



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 9 - March 2023

Together We Can, and Together We Will

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Greetings Fellow Lions, LEOs, and Friends,

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. If you are ready to get outside and do something like me ...

Help Us Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Stride for Sight 5K!

I hope that you and all your friends will come out and help us help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Stride for Sight 5K on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Comanche County Park in San Antonio. There will be free breakfast tacos, Mariachis, Music and Entertainment, a free Kid's Fun Run, a Remembrance Tribute and much more! Whether you participate as a runner/walker or as a team, there's a category for you. If you can't make the event, consider being a virtual walker or a sleepwalker (my personal category).

The opening ceremony is at 9am and the Run/Walk starts at 10am. Don't miss out on this great event that supports our Partners in Vision – the Lions Sight Research Foundation and the San Antonio Eye Bank.



Registration is very easy - Just click [here](#) or [SolersSports.com/calendar/](https://solerssports.com/calendar/). If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me or Lion Sam (lsrf.sam@gmail.com), 210-326-3915). See you there!

Get Ready for the New Lion Portal

Lions Clubs International is hard at work preparing for the launch of the new Lion Portal. This refreshed (and hopefully much better) experience will combine the functionality of MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools into one cohesive and consistent experience.

To use the Lion Portal, Lions must have a unique email address (one that isn't shared with another member) in their Lion Account information.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Spread the word.** Make your fellow Lions — especially those who actively use their Lion Account — aware of the transition to the Lion Portal. Encourage them to make sure their member information is up to date and includes a unique email address.
2. **Prepare club officers.** Ask your club officers to review the member records for your club, checking for any shared email addresses, and be prepared to help members update their information as needed.
3. **Stay up to date.** Check for news and updates on the [Lion Portal webpage](#).

This will be a much-needed game-changer for reporting membership and service!

2022-2023 Opportunities for Youth Contests

The 2022-2023 Opportunities for Youth Contest packets are posted on the District 2-A2 website at <https://district2a2.org/ofy-contests/>. Through these contests, students can research and gain valuable knowledge on the 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. Our Opportunities for Youth Contests will be held on Friday, April 14th from noon to 3:30pm. The contestant winners will be announced at the Youth Awards Banquet Friday evening starting at 6:30pm.

Our final Cabinet Meeting of the year will start at 8:30am Saturday morning and will include a memorial service for those Lions that have passed this year. During our Saturday luncheon, we will pass out a few district awards and honor those clubs in our district that are celebrating their 75th anniversaries this Lions year – the George West Lions Club, the Leakey Lions Club, the Pleasanton Lions Club and the Utopia Lions Club. Delegate voting will be held Saturday afternoon.

At our Saturday evening Lions Fellowship and Recognition Banquet, the convention keynote speaker will be our very own International Director Ernesto “T.J” Tijerina. After that, we will honor those Lions who have been selected to receive this year’s PID Mike Butler Ambassador of Service Award and honor those Lions who will be inducted into the District 2-A2 Herb C. Petry, Jr. Hall of Fame followed by the annual “Passing of the Gavel” and remarks from our new District Governor-Elect.

You can register by mail or on-line at <https://district2a2.org/district-convention/>. Don't miss the regular registration deadline. Prices go up again on March 16, 2023. Look for a copy of the registration form later in this newsletter. Also, I apologize for a typo on our original registration form. The room rate at the Inn of the Hills should be \$119 per night and not \$109 per night as originally listed.

See you in Kerrville!

Membership News

As of this morning our district membership is -4 for the year. February was a hard month for our district membership, and I am sure it is only a temporary setback. Everyone in your club should strive to make recruitment a major priority for your Club. 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. A healthy membership is the key to great service.

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.

30 of our 58 District 2-A2 Lions Clubs have reported service in MyLion since July 1st – We can do better! 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, 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.

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)

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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:

10th Anniversary Stride for Sight	March 11th	Comanche Park San Antonio, TX
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Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	March 24-27th	Kerrville, TX
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43rd Annual Bluebonnet Parade	April 1st	La Vernia Lions Club La Vernia, TX
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Westside Lions Pancake Breakfast	April 1st	Madonna Center 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.

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)

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

	Early Registration Postmarked by February 5	Regular Registration Postmarked between February 6 – March 15	Late Registration Postmarked between March 16 - 27	Total # of Tickets	Total Cost
Registration All Lions must pay	\$19	\$10	\$10		
Complete Meal Package					
# Chicken _____	\$99.75	\$122	\$130		
# Beef _____					
Friday Evening Meal	\$35	\$38	\$40		
Saturday Lunch	\$35	\$38	\$40		
Saturday Banquet					
# Chicken _____	\$65	\$58	\$60		
# Beef _____					
Display/Raffle Table*		\$10			
TOTAL					

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

* No table charge for LSRF, HNB, Children Services, TLC, TLM, TLF, LCIF – Reservation required

Hotel Information: **Room Rate: \$119.00 + 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

Chaplain PDG Doug Thomas

Dear fellow Lions,

Our 2023 District Convention is fast approaching, and I am busy working on the Necrology service for the convention. It is important at that service we remember all those Lions that have gone before us and the legacy they have left for us to follow.

How soon do we forget? How fast do our memories fade? Are their days of service to their fellow man no longer of importance? Have we forgotten so soon those hours of toiling together as a reminder that we who remain behind must always be “found faithful” in following the example that those who have gone before us have set for us in their commitment to the Lion’s motto of “WE SERVE.”

Although our dearly beloved fellow Lions have gone on to receive their just rewards there are still the hundreds of thousands needy souls waiting for the encouragement of one who is willing to say, “silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give to you.”

This year I have not been made aware of the passing of many of our fellow Lions. I only have about 13 names of Lions in our district who have died. Please send me the name of any of the Lions in your club that have passed away since our last district convention so that they can be remembered this year. If you have a picture that can be used at the service, please it to Lion Floyd Daigle, our IT guru. I would appreciate it if you could send those names by March 15 so that I can have enough lead time to prepare the service.

Thank you.

Lion Doug

Lion Doug Thomas
District 2A2 Chaplain



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

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 or at SolersSports.com

Questions: email Lion Sam at 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
or 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
for discount code



Texas Tuesday Connection (TTC) Committee Newsletter – March 2023

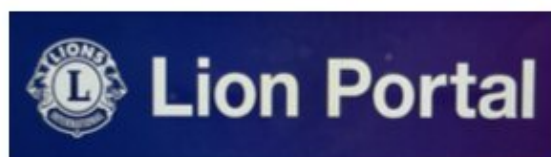


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Sessions for the month of MARCH



Tuesday, MARCH 7, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

SALESFORCE FOUNDATION



Tuesday, MARCH 21, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

EARTH DAY

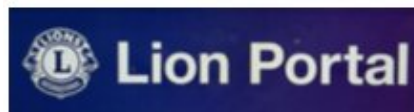
Message from Texas Tuesday Connection (TTC) Committee



Texas Tuesday Connection Resources

The Texas Tuesday Connections was created to assist Lions in a variety of topics that we deal with in our clubs. It is a great resource for new club officers, fundraising ideas and providing service to our communities. Below is a list of upcoming and past sessions. We hope you take advantage of these a webinar series created by Lions for Lions just like you. Its FREE way to learn more from other Lions, tune in online to “Texas Tuesday Connections” via Zoom on the **first** and **third** Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. **To access the TTC past videos, you can visit the website, or scan the QR Code at the bottom of this newsletter.**

Salesforce Foundation



Lions Clubs International is updating the digital tools you use as a Lion. LCI is taking MyLion, MyLCI and other tools that we are currently using and combining them into one– the Lion Portal. This session will provide you with information to help ensure a smooth transition to the new Lion Portal. If you are currently or thinking of becoming an officer, you do not want to miss this very important session.

Tune in to Texas Tuesday Connection via zoom on **MARCH 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Earth Day



Earth Day is April 22, 2023. This session will discuss the many ways Lions can support their communities by implementing service projects to preserve our Earth.

Tune in to Texas Tuesday Connection via zoom on **MARCH 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Upcoming Sessions

April 4, 2023: World Hunger

April 18, 2023: KidSight– Updates to the Program

May 2, 2023: What's Happening—Changes to the LCI Website

May 16, 2023: Administration Transition

June 6, 2023: Defining "Other" for a Loss

June 20, 2023: TBA

Past Sessions can be viewed at textuesdayconnections.org

July 5, 2022: Dealing with a Disaster

July 19, 2022: Personal Development

August 2, 2022: Communicating with the District

August 16, 2022: Global Leadership Team (GLT)

September 6, 2022: Global Service Team (GST)

September 20, 2022: Global Membership Team (GMT)

November 1, 2022: How to Hold a Successful Membership Drive

November 15, 2022: How to Get Grassroot Lions Involved at the District and State Levels

December 6, 2022: Using a SWOT to Review/Reset Goals

December 20, 2022: No Presentation: CHRISTMAS BREAK

February 2, 2023: Member Losses

February 7, 2023: LCI Dues Increases

Texas Tuesday Connection Coordinators

PDG Chris Gunstream: lionchris@clgun.com

PDG Mark Roth: markwroth@aol.com



For TTC Topic Ideas

PDG Tony Austin: tonyaust2000@yahoo.com

To view previous topics and recordings:

Website: textuesdayconnections.org

Scan QR code for Texas Tuesday Connections website



La Vernia Lions Club 43rd Annual Bluebonnet Parade – April 1st

The La Vernia Lions Club Presents

43rd Annual Bluebonnet Parade *Saturday, April 1, 2023*

Parade Starts at 10:00AM

“Country Roots  Growing w/ Pride”

See entries from local and
surrounding area businesses,
schools, youth organizations
and clubs



Saturday, April 1, 2023

Go to www.LaVerniaLions.org for more info!

San Antonio West Side Lions Pancake Breakfast – April 1st



- San Antonio West Side Lions

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - \$8.00 per plate

All You Can Eat Pancakes

April 1, 2023

Pancakes served with sausage, coffee and orange juice. Please let us know if you can attend, just as an idea of how many to plan for.

Contact : Lion RoseMary – 210-341-1160

Time and Location:

April 1,2023 – Madonna Center – St. Joseph's Hall
1906 Castrovilla Road, San Antonio, TX 78237

Serving from 9am to 12 noon



Alamo Heights Lions Club – Texas Lions Camp “Give The Gift Of Camp”



When Alamo Heights Lions Club heard that the Lions Camp was going to have a full camp this summer, we joined other clubs contributing to the Camp's Annual Give the Gift of Camp or other needs.

Alamo Heights Lions Club – The Gathering



The Gathering!!



We love to invited all our homeless veterans and their friends and the whole community to come together to try our Juicy Hot Sloppy Joe's with chip and share GOD's word.

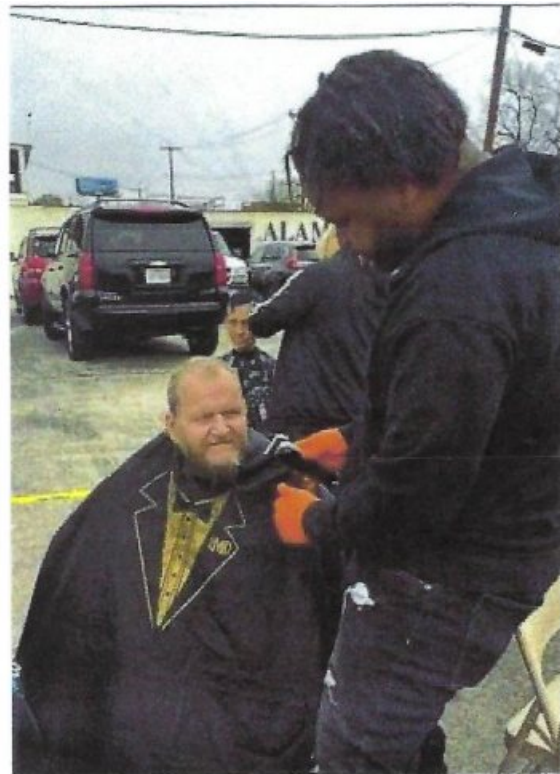
February 25,2023

9:30 until 12:30pm

624 N Alamo St, San Antonio, TX

Contact: Fred Alvarado, 1347fred@gmail.com, 210-608-2805

John 15:12 "TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU".



Alamo Heights Lions participated in The Gathering, giving out reading glasses and other 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



For the benefit of
Texas Lions Camp
75th 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., 31st, 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
Laser Sheath	\$40*	_____	\$_____	_____	_____
Laser & Tooled Sheath	\$50*	_____	\$_____	_____	_____
Laser & Tooled Sheath w/colored logo	\$60*	_____	\$_____	_____	_____
Subtotal of All Items			\$_____		
Add \$4 per Sheath for shipping			\$_____		
Total with shipping			\$_____		

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.)



THURSDAY
August 3, 2023

Lady Bird Johnson
Municipal Golf Course
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

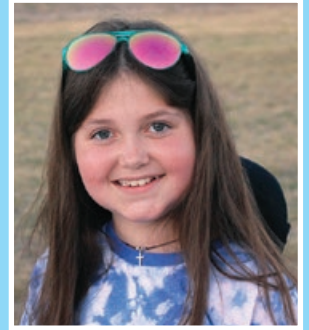


BENEFITING:



For more Information:
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Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247
(830) 896-8500
www.lionscamp.com

The 2023 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador is camper *Faith Fortenberry* of Woodway, Texas.



Faith has attended TLC for the past 4 summers including Texas Lions Camp's online camping program TLC2U in 2020. Faith is 11 years old and loves the Zip Line and Farm Life best, but also loves to be at the pool!

Her mother, Leeann, found out about camp from a local Lions Club member, Bill Waller of the Dawson Lions Club! Leeann stated, "I grew up going to summer camp most of my life, so after her diagnosis, I was so sad to think that this was something she might not get to experience. When I learned there was a camp for kids like her, I was thrilled!"

Faith's challenges are all physical. With a muscular disease, her only mobility is the use of her power chair. So, she needs constant assistance to be able to do everyday things like swimming, or getting dressed, or even any kind of arts and crafts.



Texas Lions Camp has helped Faith because it has given her the independence from her parents that she so desires. All of her friends also attend summer camp, so she loves being able to tell them that she too gets to have experiences like them! The family has seen her confidence increase, and the way she views herself!

Leeann commented that the Fortenberrys attended TLC-4-Families Camp the past two summers and loved being able to see Faith do things that ordinarily she would not get to do.

She looks so forward to this week, and we make a countdown each spring! It's fun being able to see her look forward to something!

One of their fondest memories from Family Camp was just being together without distractions from the outside world and doctor appointments as well as meeting other families that understand what it's like raising kids with extra needs.

The Fortenberry's give special praise to Vice President of Summer Camp, Karen-Anne King. "We love Karen-Anne King. She's a ray of sunshine & always makes us feel like superstars."

Faith's favorite memories of camp are just being around other kids who have struggles. Leeann told TLC that Faith shares stories that her camp buddies share during bunk time and how it just makes her feel "normal" that there are other kids like her who have a hard time just doing ordinary things that the rest of us take for granted. She has made lifelong friends and looks forward to reuniting with them each summer. It's the one week where she feels truly independent & doesn't depend on her parents. It's a life changing week for sure!

Texas Lions Camp is proud to have great campers like Faith attend our summer camping program and she is excited to be a part of the 30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. For more information on how you and your business can sponsor and/or play in the Tournament, visit: www.lionscamp.com and look for the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament under the "GET INVOLVED" Tab.



**James Avery Artisan Jewelry
offers \$50,000 Challenge**
in support of Children with Special Medical Conditions
Named Title Sponsor for 30th 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 2023. Every gift designated for the 30th 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 2023 Golf tournament.

"Texas Lions Camp (TLC) is thrilled that James Avery Artisan Jewelry has agreed to participate with our organization again in 2022-2023 and invest in our mission by offering this exciting 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 craft jewelry, we are forging hope through our support of nonprofit organizations in the communities where we live and work. We support the beauty of the world around us - including bringing a sense of diversity, inclusion and belonging to the people around us. We are proud to support the beauty of Texas Lions Camp and the opportunities they offer to wonderful children and their families for a unique summer camp experience."

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 in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Kerrville, Comfort, Hondo and Corpus Christi, Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 115 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, over 250 Dillard's locations and at Dillards.com and at 38 Von Maur locations and VonMaur.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.

Harry Wickersham 30th Annual Golf Tournament

For 30 years, Texas Lions Camp (TLC) has sponsored an annual Golf tournament to help support camp operations. More about the history of this Golf Tournament and the Lions that helped make it become a reality may be found on our website (<https://lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html>). The event now raises \$100,000 annually and has cumulatively produced more than \$1.78 million over the past 30 years. Special thanks to all who have helped make this fund-raiser such a success. The 30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 and will be hosted once again by the Fredericksburg Lions Club at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Learn about Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

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. If preferred, you may call 830-896-8500 for more information.





Date: February 15, 2023

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

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James Avery’s Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, "Just as we forge silver and gold to craft jewelry, we are forging hope through our support of nonprofit organizations in the communities where we live and work. We support the beauty of the world around us - including bringing a sense of diversity, inclusion and belonging to the people around us. We are proud to support the beauty of Texas Lions Camp and the opportunities they offer to wonderful children and their families for a unique summer camp experience."

Mabry added, “the TLC Board and I fully intend to see a return to traditional youth camps in 2023 and will offer week-long, residential youth camps for children who have physical disabilities during the month of June, type-1 diabetes for two weeks of the first half of July and our new family camp program for the remaining two weeks of July. For nearly 75 years, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced over 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 the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament – For 30 years, Texas Lions Camp has sponsored an annual Golf tournament to help support camp operations. The history of this Golf Tournament began with four Texas Lions (Lions Mike Butler, Marshall Cooper, Bruce Rickert and Harry Wickersham) coming to the Annual Board meeting of Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville to enjoy fellowship with each other. They all loved to play golf and so what began on a \$10 per person gentlemen’s donation at the Flying L Ranch Golf Course in Bandera, Texas, has grown into a major Fundraising event which generates more than \$100,000 annually for children with special medical conditions. Other Lions heard about the golf outing and dozens joined in to play in subsequent years including Lion Ed Stebbins who was recruited to help organize the event into an annual fund-raising opportunity. He made the original presentation to the TLC Board of Directors to make the Golf Tournament an annual fund-raising event as well as recommended that the event be named in honor of Lion Harry Wickersham (who was the real golfer in the original foursome). In addition, he recruited Lion Lester Frantzen as the Tournament Director and the Fredericksburg Lions Club to help organize and operate the tournament each year.

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 in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Kerrville, Comfort, Hondo and Corpus Christi, Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 115 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, over 250 Dillard’s locations and at Dillards.com and at 38 Von Maur locations and VonMaur.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 an active 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. If preferred, you may also call 830-896-8500 for more information.

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30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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