



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Together We Can, and Together We Will

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Happy December Lions, LEOs, and Friends,

Another Thanksgiving is in the books and now Christmas and New Year's Day are just around the corner!

This year's District 2-A2 Peace Poster Contest was a big success. We had 18 contestants sponsored by 7 Lions clubs. Congratulations to Mariella Harper who created the winning poster and was sponsored by the San Antonio Hill Country Retreat Lions Club. Mariella is an 8th grader at Dolph Briscoe Middle School in San Antonio. Photos of her peace poster as well as all of our district contestant peace posters will be viewable on our district website (<https://district2a2.org/>) in the next few days.

“A world of compassion is a world filled with peace and love for all.” – Mariella Harper

Her winning poster has been sent to participate in the MD-2 Texas State Peace Poster Contest with each of the other 15 Texas district winners. The results of that contest will be posted on the Texas Lions State website (<https://texaslions.org/>) later this month.



Good luck Mariella!

Great membership news! I am excited to report that as of this morning our district membership is +23 for the year. Our October-November membership drive was a great success – we have added 38 new Lions to our district since October 1st. That's 38 more hearts and sets of hands to provide service in our communities. As promised, the district will be sending each club president that added new members in October and November a check with \$20 for each new member to help offset LCI's \$35 new member entrance fee!

When our clubs grow, so does the kindness we bring. It takes healthy clubs to keep our service going, our members happy and our communities strong. When we invite family, friends and neighbors to join us, we increase what we can do together. And the fun we have together.

Let's congratulate the following clubs that have added new members in October and November:

- + Bexar County China Grove – 3 new members
- + Bruni – 4 new members
- + Comfort – 1 new member
- + Converse – 1 new member
- + Del Rio San Felipe – 1 new member
- + Eagle Pass Border – 4 new members
- + Eagle Pass Evening – 1 new member
- + Hondo – 1 new member
- + La Vernia – 4 new members
- + Leakey – 1 new member
- + San Antonio Bexar Necessities – 2 new members
- + San Antonio Central Park – 1 new member
- + San Antonio Edgewood – 2 new members
- + San Antonio Founder – 4 new members
- + San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind – 1 new member
- + San Antonio North S A Hills – 1 new member
- + San Antonio Northwest – 3 new members
- + San Antonio Windcrest – 3 new members

The strength of your membership and the health of your club will determine your ability to do what all Lions are called to do—serve.

Speaking of Service...

We have the opportunity to participate in another district service project later this month. On December 22nd, our LSRF Mobile Eye Screening Unit will be conducting vision screenings at the HEB Feast of Sharing in downtown San Antonio. We need at least 25 volunteers. If you can help at this phenomenal community event, email or text PDG Chris Lloyd (lionsmum@earthlink.net or 210-275-4425). All the specifics – times, location, etc. – are listed in an event flyer later in the newsletter.

Every project we participate in as Lions and Leos, no matter how big or small, is valuable in our journey of serving our communities and the world.

If you have completed a service project since July 1st, be sure to remind your club secretary or club administrator that a service project is not completed until it has been reported in MyLion. If you are having any difficulties reporting your service, please contact our District Administrator PDG Janie Garza (210-643-3217 or pdgjanie2a2@gmail.com). She is ready to help!

Being a Lion means making an impact through service. Being a Lion means you are part of a compassionate community. Let's make the service projects we love even better.

Finally, don't forget to register for the District Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for January 13-14, 2023 and hosted by the Del Rio Host Lions Club. For more information, go to <https://district2a2.org/mid-winter-conference/>. While you're there, be sure to subscribe to our District News Flash if you haven't already. Our News Flash will help keep you informed about district news and events.

Together We Can and Together We Will!

I'd love to meet with your club in person, or better yet, invite me to help at one of your club's service projects.

If I can be of service to you or your club, please let me know.

Yours in Service

Lion Steve

District Governor Steve Mays (La Vernia)

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Happy November Anniversaries Lions Clubs!

Lions Club	Charter Date	Years Young
SABINAL	12/30/1989	33



Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

Mid-Winter Conference	Jan 13-14th	Del Rio, TX
District Convention	April 14-15th	Inn of the Hills Kerrville, TX

Club and Other Events:

La Vernia Lions Club Holiday Craft Show	December 3rd	La Vernia High School La Vernia, TX
HEB Feast of Sharing (MESU)	December 22nd	Convention Center San Antonio, TX

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.

2022-2023 Mid-Winter Conference

DISTRICT 2-A2 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Friday & Saturday - January 13th & 14th, 2023

Hosted by Del Rio Host Lions Club

**Ramada Inn
2101 Veterans Blvd
Del Rio, TX 78840**

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Call (830) 775-1511

Ask for Lions Rate: \$99.00 + TAX

You **MUST Call the Hotel for this special rate**

**Please bring socks and/or gloves for our
District service project.**

[**Register Online**](#)

[**Download and Mail Registration Form**](#)

Chaplain PDG Doug Thomas

My fellow Lions,

At this time of the year as we prepare for Christmas, we hear in Luke's gospel of John the Baptist's preparing the way for our Lord. When I hear this I am reminded of a story I heard years ago. The story is at the turn of the 19th century and tells of a man looking out his window at dusk and seeing a blind lamplighter lighting the streetlights as the evening approaches preparing the way for others. He does this for others with no thought of reward for himself.

As I reflected on this, I thought about ads I had seen on TV depicting "service" and thought about Lions and our motto of "We serve." The picture of this blind lamplighter helping others without thought of personal gain really is an example of our motto. As we prepare to celebrate Hannukah, Christmas and Kwanza let us reach out to help others and fulfill our motto "We serve." May you have a joyous season filled with happiness and love.

Lion Doug

Lion Doug Thomas
District 2A2 Chaplain

PID M.P Mike Butler Ambassador of Service Award



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.

Mail Club Nominations to PDG Sam Pantusa 4502 Centerview, Suite 120 San Antonio Tx 78228
For Information—PDG Sam Pantusa (210) 326 3915 or Email: spantusa@yahoo.com



DISTRICT 2-A2 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – 2022-2023

An essential element of a successful Club is dedicated leadership. Club Officers can only have a significant impact in leading their Clubs if they can gain the confidence of their fellow Club Members that they are knowledgeable about their role as leader while demonstrating that they have true concern for helping all Club Members achieve their individual purpose for becoming a Lion. A Leader paves the way for their fellow Members to succeed and in so doing, charts a course for a Club to have a welcoming environment and to be successful in its mission to serve others.

How does a leader become knowledgeable?

By observation and by following the models established by successful Club Mentors

By sharing experiences and having discussions with their peers from other Clubs

By learning the prescribed policies and procedures set out by LCI and by District Leaders and adapting them, as may be appropriate, to the personality and particular needs of their Club

How does a Leader demonstrate that they have concern for the success of fellow members?

By one-on-one communication, friend to friend, where listening is the most important part of the exchange

By recognition of strengths in fellow members and by organization of assignments to allow those strengths to be highlighted to others

By recognition of outside constraints that may be placed on a member by family, job, or other non-Club circumstances

Zone Chairs of our District are available resources to have discussions about such topics as these. They are also available to you to discuss specifics of Club Officer responsibilities that you may have questions about. Zone Chair contact information can be found in the District Directory at [District 2-A2 Directory \(district2a2.org\)](http://District 2-A2 Directory (district2a2.org)) on pages 7, 8, & 9.

Zone Chairs are active members of the District's Global Leadership Team and can assist you and your Club to know about all the resources available at the District, State, and International Level that can benefit your Club and your community.

Besides Zone Chairs, our District has a corps of great Leaders who have given much to our District over the decades and remain available to help Club Officers and, indeed, any individual member. Those Leaders are our Past District Governors. They, too, are members of the District Global Leadership Team.

Besides helping with day-to-day issues that Club Officers and Clubs deal with, the PDG's are great resources as mentors. In that capacity they are anxious to speak with **ANY CLUB MEMBER** who is interested in advancing beyond Club Leadership positions and seeking to serve at District Level positions to include: **Board positions; Committee Chairmanship; Zone Chairmanship; Region Chairmanship; or the offices 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and District Governor**, can do so by communicating that interest to any Past District Governor. The Past District Governors have developed a Mentoring Program called the **District 2-A2 Leadership Academy** which provides a comfortable, conversational means of access to a comprehensive look at the duties and responsibilities of these positions.

For more information:

PDG Sam Pantusa, District 2-A2 Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Email: spantusa@yahoo.com cell: 210 326 3915

District 2-A2 Hall of Fame Nomination Requirements



District 2-A2 Hall of Fame Requirements

District 2-A2 is currently accepting nominations of Lions to be considered for the high recognition as a Member of the Herb C. Petry, Jr. District 2-A2 Hall of Fame.

All nominations should be submitted to PCC Michael “Mike” Rourke at 3202 Lura Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78228 or electronically at

pccmikemd2@sbcglobal.net no later than Saturday, January 21, 2023.

The members’ nomination should be submitted in the form of a Resolution, detailing all their various achievements so they can be properly considered by the Hall of Fame Committee Members.

Nominations are to be made by the Home Club of the nominee or by a Past District Governor. If the nomination is coming from a Club, only one member per Club may be nominated.

Listed below, please find the basic minimum requirements for a member’s consideration. Once the selection has been made, the nominee(s) will be notified, and the formal induction into the Hall of Fame will be made at the Annual District 2-A2 Convention.

HERB C. PETRY, JR. “HALL OF FAME” REQUIREMENTS

Elevation of Lions of District 2-A2 into the Hall of Fame is bestowed upon one who has been outstanding in using their time, talents and resources to further the cause of humanitarian service. Selection is made by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Minimum standards to qualify are:

- Be an active member with at least 15 years of service.
- Having provided outstanding and dedicated service to Lionism.
- Having provided other than Lionistic service to the community, state and nation.
- Having accomplished special achievements in, or contributed to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate, and
- Not having solicited in any manner for this recognition, which automatically eliminates the soliciting candidate for that year

HEB Feast of Sharing (LSRF Vision Screening) – December 22nd



Service Opportunity

Event: HEB Feast of Sharing (Vision Screening)

Date: December 22nd 2022 Time: 11 AM to 4PM

Place: Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center- 900 E. Market St. SAT 78205

Sponsor: Lions Sight Research Foundation.

Training on site: 09:00. We need 25+ workers.

Expecting 6,000 to 10,000 attendees.

Lions Sight Research Foundation – Upcoming Events

BUSY TIME FOR LSRF



WAYS TO SUPPORT LSRF
IN 2022-2023 and
have some FUN !!

Mark your Calendars

A HUGE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT SUPPORTED
OUR CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT ON
SEPTEMBER 26 at



NEXT UP -->

VALENTINE Games Night

Friday, February 10, 2023

Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park
9310 Jim Seal Dr., Windcrest Tx 78239
Hosted by the Windcrest Lions Club
Where We Draw The Winning Ticket for the



“Sailin’ for Sight” CRUISE Raffle

7 DAYS- 3 Double Occupancy Staterooms w/ Balcony
\$10,000 prize package includes all Port Fees & Gratuities
Select from available dates & itineraries to cruise
from **March 2023 to September 1, 2023**

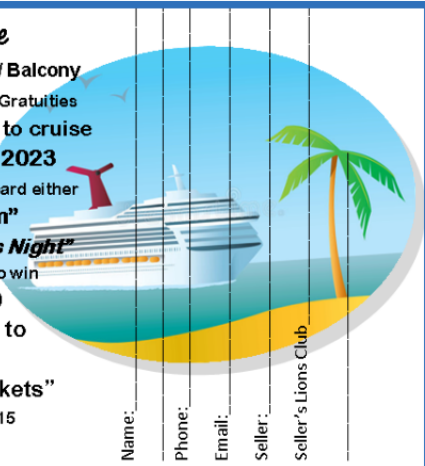
Sail from **Galveston** and cruise the Caribbean aboard either
“Carnival Vista” or “Carnival Dream”

Drawing Feb 10, 2023 at “Valentine Games Night”
need not be present to win



\$20.00 donation or 6 for \$100.00
For online tickets & payment go to
www.lionssightresearch.org
See “Donations” tab: “Cruise Tickets”

For information: lsrf.sam@gmail.com or (210) 326 3915
Proceeds benefit the Lions Sight Research Foundation



Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Seller: _____
Seller's Lions Club

And FOLLOWED BY



Saturday, MARCH 11, 2023
At COMANCHE COUNTY PARK

LSRF – “Sailing for Sight” Cruise Raffle



“Sailin’ for Sight” CRUISE Raffle

7 DAYS- 3 Double Occupancy Staterooms w/ Balcony

\$10,000 prize package includes all Port Fees & Gratuities

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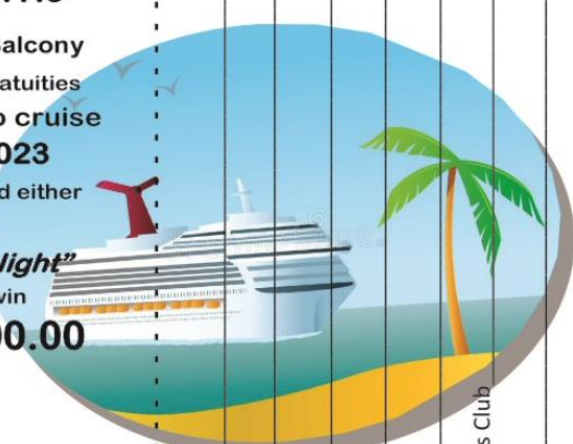
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Email:

Seller:

Seller's Lions Club

Your Donations
Really Make a

*Visible
Difference*

Thank You.



La Vernia Lions Club – Holiday Craft Show – December 3rd



Save the Date!



**The La Vernia Lions Club
Is sponsoring a**

Holiday Craft Show

December 3, 2022

9:00am - 3:00pm

Located at the

**La Vernia High School
Cafeteria**

225 Bluebonnet Rd (FM 775), La Vernia

**More than 20 vendors with lots of
great Christmas gift ideas.**

See you there!



**For more Info Please Contact
Mary Ann Mays, (830) 779-3825**



*Proceeds benefit the La Vernia Lions charitable giving funds
www.lavernialions.org*

This organization and its activities are not related to or sponsored by the La Vernia Independent School District

Alamo Heights Lions Club – Blanket and Coat Drive



October 15 thru December 18, 2022

Help someone stay WARM this winter!

Donate new or gently used coats & blankets to Local Homeless & Disabled Veteran's!



December 18th @ 3:00 p.m.

To drop off any donations or for pickups.

Contact Fred Alvarado @ 210-608-2805

SA Area Family Lions Leos Club, Heart of the Hills Lions Club, Kerrville Host Lions Club and Alamo Heights Lions Club joined the Broken Warriors Angels with their Blanket & Coat Drive in Kerrville on October 15th. All cold weather items to include gloves, caps, hoodies, jackets, shoes, scarves, or anything that would be warm to wear, while not mentioned on the flyer, will be welcomed. The BWA will accept monetary donations. The drive has been extended to December 18, 2022, at 3:00 PM.

Thank You for Giving!

Vision and Hearing Screening in San Antonio – We Serve!

In October the Lions pictured below conducted **vision and hearing screening** at IDEA-Ewing Halsell Charter School in San Antonio. All the screeners are State of Texas certified screeners. Screening is scheduled every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from mid-August through mid-December at various schools. Any Lion interested in joining these valued services to the children of our District are urged to contact Lion Ken Book at kbook0@outlook.com.

From left to right are:
Lion Norm Fulkerson,
Alamo Heights Lions Club
Lion Ken Book,
Region 20 Lions Club
Lion Charles "Pat" Kuether,
SA Founder Lions Club



Lion Rose Mary Paletta from the West Side Lions Club also screening hearing with a pure tone audiometer.



Lion Debbie Book also screening the hearing of a student.



Lion Rose Thorsky from the Hill Country Retreat Lions Club conducting a hearing screening.

San Antonio Region 20 Lions Club – India Fest

The San Antonio Region 20 Lions Club participated in the India Fest on October 19th at Rolling Oaks Mall. We were honored to have District Governor Steve and First Lady Mary Ann join us.



Pictured from the left are Lions Elijah and Harriett Jackson, Lion Debbie Book, Lion Mary Ann and District Governor Steve Mays, Lion Ken Book, and Region 20 Club President Deepthi Bommera.

Eagle Pass Border Lions Club – HEB Feast of Sharing Holiday Dinner.

The Eagle Pass Border Lions had members volunteer their time to attend the 26th annual HEB Feast of Sharing Holiday dinner. Lions who attend were our President Dora, Treasurer Diana J., Secretary Sarrah, along with Lions Mireya, Mari, Sylvia, Brenda, Rosinna, Priscilla, and Eva. Lions assisted in greetings at the door seating people trash pick-up table settings anything and HEB needed our help we were there to proudly serve the great community of Maverick County along with many other volunteers from the community. It was estimated that 2,100 people attended. In addition to the free Texas traditional meal, guests enjoyed live music arts and crafts, children's activities and entertainment for the whole family.





Uvalde Lions Club Funnel Cake Fund Raiser

Below are photos of our serving funnel cakes at the annual Uvalde, Tx Halloween Festival. This is one of our annual fund-raising events.





Uvalde Lions Club Serve Hot Dogs to Special Needs Children of Uvalde ISD

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- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Lions Sight Research Foundation by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2471313



For more information about the L.S.R.F. please visit our website at: LionsSightResearch.org