimates that 70% of the hospitals in our state will be in the red by the end of this year if planned adjustments in Medicare payments continue as scheduled. The biggest dollar pressure on hospitals is a proposed reduction in the annual inflation adjustment for standard Medicare payments - what the hospitals are paid for treating Medicare patients with specific illnesses.

Last year, Congress passed legislation restoring nearly \$17 billion over five years to scheduled cuts in Medicare reimbursement payments. While some of the proposed cuts were mandated by the 1997 Balanced Budget

Act, which laid the historic foundation for the balanced federal budget we enjoy today, many were a direct result of policies set by the Health Care Financing Administration, not Congress. All told, Medicare providers faced an estimated \$200 billion in reduced payments over the next five years, far in excess of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act estimate of \$116 billion in savings.

All this spells disaster for hospitals - the backbone of our nation's health care system.

Last year, I and many of my colleagues began to hear from hospital administrators, trustees and health professionals about their struggles to maintain the quality and variety of the services they provide patients in their communities.

As a result of cuts that the Health Care Finance Administration was imposing, many highly regarded, efficiently run hospitals were beginning to run deficits.

So, earlier this year, I introduced the "American Hospital Preservation Act," a bill aimed at boosting Medicare reimbursements to hospitals struggling with higher than expected medical and administrative costs. This legislation is designed to get them back on their feet by giving hospitals the same "cost-of-living adjustment" other federal programs recipients get each year.

Last year, we passed my bill to restore the cost-of-living adjustment for "sole community provider" hospi-

itals, where the hospital is the only such health-care facility serving a community. This year, I hope to extend that same relief to all hospitals. If passed into law, my bill could restore approximately \$2 billion to Texas hospitals over the next 10 years.

Our hospitals continue to struggle to meet continued increases in personnel costs, to purchase high-tech equipment and to maintain their higher-cost blood supplies, just to name a few of their routine outlays. At the same time, they are also being squeezed by

the rapid expansion of cost-conscious, managed-care private insurance. While Medicare should not be called upon to shoulder the burden of cuts in private-sector payments, the program does need to pay for what it costs to provide care for the nation's seniors.

We are lucky to be living in an era of medical breakthroughs, the likes of which previous generations of Americans could only dream. We must continue to invest in the core infrastructure of our nation's health delivery system - our hospitals.

From the office of U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Bush launches new initiative to protect children from guns

Gov. George W. Bush launched "Project ChildSafe," a five-year, \$5 million program to provide free child safety locks and firearm safety information to Texas parents. The innovative program will be funded through a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

"Providing free child safety locks to parents is a common-sense, practical way that government can help parents improve safety in their homes," said Gov. Bush. "Most trigger lock proposals focus on legislation requiring manufactures to put safety locks on new guns, which I would sign, and this proposal goes even further by making trigger locks available to millions of people who already own guns," he said.

The Governor's Criminal Justice Division will provide materials that will be distributed through county sheriffs' and local police departments

based on population data.

The Governor's office will work with local law enforcement officials to distribute the kits in the most efficient way possible.

The Governor's Criminal Justice Division will notify sheriffs and police chiefs during the next few weeks about ways to participate in Project ChildSafe.

Project ChildSafe is the latest action taken by the Governor to protect children from harm by firearms.

Since 1995, the Governor has signed laws making it a criminal offense for an adult to allow a child access to a loaded firearm unless the child is under adult supervision.

Under Gov. Bush, Texas has also increased penalties for anyone selling, renting or giving a handgun to a child and requires automatic detention for juveniles caught illegally carrying a gun or committing a crime with a gun.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILED

Carl Blomquist and Pawne Blomquist vs William T. Youens Jr. and Leslie Heinsohn, review of tax appraisal; filed 8-17-00.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS

Alfredo Legos Puga Sr., possession of a prohibited weapon, 2-5-00. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, 160 hours community service, court costs and a \$1,000 fine.

Deadrick L. Holloway, aggravated robbery, 6-1-99. Sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, 400 hours community service, court costs, \$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail (straight time).

Shirley Jean Pettit, burglary of a building, 8-17-99. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, 240 hours community service, court costs and a \$750 fine.

Albert Jones, aggravated sexual assault (two counts). Sentenced to 12 years in TDC.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Aug. 14, 2000

Christopher J. Hernandez, driving while intoxicated (DWI), 2nd offense.

Rigoberto C. Navarro, driving while license suspended (DWLS).

Armando Navarete, DWLS.

Anthony F. Pillittere Jr., DWLS.

Berta Elizabeth Recinos, DWLS.

Aug. 18, 2000

Keene Wayne Farrow, DWLS.

Gregoria Carreon Nino, DWI.

Clayton James Harbich, possession of marijuana (PoM).

Corrie Wayne Flowers, PoM.

Terri Henry Tate, DWI.

DIVORCE FILED

Richard Dean Gott and Sherlayn Rae Sunderman Gott, filed 8-4-00.

DIVORCE GRANTED

Thomas Cavazos and Anita Chavez Cavazos; granted 8-18-00.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Morris Edward Nunn Jr. and Tamara Janea Glenn; 8-16-00.

James Winston Carr and Elizabeth Ann Mudd; 8-17-00.

Highlights

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•Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor ordered private passenger auto insurance benchmark rate reductions averaging 1.3% statewide, making 2000 the third year in a row of an overall benchmark rate cut. The new rates will take effect Nov. 1.

•The Texas Education Agency is awarding \$100,000 to the Texas Troops for Teachers program to help military personnel who recently separated from service to pay for teacher certification programs and to enter the teaching profession.

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