



## Lions Club of Helotes

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The Lions Club is an International service organization.

Our moto: "WE SERVE"

Our slogan: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety (the first letters spell LIONS)

The Lions Creed: He achieves success who lives well, laughs often and loves much,

Who gains the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children,

Who never lack's appreciation of earth's beauty or fails to express it,

Who always sees the best in others and gives the best he has

Whose life is an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction.

The Lions Club of Helotes charter night was at Grey Moss Inn on September 18, 1950.

The Lions started the first newspaper titled "Tail Twister" in the 1950's. Copies of some of the first papers are in the Lion's archives.

The Lions were very instrumental in the forming of the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department.

The Lions secured the deed to 3 ½ acres in 1956. Later years built the building.

The building was home to an auction for many years that was run by Jack Nottingham. Today the Lions Building is used by many non-profit organizations, Helotes Festival Association, Garden Club, and Boy Scout Troop 484.

The club was a major part of starting the Helotes Festival Association in 1966 and is still a major part today.

In 1991 the first Helotes Bingo began. To this day has generated revenue for the City of Helotes thru sales tax.

The Lions club sponsors 2 - \$1,000.00 scholarships each year. One to an area senior and one to a volunteer counselor at the Texas Lions Camp. This is called "the Barbara Fielding Scholarship". Barbara was a Lioness until her death a few years ago.

The Lions club and The Eye Clinic in Helotes are partners in helping the less fortunate. The club pays for the examine and glasses at a reduced rate from the Eye Clinic.

The Lions Club also pays for hearing aids for kids and seniors who are hearing impaired.

The Lions charity organizations include and are not limited to: Lions International, Lions Sight Research, Human Needs Board, Lions World Service, Texas Lions Camp, Lions Hearing Board, Leader Dog, San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind, CAMP CAMP, Casa Helotes, American Cancer Society, Alamo Angels, Alzafar Shrine, Bikers Against Child Abuse, Local Boy Scouts, Western Heritage Cowboy Church.

The Lioness Club was chartered in 1978 (a few years ago became Lions).

The Lioness has been very active from the time of their charter and continues so today.

Decorating City Hall and furnishing cookies...starting at the City Hall when it was located at Bob Cage on Bandera Rd and continue today

In 1994 sponsored a benefit for a local person that had cancer and no insurance. Unfortunately she passed on before knowing that \$32,000.00 was raised to help defray her medical expense.

In 1 month organized a fund raiser for the Helotes and Grey Forest Volunteer Fire departments with a net of \$7,000. The following year a fund raiser net... \$3,000.00. This money was used to purchase the repeater which is on Tower View in Helotes.

Purchase of Bullet proof vests, night sticks, flash lights for our HPD and GFPD.

Purchase of two way radios for the Helotes VFD and Grey Forest VFD.

Sponsor of the Miss Citizenship with a \$500.00 cash award thru the Miss Helotes pageant.

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