



## Lions District 2-A2

"Starting 101 in 2-A2"

August 2017



### First Cabinet Meeting

Our first District cabinet meeting held in Boerne on July 15<sup>th</sup> was well received by the attendees. There were 99 Lions from 30 clubs and 8 Leos from 3 clubs represented. There were lots of compliments for both the venue and the smooth operation of the meeting.

I would like to give the host Boerne Lions Club a special thank you for their efforts.

We are looking forward to the next cabinet meeting at Poteet on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Keep an eye out for information and registration forms around late August or early September. You'll find it on the District website calendar and also Flash Bulletins.



### International Convention

The International Convention in Chicago was quite an event. After four days of District Governor Elect (DGE) classes then four more days of the convention, Lion Harriet and I were ready to get back to Texas. It was difficult to take the 70° weather. Ah yes, the weather was nice.

At the DGE classes, we were introduced to a revised list of Centennial Service Challenge activities. Lions Clubs International (LCI) has revised the four activities regarding Vision, Youth, Hunger and Environment. They gave us information that there would be five activities or "Service Platforms". LCI removed Youth from the original four and added Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer.

Now, if you look on the LCI website under the "Lions 100/Centennial Service Challenge" it shows that the five activities are Vision, Youth, Hunger, Environment and Diabetes. The Pediatric Cancer platform is not included in the 2017-2018 year. Most likely it will be added at the 2018 International Convention.

I know that this is different than what I explained at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting in Boerne. For 2017-2018, Pediatric Cancer will not replace Youth for the Centennial Service Challenge. You will only have to meet four of the five activities - Vision, Youth, Hunger, Environment or Diabetes - to obtain the four-diamond banner patch.

Lion Don Kirchhoff  
District Governor



## Meet International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal



Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, of Batala, Punjab, India was elected President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Chicago.

He is the chairman of companies specializing in steel and agricultural products.

A member of the Batala Smile Lions Club since 1974, President Aggarwal has held many positions within the association, including president, district governor, district membership chairman, multiple district trainer and GMT Area Leader, Board Appointee, founder-chairperson of Multiple District 321 Forum and chairperson of the Lions of District 321-D Students Foundation.

President Aggarwal has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to the association, including the Leadership Award, an International Membership Award, 52 Extension Awards, 23 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Aggarwal has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), and the FICCI-SAARC Forum.

He is the chief patron of Dainik Prarthana Sabha, which operates charity projects in Batala. He is also the vice president of Age-Care India, a charitable society for the care and welfare of elderly people.

President Aggarwal and his wife Navita, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.



## **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](mailto:jenna@guidedogsoftexas.org)**



# San Antonio Central Park Lions



Five members of the San Antonio Central Park Lions Club spent the afternoon of Sunday, June 25 at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville welcoming and serving refreshments to children and their families as the children registered for Camp. Some of the families traveled all the way from El Paso and the Rio Grande Valley. The picture shows CPLC President Mike Countryman (right), His partner in service Pamela (center), and Lion Lisa Wercowitch (left). Not shown are Lion Leo Ortiz and Lion Nina Tannenbaum.



At a special celebration on June 22, 2017, in the Ft Sam Houston Golf Club, PDG Sam Pantusa presided over the installation ceremony of the San Antonio Central Park Lions Club new officers. The new officers are Lion Jack Dugas, President; Lion Sandy Rightmeyer, Vice-President; Lion Bob Nixon, Secretary; and Lion Dave Hall, Treasurer. Guests at the ceremony were Sharon Habe, the scholarship recipient from Reagan High School Leo Club and her parents.



*DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE A MESU EVENT IN YOUR AREA  
NOW'S THE TIME TO GET ON THE CALENDAR*

## MESU RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

This Reservation information and the MESU Calendar are available online at [www.lionssightresearch.org](http://www.lionssightresearch.org)

**LIONS DISTRICT 2-A2 MOBILE EYE SCREENING UNIT PHONE 210-275-4425**

**E-MAIL: [lionsmum@earthlink.net](mailto:lionsmum@earthlink.net)**

Print in block letters or type only please.

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of LIONS CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship is mandatory from a Lions Club in District 2-A2.

EVENT DETAILS START TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

VISIT CHAIRPERSON CONTACT DATA BELOW:

Lion Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY: \_\_\_\_\_ EVE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be accompanied by a deposit check payable to, & mailed to:

Lions Sight Research Foundation  
4502 Centerview Drive, Suite 120  
San Antonio, TX. 78228

## Maybe We Can Furnish One Room

Lion Shelly Chance of the China Grove Lions Club heard of an organization remodeling a house for young people turning 18 and leaving the foster care system. Lion Shelly suggested to her club that perhaps they could remodel and furnish one room. With the help of other groups in Bexar County they not only remodeled one room, but the entire house. Now they are working on a second house.



During the July 4th holiday weekend the walls and ceiling the second house received a new fresh coat of paint, and sanding the bedroom furniture was almost finished. The house has been deep cleaned, shelves have been built for the new storage closet and books for a library have been purchased..

For information and to see how you can help, contact Lion Shelly at 210-422-6075





## 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.

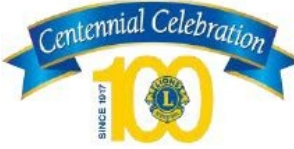
The Centennial Celebration will mark the 100th Anniversary of Texas Lions. The event will be over a three day period from October 5-7, 2017. The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency North Texas located in Richardson.

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

## 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.

<u>REGISTRATION FEES:</u>		<u>Per Person</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Early	(Post-marked on or before August 15, 2017)	\$195
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	(Post-marked from August 16 to September 16, 2017)	\$220
<input type="checkbox"/> Late	(Post-marked from September 17, 2017 - onsite)	\$250

- a) Full payment of the complete package is required with this Form. Split-package is **not available**.
- 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

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**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 lionbillsmo@gmail.com



# 24th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

## ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



Gabriella Kilbride, Camper 2016

*Children Can...With TLC™*

### Come Play and Make a Kid's Day!

For more information or to download  
player registration forms go to  
[www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

## August 3, 2017

8:00 am Shotgun Start

**Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course**  
Fredericksburg, TX

### Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s).

All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

**Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: MC \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

CC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Garion Brunson, 2-T3**  
**1541 JBS Parkway, Suite 7 Odessa, TX 79761**

# 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](mailto:institutes@lionsclubs.org).

Or Contact District GLT Lion Marilyn Weed at [mweed2a2@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:mweed2a2@gmail.com)



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



### District Governor's 100% Contributions

Each District Governor establishes a list of Lion's charities deemed to be worthy of club consideration for contributions. A club should consider any and or all of the recommendations after all local needs have been met.

At year's end all 100% clubs will be recognized for contributions over and above individual club services.

Separate checks should be written for each charity. The checks should be sent to Lion Steven Mays, District 2-A2 Treasurer.

<u>Charity</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 Hearing Board	\$ 1.50/per member
District 2-A2 Human Needs Board	\$ 1.50/per member
Texas Guide Dog	\$ 1.00/per member
San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind	\$ 1.00/per member
Leader Dog Program	\$ 1.00/per member
PET Project	\$ 1.00/per member
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC)	\$ 1.00/per member
World Service for the Blind	\$ 1.00/per member

A 100% club will donate to the four listed with an \*, and select three of their choice from the remaining list.

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



# Lions Clubs International

This is a reminder that, effective July 1, 2017, Lions Clubs International is consolidating new club charter fees and new member fees into a single \$35 entrance fee. This fee consolidation and increase will allow LCI to increase member benefits, improve the member experience, and simplify the new member and club enrollment processes.