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# TEAM NEWS

*Together Everyone Achieves More*



Howard "Howie" Marbach, Jr.  
District 2-A2 Governor  
2011 - 2012



## From The District Governor



*Please don't walk in front of me, because I may not follow; Please don't walk behind me, because I may not lead; Just walk beside me and be my Friend! God Bless.*

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Hi Fellow Lions!

It looks like our long hot and dry summer has finally come to an end. The cooling temperatures and rain have sure helped the environment along with our mentality.

One evening driving home from a Lions meeting I recalled what the late Walt Disney had written in the late 1980's. Disney said there are three types of people. "Well Prisoners", who

criticize and try to tear people down rather than build them up; "Lawn Mowers", good people who do their jobs, pay their taxes, and take care of their families and homes, but never venture beyond their own yards to help others; and, "Life Enhancers", who by their kind deeds and words leave their world a better place for having lived. And that's what you LIONS are "LIFE ENHANCERS", because of the Service you have pro-

vided to so many. THANK YOU FOR THAT!

We started the month by spending quite a bit of time working at my home club's (Converse) major fund raiser "Night In Ole Converse", on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2. It was a lot of work, but it is always worth the effort when you make money to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Also, on the morning of Oct. 1 I attended a

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Region VI meeting which was lead by Region chair Cipriano Hernandez, Zone A chair Rose Paletta, and Zone B chair Julie De La Rosa. Many good things were discussed in how to improve our Lions Clubs. One thing that kept coming up was that Lionism has to be fun, because they usually have enough problems in their daily lives.

This month I/we only visited three clubs, because there so many other things going on. The three clubs visited were Westside Lions, Edgewood Lions, and Devine Lions along with my two home club meetings. I also attended the Guadalupe Community Lions board meeting. It was great to visit with those Lions. Every time I visit with a Lions Club I leave with this warm and better feeling about my fellow man. What a great feeling to have! One thing I have noticed is that all successful Lions Clubs have Goals. Let's briefly talk about Goals:

We need to use goals for our benefit, the benefit of our families, our business/job, and the organizations, like the Lions Club, that we belong to and work with. Because nothing really happens until we set good proper goals with a purpose. I have five questions I'm going to ask you about goals, that we can better understand them (we will not go into a discussion because it would take to long):

1. What is a goal? A goal is a target with a date on it.

2. Why have a goal (or goals)? It gives you direction and purpose.

3. What do goals do? It expands our awareness for new opportunity, because it has pay value.

4. How do goals work? They expand our comfort zone, so we can become familiar with our goals.

5. How do we get familiar with our goals? By using good goal setting techniques or strategies:

A. Define what you want.

B. Write it down, because there is magic in writing your goals down.

C. Define them clearly and specifically.

D. Read them every morning and every evening.

E. Experience the goals in advanced reality. Expect to meet your goals by using your vivid imagination.

The high point of the month, for me was the 2nd Cabinet meeting held at the Alto Frio Camp and was sponsored by the Leakey Lions Club on Oct.15. It started with registration and social time from 8:00 - 9:00 AM, with coffee, juice, sweets, breakfast tacos, etc. The meeting session began at 9:00 AM. During the meeting we had break-out sessions for the Region & Zone chairs, Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Orientation/Indoctrination for the new Lions and everyone else.

The meeting concluded with a nice lunch for a reasonable price of \$7.00 with a drink and a great heart-warming and exciting presentation by Trish Wilson about the Lions Children Camp in Kerrville. Don't forget about the Mid-Winter Conference in Fredericksburg on Jan. 13-14, 2012. There will be more in the following newsletters. Also there will be the 2nd Council of Governors meeting in Round Rock on Nov. 4-5, 2011. The District Lions will also participate in the Veterans Day in San Antonio on Nov. 12; for those that cannot walk the parade, the LaVerina Lions are supplying the Float, and everyone is welcome.

I/we look forward to meeting many of you at my club visits, which I need to start increasing. If you have a date you would like for me to visit your Club, please contact me, because I would love to visit your clubs. It is one of the District Governors responsibilities to meet with every club within the District. So please help me out. If you don't call me I will call you.

If you have any constructive ideas you would like to talk about or would like to serve your District in any way, please contact me.\

Yours In Lionism and God Bless,

**District Governor**

**Lion Howie**



## From The First Vice District Governor

My Fellow Lions:

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Let us always remember to give thanks for all that we have, whether it be our families, the fellowship with our fellow Lions, the service we provide for others who are less fortunate, and most importantly to our Almighty God. October has been a busy month for most



*Lions Ray Castillo (Westside Lions), Jamie Garza (La Vernia Lions), and Luluana Newman-Leus (Floresville Lions) are a few of the Lions who came to honor Lion Herb Carroll.*

of us. Recently I attended the China Grove BBQ and Dance which was held in remembrance of an outstanding Lion, Lion Herb Carroll who is deeply missed.

October has always been a good time for increasing membership within our clubs but, should not end with October. At the recent Edgewood Lions Social, with Governor Howie present, seven new members were inducted bringing this club to a total of 70 members strong. Also at a recent



*Beatrice DeLuna, President of Edgewood Lions Club and Guest Speaker Governor Howie at the Edgewood Lions Club Social.*

meeting of Our Lady of the Lake University Campus Lions Club, PCC Lion Mike Rourke inducted nine new members. This should show you that bringing in a new member is not so hard...you just have to ask. I would like to encourage all clubs to continue to work on your membership. Virginia Burden has said, "Cooperation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there." Wouldn't it be great for District 2-A2 to reach a membership of 2000. New membership brings in new

ideas and more help to do the club's service projects and fundraising efforts and build fellowship and have fun doing what we do. As Governor Lion Howie says, "Together we can do much."

As a reminder to all of you, the San Antonio Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in downtown San Antonio. The La Vernia Lions Club have graciously offered their float to be used in the parade for Lions who want to participate but don't feel they can walk the parade route. As you know, many of our Lion members have served in the military and we want to take this opportunity to honor them by our participation in this year's parade. For more information, please contact Lion Sam Pantusa at [span2sa@yahoo.com](mailto:span2sa@yahoo.com). We would like to get as many Lions Clubs involved as possible. It should be fun and a chance to show our Lions Pride and build fellowship.

I want to thank all of the Lions who attended our Second Cabinet meeting in Leakey, Texas. I also want to thank the Leakey Lions Club for hosting this event. As usual, they did a great job. At this Cabinet Meeting in Leakey, Texas, I unveiled the new 2012 Stride for Sight Button. This will be our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Stride for Sight which is District 2-A2's only fundraiser for such programs as the newly expanded Lions Low Vision Center, the Patient Assistance Fund, the Clinical Skills Lab, the Eberlin

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Research Lab and the Mobile Eye Screening Unit. None of the Stride for Sight money goes to administrative cost but 100% of your donations go to the above mentioned programs. The LSRF Executive Board recently agreed that for every \$1,000 donated by a club for the Stride for Sight, the club would be able to present either a Low Vision Fellow or a Lion Sight Research Foundation Fellow to honor a fellow Lion in their club. Second Vice District Governor Wendy and I are excited about promoting the Stride for Sight and getting 100% participation this year and keeping with our promise to be Knights of the

Blind. District 2-A2 is the only District in the State and possibly the nation that has built the partnership to work with a Medical School such as UT Health Science Center- San Antonio in developing and sponsoring the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas, the Clinical Skills Lab and the Eberlin Research Lab. As Lions we are involved in helping people who have vision problems to get the tools necessary for them to remain independent, as well as helping medical students to practice their skills in the Surgical Skills Lab and also support research programs in the Clinical Skills Lab that will hopefully one day help to prevent

blindness. The LSRF Board members will be contacting your Club asking for your support. I ask each of you to be open to them and support our one big District Project.

As always, 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 give you my full support. Again, if I can be of service to you or your club, please let me know.

Yours in Service,

**First Vice District Governor**  
**Richard J. Keilholz**

## Veterans Day Parade

Lions Pass the Word!! Once again we will have a District 2-A2 contingent in the Military Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 12, in San Antonio.

This year we have the opportunity for those that would like to ride, to have a seat on a Lions Float generously provided by the La Vernia Lions Club. We will also have PETs being driven by OLLU Lions and, Lion President Rod, we're hoping that Founders can provide a Lion Mascot to ride or walk along??

We will also have our picnic following the parade at the Christopher Columbus Hall which is being arranged by Lion RoseMary Paletta.

So, please pass the word and contact me with numbers of your members who would like to participate. We will follow up with details. Remember that you can carry a picture or wear the name of a Veteran that you would like to honor as you participate in the parade.

Another great opportunity to show off the Lions Logo!

For additional information, contact:

Lion Sam Pantusa  
210 326 3915  
[span2sa@yahoo.com](mailto:span2sa@yahoo.com)





## From The Second Vice District Governor

To All You Wonderful Lions,

I recently had an opportunity to ask International Second Vice President Lion Barry Palmer a question (another reason to join Facebook). I asked, "Do you have any words of motivation for Lions who need them? Or for the Lions who need to motivate them?"

His reply was simple and profound, *"I will pass this way but once so if there is some good that I can do let me do it now for I will never pass this way again."*

That gave me so much to think about, and so many things I wanted to say to you.

As Lions, we are luckier than most

because of the amount of good we can do when we pass this place but once.

We are able to do this through the worldwide organization that is Lions Clubs International. The name carries weight, prestige, respect, and because of our strength in numbers we are able as a group to do more good for our local and global communities than most people can accomplish a lifetime.

I suppose that is why it saddens me that we have clubs that don't interact with the District. You know the sort of club; they don't attend any training, no zone or district meetings. Some don't bother to pay dues, keep records, or even turn in something as simple as a PU 101 or MMR. Yet they proudly call themselves Lions and use the funds they raise to help only those they identify as part of their community. Is that truly the heart and spirit of Lionism?

With Seven Billion people occupying this planet, there is more need than ever to think of communities in larger terms.

When we donate to a district cause, we are, in fact, helping our own smaller community. The portion of our dues and the donations we make to the District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation have effects that reach more people than you can imagine, and maybe even your neighbor. The research they conduct, the Doctors they help, the patients assisted by the Low Vision

Center; all can (and at sometime probably have or will) be used by someone in your town.

The Texas Lions Camp gives special needs children from all over the State of Texas the opportunity to experience the joy of summer camp without the burden of feeling different; and at no cost to the family. And if you look, there is a child or children in your town who is eligible, or possibly has attended.

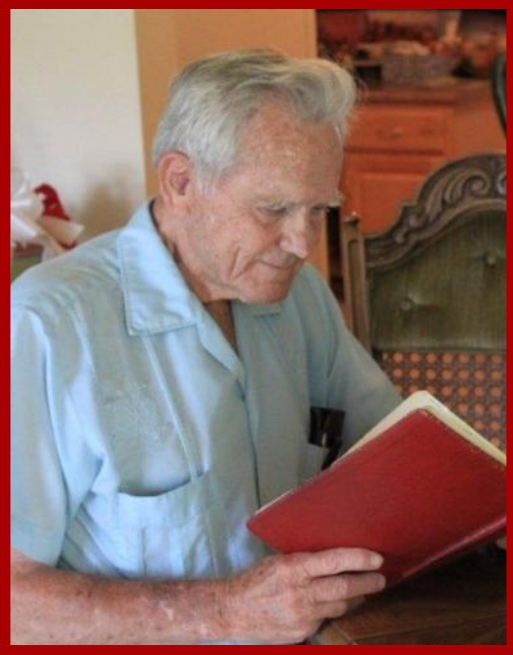
Food, disaster relief, medical help and more assistance than I could list here are available and used by your community.

Yet there are "City Limit" clubs who use these very resources and don't contribute to them, and don't take advantage of the fellowship with the Lions that make these things possible.

Let's all make an effort to reach out to these clubs and remind them that we Lions are a community, too; that we depend on each other for the strength and resources to do the amazing amount of good we are capable of. Offer them help if they need it, encouragement, and most of all, remind them that there is more good they can do if they just participate, and they should do it now for they will never pass this way again.

Yours in Service,

**Second Vice District Governor**  
**Lion Wendy Van Winkle**



## From The District Chaplain

### Lest We Forget:

How soon we forget? How fast our memories fade? Are their days of service to fellow man no longer of importance? Have we forgotten so soon those hours of toiling together as a reminder that we who remain

behind must always be "found faithful" in following the example that they set in their commitment to the Lion's motto, WE SERVE.

Although our dearly beloved departed Lions have gone on to receive their just rewards there are still the hundreds of thousands of needy souls waiting for the encouragement of one who is willing to say, "silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give to you."

Do we forget so soon their remorse and concern for people like the father, son and daughter sitting all alone on the side of a street in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; the children evidently crying because they are hungry? Or the leper in a colony in the bush of eastern Uganda longing for medical care so he can return to his family? Or the partially blind men anxiously waiting cataract surgery to be performed in a Hospital built by Lions and serviced by Lion doctors who give of

their time freely.

So many tales I could relate, but many with happy endings because of dedicated Lions.

I don't know what the departed Lion(s) in your club may have done, but I'm sure they honored the admonition in Proverbs (3:27), "Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help." Therefore, I'm sure his/her life is worth remembering if only by fellow Lions.

We attempt to do this twice: first in the District Newsletter as soon as possible and second in a longer Memorial Service at the annual District Convention. For this to happen we need significant information on the Lion as soon as possible. Lion Secretary or Zone Chairman let me know. **Lest We Forget!**

*District 2-A2 Chaplain*

*PDG Lytle Blankenship*

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

WE LOVE...  
WE SERVE  
MATT. 20:26-28

# In Memory

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LIONS CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

JOINED LIONS \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ CHARTER MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER CLUBS \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB OFFICES HELD \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT OFFICES HELD \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OFFICES HELD \_\_\_\_\_

INT'L OFFICES HELD \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS IN LIONISM \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

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City State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER COMMENTS

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Additional comments may be included on attached sheet.

Member who will be your Club Representative for Memorial Service \_\_\_\_\_

Important: Send photo of deceased Lion. Digital preferred or color slide. If not available, send color print or good black & white.

Will you want photo back? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: PDG Lytle H. Blankenship, District 2-A2 Chaplain, 4410 Medina Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028-8891

## Leakey Lions Club Members Pick-Up Litter on Two Miles Stretch of US Hwy 83 North of Leakey



*By Fred R. McNiel, President*

The weather cooperated nicely on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> as nine members of the Leakey Lions Club assembled promptly at 8:00 a.m. north of the long bridge over the West Prong of the Frio River to organize and pick-up all of the litter on a two mile stretch of US Hwy 83 North of Leakey. Although it was unseasonably warm, there was a very extensive and generous cloud cover for all of the two hours that it took to pick up and bag all of the trash on the sides of the road! The Leakey Lions Club adopted this section of highway a number of years ago and at least twice a year the club very faithfully picks up all the accumulated litter that has been discarded by inconsiderate motorists!

Those Leakey Lions Club members who participated

in this bi-annual effort included: Dax Hooten, Doug Smith, Guinn Turner, Hugh Scott, Robert Loeb, Joe Waligura, Jesse Guinn, Glenn Bradley, and Fred McNiel. Carlota Loeb, wife of Robert Loeb also assisted in the cleanup effort. Approximately twenty seven bags of trash were picked up and delivered to the Texas Department of Transportation maintenance office for disposition in the land-fill! Lion Jesse Guinn patrolled the highway and collected the bags of trash as they were filled. He also kept the workers supplied with plenty of ice water.

The nine workers divided into four teams of two workers each and each team covered one side of the highway for approximately one mile. Since we started on both ends of the two mile stretch, we met in the middle about ten o'clock having completed the task at hand! The next scheduled trash pick-up will take place in the spring hopefully after all the wildflowers have gone to seed and the highway department has cut the grass on the sides of the highway. There were no reported snake sightings however one of our members did have an unfortunate encounter with a prickly pear cactus!

Lion Guinn Turner serves as the Adopt-a-Highway Chairman and he did a great job of securing safety vests, trash bags, and ice water to properly equip the workers. Special thanks go to Hondo National Bank for providing the ice water that was enjoyed and appreciated by the workers! Six of the Lions who participated in this effort took time for a photograph in front of the sign that designates the adopted stretch of highway. Those pictured include: (from left to right) Doug Smith, Guinn Turner, Glenn Bradley, Jesse Guinn, Hugh Scott, and Dax Hooten. Workers who were unavailable for the photo session include Robert and Carlota Loeb, Joe Waligura, and Fred McNiel.

## From The San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club

Past District Governor Warren Weir was the special guest at a recent meeting of the San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club. Thanking him for his time and encouragement are Immediate Past President Alice Lopez and Current President Frances Lopez.



## From The Texas Lions Foundation

My fellow Lions,

At long last we have some respite from the heat, and some of us have even had a little rain! I looked out my kitchen window yesterday morning and was surprised to see ice on my truck. I flipped on the TV; the weatherman said it was 29 degrees at Camp Verde—just 12 miles south of Kerrville. Of course, it warmed up quickly, but what a welcome change it was.

The second cabinet meeting is now history. Those of us that attended had a pleasant drive, good food and fellowship, and heard an excellent talk from Lion Trish. I have yet to hear her speak when she hasn't stimulated my mind and pulled on my heartstrings.

Your Texas Lions Foundation has finally had a break in requests for emergency funds, but we are a long

way from being out of the woods yet. Just in the process of driving from Kerrville to Leakey and back,



I saw numerous dead trees along the road, so the potential for fires is still with us.

As I reported at the last cabinet meeting, this year donations to the TLF have been a little sparse. Only \$337 has been given so far—that's pretty sad!

In an effort to increase giving, I an-

nounced that if by June 30, 2012, \$25,000 from this district had been pledged or donated, the district Tailtwisters can have the pleasure of shaving my head at the first cabinet meeting of next year. I figure that if PCC Mike Rourke could raise \$200,000 and only lose his ponytail, that \$25,000 is a very modest sum. Within a couple of minutes, \$5,000 was pledged toward my "haircut", and I hope this will continue through the rest of this year. Several individuals have also contributed in the effort to see Goldilocks become Goldilocksless.

In closing, let us all pause and give thanks for the many blessing we receive on a daily basis. May you have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving season.

Sincerely,

**PDG John Seale**

## Second Cabinet Meeting in Leakey



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# Thank You, Leakey!

FOR HOSTING A WONDERFUL CABINET MEETING AND YOUR OUTSTANDING HOSPITALITY.



I've been too busy. No one ever shows up. I don't know how to have a Zone meeting. They're not really that important. I can never get all the people together at once. Everyone has to drive so far. No one seems interested. I don't know what we're supposed to talk about. We don't have enough money in our treasury to pay for one. We don't like doing things outside our own community. Why have a Zone meeting when we have District meetings? No one ever told me I was supposed to have one when they made me Zone Chairman. We don't have a place big enough to meet. Why do we even have them? Don't we have enough meetings already? Are they even that important? I can't get anyone to help me with it. Why bother?

WELCOME ALL!

TO THE HIGHLAND HILLS  
LIONS CLUB  
ANNUAL PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST



*TO BE HELD ON*  
OCTOBER 22, 2011 FROM 7 TO 11 AM  
AT CRESTHOLME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1602 GOLIAD RD

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 PER PERSON FROM LIONS MEMBERS OR AT THE DOOR

## Planting a Million Trees – Do You Believe it Can Be Done?

An important part of our extension of service this year is caring for our environment. Our goal this year is to plant a million trees around the world. That's less than one tree for each member. If we can accomplish this goal, it proves once again that we can accomplish anything – just like we did when we exceeded our goal for Campaign Sight First II. Just like we did when we prevented over 1 million cases of river blindness. And just like we are going to do by helping eradicate measles.

**Why trees?** It's no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting a tree can provide. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce erosion to save soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Simply put, planting trees in your neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for the local environment.

Any of us can plant a tree. It's a very visible and hands-on way for each and every Lion to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite your community at-large to join your local Lions club in a collaborative effort. If we can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential we all know we have to make a difference as Lions.

So make tree-planting part of your club or district activities this year, and invite your neighbors, friends and members of the community to join you. What better way to be reminded of our gift of service than to watch the trees you have planted grow year-by-year? Every month throughout the year, we will report the number of trees being planted

on this Web site.

This year, special [awards](#) to recognize the outstanding achievements of clubs and districts involved in tree planting projects will be distributed. Also, several [resources](#) are available to help us reach our goal of planting one million trees. I believe that this year we will mobilize Lions around the world to reach this goal and truly make an impact on our environment.



### The Believers Award

As part of the Million Tree Planting campaign, “The Believer’s” Awards will be available to districts and clubs who demonstrate their belief in the power of service by planting a tree:

- **District Awards.** Each district governor whose district achieves at least 50 percent club participation in tree planting will receive an “I’m A Be-

liever” plaque to commemorate their success.

- **Club Awards.** The top 100 clubs in each constitutional area who plant the most number of trees by members will receive a special award plaque and be recognized on the Web site and in LION magazine. In addition, all clubs participating in tree planting will receive a specially-designed banner patch for the first tree planting activity reported during the fiscal year.

We will mail awards to eligible districts and clubs in June/July 2012. We will mail banner patches to eligible clubs on a monthly basis.

**Award Eligibility** To be considered for “The Believer’s” awards, clubs and districts must submit a report on their Million Tree Planting Campaign activities (narrative description of the activity, with photos if available) to Lions Clubs International via the Lions Service Activity Report in the WMMR by **May 1, 2012**.

Specific instructions on how to access the Service Activity Report system are available on the [WMMR login page](#).

For assistance submitting Service Activity Reports, please [contact us](#). **For More Information** To learn more about “The Believer’s” awards, please contact the [Program Development department](#).

## Planting a Million Trees – Do You Believe it Can Be Done?

Because the nature of tree planting activities may vary from one community to another, clubs and districts are encouraged to seek additional guidance from local experts when planning their projects. The following are a few organizations (listed by Constitutional Area) that provide additional tree planting guidelines and resources.

If the list below does not include an organization near you, please consider searching for similar organizations in your area. Many countries have organizations that focus solely on tree planting, as well as government entities that may be able to provide guidelines or contacts to facilitate tree planting activities.

<http://www.arborday.org/Shopping/BulkSeedlings/order.cfm>

### Tree Seedlings in Bulk

For Arbor Day...For Any Special Occasion



TREE SEEDLINGS 6 to 12 inches are sold in units of 50 trees for each variety. Check out the at the link listed above to determine the varie-



ties that will work well in your climate. Orders must be placed in units of 50 per variety.

Member Price: \$39 per 50 seedlings  
Regular Price: \$60 per 50 seedlings

<http://www.arborday.org/>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/>

<http://www.retreeintl.org/>

Has your club started planning it's tree planting project? Even though well over one million trees have been planted (to date Lions have planted 3,518,512 trees), International President Wing-Kun Tam is chal-

*Second International Vice President Lion Barry Palmer Tree planting in Shenzhen, China (southern PRC) on October 9,*

lenging Lions around the world to continue planting trees this year to demonstrate the strength of our global network. [This link](#) provides an at-a-glance update on how close Lions from various parts of the world have come to reaching this goal so far.

So come on, play in the dirt, plant a seedling! It's good for the earth, and it's good for Lionism.



**Has your club  
started its plans to plant trees yet?**

# Tree Shipping Information From The Arbor Foundation



If your club has ordered seedlings or trees from the Arbor Foundation, the approximate shipping dates are listed below. If you plan on ordering and haven't yet, there's still time for order in time for both the fall and spring shipping dates.

Lionism can change the world in so many ways. If one seedling for every member of our District were planted, future generations would have 1,700 trees to improve the environment. What a wonderful gift for future generations.

ZONE #	SPRING SHIPPING	ORDER DEADLINE	FALL SHIPPING	ORDER DEADLINE
	Approximate Ship Dates	Order Deadline	Approximate Ship Dates	Order Deadline
8	02/12-04/30	04/23	11/05-12/10	11/26
9	02/12-04/30	04/23	11/05-12/10	11/26

## From the Mouths of Babes...



*"Only peace will give human beings the opportunity to get along with Mother Nature and support a harmonic relationship with our eco system."*



2010-11  
 Merit Award Winner  
 En-Ting Lin  
 12 years old  
 Multiple District 300 Taiwan

# Twelfth Annual Texas Leadership Forum and Lions Club International Regional Leadership Institute

**Hilton Austin Airport**  
**March 3 (start 11:30 a.m) and 4 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2012**

**REGISTRATION**

**All who attend must register**

**Registration must be for the event package.**  
**It is not possible to register for individual meal functions.**

Note: Please include 2<sup>nd</sup> registrant only if the mailing address is the same. If not, please use a separate form.

1<sup>st</sup> registrant  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Lion Yes No  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2nd registrant  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Lion Yes No  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Lion office held (1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Highest Lion office held (2<sup>nd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

If rooming with another person at the Hilton, in whose name is the reservation? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks to: <b>Texas Lions Leadership Forum</b> Mail to: <b>Frances Cherry</b> Phone: <b>915-584-0130</b> <b>6216 Caprock</b> Cell: <b>915-494-4425</b> <b>El Paso, TX 79912</b> pdgscherrys@yahoo.com	Registration before 1/29/12 # ____ @ \$50.00 = ____ Registration after 1/29/12 # ____ @\$75.00 = ____ <b>No registration after February 19 or at the site</b>
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Reserve your lodging directly with:  
**Hilton Austin Airport Hotel**  
 9515 New Airport Dr. (at Bergstrom Intl Airport)  
 Austin, TX 78719  
 Telephone: **800 – 584 - 5091**  
 Rate: **\$99.00** per night, single or double. The reservation deadline at this rate is **February 10**. Reserve and guarantee your room now.

**The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will have their March 3rd lodging paid by the Institute.**

Even those must make, and guarantee, their reservations with the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel. A charge will be made to the credit card of those not attending who do not cancel lodging.

**Opposite side of this page must be completed for the application to be processed.**

# Twelfth Annual Texas Leadership Forum and Lions Club International Regional Leadership Institute

Each Registrant Must Select Six Sessions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Global Leadership Team                           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Club Excellence Process                          |
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**Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.**

*- John F. Kennedy*

# San Felipe Del Rio Amistad Lions Annual Duck Race

Even though the Annual Duck Race was held on the day the first cold front of the season decided to visit Del Rio, the ladies of the San Felipe Del Rio Amistad Lions Club jumped in (for some, literally) and made the best of it. This year's activities included a cake walk, a talent show, fun activities and of course, the Great Duck Race of 2011. Congratulations to the Amistad Lions Club for hosting a successful event, and for the favorable public relations it created for Lionism.



*Registration, selling ducks, and trying to stay warm!*



*Chasing runaway ducks.*



*Judges of the talent contest with the winners!*



*There HAS to be a warmer way to guide the ducks out of the bushes!*



*Don't I get a lesson first?*



*Cake Walk...yummmmm!*

## From TLERC - By the Numbers

If you read the “In the Spotlight” Lions News Briefs this month in the “Lion” magazine, you would see some numbers like these in the “By the Numbers” section: **775** (volunteer hours worked on a project by one club), **10,000** (pounds of vegetables sent to Joplin, Mo after the tornado), **13** (pigs cooked to raise money for the needy), and **7,536** (hats, mittens, scarves & mittens collected for the poor).

Well, TLERC also has some pretty important numbers this month: **14** (the age in months of a Down Syndrome child, who needed glasses), **48** (the pupular distance that the tiny frames will have to accommodate), **+4** (the prescription in diopeters needed in both eyes), **43** (the child’s head measurement in centimeters), **5,761** (the distance in miles that one small pair of glasses traveled from TLERC in Midland, Texas to Bratislava, Slovakia).

Everyone has heard how something was accomplished, because some-

body “knew a guy, who knew someone, who had a friend”, etc. Well luckily that “someone” at the end this time was Lion Marie Bryan, TLERC’s San Angelo Satellite Manager. It didn’t take long for Lion Marie to get the wheels in motion. Soon a tiny pair of glasses was made at TLERC’s lab and then sent on its way to 14 month old Maximilian Franz Zwirn in Slovakia.

Slovakia has an optometry industry, but as a struggling nation trying to rebuild after years of conflict, its inventory is limited. The young boy’s mother could not find frames with a strap that were small enough for an active toddler.

It is amazing that TLERC’s Children’s Eyeglass Program with its state of the art lab is becoming known around the world, yet we have Club’s in MD2 that do not know we can put new glasses on needy children. This leads me to some more numbers: **14** (the number in dollars it takes to make a new

pair of glasses for a child - actually \$14-\$18/pair), **1,000** (the number of new glasses TLERC cut last year for children).

However, if we are going to do everything “By the Numbers”, **there is only one number that means anything: 1** (the number of **each individual** adult or child that you **serve**, when you recycle glasses, hold adult eye screenings, put new glasses on needy children, or contribute to TLERC’s Focus Club, Visionary Knights of the Blind, or Fellowship giving programs).

**Lion Tom Blase, UDG 2-A1  
TLERC Promotions Director**



## News and Views from Texas Lions Camp

### Summer Camp Schedule - 2012

Session	Date	Type
1	June 3-9	Children with Physical Disabilities
2	June 10-16	Children with Physical Disabilities
3	June 17-23	Children with Physical Disabilities
4	June 24-30	Children with Physical Disabilities
5	July 1-7	Children with Physical Disabilities
Camp Discovery	July 8-14	Children with Physical Disabilities
Camp David/Down Syndrome	July 15-21	(Leased) American Cancer Society
Diabetic 1	July 22-28	Children with Type 1 Diabetes
Diabetic 2	July 29 - Aug 4	Children with Type 1 Diabetes

### Camp Work Dates - 2012

- 1 Saturday, March 3, 2012
- 2 Saturday March 31, 2012
- 3 Saturday, May 5, 2012

**Note: All youth groups must be approved prior to registration.**

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Children Can...With TLC™



## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

As we look back at our second District meeting on Oct. 15, 2011, we pause to reflect on how many international tragedies have occurred in the past few years and what a good job our district has done in raising money to aid the Foundation's effort to aid those in need. We recall the earthquake and flood in the ocean near India, the horrendous earthquake problems in Haiti which will take decades to correct and the Japa-

nese earthquake and flood as well as the radiation contamination, all of which will also take years to remedy. And now Turkey faces a tragic earthquake.

At our International Convention in Chicago, President (and Lion) Jimmy Carter told about the problems in Africa which included early adult blindness and the lack of sanitary conditions. Now we are con-

fronted with starvation of many people in Africa; tens of thousands of children have already perished because of lack of food. Please advise your club and the members individually of LCIF,s need for contributions during the next year.

*IPDG John Cole  
PDG Warren Weir  
District 2-A2 LCIF Co-Chairs*

### From Alamo Heights Lions Club



Lion Fay introduced guest speaker, Maurice McDermott, CEO and President of the Witte Museum. The presentation included handouts, a slide show, and a video about the Museum.



On July 17, 2011, Lion President Norm Fulkerson (R) presents Lion Russ Evans (C) with his new member (Lion Faye Evans, L) sponsor Award.



# Lions Clubs International

## Lions Clubs International Annual Holiday Glass & Crystal Ornaments

Limited Time Offer  
Don't miss out on these fabulous gifts.



24% Lead Crystal Oval (H41)

3-1/2" H x 2-3/4" W

\$18.50 ea.



Jade Glass Tree (H45)

3-3/4" H x 3-3/8" W

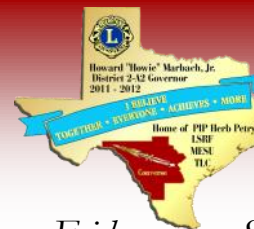
\$11.50 ea

Prices include laser imprinting of Lions emblem, holiday message and year, gold bow for hanging and gift box. To place your order please visit our online [Lions Shop](#) or call us at 1-800-710-7822 or 1-630-571-5466.

We cannot accept orders after November 9, 2011. Delivery is approximately 3 weeks, after November 9, 2011.

In addition to our online selection of products you can also shop directly through our [Official Licenses](#) for many other Lions products.

# November 2011



*Sunday*      *Monday*      *Tuesday*      *Wednesday*      *Thursday*      *Friday*      *Saturday*

## *Lions Diabetes Awareness Month*



		1	2	3	4	5
				<u>Second Council of Governors - Round Rock, Texas</u>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 World Diabetes Day	15 Postmark deadline for club to send one winning poster to Governor.	16	17 Senior Lions Leadership Institute, Constitutional Areas I & II – USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas AND Canada (Oak Brook, Illinois, USA) If you didn't apply this year, watch the Lions International Website for your opportunity to attend next year. If you're serious about leader	18	19
20 ship, this is the Institute you don't want to miss.  <a href="#">Click here for information.</a>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Deadline for Family Member- ship Certification Form  <u>MMR Due</u>	←  Leo October Membership Growth Award nominations due		

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