



The Garden Ridge LIONS' DEN



The Newsletter of the Lions Club of Garden Ridge, Texas
A Club to Serve the Needs of our Community.

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OUR NEXT MEETING

THE LIONS CLUB OF GARDEN RIDGE

will meet on Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m.
at the Garden Ridge Community Center,
9400 Municipal Pkwy, Garden Ridge, TX

Setup at 6:30.

Questions? Call or email our President,
Steve Gallets at 254-366-9018
or at galleste@sbcglobal.net



Our Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be

Ray Martinez

Manager of Sales,
Natural Bridge Caverns

For more information on Ray, see page 2.

Ray Martinez
Manager of Sales at Natural Bridge Caverns

Ray was born and raised in Del Rio, Texas. He moved to San Antonio after graduating from high school to attend San Antonio College and study Architectural Drafting, although that is not how it all worked out. After attending college, he entered the work force still looking for that right fit. In 1992 he accepted a position to begin the Call Center at SeaWorld San Antonio. He held various positions throughout his tenure at Sea World, becoming the Senior Account Executive for the largest marine life park in the world. The rest is history! After spending 27 years at SeaWorld San Antonio, he departed to accept the newly formed position of Manager of Sales at Natural Bridge Caverns. He has just completed three years of service there on January 13, 2023.

Ray has been married for 28 years and has two kids. His son works as a Probation Officer in Weatherford, Texas and is taking courses at TCU toward a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Ray's daughter is a senior at O'Connor High School in Helotes, Texas. Ray's hobbies include grilling/cooking and doing yard work.

Our Club Officers

Steve Gallets - President

Mark Meyers - 1st Vice President

Amanda Hagy - Past President

Becky Houy - Secretary

Tara Brown - Treasurer

Randy Maschek - Club Membership Chair

Dick Holloway - Club Service Chair

Kerry Ledford - Club Marketing Chair

Mark Frye - Director

April Cook - Director

Lions Club Events Coming Up

March 22, Wednesday - General membership meeting, Garden Ridge Community Center.

April 1, Saturday - Work Day at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Meet at 5:45am in the Garden Ridge City Hall Parking Lot for car pooling.

April 21 and 22, Friday and Saturday - Lions Club District 2S3 Convention in Bastrop.

April 26, Wednesday - General Membership Meeting offsite, place to be determined.

May 10, Wednesday - General Membership Meeting and Lions Scholarship Awards, Garden Ridge Community Center.

May 6, Saturday - Texas Lions Camp Workday in Kerrville. Meet at 5:45am in the Garden Ridge City Hall Parking Lot for car pooling.

May 18 - 20 - Texas Lions Club State Convention in Fort Worth.

June 7, Wednesday - Installation Dinner for 2023/24 Officers.

Dates TBD - Bat Cave Road cleanup. Walter Surgnier is the new Road Cleanup Coordinator.

WE SERVE!

The Purposes of the Garden Ridge Lions Club

- To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- To provide a forum for open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavors.