



Lions District 2-A2

"Starting 101 in 2-A2"

February 2018



Seven months are down and five to go in our 101st year of Lions. We have an urgent need to increase our membership within the District. As of the writing of this column, the District is at minus 101 members. This is not what my "Starting 101 in 2-A2" slogan was intended to mean. There have been 203 Lions dropped in the District and only 102 new members brought in. There are 34 Clubs that have not added a new member this year. Only 11 Clubs did not add or drop any members. If each of the clubs in our district would commit to having a net gain of 2 members this year we could end the year with a much-needed growth in membership. More Lions mean more good that we can do for our communities.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Mid-Winter Conference was hosted by the Uvalde Lions Club on January 19th and 20th in Uvalde. 92 Lions and 4 Leos attended the Conference.

The District hosted a State Eye Chart certification class, and 19 Lions received their State certification, which is good for five years. We are also working on hosting another State Certification class at the District Convention in San Antonio in April. Keep an eye out for News Flash notices in the upcoming months.

TEXAS HALL OF FAME

Every three years District 2-A2 has the honor of selecting a Lion for the MD-2 Texas Lions Hall of Fame. **PDG Sam Pantusa** was selected as this year's MD-2 Hall of Fame inductee. He will be inducted at the MD-2 State Convention in Corpus Christi on Friday's Texas Hall of Fame luncheon at 12 noon. Those Lions wishing to attend can find the registration form for the convention and the luncheon at www.texaslions.org.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The District Convention will be held on April 13 and 14 at the La Quinta Inn & Suites at 4431 Horizon Hill Blvd. in San Antonio. It is on the East-bound access road of I.H. 10 between Medical Drive and Callaghan. Be on the lookout for Flash News information about the Convention and its events.

HURRICANE HARVEY

Many of those affected are still struggling with its aftermath. Some are still in shelters or are displaced due to the loss of their dwelling. The MD-2 Texas Lions are working with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to provide additional grant funds from donations to LCIF. As of January 15th, total donations of \$1,126,500.00 (+/-) were dedicated to the Hurricane Harvey Relief. These funds will go to the "Task Force" which are the four Districts along the Texas Coast and will help families with building materials and other needs.

As of today, \$100,000 was provided as a Major Catastrophe Grant and an additional \$60,000 as a Holiday Spirit Grant. These funds have been spent and the appropriate reporting is being submitted to LCIF.

LCIF has also granted \$280,000 to the MD-2 Task Force to aid 20 families of each of the four districts with repair costs not to exceed \$3,500 per homeowner. The documents are being processed and the funds should be available in the near future.

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Donations through the **Texas Lions Foundation** and the **MD-2 Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund** have provided much needed funds. Donations can continue to be made to:

Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund (which is a 501(c)(4) entity)
c/o MD-2 Texas Lions
P.O. Box 294509
Kerrville, Texas 78029

If you need to make donations to a 501(c)(3) you can donate to the **Texas Lions Foundation** (TLF) for a fast turnaround to those four districts that are affected. To date the TLF has provided grants to 36 Club for \$2,000 each for a total of \$72,000. In addition, donations in the amount of \$58,500 for Harvey Relief were forwarded to the Task Force. The TLF is still accepting donations. Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for **Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund**.

Texas Lions Foundation
P.O. Box 64881
Lubbock, TX 79464

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS

During the Mid-Winter Conference in Uvalde, the District 2-A2 Sutherland Springs Committee met and reviewed the status of the affected families' needs. The District's Committee was informed that there was a committee local to Sutherland Springs that has been established in which all medical bills are funneled through. That committee approves the medical bills and instructs a bank in Houston to pay the approved bills. The bank in Houston has donated its time/expense at no cost to the Sutherland Springs committee.

At the Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting, the District 2-A2 Sutherland Springs Committee recommended to the Cabinet Meeting attendees to forward the balance of the Sutherland Springs Fund of \$18,994 to the local committee to pay medical bills. After the motion was made and seconded, discussion included a challenge to other clubs to increase the amount to \$25,000. After pledges from several Clubs, the \$25,000 goal was reached. The attendees approved the motion and the remaining funds will be forwarded to the Sutherland Springs committee that handles the medical payments.

An announcement will soon be made if the District will continue to collect donations for the Sutherland Springs families.

YOURS IN LIONISM

Lion Don Kirchhoff
District Governor, 2-A2



My Fellow Lions:

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank the Uvalde Noon Lions Club for hosting the Mid-Winter Conference that was held on January 19-20, 2018, in Uvalde, Texas. I would also like to Thank Lion Bill Dillard for the use of their room at the First State Bank of Uvalde for the State Vision Certification Course. The Uvalde Noon Lions Club did an outstanding job. It was great to talk to some of their members and learn about what service projects they provide for their community.



I would like to Congratulate District 2-A2 for exceeding my goal of 10,000 screenings for vision and hearing with the KidSight and School Screening Program. From August through December of 2017, this District screened 12,340 for vision with 1,925 referrals; 10,566 for hearing with 654 referred. I would like to Thank the Lions KidSight and School Screening Team (Lion Ken and Debbie Book; Region 20, Lion RoseMary Paletta, Lion Cecelia Nobles, Lion Ernesto Castro; West Side, Lion Andy Lee; Alamo Heights, Lion Earnest Hamilton; Alamo City, Lion Mary Ann Mays; La Vernia) and Gloria Klasen from the Del Rio Host Lions Club. I would also like to thank the following clubs for their participation in the KidSight Program this year: Castroville Lions Club, Center Point Lions Club, Comfort Lions Club, Eagle Pass Border Lions Club, Floresville Lions Club, Fredericksburg Lions Club, Kerrville Host Lions Club, La Vernia Lions Club, Alamo City Lions Club, Edgewood Lions Club, Region 20 Lions Club, West Side Lions Club and Stockdale Lions Club. Without your participation and support we would not have exceeded our goal. At the Mid-Winter Conference I provided a monetary value on the screening services that we provide to our communities. The cost for vision screening (*not an exam*) for each child is an average of \$50.00; the cost for hearing screening (*not an exam*) for each child is an average of \$75.00. The monetary value for the vision and hearing screenings that our District had provided is (*drum roll, please*)

\$1,409,450.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! You all deserve an atta-boy and a pat on the back.

I had the honor of visiting the Alamo Heights Lions Club this past week and I had the privilege of presenting Membership Chevrons to some of their members. I presented a 20 year membership chevron to Lion Russ Evans and a 40 year membership chevron to PDG John Kimbrough. Congratulations on your many years of Lions Service.



As your 2nd Vice District Governor, I look forward to visiting and learning about you and your club.

Yours in Service,

Lion Janie Garza

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Second Vice District Governor



Seeing is believing, but for **Richard Turner**, a world-renowned card mechanic who is blind, and the wide range of audiences he performs for, that isn't the case. One of the most renowned card magicians of all time, Richard Turner astounds audiences around the world with his legendary sleight of hand. What they may not even realize—and what makes his achievements all the more amazing—is that he is completely blind.

***RICHARD will be PERFORMING at the
DISTRICT 2-A2 CONVENTION April 14, 2018***

Come see him at the FELLOWSHIP and HALL of FAME BANQUET



*You may have seen Richard when
He FOOLED PENN and TELLER on*



AND YOU Can LEARN ALL ABOUT HIM by WATCHING





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*** **ONLINE REGISTRATION MAY BE DONE AT:** lionsregistration.org ***

District 2A2 Convention , San Antonio, Texas – REGISTRATION FORM

APRIL 13 & 14, 2018

La Quinta Inn & Suites Conference Center - 4431 Horizon Hill Blvd. - San Antonio, Texas 78229
Reservations: Blocked Room Rate is \$95.00 per night. Reservations will be made by: **no later than 3/14/2018.**
 Any rooms not reserved by this date will be released by the hotel for sale to the general public. Room rates are net, non-commissionable/commissionable and quoted exclusive of local and state taxes, currently 16.75% per room. Published rack rate for our hotel is \$159.00. RESERVATION METHOD: Individual Call In
 Reservations will be made, modified, or canceled by individuals calling the hotel directly at 210-525-8090 or by calling Central Reservations at 1-800-531-5900 and, in either case, referring to the group and meeting name (Lions International District 2-A2 Conference). Reservations must be made on or before the cutoff date. All rooms shall be available for check-in by 3:00 PM with a check-out time of 12:00 PM.

Name & Title	Club Name	Delegate: YES ___ NO ___
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Address	City	Zip Code	Email Address_
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EARLY DEADLINE for DISCOUNT PACKAGE - Form & Payment rec'd NLT FRIDAY, Mar. 30, 5:00pm_

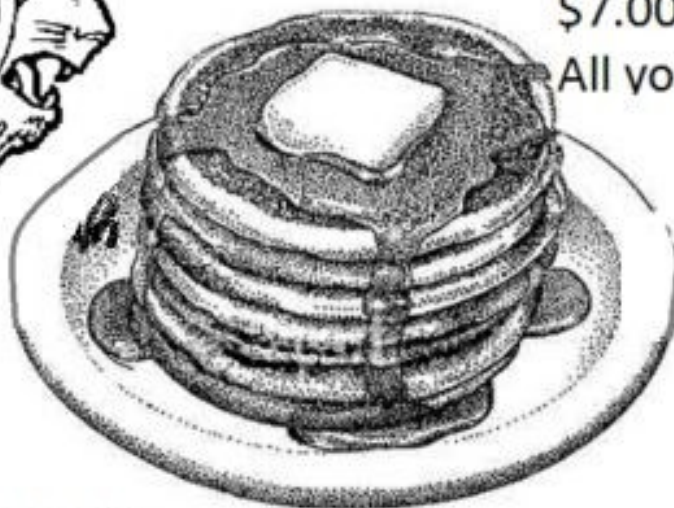
ITEM / EVENT	EARLY by March 30	After March 30 NLT April 11	# Tickets	Cost
Discount Package—Includes Registration and ALL Meals	\$ 95.00/ea.	\$ 105.00/ea.		
Friday—April 13 Opportunities for Youth Banquet	\$ 32.00/ea.	\$ 37.00/ea.		
Saturday—April 14 - Light Breakfast Hotel Guests have comp. Breakfast, incl.	Free with Registration	Free with Registration		
Saturday—April 14 Awards Luncheon	\$ 30.00/ea.	\$ 34.00/ea.		
Saturday—April 14 Fellowship and Hall of Fame Banquet	\$ 37.50/ea.	\$ 42.00/ea.		
Registration Fee — for those not purchasing Discount Pack- age; Youth Banquet Guests or Fellowship / Hall of Fame Banquet Guests	\$ 15.00/ ea.	\$ 20.00/ea.		
NOTE: Indicate any Special Dietary Issues.		TOTALS		

Make Checks Payable to District 2-A2 and
 Mail to Lions Convention c/o LSRF 4502 Centerview, Suite 120, San Antonio, Tx 78228
 For Information call Lion Sam Pantusa 210 326 3915 or email spantusa@yahoo.com



West Side Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

\$7.00 a plate
All you can eat



February 10 ,2018

8:30 am-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

**The District 2-A2 Global Action Team will hold 4 contests this year.
The contests will run from July 1, 2017 to June 15, 2018.**

Lion Membership Contest

Top three (3) Highest Lion Members that sponsor New Members.

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 Clubs with the highest membership net gain.

Award:

- ~ Club Membership Banner Patch Award

Lions Club Retention Contest

Top three (3) Highest Lions Clubs with the highest retention of Club Members.

Award:

- ~ Club Membership Banner Patch Award

Zone Chairperson Membership Contest

Top two (2) Highest Zone Chairpersons with the highest membership net gain in their Zone.

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- ~ Texas Lions Foundation Silver Plate Award
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For additional information or questions contact:

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(210) 414-3319

tjtijerina@gmail.com



SAVING SIGHT, CHANGING LIVES

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

**COMANCHE COUNTY PARK
PAVILION 2**

**2600 RIGSBY AVENUE
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78222**



**MUSIC &
ENTERTAINMENT**

T-SHIRTS & MEDALS

**FREE BREAKFAST
TACOS & FRUIT**

**TEAM AWARDS &
RECOGNITION**

**GUIDE DOGS &
LAZY DOGS WELCOME**

**DONOR MEMORIAL
QUILTS DISPLAYED**

FEES

\$20.....Individual Runner/Walker

\$20.....Sleep Walker

\$10.....Teams* (*5 or more members required, All teams are walkers)

Free Kid's Fun Run for ages 10 and under

Registration is not required for the kid's fun run

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 ON-LINE TODAY! REGISTRATION FEES WILL INCREASE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT
<https://solerssports.raceentry.com/race-reviews/stride-for-sight-5k>

Saturday,
March 24, 2018

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	Kid's Fun Run
9:30 am	Run/Walk
10:30 am	Awards & Recognition

-Event will occur Rain or Shine-

Paper Registration Form

\$20....Individual Runner/Walker [fee increases one week prior to event]

\$20....Sleep Walker [donation in lieu of attendance]

\$10....Teams* [fee increases one week prior to event]

*5 or more members required, ALL teams are walkers.

Save time, register online! <https://solerssports.raceentry.com/race-reviews/stride-for-sight-5k>

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: 2018 Stride for Sight 5K

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

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

Check one:

- Individual Runner/Walker
 Sleep Walker (donation in lieu of attendance)
 Team* (*5 or more members required, ALL teams are walkers)

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

[Team name _____ (IMPORTANT)]

First and Last Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address, City, State and Zip code: _____

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

Gender: Female or Male T-Shirt Size: 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) _____

Date: _____

**SAVE THE DATE
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**Universal City Lions Club
Wine tasting and Social
7 PM, Friday, February 9, 2018**

Olympia Hills Golf Club and Event Center
12900 Mount Olympus
Universal City TX 78148

Featuring
Fine Wines to Sample
Silent Auction
50/50
Hors d' oeuvres

Sponsorships Available

Tickets:
\$25 in advance
\$30 at the door

Make checks payable to:
Universal City Lions Club

Order tickets on –line

http://universalcitylionsclub.org/html/fund_raisers.html

Or email

Email secretary@uclions.org to get your tickets