

Club News

Passing of Lion Tom Nielson - Lion Tom Nielson passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, March 17th. Tom had been bravely battling cancer for over a year.



Lion Ken Marr (left) presents Lion Tom Nielson MJF Award Dec 2021

At our December 12, 2021 Holiday Dinner meeting Tom was able to attend and was surprised and proud to be recognized as one of our Club's most recent Melvin Jones Fellow recipients. Tom was a big supporter of the Texas Hold-em poker tournament, and served as the Club's Lion Tamer. He modernized and updated our club trifold to advertise club projects and accomplishments. Tom was always ready to pitch in for service projects including the Drug-Take-Back, Vision Walk, and Adopt-a-Highway.

In response to being notified of Tom's passing, Montclair Lions Wayne and JoAnn Bale stated: *"Everyone in the club probably has a story about the first person they met or connected with at the club. For me and JoAnn it was Tom. He was the first person we sat by at that very first dinner. His warmth and personality was one of the things that made us want to come back. We looked for him and sat with him for many more dinners in a row. He came to all of our Vision Walks and walked with us and I know he was a part of nearly every project we did. We'll miss him."*