



Lions District 2-A2

"Starting 101 in 2-A2"

September 2017



Hurricane Harvey

As I am writing this article (August 26, 2017), Hurricane Harvey is swirling around just southeast of San Antonio. Weather forecasters are unsure of its projected path and are still predicting “buckets” of rain.

The tough part of sitting here and waiting is the fact that we cannot get a true assessment as to the extent of damage that the storm is leaving. It may be a day or two before any actions can be taken. Assistance from LCI and the Texas Lions Foundation is available and will be requested once the assessment is made.

By the time you read this, hopefully the storm will have passed. Then it will be time to clean up and aid those in need. Notifications will have been sent out via the District’s News Flash Bulletins as the picture became clearer. If you have not signed up for the News Flash Bulletins, do so now. This type of event is a good reason to do so.

All Lions in the District, State and country are watching and waiting for the call for assistance. All of us are also keeping those affected in our prayers.

Officer Training Events

District Global Leadership Team Chair Lion Marilyn Weed has completed the task of holding five Club Officer Training sessions this Lions Year. The classes were held at the Universal City Public Library and the Hill Country Retreat in San Antonio and also in Comfort, Uvalde and Del Rio in the rural areas. Thanks to Lion Marilyn, 2nd VDG Janie Garza, PDG Jim Weed, and Lion Ray Castillo for being the instructors at four of the classes. A special thank you to 1st VDG Roberto Castillo and his group of instructors for coordinating the Del Rio training class.

Second Cabinet Meeting

The second cabinet meeting will be held at the Poteet Lions Club’s facility in Poteet on October 21, 2017. They plan to have breakfast tacos and a BBQ lunch (prepared on site) with all the trimmings. Guest speaker at the lunch will be Lion Milton Dare who will give a presentation about the Texas Lions Camp. Stay tuned to District 2-A2 News Flash Bulletins for more information.

Lion Don Kirchhoff
District Governor



The District 2-A2 LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION has recently begun a **partnership with the San Antonio Lighthouse** to offer to the communities served by our Clubs, resources to help Seniors with vision impairment issues.

The LIGHTHOUSE SENIORS PROGRAM —

Providing seniors with vision loss the skills, tools and resources needed for maintaining independence in their homes and the community.

More than half of all people who are blind or vision impaired are over the age of 50, and the seniors' population is expected to double within the next 30 years. The **San Antonio Lighthouse Seniors Program** is an important community resource that provides a wide range of services to assist this growing population. Since its creation, the Seniors Program has been growing steadily, and today the program serves more than 3500 individuals annually.

The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind & Vision Impaired offers seniors who are experiencing various degrees of vision loss the opportunity to remain independent and active through five program services. These program services are sponsored free of charge to qualifying seniors who are enrolled in the program.

LSRF is requesting that Clubs interested in offering this great resource in your community to contact Lion Sam—210 326 3915, email—lsrf.sam@gmail.com

Clubs will assist by helping to organize informational sessions and inviting those interested in making use of these services.



CLUB PRESIDENTS & THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTATIONS & PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CLUB,

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 lssf.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: _____



Charter Night West Side Lions Club

Help the West Side Lions Club celebrate 66 years of service.
Our charter night will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.
Meet and Greet starts at 6:30pm and Dinner at 7:00pm

Chaparritas Mexican Restaurant
7350 Tezel Road, Suite 103
San Antonio, TX, 78250

Menu - \$25.00 per person

Pork loin with Raspberry chipotle sauce Pasta with basil pesto Mixed vegetables Salad Homemade rolls
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or

Salmon on a bed of Spinach Scalloped potatoes Salad Homemade rolls Tea, coffee and dessert
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Your choice, let us know when you make your reservations.

RSVP to Lion RoseMary
Home 210-341-1160
Cell 210-394-0463



Exclusive Deal: Make Your Pet Proud

Guide Dogs of Texas has an exclusive opportunity for you. We are offering the chance for you to have your pets birthday printed on the 2018 Guide Dogs of Texas Calendar.

For your donation of \$30 you will have your pet's birthday printed on our calendar along with 1 free calendar (valued at \$10)

Also available are One Month Calendar Sponsorships for you, your club or your business (\$250) - Your ad will be prominently displayed for one month in our 2018 calendar.

Email jenna@guidedogsoftexas.org for details.





Puppy's on the way **Raisers Needed Now!**

We will have puppies ready to go out to their puppy raisers in a few weeks and again in the fall and we are seeking puppy raisers!

*in San Antonio, Austin, and surrounding areas



Guide Dogs of Texas is seeking your help to raise a puppy!

These little puppies need YOUR help to reach their full potential of becoming the eyes for a visually impaired Texan.

What does a puppy raiser do?

With the help of GDTX Staff and Volunteers they:

- Teach basic obedience, with support of GDTX staff
- Teach house behavior
- Socialization

What is provided?

- Food
- Veterinary Expenses
- Puppy Supplies

Call or email us today if you are interested or have any additional questions.

(210) 366-4081 jenna@guidedogsoftexas.org





Welcome to the Texas Centennial Celebration of 2017

OCTOBER 5-7, 2017

Hosted by the Dallas-Fort Worth Lions Clubs, the three day event offers opportunities galore for education, service and celebration. The Hyatt Regency North Dallas, in Richardson, Texas, will be the site of many of the events. However, to serve, we must get out into the community. So we will have multiple opportunities for service, fanning out literally to all parts of the area to assist in free health check programs, free vision screening, construction, food distribution and a host of other service projects.

Our finale celebration at Eddie Deen's Ranch in downtown Dallas will culminate our three-day celebration with food, games, fun and dancing.

The Centennial Celebration will mark the 100th Anniversary of Texas Lions. The event will be over a three day period from October 5-7, 2017. The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency North Texas located in Richardson.

Registration for the event will be for the entire event, all three days. The cost includes the following:

- "Celebrating the Past" at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas, Friday night, October 6, 2017 (Preferred dress: Business Attire)
- "Legacy Lions Fellowship Breakfast" at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas, Saturday morning, October 7, 2017 (Preferred dress: Your choice)
- "A Night in the Old West" Gala and Dinner at Eddie Deen's Ranch, Downtown Dallas, Saturday night. (Preferred dress: Texan)
- Group Transportation to and from the Gala and Dinner on Saturday night

Note: Registrants are on their own for Saturday Lunch and other [local excursions](#).
([Mass Transit available](#))

CELEBRATION REGISTRATION Fill out the registration form found elsewhere in Newsletter. FULL PAYMENT OF THE COMPLETE PACKAGE IS REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION.



Texas Centennial Celebration - October 6-7, 2017

HYATT Regency North Dallas, 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75081

Honorable Guests include



Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, Iceland
1st Vice President
Lions Clubs International

Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017.

Vice President Yngvadottir is vice director of the Institute of Continuing Education at the University of Iceland.

A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, leadership chair, Leo chair, Lions Quest chair, treasurer, vice district governor, district governor, multiple district LCIF coordinator, secretary and leadership development chair and coordinator for the Lions Leadership Institute in Iceland. She also served as a faculty member and presented at numerous Lions Leadership Institutes, Faculty Development Institutes and international conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, an Extension Award, the Governor's Extension Award, the Founder's Membership Growth, District Governor Award, eight International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, seven International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Vice President Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a past international director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and five grandchildren.



Sid Scruggs, North Carolina
Past International President
Lions Clubs International

Sid L. Scruggs III, of Vass, North Carolina, USA, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28-July 2, 2010. Past President Scruggs is a retired military and commercial airline pilot and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Using as his presidential theme A Beacon of Hope, Past President Scruggs made service to others – the core principle of Lions clubs around the world – the focal point of his presidency.

A member of the Vass Lions Club, he has held many offices in the association. In addition, he has presented at the USA/Canada and Europa Leadership forums and served as an instructor for the Lions Clubs International Leadership Institute and the District Governors-elect School.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past President Scruggs served many years as chairperson of the board of directors of the North Carolina Governor Morehead School for the Blind. He is also a life member of the American Airlines Grey Eagles Association and the Naval Academy Alumni Association.

He has been presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award given by the State of North Carolina, by the Governor of North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame and in 2010 he was elected to the United States Blind Golf Association Hall of Fame. He has received an honorary doctorate of humanities from World University.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Scruggs has received numerous awards including the Key of Nations Award for sponsoring more than 100 Lions members, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



Steve Pickett, Journalist
KTVT TV, CBS 11 News

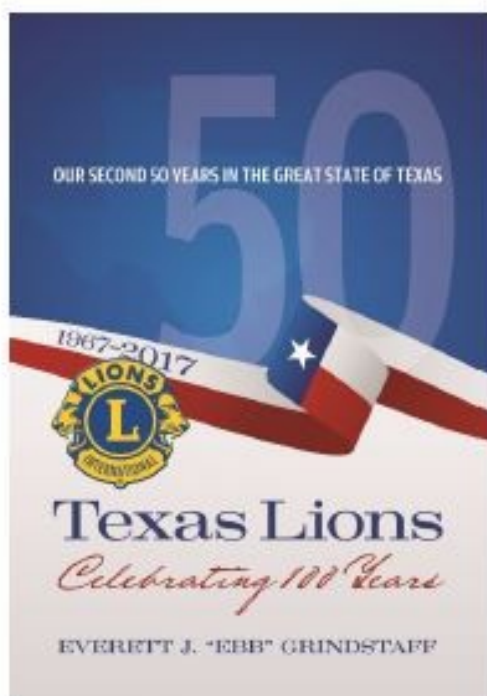
(Emcee, Friday evening events at Hyatt Regency)

Steve Pickett leads a team of broadcast journalists for KTVT Television, CBS 11 News Dallas/Fort Worth. For the past 21 years, Steve has provided thorough news coverage for the CBS owned and operated station. Steve is the recipient of two coveted Emmy Awards, presented by the Lone Star Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. His reports on the Iraq War and the Haiti Earthquake garnered the recognition. Steve has also been recognized for his coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, winning the Dallas Press Club's Breaking News Award.

His professional career spans three decades, including news reporting stints in Portland (OR), Fresno (CA) Oklahoma City (OK) and Wichita Falls (TX). He may be best noted for his distinctive storytelling style. He received the Institute for Educational Inquiry top award for Education Reporting. The National Association of Black Journalists has presented Steve with three awards for Excellence in Feature Reporting.

Steve is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He is a member of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication Board of Visitors.

Steve is married to wife Rachel, and dad to two sons, Patrick and Syeed.



Texas Lions second 50 years in the Great State of Texas.

If you have not received your copy you can purchase one at the Centennial Celebration or purchase one by sending your order to PDG Carolyn Dorman, 3321 Remington Dr. Plano, Texas 75023 at \$35.00 per copy and include \$3.95 to mail to you.

Or we will give to your district coordinator and they will give to you.

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1917-2017



100 years of Lions service in the great state of Texas



Texas Centennial Celebration

Registration Form

REGISTRANT INFORMATION - Please type or print name as it appears on photo ID.

Lion
 (First Name) (Last Name)

Street City State ZIP

Mobile Phone (.....) e-Mail:

.....
 Lions Club Name District Title

COMPANION

Lion or Guest
 (First Name) (Last Name)

Street City State ZIP

Mobile Phone (.....) e-Mail:

.....
 Lions Club Name District Title

PACKAGE includes registration for each registrant listed above; official name badge and souvenir medallion; official Texas Centennial Celebration Program, and admissions for:

- a) "Celebrating The Past" Banquet at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Friday night October 6, 2017 (Dress: Business attire)
 b) "Legacy Lions Fellowship" Breakfast at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Dress code: Your choice)
 c) "A Night In The Old West" Gala & Dinner at EDDIE DEEN'S RANCH, Downtown Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Preferred Dress: 'Texan')
 d) Group transportation by shuttle bus from Hyatt Regency North Dallas to Eddie Deen's Ranch Downtown Dallas for Saturday Gala & Dinner; and back to Hyatt Regency North Dallas Hotel after dinner.

Note: Saturday Lunch and other personal needs on your own.

REGISTRATION FEES:		Per Person
<input type="checkbox"/> Early	(Post-marked on or before March 31, 2017)	\$195
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	(Post-marked between April 1 through Aug. 15, 2017)	\$220
<input type="checkbox"/> Late	(Post-marked from August 16, 2017 - onsite)	\$250

- a) Full payment of the complete package is required with this Form. **Single Meal Tickets On Next Page**
 b) September 1, 2017: Deadline for name-change or to receive a refund for cancellation of registration submitted in writing. Applicable refunds (after deducting \$20 as admin fee) will be processed soon after the event.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION - Hyatt Regency North Dallas
 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX-75081 - Phone: 972-619-1234
 Room Reservation Link: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13913050/owner/1459738/home>

- Make your room reservations directly using the above link. Provide us the Hotel Confirmation # below.
- PACKAGE REGISTRATION is required for applying this Special Rate of \$79 per night for hotel room.
- Special needs, if any, should be requested to and arranged for well in advance with Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- Only a limited number of rooms available at this special rate to be reserved on first-come first served basis.

\$79 per night + tax
 single or double occupancy for
 Thursday/Friday/Saturday nights
 October 5, 6 & 7, 2017

**Reservation cut-off date for
 this rate: September 7, 2017**

Make check payable to:
MD2 Centennial Celebration

Hotel Room Confirmation #



Mail Form & check to:
Bill Smothermon (DG 2016-17)
 14850 Quorum Dr. # 210 Cell: 972-571-0806
 Dallas, TX 75254 lionkilsmo@gmail.com



Texas Centennial Celebration - October 6-7, 2017

Single Ticket Reservation Form For 'Package Registration' use original **Registration Form** (Use separate Form for each individual's needs)

FRIDAY - 10.6.2017	Banquet "Celebrating The Past" - Hyatt Regency North Dallas	Dress: Business Casual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60 each
SATURDAY - 10.7.2017	Breakfast: "Legacy Lions Fellowship" Hyatt Regency North Dallas	Dress: Your choice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 45 each
SATURDAY - 10.7.2017	Gala & Dinner "A Night in The Old West" Eddie Deen's Ranch, Downtown Dallas	Preferred Dress: 'Texan'	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60 each
SATURDAY - 10.7.2017 Evening	Group Bus Transportation from Hyatt Hotel to Eddie Deen's Ranch & back		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20/person

Name / Address of Attendee (one name per Form) TOTAL PAYABLE \$

Name: Lions Club: District:
 Address:
 Cell Phone: e-Mail:

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION Hyatt Regency North Dallas
 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX-75081
 Phone: 888-591-1234 (Code: **TEXAS LIONS**)

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 single or double
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 nights (Oct 5, 6 & 7, 2017)
**Room Reservation cut-
 off date for this rate:
 September 7, 2017**

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Mail Form & check to:
Bill Smothermon (DG 2016-17)
 14850 Quorum Dr. # 210
 Dallas, TX 75254
 lionbillsma@gmail.com Cell: 972-571-0806



Texas Lions Centennial Celebrations

- ❖ **Date:** Friday Oct 6, 2017
- ❖ **Time:** 6:30 p.m. - Registration
- ❖ 7:00 p.m. - Dinner
- ❖ **Place:** The Hyatt Regency,
701 E. Campbell Rd,
Richardson, TX 75081

- Date:** Saturday Oct 7, 2017
- Time:** 6:30 PM - Registration
- Dinner:** 7:00 PM
- Eddie Deen's Ranch
944 S. Lamar St
Dallas, TX 75207

COMPANY /LIONS CLUB NAME _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS/ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ Email: _____

Payment: Check Cash Cashier's Check

Please Choose Your Level of Sponsorship

Diamond Sponsor - \$1500

- Registration and Two reserved seats. (Both Events)
- Premier seating
- Table Signage
- Full-page Ad in the Souvenir Book

- ___ FULL PAGE AD...\$250
- ___ HALF PAGE AD...\$ 150
- ___ QUARTER PAGE - \$75
- ___ BACK COVER AD - \$ 1000
- ___ INSIDE FRONT/BACK - \$500

Gold Sponsor - \$1000

- Registration and One reserved seat. (Both Events)
- Priority Seating
- Table Signage
- Half Page Ad in the Souvenir Book

**Please complete this form and mail to the address below no later than Saturday Sep 15, 2017
Make Checks payable to MD-2Centennial. Please have your Ad in Word or jpeg format.
Proceeds to benefit Texas Lions Camp, Texas Lions Foundation and TLERC.**

Mailing Address:
Vinod Mathur
8705 Baltusrol Dr
Flower Mound, TX 75022
Tel 817-705-4096 email: vrmathur@tx.rr.com

Opportunities for Leadership Training

The next Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and Advanced Lions Leadership Institute for the Lions of United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas & Canada will be offered in Denver, Colorado on November 11-13, 2017. These institutes will be held concurrently but independently of each other. We seek your assistance to help recruit qualified Lion participants for these institutes.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute teaches valuable leadership skills at the club level and is targeted to Lions who have not yet been club president. Download the [application form](#) for more information.

The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute teaches valuable leadership skills at the zone, region and district levels and is targeted to Lions who have completed a term as club president but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute. Download the [application form](#) for more information.

Both institutes will be conducted in English. We will be accepting 75 (seventy-five) Lions for the ELLI and 125 (one hundred and twenty-five) Lions for the ALLI.

Completed forms must be received by: **August 28, 2017**

If you have questions or need further information, visit the LCI [website](#) or contact LCI at institutes@lionsclubs.org.

Or Contact District GLT Lion Marilyn Weed at mweed2a2@gmail.com

District Peace Poster Contest

This year's theme is "The Future of Peace."

If your club is planning to participate in the Peace Poster Contest, kits must be purchased before Oct 1ST 2017. A club can sponsor more than one entry, they must purchase a separate kit for each entry.

Don't forget there is an essay contest with the same theme for visual imparted students.

Clubs are not limited to sponsoring the contest in schools. They can sponsor the contest in other youth organizations such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts. Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 on or before November 15, 2017.

All entries need to be sent to the District Chair before November 15, 2017

Any questions, please contract District Peace Poster Chair, Marilyn Weed at mweed2a2@gmail.com



2016-2017 Grand Prize Winner
13 year old Lakkana Meepara
Thailand



District 2-A2 Joint Zone Gathering/Meeting
September 9, 2017, 9 AM—11 AM
Fort Sam Houston Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, Texas
Contact: Lion Don Doyle 210-383-5782
The eyeglass trailer will be in the parking lot

From Your Global Leadership Team: Does your club have a foundation?

The District can provide guidance based on Lions Clubs International (LCI) Standard Club Constitution and other LCI legal statements about how a club should set up and manage their bank accounts, treasurer/financial reports, but unless there is a complaint to the District Governor, the district does not review, request report, etc. on a club financial or treasurer records.

The **Standard Club Constitution** in Article VIII, Section 3, sub-section (i) states:

It shall maintain at least two (2) separate funds governed by generally accepted accounting practices. The first fund is to record administrative monies such as dues, tail twisting fines and other internally raised club funds. A second fund shall be established to record activity or public funds raised by asking support from the public. Disbursement from such funds shall be in strict compliance with Section (g) of this article.

Section (g): It shall not authorize, nor permit, the expenditure, for any administrative purpose, of the net income of projects or activities of this club by which funds are raised from the public.

There are many clubs in the District that created Incorporated Foundations to either limit club officers from personal liability or allow donations from the public to be tax deductible for the donor. At the time the foundations were created each club had to create a separate board of directors, by-laws and have a meeting once a year. When clubs created their foundation, paperwork had to be filed with and accepted by the Texas Secretary of State.

Over time some clubs have forgotten why a foundation was established. Foundations are not governed or regulated by the LCI Standard Club Constitution or any other guidance from LCI. Foundations are governed by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations and the laws of the State of Texas.

If a club has a foundation they need to either maintain a separate board directors comply with IRS and State of Texas requirements or vote to dissolve the foundation. For guidance consult a certified public account or tax attorney.