



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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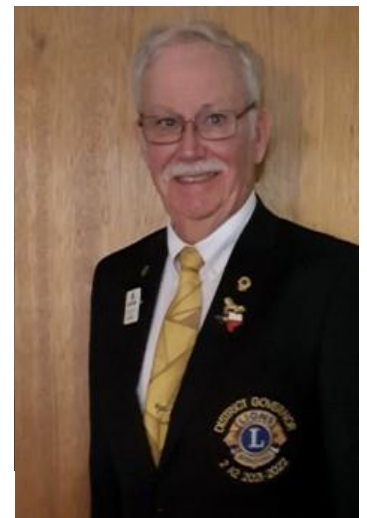
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SA Founder Lions Club

Dear Fellow Lions!

The District Convention is fast approaching. It will be at the same place as last year – Embassy Suites, Brooks City Base on May 6-7, 2022. Our schedule for the weekend is in the works and I assure you that it will be a fun weekend - our guest speaker for the Saturday evening banquet will be Past International Director Gary Brown from Cape Vincent, New York. I am looking forward to having him with us.



At the banquet we will induct 2 new members into the District 2A2 Hall of Fame and 4 Lions will receive the PID “Mike” Butler Ambassador of Service Awards. At the noon luncheon on Saturday the Opportunities for Youth winners along with others will receive their awards.

Saturday afternoon we will elect our new District Governor, the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, members for the Children Services Board, the Human Needs Board, an elected Director for the Texas Lions Camp, and 3 members for the Lions Sight Research Board.

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SA Windcrest Lions Club

Club secretaries please be sure to send the names of your club's delegates and alternates to PDG Cal Lawson at jlawson@satx.rr.com. For your club to be eligible to vote your LCI dues and district dues must be paid 30 days before the convention. If you have any questions about District dues contact Lion Irene Guzman, District Treasurer at treasurer@district2a2.org.

I have not received a resolution for the Texas Lions Camp elected director position, and you can still enter names for the Children Services Board, Human Needs Board, and the Lions Sight Research Board. You must submit your resolution to Nancy Hosek at nhosek@flepsis.net and me at dpt1225@gmail.com. The deadline for submitting resolutions is April 7, 2022. Don't forget to purchase ads in the Convention Book for your candidates. You can also buy an ad for your club. Money raised from the ads go toward the Opportunities for Youth scholarships. If you have any questions about the Opportunities for Youth contests, please contact Lion Abel Martinez at amartinez430@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing you at the district convention. Come see your District Governor kiss a goat. This will happen if District 2A2 raises \$25,000 before the convention for LCIF's Campaign 100. If you give a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a deserving member club that will add \$1,000 toward the goal.

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

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.

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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First Sight Research Spring Social	April 22nd	Windcrest Civic Center 9310 Jim Seal Drive San Antonio, TX
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Softball & BBQ Plate Fundraiser	April 30th	Brackenridge Park Tony Martinez Field San Antonio, TX
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29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	August 4th	Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course Fredericksburg, TX
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District Governor's Call To Convention

District Governor Doug Thomas cordially invites you to the 63rd Annual District Convention May 6-7, 2022, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, San Antonio Hotel and Spa, 7610 South New Braunfels, San Antonio, Texas. I am proud to announce that our speaker for the Saturday night banquet will be PID Gary Brown from Cape Vincent, New York.

Plans are in the works for a fun Friday night beginning at 6:00 PM. The convention business meeting and Young Women's Scholarship Pageant will take place Saturday morning and delegate voting will take place Saturday afternoon.

Each Chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the Annual District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one vote only for each office to be filled and one vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention. Each Past District Governor of this District that is a member in good standing of a Club in good standing shall be entitled to be a voting delegate. Such right will not be counted as part of the number of delegates that a Club is allowed.

District Convention – May 6th and 7th, 2022



2022 District 2-A2 Convention and Cabinet Meeting
Embassy Suites by Hilton San Antonio Brooks
7610 S. New Braunfels
San Antonio, TX 78235



May 6th, & 7th, 2022

	By Feb 28	Mar 1 - Apr 15	Apr 16 - May 5	Day of Event
Registration	\$10.00			
Complete Package Registration & Meals Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$135.00	\$139.00	\$145.00	\$160.00
Grilled Sirloin Steak				
Friday Buffet	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$49.00	\$55.00
Saturday Lunch Buffet	\$44.00	\$48.00	\$51.00	\$60.00
Saturday Banquet				
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$53.00	\$55.00	\$59.00	\$65.00
Grilled Sirloin Steak				
Club Raffle/Display Table	\$15.00			

Hosted by the San Antonio Alamo Heights Club

Room Rate: \$119.00 + tax --- Reservations call: 210-534-1000

Links:

[Online Registration](#)

[Download Mail-In Registration](#)

[Hotel Registration](#)



**ANNOUNCING AN EXPANDED
SAVE OUR SIGHT / STRIDE FOR
SIGHT CAMPAIGN
FOR 2022**



With Great Expectation and Hope that life will be returning to something closer to looking like

the GOOD OLD DAYS

The Lions Sight Research Foundation ANNOUNCES the Addition of a NEW EVENT

As always, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A TERRIFIC OUT DOOR EVENT on

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, with the
9TH ANNUAL STRIDE FOR SIGHT 5K

TITLE SPONSOR for this year's 5K is the
SAN ANTONIO FOUNDER LIONS CLUB

and then

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

1ST SIGHT RESEARCH SPRING SOCIAL

Hosted by the Great **WINDCREST LIONS CLUB**

Lots of Fun, Great Food and Entertainment on

Friday, April 22

More DETAILS in other postings in this Newsletter

TO REGISTER FOR EITHER OR BOTH go to

www.lionssightresearch.org

Or call PDG Sam Pantusa at 210 326 3915



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 SolversSports.com

8am Opening Ceremony
9:30am Run/Walk

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



2022 TITLE SPONSOR

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

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ADD YOUR NAME, YOUR CLUB'S
NAME OR A BUSINESS NAME TO THIS YEAR'S LIST OF
STRIDE FOR SIGHT 5K SPONSORS AND SEE
YOUR NAME, LOGO ON OUR 5K T-SHIRT**



You're Invited to
COME and JOIN US at the
Lions Sight Research
SPRING SOCIAL

Friday April 22, 2022
Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park
9310 Jim Seal Dr., Windcrest Tx 78239
Doors Open at 6:30pm

A Fundraising Event of the District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation
Your Reservation entitles you to One **\$20.00 Entry** in our **Super Raffle** and a Fun Evening with **Great Food, Wine and Beer Bar, Great Entertainment, and Lots of Door Prizes.**

You can enjoy some other fun games that include "Heads and Tails"; our .



"Adult Beverage Ring Toss"; and a 50/50 Raffle



SUPER RAFFLE — \$20.00 donation or (3) for \$50.00



AMERICUS DIAMOND PENDANT -- Value \$2,500.00
JAMES AVERY JEWELRY ITEM -- Value \$350.00
TOTAL WINE – WINE TASTING PARTY FOR 20 – Value \$500.00
SEA WORLD – 4 ONE-DAY ADMISSION TICKETS – Value \$300.00
MENGER HOTEL ONE NIGHT STAY FOR TWO - Value \$275.00
AND MUCH MORE....

**** RESERVED Tables for six - \$500.00 Donation**

**** (Includes VIP GOODIE PACK)**

General Seating - \$50.00 per attendee

Checks payable to the Lions Sight Research Foundation

For Online Reservations: www.lionssightresearch.org - "DONATIONS" Tab

For information: PDG Sam Pantusa, COO call: 210 326 3915 or email:

lsrf.sam@gmail.com

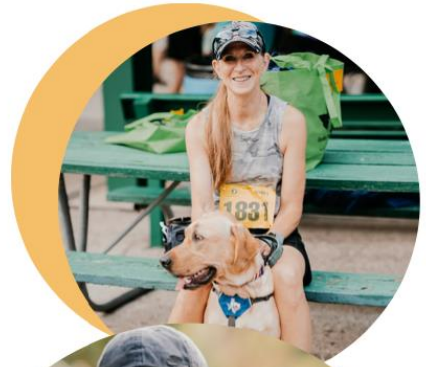


Feature Performance by the

INSPIRATORE STRING QUARTET

DJ Services provided by Jared May—Two-Ten Music

This Event Is an element of the 2022 Save Our Sight / Stride for Sight Campaign with net proceeds directed toward the LSRF Dry Eye Disease Project and other needs of the Lions Eye Health Program.



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

Sam Pantusa
COO, Lions Sight Research Foundation
lsrf.sam@gmail.com

Simera Nichols
Partner Relations, San Antonio Eye Bank
simera.nichols@saeyebank.org

Dr. Carol Ann Tonn
Development Director, Guide Dogs of Texas, Inc.
carolann@guidedogsoftexas.org

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:
Sam Pantusa, COO - Lions Sight Research Foundation
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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

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2022 Title Sponsor

Stride for Sight 5K

March 19, 2022

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN for 2022—2023



Your Lions Sight Research Foundation has been in business for over 40 years providing support and services to the visually impaired of the many communities served by District 2-A2 Clubs.

It has also served to collectively provide support from all of our Clubs and individual Lions to both treatment and research efforts conducted by the UT Health San Antonio Department of Ophthalmology.

You, too, might add your name to those who have served as a Board Director of the Lions Sight Research Foundation.

THERE WILL BE FOUR BOARD POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION AT THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT CONVENTION.

If interested, let your Club leaders know and request that your nomination be approved by your Club Members and have your RESOLUTION sent to District Governor Doug and Lion Nancy Hosek, Elections Chair, by April 5.

San Antonio Area Family Lions Club



SOFTBALL & BBQ PLATE FUNDRAISER

SOFTBALL =&= BBQ PLATE FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30
AT BRACKENRIDGE PARK
TONY MARTINEZ SOFTBALL FIELD
3700 N ST MARYS, SAN ANTONIO
12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

REGISTRATION DETAILS

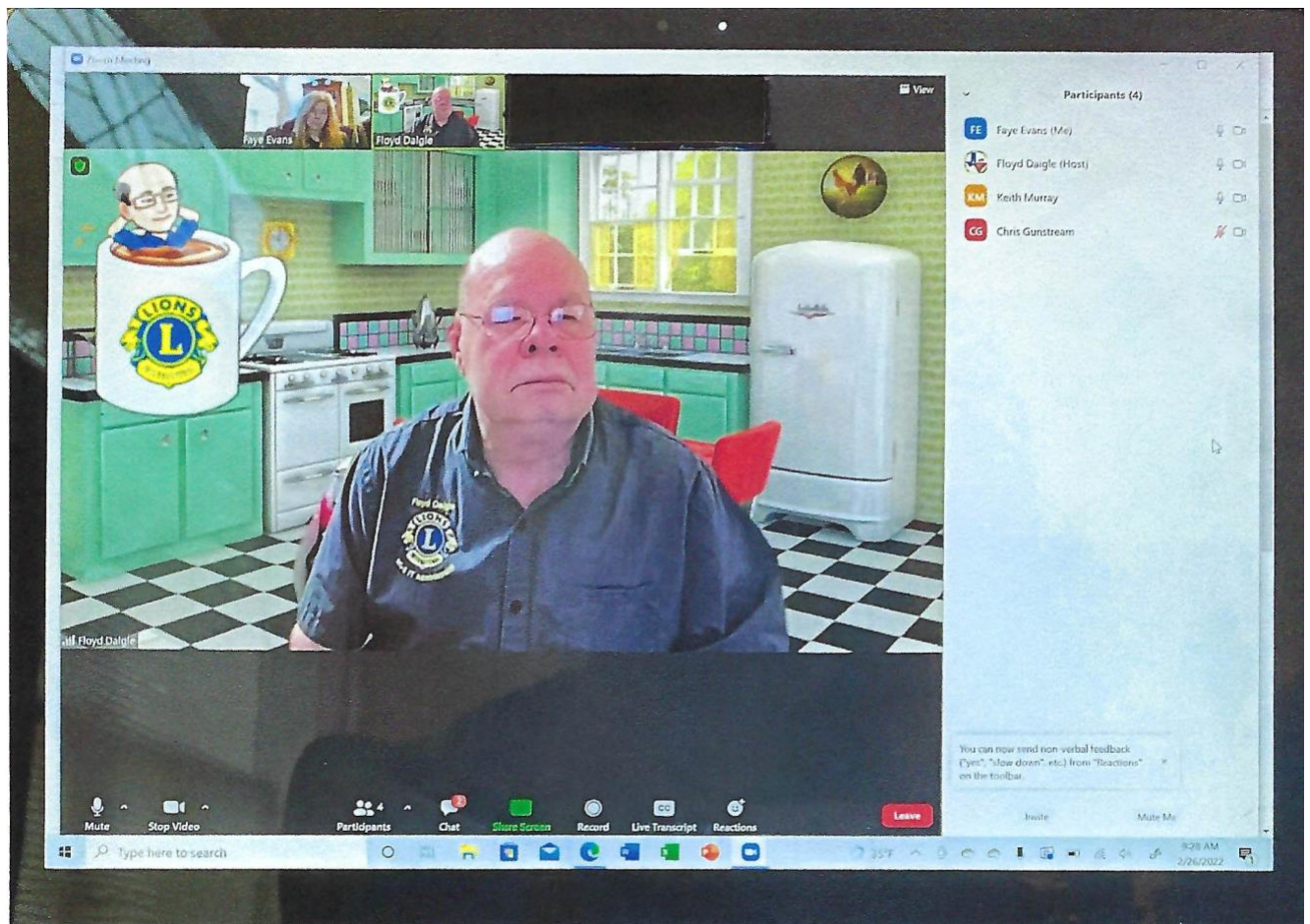
**Player's Ticket: \$30 (includes a free BBQ plate)
BBQ Plate Only: \$10
BBQ Plate Includes: Chicken, Sausage, Rice, Beans,
Potato Salad and Trimmings with a Drink
You may bring your family, tents and chairs!**

For further info, contact Lion Bruce Rivera: (210) 842-6304

Proceeds go to various local, charitable organizations

Alamo Heights Lions Club – Saturday Morning Coffee with Lion Floyd

Need IT help? Saturday Morning Coffee with Lion Floyd is the place to go. All Texas Lions are welcome to join him. He holds an open forum whenever he has a free Saturday. His meetings are virtual. He will help you "find a solution." An added benefit is the opportunity to meet other Lions from Texas. Alamo Heights Lions Club joined the meeting last Saturday.



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 you're MESU Manager

PDG Chris Lloyd

Texas Lions Camp Challenge – 29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament



Date: January 31, 2022

*Contact: Milton L. Dare, FACHE
Director of Development & Major Gift
830-896-8500*

James Avery Artisan Jewelry offers \$50,000 Challenge in support of Children with Special Medical Conditions

Named Title Sponsor for 29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

*Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to Texas Lions Camp in support of children with special medical conditions attending Summer Camp 2022. Every gift designated for the 29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has also been named the **Title Sponsor** for the 2022 Golf tournament.*

“Texas Lions Camp is very excited that James Avery Artisan Jewelry is partnering with our organization in 2021-2022 and investing in our mission by offering this incredible challenge opportunity, said President & CEO of TLC, Stephen S. Mabry.

James Avery’s Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, “Just as we forge silver and gold to make jewelry, we are **FORGING HOPE** through our support of nonprofit organizations in communities where we live and work. We are proud to partner with the Texas Lions Camp in their mission to provide a unique summer camp experience for these amazing children and their families.”

Mabry added, “Since 1949, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced over 80,000 children to the ‘CAN DO’ philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. The support of family, friends, and neighbors allows us to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives.”

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry

James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We offer finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed and crafted by our own skilled artisans in Kerrville, Comfort and Hondo, Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 100 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, more than 220 Dillard's locations and Dillards.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Austin, Houston and Nashville, as well as select Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) locations.

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.-

Texas Lions Camp, Inc., provides, without charge, a camp for children with special medical conditions from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

The organization was chartered as a Texas, nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator and as a Platinum-level participant on GuideStar so donors may give with confidence when furthering the mission of TLC.

Those who are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit <http://www.lionscamp.com/> or by emailing Milton L. Dare at milton.dare@texaslions.camp. If preferred, you may also call 830-896-8500 for more information.

29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

TITLE SPONSOR



JAMES AVERY
Forging Hope



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

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Children Can...With TLC™

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2022!**

For more information or to download
player registration forms go to
www.lionscamp.com

August 4, 2022

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000
in 2021-2022 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
For more information: www.lionscamp.com.

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals,
clubs, associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s).
All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in
publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp
website: www.lionscamp.com

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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