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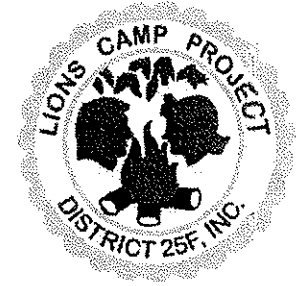
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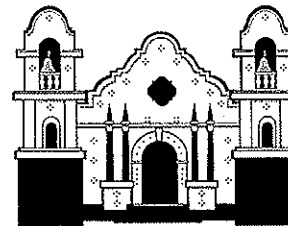
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FRONT PAGE NEWS.... February 23

The Birthday of Lion Richard L. Getts and the lesser known Presidents. 

SIEGE OF THE ALAMO

Beginning on this day in 1836, a small group of freedom fighters engaged the army of General Santa Ana at the Alamo in a battle for Texan independence from Mexico. Jim Bowie, commanding colonel, and Davy Crockett were among the approximately 184 defenders who fought against an army estimated at between 1,600 and 6,000 men. Thirteen days later, Santa Ana broke through the barricades and claimed victory, killing 183, including Bowie and Crockett. Having suffered considerable casualties, Santa Ana's army was so weakened and disjointed that Sam Houston was ultimately able to achieve independence for Texas. The Alamo, so named for the grove of cottonwoods that surrounded the 18th-century mission (*alamo* is Spanish for cottonwood), has become a symbol of heroism and sacrifice.



Valentine's Day
 February 14th



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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

We are into a new year. We have made new year resolutions and have broken some already. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

Listed are several large projects that were complete in 2008.

1. Work started on the pipeline on the back of the property.
2. Replaced the computer in the camp office.
3. Sold some of the timber in the pipeline right-of-way,
4. Replaced the utility vehicle with a new 4 wheel drive with a large capacity cargo box.
5. Made major repairs to several buildings.

The projects could not have been completed without the help of a lot of hard working Lions and I thank all of you very much for all your time and effort.

In 2009 we want to continue to upgrade the camp. If your club has adopted a cabin, please plan on fixing it up this spring before the camping season. We will schedule a work detail to get this work completed.

We still need Region and Zone trustees to serve on the board. Region 4 and Region 8 have not had a representative for some time. We also have several trustees whose term will expire June 30, 2009. If you would like to serve, please let your club know so your name can be submitted to the board. The trustees meet at the camp 9-10 times a year on the third Thursday of the month.

I hope to see everyone at the camp in the coming year.

Lion Don Greer, Chairman

ATTENTION ALL LIONS

Your Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been very active in an endeavor to up-date our District 25F Constitution and By-Laws.

At the January Cabinet Meeting, 31 Jan 09 at Connersville the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws will be available (1 per club, 1 per PDG). Clubs who do not attend will have copies mailed to them the following week.

I URGE all of you to review the proposed, and if you have any suggestions send them to Lion Paul Shane at shanept@yahoo.com. Paul's address and phone number is on page 22 of the District Directory

The new Constitution and By-Laws will be voted upon at the District 25F Convention in March 2009.

Lion Jack R. Salsbery, PDG
V-C, Camp Woodsmoke

Groundhog Day

As you all know, this month we will be observing Groundhog Day. In fact, most of you will not have received this newsletter until after the glorious day has passed. Just what is it about Groundhogs that causes us to rejoice, puts that warm happy feeling in our hearts and sets our minds to wondering about things cosmic and eternal? What makes us look forward to the pitter-patter of furry little feet scampering across the asphalt ribbons lacing across this bounteous package of capitalist fortune and prosperity? Is it the fact that they are so very cute and adorable? Possibly. Is it because in the grand scheme of nature, theirs is a role that is mystical, in that we really don't know what they do? I think not. Is it because they are also called 'woodchucks'? No. There is absolutely nothing whatsoever that is special about groundhogs or woodchucks.



You might occasionally see a pair of groundhog moccasins or a trout fly tied with groundhog hair but that is about it. I understand that Lion Getts used to take groundhog sandwiches to school for lunch but I suppose that was rather an exception that a rule. For you sporting types I suppose that they do give you something to aim at on those long unexciting drives to Cabinet Meetings and other entertainment venues. Undoubtedly, their only redeeming feature is as star of the popular children's rhyme, "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?"

The answer is about 700 pounds. I'm not kidding. Congress actually voted grant money to a school to conduct a study to find this out. I suspect that the real reason we celebrate Groundhog Day, a man's holiday, is because beavers have their day on the 14th of this month. After all every Lion knowledgeable about Camp Woodsmoke knows that "The Beaver Rules"!!

Happy Groundhog Day
Lion Scott Salsbery



Geo 22



Dick 23



Abe 12

HONOR FORMER PRESIDENTS

February an unusual month. Only month with fewer than 30 days. Normally 28 days, but on leap year has 29 days - divisible by four. February begins in the sign of Aquarius and ends in the sign of Pisces. In Finnish the meaning is "month of the Pearl". Groundhog Day is the 2nd. Mardi Gras, the Super Bowl (Go Colts!), the Daytona 500, St. Valentine's Day (looking for a lover), Westminster Dog Show (where most my lovers come from), and American Heart month.

February is truly a special month.

- 1732 George Washington was born
- 1775 Massachusetts in rebellion
- 1809 Abraham Lincoln was born
- 1861 Jefferson Davis elected President of the Confederate States.
- 1942 Daylight Savings Time
- 1943 Richard L. Getts came into the world
- 1950 Senator Joseph McCarthy finds communists
- 1964 "The Beatles" come to the USA
- 1969 Gabby Hayes died
- 1971 Apollo 14 return to earth
- 2009 Very slow news month for our Camp Woodsmoke "The Best"

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