



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



"It's Great To Be A Lion"

Issue 7 ~ January 2019



Happy New Year 2019! A new year, a new beginning to set our personal goals and plan for 2019. Let us keep Lionism in our Hearts and stride to have an even better year than 2018. Thank you for support and what you have done for Our Great District! We are having a Positive Year in our District in Membership Growth, Retention and Recruiting.

OUR Mid-Winter will be held in Eagle Pass, Texas. Lion Ramon De La Garza, our Chairperson and the Eagle Pass Evening Lion Club are hosting the Mid-Winter Conference January 11-12, 2019. Our Youth Competition will also be held on Saturday. We are looking forward for a great turn out. Hopefully, you have registered already!

I would like to thank the **Del Rio Host Lions Club** for sponsoring one of our Youth Contests. I invite clubs to consider sponsoring a Scholarship for our other Youth Contests!

Friday evening is Meet the District candidates. Lions that are interested in running for a district position.

Our Winners for a Free registration & meal for the Mid-Winter are: Lion Faye Evans/Alamo Heights & Lion Ray Castillo/Westside ... Congratulations!

Be ready to be our next WINNER for a FREE registration and meal for Our District Convention in Del Rio on April 5-6, 2019!

During the Mid-Winter Conference, clubs are encouraged to bring their club's District Governor's 100% Contributions. Have your club join the parade of checks and show the spirit of District 2-A2 Spirit of Giving at its very best.

I encourage you to check out Our District Membership Incentive program! The more members we have, the more helping hands we will have doing service and helping the less fortunate in our communities. Invite your friends, fellow employees etc.... to be part of this Great Service Association. Membership and Retention = Growth!

Remember: ALWAYS SMILE; A PERSON LIKES TO BE AROUND HAPPY PEOPLE!

Also, keep in mind that you can use these awards to recognize a fellow lion from your club.

A reminder: Our District has an opportunity to have one of our own, PCC Ernesto TJ Tijerina become our International District from Texas. With our support, we can make this happen. We need for every club in the district to come to the District Convention in Del Rio, Texas on April 5-6, 2019 with their

club delegates and vote for Lion TJ for International Director. Let us continue with the great support throughout the year. As of today, Lion TJ has received a Resolution of Endorsement from 10 of the 16 Districts. We want to thank each district for their support for Lion TJ. Check out his website at tjforid.com and Facebook account at [tjforid](#) **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 SamPantusa, **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 for each program to encourage others to grow.

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

They are a phone call or email or text away ... Let us together meet our goals!

I encourage you to keep checking for our updates in our websites for Great information. Check out Our District Directory online at district2a2.org.

Our 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



My Fellow Lions:

I hope everyone had a joyful and safe Christmas. I would like to thank the clubs that included me in their holiday service projects and club Christmas parties. I enjoyed spending time with you all during this giving season.

It is hard to believe that we are half way through our Lion year. As we reflect on this past year (2018), let us rejoice in the impact that we had created in our communities. The impact that you had on a child or adult by providing them with a new pair of glasses; the food boxes and toys that you provided for families that otherwise could not afford it; the blankets, gloves, hats and socks that were provided to the homeless; and the monetary donations that helped other service organizations continue with their services. We may not get a pat on the back for our efforts, but we, as Lions, know the impact we have on our communities. I would like to congratulate a few clubs as they hit a huge milestone of service to their communities in 2018; the Del Rio Host and the Uvalde Lions Club for 90 years of Service; the D'Hanis Lions Club, George West Lions Club, Leakey Lions Club, Pleasanton Lions Club, Somerset Lions Club, Utopia

Lions Club, Tilden Lions Club and Three Rivers Lions Club on 70 years of Service; Hill Country Retreat Lions Club on 10 years of Service and the Castroville Lions Club and the Stockdale Lions Club on 5 years of Service.

The Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching. It will be held in Eagle Pass on January 11 and 12, 2019. If you are planning to attend, don't forget to send in your registration. The Opportunities for Youth Contest will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Clubs, don't forget to fill out the Mid-Winter registration form for your contestant and their parent(s).

I would like to wish everyone a *Happy and Prosperous New Year*. Let us continue building our clubs and this wonderful District into the New Year. I look forward to spending some time with you and your club throughout this other half of our Lion year. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Yours in Service,
Lion Janie Garza
First Vice District Governor 2-A2



When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

Helen Keller

Happy New Year Fellow Lions! Here we are starting 2019 and we're half way through our Lions year. Judging from all the great pictures and stories about District 2-A2 Lions Clubs serving their communities during the holidays, 2018 ended on a very positive note. I know that joining in my own club's efforts for Elf Louise and seeing the service going on from Floresville to Del Rio and Carrizo Springs to Kerrville makes it very clear that **We Serve** and it makes everyone's hearts glow.

For the past several months I've been highlighting diabetes awareness as it is one of our Lions worldwide areas of emphasis and because it is of critical importance here in Texas and specifically in the areas included in District 2-A2.

This month I call your attention to an article written by Roseanna Garza that appeared in the *Rivard Report* (<https://therivardreport.com/>) in July 2018. You can read the report on the internet at this link:

https://therivardreport.com/clinics-comprehensive-approach-to-diabetes-care-aims-to-reduce-amputations/?utm_source=Rivard+Report&utm_campaign=f6b2f2d833-

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6_8_2018_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1576c62124-f6b2f2d833-84621137](https://therivardreport.com/clinics-comprehensive-approach-to-diabetes-care-aims-to-reduce-amputations/?utm_source=Rivard+Report&utm_campaign=f6b2f2d833-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6_8_2018_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1576c62124-f6b2f2d833-84621137)

I will highlight a few of the major points that may help your club as you work to promote awareness of diabetes and its effects in your community.

- The UT Health Medical Arts and Research Center in San Antonio has an expert staff treating diabetic patients and doing cutting edge research to help patients be proactive in addressing this debilitating disease and in reducing the incidence of amputations needed to save patient's lives.
- Here in Bexar County diabetes is the seventh-leading cause of death.
- Using a strategy similar to that used in the Mayo Clinic a six-person multidisciplinary team of physicians and specialists work together on critical cases. The group includes an interventional cardiologist, vascular and orthopedic surgeons, podiatrists, and prosthetists. Led by Dr. Thomas Zgonis, a podiatrist with [UT Health San Antonio](#), the team sees up to 25 patients on clinic days.
- Using the team approach to care for diabetic patients allows treatment decisions to be made faster, reducing complications and helping to avoid amputations.
- In a city where as many as 2,000 lower-limb amputations occur annually, the clinic aims to serve as a bulwark against San Antonio's stubbornly high rates of diabetes complications. "We are losing legs on a daily basis in San Antonio," Dr. Zgonis said. "One of the biggest reasons for diabetic amputations is the delay of treatment. [The clinic] sees patients who in any other health care system will go to appointments at different clinics on many different days for weeks, sometimes months."
- Patients at the Preserving Ambulation and Limb Salvage (PALS) clinic may spend several hours there, seeing as many as four specialists. First, a podiatrist inspects the patient's wound and depending on the severity of the patient's symptoms, directs him or her to vascular intervention to increase blood flow and complete stress testing, and then to radiology to get X-rays or MRIs.
- Type 2 diabetes is largely preventable, yet it accounts for nearly 95 percent of all diabetes diagnoses in the United States.
- Diabetes is the **No. 1 cause of adult-onset blindness**, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Nerve damage, or diabetic neuropathy, makes people less aware of foot injuries and ulcers, which left untreated, may cause severe damage to tissue and bone. More than 80 percent of amputations result from untreated foot ulcers.
- In Bexar County, 113,009 residents have been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes – nearly 12 percent of the population – but doctors and other health experts believe many more have the disease but have not been diagnosed. Nationwide, nearly 24 percent of adults with diabetes don't yet know they have it, according to a [CDC report](#).
- "The majority of the patients we see were [previously] undiagnosed, and the first time they learn they have diabetes, they lose part of their foot or their leg," Dr. Zgonis said. "Lack of education about the disease makes people delay treatment, and early-on treatment is the key to success."
- The costs of caring for patients with Type 2 diabetes have risen to \$327 billion annually in 2017 from \$245 billion in 2012, [according to](#) the American Diabetes Association.
- "Having [Type 2] diabetes is like the body has rust: It is a systemic disease, it affects everything, and you cannot get rid of it you can only treat or control for the symptoms" . "Education and prevention are the only keys to success."

A healthy lifestyle including food choices (diet) and exercise is a great way to prevent diabetes and to teach others to prevent it. Folks learn a great deal by watching our behavior rather than listening to us talk to them about what to do and not do. So keep taking those steps to get the New Year off to a healthy start. After all, it's only 82 days until our Stride for Sight on Saturday March 23rd. So, keep striding (10,000 per day recommended) and I'll see you at the Stride for Sight this spring.

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

Stay hydrated,
2VDG Dave Splitok

SA Area Family Club Lions Club



The San Antonio Area Family Club helped the environment by cleaning the walking and biking trails of Tobin Park.

San Antonio Founder Lions Club



The San Antonio Founder Lions Club made a \$3,000.00 donation to Meals on Wheels.



The San Antonio Founder Lions Club had the great honor to present Lion Trish Wilson a donation of \$10,000.00 for our great Texas Lions Camp at the SAFLC club meeting on November 21, 2018. It's great to be a LION & to SERVE.

San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club



San Antonio First Ladies Lions doing what they do best- " Serving".

San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club and Northside Lions Club



The San Antonio First Ladies Lions and Northside Lions got together "To Serve" over 100 seniors a full Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army Citadel Corp Center. Thank you Lt. Ben and Lt. Charlise for giving us that opportunity to continue our motto "We Serve".

San Antonio Founder Lions Club



Elf Louie Christmas Project Santa Delivery Teams

Santa- Lion David Silva, Driver-Lion Donovan Fikes, Elf- Lion Stella Silva, Elf- Lion Faith Porras





Santa-PDG Lion Rod Chisholm, Driver- Lion President David Splitek, Elf- Lion Mary Jane Chisholm



Santa- Gabe Castillo, Driver- Lion Patrick Porras, Elf- Lion Irene Guzman, Elf- Lion Faith Porras



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**



ANNOUNCEMENT of

A SPECIAL EXHIBITION at the WITTE MUSEUM

**MY HEART
IS NOT BLIND**
On Blindness and Perception
Photographs and Audio Stories by Michael Nye

There is so much misunderstanding around the issues of blindness and visual impairment.

“MY HEART IS NOT BLIND” *is a 3-month-long exhibit opening at the Witte Museum in San Antonio on January 10.*

There are 46 individuals represented in this project from around the country. The exhibit is about the experience of blindness and visual impairment. Next to each portrait is an audio player with headphones. Each person in this exhibition speaks in his or her own voice.

The link below provides a short video of some of the voices and faces shown in the exhibit.

<https://vimeo.com/michaelnye/blind>



The Witte Museum
3801 Broadway St, San Antonio, TX 78209 | [\(210\) 357-1900](tel:(210)357-1900)

2nd. Annual Lions Club



Wine Tasting & Social

Supporting Lions Club Community Programs and Charities

*7 pm. Friday February 8 2019
Olympia Hills Golf Club*

Featuring

*Fine Wines to Sample
Expert Wine Descriptions*

Auctions

Hors d'oeuvres

Live Classic Quartet

\$30

universalcitylionsclub.org

Sponsorship opportunities are available

Tickets:

Individual \$25 in advance
\$30 at door
\$50 per couple in advance



SCAN HERE
FOR TICKETS



Event Location:
Olympia Hills Golf Club
12900 Mount Olympus
Universal City TX 78148

Please make your check payable to:
Universal City Lions Club

Please contact:
Secretary@uclions.org



For any Info—just call Lion Sam at 210 326 3915

**Here's ANOTHER WAY to Support our
MARCH CAMPAIGN and GET READY for the
STRIDE for SIGHT 5K the following Saturday**



WEAR THE GREEN AND BE IRISH FOR THE DAY at the



SATURDAY—MARCH 16 6:00PM TO 9:00PM

ENJOY A GREAT DINNER

*Maybe Some Beer or Drinks If you have a mind to
(always be safe)*

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

PLAY SOME GAMES

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR BUDDIES

LION & ROSE WILL DONATE 15% of YOUR WHOLE BILL

To LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION

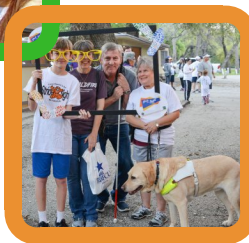
17627 La Cantera Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78257 at the RIM Phone: 210 798 5466

SAVING SIGHT,
CHANGING LIVES

SATURDAY,
MARCH 23, 2019

COMANCHE
COUNTY PARK

5K RUN/WALK - FREE KID'S FUN RUN & PRIZES - ZUMBA WARM-UP



MUSIC &
ENTERTAINMENT

5K RUNNER
T-SHIRTS & MEDALS

FREE BREAKFAST
TACOS & FRUIT

TEAM AWARDS &
RECOGNITION

GUIDE DOGS &
LAZY DOGS WELCOME

DONOR MEMORIAL
QUILTS DISPLAYED

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30 am	Registration
8:30 am	Opening Ceremony
9:00 am	Dove Release
9:15 am	Kid's Fun Run
9:30 am	Run/Walk
10:30 am	Awards & Recognition

• Event will occur rain or shine •

Register Online At: bit.ly/SFS2019
or at SolersSports.com

Individuals

\$30 per person - Individual 5K Runner or Walker

\$20 per person - Sleep Walker

Teams*

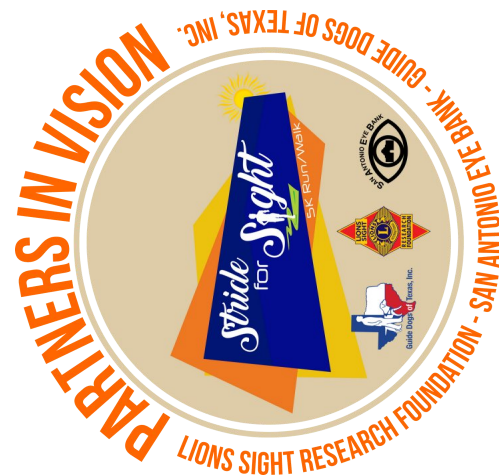
\$20 per person - Teams

(*5 or more members required, ALL teams are walkers)

Team Promotional Discounts: Available to affiliates
and families of Partners In Vision (LSRF, SAEB & GDTX)
Contact Lisa at Lisa@SolersSports.com for discount code

FREE Kid's Fun Run for ages 10 and under
(Registration not required for kid's fun run)

Registration Fees Will Increase 2 Weeks Prior To Event





SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY. SAVING SIGHT, CHANGING LIVES!



2019 Stride For Sight Run/Walk is a family and pet friendly 5K run/walk hosted by three partnering community non-profit organizations: Lions Sight Research Foundation, San Antonio Eye Bank and Guide Dogs of Texas, Inc.

Together the organizations are focused on **Saving Sight, Changing Lives.**

Our mission in hosting the event is to encourage regular healthy vision practices for adults and children, educate and inspire the community about the Gift of Sight that can be given through cornea donation and build support for individuals in need of the services provided by guide dogs.

Your sponsorship will make a difference for individuals and families impacted by the three partnering organizations and will also align your brand as a company committed to supporting our mission.

Yes! I'd like to join as an official sponsor

Company/Organization: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

For more information, please contact a representative listed below

Sam Pantusa
COO, Lions Sight Research Foundation
lsrf.sam@gmail.com (210) 326-3915

Simera Nichols
Community Relations, San Antonio Eye Bank
snichols@keralink.org (210) 424-0155

Peggy Cervera
Development Director, Guide Dogs of Texas, Inc.
peggy@guidedogsoftexas.org (210) 366-4018



SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

Title Sponsor (\$5,000)

- Opportunity to speak for 2-3 minutes during open ceremony and officiate start of the race
- Your company banners, logos and/or products displayed prominently at event stage and at race start/finish line
- Your company logo featured on the front and back of event race T-shirt*
- Your company logo featured on 5k registration site and social media cover photos
- One 30-60 second video, featuring your representative in social media promotion leading up to the event & add'l filming of representative featured in commemorative event day video
- Your company name mentioned in event press release and in any day of event news TV or radio interviews
- 15 complimentary race registrations and T-shirts
- 5 or more mentions in social media promotion leading up to the event
- **Plus!** All the benefits from the sponsorship levels below.

Legacy Sponsor (\$500)

- Your company logo placed on the back of event race T-shirt*
- Your company logo placed on 2,000+ promotional postcards distributed to homes throughout Bexar County**
- Your company logo displayed at water station
- Exhibitor space at the event with the option to pass out flyers / ads / coupons
- 2 complimentary race registrations and T-shirts
- Opportunity to provide items for race bags or at registration area
- Company name mentioned in email blast to 16,000+ South Texas area runner's list through Soler Sports

Hero Sponsor (\$1,000) or KidZone Area Sponsor

- One 30-60 second video, featuring your representative in social media promotion leading up to the event & add'l filming of representative featured in commemorative event day video
- Your company name mentioned in event press release and in any day of event news TV or radio interviews
- 5 complimentary race registrations and T-shirts
- 5 or more mentions in social media promotion leading up to the event
- **KidZone Area Sponsor** - signage prominently featured at Kid's Fun Run and activities area
- **Plus!** All the benefits from the sponsorship levels below.

*Deadline for logo inclusion on race T-shirt is March 7, 2019
**Deadline for logo inclusion on postcard is December 15, 2018



Companion Sponsor (\$250)

- Your company name placed on the back of event race T-shirt*
- Opportunity to provide items for race bags or at registration area
- Company name mentioned in email blast to 16,000+ South Texas area runner's list through Soler Sports

Friend Sponsor (\$100)

- Your company name placed on the back of event race T-shirt*
- Opportunity to provide items for race bags or at registration area

In-Kind Donation Opportunities:

- Bottled Water (500)
- Breakfast Tacos (500)
- Sausages (500)
- Kid's Art Supplies
- And more !

All checks should be made payable to:
2019 Stride For Sight c/o Lions Sight Research Foundation
4502 Centerview, Suite 120, San Antonio, TX 78228

For further information, please contact:
Sam Pantusa, COO - Lions Sight Research Foundation
lsrf.sam@gmail.com • (210) 326-3915

Saturday,
March 23, 2019

Comanche County Park
Pavilion#2
2600 Rigsby Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78222



Schedule of Events

7:30 am Registration
8:30 am Opening Ceremony
9:00 am Dove Release
9:15 am FREE Kid's Fun Run
9:30 am Run/Walk
10:30 am Awards & Recognition
-Event will occur Rain or Shine-

Paper Registration Form

Save time, Register online at
bit.ly/SFS2019 or at SolversSports.com

If registering by mail, please send completed form and check by March 20th to:
LSRF, 4502 Centerview Drive, Suite 120, San Antonio, TX 78228

Please make checks payable to: 2019 Stride for Sight 5K - Lions Sight Research Foundation

Questions? Call or email Sam Pantusa at (210) 326-3915, spantusa@yahoo.com

5K Run/Walk - FREE Kid's Fun Run - Zumba Warm Up
Register early, Save \$\$
All Registration Fees Will Increase 2 Weeks Prior To Event

Team Promotional Discounts: Available to affiliates
and families of Partners In Vision (LSRF, SAEB & GDTX).
Contact Lion Sam or Lisa at Lisa@SolversSports.com for code

(ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE & NON-TRANSFERABLE)

Check one:

\$30.....Individual 5K Runner/Walker (commemorative race T-shirt included!)

\$20.....Sleep Walker (donation in lieu of attendance)

Yes! I'd like to purchase a commemorative race T-shirt for \$10 dollars ____

\$20.....Teams*, fee per person (*5 or more members required, ALL teams are walkers)

Yes! I'd like to purchase a commemorative race T-shirt for \$10 dollars ____

[Are you the Team Captain? Circle: Yes or No]

[Team name _____ (IMPORTANT)]

[Discount code _____]



First and Last Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address, City, State and Zip code: _____

Phone : _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____ **Age:** _____

Gender: Female or Male **T-Shirt Size (if purchased) :** S - M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL (shirt size based on availability)

In consideration of the acceptance of this registration entry, I assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during my participation in this race or while on the premises of this event, and I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors, promoters, and all other persons and entities associated with this event from any and all injury, damage, claims or liabilities, whether it be caused by negligence of the sponsors or promoters or other persons or entities associated with this event or their designated agents, employees, or otherwise.

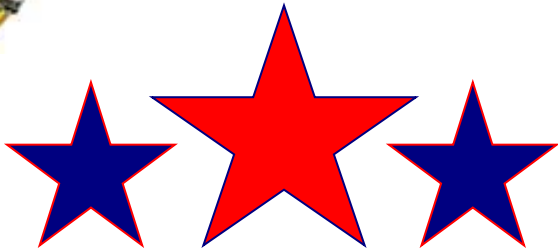
Participant's Signature _____

Parent's Name and Signature (if under 18) _____



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



RAFFLE!! Celebrate San Antonio's 300th Birthday!

NO. 0001

WIN A JAMES AVERY
300th COMMEMORATIVE
MONEY CLIP &
LEATHER WALLET

VOID

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO
WIN / DONATION - \$5.00



JAMES AVERY
artisan jewelry

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2019

**CELEBRATE SAN ANTONIO'S 300TH BIRTHDAY AND SUPPORT
THE SAN ANTONIO NORTHWEST LIONS CLUB**

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE CLUB'S ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT
DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN / **DONATION - \$5.00**

The San Antonio Northwest Lions are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 300th commemorative sterling silver money clip and leather bi-fold wallet from James Avery worth over \$300!

Tickets are \$5.

Contact: Lion Robert Sheldon, (210) 777-5028
Lion Stefanie Escobar (210) 823-1557,
Lion Ramiro Escobar (210) 324-4132, or any SA
Northwest Club member.

Drawing will be held at the District Mid-Winter Conference on January 12th.



San Antonio West Side Lions

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

\$7.00 per plate

All You Can Eat



January 26, 2019

8:30 am to 12:00 noon
Madonna Center
1906 Castroville Road

Pancakes served with sausage, coffee and orange juice.
Let us know if you are coming, just need a head count.

Lion RoseMary 210-341-1160
Lion Ray 210-681-1509

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**You shop. Amazon gives
to the L.S.R.F.**



Shop Amazon

Help the L.S.R.F

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Lions Sight Research Foundation by starting your shopping at



CLICK HERE

For more information about the L.S.R.F. please visit our website at: LionsSightResearch.org

Alamo Heights Lions Club



Last year, the Alamo Heights Lions heard at a Multi-Zone Meeting that the we could become Salvation Army Volunteer Bell Ringers for a day during the Christmas Season. We volunteered for a day and ended with two of our Lions working additional time on different days.

This year there was no problem getting volunteers for the day. Even our pictured donor is an Alamo Heights Lion. His wife on the left came to give support.

In addition, the Alamo Heights Lions Club presented to the Salvation Army with a donation of \$1000.00.



Look who's ringing at the door!

Alamo Heights Lions Club

Helping those in need since 1977

How will you share your harvest?

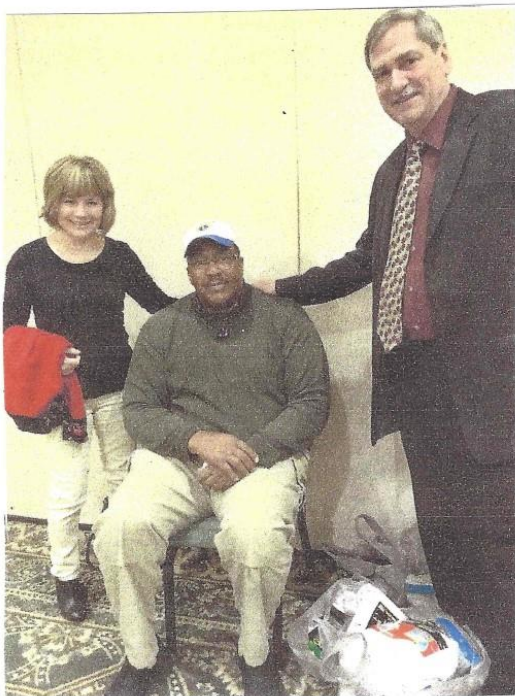
To learn more about CAM call 210-223-4099

or visit www.cam-sa.org



Several years ago, Alamo Heights Lions Club was approached by the daughter of one of our Lions. The daughter was a Girl Scout working on her Gold Award, the highest achievement within Girl Scouts of the USA. After some consideration the daughter chose a project, which she called Socks for a Cause. Many homeless go without socks not because they want to go without socks but because they do not have socks. This is our third year of supporting this Cause by donating socks to CAM.

After hearing about this project at a Multi-Zone Meeting, several Lions Clubs donated socks. Since then, the Alamo City Lions Club has joined us with a donation of socks to CAM.



Alamo Heights Lions Club Toys for Tots 2018 Fundraiser



Toys for Tots is a Marine Corps tradition that was started in 1947. Diane Hendricks, wife of Marine Corps Reserve Maj. Bill Hendricks made a doll and asked her husband, Bill, to find a charity that would deliver the doll to a needy child that Christmas. There were no charities that did this. With the support of his Commanding Officer and Reserve Marines, Toys for Tots was started in Los Angeles, California.

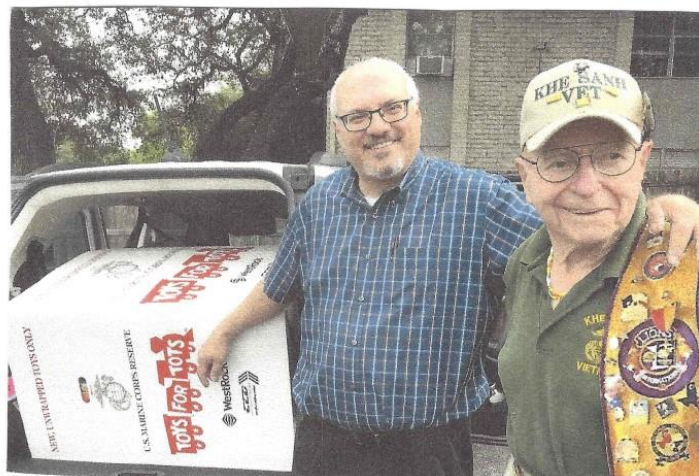
After that first Christmas distribution, Toys for Tots was expanded. Marine Reserve Centers nationwide began collecting toys and making distributions in 1948. Since then, the program has grown to be a foundation.

This and the other programs that help the needy at Christmastime do more for the needy than could ever have been imagined all those years ago. Children, who had no hope for the future, have hope. They join the armed services, become leaders in their communities and remember. We donated the collected toys and \$1000.00 to Toys for Tots.

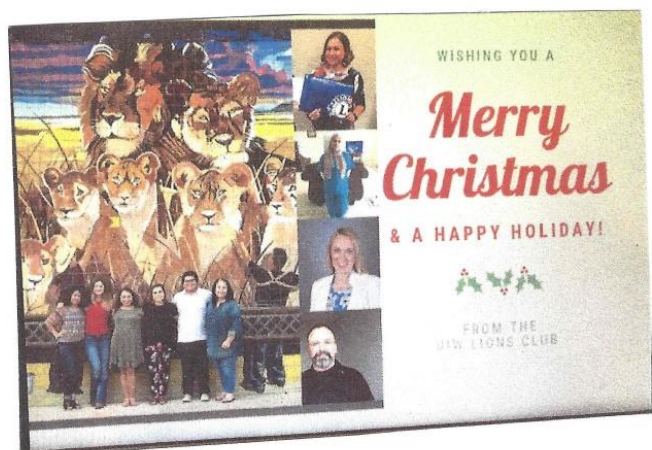
Last year, Zone 11 Lions met at Little Italy Restaurant and Pizzeria for our Christmas Celebrations. Alamo Heights Lions chose this time to have their Christmas Toys for Tots Fundraiser. Alamo Heights Lions were required to bring a toy. For the other Lions and their guests, this was optional. Everyone was generous. We filled two 2017 collection boxes. Thank you, Zone 11 Lions.

This year, Little Italy suggested that their annual wine tasting would be an opportunity to collect toys for Northside Lions' Any Baby Can of San Antonio and Alamo Heights Lions' Toys for Tots.

Pictured are Dominick, a family member of the family-owned Little Italy Restaurant, and Lion Russ, when Alamo Heights picked up the box of toys collected for Toys for Tots.



Below is the Madison High School A cappella Choir. During the fundraiser, they presented a program of Holiday Music. At the end of the program, Alamo Heights presented a donation of \$500.00 to the choir.



UIW Campus Lions asked to join our Toys for Tots Fundraiser. They placed Toys for Tots boxes in locations around the campus and collected the donations for Alamo Heights to deliver to the Toys for Tots warehouse.



Alamo Heights Lions Club

Fiesta 2019 Medals



For Sale at \$10 Each
by Alamo Heights Lions

Look for our table at the Mid-Winter Conference or call any Alamo Heights Lion.
Fiesta Parade Ticket Sales start after the first of the year. Call any Alamo Heights Lion for details.

Castroville Lions Club

Earlier This Year

The Castroville Lions Club has had a busy year with fun runs, eye screenings, and guest speakers. We supported two diabetic campers to Lions Camp this year, received a donation of lemonade stand sales from a young girl we previously found vision issues with during a KidsSight screening, and volunteered at events like FishingsFuture.

December 2018



Members of the Castroville Lions Club volunteered at a booth during Old Fashioned Christmas to spread the word about Lions Club.

The Castroville Lions Club handed out candy and collected letters to Santa. The letters with return addresses will receive letters from Santa for the New Year.

While at Old Fashioned Christmas, we met visually-impaired and previous Lions Camp attendee EmilyGrace Here are Lions Regina, Arnie, Maureen, and Angela with EmmaGrace and her mother, Jean.

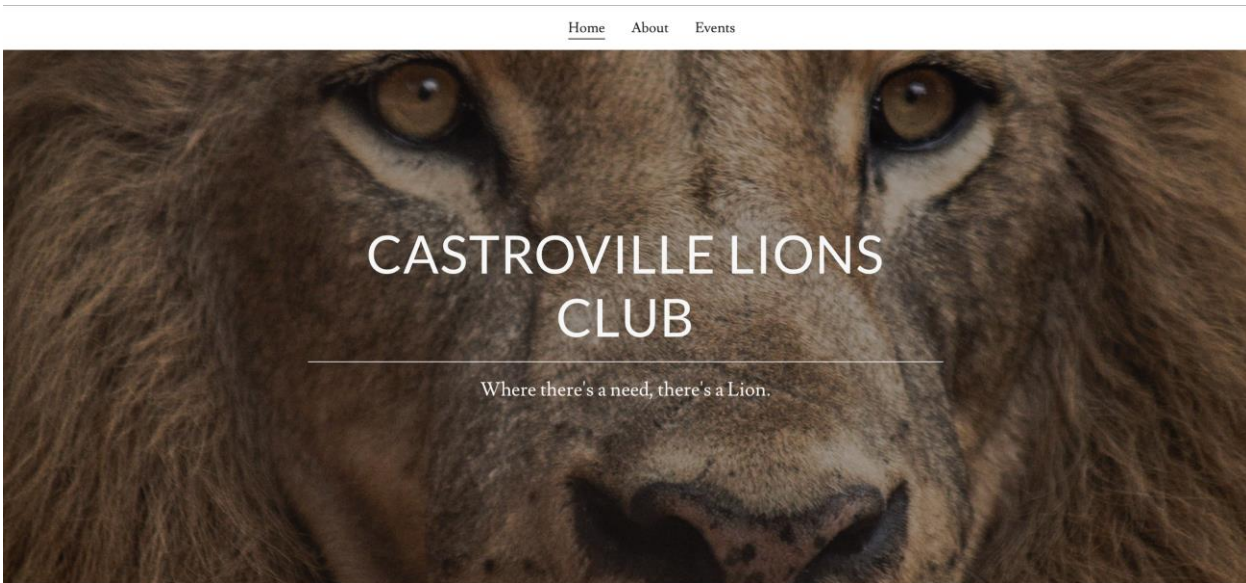


Sean Levesque and his daughter, Renae, of Love2Hope.com presented to the Castroville Lions Club in early December. They shared their message of bringing awareness of human trafficking to people across America -- especially in hotbeds such as San Antonio and its outlying communities.



Coming Soon

The Castroville Lions club is launching a new website in January. Club events, guest speakers, and member articles will all be documented on the new website: castrovillelions.org. Here's a preview of the website:



San Antonio Hill Country Retreat Lions Club

City of Helotes Cowboy Christmas Parade at Old Town Helotes

HCR Lions supported the Cowboy Christmas Parade in Old Town Helotes on a cold and blustery day, December 8th. The experience was simply amazing with plenty of families partaking in the sights of Old Town Helotes and vendor stands, the sounds of the Christmas music playing, smells of the food, and last but not least the night time parade with sirens and horns of the parade vehicles. Fun was had by all.



Wreaths Across America

The HCR Lions Foundation/HCR Lions Club sponsored 177 wreaths. On cold and blustery December 14th, members assisted with the unloading of 7 semi-trailer loads of wreaths (over 30,000 wreaths). The wreaths were then separated into prepositioned containers throughout the cemetery for Wreath laying on December 15th.



On Saturday throughout the United States a memorial ceremony was conducted, then the wreaths were distributed and placed on the graves. Thousands of volunteers came to help. The HCR Lions club had the assignment of placing wreaths on designated graves. As the wreaths were placed, one would state



the name, rank, service, and conflict and "Thank you for your service". It was a very moving and emotional event. The club will return on Saturday January 19th to help remove the wreaths.



Was Your Lions Club Mentioned in This Issue?



No? There is a reason for that.

No one submitted an article,
so we could include it.

Anyone can submit information about your Lions Club for the District 2-A2 Event Calendar, District Newsletter, District Facebook page or all those.

newsletter@district2a2.org

events@district2a2.org

[facebook@district2a2.org](https://www.facebook.com/district2a2.org)

**Newsletter articles submitted after the 28th of each month
will be published the following month.**

District Governor's 100% Contributions

Fellow Lions:

Each year, the District Governor establishes the **District Governor's 100% Charitable Programs Contributions**. I would like to remind and invite each lions club to join the clubs in our District and become a **100% District Governor's Club**. Each lions club is asked to consider contributing to the following lion's programs. **At the end of the year, all 100% clubs will be recognized for contributions over and above individual club services.**

Please note that these contributions are separate from District Dues and can be made with monies collected from club projects.

Separate checks should be written for each charity program. The checks should be sent to Lion Steven Mays, District 2-A2 Treasurer at 212 CR 347, La Vernia, Texas 78121. You are also invited to bring your checks to the Mid-Winter Conference and be part of the Parade of Checks Celebration.

<u>Charitable Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
*Texas Lions Camp	\$10.00/per member
*District 2-A2 LSRF	\$ 5.00/per member
*Texas Lions Foundation	\$ 2.00/per member
*LCI Foundation	\$ 1.00/per member
District 2-A2 Human Needs Board	\$ 1.50/per member
Texas Lions Museum	\$ 1.00/per member
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC)	\$ 1.00/per member
Guide Dogs of Texas	\$ 1.00/per member
Leader Dog Program	\$ 1.00/per member
World Service for the Blind	\$ 1.00/per member
PET Project	\$ 1.00/per member
San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind	\$ 1.00/per member

To be a District Governor's 100% club, the club will donate to the four programs listed with an * and select three or more programs of their choice.

If you have any questions concerning the Governor's 100% Award, please e-mail Lion Steven Mays at treasurer@district2a2.org

District Governor Roberto Castillo

Fellow Lions,

California has experienced Wild Fires in two major areas. Firefighters are battling Camp Fire located in Butte County. 140,000 acres have burned, and 56 fatalities confirmed. More than 10,000 structures have been destroyed including homes. Firefighters are also battling Woolsey Fire located in Los Angeles County. 98,000 acres have been burned, and 3 fatalities confirmed. More than 435 structures have been destroyed.

I would like to ask my fellow Texas Lions and Texas Lions Clubs to consider donating to the California Lions Foundation in Multiple District 4 California. Last year, lions from Multiple District 4 California donated several thousands of dollars to MD 2 Texas Lions for relief recovery of Hurricane Harvey.

This is our opportunity for our lion's service as an International Association of Lions to go forward and help our communities in California.

Checks from individual lion members and lions club donations can be forwarded to:

Texas Lions Foundation
c/o of PCC Bernie Gradel COO
P.O. Box 64881
Lubbock, Texas 79464

Please reference the donation for the California Wildfires Relief

I would like to thank you in advance and wish each of you an abundance of blessings this Thanksgiving Holiday!

PCC Lion Ernesto TJ Tijerina