



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Service From the  of Texas!

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Celebrating a Month of Connection and Service:

I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by family, friends, and the people who bring joy to your life. This season always reminds me how grateful I am for the Lions of District 2-A2 and the incredible service you provide to our communities.



Over the past month, I had the pleasure of visiting the San Antonio Postal Lions Club, the San Antonio Alamo Heights Lions Club, and the Comfort Lions Club. I love seeing smaller clubs working together to make an even greater impact. I was excited to learn that the Postal and Alamo Heights Lions were looking to join forces with the UIW Lions Club on a recruiting event at the Rosenberg School of Optometry—an excellent example of collaboration in action. The Comfort Lions Club also sets a strong example through their ongoing partnership with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center to support the bloodmobile. During my visit, I had the honor of inducting Lion Michael Barrow, who previously served as a Lion in Alaska—welcome back to service, Lion Michael!



As we head deeper into the holiday season, several important service opportunities are on the horizon. [Wreaths Across America](#) will take place on December 13th, and I will be participating at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. I invite Lions across the district to take part in this moving tribute. Additionally, PDG Chris Lloyd will be seeking volunteers to staff the MESU at the H-E-B Feast of Sharing on December 20th—another wonderful opportunity to serve.

For clubs pursuing the [Club Excellence Award](#), please remember that the next Week of Service—focused on hunger—is scheduled for January 3–11. More information on the [Weeks of Service](#) initiative can be found on the Lions Clubs International website.

As we approach both the end of the calendar year and the midpoint of our 2025–2026 Lions year, please take time to update your club rosters. This is essential to ensure accurate billing and avoid charges for members who are no longer active. Club treasurers should continue logging into the Lion Portal regularly to retrieve statements and remain current on paying LCI dues.

I also encourage you not to miss the opportunity to recognize the dedicated Lions who have served faithfully for 15 years or more. Nominations are open for the **Herb Petry Hall of Fame** and the **Mike Butler Ambassador of Service** Awards. For guidance on submitting candidates, please reach out to PDG Sam Pantusa at lsrf.sam@gmail.com.

We are also excited to begin work on establishing a new *UTSA campus club*. If you have children or grandchildren attending UTSA who may be interested in leadership development, project management experience, and community service, please connect them with me or FVDG Jeffrey

Finally, mark your calendars for the **Mid-Winter Conference** in Fredericksburg on January 16th and 17th. We are honored to welcome International Director candidate Lion John Landrum from the Waxahachie Lions Club as one of our guest speakers. The weekend will feature a pop-up service project—this one focused on hunger—and a town hall discussion dedicated to membership growth. Please keep an eye on your email for registration details coming soon.

I wish each of you a joyful, peaceful holiday season. In the words of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*: **"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."**

Thank you for all you do, Lions of District 2-A2. Let's carry that spirit forward into the new year.

With pride and gratitude,

Lion Nanette

District Governor

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

Mid-Winter Conference	January 16-17th	Fredericksburg, Texas
District Convention	April 10-11th	Eagle Pass, Texas
MD-2 Texas State Convention	May 28th-30th	Odessa, Texas

Club and Other Events:

Hunger Week of Service	January 3rd-11th	LCI
LSRF Valentine's Game Night	February 14th	St. Gregory's Catholic San Antonio, Texas
LSRF Stride for Sight	March 28th	Commanche Park San Antonio, Texas
Environment Week Of Service	April 18th-26th	LCI

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

Obituary – Lion Floyd Diagle - January 3, 1951 – November 13, 2025:



After an extensive and difficult hospital stay, at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, the Cajun Boy Lion Floyd earned his wings on November 13, 2025, and went to meet all of his family and friends in the presence of Our Lord.

Floyd was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana into a large and loving family of nine children. During his adult years, Lion Floyd made his permanent home in San Antonio and

immediately became involved in many of the larger community service areas dedicated to support various non-profit organizations.

Floyd was the most active in the Lions Club. He served as a member of Lions Clubs International for many years as a member and officer in both the La Vernia Lions Club and the San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club. Throughout his years of service, he was always willing to take on many responsibilities and because of his dedication he was elected to serve as “Boss Lion” of both clubs. With his “Go To” attitude, Lion Floyd was quickly sought out by the Lions Leadership to support roles at both the District and State levels always supporting the Lions Motto of “We Serve”. He became a singular support system to assist the Lion Leaders of District 2-A2 and MD-2 Texas through IT services.

With his love of history, another area of involvement he enjoyed was his work and support as a volunteer with the Professional Tour Guide Association of San Antonio. Floyd was always very generous with his time helping everyone with computer and internet technology. He also loved to show his artistic side and would create keepsake items for people to show his love and affection. Outside of his very extensive volunteer service, Floyd was a dedicated employee, for many years, of the Ricos Food Product Company in San Antonio working in their IT department.

He is survived by his best friend Ruben M. Flores and Ruben's family; Charlene, Ronald, Shia, Devon, Shanne Tirona; Floyd's sisters, Benita Ball (Brian) Randall, Louisa (Allen) Carter, Claudette Allen, Lovie (Bruce) Landis and Janell (Neil) Barber; brothers, Curt (Deborah) Daigle, and René Daigle, nieces; Connie, Rane, Celeste, nephews; Bill, Benjamin, Kyle, Austin, his Lions Club family and close friend, Barbara Bell. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Marchand Daigle; father, Floyd Joseph Daigle Sr.; grandparents, Lena and Eusebe Daigle and Nita and Joseph Marchand; brother, John Wayne Daigle; brothers-in-law, Bill Ball and Ronnie Allen.

The family would like to extend their deepest thanks to the compassionate team at the Methodist Hospital for their excellent care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lion Floyd's honor to the Lions Sight Research Foundation of District 2-A2, 4502 Centerview Drive, Suite 120, San Antonio, Texas 78228

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Floyd will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas.

Note From Lion Jeffrey Almoney, Our First Vice District Governor:

As the year winds down and the glow of twinkling lights begins to brighten our homes and neighborhoods, we are reminded of the true spirit of this special season. It offers us a chance to slow down, step away from the fast pace of daily life, and reflect on the joy, kindness, and togetherness that define this time of year.

Christmas encourages us to give generously—not only with beautifully wrapped gifts, but through acts of compassion, service, and love. For those celebrating Hanukkah, it marks a time to honor the enduring miracle of light and the strength of faith. For those observing Kwanzaa, it is a celebration of unity, heritage, and the principles that strengthen families and communities. Each tradition is unique, yet all share a common thread: hope, appreciation, and a deep sense of connection.

This season also serves as a meaningful reminder of our mission as Lions Club members. As Lions, we carry the spirit of giving throughout the entire year. Whether we are supporting families in need, hosting community events, fundraising for important causes, or offering a helping hand wherever it is needed, our service reflects the heart of the season. Together, we bring light, hope, and compassion to others—making our communities better one act of kindness at a time.

No matter how you celebrate—gathering around a Christmas tree, lighting the menorah, recognizing the seven principles of Kwanzaa, sharing a holiday meal, or simply appreciating the quiet beauty of winter—may this season fill your heart with peace and your days with joy. As we move into a new year, may we continue to embrace generosity, service, and goodwill, creating a positive impact in the lives of those around us.

Wishing you a warm and meaningful holiday season—Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa—and a bright, joyful year ahead!

In service and friendship,

Lion Jeffrey

First Vice District Governor
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Note From Lion Joseph Guerra, Our Second Vice District Governor:

Hello Lions of District 2A-2,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving as we prepare to go into the holiday season. For many of us it is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past six months. As we approach the end of the calendar year and the midpoint of our Lion's year, let's look at what has been accomplished over the past six months.

Membership and Club Growth in District 2A2:

As you can see, we have 66 new members added but lost 47, giving us a net growth of 19 or 1.31% positive growth.

The question is how do we stop the drops? Some of the drops are not possible because we are aging clubs and that is inevitable. The drops that hurt the most are those active members who have become dissatisfied with the club and do not feel included or unable to participate due to other reasons. I cannot answer easily - this all falls back to club member communication and interaction. We each must decide how best to address these situations. If you need me to try and assist you, I am available at your service.

Membership Goal: +166 new members with a net gain of +25

Stretch Membership Goal: +25 new members/month

Month	Total Membership	Members Added Since 7/1/25	Members Dropped Since 7/1/25	Net Gain Since 7/1/25
July	1,440	13	9	4
August	1,450	29	15	14
September	1,449	36	23	13
October	1,455	44	25	19
November	1,455	66	47	19
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				

Clubs with Net Gain since 7/1/2025:

- Boerne +1
- Converse +1
- Devine +4
- Eagle Pass Border +1
- Helotes +3
- Kerrville Host +10
- Leakey +2
- SA Autism +2
- SA Edgewood +1
- San Antonio First Ladies +2
- SA Founder +2
- SA Highland Hills +3
- SA Northside +2
- SA Windcrest +5
- Utopia +4
- Uvalde +1

Extension (New Clubs):

	Goal	Stretch Goal	Actuals to Date
Regular Club	3		0
Campus Club			0
Leo Club			0
Branch Club		2	0

New Clubs:

- None to date
- Potential new clubs: Korean
- Specialty, Harper, UTSA, Ingram

Club Visits:

I had the pleasure of attending the Central Park Lions club meeting on November 18th. It was a great time. Lion Maria Guerra spoke as well as I about the need for Service and membership, Our hats off to the Central Park Lions for running a very efficient and thorough meeting, with a lot of fellowship.

Lion Joe

Second Vice District Governor

Joseph Guerra

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The PID Mike Butler Ambassador of Service Award - Nominations



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

NOTICE - District 2-A2 Hall of Fame Nominations



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 17, 2026.

**Please forward all Resolutions to:
PCC Michael "Mike" Rourke,
Chairman, District 2-A2 Hall of Fame Committee at:
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.

Note From Lion Josh Overfelt – District 2-A2 LCIF Coordinator

I hope your summer was good and you are looking forward to real fall weather, not “False Fall” we are getting ready to experience.

This Lion Year, I am serving as the District 2-A2 LCIF Coordinator. My job is to let clubs know about the importance of LCIF and what it has to offer our organization. A brief history and description of the Foundation is as follows:

“The story of LCIF is epic filled with unlimited compassion and tireless support of Lions service. Founded in 1968, the mission of LCIF is to:

"Empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding."

“For more than 50 years, we’ve dedicated our energies to increasing the ability of Lions everywhere, helping them empower the communities they serve. With every grant we give, our history grows, along with the impact of Lions. Today, we couldn’t be more proud of where we stand, or more excited about the future of our work.” – LCIF Website

When a Lion thinks of LCIF we tend to think of disaster response and aid. This is a major part of the LCIF mission. On July 4, 2025, the Guadalupe River went on a historic flash flood rise in the early morning hours, devastating communities along the river from Hunt, Kerrville, Center Point, and Comfort. The rain system also inundated San Angelo and the area of Leander and its surrounding area. Within hours of the waters receding LCIF Area leaders and Coordinators for 3 districts began applying for emergency grants. MD2 was awarded a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, and 2-A2 was awarded an immediate emergency grant for \$15,000. The governors from the affected areas will manage these grants as the rebuilding effort begins.

These grants are made possible via your donations to LCIF. You can make personal donations, or your club can make one in the club's name. Personal donations will also earn you credits towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. Clubs that donate and accrue over \$1,000 in donations will be eligible to give those fellowships as well. Any amount helps, as every dollar goes back to those in need. Not to a CEO or advertising but to those who need it. That is what makes our Foundation unique. If interested in donating, you can donate here:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

I am available to come speak to your clubs about LCIF if you have any questions. Please get ahold of me at the info below.

Lion Josh

LCIF Coordinator

Josh Overfelt

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Note From Lion Marlene Patton – Global Service Team

SERVICE FROM THE OF TEXAS

We know why we serve – because there is a need! Service is at the core of who we are as Lions. For over 100 years, we've been driven by a simple but powerful belief: kindness matters, and we have a responsibility to help those in need. We don't just talk about problems—we take action. When we see hunger, we feed people. When we see blindness, we provide vision care. When we see communities struggling after disaster, we rebuild. We're problem-solvers who step up wherever there's a need.



The power of Lions lies in our community. When compassionate, like-minded people gather together, beautiful things happen. District 2-A2 Lions Clubs prove that together, Lions can accomplish extraordinary things. Whether your club is laying wreaths at soldiers' graves, wrapping gifts for underprivileged children, feeding the hungry in your community, buying eyeglasses for a working mom who can't afford to replace her broken lens; or raising funds for a new fire engine at your volunteer fire department. – every single act of service brings hope to someone in need.



But serving isn't just good for our communities—it's transformative for us personally. When we volunteer, we grow as people and become part of something bigger than ourselves.

That's why we serve—because we know it works. As our motto reminds us: **"Where there's a need, there's a Lion."**

But why do we report our service? (Hint: It is not because we like to brag. Well, okay, I admit I like to brag about District 2-A2 service but that is just me. 😊) Here are some other reasons:

Service Reporting Matters: Amplifying Our Impact. As Lions and Leos, we know that service is at the heart of who we are. But did you know that when we report our service, we're doing so much more than just filling out a form? We're telling the story of our collective impact and inspiring others to join our mission.

Service Reporting Creates Transparency:

When we report our service activities in the Lion Portal, we create a clear picture of the difference we're making. Our reputation as a leader in global humanitarian service depends on accurate reporting by our clubs. This data shows donors, partners, and potential members exactly how we're serving our communities and the world.

Real Benefits for Your Club: Reporting service isn't just good for Lions International—it **benefits your club directly:**



- **Celebrate your impact**– See the tangible difference your club is making
- **Inspire new members**– Potential Lions are drawn to clubs making a visible difference
- **Guide your leadership**– Data helps leaders make informed decisions about future service
- **Earn recognition** – Clubs that report become eligible for awards like the Kindness Matters Service Award and Excellence Awards

Measuring What Matters: Measuring our service impact is often straightforward. If your club hosts a diabetes educational event, count attendees and volunteers. If you clean a park or hold a fundraising dinner, report it. Every activity counts, and every report strengthens our collective voice.

Who Should Report? Service chairpersons typically lead reporting, but many clubs have their club secretary or president handle it. Some clubs appoint an administrator or have their district IT chairperson assist. The key is knowing who's responsible, so your club receives the benefits. Get started today. We recommend reporting service activities in the Lion Portal as soon as possible after completing them. If you need help, contact your zone chair or call/email me. Check out the [Service Activity Information](#) resource for guidance on global causes and project types.



The Bottom Line: Service reporting shows what we really do as Lions and Leos. It persuades donors and partners. It gives our members a boost to see the value we provide. It helps us ROAR. Let's make sure everyone knows what 2-A2s Service from the Heart of Texas is all about.

Please remember that the next **Week of Service**—focused on hunger—is

scheduled for January 3–11. Perform a hunger related service project during this week report it to the portal, to stay in the running for the Club Excellence Award. .



If you see your club in any of these photos, see me in January in Fredericksburg for your service pin! And don't forget to contribute to the service pop-up in January! A list of items needed is included in this newsletter. More info coming soon!

ROAR from Lion Marlene, proudly serving as District 2-A2 GST

Lion Marlene

Lion Marlene Patton
District 2-A2 GST
210-393-7383

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**THE FENCE IS UP!
TREES ARRIVE
ON SATURDAY.**

LIAS TREES

Hours of Operation
November 29th - December 10th
(see wall behind desk)

Sunday: 10am - 7pm
Monday - Friday: 4pm - 7pm
Saturday: 9am - 7pm
December 10th: CLOSED

Greenbriar Shopping Center on Plank Road

Texas Lions Camp - 2026 Camp Dates, Bed Replacement – Lion Ann Ward

The Texas Lions Camp Executive Committee approved the 2026 Summer Camp schedule at its Nov. 7 meeting, and we are thrilled to be able to offer children with special medical needs the opportunity to experience the “can do” philosophy we follow! Camp kicks off on May 31 for three weeks of residential camp for children ages 7 to 15 with physical disabilities. Those weeks are followed by Camp David, which is open to children with Down syndrome who are ages 12 to 16. Two weeks of camp for Type 1 diabetic children ages 8 to 15 will be offered the weeks of June 28 and July 5. Camp David, for children with cancer or in remission, will be July 12-17. Camp concludes with two sessions of family camp during each of the weeks July 19-25 and July 26-31.

Online registration opens on Jan. 5, and I encourage all Lions to promote the summer schedule and recruit campers! Be sure you post a link to the [camp's website](#) on your club's website, Facebook and other social media platforms.

If you follow TLC on Facebook or have visited TLC's website, you know that the demolition of bunkhouses 2, 3, 4 & 5 has reduced TLC's capacity by 250 beds. However, the Executive Committee has approved an exciting plan that seeks to replace 140 beds. Not only that, but these replacements are also anticipated to be ready for the summer of 2026!

Our plan seeks to use the footprints from the old bunkhouses, which means the pads are prepped and equipped with utilities. Best of all, our plan is consistent with the Master Plan that was adopted in 2018 and will ultimately result in achieving the third of four planned camping nodes.

These are exciting times for Texas Lions Camp, and I hope you will plan to attend the semi-annual board meeting Feb. 6-7 in Kerrville. President/CEO Stephen Mabry will share more details about our plan for capital expansion and our upcoming summer session. Let's build on the momentum from last summer when pre-COVID numbers were almost reached!

This year, we must work extra-hard to recruit campers and overcome fears associated with the July 4th floods in Kerrville. Lions can assure parents that TLC is not on the river, was never in any danger from the July 4th flood as it is situated safely more than 1,500 feet above the Guadalupe river basin. Safety-related improvements – beyond the American Camp Association’s accreditation requirements which we have followed for decades – are being made to comply with state regulations which are scheduled for release in January.

Reach out to special education teachers, school nurses, pediatricians, children’s hospitals, etc. Let’s spotlight the camper opportunities available at Texas Lions Camp in summer 2026!

Remember to sign up for Work Days – March 7, March 28 and May 2 – and come see all the changes at TLC! Register online at www.lionscamp.com – under Get Involved!

Thanks in advance for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for Texas Lions Camp!

Lion Ann

Lion Ann Ward
2025-26 Chair, Texas Lions Camp Board
lionannward@gmail.com

Texas Lions Camp – Demolition of Bunkhouse

It's gone! Bunkhouse #3 was one of the first demolished, opening up an incredible view to the southwest toward the Guadalupe River. This clean pad will be the future site of exciting things to come!



Mid-Winter Meeting – Food Bank Blessing Bags



You might be surprised to learn that the greater Fredericksburg area has families that are food insecure, but it's true. Approximately 65% of the FISH population lives in poverty. Our hard-working families contribute to the success of our hotels, restaurants, and VRBO's, but they struggle to live comfortably in one of the most expensive communities in Texas. We're creating **Blessing Bags** filled with nutritious and fun food items to help them thrive. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, can bring a smile to a child's face and ease their worries about having enough to eat.

What to Donate

Healthy Snacks

- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Trail mix
- Applesauce pouches
- Crackers
- Nuts/Seeds
- Dried fruit
- Etc.

Meal Items

- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Instant oatmeal
- Mac and cheese cups
- Juice boxes
- Etc.

*Please ensure all items are **non-perishable, individually packed, kid-friendly, and have expiration dates at least 6 months out. No Bulk Items.***

Drop-Off Information

Location: The Mid-Winter Conference held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 110 West Austin Street, Fredericksburg TX

Dates: January 17th, 2026

Thank you for your generosity and support! Together, we can nourish our community's children.

The Impact of Your Contribution

By donating to our Blessing Bags for Kids program, you are directly impacting the well-being of children in our community who may be experiencing food insecurity. Your contribution helps to:

- Provide nutritious meals and snacks to children in need.
- Reduce stress and anxiety related to hunger.
- Support children's overall health and development.
- Show children that they are cared for and supported by their community.

Next Steps

1. **Gather your donations:** Collect non-perishable food items that are kid-friendly and have a long shelf life. Ask friends and family to contribute!
2. **Bring the items to the Mid-Winter Conference.**
3. **The Lions attending the Mid-Winter Conference will help pack the bags with the various items! What a fun and meaningful project to do together!**

Thank you again for your support!



VALENTINE Games Night

Saturday, February 14, 2026

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.lionssightresearch.org - "DONATIONS" Tab

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

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



Sweetheart Raffle

gift card giveaway

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

1st Prize \$ 5,000 - 2nd Prize \$ 1,000 - 3rd Prize \$ 500
4th & 5th Prizes \$ 250/each



Valentine Games Night and the Sweetheart Raffle are fundraising elements of the 2026 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

Announcing the Kick off of the
2026 Save Our Sight / Stride for Sight Campaign
to Benefit the Projects of your
Lions Sight Research Foundation



Sweetheart Raffle

gift card giveaway

5 Chances to WIN

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

See "Donations" tab: "Raffle"

Checks made payable to: Lions Sight Research Foundation

For information: Lion Sam at lsrf.sam@gmail.com or (210) 326 3915

Proceeds benefit the Lions Sight Research Foundation

Drawing Feb 14, 2026 at "Valentine Games Night"

need not be present to win

**SPECIAL
OFFER
FOR YOU**

EARN ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET

For Every 5 That You Help Us Distribute

Contact Lion Sam for details



San Antonio Northside Lions Club – Collecting Pantry Items



OUR MOTTO -
WE SERVE



SCAN TO CONTACT US

*The Northside Lions Club as part of the
Community Partners of Larkspur Elementary
are collecting pantry items*

Dry Beans

Dry Rice

Vermicelli

Mac &
Cheese

Ramen

Men's 3 in 1
Body Wash

Pancake
Mix

Individual
Cereal Cups

Almond
Butter

Jelly

Peanut
Butter

We invite you to drop off items and donations to us at



PRESS COFFEE @ The Enclave
11103 West Ave., Suite 302 San Antonio, Tx 78213

**September 27th, October 25th
November 22nd, December 27th**

9:00 to 11:00 am

Do you have eye glasses sitting in a drawer or closet that you don't wear anymore? Or a box or bag of glasses you've been storing for too long?

Please bring them to donate to our state-wide eye glass recycling center so someone in need can receive the gift of clear sight



Texas Lions Camp
Lions Low Vision Center
Vision & Diabetes Screening
**WHERE THERE'S A NEED,
THERE'S A LION**

For more information about donations, membership, and volunteer opportunities, please visit us at: <https://sanorthsidelions.org/>

or please contact:

Lion Chuck Pantusa
Chuck.Pantusa@gmail.com

210-275-2685 mobile

Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club – Busy Month of November

Following the July 4th flood our club was boots to the ground, starting July 7th with flood relief clean-up efforts, we held an unplanned meeting and found we all agreed that we needed to work together to help families impacted by the floods. Starting with distribution of our flood relief surveys in areas hard hit, including Hunt, Ingram and Kerrville.

We have established the **Kerrville Sunrise Lions Foundation**, (July 27th) and obtained 501c3 status to assist with applications for grant monies from various sources who have received funding since the floods.



To this day, we have independently fundraised **\$85,000** through private donations, most outside of District 2A. We have applied to the Community Foundation of Hill Country, which received much of the monies for the Hill Country in the height of the flood. We also have applied to the Kerrville Host Lions Club Foundation, which received Lion monies



We were graciously provided with an in kind donation of linens from a Brenham based business, and provided bedding, (comforters, sheets, blankets) kitchen and bath towels and cloths to our families. Due to the overwhelming response, we received one additional in kind donation of additional linens from a club member and also purchased bedding sets providing these items to nearly 30+ of our families who were in need.

Since that day we have received 69 survey responses. We have hosted 20+ shopping days to various local stores including Belk, Gibsons, Walmart and Home Depot offering flood impacted families items that they need to assist with rebuilding at that particular time, from anything like clothing, shoes, towels, bedding, luggage bags, dry wall, boots, belts, to kitchen appliances, water heaters and various repair tools. Of the \$85,000, we have spent over \$50,000 immediately giving back to the families directly impacted.



In October we also received over 60 quilts from Poppy N Sew Quilt shop out of Georgetown Texas, as we were able to provide our flood relief families with an additional source of comfort, providing gorgeous made quilts to provide comfort and warmth with the change of weather.

Our most recent shopping day, was held on November 26th, the day before Thanksgiving in which we were able to assist 4 families with purchasing cold weather clothing, items for thanksgiving dinner and other supplies their family needs to help with rebuilding.



Lastly, on November 22nd we hosted a free burger day in Hunt, serving 150 burgers, chips and drinks to families and workers serving the Hunt community. We served between 11-1:00pm prior to running out of our burgers. At this event we were also able to register 5 additional families to receive assistance from our club, immediately providing them with bedding, kitchen towels, bath towels and their own quilt for warmth as our weather starts to chill.

We are also helping flood impacted families by paying to store their salvaged items and cover the cost of a storage unit for up to one year during this rebuilding phase. Currently we have 7 families who are using storage units offered by the club, supporting three local businesses in Kerrville and Ingram as well. Storage for these salvaged items are in addition to the \$1,000 aid the family has received and will cost about \$8,000/year for the units we currently have secured.

We look forward to continuing to serve our flood impacted families as they prepare for their first Christmas since the flood, with many requesting assistance with replacing Christmas decor and items lost in the flood.

Del Rio Host Lions Club – 2025 Veteran’s Appreciation Luncheon

The Del Rio Civic Center was filled with gratitude, fun, and the unmistakable spirit of community as the Del Rio Host Lions Club hosted the **2025 Veterans Appreciation Luncheon** – a heartfelt tribute to our nation’s heroes that has become a cherished tradition since 2014.

More than **300 veterans, families, and supporters** gathered for an afternoon of ceremony, a delicious meal, music, and the most generous raffle giveaways in the event’s history.

A Mountain of Generosity: Over \$2,000 in Prizes Donated

Lion **Gloria Klasen** once again proved why she’s a local legend, collecting **more than \$2,000 worth of prizes** from generous businesses across Val Verde County. Thanks to her efforts and the incredible support of local merchants, attendees walked away with:

190 gifts raffled exclusively for veterans

- **6 grand prizes** reserved for our heroes
- Public raffle highlights including:
 - \$500 gift certificate
 - \$250 gift certificate
 - \$100 gift card
 - Three \$50 gift cards
 - 50-inch TV
 - BBQ grill, cover, utensils, and bags of charcoal

All Hands-on Deck: A True Community Effort

This year’s luncheon showcased Del Rio at its finest, with **every Lions Club in town** rolling up their sleeves:

- Del Rio Host Lions Club
- San Felipe Lions Club
- Amistad Lions Club
- Lady Educators Lions Club

They were joined by the **Del Rio Rotary Club, Elks Club, local law enforcement, city officials, Scouts Troop 255, and Pastor David Nelson**, who offered a moving invocation.

Val Verde County and local service clubs funded the meal, while businesses stepped up with spectacular door prizes that kept the excitement going all afternoon.

A Tradition That Keeps Growing

“What a blessing to see so many smiling veteran faces,” said President Treviño. “This event belongs to our entire community – from the donors to the volunteers to every veteran who served. We’re already looking forward to making next year even bigger.”

The Del Rio Host Lions Club extends its deepest gratitude to every sponsor, volunteer, and attendee who made the 2025 Veterans Appreciation Luncheon an overwhelming success.

To our veterans: Thank you for your service. This day – and every day – belongs to you.

See you in 2026! us 🐘



Del Rio Host Lions Club President Alfonso Treviño served as the energetic MC, keeping the crowd engaged while providing the sound system and a playlist that had veterans tapping their feet between raffle calls





San Antonio Hosts LCICON 2030 – Host Committee Chair Lion Josh Overfelt



<https://sanantonio2030.org/>

Fellow Lions of 2-A2,

Hopefully, you know by now that in less than 5 years, 2-A2 will become the epicenter of all things Lions Clubs International when San Antonio hosts LCICON 2030! That's right, for the first time in 40 years, the International Convention will return to Texas and be in our backyard!

I am serving as the Chair for the LCICON 2030 Host Committee, the group in charge of organizing and pulling off this monumental task. Over the next 5 years, our committee will be fundraising, bringing awareness of the event, and signing up volunteers for the convention. At this time, we are kicking off our fundraising sales with some very unique collector items.

Every Lion year, beginning in July, we will release a new collector pin. When the set is complete, it will spell TEXAS. Each pin will be \$25, or if you don't want to wait, you can purchase the entire set at once for \$100 now and proudly show off your support.

For our clubs, we will be selling a Sponsor/Supporter Banner Patch that your club can purchase. Every Lion year, beginning in July, we will release a new section of the patch. When the set is complete, it will create a full image. Each patch piece will be \$250, or if your club wants to purchase the entire set, it will be \$1000. Several clubs around the state have purchased the entire at once. These patches are limited.

We also have sponsor pins for those who also wish to make a financial donation to the Convention. Depending on your donation, you will receive a Bronze, Silver, or Gold pin that you can proudly wear to show your support of LCICON 2030 San Antonio.

Our website is slowly coming online, so check back for more info.

I am including the order forms for the three items talked about above. Please return an order form digitally to lcicon2030sanantonio@gmail.com or mail the form along with a check or cashier's check made out to LCICON 2030 Host Committee to the following address:

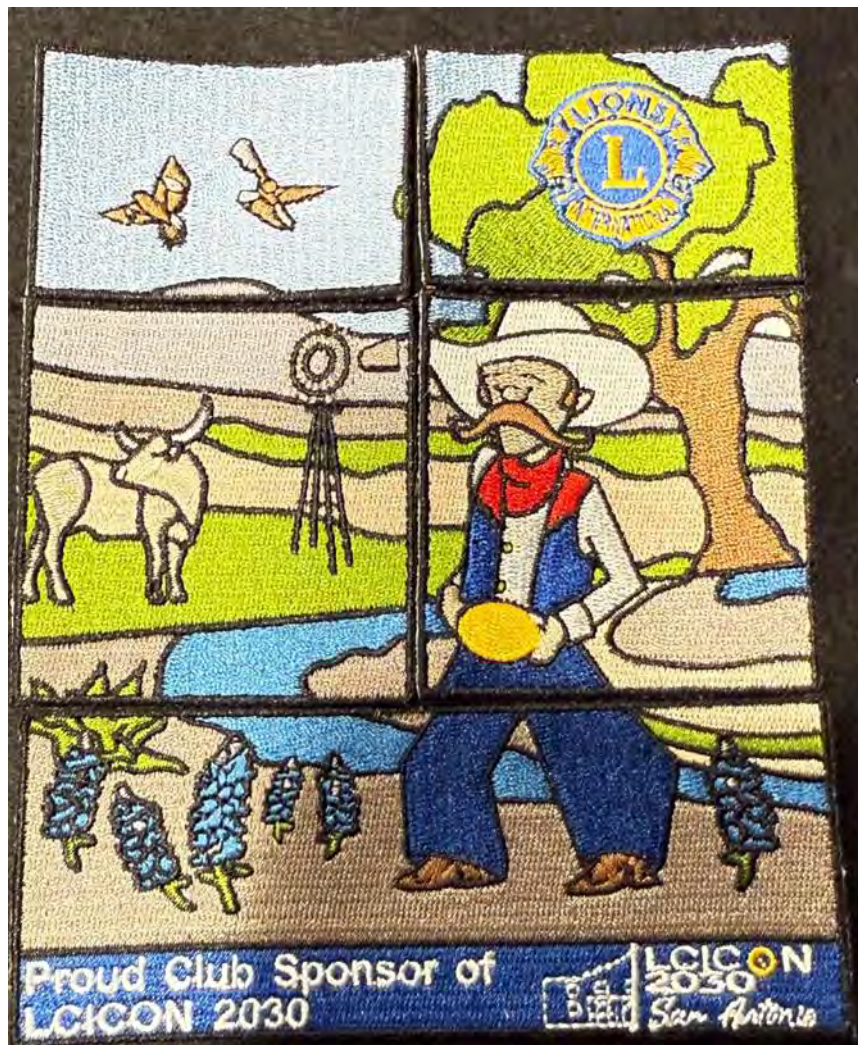
LCICON 2030 Host Committee
c/o Josh Overfelt
101 Lilac Lane
Del Rio, Texas 78840

I am including some pictures of the pins and patches so you can get a visual of what they look like.

A huge thank you for supporting LCICON 2030 San Antonio

Lion Josh

LCICON Host Committee Chair
Josh Overfelt
josh.overfelt@gmail.com



LCICON 2030 San Antonio Commemorative Pin Set Pre-Order Form



T E X A S Pin Set	QTY	<input type="text"/>	X	\$100.00	=	<input type="text"/>
"T" Pin (1 of 5)	QTY	<input type="text"/>	X	\$25.00	=	<input type="text"/>
"E" Pin (2 of 5)	QTY	<input type="text"/>	X	\$25.00	=	<input type="text"/>
"X" Pin (3 of 5)	QTY	<input type="text"/>	X	\$25.00	=	<input type="text"/>
"A" Pin (4 of 5)	QTY	<input type="text"/>	X	\$25.00	=	<input type="text"/>
"S" Pin (5 of 5)	QTY	<input type="text"/>	X	\$25.00	=	<input type="text"/>
SHIPPING (YES OR NO)				\$5.00	=	<input type="text"/>
				TOTAL	=	<input type="text"/>

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY / ST / ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE #

Return a digital image of the completed form to lcicon2030sanantonio@gmail.com



LCICON 2030 San Antonio Individual Lion Sponsorship Form



BRONZE SPONSORS

Individual Sponsors Contributing Up To \$250.00

- Recognition on Convention Website being developed
- Recognition on MD2 produced convention materials
- Recognition at convention in 2030
- Bronze Commemorative Pin



SILVER SPONSORS

Individual Sponsors Contributing Up To \$500.00

- Recognition on Convention Website being developed
- Recognition on MD2 produced convention materials
- Recognition at convention in 2030
- Silver Commemorative Pin



GOLD SPONSORS

Individual Sponsors Contributing Over \$500.00

- Recognition on Convention Website being developed
- Recognition on MD2 produced convention materials
- Recognition at convention in 2030
- Gold Commemorative Pin

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / ST / ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE # _____

Return a digital image of the completed form to lcicon2030sanantonio@gmail.com



LCICON 2030 San Antonio MD2 Lions Club Sponsorship Form

Cowboy Patch Set	\$1,000.00	_____
Patch 1 of 5	\$250.00	_____
Patch 2 of 5	\$250.00	_____
Patch 3 of 5	\$250.00	_____
Patch 4 of 5	\$250.00	_____
Patch 5 of 5	\$250.00	_____
SHIPPING (YES OR NO)	\$5.00	_____
	TOTAL	_____

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB # _____

DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / ST / ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE # _____

Return a digital image of the completed form to lcicon2030sanantonio@gmail.com



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 lifebloods 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.

Century Club

Texas Lions Camp • PO Box 290247 • Kerrville, TX • 78029-0247
www.lionscamp.com • (830) 896-8500

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.

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

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 ___/___/___

Credit Card Payment information

MC Visa Discover Amount: \$ _____

CC#: _____ Exp.Date: ___/___ Yr ___/___/___ CVC _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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