

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
MD - TEXAS  
LIONS STATE CONVENTION



*at the*

*Historic Menger Hotel*

*San Antonio, Texas*

*May 18 - 21, 2017*



THE 2016 - 2017  
MD-2 TEXAS LIONS  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS  
WELCOME YOU TO OUR  
CENTENNIAL STATE CONVENTION



AND TO THE BEAUTIFUL AND  
HISTORIC ALAMO CITY  
ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
“CRADLE OF TEXAS LIBERTY”



THIS HONOR THAT IS BEING BESTOWED  
UPON YOU TODAY IS A TRUE  
REFLECTION OF YOUR LIONISTIC  
SERVICE TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE  
AND TO THE COUNTLESS LIVES YOU  
HAVE TOUCHED THROUGH YOUR  
SERVICE.



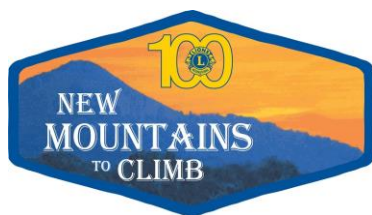
1917 - 2017

IN THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR, YOU JOIN  
YOUR PREDECESSORS IN THE "HALL  
OF FAME" AND RECEIVE THE THANKS  
OF YOUR FELLOW LIONS FOR YOUR  
SERVICE TO HUMANITY.

**MD-2 TEXAS LIONS  
STATE CONVENTION**

*“Celebrating a Century of  
Service here in Texas -  
Where It All Began”*

**HALL OF FAME  
LUNCHEON**



**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017  
12:00 NOON**

**THE HISTORIC MENGER HOTEL  
MAIN BALLROOM A-B-C**



## **EVERETT J. "EBB" GRINDSTAFF PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff, of Ballinger, Texas, USA, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 65th annual convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, July 1982. Past President Grindstaff is a practicing attorney and an attorney for the city of Ballinger.

A Lion since 1954 and currently a member of the Ballinger Noon Lions Club, Past President Grindstaff has held numerous offices, including club president, district governor and past president of the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children and has chaired several committees at Lions conventions. He also served a two-year term as a member of the association's board of directors from 1972-74.

For his efforts on behalf of the association, he has received 17 International President's Awards, two Extension Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor given to members by the association. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, Jack Wiech Fellow of the Lions Camp and Texas Lions Foundation Fellow. In addition, Past President Grindstaff received the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's 1983 Humanitarian Award for his work in helping diabetics worldwide, and received the highest award given by the American Diabetes Association, the Dr. Charles Best Award, in 1984.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past President Grindstaff is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, past chairman of the Upper Colorado River Authority, Life Member Counselor of Baylor Law School, past director of the State Bar of Texas, past president of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and past district chairman and past district commissioner of the Tri-Rivers District of Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America.

He and his wife, Jeannette "Jay," have two children and four grandchildren.

*Call To Order.....PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina  
Council Chairman*

*Lions Sing..... DG Malaki Gore, District 2-S4  
Pledge*

*of Allegiance..... DG Rodney Foyce, District 2-E1*

*Invocation.....DG Dave Richison, District 2-A1  
Introduction*

*of Guests.....PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina  
Council Chairman*

*Introduction of First Vice*

*District Governors-Elect.....PDG John Landrum  
Council Chairman-Elect 2018-19*

### *Plated Luncheon*

Freshly tossed Garden Salad with choice of Dressing  
Chicken Breast Eugene: Breast of chicken on Canadian bacon with  
a light sherry sauce

Pecan Wild Rice & Seasonal Vegetables

Petite Rolls and Butter

Coffee & Iced Tea

DESSERT

Assorted Hand Made Reposteria

*Introduction of*

*Featured Speaker..... Lion Sam Lindsey  
International Director*

*Keynote Speaker..... Lion Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff  
Past International President*

*Presentation of the Texas Lions Hall of Fame Inductees  
will be*

*Presented by their District Governor  
Announcements and Closing*

## Inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in 2017.



Past Council Chairman Ray White joined L Lions in 1981 but did not become a “Lion” until 1998 when 220 young people at our Texas Lions Camp, after their awards ceremony, turned around and said, “thank you Lions.”

After membership in three previous Clubs over the years, Lion Ray selected the Amarillo Downtown Lions Club as home where he served in every office including President on two different occasions and Bulletin Editor for four consecutive years.

On the District level, Lion Ray served on the Board of the High Plains Eye Bank for an unprecedented eight consecutive years. He also served as the first SightFirst Chairman of 2-T1, LWSB Chairman for four years, Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor (Region Chairman), Tail Twister, and numerous District Chairs.

On the State level, Lion Ray served as Vice District Governor 1998-99, District Governor 1999-2000, Council Secretary 1999-2000, MD-2 LCIF Chairman for three years, Council Chairman 2007-2008, and President of the PDG Association 2015-2016.

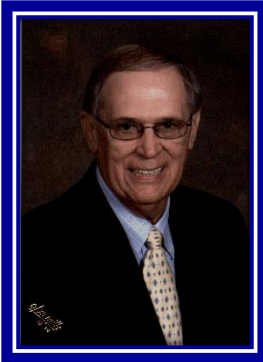
Lion Ray is a recipient of the Ed Flood Award, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Jack Wiech Fellow, Life Member Lions High Plains Eye Bank, Third Generation of Texas Lions Camp Century Club, three International Presidential Awards, International Guiding Lion Award, and numerous other Awards.

He has been an active member of various churches over the years and involved with youth groups within those churches.

With all this, there is still time for his soul mate, Lion Zoie, who has been by his side for many years and helping him in each and every endeavor. They have three children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**LION RAY WHITE IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING LION  
LEADER IN DISTRICT 2-T1  
AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2.**

## Inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in 2017.



Lion Billy Wood joined the Graham Lions Club in February 1998 and soon became very active in the programs and activities. He has worked diligently in the Club's Carnival and served as chair of tickets sales from 2002-14. He became president of his club in 2002. For the last several years, he has handled installation of new club members.

Since 2004, Lion Billy has served the Texas Lions Camp proudly when he became a Camp Director and served two consecutive 2-year terms, served on the Finance Committee 2004-08, joined the TLC Board Funds, Securities and Investment Committee in 2012 and chairman in 2013 to present. Lion Trish Wilson said, "Lion Billy Wood has given generously of his time and his resources to the Texas Lions Camp and we are forever grateful for his generous heart and dedicated leadership."

In 2005-06, Lion Billy was Vice District Governor of District 2-E1 and District Governor in 2006-07. He is currently serving as District 2-E1 Trustee of the Texas Lions Foundation. He stays involved in Lions International by attending district, state, international meetings, and conventions and USA/Canada Forums.

Lion Billy is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Level 3 Jack Wiech Fellow, a TLC Life member, a TLC Century Club member for 13 consecutive years, holds a TLC Endowment Brick, and shares a TLC Endowment Rock with his wife Rose.

He is a leader in his church (FUMC Graham) serving as President of his Sunday School Class, member of the Church Council and Finance committee, Lay Delegate to Central Texas Annual Conference, President of FUMC Foundation, Chair of the last long range planning committee. Lion Billy has also been a leader in the town of Graham and has served as President of the Graham Concert Association.

**LION BILL WOOD IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING LION  
LEADER IN DISTRICT 2-E1  
AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2.**



## Inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in 2017.



Past Council Chair John Hancock joined the San Angelo Downtown Lions Club in 1955 and has been active in all phases of the Club, District, and State activities for over 60 years. In his club, he served at least one term in all offices and president on three occasions and was Lion of the Year in 1991. In his District, he served in several capacities including Zone Chair, Deputy District Governor twice, SightFirst Chairman twice, Vice District Governor, District Governor 1995-1996, and served with distinction as Council Chair 1999-2000.

Lion John served on the Board of Directors of the Lions Eye Bank (now the Western Texas Eye Bank Alliance) and was instrumental in establishing the San Angelo Lions Charities, Inc., a non-profit organization of all San Angelo Lions Clubs dedicated to helping sight impaired children and adults. He has demonstrated strong and progressive leadership in these assignments and continues to do so on behalf of Lionism.

He has received the International Presidents Award, is a Jack Wiech Fellow, a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Texas Lions Foundation Fellow, holds a Membership key, has received the Ed Flood Award, is a third-generation Texas Lions Camp Century Club member, and is an Everett "Ebb" J. Grindstaff Fellow.

In 1952, Lion John graduated from Texas A&M University. Upon graduation, he served two years of active duty in the Army followed by eight years of military reserve service. Lion John has been active in various ministries associated with his church including Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, and Building Committee chairman for a \$7 million building program. Lion John and his wife Alice have been married for over 60 years, and have one son, John Allan, and two grandsons, Kyle and Nolan.

**LION JOHN H. HANCOCK IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING  
LION LEADER IN DISTRICT 2-A1  
AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2.**

## Inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in 2017.



Past Council Chairman Lion L.E. "Stump" Weatherford joined the Orange Lions Club October 1975 and served twice as president. He created, implemented, and continues to serve on the Orange Lions Club Charity Carnival Committee, helps work and deliver 125-150 Christmas Food Baskets every year, helps Salvation Army Ring the Bells, and White Cane Day. He helped organize and sponsor the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Leo Club and is a member of the greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce where he serves as Ambassador. Lion Stump has held many positions including Region Chair, Zone Chair, District Governor 1997-98, Council Chair 2010-11, current President of the Past District Governors Association, District Photographer, District GLT Coordinator, Lions Eye Bank of Texas Board of Trustees and Golf Committee, Lions Foundation for Sight, and Treasurer of the Texas Federation for the Blind Beaumont Area. Lion Stump has brought in 23 new members in Lionism and has 41 years of perfect attendance. He has attended several workdays at the Lions Camp. Having attended International Conventions, USA/Canada Leadership Forums, State Conventions, Texas Leadership Forums, and being a Guiding Lion, Life Member of the Texas Lions Camp, Jack Wiech Fellow, and a Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Stump has also been awarded several International Presidents Awards and Certificates, District Awards and Certificates.

Lion Stump and Lion Dayle are active members of Saint Mary's Catholic Church where they serve in many capacities. He works the annual City of Orange Easter Egg Hunt, Orange County Sheriff Cops & Kids, and Blue Santa Programs. Even with everything Lion Stump does, he makes time for his and Dayle's grown children, grandchildren, and now great grandchildren. Poppa is always willing to provide transportation, watch his grand kids play ball, or just relax and enjoy a visit.

**LION L.E. "STUMP" WEATHERFORD IS TRULY AN  
OUTSTANDING LION LEADER IN DISTRICT 2-S1  
AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2.**

## Inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in 2017.



Past Council Chair Lewis Gardner has been an active Lion for more than 60 years with 54 years of perfect attendance. He has served the Angleton Lions Club in every office, some more than once. Every activity, from selling smoked turkeys, to selling circus tickets, to working concession stands, to ringing the bells, he has been there. He is dedicated to youth activities, serving on scholarship committees, originating a recognition program to honor youth who perform community service, and responsible for the organization of the Angleton Leo Club.

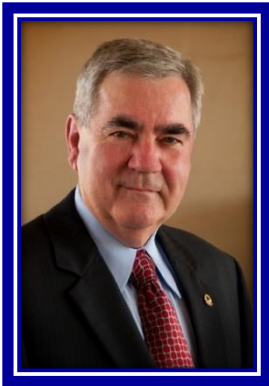
Lion Lewis served as District Governor 2002-03. During his tenure as Governor and Vice Chairman, he visited every club in the district sharing the knowledge and experience he acquired during his terms on the Leadership Team, Cabinet Secretary, Zone and Region Chair, and additional District entity chairs. He has received two Presidents Certificates of Appreciation, International Presidents Award 2014, Wall of Honor-Texas Lions Eye Bank, Eddie Munger Fellow, Texas Lions Foundation Sustaining Member, and numerous more.

During his professional career, his fellow teachers honored him by his election to President of the local Texas State Teachers Association and later the local unit of the Texas Classroom Teachers. He served two years on the State Vocational Agriculture Teachers Board of Directors. Outside of the Angleton area, Lion Lewis is a lifetime Member of the Houston Livestock Show and has been named a Lifetime Committeeman. He has served two terms as President of the District Retired Teachers and three terms as local Retired Teachers President.

Lion Lewis is a long-time member of the Angleton First United Church. He has been elected to many leadership positions in the church, including chairman of the Board of Trustees, Education Chairman, Sunday school teacher, and finance committee member.

**LION LEWIS GARDNER IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING  
LION LEADER IN DISTRICT 2-S4  
AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2.**

## Inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in 2017.



Lion Sam Lindsey has served Lionism at the club, District, State and now on the International level.

Lion Sam joined the Conroe Noon Lions Club in November 1972. While serving as club secretary in 1974-1976, Lion Sam was voted Lion of the Year. As club president in 1979-1980, the club received the International President's Growth Award for having a membership increase from 175 members to 235. Lion Sam served District 2-S2 as Zone,

Region, and Convention Chairman, 100% Director to the Texas Lions Camp, and District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for 1986-1987.

A job change moved Lion Sam to the Kosse, Texas, and the Groesbeck Lions Club where he was again honored by his Lions Club as Lion of the Year for 1990-1991. In District 2-X3, Lion Sam served as District Governor for 2006-2007 and District GMT for 2013-2014 forming five new Lions Clubs. Lion Sam has also served as President of the Kosse and Buffalo Lions Clubs.

In 2007, Lion Sam was elected Texas Lions Camp Secretary and in 2012-2013 he served as its 44<sup>th</sup> President. He also served on the MD2 Long-range Planning Committee and on the State Centennial Committee.

Lion Sam received the overwhelming endorsement of the Lions of Texas at the 2015 State Convention in College Station, Texas, for International Director and was elected at the 99<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan.

Lion Sam has received three International President's Awards and the International Leadership Award. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a Jack Wiech Fellow, a Texas Lions Foundation Fellow, and an Ebb Grindstaff Fellow, and has received the Grand Master Key Member Award.

Lion Sam and Lion Jodye and will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

**LION SAM H. LINDSEY JR. IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING  
LION LEADER IN DISTRICT 2-X3  
AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2.**

TODAY, AS AN INDUCTEE INTO THE  
TEXAS LIONS HALL OF FAME, YOU  
HAVE BECOME A PART OF THE  
LEGACY OF LIONS SERVICE JUST  
AS THIS ORIGINAL LOGO OF LIONS  
REPRESENTED THE BEGINNING OF  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES  
AROUND THE WORLD.



## LIONS SING

### I'M A YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

**I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy  
A Yankee Doodle, do or die  
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam  
Born on the Fourth of July**

**I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart  
She's my Yankee Doodle joy  
Yankee Doodle came to London  
Just to ride the ponies  
I am the Yankee Doodle Boy**

### LIONS GO MARCHING IN

**Oh, when those Lions go marching in  
Oh, when those Lions go marching in  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When those Lions go marching in.**

**And when we help, the blind to see  
And when we help the blind to see  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When we help the blind to see.**

**And when we send, a child to Camp  
and when we send a child to Camp  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When we send a child to Camp.**

**Oh when those Lions go marching in  
Oh when those Lions go marching in  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When those Lions go marching in**

**WE HAVE BEEN HONORED TO HAVE  
HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE  
WITH THE 2016 - 2017  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS  
AND YOUR PARTNERS.  
YOU HAVE EACH SERVED AS GREAT  
LEADERS OF TEXAS LIONISM AND  
HAVE DONE WELL IN LEADING US  
INTO OUR SECOND CENTURY OF  
SERVICE.**



**COUNCIL CHAIRMAN  
ERNESTO "T.J." AND LION  
JUANITA TIJERINA**

