

# **LFSA IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**February 2018**

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January 2018 was a busy month for LFSA. We wrapped up our 2017 activities; we created a 2018 budget; we created our plans and projects and we began work on what will be a highly challenging year for our organization.

However, something happened in January that has made LFSA membership, as a whole, very proud. We received a letter from Don Kessler, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Selection Committee Chairman, announcing our election into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. We are humbled by this election and we are honored. Our members through the years of our existence have worked hard to assure that we are Preserving the Legend of Lake Fork and this letter verifies those efforts are recognized. We look forward to the induction ceremony in the Spring/Summer. We will be accepting the award with the knowledge that our vision is set on bigger and better projects. I saw a quote once that read "Success is most often not how high you climb but how you make a positive difference to the world" (credits to Roy T Bennett). We want to make a positive difference, for sure.

Below is an outline of just a few differences we are making!

- Working with Yantis High School to grow and plant Button Bushes (Sue Parrish, Lead) and growing and planting aquatic grasses (Ed Swenson, Lead)
- Providing the Live Release Boat to tournaments on Lake Fork (Bruce Allen, Lead)
- Introducing "Fish City Attractors" to Lake Fork working with Texas Parks and Wildlife (Ed Swenson, Lead)
- Assisting TPWD with a study and grant request to build a public fishing pier on the lake (Carolyn West and Cathy Bastyr, Leads)
- Providing Angler Education classes for our organization and the public, focusing on tournament directors and high school fishing teams (Peggy York, Lead)
- Continuing to provide support to High School Fishing Teams through our Tackle Recycle Program (Mike and Pat Kostial, Leads)
- Assisting TPWD with Fingerling releases into the lake with the assistance of the public (Ed Swenson, Lead)

None of this is accomplished without funding. In 2017, Skeeter awarded us with a cash donation and a new 90 hp Yamaha engine for our LRB. We are so appreciative and love to say, "We are powered by Yamaha". To supplement our income for 2018, we will be conducting two raffles at the fishing tournaments and continuing to emphasize our Title Sponsorship Program (Al Seeley, Chair) as we ask manufacturers and vendors to support our efforts.

Our membership is open and we are also open for LFSA business! Want to join our dynamic efforts? Call 903-752-2014, visit our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, Tiffany's Restaurant at Lake Fork Marina. 6:45 p.m. or email to [lfsa126@gmail.com](mailto:lfsa126@gmail.com).