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2014 Annual Meeting Report

Despite cold wet weather, over 550 members turned out at the Sons of Hermann Hall on February 7th for the Lee County Wildlife Association (LCWA) Annual Meeting. Our meal was a rib eye dinner that was a great success. The directors are already planning on serving this same very popular meal next year. We fed 545 people. Thanks for coming out.

Our speaker this year was Dr. Fidel Hernandez from Texas A&M Kingsville. He spoke on the impact hawks and other birds are having on the quail population. Parts of Texas, particularly south Texas, experience a surge in hawk population during the winter months. These birds coupled with other



resident predatory birds contribute to a high mortality of the quail population. Dr. Hernandez recommended that since these birds are all protected, the best way to minimize their adverse impact is through providing better brush coverage as a refuge for quail and other ground nesting birds.

There were two special recognitions. One was a plaque given to the family of the late Bob Whitesides in recognition for his outstanding support of the LCWA and great love of the outdoors and shooting sports. The second recognition was a plaque and rifle to honor Greg Pleasant for his faithful and untiring work as the biologist for Lee and Fayette counties. Greg has now changed positions to become a regional fire coordinator in Texas. A new biologist will be on board hopefully

around April 1st.

Winners were selected for the still and game camera photo contests. There were also winners selected for oldest buck, archery, spike and youth bucks. Congratulations to all our winners. Our fundraising was successful and will allow us to continue to offer programs as they have been in the past. Please thank our donors for their support and thank you for participating.

There are several upcoming events. There will be a hunters' education course for those needing to obtain their certification in early April. There will also be a workshop on Feral Hogs, hopefully in April. A program on beneficial vs. nuisance weeds will be offered in the May timeframe. Stay in touch to get the exact dates for each event.

LCWA Membership

REMINDER!!

2014 Membership Dues of \$10 are now due.

If you didn't have the chance to pay your renewal at the Annual Meeting, please mail your payment of *Ten-dollars* to the Lee County Extension office at 310 S. Grimes, Giddings 78942 or stop by to drop it off.



Make checks payable to: LCWA

Interested In Life Time Membership?

Life time memberships are now offered at the following rates.

0 - 20 years of age.....	\$475
21 - 50 years of age.....	\$355
51 - 65 years of age.....	\$275
? 66 - 80 years of age.....	\$180
81 years & over.....	\$75



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