



# Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



"It's Great To Be A Lion"

Issue 3 ~ September 2018



**THANKS!** Fellow Lions for making OUR District a plus in membership this month! Don't forget to check out Our Membership Incentive program! It made us proud at the Council of Governors in Kerrville to be one of the Districts to be in the plus! We know that the month of October is membership month. The District could be plus 120 new members by the end of October. All we need is to have 60 clubs to sponsor ONE new member in September and One new member in October. Invite, invite, invite!

We had a Great time in Kerrville with our fellow lions from Texas. I appreciated all the support the Lions of Texas show for PCC TJ and Lion Juanita. There was excitement in the air! Let us continue with the Great support throughout the year. PCC TJ for ID!

Keep in mind that we have Great Speakers that you can invite for club meetings as a guest. We have **TLC**: Lions Allie Thomas & Jorge Villalpando; **LSRF**: PDG Sam Pantusa, **MESU & LEOS**: PDG Chris Lloyd; **LCIF**: PDG Howie Marbach; **TLF**: PCC Don Peppard; and **IT**: Lion Floyd Daigle.

Let our new members learn more of what we do in Our Great District. Invite these Great Lions that have the knowledge to encourage others to grow.

**Our District Globe Action Team** is willing to visit to our clubs to encourage and promote Leadership Development, Membership Growth and Service.

They are a phone call, email or text away ...

**I am excited for Our Second Cabinet Meeting, in Kerrville at the Texas Lions Camp on October 06, 2018.** More information to come soon from Lion Sheryl Butler, our Chairperson. Be ready to be our next WINNER for a FREE registration and meal for the Mid-Winter in Eagle Pass!

**1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting WINNERS** for the FREE registration and meal for OUR Second Cabinet Meeting in Kerrville, October 06, 2018 at the Texas Lions Camp were: Lion Floyd Daigle, La Vernia Lions Club and Lion Jack Dugas, San Antonio Central Park Lions Club; Congratulations! Looking forward to seeing you in Kerrville!

I invite clubs to consider sponsoring a Scholarship for Our Youth Contests! We would highly appreciate it! This year our Youth Competition will be held at Mid-Winter in Eagle Pass on January 11-12, 2019!

I encourage you to keep checking for our updates in our websites for Great information. Check out Our District Directory online at [district2a2.org](http://district2a2.org). Our [district2a2.org](http://district2a2.org) website page has links to others Lion's websites.

BEYOND THE HORIZON! ... International President Gudrun Yngvadottir

## IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION, DG Roberto Castillo

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My Fellow Lions:

I would like to first Congratulate IPDG Don Kirchhoff for receiving the Ed Flood Award; to Lion Juanita Tijerina for receiving the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and to PCC Don Peppard for receiving the International President's Friendship Banner. They were recognized at the PDG Association Banquet at the Council of Governors weekend on August 4, 2018.

Also, at the Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville, District Governor, Roberto Castillo, read the resolution for PCC Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina to run as a candidate for International Director of



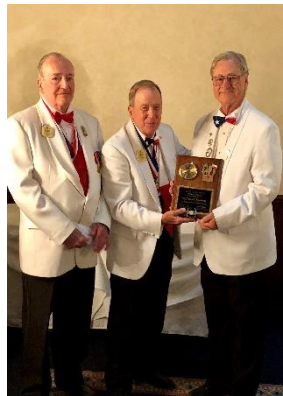
Lions Clubs International.

PCC TJ has been a Lion and has served this District for 42 years. He has been an intricate part in our Districts leadership and success in moving forward. PCC TJ and Lion Juanita have dedicated most of their lives to service and humanitarian needs of their communities and the communities in District 2-A2. Ronald Reagan once said, "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." PCC TJ is a great Leader and will continue to support and encourage our vision of moving forward in membership, leadership and service. Our District needs your help to ensure PCC TJ is the endorsed candidate from Texas. It is very important that each club (*in good standing*) in our District sends a voting Delegate to the District Convention on **April 5-6, 2019 in Del**

**Rio, Texas.** It is not too early to plan ahead. For more information, go to [district2a2.org](http://district2a2.org) and sign up for our District Newsflash.

It is hard to believe that summer is over, and school has begun. Our District has been very busy this month with Back to School Vision Screenings and supplying school supplies to schools in their communities. The Lions KidSight and School Screening Program of District 2-A2 will be conducting vision and hearing screenings in schools soon. If you are State and Spot certified and have some free time, please contact Lion Ken Book at 210-744-2080 or by email at [kbook0@hotmail.com](mailto:kbook0@hotmail.com).

As the school year begins, let us not forget the Peace Poster Contests and the Districts Opportunities for Youth Scholarship Contests. The Peace Poster Contests deadline to order Peace Poster kits is **October 1, 2018**. This year's theme is "Kindness Matters." The contest is open for anyone between the ages of 11 – 13 years of age. The deadline to submit your clubs winning poster to the Peace Poster Chair must be postmarked by **November 15, 2018**. If you have any questions, you can contact the Peace Poster Chair, Lion Steve Medina at 210-670-9132 or



by email at [smedina@fcbtxlaw.com](mailto:smedina@fcbtxlaw.com). The Opportunities for Youth Scholarship Contests will be conducted at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 12, 2019 in Eagle Pass, Texas. The contest winners will be announced at the Youth Awards Luncheon. Participating Lions Clubs need to make sure you fill out a registration form for your contestant and parents. The Opportunities for Youth Contest applications are ready for download on the District website ([district2a2.org](http://district2a2.org)).

I had the honor of installing the 2018-2019 Crystal City Club Officers this month. This is a very active club in their community. They had given out 12 scholarships last year and are raising funds for next year's High School graduates. As I visit clubs, I am humbled and filled with pride by what the Lions do in their community. Unfortunately, not everyone has the opportunity to hear or see what these clubs do to help enhance the lives in the communities in which they live. As I continue to visit clubs, I look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you and hope to share your clubs' activities.



Thank you, Lions, for all you do in service towards your community and District 2-A2.

Yours in Service,

*Lion Janie Garza*

**Lion Janie Garza**

*First Vice District Governor*



*Many persons have the wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.* **Helen Keller**

Good morning Fellow Lions! I hope that you are enjoying the last month of our hot summer and that you're working on some great projects to support your local community.

At the beginning of the month I attended the first Council of Governors Meeting in Kerrville. As always it was a great event, highlighted by our new International President Gudren Yngvadottir. She is a thoughtful, inspiring, and down-to-earth leader and is working hard to grow and sustain our association for the next 100 years.

My most important take-away from the meetings came during a 2<sup>nd</sup> vice district governors training session. Along with our International president and several past international presidents our own PID M.P. "Mike" Butler joined us and in a few short sentences made everything clear. His message was "Do it Now". All those great ideas won't go anywhere unless we get started. It may seem early but before you blink it will be September and then New Year's Day with the district convention right around the corner. So, don't wait, start putting plans in motion, coordinate, collaborate and carry out that fund raiser or service project. It will make all the difference. Your community will appreciate your service and your members will be grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Looking for something new to do? One of our LCI priorities is diabetes awareness. Check this out from the LCI website:

#### [Raising Diabetes Awareness, Preserving Sight](#)

The World Health Organization estimates that over 422 million people worldwide have diabetes, a growing world epidemic that is expected to affect over 642 million by 2040.

#### [Diabetes and Vision Loss](#)

People with diabetes are at risk of losing sight due to diabetes eye disease. It is the leading cause of new-onset blindness in many

countries. All people with diabetes – both Type 1 and Type 2 – are at risk. That’s why everyone with diabetes should get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year.

Diabetes can lead to other possible complications, including heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, leg amputation, and nerve damage. In pregnancy, poorly controlled diabetes increases the risk of fetal death and other complications.

#### **Lions and Diabetes Awareness**

With these statistics and concerns in mind, Lions have taken action through the Diabetes program. Our work supports diabetes awareness, education, prevention, detection, control, and research.

#### **Joining Forces to Fight Diabetes**

Lions work with local community partners and national diabetes associations to promote diabetes education and awareness throughout the year. We also commemorate World Diabetes Day, an annual campaign led by the International Diabetes Federation on November 14.

I look forward to enjoying your company at club meetings and joining you in service.

Stay hydrated,  
**2VDG Dave Splitenk**

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## **We’re Trying Somethin’ New**

### **Opportunities for Youth Scholarship Contests**

This year the District 2-A2 Opportunities for Youth Scholarship Contests will be held during the Mid-Winter Conference in Eagle Pass, Texas. The contestants will report to the Main Lobby of the International Center for Trade, 3295 Bob Rogers Drive by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The contests will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Contest winners and runners up will be announced at the Youth Awards Luncheon beginning at 12:00 noon.

Contestant applications are now available on the District 2-A2 website at [district2a2.org](http://district2a2.org) under the “Programs” tab. The Contest Coordinators will also make paper copies of the application packets available at the 2nd Cabinet meeting on October 6, 2018 at the Texas Lions Camp.

Please support and recognize the talents and service of the youth of your community by sponsoring their participation in our District scholarship contests. **Don’t delay**, contact your local high school junior and senior counselors to assist you in recruiting candidates for our contests!!

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I am reaching out today to request each club within the District host a project whose main theme is Diabetes.

As described within the LCI Website this type project can take many forms, such as, hosting an Ice Cream Social to raise funds for donation; purchasing a diabetes magazine subscription for donation to your local library; sponsor a child to a diabetes camp; host a local Diabetes Medical Professional to talk to your club on Diabetes; Partner with a local professional to organize a screening for diabetes; Organize a community support group for people diagnosed with diabetes and their families; or

sponsor a training program for community healthcare workers to learn about screening, community support programs and prevention of diabetes complications.

There are many forms that these type programs can take, and you are only limited by your imagination. I challenge each club to draft a plan, talk it over with their membership, and execute. Whatever you decide to do it will be worthwhile when you see the results of your labors.

All the best in Lionism,

**Lion Rick Luna**  
*District 2A2, GST*

## Leakey Lions Club



Local Real County charities and Texas Lions Camp benefited from the Leakey Lions Club recent fundraiser. On July 7, the club participated in the July Jubilee held at the Real County Courthouse lawn. Sausage wraps and homemade ice cream were a big hit as the club sold out of sausage wraps by 2:00 pm. Those enjoying crafts, art and a patriotic parade also gave donations to support Lions Club International.

In addition, a 3-month raffle campaign was completed by having a public drawing at the Lions Club booth. A little over \$7000 was made and happy recipients won items ranging from overnight stays at river resorts to an original Frio River painting painted by Lion Lee ADAMI. Come by and visit us next year on July 6, 2019!

## Poteet Lions Club

Hi... Lion LaJuana here... Zone 3...and I want to give a big "shout-out" and "you done good" for the Poteet Lions Club this month.. just received an email from Lion Denise Martinez, Secretary, and they had three new members in June, four to be voted in for July, and three prospective members for August! Way to go Poteet Lions!!

They are also on a final push on their plans for their 2nd Annual BBQ Cookoff to be held September 28 & 29th, so for a good time and some good eatin'... just mosey on over to Poteet in September! Lions Roar!! Lions Serve! YeeeeeeHaw!!

## Kerrville Host Lions Club

### NONPROFITS

## Lions Camp, a life changer for local teen

BY RUBÉN CANTÚ  
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A Del Rio teen diagnosed with diabetes four years ago has found support and learned that life can be difficult but it is still wonderful at the Texas Lions Camp, in Kerrville, Texas, a residential camping facility for children with physical disabilities, type 1 diabetes, and cancer.

Brett Clark, a freshman at Comstock High School, started going to the camp four years ago and after his fourth camp graduation this year he wrote a thank you letter to the Del Rio Host Lions Club, the organization that has been sponsoring him.

*new and old everywhere you look. Some of the nicest, funny, and all around awesome people volunteer at Lions Camp.*

*This year has been the best year by far. I made tons of friends and I was reunited with some from previous years. I conquered the vine walk at the ropes course.*

*We have a campout, also there are two spots, one with an amazing view you can see for miles away and you have another spot that has a pretty good view but it also has a Ga Ga Ball pit.*

*Ga Ga Ball is a game where you have a pit with wooden walls and the ground can be whatever you desire, anywhere from sand to*

*grass. My personal favorite is gravel with the reason being that you can literally slide away from the ball to keep from getting out.*

*Card games are part of what makes camp fun. You have War, Speed, and RPG. My personal favorite is RPG because you can do literally whatever you want for instance you can build a taco shop on Mars or make up a new planet that's a giant plate of sweets or you could simply blow all of the other players up and win the game on your very first move.*

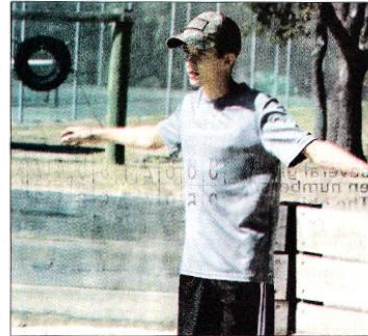
*Texas Lion's Camp also has horseback riding which is one of my favorite activities. This year my horses name was "Rush" he was well*

*taken care of and was really excited to ride.*

*Honestly, Texas Lions Camp is one of - if not my favorite thing to do - in the summer. I am so blessed and thankful to be able to have this amazing opportunity and I'm making so many memories from this camp. Thank you all so much for being my sponsor for Texas Lions Camp.*

Brett Clark  
Del Rio, Texas

The camp is located on over 500 acres of land in the Texas Hill Country, and is designed to introduce the "Can Do" philosophy to children dealing with special medical condi-



Contributed photo

Del Rioan Brett Clark, a freshman at Comstock High School, attending the Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville, Texas.

tions, according to the camp's mission. The primary purpose of the camp is to provide a facility for physically disabled, hearing/ vision impaired, and diabetic children from

the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. For more information on the Texas Lions Camp visit their website at <http://www.lionscamp.com/>

Dear Lions,

*Have you ever had that need to get away from the stress that life brings you? I have, but I have a way to get away, that place is Texas Lions Camp. There's no worries and not nearly as stressful as everyday life. You all have friends*

Friday, August 17, 2018

# Community Pride

An in focus page dedicated to local giving



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## Northside and First Ladies Lions Club



Lion Alice Lopez presenting a donation to Lt. Ben and Lt. Charlise Godwin of the Salvation Army Citadel Corp Center from the Northside and First Ladies Lions Club.



Presidents of District 2 A-2 Lions Clubs, as you can see the two patches are professional made and would look great on each of our Club Banners or on our Individual Lions Vests. (One patch was designed for our Clubs Banners the other patch was designed for our individual vests) Lions Clubs Presidents, I am looking forward to speaking at each of our Lions Clubs in District 2 A-2. I'm looking forward to visiting with each club to share additional information about the history and meaning Please contact me to schedule a date and time that would work for your Lions Club.

Lion Don Doyle  
District Service Dogs for the Blind Chairman

### **San Antonio Area Family Lions Club**



Congratulations Lion President Bruce Rivera and San Antonio Area Family Lions Club for their participation in the 2017-2018 Lions Club Membership Contest. Lion Bruce sponsored eight (8) new Lions, giving the club a grand total of nine (9) new members for the year!

Remember, the contest has been extended through the Lions Year 2018-2019.

**Lion Faye Evans**  
*Zone 11 Chair*

# 2018 LEAKEY LIONS CLUB ANNUAL BRISKET AND RIB SALE



We Serve

**SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 1st, 2018**  
**@ 8:00 a.m.** until sold out

**@ Real County  
Courthouse**

**LEAKEY, TEXAS**

**Brisket sold whole or half only**  
***\$13 per pound***

Ribs sold whole slab only \$25 per slab

To Reserve your brisket and ribs contact Lion Guinn  
Turner @830-232-4249 or Lion Glenn @ Hondo  
National Bank or any Lion by August 31, 2018

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES & SCHOLARSHIPS



# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual La Vernia Lions Club Golf Tournament



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*Date:* Sunday, October 14, 2018  
*Place:* River Bend Golf Club (Floresville)  
*Time:* 1:00PM Registration, 1:30PM Shotgun Start  
*Fee:* \$60.00 per player  
*Format:* Four-person Scramble (w/ handicap system)  
(pick your own team or we can pair you)

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## Team Prizes

1<sup>st</sup>-\$300, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$200, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Free Round of Golf

## Individual Hole Prizes

Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin

### *Optional \$30 Players Pool*

There will be a free meal following the golf tournament for all participants

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## Sponsorship Levels

**Gold:** \$750 (2 – 4 person teams and 2-hole sponsors)

**Silver:** \$500 (1 – 4 person team and 2-hole sponsors)

**Bronze:** \$300 (1 – 4 person team and 1-hole sponsor)

**Shared Hole Sponsor:** 1-hole \$50, 2-holes \$100

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## For More Info:

Frank Pruski (210) 260-1241

Mary Ann Mays (830) 779-3825

[golf@lavernialions.org](mailto:golf@lavernialions.org)

or go to:

[www.LaVerniaLions.org](http://www.LaVerniaLions.org)

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All funds raised will go to the La Vernia Lions Club Charitable Giving Fund

# KSL Color Fun



Join the  
**Kerrville Sunrise Lions club**  
at the  
**Texas Lions Camp**  
in  
**Kerrville Texas**  
for our  
**Color Fun 5k!**

**Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Facebook event page: KSL Color Fun 5K**

Contact: Lion Christi at 830-890-9999 or Lion Amanda at 302-943-9569

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/TX/Kerrville/SunriseLionsColorFunRun>



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual TOPGOLF Fundraiser

5539 N. Loop 1604

Join and support the  
San Antonio Founder Lions Club

on

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

**Player - \$55.00**

Ticket Includes:

Lifetime membership to Top Golf  
Buffet  
2 hours of Top Golf  
5 Raffle Tickets

**OR**

**Non-Player - \$30.00**

Ticket Includes:

Lifetime membership to Top Golf  
Buffet  
5 raffle tickets

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP FOR A  
PRIVATE BAY - \$500.00 INCLUDES:**

- 6 regular player tickets
- Announcement recognition throughout the event
  - 20 additional raffle tickets
- Advertising in the SAFLC Newsletter, SAFLC website & SAFLC Facebook page
- Advertising with your company name on event t-shirts
  - 6 event t-shirts in bay
  - Domestic beer bucket in bay

**5:30pm to 6:30pm – Registration & Buffet**

**6:00pm to 8:00pm – 2 hours of Top Golf**

**8:00pm to 9:00pm – Live Auction & Raffle**

**Door Prizes (1 or more door prize(s) every 15 minutes during play time)**

**Live Auction (Begins @ 8:00pm after play time) & Raffle**

**Deadline to register is October 17, 2018 – contact our office at 210-225-1164 to register or if you have any questions.**

**Benefiting Lions Charities that include:**





**S. A. WEST SIDE LIONS CLUB**  
**67<sup>th</sup> Charter Night Celebration**

**October 16, 2018**

**6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Dinner & Raffle (10 Amazing prizes)**

**La Chaparrita Mexican Restaurant**

**7350 Tezel Road, SATX**

**\$25.00 per person**

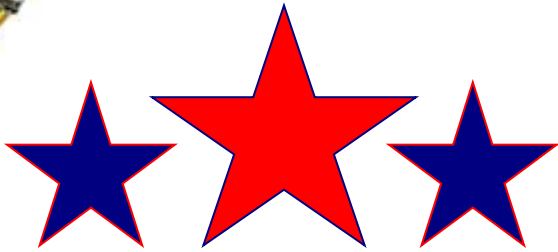
**Dinner Choice of ribeye or salmon,  
with all the trimmings**

**RSVP to Lion Rose Mary Paletta (210) 341-1160**



# Lion Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina

## Your Candidate for International Director



### "Team Tijerina"



## Leadership Development

- ❖ Empowering Lions and promoting Dynamic Leaders!
- ❖ Develop opportunities for Lions to be Active and Participate!

## Membership Growth

- ❖ Adding Helping Hands will promote Lions Programs!
- ❖ Having Fun and Fellowship will lead to Retention of the Lions!

## Service

- ❖ Serving Communities with Innovative Programs!
- ❖ Focusing on Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment, and Pediatric Cancer!
- ❖ Changing Lives and improving Communities!

Serving You



Serving the World

Lion "T.J." is committed to making sure that the future of our International Association remains strong and that the Lions continue to lead the way in our world as the largest and best service organization. With your helping hands together with Lion Juanita, his wife of 45 years, *"Team Tijerina"* is prepared to serve you, the Lions of Texas and the world as your International Director. Lion "T.J." can always be counted on to see that any job that is worth doing is "worth doing well" and that it is always done with integrity and compassion.

**With your support for our "Team Tijerina" and your vote for Lion "T.J.", you are sure to have the strongest and best representation for International Director**



LIONS INTERNATIONAL  
PEACE POSTER CONTEST  
Official School or Youth Group  
Contest Guide & Rules



# PEACE

2018-2019

## Kindness Matters

Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11-13, to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2018-2019 contest theme is "Kindness Matters." The contest allows students to share their unique image of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

Your Lions club contact will meet with you to discuss contest details and judging. Thank you for your participation.

Your Lions club contact is:

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(name)

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(phone number)

(e-mail)

## CONTEST RULES & CONDITIONS

*Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified.*

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc.). Lioness clubs may work through their sponsoring Lions club. Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.
- Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2018. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2004 through November 15, 2007.
- The contest theme is "Kindness Matters."
- Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.
- All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
- Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
- The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
- Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

## Think BIG

Tie the contest into topics discussed in class or in youth group meetings. Exchange views on peace. Talk to your local Lions club about the possibility of establishing contact with another group participating in the contest in your community or abroad!

## FUN Idea!

Consider holding an art exhibit featuring the Peace Posters. Work with your Lions club contact to arrange the exhibit in a public area.

## Visit the WEB

To view the contest finalists, rules, deadlines and video, visit [www.lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](http://www.lionsclubs.org/peaceposter)

Join the conversation by sharing your artwork on social media with #peaceposter.

## CONTEST JUDGING

Posters are evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging. The criteria are originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Kindness Matters."

Work with your sponsoring Lions club to determine how and when the judging will be held. An appropriate individual such as the school principal, youth group leader, local artist, club representative or a panel of judges may select the winning poster. Only one poster can be selected, per contest sponsored, to advance to the next level of judging. It is important that the poster selected to advance to the next level of judging meets all the requirements as outlined in the Contest Rules & Conditions. Posters not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.

Once the winning poster is selected from your school or youth group, your sponsoring Lions club will forward it on to the next level (postmark deadline November 15). Subsequent judging is held at the district, multiple district and international levels. The winner's parent or legal guardian's signature will be required on a sticker held by the club.

## AWARDS

At the local level, the contest winner will be recognized by your sponsoring Lions club. Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- International Grand Prize Winner receives a trip to an award ceremony where he/she will receive US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an award. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- 23 Merit Award Winners each receive US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

**Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.**

**In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by club president) are required to attend an award ceremony. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.**

**Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.**



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# LIONS KidSight Program

## Procedures for Reserving the SPOT for Vision Screening

Any District 2-A2 Lions club that is planning a vision screening at a school, preschool, day care or community event needs to reserve a SPOT and printer. The reservation of a SPOT is based on availability on a first come/first serve basis. Click on the link to download the KidSight Request Form and send the form to Lion Ken Book at [kbook0@hotmail.com](mailto:kbook0@hotmail.com) at least two weeks prior to the event.

Once a SPOT is reserved for your event, download and print the Consent Form for Vision Screening, and the Parents Pass & Refer Letter which can be personalized for your event. You should retain the Consent for Vision Screening form for your club records. The Parent's Pass & Refer Letter is to be given to the parent/guardian. If the child/adult fails the screening, print the report on the back of the Consent Form for Vision Screening and the Parent's Pass & Refer Letter which is to be given to the parent/guardian.

Your club will need to arrange to have one SPOT certified Lion per SPOT reserved. Only SPOT certified Lions are authorized to operate the vision screening device. In addition, it is recommended that you have one Lion to operate the printer and two Lions to handle registration.

**Please note:** If you are providing screening in a public/private/parochial school, charter school or licensed day care center where the screening results will be reported to the State, Lions need to be SPOT and State certified vision screeners.

Currently, the SPOT may be used to screen children 5 years old and younger on the date of the screening, and children with disabilities at any age for which the use of standard wall charts would not yield reliable and valid results. If you need the support of the School Screening Program, you need to contact Lion Ken Book at [kbook0@hotmail.com](mailto:kbook0@hotmail.com) to schedule a team member(s) to assist you. **A two week notice is required** and assistance is contingent on the availability of a School Screening Program team member.

After the screening is held, complete the SPOT-Final Report Form and email it to Lion Ken Book at [kbook0@hotmail.com](mailto:kbook0@hotmail.com)

For more information and to download the forms please visit <https://district2a2.org/kidsight-program/>



We continue to change more lives and achieve our club goals to promote **Service, Membership Growth, and Leadership Development**. It's going to take great leaders to reach our goal to increase service in our community and worldwide.

**The development of the Global Action Team unifies the three key areas of Lions—Leadership, Membership and Service—to** strengthen our clubs, districts and association. It's a bottom-up approach to supporting and encouraging the one thing that unites all Lions: **service**.

The Global Action Team empowers clubs and especially lion members with the Power of Action. The Power of Action is the vision for lion members to have the opportunity to serve every need. Clubs will experience growth in membership creating the energy for clubs to grow and serve. Providing strong service projects will allow for our current members to re-engage in the work of lions. Potential new members will see the work we do in our local communities. **Membership will grow with Service creating strong Leadership in our lions clubs.**

**At the end of the day, it's all about service!**

**District 2-A2 Global Action  
Plan Membership Contest**

**2018-2019**

**Enhance Service, Membership Development, and  
Effective Leadership Development.**

### **Lion Membership Contest**

Top three (3) Highest Lion Members that sponsor  
New Members for 2018-2019  
(July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

**Award: (your choice)**

**Texas Lions Foundation Silver Plate Award  
Texas Lions Camp Life Membership Award  
District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research  
Foundation Special Recognition Award**

### **Zone Chairperson Membership Contest**

Top two (2) Highest Zone Chairperson(s) that have the highest  
membership net gain in their Zone for 2018-2019  
(July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

**Award: (your choice)**

**Texas Lions Foundation Silver Plate Award  
Texas Lions Camp Life Membership Award  
District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research  
Foundation Special Recognition Award**

### **Lions Club Membership Contest**

Top three (3) Highest Lions Club(s) with the highest  
membership net gain for 2018-2019  
(July 1, 2018 to  
June 30, 2019)

**Award: Club Membership Banner Patch Award**

### **Lions Club Retention Contest**

Top three (3) Highest Lions Club(s) with the highest  
Retention of Club Members for 2018-2019  
(July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

(Beginning number of members minus the  
total drops for the year equals retention).

**Award: Club Retention Banner Patch Award**



## Together, we can stop diabetes in its tracks.

LCI has partnered with the International Diabetes Federation to make fighting diabetes, one of the world's most widespread diseases, a top priority for 2018.

As we count down to World Diabetes Day on November 14, 2018, we're counting on you to mobilize your fellow Lions and Leos. Please send them to our [Diabetes Service Journey website](#) for fun ways to get engaged and learn about the disease's impact.

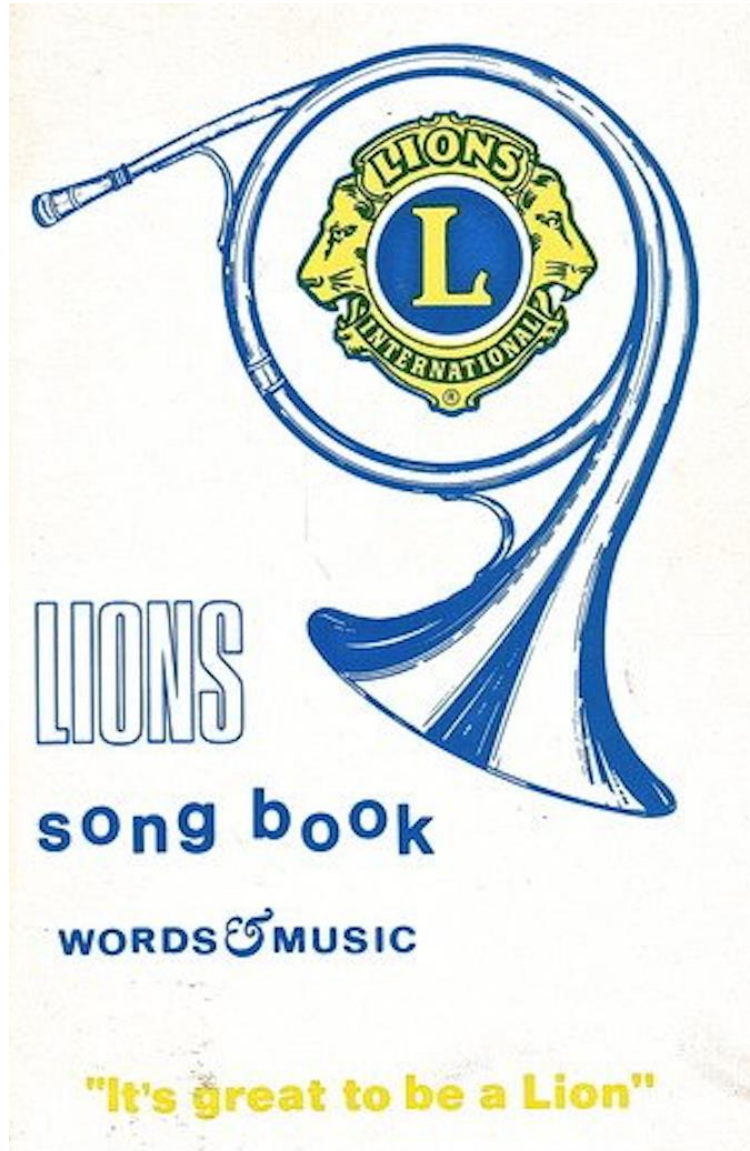
Of course, we want you to participate too! Check out the website now to:

- 1 Enter a monthly contest for a chance to win a Fitbit Charge 2
- 2 Share your views in our first monthly poll and see what other Lions and Leos think
- 3 Learn how to better manage or prevent diabetes
- 4 And much, much more!

Thank you for taking steps to fight diabetes as an LCI leader.

[Visit the site now](#)

# Touchstone Story—Musical Lions



Where can you hear a lion sing like a bird?

Lions Clubs International founder Melvin Jones said that some of the earliest club meetings could be quiet affairs until someone broke out into song.

“It seemed to me that the meetings were pretty dead until we limbered them up with song,” said Jones, who sang tenor. “Everybody talked business with his neighbor at the luncheon table, and when that subject was exhausted, he just shut up and kept his eyes on his plate. A few rounds of ‘Tipperary’ and ‘I Want a Girl Just Like the Girl’ ended all that.”

In 1926, *Songs for Lions*, the first official Lions Clubs International Songbook, was published. The songbook included reworked, Lions-themed lyrics to popular tunes like “Ain’t We Got Fun,” as well as an original composition called “Don’t You Hear Those Lions Roar?” with music and lyrics by Lions Joseph W. Thurston and Robert Kellogg of Hartford, Connecticut. Voices rang out in convention halls everywhere:

*He makes his home in a jungle den*

*He feeds on meat and also men*

*King of beasts, he kills and preys*

*He’s the lord of the forest*

*Til he end his days.*

*Roaring, he bites ‘em!*

*Snarling, he fights 'em!*

*Monarch of all he surveys.*

*You should hear those Lions roar*

*Their snarling, rumbling roar*

*So roar, Lions! Bite 'em! Bite 'em! Bite 'em!*

*Don't you hear those Lions, hear those Lions*

*Hear those Lions roar!*

Sharing the joy of music is also part of how Lions serve. Whether it's the Calgary Lions Club of Alberta, Canada, providing symphony tickets for students from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, or sponsorship of an annual music festival in Victoria, Texas, Lions have given their communities the gift of song throughout the years.

Lions are still known to break out in song today. To emphasize his chosen theme, Strengthening the Pride, Joe Preston of Dewey, Arizona, international president from 2014-15, told the 2014 International Convention in Toronto that "if we want to energize members, we have to touch their hearts." Speaking about the importance of *being a Lion* and not merely attending meetings, Joe broke out into a song of his own composition:

*Strengthen the pride through service*

*For causes worthy and just*

*Strengthen the pride through involvement*

*Belonging is never enough*

*Dig down deep*

*Let it go and roar like a Lion*

*Tell the whole world we'll never stop tryin'*

*We are the Lions Clubs*

*We can't be denied, no, no, no*

*So dig down deep and Strengthen the Pride*

So, where can you hear a lion sing like a bird? It's a bit of a trick question. The answer is, at a Lions club meeting, anywhere in the world.

Explore the exciting history of Lions Clubs International with our exclusive **Touchstone Stories series**. They're a great resource for promoting service at your club meetings!

# LION



WE SERVE

## Lions are changing lives. Read how. Watch how. Right now.

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Catch up on all the latest Lion news in the [September issue](#) of LION Magazine.

Enjoy some of this issue's features and digital extras:

- [Watch](#) how Lions Clubs International Foundation impacts millions of lives across the globe and why they have launched their biggest campaign in the foundation's history.
- Read how a home for families undergoing transplants takes care of one of its own in [Blessings Come Back](#).
- A young Lion leads by example after ten people are killed in a nearby high school. [Being Kind](#) tells her story.

**Don't miss a single issue of LION!**



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# Look at all you can do with MyLion.

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- 3 Discover service activities, clubs, and other Lions.
- 4 Easily plan, promote, and share your service activities right on your smartphone or tablet.
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Scan the code or go to **MyLion.org** to download MyLion now.



**Lions Clubs International**

# MyLion™ QuickStart Guide

Get social with your service, using the free mobile app for Lions.

Download MyLion at [MyLion.org](http://MyLion.org).



# Changing the world has never been easier (or more fun.)

## 1 Download MyLion & register.

- Just go to MyLion.org to put MyLion on your smartphone or tablet.
- When you open MyLion for the first time, tap the “Register” button and choose “Lions Member.”
- Verify your identity with your Member ID and the email or mobile phone number you have on record with LCI. **If you don’t have your Member ID or can’t remember the email address or phone number associated with your Lion Record, you can still get started by registering as a guest.**

## 2 Create your personal profile (and upload a club picture if you’re a club officer.)

- Tap the person icon to customize your profile.
- Add a picture that conveys your awesome personality.
- Add a short bio that talks about your interests, talents, and commitment to service.
- Scroll down to see what badges you can earn.
- To upload a club photo, simply tap through to your club profile, tap the pencil icon, and choose “Camera” to take a picture or “Gallery” to choose one from your library.

## 3 Find other Lions & clubs.

- Tap the magnifying glass icon to start searching users, clubs, and activities.
- Enter a name or location in the search field and tap “Search.”
- If you want, you can use the striped triangle at the top of your screen to set distance and language parameters.
- See your results and connect.

## 4 Post to your News Feed.

- When you start following users and clubs, your News Feed will become active.
- To post something, tap the plus sign at the top left of your screen.
- If you want to post a photo, tap “Select Photo” to take a picture with your camera or choose a photo from your library.
- If you want to post a comment, tap the “Enter comments” field and start typing when your keyboard appears
- Make sure the “Allow post to be shared” box is checked.
- Tap the airplane icon at the top right of your screen to send your post.



## **Vegas Commemoratives Now Available!**

By popular demand, some of our most popular Las Vegas convention souvenirs are now available to purchase online! Find these items and more in the LCI Store.

Limited quantities. Only available while supplies last!

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# Forum News

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**REGISTER  
TODAY!  
RATES  
INCREASE  
JULY 21<sup>st</sup>!**

**Build Your Leadership Skills Year  
Round With Lions University**

**More Than  
Your \$\$\$  
Worrth**

**Be Inspired To Greater  
Service & Leadership**

**2018 Diabetes  
Symposium:  
Living Well With  
Diabetes**

**So Close For  
So Many**



**USA/Canada  
LIONS  
LEADERSHIP FORUM**



**JOHN PINERO**

**Vince's Keys To Success**

*As coach Vince Lombardi, Pinero will inspire you as Lombardi inspired his players... you will leave the Tailgate Party with a renewed zeal for leading & inspiring your team.*



**MICHELLE RAY**

**Take the Lead. Embrace Change. Own Your Future.©**

*During this informative and dynamic Friday luncheon presentation, you will learn new strategies to view change through a positive lens, you will leave with practical take-aways to develop enduring relationships with members & supporters, as well as new ideas to tap into your creativity, to grow as an open-minded leader & position yourself for continued success.*

**BREAKOUT SESSION: Attracting & Keeping Great Lions**



**JON PETZ**

**Significance in Simple Moments**

*The Forum's Closing Banquet will focus on building foundations & breaking through barriers. Petz will show us that in today's world, leaders don't have the luxury of 'just showing up'. They've got to put rock solid foundations beneath their teams, help them understand the impact that each of them make no matter their position, and lead them to reach far beyond what any one individual believes is possible.*

**BREAKOUT SESSION: Boring Meetings Suck!**



## Be Inspired by LCI's 1st Female President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

**President Gudrun Yngvadottir will inspire attendees with her keynote address at Saturday's luncheon. Register today to learn more about harnessing the power of 1.4 million Lions.**

**We Serve!** Accomplished people from around the world have led our great Association in its over 100-year history. While each International President brings a unique perspective and expertise to Lions Clubs International, there has (and always will be) a single constant that unites all Lions: service. With this as a guide, each President is committed to helping clubs increase

their service, and as a result, their impact on our local and global communities.

**Beyond the Horizon** - There's a world of service yet to be reached, even by Lions. During International President Gudrun Yngvadottir's year at the helm of Lions International, we'll reach within our district, clubs and selves to reach levels of humanitarian good the world has never known.

**Harnessing the Power of 1.4 Million Lions**

- 1) Moving membership forward
- 2) Increasing leadership development
- 3) Promoting the fellowship of Lions
- 4) Sharing our stories

# More Than Your \$\$\$ Worth!

## Amazing Seminar Line Up Will Help Grow Your Leadership Skills & Offer Ideas You Can Use To Improve Your Club, Too

### GENERAL

**Bring the Forum to Your Town: Bidding & a Hosting a Forum** What does it take to bid & host the 2022 Forum? These former General Chairs have the experience to provide all of the answers.

**Club Presidents Meet the International President** Our new International President will share ideas with Club Presidents. Don't miss this opportunity.

**DGs, Join the International President** District Governors have the opportunity to chat with our International President.

**First Timers: Welcome to Columbus** First Timers, join us for a Forum preview & a big welcome to you!

**Fundraising in the 21st Century** Are there new ways to raise funds for our worthy causes? Join this seminar to find new ways for your club to bring home the money.

**On to Spokane** Lions will gather in the beauty of Spokane, Washington for the 2019 Forum. Get the latest details.

**The First International Vice President With the FVDGs** If you are a First Vice District Governors this is a chance to meet & greet your First International Vice President.

**Want to Be an ID? Learn How!** Lions Joe & Anne know what it takes to be a successful International Director. Learn from their experience!

### KEY NOTE SPEAKER SESSIONS

**Boring Meetings Suck!** The number one reason Lions leave is boring meetings! Featured dinner speaker Jon Petz will share thoughts on methods to make meetings meaningful & purposeful.

**How to Attract, Retain & Keep Great Lions** Michele Ray will be our featured luncheon speaker on Friday. In this breakout session, she will share her expertise to entice people to join a club & engage in service!

### LEADERSHIP

**"It's a Process"-Nick Saban** Apply Nick Saban's philosophy to engage Lions & enhance clubs.

**Clubs Just Wanna Have Fun: Tail Twisting** The Tail Twister is a vital leader in the club. Promoting fun & fellowship builds positive relationships among members.

**Coach, Do You Need a Walk On?** The focus is on targeting specific community members for specific club needs. Learn the benefits!

**Diversity & Diplomacy in the Lions Pride** Being a leader requires knowing how to use the skill of diplomacy while recognizing the diversity in our clubs & districts. Learn how they mesh!

# USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum COLUMBUS, OHIO SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2018

Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Check Out the Website First	LCI has a plethora of resources for leadership. There is no need to start from scratch. Join Alan for a showcase.
Ethics & Purposes: Share Your Thoughts	Join the round table discussion on our Lions Ethics & Purposes
Fundraising: Managing a Fund Raising Project	Tips on how to manage a fund raising project & promote transparency.
GAT Break Out	Join the discussions lead by our GAT Area Leaders. Brainstorm & share your ideas! Take the best ones home!
Generational Leadership Styles	Each Generation has had experiences & life situations that have determined their leadership styles. These also impact clubs. Lion Jeff shares some insight.
Juggling Our Time	Join Lion Scott Peska as he shares his juggling skills & his insights on time management
Leadership to Enhance & Engage	
Lions Pride	
Managing a Fund Raising Project	Tips on how to manage a fund raising project, promoting transparency as well as service.
Merging Districts a Process for Success	Lion Bud will share insights on the benefits of merging two districts to enhance leadership, membership & service.
PDG: Put Me In Coach	Are you a PDG & still have a few plays left? Learn how to stay active involved & fulfilled without tackling the new leaders on the team.
Public Speaking: No More Nerves	Public speaking is the greatest fear of many people. Hear from a seasoned speaker & presenter. Learn the tricks of the trade to make you a great public speaker.
Sand Angels on a Beach	Come & hear Mary Ann's story & how it impacted others
Secretaries' Round Table	Join your fellow secretaries to discuss best practices. Not a secretary, come on along to learn why the secretary is vital to club success!
Talk Time for Executive Administrators, State Secretaries & Office Managers	Those who are employed to manage & support the work of Lions at the MD or District level come to chat & connect.
Team Building for all Lions	Whether you are a club officer or the Council Chair there are ways to build a successful team. Come join the fun!
The Referee Called a Foul on the Crowd!?!	You are the speaker with a rowdy crowd. Find out how to handle these difficult situations.
Top Ten Things a Club President Needs to Know When the DG Visits	When company comes to visit, we all want to be at our best. When the District Governor comes to your club, be ready!
You're Chairman of the Project, Now What?	You have been named chairman of your club's newest service project. Find out ways to have a well organized project of which your members can be proud.
You're the Club Coach: Make the Most of Your Teams' Time & Talents	As the Club President you can coach your club members to success. Learn How!
Zone Chair: Key to District Success	Zone Chairs play a major role in the success of a district, as well as the clubs they mentor. Learn what it takes.
Zone Chair: Roles, Responsibilities & Expectations	Find out what is expected of you as a Zone Chair. Gain knowledge that can be put to use for a successful year of leadership.

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## LEADERSHIP / MEMBERSHIP / SERVICE

GAT Break Out

Join the discussions lead by our GAT Area Leaders. Brainstorm & share your ideas! Take the best ones home!

Three Sport Champions

Build clubs that excel at service, membership & leadership. Check out these GAT ideas for your club.

GAT: Global Action Team

The GAT has great potential to re-energize Lions, revitalize clubs, & rejuvenate service. Find out how you can get involved!

## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (LCI)

LCI Forward: Status Report

LCI Forward is the 5 year plan to meet the service needs in our communities & around the world. Join us for the latest status report.

Legalities & Lionism

LCI's legal counsel has the answers to your legal & ethical questions. She is in the know about insurance, election procedures, club ethics issues & trademark rules.

There's an App for That!

The MyLion App is changing how Lions communicate, share & serve. Find out what can do to be a part of this new technology

## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

Can a LCIF Grant Help?

Could a grant from LCIF assist your club or district to meet a community need? Find out the ins & outs of writing a grant.

Implementing Lions Quest: A Long Island Example

Lions Quest has successfully been implemented on Long Island. Could these best practices work in your community?

LCIF: Capital Campaign

LCIF is embarking on a capital campaign. Find out how to engage Lions & clubs in this most worthy endeavor.

LCIF: Meeting Local & Global Needs

Find out what is happening with LCIF around the world & close to home.

Success Using an LCIF Grant

Things we learned along the way while requesting, managing & utilizing our LCIF Grant

## LIONS UNIVERSITY

Lions University Graduation

The Pomp & Circumstance of earning your Lions' Certificate. Congratulations Lions!

LU 105: Dynamic Community Service Projects

Learn the characteristics of dynamic community service projects, identify sources of ideas & other resources for service projects, & share examples of effective community service projects.

LU 108: Member Motivation

Define motivation & look at motivation theories. Consider how the theories apply to groups. Discussion of your personal motivation. Practical applications of theory to practice

LU 125: Your Board, Your Team

How to create, manage & utilize your Board of Directors to improve your club.

LU 201: District Cabinet Selection

Why a team? The importance of identifying players on a successful team. How to be a successful team.

LU 202: Succession Planning	Define the steps involved in Succession Planning & a flexible approach to candidate selection. You will review the resources & personal development that are available & learn of support & transition options.
LU 203: Leadership Styles	Identify the various leadership styles used & help you determine which style is best suited in specific situations.
LU 209: Strategic Planning: Beyond Goals & Actions Plans	What happens after the SMART goals are written? What are the next steps for success?
LU 226: Decision Making	Consider the process, options, choice & actions of decision making, & review common decision making models & mechanisms where the knowledge can be applied to district decisions.
LU 307 How to Do a Webinar?	Technology can provide new methods for learning. Find out how a webinar may be the answer. Participate in a Lions U class!
So, What is Lions University?	If you have questions about Lions University, bring them to be answered!
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
8 to 48	A club of 8 grew to 48 overnight. Learn how it is done & take the ideas home to build your club.
Being the Best Club Around	What can the Quality Club Initiative do to support, grow, & enhance your Lions Club to be the best it can be?
Break Out: Reaching Out to the Younger Generation	Join this round table discussion about how to gain younger members.
Club Structure: New Direction, New Opportunity	LCI has a new model for club structure that meets the demands of our changing communities. Is your club ready?
Coach Do You Need a Walk On?	The focus is on targeting specific community members for specific club needs. Learn the benefits!
Corporate Social Responsibilities & Small Business	Small Business may be the best place to look for new members. Find out why!
Enticing Millennials to be Lions	Join this panel discussion to find out what works to bring new ideas & fresh faces into your club.
Keep Them In The Stands	The bleachers thin out after the 7th inning stretch. Don't let this happen in your club. Check out these tried & true retention techniques.
League Expansion: New Clubs	Lions are coming to a city near you. Let's focus on the extension process!
Leos to Lions	Learn how Lions can reach out to Leos & make them Lions. Let's learn how to engage them, not lose them.
Membership Models for the Future	The world is changing & Lions must as well. Learn about new models for membership that will enhance our service.
Recruiting in the 21st Century	How do we recruit members in the 21st Century? Come & find out!
Specialty Clubs: What are the Options?	Learn from experts how specialty clubs can be an answer to membership growth & service to the community.
Why Service Clubs are Dying & How to Fix Them?	The service Lions bring to their communities is needed now more than ever. Learn how to change the tide.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Encouragement from the Press Box

This seminar will focus on public relations, branding & image for Lions.

When the NCAA Comes Calling

Learn how to deal with public relations nightmares!

## SERVICE

Audio Description for the Visually Impaired

Join Dr. Joel Snyder, head of Audio Description Project for the Council of the Blind, to learn about AD & how your club can become involved

Fidelco Dogs

German Shepherds make great service dogs. Find out how Fidelco Dogs make this happen.

Hands On Service: Join the Fun, Help Kids

Put your hands to work & feel your heart swell as your act of kindness brings a ray of sunshine to sick children.

League Expansion: Service

Selecting the site for the next club level service initiative needs to focus on your community. Find out what the Community Needs Assessment has to offer.

Military Boxes

Nationwide's Children: Pediatric Cancer

Pilot Dogs Changing Lives

Pilot Dogs have a rich history. Learn how these dogs are making lives better for many

Service Framework: Diabetes

Diabetes is a new addition to the LCI Service Framework. Problems from Diabetes affect many. Learn what your club can do.

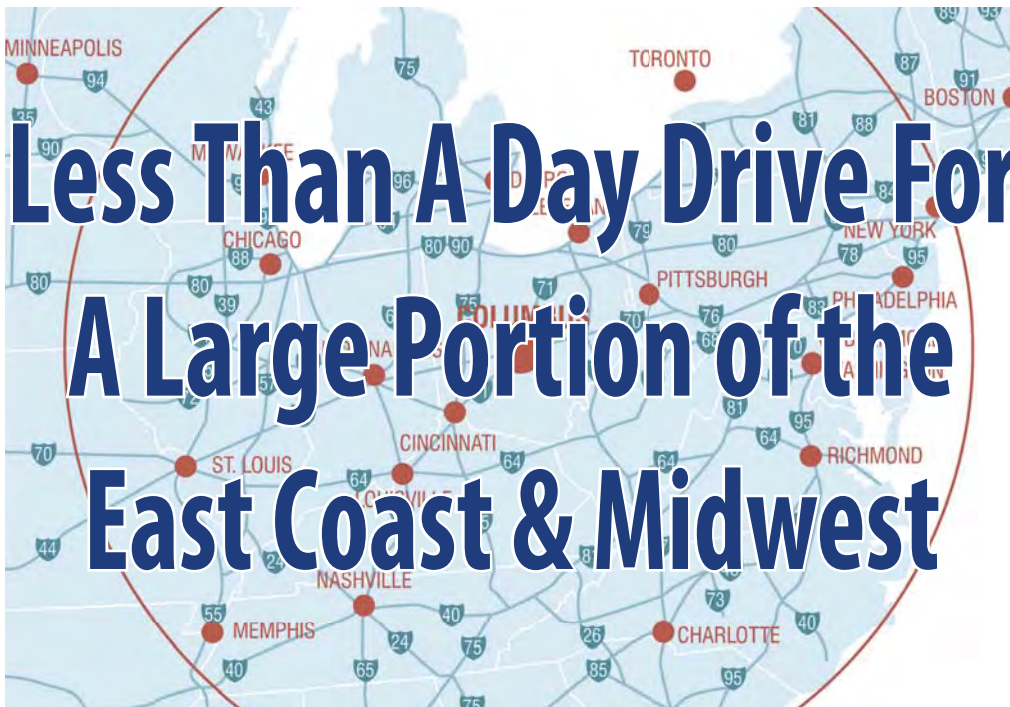
## STEPS

Taking the Service Project Home

Today's service project can be replicated in your club or district. Find out what it takes to make that happen.

Things Your Club Can Learn from a Diabetic Nurse (English & French)

This Diabetic Nurse shares information that will help your club meet this new addition to the Global Service Framework. (English)





# Living Well With Diabetes

by Lion Terry Ackley, Executive Director  
- Diabetes Education & Camping  
Association

Where there's a need, there's a Lion! I have personally experienced this truth. I recall the day thirty years ago when I met Lions. That was when I trusted Lions to care for our seven year old daughter, and to help teach her how to live well with diabetes. She learned – giving her first shot at diabetes camp. She had fun – bringing home an award for being the "Camp Nut". She made friends, some of whom she continues to have contact with these many years later.

Lions have recognized that there are hundreds of millions of people living with diabetes. In fact it is estimated that 3.4 million/9.3% people in Canada, and 29.1 million people/9.3% people in the United States have diabetes. A frightening statistic is that 46% of people with diabetes are undiagnosed. Just like our daughter and family, they are all in desperate need of help from Lions.

I am thankful that the Lions of the USA and

Canada have embraced diabetes as a priority service area. I appreciate that Lions have interest in learning more about diabetes so they can more effectively serve people impacted by this difficult and sometimes devastating disease.

The Diabetes Education and Camping Association is honored to be invited to present a Diabetes Seminar at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

**The seminar will take place the morning of Thursday, September 20th.** Our planning committee is contemplating topics including: An Overview of Diabetes - Types of Diabetes, Treatment Approaches, Living Well with Diabetes and Complications of Long-standing Uncontrolled Diabetes; Screenings, Education and Support Programs; and The Future of Diabetes Care.

I invite you to join us at "The Diabetes Seminar" to learn what diabetes is, how it is treated, how people with this illness are impacted and what you can do to help them live healthier, happier and more productive lives. I look forward to seeing you there!



## LIONS UNIVERSITY

An event to remember. Lions University will hold a special Graduation Ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of all those meeting the graduation requirements. Each Graduate will receive personal congratulations from our International President & will be presented with a certificate and a special pin.

Lions University offers 24/7 self-directed leadership training. Earn your Bachelor's, Masters of PhD. Visit lionsuniversity.org for more info or to begin your studies.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

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Celebrating 100  
Years of Service



Dear Lions and Leos,

While we called it our Centennial Celebration, celebrating was not nearly enough to honor the first 100 years of Lions Clubs International. We also committed ourselves to lead through service, invite for impact and connect with our communities around the world. It has been thrilling to see how Lions and Leos have embraced that commitment throughout the four years of our Centennial Celebration.

The Centennial Service Challenge placed our motto, We Serve, into action as never before, with a goal of serving 100 million people through youth, vision, hunger, environment and diabetes projects. Not only did we achieve our goal, we more than doubled it, serving over 246 million people! That shows how Lions handle a challenge.

Our Centennial Membership Awards inspired us to invite new members and start new clubs to grow our incredible organization and extend our mission of service. Lions Clubs International now has hundreds of thousands of new members and thousands of new clubs to provide even greater benefits to humanity.

Our Legacy Projects have connected us more than ever to our communities. They provide not only real value, but also a visible reminder of the contributions that Lions make. With more than 31,000 Legacy Projects completed, the members of our communities will continue to benefit for years to come.

I invite you to enjoy the examples on the following pages of Lions and Leos celebrating our anniversary. From building a park for children with disabilities in South Carolina to building a suspension bridge to connect two villages in Indonesia, I am inspired by all the ways we build a better world when We Serve.

On behalf of the Executive Officers and the Centennial Action Committee members who served during our Centennial Celebration, I thank you for your role in our many achievements. I know that with Lions and Leos like you, Lions Clubs International will continue to be the greatest humanitarian organization in the world throughout our next century of service.

Sincerely,

J. Frank Moore III

Former International President and Centennial Action Committee Chairperson

# Constitutional Area 1 USA



## ◀ Lions Centennial Bus Tour

Centennial President Bob Corlew shared our celebration across 20 states and two Canadian provinces on a Lions Centennial Bus Tour in the fall of 2016. Lions and Leos around the world followed the tours on social media. Throughout the tour, President Corlew met with club members and civic leaders, inducted new members, chartered clubs, and participated in Lions service projects.



## ◀ A Recreational and Learning Park

Lions have a long history of support for the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. Sixty-one Lions Clubs in South Carolina raised over US\$100,000 to match a US\$100,000 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant and collaborated with other community partners to create a playground specially designed for these children to enjoy playing together.



## ▶ New Vision Centre in Jamaica

The Lions Club of Montego Bay partnered with the Canadian Vision Care Volunteers/Red Deer Central Lions Club, the Ministry of Health and the Brenda Strafford Foundation to open a new Vision Clinic in Albion Montego Bay, where people receive glaucoma and cataract examinations and prescription eye glasses.

## Walks for Childhood Cancer Research ▶

Ohio Lions are fighting pediatric cancer, one step at a time, by hosting walks and participating in fundraisers. Together they raised US\$25,000 for the Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Columbus and Dayton Children's Hospitals, and priceless awareness of the need to support children with cancer.



## Constitutional Area 2 Canada



### ◀ Mount Cheam Lions Club Eye Centre

Mount Cheam Lions Club partnered with the Steller's Jay Lions Club to raise \$600,000, and LCIF provided a matching grant for the purchase of cataract surgical equipment at Chilliwack General Hospital. More than 5,300 surgeries take place annually at the center with people traveling up to 400 miles to receive treatment.



### ▲ Westbank Lions Community Centre

Lions devoted countless hours to maintain this community meeting place for more than 40 years. When the building was recently damaged by fire, Lions rebuilt and enlarged the facility, then made it a Centennial gift to the City of West Kelowna, where it serves more than 35,000 people.



### ◀ Buddy Benches for School Children

A buddy bench is a place where children who feel left out, lonely, or bullied can sit to signal that they would like to talk or be invited to play. The Edmonton Southgate Lions Club, assisted by students and teachers, assembled 80 buddy benches for schools across their city to support students' emotional wellbeing.



### ◀ The Jarvis Lions Walking Trail

Lions in Jarvis, Ontario raised funds to construct a 1.1 kilometer (0.68 mile) paved walking trail for their community. Club members planted trees and installed solar lighting and benches with the Lions International logo along the trail. The trail is used by all ages and enhances the recreational opportunities of residents and visitors.

## Constitutional Area 3 FOLAC



### ◀ Extended Flood Relief in Paraguay

Eighteen months after devastating floods struck Paraguay, local Lions finished repairs on five primary schools that were destroyed by flood waters, enabling 1,725 students to return to school. LCIF provided emergency relief immediately after the flood and continued to provide funding for long-term community reconstruction needs.



### ▲ Lions Run for Children

To benefit an educational activity center for children with disabilities and autism, Lions throughout District O4 worked for more than a year to host a marathon with 500 runners. T-shirts were distributed to illustrate Lions International's support of children and the Centennial Celebration.



### Relieving Hunger in Latin America ▲

Leos and Lions in Latin America and the Caribbean came together to alleviate hunger as part of the Centennial Service Challenge. More than 800 clubs and nearly 13,000 Leos from 17 countries participated, collecting food donations from community members and distributing the food to vulnerable families.



### ◀ Centennial Monoliths Nationwide

A Lion and architect created this design to unify Lions across Argentina with a shape that represents their county. These Lions Centennial monoliths have been installed by districts and clubs from the north to the south, in squares and other visible locations, drawing public, media, and social media attention to the legacy of Lions Clubs.

# Constitutional Area 4 Europa

## ▼ Spaces for Youth in Need to Live & Play

Netherland Lions, in cooperation with Foundation Forgotten Child, are providing Magic Gardens (for young children) and Chill Inns and Outs (for older youth) in every one of their districts. Over €620,000 was raised for this national gift, which will transform playing and living environments for 50,000 young people.



## We Run – We Serve ▲

Promoting WE SERVE with every step, several Lions from Poland have run every year of the Centennial Celebration, collecting funds for children in need. In 2017, they ran from Helen Keller's hometown in Alabama to the Lions Clubs International headquarters in Illinois. With 1,000 co-runners, they have collected US\$70,000, benefitting more than 1,000 children in seven countries.



## ◀ Cycling Brings Diabetes Awareness

The Tour of Italy lasts for 21 days and crosses much of the country. Italian Lions and Leos were present at stops in 46 communities, inviting spectators to participate in diabetes screening tests. A Lions Clubs car was also part of the tour's race caravan, which was seen by millions of spectators along the route.

## ▶ A Mountain Top International Meeting

As part of their Centennial Celebration, Lions from France, Italy, and Switzerland decided to meet at the top of Mont Blanc, the highest summit in Europe. The climbers set out on Lions Clubs' 100th birthday, June 7, 2017 and reached the peak two days later. A celebratory festival followed in Courmayeur, Italy.



# Constitutional Area 5 OSEAL

## ▼ School Vegetable and Fish Farm

In the Philippines, Lions, school staff, students and parents worked together to build a vegetable and fish farm. A seminar was also provided so the school community would develop the skills needed to maintain and continue benefiting from their farm.



## ◀ Building a School in Record Time

District 334-B donated an elementary school with solar power to a village in Myanmar. The school was constructed in only six months and is much appreciated by the people of the village. Lions shared their joy with a sense of accomplishment for taking on the challenge of raising over ¥2 million to make this gift to the community.



## ▲ Vision Screening in Taiwan

The first Sharing the Vision month during the Centennial Celebration was October 2014. Knowing vision problems can hinder a child's ability to perform well in school, the Keelung Hsin I Lions Club in Taiwan organized a vision screening that month for local children – a great example of how Lions and Leos show they care every day.

## A Dormitory for Future Leaders ▶

Students who walked for up to four hours to attend school, or relied on unsafe transportation, now have a place near their school to stay, thanks to the Lions of Korea, Kota Kinabalu Host Lions Club in Malaysia and LCIF. Not only can students spend more time studying, they also receive healthy meals and can join in extracurricular activities.



## Constitutional Area 6 *ISAAME*



### ◀ Rebuilding after an Earthquake

There are many immediate humanitarian needs when an earthquake strikes. Lions continue giving until a community is restored. After the Ridvan Academy school building was damaged in a devastating earthquake, the Kathmandu Laligurans Lions Club donated a new six-room school house for the community's children.



### ▲ A Second Eye Care Hospital for Club

Centennial President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal inaugurated the Siliguri Greater Lions Shri Vidya Sagar Oswal Eye Hospital & Training Institute in 2017. This is the second flagship project of the Siliguri Greater Lions Club, who opened their first hospital over 30 years ago. Supported by LCIF, the new 100-bed facility greatly expands eye care for the people of east India.



### Lions Flag on Top of Mount Everest ▲

Sir Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand Lion, and Nepalese Sherpa mountaineer Tensing Norgay were the first climbers confirmed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest. In 2017, Pema Sherpa and Pemba Ongchuk Sherpa each unfurled the Lions Flag at the top of the world, honoring the history of Lions International. This activity was coordinated by Mr. Jamling Norgay, son of Mr. Tensing Norgay.



### ◀ Lions Kidney Dialysis Center

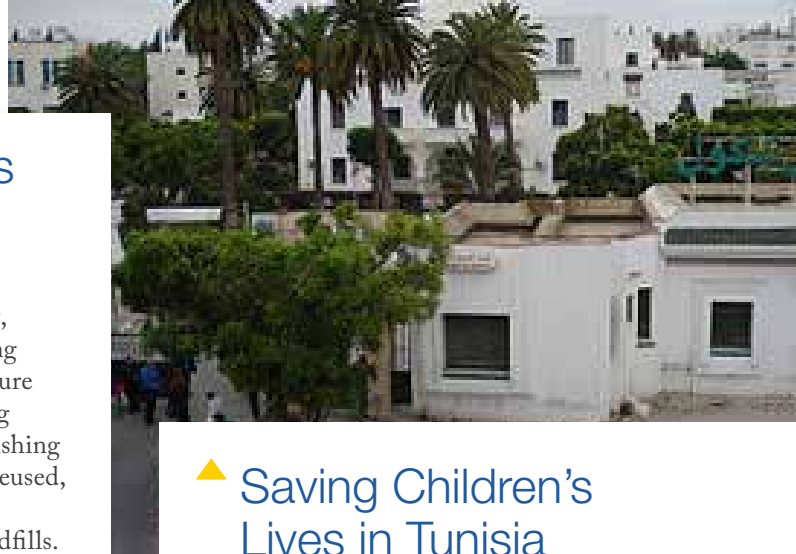
Lions had already contributed an eye care center and blood bank for a hospital in Ognaj, India. The Ahmedabad Karnavati Lions Club, in partnership with the State Bank of India, gave those suffering from kidney failure a new treatment center in the hospital with 10 kidney dialysis machines as part of their Centennial celebration.

## Constitutional Area 6 Africa



### ◀ Electronics Recycling

Seven Lions Clubs in Egypt, the Middle East, and Africa are preserving our environment for future generations by collecting electronic waste, refurbishing equipment that can be reused, and safely disposing the remainder in proper landfills. Eight of the computers produced from this project are being used in Lions' classrooms.



### ▲ Saving Children's Lives in Tunisia

Lions donated a medical resuscitation unit to the pediatric ward of the Charles Nicolle hospital in Tunis. This resuscitation unit will save the lives of children suffering from conditions like renal or liver failure in the northern region of Tunisia, which has a population of 5 million.

### Lions for Rhinos ▶

It is estimated that only 28,000 rhinos still live in the world. If rhinoceros poaching continues at the current rate, the last rhino in the wild will disappear within the next 15 years. The MD 410 Lions have launched an international marketing campaign to raise awareness of the plight of rhinos and help end the poaching of these majestic animals.



### ◀ Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy

In people with diabetes, high blood sugar can damage blood vessels in the retina, leading to vision loss, even blindness. The Casa Anfa Lions Club, in partnership with LCIF, donated medical laser equipment, so 20 people per day can be treated for diabetic retinopathy.

# Constitutional Area 7 ANZI



## ◀ Lions Tree Grove

District 202L and the Ngongotaha Lions Club set out to create an oasis of New Zealand native plants. With dedicated hard work and supporting donations, they planted more than 6,000 trees and bushes, and added park benches and grassy spaces. This ongoing heritage project will be a pleasure for residents and visitors for many years to come.



## OUR CENTENNIAL STORIES

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

### ◀ Our Centennial Stories

For 100 years Lions have shared a core belief that community is what we make it. Lions clubs across Australia donated more than \$100,000 to over 100 local projects to celebrate this belief. The Community 100 program brought clubs together across Australia and strengthened local relationships. An ebook, Our Centennial Stories, was created to document the humanitarian service provided.



## Lions Connecting People ▲

This suspension bridge was built by Lions Club Bandung Raya in cooperation with The Vertical Rescue. It connects two villages over a river in West Java, Indonesia. The next nearest crossing not only takes more than an hour, but becomes unusable in the rainy season when the river overflows. More than 1,000 people cross this bridge every day, a symbol of Lions' dedication to connecting people through humanitarian service.

## Diabetes Awareness Campaign ▶

Lions took up the fight against diabetes in a big way in Indonesia, where 47 clubs held simultaneous diabetes awareness programs, serving more than 10,000 people. Activities included blood sugar testing and seminars about preventing, controlling and treating diabetes. Attendees also participated in physical exercise to support healthy lifestyles.



# OUR SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE

For 100 years, the Lions Clubs International mission of service has brought light into countless lives. Our Centennial torches, which inspired Lions and Leos around the globe, are now a shining display at our worldwide headquarters.



The inscription reads,  
**“Lighting the way to  
our second century  
of service.”**

Our five-year strategy, LCI Forward, builds on the success of our Centennial Celebration. Supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), LCI Forward is strengthening our organization and will empower Lions and Leos to serve 200 million people, not across a span of four years, but every year.

So be proud of your contributions to our Centennial Celebration. Together, our achievements have made our organization ready to serve humanity in the century to come.



*"I hope there will always be a Land of Beyond for Lions International, a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more."*

Melvin Jones  
Founder, Lions Clubs International

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