



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 4 – October 2024

Remarkable Service to All

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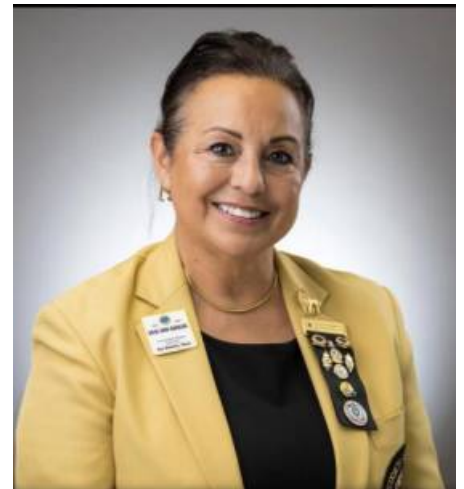
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Dear Lions,

Lions around the world and more specifically locally, alongside the global service organizations Kiwanis International, Optimist International and Rotary International, made a tremendous impact during the fourth annual **Celebrate Community** joint initiative in September.



The initiative encouraged members of each organization to work together to serve their *local communities*. We came together as volunteer service organizations to share ideas and unite to collaborate on projects focused on key causes like disaster relief, childhood cancer, diabetes, food insecurity and hunger, education and literacy and the environment.

Lions continue to answer the call when there is a need, providing vital support during natural disasters by delivering supplies, medical care, and rebuilding efforts.

With the recent natural disaster devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, our presence as Lions is even greater.

In the fight against **childhood cancer**, Lions are working hand in hand with healthcare organizations to provide care, raise awareness, and bring hope to young patients and their families. **Diabetes** remains a critical focus, with Lions leading screenings, educational initiatives, and support programs to curb the epidemic's impact.

Supporting the Lions Clubs International Foundation (**LCIF**) is one way local clubs can make a significant difference, empowering these life-changing efforts. Through LCIF, Lions can extend their reach beyond our backyard, transforming lives and helping communities overcome challenges.

September was **Childhood Cancer** Awareness month dedicated to raising awareness and support for children and families affected by pediatric cancers. October is **Breast Cancer** Awareness Month. Serve your club's membership by inviting a healthcare specialist to come speak on the topic and help organize a service project.

Lions in District 2-A2 can start planning now for the Global Cause **DIABETES** by having all members wear blue on November 14th in recognition of World Diabetes Day. Have each member take a selfie. Post them on your club's social media platform or send them to our Global Service Team Chair Lion Marlene Patton. We will put a collage of photos together in a slide show to celebrate at the Mid-Winter conference in January. The club with most LIONS IN BLUE submission will be recognized.

Remarkable SERVICE to all embodies the commitment to selfless action, ensuring that every individual, regardless of background or circumstance, receives the support they need through compassion and kindness. **Remarkable SERVICE** is driven by empathy, integrity and the relentless pursuit of making a difference that creates a ripple effect of inspiration.

Lion Rose Ann

District Governor Rose Ann Barajas (San Antonio Edgewood)
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Lions District 2-A2 2024-2025 2nd Cabinet Meeting



Saturday, October 5, 2024

Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club
101 Lions Ave
Del Rio, TX 78840 [map...](#)

Friday night social: chicken fajitas and fixings – Free

Saturday:

Breakfast tacos, fruit, sweet breads, juice and coffee
Lunch: brisket plate with sides and drink

There are 15 rooms available the Ramada Inn at the rate of \$99.
Ramada by Wyndham Del Rio
2101 Veterans Boulevard
Del Rio, TX 78840
830-775-1511

To make a reservation, Lions need to call 830-775-1511
and state they will be in Del Rio for the Lions Cabinet meeting.

[Click HERE to Register](#)

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
District 2A2 Mid-Winter Conference	January 18th	TBD
District 2A2 District Convention	April 25-26th	TBD

Club and Other Events:

SA Bare Necessities – Roaring for Hope	October 11th	Padron Residence San Antonio, Texas
47th Anniversary and Fall Social – Edgewood Lions Club	October 16th	Guerra Conference Ctr San Antonio, TX
Highland Hills Lions Pancake Breakfast	October 19th	Crestholme Church San Antonio, Texas
Eagle Pass Lions Stride for Sight	October 26th	Eagle Pass, Texas
Edgewood Lions Annual Fall B-Q Plate Sale	October 26th	Edgewood Fine Arts San Antonio, Texas
Windcrest Lions Chili and Cornbread Dinner	November 9th	Windcrest Civic Center Windcrest, 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: _____

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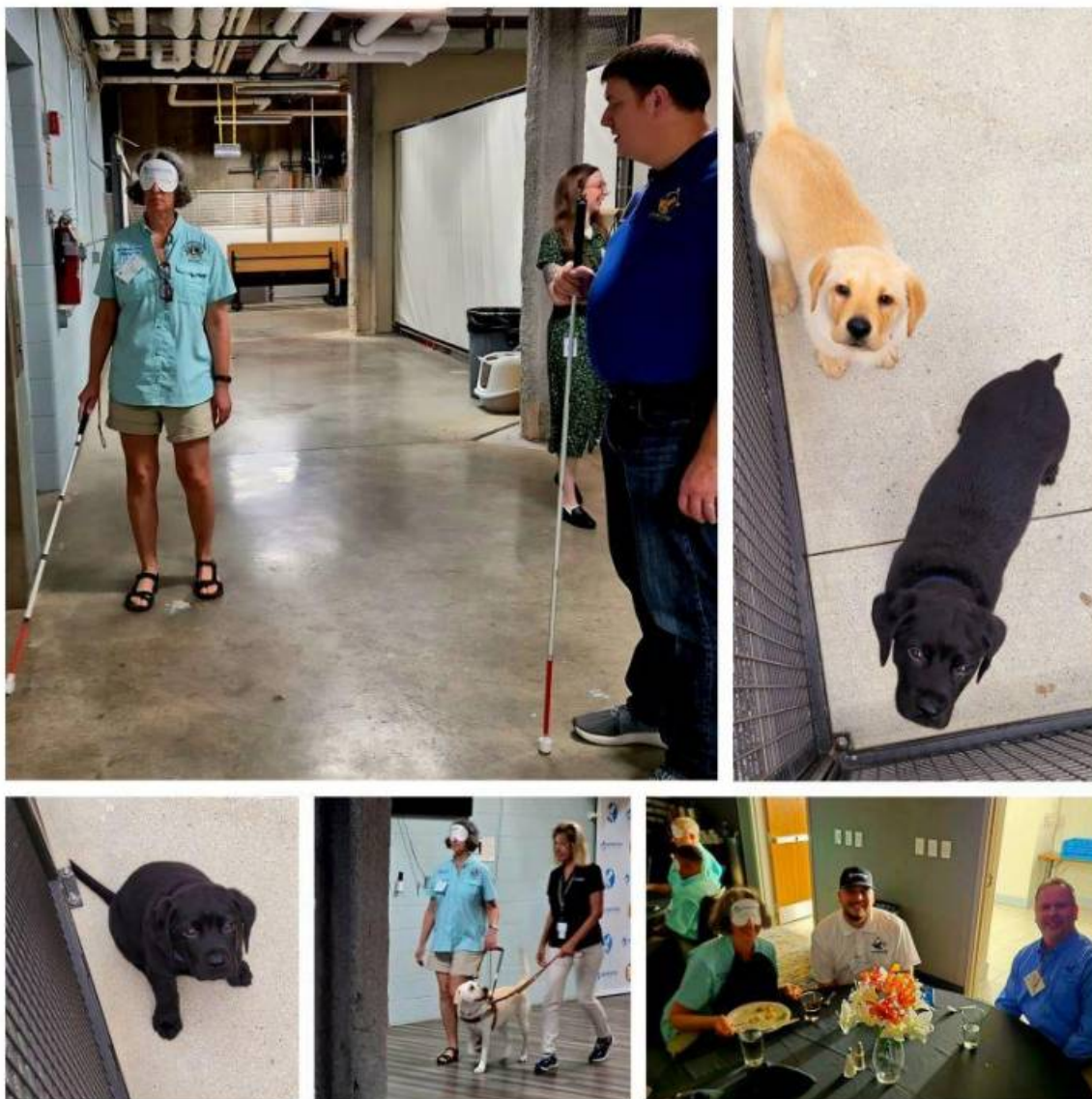
To: Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
2550 Flynt Ave.
Midland, TX 79701

Note From Our First Vice-District Governor Nanette Patton:


Visit to **Leader Dogs for the Blind** in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

In September I had the incredible opportunity to visit **Leader Dogs for the Blind** in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Alongside fellow First Vice District Governors from AR, CO, IA, ND, GA, and WI, we toured their Canine Development Center—and what we experienced was nothing short of inspiring.

We heard heartwarming stories from individuals whose lives have been transformed by their guide dogs, participated in eye-opening activities that helped us feel the mobility challenges of the visually impaired, and learned about the intricate process of breeding, raising, and training these exceptional dogs.



Through hands-on activities like:

 **Partnering with a Leader Dog** and feeling the trust between dog and handler,

 Experiencing various levels of **vision impairment with specialized goggles**,

 Learning to be a **human guide** to someone with low vision,
 Navigating with a **white cane**, and

 A memorable **Dinner in the Dark** where we dined without sight,

I gained invaluable insight into the importance of independence and mobility for the visually impaired.

Leader Dogs for the Blind offers four life-changing programs:


1. **Orientation and Mobility (O&M):** A seven-day white cane training program that equips individuals with the confidence to navigate safely both indoors and outdoors.
2. **Guide Dog Program:** Where clients are paired with a Leader Dog, receiving training tailored to their unique needs and future goals.
3. **Teen O&M:** Empowering teenagers (16-17) with white cane training alongside their supporters, helping both grow in confidence and independence.
4. **Teen Summer Camp:** An exciting opportunity for teens to build leadership skills, bond with peers facing similar challenges, and meet Leader Dogs in training.

What's even more extraordinary? Leader Dogs for the Blind provides these services completely free of charge. Did you know it costs about \$11K to deliver the O&M training and a staggering \$100K for the Guide Dog program per recipient? Yet, thanks to the unwavering support of donors and volunteers, these life-changing programs remain accessible to those in need.

This visit reminded me that **Lions truly make the impossible possible**, creating a world where independence is within reach for everyone.

If you're looking to support this incredible mission, you can:

 **Sponsor a puppy**

 **Raise a puppy** to help start their journey


 **Host a breeding dog** or simply,

 **Donate** to ensure these vital services continue.


On the club visit front, I had the pleasure of visiting the Edgewood and Highland Hills Lions Clubs this month. The dedication and energy I witnessed in these clubs truly demonstrate the heart of Lionism. Edgewood has a busy Fall season with dictionaries for elementary students, Trunk or Treat on October 24th, their BBQ Plate sale on October 26th, and sponsoring a new LEOs club. Highland Hills is doing great work with their food pantry and looking to expand the services they provide. Whether it's community service projects or fellowship, these clubs embody what it means to serve, and I'm proud to see their continued impact in our district.


Highland Hills has a close working relationship with the [Texas Center for Infectious Disease](#) (TCID). TCID offers volunteer opportunities. **Here are some ways you can get involved with TCID:**


 **Host a Christmas/Holiday Party:** Bring joy and cheer to our patients by organizing a festive celebration.

 **Volunteer in Hospital Areas:** Lend your time and skills in various departments to support patient care.

 **Collect Donations for Patients' Needs:** Help gather essential items to enhance the quality of life for those in our care.

 **Host a Bingo Party:** Engage patients with fun games that promote social interaction and enjoyment.

 **Assist with a Holiday Event:** Be part of our special events that bring the community together.

 **Work in the VSC Rummage Sales:** Help organize and sell items, with proceeds supporting patient services.

 **Provide Tickets to Recreational Events:** Contribute to patients' well-being by facilitating access to local entertainment.

Your support can truly brighten the lives of those at TCID. This is a meaningful way for us to broaden our service footprint while addressing critical health challenges in our state. I urge clubs to take advantage of these opportunities and incorporate them into your service calendars as new service projects which you can claim on your 2024/2025 Club Excellence Award application. You can reach out to **Jackson Smith** for more information.

As we welcome October, we highlight an important cause close to our mission—Vision Awareness Month. Lions around the world have long been dedicated to preserving sight, and here in District 2-A2, we continue that legacy with efforts such as the **Eagle Pass Lions Stride for Sight** on Saturday, October 26th. In its second year, this event not only raises awareness but also brings our community together to support vision care and services for those in need. I encourage all clubs to participate and help spread the word on how we can work to end preventable blindness.

In addition to supporting vision health, many of our Lions are gearing up for the **2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's in San Antonio** on Saturday, October 19th. This cause is especially meaningful as we recognize the link between overall health and vision, and the impact that diseases like Alzheimer's can have on those we serve. Alzheimer's is increasingly being referred to as "Type 3 Diabetes" (T3D) due to its strong link to insulin resistance in the brain. Research suggests that the brain's inability to properly process insulin may contribute to cognitive decline, much like how insulin resistance leads to diabetes in other parts of the body. This connection underscores the importance of managing overall health, including blood sugar levels, to potentially reduce the risk of Alzheimer's. Join us as we walk to raise funds and awareness for research, care, and support for those affected by Alzheimer's.

Together, let's continue to make a difference in our communities and uphold the Lions' commitment to serving where we are needed most.

Calendar

- 10/5/24 – District 2-A2 2nd Cabinet Meeting in Del Rio, register [here](#)
- 10/19/24 – 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer’s at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, sign up [here](#)
- 10/26/24 – Eagle Pass Lions Stride for Sight, sign up [here](#)
- 11/8/24 - 11/9/24 – MD-2 Council of Governor Meeting at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, register [here](#)
- 11/17/24 – Breakthrough T1D San Antonio 2024 Walk at The Rock at La Cantera, sign up [here](#)
- 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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Note From Our Second Vice-District Governor Chris Ryan:

GLOBAL CAUSES OF LIONS – CHILDHOOD CANCER

Hello Lions,

My name is Chris Ryan, and I am honored to serve as your Second Vice District Governor. I am excited to connect with you through this District Newsletter and look forward to meeting you at your club or at district meetings.

As Lions, we are committed to making a difference in many areas, including supporting our eight global causes. One of these important causes is addressing the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer. Globally, 400,000 children are diagnosed with childhood cancer each year. Shockingly, 90% of these children live in low and middle-income countries (LMICs), where the survival rate is only 30%, compared to over 80% in high-income countries, according to the World Health Organization.

How can we contribute to this cause?

One way to help is by engaging your club in initiatives that support childhood cancer services. For example, Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer Foundation focuses on funding critical research and providing headwear—such as blossoms, hats, caps, and headbands—to children who have lost their hair due to pediatric cancer.

The Del Rio Host Lions Club has supported this cause by making headbands for children undergoing cancer treatment. I encourage each of you to explore similar opportunities in your area where your club can make a difference.

Next month, I will be writing about our global cause of diabetes. If your club has been involved in projects aimed at educating the public and reducing the prevalence of diabetes, I would like to hear from you. Please send me a summary of your efforts so I can include them in the article. You can reach me at chrisr1475@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for your dedication and service. Warm regards.

Lion Chris

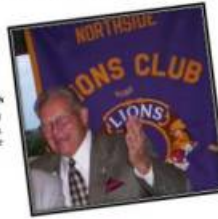
2nd Vice-District Governor
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LSRF- 25th Annual Lion Bill Garden Memorial Charity Golf Tournament – September 23rd - THANK YOU!!!!

2024 TOURNAMENT PARTNERS



San Antonio **NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB** in Partnership with
The **LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION** are proud to present the
**25th ANNUAL
MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**



HONORING A GREAT LION
OUR BUDDY - **LEON BILL GARDEN**
and all the other Northside Lions who lived
the motto "WE SERVE" before their passing.
We honor their contribution of service while
building the 85 year legacy of our Club



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THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS and to ALL OF YOU
THAT HELPED US HOST OUR 25TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT CAME OUT
TO SPEND THE MORNING WITH US AT **SILVERHORN**
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YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

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Your Donations Really Make a Visible Difference. Thank You

Lions Clubs International Director Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina & Lion Juanita Tijerina
PCC and LSRF Director Emeritus Michael "Mike" Rourke & Lion Liz Rourke

ROBERT C. SCHOLWINSKI
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

E.W. & JOAN STAFFORD

IN MEMORY OF A. L. HERNDEN

47th Anniversary and Fall Social of the San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club



You are cordially invited to attend the
47th. Anniversary and Fall Social of the
San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club

The Edgewood ISD
Guerra Conference Center
1930 Herbert Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78227

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Starting at 6:30 pm

We are very pleased to have our
District Governor Rose Ann Barajas
As our Keynote Speaker
And we will also have
IPID Ernesto "T.J." and Lion Juanita Tijerina
As our Special Guests

Please RSVP to PCC "Mike" Rourke by
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Cost per person - \$20.00

Buffet Meal provided and served by the
Memorial High School Culinary Arts Students
under the direction of Chef Megan Tapia.
We will be dining to a Meal themed

"A Taste of China"

**Main Course: Orange chicken, General Tso's
chicken, steamed rice, Lo Mein, Egg Rolls**

**Dessert: Mini Cheesecakes with fruit topping
and Chocolate & Double Chocolate
Chip Cookies**

Windcrest Lions Club - Chili and Cornbread Dinner – November 9th



Please join us for this delicious Lions Club Fundraiser!

CHILI & CORNBREAD DINNER

Saturday, November 9th

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Windcrest Civic Center

at Takas Park

\$10.00 at the Door

Eat-in or Carry-Out

Children under 10 (eating-in) are free!

Vegetarian Chili Available Too!

**Early-bird tickets are available for \$8.00
from any Lion or by calling 210-951-9463**

LSRF – Valentine Games Night – February 22, 2025



VALENTINE Games Night

Saturday, February 22, 2025

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church Parish Hall
709 Beryl Dr. San Antonio, Texas 78213
FUN STARTS at 5:00pm



A Fundraising Event of the District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation

Your Reservation entitles you to be a **PLAYER** in our **VALENTINE CASINO** where you can

WIN at **BLACKJACK TEXAS HOLD 'EM CRAPS ROULETTE** or the **MONEY WHEEL**

and there's our **ADULT BEVERAGE RING TOSS HEADS & TAILS 50/50 RAFFLE**



A Fun Evening with **Great Food and Lots of Door Prizes**



All Seating - \$50.00 per attendee

Open Bar—Beer and Wine, Set Ups for BYOB

Checks payable to the Lions Sight Research Foundation

For Online Reservations: www.lionsightresearch.org - "DONATIONS" Tab

For Other Reservations or information: PDG Sam Pantusa call: 210 326 3915 or email: lsrf.sam@gmail.com

We'll also be Drawing the Names of ALL the WINNERS of our



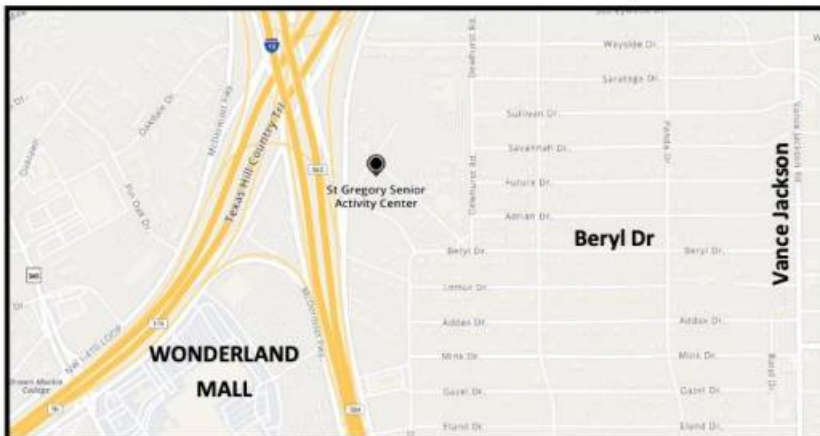
Sweetheart Raffle

gift card giveaway

5 Chances to WIN \$50 Donation or 3 for \$100

1st Prize \$ 5,000 - 2nd Prize \$ 1,000 - 3rd Prize \$ 500

4th & 5th Prizes \$ 250/each



Valentine Games Night and the Sweetheart Raffle are fundraising elements of the 2025 Save Our Sight / Stride for Sight Campaign with net proceeds directed toward LSRF Special Projects and other needs of the Lions Eye Health Program.

**St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall
709 Beryl Dr. San Antonio, Texas 78213
Just off IH 10 W and NW Loop 410 near
Wonderland Mall**

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

Highland Hills Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – October 19th

SA Highland Hills Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast. All You Can Eat. Saturday October 19, 2024, from 7 AM to 11 AM at Crestholme Presbyterian Church, 1602 Goliad Rd. \$9.00 at plate served with sausage, coffee and juice. Drawing for a pair of Spurs Tickets with each Pancake plate purchase. Need not be present to win. Contact Lions Allie Thomas 210-867-1163 or GG Rangel 210-685-8159. **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Highland Hills Lions Club

BRING YOUR APPETITE AND FRIENDS!



Drawing for a Pair of Spurs Tickets
With each Pancake Plate Purchase
Need Not be Present to Win

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES FOR
ONLY - \$9.00 A PLATE
SERVED WITH SAUSAGE, COFFEE,
ORANGE JUICE AND MORE**

**HIGHLAND HILLS LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

7:00am – 11:00am

**Crestholme Presbyterian Church
1602 Goliad Road**

For more information please contact Lions Allie Thomas 210-867-1163 or GG Rangel 210-685-8159.

Edgewood Lions Club Annual Fall B-Q Plate Sale – October 26th

The Edgewood Lions Club Invites you to our
Annual Fall Bar-B-Q Plate Sale.

Come and enjoy the best Bar-B-Q Plate in
Town which includes: Chicken and Sausage,
Potato Salad, Rice, Beans and all the
Trimmings with Drink included

Come and pick up a great Meal and show
your support for our Club.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

**11:00 am to
2:00 pm**



**DRIVE THRU
ONLY**

Plates may be picked up without contact at the
Edgewood Fine Arts Academy Parking Lot
607 S.W. 34th. Street

\$15.00 per plate

Tickets are available thru any Member of the
Edgewood Lions Club
Click [HERE](#) to Purchase Online

San Antonio Founder Lions – Sleep in Heavenly Peace Fundraiser – We Serve!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a non-profit dedicated to providing beds to children in need. Lions Alberto and Enedelia Espinosa participated in its 6th annual Bunks Across America (BAA) event on Saturday, September 14, 2024 in San Antonio. This heartwarming initiative unites SHP chapters across North America to build or deliver beds, ensuring safe and comfortable sleeping conditions for children in need. Their motto is No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!



Lion Enedelia Espinosa and Lion Alberto Espinosa sanding wood for the Bunks Across America event on September 14, 2024

Bunks Across America volunteers gather for a group photo





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.**

A COUPLE OF TIPS FOR WORKING WITH THE LION PORTAL

To Begin take a look at the Home Page of Lions International at:

www.lionsclubs.org, [Lions Clubs Membership](#) | [Lions Clubs International](#)

And click on “Member Log In” 



THEN —> How do I register for Lion Portal?

If you have an existing account, all your data has already been transferred and the email address you'll use to login has not changed. You will only need to setup a new Lion Portal password.

Follow the steps below to begin accessing the new Lion Portal:

1. Go to the Lion Account login page and sign in using your existing credentials, this will transfer you to the new Lion Portal
2. Here, you can either enter your current password or create a new one
3. From there, you'll be able access and begin using the new Lion Portal

Still not able to access your new Lion Portal account? Get in touch with the Member Service Center.

Member Service Center phone number:

+1 630-468-6900

Member Service Center email:

lionsupport@lionsclubs.org

Then Check Out

**TRAINING VIDEOS to
get a good start**



TWO OF THE FIRST THAT YOU WANT TO LOOK AT ARE:

[Navigating Lion Portal as a Lion or Leo \(youtube.com\)](#) and

[Navigating Lion Portal as a Leader \(youtube.com\)](#)

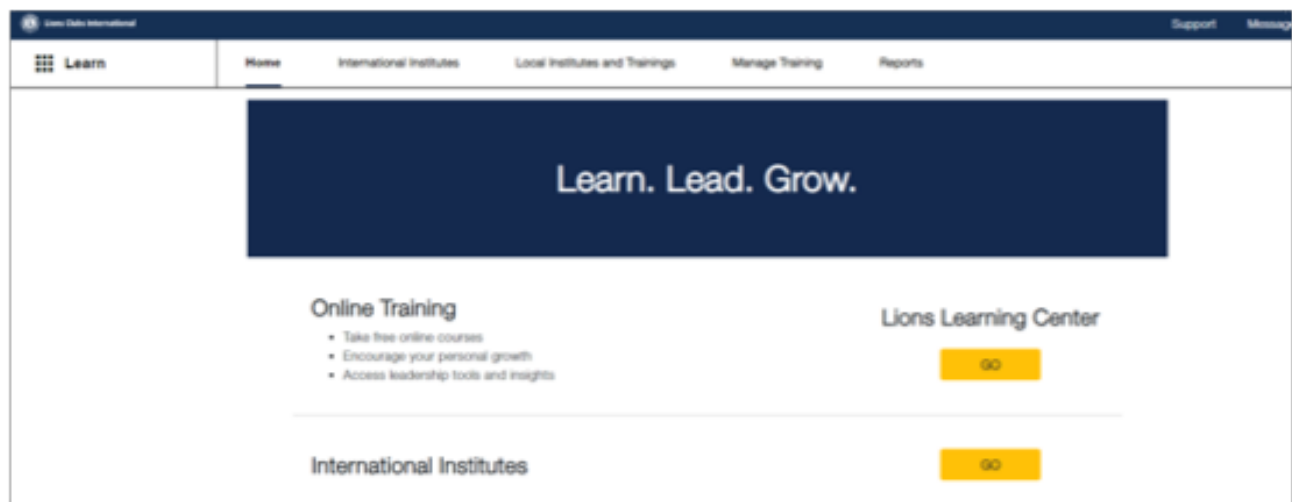
•GUIDELINES FOR EVERY *LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT*

•The beginning of learning about the role of Lions Club Vice President and President can be found at [LCI - lionsclubs.org](http://LCI-lionsclubs.org) in the e-Book at

[md_glEW1O9UElw3.jpg.pdf \(webdamdb.com\)](#) OR at the District 2-A2 website - District2a2.org at the Menu Choice called "DOCUMENTS" >> "TRAINING DOCUMENTS" At the same page at the District Website are e-Books for guidance in working as CLUB SECRETARY and CLUB TREASURER as well as guidance for several other key positions.

BEYOND THE BASICS

Lions Clubs International also provides a wide range of educational resources to help in specific topic areas which are located at the LIONS PORTAL under the Tab heading called "LEARN". At "LEARN", LCI offers a host of resources and tracks each Lion's coursework which enables all of us and, especially, our District Leadership, to know the extent and level of training received. 'LEARN' looks like:



All of the topics are online and self-taught at whatever pace works for you. From the headings in the picture, you can see that there are multi-levels of learning from basic to institutional.

LOCAL RESOURCES

If, however, you as a Club Officer are looking for guidance at a more local level, know that your District Global Leadership Team is here to assist. Your first call should be to your Zone Chair who serves as your immediate connection to the GLT.

For further information contact PDG Sam Pantusa at lsrf.sam@gmail.com or call 210 326 3915