



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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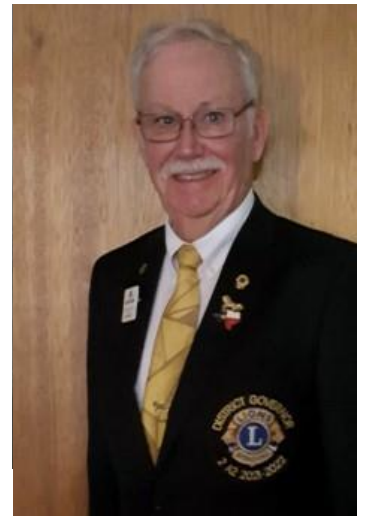
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SA Founder Lions Club

My Fellow Lions!

The last three years have been a lot different than I anticipated when I ran for 2VDG. I did not anticipate that we would be struck by the COVID pandemic a few months after I was elected. Clubs stopped meeting in person. Some met virtually and others did not meet at all. We had to cancel the District Convention and the LCI convention in 2020 because of the pandemic and started a whole new way of life. But as Lions we adapted to the situation and started a new way of life. We began wearing masks and practicing social distancing. We learned how to use Zoom and power point became very important. Us old fogies who were not very familiar with the internet or even how to use a computer faced a large learning curve.

The next year we began to have meetings which were a combination of meeting in person and live streaming. Some clubs began meeting in person again while others still met virtually. Service projects and fundraisers were difficult. We were able to have our District Convention in person in May last year but the LCI Convention had to be virtual. My group of District Governors was sworn in virtually.



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On July 1 we were able to have an in-person luncheon to celebrate Lion TJ Tejerina being installed as International Director, but the year has been a mixture of in person and virtual events.

Because of all this it has been difficult to increase membership in Lionism. One of my goals for this year was to have every club in the district increase membership by a net gain of one for the year. This would put us over 1,500 Lions in the district. I do congratulate the clubs that have a net gain in membership for the year:

San Antonio Bejar Necessities +8	Helotes +7
San Antonio Highland Hills +6	Kerrville Heart of the Hills +4
La Vernia +3	San Antonio Windcrest +3
Incarnate Word University +3	Bandera +2
Floresville +2	Kerrville Host +2
SA Hill Country Retreat +2	San Antonio Alamo Heights +2
Del Rio San Felipe +1	Devine +1
Fredericksburg +1	San Antonio North San Antonio Hills +1
San Antonio Guide Dogs of Texas +1	

San Antonio Region 20 has a gain that had not been reported when I wrote this article and I know of a couple of other clubs that should be showing a net gain but if every club will show a net gain of at least one during this next month we can finish the year with over 1,500 members in District 2A2 on July 1. That will give Lion Steve Mays a great start to his year as District Governor. With just a little effort we can get it done. Also, please report your 2022-2023 club officers to LCI now to help DGE Steve begin a great year.

Thank you for your love and support as my year as District Governor comes to a close. Even with all the obstacles we have accomplished much. Thank you for a great District Convention. Let's keep moving forward and show MD2 what a great district we are.

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:

First Cabinet Meeting	July 16th	Burleson School for Innovation and Education, San Antonio
Second Cabinet Meeting	October 15th	La Vernia, TX
Mid-Winter Conference	Jan 13-14th	Del Rio, TX
District Convention	April 14-15th	Inn of the Hills Kerrville, TX

Club and Other Events:

29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	August 4th	Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course Fredericksburg, TX
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District Governor's Message – Uvalde Tragedy

Dear Fellow Lions:

Uvalde has experienced a tragedy that is beyond my comprehension. I visited the Uvalde Lions Club last Thursday on my way to our state convention. They were in a state of shock. The club president, Lion Karyn Kingsbery, is a teacher in the Uvalde school system (not in the school where the tragedy occurred) and it has affected her greatly.

People are sending money as people do when a tragedy hits. There are Go Fund Me accounts in both Uvalde banks and any money sent to the Lions club goes to these two accounts. The banks are just the depositories for the money, and they have asked the mayor, country judge, and other officials to be overseers of the disbursement of funds.

When a flood, hurricane, tornado, or fire hits funds are needed for rebuilding. Buildings are still there in Uvalde. They are missing 19 9- and 10-year old's and two teachers and there is a big hole left in that community. What they need now are prayers and people being there to give them a big hug. We don't need to say anything, just be present with them as they walk through this time of grief.

I will be visiting them often, especially when school starts the end of August. At Christmas we need to do something to let them know that we remember. The end of the school year next May is going to be a rough time and we need to let them know that we are with them.

It is important to remember the families that have lost loved ones, but the city of Uvalde is also mourning this loss. Keep the families, the community of Uvalde, and our fellow Lions from Uvalde in your prayers. Reach out to them and let them know that they are not alone. And continue to pray for them for the foreseeable future.

As I hear more, I will keep the district and MD2 posted on events. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. And may we never have to go through this again.

Lion Doug

District Governor Doug Thomas



District Governor Elect Message – Uvalde Tragedy

Dear Fellow Lions:

Words cannot begin to express my sorrow for the events in Uvalde. The pain and suffering being felt by the parents, friends, family and survivors is absolutely unimaginable.

Their first and second responders are probably experiencing the most horrific event of their lifetime, an event that will haunt them the rest of their lives... absolutely unimaginable.

So what can we do as Lions to help? Until we hear more from the Uvalde Lions, here are some ways we can help.

Pray - Pray for the victims, pray for the survivors, pray for the families, pray for the community.

Donate blood - The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center is asking people to donate blood at an emergency drive at Herby Ham Activity Center, 248 FM Rd 3447, Uvalde, Texas, 78801. University Health in San Antonio, Texas, which is treating some of the victims, is also asking for blood donations.

Donate to the survivors and those affected (click on the blue link to go directly to the organization's donation website):

GoFundMe has established a hub where those who want to give money can safely donate to verified fundraisers for people affected by the Robb Elementary School shooting.

Among them is **Victims First** a network of families of the deceased and survivors from previous mass shootings.

Also, the **Community Foundation of Texas Hill Country**, a Kerrville-based nonprofit, has started a relief fund for the victims and their families, as well as others affected by the Uvalde shooting.

More opportunities to help will be available in the near future.

Lion Steve

District Governor Elect Steve Mays

Calling All Lions...We Need You



District 2-A2 will be holding our First Cabinet Meeting
of the 2022-2023 Year on
Saturday, July 16, 2022

Our meeting is being hosted by the
San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club
At the Burleson Center for Education and Innovation
Located at 534 Cordelia Street, Building 2
San Antonio, Texas 78237

**Please Bring a School Supply Item(s) to Donate
to our Cabinet Meeting Service Project**

Registration and Continental Breakfast (Coffee, Juice, Fruit and Mexican Sweet Bread)	8:00 – 9:00 am
Cabinet Installation and Business Meeting	9:00 – 10:30 am
Training Seminars	10:30 – 12:00 noon
Luncheon (Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Baked Pasta, Breadsticks)	12:30 – 2:00 pm

Cost Per Person - \$ 18.00

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Texas Tuesday Connection (TTC) Committee Newsletter – June 2022



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Sessions for the month of JUNE



Tuesday, June 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

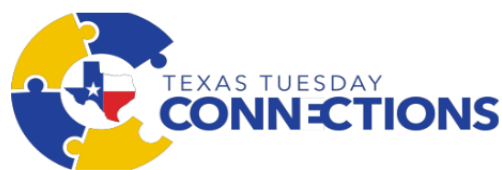
**REVIEW APPLICATIONS for LCI CLUB
EXCELLENCE AWARD**



Tuesday, June 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

SUPPORT SENIOR FOCUSED GROUPS

Message from Texas Tuesday Connection (TTC) Committee



Are you ready? Helpful info, right at your fingertips!

As new club officers, you will be expected to assist in making an easy transition into the new Lion year on July 1. We, at Texas Tuesday Connections, are here to help. There are plenty of resources on the Texas Tuesday Connections and Lions Clubs International website.

To access the TTC past videos, you can visit the website, or scan the QR Code at the bottom of this newsletter. A FREE way to learn more from other Lions just like you is to tune in online to “Texas Tuesday Connections”—a webinar series created *by Lions for Lions* just like you. Easy to access via Zoom on the **first** and **third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.,

If you have any questions or to share topic ideas, send an email to PDG Tony Austin, tonyaust2000@yahoo.com.



Review Applications for LCI Club Excellence Awards

In July, all clubs can apply for the Club Excellence Award. To qualify for the Club Excellence Award, clubs must meet specific requirements in four categories: Membership, Service, Leadership & Organizational Excellence, and Marketing & Communication. In this session, you will be provided an overview of each required category, the deadline and to whom you need to email your application to. The application could be found on the Lions Clubs International website at www.lionsclubs.org.

Tune in to Texas Tuesday Connection via zoom on June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Presented by: TBA



Support Senior Focused Groups

This session focuses on support for elderly Seniors in our communities. It will give you some ideas and assist you on how to host an Alzheimer's session with a local expert speaker; take an exercise coach to an assisted living center; schedule a visit to local assisted living centers with a pet, and host a lunch or early evening food truck event at an assisted living center. There are numerous service projects that your club can provide to the elderly in your community.

Tune in to Texas Tuesday Connection via zoom on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Presented by: TBA

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Website: texaswednesdayconnections.org

Scan QR code for Texas Tuesday Connections website



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

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August 4, 2022

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

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For more information: www.lionscamp.com.

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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, James Avery 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 more than 83,000 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 Dillard's.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 www.lionscamp.com or by emailing Milton L. Dare at milton.dare@texaslions.camp. For more information, you may also call 830-896-8500.



Zone Meeting – Three Eagle Pass Lions Clubs

On May 10, 2022, District 2-A2 Governor Doug Thomas and Zone Chair Chris Ryan held a meeting at the Eagle Pass Evening Lions Club Den with three Lions Clubs (Eagle Pass Evening Lions Club, Eagle Pass Border Lions Club, and Crystal City Lions Club). Eagle Pass Evening Lions Club President Juan Garza and the Lions in his club did an outstanding job hosting this event and providing a fantastic dinner catered by Munch BBQ. District Governor Thomas awarded chevrons to members of the clubs for their years of service, and he talked about the importance of growing membership. It was a very successful meeting.



Photo shows Eagle Pass Evening Lions Club President Garza, Eagle Pass Border Lions Club President Asalia Casares, Crystal City Lions Club President Rosalinda Marquez, and District Governor Thomas. Zone Chair Ryan said that members of these clubs told him that they became Lions because they really wanted to serve their communities.

Floresville Lions Club – Helping Neighbors In Need

Lions invited local residents Amy & Mario Jaramillo to their Thursday lunch meeting to honor them with a \$500 donation and kitchen supplies to help them recover from the recent loss of their home due to a fire.



Pictured are Lions La Juana Newnem Leus and Laura Freabe with Mario and Amy Jaramillo.

San Antonio Founders Lions Club

Founder **Lion George Harvey** was a recipient of the **District 2-A2 Hall of Fame** award at the annual district convention held the weekend of May 6-7, 2022 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center at Brooks City Base.



Past District Governor Lion David Splitok (right) presents Hall of Fame award to Lion George Harvey at district convention

His award was accompanied with the following nomination resume:

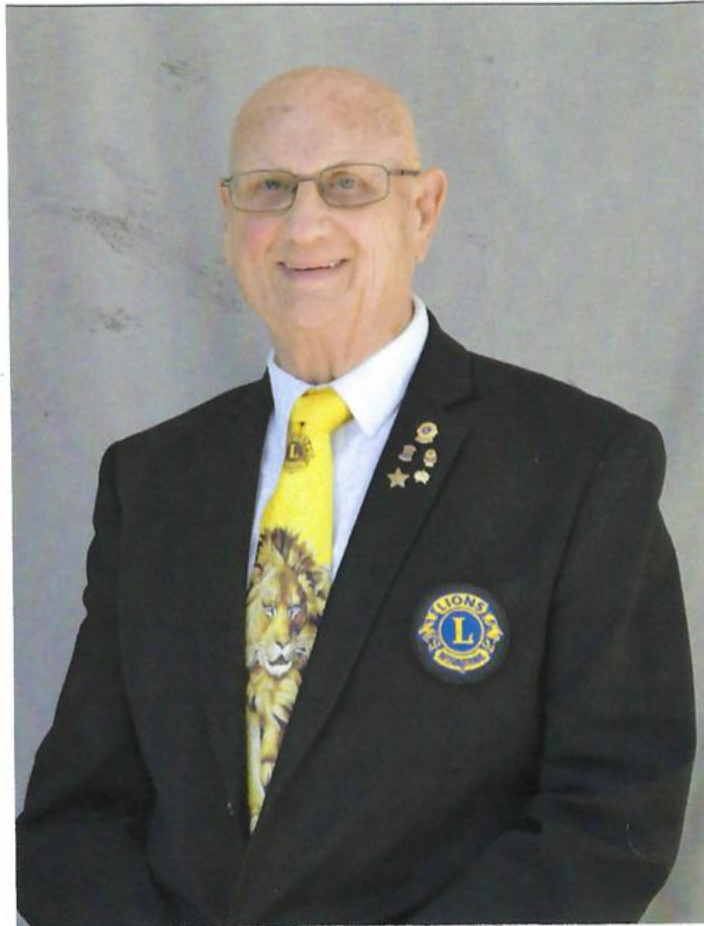
Lion George Harvey has been a Founder Lion since 1976 (45 years) and has served his club in many capacities, having held every elective office, including president, member of the board of directors, Tail Twister and newsletter editor. Lion George is currently active in eyeglass collection, attends meeting luncheons regularly and has over 25 years of perfect attendance. He is a recipient of his club's Roll of Merit, the club's highest honor.

Lion George's community involvement includes serving the low-income community by volunteering with his church's Mobile Loaves and Fishes program, serving the United Way Campaign as a Loaned Executive, and participating in his community's United Way campaign as chairman in both San Antonio and Houston. He was a volunteer driver for the 1984 Olympic Torch Run Across America and served for many years as the City Treasurer of Fair Oaks Ranch where he was awarded Volunteer of the Year.

George served as a member of the Texas State Silver Haired Legislators for two terms. He is also a 4-year veteran of the United States Air Force, having completed 30 combat missions over North Korea as an aerial gunner on a B-29 bomber for which he was awarded the Air Medal.

Congratulations to Lion George for his service to Lionism, his country, and to his community!

Alamo Heights Lions Club



Above is a picture of one of Alamo Heights' Lions, Norman Fulkerson, who was elevated into the Herb C. Petry, Jr. District 2-A2 Hall of Fame at the Saturday Evening District Convention Banquet.

Being Lions in District Governor Doug Thomas' home club, the Alamo Heights Lions were busy with the District Convention. Thank you to the Lions from other clubs who came to the Convention.

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