

**Coppell Lions Club**

**News Release**

On Monday February 19th, the Coppell Lions Club members celebrated their 40th year of service to the community of Coppell, Texas.

Several past members and District 2-X1 officials attended this event. In attendance was past member and past Coppell resident Rebecca Boatman. She is believed to have been the first woman admitted into a Lions club after female membership became available in 1987. Lions Clubs International was the first international service club to admit women into their ranks.

Snacks and a commemorative cake were served. Former club members shared memories and a slide show was provided that showed many of the club’s service and fundraiser events. Each current club member received a 40th anniversary club patch to add to their Lions vest.

Chartered by Lions Clubs International on May 12th, 1983 the club has served the Coppell community by collecting and recycling used eyeglass, providing college scholarships to Coppell HS seniors, cleaning city parks and streets, sponsoring the Coppell Community Summit of our local service and religious organizations, providing grants for Coppell Parks and the Kid Country playground, conducting the annual Christmas Holiday food and toy drive, conducting free vision clinics and eyeglasses for Coppell students with vision issues, and sponsoring free attendance for physically handicapped and or diabetic youth campers to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas.

 Other service contributions include teaming with the two Carrollton Lions clubs which together raised $100,000 needed to receive a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) $100,000 matching grant to purchase a custom mobile food pantry which was donated to Metrocrest Services for food distribution into local area “food deserts”.

Lions Club’s mission is to Serve their community’s needs. LCIF’s mission is to empower local Lions Clubs to accomplish humanitarian service that would otherwise not be possible without the support of their monetary grants.