



# Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 9 –March 2025

## Remarkable Service to All

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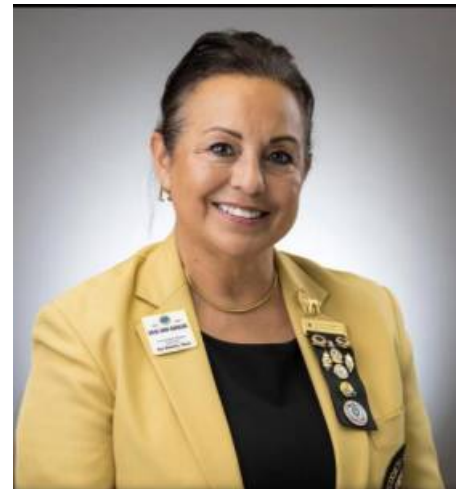
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### SPRING into Action!

As the season of renewal unfolds, Lions of District 2-A2 are called to **SPRING** into action and plant seeds of hope through remarkable service to all. Now is the time to embrace our mission of serving others by engaging in impactful projects that uplift our communities.



From vision screenings and diabetes awareness programs to workdays at the Texas Lions Camp, every act of service helps cultivate a brighter future. Whether we're planting literal trees for environmental sustainability or planting figurative seeds of kindness and compassion, our efforts as **LIONS** today will blossom into lasting change.

Let's come together to strengthen our communities with purpose and passion. It is by these visually remarkable activities that those in our communities are encouraged to join us. **Paying it forward.**

As your club sow seeds of **HOPE** and Positivity, do not forget to report in the LCI portal the project, the people impacted and hours each **LION** gave. District 2-A2 has 30% of all **SERVICE** Projects reported in the LCI portal. **The district is in the positive for membership by 3.**

Let us be diligent in inviting those who have a heart for service to join us. **MORE hands** mean MORE benefits to our local communities.

Gather your club members and act. Share your service stories and inspire other fellow LIONS to Make Their Mark. Let us, you and I, make this a **SEASON of SERVICE!** What seeds of HOPE will **WE** plant in March?

*Lion Rose Ann*

District Governor Rose Ann Barajas (San Antonio Edgewood)

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2024-2025

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## Lions District 2-A2 2024-2025 Convention



# April 24-26, 2025 THE HISTORIC MENGER HOTEL

204 Alamo Plaza  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
(210) 223-4361

[Hotel Registration](#)

[Convention Schedule and Registration](#)

Fellow Lions,

Please find the link above to register for your room at the Historic Menger Hotel which will serve as our headquarters for our District Convention. We have many exciting events and activities planned for you so please take this opportunity to register now.

In addition, we will be opening our convention earlier this year to accommodate the additional events we have planned for you so you might want to consider arriving on Thursday, April 24th.

As always, we are here to assist you in finalizing your hotel plans so if you have any questions, please let me know. Looking forward to seeing all of you in April to celebrate our accomplishments in providing "Remarkable Service to Others."

Lion Mike Rourke  
*Convention Chairman*

## **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:

|                                  |               |                                    |
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| District 2A2 District Convention | April 25-26th | Menger Hotel<br>San Antonio, Texas |
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### Club and Other Events:

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| LSRF Stride for Sight                          | March 29th | Comanche County Park<br>San Antonio, Texas |
| Windcrest Lions Pancake & Sausage<br>Breakfast | March 29th | Windcrest Civic Center<br>Takas Park       |
| SA Founder Lions Cub Purse Bingo               | May 17th   | Petroleum Club<br>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:

It has been an exciting and busy time as we continue to serve our communities and strengthen the bonds of Lionism across the district!

### District Governor Elect Seminar – Lead to Serve Development

From February 10-13, I attended the District Governor Elect Seminar in St. Charles, IL. One of the highlights was visiting Lions International Headquarters in Oak Brook for a special tour. A key part of the seminar was the cross-cultural exchange passport exercise, where we practiced communicating with Lions who speak different languages. I checked off Finnish, French, Italian, Korean, Nepali, Portuguese, and Swedish in my passport! With over 750 representatives from 90 countries, the seminar offered a unique opportunity to share diverse Lion experiences from around the world.

Our training sessions focused on facilitating membership growth and leading change, ensuring that no generation will know a world without Lions. My seminar group, Group 18, included representatives from the USA, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, while our sister group, Group 7, represented the multi-district council from Italy. One of the most valuable parts of the seminar was discussing district challenges from around the world. While cultural differences exist, many of our challenges are surprisingly similar.



It was also a great experience to finally meet my Group 18 members in person after months of Zoom calls. I look forward to reconnecting in person with my USA counterparts in Las Vegas at the end of June for the Mission to Grow Summit and seeing everyone at LCICon in Orlando this July!

### **Save Our Sight – Valentine’s Game Night & Stride for Sight 5K**

On February 22nd, we had a fantastic time at the Save Our Sight Valentine’s Game Night, benefiting the Lions Sight Research Foundation. It was an evening filled with fun, friendly competition, and, most importantly, support for a cause that helps provide critical eye care and vision research services. Thank you to everyone who came out to make this event a success!



Looking ahead, we have another opportunity to support vision-related initiatives by participating in the **Lions Stride for Sight 5K** on March 29th. If your club isn’t planning to participate, I invite you to join my walk team! How to Register? Sign up at [here](#) and select the Team Walker option (\$25 per person, a \$10 discount off the regular walker registration fee). Look for “Windcrest Roaring Lions” as the team to join. Let’s lace up and walk for a great cause!

## Texas Lions Camp Workday – Service in Action

This past weekend, I had the privilege of joining the Del Rio Host Lions Club for a Texas Lions Camp Workday. Spending Friday night in the bunkhouse added to the experience, reinforcing the camaraderie that makes our service even more meaningful. On Saturday, March 1st, we got to work, first tackling the picnic pavilion area, where we filled 45 bags with leaves and debris. Then, we moved on to cleaning up the miniature golf course, ensuring it's ready for campers to enjoy. **Texas Lions Camp** provides life-changing experiences for children with physical disabilities, and it's always an honor to contribute to maintaining this special place. If you ever get the chance to volunteer at Texas Lions Camp, I highly recommend it—it's service in its purest form! There are two more workday opportunities for your club on Saturday, April 5th and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. More info is [here](#).



## **Club Visits**

On February 19th, I attended the Edgewood Lions Social, where I connected with fellow Lions in a fun and relaxed setting. It's always inspiring to see the passion and dedication of our clubs firsthand. They inducted two new members into Lionism! They introduced their peace poster contestants and scholarship contestants.

On February 27th, I had the pleasure of visiting the Converse Lions Club, and I'm looking forward to my upcoming visit with the Boerne Lions Club on March 24th and continuing to strengthen relationships across our district.

## **Looking Ahead**

As we move forward, let's continue to embody the **"We Serve"** spirit in all that we do. Whether it's through service projects, leadership development, or fundraising efforts, every action we take strengthens our district and the communities we serve. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and continuing this incredible journey together.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Nanette*

First Vice-District Governor

Nanette Patton

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

### GLOBAL CAUSE OF LIONISM - HUNGER

**Hello Lions,**

Hunger is the sixth global cause of Lions, aiming to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs has set 17 sustainable development goals, and Goal 2 focuses on ending hunger, achieving food security, improving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

No one should have to go to bed hungry, but this is a reality both here in the United States and around the world. Adults should not have to choose between a hot meal and paying their utility bills.

By 2030, more than 600 million people worldwide are projected to face hunger, with 1 in 3 people struggling with moderate to severe food insecurity.

As Lions, there are many ways we can help alleviate hunger.

Some examples include:

- **District Governor Rose Ann Barajas** encouraged Lions to bring cans of food to donate at the District 2-A2 Mid-Winter Conference, hosted by the Central Park Lions Club at the San Antonio Food Bank.
  - The food bank serves 105,000 individuals each week.
  - Every \$1 donated provides seven meals for neighbors in need, which is incredible.
  - The food bank's focus is not only providing food for today but also helping individuals and families become self-sufficient in the future.

- **Volunteer at a food distribution center** to serve others. Lion Gisela Lenz, with the Del Rio Host Lions Club, has worked tirelessly to help those in need in Val Verde County. She founded the *Loaves and Fishes* center, where staff distribute food to 1,000 people each month in Del Rio and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for all that you do as Lions to make the world a better place!

*Lion Chris*

2nd Vice-District Governor  
Chris Ryan  
Superintendent  
Amistad National Recreation Area  
Del Rio, Texas  
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## San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Honoring Melvin Jones

Melvin Jones (January 13, 1879 – June 1, 1961) was the founder and secretary-treasurer of Lions Clubs International. He lived by his personal code, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

To commemorate Melvin Jones' birthday, San Antonio Founder Lions Enedelia and Alberto Espinosa remembered with respect and admiration Lion Melvin Jones by serving the Homeless in the San Antonio Community on January 13, 2025. The activity consisted of purchasing and delivering sweaters, pants, shoes, and monetary donations to homeless in the low-income areas of San Antonio, Texas.

Where there is a need, Lions come to the rescue!



**We Serve**



# LSRF Valentine Games Night - Thank You!!!!!!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED MAKE VALENTINE GAMES NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS



**LSRF Valentine Games Night - Thank You - Event Sponsors**



All Proceeds  
benefitting



**Valentine  
Games Night**

**MANY THANKS  
TO OUR  
GREAT SPONSORS**



**ARIZONA CAFÉ**  
Linda Bocanegra



**JAMES AVERY**  
artisan jewelry



**LANDRY'S**  
SEAFOOD HOUSE



Marco Barajas  
**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



**GRUBB FAMILY PROPERTIES**  
Lions Bob & Joy Grubb  
Converse Lions club

**THANKS TO ALL DISTRICT 2-A2 LIONS & THEIR FRIENDS THAT SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT THAT HELPS TO FUND THE SPECIAL PROJECTS OF DISTRICT 2-A2 AND THE LSRF LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM**



**SPECIAL Thanks to:**  
BEXAR NECESSITIES LIONS CLUB and  
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC  
CHURCH and SCHOOL

**Windcrest Lions Club 17th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast – March 29th**



**The Windcrest Lions Club 17<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**PANCAKE and  
SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

Enjoy hot, delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee & orange juice with your friends and neighbors. All proceeds from this event support our Lions Club's charities and programs. Thank you!

**Saturday, March 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park**

9310 Jim Seal Drive, Windcrest, TX 78239

**\$10.00 per person**

**Children aged 10 and under eating-in are FREE!**



**Buy tickets in advance from any Lion Club member or contact us below. Early Bird tickets are just \$8.00 each!**



Lions Sight Research Foundation Stride for Sight - March 29th

# STRIDE FOR SIGHT 5K

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

Comanche County Park  
Pavilion 2  
2600 Rigsby Avenue  
San Antonio, TX

8 a.m. - Race Day Registration Opens  
9 a.m. - Opening Ceremony

**FREE** Breakfast Tacos  
**FREE** Kid's Fun Run  
**AND MORE!**

**REGISTER  
ONLINE**  
[bit.ly/SFSMAR29](https://bit.ly/SFSMAR29)  
or  
[SolersSports.com](https://SolersSports.com)

**\$50 Virtual Runner/Walker**  
**\$35 5K Runner/Walker**  
**\$25 Sleep Walker**  
**\$25 for each Team Walker**  
(\*Teams should have 5 or more members)

For add'l details and sponsorships  
contact: Sam Pantusa (210) 326-3915  
[lsrf.sam@gmail.com](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com)



**Donor Family  
team discount  
available to  
team walkers.**

**San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Purse Bingo Fundraiser – May 17th**



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



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

**Saturday, May 17, 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: [saflc@saflc.org](mailto:saflc@saflc.org) or [dulcesolano@ibc.com](mailto:dulcesolano@ibc.com) or  
call (210) 225-1164 or (210) 606-5791

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## 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
  - Mimosas for eight
  - Arm-length raffle tickets for each person at the table
  - Special drawing
  - Shout-out/spotlight on social media after the event, thanking the sponsors
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### 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
  - Mimosas for eight
  - Arm-length raffle tickets for each person at the table
  - Special drawing
  - Shout-out/spotlight on social media after the event, thanking the sponsors
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### Simba - Table Sponsor Sponsorship Donation \$500

#### Recognitions and Benefits

- Table of 8 includes bingo card and breakfast for each player



# 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.**



# 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 \(youtube.com\)](#)

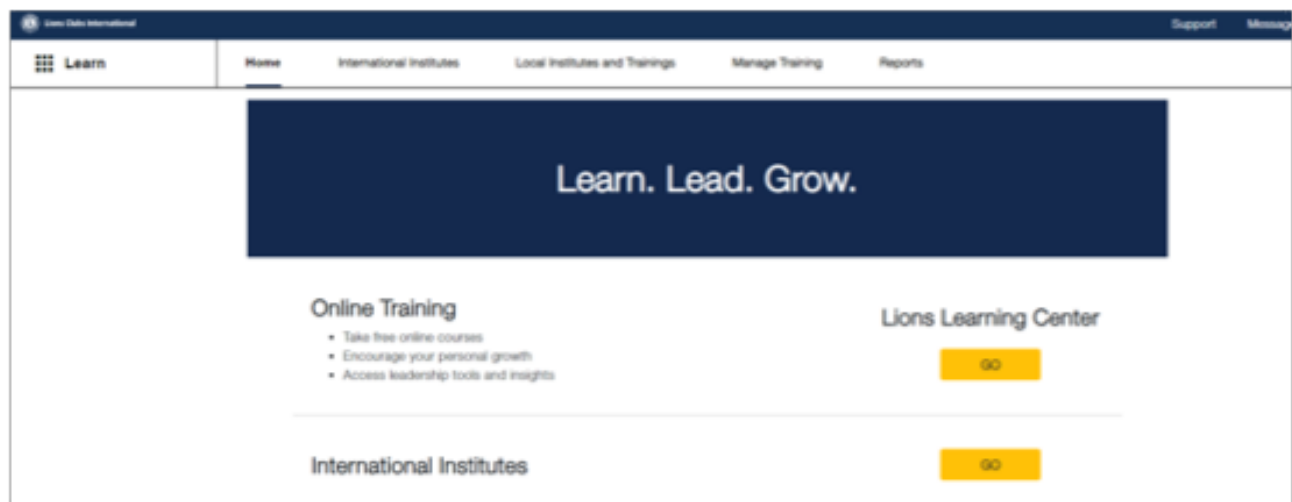
## •GUIDELINES FOR EVERY *LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT*

•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