



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Remarkable Service to All

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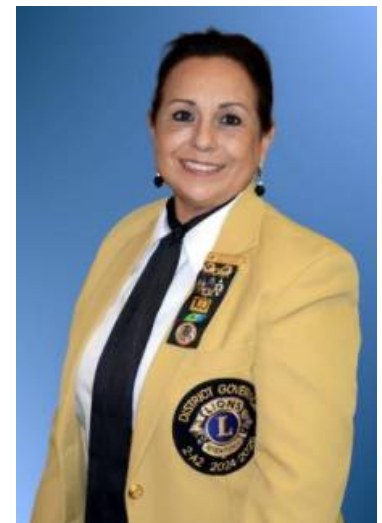
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Greetings Fellow Lions, LEOs,
and Friends,

I wanted to begin with thanking
all of you for allowing me to
serve as Governor of MD 2-A2 for
2024-2025.

While each LCI President brings
their unique passion and
perspective to Lions around the
world, there has and always will be a single constant that
unites all Lions: **SERVICE**. This year our International
President Fabricio Oliveira theme “Make Your
Mark” celebrates you and the impact made.

Every time WE SERVE, we **make our mark** in our
communities. Every time WE SERVE, we bring
kindness and compassion, change and hope. Every
time WE SERVE, we **make our mark** on the lives of
all we touch and beyond. District 2-A2 has a rich
history of phenomenal SERVICE and as we continue
this legacy, I will encourage all the Lions of District 2-
A2 to be in **Remarkable Service to All**. Enhancing
and expanding our service will ensure District 2-A2
continues to grow in membership.



I want to thank IPDG Josh Overfelt for his leadership and vision of our district this last year. Great job inspiring the District to form three (3) new clubs, to end the membership year in the positive and thank you for your leadership in showcasing District 2-A2 and San Antonio to Lions Club International. The result is San Antonio was chosen to be the host city for the 2030 LCI International Convention and enjoy the IPDG title! You have earned it.

My theme this year is “**Remarkable Service to Others**”. The theme aligns itself with LCI President Fabricio’s theme and what the Lions of District 2-A2 do every day. Whatever our club specializes in as a service project or projects, do them remarkably. If it’s scholarships, golf tournaments, Stride for Sight 5Ks, pancake breakfasts, food drives, vision screenings and everything in between, do it remarkably.

Lion Rose Ann

District Governor Rose Ann Barajas (San Antonio Edgewood)

MD2-A2

2024-2025

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

District 2A2 First Cabinet Meeting	July 13th	Pleasanton Lions Ctr Pleasanton, Texas
District 2A2 Second Cabinet Meeting	October 5th	Del Rio San Felipe Club Del Rio, Texas
District 2A2 Mid-Winter Conference	January 18th	TBD
District 2A2 District Convention	April 25-26th	TBD

Club and Other Events:

Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner	July 31st	Hanger Hotel Fredericksburg, Texas
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	August 1st	Lady Bird Johnson GC Fredericksburg, Texas

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 28th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.



Lions District 2-A2

2024-2025 1st Cabinet Meeting



Saturday July 13, 2024

Our meeting was hosted by the
Pleasanton and Poteet Lions Clubs
At The Pleasanton Lions Meeting Center
114 Wyoming Blvd
Pleasanton, TX 78064

Doors will be open at 8:00am with a Continental Breakfast (tacos, fruits and yogurt w/ coffee) provided by Pleasanton Lions Club.

Business Meeting will begin at 9:00am

An Italian Lunch (Lasagna, Salad and a vegetable w/tea) provided by the Poteet Lions Club at 12noon.

The \$15.00 Registration Fee will cover the cost of the Continental Breakfast and Lunch.

Register for the 1st Cabinet Meeting

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

Upcoming State Certification Classes for Vision and Hearing

ATTENTION ALL LIONS:

Your District 2-A2 Lions Children's Services Board is pleased to announce the upcoming State Vision Screening Certification and State Hearing Screening Certification classes specifically for Lions club members.

New Vision Screeners

If you are currently SPOT certified and desire to become a State certified vision screener, please register by emailing Lion Ken Book at kbook0@outlook.com by **July 5, 2024** (specify the Vision certification class in your email). You must bring your SPOT certificate to the State Vision Screener Certification class. The class is for District 2-A2 Lions club members and will be held at Blessed Sacrament School, 600 Oblate Drive, San Antonio on **July 12, 2024**. The class will begin promptly at 8:30am and will conclude by 4:00pm.

New Hearing Screeners

If you desire to become a State certified hearing screener, please register by emailing Lion Ken Book at kbook0@outlook.com by **July 12, 2024** (specify the Hearing certification class in your email). The class is for District 2-A2 Lions club members and will be held at Blessed Sacrament School, 600 Oblate Drive, San Antonio on **July 19, 2024**. The class will begin promptly at 8:30am and will conclude by 4:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER TO HOLD THESE CLASSES, WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 8 LIONS REGISTERED FOR EACH CLASS LISTED ABOVE

Note From Our First Vice-District Governor Nanette Patton:

Lion Kyra's High School Graduation & the 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's

A special congratulations to my niece, Lion Kyra, on her recent high graduation! Not only did she achieve this significant academic milestone, but she also made a proud statement by wearing her Lions vest during the ceremony. This act highlighted her dedication to the Lions' mission and values, even as she celebrated her personal achievements. Lion Kyra's pride in her association with the Lions is an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the impact we can have both individually and collectively.

Some of you may know Lion Kyra from last year when she was the team captain the Lions District 2-A2 team 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's. District GST coordinators, Lion Marlene and Lion Alice, helped her promote the walk at district meetings and club meetings. They created raffle items to generate interest for the walk and all of our proceeds were donated to the Alzheimer's Association, via our team's page. As a district, we ended up raising over \$1,600 for Alzheimer's research! While we only had about a dozen people walking, it was a great time and promoted Lionism as participants wore Lions shirts. And guess what, we're doing it again this year! You can go to [here](#) to donate or join the team.



Texas Lions Camp VIP Weekend



The Texas Lions Camp VIP Weekend was on June 21st and 22nd. This special event brought together Lions on the board of directors and the 1VDGEs from all over Texas to learn about and celebrate the remarkable impact of the camp on the lives of children with physical disabilities, diabetes, and cancer. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the dedicated staff, and witness firsthand the joy and empowerment that the camp brings to its young campers. The weekend was filled with inspiring stories, heartwarming moments, and a renewed commitment to supporting this incredible program—the crown jewel of Texas Lions. Thank you to Lion Stephen Mabry, CEO of TLC, and the TLC staff who made this event unforgettable!

North San Antonio Hills Officer Installation Dinner



On June 25th, I had the honor of being the installation officer for the North San Antonio Hills Lions Club Officer Installation Dinner, marking the beginning of a new term filled with promise and dedication. The evening was a celebration of service and leadership as new officers took their oaths. The dinner was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, networking, and sharing ideas for the upcoming year. I extend a heartfelt congratulations to the newly installed officers who will be under the leadership of Lion Marco Tenorio and look forward to seeing your year of impactful service documented in MyLCI! We also got to induct Lion Bert Limon! Every new member counts to Mission 1.5!

Volunteering at the Pride Festival



In support of diversity and inclusion, I teamed up with Lions Martin Padron and Ann Islas of the Bexar Necessities Lions Club to volunteer at the Pride Festival on June 29th. I helped staff the PFLAG booth to help spread the message of love, acceptance, and support for the LGBTQ+ community. This volunteer effort was a demonstration of Lions commitment in the spirit of the [New Voices initiative](#) to serve all communities and to promote equality.

In case you were not aware, PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a national organization that was founded in 1973 and is dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals, their families, and friends. PFLAG's mission centers on three core pillars: support, education, and advocacy.

1. **Support:** PFLAG provides a safe and nurturing environment for LGBTQ+ individuals and their families. Through local chapters, they offer peer support groups and resources that help individuals navigate the challenges and experiences associated with coming out, acceptance, and understanding.
2. **Education:** PFLAG works to educate families, communities, and the public about LGBTQ+ issues. They provide a wealth of educational materials and programs designed to increase awareness, reduce stigma, and foster understanding and acceptance.
3. **Advocacy:** PFLAG advocates for equal rights and social justice for LGBTQ+ people. They engage in policy advocacy at local, state, and national levels to promote legislation and policies that protect and affirm LGBTQ+ individuals and their families.

Overall, PFLAG strives to create a world where diversity is celebrated, and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed.

Lion Nanette

1st Vice-District Governor

Nanette Patton

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San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Eyeglass Collection – We Serve!

Lion Alberto Espinosa and Lion Enedelia Espinosa collected glasses at Texas State Optical on U.S. Highway 281 North in San Antonio. These used glasses will go to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center for refurbishing, cataloging, and distribution in developing countries

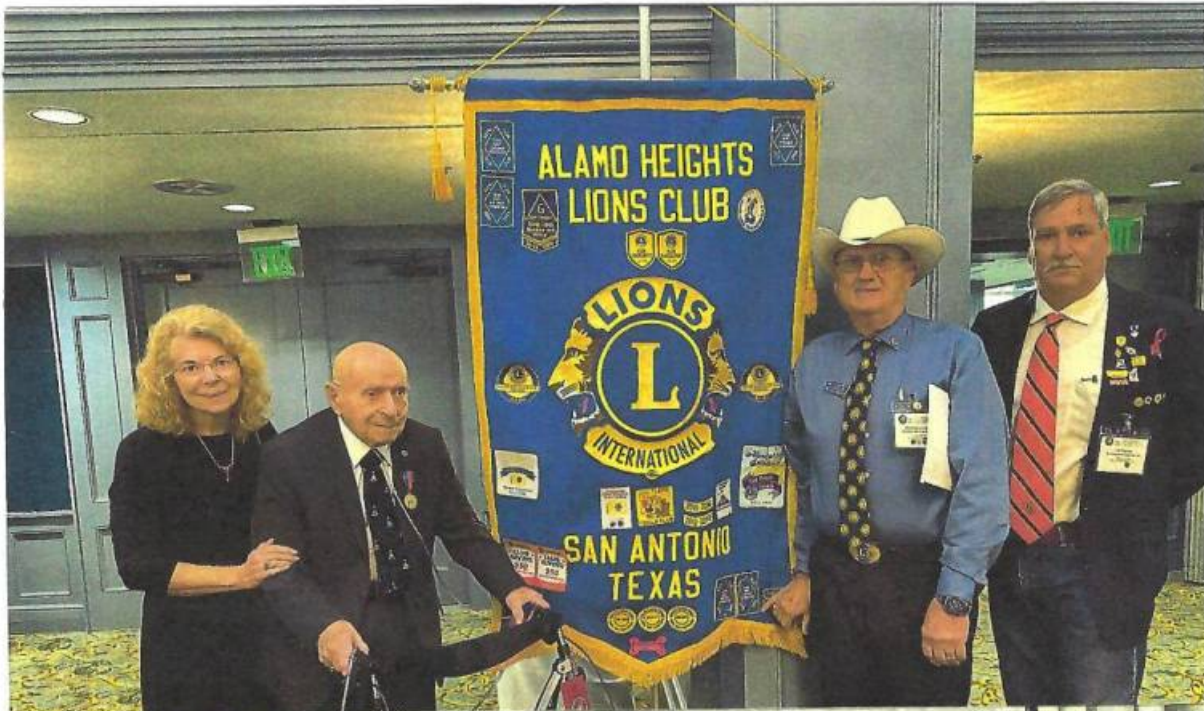


Lion Alberto Espinosa, Lion Enedelia Espinosa, and Ms. Ashley Salcedo, Office Manager at Texas State Optical

Alamo Heights Lions Club and Edgewood Lions Club – District Convention

Top Picture: Alamo Heights Lions Club Members

Bottom Picture: PID M.P. "Mike" Butler Ambassador of Service Awardees



Alamo Heights Lions Club and Other Clubs - Texas Lions Camp Awards Night

June 28, 2024

MANY THANKS

To all the volunteers who have served this week to make Camp great!

SUNDAY

Cedar Park/ Leander Longhorns Lions
—Refreshment Stand
Buda Lions—Luggage Crew
Wimberley Lions—Evening Picnic

FRIDAY

Glen Rose Lions—Lunch Picnic
Point Venture Lions—Watermelon Picnic
SA Northside Lions—Evening Picnic
Alamo Heights Lions—Awards Night Hosts

MANY THANKS

To all the Lions who helped make our special events possible!



Kerrville Host Lions Club - Texas Lions Camp Counselor & Staff Appreciation

The Kerrville Host Lions Club served a catered Italian appreciation dinner to the counselors & staff of the Texas Lions Camp at the end of their training session. The Host Lions served the meal and members provided a tasty selection of desserts. Each attendee received a commemorative coin for their service as counselors & staff. It was a great evening!





San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Installation of Officers

PDG Lion Sam Pantusa proceeded with the installation of the 2024-2025 Officers and Directors. As he announced each Lion and their forthcoming role in the club, he noted a few pertinent responsibilities of that position. After members collectively responded to each required question, PDG Sam presented the entire group of new officers to conclude the installation.



(l. to r.) President Dulce Solano, Fundraising Chairperson Patricia (Pat) Guerra, Immediate Past President Philip Snyder, Treasurer Irene Guzman-Castillo, Secretary Reid Hackney, Lion Tamer Roger Rigal, First Vice President Tammy Swann, Second Vice President and Chaplain Albert Gonzales. Not pictured Tail Twister Rod Chisholm



(l. to r.) Newsletter Editor Earl McPeek, Director Mary Jane Chisholm, Director Connie Vidal, Director Barbara Aydlett, Director Barbara Goldman, Membership Chairperson Tracy Wiggins, Parliamentarian Dick Porter, President Dulce Solano. Not pictured, Marketing Chairperson Donovan Fikes



TLC Chairman's Chatter



Where All "ARE" Doing!



As I sit down to write this month's newsletter, I have just come back from this summer's 2nd Awards Night, and I am really pumped up. I mentioned last month that our campers love to thank the Lions for their week of fun. Well they did not let me down tonight. They thanked us loud and long, and if that does not make you proud to be a Lion, nothing will. If that doesn't pump you up to go out and become a dreamcatcher for our kids, nothing will. *(Remember, as Dreamcatchers we have 2 jobs: #1-find campers & #2-raise the funds, so they can continue to come at no cost to their families)*. By the time you get this, there may still be 2 more Awards nights July 5 & 12..... Come to one & catch some of that energy.

One of the most important things we can say about the Texas Lions Camp is that no matter what the disability or limitation, and no matter what the event or activity available at our camp – **ALL CAN DO!** These first 2 weeks of camp, I had the privilege of watching our campers riding horses, catching monster catfish, camping out, screaming down the zip line, splashing in the pool, and so much more. No one is forced into doing something they don't want to try, but to the extent that they want to try, let me assure you that **"All ARE Doing!"** They are doing things that many of them only dreamed about, but here at TLC, once again, hundreds of our campers' dreams are coming true - thanks to you.

As I mentioned last month, job #1 is done for 2024, but job #2 is always ongoing and we are right in the middle of one of our biggest fund raisers of the year, the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament (8/1/24). The Tonnessen Family, our Ambassador Family is inviting **you** individually and **your clubs** to become hole sponsors for the 31st Annual Tournament (*form attached*). **James Avery, our Title Sponsor, is matching your hole sponsorships, dollar for dollar up to the first \$50,000.** One hole sponsorship is \$100, so buy several. We also offer Corporate sponsorships from \$500 & up. For more information about the benefits for the Corporate Sponsorship levels, as well as information on the other programs, go to www.lionscamp.com; then go to **events and volunteers** & then **golf tournament**.

Also, on Wednesday evening (7/31/24) before the tournament we are kicking off the inaugural “Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner” at the Hanger Hotel in Fredericksburg (*form attached*). Should be a fun night of fellowship for the Lions and golfers coming to town.

Since this is the last “Chairman’s Chatter” I will be sending out as Chairman, let me take this opportunity to thank all of the, Districts, Clubs, and Individual Lions of Texas for all they have done to make our 75th Anniversary a special year and for all the support you give to TLC. I also offer my thanks to all the Elected Directors, Committee Chairs and the Executive Committee for all their many hours of hard work. A special thanks to Immediate Past Chairman Gary Sult, who will be completing 7 years on the Executive Committee in August.

Last but not least, I invite everyone to join me by sending a special note of thanks to Stephen Mabry, President & CEO, and the rest of our professional full-time staff for their loyalty & commitment to our mission. I have seen countless leadership teams in many industries over the years, and fellow Lions, we have the cream of the crop. **Thank you for all you do!**

Let’s go out and be the Dreamcatchers, so our campers can be the Daydreamers!

PCC Tom Blase, TLC Chairman

P.S. Our campers love to thank the Lions for their week of fun, so get your club members, especially new ones and maybe some potential new members and come celebrate with our campers on one of our awards nights. This year they are June 7, 14, & 28, plus July 5 & 12.

How to Send a Child to Texas Lions Camp – by Camp Director Chris Ryan

The 2024 schedule for Texas Lions Camp (TLC) has been announced! Please see the schedule at www.lionscamp.com.

The schedule has some exciting and innovative features to meet the expanding needs of the TLC family. President & CEO, Stephen Mabry, stated that for the first time in TLC's history, they will pilot an exciting new concept in camping, by combining family camp with the residential youth camp. This new program will be called "Residential Family Camp."

Camp Discovery will be returning to TLC after a five-year hiatus. It is a one-of-a-kind experience for children who have cancer.

How to send a child to camp-

1. Lions can be a huge help by **finding campers** to attend TLC. This can be done by contacting local rehabilitation centers, doctors, associations, and school principals and nurses.
2. You will want to **visit with parents of prospective campers**. Give them a TLC brochure or promotional flyer. If you do not have one, share the website with them. Tell them about the wonderful opportunities that await their child!
3. **Application help** - Direct parents to lionscamp.com to apply. *****Online registration for camp opens on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.** That will be here before we know it.

The application process involves the submittal of an in-depth application that includes:

- 1) Contact Information
- 2) Physical and Doctor's Permission
- 3) Lion Sponsor
- 4) Dietary requirements
- 5) Insurance information, and
- 6) Legal Waiver & Permission to Treat.

Parents can call TLC at (830) 896-8500 if they have any questions about the application process. The Lion sponsor should follow up with the family to ensure that all required forms are submitted.

4. **Arrange Transportation.** Transportation to and from the camp is the responsibility of the sponsoring Lions Club.

TLC is an amazing place where campers gain confidence and are accepted for who they are. They are not defined by their disabilities. Children are invited to make friends, have fun, and get involved in a safe and supportive environment.

As a Lion in the state of Texas, you make a positive difference in the life of a child at TLC. Thank you for your support of the camp. I hope you can help find a camper to attend this life-changing experience!

If you have questions about TLC or the above information, please contact District 2-A2 Camp Director Mary Ann Mays at mamays@gmail.com or me at chrisr1475@sbcglobal.net.



**31st ANNUAL
HARRY WICKERSHAM
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

You are cordially invited to join

Texas Lions Camp

**for an evening of great cuisine, fellowship,
fund raising and entertainment**

for the INAUGURAL

Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner

on Wednesday, July 31, 2024

from 6 - 9 PM

at the

Hangar Hotel & Conference Center

Fredericksburg, Texas

Help honor the late *Lion Ed Stebbins* for his pivotal role in establishing the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament as a fund-raising event for Texas Lions Camp.

Golfers and TLC friends can enjoy a fun evening prior to the golf tournament on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Event Sponsors (\$1,500) Table Sponsors (\$400) Tickets (\$35 per person)

Proceeds benefit Texas Lions Camp

History of the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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 loved to play golf – and, what began as 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, and 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 and the Fredericksburg Lions Club to help organize and operate the tournament each year.

What Is Texas Lions Camp?

Texas Lions Camp, Inc., (TLC) provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion or national origin. The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, 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. The Camp also has been recognized with a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator and is an active participant with GuideStar.

For 75 years, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced children with special medical conditions to the “CAN DO” philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. Corporate sponsorships from special friends allow TLC to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives. Through this mission, TLC’s goal is realized when children “step up and step into their calling,” thus allowing them to achieve maximum personal growth and self-esteem.





31st ANNUAL HARRY WICKERSHAM GOLF TOURNAMENT *Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner*



July 31, 2024

Benefitting Texas Lions Camp CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS

Yes, I (We) want to be included as a SPONSOR/SUPPORTER for the ED STEBBINS MEMORIAL GOLF DINNER benefiting TEXAS LIONS CAMP at the HANGAR HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER in Fredericksburg, Texas. Benefits correspond to sponsorship/gift level outlined on attached form.

Please indicate level of sponsorship or level of support:

- Event Sponsor (\$1,500/Tables seat 8)
- Table Sponsor (\$400/Tables seat 8)
- Event Tickets (Tickets @ \$35 each – Total _____)
- Contributor \$1,500 \$400 \$250 \$100
- In-Kind Donor* _____

*Please specify dollar value of item donated

(SPONSOR) Contact Name: _____
 Business: _____
 Lions Club: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

HOW NAME/BUSINESS SHOULD APPEAR IN PUBLICITY/RECOGNITION:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Texas Lions Camp, Inc.**

Amount Due \$ _____ Paid \$ _____ Balance Due \$ _____ Bill Me _____
 Credit Card # _____ Zip Code _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____
 Authorization Signature: _____

Please provide the names of Attendees:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Texas Lions Camp is a 501 (c) (3) organization, and a portion of your contribution may be tax deductible. For sponsorships, the charitable deduction is limited to the amount of the sponsorship in excess of the value of the goods and services provided.

HW
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2024

Please Return to:
Texas Lions Camp, Inc. - P. O. Box 290247 - Kerrville, TX 78029-0247 - Phone (830) 896-8500 - FAX (830) 896-3666

31st Annual
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament
Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner

Benefiting Texas Lions Camp

Tax Exempt #74-1189679

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

EVENT SPONSORSHIP (\$1,500; Value Received \$350)

- Table with Eight Tickets for event with premium seating location at the [Hangar Hotel & Conference Center](#)
- Dinner for Eight with Buffet Dinner Service
- 16 Beverage tickets
- Company/Individual Name/Logo in tournament publicity
- Sign with Company/Individual Name/Logo displayed during event
- Company/Individual LOGO/LINK on Texas Lions Camp website
- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Special recognition on TLC FACEBOOK page
- Option to place approved Company/Individual promo item(s) at event
- Company Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

TABLE SPONSORSHIP (\$400; Value Received \$256)

- Table with Eight Tickets for event with reserved seating at the [Hangar Hotel & Conference Center](#)
- Dinner for Eight with Buffet Dinner Service
- Company/Individual LOGO/LINK on Texas Lions Camp website
- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Special recognition on TLC FACEBOOK page
- Option to place approved Company/Individual promo item(s) at event
- Company Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

EVENT TICKETHOLDER (\$35 each - Value Received \$32)

- One Event Ticket
- Dinner for One with Buffet Dinner Service
- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Company/Individual Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

CONTRIBUTOR (\$100 or more)

- Company/Individual Listing in Tournament Program-distribution of 1,000
- Company Logo/Name in 2024 TLC Newsletter
- Company/Individual Name/Logo in Post-Tournament Recognition

Generally, Texas Lions Camp enjoys:

- ~ 50,000 hits per year on its website www.lionscamp.com
- Produces and circulates periodic newsletters to 26,000-30,000 readers per year
- An average of 16,000





THURSDAY
August 1, 2024

Lady Bird Johnson
Municipal Golf Course
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

BENEFITING:



Serving Children Since 1949

For more Information:
Texas Lions Camp, Inc.
P.O. Box 290247
Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247
(830) 896-8500
www.lionscamp.com

The 2024 Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador Family is the Tonnessen Family

(Father Scott, Mother Jeanne, & two children, Mariah and Jax) from Kerrville.

The Tonnessen family found out about TLC when mother, Jeanne, was growing up in elementary school in the mid 1980s. Jeanne shared, "We lived in nearby Medina, so our family was very familiar with TLC. I was also a camper and counselor in the 80s."

They were fortunate to be able to attend *TLC-4-Families* in 2021 and 2022. Mother Jeanne commented that, "Attending this new program helped us take a break from all the outside distractions, and we really felt more attentive to each other." It was like a resort vacation for the whole family, and they felt like celebrities with their only responsibility and primary focus being to have fun! For their busy lives, it was a much-needed break.



In Summer 2023, daughter Mariah (12) and son Jax (10) participated in TLC residential camp, and this was the first time they were both away from home for a week. Mariah and Jax were both born with Albinism and Nystagmus and both are legally blind. Seeing the details in life can be a struggle at times. Looking physically different than others brings some unwanted attention as well. The independence they experienced at camp was so valuable. They were able to "spread



their wings" knowing they would receive wonderful support. As Mother Jeanne said, "I had always told them how much TLC boosted my confidence in early life. Kids are able to feel so 'normal' at camp, and their peers really understand each other." Mariah loved fishing, riding horses, and the ropes course while Jax enjoyed swimming and playing in the gym the most.

Going to camp for the first time was different for the kids and the Tonnessen family as well, but seeing the pictures posted every night online and knowing their kids were receiving wonderful care was so reassuring. Scott and Jeanne Tonnessen have special memories of TLC, "our kids made some great friends and achieved a new level of independence."

The Tonnessen family express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Lions of Texas, executive staff, counselors, nurses, volunteers, and kitchen staff for making them feel so welcome.

**It's great to have a place like TLC where no one
is left out or feels invisible,
Thank you TLC!**

31st 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.



August 1, 2024

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 2023-2024 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 12, 2024.**

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

**Children Can...
With TLC™**

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2024!**

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

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email: _____

Credit Card: MC ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ Amount: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

**James Avery Artisan Jewelry
provides \$50,000 Challenge**
to celebrate 75th Anniversary of Texas Lions Camp
Named Title Sponsor for 31st Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to help commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Texas Lions Camp and support children with special medical conditions attending Summer Camp 2024. Every gift designated for the 31st 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 2024 Golf tournament.

"Texas Lions Camp (TLC) is excited that James Avery Artisan Jewelry has agreed to help TLC celebrate our Diamond anniversary and participate with our organization again in 2023-2024 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, "For 75 years, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced over 84,000 children to the 'CAN DO' philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. 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 are proud to encourage donors across Texas to partner with us in supporting the beauty that Texas Lions Camp offers to children and their families through this unique and educational summer camp experience."

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry®

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 120 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 37 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 31st Annual Golf Tournament

For 31 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 \$150,000 annually and has cumulatively produced more than \$2 million over the past 30 years. Special thanks to all who have helped make this fund-raiser such a success. The 31st Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 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.





Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up



For Century Club - It's "Service from the Heart"

If you aren't a member of the TLC Century Club, please "Sign Up"; if you are a member, consider "Stepping Up" to the next level; and if you were a member but dropped out, consider "Catching Up" (i.e., come back in).

What is Texas Lions Camp Century Club? It's an individual annual giving program, and as such, it is giving from your own heart, independent of Club budgets or fund raisers. It is one of the life bloods of our operating budget, that in normal times sends up to 1500 children with special needs to Texas Lions Camp each summer, and yet less than 5% of Texas Lions are members.

Who can be a Century Club Member? Anyone can be a member. You don't have to be a Lion. It can be family or friends. You can even be a non-Texan, but it is our Texas Lions who are the backbone of the Century Club.

What does it cost to be a member? You can give your gift annually, or you can give monthly. A Bronze member is \$100 (\$10 if monthly); Silver is \$250; Gold \$500; Diamond is \$1,000; & Ambassador is \$5,000. Membership automatically renews each year, so members should join with the intention of making their same gift each year or even increasing their level.

How do I enroll or Step Up? Go to www.lionscamp.com, click on "Get Involved" and go to "Donate Now". There you will find "Ways to Give". Click that open and select "Century Club". If you scroll down, you will see the option to enroll online or to download and print out the form to send to the Camp directly.

Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up is a drive to beef up our Century Club membership for the Texas Lions Camp, as a birthday present to Texas Lions Camp on its 75th Anniversary in 2024. Today we have half the number of Texas Lions, supporting twice the number of campers at over twice the cost, as we did some 30 years ago. If we reach our goal of an increase of \$60/mo. among the members of EACH club in Texas, we will generate an additional of \$575,000 ANNUALLY, which would generate 15% of our operating budget, and help us keep serving our special children into the future.

A \$60 increase from the members of each Texas Club is doable. "Signing Up" as a new Bronze member is a \$10/mo. increase (\$100 if pd. ann.); a new Silver is \$21/mo. (\$250/yr.); a Gold is \$42/mo.(\$500); etc. Likewise, "Stepping Up" from Bronze to Silver is an \$11/mo. increase; Bronze to Gold is a \$32/mo. increase; going from Silver to Gold is a \$21/mo. increase, etc.

\$575,000/year – now that's some 75th Birthday present!

There's a saying at TLC that "ALL CAN DO". Yes, Texas Lions, \$60/mo./club. WE CAN DO IT.

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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For the benefit of

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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.)