

TEAM NEWS

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

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From The
District 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.

Hi Lion Friends,

We started this month with the 3rd Council of Governors Meeting on Feb. 2-4, 2012 in Kerrville, Tx. It all started on Thursday night with the reception at the San Antonio Airport with the arrival of PID Joe Preston (who will be the next 2nd International Vice President) and his wife Joni. The reception included Mariachi music and a bouquet of two dozen roses, which was presented by PIP Jimmy and Velda Ross and PID Mike and Sheryl Butler all ar-

ranged by Lion Liz and PCC Mike Rourke, PDG T. J. and numerous Lions. Myself, 1st VDG Richard and 2nd VDG Wendy were not able to attend the reception because we were having the pre-council meeting. Friday morning was the Council of Governors meeting. Much business was conducted and one of the highlights was when the Council adopted the Resolution from District 2-A2 for our bid for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in San Antonio, TX in

2017. The afternoon was filled with work sessions for the District Governors, 1st VDG's, and 2nd VDG's. Saturday was filled with the Texas Lions Camp breakfast, followed by committee meeting and the Directors General Session. The afternoon was filled with a District Governors work session and concluded that evening with the PDG Banquet and a great presentation by PID Joe Preston.

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We only had one club visit this month and it was with S.A. First Ladies Lions Club. We were given the royal treatment, and it appears everyone had a great time. I know I did and I really Thank them for the wonderful time.

Several other Lion meetings were held involving new club organization (extension) and a District TEAM meeting. Which leads me to District membership and it saddens me tell you that three Lions Clubs have disbanded (after a great effort by the TEAM to save them) for a total loss of 63 members. Of course when we loose clubs and their members we can no longer provide service to those areas, to those less fortunate than ourselves. So the remaining clubs need to help provide that service by increasing their membership. Remember the District Leadership Team had recommended that we talk to and invite 2 people a month to our club meetings. If we will continue this for the remaining 4 months, I believe we will be surprised in how many more people we will be able to help. So I encourage you to believe in the life-changing impact your Club can have on your community by extending your Lions Family. Remember every club needs members to achieve its service goals. New members provide clubs with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to make positive contributions to their community.

This I Believe is also a good time renew and revisit the District 2-A2 TEAM Goals. So here they are:

DISTRICT 2-A2 GOALS FOR 2011-2012

During this Service year we ask each of you, my fellow Lions to take on the theme of International President Tam when he states I BELIEVE and especially during these difficult economic times, when an increase in service to our communities is likely; we, more than ever, need to BELIEVE in our commitment and work together as a TEAM, because

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The majority of what we accomplish within our communities is done by the Lion membership. So to continue and/or increase our level of Service to our communities we will need to encourage new members to join our clubs. To do this, we ask that each club in our district to expend whatever effort is necessary to increase our membership; and we Believe a very attainable goal is a Plus (+) One Lion member for each Club.

We can only continue and increase our Service to our various communities by retaining the Lion members we have. To do this, we need to take better care of our Lion members, treat them like family, and have fun while serving. A good guide to use is the "Initial Record of New Member" which is on the back of the membership application.

The Future of Lionism lies with our Youth of today. We must continue to shape and support our youth through the programs designed for our young people. To do this, we are requesting that each Club in District 2-A2 support at least one Youth Program.

Due to the great Service and Worthwhile work performed by the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Campaign, the Stride For Sight, Texas Lions Foundation, and the Governors 100% Programs, we are asking all Clubs to support these great Service Programs that benefit all communities within District 2-A2.

So that our District 2-A2, MD-2 Texas, and Lions International can continue Serving, we ask each Club for the timely filing of reports and dues payment.

In order for a Club to function efficiently they need a Club Budget and Goals/Purpose, along with each Lion developing their own individual Goals.

In order to provide Lions Service in unassisted communities or areas, it is important to develop new clubs in these areas. To do this, we ask all Lions to help identify these areas of need.

If you ask why we have these Goals, it is because WE SERVE, because WE CARE and BELIEVE that we can make this a better World to Live In.

We are really looking forward to meeting many of You at our Club

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visits, which I really need to start increasing, because I am way behind. If you have a date you would like for me to visit your Club, please contact me, because I would Love to visit with your Club. It is one of the Governors responsibili-

ties to meet with every Club in the district. Please help me out by contacting me. If you have any constructive ideas you would like to discuss with me, the TEAM or would like to serve your District in anyway. Please contact me or the TEAM.

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Yours In Lionism and God Bless You,

***District Governor
Lion Howie Marback***

SAN FELIPE LIONS CLUB “STRIDE FOR SIGHT”

The San Felipe Lions Club will hold their, “Stride for Sight” walkathon on March 24, 2011. The walkathon will take place at Roy Musquiz Park – Val Verde Estate and will start at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Each member will take pledges and may also make a personal contribution.

All donations will be greatly appreciated and will be sent to the “Stride for Sight” Lions program.

Sponsor / Member: _____

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For directions or additional information contact District Treasurer Lion [Roberto Castillo](#).



From The First Vice District Governor

My Fellow Lions:

“Fast and Furious” probably best describes the month of February, at least for me. Second VDG Lion Wendy and I have been talking to Lions Clubs around the District about the **“Marion Jones Stride for Sight.”** The month of March, and specifically March 17, 2012, has been designated as the time for clubs to raise money for the **“Marion Jones Stride for Sight.”** This year, 2012, marks our 20th anniversary of the **“Marion Jones Stride for Sight”** in which the Lions of District 2-A2 have raised over \$500,000. All monies raised from the **“Marion Jones Stride for Sight”** for this year will go toward

the expansion of the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas and the Patients’ Assistance Fund. We would like to see 100% participation from each and every club in District 2-A2. I want to thank each of the Clubs who made pledges to the **“Marion Jones Stride for Sight”** Program at our Mid-Winter Conference in Fredericksburg, Texas. As you may know, the **“Marion Jones Stride for Sight”** is the only fund raising tool which, through the Lions Sight Research Foundation directly finances the Lions of District 2-A2 research programs and facilities, such as the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas, the Lions Surgical Skills Lab, the Lion Eugene Eberlin Ophthalmic Clinical Research Facility, the Lions Pathology Lab and the Mobile Eye Screening Unit. These facilities are an essential component of the Department of Ophthalmology with the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. We will have additional information to give to you at our upcoming District Convention on April 13 and 14th, 2012, in Converse, Texas.

We are at a time in the year, when each club is in the process of electing their leadership for the 2012-2013 Lion year. It is very important that as you select your President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair that you complete the PU-101 Form on line with Lions International. It is the information that you give Lions Clubs International

that I will use to create my directory for my year as your governor in 2012-2013. My intention is to have the directory on-line as well as to print up enough directories to give to each of the clubs in District 2-A2. It is important to have correct addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the officers of each of the clubs in District 2-A2.

As a follow up to this, I am looking for individual Lions who are interested in serving at the District level for Zone chairs, Region chairs or Program chairs. I am looking at creating a team of Lions who want to build on and help to make the Lions of District 2-A2 better and stronger, providing more service to the less fortunate in our communities, our District, our State and World. If you are interested in working at the District level, please contact me as I begin to put together a team of Lions willing and ready to work for the Lions of District 2-A2

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.

“We Serve Because We Care”.

Yours in Service,

First Vice District Governor

Richard J. Keilholz



From The Second Vice District Governor

To my Lions friends,

Have you received an email that reads something like this?

“Help! I’m (we’re) taking a short vacation in Holland (or Rome, or England, etc...) and was mugged only to have all my cash and credit cards stolen. Fortunately,, my passport wasn’t taken..

We’ve been to the Police here but they’re not helping issues at all and our return flight leaves in few hours from now but we’re having problems settling the hotel bills and the hotel manager won’t let us leave until we settle the bills. Well, we

really need your financial assistance

Please let me know if you can help us out?”

This has been one of the most effective email scams recently, sometimes called a 419 scheme, and has been making the rounds since 2009.

Not only is this scam used to defraud you of money, it can also be used to hack into friends email addresses, and send viruses to every friend in your contact list. That is just simply vindictive – but they send the virus so that they can get into your computer to obtain important information. Regardless, be aware of anyone at all, asking you for money or help. Double check by making a phone to your friend to verify this spam, and let them know they have been hacked.

I can’t tell you how many of these emails I have received and they all seem to be from hackers posing as my fellow Lions. Of course Lions aren’t the only targets of these hackers. But, when you think about it, what better target than people who are part of charity organizations who would generally do anything to help out a friend in need?

Don’t fall for it! If you get an e-mail note that someone you know is stuck overseas and needs cash right away, don’t reply. Delete it immedi-

ately. Any real request would include substantially more specific information, including names, numbers, dates and a better justification.

This particular scam usually ends up with the person the hackers are impersonating having to change their email address and passwords.

Don’t let this scare you away from all of the great things the internet has to offer us.

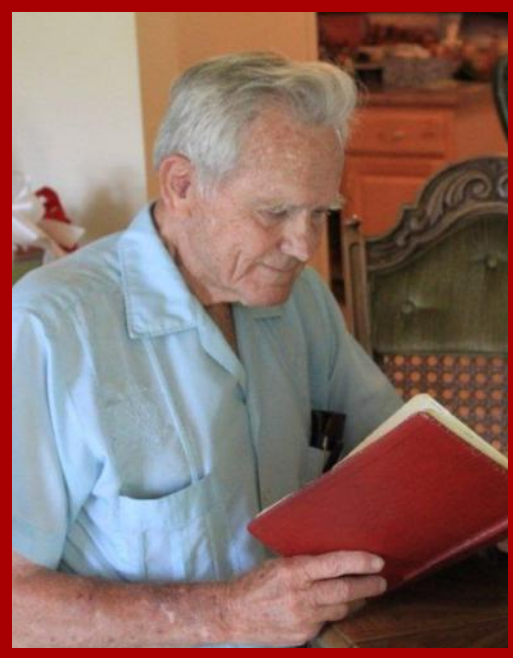
LCI, MD-2 and District 2-A2 have all gone to great lengths over the past years to make connecting with each other as easy a few keyboard strokes. We can stay connected, learn more about Lionism, take classes, webinars, and of course, read our fabulous District Newsletter online (which also saves the District Administration a great deal of money which can be put to better use).

Don’t let a few bad guys keep you from letting us make Lionism more accessible to you. Besides that, we’re Lions - who do we have to be afraid of?

So stay connected!

Yours in Service,

Second Vice District Governor
Lion Wendy Van Winkle
dvanwinkle@stx.rr.com



From The District Chaplain

As I slowly turned the corner I could see Tom standing in front of his office distinctly marked by an American flag. Two characteristics are always going to mark Tom: his being on time and loyalty to his country. It looked like it was going to be a nice Spring day in this quiet, quaint Hill Country village. With fewer than 2,000 inhabitants gracing its roll, I did not expect to see too many cars or pedestrians. We had set 0730 as our meeting time so Tom could be ready for any customers.

To digress just a moment, Tom was one of what many have called "The greatest generation of all times" and few, if any, have ever contested the classification. a back room, mostly patriotic but an occasional popular hit song of the times, e.g. "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree." In his late 80s Tom was still quite agile so he was quick to greet me with a firm handshake, another of his traits.

Let's see, getting down to business, recognizing Tom's time limitations, we wanted to talk about honoring not only veterans

but also those who have served on the battle front of wars against poverty, disabilities, racism or any aspect that might cause fellow man to be less fortunate or have a special need. Serving as a Lion's Chaplain several, times has probably brought you closer to how your fellow Lions have responded to the needs of others than the average man on the street. Regarding these needs, what do the Lions do to help others and how do we recognize their efforts?

This was when Tom's countenance changed, attaining almost an aura. Bob, Lions aren't in the business of Lionism for rewards or recognition but to serve their fellow man, following the example of the greatest servant of all time. What do we do? No action is out of the realm of service; however Lions are noted for certain programs. Sight conserva-

tion has always been a major thrust, especially since Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind" in 1925. To augment sight conservation were such programs such as "White Cane Day;" "Leader Dog for the Blind;" Mobile Eye Screening Unit; where a specially equipped bus travels throughout a 21- county area providing people with free screenings; Lions Low Vision Center, etc. And then there are hearing exams and aids; special needs like remodel of homes; prosthetic limbs. In fact the ability to help someone is almost limitless.

What are the rewards? We've already addressed that, but Tom, within the Lions organization the least we can do is whenever a Lion has completed his service to his club, his community, his major prototype and has been called home for his final reward, Lions need to report that going home so that all club members will be aware of their loss and then at a special memorial service at the annual District Convention for our final tribute and "well done good and faithful servant."

Since our last Memorial Service we have the following Lions to recognize and honor (if you know of others please let your Chaplain know.)

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WILMA LEWIS
BRACKETTVILLE LIONS CLUB
Deceased 08/01/11

ALBERT E. EARDLY
CARRIZO SPRINGS LIONS
CLUB
Deceased 02/01/12

ROY J. CORKY MATTER COM-
FORT LIONS CLUB
Deceased 08/01/11

JAMES WILLIAMSON
CONVERSE LIONS CLUB
Deceased 11/01/11

JOHN W. CRAWFORD
DEL RIO HOST LIONS CLUB
Deceased 07/01/11

CHARLES H. PHILLIPS JR. DE-
VINE LIONS CLUB
Deceased 01/01/12

BELTON KLINKSIEK
FREDRICKSBURG LIONS
CLUB
Deceased 01/01/12

EUGENE SIDLO
FREDRICKSBURG LIONS CLUB -
Deceased 06/01/11

WILLIAM J ARINK
GEORGE WEST LIONS CLUB
Deceased 09/01/11

HENRY B HAHN
HELOTES LIONS CLUB
Deceased 07/01/11

WILLIAM E. GARDEN
SAN ANTONIO NORTHSIDE
LIONS CLUB
Deceased 07/01/11

KAYE H BIGGAR
SAN ANTONIO OAK HILLS
LIONS CLUB
Deceased 08/01/11

In Memory of Josephine "JoJo" White Petry

Several years ago I had the privilege of introducing Past International President, Herb C. Petry, at a Lions Club meeting in Laredo.

I say privilege because Herb was more than a good Leader; I would classify him as "great" but in the process of identifying reasons why he was great, I perhaps failed to suggest one of the greatest reasons for Lion Herb's formula for success.

When God created "man" he looked upon his handiwork and was pleased. But in his omniscience he recognized man was likely to need help in his journey through life so

he created "woman" from a rib from the side of man; indicating to me that this helpmate was not meant to follow behind, walk ahead but to stand beside man.

God could not have chosen a more perfect mate than Jo Jo to stand beside the great leader, Herb, who stood for many years as one of the greatest leaders ever in Lionism. Not only a "beauty queen" but a lady of patience, perseverance, and perfect loyalty to Herb, family, friends, Lionism and her Master. A most gracious lady who provided the desired character, personality and example for all "First Ladies" to

be of Lions Club International.

It was always a pleasure to attend a Lion's function from Club to International level knowing that if Jo Jo was present you would have an opportunity to visit with her. It was a disappointment if you failed to make that contact with her. We have missed seeing her following Herb's departure and with her departure from this earth will, with all our hearts, miss this truly special lady.

District 2-A2 Chaplain

PDG Lytle Blankenship

lhblanken@gmail.com

Thanks to you faithful Lions for the service rendered to mankind.

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 _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

Address (street/box) _____

City State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

OTHER COMMENTS

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

San Felipe Del Rio Lions Sponsor MESU



At a recent collaborative event with the Del Rio Host Lions and Boy Scouts selling brisket, the San Felipe Del Rio Lions Club Sponsored and manned the District 2-A2 Mobile Eye Screening Unit. Above, Zone I Chairman and San Felipe Lion member Lion Roberto Castillo demonstrates how to properly check blood pressure.



D'Hanis Lions Club Annual BBQ Cook-Off

D'Hanis Lions Club

BBQ Cook-off!

April 27th and 28th, 2012

Rules and Entry Forms are [here](#)

Prizes and Awards include

Trophies for Beef, Chicken and Ribs

People's Choice Award

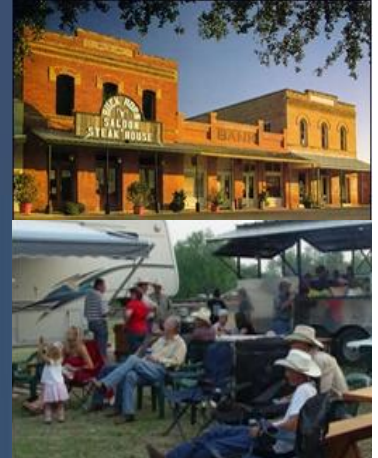
Best Bean Entry

Many thanks to our generous [sponsors](#)

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Scholarship and
Community
Service Funds*

*Contact
Lion Doug Self at
830-363-6138
doug@lefeeds.com*

*Think you're got the best BBQ?
Here's your chance to show your stuff!*



From The Texas Lions Foundation

Fellow Lions,

It's almost springtime! Just like the birds & the bees, Lions are beginning to get busier as the more active part of our Lions year begins. In the next three months we will have the Stride for Sight, the Kinda Like a County Fair, the 12th Annual Leadership Forum, the 2A2 District Convention in Converse and the MD2 Convention in Houston. If you add each club's individual projects to the mix, as a Lion you don't have to look too hard for something to do!

Your Texas Lions Foundation has been staying busy as well. In addition to gearing up for the summer's usual emergencies (and we hope there won't be many), the Foundation has continued to work toward securing the funding for the Lions State

Office and Museum. I hope to be able to tell you that in the next six months, funding will be to-



tally completed. One club in T3 has donated over \$20,000 this year alone, and I understand this club has fewer than a dozen members! If other clubs/districts can contribute to this extent, so can 2A2!

Contributions toward our district goal are about 35% so far this year. Again remember—if we reach our \$25,000 goal, the Tail Twisters will shave my head at the 1st Cabinet meeting next year. Please come to the District Convention prepared to make a pledge to the Foundation, honor some deserving Lions in your club, and most importantly, help some deserving Texan in need of our help! Contributions may be made until June 30, 2012. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the various levels of contributions, either individually or collectively. I encourage your support of this and all Lions' endeavors.

Yours in service,

PDG Lion John Seale

Texas Lions Leadership Forum

Converse Lions Club President Lion Marilyn Weed spends time with Beth-Ann (also from Converse Lions Club). Beth-Ann is a first time



attendee at Texas Lions Leadership Forum in Austin. March 3, 2012. This is a perfect opportunity for those who have never attended a Leadership Forum to attend seminars, network, and enjoy the fellow-



ship of other Lions.

If you are curious about Lions Leadership, and missed this year's Forum, make plans to attend next year.



Hear Now Program

District 2-A2 Hearing Board



To All District 2-A2 Lions Clubs:

Please inform your membership that effective March 1, 2012, you can now refer adults from your community, who are in need of a hearing aid, for an evaluation appointment to:

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
4502 Medical Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78229**

**HEARING IMBALANCE DEPARTMENT
3rd floor of the hospital.
210-358-4583**

You or the person seeking this assistance will need to call the number listed above for the appointment and inform the receptionist (**Adelia**) that they are being referred through your Lions Club.

This service is known as the **HEAR NOW Program**. The Directors of your District 2-A2 Hearing Board have agreed to enter into this new partnership between the Lions of District 2-A2 and the Starkey Hearing Foundation. Most people in need of Hearing Aids need 2 aids and under our former service plan, we could only afford to provide one. This new partnership will allow us to greatly expand our hearing assistance service because we will be able to provide 2 aids for each individual, if needed, for the same price we used to pay for one.

The District 2-A2 Hearing Board will still be the responsible party for payment for the adult referred by any Lions Club in our District. The criteria that the adult resides within one of the 21 counties of District 2-A2 and that their income be within 180% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, as listed each year in the Federal Registry, remain the same as before.

If you have any questions please call me.

Yours In Service,

**Maria Luisa “Lulu” Garcia, Chairman
10011 Carolwood Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78213
210-342-2655**

Southtown Lions Club Stride for Sight Benefit



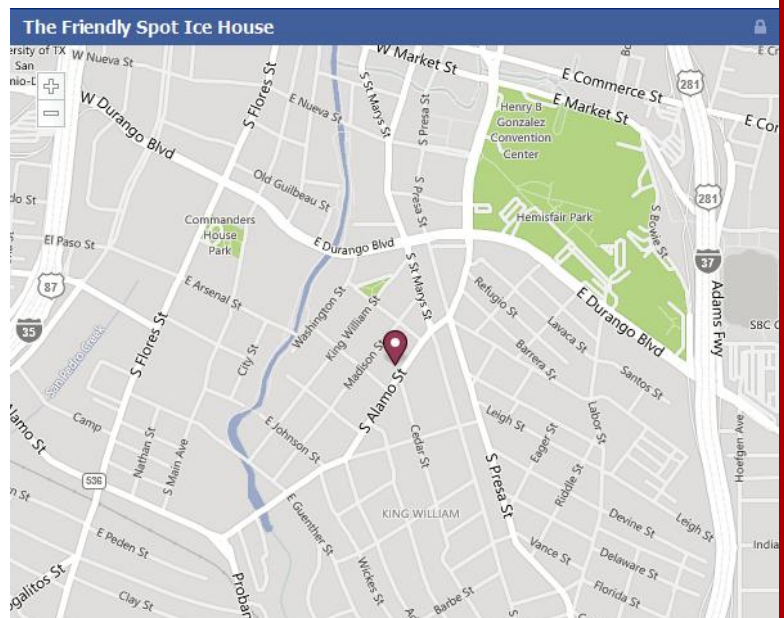
Southtown Lions Club

San Antonio, Texas, USA
Lions Clubs International District 2-A2



Come out and join the Southtown Lions Club as we show off 15 local artists in a show at The Friendly Spot Ice House, 943 S. Alamo.

All funds raised go to the Lions Stride for Sight project, which supports the Lions Sight Research Foundation at University of Texas, the Mobile Eye Screening Unit, and the Texas Lions Low Vision Center. Hope to see you there!



District 2-A2 Human Needs Board Application

Is there a need in your community for an individual or individuals that is more than your club alone can help with? Have the clubs in your Zone discussed collaborating to help fill the need? If you have, but the need is so great that additional assistance is needed, remember the District 2-A2 Human Needs Board is there to help. When clubs work together towards filling a need and still find they need financial assistance, contact the Human Needs Board. A form is available online to request assistance; [just click here](#). The completed form should be forwarded to the Human Needs Board by your Zone Chairman after it is approved by your Board of Directors.

When Lions work together, amazing things can be accomplished.

2012 District 2-A2 Mid Winter Conference Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Governor Howie Marbach, welcoming everyone and recognizing Region 3 and the Fredericksburg Lions for their help in arranging for the meeting today.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VDG Richard Keilholz and there were two opening songs led by the Fredericksburg Lions Club. The first was the rousing "Lions Spirit Down in my Heart" followed by "Our Country Tis of Thee". This was followed by the invocation by Chaplain PDG Lytle Blankenship.

1st Vice District Governor Richard Keilholz introduced the special guests at the meeting and they are: PID Mike Butler and wife, Lion Cheryl; PCC Mike Rourke, Lion Liz's husband; Governor Howie Marbach, PDG John Cole and Lion Pat; PDG Manny Carrillo and Lion Diane; PDG John Seale; PDG Ray Conners and Lion Chris Condren; PDG Cal Lawson; PDG Pat Carroll; PDG Chris Lloyd; PDG John Kimbrough; PDG T J. Tijerina and Lion Juanita; PDG Lytle Blankenship and Lion Margaret. Also introduced was Lion LaJuana substituting for District Secretary Lion Susan Merrifield unable to attend today's meeting, and District Treasurer Robert Castillo along with VDG Richard Keilholz at the head table.

Lion LaJuana presented the minutes of the last meeting as printed and as presented on the District website and the minutes were accepted as

printed.

Treasurer Lion Roberto was dressed in all black in mourning for the Dallas Cowboys and relayed that the report was printed and passed out on the tables in the meeting. He announced that the statements would be mailed out in the coming week and there being no questions or corrections the treasurer's report was accepted as printed.

GLT Coordinator Lion Wally Jackson was unable to attend today's meeting and PDG T J. Tijerina spoke on his behalf and his message was to stress Leadership growth at the club level, grooming Lions in leadership to have an abundance of Lions to take leadership roles at the club and district level. There are many vacancies on our Lion Boards and we must continue to strengthen leadership roles. PID Mike Butler reported that any clubs interested in a club excellence program to see if we are meeting needs of community and meeting needs of members also to contact various ways to accomplish this. There will be a training program at the Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville. It was reported that Our Lady of the Lake Lions Club had participated in a two day training at the Texas Lions Leadership Forum last year and their members gave a report that it had helped them tremendously. Mentoring at the club level was stressed in getting new members and retaining those already in the clubs along with re-assessing and re-evaluating the needs of your com-

munity and your clubs.

The GMT Coordinator Lion Sam Pantusa reported on Membership and announced that instead of being behind in numbers at this time of year we are at break even point and have added 105 new members so far this year. Our PR methods are doing well and over fifty Lions attended the Veterans' Day Parade in San Antonio and a thank you to the LaVernia Lions for furnishing the

float for this year and looking forward to next year. His report on "Kinda Like a County Fair" is that it has merged with the South San Antonio Chamber, for an event to be called "City South" and will be held on May 5th of this year and there will be a need for Lions to help out with this event. He also reported that as of the end of December the following clubs have shown increase of more than 2 members each and they are:

Bruni - 2; Del Rio Host - 5; Del Rio San Felipe - 2; Eagle Pass Evening - 4; Alamo City - 2; Helotes -3; Our Lady of the Lake - 11; San Antonio Edgewood - 8; Leakey - 2; Hondo - 3; George West -2; Three Rivers - 2; SA Founders - 4; Utopia -3; Kerrville Host - 3; and North SA Hills - 3. He further stated that Gov. Howie had agreed that for any and all clubs who bring in at least two new members this year they will be awarded the "2A2 Howie". amid much discussion no particular "prize" could be assessed to this award and Lion

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Sam even pondered that it may continue on into a “Kewi/Keilie/Richie” and perhaps even further a “Winkie” for future District Governors! His main point was that in order to speak to others about Lionism is to display the “passion” you individually feel for Lionism and a great gift he received this Christmas was at WalMart when about a ten year old blond named Cheyenne was walking with a white cane along with her grandmother, and upon conversation she told him about a friend that had attended the Texas Lions Camp but she had not ever been asked or ever gone herself; however, upon discussion with Lion Sam she will be attending Lions Camp this next year, and was heard telling her grandmother as they walked away.. “Wasn’t that Great”... Sam’s sweetest present of the Season to be sure!

PDG T J Tijerina then spoke on Retention and said when we lose a member, we lose their experience and leadership and strong membership discourages losing members out the back door faster than we bring them in the front. Strong leadership translates into strong membership and one example is the Del Rio Lions who traveled over 150 miles just to be at mid-winter. He reported that plans are in the works for the new Incarnate Word Lions Club and LaVernia Lions looking into the possible renewal of the club in Stockdale; Region 20 charter member to help form a new club

and PDG John Kimbrough is looking into an Aggie Club to be formed. He reiterated that the GLT and the GMT are a partnership working together for extension and retention.

Next to take the podium was PDG John Seale on behalf of the Texas Lions Foundation. He reported that this first six months has not been very active, still in drought conditions, and likely to continue along with fires and other disaster this year. To date 30% of the annual budget has been received. At Leakey, had received \$330 and to date, in the last three months the total is now \$453, mostly in memorials, and there are only six (6) 100% Governor’s Clubs to date. PDG John still is looking for that \$25,000.00 goal and made a promise in Leakey that the Tail Twister can shave his head if that goal is reached and immediately raised \$4,500.00 right there. PDG Cal Lawson reported that the Converse Lions Club had voted to cut him two checks for \$52.00 apiece for his visit to their club last week, since they did not furnish him with lunch. Lion Marshall Mundorff presented PDG Seale with a personal check of undisclosed amount; PDG Manny pledged \$500.00 for Del Rio Host; Buffalo Valley pledged \$1,000.00, and Lion Pat Hardwick made a one (1) penny donation as deposit on her clubs Kerrville Heart of the Hills \$100.00 pledge. PDG Seale thanked one and all and mentioned that cut off date for all donations this year will be June 30th.

PDG Raymond Conner Youth Task Force Coordinator reported that the Youth Contest will take place April 13 and 14th, 2012. Friday the 13th from 12:30 to 1 pm the contestants will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Selma Texas. That evening the Youth Scholarship program will be held at Boysville in Converse.

The Youth Contest Chairs were then called upon and Lion Ken Book, will be chairing the Outstanding Youth Contest this year and the deadline for entries will be March 9th. This will be an essay on “Volunteerism today“. He has applications on hand at this meeting and they can also be found on the District website.

Lion Katherine Willems-Darter will again chair the Diabetes Essay Contest and she has a new email address which is: kathy-grandma@gmail.com In this contest they may read their essays.

Lions Kneupper, and Williams were unable to attend today to speak on the Drug Awareness Speech and Young Ladies Pageant and any questions please contact PDG Conner at his email address or by phone at 210 545-5808. Lion Ampara Diaz was also absent and there is no information on the Peace Poster Contest as yet.

Prior to the Break PDG Chris Lloyd introduced a Leo member from Romania, Sorin Gurzau, who spoke briefly on the goodness of Texas

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Hospitality and made a presentation to Gov. Howie of a beautiful Book on Romania. Governor Howie then presented Sorin with Lions pins from Texas MD-2.

After the break Lion Jim Wheeler COO of the Lions Sight Research Foundation gave a most informative overview and chronology of how the Lions Sight Research Foundation began and what it has become. Anyone interested in having a copy of this could most likely contact Lion Jim and get a copy. He emphasized that with the new Eberlin Clinical Research Facility by Lion Eberlin's endowment to the Foundation and the expansion of the Low Vision Center we will be able to move ahead with even more service along with forming new partnerships with the Baptist Hospital Foundation and continuing with HEB. The LSRF is a part of the District T.E.A.M. and "Looking Back - Moving Forward" being the Stride for Sight Motto and VDG Richard Keilholz will speak more to that. The LSRF has six (6) openings on the Board this next year and Lion Jim encourages those with the inclination to serve to turn in your Resolutions.

Upon completion of his report he introduced Dr. Sandy Fox who further enhanced the report of Lion Jim with a power point presentation concerning the Lions Low Vision Center and it's enlarged facility just

completed and how it is impacting our ability to serve many more with their vision problems. She also noted the increase in military personnel needing our services due to the head injuries suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Following Dr. Fox's presentation, Lion Jim introduced VDG Richard Keilholz to talk about the Stride for Sight Campaign. He introduced Mona Stribling, a colleague of his at Our Lady of the Lake University of the PHD program in the Psychology Department and is in her third year as a doctorate student, and how her experience with the Low Vision Center helped change the course of her future. She is here today with her friend, Antonio Arriano. She has a congenital optical

nerve problem, unable to drive and is working on finishing her degree program. Dr. Fox has been most instrumental in helping her in not only her studies, but her overall well being. She is also going to become a Lion.

VDG Keilholz explained the initiative that we have as Lions and has set our goal for this year at \$25,000.00, and asked for any pledges today. The LaVernia Lions Club presented their check for \$2,000.00; PDG Manny of Del Rio Host, \$2,000.00; Alamo Heights Lions Club Pledge of \$500.00; Edgewood Lions Club pledge \$1000.00; OLLU Lions Club pledge \$100.00, Floresville Lions Club

pledge \$500.00, Pleasanton Lions Club pledge \$500.00; Kerrville Heart O' the Hills pledge \$500.00; China Grove Lions Club pledge \$500.00; Del Rio Leo's Club \$200.00 cash; San Antonio Region 20 pledge \$300.00, San Felipe Lions Club pledge \$2,000.00; Central Park Lions Club pledge \$2,000.00; and SA Northside Lions Club pledge of \$2,000.00. The Somerset Lions, Tilden Lions, George West and Three Rivers Clubs indicated to Region VII Chairman Lion LaJuana they would be making a donation in an undisclosed amount at this time.

Lion Harry Boykin reported for the Texas Lion Camp that there were 130 children attending from District 2A2 and that Texas Lion Camp Applications will be available on line January 15th. They are hoping to have 1500 kids attending camp this year and encouraged all clubs to send children to camp this year.

PDG Pat Carroll, President of the Texas Lions Camp gave an update on the Camp Endowment Fund "Today's Promise for Tomorrow's Children". She commended PDG T J Tijerina and the leadership team 125 members strong throughout the State and that the campaign had passed the two millions mark and now they are going for three!

Next up was Lion Lulu Garcia who let all know that the Hearing Board is going to be needing a lot of help as the aids have gone up to \$300 for

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each hearing aid this year. She is checking into a new provider that will be able to furnish a set of hearing aids for that same \$300.00 and she needs the support and commitment of all clubs for this new project of the two for the price of one. Lion Pat Hardwick of Kerrville Heart "O the Hills remarked they are a club of only six members and they will send \$300.00; Alamo Heights \$500.00; Edgewood \$300 pledge; Buffalo Valley \$600.00; Northside Lions \$600.00, SA Area Family Lions Club \$500.00, and Del Rio Host Lions \$300.00. There are vacancies to be filled on the Hearing Board this election also.

PDG Cal Lawson made a report on the Human Needs Board in the absence of Chairman Lion Mary Jane Jackson. Their objective is to furnish and provide limited assistance to those in need and must receive donations from the Lions. The board only meets four times a year, so please call or email and get your Resolutions in as there are three vacancies on the board to be elected in April of this year.

Tail Twister Lion Boykin elected teams out of the audience to test their tenacity on carrying balls across the room on a spoon and of course all were fined and a good time was had by all.

After the break PCC Mike Rourke took the podium to read a Resolu-

tion and take a vote today to host the USA-Canada Forum in our District 2-A2 by Governor of District 2-A2 in San Antonio Texas, 7th largest City, of the 2017 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held September

of 2017. Upon motion made by PDG John Kimbrough and seconded by PDG Raymond Connor, the motion carried.

PCC Mike Rourke and his partner in service Lion Liz wanted to frame and make a special presentation to one who had led this District with great heart and dedication. The Governor being recognized, not just for being Governor, but for the District, to grow clubs and succeed in living up to greatness in that position and that presentation was for PDG John Cole and his partner in service Lion Pat.

PCC Mike's second presentation as chair of the selection committee was to nominate a member for the District 2-A2 Hall of Fame. Former recipients on the committee were PID Mike Butler, PDG Lytle Blankenship, PDG Dick Alphin, PDG Jim Blocklinger, PDG John Kimbrough, PCC Rey Costa and PCC Mike himself. Resolution was conceived and the selection for the District 2-A2 Hall of Fame for 2012 is PDG T J. Tijerina. The entire assembly rose in agreement.

Lions Martin & Sievers were absent and no report was given on the Eye-glass Recycle Program, but PDG

John Cole, did announce that he would take all eyeglasses gathered today back with him to Del Rio.

Next up was PDG Manny Carrillo to report that only \$100.00 pledge had been received on the Wickersham Golf Tournament and did state that 70 percent of donated amounts goes to Endowment Fund with the Texas Lions Camp. Contact him for more information and pledges.

Nominations and Elections report was given by Lion Chris Condren and Lion Janie Garza, Co-Chair. Resolutions are in on LSRF, Human Needs, and Eye Board and all must be in thirty (30) days prior to convention in April to be on the ballot at the convention. Nominations and seconds to the nominations are to be made at the convention and for further information you can check the District webpage or contact either of them.

At this point there was a Resolution read by Lion John Lee of the Kerrville Host Lions Club to endorse PID Mike Butler to run for 2nd Vice President of the Lions International meeting to be held in Toronto, Canada, in 2014. Motion was made by PDG John Kimbrough and seconded by PDG John Seale, and this Resolution was rousingly and unanimously passed.

It was announced that the District Convention schedule is to be as follows: April 13th, 2012, Selma Holi-

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day Inn Express on Friday and the evening Banquet would be held at Boysville and all other activities of the convention would be at Boysville. Need all to come out and effectively show our support for PID Butler.

Lion Abel Martinez reported on the Convention Booklet and encour-

aged all to support and buy ads and the deadline would be Friday March 9th, 2012. \$125 whole page; \$75. Half page; \$40. For quarter page and \$25. For one-eighth of a page.

The assembly then enjoyed the showing of the video "Rockin' the Vest" that has delighted many on line these past few months.

PDG Lytle Blankenship came for-

ward to give our benedictions and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus for Susan Merrifield, District Secretary

There were twenty-five (25) clubs represented today and eighty-three (83) members present; twelve (12) PDG; one (1) PID; and one (1) PCC.

Please note the new address for TLERC

**Texas Lions Eyeglass
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2550 Flynt Avenue
Midland, TX 79705
www.tlercmidlandtexas.org**



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Southtown Lions Spaghetti for Sight

Spaghetti for Sight



Southtown Lions are proud to launch our new project: Spaghetti for Sight, a bimonthly spaghetti supper & plate sale to benefit our fund for eyeglasses for local school-children.

First up: March 10th from 12-5p. Perfect if you're going to Luminaria in nearby Hemisfair Park. Details at www.spaghettiforsight.org. \$6.00

for a plate of spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Hope to see you there!

You can pay at the door, but please RSVP on our [FB event page](#) or let me know you're coming so we have a rough headcount. Bring your friends and family! Thanks!

(P.S. Not going to Luminaria? We'd still love to feed you!)

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament



19th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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8:00 am Shotgun Start

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1424 Highland View Dr.
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Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors

District 2-T1

Amarillo Lonestar Lions Club 100.00 _
 Bonner, David & Gayla 100.00 _
 Canyon Noon Lions Club 200.00 _
 King, Jack & Rebecca 100.00 _

Total District 2-T1 500.00

District 2-T2

Linker, Gary & Judy 100.00 _
 Redbud Lions Club 100.00 _
 Shannon, Charles & Jerry Beth 500.00 _
 Snyder Lions Club 100.00 _
 Sundown Lions Club 408.14 _

Total District 2-T2 1,208.14

District 2-T3

Brunson, Garion 100.00 _
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 1,300.00 _
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 100.00 Val Alvarado
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 100.00 Jose Banuelos
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 100.00 Manuel Gonzalez III
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 100.00 Terry Gooch
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 100.00 James Henderson
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 100.00 Fred Lewis
 Odessa A.M. Lions Club 100.00 Layo Abalos
 Royalty, Dean 100.00 _

Total District 2-T3 2,200.00

District 2-E1

Campbell, Luren & Beatt 100.00 _
 Dearing, Art & Jodie 100.00 _
 Emmons, Sharon 100.00 _
 Griffin, Hal & Sandy 200.00 _
 Isbell, Tom & Marnette 500.00 _
 Isbell, Tom & Marnette 200.00 _

Kendrick, Doris 100.00 _
 Lodor, Sue 100.00 _
 Machenberg, Don & Carolyn Sue 100.00 _
 Mitchell, Bob & Virgie 100.00 _
 Sharp, A.C. & Mary Beth 100.00 _
 South Taylor Co. Lions Club 100.00 _
 Sult, Gary & Jana 100.00 _
 Watson, Cindy & Barry 100.00 _
 Wood, Billy & Rose 100.00 _

Total District 2-E1 2,100.00

District 2-E2

Grapevine Heritage Lions Club 100.00 _
 McCown, Mac & Mary 100.00 _
 Stebbins, Ed & Bev 100.00 _

Total District 2-E2 300.00

District 2-X1

Eads, John 100.00 _
 Ennis Noon Lions Club 100.00 _
 Gleason, Ken & Sherry 100.00 _
 Grand Prairie Host Lions Club 200.00 _
 Johnson, Julia 100.00 _
 Ketner, Billy 100.00 _
 Landrum, John 100.00 _
 Plano Early Lions Club 100.00 _
 Plano New Millennium Lions Club 100.00 _
 Wisdom, Darla 100.00 _
 Wylie Evening Lions Club 100.00 _

Total District 2-X1 1,200.00

District 2-X2

Van Alstine, Leon & Nancy 100.00 _

Total District 2-X2 100.00

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Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors

District 2-X3

Bohls, Jim & Jan 100.00 _
 Clay, Britt and Jill 100.00 Gatesville Lions Club
 Killeen Evening Lions Club 100.00 _
 Lindsey, Sam & Jodye 100.00 _
 Sirkel, CC & Linda 100.00 _

Total District 2-X3 500.00

District 2-A2

Buffalo Valley Lions Club 1,000.00 _
 Carrillo, Manny & Diane 200.00 _
 Carroll, Pat 100.00 _
 Helotes Lions Club 200.00 _
 Herb's Hat Shop 200.00 In Memory of Herb Carroll

Total District 2-A2 1,700.00

District 2-A3

Talbert, Rick & Lupita 100.00 _
 Weslaco Lions Club 500.00 In Memory of PDG Roy Davis

Total District 2-A3 600.00

District 2-S1

Browning, James & Jayne 100.00 _
 Carthage Lions Club 100.00 _
 Cully, Moe & Henny 100.00 _
 Farmer's State Bank - Carthage 100.00 _
 Orange Lions Club 100.00 _

Total District 2-S1 500.00

District 2-S2

Buckalew, Don A. 100.00 _

Total District 2-S2 100.00

District 2-S3

Dillman, Shirley 200.00 _
 Heitkamp, Dennis 100.00 _
 Tremblay, Ray 100.00 _

Total District 2-S3 400.00

District 2-S4

Angleton Lions Club 100.00 _
 Dentler, Julie 100.00 _
 Ganado Lions Club 100.00 _
 Needville Lions Club 100.00 _
 Sugar Land Lions Club 100.00 _
 Sult, Gary & Jana 100.00 In Appreciation for District 2-S4
 Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00 In Memory of Lion Oscar Vogt
 Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00 In Honor of DG Randy Morton
 Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00 Smitty's Food Mart
 Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00 Cimarron Stores
 Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00 Tractor Supply Co - Victoria
 Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00 Raisin Windmill Store
 Victoria Boulevard Lions Club 100.00 Victoria All Sports
 Wallis, Susan & Tom 100.00 _

Total District 2-S4 1,400.00

District 2-S5

Murray, Vicky & Jack 200.00 _

Total District 2-S5 200.00

Districts Totals

\$13,008.14

Northside Lions PET Appreciation Dinner



At the Appreciation Dinner for the PET Project On Jan 14, Lion Carl Gibbs of San Antonio Northside was presented a Resolution passed by the Senate of the State of Texas honoring him for his life's work in service to others.

After completing a career in the US Army, Lion Carl further distinguished himself as a man of service. His work as a 32nd Degree Mason lead to his associated work with the Alzafar Shrine where for over twenty five years he was organizer and coordinator of the Shrine Circus. He was also active for many years in the Mini Wheels

Unit.

His 48 years of service as a Lion included his serving as Club President of the Northside Club for two terms and chairman for ten years of the Club's Circus, perennial chairman of the Club's Wild Game Dinner, coordinator of annual fishing trips for disadvantaged youth and involvement and leadership of any and all other Club activities. Lion Carl was Chairman of the Club's fence building project at the Texas Lions Camp. That fence is the rock and cedar rail fence that runs the distance of the Camp highway frontage and was truly a labor of love for

the members. Lion Carl has served twelve District 2-A2 Governors in numerous Cabinet positions and served as Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor.

And today, Lion Carl can be found each and every Friday at the PET Workshop where he continues his six years of dedication as a PET Builder.

The Northside Lions are extremely proud of Lion Carl Gibbs and were happy that he was recognized through State Senator Leticia Van de Putte's office in such a distinctive way.

TLC Advanced Diabetes Management Skills Seminar

The Texas Lions Camp, in corporation with Dr. Steven Ponder, is conducting an exclusive advanced diabetes education seminar for the entire family, including grandparents and extended caregivers. The seminar will be held at Texas Lions Camp Saturday, April 21, 2012 8:00am- 4:00pm. You can register

online at www.lionscamp.com (beginning 2/15/12).

While your children (ages 6-16) with diabetes and their non-diabetic siblings enjoy the supervised activities of Texas Lions Camp's state-of-the-art facility, internationally rec-

ognized diabetes experts will provide a day-long seminar on how to apply advanced diabetes care skills. Grandparents will also participate in a separate, ½ day, hands-on training session. The goal of these seminars is to increase levels of advanced diabetes care knowledge and skills.

Topics Include

What's New in Type 1 diabetes
 Managing the extremes
 Proper use of diabetic tools
 Diet as an effective self-care tool
 Equipping Grandparents with Diabetic Care Skills.

Presenters

Stephen W. Ponder MD, FAAP, CDE
 Barbara J. Anderson Ph.D
 Meaghan Anderson RD, CDE
 Barb Schreiner, PhD, RN, CDE

\$75 entire family (includes grandparents, too!). \$25 for individual.

Log on to www.lionscamp.com for more information.

Summer Camp 2012 Schedule

Session 1 - June 3-9: Children with Physical Disabilities

Session 2 - June 10-16: Children with Physical Disabilities

Session 3 - June 17-23: Children with Physical Disabilities

Session 4 - June 24-30: Children with Physical Disabilities

Session 5 - July 1-7: Children with Physical Disabilities

Specialty Camps - July 8-14: (Leased) American Cancer Society

Specialty Camps - July 15-21: Children with Burns (leased)/Down Syndrome

Diabetes Camp 1 - July 22-28: Children with Type 1 Diabetes

Diabetes Camp 2 - July 29 - Aug 4: Children with Type 1 Diabetes

First Spring Work-Day Schedule

The Spring Workdays have been scheduled for 2012.

Make your plans to attend now and chose from the following dates:

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

So far in the first week, 244 campers have applied to camp online! That is an average of 40 campers per day! Get your camper application in too! If you need any help at all, we have folks ready to assist you. Call Stephanie or Jess at the camp office (830) 896-8500 www.lionscamp.com



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Herb C Petri, Jr. Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline



District 2-A2 is currently accepting nominations of Lions to be considered for the high recognition as a Member of the Herb C. Petri, Jr. District 2-A2 Hall of Fame.

All nominations should be received by PDG John Kimbrough at 2919 Briarcroft, San Antonio TX 78217-3801 no later than **March 15, 2012**. The members nomination should be submitted in the form of a Resolution, outlining their various achievements for their consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee Members.

Listed below, please find the basic minimum requirements for a members consideration. Once the selection has been made, the announcement of the recipient will be made at the Annual District 2-A2 Convention.

HERB C. PETRY, JR. "HALL OF FAME" REQUIREMENTS

Elevation of Lions of District 2-A2 into the Hall of Fame is bestowed upon one who has been outstanding in using their time, talents and resources to further the cause of humanitarian service. Selection is made by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Minimum standards to qualify are:

- Be an active member with at least 15 years of service.
- Having provided outstanding and dedicated service to Lionism.
- Having provided other than Lionistic service to the community, state, and nation.
- Having accomplished special achievements in, or contributed to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate, and
- Not having solicited in any manner for this recognition, which automatically eliminates the soliciting candidate for that year.



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La Vernia Lions Club and Wilson County Gardening Day 2012



La Vernia Lions Support the Jr. Livestock and Poultry Show

Lion Mary Ann, Sarah and Lauryn selling raffle tickets at the La Vernia Jr Livestock and Poultry Show. This club of 40 Lions definitely is involved with their community!



Why Be a Lion Leader?



Adapted from "Why Would Someone Want to be a Leader?" by Gil Pizano.

It's that time of year again to nominate and elect leaders for our clubs and District.

Being a leader always comes with it added responsibility in some form or another. Added responsibility because everyone has things they are responsible for in their life. When a person is a leader, added responsibilities come about. With that added pressures, added stress, more hours most likely needed in order to get things done, why would someone want to be a leader?

Is it a need to be important? Is it a need to be needed? Is it a need to be

loved or desired? Is it a need to make a difference in something or for someone? Is it a need to have a reason for their own existence in the world?

Definitions of Leadership:

- *a person who guides others toward a common goal, showing the way by example, and creating an environment in which other team members feel actively involved in the entire process. A leader is not the boss of the team but, instead, the person that is committed to carrying out the mission of the Lions Club.*
- *a person who guides or inspires others*

- *a person who goes before or with to show the way; conducts or escorts others*

Looking back in my time in Lionism, I've seen myself placed in various roles of leadership. Some of those times I didn't want to be in the leadership role but I knew that ***if I didn't do something, something I believed needed to be done, would not be done.***

That's probably one of the strongest reasons a person takes on a leadership role. A person's own beliefs and convictions cause them to see the importance of acting on them when they believe the time to do so is needed.

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Why Be a Lion Leader?

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The time is now. Look at your beliefs and convictions and you'll see that it's time to step up to the plate because things need to be done.

At this point in time, we've had Lions who have been board members for anywhere from 5-10 years; not because they wanted to, but because no other Lion would run for the office and accept the role of leadership. So these Lion leaders knew if they didn't do something and accept

the role of a board member or Chairperson again, the job would not get done. And that hurts the very people we have pledged to help.

If we have more Lions willing to take on a leadership role, it makes everyone's jobs easier and lessens the "Burn-Out" factor.

Different Leadership Positions require varying amounts of time. If you're interested in leadership but just not sure, think about a position

you feel comfortable starting out with. Talk to the Governor-elect and discuss your time limitations or other concerns with him. It could be that there's a spot that is a perfect fit for you.

We need new people and fresh ideas in our Leadership to re-energize our clubs and attract new members. Members who will eventually become Lion Leaders, and ensure the Lions International legacy of philanthropy.

Candidates for District 2-A2 Offices

Governor - 1st VDG Richard Keilholz
1st VDG - 2nd VDG Wendy Van Winkle
2nd VDG - Lion Rod Chisholm

LSRF – Five Director Positions Available
Candidates to date:

- Lion Bill Barker
- PDG Ray Conner
- Lion Pat Hardwick
- Lion John Lee
- Lion Jim Weed

Human Needs – Four Director Positions Available, three for a full 2-year term, and one to fill a 1-year term.
Candidates to Date:

- Lion Ken Book
- Lion Abel Martinez

Hearing Board – Four Director Positions Available
Candidates to Date:

- Lion Norman Fulkerson

LEADERSHIP

If not you, then, WHO?



2012 District 2-A2 Convention Registration Form

Don't miss out on the fun! Register now!

Name and Title	Club	Delegate Yes or No	
Name and Title	Club	Delegate Yes or No	
Address	City	Zip	Phone #

Register by April 2, 2012

Date and Function	Register by April 2, 2012	Total # of Tickets	Total
Package Includes All Meals	\$22. ⁰⁰		
Friday, April 13, 2012 Scholarship Banquet German Pot Roast	\$11. ⁰⁰ If purchased individually		
Saturday, April 14, 2012 Continental Breakfast	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, April 14, 2012 Governor's Award Luncheon	\$11. ⁰⁰ If purchased individually		
Registration	Free	Free	Free
			Total Enclosed \$

Make Checks Payable to Lions of District 2-A2
Please send all registration forms and payment to the District Treasurer; checks must be received no later than April 2, 2012. Mail Checks to:

**Lion Robert Castillo
P.O. Box 555
Del Rio, TX 78841**

Questions? The District Treasurer can be contacted at rcastillo@msn.com

2012 District 2-A2 Convention

April 13th and April 14th

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Registration (PM)
Contests (PM)
Hospitality Room

Fri. April 13, 2012 @ Boysville
 (midway between IH 10E and IH 35N on 1604 @ Schaefer Rd. in Converse, Tx.) - **Business Session**
Youth Scholarship Banquet @ 7:00 PM

Sat. April 14, 2012 @ Boysville
Necrology Service @ 7:30 AM in Chapel
Registration & Continental Breakfast @ 8:00 AM
Business Session 9:00 AM
Awards Banquet @ 1:30 PM

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(Standard Rooms) 2 people, 2 beds
Use Code "Lions District 2-A2 Convention"

From TLERC: Being Drug Kicking and Screaming

Surely we “mature” Lions have all felt this way. Since the early 1980’s, my bosses, my secretaries, my children, my wife, and finally the Lions Club, have drug me kicking and screaming into the future from the first PC with a floppy disk drive and that 10 pound car phone, you carried in a big bag to pint sized computers thinner than a legal pad, thumb drives that hold more information than a whole suitcase full of floppy disks, and phones that fit in your shirt pocket, while replacing your note pad, rolodex, calendar, phone book, dictionary, map, and camera.

I barely learned what a byte was and that I could only put 64,000 of them on a floppy disk, when they gave me a hard drive, with space for 5,000,000 of them. Well, you know where it has gone from there. Every day there is something new to learn, something quicker, faster and easier (so they say!) I finally became a whiz at Lotus, so why couldn’t I just keep doing my spread sheets with it? (Because Excel came along and nobody else could open my work.) The same happened when Word came along, ousting Word Perfect. So reluctantly I learned how to get by with each new product, like Power Point and Quick Books, and their multiple updated versions. Now I have to send this TLERC Newsletter in doc, docx, and PDF versions to make sure all

the various recipients can open it. Makes you want to kick & scream!

But I bowed my neck & put my foot



down when it came to the modern cell phones. Who in their right mind wanted to be accessible to everybody and anybody 24/7? No sir, I refused to get one.....until my boss said here it is, you will use it! To add insult to injury, it was a new fangled phone called a BlackBerry, so not only could I be called 24/7, all of my work and correspondence followed me too.

After 3 decades of being drug kicking and screaming into the future, I am finally accepting it. In fact I am embracing it. Sitting on my desktop is an icon for Corel Website Creator 55. I put it there, myself (OK – with a little help from our friendly MD2 PR Chairman, Lion Jim Weed); but it is there and I am willingly going to learn how to use it.

Lion Jim has already set up a new website for TLERC (www.TLERCMidlandTexas.org)

and even though it is not nearly done, it is already miles ahead of our old site. You can easily download our giving form and our new Power Point presentation with audio, “**Out of the Darkness**”, can be viewed right from the website. So with internet access, any club can get an overview of this great project. We will be adding a full directory of officers and directors, complete descriptions of all of our programs, pictures of mission trips, and much

more as I figure out how to do all of that. **Thank you Lion Jim Weed for all you are doing for TLERC and MD2 in getting this going!**

Yes, I am finally at peace with all of this new technology, because it will allow us to spread the word about this powerful Sight First mission. It’s up to you, the Lions of Texas, to make it work. It’s up to us to get you the information and training to get it done.

(Final note: I haven’t given up my struggle. I’m still kicking and screaming. I refuse to get one of those touch screen phones, I don’t do messaging, and I have no clue what Twitter means!)

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

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The Importance of the Club Officer Report (PU-101)

Current Secretaries, it is essential to remember that Clubs submit their officer contact information on this form annually on paper or through the membership reporting area of the association's Web site **by May 15**.

Clubs submitting a paper copy should return the original copy to International Headquarters and forward a copy to your district governor. Remember to include current unique email addresses to facilitate establishing club officer passwords.

It's easiest to submit the PU-101 online, and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Why is it so important to file your Clubs PU-101? Because, as is explained at the top of the sample PU-101 on the following page, this is the form to report the names and addresses of your newly elected club officers to International Headquarters. This form is ***extremely important*** –all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. ***Please PRINT*** the needed information on this form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, ***immediately following your club elections in April. Final deadline is May 15***. If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

It is also important that you fill in all of the requested information. Officers names, their member number, email addresses, phone numbers, and the club mailing address are all needed for communications between Lions International, your District, your Club, and most importantly to the club members.

Even if you do not elect *new* officers, you still must file a PU-101.

If you have any problems accessing or completing the PU 101, please contact

Lion Susan Merrifield
Secretary, District 2-A2
P.O. Box 68
Utopia, Texas 78884
katiesdream@yahoo.com

Note: Any and all violators will be subjected to the nagging of the current Second Vice District Governor; Newsletter Editor; Empress of the Sewage Pond; Queen of the Outhouse and Protector of the Landfill, me!



DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 15TH

URGENT! THIS IS YOUR 2012-2013 LIONS CLUB'S OFFICER REPORTING FORM

Lion Secretary: Use this form to report the names and addresses of your newly elected club officers to International Headquarters. This form is *extremely important*—all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. **Please PRINT** the needed information on this form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, *immediately following your club elections in April. Final deadline is May 15.* If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

IDENT.	CLUB NO.	DISTRICT	NAME OF CLUB	INTL. OFFICE USE ONLY
				LANG. COUNTRY

Your meeting place and time are indicated on the left. If different, please indicate below.
(PLEASE INDICATE DAY, WEEK & HOUR OF MEETING)

	SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
EACH WEEK							
1ST WEEK							
2ND WEEK							
3RD WEEK							
4TH WEEK							
ALTERNATE WEEKS							
HOUR							

SAMPLE

MEETING PLACE _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
 Club mailing address: _____

Clubs website URL: _____

Any change in club officers during the fiscal year must be reported to headquarters.

***MEMBER NUMBERS ARE INDICATED ON YOUR SEMI-ANNUAL PER CAPITA. PLEASE INDICATE BELOW MAILING ADDRESS FOR INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS**

ENTER MAILING INFORMATION IN LOCAL FORMAT.

PRESIDENT: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
SECRETARY: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
TREASURER: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: NAME	MEMBER NUMBER*	HOME PHONE NO.
#		BUSINESS PHONE NO.
#		MOBILE PHONE NO.
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SPOUSE: NAME	SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/>

2012 MD-2 Texas Lions State Convention

MD2 STATE CONVENTION

HOUSTON, TEXAS

MAY 18, 2012

OFFICIAL STATE CONVENTION CALL

THE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT TWO OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SHALL BE HELD ON THE **18th** DAY OF **MAY** AT **HOUSTON**, TEXAS. EACH CHARTERED CLUB IN THE STATE IN GOOD STANDING WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT DUES PAID TO DATE, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) VOTING DELEGATE AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE FOR EACH TEN (10) MEMBERS OF SAID CLUB, OR MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDS OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH LAST PRECEDING THAT MONTH DURING WHICH THE CONVENTION IS HELD. THE MAJOR FRACTION REFERRED TO SHALL BE FIVE (5) OR MORE MEMBERS. ONLY REGISTERED DELEGATES WITH CERTIFIED CREDENTIALS, PRESENT IN PERSON AT ANY MEETING OF THE CONVENTION, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE. ELIGIBLE DELEGATES ARE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR AND A DAY IN THE CLUB AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE AS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT. EACH SUCH DELEGATE MAY CAST ONLY ONE (1) VOTE ON EACH QUESTION.

THE PHRASE "MEMBERS" WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR AND A DAY IN THE CLUB IS INTERPRETED TO MEAN THE FOLLOWING:

A TRANSFEREE SHALL BE COUNTED AS A MEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT OF THE CLUB IF THE TRANSFEREE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OR RECEIVED TRANSFER FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY.

A REINSTATED MEMBER SHALL BE COUNTED AS A MEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE CLUBS DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE REINSTATED MEMBER HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR AN AGGREGATE PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAT ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY.

A NEWLY CHARTERED CLUB WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) DELEGATE AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE DELEGATE UNTIL IT HAS BEEN CHARTERED FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY. THEREAFTER, THE DELEGATE QUOTA WILL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED IN THE CLUB FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY.

CLUBS BEING RELEASED FROM STATUS QUO WILL HAVE THEIR DELEGATE QUOTA BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED IN THE CLUB FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY AT THE TIME OF BEING RELEASED FROM STATUS QUO. HOWEVER, A CLUB BEING RELEASED FROM STATUS QUO WILL BE ENTITLED TO A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) DELEGATE, AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE DELEGATE.

CC Barron Cagle

MD2 COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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