



# Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 8 - February 2023

## Together We Can, and Together We Will

### District 2-A2 Cabinet

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Greetings Fellow Lions, LEOs, and Friends,

What a great time we had at the Mid-Winter Conference in Del Rio!

There were 86 Lions from 23 clubs in attendance. A big thanks to PDG John Cole and the Del Rio Host Lions Club for hosting the conference and to FVDG Josh Overfelt, Lion George Oliva and the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club for hosting the Friday Night Candidates Forum. I think they all did a tremendous job!



Great news from the Texas State Peace Poster Contest – they selected our very own district winner, Mariella Harper, as this year's state contest winner! Mariella is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Dolph Briscoe Middle School in San Antonio and was sponsored by the San Antonio Hill Country Retreat Lions Club. Photos of her peace poster as well as all of our district contestant peace posters is viewable on our district website (<https://district2a2.org/ofy-contests/>).

Speaking of youth contests – the 2022-2023 Opportunities for Youth Contest packets are now posted on the District 2-A2 website at <https://district2a2.org/ofy-contests/>.

Through these contests, students can research and gain knowledge on various social consequences of both diabetes and substance abuse. These contests provide our youth with an opportunity to share leadership experiences and to make a difference in their school and community. Remember, students can compete in multiple contests. New this year, students will not be scored on ad sales, but clubs are highly recommended to sell and purchase ads for their contestants. Deadline for contest entry is March 25, 2023, and all contests will be held at the District Convention in Kerrville on April 14, 2023.

## **District Convention News**

Our district convention committee has been hard at work planning our 2023 District 2-A2 Convention. We will be returning to Kerrville with all festivities being held at the Inn of the Hills. You can register by mail or on-line at <https://district2a2.org/district-convention/>. Look for a copy of the registration form later in this newsletter. Great early bird pricing is available until February 6<sup>th</sup>. See you in Kerrville!

## **Membership News**

As of January 31st, our district membership is +7 for the year!

Let's congratulate the following clubs who have increased their membership since July 1, 2022:

- BEXAR COUNTY CHINA GROVE AREA +6
- DEL RIO HOST +6
- SAN ANTONIO WINDCREST +6
- SAN ANTONIO BEXAR NECESSITIES +5
- SAN ANTONIO REGION 20 +5
- LA VERNIA +4
- SAN ANTONIO FOUNDER +4
- DEVINE +3
- EAGLE PASS BORDER +3
- SAN ANTONIO EDGEWOOD +3
- DEL RIO SAN FELIPE +2
- HONDO +2
- SAN ANTONIO NORTH S A HILLS +2
- SAN ANTONIO NORTHWEST +2
- BRUNI +1

- CENTER POINT +1
- COMFORT +1
- EAGLE PASS EVENING +1
- HELOTES +1
- SAN ANTONIO CENTRAL PARK +1
- SAN ANTONIO LIGHTHOUSE +1
- UVALDE +1

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**

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.

29 of our 58 District 2-A2 Lions Clubs have reported service in MyLion since July 1<sup>st</sup> – We can do better! If you have completed a service project since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, [pdgjanie2a2@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Here's A Great Leadership Development Opportunity**

The Texas Lions Leadership Forum to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel & Conference Center on February 25-26, will provide leadership training to Lions that can be utilized, not only in every aspect of Lionism and leading volunteers, but also in your everyday lives. This is an event that is open to all Lions.

The registration fee of \$85 for Lions and non-Lions covers your training and meals during the event! Registration online at <https://txllf.org>.

For first time attendees, after you have attended 3 sessions and submit evaluations for those sessions, you will qualify to receive a \$100 reimbursement post conference. Register NOW as space is limited!

**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.

Don't forget to subscribe to our District News Flash <https://district2a2.org>. Our News Flash will help keep you informed about district news and events.

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)

[texasmys@gmail.com](mailto:texasmys@gmail.com)

(210) 380-6572

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events:

### Cabinet and Convention Dates:

District Convention	April 14-15th	Inn of the Hills Kerrville, TX
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### Club and Other Events:

La Vernia Lions Designer Purse Bingo	February 25th	Chamber of Commerce La Vernia, TX
Texas Lions Leadership Forum	Feb 25-26th	San Marcos Conference Center, Texas
10th Anniversary Stride for Sight	March 11th	Comanche Park San Antonio, TX
Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	March 24-27th	Kerrville, 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](mailto:newsletter@district2a2.org). Articles must be submitted by the 25th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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# District Convention and Cabinet Meeting Registration – April 14-15th



**District 2-A2 2022-2023**  
**District Convention and Cabinet Meeting**  
**Inn of the Hills**  
**1001 Junction Highway**  
**Kerrville, TX 78028**  
**April 14-15, 2023**



**Registration Form**  
 (Please list everyone that will be attending)

<b>Name and Title:</b> <i>(Please Print)</i>	<b>Club:</b>	<b>Delegate:</b> Yes _____ No _____
<b>Name and Title:</b> <i>(Please Print)</i>	<b>Club:</b>	<b>Delegate:</b> Yes _____ No _____
<b>E-Mail:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	

	Early Registration Postmarked by <b>February 6</b>	Regular Registration Postmarked between <b>February 6 – March 15</b>	Late Registration Postmarked between <b>March 16 - 27</b>	Total # of Tickets	Total Cost
<b>Registration</b> <b>All Lions must pay</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$10</b>		
<b>Complete Package</b>					
<b># Chicken</b> _____	<b>\$99.75</b>	<b>\$122</b>	<b>\$130</b>		
<b># Beef</b> _____					
<b>Friday Evening Meal</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$40</b>		
<b>Saturday Lunch</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$40</b>		
<b>Saturday Banquet</b>					
<b># Chicken</b> _____	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$58</b>	<b>\$60</b>		
<b># Beef</b> _____					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

Make checks payable to: **Kerrville Heart O' the Hills Lions Club**

Mail registration form with payment to: **Kerrville Heart O' the Hills Lions Club**  
**P O Box 291505**  
**Kerrville, TX 78029**

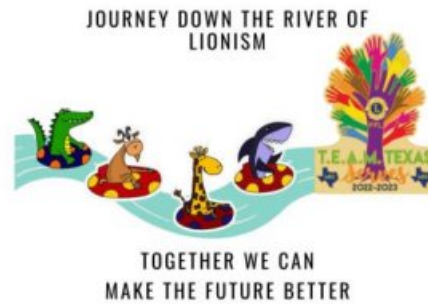
Contact PDG Chris Lloyd with any questions or concerns 210-275-4425 [lionsmum@earthlink.net](mailto:lionsmum@earthlink.net)

**Hotel Information:** **Room Rate: \$109.00 + tax**  
 Inn of the Hills  
 1001 Junction Hwy  
 Kerrville, TX 78028  
 (830) 895-5000 or 1(800) 292-5690

**Hotel Registration:**  
 Group Name is Lions District 2A2

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATION: March 14, 2023**

## 2023 Texas Lions Leadership Forum



The Texas Lions Leadership Forum to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel & Conference Center 1001 E. McCarty Lane in San Marcos on February 25 & 26, is an event designed to provide leadership training to Lions that can be utilized, not only in every aspect of Lionism and leading volunteers, but also in your everyday lives. This is an event that is open to ALL Lions regardless of tenure or position held. From the brand-new grassroots Lion that has never held a club office, to the experienced 10 year plus Lion that has held all the club offices - this Forum is for YOU!!

A sampling of the various sessions include Effective Listening, Change Management, Mentoring, Diversity, Conflict Resolution, New Lion to District Governor, Social Media Solutions, Communication and many others!

For first time attendees, after you have attended 3 sessions and submitted evaluations for those sessions, you will qualify to receive a \$100 reimbursement post conference. This is MD-2 Texas investment in you as a Lion Leader! The registration fee of \$85 for Lions and non-Lions (that have not yet served as Vice District Governor) covers your training and meals during the event! Registration online at <https://txllf.org/>.

Register NOW as space is limited!

[Register for the Hotel](#)

[Forum Registration and More Information](#)

## Emerging Lions Leadership Institute – Applications Now Open

The Lions of Texas are hosting an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Kerrville from March 24-27, 2023. The application and more information can be found by clicking the link below.

The Institute is designed to prepare Lions for leading their clubs in the future. It is limited to Lions that have not yet served as their club's president. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Instructions on completing the application are included in the application, which again can be found by clicking the link below.

If you are not interested in attending this ELLI session yourself, please share this information with Lions in your club or district that you feel would benefit from this Institute.

Thanks,  
PDG Chris Moorman  
[jcmoorman@lonestarc computing.com](mailto:jcmoorman@lonestarc computing.com)

[Application and More Information](#)



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:spantusa@yahoo.com) cell: 210 326 3915

Lions Designer Purse Bingo w/La Vernia Lions Club– February 25th



**MARDI GRAS**  
*Designer Purse Bingo*  
MUSIC • COSTUME CONTEST • FESTIVE

6-9pm, VIP early  
entrance at  
5:30pm

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023**

La Vernia  
Chamber of  
Commerce Hall

Proceeds benefit the Greater La Vernia Chamber of Commerce and  
La Vernia Lions Club Scholarship Funds

Tickets are available at Bard Craft Designs and Twin Creek Insurance.  
\$40 in advance or \$50 at the door

Sponsorships Available, please contact Kasie Tankersley at  
[ktankersley@gvec.org](mailto:ktankersley@gvec.org) or 830-243-1386.



# 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**

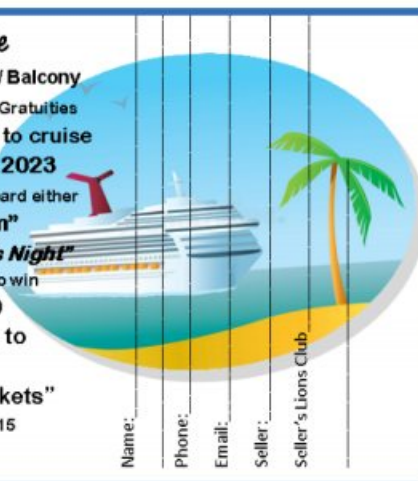
Sail from **Galveston** and cruise the Caribbean aboard either  
"Carnival Vista" or "Carnival Dream"

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](http://www.lionssightresearch.org)  
See "Donations" tab: "Cruise Tickets"

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



And FOLLOWED BY



Saturday, MARCH 11, 2023  
At COMANCHE COUNTY PARK

# LSRF – “Sailing for Sight” Cruise Raffle



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**\$20.00 donation or 6 for \$100.00**

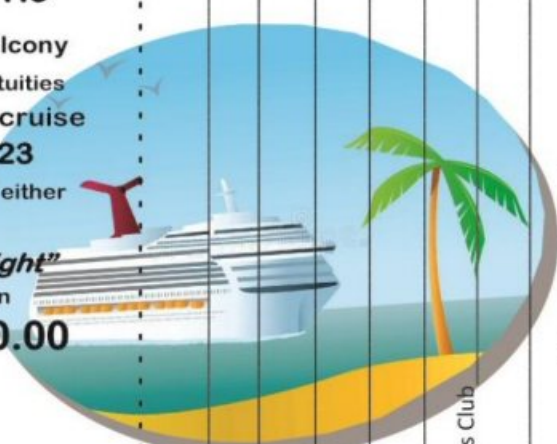
For online tickets & payment go to

**[www.lionssightresearch.org](http://www.lionssightresearch.org)**

See “Donations” tab: “Cruise Tickets”

For information: [lsrf.sam@gmail.com](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com) or (210) 326 3915

Proceeds benefit the Lions Sight Research Foundation



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Seller's Lions Club

Your Donations  
Really Make a



*Visible  
Difference*

Thank You.



## 10th Anniversary of the Stride for Sight 5K – March 11th

We hope that you and all your friends will come out and help us CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STRIDE FOR SIGHT 5K on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Comanche County Park in San Antonio. All Registrations are online at [bit.ly/SFS0311](https://bit.ly/SFS0311) or at [SolersSports.com](https://SolersSports.com)

Questions: email Lion Sam at [lsrf.sam@gmail.com](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com) or call 210-326-3915.



\$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)

*Celebrating*  
— 10 YEARS —

Stride for Sight 5K Run/Walk  
Saturday, March 11, 2023

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

Register Online At  
[bit.ly/SFS0311](https://bit.ly/SFS0311)  
or [SolersSports.com](https://SolersSports.com)

9am Opening Ceremony  
10am Run/Walk



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

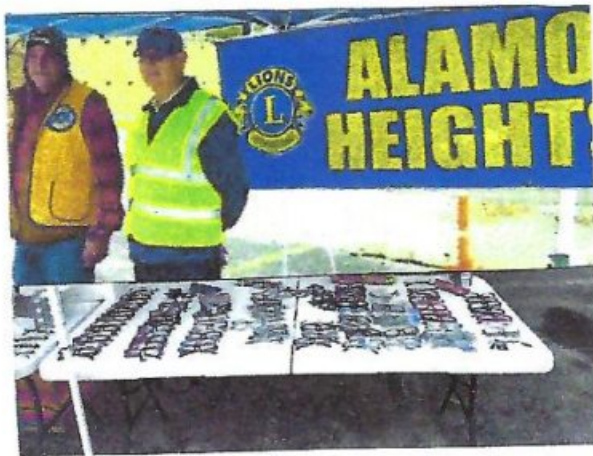
Team promotional discounts  
available to affiliates and families  
of Partners In Vision (LSRF & SAEB)  
contact [Lisa@SolersSports.com](mailto:Lisa@SolersSports.com)  
for discount code



## Alamo Heights Lions Club – “Coming To The Streets” Event



Alamo Heights Lions joined The Broken Warrior Angels with their “Coming To the Streets” Event on January 21<sup>st</sup>. All Homeless were invited to come for Hot Dogs, Hoodies, Backpacks, Haircuts, Goodie Bags, and Blankets. Alamo Heights donated Reading Glasses and some Miscellaneous Items.



## Texas Lions Camp 75th Anniversary Sheath

On the next page is an order blank for special lasered & hand-tooled knife sheaths. These fit the special Case knives with handles made from rock from Texas Lions Camp, which we have been selling the last 3 years. This knife is the one shown above the sheaths on the form. If you haven't seen them, the 2 bladed knife is beautifully lasered with the Lion's & TLC's logos, along with the words "Texas Lions Camp - children can with TLC". If you are interested in the knife, you can contact Lion Ken Jobe, whose info is on the form for the knife sheaths.

The timing is critical, because (like everything else) the price of leather is going up dramatically, according to the leather tooler, and our costs will double after the 1st weekend in February. This will obviously do the same thing to our selling prices. So, if you want one or more, get your order in now. Orders dated by February 5th will be honored at the rates on the form. (The form says January 31st, but they have agreed to let the current price stand through our Feb. Council meeting in Kerrville.)

These knife sheaths have the Camp's special 75th Anniversary Logo. I know many Lions don't have the current knife and it may not be available much longer to buy. However, a new TLC 75th Anniversary edition Case knife will be coming out soon with a handle made out of wood from the camp. They will also be laser engraved on one of the blades. They will fit in these knife sheaths. So this will be a chance to get a knife sheath for either or both knives before the prices soar.

PCC Tom Blase  
1st Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee  
Texas Lions Camp



Serving Children Since 1949

For the benefit of

## Texas Lions Camp 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Case "Trapper" Style Knife Sheath

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Handmade and tooled by JDS Leather, Kerrville, Texas**

**\*ATTENTION: Prices will be going up drastically for all orders after Jan., 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.  
Leather prices have doubled, but JDS Leather will hold these prices until then.**

<u>Style</u>	<u>Price</u> (each)	<u># ordered</u>	<u>Extended</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Side of Belt</u>	
				# Right	# Left
<b>Laser Sheath</b>	<b>\$40*</b>	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
<b>Laser &amp; Tooled Sheath</b>	<b>\$50*</b>	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
<b>Laser &amp; Tooled Sheath w/colored logo</b>	<b>\$60*</b>	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
<b>Subtotal of All Items</b>			\$ _____		
<b>Add \$4 per Sheath for shipping</b>			\$ _____		
<b>Total with shipping</b>			\$ _____		

Make Checks Payable to: **District 2S1**

Mail Checks to: PDG Ken Jobe, 4749 County Road 2590, Chester, TX 75936

(Hand tooling takes time, please allow at least 10-12 weeks for shipping.)

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**Shop Amazon Help the L.S.R.F**

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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](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2471313)



For more information about the L.S.R.F. please visit our website at: [LionsSightResearch.org](https://LionsSightResearch.org)