



## Lions District 2-A2

"Starting 101 in 2-A2"

June 2018



### MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to register for the Charter night for the **Bandera Lions Club** which is being held on June 14th. The invitation with further information is in this newsletter. We are chartering the Club with 27 new Lion members as of the date of this writing and expect to reach 30 by Charter Night. We hope to see you there.

How did we generate so much enthusiasm? IPDG John Lee, IPCC T.J., and I emphasized local Lions entities in our recruiting. *Local Lions Entities?* Yes, the Texas Lions Camp (TLC) and the District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation (LSRF). I know there are other entities in Lionism and the District but we only have a small window of time when trying to recruit someone. Too much talk and/or info can tend to have people shy away. By doing so, look at our results.

Besides the TLC, we emphasized the LSRF and its offerings of the Mobile Eye Screening Unit, the Low Vision Center, and the Kids Sight program.

These are but a few "local" entities whose services can be provided to the communities of Clubs within our District. The new recruits can identify with them by learning of their existence and that they are within the confines of District 2-A2.

Those Clubs who do not take advantage of these services are missing out on providing excellent services for their communities. Give serious thought to how the TLC and LSRF can help your community. You can contact the TLC and LSRF to obtain brochures to use in your recruitment by going to the District website [www.district2a2.org](http://www.district2a2.org) and find their contact info in the "PROGRAMS" or "LINKS" titles of the heading bar.

Recruitment is not difficult. In fact, it's just selling Lionism from your heart.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP DROPS

This is a reminder that LCI has changed their policy on dropping members from your club effective July 1, 2018. Effective that date, your club will be billed for the number of members on your MyLCI membership role as of June 30, 2018. LCI **will not credit** your Club if you drop members in July or January. What you have on your membership role as of June 30 or December 31 is what you will be billed. Period. You can still drop members anytime during the year however no credits will be applied anymore.

### STATE CONVENTION

WOW! What a convention. Held in Corpus Christi in beautiful weather, District 2-A3 did a wonderful job. The only "downer" of the weekend was that news reports indicated a high level of bac- Continued on page 2

teria in the water and warned people not to swim in the saltwater. This kept the hotel pools quite busy.

We did the “ROAR by the Shore”, a shrimp boil held at a pavilion along the seawall and seashore of Corpus Christi Bay. Lots of shrimp, sausage and potatoes and beverages to consume. Everyone had a great time. Hmmm, bacteria? Then why were there a lot of people swimming in the saltwater?

It was very moving to see our PDG Sam Pantusa inducted into the MD-2 Texas Hall of Fame at the noon banquet on Friday. His acceptance remarks were very heartfelt and poignant, with his love of Lionism very evident. His wife, sister-in-law, son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons were there. And what did the grandsons really want to do - go swimming!

District 2-A2 had three contestants entered in the State Opportunities for Youth contests. They did very well, with two receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, which at that level is quite an accomplishment. A photo and more information are in another article in this newsletter.

## **SIGNATURE SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Several Clubs have submitted service activities on the MyLCI website that qualified for Signature Service Activities which can award you with a banner chevron at the end of the Lions year. The categories that qualify as Signature Services are YOUTH, HUNGER, VISION, ENVIRONMENT, and DIABETES. By claiming your service activity on MyLCI as one or more of these categories qualify your Club for a banner patch. You only need to complete 4 out of the 5 categories to obtain the four diamonds chevron.

I know that several clubs have submitted service activities throughout the year without identifying them as “Signature” activities. We ask that you to edit those activities in MyLCI and identify them as “Signature Service Activities”.

## **THANK YOU, IT WAS MY PLEASURE**

I would like to thank everyone for my year as Governor for District 2-A2. I have so many individual Lions to thank for their efforts and Clubs for their invitations. I’ll refrain from mentioning any names for the concern that someone will be left out. Who I left out would usually occur to me after I hit the “SEND” button.

A special thanks to the District Cabinet whose efforts and suggestions helped me so much throughout the year. Sometime suggestions came from many different angles and it was difficult to make the final decision. All suggestions were appreciated and helpful.

A really BIG thanks to the four Clubs that hosted the Cabinet Meetings and Convention this year. The Boerne Lions and Pres. Lion Marjory Felter; the Poteet Lions and Pres. Molly Solis; the Uvalde Lions for the Mid-Winter Conference and Lions Pres. David Pena, Bill Dillard & Russell Ellinger; the Northside Lions for the District Convention and PDG Sam Pantusa. Thanks to all of you special Lions and your Club members who made the meetings possible.

An EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA very special thank you to my wife, **Lion Harriet**, my CHIEF EDITOR of these newsletter articles, the one who encouraged, supported and reminded me of tasks needing to be done. At times our calendars did keep us apart but she was always my rock. Yes, dear, I’ll do that.

For those Clubs that I did visit, it gave me great pleasure to induct new members and to award membership chevrons to those Lions who had 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of service. I wish they could have seen their own big grins when they were awarded their chevron. It made everyone in the Club feel good. The elder statesman of chevron presentations went to a member that had 65 years of service. Wow. I waited too long to be a Lion. How much more could I have done.

My apologies for not being able to visit every Club in the District. Thank you to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Roberto and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Janie for helping me in this endeavor. I will be mailing the Membership Chevrons that I still have remaining to those Clubs President or Secretary in the next few days.

The best to DGE Roberto, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Janie and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE. Let me know how I can help.

YOURS IN LIONISM

Lion Don Kirchhoff



It's GREAT to be a LION!

Fellow Lions we had an exciting State Convention in Corpus Christi; awesome speakers, great presentations and GREAT fellowship! Check out the State and District Facebook!

We are coming to year end with DG Don's Administration; he and his Admin have worked hard for Our District to be SECUESSFUL! I would like to encourage everyone to end STRONG keeping in mind of ALL THE INCENTIVE OUR DISTRICT IS OFFERING. Presidents can use these INCENTIVE AWARDS to recognize their hard working members.

Don't forget our SAVE OUR SIGHT (STRIDE FOR SIGHT) we need to end strong; so I am encouraging clubs to get those donations to our LSRF!

LET US FINISH 2017 – 2018 WITH A ROAR!!!!!!!!!!

I encourage you to keep checking for our updates in our websites for Great information that is given to us; some that we can put to Great use in our Clubs! Our [http://district 2a2.org](http://district2a2.org) website page has links to Lion's websites.

THE POWER OF WE; WE SERVE!

What might be impossible for others; we can make it possible thru Lionism!

VDGE Roberto Castillo

**The dates for Officer Training Sessions are:**

June 9th, Comfort Library 9AM - Noon

June 11th, Universal City Library 6PM - 8:30PM

Trainers

Presidents David Splitek

Secretary Janie Garza

Treasurers Marilyn Weed

Zone Chairs Ray Castillo



**Converse Lions Club**  
*presents*

# "Casino For A Cause"

**June 15, 2018**

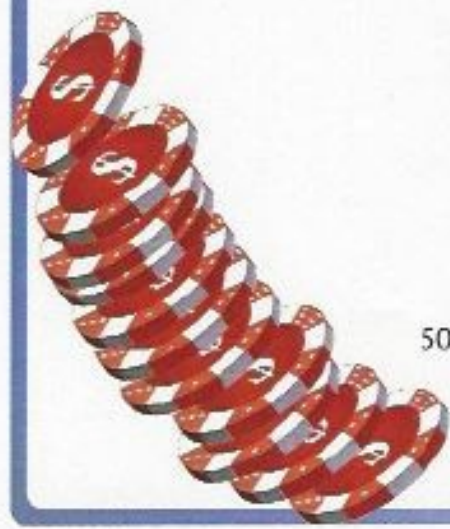
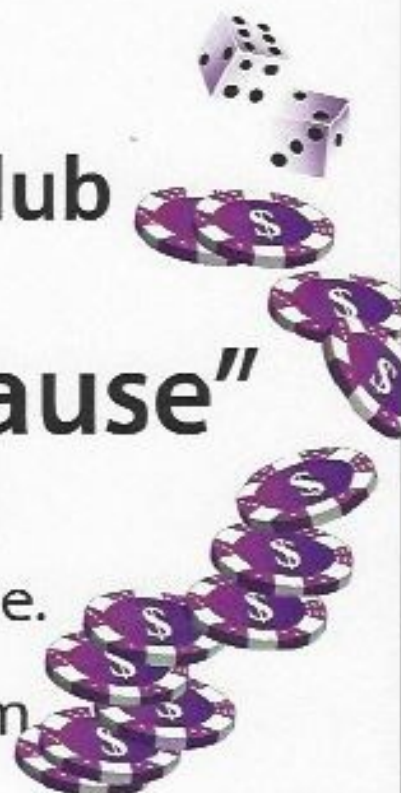
Must be 21 years of age.

Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m.

American Legion  
326 Legion Dr., West  
Converse, Texas

For info or tickets call  
Lion Sammy Perez  
210-602-7502  
\$50.00 per Couple  
\$40.00 Individual

501C3 Benefitting Converse Lions Charities



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The contests will run from July 1, 2017 to June 15, 2018.**

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**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.**

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**Zone Chairperson Membership Contest**

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

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For additional information or questions contact:

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## **DISTRICT 2-A2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH CONTESTANTS PLACE WELL AT STATE CONVENTION**



L to R – Dist. Gov. Don Kirchhoff, Rachael Ann Talamantez, Noah Lawrence, Annaliza Rios, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Janie Garza, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Roberto Castillo

District 2-A2 can be proud of the young people who represented us at the State Opportunities for Youth Contests in Corpus Christi over the Memorial Day weekend.

Rachael Ann Talamantez, sponsored by the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club, placed third in the Diabetes Essay Contest. Noah Lawrence, sponsored by North San Antonio Hills Lions Club, placed third in the Drug Awareness Speech Contest. Annaliza Rios, sponsored by the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club, participated in the Outstanding Youth Contest.

We congratulate these three outstanding students and thank them for representing our District in such a great way.



# **San Antonio Edgewood Lions**

*Cordially invite you to attend their clubs*

## **41st. Annual Installation And Celebration of Service**

on

**Thursday, June 7, 2018**

***The Edgewood I.S.D. Guerra Center***

1930 Herbert Lane

***Keynote Speaker***

***The Honorable***

***Texas State Representative***

***Ina Minjarez***

***Social 6:30 to 7:00 pm***

***Dinner 7:00 pm***

***Cost - \$10.00 per person***

RSVP to Boss Lion-Elect Maria Guerra or

Lion Rose Ann Barajas

**By Monday, June 4, 2017**

**(210) 275-0683 or (210) 216-2340**

**San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club  
1st Annual Meatball & Spaghetti Plate Sale**

**Saturday June 9, 2018**

**\$6.00 donation 11:00-3:00pm**

**Dine-in or Take-out**



**Salvation Army Citadel Nutrition Center  
2810 West Ashby**

**For Tickets call Lion Alice Lopez  
210-522-9267, 210-275-5926**

# SA AREA FAMILY LIONS CLUB



## Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament FUNDRAISER



### *The Lions Club Benefits:*

1. *Texas Lions Camp - for disabled children*
2. *Eye sight - providing eyewear and exams for the needy in our community*
3. *Leader Dog for the Blind and many more service projects!*



Buy 1 seat for \$35 or 2 seats for \$60.00. Donation Includes:

1. *Food and beverages, BYOB*
2. *Seat in the Texas Hold'em Tournament*
3. *Prizes for poker tournament winners*

*\*1st place winner picks prize of their choice, followed by 2nd place winner, 3rd winner, etc.\**

*Limited number of seats available.  
Make checks payable to:  
SAAFLC*



**Location: IBC Bank, 8650 Fredericksburg Rd, SA, TX 78240**  
**Saturday, July 28th at 3pm**

*Contact Info: Lion President Bruce Rivera @ 210-842-6304  
or email at [uss17@yahoo.com](mailto:uss17@yahoo.com)*



***As you consider the success of your 2017-2018 Lion year and equally consider the work and effort of your fellow members or others to create that success, that reflection should lead to ways that they may be appropriately recognized. Your Lions Sight Research Foundation would appreciate your allowing us to assist by offering the LSRF RECOGNITION PROGRAM.***

**Sustaining Member Recognition** \$50 - Individual members can establish sustaining member status beginning with a fifty dollar donation. Cumulative donations of higher amounts gain higher levels of recognition and associated pin attachments.



**Special Recognition** \$125— Special recognition for speakers or as memorial recognition can be obtained at a cost of \$125. This black marble piece is embellished with the colorful Foundation emblem, and personalized message.



**Life Membership** \$250— Outstanding Lions and individuals selected for special recognition may be nominated for Life Membership in the Foundation by a Lions Club or the Foundation Board of Directors.



**Miracle Circle Membership** \$500— For service and achievement that deserves special recognition, membership in the exclusive Miracle Circle of the Foundation may be awarded to individual Lions. This award may also be used to recognize another who has been of special importance through their support in other ways.



**Lytle Blankenship Fellow** \$1000 (restricted to deposit to the Permanent Trust Fund) – In the tradition of the Melvin Jones and Jack Wiech Fellowship Programs, the Foundation has established the "Lytle Blankenship Fellowship" in honor of one of our primary founding Lion leaders. PDG Lytle Blankenship, PhD, personified the title "Knight of the Blind" through his foresight and dedication to establishing the Lions Sight Research Foundation. This recognition celebrates Lion Blankenship's "heart of service" and marks the recipient as one worthy of similar distinction.



**Low Vision Fellowship** \$1000— Created to provide a Recognition item directly associated with the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas. The plaque utilizes the unique LLVC logo in lieu of the LSRF logo.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact

PDG Sam Pantusa, COO 210 326 3915 or email [lsrf.sam@gmail.com](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com)



**CLUB PRESIDENTS & THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTATIONS & PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CLUB, in the NEW YEAR 2018-2019**

**WE At LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION ARE ANXIOUS FOR AN INVITATION TO COME VISIT YOU.**

**WE HAVE A WONDERFUL VIDEO PRESENTATION THAT IS NOT ONLY INFORMATIVE BUT IS A GREAT TOOL TO OFFER INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE JUST COME ON BOARD.**

**REVIEWS OF OUR PROGRAM HAVE BEEN VERY POSITIVE.**

**SO JUST EMAIL LION SAM at lsrf.sam@gmail.com or call 210 326 3915 and schedule a visit. Or just fill out this form, today, and pass on to LION SAM**

**In the mean time you can see results of LSRF work at www.lionssightresearch.org**

**YES WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE LSRF TO MAKE A CLUB PRESENTATION**

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB CONTACT : \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PRESENTATION DATE /TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE DATES: \_\_\_\_\_