



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Service From the  of Texas!

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The Momentum Is Ours— Let's Finish Strong —

I recently returned from our Texas Lions State Convention, where International President A.P. Singh served as our special guest.



His messages were both inspiring and challenging, and I would be remiss if I did not share a few of my key takeaways.



First and foremost, **the Lions year is not over yet**. While many of us are already preparing for installations and leadership transitions, there is still important work to be done.

President Singh emphasized the need to continue pushing for membership growth. Every new Lion expands our Association's capacity to serve, strengthens our clubs, and increases our ability to meet the needs of our communities. The finish line is in sight but now is not the time to ease up on the accelerator.

One message in particular resonated deeply with me. During one of his speeches, President Singh shared what he called a "progression of the heart," drawn from the *Simple Path* philosophy of Mother Teresa, now known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Given that President Singh also hails from Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), the message carried special significance:

The fruit of silence is prayer.
The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.

This quote struck a chord with me because it describes something I have long believed about operating from a state of high vibration and intentionality—and, in many ways, it reflects the very essence of Lionism.

What resonates with me is that peace is not presented as the starting point or the goal to be chased directly. Rather, it is the byproduct of a disciplined progression of thoughts, beliefs, and actions.

As Lions, we often focus on service, but this quote reminds us that service does not stand alone. Meaningful service begins with an inner foundation. Silence allows us to listen. Prayer, reflection, or contemplation helps us connect to a purpose greater than ourselves. That purpose builds faith—faith in our communities, in humanity, and in our ability to make a difference. Faith gives rise to love and love naturally expresses itself through service.

Service is what Lions do best. Whether we're collecting eyeglasses, supporting disaster relief, fighting hunger, mentoring youth, or serving those living with diabetes, our actions are expressions of love in motion. And when service is rooted in love rather than obligation, it creates something powerful: peace. Peace within ourselves, peace within our clubs, and peace within the communities we serve.

For those striving to lead, serve, or make a difference, it is a reminder that the highest level of performance and fulfillment often comes not from doing more, but from cultivating the right internal state first. When we operate from that place, our actions become more purposeful, our service more meaningful, and our impact more enduring.

This quote is also a reminder that the Lions motto, “*We Serve,*” is more than a call to action—it is the culmination of a journey. The most effective Lions are not simply busy; they are grounded in purpose, connected to others, and committed to serving from the heart. When we operate from that place, our service becomes more than a project or fundraiser. It becomes a force that brings people together, strengthens communities, and leaves the world a little better than we found it.

In that sense, peace is not merely the result of service—it is the legacy of service performed with faith, love, and purpose. That is Lionism at its finest.

And now back to **membership growth and retention**. From LCI’s perspective, clubs with fewer than 15 members are considered at risk and are highlighted in red on the monthly club health assessment that I receive as District Governor. This is not simply about numbers—it is about ensuring clubs have the membership base needed to sustain projects, develop future leaders, share responsibilities, and remain vibrant and effective in their communities.

International President A.P. Singh has challenged us to focus on building strong, sustainable clubs: clubs with fewer than 10 members should work toward reaching 10, clubs with fewer than 15 members should strive for 20, and larger clubs should continue growing as well. Healthy membership levels create resilience, reduce Lion burnout, provide fresh ideas and energy, and position clubs to thrive for years to come.

If we want our clubs to continue making a meaningful impact in our communities, membership growth must remain a priority. Strong membership is the foundation upon which successful service, leadership development, and long-term club vitality are built.

The State Convention in Odessa marked the true beginning of the transition to your new district leadership team. As they prepare to take the reins, I am excited to see how they build upon the many successes of this year and the years that preceded it, while also embracing the lessons learned from the challenges we have faced along the way.

District 2-A2 is fortunate to have an exceptionally talented, dedicated, and passionate leadership team ready to serve. Their commitment to Lionism, their vision for the future, and their desire to help our clubs thrive position our district for another outstanding year of service and growth. Together, they—and all of us—will continue to move District 2-A2 forward and expand our impact throughout the communities we serve.



This will be my final newsletter message as your District Governor. Serving District 2-A2 this past year has been both an honor and a privilege, and I sincerely thank each of you for the trust and opportunity you have given me to serve in this role.

In just a few short weeks, I will join the ranks of our Past District Governors. However, I have no intention of fading quietly into the background. While I am proud of what we accomplished together this year, there are still goals I set for myself—and for our district—that remain unfinished. I look forward to continuing that work and supporting the growth and success of our clubs in new ways.

Beginning July 1, I will be serving as your District Service Team Coordinator. I am excited to continue working alongside you as we expand our impact, strengthen our service initiatives, and showcase the incredible difference Lions make in our communities every day.

So, while this may be my last message as District Governor, it is certainly not my last message to the Lions of District 2-A2. I look forward to reconnecting with you in the July newsletter from my new role, seeing you at the July cabinet meeting in La Vernia, and continuing our journey of service together.

Let's finish 2025-2026 strong!

Lion Nanette

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District 2-A2 2025-2026 Mission 1.5 Dashboard

EOM May 2026

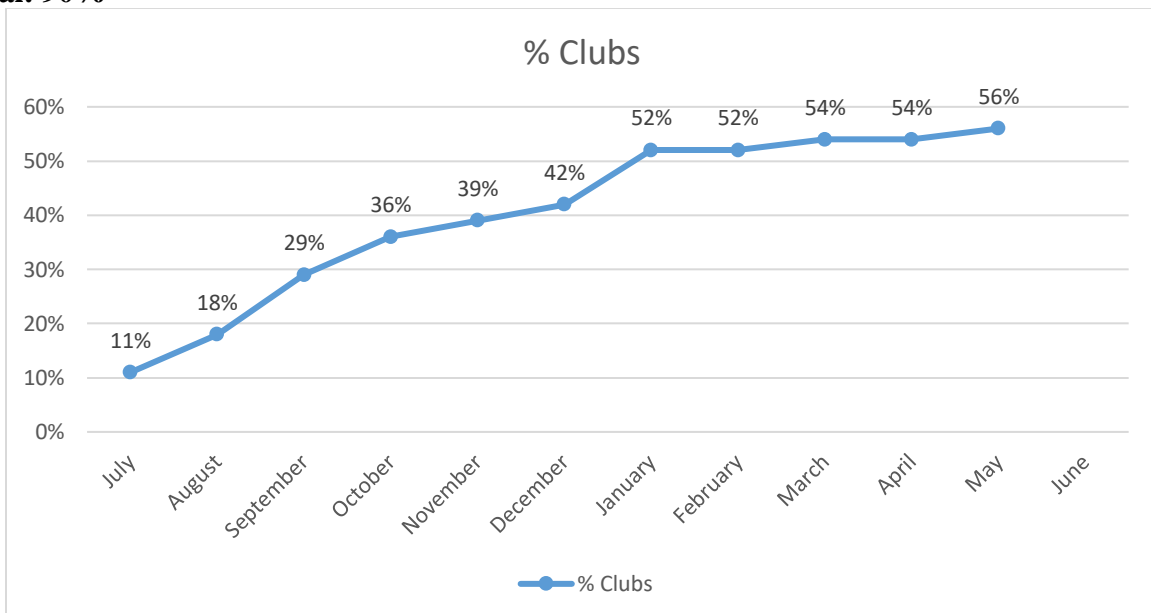
Service

Percentage of Clubs Reporting Service Activities Since 7/1/25: 56% (32 of 57 clubs)

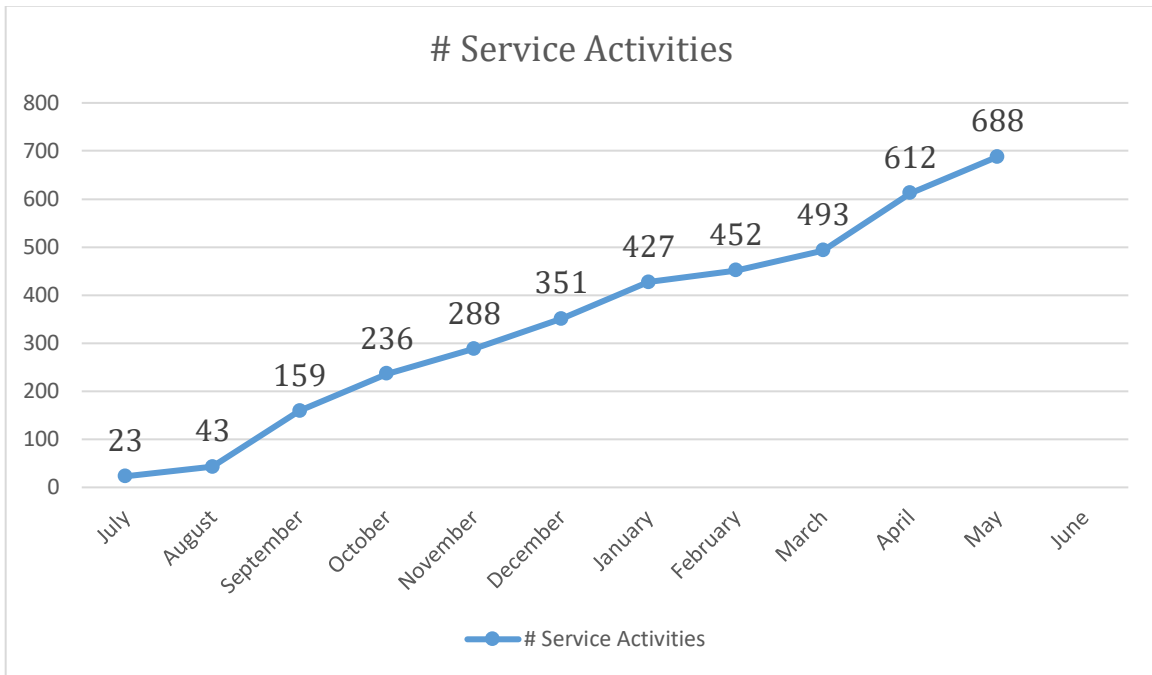
Percentage of Clubs Reporting Service Activities Last Year: 38%

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

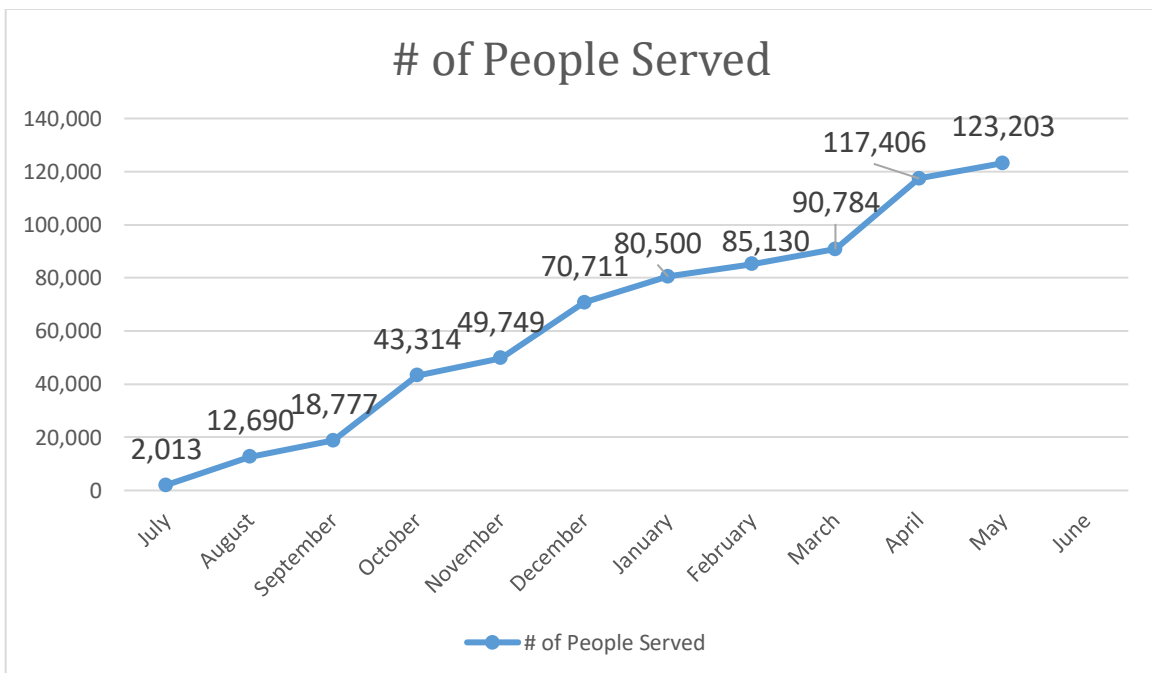
Goal: 90%



Number of Service Activities Reported Since 7/1/25: 688
Number of Service Activities Reported Last Year: 572



Number of People Served Since 7/1/25: 123,203
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	1434	153	155	-2
June				

Clubs with Net Gain since 7/1/2025:

- Bandera +1
- Boerne +1
- Converse +1
- Del Rio Host +3
- Devine +8
- Eagle Pass Border +2
- Fredericksburg +1
- **Kerrville Host +17**
- La Vernia +3
- Leakey +2
- Poteet +5
- 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 +5

- **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: \$19,624
- Amount Raised Last Year: \$19,719
- 19 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
 - Uvalde

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

Lions International Convention	July 3rd-7th	Hong Kong
First Cabinet Meeting	July 25th	La Vernia, Texas

Club and Other Events:

West Side Lions Sausage Plate Fundraiser	June 20th	Madonna Center San Antonio, Texas
Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner	July 29th	Hanger Hotel Fredericksburg, Texas
Harry Wickersham Memorial Golf	July 30th	LBJ Golf Course Fredericksburg, Texas

Tell Us What You Are Doing

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

ALAMO HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB & TEXAS LIONS 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

SPOT Certification/Recertification Classes – We Need Screeners!

The Children's Service Board of District 2-A2 is pleased to announce SPOT Certification/Recertification Classes.

You will be able to participate in one of two classes from the comfort of your home on your personal computer via Zoom by registering using one of the two buttons below (You only need to register for one class).

SPOT Certification Class, 9am - 11am, Sat, June 6, 2026

SPOT Certification Class, 7pm - 9pm, Thu, June 11, 2026

Once registered you will receive a confirmation email and a few days before the class you will receive instructions explaining how to join the class and download the class handbook.

During the class you will view a PowerPoint presentation and be directed to the certification exam. The exam is automatically scored, providing you with instant feedback on your performance. Lions who pass the exam will receive an email from Lion Ken Book with a printable SPOT Certificate.

This certification is valid until December 31st, 5 years after the date of your certification. Lions who are currently certified are encouraged to check their certificate and get recertified if your certificate has expired.

Yours in Service,
Lion Ken Book
District 2-A2 Children Services Chair

Note From Lion Jeffrey Almoney, Our District Governor Elect:

Looking Ahead to a New Lions Year

As we approach the start of a new Lions year on July 1, I am excited and honored to begin serving as your District Governor for District 2-A2. I look forward to working alongside the dedicated Lions, Leos, and clubs throughout our district as we continue making a positive impact in our communities.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to District Governor Nan for her guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support in helping prepare me for this important role. Her leadership and commitment to Lionism have been invaluable, and I appreciate all she has done to ensure a smooth transition.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Texas Lions State Convention in Odessa with members of my District Governor team. We participated in a variety of educational workshops, gained valuable leadership insights, and built lasting friendships with fellow Lions from across the state. I also had the pleasure of meeting our International President, A. P. Singh, and hearing him speak about the future of Lionism and the impact Lions are making around the world. His message was both inspiring and motivating. The convention reinforced the importance of service, leadership, and collaboration, and it increased my excitement for the year ahead.

I also look forward to working closely with 1st Vice District Governor Joe and 2nd Vice District Governor Liz as we work together to make District 2-A2 even stronger. By building on the successes of those who have come before us and working as a team, we can continue expanding our service and strengthening our clubs throughout the district.

As we look forward to the new Lions year, I encourage every Lion to continue sharing the story of Lionism with friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers. Membership growth is essential to our ability to serve, and each of us plays an important role in inviting others to join our mission of service.

Lions Clubs International has set a goal of reaching 1.5 million members worldwide. This is an ambitious but achievable goal if we all work together. Every new member brings fresh ideas, new energy, and additional opportunities to serve those in need.

Thank you for all that you do as Lions. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to serving with each of you as we continue to make a difference in District 2-A2, our communities, and around the world.

In service and friendship,

Lion Jeffrey

First Vice District Governor

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Alamo Ranch Lions Club

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

Hello Fellow Lions:

Another Lion year in service is almost done, and it has been a whirlwind of events, starting with terrible floods that affected the Hill Country around the Texas Lions Camp, and the loss of our IT Guy Lion Floyd Daigle. Even though these were terrible events, we as lions worked through them and continued to serve our communities both near and far.

As of our last report, we are down 2 on the year, with a month left in the year. We need to make that final push to induct more new members - when that is done, we will be able to provide more service. As we head into Governor Jeffrey's year, it is important to remember that things may change but the central guiding principal of all Lions and their clubs is service to those in need

Governor Lion Nan and VDG's Lions Jeffrey, Joe and Lion Liz attended the Texas state convention in Odessa where we received training and were able to meet and hear President Singh from International. I felt this was a really great event with a lot of social interaction for all. The highlight was the International President speaking with us one to one and in group.



His Keynote speech talked of service and a commitment to the future, very inspirational and focused. As we begin our new year, we need to look to other ways we can commit new services to our community especially now.

Yours in service,

Lion Joe

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

SERVICE FROM THE ❤️ OF TEXAS

Service never stops in District 2-A2!:

It has been my honor to serve as Global Service Team Coordinator for the 2025-2026 Lions year. This Global Action Team, under the leadership of DG Nan, hit the ground running and has no intention of stopping. It has been my privilege to work beside them! There is no doubt in my mind that Governor-Elect Lion Jeffrey and his team are roaring to go. Although I won't be GST, I'm looking forward to seeing you all at District meetings, service projects and fundraisers.

It is not too late to post your service projects in the Lions Portal. It would mean a lot to me if every club makes at least one posting! **I am happy to help!** Call me with your info (210-393-7383) and I can post it for your approval! Let's end this year ROARING about our service to motivate others and to recognize our clubs' outstanding contributions to our communities!

I want to highlight some amazing service performed in our district. Let's start with the outstanding **Poteet Lions Club**. They survived the planning and execution of another Poteet Strawberry Festival. The amount of planning and work that goes into this event is mind-boggling. Yet they pull it off perfectly. If you haven't been, you're missing an outstanding event. Put it on your calendar for 2027!



Afterward, they shared all that profit with their community. This is a partial quote from their Facebook page:

“This year, the Poteet Lions Club awarded \$68,000 in scholarships to our community Graduating Seniors, Class of 2026! On behalf of the "Emmitt & Virda Riley Lions Memorial" scholarship we would like to extend a big congratulations to the following recipients (they list 20 students from 6 area ISDs). Congratulations to all. We pray for a successful future, and hope that maybe one day you'll find time to join your area International Lions Club.”





Amazing! But there is more. They also posted this: *“Today the Poteet Lions Club gave a monetary donation to the [Leming Volunteer Fire Department](#) in the amount of \$10,000 for their continued support and hard work they dedicate each year to our organization during the [Poteet Strawberry Festival](#). Thank you for all you do 🍓👩🏻💙”*

Another great service project was held by the **Windcrest Lions Club**. When the Roosevelt High School LEO Club advisor asked the Windcrest Lions for help plan a Day of Service for about 80 junior students in the DATA magnet program, Lion Prez John formed a team of Lions and coordinated with the City of Windcrest to develop a plan! Teaming with the City, the Windcrest Fire Department, the Windcrest Volunteers, and the high school team, they developed a plan to paint all the older fire hydrants in Windcrest! Forming teams of students with a school chaperone and a Windcrest Lion, students were divided into teams and assigned areas. Paints, brushes, tarps, gloves, maps, water, and snacks were purchased and distributed. Working together, the fire hydrants were cleaned and painted bright red ... much to the delight of city residents! The next step is to put iridescent blue and white stars on the hydrants in preparation for the annual Windcrest Independence Day Celebration. The school hopes this Day of Service can become an annual event.

Way to go, Windcrest Lions on this service project that helped youth, the community, and was highly visible to residents and businesses!





I'm so proud to be a Lion in District 2-A2! Keep sharing your photos to inspire others. When we share service ideas or team with other clubs, we increase the impact. See you at the next District Meeting. Come see me if your club didn't get their 2025-2026 service pin!

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

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Lion Ann Ward – Texas Lions Camp - Good News: Camp Opens! Golf Tournament Sponsors Needed:

I am thrilled to report that Texas Lions Camp received its 2026 license and welcomed its first campers on May 31! Texas Lions Camp is blessed with an incredible leadership team and staff – who submitted all the paperwork and met all the new state regulations.

It isn't too late to recruit campers. Applications can be made until the Monday of the week preceding Sunday check-in. Thank you to every Lion and club that recruited campers! Registration for residential youth camp is only 15 campers less than 2025! We're going to have a great summer.

The five new cabins are on the campus, and getting everything hooked up/operational is the priority. If the weather will cooperate, our amazing staff and contractors will get the job done.

The first new cabin was delivered to TLC on May 22:



Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

The 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament is **July 30** at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course in Fredericksburg. Have you made your personal Hole sponsorship? Has your club sponsored a Hole, or become a corporate sponsor? Each District has a goal of raising \$6,250.00 and securing one corporate sponsor at the \$500 level or above.

Currently, District 2-T3 is leading the competition, having raised \$13,029.00. District 2-S5 is in second place with \$8,875.00. Third place is currently held by District 2-S2 with \$4,660.00. Please send in your donations today. Which District will go home with the prestigious award and hold bragging rights for the next year?

As you know, **James Avery Artisan Jewelry® 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. Dr. Stephen Ponder, medical director of the camp, will be our keynote speaker – and he will inspire you with his stories from 30 years of taking care of campers! 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.

Friday Nights:

All Lions are invited to attend a Friday night awards ceremony, beginning June 5 and continuing each Friday through July 10. The ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. This is a great way to introduce new Lions to the Texas Lions Camp. Come see how the campus has changed and get your Lions spirit fired up! I look forward to seeing you in Kerrville!



★ You're Invited! ★

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

Friday Awards Nights
June 5th • June 12th
June 19th • June 26th
July 3rd • July 10th

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
TLC Amphitheater
4000 Highway 27
Kerrville, Texas 78028
830-896-8500


texaslionscamp.org

SUMMER 2026

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, Dillards.com, and VonMaur.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Houston and Nashville.

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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**

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TEXAS**

BENEFITING:



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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.

San Antonio West Side Lions Club – Sausage Plate Fundraiser – June 20th



West Side Lions Club

Sausage Plate Fundraiser

Sausage, Rice, Beans, Potato Salad & Trimmings

\$12 a plate

When: Saturday , June 20, 2026

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

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

TO GO ONLY

San Antonio Area Family Lions Club – Service Day!

On Saturday May 9th, we (San Antonio Area Family Lion Club) partnered with the Men and Women of Salt Ministries to serve the local homeless community. The Ministry provided food, hygiene packets, and shoes. The meal included chili, cornbread, rice, cheese, and cake. Our members and our Leo’s helped serve.





Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club Updates

Since July 4th, 2025, the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club has established the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Foundation and obtained our 501(c)(3) status to be able to assist flood impacted families. We were immediately boots to the ground in the first days, helping families with muck outs, and obtaining information for families to further assist with their individual family needs.

Since the creation of the organization we have had 80 families register, with 70 of them meeting our qualifications to receive complete funding. In the months since the flood our organization has fundraised \$125,000 mostly received from private individuals, however monies have been received from the Kerrville Host Lions Club Foundation, Zion Lutheran Church, Texas Lions Foundation. We also received donations of in-kind bedding, linens, towels, and kitchen towels twice and immediately dispersed to our families in need. We received an additional in-kind donation of quilts, made from various quilters from Poppy Quilt N Sew outside of Georgetown Texas.

We have been able to provide our families with up to \$2,000 to spend for items which they need for rebuilding, from clothing to household goods to building supplies. We also have been able to provide families with storage units as requested and needed to store items salvaged from the flood waters. We currently have 6 families who are still utilizing storage units as they rebuild and work to return to their homes.

We have had some families apply whose dwelling is a secondary home that was impacted by the flooding, we have also assisted these families with up to \$1,000.

Although some families have returned to their homes, and are no longer in need of assistance, we have others in the waterfront, hunt and Ingram area that were unable to start rebuilding until much later due to the need to elevate their homes. These families are still in need of assistance and have months ahead of them of being displaced until they will be able to return to the comfort of their homes.

Although the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Foundations main focus has been on flood relief, we aim to provide additional assistance to those who reside in and around Kerrville (including Ingram and Hunt) who are underprivileged and underserved. The Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club has plans to grow and advance their Hill Country Tots program which provides underserved and underprivileged families with necessities during the holiday season. These families are many who don't qualify for additional services here in town, oftentimes children being cared for by grandparents. We plan to expand and grow this to benefit and reduce the burden of raising children on families who are less financially stable.

We are always accepting donations to the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Foundation for our flood relief efforts, PO Box 290508 Kerrville TX 78029.

Currently we continue to provide 5 storage units for flood impacted families in addition to raising funds to provide assistance to newly registered families (5 since January) and those who are still displaced (some who are just now starting to rebuild) as they needed to elevate their home prior to rebuilding. During the month of March, we hosted a hamburger cookout and served approximately 100 burgers to those in the Hunt/Ingram area (all free of charge).

We have also changed our second meeting of the month to an evening meeting and invited our flood impacted families, having 7 families attend.

Most recently we invited Samaritan's Purse Aaron King to our meeting to provide us updates on their work and present them with a monetary donation to continue to support their flood relief work.

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:

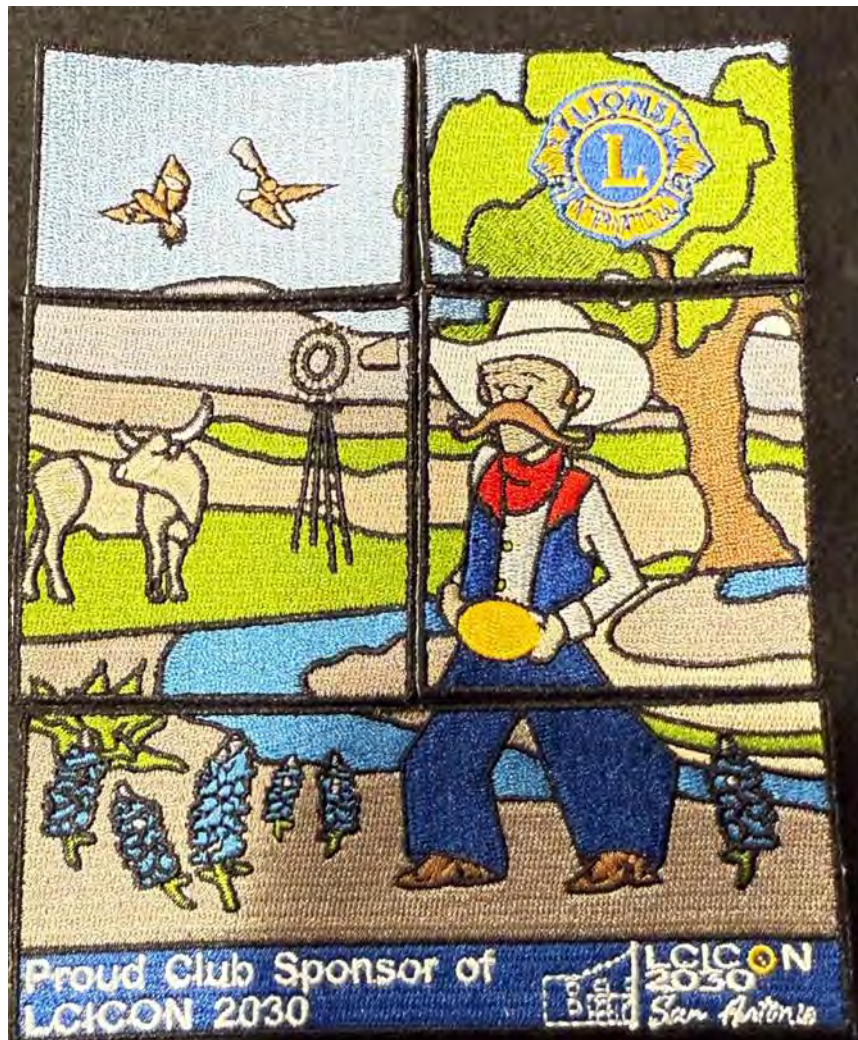
LCICON 2030 Host Committee
c/o Josh Overfelt
101 Lilac Lane
Del Rio, Texas 78840

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"/>
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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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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	_____

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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.

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