



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Remarkable Service to All

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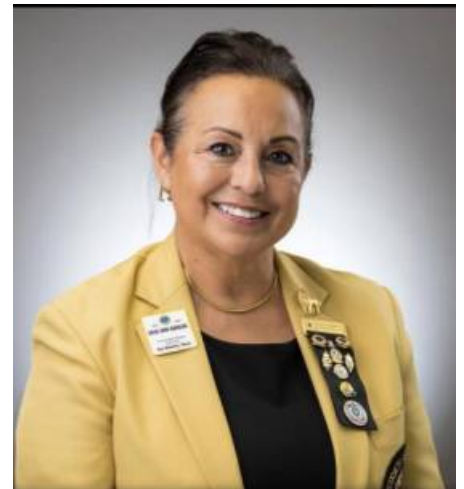
A Heartfelt THANK YOU to the Lions of District 2-A2

Dear Lions of District 2-A2,

As I reflect on the honor of serving as your District Governor for the 2024–2025 year, my heart is full of gratitude. Words cannot fully express the deep

appreciation I feel for the trust and support you have placed in me. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to lead such an extraordinary group of compassionate, dedicated, and service-driven individuals.

From the moment I stepped into this role, I was met with encouragement, collaboration, and an unwavering spirit of unity that defines who we are as Lions. Each of you, in your own communities, continues to embody the very essence of our motto: **We Serve**. Whether it's through vision screenings, youth mentorship, feeding the hungry, or supporting our neighbors in need, your **REMARKABLE** commitment has been both inspiring and humbling.



Together, we have faced challenges, embraced change, and pushed forward with strength and purpose. The accomplishments of this year are not mine alone—they are ours. From the service projects that touched lives across our district, to the funds raised and lives changed, this has been a collective effort grounded in heart, hope, and service.

To the Club Presidents, Cabinet members, and every Lion who volunteered their time, talent, and energy—thank you. Your **REMARKABLE** leadership and passion have been the driving force behind everything we achieved this year. To the past District Governors who offered their wisdom and mentorship, your guidance has been a lighthouse during uncertain moments. And to the future leaders rising within our District, I am excited for what lies ahead, knowing our legacy of service is in capable, caring hands.

I also want to thank the families and loved ones who supported each of us along the way. Leadership in Lions is not a solo journey, and I am especially grateful for the unwavering support that surrounded me every step of the way.

As I pass the torch to the next Governor, I do so with immense pride and deep affection for our district. Serving as your 2024–2025 Governor has been more than a title—it has been a journey of purpose, love, and connection. I am proud of what we've accomplished and even more excited for what lies ahead for District 2-A2.

With all my heart—**THANK YOU** for allowing me to serve

Lion Rose Ann

District Governor Rose Ann Barajas (San Antonio Edgewood)

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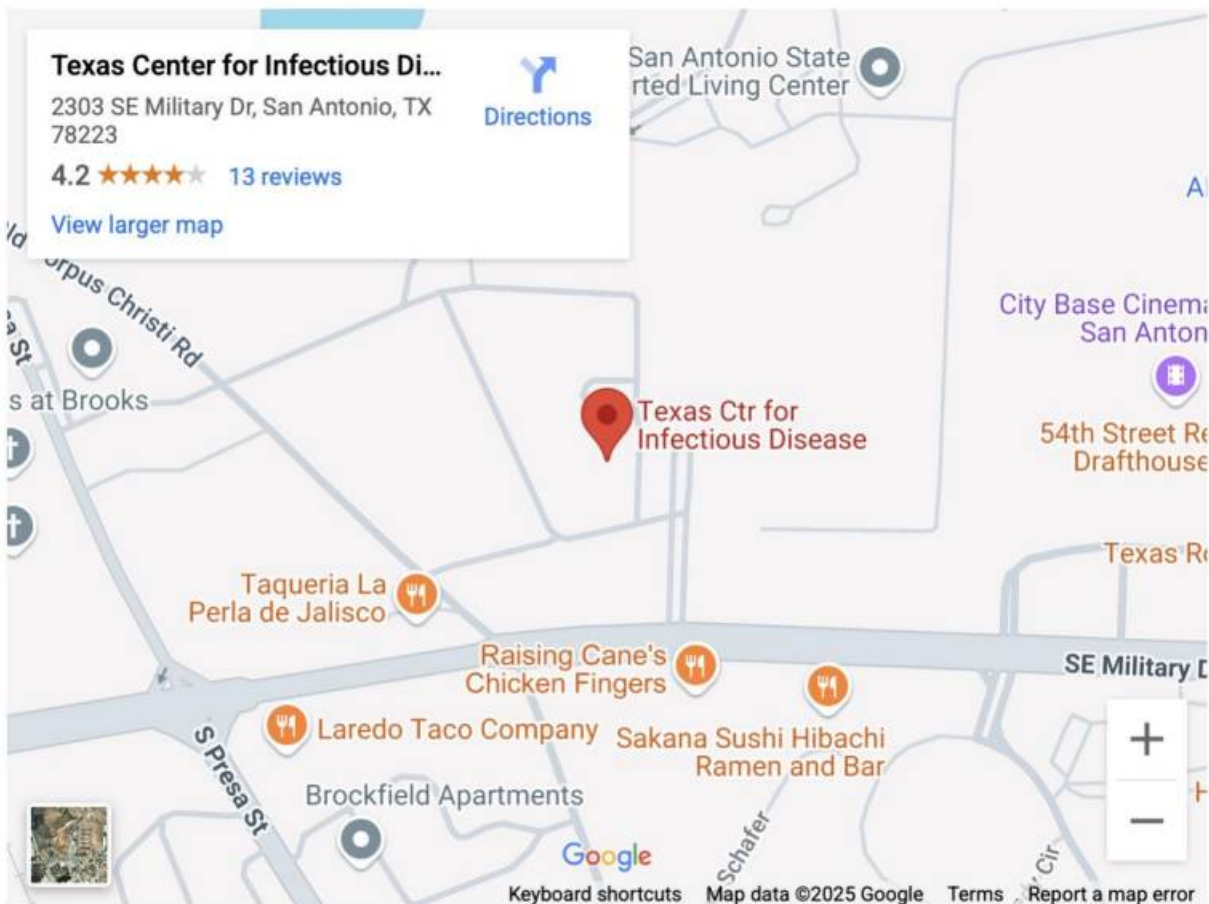
2024-2025

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2025-2026 1st District Cabinet Meeting – Saturday, July 26th

Hosted by the
SA Highland Hills & SA Windcrest Lions Clubs
TCID – Texas Center for Infectious Disease
Texas Department of State
2303 SE Military Drive
San Antonio, TX 78223
Registration coming soon



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 West Side Lions Cub Sausage Plate Fundraiser	June 7th	Madonna Center 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:

Kicking Off a New Lions Year – Together!

Lions of District 2-A2,

As we turn the page to a new Lions year, I invite you to join me at the **First Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 26** at the **Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID)**. This meeting will mark the **official installation of our 2025–2026 District Cabinet** and serve as the kickoff for an exciting year of service, leadership, and growth. Officer training sessions will follow in the afternoon—these breakouts are a great opportunity to prepare your club’s leaders for success and fulfill the Lions Clubs International training requirement. TCID is a gated facility so cabinet meeting attendees must be pre-registered.

On **May 14th**, I had the pleasure of visiting with the **Fredericksburg Lions Club**. Their warm welcome, rich history, and passion for service were truly inspiring. From community events to scholarship programs, the Fredericksburg Lions continue to be a cornerstone of service in the Hill Country. Thank you for the opportunity to connect and share!

We’re deep in **club officer installation season**, and I am looking forward to celebrating with several of our district’s outstanding clubs – **Del Rio Host Lions, La Vernia Lions, and Converse Lions**. These events are a powerful reminder of the pride, commitment, and camaraderie that define our Lions family. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of these clubs for the invitations and can’t wait to see your enthusiasm for the year ahead.

That said, it's vital that all clubs take a key administrative step to ensure smooth leadership transitions: **report your new club officers in the Lions Portal**. As of today (6/5/25), **22 clubs in our district** have completed this essential task. If your club hasn’t yet submitted its officers, please do so as soon as possible. Accurate reporting is crucial—not only for communication and training—but for empowering your club to fully participate in district and international initiatives.

At the end of the month, **1VDGE Jeffrey, 2VDGE Joe**, and I will attend the **Lions Mission to Grow Summit in Las Vegas**. This intensive leadership training brings together Lions leaders from across the country to focus on strengthening membership, building new clubs, and expanding service. The insights we gain there will directly inform our district goals for the coming year—and we're energized to bring that momentum home to 2-A2!

Let's move forward together with purpose and unity. I can't wait to see many of you at TCID as we officially launch the new Lions year.

In service and with gratitude

Lion Nanette

District Governor Elect

Nanette Patton

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San Antonio West Side Lions Club – Sausage Plate Fundraiser – June 7th



West Side Lions Club

Sausage Plate Fundraiser

Sausage, Rice, Beans, Potato Salad & Trimmings

\$12 a plate

When: Saturday , June 7, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.- 2:00p.m.

Where: Madonna Neighborhood Center,
1906 Castroville Rd, San Antonio, Tx 78237

TO GO ONLY

Sierah Flores - Young Women's Scholarship Pageant Winner - District 2-A2

The Eagle Pass Border Lions Club is proud to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sierah Flores for being crowned the Young Women's Scholarship Pageant Contest Winner for Lions Club District 2-A2!

Sierah represented our community with grace, confidence, and the true spirit of Lionism. Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to service made her stand out as a shining example of the next generation of women leaders in our district.

The Eagle Pass Border Lions Club was honored to support Sierah throughout this journey. Her success reflects not only her hard work and perseverance, but also the strong values and community pride we strive to foster in all our youth.

We are beyond proud of you, Sierah, and we look forward to seeing all the incredible things you will continue to accomplish. Your achievement brings great honor to Eagle Pass and to Lions District 2-A2!





San Antonio Founder Lions Club – Fiesta Parades Fundraiser

San Antonio Founder Lions, Antonian Preparatory High School – Lacrosse Team, and IBC EAB volunteers joined together to support at the 2025 Battle of Flowers and Fiesta Flambeau Parades. Thanks to their contribution and teamwork, we were able to have another successful year!

We estimate a net profit of \$19,549 for this project this year. Special thanks to Lion Pat Guerra for Chairing this event for the third consecutive year.





★ 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



texaslionscamp.org

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

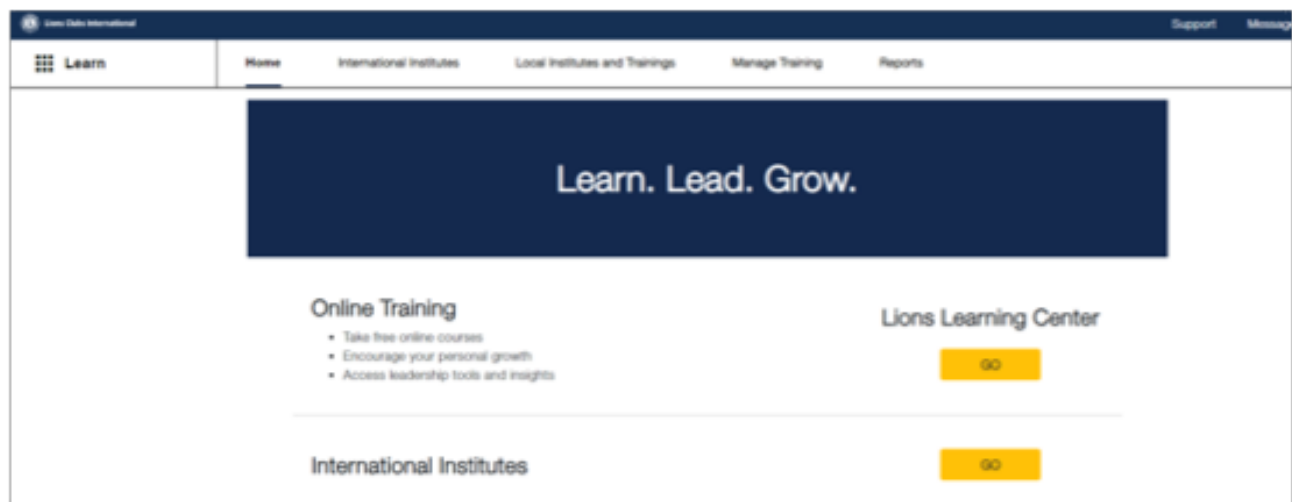
•GUIDELINES FOR EVERY *LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT*

•The beginning of learning about the role of Lions Club Vice President and President can be found at LCI - lionsclubs.org 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