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TEAM NEWS

Together Everyone Achieves More



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



From The
District Governor



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

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Hi Fellow Lions!

I hope that you and yours had a Wonderful, Happy and Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I know the Marbach family sure did. The Christmas season is a special time of the year when people appear to be more happy, caring, and sharing then rest of the year.

During December I was able to visit with several Lion Clubs and enjoy their Christmas parties. You could just feel all the love, caring,

and sharing. The clubs we were invited to visit were the Converse, Alamo Heights, Founder, La Vernia, and Northside Lions Clubs, and what a great time we had.

The Mid-Winter Conference was held in Fredericksburg on Jan. 13-14, 2012. The conference hotel was the La Quinta Inn and Suites where the Candidates Reception and hospitality were held on Friday Jan. 13th.

The Human Needs Board, Hearing Board, and Sight Research Foundation all need more board members to run for these organizations. So if you are interested in serving on one of these boards, please send in a resolution for your candidacy.

Also, 1st VDG Richard Keilholz is running for Governor, 2nd VDG Wendy Van Winkle is running for 1st VDG, and Lion Rod Chisholm of the Founder Lions is running for 2nd VDG.

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We had a special Resolution from the Kerrville Host Lions Club unanimously endorsing Lion Michael P. Butler for the high office of Second Vice President of the International Association of Lions Clubs for the election of officers and directors to held in the City of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in the year 2014! This is exciting news, and we all need to support Lion Mike in his pursuit to be the 2nd Vice President of the International Association of Lions Clubs, because he has worked tirelessly for Lionism everywhere for many years. Good luck to all!

Saturday Jan. 14th the business session was held at the First Baptist Church of Fredericksburg, which was preceded with coffee, juice, and sweets.

The business session was well attended, we all received a lot of great information and tail twister fun. The meeting was highlighted by a presentation by Dr. Sandra Fox from the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas, and a short presentation by LEO Sorin Gurzan from Romania. Both were exciting and informative.

It was a wonderful time to network and gather some great knowledge about Lionism, along many of us having some fun. Just ask a Lion that was in attendance. After the meeting many of us had a meal at one of the Fredericksburg restaurants, wearing our Lions vests to support the Fredericksburg Lions Club.

Also, remember that during these difficult economic times an increase in service to our communities is likely. But we need to remember the majority of what we accomplish within our communities is done by the Lion membership. So to increase our level of service to our communities we need to encourage new members to join our clubs. So we ask each Club/Lion in our district to expend whatever effort is necessary to increase our membership. So please continue talking to people and invite them to attend our club meeting, and our communities will reap the benefits from it. With this new year it would be a good time to re-evaluate our individual and club membership Goals. Go and Grow!

We can only continue to increase our service to 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 we are serving.

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. The District Convention provides four youth scholarships programs the Diabetic Essay, Drug Awareness Speech, Outstanding Youth, and Young Women's Pageant Contests, to help us in that area. We can support these programs by giving a youth

the opportunity to compete in these contests, and win a nice scholarship. Also, any club can support the scholarships by purchasing an Ad in the District Convention Booklet to support a contestant or to tell the other clubs what you are doing in your communities.

As a reminder, so that the District, MD-2 Texas, and Lions International can continue Serving, we ask each Club for the timely payment of District, State, and International dues; which are payable twice a year, after July and after January. We really look forward to meeting many of you at our Club visits, which I really need to start increasing. If you have a date you would like for me to visit your Club, please contact me, because I would love to visit with your Club. It is one of the District Governors responsibilities to meet with every Club in the District, during their year in office. Please help me out by contacting me. If you don't contact me I will have to contact you. Also, if you have any constructive ideas for the betterment of the District and would like to discuss them with me, the TEAM or would like to serve your District in any way, Please contact me or the TEAM.

Remember, Together-Everyone-Achieves-More!

Yours In Lionism and God Bless You,

District Governor

Lion Howie Marbach



Party last month. Thank you for



the invitation. At the Founder Lions Club Christmas Gala, I had the opportunity to talk to Santa. I told Santa that I wished for a positive membership for District 2-A2 by July, 2012. In order for this to happen, I encourage each

they create uplift for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if any bird were to fly alone. If we share a common direction and a sense of community, we can get where we are going more quickly and easily because we are traveling on the thrust of one another. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

From The First Vice District Governor

My Fellow Lions:

Let me wish each and everyone of you **“A HAPPY, HEALTHY, and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR”**.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time and the camaraderie at both the San Antonio Founder Lions Club Christ-



mas Gala and the San Antonio Northside Lions Club Christmas



of you to do what you can to keep your membership involved and bring in new members to help you with your service projects.

In case you did not know, 2012 is Leap Year, which may be good for marriage proposals, but also for making the most of life. To make the most out of our lives, we will need to stand by each other in difficult times, as well.

This reminds me of a story about geese. “As geese flap their wings,

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go, and we will be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position. If we take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership as with the geese, we become interdependent with one another. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. If we “honk,” we need to make sure it is positive and encouraging. When a goose gets sick or wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. They then launch out on their own, with another formation or catch up with the flock. If we have as much sense as

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geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong.

Let us all try to fly in formation and remember to drop back to help those who might need it.” (By John Murphy, excerpt from “Pulling Together”). The greatest accomplishments in life are not achieved by individuals alone, but by proactive people pulling together for a common good, such as LIONS.

I again want to extend my sincere thanks to all of the Lions who attended the Mid-Winter Conference on January 13th and 14th in Fredericksburg, Texas, and a special thanks to the Fredericksburg Lions and PDG Chris Lloyd for making such great arrangements. This has been one of our best meetings yet. Among the many highlights, Lion Jim Wheeler, President and COO of the LSRF gave an overview of the various programs after which he introduced Dr. Sandy Fox, Associate Professor UTHSC/SA and Director of the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas. Dr. Fox talked about the services and expansion of the Lions Low Vision Center. She also talked about the fact that what she and her staff do is rehabilitation to include vision therapy, occupational therapy, social services, as well as working with the patient’s ophthalmologist and optometrist to help the

patient to be as independent as possible.

Dr. Fox talked about the fact that the Lions Low Vision Center is also seen a growth in the number of children that are being seen, as well as, wounded warriors coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan who have injuries that impact their vision and as always they continue to see the seniors who have various eye problems.

Along with hearing Dr. Fox, the Lions also had the opportunity to hear from Mona Stribling who was a patient at the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas. Mona described how Dr. Fox and the Lions of District 2-A2 helped her stay in school and continue her career path. Presently, Mona is in her third year of her Doctorate Program at Our Lady of the Lake University. In the next two years, Mona is hoping to graduate as a Clinical Psychologist. It has been through the efforts of the Lions in District 2-A2 who have helped give her the opportunity to reach her goal by giving her the tools to be successful in spite of her handicap.

I also want to thank all of the Lions Clubs who either donated money or pledged money in support of the Marion Jones “Stride for Sight” Program and because of your support, we have gotten off to a **GREAT START!** Our goal this

year is to raise \$25,000 dollars to support the expansion of the Lions Low Vision Center and the Patient’s Assistant Fund. For every \$1,000 donated, your Lions Club will have the opportunity to honor one of your own members with either a Lions Low Vision Fellowship or a Lions Sight Research Foundation Fellowship.

All of the money (100%) collected with the “Stride for Sight” Program goes into the MESU, the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas, the Eberlin Clinical Research Facility, the Surgical Skills Lab or the Pathology Lab. This also gives the Lions of District 2-A2 the leverage to continue to support future endeavors partnering with the University of Texas Health Science Center. The Lions of District 2-A2 certainly embodies what Helen Keller asked of the Lions in 1925, when she asked us to become “Knights of the Blind.”

As always, as I continue to visit Lions Clubs in the District, I hope to learn more about you and your club and ways that I can give you my full support. Again, if I can be of service to you or your club, please let me know.

Yours in Service,

First Vice District Governor
Richard J. Keilholz



From The Second Vice District Governor

To My Lions Family,

First, I'd like to apologize for not attending the Mid-Winter Conference, but illness kept me at home. I was looking forward to visiting beautiful Fredericksburg again, but also to be there to be part of the Stride for Sight campaign. I understand we received an impressive amount in pledges and donations, and I hope that with this wonderful start and your help in spreading the word of its importance, we'll reach our goal of \$25,000. And of course, 100% participation from all the clubs in the District would really

be something to be excited about! But I do thank you all for your generosity. The good that your donations do are nothing short of miraculous.

I'd also like to take a minute to congratulate so many of the clubs in our District that have been working so hard. Large and small clubs have been working hard not only raising funds, but serving their communities and helping those in need. I watch your progress on FaceBook, and your club websites and newsletters.

It is truly an honor to serve as your Second Vice District Governor, and if there is anything I can do to help just ask, and if you have any concerns please feel free to pick up the phone and call me at (830) 703-0996. I'm always happy to listen.

Yours in Service,

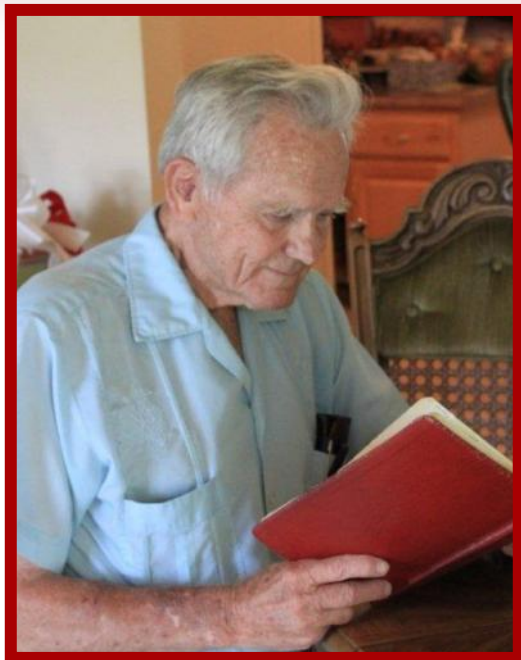
*Second Vice District Governor
Lion Wendy Van Winkle*

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www.tlercmidlandtexas.org**



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From The District Chaplain

My Fellow Lions:

A few days ago I took a stroll, actually a drive, down "memory lane;" in this case the old Falls City Road leading north out of Campbellton, my old home town, population less than 300. My destination, the Blister Cemetery - an isolated old graveyard, far from the hustle and bustle of city life with white-faces peacefully grazing outside the barb wire enclosed compound and the staccato report of a Golden-fronted Woodpecker ringing forth from one of a dozen or so Mesquites. Such was the peaceful setting for these old timers and their heirs who desired this as a final resting abode. Many of my relatives, including Dad and Mom, my Grandad Houston Blankenship, pioneer settler, and Grandpa Mark Judd, 14-year old

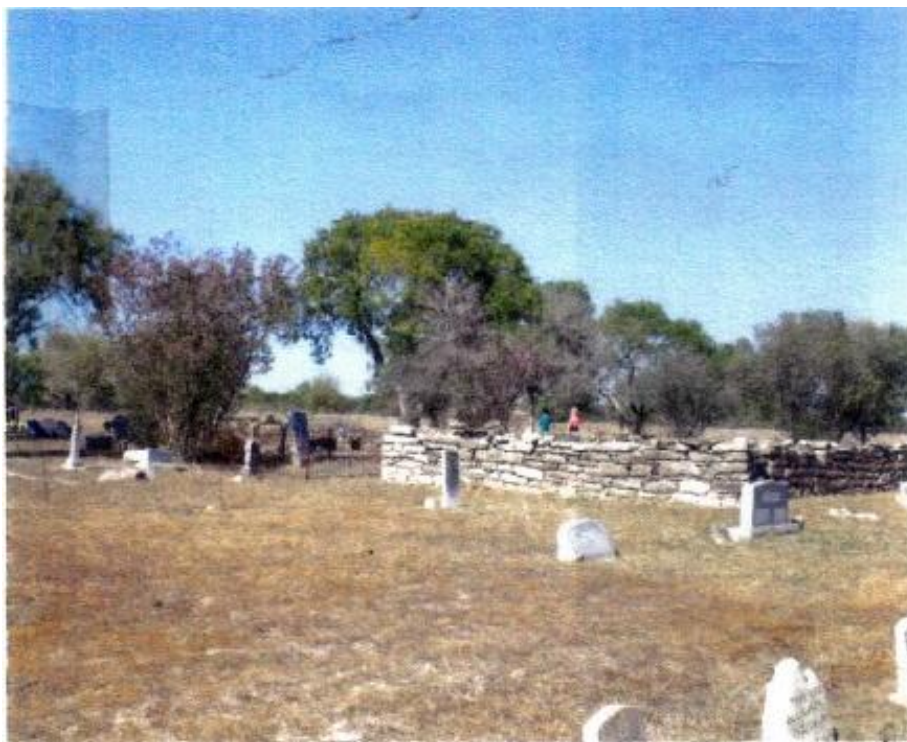
messenger boy during the Civil War and later a Texas Ranger, all had significant roles in the historical, religious, and civic life in south Texas.

Of course, Lionism was not even a germ of thought or imagination in those days. In fact, Mom and Dad married 14 years before Lionism even became an idea. However, those early' pioneer ancestors of ours were practicing the philosophy of Lionism, as were their ancestors much earlier. Being a good neighbor was a way of life. Service to others of course dates back even to the time of Christ. As I wandered through the old cemetery that day, thinking about all the deeds and ways in which: "Love Thy

well-worn wooden crosses made me feel good because Mom, with her remarkable memory, brought back to life all the good deeds those from days of yore had performed for each other, rich or poor.

Each time I pass a cemetery or have cause to visit one, I pause to reflect upon all the good that has been accomplished by so many of those now whose bodies were laid to rest are now cherishing their rewards in the presence of their heavenly Father. We can now consider the service to mankind of those being recognized today with a final Memorial Service in April, 2012.

I know we will have one honored Lion to memorialize. For perhaps one of only a few times, a Lion President, was



Neighbor" was practiced; reading the names and dates etched on old stones or

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faithful in remembering a deceased member of his club in the ideal format.

Utopia Lions Club, delivered to the Chaplain, at a District Cabinet Meeting the necessary information, including a photograph, on a recently deceased

Mazurek. It is very appropriate for Utopia Lions to remember this faithful member of 56 years. But each Club should make an effort to recognize any deceased Lion, whether it be for 56 days or 56 years of service. So please, Club Presidents or Secretaries, record the necessary information on the monthly report and immediately gather the information which the District will use for the Memorial Service to be held at the District Convention in April. May there be more provided to honor your faithful co-worker than a stone or wooden cross fixture.

Yours in Service,

District 2-A2 Chaplain
PDG Lytle Blankenship
lhblanken@gmail.com



President Lion Kelly Longbotham, Utopia Lions Club member, Lion Leslie

Orthodox Lion Club of Utopia, Texas

We offer our most sincere condolences to our fellow Lion sister Syria Ramirez for the loss of her Mother. We know she was a very special woman to raise a daughter like Syria. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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In Memory

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STATE OFFICES HELD _____

INT'L OFFICES HELD _____

AWARDS IN LIONISM _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

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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

Alamo Heights Lions Club



At the regular meeting of the Alamo Heights Lions Club on January 6, 2011, Lion PDG John Kimbrough (left) received his 30 year perfect attendance award. Presenting the award is Lion President Norm Fulkerson (Right).



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Texas Lions Camp



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

2 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

Cowboy Breakfast Dedicated to Herb Carroll, Cowboy Hatter

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The recent Cowboy Breakfast was all about Herb.

And that is how it should be.

Herb Carroll lived and breathed the big mid-winter blowout, and the 34th Annual Cowboy Breakfast held January 27 was held in his honor.

Carroll, 84, died in a one-truck accident shortly after last year's breakfast when his pickup inexplicably veered off IH 10 just south of Boerne and plunged into a creek bed culvert.

Burt Mazac, the Cowboy Breakfast Foundation treasurer and a chairman in charge of donations and sponsorship, said this year's entire breakfast program will be dedicated to the cowboy hatter who operated Herb's Hat Shop on Rigsby Avenue for years.

"There will never be another Herb Carroll, and we couldn't possibly do enough to fully express our gratitude and love for him." Said Mazac. "Herb was a lifetime honorary

chairman of the Cowboy Breakfast Board, and we will have his picture on the front of this year's breakfast program."

The Cowboy Breakfast will again be staged in the parking lot of Cowboys Dance Hall near IH 35 and Austin Highway, and Mazac says projections are calling for crowds to exceed 40,000.

A lot depends on the weather," Maze said, "but we will top 40,000 no matter what the conditions may be."

The huge breakfast, recorded by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest cooked breakfast in the world, has long featured a celebrity cow chip tossing contest, which has been won at least a couple of times by District Attorney Susan Reed.

In addition to the chip toss and live music from various bands, this year's affair will include a presentation to Herb's wife, Pat Carroll.

Herb Carroll was a selfless giver who was active in both the Lions Club at China Grove and the calf scramble held annually at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo.

"Herb sponsored a youngster in the scramble every year," Maze said. "And that included a lot of stuff he did for those individual kids."

While Maze is head of donations and sponsors while serving as treasurer of the Cowboy Breakfast board, Bill Massey is chairman of logistics.

"Bill makes sure all the tents, trailers, tarps, and stages are in place

and in working order," said Mazac. "It's a huge job."

Overall chairmen of the breakfast this year is Chuck Christian.

"We have no fund-raising projects," Mazac said. "Everything is by donation, and that includes our annual donation to the Culinary Arts School at St. Phillips College. Everything about the breakfast has always been about cooking." Mazac said last year's donation was \$15,000, and he noted that the upcoming donation will be officially presented in the name of Herb Carroll.

"One thing we will be doing differently this year is our taco delivery to the wounded warriors at BAMC," Mazac said. "In the past, we have taken the tacos over a day prior to the breakfast. This year, the delivery will be done at about 8 a.m. on the morning of the breakfast."

Herb's wife Pat has long been like family to Carroll's Lions Club and Cowboy Breakfast associates.

"I decided to step in and keep the hat shop going," said Pat. "I love Herb and I will miss him every day of my life, but I know in my heart that we are doing what he would want – keeping the business going, and keeping the workers who have been loyal to us over the years."

Those workers are Cheryl Burd, who has been blocking hats at Herbs Shop for more than 30 years, and Vickey Walsh, a 15-year employee who works sales and everything else in the front of the shop.

Converse Club on a Roll!

Lions Charity BOWL-A-THON



The Converse Lions Club invites your Club to Participate in a Charity Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, February 11, 2012
at the Brunswick Thousand Oaks Bowling Center

at 4330 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio from 2:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.

Includes Pizza Buffet with salad, bread sticks and soft drinks

**Total of 3 games • top 3 teams receive a trophy AND
the ever-important Bragging Rights!**

Proceeds Go to Lions Charities as determined by each Lions Club

\$20 per person (check payable to Converse Lions Club for lane rental/food)

Pledges encouraged as each Lions Club participating will keep their own pledges!

Sign up immediately - the deadline has passed (the newsletter editor takes the blame) so we need your confirmation now!

Contact Joyce Lawson 210-661-3577 jlawson6@satx.rr.com

Lions Measles Initiative



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

The Gates Foundation

LCIF has received an historic matching gift of \$5million fro the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which will go to help fight the scourge of measles. Lions must rise to the challenge of this gift, and we need your help to make this a success.



The Measles Epidemic

Every year, a tragedy quietly strikes thousands of families. While it may not be mentioned on the news or in your local paper, measles takes the lives of 450 children each day, or 164,000 children every year. Of those who survive, nearly 30 percent suffer complications such as vision loss, hearing loss, brain damage, pneumonia, Vitamin A deficiency or encephalitis.

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease, spread through close contact with infected persons. If there is just one person with measles on a crowded bus of 100 people, 90 others will become infected if they are not vaccinated.

Measles remains a heavy public health burden in developing countries where parents do not have access to immunization services that could protect their children from the disease. Factors such as poverty, poor health systems and a lack of information make it difficult for families to secure preventative medical care.

The Solution

The Measles Initiative emphasizes mass vaccination campaigns, the process of vaccinating all children in a defined age range in a short period of time, as the best strategy to ensure nationwide coverage.

Campaigns are usually countrywide but may take place in multiple phases. On average, Measles Initiative campaigns successfully reach more than 90 percent of the children targeted. The Ministry of Health within each country is responsible for planning and conducting the campaign with technical and finan-



Lions Measles Initiative

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cial support from the Measles Initiative partners. As of 2002, measles has been eliminated from the Americas and, with continued support, Measles Initiative efforts will end the disease in Africa and India by 2020. This year, the Measles Initiative will coordinate vaccination campaigns in 31 countries.

The Measles Initiative has also helped to boost the health systems in participating countries by training local health workers, improving vaccine storage, promoting safe injection practices and implementing surveillance systems to detect new disease outbreaks. Interventions for other diseases, such as vaccines,

medications or the distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets, are also routinely integrated into measles campaigns.

Challenge Grant

To expand upon Lions' efforts during last year's pilot program, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has challenged Lions to raise US\$10 million. For every US\$2 donated by Lions, the Gates Foundation will provide US\$1 in matching donations. The US\$5 million grant would be the largest single donation in LCIF's history. This historic gift from the Gates Foundation is a significant milestone for Lions and will ensure the healthy lives of many more children.

The goal of One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative is to raise a total of US\$15 million for the Measles Initiative by June 30, 2012. [Donations can be made online](#) and all donations that help meet the challenge are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition.



**ONE SHOT
ONE LIFE**
Lions Measles Initiative

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District 2-A2 Mid Winter Conference 2012

Photos thanks to PDG Lion John Cole.



District 2-A2 Mid Winter Conference 2012



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Converse Lions Commemorate 11-11-11

Jim Weed

Del Rio Host Lions Club

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marked the end of World War I in 1918. Since 1918 the day has been commemorated as Armistice Day. After World War II, the name of was changed to Veterans Day in the United States the veterans of the US armed forces.



The Converse Lions Club commemorated Veterans Day for 2011 by dedicating a new flagpole and flag at the Greater Randolph Area Services Program (GRASP) Community Center at precisely the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The dedication was made by Converse Lions Club President Marilyn Weed and GRASP project manager Jay Higginson before a group of veterans and guests.



Converse Lions Commemorate 11-11-11

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GRASP is human service organization established in 1983 to help economically disadvantaged individuals, families and children. GRASP programs offer emergency assistance to those experiencing a household crisis and who live in areas of Bexar or Guadalupe Counties in communities where access to help is limited. Qualified households receive emergency assistance for rent, utilities, food, and medicine. The GRASP Thrift Shop provides clothing and house wares to needy families who experience a catastrophe such as fire, flood, or other loss. The agency provides emergency financial assistance,

food pantry, senior transportation, daily activities and nutritious meals at the GRASP Community Center in Converse. GRASP built and has operated this facility since 1990. The GRASP Community Center is a convenient facility for adult and youth programs, receptions, meetings, and other activities. Individuals, businesses, civic organizations and government agencies provide support for GRASP. GRASP is funded by the United Way of Bexar County and San Antonio, Alamo Area Council of Governments, Guadalupe County United Way, Texas Department of Transportation, City of San Antonio, Bexar County, the State of Texas and others.

Converse Lions Donate Dictionaries

Lions Marilyn Weed and Ada Wear went to St. Monica's On December 15, 2011 to present Dictionary to the third grade classes.



Founders Lions Club Honors Lion Henry Simms

**PRESIDENT EMERITUS
LION HENRY SIMMS**



Happy Birthday Lion Henry ~ We THANK YOU for all you have done in the name of Lionism



San Antonio Founder Inductees

Past President Lion Mary Thomas presided over the Induction Ceremony. Lion Jackie Wynn is the sponsor of Lion Crystal Carnes, Lion Arnold Flather, his sponsor, Lion Arthur Browne, Jr., and President Rod Chisholm.

The Founder Lions Club is honored to have Lions Crystal Carnes and Arnold Flather with us. Both joined the Founder Club on January 1, 2012.



Edgewood Lions Club Young Women's Scholarship Pageant

*Lion Abel Martinez
Edgewood Lions Club*

The Edgewood Lions Club held their thirty-third annual Young Women's Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, December 17, 2011. The Event was held at the Edgewood Fine Arts Academy. PCC Michael Rourke addresses the crowd at the Edgewood Lion Young women's Scholarship Pageant as Co-Masters of Ceremony PDG Raymond Conner and 1st Vice-President Patricia Zamora look on.



The Newest Edgewood Lions Club Queen is Kelsey Badillo, a Junior at John F. Kennedy High School.



The Candidates for the 33rd Annual Edgewood Lions Club Young Women's Scholarship Pageant sit onstage awaiting the results.



First VDG Richard Keilholz and Lion Bea pose with new Club Queen Kelsey Badillo (Left).

Edgewood Lion Club's Princess is Claudia Montalvo, also a Junior at John F. Ken-



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

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

REGISTRATION

All who attend must register

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

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

1st registrant

Name: _____ Member # _____ Lion Yes No

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

2nd registrant

Name: _____ Member # _____ Lion Yes No

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip code: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Highest Lion office held (1st) _____

Highest Lion office held (2nd) _____

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Make checks to: **Texas Lions Leadership Forum**
Mail to: **Frances Cherry** Phone: **915-584-0130**
6216 Caprock Cell: **915-494-4425**
El Paso, TX 79912 pdgscherrys@yahoo.com

Registration before 1/29/12 # ____ @ \$50.00 = ____

Registration after 1/29/12 # ____ @\$75.00 = ____

No registration after February 19 or at the site

Reserve your lodging directly with:
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Austin, TX 78719
Telephone: **800 - 584 - 5091**
Rate: **\$99.00** per night, single or double. The
reservation deadline at this rate is **February 10**.
Reserve and guarantee your room now.

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

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

The following page must be filled out for registration to be completed.

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

Each Registrant Must Select Six Sessions

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Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

- John F. Kennedy

From TLERC FWIW-DKWIG

Just got back from one of the Texas Lion Trainer Development Workshop sponsored by our **MD2-COG's** (**IDK** about the other 20 participants, but I thought it was **GR8!** Great job S5 DG Andy Rodriquez!) and immediately figured out I had not sent out the **TLERC** monthly newsletter.



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For years we have played the “pneumonic” game, shortening everything until, nobody knows what anything means. Well, now our kids and grandkids have created a whole new language that they use to communicate on messages and “tweets”. **LOL** (laughing out loud), **TTYL** (talk to you later), **LROF** (rolling on floor laughing) and one you parents better learn, **AITR** (adult in the room) are all part of the new vocabulary. Not to be outdone, the senior citizens have a few of their own like **LOL** (living on Lipitor), **ATD** (at the Doctor), and **ROFL-CGU** (rolling on floor laughing-can’t get up). Finally from the first paragraph we have **MD2** (Multiple District 2), **IDK** (I don’t know) **GR8** (Great), and **TLERC** (Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center).

At this point (2 paragraphs in) you must wonder, how this could possibly be the monthly **TLERC** newsletter and sadly **SDI** (so do I)! Now you know where I got the title for this article, **FWIW-DKWIG: FOR-GOT WHERE I WAS-DON’T**

KNOW WHERE I AM GOING! (Another senior pneumonic)

However, after a brief pause I have recovered: We were discussing this topic at the seminar, because so many of us tend to confuse our audience with abbreviations and pneumonics to the extent we have not communicated very well. This was the connection I wanted to make about **TLERC**.

For whatever reason, it is grossly evident that we have failed to let the Lions in our Clubs know what **TLERC** has to offer to them and their work as Lions. How else can we explain why more Clubs are not putting new glasses on children for \$14-\$18/pair, or why more communities don’t have adult screenings to put used glasses on those in need?

Maybe our District Directors are not making enough presentations; maybe the Clubs don’t know this resource is available to them for a Club presentation; maybe your Dis-

trict is not able to put our monthly article in its newsletter; or maybe it’s because in many District Directories the information about **TLERC** is not correct. Whatever the reason I want to share some great new things we are doing to communicate better.

TLERC has a new power point presentation, titled “**Out of the Darkness**” complete with audio. The new presentation should be in the hands of your **TLERC** District Directors in a couple of weeks. Contact them to bring a great and informative program to your Club, Zone or District.

It is also available to any Club on a thumb drive, just for the asking. It is just under 20 minutes to show. This should allow many more Lions see the great work that is going on right here in Texas to help those less fortunate get “Out of the Darkness”. (We’ll send it to you at no cost, but it costs about \$7 for each one we send, if you wish to help us cover the cost.) Contact me at stblase@suddenlink.net.

Next month we’ll talk about our **GR8** new website. **TTYL!**

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

(**TTYL** – Talk to you later)

2012 MD-2 Texas Lions State Convention



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Resolution

WHEREAS, Lion Pat Hardwick, a member in good standing with the Kerrville Heart O' the Hills Lions club, a club in good standing with District 2-A2, MD-2 Texas Lions, and Lions Clubs International, and

WHEREAS, Lion Pat entered Lionism in 1995, and has faithfully adhered to the Lions creed of service, and

WHEREAS, Lion Pat has served as Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, District 2-A2 Zone Chairman, Director of Human Needs Board, and

WHEREAS, Lion Pat is currently serving as Club Secretary/Treasurer, District 2-A2 Region Chairman, and a Director of the Lions Sight Research Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of this club do certify that Lion Pat Hardwick does meet all the requirements to serve as a Director of District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation.

WE the members of the Kerrville Heart O' the Hills Lions Club by unanimous vote have fully adopted this resolution on November 14, 2011, and hereby certify this endorsement with the affixed signature of our club President.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Lloyd', written over a light gray rectangular background.

Christopher Lloyd, President

Kerrville Heart O' the Hills Lions Club

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, LION ROD G. CHISHOLM, III IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SAN ANTONIO FOUNDER LIONS CLUB, AND IN GOOD STANDING OF DISTRICT 2-A2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS; AND

WHEREAS, HIS TENURE OF SERVICE REFLECTS A GREAT CREDIT AND HONOR UPON HIMSELF AND DISTRICT 2-A2, OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS; AND

WHEREAS, LION ROD, A LION SINCE 1984, HAS SERVED HIS CLUB IN MANY CAPACITIES. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDER LIONS CLUB 1997-98 AND IS SERVING AS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDER LIONS CLUB. LION ROD HAS SERVED ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AT THE CLUB LEVEL AND HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS DISTRICT AND ZONE MEETINGS. HE HAS SERVED AS SECRETARY OF DISTRICT 2-A2 AND SERVED AS A DISTRICT OFFICER WITH LIONS INTERNATIONAL. LION ROD HAS WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER IN MANY CAPACITIES, SOME OF WHICH INCLUDE THE I CARE SAN ANTONIO VISION CLINIC LOCATED AT HAVEN FOR HOPE, AND NUMEROUS TRIPS TO THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP TO SERVE MEALS TO CAMPERS. LION ROD HAS BEEN AND IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN ALL CLUB PROJECTS FROM FIESTA PARADES, POINSETTIA DELIVERY, AND SERVES AS SANTA WHILE DELIVERING FOOD AND GIFTS TO FAMILIES ADOPTED BY THE FOUNDER LIONS CLUB. LION ROD WAS NAMED THE "LION OF THE YEAR" IN 1997; AND

WHEREAS, LION ROD'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS PRODIGIOUS, COVERING EASTER SEALS, AMERICAN LEGION, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT, ELF LOUISE, GUEST LECTURER IN FINANCE AT SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES, AND KEY POSTS WITH ST. PIUS X PARISH COUNCIL AND ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN SAN ANTONIO, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, AND CHOIR AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH OF HOUSTON. LION ROD AND HIS WIFE, LION MARY JANE, HAVE BEEN FOSTER PARENTS TO 17 TEENAGE CHILDREN IN ADDITION TO RAISING THEIR OWN FOUR CHILDREN.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CLUB DOES HEREBY CERTIFY THAT LION ROD G. CHISHOLM, III DOES MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AS A CANDIDATE FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 2-A2, AND DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND CLUB SECRETARY TO CERTIFY TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND CABINET SECRETARY AND TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF DISTRICT 2-A2 AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS, HIS ENDORSEMENT AT APRIL, 2012, DISTRICT 2-A2 CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

ADOPTED, THIS SEVENTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO FOUNDER LIONS CLUB AT ITS REGULARLY CALLED BOARD MEETING IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Marcus K. Wall

LION MARCUS K. WALL
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

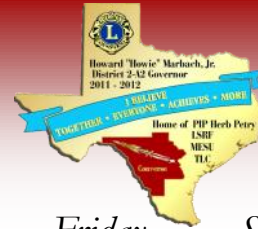
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