



# Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 7 –January 2025

## Remarkable Service to All

### District 2-A2 Cabinet

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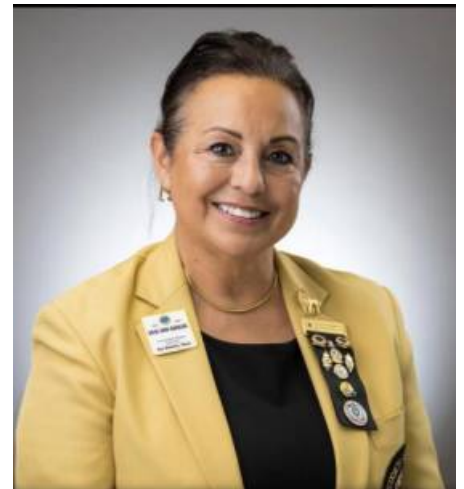
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Dear Lions,

As Lions of District 2-A2, we welcome the New Year with renewed energy, purpose, and an unwavering commitment to **SERVICE**. Together, let's continue to **MAKE OUR MARK** on the communities we serve, uphold the values of compassion and leadership, and strive for excellence in all our initiatives.



This year, we also embrace the opportunity for growth-strengthening our membership, fostering fellowship, and empowering future leaders within our district. *Each new member brings fresh ideas and hands to help*, enhancing our collective ability to **SERVICE** and **MAKE OUR MARK**.

District 2-A2 is anchored in tradition of compassion and innovation. This district continues to lead the way in addressing local and global challenges, embodying Lions Club International's timeless motto "**WE SERVE**".

One tradition District 2-A2 is known for is the Young Women's Scholarship Contest. Many know that is how I became aware of the Lions. One of District 2-A2's newest clubs had a fresh idea in recognizing our youth. They rolled out the **LION King** contest to compliment the Young Women's Scholarship Queen's contest. Clever approach. Fresh Ideas.

Let us continue building momentum in 2025. We are poised for even greater accomplishments this 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Lion Year. In early December we celebrated the Charter Night for the San Antonio Autism Club with 22 new members. We continue to be in the positive in membership, but we have a goal to be a positive 30 in membership for this 2024-2025 year.

The **LIONS** of District 2-A2 have been called to **ACTION**. Let us join our efforts in creating a brighter future through volunteering our time, supporting initiatives through donation or simply spreading awareness about the work we do.

Let every **LION'S ROAR** be with purpose, compassion and embody an unwavering spirit of **SERVICE**.

Happy New Year.

*Lion Rose Ann*

District Governor Rose Ann Barajas (San Antonio Edgewood)

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2024-2025

**[GovernorRAB2425@gmail.com](mailto:GovernorRAB2425@gmail.com)**

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# Lions District 2-A2

## 2024-2025 Mid-Winter Conference



Hosted by the San Antonio Central Park Lions Club

**January 17, 2025**

Candlewood Suites – Lackland AFB  
6439 W US Hwy 90  
San Antonio, Texas 78227

7:00pm – 8:30pm Introduction of Candidates / Speeches  
8:45pm Hospitality Rooms

**Reserve a Room - Candlewood Suites**

**January 18, 2025**

San Antonio Food Bank  
5200 Historic, Old Hwy 90 W  
San Antonio, TX 78227

8:00am Welcome and Continental Breakfast  
9:00am – 12:00noon Call to Order Business Meeting

**Continental breakfast and lunch – \$30**

**Continental Breakfast**

Juice, Coffee, Fruit, Pastries, Eggs

**Lunch**

Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Garlic Mash Potatoes, Seasoned Veggies, Roll  
Tea/Coffee/Water Station

**Register for the Mid-Winter Conference**

## **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!**

## **PID M.P. Mike Butler Ambassador of Service Award:**

### **ANNOUNCING: THE PID M.P. MIKE BUTLER AMBASSADOR OF SERVICE AWARD**

**The District PDG's, once again, invite District Clubs  
to nominate their very special, eligible, Members  
to receive the PID M.P. MIKE BUTLER AMBASSADOR OF SERVICE AWARD**



#### **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION:**

1. A member must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 15 years.
2. The member may not have been inducted into the District 2-A2 Herb Petry Hall of Fame
3. The member may not have served as District Governor.
4. The member must be nominated by his/her club and voted as an awardee by a majority of PDG Association members.
5. A Club may nominate one member per year using Resolution format on Club letterhead. That nomination may remain current for a three year period. The Club may not nominate another member until the prior nominee has been awarded, three year term has run out, or the member has expired. **Nomination is to be submitted no later than the close of the Annual Mid- Winter Conference in January.**

#### **Other Stated Qualifications: ( Enumerated, and accompanying Nomination Resolution )**

- PROVEN LEADERSHIP AS A CLUB OFFICER AND CLUB PROJECT LEADER
- DEDICATED TO THE GROWTH OF THEIR CLUB THROUGH THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND GUIDING OF OTHER CLUB MEMBERS TOWARD THEIR OWN PERSONAL SUCCESS AS LIONS
- RECOGNITION FOR ETHICS ABOVE REPROACH AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER
- RECOGNIZED SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB ENVIRONMENT THAT MAY INCLUDE MILITARY OR OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE OR LIONISTIC SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB LEVEL

**NOTE:** The elements of these criteria have been endorsed by PID Butler and are based on his personal strong beliefs that District 2-A2 should always make great efforts to uplift and remember the long serving "Grass Roots" members that sacrifice and serve through their Clubs.

#### **OTHER:**

No more than a total of four awards may be presented each year.

The award is a handsomely designed medal with pin and ribbon and is presented with an accompanying congratulatory letter.

The cost of the awards will be borne by the PDG Association, and the awards will be presented at the District Convention at the same ceremony as the Herb Petry Hall of Fame Induction.

Mail Club Nominations to PDG Sam Pantusa 4502 Centerview, Suite 120 San Antonio Tx 78228

For Information—PDG Sam Pantusa (210) 326 3915 or Email: [spantusa@yahoo.com](mailto:spantusa@yahoo.com)

## **District 2-A2 Hall of Fame:**

**The District 2-A2 PDG Association is accepting  
Resolutions for Lions to be considered for the  
District 2-A2 Hall of Fame.**

**Resolutions must be received by the end of our Mid-Winter Conference  
on January 18, 2025.**

**Please forward all Resolutions to:  
PCC Michael "Mike" Rourke, Chairman  
District 2-A2 Hall of Fame Committee at  
[pccmikemd2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pccmikemd2@sbcglobal.net)**

## **HERB C. PETRY, JR. "HALL OF FAME" REQUIREMENTS**

Elevation of Lions of District 2-A2 into the Hall of Fame is bestowed upon one who has been outstanding in using their time, talents and resources to further the cause of humanitarian service. Selection is made by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Minimum standards to qualify are:

- Be an active member with at least 15 years of service.
- Having provided outstanding and dedicated service to Lionism.
- Having provided other than Lionistic service to the community, state, and nation.
- Having accomplished special achievements in, or contributed to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate, and
- Not having solicited in any manner for this recognition, which automatically eliminates the soliciting candidate for that year.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events:

### Cabinet and Convention Dates:

District 2A2 Mid-Winter Conference	January 18th	San Antonio Food Bank San Antonio, Texas
District 2A2 District Convention	April 25-26th	TBD

### Club and Other Events:

LSRF Valentine Games Night	February 22nd	St. Gregory Parish Hall San Antonio, Texas
SA Founder Lions Cub Purse Bingo	March 15th	Petroleum Club San Antonio, Texas

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## Tell Us What You Are Doing

We want our District newsletter to feature more of the wonderful work being done by each of the Lions Clubs in District 2-A2. Please send in articles about your service projects, fundraisers, installations, and member recognitions for inclusion in the monthly newsletter to [newsletter@district2a2.org](mailto:newsletter@district2a2.org). Articles must be submitted by the 28th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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**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 20pounds when full of eyeglasses.

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

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FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR HANDICAPPED MAILING

From: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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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:

**Happy New Year, District 2-A2 Lions!**

As we step into calendar year 2025, I'm thrilled to reflect on my recent club visits and share what's ahead for the second half of our Lions year.

### Club Visits

December brought meaningful connections and inspiration as I had the pleasure of visiting the San Antonio Founder Lions Club and the Del Rio Host Lions Club. These visits reaffirmed my belief in the power of our service and the dedication of our members. From their life changing projects to their unwavering commitment to their communities, these clubs exemplify what it means to be a Lion. Thank you for the warm welcomes and for sharing your successes with me.



Looking ahead to January, I'm eager to continue with visits to the Floresville, San Antonio Alamo Ranch, and San Antonio First Ladies Lions Clubs. These visits are opportunities to celebrate the amazing work you're doing, listen to your ideas, and share insights that can strengthen our collective impact. I can't wait to see the incredible energy and creativity these clubs bring to our district.

## **Building For the Future**

As we enter the new calendar year, one of my key priorities is building the district cabinet slate for the 2025-2026 Lions year. This important process ensures strong leadership that reflects the diversity, passion, and vision of our district. If you or someone in your club is interested in stepping into a district leadership role, I encourage you to reach out to me or 2VDG Chris. Together, we can build a dynamic team to lead our district forward.

Another exciting event on the horizon is our Mid-Winter Conference at the San Antonio Food Bank on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, where we will introduce the candidates for district leadership positions. This conference is not only a chance to connect and collaborate but also an opportunity to introduce the Lions who are looking to step up to serve in new capacities at the district level. I look forward to chatting with those Lions looking to take on a district leadership role. Your participation and support are crucial as we prepare to chart the course for our district's future and year three of the Mission 1.5 campaign.

On that note, if you are a club president or club membership chair, I highly encourage you to attend the Area A Growth Workshop Series starting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. This virtual series is a fantastic opportunity to learn strategies for growing and strengthening your club as well as helping to charter new clubs. You can register [here](#). Let's take advantage of this resource to ensure our district continues to thrive and we have the helping hands to make an even greater impact in our local communities across the district.

As we begin the second half of our Lions year, let's renew our commitment to serving with purpose and enthusiasm. Whether you're tackling a new project, mentoring a new member, or finding innovative ways to support your community, every action makes a difference. Together, we can finish this year strong and set the stage for even greater achievements ahead.

## **Calendar**

- 1/6/25, 1/20/25, & 2/3/25 – Area A Growth Workshop Series, register [here](#)
- 1/17/25 - 1/18/25 – District 2-A2 Mid-Winter Conference, register [here](#)
- 2/6/25 - 2/8/25 - MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting in Kerrville, purchase banquet tickets [here](#)
- 2/22/25 – LSRF Valentine's Game Night, register [here](#)
- 3/29/25 – Lions Stride for Sight at Comanche Park, register [here](#)
- 4/25/25 - 4/26/25 – District 2-A2 Convention
- 6/5/25 - 6/7/25 – MD-2 State Convention, register [here](#)

Thank you for your continued dedication to the mission of Lions Clubs International. I'm honored to serve alongside you and look forward to an impactful 2025 filled with remarkable service for District 2-A2!

Yours in Service,

*Lion Nanette*

First Vice-District Governor

Nanette Patton

[GI.Jade.1ea@gmail.com](mailto:GI.Jade.1ea@gmail.com)

210.593.8794

## Note From Our Second Vice-District Governor Chris Ryan:

### GLOBAL CAUSES OF LIONS – ENVIRONMENT

**Hello Lions,**

This month's global cause emphasizes the importance of protecting the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world. Our planet is the only home we have, and it is our responsibility to care for it.

There are numerous environmental challenges facing the Earth, including water & sanitation, affordable & clean energy, responsible consumption & production, climate action, life below water, and life on land.

I would like to focus on two key issues:

- According to the United Nations Sustainable Development Report (2022), 17 million metric tons (approximately 37.4 billion pounds) of plastic entered the ocean in 2021. This figure is projected to double or triple by 2040!
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) reports that 12 million hectares (about 29.6 million acres) of forest are destroyed each year.

While these challenges may seem overwhelming, we can all make a difference if we each do our part. Together, we can create a better world for future generations.

**Here are a few things we can do:**

- **Reduce plastic usage.** For example, the National Park Service, where I work, and airports are planning to phase out plastic water bottles in the coming years. You can help by bringing your own reusable water bottle to parks and airports, where you will find filtered water stations to refill them.

- **Get involved in tree planting.** As a club, consider organizing a project to plant tree seedlings or saplings. This simple act can help contribute to cleaner air and a healthier environment. You can also plant a native tree in your own yard—but be sure to water it regularly as it gets established.
- **Litter cleanup.** You do not need to wait until Earth Day to organize a cleanup project. Lion Gloria Klasen of the Del Rio Host Lions Club coordinates a quarterly highway cleanup with the Texas Department of Transportation. A local scout troop also participates, learning about conservation while helping to keep Texas beautiful.

Next month, I will be focusing on the Lions' global cause of Humanitarian Aid. If your club has been involved in providing humanitarian services, I would love to highlight your efforts in the article. Please send me details about your activities at [chrisr1475@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisr1475@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you for your dedication and service to Lionism

*Lion Chris*

2nd Vice-District Governor  
Chris Ryan  
[chrisr1475@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisr1475@sbcglobal.net)

# Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across **Global Action Team Area 1A** to learn tips & tools you can use to **start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.**

This Workshop is designed for your **District Growth Team** to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

**All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)**



Monday, January 6  
Monday, January 20  
Monday, February 3

**Advance Registration Required**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreaAGrow>

## Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

**LSRF – Valentine Games Night – February 22nd**



# 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](http://www.lionsightresearch.org) - "DONATIONS" Tab

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

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



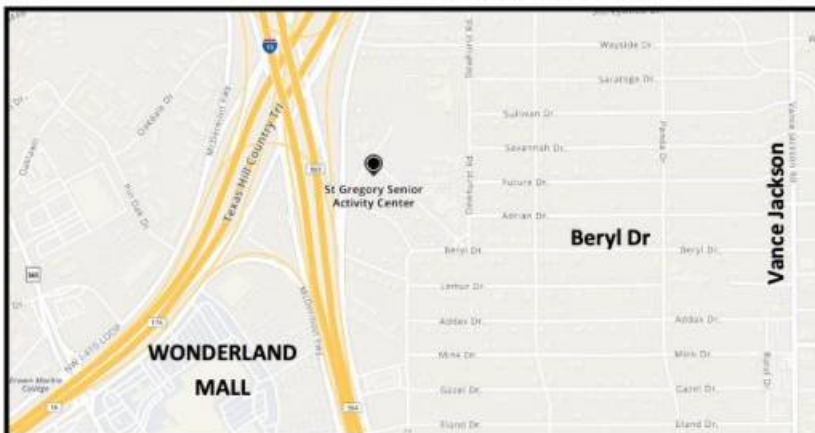
## Sweetheart Raffle

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

LSRF – Sweetheart Raffle – February 22nd

*Announcing the Kick off of the  
2025 Save Our Sight / Stride for Sight Campaign  
to Benefit the Projects of your*



**Lions Sight Research Foundation**



**1st Prize \$ 5,000 - 2nd Prize \$ 1,000**

**3rd Prize \$ 500 - 4th & 5th Prizes \$ 250 /each**

**\$50.00 donation or 3 for \$100.00**

For online tickets & payment go to [www.lionssightresearch.org](http://www.lionssightresearch.org)

See "Donations" tab: "Raffle"

Checks made payable to: Lions Sight Research Foundation

For information: [lsrf.sam@gmail.com](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com) or (210) 326 3915

Proceeds benefit the Lions Sight Research Foundation

**Drawing Feb 22, 2025 at "Valentine Games Night"**  
need not be present to win



## San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Purse Bingo Fundraiser – March 15th



San Antonio Founder Lions Club  
The Oldest Lions Club in the World



### Please join us for our 1st Designer Purse **BINGO!**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

at the Petroleum Club of San Antonio  
8620 N New Braunfels Ave. Ste 700

Doors open at 8:00 am  
Designer Purse Bingo Starts at 9:00 am



Ticket includes: Full breakfast at  
Petroleum Club and one bingo card  
to play 10 games (every bingo game  
prize is worth at least \$200)

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For more information or to purchase ticket  
email: [safic@safic.org](mailto:safic@safic.org) or [dulcesolano@ibc.com](mailto:dulcesolano@ibc.com) or  
call (210) 225-1164 or (210) 606-5791

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 **IBC BANK**  
TITLE SPONSOR

MEMBER FDIC





## 2025 San Antonio Founder Lions Club Designer Purse Bingo



# Sponsorship Levels

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### IBC Bank Mufasa - Title Sponsor Sponsorship Donation \$5,000

#### Recognitions and Benefits

- Table of 8 includes bingo card and breakfast for each player
- Donor acknowledgement on SAFLC newsletter and social media
- Sponsor shoutout on the stage
- Purse sponsorship for bingo
- Sponsor will present purse to winner
- Business banner on stage
- Chance to provide opening remarks
- Business logo on bingo tickets

# SOLD



### Nala - Purse Sponsor Sponsorship Donation \$1,000

#### Recognitions and Benefits

- Table of 8 includes bingo card and breakfast for each player
- Donor acknowledgement on SAFLC newsletter and social media
- Sponsor shoutout on the stage
- Purse sponsorship for bingo
- Sponsor will present purse to winner



### Simba - Table Sponsor Sponsorship Donation \$500

#### Recognitions and Benefits

- Table of 8 includes bingo card and breakfast for each player
  - Donor acknowledgement on SAFLC newsletter and social media
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## San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Hope Hits Harder

Hope Hits Harder is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children diagnosed with cancer in the San Antonio area. Mr. Tom “T-Bone” Bounds from Hope Hits Harder picked up all the gifts that we collected at the SAFLC Holiday Dinner and thanked all the San Antonio Founder Lions Club members for their generosity.

On Saturday December 14, 2024, Hope Hits Harder delivered the toys to kids who have been affected by cancer at their Survivor Party in the Zoo of San Antonio. Additional gifts will be given to kids that are cancer patients in the local hospitals. Together We serve!



## Alamo Heights and UIW Campus Lions Club – Christmas Party Donation

Alamo Heights Lions Club held our Christmas Party Meeting on December 10th. Lions and the John Jay Orchestra Guild were invited to attend. Lions brought toys for Toys for Tots. Two Toys for Tots Collection Boxes were filled. The Orchestra Guild presented a musical interlude. At the end of their performance, the Guild Members were presented with a donation from the Alamo Heights Lions Club.



## Alamo Heights Lions Club and UIW Campus Lions Club – Toys For Tots

Boxes were placed in Circus Bingo SA and Austin Hwy., Heavy Metal Fitness, UIW Campus. Toys for Tots received over 4,000 requests for toys this year. Thank each for their help in making these wishes come true.



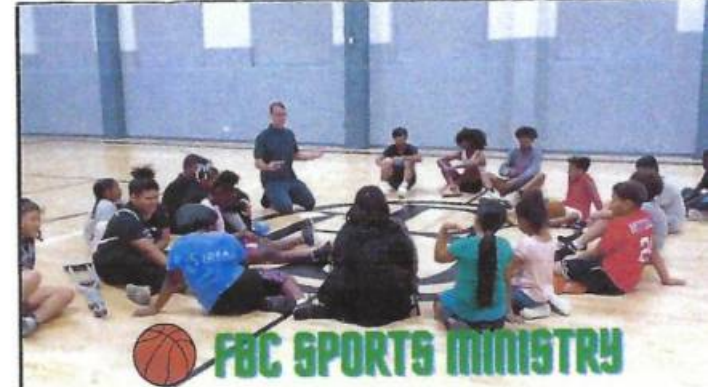
## Alamo Heights Lions Club and Alamo City Lions Club – Socks For A Cause

Alamo Heights Lions Clubs Socks for a Cause was started years ago by a young Girl Scout, and we have kept it going since then. We donate to CAM and to the Broken Warriors Angels at this time of year.



## Alamo Heights Lions Club

Alamo Heights Lions presented a donation for The First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Community Outreach Ministry, to Byron Pitts, Minister of Missions & Evangelism (center). Reverend Pitts gave us a tour of the church's third floor, which is dedicated to the church's Youth Program. There is a full-size basketball court. Behind the back basketball gold is a music alcove; and on one side of the court, a kitchenette. A small vehicle is all that is available currently for transportation for the Youth. This is a project in progress.



## **ALAMO RANCH LIONS CLUB CONTRIBUTES TO THE LIONS LOW VISION CENTER**

The Alamo Ranch Lions Club working with the Lions Sight Research Foundation recently made a very generous contribution that allowed the Lions Low Vision Center to acquire a new version RUBY 10 Reader to educate, train, and demonstrate to low vision patients how it might help them meet their reading needs.

Pictured here at the presentation are: Melva Andrews, OTR– Occupational Therapist, Dr. Megan Funkhouser, OD, Lions Low Vision Director, Past President Lion Jeffrey Almoney, Secretary Lion Cheryl Hollenbeck, and President Lion Mark Schinzel



**RUBY® 10**

*The RUBY 10 video magnifier has a 10-inch touchscreen and three dedicated cameras. The RUBY 10 can magnify letters, magazines, labels, and photos. The swing out arm allows you to view items in your hand and write. When extended, the arm also enables full-page OCR. With a touch of a button, you can scan pages and have them read aloud to you. The third camera is dedicated to seeing objects at a short distance such as signs and menus on a wall.*



# 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](http://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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday present!**

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

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# Century Club

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The Century Club is an annual opportunity to personally participate in giving to Texas Lions Camp and the programs it has established to provide at no cost a quality summer camp experience for Texas children with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer. An individual, couple, family or business can be a Century Club member by giving annually or monthly at whatever level you desire. Choose the level and how you'd like to make your payments whether lump sum or monthly through automatic draft. Automatic bank draft can be set up simply by filling out the information necessary on the form below and including a voided check. All Century Club members will receive an inscribed plaque, patch and a lapel pin. Each year a new medallion for your plaque will arrive once your annual membership renewal is paid. At the end of 10 years membership, a new plaque will arrive along with your eleventh year medallion. Fill out the form below with the level you'd like to start with and send it with your payment to Texas Lions Camp at the address given above. For any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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**For:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name exactly as it should appear on plaque)

All monies from Century Club go to the TLC General Fund.

**Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ship Plaque to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of payment:**  Check  Credit Card

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Automatic Draft

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## Support Levels

(please check appropriate choice)

- |   |                                   |    |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Level     | ___ Single annual gift of \$100   | or | ___ \$10 monthly automatic draft  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level     | ___ Single annual gift of \$250   | or | ___ \$21 monthly automatic draft  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level       | ___ Single annual gift of \$500   | or | ___ \$42 monthly automatic draft  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Level    | ___ Single annual gift of \$1,000 | or | ___ \$84 monthly automatic draft  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador Level | ___ Single annual gift of \$5,000 | or | ___ \$420 monthly automatic draft |
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## Bank Draft information

Instructions for monthly Automatic Draft: 1. Enter amount of monthly automatic draft below. 2. Sign and date all lines marked with an X. 3. Attach a voided check with this form

The Texas Lions Camp:

I have given order to (Financial Institution): \_\_\_\_\_ to honor for you as they become due, on my monthly drafts and charge same to my account with this financial institution. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

Amount of monthly automatic draft: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please sign and date below—use signature(s) required on your account:

X \_\_\_\_\_

X Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_

X Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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## Credit Card Payment information

MC  Visa  Discover Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_


Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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](http://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](mailto: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 \(youtube.com\)](#)

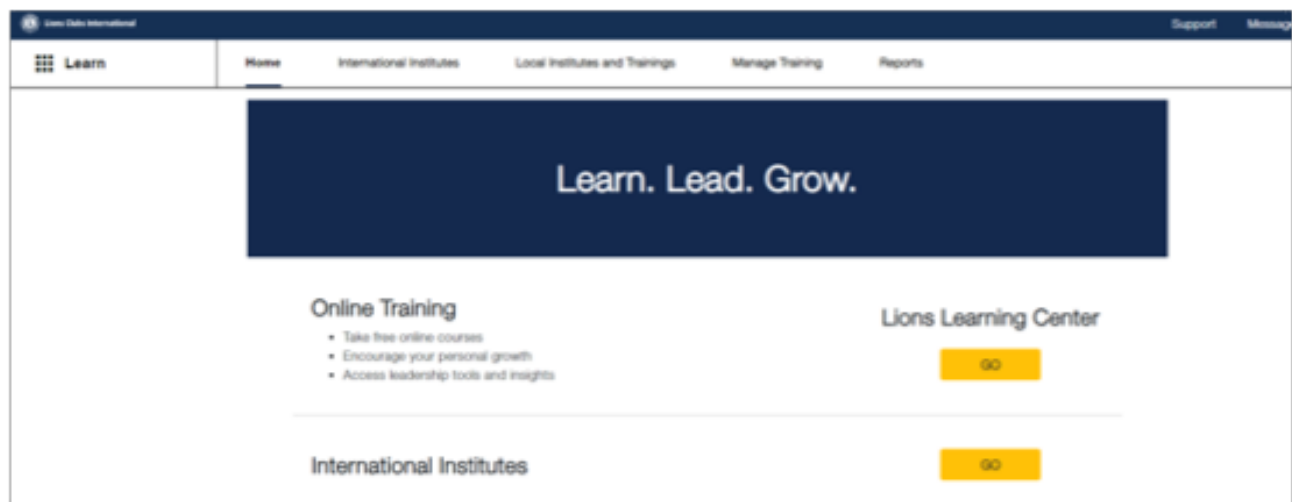
## •GUIDELINES FOR EVERY *LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT*

•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](http://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](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com) or call 210 326 3915