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# TEAM NEWS

*Together Everyone Achieves More*



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District 2-A2 Governor  
2011 - 2012

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## 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 Lion Friends!

The month of August has just come, and it is just about gone again. But August is always special to me because I have my birthday on August 3rd. I was 39 again, and again, and ...

On August 4, 5, & 6th Elaine and I attended the 1st Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel, and the Lions

Children Camp. On Thursday 4th the 1st VDG provided a tasteful fish fry at Louise Hays Park. It was great to spend that time with some special Lions. That night all the Governors met with the International Family, and shared the Councils general plans for 2011-2012. The morning of Friday August 5th was started with a breakfast at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel, provided for the Governors, by the

Texas Lions Foundation, and we were given great information about the Foundation. Following the breakfast the Council of Governors meeting was then held, it sure felt great to be seated in the front seats. That afternoon the District Governors had a four hour session with the MD-2 GLT and GMT Leaders, and received a lot of information on these new programs that you will be hearing about.

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Late that afternoon we had a Picnic at the Lions Children Camp with all those attending the Council meeting. This was again a great opportunity to network with some great Lions, and the food was great. What more can we ask for then great fellowship and great food.

Saturday 6th was started with a Texas Lions Camp breakfast at the Inn of The Hill Hotel. Later that morning the Lions Camp Committee meetings were held at the camp. After lunch the Lions Camp General Session was held, and we learned about all the great things the Camp is doing. Followed by another District Work Session at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel. The Council of Governors meeting was closed with the P.D.G. Banquet that evening.

To sum it all up it was a great time to network with other Lions, gather a lot of information about Lionism, and a great time to have fun with your Council

family. Also, a time to learn more about the "Crown Jewel of Texas Lionism" the Lions Children Camp.

We lost another a great Lion in August, Lion Kaye Bigger of the S.A. Oak Hills Lions. His funeral was held on August 11th.

On August 17th we attended the Charter Night of the S.A. Guadalupe Community Lion Club, and I had the opportunity to install their Officers. What an excited group of Lions, we look for great things from them. Also, there will be another Charter Night for the S.A. Southtown Lions Club on September 8th. All this great extension work was accomplished under the Leadership of two great Lions Sam Pantusa and PDG T.J. Tijerina (good work Lions and all those that helped). There are approximately 70 new Lions from these two Clubs that gives us a greater opportunity to do even more in helping our fellow man.

I look forward to meeting many of you at my Club visits. If you have a day you would like for me to visit your Club, please contact me. It is the District Governors responsibility to meet/visit with all the Clubs in the District during his year as Governor. So Please contact me.

We also, look forward to seeing and visiting with you at the 2nd District Cabinet meeting in Leakey. The Leakey Lions Club is putting together a great meeting on Saturday Oct. 5th, 2011 at the Alta Frio Camp, which is a beautiful facility. There are no real hotels in Leakey, but they do have several rooms/cottages that can be rented. This information will be coming out any day now.

So please make your reservations early. I sure do look forward to seeing everyone, until then God Bless.

Yours In Lionism

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## From The First Vice District Governor

My Fellow Lions:

I have had the unique opportunity to recently visit the Leader Dog School in Rochester Hills, Michigan. I have been able to see first hand how donations from Lions Clubs in our District, in our Great State of Texas, Nationally and Internationally are giving individuals who are blind an opportunity to be independent. We Lions are pro-

viding White Cane Training, Leader Dog Training as well as providing the state of the art GPS technology with every individual who comes through the Leader Dog School.

The Lions Clubs contribute over two million dollars a year to keep the Leader Dog School functioning. The Leader Dog School truly understands and recognizes that they could not do what they do without the support of the Lions. This support not only comes in the form of dollars but also from volunteers who give of their time and of themselves. "Our" Leader Dog School is ranked among the best in the country if not in the world. The Leader Dog School breeds and trains dogs to become the eyes and ears for individuals who otherwise would not be able to function independently. The Leader Dog School gives the blind person his/her independence and the ability to hold jobs, travel and lead normal lives.

Visiting the Leader Dog School has re-affirmed my faith in what we as Lions do for the less fortunate.

I want to remind the Lions of our upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting to be held in Leakey, Texas on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. I also want to encourage each of you to continue to encourage others around you to be part of what we do as Lions and join the Lions Club Family. Remember the "Power of We" and "Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us."

As always, as I continue to visit Lions Clubs in the District and 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**

## San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club Bar-B-Q



These hard working and lovely ladies of the San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club are having a fundraiser BBQ on Sept 24th. Enjoy how beautiful they look here, because every Lion knows how messy our Bar-B-Q's can get!

**Tickets are \$7.**

**Call Frances for tickets 771-0110 .**



## From The Second Vice District Governor

To My Brother and Sister Lions,

Below you'll find an initial notice for the Second Cabinet meeting in Leakey on October 15.

Unfortunately, at this time we do not have a registration form or information if there will be a luncheon or not, but please read the information we have thus far and make your plans to attend.

The Cabinet meetings are not only important because it is when we conduct District business, but also because it is an opportunity for every Lion in the District to observe how the business is conducted. It's also the most wonderful opportunity for fellowship among District Lions you'll ever have the chance to

attend. And speaking of which, including new Lions in that fellowship is a way to generate more interest among our new members, as well as an interest in leadership.

I'd also like to see more clubs from our District attend. With approximately 60 clubs in the District having information that impacts their clubs being discussed, and having an opportunity to have their voices heard; I would hope that more than just a handful of clubs would make the time to have a say in the future of Lionism.

Yours in Service,

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

## The Leakey Lions Club will be hosting the Second Cabinet meeting on October 15, with the meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.

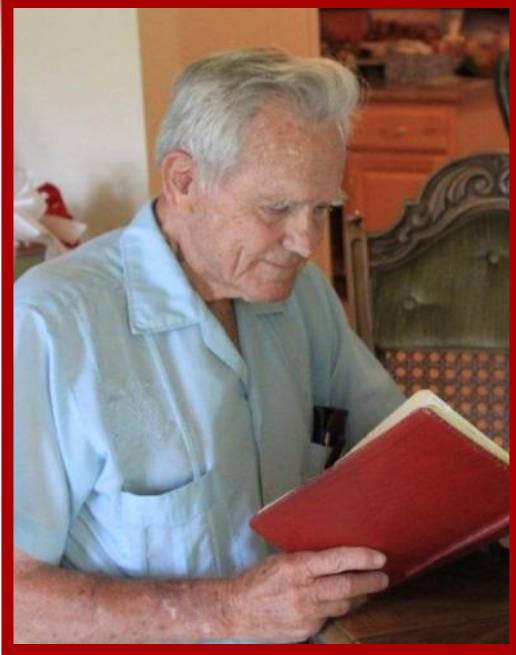
Leakey has a minimal amount of lodging in the form of cabins and cottages. It is imperative that you make reservations immediately as availability is limited.

These establishments are :

River Haven- Bill or Marjorie- (830) 232-5400  
 River Bluff- Mary Roe- (830)232-5775  
 Frio Springs Lodges- Ben Mall- (830) 232-4174  
 Oak Hills Cabins- Mary Jane Shoemaker- (830) 232-4008  
 Crider's Cabins- Bonnie Crider- (830) 232-5584

The alternative is a Holiday Inn Select in Uvalde which is approximately a 45 minute drive from Leakey.

There has been no information yet regarding a luncheon, but any information we receive will be passed along to you immediately. For further information, please contact Lion Fred McNiel at fredmcniel@hctc.net



## From The District Chaplain

The "Good Samaritan" - Looking ahead just about as far as one could see lay a dry, gray, sandy . barren landscape, stretching from Jerusalem to Jericho. Often paralleling the road existed a ditch of some consequence. It was July

1972 and except for the paved road bisecting the rolling landscape I could almost visualize myself being in the time frame of Christ and His story of "who is your neighbor;" a story that seemed to bring that lonely stretch of desolate road real enough, and long enough to comprehend the real meaning of a neighbor. The ambush back drop provided the life scene for five of the world's occupants: assailant, traveler, priest, Levite and neighbor. In what category would you place

our fellow travelers (Lions) who have now played out their role on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho? In which category do you find yourself today?

Read once again Luke 10:25-37

### AT EVENTIDE

The sun is setting now, and bands of light

Like rosy fingers stretch across the skies.

Down in the sheltered vale, the deep'ning night  
Like a dark mantle o'er the tired earth lies.  
Deep shadows creep along the country lanes,  
And birds are speeding homeward to their nests.  
Bright little lights wink out from window panes,  
And beckon weary toilers home to rest.  
So when the sun is setting on life's day ,  
And tired old hands reach upward to thine own,  
God grant them peace, and thy love's golden ray  
To light them to their everlasting home.

*-Kathleen McAlpine*

Yours in Service,

**District 2-A2 Chaplain**

**PDG Lytle Blankenship**

## In Memory of Lion Kaye Bigger



The Lions of District 2-A2 lost another proponent of Prevent Blindness when Lion Kaye Biggar succumbed to a long battle with cancer on 7 August 2011. Although involved in many activities of his home club as well as the District, Lion Kaye was better known for his work with Prevent Blindness of San Antonio where among other positions he served as Chairman and President of the Prevent Blindness Board. Lion Kaye was active in various committees in the formative years of the Lions Sight Research Foundation. With a military background he served in the Vietnam and Cold War campaigns, primarily in the intelligence commands. While back home he was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. His club recognized his lionistic efforts with the Melvin Jones Award .

## From TLERC: 1990: Lions Clubs International's Own 9/11!

"Remembering Sept. 11" is the title article of this month's "Lion" magazine. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and people all across America are prayerfully remembering all of those, who died in the attack, as well as all the heroes, who tried to save them. It was a momentous disaster for Americans and "the" defining moment for the USA since that time. In addition, as the article points out, "Sept.11 was a defining moment for Lions", as "Lions and LIF aided (the) victims on a massive scale". Not only did we expend millions of dollars from LIF and thousands of man hours from Lions in our Clubs, but many individual Lions (also pointed out in the feature article) were heroes at "ground zero".

However, we have committed millions of dollars and contributed countless hours of manpower in dozens of major disasters around the world since the Lions International Foundation (LIF) was started, and it doesn't matter if the "perpetrator" is a terrorist, a hurricane, a fire, a tornado, or a tsunami, we do it because **that's what Lions do - We Serve!**

Yet it could be argued, that the launching of Sight First in 1990 was the Lions' own 9/11; a momentous and defining moment that has launched a massive campaign using millions of dollars and volunteer hours to eliminate preventable blindness around the world. Granted the events weren't as singularly large or vicious, they didn't come in a sudden rush, and

the terrorists weren't Taliban or Al-Qaida. Rather they were (and are) cataracts, trachoma, river blindness, refractive disorders, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy. So even though we had no sudden event to react to, we finally realized by the International Convention in St. Louis in 1990, that the disaster of preventable blindness, affecting tens of millions around the world, had to be dealt with in a momentous way.

The Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC), a Foundation operated by the Lions of Texas, is a part of Sight First; and those who are involved in this work understand that Lions under Sight First will still be fighting this disaster for decades, long after the wounds of 9/11 have faded or the marks of the tsunami are covered up. More volunteer hours and dollars will be expended on this than on any other disaster LIF has tackled, and **still** we will have sight to save.

Most of those Lions dedicated to eliminating preventable blindness will never be seen as heroes like Lion Ed Plaugher, the Arlington Virginia Fire Chief on 9/11, or Michael Hingson, the Blind hero in Tower One (see both stories and more in the Lion), but nonetheless HEROES they will be.

**So where does your Club stand in this fight? Which Lions in your Club will join the ranks of these heroes in the biggest fight our organization has ever taken on?** Has your Club, or Zone, or District started an adult clinic to help those

in need get recycled glasses? Are you using TLERC's lab to put new glasses on dozens more school children? (If you aren't getting your school children's glasses for \$14-\$18/pair, you are losing money.) Are you gathering used glasses for our missions to countries abroad; or better yet, helping us sort, read & bag them? Has your club set up missions to go abroad and put glasses on those in need? **Help and training for all of these projects and more are available at TLERC. Contact your District TLERC Director for a program or call TLERC at 432-683-3611.**

Finally is your club a Focus Club (150%-\$3/member). Have you purchased fellowships for those special Lions you want to honor (\$1000, \$500, \$250)? Have you made a personal commitment by signing up as a "Visionary Knight of the Blind" (min. \$100/yr or \$10/mo.)? (The form can be found on the state web site.) Whether it is by monetary assistance, volunteer hours, or both all Lions can be heroes in this fight. **Make 2011/12 your 9/11!**

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



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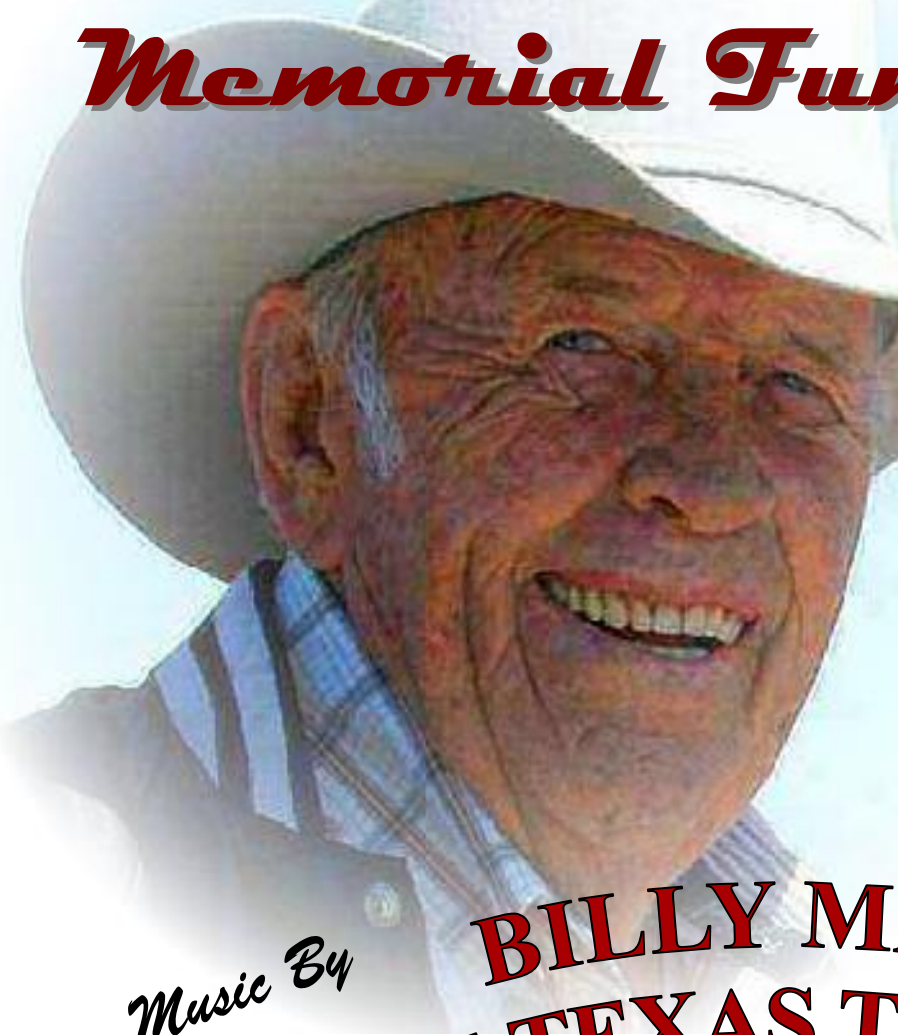
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### *Memorial Fundraiser*



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till Mid-  
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*Corporate tables: \$250 (includes 8 tickets, reserved table & corporate recognition.*

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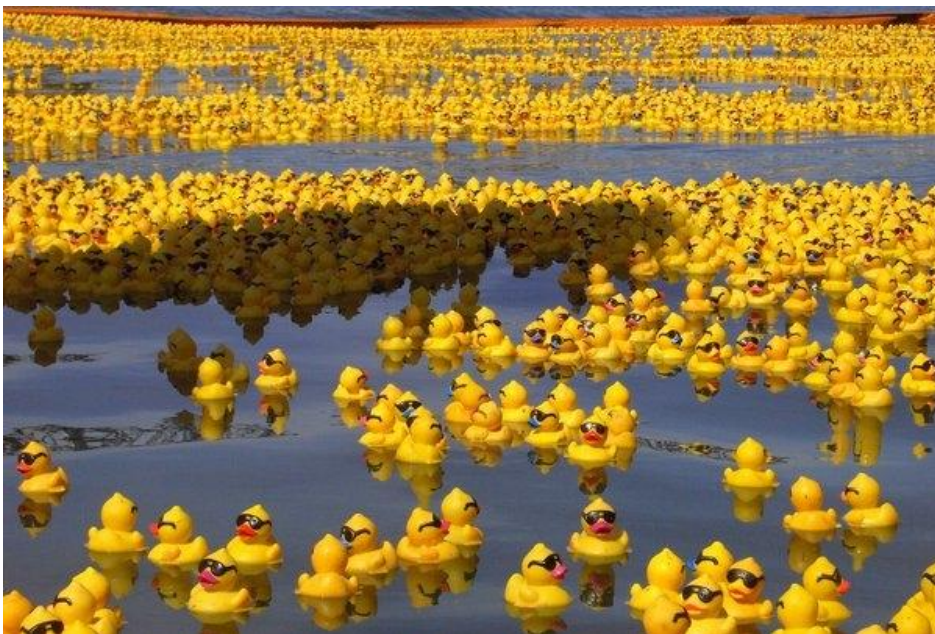


For Tickets or Information Contact Mike Blount 210-336-9860 or John Hydrick 210-844-1764  
Mule and Trailer to be picked up at Woods Cycle Country, New Braunfels, Texas

## The Ducks are Coming! The Ducks are Coming!

*Lisa Guerrero  
President, San Felipe Amistad Lions*

San Felipe Amistad (SFA) Lions are preparing for the invasion of hundreds of Rubber Ducks.



The ducks will be used for the San Felipe Amistad Lions Club 7th Annual Duck Race which will take place at the San Felipe Lions Park on October 29, 2011. The festival will take place from 10:00am and 2:00 pm. The race will begin at 1 pm at the Gillis St Bridge and end at the Tardy Dam at San Felipe Lions Park.

Crowds line up along waterways to cheer the ducks arrival and participate in "quaky" promotions before the actual race. The entire event is sure to cause an

uproar of fun that will be contagious to all citizens.

We are looking for corporate, small business or private individuals' sponsorship in the form

of donations to be used for prizes. Donations can be Monetary, Electronic, Household, Arts, Beauty or Health items. As a Prize Donor your company Logo or business name will appear on the tickets for the event as well as on the flyers to be distributed. Your business information will also be put on our Facebook group.

Don't miss out on a chance to advertise your business for only \$25.00 a business card slot. Booths are also available at the festival for \$25.00. If you cannot

make a prize donation, you can also buy a space on the Posters to be displayed at local area business. The spaces will be sold at \$25.00 per business card size slot (We will need your business card or logo). You can buy a larger area by combining the number of card slots you purchase. Secure your space as soon as you can, they are going fast.

All proceeds for the posters, tickets and the event itself, will be used toward our Scholarship Fund, benefiting several local students in our community.

If you know of anybody else who would be interested in donating, renting booths or buying space on our posters and web page please contact: Council Woman Lion Tina Martinez, (830) 734-1435, Lion Lisa Guerrero at (210) 834-5583, or Project Co-Chair Lion Rosalinda Arranaga at (830) 734-4577. Please leave a message if unable to reach either party.



***IF YOU SEE THIS DUCK...RUN!***

## Charter Night for the Southtown Lions Club



# Southtown Lions Club CHARTER NIGHT

**Thursday, September 8th**  
Social Hour 6 p.m.

**Cadillac Bar Restaurant**  
212 South Flores Street

**\$15 per person**

Sponsored tables available at \$150  
(Includes program recognition)

**RSVP by August 31 to**  
[rsvp@southtownlions.org](mailto:rsvp@southtownlions.org)

**Join us for Dinner! Music! Raffles! Fun!**

For more information, call Lion Cilla at (210) 213-3070  
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## Picnics, Watermelon, Floats, and all that fun stuff!

### Picnic / Watermelon / Coke Float and Awards Ceremony Host Groups:

I am sending this pre-registration information out to you for you to begin your planning for Summer 2012. Many of you have commented on your experience and wish to have the info on next season to begin your planning.

#### Schedule of Opportunities

June 3 – Physical Disability Session 1 (Sunday Refreshment, Dinner) (Friday Lunch, Watermelon/snack, Dinner, Awards) (6 opportunities)

June 10 – Physical Disability Session 2 (Sunday Refreshment, Dinner) (Friday Lunch, Watermelon/snack, Dinner, Awards) (6 opportunities)

June 17 – Physical Disability Session 3 (Sunday Refreshment, Dinner) (Friday Lunch, Watermelon/snack, Dinner, Awards) (6 opportunities)

June 24 – Physical Disability Session 4 (Sunday Refreshment, Dinner) (Friday Lunch, Watermelon/snack, Dinner, Awards) (6 opportunities)

July 1 – Physical Disability Session 5 (Sunday Refreshment, Dinner) (Friday Lunch, Watermelon/snack, Dinner, Awards) (6 opportunities)

July 8 – Camp Discovery ( American Cancer Society) **NO PICNICS PROVIDED OR AWARDS** (0 opportunities)

July 15 – Camp David (Texas Burn Survivors Society and Down Syndrome) **Friday evening meal and**



**Award hosting only this week** (2 opportunities)

July 22 – Diabetes Session 1 (Sunday Refreshment, Dinner Picnic) (**Friday evening meal and awards only**) (4 opportunities)

July 29 – Diabetes Session 2 (Sunday Refreshment, Dinner Picnic) (**Friday evening meal and awards only**) (4 opportunities)

The chart to provide meals and opportunities for service will be posted on the Camp website the beginning of September. Basically you know that there are refreshment stands each opening day, and there are picnic meals that same Sunday night, except during Camp Discovery and Down Syndrome Sessions. Then we have a lunch picnic and watermelon/snack on Friday all weeks except for our Camp Discovery, Down Syndrome and diabetic sessions. Then we have a Friday night evening meal and a closing ceremony host group each week.

### What about Diabetic meals?

We request that if you fix dinner for Diabetic weeks, either Sunday or Friday that you abide by the given menu and measurements in order to help our kids to have the proper amount of Carbs. It takes a little more effort, but it is well worth it. The menu will normally consist of hot dogs, hamburgers or pizza.

### We can't cook the meal, can someone else? or we need help cooking our meal.

There is always the advantage of using one of our local restaurants that will not only cook the meal, but will deliver it to the camp for you. If your unable to cook a meal, but would still like to serve, we recommend one of these establishments. We have pizza and chicken available as menu choices and at reasonable prices. **\*\*Special note:** *Also, we would like to remove the use of our kitchen staff from being part of the picnics. It is an opportunity to have others cook so that they won't have to. We will close our kitchen and not have staff available to cook or heat up food. We will be able to order the things that you might need, i.e. watermelon, ice cream and the like, things that are difficult to transport or that need to stay cold. But items like beans to be heated, etc. will need to be taken care of by you, or not used in your menu. So check your menu and see what other things you could do, instead of using our dining hall facilities and staff. As always, the camp*

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## First Cabinet Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Howie Marbach welcoming all to Pleasanton and thanking the Pleasanton Lions for a great meeting. The Pleasanton Boy Scout troop presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening song *My Country Tis Of Thee* was led by Lion Robert Kneupper. The invocation was given by PDG Ray Connor.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard Keilholz introduced the guests in attendance along with thanking the Pleasanton Lions Club for hosting the meeting today. All fellow Lions were welcomed and their guests. Special guests in attendance were: PID Mike Butler and his wife Lion Cheryl, PCC Mike Rourke and his wife Lion Liz, IPDG John Cole, PDG Bob Lorenc, PDG Manny Carrillo and his wife Lion Diane, PDG Saul Lopez and his wife Lion Alice, PDG Ray Connor and his partner in service Lion Chris Condren, PDG John Kimbrough, PDG Cal Lawson, PDG Chris Lloyd, PDG John Seale, PDG Warren Weir, PDG Pat Carroll. Guests at the head table were Lion LaJuana Newman-Leus immediate past District Secretary, Lion Susan Merrifield the new District Secretary, Lion Robert Castillo the new District Treasurer, District Governor Howie Marbach and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Richard Keilholz. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Wendy Van Winkle was recognized in the back later as she was not seen earlier.

DG Howie then asked PID Mike Butler to come up. PID Mike recog-

nized all Lions of District 2-A2 which have gone three years in a row with a plus in membership. He then called PDG Manny to come forward who has worked very hard to increase the district's membership. PID Mike then presented the Leadership Award which is the third highest award that Lions Clubs International can present to PDG Manny. DG Howie called IPDG John to the podium and thanked him for all his help during the last year with himself and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard. IPDG John finished the year with a plus 18 in membership. The first in many years.

IPDG John thanked everyone for their hard work this past year. He then presented Lion Alice Lopez with the Club President Excellence Award for the entire time PDG Glenn Burns was DG.

Lion LaJuana, Past District Secretary then thanked all Lions for their cooperation this past year.

The minutes from the District Convention last April which have been approved by the IPDG and published in the newsletter and available online at the District 2-A2 website was asked to be approved as printed. A motion was made and seconded. Minutes were approved.

Lion Marilyn Weed, Past District Treasurer said the Treasurer's Report had been passed out. There was enough money to move \$5,000 to the State Convention Fund.

DG Howie called PCC Mike Rourke forward to install the new cabinet for 2011-2012. PCC Mike reminded everyone of DG Howie's goals and that TEAMwork is an important part of achieving these goals. The cabinet members are: The Committee Chairmen – District Chaplain Lytle Blankenship, District Directory Chairman in the print format Lion Abel Martinez, Eyeglass Recycling Chairmen Lions Ken Sievers and Sid Martin, Leo Club Advisors for the East Lion John Staha for the West Lion Ken Sievers, District Liaison PDG Saul Lopez, State and District Pin-Sales Lion David Krumm, International Relations PDG Mike Rourke, World Service for the Blind Lion Alice Lopez, Leaderdog Lion Rhonda Williams, Environmental for Plant a Tree 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Wendy Van Winkle, Texas Lions Foundation PDG John Seale, LCIF chairman IPDG John Cole and co-chairman PDG Warren Weir, Youth Exchange Program PDG Chris Lloyd, Alert Program PDG John Kimbrough, USA/Canada Leadership Forum Lion Liz Rourke, New Youth Task Force PDG Ray Connor, Diabetic Awareness Essay Contest Katherine Willem-Darter, Drug Awareness Speech Lion Eddie Williams, Outstanding Youth Lion Ken Book, Young Women's Pageant Lion Robert Kneupper, Peace Poster Contest Lion Ampara Diaz, Ad Sales for the Eastern part of our district Lion Sam Pantusa, Ad Sales for the Western part of our district Lion Mac McCain, District Webmaster

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Lion Jim Weed, District Photographer Par Excellence IPDG John Cole, Newsletter and Director and Publisher in electronic format 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Wendy Van Winkle, Constitution and By-laws PDG Manny Carrillo and PDG Warren Weir, Long Range Planning IPDG John Cole, Nominations and Elections Lion Chris Condren, Credentials and Certification PDG Saul Lopez, Chairing the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting Lion Jeff Chicoine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting PDG Jesse Scott, Mid-Winter Conference PDG Chris Lloyd, District Convention PDG Lion Saul Lopez, District Convention book Lion Abel Martinez, Tail Twisters Lion Harry Boykin and Lion Dave Krumm, Region I Chair Lion Jim Weed, Zone A Lion George Martinez, Zone B Reva Seth, Region II Lion Bill Mechler, Zone A Lion Tony Vanderbur and Zone B Lion Kelly Longbotham, Region III Lion Pat Hardwick, Zone A Lion Katy Lackey and Zone B Lion John Lee, Region IV Lion Sam Pantusa, Zone A Lion Rebecca Moss and Zone B Lion Don Khan, Region V PDG Cal Lawson, Zone A Lion Sammy Perez, Region VI Cipriano Hernandez Jr., Zone A Lion Rose Paletta, Zone B Lion Julie De La Rosa, Region VII Lion LaJuana Newman-Leus, Zone A Lion Rey Rodriguez, Zone B Lion Nancy Hoseck, Region VIII Lion Katherine Willems-Darter, Leadership and Membership Development

our Global Leadership Team Lion Wally Jackson, Global Membership Team Lion Sam Pantusa, Membership 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard Keilholz, Leadership 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Wendy Van Winkle, Extension and Retention PDG TJ Tijerina, Orientation and Indoctrination PDG Manny Carrillo, Texas Lions Camp Directors Lions Doug Thomas and Harry Boykin, Hearing Board Lion Lulu Garcia, Lion Sight Research Foundation Lion Jim Weed and the Human Needs Board will determine their chairman. The executive committees are: District Secretary Lion Susan Merrifield, District Treasurer Lion Robert Castillo, IPDG John Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Wendy Van Winkle, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard Keilholz and the Governor of District 2-A2 for the year 2011-2012 Howard Marbach. All Lions above were duly installed to their positions.

DG Howie thanked everyone and called all Lions "friends." He said we need to keep positive. He reminded everyone of TEAM "Together Everyone Achieves More" and to follow the International President's theme "I Believe". He continued by saying that if each Lion visits with and invites two people a month to their club meetings, he guarantees we will get two or more new members for our clubs. We need to retain the members we have by taking better care of them with a "We Serve" attitude. Use the back of the "Membership Application" because it gives new

members things to do which will enhance retention. The future of Lionism lies with the youth today. Each club should support at least one youth program per year. Some youth programs to support are Peace Poster contest, Outstanding Youth Contest, Drug Awareness Speech and Diabetes Essay Contests. He asked that all Lions clubs help support the Texas Lions Camp especially with their endowment fund, Stride for Sight and others throughout the year. He announced that we are chartering two new clubs from the "Kinda Like a County Fair." One is the Guadalupe Community Lions Club which will be chartered on August 17, 2011 and the Southtown Lions Club which will be chartered on September 8, 2011.

District Secretary Lion Susan Merrifield was called forward and said she was excited to have this position and that her home club was in Utopia. She finished by saying to please call her with any questions and to please get the MMR's in on time or she will be calling.

District Treasurer Lion Robert Castillo came forward and said that he was from the San Felipe Lions Club in Del Rio and will be asking for money. He finished by saying that he admired all the past District Treasurer's for what they did.

IPDG John and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard were called to announce the winners

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of the Beacon contest. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard thanked all those who participated in the Beacon Award. The contest was started to produce some competition within the district and to create fellowship. A total of 11 clubs participated which represents about 19% of the clubs in the district. He said as far as he was concerned all were winners unfortunately we can only give so many awards. At that time, IPDG John said that there were seven clubs in the district that increased their membership to 20% or more. He began with Category 1, the 1-30 member clubs. Third place went to our Lady of the Lake University with 51,900 points, Category 2 the 31-55 member clubs did not have a 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Category 3 – 56 plus member clubs third place went to Del Rio Host Lions Clubs with 58,000 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Category 1 went to San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club with 52,450 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Category 2 went to La Vernia Lions Club with 15,900 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Category 3 went to San Antonio Founder Club with 58,810, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Category 1 went to San Antonio Windcrest Lions with 53,400 points, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Category 2 went to Utopia Lions Club with 24,900 points and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Category 3 went to San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club with 62,200 points.

IPDG John gave out additional awards and they were: The Youth Contest chairs Lion Katherine Willems-Darter and Lion Robert Kneupper, PDG Saul Lopez for his work with the Governors Appreciation, PDG Ray Connor for Youth Coordinator, Lion Chris Condren and Lion Susan Merrifield for their co-chair work on the Nominations and Elections committee.

Lion Jeff, Cabinet meeting chairman for the Pleasanton Lions Club first cabinet meeting was asked by Governor Howie to come forward. He thanked him for a great meeting. Lion Jeff thanked everyone for coming.

Governor Howie announced the eyeglass trailer was in the back.

Lion Sam Pantusa for Global Membership Team spoke about the new program. He said it would be a three year program dedicated to membership and leadership. They will be looking for people with specific backgrounds who can add to the team. He mentioned that Lions Clubs are almost as old as Coca-Cola and Ford Motor Company, but a lot of people don't know what Lions Club is. The goal is to make sure everyone knows what Lions Clubs are all about.

Lion Wally Jackson for Global Leadership Team spoke next about this new program. He said he considers it a challenge to grow leader-

ship in our district. He is actively looking for leaders. They want to develop programs that will help new leaders. There are lots of training materials on the international website. They will start out working with zone chairs and continue from there. They will be working on developing an annual leadership program. The Texas Leadership Forum is March 3-4, 2012. The registration for this Forum will be online in the next couple of weeks.

Governor Howie called PID Mike back up to the podium. He is the area leader of the two above programs and started out by explaining what GMT and GLT was all about. It is a global incentive. They are trying to bring back and organize a little bit better system from the MERLE system. We need to be better at mentoring members so they stay members.

PDG Lion TJ combined two reports on the Texas Lions Camp and Retention and Extension. He started by talking about the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Campaign. There are 10 group coordinators who are talking to area clubs and trying to get them to pledge money over the next 5 years to make sure the camp is still operating in the future. The money will be staying in our state and especially our district. The goal is to raise 10M which will be put into an endowment campaign and will not be-

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touched except for the interest. He announced the clubs who have already pledged to be an endowment club and they are: Bexar County China Grove, San Antonio Alamo Heights, San Antonio First Ladies Lions Clubs, San Antonio Northside Lions Clubs, San Antonio Northwest Lions Clubs, The Kerrville Sunrise Club, San Antonio Region 20 and Pleasanton Lions Club making a total of \$68,200 in pledges. Del Rio Host announced they would also pledge and San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club announced they would pledge as well. PDG TJ then recognized PDG Lion Pat Carroll who is the incoming president of the Texas Lions Camp. Also, PDG John Seale is the incoming vice president of the Texas Lions Foundation.

PDG John Seale spoke on behalf of the Texas Lions Foundation. They had a number of emergencies this year. Over the last several years our district has contributed over \$77,000 to the Foundation.

PDG Ray Connor spoke about the District Youth Contests. The Peace Poster Contest chairman is Lion Ampara Diaz, Diabetic Essay Con-

test chairman is Lion Katherine Willems-Darter, Outstanding Youth Contest chairman is Lion Ken Book, Drug Awareness Speech Contest chairman is Lion Eddie Williams and the Young Women's Scholarship Pageant chairman is Lion Robert Kneupper. This past year we had the most number of candidates we've had in the last ten years.

The Texas Lions Camp was presented by Lion Doug Thomas. It was a special night at the camp last night. It was the first award ceremony for the Downs Syndrome Pilot Program.

PDG Manny spoke about the Wickersham Golf Tournament and said District 2-A2 is sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place by donating \$5,670.

Tail Twisters Lions Harry Boykin and Dave Krumm had everyone stand up and say hello to the person next to them. They also had the first timers stand up. They continued by bestowing gifts from the trash to all the new presidents of the clubs.

After the break, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Wendy spoke about the "Plant a Tree" program and our International Presi-

dent's goal of planting 1M trees. VDG Wendy wants our district to plant 1,700 trees because we have 1,700 members.

Lion Jim Weed spoke about the Sight Research Foundation and Stride for Sight saying the Low Vision Center was on track.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard talked about Stride for Sight for 2011-2012. He said the LSRF Board members will be visiting area clubs this year to talk about the new developments with the Low Vision Center and to promote Stride for Sight in getting more clubs involved.

Lion Alice Lopez gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned. The next district meeting will be in Leakey on October 15, 2011.

There was a total of 13 PDG's in attendance along with 28 clubs and 94 members.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lion Susan Merrifield*  
*District 2-A2 Secretary*

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



## Picnics, Watermelon, Floats, and all that fun stuff!

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will provide igloo coolers, ice and counselors ready to help before the picnic.)

### How many are needed in our group?

To provide and serve a meal you will need at least 12 people or more. There are always 2 serving lines needed and some to help with drinks or dessert. Watermelon/ Coke Float parties can take from 6-8 people or more to really run smoothly. To do a refreshment stand you will need at least 3-4 people, but more are definitely a plus! Awards night is simple for small groups with the need of only

4, but more can really set the mood of celebration for the campers as they come into the amphitheater.

### Conclusion

I know that you are excited about the coming season. The campers are always happy to see the Lions and these opportunities give them a chance to say thanks. So, get with your club and pick your 3 top dates and/or events that your club would like to provide. Then register by sending an email to Trish on Oct. 1 to register your club for Summer 2012. I will be out of the office until Oct. 2. So the policy of first come first serve will be decided by time stamp on the email. Don't register prior to Oct 1 at 12:01 am, be-

cause your email will not be valid. So get your dates, and your cup of coffee and I'll see you in my inbox on Oct.1

At your service as you serve,

### *Trish Wilson*

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## West Side Lions Provide Raspa Refreshment



On July 3, 2011, at the Lions Camp, the West Side Lions Roger Smith, Juan Villalobobos, Sr., Rose Mary Paletta and Adrian Council served Snow Cones (Raspas) to the Campers.

## GOLF TEAMS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fellow Lions & Friends:

There are two Golf scrambles and a tournament coming up for which we need volunteers and teams. Please pass this on to your golfers.

On **Saturday, 17 September** is the 2d Annual Picciutti Charity Challenge, held this year at Silverhorn, benefiting the **Texas Lions Camp**. This is in recognition of one of the true Legends of the Lions Camp, Past Camper, Counselor, and Director, Lion Chuck Picciutti. Teams are needed; registration information may be found in the embedded links or the attached 2011PCC pdf. Contact me or Lion Jackie Wynn (210 225-1164) for information or assistance with registration.

On **Wednesday, 12 October** is the "Fore" the **Blind Charity Scramble**, to be played , at the **Republic Golf Course** immediately following play of the **American Blind Golf National Championship Tournament** (also at the Republic). Both of these tournaments need our help. The Blind Golf National Championship needs **volunteers** to help work the tournament (scorekeepers, etc.). This is a two day tournament for which the first day of play is on a holiday - registration and contact information are in the attached Vol Form document. Teams are also needed for the annual "**Fore**" the **Blind Charity Scramble**. On-line registration is available at <http://www.salighthouse.org/events/>.

To those who join us in these tournaments, **we promise three things**: (1) a 50% chance of rain\*; (2) a 50% chance that it won't rain; (3) a whole lot of fun with a the possibility of a smidgen of frustration thrown in just for kicks. (\*Note: Inclement weather rules will be in effect in the event of a true Texas gully-washer on scramble days; floating balls not authorized).

Please encourage your golfers to sign up at their earliest opportunity; both scrambles need your support.

Many thanks.

Roland Keller  
SA Founder/SA Lighthouse  
210 275-8994





## 2011 American Blind Golf Championship

### Volunteer Call

Monday, October 10th & Tuesday, October 11th, 2011 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Location:

Republic Golf Club  
4226 SE Military Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78222

Volunteers will be assigned to a professional blind golfer, they will assist them for the entire day of play by keeping score and helping to spot balls after they are hit. Prior golf experience is not necessary, but basic knowledge of the game is helpful. Please note also that you will need to walk 18 holes, as we do not have enough carts to be able to provide them for volunteers. Lunch will be provided for all Volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer this year, please send completed form to Kira Gerasimon at [KGerasimon@salighthouse.org](mailto:KGerasimon@salighthouse.org) or call (210) 531-1534.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

MONDAY

Company \_\_\_\_\_

TUESDAY

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

BOTH

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Invite a friend or a co-worker!!!

**\*Additional information will follow closer to the to event.**

This event would not be possible without  
the help of volunteers!!

Thank You for being a friend of the Lighthouse!!!!



**17  
September  
2011**  
Registration 07:30  
Shotgun Start:  
8:30 AM

Charles Anthony Picciuti



Silverhorn Golf Club - 1100 W. Bitters Rd., San Antonio 78216

**PICCIUTI CHARITY CHALLENGE**

Sponsored by the **San Antonio Founder Lions Club** in coordination with the

**TEXAS LIONS CAMP**

Please join us for a phenomenal day of golf and fun while your tax-deductible contribution helps support the Texas Lions Camp (TLC), a residential camping facility for children with physical disabilities, type 1 diabetes, and cancer. The Camp is located on over 500 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, and is designed to introduce the "Can Do" philosophy to children dealing with special medical conditions. Attendance is at no cost to the campers and their families. Your participation in this event will help us to keep it that way.

**PLAYER ENTRY FORM - \$100 Entrance Fee per Player**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
**TEAM PLAYERS:** **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR FORM**

Please fill out the following information and forward, with check, to the address below:

**Individual Donation:** Please accept my gift of: \$

Tax Deductible contribution; acknowledgement and recognition in print

**"JOIN OUR PRIDE"** - \$100 **per Hole Sponsorship**

Shared Hole Sponsorship; advertising/promotion recognition in print

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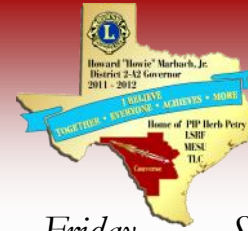
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**Mail to: SAFLC PICCIUTI CHARITY GOLF CHALLENGE**

P.O. Box 593008  
 San Antonio, Texas 78259

Questions: phone: (210) 225-1164 or (210) 663-5372 or E-mail [safcl@safcl.org](mailto:safcl@safcl.org)

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