



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Remarkable Service to All

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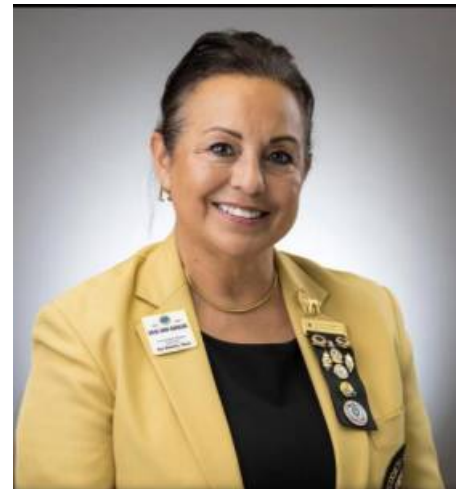
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Dear Lions,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to share some highlights from the recent visit by Lions International President Fabricio Oliveira to San Antonio and with the Council of Governors in Kerrville. It was an inspiring and insightful meeting that reaffirmed our commitment to service and leadership.



A delegation of District 2-A2 Lions greeted LCI President Fabricio and First Lady Amariles at the San Antonio International Airport. President Fabricio enjoyed a visit to the Tower of the Americas and dinner at the historic Casa Rio followed by a downtown barge tour on the San Antonio River.

District 2-A2 Leadership showcased LCI Foundation grant funded projects at the Texas Diabetes Institute and at the UT Health San Antonio Lions Low Vision Center. Our treasured MESU was on display for President Fabricio.



While at the Council of Governor's meeting in Kerrville, President Fabricio emphasized the importance of **SERVICE** as the cornerstone of our organization. He spoke passionately about the impact we can make both in our communities and around the world. He encouraged us to continue our efforts in addressing critical issues, such as hunger, vision, diabetes, and environmental sustainability. His message was clear: our collective dedication to service can bring about meaningful change.

In terms of **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**, President Fabricio stressed the need to welcome new members who share our passion for serving others. He outlined strategies for recruiting members, including community outreach and leveraging our networks to introduce the benefits of Lionism. He also highlighted the importance of diversity and inclusion, encouraging us to embrace members from all backgrounds and walks of life.

MEMBER RETENTION was another key focus. President Fabricio reminded us that keeping our members engaged and motivated is essential for the longevity of our organization. He suggested regular communication, recognition of members' contributions, and providing opportunities for involvement as effective ways to retain our dedicated Lions.

Lastly, President Fabricio emphasized the importance of **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**. He believes that strong leadership at all levels is crucial for the success of our clubs and districts. He encouraged us to invest in leadership development programs and to mentor emerging leaders within our ranks.

The visit from President Fabricio was a powerful reminder of the impact we can have as Lions. His vision and guidance inspire us to strive for excellence in our service and leadership. Let's continue to work together to grow our membership, retain our valued members, and strengthen our leadership for a brighter future.

Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work. Together, we can *Make Our Mark* through **REMARKABLE Service to All**.

Lion Rose Ann

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District Membership Challenge – From Your District Global Membership Team Coordinator – PDG Steve Mays

At the first cabinet meeting on July 13th, I challenged the Lions Clubs of District 2-A2 to continue growing our membership in the 2024-2025 Lions year. Last year, our district increased its membership from 1,403 Lions to 1,426 Lions, **the first increase in net membership since 2017!**

If we can keep up the momentum and end this Lion's year with another net increase in district Lion members, I will let **three (3) lucky Lions Club members cut off my ponytail** at the 1st District Cabinet Meeting next July (I've had this ponytail since 2008 and nearly every Lion has not seen me without it). That means our membership will need to be greater than 1,426 district Lions at the end of our Lion's year on June 30, 2025.

How do you get into the drawing to cut off my ponytail?

- If your club has designated a **Club Membership Chairperson** in the new Lion Portal by July 31, 2024, your club will get **2 entries** in the drawing.
- If your club holds a **Community Membership Drive** and invites me to help, your club will get **2 entries** in the drawing.
- If your club invites me to speak at a regular scheduled club meeting, your club will get **2 entries** in the drawing.
- If your club has positive membership growth from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025, your club will get **5 additional entries** in the drawing.

But wait, there's more ...

- For every \$100 your club donates to the **District 2-A2 Membership Challenge**, your club will get **2 entries** in the drawing.
- For every \$25 an individual district Lion donates to the **District 2-A2 Membership Challenge**, you will get **2 entries** in the drawing.

Of all the monies raised, the first \$6,000 will go towards the **District Opportunities for Youth Scholarship Program**.

- Everything over \$6,000 will be split equally between the **LSRF**, the **Human Needs Board** and the **Children's Services Program**.
- Please make all checks payable to **District 2-A2** and send to:
Lion Steve Mays, 212 County Road 347, La Vernia, TX 78121

Remember, **more Lions** means more **hearts and hands** serving our communities and bringing **Remarkable Service to All!**

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

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

Club and Other Events:

La Vernia Back to School Bash	August 8th	La Vernia High School La Vernia, Texas
Central Park Lions Club Casino Trip	September 21st	Holy Spirit Catholic San Antonio, Texas
SA Bare Necessities – Roaring for Hope	October 11th	Padron Residence San Antonio, Texas
Eagle Pass Lions Stride for Sight	October 26th	Eagle Pass, 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.

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

Note From Our First Vice-District Governor Nanette Patton:

Installation of District Officers at the First District Cabinet Meeting

As we step into the new Lions year, we are filled with enthusiasm and a renewed commitment to service. The first cabinet meeting of the 2024-2025 Lions year, hosted in the rural town of Pleasanton, marked an exciting start with the installation of our district officers. This event, rich in tradition and fellowship, set the tone for a year dedicated to excellence and growth.

The installation ceremony was a heartwarming event, symbolizing the passing of the torch and the continuity of our shared mission. District Governor Rose Ann, along with our esteemed cabinet members, took their oaths to lead with integrity, vision, and a passion for service. Their commitment to our district's goals and the global Lions mission was evident as they pledged to inspire and support all Lions in District 2-A2.



The ceremony also served as a reminder of our collective responsibility to uphold the values of Lions Clubs International. As we embark on this new journey, let's support our leaders and each other, fostering an environment where service thrives and communities' benefit.

The San Antonio Bexar Necessities Lions Club was taking headshots as a fundraiser. I really like the way my headshot turned out! Lion Marlene Patton and Lion Kyra did a raffle to raise money for the 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's in October. We had great attendance at the cabinet meeting with 133 Lions representing 29 clubs in the district!

Club Excellence Award Application

In our pursuit of excellence, the new Club Excellence Award application is now available on the Lions Clubs International (LCI) website [here](#). This award recognizes clubs that excel in four areas: membership, service, leadership development, and marketing.

Applying for the Club Excellence Award is a fantastic way for clubs to evaluate their performance and celebrate their achievements. It encourages us to strive for higher standards and ensures that we are meeting the needs of our members and the communities we serve. We urge all clubs to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase their hard work and dedication. If all clubs make a commitment to pursuing this award, we will be well on our way to achieving our district goals for **Mission 1.5**.

Don't forget you have until August 31st to submit your **application for the 2023-2024** Lions year.

Comparing the two applications, LCI has upped the ante for this year. This year you will increase your club membership by 2 members or 10% whichever is greater rather than increase your club membership by just 1 member for the last Lions year. The other option like last year is to charter a new club. They also increased the per member contribution to LCIF from \$5 to \$10.

District 2-A2 Welcome Dinner for the International President



International President Fabricio Oliveira arrived on July 30th at the San Antonio airport with a contingent of Lions to greet him and his wife, Lion Amariles Oliveira, as they embark on their Texas visit. On July 31st, the district leadership hosted a dinner at Caso Rio for IP Fabricio. The evening was a testament to the spirit of camaraderie and shared purpose that defines Lions Club International.

In addition to the presentation of the certificate naming IP Fabricio a San Antonio Honorary Citizen (the highest honor for a visiting dignitary) and a mariachi band serenading the attendees, there was a special presentation – PDG Janie Garza received the International President Leadership medal from Immediate Past International President Patti Hill for her work in starting a new club.



Dio Rio Lady Educators Charter Night

The upcoming charter night is on September 14th for the Dio Rio Lady Educators. This new club epitomizes progress against our district goals for **Mission 1.5**, a multi-year campaign aiming to increase membership in our association to 1.5 million members around the world, enhance diversity, and amplify our impact.

The Dio Rio Lady Educators' charter night will be a celebration of their dedication and a testament to the vibrancy and growth of District 2-A2. Let's join them in this joyous occasion and extend our support as they embark on their journey as a new Lions club.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, let us keep the momentum going. Our district goals for the 2024-2025 Lions year are ambitious, but together, we can achieve them. By supporting each other, embracing new opportunities, and staying true to our mission, we will continue to make a positive impact in our communities. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to service. Here's to a successful and inspiring Lions year to "Make Your Mark" with "Remarkable Service"!

Calendar

- 8/1/24 - 8/3/24 – MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting in Kerrville
- 9/14/24 – Dio Rio Lady Educators Lions Club Charter Night
- 10/5/24 – District 2-A2 2nd Cabinet Meeting in Del Rio
- 10/19/24 – 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer’s at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio
- 10/26/24 – Eagle Pass Lions Stride for Sight
- 11/8/24 - 11/9/24 – MD-2 Council of Governor Meeting at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio
- 11/17/24 – Breakthrough T1D San Antonio 2024 Walk at The Rock at La Cantera
- 1/18/25 – District 2-A2 Mid-Winter Convention
- 2/6/25 - 2/8/25 – MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting in Kerrville
- 2/22/25 – LSRF Valentine’s Game Night
- 3/29/25 – Lions Stride for Sight at Comanche Park

Lion Nanette

1st Vice-District Governor

Nanette Patton

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Central Park Lions Club Sponsored Kickapoo Casino Trip September 21st



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

SPONSORED BY:

CENTRAL PARK LIONS CLUB

Bus Departs: Saturday, September 21st, 7:00 AM

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8134 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78216

Bus Returns From Eagle Pass Saturday, September 21st, 4:30PM

Arriving Holy Spirit Approximately 7:30 PM

Cost Includes: Bus trip, Breakfast Tacos, Coffee, Water, Snacks, And All Tips

i.e. Bus Driver

ONLY \$ 65.00 PER PASSENGER

No Refunds after September 16, 2024

Before mailing your check please call

Alice Reyes @ 210-287-2677 to make your reservation

Make check payable to: Central Park Lions Club

Mail check to : Alice Reyes, 108 Navato Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78232

More Information: Contact Alice Reyes 210-287-2677 Email: thebear48@gmail.com



La Vernia Back to School Bash – August 8th

GREATER LA VERNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND LA VERNIA ISD

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH

TIME

6 PM - 8 PM

LOCATION

LA VERNIA HIGH SCHOOL GYM

225 BLUEBONNET DRIVE, LA VERNIA

EXHIBITORS

Greater La Vernia Chamber of Commerce Members,
LVISD School Services, Student Organizations and
Local Non-Profits

For More Information, reach out to Kasie Tankersley at ktankersley@gvec.org

San Antonio Bare Necessities Lions Club – Roaring for Hope October 11th



The San Antonio Bexar Necessities Lions Club and Foundation announce Roaring for Hope, a gala fundraiser benefiting the Roy Islas Memorial Fund!

San Antonio Bexar Necessities Lions are excited to host **Roaring for Hope**, a gala fundraiser for the **Roy Islas Memorial Fund**. This fund was established to honor Roy Islas, the brother of our President, who passed away in 2021 from testicular cancer. Roy's heartfelt wish was to support others facing the same financial barriers he did during his battle.

The Roy Islas Memorial Fund aims to provide crucial support to cancer patients, helping cover unforeseen expenses not typically covered by insurance and other resources. Our goal is to offer financial relief so that families can focus on their fight against cancer.

Join us on **Saturday, October 12th** in honoring Roy's legacy and making a tangible impact on the lives of those fighting cancer.

Gala hosted outdoors at the Padrón Family residence in **San Antonio, Texas**.

VIP Ticket

Early Bird through Aug 31st

Early Bird \$90

Regular \$100

- Admission to an exciting evening with a live band, open bar, and dinner.
- **Includes \$1,000 in casino chips for high-stakes fun at craps, roulette, and blackjack tables.**
- Exciting chances to win casino raffle and door prizes.

General Ticket

Early Bird through Aug 31st

Early Bird \$65

Regular \$70


- Admission to an exciting evening with a live band, open bar, and dinner.
- Exciting chances to win door prizes.




Tickets can be purchased online.

www.tinyurl.com/SABNGALA24



 210-728-6340

 club@sabnlionsclub.org

 www.sabnlionsclub.org

First District Cabinet Meeting – Eagle Pass Border Lions Club

Eagle Pass Border Lions attended the 1st Cabinet Meeting in Pleasanton, pictured President and Past Vice President Sarrah Flores, who is also a Board Member with the Texas Lions Foundation, Treasurer Diana Jimenez , Secretary Maritza Rodriguez, Vice President and Past Secretary Rewa Seth also on the Human Needs Board, Past President Lizz Gonzalez who is our district Zone Chair, Past Treasurer Mireya Hernandez, and Alma Martinez 1yr Director and now with the Scholarship Pageant, and the lady we all know and love Juanita Tijerina who has held many titles past and present. We are all very proud to serve our community and our district. **It's great to be a lion.**



First District Cabinet Meeting – Texas Lions Foundation Awards



Board member with the Texas Lions Foundation Sarrah Flores attended the First Cabinet Meeting in Pleasanton, where she gave clubs that attended their 2023-2024 patch for having 100% member fee donation to the TLF. Clubs who received patch: Northwest, Alamo Heights, Floresville, Converse, Westside and Windcrest. Thank you to all who attended.

San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Volunteer at Texas Lions Camp – We Serve!

On Friday, July 12 members of our club traveled to Kerrville to host the weekly awards ceremony at the Texas Lions Camp. Lion Barbara Aydlett coordinated this event. As hosts we greeted the parents, passed out programs, assisted parents in locating seating, and welcomed the campers along the walkway to the celebration. The primary goal of the Awards Ceremony Hosts is to create a fun and exciting atmosphere and especially to cheer on the campers as they make their way to the stage to shine in the spotlight. We also gave scholarships to two counselors during the night. Prior to the awards ceremony we arrived early for a tour of the Camp.





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



Serving Children Since 1949

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.)