



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Remarkable Service to All

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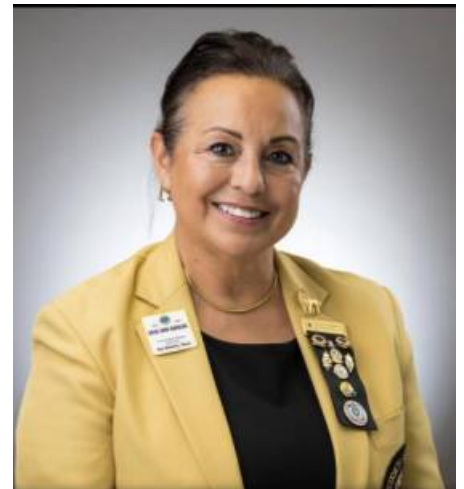
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Celebrating Serving Together:

A Heartfelt Thank You to the Lions of District 2-A2

Lions of District 2-A2, what an incredible experience we shared at our District Convention—a true **Celebration of Remarkable Service!**



The energy, enthusiasm, and dedication each of you brought made this event unforgettable. Our gathering was not just a meeting; it was a **POWERFUL REMINDER** of the **IMPACT** we make together in our communities.

From the inspiring talk Past International Director, Lion Jay Moughan gave to the World Induction Day event where we welcomed 25 new Lions to the meaningful service projects and the joyful fellowship, every moment reflected the heart and remarkable spirit of Lionism.

Our District Convention was a success *because of your unwavering commitment, hard work and passion for service.*

Lions Club International President Fabricio Oliveira recognized **Lion Ken Book** (Region 20), **Lion Gloria Klasen** (Del Rio Host) and **Lion Lewis Stroud** (Devine) with the LCI Presidential Medal for their exemplary service that have significantly strengthened our communities and Lions Club International.

1st Vice District Governor Nan Patton (Windcrest) and 2nd Vice District Governor Chris Ryan (Del Rio Host) along with Lions Pat Guerra (SA Founders) and Floyd Daigle (SA Edgewood) received the LCI Presidential Certificates of Appreciation for their leadership on the 2024-2025 District 2-A2 Cabinet.

A special **THANK YOU** goes out to our dedicated volunteers, my home club the *San Antonio Edgewood Lions*, committee members, and leaders who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure **EVERY LION** felt celebrated. Your efforts did not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for your time and dedication.

As we continue to serve with purpose and pride, let us carry the spirit of this celebration forward. We have more work to do to finish the **Lion Year STRONG**.

Together, we are **MAKING OUR MARK in REMARKABLE SERVICE**.

THANK YOU for all that you do as LIONS of DISTRICT 2-A2.

Lion Rose Ann

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

District Cabinet Meeting	July 26th	Texas Center for Infectious Disease San Antonio, Texas
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Club and Other Events:

SA Founder Lions Cub Purse Bingo	May 17th	Petroleum Club San Antonio, Texas
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	July 31st	Lady Bird Golf Course Fredericksburg, Texas

Tell Us What You Are Doing

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

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.

FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR HANDICAPPED MAILING

From: _____

FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR
THE HANDICAPPED

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

Note From Nanette Patton, Our Incoming District Governor 2025-2026:

Dear Lions of District 2-A2,

I am deeply honored and humbled to have been elected to serve as your District Governor beginning July 1, 2025. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your unwavering commitment to service. It is with great excitement that I step into this role, and I look forward to working with each of you to strengthen our clubs, grow our membership, and continue making a meaningful difference in our communities.

Please mark your calendars for our first **District Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 26, 2025**, at the **Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID)** in San Antonio. We will begin with our **Cabinet business meeting in the morning**, where I'll share my **vision and goals for our district** in the year ahead. We will also install all of the district leaders. In the **afternoon, we'll hold training for Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers**—a vital opportunity to equip our leaders with tools for success.

As we prepare for this new Lions year, I ask that each club ensures their **club officers are entered in Lion Portal** as soon as possible. Reach out to our District Administrator, PDG Janie Garza, if you are having difficulties with entering this data into the Lion Portal. Additionally, please be sure to **appoint a Club Service Chair and a Club Membership Chair**—two critical roles to help guide and grow your club's impact.

Together, we are ready to write the next chapter of Lionism in District 2-A2. Let's move forward with enthusiasm, unity, and an unwavering commitment to serve. The year ahead holds tremendous promise—and I can't wait to get started with all of you!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Nanette

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Note From Our Second Vice-District Governor Chris Ryan:

GLOBAL CAUSES OF LIONS - YOUTH

Hello Lions,

This month's global cause highlights one of our most vital missions: Supporting youth- the future of our world. We are committed to helping young people lead productive lives and become the next generation of service-minded leaders.

Across all our global causes, Lions are dedicated to serving children and youth. Here are a few impactful ways we can guide and support them on their journey:

One opportunity is to encourage youth participation in the Youth Camp and Exchange (YCE) program. These programs, available worldwide, are designed for young people 15 to 22. YCE fosters global understanding, through international exchanges and camps. Exchanges typically last 4 to 6 weeks and are supported by host families (Lions and non-Lions), sponsor clubs, and host clubs. Camps usually span 1-2 weeks and are operated voluntarily by local Lions clubs.

You can learn more about the YCE program and explore opportunities at <http://www.lionsclub.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/youth-camp-and-exchange>.

What an exciting opportunity for young people to explore the world, build friendships, and collaborate on international service projects!

Another way to support youth is by sponsoring a Leo Club. This allows Lions to mentor and empower young leaders, encouraging them to serve their communities and make a meaningful impact. Some Leos go on to become Leo-Lion members, continuing their journey of service work with even more opportunities to grow and connect globally.

Locally, our district has an opportunity to partner with a Leo club for a workday at Texas Lions Camp (TLC). Working side by side with young people gives us a chance to mentor them while preparing the camp to serve children with special needs during the summer. TLC is truly a remarkable place- a life changing experience for both the campers and the youth who work there. The dedication and spirit of those young staff members are truly inspiring.

Over the past year, I have shared insights on all eight global causes supported by Lions: childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, humanitarian efforts, hunger, vision, and now youth. I hope you have gained a clearer understanding of these important causes and the incredible impact we have as Lions.

As I come to the end of my term as your Second Vice District Governor, this will be my final article for the newsletter. I will be retiring from the National Park Service and, for personal reasons, will be moving out of the great state of Texas. While I will be serving in a different location, I remain committed to this amazing organization.

A heartfelt thank you to PDG John Cole, PDG Sam Pantusa, PDG Roberto Castillo, and PID TJ Tijerina - your mentorship, friendship, and support have meant a great deal to me.

I know that the Lions of District 2-a2 will continue to serve with the passion and dedication that make Lions truly exceptional.

Lions rock!

Lion Chris

2nd Vice-District Governor
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★ You're Invited! ★

As a cherished friend of TLC,
we invite you to be our
Honored Guest
this summer at

Friday Awards Nights

June 13th - June 20th

June 27th - July 4th

July 11th

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

TLC Amphitheater

4100 San Antonio Hwy.
Kerrville, Texas 78028

RSVP: 830-896-8500



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SUMMER 2025



32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

TITLE SPONSOR



JAMES AVERY
Forging Hope

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



**Children Can...
With TLC™**

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2025!**

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

July 31, 2025

8:00 am Shotgun Start

**Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX**

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000
in 2024-2025 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
For more information: www.lionscamp.com.

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs
associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All
sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on signage
and publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp
website: www.lionscamp.com. **Deadline to ensure recogni-
tion/publication is July 11, 2025.**

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____ Zip _____

Club _____ District _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

In Honor or Memory of: _____

Name as you wish it be listed for publicity and recognition

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

CC#: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

**James Avery Artisan Jewelry
provides \$50,000 Challenge Grant
Named Title Sponsor for
32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament**

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to honor and support children with special medical conditions and their families attending Summer Camp 2025. Every gift designated for the 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has been named the Title Sponsor for the 2025 Golf tournament.

"Texas Lions Camp (TLC) is thrilled that James Avery Artisan Jewelry has agreed to provide a cornerstone grant and invest in our mission in 2025 by offering this exciting challenge opportunity," said TLC President & CEO, Stephen S. Mabry.

James Avery's Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, "Our founder James Avery believed 'giving is what it's all about.' We continue that philosophy today because of his commitment and because it is just the right thing to do. For seven decades, we have forged partnerships with charitable organizations that reflect our core values and enrich lives, which helps make our communities better places to live. James Avery is proud to be involved with the Texas Lions Camp where TLC has introduced more than 84,000 children to the 'CAN DO' philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences for the past 75 years. We are proud to encourage donors across Texas to partner with us in supporting the beauty that Texas Lions Camp offers to children and their families through this unique and educational summer camp experience."

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry®

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Harry Wickersham 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

For 32 years, Texas Lions Camp (TLC) has sponsored an annual golf tournament to help support camp operations. The history of this golf tournament and the Lions that helped make it become a reality may be found on our website (<https://lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html>). The event now raises more than \$175,000 annually and has cumulatively produced more than \$2.1 million over the past 31 years. Special thanks to all who have helped make this fund-raiser such a success. The 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025, and will be hosted once again by the Fredericksburg Lions Club at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Learn about Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Those who are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit www.lionscamp.com or by emailing Milton L. Dare at milton.dare@texaslions.camp. If preferred, you may call 830-896-8500 for more information.





Contact: Milton L. Dare, FACHE
Director of Development & Major Gifts
830-896-8500

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Mabry added, "At Texas Lions Camp, we view camp as a time for campers to explore, exercise curiosity, and discover new interests and abilities. We want campers to attempt things that normally would be out of their reach, such as riding a horse, or rock climbing on our ropes course, or just being part of a team. Seven decades of experience have taught us that children who invest in the success of others experience a heightened sense of self-worth and a renewed sense of purpose. TLC will celebrate its Summer Camp Season in 2025 with residential youth camps for children with physical disabilities, cancer, Down syndrome, burn survivors and type-1 diabetes as well as continue our successful family camp program."

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Follow @jamesavery on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, as well as @jamesaveryjewelry on TikTok for new releases, trends and behind-the-scenes content.

About the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament – For 32 years, Texas Lions Camp has sponsored an annual golf tournament to help support camp operations. The history of this tournament began with four Texas Lions (Lions Mike Butler, Marshall Cooper, Bruce Rickert and Harry Wickersham) coming to the Annual Board meeting of Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville to enjoy fellowship with each other. They all loved to play golf and so what began on a \$10 per person gentlemen’s donation at the Flying L Ranch Golf Course in Bandera, Texas, has grown into a major fundraising event which generates more than \$150,000 annually for children with special medical conditions. Other Lions heard about the golf outing and dozens joined in to play in subsequent years including Lion Ed Stebbins who was recruited to help organize the event into an annual fund-raising opportunity. He made the original presentation to the TLC Board of Directors to make the Golf Tournament an annual fund-raising event as well as recommended that the event be named in honor of Lion Harry Wickersham (who was the real golfer in the original foursome). In addition, he recruited Lion Lester Frantzen as the Tournament Director and the Fredericksburg Lions Club to help organize and operate the tournament each year.

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.- Texas Lions Camp, Inc., provides, without charge, a camp for children with special medical conditions from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion or national origin. The organization was chartered as a Texas nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator and is an active participant on GuideStar so donors may give with confidence when furthering the mission of TLC.

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San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Low Vision Expo – We Serve!

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, Lions Pat Guerra, Irene Guzman, PDG Rod Chisholm, Mary Jane Chisholm, Barbara Goldman, Alberto Espinosa, Enedelia Espinosa, Roger Rigal, Kim Wong, Joe Rodriguez, and Dulce Solano volunteered at the 27th Low Vision Expo that took place at the Marriott Hotel – San Antonio Airport. During the event the Lions helped set up our San Antonio Founder Lions Booth, distributed promo items and network with fellow organizations that support the improvement of vision in our community. Special thanks to Lion Pat Guerra for donating the magnifier glasses, waters, and snacks that were distributed at the event.

Where there is a need, Lions serve!



Lion President Dulce Solano, Lion Barbara Goldman, Lion Mary Jane Chisholm, Lion Roger Rigal, PDG Rod Chisholm, and Lion Pat Guerra

We Serve



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)

For more information or to purchase ticket
email: saflc@saflc.org or 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

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
-

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

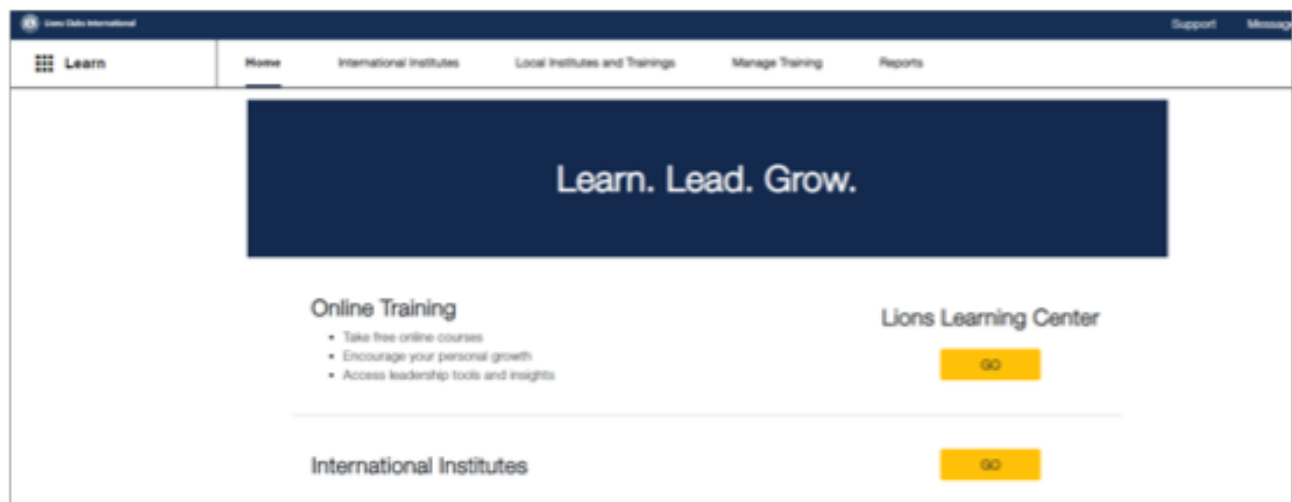
•GUIDELINES FOR EVERY *LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT*

•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