



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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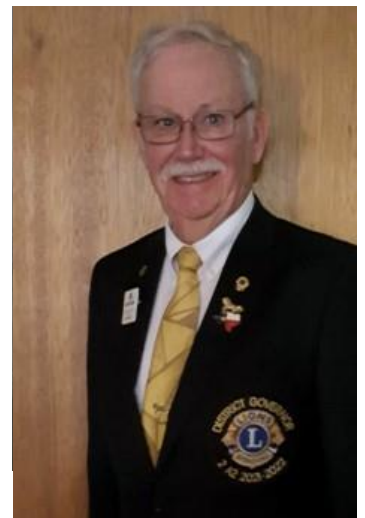
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SA Founder Lions Club

Dear Fellow Lions!

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a rewarding new year. It is hard to believe we are halfway through our Lion year and it is time to look at how we are doing with our goals for the 2021-2022 Lion year. I have a goal for this year that every club will have a net growth of 1 new member. How are we doing? As of December 25, we have 11 more drops than added in the district. In January we have a contest between the district governors in MD2 to see which district can bring in the most new members. I need everyone to invite new members so that we can win the contest.

I think most of our clubs are doing service but only 14% of the clubs are reporting service to My Lion. My goal for the year is have 50% of our clubs reporting service but we can do better than that. Our motto is WE SERVE and it is important to report our service projects to My Lion and send articles on our service to our district newsletter. Telling others about the service we are doing may give them ideas for service projects they can do. Let me know about your service projects and I will try to join you where possible.



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Another goal I have for the year is in leadership training. We have trained zone chairs, club presidents, secretaries, and treasurers during the first half of the year. I thank our GLT 1VDG Steve Mays for his leadership in getting this accomplished. I also thank those who have been involved in the training. Our PDGs are working on developing a Leadership Academy to encourage Lions to take leadership positions in our clubs, zones, district, and maybe higher. This year's USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be in Calgary, Canada and as many as possible should try to attend this. This is a great place for developing leadership skills and gaining knowledge about our organization. The Advanced Leadership Institute (ALLI) is a good place to develop the talents of those who have been identified as future leaders. We need to be on the lookout for potential leaders and not just have the same people doing the same things. It is good to have a different District Governor each year with different skills and talents, so things don't get stale. And that is true for all leadership positions. We do need continuity but also new ideas to keep things fresh.

The last half of our Lion year is going to be busy. Mid-Winter is coming up January 14-15 at the Texas Lions Camp. It had to be moved from Del Rio because of the unrest on the border. There will be a candidate reception at the Mid-Winter Conference where candidates will officially announce they are running for office. We will be looking for Lions to fill positions on the Human Needs Board, Lion Sight Research Board, Children Services Board, and elected director for the Texas Lions Camp. Also, candidates for the position of 2VDG will announce their candidacy.

Candidates do have until 30 days prior to the District Convention to get their resolutions in to Lion Nancy Hosek, head of the Nominations and Elections committee and to me, the District Governor. The District Convention will be in San Antonio May 6-7. 2022.

We have information on the district website about the Opportunities for Youth contests. The winners of these contests receive scholarships and an opportunity to advance to the state competition where more scholarship money is available. Go to the district website for information.

Let me know when I can come visit your club. I have already visited several clubs in the district but would like to visit all the clubs before my years is over. Get me on your calendar soon so that there is not a scheduling conflict.

Let's have a great second half to this year to give 1VDG Steve a good start to his year.

“MEMBERSHIP will grow with **SERVICE** creating strong **LEADERSHIP** in our Lions Clubs. At the end of the day, it is all about **SERVICE.”** GAT

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Doug

District Governor Doug Thomas



MD-2 Mid-Year Membership Challenge

This Lions Year, the 2021-2022 Council of Governors has authorized an exciting Mid-Year Membership Challenge. The first half of this challenge deals with retention and the second half deals with recruitment. The prize for this challenge is \$500 to the District who has the least drops for December 2021 and \$500 to the District who has the highest number of added new members (who can make up the most ground for what was lost in December 2021) in January 2022.

The Retention Half

How this will work – this is not just pure loss, but it is your overall percentage lost for December 2021. As an example, District A loses 45 Lions and at the beginning of December they had a total of 1,450 Lions. Their loss percentage is 3.1%. District B loses 35 Lions and at the beginning of December they had a total of 950 Lions. Their loss percentage is 3.6%. District would win because they had the best loss percentage rate. *This way a large District would not be penalized for an unfair loss ratio to a smaller sized District.*

The Recruitment Half

This is pure recruitment numbers. Let's take the same two Districts, A and B. For the month of January 2022, District A lost 45 Lions and by the end of January 2022, they added 28 Lions. District B lost 35 Lions and by the end of January 2022, they added 29 Lions. District B would win because of recruiting more members than District A. *The whole idea here is to try and recruit more new members in January 2022 than you lost in December 2021.*

The contest winner(s) may use the \$500 prize money at the District discretion however, it is strongly encouraged that the prize money go to the District GMT or GMA to help with retention and/or membership growth efforts.

Good luck and let's have some fun!

Stride for Healthy Living Results

The San Antonio Edgewood Lions have the most miles toward the Stride for Healthy Living. They achieved 599 miles. Lion Dale Richer had 240 miles, followed by Lion Joseph Guerra with 189 miles and Lion Maria Guerra with 98 miles and then they had additional members' record 72 miles.

The San Antonio Northside had 572.57 miles followed by the San Antonio Founders club with 448 miles.

Lion Dale Richer is the District's individual lion with the most miles with 240.

Congratulations to all the winners!

District 2A-2 Mid-Winter Conference Update

The Mid-Winter will be held at the Texas Lions Camp on January 14-15, 2022. On Friday evening, January 14, we will have our candidates' reception where all the candidates running for office will make their official announcement about the office they seek. This will take place from 6:00-7:30 pm. The candidates will be hosts for a reception accompanying the announcements. On Saturday morning we will have a pancake breakfast followed by the business meeting, ending at noon. Refer to the following link for more details:

[**Conference Information**](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

District 2-A2 Midwinter Conference	Jan 14th-15th	Texas Lions Camp Kerrville, TX
District 2-A2 Convention	May 6th-7th	San Antonio, TX

Club and Other Events:

Stride for Sight	March 19, 2022	Comanche County Park San Antonio, TX
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Tell Us What You Are Doing

We want our District newsletter to feature more of the wonderful work being done by each of the Lions Clubs in District 2-A2. Please send in articles about your service projects, fundraisers, installations, and member recognitions for inclusion in the monthly newsletter to newsletter@district2a2.org. Articles must be submitted by the 25th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

An Open Letter To the Lions of District 2-A2 From Our Chaplain



Lions District 2-A2



Dear Fellow Lions:

As Christmas has passed and the New Year has begun, I am made to think of our symbol of Lionism: one Lion looking toward the past and a second Lion looking toward the future.

2021 has been a year with numerous blessings that we enjoyed with fellow Lions, with our families and with friends. A lot of good was done in the name of Lionism. On the other hand, there was immense pain and suffering. The pandemic afflicted many, many people: young and old; here and abroad. Most suffered some and some suffered so much more. Some were touched by the loss of a loved one, and some lost 2, 3, 4 and even more loved ones. Let us always be grateful for the blessings that we receive but let us remember those in our midst who have lost so much...remember them with our love, with our support, and with our prayers. And remember:

"I am the Lord your God. I am holding your hand, so don't be afraid. I am here to help you." Isaiah 41:13

2022 stands before us, and no one knows exactly what the year holds. We do know that there will be people who need help. We do know that we have resources. We do know that we have Lions with hearts and hands willing to help. We do know that "We Serve".

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

May the peace of our Lord be with you all.

Blessings,
Sid Lawrence, Chaplain
District 2-A2

Alamo Heights Lions Club – District Convention



Convention 2022

Preparations for the 2021-2022 District Convention are under way. The actual dates are May 6 - May 7, 2022. Come to the District 2-A2 Mid-Winter Conference January 14 - 15, 2022, and look for our table for more information. DG Doug is working on the details for the meeting. Watch for News Flashes.

Another source of information for the Convention is the District News Flash. It's an easy way to be informed and up to date. Convention Chair PDG Chris Lloyd is the contact for convention questions.

Alamo Heights Lions Club, the Home Club for District Governor Doug Thomas

Remember: If you have not subscribed to the District 2A-2 News Flash, you can go into one of the District Newsletters, find the form near the front of the newsletter and sign up. It's easy to do. Your information is never shared.

Alamo Heights Lions Club Convention Committee 2022

District 2-A2 Mid-Winter Conference – January 14 & 15, 2022



**District 2-A2 Mid-Winter Conference
January 14 & 15, 2022**

Texas Lions Camp



Hosted by:

Kerrville Heart O' The Hills Lions Club

Kerrville Host Lions Club

Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club

January 14 ~ La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Kerrville

Candidate's Reception – 6:00pm to 7:30pm

January 15 ~ Texas Lions Camp

Pancake Breakfast – 08:00am

Cabinet Meeting – 09:15am

Headquarters Hotel:

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Kerrville

1940 Sidney Baker

Kerrville, TX 78028

\$129.00 plus Tax Reservations 830-896-9200 Room Deadline December 30, 2021

[Online Registration](#)

[Download Mail-in Registration](#)

Stride For Sight – March 19, 2022

Save the Date

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 19, 2022**

**Comanche County Park
2600 Rigsby Ave.
San Antonio , Tx**



**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS —
Opening Soon**



Alamo Heights Lions Club – Stuff The Trunk and Meals on Wheels



Alamo Heights Lions started our Stuff the Trunk projects last year to continue to donate to special causes during these uncertain times. We liked the idea so much that we have continued to Stuff the Trunk. We, also, found out that the charities who were receiving the items liked the idea, too. Four Lions delivered the donations.



Pictured is DG Doug Thomas presenting Alamo Heights Lions Club's donation to Meals on Wheels San Antonio. The Lions discovered that the staff liked photo opportunities. They came out and stayed to visit. We knew that their services included Home delivered Meals, but we did not know that they delivered AniMeals - Pet Food! They, also, have an Alzheimer's program, Grace Place Services. Four Lions were present.

Alamo Heights Lions Club – US Marine Reserve Toys For Tots 2021 Campaign



Alamo Heights Lions held their annual Toys for Tots 2021 Toy Drive and Christmas Party meeting at the Barn Door Restaurant. DG Doug Thomas asked if he could take care of some LCI business. This was to present a Milestone Chevron Award for completing 30 years of service to Lion John Fisher. The chevron came with a letter of congratulations from Lion International President Jung-Yul Choi, 2020-2021.



The toys came from toys donated by Alamo Heights Lions at the meeting. Other toys were dropped into Toys for Tots boxes at Circus Bingo locations, the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, and UIW Campus two locations. Family and friends of the Lions donated when they were told that the club was holding the toy drive. The toys were collected and delivered to Marine Toys for Tots distribution center. Thank you to all who helped to make the drive a success. Eleven Lions and seven guests were present.

UIW Lions Club Working Together With Alamo Heights Lions Club – US Marine Reserve Toys For Tots 2021 Campaign



UIW Lion Ricardo delivers toys for Toys for Tots to Lions Faye and Russ Evans from Alamo Heights Lions Club.

The UIW Administration Building in background began construction 100 years ago on December 3, 1921.



UIW Lions President Nancy Cole delivers Toys for Tots donations from family friends and the Honors Program to the Alamo Heights Lions Club.



The first delivery of toys submitted to Toys for Tots from a UIW American Sign Language class. Toys for Tots box will be accessible for donations during UIW's Light the Way on November 20.

Alamo Heights Lions Club – Salvation Army Ring The Bell



Alamo Heights Lions held their Salvation Army Bell Ringing the Saturday before Christmas. We started out with good weather. We made our monetary donation and set up the kettle then we were chased inside by the weather, but we stayed. Eight Lions and one guest rang bells. Thank you to two of the Lions who stayed all day.



Alamo Heights Lions Club – CAM Socks for a Cause and Broken Warriors



Alamo Heights Lions Club donated socks to CAM at Christmas for those in need. Our project started as a project to help a Girl Scout earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. The reason for choosing socks for those in need is that she realized the reason that the needy did not wear socks is because they did not have socks. We helped. She won her award. After hearing this story, Alamo City Lions asked to join us with this Socks for a Cause and are still joining us with this project. The black bags contain new socks from each club. Three Alamo Heights Lions participated.

Below is a Christmas Day Event organized by Fred Alvarado and the Broken Warrior Angels who hosted the event along with Temple Beth El and Grace Lutheran Church. Alamo Heights donated Stuff the Trunk items that we had collected. Two Lions volunteered to help.



San Antonio First Lions Club – Ring The Bell With The Salvation Army



Elf Louise Project



Here's the photo of our Santa's Helpers at the Elf Louise project on December 19, 2021. They were “shopping” for presents as families came in to pick up presents for their children. For the last several days deserving families have been picking up Christmas gifts and volunteers have been filling their bags.

Pictured left to right are:

Susan Reeves, Sylvia Monreal, Jasmin Monreal, Jenesa Monreal, Lion Debbie Book, Victoria Dunn, Josslyn McGruder, Lion Lily Clark, Maddie Clark, Lion Ken Book, Past District Governor David Splitik with the Founders Lions Club.

Thanks to all of you for your Service!!

Northside Lions Club – Annual Christmas Shopping Event



On Saturday, December 11th member of the San Antonio Northside Lions Club partook in its annual Christmas Shopping event for families supported by Any Baby Can of San Antonio .The event is an opportunity for members and their families to participate in a fun and meaningful activity to help brighten Christmas for several families who have children with serious medical issues.



After shopping at the Walmart at Blanco Rd. and Wurzbach Parkway for 30 children from 10 different families, we proceeded to the meeting room at Little Italy Restaurant & Pizzeria where we wrapped all the gifts. Our final step is loading up the sleighs aka cars, and delivering the gifts to the families.



San Antonio Region 20 Lions Club Christmas Bazaar



The SA Region 20 Lions Club with the assistance of Lions Alice Lopez, Julie de la Rosa and Martha Portillo of the First Lady Lions sold gourmet popcorn at the Education Service Center Region 20's annual Christmas Bazaar on December 3, 2021.

Hill Country Retreat Lions Club

The Hill Country Retreat Lions Club's recent activities include the Helotes Market Day (December 4th) with sales of Aguas Fresca and quesadillas. On December 11th the Hill Country Christmas Parade provided an opportunity to sell hot dogs, popcorn and funnel cakes.

On December 17th Hill Country Retreat Lions supported the Wreaths Across America at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. HCR Lions was one of 19 organizations or businesses that sponsored a section in the cemetery for placement of wreaths. This year HCR Lions were assigned Section 47. With our 16 Lions, family members, and friends, we were instrumental in unloading semi-trucks, removing wreaths from boxes, and breaking down the boxes for recycling.



Butler Award Nominations

ANNOUNCING: THE PID M.P. MIKE BUTLER AMBASSADOR OF SERVICE AWARD

The District PDG's, once again, invite District Clubs to nominate their very special, eligible, Members to receive the PID M.P. MIKE BUTLER AMBASSADOR OF SERVICE AWARD



CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION:

1. A member must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 15 years.
2. The member may not have been inducted into the District 2-A2 Herb Petry Hall of Fame
3. The member may not have served as District Governor.
4. The member must be nominated by his/her club and voted as an awardee by a majority of PDG association members.
5. A Club may nominate one member per year using Resolution format on Club letterhead. That nomination may remain current for a three-year period. The Club may not nominate another member until the prior nominee has been awarded, three-year term has run out, or the member has expired. **Nomination is to be submitted no later than the close of the Annual Mid- Winter Conference in January.**

Other Stated Qualifications: (Enumerated, and accompanying Nomination Resolution)

- PROVEN LEADERSHIP AS A CLUB OFFICER AND CLUB PROJECT LEADER
- DEDICATED TO THE GROWTH OF THEIR CLUB THROUGH THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND GUIDING OF OTHER CLUB MEMBERS TOWARD THEIR OWN PERSONAL SUCCESS AS LIONS
- RECOGNITION FOR ETHICS ABOVE REPROACH AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER
- RECOGNIZED SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB ENVIRONMENT THAT MAY INCLUDE MILITARY OR OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE OR LIONISTIC SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB LEVEL

NOTE: The elements of these criteria have been endorsed by PID Butler and are based on his personal strong beliefs that District 2-A2 should always make great efforts to uplift and remember the long serving “Grass Roots” members that sacrifice and serve through their Clubs.

OTHER:

- No more than a total of four awards may be presented each year.
- The award is a handsomely designed medal with pin and ribbon and is presented with an accompanying congratulatory letter.
- The cost of the awards will be borne by the PDG Association, and the awards will be presented at the District Convention at the same ceremony as the Herb Petry Hall of Fame Induction.

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