

**LIONS WORLD SERVICES
FOR THE BLIND
EXPANDS TRAINING PROGRAM**

By PDG Billy Graham, State Chairman

Texas was well represented at the annual "Visiting Lions Week-end" August 25-26 in Little Rock. The Texas delegation included ID Connie de la Garza, Council Chairman-elect Ike Boling, 14 Vice District Governors, LWSB State Chairman, 13 District Chairmen and 23 spouses.

The training census was 40 at that time, but should have increased by now. Texas has had 18 trainees in the program since January 2000. During the Texas delegation tour there were trainees from Districts 2-T1, 2-T2, 2-S3 and two from 2-X2. As stated in the September issue of *"The Texas Lion"*, it costs an average of \$15,000 to provide complete rehabilitation of a trainee. The Lions of Texas should see that our fair share for the cost of training these students be donated to LWSB.

Nothing stands still at LWSB! With the help of a member of the Little Rock Founder Club, a larger building (5,000 square foot) has been leased. This building will house the Small Engine Repair / Bicycle Assembly and Repair programs and is located near the main campus.

A new training program has been set in motion called "Microsoft Computer Systems Engineer 2000" (MCSE2000). The curriculum of the course prepares students for "MCSE 2000" Industry-Standard Certification through seven certification exams, with optional certification exams for A+. This training program provides vast employment opportunities on the cutting edge of Technology. These trained persons can work at any business that has a computer network, internally or externally, such as educational institutions, hospitals, government agencies and many others. There will be additional information on this program later. Always remember, the trainees at LWSB are blind or legally blind!

If I can be of assistance please call me, PDG Billy Graham at (940) 685-8855 or Co-Chairman PDG Carl Perry (281) 997-2028.