



## Lions District 2-A2

"Starting 101 in 2-A2"

March 2018



There will be a lot of events happening at this year's District Convention, but one of the main events will be the induction of two fellow Lions into the District 2-A2 Herb C. Petry, Jr. Hall of Fame. As you may have noticed on Friday's Flash News announcement, **PDG Rod Chisholm** of the San Antonio Founder Lions Club and Lion **Abe Ramirez** of the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club are our new inductees. You need to be there to learn about "The Rest of the Story".

Once every 3 years our District has the honor of selecting one of our Lions to be inducted into the MD-2 Texas Lions Hall of Fame. This year we are proud that **PDG Sam Pantusa** will be inducted at the State Convention in Corpus Christi in May.

### **DISTRICT CONVENTION on APRIL 13 - 14**

The District Convention will be held at the La Quinta Inn & Suites at 4431 Horizon Hill Blvd. *WHERE THE HECK IS HORIZON HILL BLVD?????* It is off the East bound access road of I.H. 10 between Medical Drive and Callaghan Road. Not too hard to find, and

it is in amongst a large grove of trees that shield you from all the I.H. 10 traffic.

**More details of the Convention events, the registration form, and hotel contact information is included in this newsletter. Flash News announcements will regularly broadcast this information until the Convention**

**Make sure you check out our world-famous motivational speaker and performer RICHARD TURNER for the Fellowship and Hall of Fame banquet on Saturday night. The Flash News bulletin about the convention has a "click HERE" button that will connect you to a video of Richard's performance.**

A State Eye Chart Certification Class will be held at the La Quinta hotel on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. Contact Lion Janie Garza before the maximum numbers of seats are filled. When you come to the State Certification class, be sure to bring your SPOT certification certificate along with you to be presented to the State Trainer. **If you cannot find your SPOT certification, please contact Lion Janie Garza immediately at [jgarza070@gmail.com](mailto:jgarza070@gmail.com) for a replacement SPOT Certificate.** Keep an eye out for Flash News announcements about this opportunity.

### **HURRICANE HARVEY**

I'll keep the District informed about Hurricane Harvey relief until the end of my term. Many continue to struggle with its aftermath. The District Governors of the four affected Districts have formed the "MD-2 Texas Lions Task Force". They are working with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to release approximately \$966,500 of donated funds from individuals and Lions all over the USA and the world. LCIF initially granted a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant and also a \$60,000 Holiday Spirit Grant for providing gifts/food/clothing to children and families affected by the hurricane. Recently LCIF granted \$280,000 for a Neighborhood Reconstruction Grant that will provide \$70,000 to each District of the Task Force to assist 20 homeowners in each District with repair costs not to exceed \$3,500 per homeowner. The Task Force must submit additional grant requests to LCIF to obtain the remaining balance of \$686,500 (plus any additional donations).

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

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Harvey Relief Fund.  
Texas Lions Foundation  
Bernie J. Gradel, Jr.  
Chief Operations Officer  
P.O. Box 64881  
Lubbock, TX 79424

When we put out the Flash News Bulletin about those families from Houston that needed blankets, our District's Flash News was the first to be broadcast in the entire State. I forwarded the Flash News to the other State District Governors and suddenly I was informed by donors from across the State of their participation.

The District Governor of 2-T1 notified me that her Club was making a monetary donation. The Midland West Side Lions donated 105 blankets. Here in our District, Floresville donated 24, Kerrville Sunrise donated 40 blankets. The S.A. Central Park Lions donated \$250, Lions Faith and Patrick Porras donated \$150 and the S.A. Founder Club donated \$1,000. Even though these were the only individuals and Clubs that let me know of their donations, I'm sure that there were other individuals and Clubs that have also donated.

What a great response from our District. It makes you feel good to be a LION.

#### SUTHERLAND SPRINGS

The following is an excerpt from the January 29, 2018 Mid-Winter Conference Cabinet Meeting held in Uvalde that explains the disposition of the Sutherland Springs donations.

"Sutherland Springs has set up a Relief Committee to which medical bills, psychiatric bills, etc. are sent, so the families affected don't have to deal with them. Another committee has been established to help with items such as making homes accessible for the disabled.

Since our District has had no other requests for funds since paying funeral expenses, our Lions District Sutherland Springs Assistance Committee is recommending the funds that the District has collected be sent to the Relief Committee in Sutherland Springs as we have no idea how long the requests for assistance could continue for its use. Those funds came primarily from clubs and individuals in Texas, but also from Washington State, Minnesota, and Louisiana. PDG Lion John Kimbrough asked that since our current relief funds total just about \$1200 less than \$20,000, could the group come up with the funds needed to make it \$20,000. Lion Steve reported that we had received another \$200 in donations, making it \$1000 needed. He also stated that SA Northside has approved a donation of \$3,000, but hasn't written the check yet. Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus made a motion to transfer the current balance of \$16,993.00 plus all future contributions to the Sutherland Springs Relief Committee. The motion was seconded by Lion Doug Thomas. Lion LaJuana thanked everyone for their support. Motion carried unanimously."

The members of the Sutherland Springs Assistance Committee would like to thank all donors for their response to a community that was so drastically affected. Please keep the families affected and community of Sutherland Springs in your prayers.

To 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Janie Garza, thank you for serving as the Committee Chair of the Sutherland Springs Assistance Committee. Your inside knowledge of finding the appropriate contacts and knowledge of the Sutherland Springs community itself was a valuable service for the Committee and the District.

I hope to see you all at the District Convention in April.

Lion Don Kirchhoff  
District Governor, 2-A2





It's GREAT to be a LION!

March is the month of SOS (save our sight); I would like to invite you to our event at Comanche Park on March 24, 2018 ...we have a Great Challenge in front of us to meet our goal of 30,000.00. I would like for you to come and have fun with us on this special day! I know Lion Clubs can put a GREAT TEAM together for this GREAT EVENT! C U THERE! LET US MAKE IT HAPPEN! THANKS!

DO NOT FORGET ...our membership incentive program, think of that Lion Member you would like to recognize.

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](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!

FVDG Roberto Castillo



On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Windcrest Lions hosted an open house celebrating 100 years of Lions Clubs International at the Windcrest Civic Center. The 2-month advertising campaign for the event included distributing paper invitations from members and digital invitations through the Nextdoor app, postings on the club's Facebook and on members' LinkedIn, and an article in the Windcrest newsletter. While Lion Francesca Harris, Membership Chair, hosted a Facebook Live session at the beginning of the event, the Windcrest Lions opened the doors to 13 friends and neighbors of its members. Attendees enjoyed coffee, tea, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and sweets while soaking in the displays of the various club activities. Representatives from the Lions Sight Research Foundation, San Antonio Guide Dogs of Texas, and Texas Lions camp were on hand with displays of their own and answered questions about their 2-A2 District activities. Four guests turned in membership applications before leaving the event for the evening. Several other guests took membership applications with them and said they would come to the next club meeting. The recruiting success of the event just goes to show that when Lions show off their "We SERVE!" spirit to their community, people take note and want to be part of it.

### **Human Needs Board Assistance for Wheelchair Equipped Van**



Your Human Needs Board (HNB) took on the assignment from the then Governor Richard Keilholz and his Leadership Team to assist the family of Isaiah Vasquez, a 16 year old boy with multiple disabilities. The family needed to find a used wheelchair equipped van to safely transport Isaiah.

The search began in April, 2013 and concluded in January, 2018 when HNB secretary, Lion Debbie Book presented a check for \$1,300 to the family. Isaiah's need was presented to the Lions of District 2-A2 at the District Convention on April 13, 2013 where the Alamo Heights Lions club pledged \$500, the Region 20 Lions club pledged \$200 and PDG Cal Lawson pledged \$100 and challenged all Past District Governors to match his donation. The HNB matched the highest donation of \$500. The HNB encumbered these funds until a suitable van was found.

The search ended in January 2018 with Lion Debbie Book, Secretary of the Human Needs Board, presented the Rudy Vasquez family with the \$1,300 check from the HNB.

## **District 2-A2 Youth Scholarship Contests**

**There is just under a month to go before the March 23rd deadline to submit contestant applications for the Youth Scholarship Contests.**

**In order to prepare for the contests at the District 2-A2 Convention, please contact the following Contest Coordinators letting them know that your club will be sponsoring a contestant in their respective contest.**

**Diabetic Essay Contest - VDG Janie Garza**  
[jgarza070@gmail.com](mailto:jgarza070@gmail.com), 210-643-3217

**Drug Awareness Speech Contest - Lion Abel Martinez**  
[amartinez3127@gmail.com](mailto:amartinez3127@gmail.com)

**Outstanding Youth Contest - Lion Debbie Book**  
[dbook0@yahoo.com](mailto:dbook0@yahoo.com), 210-204-8300

**Young Women's Pageant - Lion Mary Ann Mays**  
[mamays@gmail.com](mailto:mamays@gmail.com)

**We look forward to having successful and competitive contests and sending strong contestants to the State Convention in Corpus Christi in May!!**

**Lion Ken Book**  
*Youth Contests Chair*



## LIONS OF TEXAS ENDORSE 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE IN KERRVILLE, TEXAS



The 2017-2018 Council of Governors (pictured above) voted to endorse Past International Director Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of Lions Club International. He will be seeking this office at the upcoming International Convention in Las Vegas in the summer of 2018. PID Sheehan also addressed the Past District Governors Association and Texas Lions in attendance at the Saturday evening banquet. His message of "T.E.A.M.", Together Everyone Achieves More, was the focus of his speech.



Photos Top-Left to Bottom-Right: PID Brian E. Sheehan and ID Sam Lindsey and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs of Texas; PID Sheehan and ID Lindsey presenting PCC C. Lee Smith with the Ambassador of Goodwill Award; PID Sheehan; PID Sheehan and ID Lindsey and the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs of Texas; PID Sheehan and ID Lindsey with Council Chair Rick Talbert.

PID Sheehan has over 25 years of experience in Lions at the local, district, multiple-district and international levels. He served as District Governor in 2004-2005, Council Chairman in 2005-2008, International Director at 2011-2013, Chairman of the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee in 2012-2013, Board Appointee of the Executive Committee from 2012-2013, Member of the Long Range Planning Committee in 2012-2013, LCIF Trustee in 2014-2015, Member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in 2014-2015, and Lions University Coordinator in 2014-2016. He serves on various community organizations and is a successful entrepreneur and businessman. He is married to his wife, Lion Lori and they have four children.

# WEST SIDE LIONS CLUB

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR

ANNUAL SPRING DANCE & FUNDRAISER  
TICKETS: LION ROSE MARY PALETTA, 210-341-1160  
OR  
LION RAY CASTILLO, 210-681-1509

**TICKET NO. 068**



## WEST SIDE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL SPRING DANCE & FUNDRAISER

***Saturday, March 10, 2018***

**Our Lady of the Lake University**

Chapel Auditorium  
515 SW 24th Street • San Antonio, Texas

Doors Open: 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Dance: 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.  
Silent Auction Closes at 9:00 p.m.

Cash Bar all night

**Live Music by  
Oh So Good Band**

*Catering by  
International Catering*

**Cost \$30.00 per person**

Liquor Baskets Raffle



**WEST SIDE LIONS CLUB**  
**TICKET NO. 068**

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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.**

**Award:**

- ~ Club Membership Banner Patch Award

**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:

**PCC Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina**

(210) 414-3319

[tjtijerina@gmail.com](mailto:tjtijerina@gmail.com)

# Time to Register for

## NEXT GREAT DISTRICT 2-A2 EVENT

### **2018 DISTRICT CONVENTION in San Antonio Friday and Saturday APRIL 13 and 14**

**La Quinta Inns & Suites Conference Center  
4431 Horizon Hill Blvd. San Antonio, Tx 78229**

with Meals Catered by the Rosemary, Inc., The RK Group

**You Won't Want to Miss**

**Opportunities for Youth Banquet Awards Luncheon**

**Fellowship & Hall of Fame Banquet**

Special Guests Council Chair PDG Rick Talbert and

**World Famous Motivational Speaker and Performer RICHARD TURNER**  
Sponsored by the Lions Sight Research Foundation thru the generosity of the  
SA Northside Lions Charitable Foundation  
Click [HERE](#) for a video preview.

*Don't Miss Out on the DISCOUNT Package ---- Deadline is March 30  
ONLINE REGISTRATION is available at [lionsregistration.org](http://lionsregistration.org)*

*For Hard Copy REGISTRATION FORM Click [here](#).*

*For INFORMATION Contact:  
PDG Sam Pantusa, Convention Chairman at  
210 326 3915 or email [lsrf.sam@gmail.com](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com)*

*And to add your **Congratulations Notes** for a job well done to  
**District Governor Don and his Team** and to congratulate and show support for your  
**Youth Contestants** and **District Candidates** and **MOST ESPECIALLY to CONGRATULATE** the  
**2018 HERB PETRY HALL of FAME INDUCTEES***

*Click [Here](#) for Convention Program AD Order Form*



## Lions District 2-A2 "Starting 101 In 2-A2"



\*\*\* ONLINE REGISTRATION MAY BE DONE AT: [lionsregistration.org](http://lionsregistration.org) \*\*\*

### District 2A2 Convention , San Antonio, Texas – REGISTRATION FORM

**APRIL 13 & 14, 2018**

La Quinta Inn & Suites Conference Center - 4431 Horizon Hill Blvd. - San Antonio, Texas 78229  
**Reservations: Blocked Room Rate is \$95.00 per night.** Reservations will be made by: **no later than 3/14/2018.**  
 Any rooms not reserved by this date will be released by the hotel for sale to the general public. Room rates are net, non-commissionable/commissionable and quoted exclusive of local and state taxes, currently 16.75% per room. Published rack rate for our hotel is \$159.00. RESERVATION METHOD: Individual Call In  
 Reservations will be made, modified, or canceled by individuals calling the hotel directly at 210-525-8090 or by calling Central Reservations at 1-800-531-5900 and, in either case, referring to the group and meeting name (Lions International District 2-A2 Conference). Reservations must be made on or before the cutoff date. All rooms shall be available for check-in by 3:00 PM with a check-out time of 12:00 PM.

Name & Title	Club Name	Delegate: YES ___ NO ___
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Address	City	Zip Code	Email Address_
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**EARLY DEADLINE for DISCOUNT PACKAGE - Form & Payment rec'd NLT FRIDAY, Mar. 30, 5:00pm\_**

ITEM / EVENT	EARLY by March 30	After March 30 NLT April 11	# Tickets	Cost
Discount Package—Includes Registration and ALL Meals	\$ 95.00/ea.	\$ 105.00/ea.		
Friday—April 13 Opportunities for Youth Banquet	\$ 32.00/ea.	\$ 37.00/ea.		
Saturday—April 14 - Light Breakfast Hotel Guests have comp. Breakfast, incl.	Free with Registration	Free with Registration		
Saturday—April 14 Awards Luncheon	\$ 30.00/ea.	\$ 34.00/ea.		
Saturday—April 14 Fellowship and Hall of Fame Banquet	\$ 37.50/ea.	\$ 42.00/ea.		
Registration Fee — for those not purchasing Discount Pack- age; Youth Banquet Guests or Fellowship / Hall of Fame Banquet Guests	\$ 15.00/ ea.	\$ 20.00/ea.		
NOTE: Indicate any Special Dietary Issues.		<b>TOTALS</b>		

Make Checks Payable to District 2-A2 and  
 Mail to Lions Convention c/o LSRF 4502 Centerview, Suite 120, San Antonio, Tx 78228  
 For Information call Lion Sam Pantusa 210 326 3915 or email [spantusa@yahoo.com](mailto:spantusa@yahoo.com)



Seeing is believing, but for **Richard Turner**, a world-renowned card mechanic who is blind, and the wide range of audiences he performs for, that isn't the case. One of the most renowned card magicians of all time, Richard Turner astounds audiences around the world with his legendary sleight of hand. What they may not even realize—and what makes his achievements all the more amazing—is that he is completely blind.

***RICHARD will be PERFORMING at the  
DISTRICT 2-A2 CONVENTION April 14, 2018***

***Come see him at the FELLOWSHIP and HALL of FAME BANQUET***



*You may have seen Richard when  
He FOOLED PENN and TELLER on*



AND YOU Can LEARN ALL ABOUT HIM by WATCHING





# 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

<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Dove Release</b>
<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Kid's Fun Run</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Run/Walk</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Awards &amp; Recognition</b>

**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
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-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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



### COMFORT LIONS PLANT TREE AT BOY'S AND GIRLS CLUB

The Comfort Lions recently planted a Tuscarora Crepe Myrtle tree at the Comfort Boys and Girls Club. The tree was donated by Mosty Brothers Nursery in Center Point, courtesy of Erin Mosty Wofford. The Comfort Lions also donated a water hose and hose carrier.

On hand to help were some of the Boys and Girls Gardening Club members who will be caring for the tree.

The photo (left to right) shows Comfort Lions Club President Lion Harriet Kirchhoff, Garden Club members Faith Pizana, Camila Lozano, Rebekah Clark, Sarah Clark, B&G Club Branch Director Chastity Valdes, Kevin Esquivel, Lions Don Kirchhoff and Graham Ward.

# Universal City Lions Club First Wine Tasting and Social

The Universal City Lions Club held its first Wine Tasting and Social February 9, 2018. Some club members were nervous because advance ticket sales were slow, but by the night of the event more than 60 tickets were sold. Live music was provided by students from Douglas MacArthur High School. There were silent auctions, raffles and door prizes. Olympia Hills Golf Course and Event Center prepared and served the food. Of course there was a wide variety of wines for attendees to sample. Universal City Lions Club president, Marco Banda, declared the event a success. Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Wine Tasting and Social to be held in February 2019.



**AMENDMENT CHANGE LEGEND:** *Additions are indicated in red. Deletions are indicated with strikethroughs.*

## CONSTITUTION DISTRICT 2-A2

### HUMAN NEEDS BOARD

As Amended **January 2018**

#### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

**Section 1** The name of the Board shall be the Lions District 2-A2 Human Needs Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - AUTHORITY**

*Section 1: International - The constitution and by-laws of the Lions Clubs International, hereinafter called LCI, are hereby made a part of this document. Where conflict arises, the latest edition of the LCI Constitution and By-Laws shall take precedent.*

*Section 2: District - This constitution and all its amendments shall be passed by a 2/3 majority of a quorum of the District 2-A2 delegates sitting in the annual district convention and must be in agreement with the Constitution and By-laws of District 2-A2.*

#### ARTICLE 3 – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

**Section 1a** The purpose of the of the Board, *as a non-profit organization providing a charitable service,* shall be to provide financial assistance to a District 2-A2 Lions club or a group of District 2-A2 Lions clubs in order to meet a human need that, in the opinion of a majority of the members of that club or group of clubs, are found worthy to receive financial assistance, but for which that club or group of clubs do not possess the financial capability to meet that need.

**Section 2: *The objectives of the Board shall be:***

**Section 2a** To assist a District 2-A2 Lions club or group of District 2-A2 Lions clubs in meeting a human need by providing a source of resources to aid in the procuring of the equipment or goods, *including auditory equipment for children,* necessary to meet that need according to the HNB procedures.

**Section 3a** To foster a greater communication and cooperation among District 2-A2 Lions clubs in meeting the human needs of the communities served by encouraging joint ~~service~~ projects by District 2-A2 Lions clubs.

#### ~~ARTICLE 3 – OFFICES~~

~~Section 1~~ The principal office for the transaction of business of the Board shall be in the community in which the chairman of the Board resides.

#### ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1 Eligibility:** All Lions who are members in good standing of any Lions club in District 2-A2 and in good standing with the International Association of Lions clubs may become members of the Board.

**Section 2 Club Membership:** To be entitled to the services of the Board, a Lions club in District 2-A2 must be in good standing with District 2-A2 and the LCI.

**Section 3 Meetings:** All members have the right of attendance and to the expression of opinions on all matters pertinent to the topical discussions as governed by ROBERTS RULES of ORDER at all meetings as defined in Article 5 Section 6.

**Section 4 Voting Rights:** All current eligible voting members of District 2-A2 in attendance at the annual District 2-A2 convention may vote on those issues related to the election of the directors of the Board, proposed amendments to the constitution, or other issues as required or noted elsewhere in this constitution.

**Section 5 Quorum:** A quorum for the transaction of business at the annual convention shall consist of 25% of all voting members of District 2-A2 duly registered at the convention.

#### ARTICLE 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1 Number and Composition:** The government of this Board shall be vested in this Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Directorate, composed of seven (7) Directors elected as indicated in Section 4 of this Article. The sitting District Governor will serve as an ex-officio member. The District Governor may appoint the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, *or the Immediate Past District Governor*, to serve as the ex-officio member.

*The Board has the option of requesting up to two (2) additional Lions Club members in good standing within District 2-A2 to be appointed by the presiding District Governor to serve on the Board in a non-voting capacity for a period of no less than one year. These individuals will be required to attend regular and special meetings of the Board.*

*Should each of the open positions not be filled by election at the District Convention in April, the current Governor may appoint a member in good standing to fill the position until the next April election.*

**Section 2 Qualifications:** Each of the seven (7) elected Directors shall be an active member of Lions District 2-A2, in good standing.

**Section 3 Terms of Office:** Elected Directors shall serve terms of two (2) years, and no Director can serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. To be eligible again, one (1) year must elapse after the second term.

**Section 4a Elected Directors:** The Board must notify the Nominations and Elections Committee of the number and the qualifications of Directors needed not less than 60 days prior to the annual Convention (April). Nominations shall be endorsed by a majority of the members, in good standing, of the club from which the nominee is a member.

The District Governor shall thereafter inform each club in the District of the names and clubs of the candidates seeking the Office of Director. This notice shall be given at least 30 days prior to the opening session of the annual meeting. No nominations for Director to this Board shall be made from the floor of the annual Convention unless no qualified candidate has been nominated. Or, if there is only one and he/she becomes incapacitated during the last 60 day interim period. In such cases nominations from the floor, with the nominee's permission, shall be permitted. No more than one (1) related (blood or otherwise) Director may be elected from any one club.

**Section 4b Voting Procedure:** When there are more candidates for the position of Director than there are positions available, the election shall be by secret ballot and the individual(s) with the most votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the District Constitution and its Bylaws shall be utilized to decide the winner.

**Section 5 Authority:** The Board shall have the power and authority over all business affairs of the Board. This includes the authority to administer, disburse, invest and control all moneys of the Board under the laws of the state of Texas and the policies of Lions International, and to pay all expenses connected with the administration of the Board. No moneys shall be disbursed or invested without the approval of the Directorate at a duly constituted meeting of said Board. Excepting that the Chairman and Treasurer may authorize amounts not to exceed \$100.00. Faxes, E-mail, telephone calls, texts, and letters shall be deemed acceptable methods of communication *for approval by* the Directorate.

### **Section 6 Meetings of the Directorship:**

**Section 6a Regular:** The Board shall meet during the four District 2-A2 Cabinet meetings each year at such time and place as may be determined by the chairman, with the annual meeting being held in conjunction with the District Convention. All Directors shall be sent a notice of the meeting by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to each regular meeting. Members of the Human Needs Board may receive notice through the District Newsletter or in such manner as deemed necessary by the Chairman *or Secretary*.

**Section 6b Special:** These meetings may take place at such time and place as designated by the Chairman when the business of the Board may require or necessitate such meetings in order to promote the purpose or objectives of the Board. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by the majority of the Directors. In such cases, a written request for such a meeting must be provided. This notice must state the reason for the meeting, the date, time and place and be sent to the individual Directors at least 10 days prior to the meeting. No other business, than that stated, should be considered at such special meetings except by unanimous consent of all Directors present.

**Section 6c Combined:** ~~Within 45 days of the annual Convention a combined meeting consisting of the current Board and the Board members elect~~ ***By the end of June, the current Board members and the newly elected Board members shall hold a meeting to elect officers and establish a budget committee and other committees as needed. The next year's budget may be established at this time.***

**Section 7 Quorum:** The presence in person of a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board shall be the act and decision of the entire Board.

**Section 8 Compensation:** All members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation and shall not receive any compensation directly or indirectly from the Board for any services rendered.

**Section 9a Vacancies:** In the event of a vacancy on the Board of an elected member, the Board in a regular or special meeting shall have the power and authority, after consultation with the District Governor, to fill such vacancy until next duly constituted Annual meeting. At said meeting, a successor shall be elected by a vote of the Board to complete the unexpired term in accordance with provisions of Article 5, Sections 2 and 3.

**Section 9b:** When any elected Director shall cease to be a member in good standing of a District 2-A2 Lions club which is in good standing and of the Human Needs Board, the office shall be declared vacant immediately and a successor shall be elected in accordance with the provision of Section 9 of this Article.

**Section 10 Removal for Cause:** Any elected official of the Board who shall be absent from two ( 2 ) consecutive meetings without advance notice and an excuse in writing to the Chairman and/or Secretary and acceptance by the Chairman shall be dismissed from the Board and notice thereof be given in writing to the Board and to the District Governor. ***The office shall be declared vacant immediately and a successor shall be elected in accordance with the provision of Section 9 of this Article.***

## ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS

**Section 1 Officers:** The officers of the Board shall be a chairman, a vice chairman, secretary, and secretary/treasurer. At the discretion of the members, *the latter two positions may be combined into one office. If agreed by the Board, they may exclude the vice chairman position.*

**Section 2 Election:** All officers shall be elected by the incoming Directors at, or shortly after, the closing of the District Convention.

**Section 3 Terms of office:** All officers of the Directorate shall be elected for a one ( 1 ) year term, with the option of serving one (1) additional successive term. *With the approval of the Directorate, an officer may serve an additional term(s).* Upon completion of his/her term each officer shall forthwith submit all files, records, correspondence, documents and any other pertinent items in his/her possession to his/her successor.

**Section 4 Duties:**

**Section 4a Chairman:** The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

- He/she shall supervise and coordinate the progress and efforts of the Board.
- He/she shall appoint all committees in accordance with Article 7 herein.
- He/she shall write all agendas and distribute them to the members at all meetings *or seek assistance from the Secretary.*
- He/she shall freely consult with the Board and keep it fully informed as to ongoing activities.
- He/she shall make annual reports to the Directorate and to the assembly *at each District Cabinet Meeting.*
- The Chairman shall appoint a committee from the seated Board to review and suggest changes to the Board Constitution.
- The Chairman performs other duties as may be assigned by the Board in keeping with the purpose of the Board and as usually pertains to the office.
- *He/she may delegate any of these duties to other officers.*

**Section 4b Vice Chairman:** The Vice Chairman will act in place of the regular Chairman when and if he/she is absent or unable to conduct the meeting. *Should a Vice Chairman not be elected, the Secretary or Treasurer will act in place of the regular chairman when absent.*

**Section 4c Secretary:** The Secretary, under the supervision of the Chairman, shall:

- Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Directorate and within 10 days of each meeting forward copies of the *minutes* to each Board member.

- Receive all requests from District Lions clubs for assistance and provide each member with copies of such requests and maintain records of the disposition of each request.
- *With the HNB Hearing Aid Committee, provide hearing aid assistance applications to clubs and authorize dispensing of auditory equipment according to HNB procedures.*
- Sign all notices and documents issued by the Board.
- *Assist the Chairman as requested.*

**Section 4d Treasurer:** The treasurer shall collect and receipt for all moneys received from members and clubs in the District. *The Treasurer will provide receipts for all money received with the exception of the District dues received from Clubs.*

- He/she shall deposit such moneys in a bank or banks approved by the Directorate.
- He/she shall disburse moneys by order of the Directorate and maintain accurate books and records of accounts available upon request for verification.
- He/she shall sign, in conjunction with the Director(s) chosen as second signatories, all checks, notes, drafts and orders for payments and maintain records for all clubs in good standing with the Board.
- The Treasurer shall cooperate in an annual review of the financial books and records performed by the District 2-A2 Financial Review Committee.
- The District 2-A2 Financial Review Committee report is to be made by the first cabinet meeting of the new Lions year, or at the discretion of the Board at more frequent intervals. A copy of the annual District 2-A2 Financial Review Committee report shall be provided for each Director and the District Governor within fifteen (15 ) days after completion of the review.

~~**Section 4c:** The Board may, at its discretion, combine the offices of secretary and Treasurer. However, the duties of the two offices shall remain unchanged when combined.~~

**Section 5 Vacancies and Removals:**

**Section 1 Vacancies:** In the event of a vacancy on the Board of an elected Officer, a majority of the Board, in a regular or special meeting shall have the power and authority to fill such vacancy. At this meeting, a successor shall be elected to complete the unexpired term in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, Sections 2 and 3.

**Section 2 Removal:** Any officer elected or appointed by the Board may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the total Board. Such action shall only be taken at a meeting of the Board (regular or special). The officer to be removed must be given written notice of the pending action twenty (20) days prior to the vote, and given ample opportunity to present their case for non-removal.

**ARTICLE 7 - COMMITTEES**

**Section 1 Eligibility:** All current members of the Board shall be eligible to serve on a committee. The Chairman, at his/her discretion, shall appoint members to needed committees.

**Section 2 Ex-Officio Members:** The Chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. The Chairman may select any District 2-A2 member in good standing with special expertise to serve as ex-officio members in an advisory capacity.

## ARTICLE 8 - FISCAL MANAGEMENT

**Section 1 General:** The fiscal management of the Board shall follow generally accepted accounting methods and any specific instructions presented herein under the constitution

**Section 2 Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Board shall be from July 1 of each year to June 30 of the following year.

**Section 3 Income:** [Main](#) Revenues of the Board shall be from dues from the Lions of District 2-A2 *(\$1.00) of every District 2-A2 membership dues collected semi-annually shall be directed to the Human Needs Board in meeting a human need y providing a sources to aid in the procuring of the equipment or goods, including auditory equipment for children, necessary to meet the need according to the HNB procedures.* Additional income may be derived from fundraising, contributions, endorsements, grants, etc.

**Section 4 Expenditures:** Disbursement of funds shall be made by the Treasurer at the discretion of the Board when co-signed by another authorized Board member. Nominal expenditures not to exceed \$100.00 may be approved by the Chairman and Treasurer. Disbursements over this amount shall require a vote by the Board.

**Section 5 Budget:** If needed, a proper budget shall be developed by the Budget committee and adopted by the newly elected Board immediately following the first District 2-A2 Cabinet meeting.

## ARTICLE 9 - DISSOLUTION

**Section 1:** In the event of dissolution of this Board, all records, reports and correspondence, along with all funds shall be turned over to the District Governor *of District 2-A2* for resolution and appropriate action.

## ARTICLE 10 - AMENDMENTS

**Section 1 Origin:** A proposal for an amendment to this constitution may originate from any Board member.

**Section 2 Development:** Proposals shall be forwarded to the Board or a committee on the constitution and by-laws for consideration.

**Section 3 Action:** This constitution may be amended or revised only after the amendment or revisions are presented to the District Governor at least thirty (30) days prior to opening session of the annual Convention for his/her review in advance of a vote for ratification at the District 2-A2 annual Convention.

**Section 4: Automatic Update:** When amendments to the International and/or District Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International and/or District Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this Constitution shall automatically be updated in this Constitution effective at the close of the International and/or District Convention.

**Section 5: Effective Date:** Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the District Convention at which it is adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment. This Constitution and amendments shall supersede any and all previous constitutions and amendments of the District 2-A2 Human Needs Board.

**MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN NEEDS BOARD WHEN CHANGES APPROVED:**

Lion Alice Lopez, Chairman  
Lion Faye Evans, Treasurer  
Lion Debbie Book, Secretary  
Lion Cecilia Nobles  
Lion M.D. "Mac" Mc Cain  
Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus  
Lion Nancy Hosek