

TEAM NEWS

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

During the month of April I was excited and honored to visit with five District Clubs, and visited with some people from Castroville to form a new Lions club there. I also visited with the Devine Lions Club to see what was accomplished with the grant they received from the Texas Lions Foundation for the Devine area tornado damage on May 19, 2012. They did a marvelous job working with the disaster victims.

We had a great District 2-A2 Convention in Converse on April 13-14, 2012. The Youth contests were held on Friday April 13, in the afternoon, followed with a Youth Scholarship Banquet that evening, at Boysville, which was attended by 133 Lions and quests. Following this was some great friendship building in the hospitality rooms.

Saturday, April 14th was started at Boysville with a great continental break-

fast, and followed by the Necrology Service for the sixteen Lions that passed-on to the great Lions Club in the sky.

The General Business Session had many great reports, with 148 Lions and quests attending. The business meeting was followed by voting for the various nominated positions. Thirty three Clubs participated with 103 Lion voting delegates. These results can be seen in the Convention minutes in this newsletter.

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From the District Governor

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The Awards Banquet was held after the voting with 123 Lions and guests attending. We had a great meal, followed by a terrific presentation by PID Mike Butler. He equated Lions to ducks which can either waddle or fly, but most of the time they just waddle on the ground. Then he asked the question "do we as Lions choose to fly high where we have great vision to accomplish many things, or do we choose to just waddle on the ground? I believe the Lions of District 2-A2 choose to fly high so they can accomplish great things. After Lion Mike's presentation 59 awards were given to deserving Lions.

Which brings me to membership. District 2-A2 membership has dropped from 1768 Lions in Nov. 2011 to 1682 Lions by the end of April. A drop of 86 members during this time frame. Did these Lions lose their desire to help people less fortunate than themselves, or has the TEAM done something wrong??? The membership, retention, and leadership committees have been working hard to start new clubs; but we as individual Lions need to work on retaining the Lions we have by treating them like family, and share this great Lion experience with some new Lions. We all know that the more Lions we have the more we can do in our communities. We have almost 2 more months to bring the District back to

a positive membership. We had been doing great up until Dec. 2012. We started the year with 1749 Lions, and as of April 2012 we have 1682, that is a negative membership of 67 members. "I BELIEVE" that "TOGETHER - EVERYONE - ACHIEVES-MORE", and that this Great District can still achieve a positive Lion membership. So let's fly high and make it happen! I will bring in a new member, how about YOU?

Together we can accomplish it.

Yours in Lionism and God Bless,

District Governor

Lion Howie Marbach

Fiesta Flambeau Parade 2012





From The First Vice District Governor

My Fellow Lions,

First of all I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the District Convention on April 13-14, 2012, at Boysville in Converse, Texas. A special thanks to my home club, the Edgewood Lions, for supporting me and allowing me to serve as your Governor. I also want to thank the PDG's for their encouragement and support but, most of all, I want to thank you the Lions of District 2-A2 for having the confidence in me to lead our great District and meet the challenges that we are facing in membership, retention and most importantly, service to our communities.

Not to diminish President Tam's motto of **"I Believe"**, President-

Elect Wayne Madden's theme is **"In a World of Service"**. As your District Governor-Elect, I want us to focus on the fact that **"We Serve because We Care."** Charles Schultz once said, **"The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials...the most money...or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most."**

In order for us Lions to better serve our communities and meet their needs, it is imperative that we build our membership, as well as, retain our present members in order to continually meet the ever growing demand for our services. Our beloved Founder, Melvin Jones, said it best when he stated – **"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."**



Recently, I visited the **San Antonio Alamo Postal Lions Club**. This may not be a large club but, they have a big heart and are active in their community. I want to congratulate this club for living up to these themes through the service

work that they provide for their community.

As I prepare the **2012-2013 District Directory**, I have noticed that there are thirty-two clubs that have not as yet submitted their PU-101 Forms which lists each club's new officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair) with addresses, phones numbers and e-mail addresses. **It is very important to submit your PU-101's as soon as possible.**

We are now in the home stretch with the **"Marion Jones Stride for Sight"**. If your club has made a pledge but as yet have not paid it, please do so as soon as possible. Also, if your club has not yet participated in the **"Marion Jones Stride for Sight"** program, it is not too late to do so. We are shooting for 100% participation this year, our 20th year for **"Stride for Sight."**

Send your money to Lion Jim [Name], COO of Lions Sight Relief Foundation and make the [Name] that it is for the "Stride for

prepare for the New Lion [Name] we have set up several Train- [Name] sessions for Lions. I want to [Name] encourage all Lions and especially new officers, as well as, all Area Chairs and Zone Chairs to attend one of these sessions. All Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in these training sessions. By doing so, it

From The Vice District Governor

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will make the upcoming year get off to a "GREAT START" and allow each of you to help design the service direction of our great District. The training sessions are as follows:

First Session: May 12, 2012 (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. hosted by the S.A. First Ladies Lions Club. This session will be held in San Antonio at Our Lady of the Lake University's Wellness Center. (Back of campus by the Tennis Courts)

Second Session: May 26, 2012 (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. hosted by Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club. This session will be held in Del Rio at the Juan Olivares Club House.

Third Session: June 2, 2012 (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. hosted by the Utopia Lions Club. This session will be held in Utopia at the Utopia Senior Citizen Home.

In order to give you advance notice and to get this date on your calendar, our **First Cabinet Meeting** for the 2012 – 2013 Lions Year will be

held on Saturday, **July 7, 2012**, at the **Texas Lions Camp, in Kerrville**. Additional information will be forth coming.

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,

Vice District Governor

Lion Richard Keilholz



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- Session 2 - June 10-16: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)
- Session 3 - June 17-23: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)
- Session 4 - June 24-30: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)
- Session 5 - July 1–7: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)
- Specialty Camps - July 8-14: (Leased) American Cancer Society (ages 7-16)
- Specialty Camps - July 15-21: Children with Burns (leased)/Down Syndrome (ages 12-16)
- Diabetes Camp 1 - July 22-28: Children with Type 1 Diabetes (ages 8-15)
- Diabetes Camp 2 - July 29 – Aug 4: Children with Type 1 Diabetes (ages 8-15)

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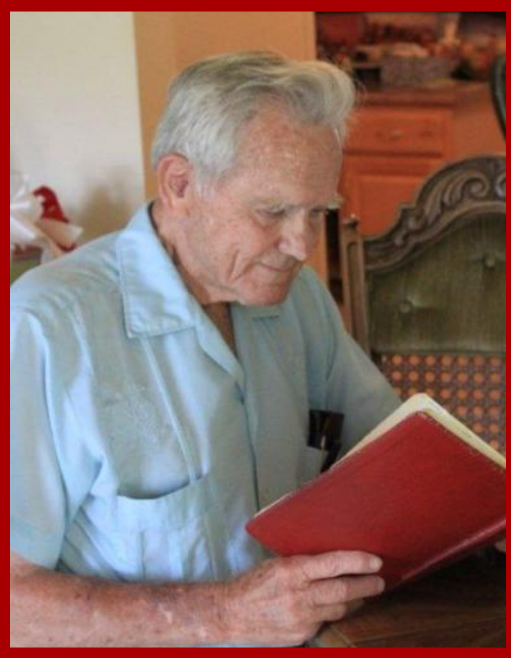
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From The District Chaplain

Fellow Lions,

The following is information on several deceased Lions from the current Lion's year and from a Memorial Service which I consider as being inadequate since information on these Lions was never received on time, not sent at all or very incomplete.

I trust that future Chaplains will be more successful in getting information on deceased partners so they can be recognized with honor at least one more time.

The final newsletters of Gov. Marbach's year will attempt to provide a little information on those who served during his year as Governor.

We so often tend to forget those who have served so faithfully when we no longer see their smiling faces.

From Brackettville Lions Club



Wilma Lewis

"Lion Wilma was one of the most dedicated Lions I have ever known. She lived and breathed Lionism almost as fervently as she served her God.

She served in every office as a member of the Brackettville Lions Club and Zone Chairman in District 2-A2. In her later years her vision and audible senses failed to the point of near total deafness and extreme visual impairment, but she continued to served as Club Secret

ary with a hearing aid and a Tele-sensory Magnifier.

Wilma will forever be remembered by the Lions who knew and worked with her and especially the Lions and Community of Brackettville."

-Lion Mac McCain

From Carrizo Springs Lions Club:

Albert Gardley

Photo not Provided

(Incomplete information was offered on this long-time member). Lion Albert was an early member, perhaps Charter. He held various offices, probably including President; had regular attendance and participated in numerous projects. Died in February 2012.

From Comfort Lions Club

Roy Corky Matter

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Lion Roy joined Comfort Lions after retiring from Houston area, and died August 2011.

Lion Roy was very active, especially with Blood Mobile in Comfort. He was President at least twice and held all other offices except Secretary/Treasurer.

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From Converse Lions Club



Darrell Goemer

Lion Darrell joined the Converse Lions in June 2001, he passed away in March 2012.

He was an active member but held no offices in Club or District. Darrell was a Vietnam veteran with Purple Heart. Are we slow in recognizing his service to his community and country?

From Converse Lions Club

James Williamson

Lion James joined Lions in 1971, and was very active. He was a club

President and held fifteen years 100% perfect attendance.. Lion James moved to Arp upon retiring



but retained membership in the Converse Club.

From Del Rio Host Lions



John W. Crawford

Lion John joined Lionism in 7 August 1983. He was born on Octo-

ber 31, and passed away 1 July, 2011.

Lion John served his club as a Club Director, Tail Twister, and Lion Tamer He also received an award for being the Club's Chief Fund Raiser.

John loved to work with youth Award received for being Club Chief Fund Raiser.

Lion John loved working with youth in sports programs and coached the local Babe Ruth Baseball League.,

From Devine Lions Club



Charles H. Phillips

Lion Charles joined the Sabinal Lions in 1995 and has never looked back.

He died in January after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Lion Charlie Served as President, Vice-president, Secretary and Lion Tamer.

At District level, Lion Charlie served as Tail Twister; Chairman,

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World Sight for Blind; on Hearing Board; Zone Chairman, 2003-04.

He has been awarded President Appreciation Award; Lion-of -Year, in 1996-67.

Lion Charlie taught General safety to High School Students; conducted hearing and vision tests at Devine schools.

From Fredericksburg
Lions Club

Belton K. Linksiek

Photo not Provided

Lion Belton joined Lionism in Fredericksburg, TX. Little information thereafter was provided except his regular in attendance..

He Died at 81 years in December, 2011. Survived by wife, Josie Lath.

From Fredericksburg

Lions Club

Eugene D. Sidlo

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Lion Eugene was born February 20, 1921 and passed away May 27, 2011 at the age of 90. He was married 59 years to Mary Louise; and they celebrated the Lutheran Faith.

Lion Gene owned and operated Vapor Propane and enjoyed growing his own fruits and vegetables.

Lion Charlie was honored by his Lions Club for 50 years of service..

He is a Past President of Chamber of Commerce.

Of the remaining Lions we honor for their years of service, those who have now joined fellow servants for appropriate rewards, will be included in the final District 2-A2 Newsletter of Lion Howie Marbach's excellent year as District Governor; enhanced by the persistent plea for information from all avenues and walks of life within the activities of Lionism with all forthcoming tidbits taken and molded into an excellent Nobel Prize performance intended to enlighten all Lions of past successes and future obligations.

In His Service,

District 2-A2 Chaplain

PDG Lytle Blankenship

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From the Texas Lions Foundation



Well, another District 2A2 convention has come and gone. Congratulations to every officer for a job well done, and best wishes to next year's officers. I hope that each year surpasses the last so that Lions Club International can continue to grow and make a difference in this world.

Your Texas Lions Foundation had a relatively quiet winter, but things sure did change this spring! District 2A2 was first to submit a grant re-

quest due to damaging tornados in the Devine and Natalia areas—the request was quickly granted. In short order six more emergency grants were requested for damage done by the dozen+ tornados in the Dallas area. Most of these requests came from small communities, some I had never heard of before. Your Foundation went to work and granted all six requests—after all, we are Texas Lions helping fellow Texans.

Due to the drought of this past year and to the way this spring has begun, I can only hope and pray for a safe summer and hurricane season.

We are now coming to the time of year when most clubs begin to think of honoring their members by donating to the Texas Lions Foundation. Normally 80% of the year's donations are made in the last 3 months of the Lions year. This year roughly \$9,000 has been pledged or given. We still have two and a half months to go. To reach our goal for this

year, we only need to raise another \$16,000. In the past, I have seen this District contribute \$17,000 in only two months, so I know you CAN do it if you WANT TO.

Don't forget, if we reach our goal this year, the District Tail Twisters will get to shave my head!

I'll keep you posted in June as we get closer to the deadline.

Your fellow Lion,

PDG John Seale



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Summer 2012 is coming fast and you're invited to be a part of all the fun that summer brings. Make plans now to be here **FOUR** one of the Friday Night Award Ceremonies or bring your Club members and have a tour!

FOUR your information, "The Today's Promise for Tomorrow's Children Endowment Campaign" has passed the \$3 million dollar mark and is swinging for **FOUR!**

Are you and/or your Lions Club counted among those making a Promise Today for Tomorrow's Children? There are not only thousands of children currently counting on us, but tens of thousands more that have yet to be born who will be depending upon us to make a conscious decision today, to provide for their needs in the future.

Making your pledge is easy to do and may be paid over time. Your commitment should be a "stretch" but need not be a burden since payments may be arranged to meet your individual or club needs. So don't wait! **Get into the game and help TLC swing for FOUR this summer!**



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Peace Poster Contest

Good Evening Lions,

I am writing you this evening to introduce myself, my name is Maxine Garza and I am currently Vice-President for the La Vernia Lions Club. I will also be the District 2-A2 Chairperson for the International Peace Poster contest for 2012-2013.

Amparo Diaz from S. A. Harlandale Lions Club has done a wonderful job for the past few years; I will have big shoes to fill because she is stepping down this year. Our District Governor Elect Richard J. Keilholz called me to offer me this position, which I honorably accepted.

I am sending this email out now, because summer is here and there is about a month of school left. It would be great to get this information to the youth of our communities so they can have the summer to work on their posters, if they choose to participate. Giving them something creative to do and keeping them involved over the summer months and hopefully out of trouble.



Below is a website you can log onto to view the past participants and winning posters; they're outstanding. Please take a few minutes to view this site, this will give you a better idea about the competition level of these posters.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/youth-programs/peace-poster-contest/peace-poster-contest-grand-prize-winners.php>

More information on this contest is in the attachment provided. Please feel free to contact me for any questions or concerns.

I know everyone has busy days and I appreciate the time you have taken out of your busy schedule to read my email. I hope to hear back from each club with the agreement to participate in this contest.

We are here to make a difference in our communities. Let's do it with the creative minds of our youth. Let's see how they 'Imagine Peace'.

Maxine Garza
 District Chairperson
 'International Peace Poster Contest'
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Tampa Bay, Florida September 13-15, 2012

From TLERC: The Unsung Heroes

We spend so much time these days talking about the “**unsung heroes**” in our society to the point that these wonderful people, who give their all to help others, might now have to be called the “**sung heroes**”. I’m talking about those firemen, police officers, EMT’s, and of course those brave men & women all over the world protecting our freedom; and it is fantastic that their praises are finally being sung and their deeds recognized as heroic.

In a way then, our society needs to start paying attention to & recognizing another group of heroes, that are still for the most part - “**unsung**”. They are the volunteers in service in our Lions Clubs (yes, and in all of the other service clubs and groups in our communities). Now for the most part these wonderful men & women will continue to serve

whether or not we ever **sing** their praises or recognize anything they have done. Certainly these humble servants are not going to shine a light on their own great works.

However, there is a huge problem for the “circle of life” of a Lions Club (or maybe we could say “**circle of service**”) by our failure to get on the highest roof tops and sing their praises, and we see it every day in the shrinking number of Lions in our local clubs. It’s really

very simple. The more people who see the Lions out in the public with their brightly colored vests doing community service and the more we publicize their works in newspapers and TV, etc., etc. (etc. today means facebook & web pages, etc.); the more desire those not involved will have to join in and help. The more Lions we have to help, the more service we can do, which will mean more people out there being recog-



nized and noticed, so that even more people will see what good things the Lions are doing, so that more people will join, and we can do even more service,.....well you get the point. This is the “**Circle of Service**”.

All of this leads to the 2 purposes of this article. The first is to remind everybody that there are hundreds of “**unsung heroes**” in our clubs that we should be recognizing, especially this time of year when all of

the installation & awards banquets are going on. What better way to do this than to honor them with one of TLERC’s 3 fellowship levels, named in honor of 3 Lions that define unsung heroes to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: Lions Ike Fitzgerald, George Miles, and Dr. Norman Gould? Get on TLERC’s new website: www.tlercmidlandtexas.org and download the form. Send your order

soon, so we can get them to you before your awards banquet.

Secondly is to thank those really special “**unsung heroes**” at TLERC’s warehouse in Midland, who almost single-handedly, are doing everything from sorting & packaging glasses, to making new glasses, to teaching training classes, to running the office and monthly screenings: PDG Bob Edwards,

Lion Cheryl Curtin, Lion Tom Mills, Lion Haden Minton, and of course, PDG Ike Fitzgerald. These Lions need some help, not only from all those Lions in and around Midland; but even those in other parts of the state. Call the office; we’d love to set up a work weekend in Midland for any Club or District that is willing to get involved helping put glasses on people around the world.

(No I did NOT forget one.) There is

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From TLERC: The Unsung Heroes

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one really special Lion, **PDG Dave Hoopman**, who drags that trailer to almost every council meeting around Texas to pick up glasses, runs glasses back & forth to the prison in Big Spring every week, and handles the operation of the whole center as our Chief Operating

That's just to get started, because the rest of his time is spent sorting and training, making presentations, and everything else that needs doing around the center. We are told that Lion Dave will be moving away from Midland in the next few months, that is if he can figure out how to get loose from that chain we plan to hang on his ankle. His dedi-

cation and effort exemplifies "unsung hero".

THANKS LION DAVE, YOU WILL BE MISSED!

*Tom Blase,
DG Elect 2A1
TLERC Promotions Director*

District Convention 2012



Lion Carl Gibbs is inducted into the Herb C. Petry Hall of Fame 2012

District Convention 2012



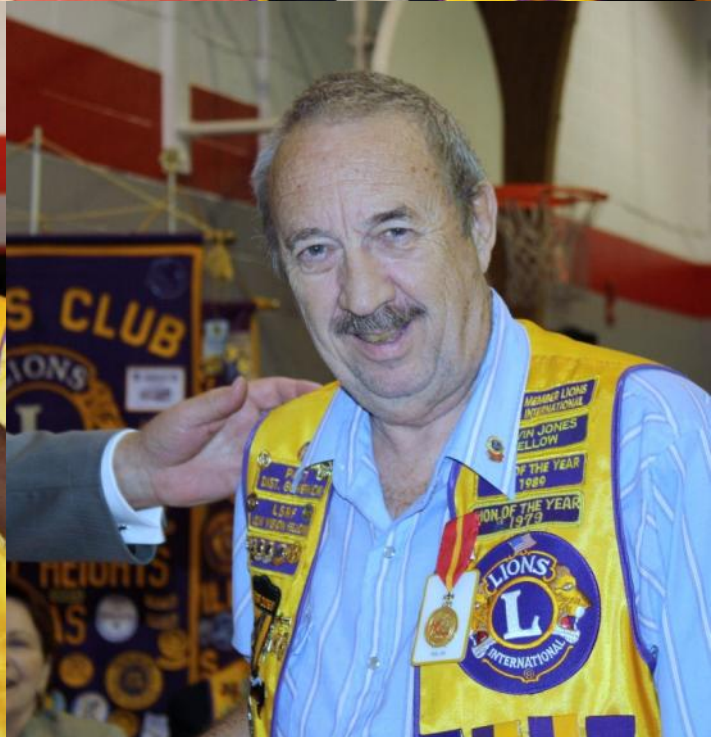
What the heck did they put in that punch?

District Convention 2012



Lion Sam Pantusa receives the 2012 District 2-A2 Lion of the Year Award.

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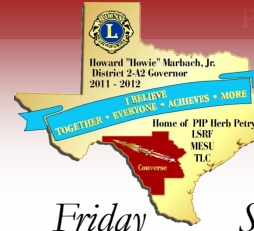


VDGE Richard Keilholz accepts the District 2-A2 Crystal Gavel from Governor Howie Marbach.

District Convention 2012



June 2012



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