



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Together We Can, and Together We Will

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Greetings Fellow Lions, LEOs, and Friends,

I wanted to begin with thanking all of you for allowing me to serve as Governor of MD 2-A2 for 2023-2024. I will strive to help you and your clubs continue the mission Melvin Jones began over 100 years ago, **WE SERVE!**



As we open the Lion Year on July 1, 2023, I encourage all our clubs to input your officers into MyLCI so that we may ensure our directory for the district is up to date. If you need help you can reach out to our District Administrator PDG Janie Garza (210-643-3217, pdgjanie2a2@gmail.com). or myself for help.

This year our International President, Dr. Patti Hill, will be focusing on expanding our service into the Environment cause to align with her theme of "Changing the World", as well as continuing to grow our membership. More on membership in a few moments.

I want to thank IPDG Steve Mays for his leadership and vision of our district this last year. Great job and enjoy that IPDG title! You have earned it.

To our very own IPID Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina, thank you for showing the rest of the world how Lions in Texas are always willing to rise to the challenge and be there when needed! 2-A2 (and Del Rio-San Felipe) are extremely proud of you!!

To our immediate past First Ladies of 2-A2 (yes, we are making that a thing now) Mary Ann Mays and Juanita Tijerina, thank you for supporting your husbands on their Lion journeys the last few years. You make us proud!

This Year's Theme:

My theme this year is "**From the Rio Grande to the Alamo, WE SERVE!**". This is an all-encompassing theme for us this year. Whatever your club specializes in as a service project or projects, do them well. If it's scholarships, golf tourneys, Stride for Sight 5Ks, pancake breakfasts, food drives, vision screenings and everything in between, show your communities and Texas why we do it bigger in 2-A2! Report your clubs service in the soon to be new MyLCI so that LCI can see why Texas leads in service.

Membership:

For membership, my goal is simple. Let us recruit members for service and not for the sake of numbers. Membership for Service, not just numbers is something you will hear from me. Our biggest issue we face now is members aging out. We are not losing them in great number to other service organizations. We must look at recruiting the next generation, your children or grandchildren, Gen Z and the Millennials. Invite your children or grandkids to an event you sponsor. Look into starting a Community LEO club if you wish. Start a Branch club that specializes in an area that maybe your club has been wanting to get into but maybe haven't had the internal interest. SA Bexar Necessities is a great example of a club that is embracing the next generation. Let's strive to increase our service to our communities.

First Cabinet Meeting – July 22nd:

I want to close by inviting you to the first cabinet meeting on July 22, 2023, hosted by SA Edgewood Lions Club. Look for the registration info in the Meetings tab ([click here](#)). For that meeting we will be giving out some district awards, installing our new cabinet and hearing from myself, 1st and 2nd VDGs and other updates. We will have a time slot for new club officers to see what resources are available on LCI's website to help you realize your full potential as well as an opportunity for you to speak with the leadership team of 2-A2. Our service project will be bringing canned goods and/or box staples that will benefit the food pantry of Edgewood ISD. A separate news flash will go out with more info.

I look forward to this coming year and doing what I can to help you and your clubs!!

From The Rio Grande to The Alamo, WE SERVE!!

Leon Josh

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Calling All Lions... We Need You



District 2-A2 will be holding its First Cabinet Meeting
of the 2023 – 2024 Club Year on
Saturday, July 22, 2023

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 [Click Here for Map](#)

**Please Bring a canned good/box staple(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 (LCI resource overview/Conversation w/District leaders)	9:00 – 11:30 am
Luncheon (2-meat Bar-B-Q with Quarter Chicken, Sausage, Potato Salad, Rice, Beans and all the trimmings including sweet tea)	12:30 – 2:00 pm

Cost Per Person - \$ 16.00

[Click Here for More Info!](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

First Cabinet Meeting	July 22nd	Edgewood Burleson Ctr San Antonio, Texas
Second Cabinet Meeting	October 7th	Floresville, Texas
Mid-Winter Conference	January 19-20th	Kerrville, Texas
District Convention	April 18-20th	Eagle Pass, Texas

Club and Other Events:

30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	August 3rd	Lady Bird Johnson Memorial Golf Course Fredericksburg, Texas
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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.

ALAMO HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB & TEXAS LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CTR

Free Postage to Mail Eyeglasses to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

by Lion Norman Fulkerson

The USPS Publication 347 dated October 2015 spells out how to mail glasses for recycling to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland, Texas.

The publication states that individuals and noncommercial organizations which serve eligible persons (i.e., those who require glasses). No advertising is allowed.

The box or envelope must NOT be sealed. The boxes must have the words "FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR THE HANDICAPPED" in the upper right corner of the address side of the envelope or parcel where postage is normally placed. The words may be printed, rubber stamped or handwritten. See the form below.

The mail is not considered a specific class of mail. If you wish to insure the item, you may pay the required insurance fee.

The Postmaster at my Post Office says they will accept boxes up to the size of a Banker's box or the size of the box that comes with 10 reams of paper. I have found the 10 ream paper box weighs about 20 pounds when full of eyeglasses.

You may use the form below by cutting off the bottom of this page to use as the required label.

FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR HANDICAPPED MAILING

From: _____

FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR

THE HANDICAPPED

To: Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

2550 Flynt Ave.

Midland, TX 79701

West Side Lions Club – New Procedures for Eyeglasses

West Side Lion Rose Mary Paletta at the post office, mailing eye glasses to Midland, Texas. The Postal worker was very kind as this was a first for both of us. Procedure was very easy. Attach the form, remember not to tape the box and that's it.



Kerrville Host Lions Club - Dinner for Texas Lions Camp Counselors & Staff

The Kerrville Host Lions Club recently hosted an “End of Training” Italian dinner for the Texas Lions Camp counselors & staff. The Lions also prepared homemade desserts to make the meal complete. It was a special, relaxing & enjoyable evening for all!





West Side Lions Club – Madonna Family Center Service Project

West Side Lions took on a community project at Madonna Family Center on Saturday June 10th. We removed metal edging from around flower beds and replaced it with cinder blocks purchased by our club. We just thought the metal edging was a little too dangerous since small children are in daycare there. The weather was perfect, and we always enjoy being together. After the job was completed, we all went out for breakfast.





San Antonio Founder Lions Club – French Connection



“Nous Servons” – Operation Yellow Rose Against Alzheimer’s

While vacationing with their wives in France during May, **SAFLC Lions Earl McPeek and Reid Hackney** had the pleasure of meeting and being photographed with members of the **Des Andelys Lions Club** at a city fair in Les Andelys on the banks of the Seine River in Normandy.

Les Andelys is comprised of two villages and is the home of the hillside remains of the impressive medieval fortress of Château-Gaillard. The fortress was built in record time (1196 - 1198) by Richard Lionheart, King of England and Duke of Normandy.

As International Lions, the club was proudly displaying the club’s motto **“Nous Servons” – We Serve** and promoting **Operation Yellow Rose Against Alzheimer’s**.

Alamo Heights Lions Club – LSRF Donation



Alamo Heights Lions made one of the Club's last donations for Lions Year 2022-2023 to LSRF. To quote PDG Sam Pantusa "these funds will be part of the matching funds that will go along with the major grant that we [LSRF] are receiving from LCIF to conduct a major diabetes awareness campaign in our area over the coming two years. We received word that the LCIF Board has given approval to our [LSRF's] request just last week. However, another very important element of our Lions Eye Health Program is supporting patients of our Lions Low Vision Center. The package that we unpacked is an example of that.

"The package contained a 16GB RAM computer with a large external monitor and a wireless oversized keyboard. The system is provided with special accessories to aid its recipient who is a 45 year old man who has just recently found himself with major vision impairment issues that include optic nerve atrophy. He is still undergoing medical testing to determine the extent of other medical issues. Due to his condition which manifested itself in October, he has lost his job and his income has been severely impacted. He is still working to receive unemployment compensation.

"With help from Melva Andres, Occupational Therapist at Lions Low Vision Center, who will be guiding him in the use of this computer that was refurbished and assembled by an organization called Computers for the Blind and paid for by LSRF, this young man will have a chance to regain an ability to once again be employed."

Alamo Heights Lions Club – Texas Lions Camp Service



It's The Annual Texas Lions Camp Picnic. The camp is open for its second week of campers. Everyone is excited.

Everyone ready for Mac and Cheese! Made fresh for the picnic.

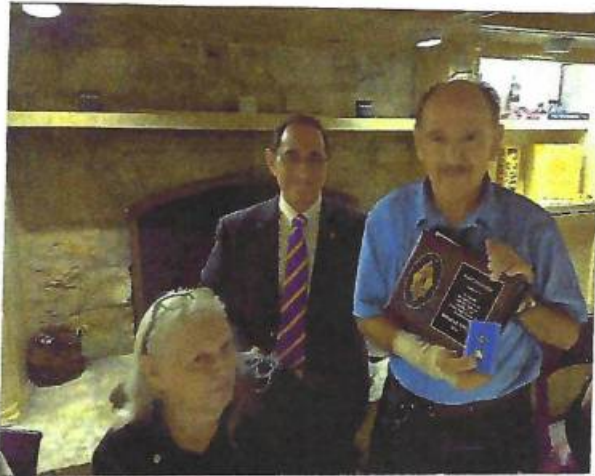


Chips and cookies as well as hot dogs, trimmings, ice cream, snow cones and beverages.



The Volunteers!

Alamo Heights Lions Club – Officer Installation



Installation of Officers
and
Awards Night



Alamo Heights Lions Club – Ronald McDonald Donation

Alamo Heights Lions donated \$5,000.00 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Antonio. This donation gives 50 families a home away from home while their loved one is receiving medical care in San Antonio area.

There are three locations: The blue house at 4803 Sid Katz Drive, another house on Charles Katz that is under repair at this time and a third one located inside the Christus Children's Hospital.



30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

TITLE SPONSOR



JAMES AVERY
Forging Hope

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



Faith Fortenberry
Camper Ambassador
2022-2023

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2023!**

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

August 3, 2023

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000
in 2022-2023 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
For more information: www.lionscamp.com.

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs
associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All
sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on signage
and publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp
website: www.lionscamp.com. **Deadline to ensure recogni-
tion/publication is July 14, 2023.**

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

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City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email: _____

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CC#: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP
PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029



THURSDAY
August 3, 2023

Lady Bird Johnson
Municipal Golf Course
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

BENEFITING:



For more Information:
Texas Lions Camp, Inc.
P.O. Box 290247
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 Fortenberrys 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

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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."

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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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.

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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.

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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



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Case "Trapper" Style Knife Sheath

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Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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***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.**

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Laser Sheath	\$40*	_____	\$_____	_____	_____
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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.)