

Pinedale Lions Annual Awards Dinner/Big Piney Charter Night November 10, 2011

A wonderful evening of awards and recognition was held on November 10 in Big Piney at Gatzke's Restaurant. The Pinedale Lions were the sponsoring club for the new Big Piney Lions Club. An interesting history was shared that night: The original Big Piney Lions club many years ago sponsored the original Pinedale Lions Club. In the years that followed, the Big Piney Club went dark, only to be resurrected by a sponsoring Pinedale Lions Club. In subsequent years, the Pinedale Lions folded up only to be re-started by the sponsoring Big Piney Club. More years past and the Big Piney Club surrendered it's charter, and in 2011 the Pinedale Club sponsored the current Big Piney Lions Club.

A number of awards were presented to Pinedale Lions by President Bruce Reed and Immediate Past President Mindi Crabb. IPP Mindi received a Bronze Lion Plaque in recognition of her service as president for two years. Immediate Past District Governor Dave Orr presented the new charter to Big Piney President Ray Pape. Current District Governor Ted Wenckus added his good wishes and shared a little known fact about himself (he is a Chicago Bears fan -- he really had us worried as he unbuttoned his shirt to show off his..... Bears t-shirt).

A wonderful meal, celebration of Lions service and the Chartering of a new club all made for a great evening. Here are some pictures:



Lion President Bruce Reed (in his Navy Uniform) shared the meaning of the small white table honoring MIA/POW on the eve of Veterans Day. at the far end of the table are Big Piney Pres Ray Pape and Club Secretary Tracy Pape.



The head table (l to r: Lion Kathy Orr, IPDG Dave Orr, DG Ted Wenckus, Pinedale President Bruce Reed, Lion Nancy Reed)



Big Piney President Ray Pape accepts the Big Piney Lions Charter



Big Piney President Ray and Secretary Tracy Pape receive a Tail Twister Bank as a Charter gift from the Big Piney Club



On the far side of the near table are four Big Piney Lions John and Brenda Forrester, Amy and Brent Commerer -- notice the cool shirts most of the BP Lions are wearing. Beyond Brent is Melba Jaskolski and Lion Tiger Jaskolski (Yes, Lion Tiger!)



Kemmerer Lions President Brad Willford was on hand to wish the new club well (red shirt, lower left). A great meal and great camaraderie were shared. At the far table in the white shirt is Big Piney Lion Gerry Chase and wife Deb (red shirt). In the black hat is Big Piney Lion Tanner West. Sorry I didn't get all the names of the Pinedale Lions pictured.