



Lions District 2-A2

"Starting 101 in 2-A2"

January 2018



Lion Harriet and I hope that your holidays have been filled with family, friends and good health. We would like to thank those Clubs that invited us to celebrate with them over the holidays. Unfortunately, she and I have been constantly fighting different stages of cold and flu symptoms since Thanksgiving and were unable to honor some of the invitations. Our apologies to those Club's invitations that we were unable to attend.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Mid-Winter Conference will be hosted by the Uvalde Lions Club on January 19th and 20th. The Conference headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Hotel, and Saturday's Cabinet Meeting will be at the Herby Hamm **Activity Center at 248 FM**

3447 in Uvalde. More details of the Conference are in the Flash News announcement and Registration Form included in this newsletter.

The State Eye Chart Certification Class that is being held on 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 is full. There is no more seating available. Those who have registered need to bring their SPOT certification certificate along with them to be presented to the State Trainer. **If you cannot find your SPOT certification, please contact Lion Janie Garza immediately at jgarza070@gmail.com for a replacement SPOT Certificate.**

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 of approximately \$650,000.00 (+/-). These funds will go to the four Districts along the Texas Coast to help families with building materials and other needs.

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 for a fast turnaround to those four districts that are affected. Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for **Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund**.

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

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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS

Immediately after the tragedy, there were many Lions who called to find out how the Lions could help those affected by this tragedy. The District formed a “Sutherland Springs Committee” with 2nd VDG Janie Garza as the “Sutherland Springs Committee Chair”. This is a prime example of how “WE SERVE”

2nd VDG Janie and has been in contact with the District Attorney, she attended several meetings, and has offered the Lions’ help to those affected families. 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 news reports, comments were made that funeral and medical expenses were 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. There is one 5-year old child still in the hospital.

The Committee 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.

2nd VDG Janie has reported that the Church has been turned into a memorial and current plans are to rebuild the Church at another location.

Clubs or individuals who are interested can continue to make 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

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 Sutherland Springs and Hurricane Harvey events in your prayers.

SEE YOU IN UVALDE

Lion Don Kirchhoff
District Governor, 2-A2



Mid-Winter Conference

January 19 & 20, 2018

Hosted by the Uvalde Lions Club
Herby Hamm Activity Center
248 FM 3447
Uvalde, Texas 78801

Registration and Lunch Fees

A \$5.00 Registration Fee for all Lion attendees.

There is no charge for LEO members.

No reservation for lunch will be accepted after January 3, 2018.

Lunch will be a BBQ brisket with trimmings for \$15.00.

If extra food is available at the meeting, the cost at the door will be \$20.00.

Click [HERE](#) for registration form.

Friday January 19th

NOTICE

All seats for the State Certification class have been filled.

No more participants will be accepted.

State Certification for Eye Charts from 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the First State Bank of Uvalde, 200 E. Nopal in Uvalde – Participants must be SPOT certified and bring their SPOT Certification with them to the class. Contact Lion Janie Garza at jgarza070@gmail.com no later than January 3rd to make your reservation for the training. If you cannot find your certification, contact Lion Janie for a replacement. Seating is limited so register now. There will not be a SPOT certification class at this conference.

Lions Sight Research Foundation Meeting from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express

Meet the Candidates Reception from 6:00 p.m. until ???? at the Holiday Inn Express.

Saturday January 20th

Continental Breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00

Registration 8:00 to 9:00

Human Needs Board Meeting 8:00 to 8:45

Cabinet Meeting 9:00 to 12:00 noon

Leo District Meeting 9:45 to 11:45

Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00.

PDG Association Meeting 1:00 to 1:30

Motel Arrangements

Arrangements have been made at the Holiday Inn Express in Uvalde as the main Convention Hotel. The room rate for Friday January 19th (only) is \$99.00 + tax for one of the rooms of a reserved block of 35 rooms. Additional nights prior and after January 19th are at the regular hotel rate.

Holiday Inn Express

2801 E. Main St.

Uvalde, TX 78801

830-278-7300

Ask for the “Lions Club Group” or the group code “LCD” for the rate of \$99.00 + tax while those rooms are available.

FROM 1st VDG Roberto Castillo



It's GREAT to be a LION!

Fellow Lions, Merry Christmas from Del Rio! I would like to "Thank you" for your continued support for what you are doing for Lionism!

HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Wishing you and your family all the Best; enjoy these Holidays time with the ones you love! As we (lions) went Christmas Caroling to some Nursing homes, it brought a warm feeling to my Heart; it's Great to be Lion!

Keep your projects going; be the Best you can be for your community through Lionism!

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 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!

Happy New Year!

FVDG Roberto Castillo

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



My Fellow Lions:

. I hope you and your family had a Safe and Happy Christmas. I hope everyone took the opportunity to go out and play in the *SNOW* with your friends and family; I did. This Holiday Season seems to be a special time of the year where people are more caring and giving to others that are less fortunate. I have witnessed the love, generosity and comradery as I visited some of the clubs this month.

I would like to Congratulate Lion Shelley Chance and the China Grove Lions Club for receiving the AACOG Community Project of the Year Award for their service project at the Roy Maas' "Making this House a Home" Program. They received their Award at the AACOG Board of Directors Annual Meeting Luncheon on December 6, 2017. They will continue to support this program as their Lions Legacy Project. This club also provides food baskets and toys during the Christmas Holidays. This year they provide 70 food baskets for families in their community. They also presented the Stockdale Lions Club with a check to help in assisting a young child with the purchase of a hearing aid.

There were several other Clubs that I had visited this month and they all had the same generosity to their fellow man as I have come to know and expect from all Lions Clubs. The Alamo City Lions Club donated toys for the "Toys for Tots" program at the Miller Child Development Center. At their annual Christmas Dinner they presented awards to Lion Janie Foxx and Lion Vera McDade for their service and dedication to their club. I had also presented this club with their Lions Legacy Banner Patch and also with some membership Chevron pins.



The Universal City Lions Club also collected toys for the Blue Santa Program. PDG Jim Weed inducted 1 new member into their club at their Club Christmas Party. This club also hosted the MESU for the first time at the Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast that was held on December 9, 2017.

The La Vernia Lions Club collected toys for the Wilson County Blue Santa Program at their Annual Club Christmas Party. PCC T.J. Tijerina inducted 1 new member into the La Vernia Lions Club. Sir Winston Churchill wrote, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." Lion Kasie was a recipient of the La Vernia Lions Club Scholarship Program when she was a senior at La Vernia High School. She would like to give back to her community and what better way than to become a Lion.



I also visited the Highland Hills Lions Club at their Annual Club Christmas Party. I had the Honor and privilege of inducting 2 new members into their Club. This club also provides meals and toys to families in their community.

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I also had the honor of attending the Eagle Pass Border Lions Club 27th Annual Black & White Debutante Ball. This is one of their fundraising projects. They provide scholarships and other community needs with the money raised from this event.



I end the month of December with the Region 20 Lions Club hosting the MESU at the HEB Feast of Sharing on December 23, 2017 at the Henry B. Gonzales Center. The Lions KidSight Program was also there to screen children 12 years and younger. Thank you to the West Side Lions Club and Lion Earnest Hamilton from Alamo City Lions Club for providing the screening. West Side Rocks!!!



Henry Drummond once wrote “You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of Love.” That is what I have witnessed this month as I visited with you and your clubs; the spirit of Love and your generosity towards the children and families that live in your community. Not everyone can or will do what we do for our club and community. If they did, we would be able to recruit more members. It takes someone real special to have a heart for service and to be a *LION*. I thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication. Thank you for making me feel welcome and Loved as I visit you and your club. As I continue to visit Lions Clubs in the District, I hope to learn more about you and your club and ways that I can help give you my full support. I hope to see you all at the Mid-Winter Conference in Uvalde on January 19-20, 2018.

*I want to wish you ALL a
Happy and Safe New Year!!!*

Yours in Service,

Lion Janie Garza

Lion Janie Garza
Second Vice District Governor



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