



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 11 – May 2026

Service From the  of Texas!

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The Momentum Is Ours— Let's Finish Strong —

The gavel has passed and the new leadership team is ramping up for Lion Year 2026-2027.

Congratulations to DGE Jeffrey, 1VDGE Joe, and 2VDGE Lizz! You're going to have a great year! .



A big thank you to the Eagle Pass Border Lions - for hosting a truly memorable convention. From citywide banners to the warm welcome from Mayor Aaron Valdez and Judge Ramsey English Cantu, the message was clear: Lions are visible, valued, and vital to our communities.

And what a moment to celebrate excellence!

Congratulations go to the recipients of the PID Mike Butler Ambassador of Service Award, the Herb C Petry, Jr., Hall of Fame Award, the LCI Leadership Medal, and the LCI Presidential Medal:

- Ambassador of Service
 - Lion Denny Alvey (SA Central Park LC)
 - Lion Kendall Davison (Kerrville Host LC)
 - Lion Wally Jackson (SA Northwest LC)
 - Lion Don Khan (SA Northside LC)

- Hall of Fame
 - PDG Manny Carrillo (Del Rio Host LC)
 - Lion Pat Maguire (SA Central Park LC)

- Leadership Medal
 - Lion Maria Guerra (SA Edgewood LC)
 - Lion Marlene Patton (SA Windcrest LC)

- Presidential Medal
 - PDG Sam Pantusa (SA Northside LC)

Our award recipients represent the very best of Lionism—service, leadership, and commitment in action. Their example sets the bar for all of us, reminding us that impact is built one act of service at a time.

The LCI Environment Week of Service was April 18-26. To support this event, the district led workday service activity at Arboretum San Antonio brought together Lions of 7 clubs:

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| • SA Area Family: 19 Lions and Scouts | • SA Windcrest Lions: 3 Lions |
| • SA Edgewood Lions: 3 Lions | • SA Founder Lions: 2 Lions |
| • SA Highland Hills Lions: 3 Lions | • SA Northside: 2 Lions |
| | • SA West Side Lions: 2 Lions |

After former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, founder of this ambitious community project, welcomed us, our team made meaningful progress despite steady rain and dropping temperatures before weather conditions forced us to wrap up early. That’s what Lions do—we serve, regardless of conditions. Thank you to everyone who participated, and to Lion Steve Medina for planting the seed for this impactful project. This is how service grows: one idea, one invitation, one project at a time.

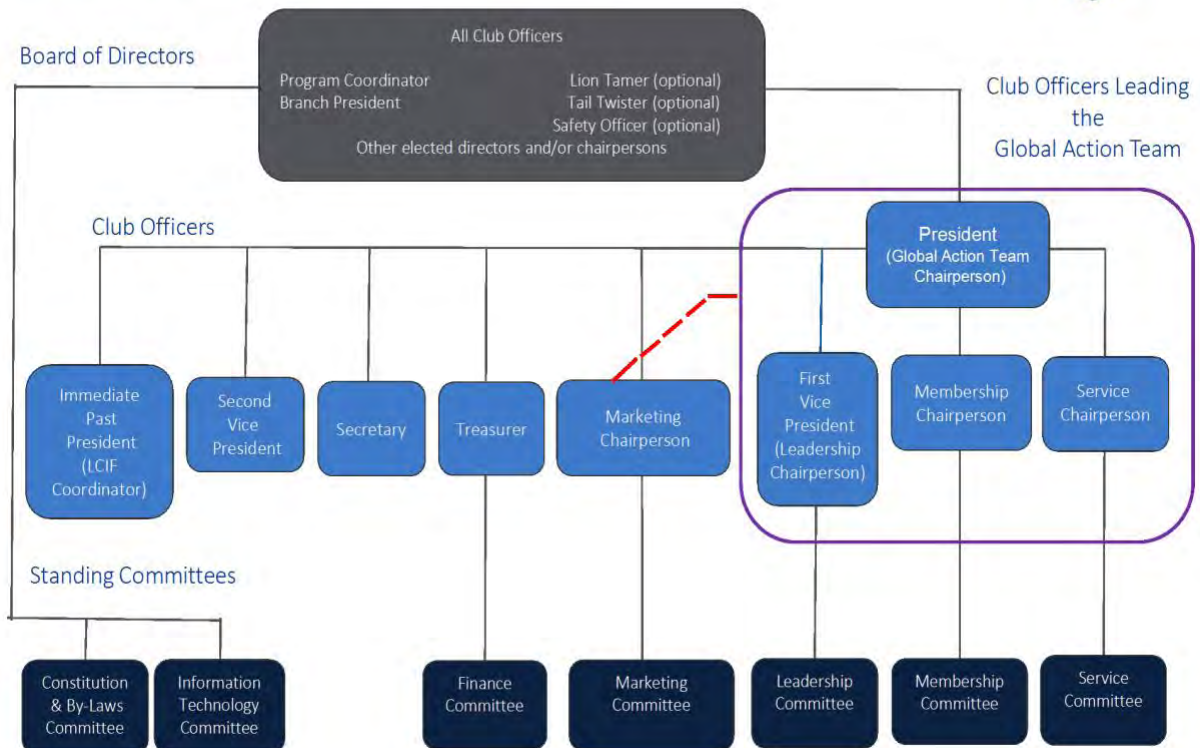
Completing an environment-related service activity between April 18 and April 26 was a requirement for the Service Excellence Award.

Also, a requirement for the Service Excellence Award is reporting newly elected 2026-2027 club officers in Lion Portal by May 15. Fourteen clubs have already done so:

- Bandera
- Boerne
- Del Rio Host
- Del Rio San Felipe
- Devine
- Fredericksburg
- Helotes
- Kerrville Heart o' the Hills
- SA Area Family
- SA Bexar Necessities
- SA Edgewood
- SA Guide Dogs of Texas
- SA Northwest
- Uvalde

As I was reviewing the club officer slates, it occurred to me that this might be a good time to remind everyone about the standard club structure:

Standard Club Structure

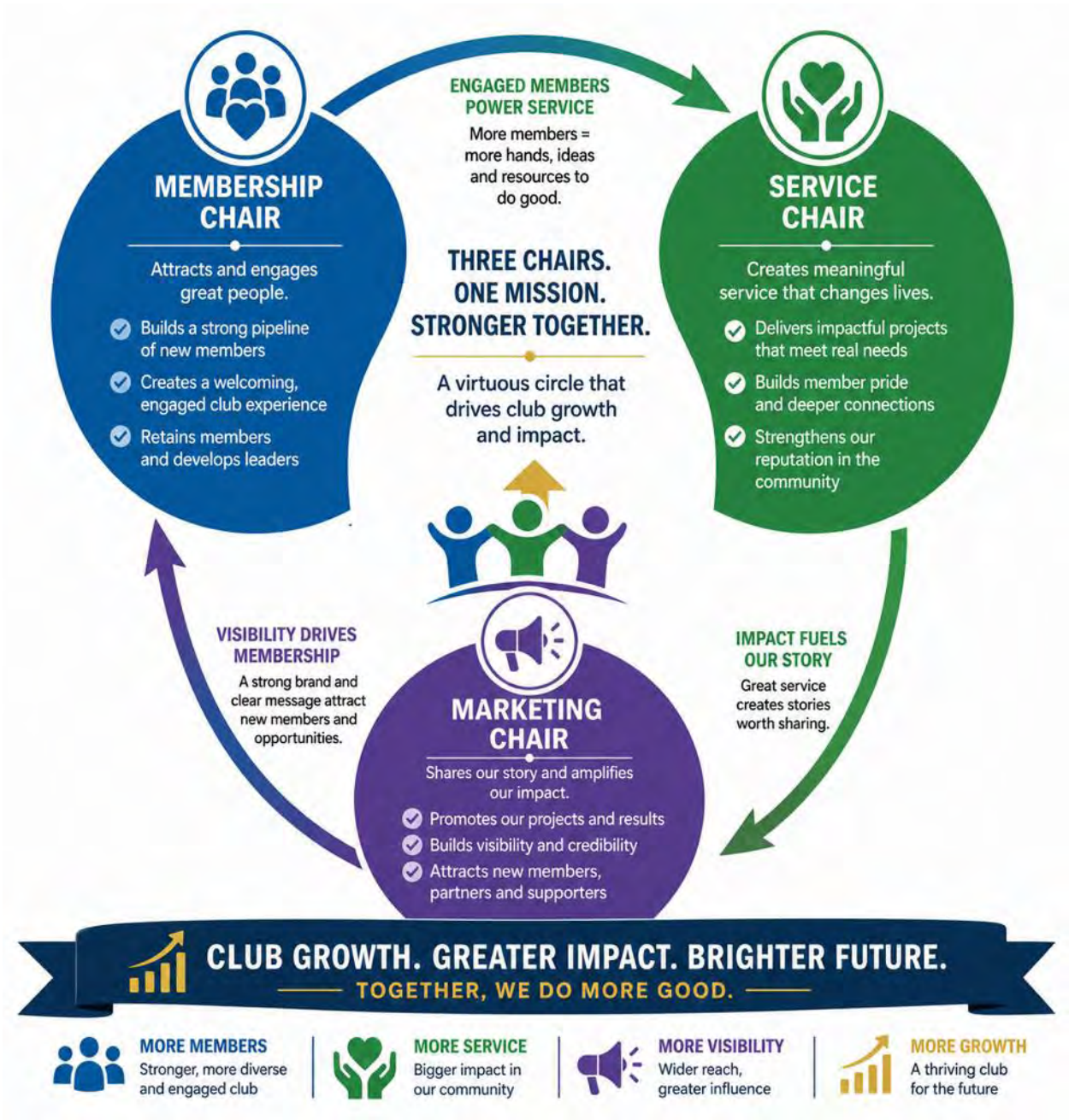


Strong clubs don't happen by accident. They are built with intention.

At the core of every thriving club is a simple but powerful engine:

- Membership Chair
- Service Chair
- Marketing Chair

Together, these roles create a virtuous circle:



As I reviewed the slates of the 14 clubs who have already reported their club officers in the Lion Portal, there was only one club that reported all the officers for the standard club structure—kudos to **SA Area Family LC!** Before submitting your officer slate, ensure you fill these critical roles of Membership Chair, Service Chair, and Marketing Chair. This is how we build not just clubs—but momentum.

As challenged by PCC Mike Rourke at the District Convention, the **“One More Lion by June 30”** campaign is underway. The goal of this campaign is simple: each club recruit just ONE new member before June 30, 2026. In the campaign launch, I committed to status reporting twice a month. Here’s our first status check from the April 11 kickoff:

⚡ First to Finish (Top 5 Early Achievers)

1. SA Autism – Completed on 4/12/26
2. Kerrville Host – Completed on 4/14/26
3. SA Area Family – Completed on 4/15/26
4. TBD – Completed on TBD
5. TBD – Completed on TBD



🏆 Clubs Achieving the Challenge (1+ New Member)

Club Name	New Members Added	Dates Joined
Kerrville Host	Lion Peggy Sundberg	4/14/26
SA Area Family	Lion Vanessa Agnew	4/15/26
SA Autism	Lion Ashley Lamb-Matlock	4/12/26
	Lion Chad Matlock	4/12/26

At the end of March, the district was at a net gain -17. Today, we are at -1. Now imagine what happens if every one of our 57 clubs brings in just one more Lion.

Guide Dogs of Texas “dog mom” Tilly is expecting her litter around May 4th—a special opportunity for hands-on service through puppy socialization. If you haven’t signed up before, now is the time to get registered and cleared so you’re ready to step in. Go [here](#) to start the process.

Our Texas Lions family is responding to an urgent need. On April 28, an EF-3 tornado tore through Mineral Wells leaving devastation in its wake. The tornado completely destroyed 14 homes, and two major employers suffered catastrophic losses. In the face of this hardship, the Mineral Wells Noon Lions Club is stepping up—and calling on Lions across Texas to do the same. When communities are at their lowest, Lions rise to meet the moment. If you are able, please consider supporting recovery efforts by contributing to the

Tornado Disaster Relief Fund:
Mineral Wells Noon Lions Club
C/O Tornado Disaster Relief Fund
P.O. Box 368
Mineral Wells, TX 76068

We have two months left in this Lion year.

Two months to **grow**.
Two months to **serve**.
Two months to **lead** with purpose.
The question isn't what can we do?
The question is what will we choose to do?
Let's finish strong—**together**

I am proud to serve alongside each of you.

Lion Nanette

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District 2-A2 2025-2026 Mission 1.5 Dashboard

EOM April 2026

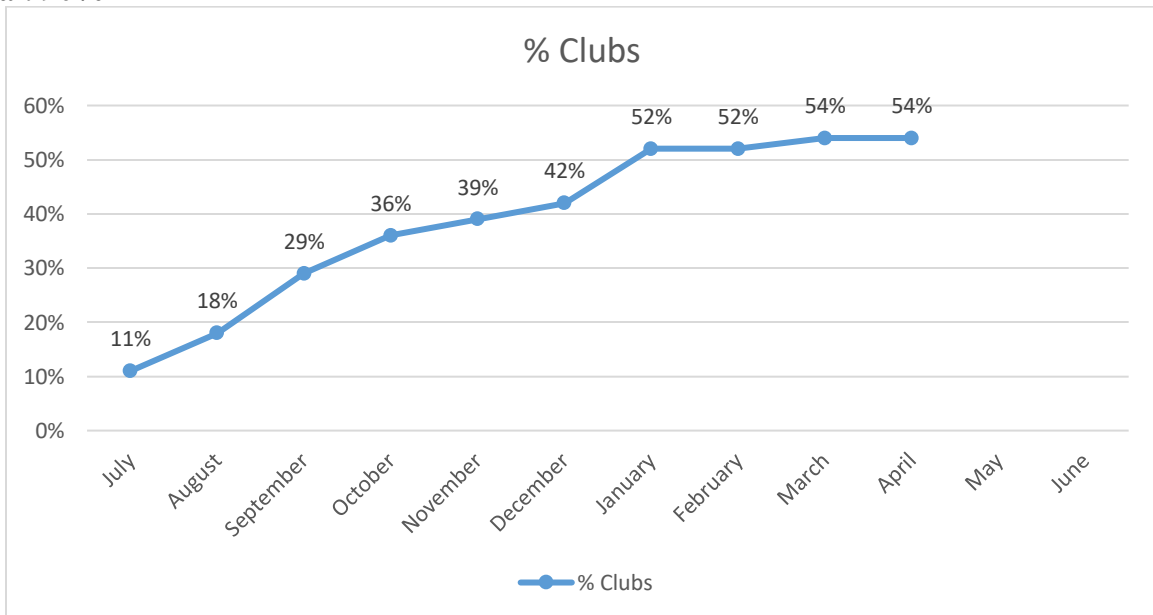
Service

Percentage of Clubs Reporting Service Activities Since 7/1/25: 54% (31 of 57 clubs)

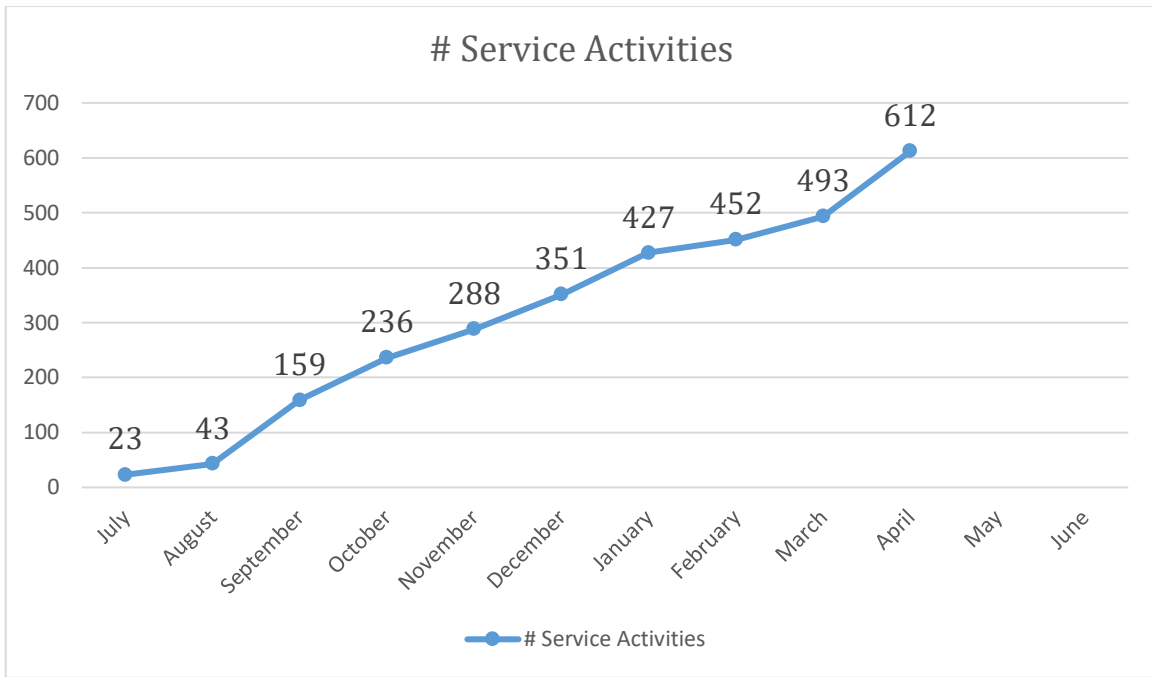
Percentage of Clubs Reporting Service Activities Last Year: 38%

- Bandera
- Kerrville Sunrise
- China Grove
- La Vernia
- Boerne
- Leakey
- Converse
- San Antonio Alamo Ranch
- Crystal City
- San Antonio Area Family
- Del Rio Host
- San Antonio Autism
- Del Rio Lady Educators
- San Antonio Bexar Necessities
- Del Rio San Felipe
- San Antonio Central Park
- Devine
- San Antonio Edgewood
- Eagle Pass Border
- San Antonio First Ladies
- Eagle Pass Evening
- San Antonio Founder
- Floresville
- San Antonio North SA Hills
- Fredericksburg
- San Antonio Northside
- Helotes
- San Antonio West Side
- Kerrville Heart o' the Hills
- San Antonio Windcrest
- Kerrville Host

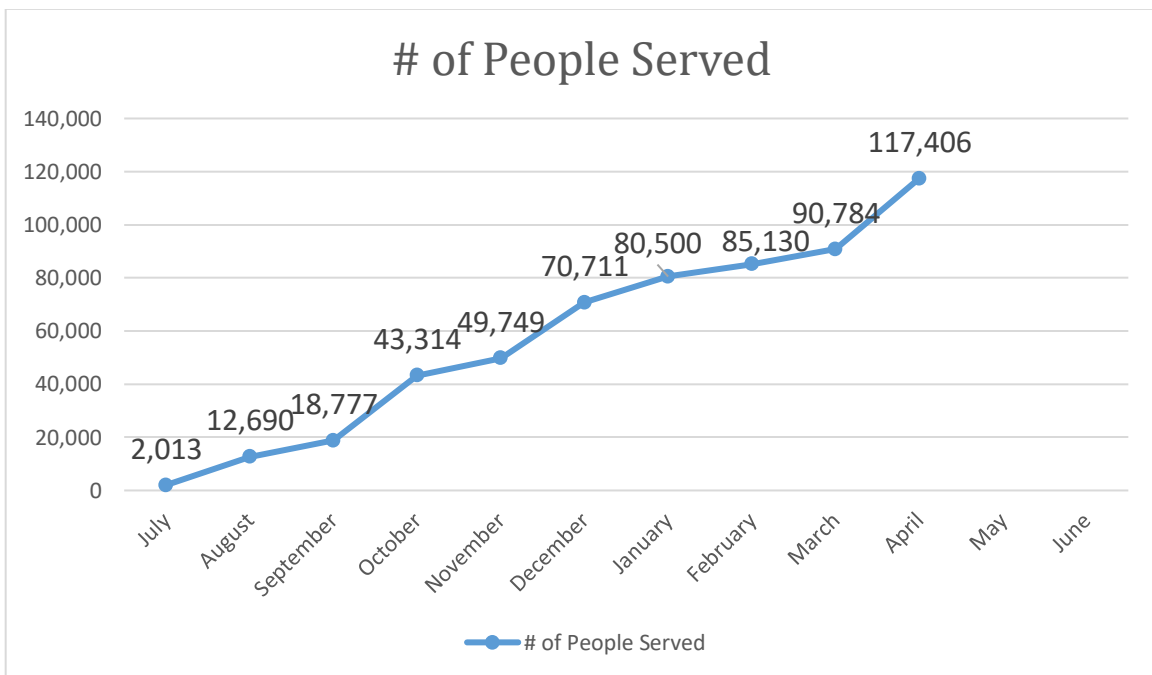
Goal: 90%



Number of Service Activities Reported Since 7/1/25: 612
Number of Service Activities Reported Last Year: 572



Number of People Served Since 7/1/25: 117,406
Number of People Served Last Year: 81,947



Membership

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

Members Added Last Year: 135

Net Gain Last Year: 41

Stretch 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	1440	13	9	4
August	1450	29	15	14
September	1449	36	23	13
October	1455	44	25	19
November	1455	66	47	19
December	1411	71	96	-25
January	1416	84	104	-20
February	1405	90	121	-31
March	1419	110	127	-17
April	1435	135	136	-1
May				
June				

Clubs with Net Gain since 7/1/2025:

- Bandera +1
- Boerne +1
- Converse +1
- Del Rio Host +1
- Devine +8
- Eagle Pass Border +1
- Fredericksburg +1
- Helotes +3
- **Kerrville Host +17**
- La Vernia +2
- Leakey +2
- Poteet +1
- SA Area Family +5
- SA Autism +3
- SA Edgewood +3
- San Antonio First Ladies +2
- SA Founder +4
- SA Highland Hills +4
- SA West Side +2
- SA Windcrest +6
- Utopia +4

- **Extensions (New Clubs)**

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

New Clubs:

- New Clubs Last Year: 1
- This Year: None to date
- Potential new clubs: Korean Specialty, Harper, UTSA, Ingram
- Cancelled clubs: Bruni, Laredo Noon, SA Yellow Rose
- Total Clubs: 57

- **Leadership Training**

- Zone Chairs Trained: 100%
- Club Officers Trained Last Year: 7%
- Club Officers Trained: 46 (29%)
 - Club President: 22 (42%)
 - Club Secretaries: 11 (21%)
 - Club Treasurers: 13 (24%)

- **LCIF Donations**

- Amount Raised This Year Thus Far: \$18,624
- Amount Raised Last Year: \$19,719
- 18 clubs donating
 - Bandera
 - Converse
 - Del Rio Educators
 - Del Rio San Felipe
 - Floresville
 - Helotes
 - Kerrville Host
 - Leakey
 - SA Alamo City
 - SA Alamo Ranch
 - SA Area Family
 - SA Central Park
 - SA First Ladies
 - SA Founder
 - SA Northside
 - SA Northwest
 - SA West Side
 - SA Windcrest

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

MD-2 Texas State Convention	May 28th-30th	Odessa, Texas
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Club and Other Events:

Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner	July 29th	Hanger Hotel Fredericksburg, Texas
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Harry Wickersham Memorial Golf	July 30th	LBJ Golf Course Fredericksburg, Texas
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Tell Us What You Are Doing

We want our District newsletter to feature more of the wonderful work being done by each of the Lions Clubs in District 2-A2. Please send in articles about your service projects, fundraisers, installations, and member recognitions for inclusion in the monthly newsletter to newsletter@district2a2.org. 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 EYEGLOSS 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

School Screening Program Announcement - We Need Screeners!

We have lost several certified Lions, so we are seeking District 2-A2 Lions to assist us in keeping our screening program thriving. To that end, the Children's Services Screening Program is planning to offer the following classes this summer:

SPOT Certification Class—This class certifies you to use the SPOT Vision Screening Device to screen at community events and health fairs. It is also a prerequisite for becoming a State Vision Certified Screener.

State Vision Certification Class—This class certifies you to conduct vision screenings in the public schools, charter schools, parochial schools, and licensed day cares to meet the State of Texas reporting requirements.

State Hearing Certification Class—This class certifies you to conduct hearing screenings in the public schools, charter schools, parochial schools, and licensed day cares to meet the State of Texas reporting requirements.

Each of these classes requires a minimum of eight (8) Lions to justify holding the class.

We are offering these classes this summer in preparation for the 2026-27 year. If you are interested in attending one or more of these classes, Email Lion Ken Book at kbook0@outlook.com or texting him at 210-744-2080, listing the class(es) you want to attend by **May 15, 2026**. Once we have at least eight (8) Lions for a class, we will notify you of the date, time, and location of the class.

Our program screens children ages 4 through 8 from mid- August through mid-December on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Our screeners sign up to screen when they are available for as many days as they want.

If you are interested in joining us for this critical and rewarding service, send Lion Ken a message to reserve a seat in one or more of the classes listed above. If you have questions, contact Lion Ken.

Note From Lion Jeffrey Almoney, Our District Governor Elect:

As the Lions of District 2-A2 reflect on the last quarter, there is a shared sense of pride in what has been accomplished and excitement for what lies ahead. A highlight of the quarter was the recent district convention—an exceptional event that brought together Lions from across the district for a memorable weekend of fun, fellowship, and meaningful connection.

The convention provided an opportunity for members to strengthen friendships, exchange ideas, and celebrate the spirit of service that defines Lions Clubs. Events like these serve as a powerful reminder of the impact that dedicated volunteers can make when they come together with a common purpose.

As the district prepares for the leadership transition in July, there is sincere appreciation for the guidance and mentorship of current District Governor Nan. Her steady leadership has laid a strong foundation and positioned the district for a smooth and successful transition.

Looking ahead, many Lions have already stepped forward to take on important roles within the district, ensuring continued growth and success. Our leadership team is coming together nicely, but there are still a few open seats on this journey. If you—or someone you know—has an interest in serving at the district level, now is the perfect time to come aboard.

With the new Lions year approaching, anticipation is building. There are new horizons ahead, meaningful milestones to reach, and countless lives we'll impact along the journey.

So, as we prepare for takeoff in July, I encourage you to pack your bags and get ready—because I truly look forward to taking this journey with each and every one of you.

In service and friendship,

Lion Jeffrey

First Vice District Governor
Jeffrey Almoney
Alamo Ranch Lions Club

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

Hello Fellow Lions:

Welcome to May and the closing of one Lion Year and the beginning of a new one. I would like to wish all the Boss Lions Elects a great beginning to their Lion Year in service. This year has been a difficult one, with loss of Lions Clubs throughout the district and a significant loss in membership. However, it looks like we are on a rebound, only being -1 as of the end of April. Our major challenge is adding membership. I hope that I have helped in creating this rebound and I know for sure after Wednesday we will be at 0, as I will be inducting 1 new Member to the San Antonio Westside Lions.

For those of you who were unable to attend the District Convention in Eagle Pass, you missed a wonderful event. The Scholarship banquet was especially nice. Two of the recipients gave their speeches and I was very impressed in the way they presented themselves.



From Left to Right: Carmen Cook, North San Antonio Hills; Natalie Puente, San Antonio Edgewood; Victoria Esquivel Sabinal Lions Club; District Governor Nan Patton; Sarah Salazar, Incarnate Word Lions; Aletse Rodriguez, Eagle Pass Border Lions.

As of the end of the convention, I am your 1st Vice Governor elect, and I look forward to meeting and talking with each one in District 2A2. In a little over a year, I will take up the governor title, and I am still looking for individuals to take on positions in my cabinet. If you feel the need to go further into the leadership roles of the district, please feel free to contact me by email so we can have a discussion on what your visions are to help grow the district. My email address is joemg3@yahoo.com, thank you for your consideration.

Yours in service,

Lion Joe

First Vice District Governor Elect
Joseph Guerra
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Note From Lion Marlene Patton – Global Service Team:

SERVICE FROM THE ❤️ OF TEXAS

April was another great month of service in District 2-A2:

Wow! April was an outstanding month for Service in 2-A2. ROAR! Our clubs carried out numerous projects to benefit the environment, which is fantastic to see. Whether you joined us at the Arboretum San Antonio, organized an environmental initiative for your club, or participated in both, your efforts made a positive difference. **Thank You!**





But we didn't stop there! We also attended **Stride for Sight**, helped out at the **Texas Lions Camp**, donated scholarship money (\$15,000 WOW) and **brightened the lives of children fighting cancer**. Our Lions ROAR in all their service projects.





**\$15,000
SCHOLARSHIP DONATION**



Please keep up the good works and post your service to the Lions portal. Need help posting? Contact your Zone Chair. You can also call me at 210-393-7383 with your service projects and I can enter them for you. All you'll have to do is review it for accuracy and click the "Completed" button.

The Lion year may be winding down but our Lions continue to do what we do best – **WE SERVE.**

DISTRICT 2-A2 - WE SERVE!

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

Lion Marlene

Lion Marlene Patton
District 2-A2 GST
210-393-7383
marpatton@aol.com

Lion Ann Ward – Texas Lions Camp - Count-Down to Summer Camp and Sponsor a Hole at Golf Tournament:

Texas Lions Camp's first summer camping session kicks off on May 31! The excitement is building! It's going to be a photo-finish to have the new cabins placed and connected. But thanks to our amazing staff, things are progressing rapidly!

Camper Registration - Let's Step It Up!

The whole reason for summer camp is the kids, and we still need more campers, especially in the sessions for those with physical disabilities. While the numbers are increasing, open slots are available and need to be filled. With the end of school quickly approaching, reach out again to school nurses and try to round up some more children who will benefit from learning independence and building self-confidence while having a whole lot of fun! We all are tired of hearing that TLC "is the best kept secret." Let's change that! If every Lion puts a spotlight on TLC to a family, a teacher and a medical professional, summer camps will be full. Let's make it happen! Time is short – act now!

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Have you made your personal Hole sponsorship for the 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament on July 30 at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course in Fredericksburg? Has your club sponsored a Hole, or become a corporate sponsor?

Again this year, **James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has issued a \$50,000 matching grant challenge, and Lions, we need to match it dollar for dollar.** This tournament has become a significant source of operational revenue for TLC, and we are way behind in Hole and Corporate sponsorships! Hole sponsorship is only \$100 per Hole – purchase your sponsorship online at <https://www.lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html>.

The Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner will precede the tournament on Wednesday, July 29 at the Hangar Hotel & Conference Center in Fredericksburg. If you are playing golf or volunteering to help with the tournament, come enjoy a tasty meal, fellowship, and more! For ticket and sponsorship information, go to <https://www.lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html> and click on the Stebbins Dinner Brochure.


I'm looking forward to a great summer of service at Texas Lions Camp. I hope you and your fellow club members are too!

Thank you for your ongoing support of **our** Texas Lions Camp!

Lion Ann

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

Texas Lions Camp Summer 2026 Schedule:




Summer 2026 dates

Residential Youth Camp

SESSION 1 May 31 - June 5, 2026 CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (AGES 7-16)
SESSION 2 June 7 - June 12, 2026 CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (AGES 7-16)
SESSION 3 June 14 - June 19, 2026 CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (AGES 7-16)
SESSION 4 June 21 - June 26, 2026 CAMP DAVID - TBSS & CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME (AGES 12-16)
SESSION 5 June 28 - July 3, 2026 CHILDREN WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES (AGES 8-15)
SESSION 6 July 5 - July 10, 2026 CHILDREN WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES (AGES 8-15)
SESSION 7 July 12 - July 18, 2026 CAMP DISCOVERY

TLC-4-Families

SESSION 8 July 19 - July 21, 2026 FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS	SESSION 9 July 22 - July 24, 2026 FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS
SESSION 10 July 26 - July 28, 2026 FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS	SESSION 11 July 29 - July 31, 2026 FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS



**Camper Applications
Open January 5th
after 8AM!**

33rd 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.



July 30, 2026

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 2025-2026 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 10, 2026.**

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 _____

Ben and Alden Gardner
Camper Ambassador Family for 2026

*Children Can...
With TLC™*

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2026!**

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

**MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP
4000 Highway 27 • Kerrville, TX 78028**

James Avery Artisan Jewelry

provides \$50,000 Challenge Grant to honor children
with special medical conditions and their families.

— Named Title Sponsor for 33rd 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 2026. Every gift designated for the 33rd 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 2026 Golf tournament.

John McCullough, CEO of James Avery Artisan Jewelry® noted, "James Avery is pleased to continue our partnership with Texas Lions Camp by offering this annual challenge grant program. 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. 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."

President & CEO, Stephen Mabry, shared, "For the past seven years, James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has been the cornerstone donor by contributing more than \$425,000 through a challenge grant program which has encouraged Lions across Texas and friends of TLC to help TLC raise more than \$1.6 million. The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament began more than 32 years ago and is a vital part of our annual program to raise funds to help children with disabilities, vision-hearing impairment, Down syndrome, cancer, and Type 1 diabetes attend Texas Lions Camp at no cost to their family."

Mabry added, "Funds raised are put to work each year helping Texas children attend Summer Camp at TLC. In Summer 2025, TLC provided a camp experience for a total of 1,169 campers and camper family members (892 campers/families, 47 campers for Camp David/Texas Burn Survivors, and 230 campers for Camp Discovery/children with cancer) and they originated from 100 counties or nearly 40% of the state's 254 counties."

About James Avery

James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company offering finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 140 James Avery stores in seven states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, at 284 Dillard's and Von Maur locations across 36 states, Dillard's.com, and VonMaur.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Houston and Nashville.

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

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Texas Lions Camp, Inc. provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer, or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 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 by Charity Navigator and a Bronze Level Seal of Transparency from Candid.

More than 85,000 Texas children with special medical conditions have attended the program since TLC was founded more than 75 years ago in 1949. Through this mission, TLC's goal is to introduce children to the "Can Do" philosophy and position them to step into their calling with maximum personal growth and self-esteem.

To learn more about contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp, please visit www.lionscamp.com or phone 830-896-8500 for more information.





**THURSDAY
July 30, 2026**

**Lady Bird Johnson
Municipal
Golf Course**

**FREDERICKSBURG
TEXAS**

BENEFITING:



**For more
Information:**

Texas Lions Camp, Inc.
4000 Highway 27
Kerrville, Texas 78028
(830) 896-8500
www.lionscamp.com

The 2026 Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador Family is the Gardner Family

Ben Gardner was born and raised in Kerrville, so he had always had some awareness of Texas Lions Camp simply because it has always been part of the community. He became more familiar with it after joining the Kerrville Host Lions Club, which gave him a deeper understanding of the camp's mission and impact.

Ben and his son, Aiden, have attended Family Camp for the last four years, and this upcoming summer will be their fifth year. Aiden is autistic, which can mean many different things, but for him it means he doesn't speak in full sentences or hold conversations in a typical way. He wants to be around others and participate in social gatherings but often doesn't quite know what that looks like. Anxiety and an intense need to know everything about a subject are pretty constant parts of their daily lives.

Because of those challenges, Ben wasn't sure whether a traditional summer camp experience would ever be possible for Aiden. Thanks to the structured and predictable environment at Texas Lions Camp, he is able to attend, interact with other kids, and truly experience summer camp — complete with s'mores, horseback riding, and all the things kids should get to enjoy.



Ben shared, "While nothing about our experience has been dramatically life-changing in a single moment, watching Aiden's continued growth in that environment has been incredibly meaningful." These kids progress at their own pace, and Ben always reminds people of that. The first year they attended, Aiden only completed the practice ropes structure. By the third year, there was a friend he wanted to impress, and that motivation helped him overcome his fear and anxiety. He climbed the pole, trembling and yelling down the whole time, made it to the top, and rode the zipline. When he landed, the first person he looked for was that friend, just to make sure they saw what he had accomplished.

Aiden truly loves everything about the camp, but his favorite activities include farm life—especially seeing the baby animals up close—and swimming, which he absolutely enjoys. As a family, one of their favorite memories is a "Family Feud"-style activity the camp hosted on opening night a few years ago. It was a lot of fun, and Aiden even surprised everyone with some of his answers.

The Kerrville Host Lions Club has had a significant impact on their lives. The members are always looking for ways to be more involved in the community and are generous with their time and labor. They genuinely want to make a difference, and it shows.

Over the years, Ben and Aiden have met so many incredible counselors at Texas Lions Camp. While they may not always remember every name from year to year, every counselor consistently shares the same amazing Lions Camp spirit. Everyone is inclusive and always goes out of their way to make sure families are having a great experience and getting the most out of their time at camp.

There are so many special memories that it's hard to choose just one — from Aiden conquering the ropes course, to drawing back a bow on his own for the first time last year, to countless other "firsts." Ben shared that his personal favorite memory, though, is the first time they participated in farm life. Aiden absolutely loved the baby goats, cows, pigs, and other animals. He petted them, booped their noses, and was completely immersed in the joy of the experience.

SA Northside Lions Club – Eagle Scout Project



FELLOW LIONS, the SA Northside Lions Club is supporting a most worthwhile and interesting **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**. We would ask your consideration of **JOINING IN SUPPORT** of Scout Thomas Murray in his dream of building an **ACCESSIBLE OUTDOOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYGROUND** at

Mc Allister Park. He is well on his way to conclusion and is enlisting the help of numerous individuals and organizations. He has also conducted fundraisers on his own like the one talked about in his Texas Public Radio interview with QR Code, below. **Note that his desire for the project was inspired by his older brother who has Down's Syndrome.** See that he has completed the concrete portion of the project and needs the funds to order and install the actual instruments. Thomas is a high school Junior now and plans to attend Boston College and pursue a career in Sports Medicine.

TO SEE WHAT A PLAYGROUND LOOKS LIKE SEE <https://youtu.be/jYF8mIGWQIE>

YouTube Outdoor Musical Instruments - Richard Cooke talks about ...

For Specific Questions about this Project contact Lion Sam Pantusa
spantusa@yahoo.com or call 210 326 3915



To DONATE DIRECTLY use QR Code



See and listen to Thomas' past interview on



about his first fundraiser for his project, here

OR Go to the FRIENDS of MC ALLISTER Page Donate Button and NOTE for EAGLE SCOUT INSTRUMENT PROJECT at

[Friends of McAllister Park](#)

San Antonio Area Family Lions Club – We Serve!

Garments of Grace Ministry:

On April 8th, our club participated with Garments of Grace Ministry at the Family Thrift Store on 2011 Vance Jackson Rd. Our goal was to pair 40 shoes to supply to the homeless on the next ministry outreach. We exceeded that goal and successfully matched 83 pairs of shoes. It was challenging going through 6 large bins that had unmatched shoes and pair them together.



SA Area Family Environmental Workday 4/18/26:

On April 18th, our San Antonio Area Family Lions Club made an impact on our community during our district environmental service day, rallying 19 dedicated members, including 6 Lions, 3 Leo's, 6 scouts, and 4 troop leaders/parents, despite the rain.

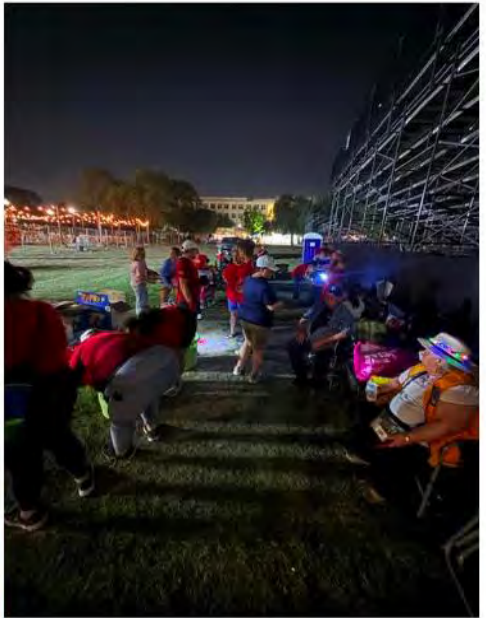


San Antonio Founder Lions Club – We Raise Funds For The Community

San Antonio Founder Lions. IBC EAB and other volunteers joined together to support at the 2026 Battle of Flowers and Fiesta Flambeau Parades. Thanks to their contribution and teamwork, we were able to have another successful year!

We collected an estimated of \$20,000 in Net Profit for this project this year. Special thanks to Lion Pat Guerra for Chairing this event for the fourth consecutive year.





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:

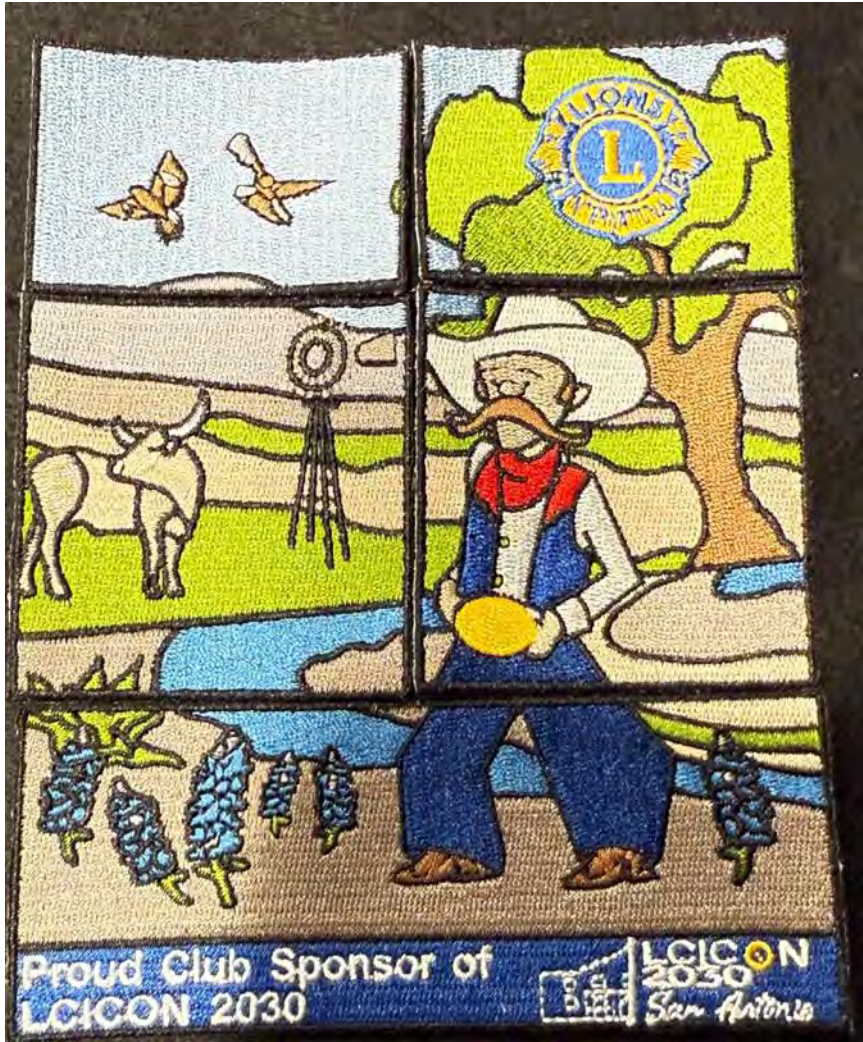
LCICON 2030 Host Committee
c/o Josh Overfelt
101 Lilac Lane
Del Rio, Texas 78840

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"/>
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NAME

ADDRESS

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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
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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
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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
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NAME _____

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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 # _____

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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 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