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Collaborative and Compassionate Service Builds Communities

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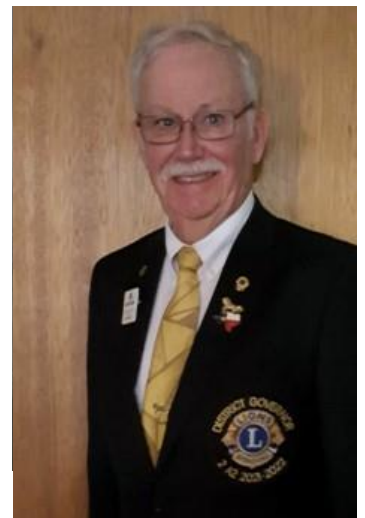
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SA Founder Lions Club

Dear Fellow Lions!

Service is at the heart and soul of every Lion and is the life blood of every Lions Club. We are the largest voluntary service organization in the world and each club needs to continually work to harness technology and find new ways to improve the effectiveness of our service in a rapidly changing world.

The need for voluntary humanitarian service is higher than ever and society needs to be reminded of our impact and what people united in service can do to meet the needs of our communities.



Thousands of people have been given new life because the Lions have provided guidance, love, and material things which some people have never had or even thought of having. Eyeglasses, cataract surgery, prosthesis, scholarships, diabetic clinics, schools, homes and hospitals are just a few of the things Lions have provided. These things no one could provide on their own. As Helen Keller said (and we can't say this often enough), "Alone we can do little, together we can do much." The number of people in need – the visually impaired, the disabled, people in need of immediate assistance, those who have lost their jobs, all need our help.

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In order to grow we need service projects that make us visible and make people want to be a part of what we are doing. And the best way to get a new member is to invite them to be a part of these service projects we are doing. Also be sure that all of our members are participating in our service projects. Active members make a viable club, and an active club is a healthy club.

When we serve it is important that we report that service both to Lions Clubs International and District 2A2. Let people know what you are doing. In my State of the District report at our Mid-Winter Conference I stated that only about 25% of our clubs are reporting service and this is something all clubs should be doing. (By the way the Mid-Winter Conference was recorded and can be seen on our district website ([Link to Recording](#))). My goal is to have at least 50% of the clubs reporting service to LCI which is a lot better than we are doing now but the percentage should be even higher than that. Let LCI know what you are doing. And send articles about your service projects to Lion Reid Hackney ([email link](#)), our newsletter editor. It can be anything from hosting a MESU screening, helping distribute food, collecting clothes and blankets for those in need.

To obtain a better understanding of why reporting service matters go to lionsclubs.org. On the homepage select "Start your service." Then select "The Service Journey." Go to "Unpack the Service Toolkit" and "Why Service Matters" ([link to page](#)) We are not isolated but an important part of a universal team. We are part of a whole body and each one of us is an important of that body.

As I said in an earlier newsletter, get out and let the public know what we as Lions are doing to make our communities better places. Show the public even in these difficult times Lions are there doing what needs to be done to improve our cities and towns. Make people want to be a part of what we are doing. And I close with this:

“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 Service,

Lion Doug

District Governor Doug Thomas

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

District 2-A2 Convention	May 6th-7th	San Antonio, TX
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Club and Other Events:

Stride for Sight	March 19th	Comanche County Park San Antonio, TX
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MESU Event	March 26th	Milbergers Nursery 3920 N. Loop 1604 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.

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. 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

Stride For Sight – March 19, 2022



- \$40 Each Virtual Runner/Walker
 - \$30 Each 5K Runner/Walker
 - \$20 Each Sleep Walker
 - \$20 Each Team* Walker
- (*5 or more members required per team, all teams are walkers)

Register Today!
Registration prices will increase day of event.

Stride for Sight 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, March 19, 2022

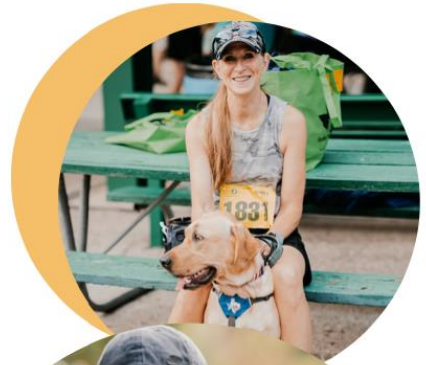
Comanche County Park
Pavilion 2
2600 Rigsby Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78222

Register Online At:
bit.ly/SFS0319
or SolarsSports.com

8am Opening Ceremony
9:30am Run/Walk

Free Breakfast Tacos
Music and Entertainment
Free Kid's Fun Run
Remembrance Tribute
and More!

Team promotional discounts available to affiliates and families of Partners In Vision (LSRF, SAEB & GDTX)
Contact Lisa@SolarsSports.com for discount code



JOIN AS AN OFFICIAL SPONSOR

HELP SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

2022 Stride For Sight Run/Walk is a family and pet friendly 5K run/walk hosted on Saturday, March 19th by Lions Sight Research Foundation, San Antonio Eye Bank and Guide Dogs of Texas, Inc. Together the organizations are focused on **Saving Sight, Changing Lives.**

Your sponsorship will make a difference for hundreds of individuals and families impacted by the three partnering organizations and will also align your brand as a company committed to supporting our mission.

Our mission in hosting the event is to encourage regular healthy vision practices for adults and children, educate and inspire the community about the Gift of Sight that can be given through cornea donation and build support for individuals in need of the services provided by guide dogs.

Yes! I'd like to become a sponsor

Company/Organization: _____
Primary Contact: _____ Title: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

For more information, please contact a representative listed below

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Simera Nichols
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Dr. Carol Ann Tonn
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Stride for Sight 5K March 19, 2022

Sponsorship Benefits & In-Kind Donation Options

Title Sponsor (\$5,000)

- Opportunity to speak for 2-3 minutes during open ceremony and officiate start of the race
- Your company banners, logos and/or products displayed prominently at event stage and at race start/finish line
- Your company logo featured on the front and back of event race T-shirt*
- Your company logo featured on 5k registration site and social media cover photos
- One 30-60 second video, featuring your representative in social media promotion leading up to the event & add'l filming of representative featured in commemorative event day video
- Your company name mentioned in event press release and in any day of event news TV or radio interviews
- 15 complimentary race registrations and T-shirts
- 5 or more mentions in social media promotion leading up to the event
- **Plus!** All the benefits from the sponsorship levels below.

Lionheart Sponsor (\$2,500)

- One 30-60 second video, featuring your representative in social media promotion leading up to the event & add'l filming of representative featured in commemorative event day video
- Your company name mentioned in event press release and in any day of event news TV or radio interviews
- 10 complimentary race registrations and T-shirts
- 5 or more mentions in social media promotion leading up to the event
- **Plus!** All the benefits from the sponsorship levels below.

*Deadline for logo inclusion on race T-shirt is March 3, 2022

**Deadline for logo inclusion on postcard is January 10, 2022



Hero Sponsor (\$1,000) or KidZone Area Sponsor

- One 30-60 second video, featuring your representative in social media promotion leading up to the event & add'l filming of representative featured in commemorative event day video
- Your company name mentioned in event press release and in any day of event news TV or radio interviews
- 5 complimentary race registrations and T-shirts
- Social media promotion leading up to the event
- **KidZone Area Sponsor** - signage prominently featured at Kid's Fun Run and activities area
- **Plus!** All the benefits from the sponsorship levels below.

Legacy Sponsor (\$500)

- Your company logo placed on the back of event race T-shirt*
- Your company logo placed on 2,000+ promotional postcards distributed to homes throughout Bexar County**
- Your company logo displayed at water station
- Exhibitor space at the event with the option to pass out flyers / ads / coupons
- 2 complimentary race registrations and T-shirts
- Opportunity to provide items for race bags or at registration area
- Associated with event in which email blast is sent to 16,000+ South Texas area runner's list through Solers Sports

Companion Sponsor (\$250)

- Your company name placed on the back of event race T-shirt*
- Opportunity to provide items for race bags or at registration area
- Associated with event in which email blast is sent to 16,000+ South Texas area runner's list through Solers Sports

Friend Sponsor (\$100)

- Your company name placed on the back of event race T-shirt*
- Opportunity to provide items for race bags or at registration area

In-Kind Donation Opportunities:

- Bottled Water (500)
- Breakfast Tacos (500)
- Sausages (500)
- Kid's Art Supplies
- And more !

For further information, please contact:
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All checks should be made payable to:
Lions Sight Research Foundation
with notation **2022 Stride for Sight**
Mail to: Lions Sight Research Foundation
4502 Centerview, Suite 120, San Antonio, TX 78228

Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) News:



Hey Lions Clubs of District 2-A2 - the MESU is just back from Fredericksburg, and Kerrville so clubs are starting to get out a bit more now.

So If you're looking for a date to book the MESU you can find the calendar and request form at: lionssightresearch.org. If you need assistance, you can call me direct 210-275-4425 or email: lionsmum@earthlink.net

Remember when you have a MESU event it is a great way to recruit for new members as well.

We are planning a Big event with the MESU at Milbergers' Nursery - 3920 N. Loop 1604 for March 26th, so come on out and see all that is going on maybe get some gardening stuff while you are out there. Call or email if you have questions.

Till then your MESU Manager

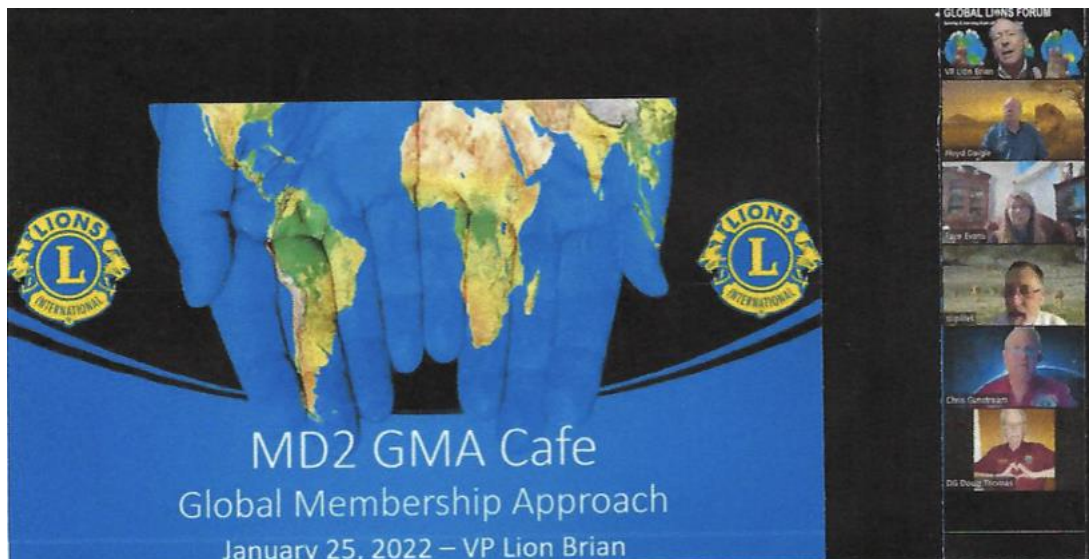
PDG Chris Lloyd

Alamo Heights Lions Club

January 2022 was a month for taking care of Lions Club business. Alamo Heights Lions attended the Virtual Mid-Winter Conference via Zoom. For those who did not attend, you can find the recording posted in district2a2.org/District Meetings ([click here](#)).



We accepted an invitation to the MD-2 Global Membership Approach Café Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This recording can be found in texaslions.org/programs/GMA Café ([click here](#))



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

A follow up on our Toys for Tots Christmas Project came. We would like to share some of the contents of the email from Lt. Gen. James Laster, USMC Ret., President and CEO of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation:

“The Marines distributed 22.4 million toys, books, and games last December. This meant 8.7 million less fortunate children had a Christmas. A gift at Christmas is truly a life-changing event in these children’s lives. We were happy to be a part of this project and thank all who helped us.”



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