



Lions District 2-A2

"Starting 101 in 2-A2"

December 2017



As we consume the leftovers from all of the Thanksgiving feasts, we now turn our attention towards Christmas. Tis the season that is full of recitals, dinners, parties and the children anticipating opening presents. With all that going on, we need to be mindful of the “reason for the season”. As we enter the Christmas holiday, keep in your mind and hearts on the needs of others, especially those affected by the two tragic events that impacted our area and the entire state and nation.

HURRICANE HARVEY – Hundreds 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 an additional grant of approximately \$400,000.00 (+/-) for the four Districts along the Texas Coast. 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 LCIF or the Texas Lions Foundation.

Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for **Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund**.

L.C.I.F.

300 W. 22nd St.

Oak Brook, IL 60523

or

Texas Lions Foundation

P.O. Box 64881

Lubbock, TX 79464

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS – As you may know, 2nd VDG Janie Garza lives in Sutherland Springs. She has been in contact with the District Attorney, attended several meetings, and has offered help from the Lions however needed. District 2-A2 has set up a “Line Item” in our budget for assisting those affected by the tragedy. Several Lions, Clubs and others from throughout the State have made donations to the cause. In recent news reports, comments are made that funeral and medical expenses are being paid. Reality is that some of the costs are being covered by others, such as “basic” funeral costs and up to \$50,000.00 per injured victim for medical expenses. As most know, \$50,000.00 won’t last long when one is in ICU or recovering in the hospital for any length of time.

Lion Janie was asked to help with one of the families’ funeral expenses that had exceeded the basic funeral cost. The District paid for those expenses and is on stand-by for the next call for help. And the church has plans to rebuild, so funds will be needed for that.

We encourage Clubs or individuals to continue making donations to help defray these expenses. Checks should be **made payable** to **District 2-A2** and sent to:

District Treasurer Lion Steve Mays

212 CR 347

LaVernia, TX 78121

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Make sure to note that the check is for “Sutherland Springs”. 100% of the donations will be applied to the funeral expenses and/or for medical expenses incurred by the families affected by this tragedy.

Please continue to keep everyone affected by the event in your prayers.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Mid Winter Conference will be held in Uvalde, TX and hosted by the Uvalde Lions Club. The hotel is the Hampton Inn at 2714 East Main, Uvalde. The Conference (Cabinet Meeting) will be at the Herby Hamm Activity Center at 248 F.M. 3447 just a few blocks from the Hampton Inn.

There will also be a State Eye Chart Certification Class that Friday January 19th from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. at the First State Bank of Uvalde, 200 East Nopal Street. If you wish to become State certified, please contact Lion Janie Garza immediately at jgarza070@gmail.com to make your reservation for the certification class.

Additional details for registration and motel accommodations will be provided by upcoming News Flash bulletins. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lion Don Kirchhoff
District Governor, 2-A2

District 2-A2 Hall of Fame Requirements

District 2-A2 is currently accepting nominations of Lions to be considered for the high recognition as a Member of the Herb C. Petry, Jr. District 2-A2 Hall of Fame.

All nominations should be received by PCC Michael “Mike” Rourke at 3202 Lura Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78228-2346 or electronically at pccmikemd2@sbcglobal.net no later than Friday, January 12, 2018. The members’ nomination should be submitted in the form of a Resolution, outlining their various achievements for their consideration by the Past District Governors of District 2-A2.

Elevation of Lions of District 2-A2 into the Hall of Fame is bestowed upon one who has been outstanding in using their time, talents and resources to further the cause of humanitarian service. Selection is made by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Minimum standards to qualify are:

- Be an active member with at least 15 years of service
- Having provided outstanding and dedicated service to Lionism
- Having provided other than Lionistic service to the community, state and nation
- Having accomplished special achievements in, or contributed to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate and
- Not having solicited in any manner for this recognition, which automatically eliminates the soliciting candidate for that year

From 2nd VDG Janie Garza

I would like to personally thank everyone for all your Prayers and continued support for our community of Sutherland Springs. The tragedy that occurred on November 5, 2017, will forever be etched on our hearts, our minds and throughout our lives. Gordon B. Hinckley once said “The best medicine for despair is Service.” That is what some members of the Stockdale Lions club did, **Service**. The Stockdale Lions Club were there to assist with what the community needed from handing out water, serving food, and making sure the victim’s families were registered with the American Red Cross. They were there to offer Prayers, hugs and Hope for everyone in the community. The Stockdale Lions exemplified the epitome of our motto.... **Where there is a need, there is a Lion**. Please continue to pray for strength and healing for our Sutherland Springs community.

Update: The Lions were contacted with an initial request for assistance with the funeral expenses for some of the victims. No one had expected the worldwide outpouring of support and financial assistance for our community. The State of Texas will provide assistance to the families of up to \$50,000 per victim. This could be used for medical expenses or towards lost wages. The District has set up an account for those wishing to donate in assisting the families of Sutherland Springs. It was suggested that we assist the families with Medical expenses that the victim’s may incur in the future.

If you or your club would like to donate to help defray some of the medical expenses for the Sutherland Springs Families you can do so by making a donation to the following:

Make checks payable to: Lions District 2-A2

**Send to: Lion Steve Mays
District Treasurer
212 CR 347
La Vernia, Texas 78121**

Memo: “Sutherland Springs”

The Holiday Season is upon us. It is very heartwarming to see Lions of District 2-A2 give more of themselves and serve their communities by providing meals to the less fortunate, provide clothing and blankets to the homeless, provide toys for Blue Santa, Boys and Girls Clubs and other community outreach programs. I recently read a quote that read “never get tired of doing little things for others; sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.” Let us not forget the true meaning of this holiday season...To give Peace, Love and Service. Dr. Steve Maraboli wrote “If you hang out with chickens, you’re going to cluck and if you hang out with eagles, you’re going to fly.” I am going to add to his list, “If you hang out with LIONS, you’re going to ROOAARR!!! It is with great **PRIDE** that I am able to serve with such great Lions in District 2-A2. I look forward to visiting you and your club and to help you in any way that I can.

From my Family to Yours..... ***Merry Christmas!!!***

Yours in Service,

Lion Janie Garza
SVDG District 2-A2



2nd VDG, Lion Janie Garza and Lion Bobbie West-Todd of the Stockdale Lions Club assisting the American Red Cross with registering families and assisting them with information.

District 2-A2 2017-2018 Peace Poster Winner



“The Future of Peace,” this year’s theme for the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster contest, is captured in the District 2-A2 winning poster created by Presley Cardi. Presley is in the eighth grade and her submission is sponsored by the San Antonio Northside Lions Club. The poster has been submitted to MD-2 for consideration in the state competition,

AACOG

Alamo Area Council of Governments

The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) has named the China Grove Lions Club project with the transition houses at Turning Point as the **Nonprofit Community Project of the Year**. There will be an awards luncheon on December 6th at the Norris Conference Center, tickets are \$20.

The China Grove Lions Club partnered with other non-profits and volunteers to remodel a house for young people turning 18 years old to transition from the foster care system to independent living. The project included refurbishing the house and providing new furniture.



**WE ARE LOCAL
WE ARE GLOBAL
WE ARE LIONS**



**THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION
WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS A JOYOUS AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON !!**

**Lions Low Vision Center of Texas
at UT Health Science Center**

Our mission is to provide quality low vision rehabilitation services to patients with visual impairment, a field disability or eye loss. To conduct research pertaining to improve the vision rehabilitation process and low vision devices, to help in research, development, design, to deliver high quality education to individuals, the community, and healthcare professionals.



**WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION**

100 YEARS

SCREENING UNIT

*We wish you a
**Merry
CHRISTMAS
and a
Happy
NEW YEAR***

SPOKESMAN LAKE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR
Saturday, May 25, 2017 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

WE CAN SAVE YOUR VISION! In partnership with the
NAVY AND THE ARMY AND THE RESCUE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB we're WRITING THE
BOOK OF LIFE!

FREE VISION SCREENING

Includes: Eye Exam, Vision Prescription and Eye and Vision Care

The Free and Vision Check will be free.

The Spokesman Lake Community Health Fair is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to get a comprehensive eye exam and vision care.

Spokesman Lake Community Health Fair
1000 S. 1st Street, Spokesman, WA 99030
Phone: 509-325-1234



**100 Years
1917 LIONS 2017**

**Lions Club
SERVICE**



PLEASE CONSIDER A YEAR END CONTRIBUTION

Visit our Website at www.lionssightresearch.org



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

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 •

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

REGISTER ON-LINE TODAY! REGISTRATION FEES WILL INCREASE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT

<https://solersports.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://solersports.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: _____