

August
2012

Lions in Service



From The District Governor

Richard Keilholz



My Fellow Lions,

It is difficult to believe that we are already in August. Michael Altshuer once said, “**The bad**

news is time flies, the good news is you’re the pilot.” So my fellow Lions, let’s make good use of our time and fly as high as we can. Our District motto this year is, “**We Serve because We Care.**” And because we as Lions care, it is important that we continue to build on our membership in order to continue to serve the ever growing needs of our communities. As I said at our First Cabinet Meeting, one of my goals is for each club to have a positive membership by the end of June, 2013. The only way this may be achieved is by asking others to join you in service. At our first Cabinet Meeting, I also guaranteed that my home club, the San Antonio Edgewood Lions and the San Antonio OLLU Campus Lions would have a positive membership by the end of June, 2013. I plan to hold to this promise and I challenge each of you to do the same. I have also challenged the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, PID Mike Butler and PCC Mike Rourke to bring in at least one new member by our second Cabinet meeting in Del Rio, Texas, on October 6, 2012. I can not expect you to do something that I myself and the District Leadership are unwilling to do. This is the way that we, as Lions can begin to build and improve District 2-A2. It will take each of us to feel that what we do for our communities is meaningful and worthwhile in order to get others to join in our service. There is an old Chinese Proverb that reads: “**The time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the next best time is NOW.**” So my fellow Lions now is the time to build your Clubs and help make District 2-A2 bigger and better. Helen Keller said it well when she said, “**One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.**” So let us begin to **SOAR.**

District 2-A2 is in a unique position. We have our International President, Wayne Madden and his wife, Lion Linda flying into our District at the San Antonio International Airport on August 2, 2012, at 3.24 p.m. President Madden and his wife are coming for the Council of Governors Meeting in Kerrville, Texas. It is very

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important that we have Lions at the airport to greet our guests. We will have a “Meet and Greet” ceremony, upon their arrival, at the Airport. We will have Mariachi’s there to perform and give President Madden and his wife a big Texas welcome. It has been several years since an International President has visited Texas and District 2-A2. After the “Meet and Greet” at the airport, International Director Lions Joe Al Picone and his wife Merle will take President Madden and his wife to Kerrville, Texas for the Council of Governors Meeting. On Saturday, August 4, 2012, at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, Texas, President Madden will meet with Club Presidents from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. To my knowledge this has never happened before where the International President has made it a point to talk specifically to Club Presidents. It is very important that District 2-A2 have a good showing of Club Presidents at this meeting.

On another very important note, as your Governor of District 2-A2, I will have the distinct honor and privilege to present the motion to place our very own PID Lion M.P. “Mike” Butler’s name on the State ballot for the year of 2013, at the State Convention to be held in Austin, Texas, for his endorsement as a candidate for 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International for the International Convention to be held in Toronto, Ontario Canada, in the year 2014. This Resolution will be presented at the business meeting held on

Friday, August 3, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, Texas.

On Friday as well, we as Lions of District 2-A2, will have the honor of hosting the International Family and the Lions of Texas by providing them with a wonderful Mexican Food Dinner that will take place at the Texas Lions Camp beginning at 5:30 pm. It has been tradition that when a district has an outgoing Camp President, as we do in PDG Pat Carroll, we have this opportunity. We need you to come and welcome the 400 – 500 Lions we expect to attend. Please come out and show your pride and appreciation for what Lion Pat has done to improve the Camp and serve as its first female President.

Lastly, I want to remind each of the Clubs that Marilyn Weed, our District Treasurer, has sent out the semi-annual invoice (dues) notices. I ask that your club pay their dues in a timely manner in order to remain in good standing. Your club should also have received the Lions Club International dues statement as well. Also, as part of your club remaining in good standing, I ask that each club secretary submit the “Monthly Membership Report” online with Lions International. It is very important that we are able to track our membership in the District and try to make adjustments when we can.

It is you and your Club that make our District what it is today and tomorrow. As your Governor, I

am here to serve you and help to build and improve our District. In our effort of working together this year, we hope to grow healthy, build future leaders and continue to provide needed service to all of our communities that we serve.

As always, I am available to meet with your club and if I can be of service to you or your club, please let me know.

Yours in Lionism,

Ricard Keilholz

District Governor



Handy Links

Texas Lions MD-2
<http://texaslions.org/>

MD-2 Public Relations
<http://md2pr.org/>

Texas Lions Camp
<http://lionscamp.com/>

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
<http://tlercmidlandtexas.org/>

Lions Clubs International
<http://lionsclubs.org/>

LCI Club Reporting
<https://www3.lionsclubs.org>



From The First Vice District Governor

Rod G. Chisholm

Happy August, District 2-A2!

Before I begin my remarks, I would like for you to complete the following instructions:

1. Write down any 3-digit number. (The number cannot mirror itself, e.g. 323, 676, etc.)
2. Reverse the number you just wrote down, then subtract the lower/smaller number from the higher/larger number. (If the subtraction yielded a 2-digit number - say 99 - add a zero in front of it, making it 099.)
3. Now, reverse the result and add it to the preceding answer/result.

I will give you the answer at the conclusion of my remarks.

I recently received a call from WOAI-Radio reporter, Michel Board, who was doing a story relating to social networking (like Facebook) and how it may have a negative impact on organizations such as Lions. In other words, he contended that the likes of Facebook is taking the place of social organizations - that people will stop attending organizations because they can get their human contact on line.

I replied that Facebook might impact **social** organizations, but not **service** organizations. You see, I replied, people don't join Lions International because they want to have social outlets, they joins the Lions because they want to **serve** those in need. And that's what we do...we raise money and then give it away! As Lions, we spend our greatest commodity - our very selves - to help people. And we are most effective when we can do it in conjunction with many other like-minded people. That's why we continually focus on recruiting and retaining committed, active members.

Oh, we have a social aspect to Lionism...we have fun...but if our activities were limited to merely having a social contact, then we would not have lasted these near 100 years!

You may have heard that report by Mr. Board...it was a short report...not one that did justice to the many service projects that Lions in 2-A2 accomplish year after year. But that's not why we

Mark Your Calendar

October 6, 2012 2nd Cabinet Meeting
Juan Olivarez Lions Center
Del Rio, Texas

January 19, 2013 Mid-Winter Conf
Floresville Municipal Building
Floresville, Texas

April 12-13, 2013 District Convention
Menger Hotel
San Antonio, Texas

do these things anyway. We don't look for accolades, our mission is quite simple..."We Serve!"

At the beginning of my remarks, I asked you to follow a set of instructions. If you followed them correctly, you should have one answer, which is 1,089, and it doesn't matter which three-digit number you started with.

Lionism is very much like that. It doesn't matter very much where or how you start out, because it will be different for each person. It's where you want to go that's most important. I believe that if you have faith, are committed to help others, unquestionably you will be able to provide compassionate and high-quality service from the heart.

Yours in Lionism,

Rod G. Chisholm

1st Vice District Governor



From The Second Vice District Governor

Sam Pantusa

I must beg your indulgence. I am wandering between sharing recent experiences with you and stuff that I have been checking out on the International website. Wow! Did I just say that I was looking at stuff on the International website? I guess I did.

You know, it wasn't that long ago that I swore that I would just let the world go by and not worry about trying to keep up with technology. The truth is that I was too lazy to want to learn something new. But, I guess I wasn't alone and the tech people finally figured ways out to make things simple enough for stubborn dinosaurs like me to get to where I'm hooked on checking my email and "Googling" and scratching around and amazing myself with things that I find.

You know those folks are really pretty sharp and I appreciate what they try to do to help me keep up. I suspect that I'm only about thirty years behind now, but not to worry, you see, I've got three grandkids between two and five years old to do my heavy tech-lifting for me.

Getting back to the International website – there's really a lot of neat stuff there. Yeah, sometimes it takes a little hunting but it's worth the effort when you find things that you can use. I find myself guilty of not realizing that our Association works hard to give us tools to help us do just about anything that we need to do to be successful in our Clubs and in our District. For example, sometimes, we struggle with ways to communicate what we do as a Club. Check out <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/lq-view.php?id=25&seg=5> and see how the Crosby, Tx. Lions let their members know what's happening and other organizations know what's happening and the community in general know what's happening by posting on their Club FACEBOOK page. (I think I just used another one of those words that I really don't understand – but I bet that you do.) This video makes it easy for me to realize what a great tool that they have at hand.

We struggle with good starting points to put some energy and freshness into some of our meetings and to learn some techniques to keep our members motivated. Well, take a look at

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-award-programs/programs-membership-retention.php>, which is a whole program of ideas called the President's Retention Campaign. It talks about livening up meetings, and problems caused by cliques, and in general just ways to alert you to warning signs and some ideas to use when see them.

And then there are just great reports about interesting things that Clubs and LCIF are doing to expand our service profile. You'll have to look for that on your own at www.lionsclubs.org, and I bet you bump into other neat stuff, too.

Okay, I'd like to get back to a couple of recent experiences.

I'm melting into a little GMT coverage, here. I recently was able to stop in to visit with the Crystal City Lions Club. My visit was unannounced since I'm working in that part of the country and wasn't sure of my schedule. But I was able to make it one Wednesday afternoon and in typical Lion fashion I was welcomed warmly and treated to a great lunch and a great experience meeting Lion President "Toody" Gonzales and just chatting about their Club's Drag Races and other activities. I also was able to meet brand new Lion Veronica Hernandez who is also

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Taking Membership Call Seriously

Lion Faye Evans

Two Alamo Heights Lions Club members took the call to increase membership in the Club seriously. PDG John Kimbrough invited three to become Lions, and Lion Tony Flores invited one to add four new Lions to the club. On May 5, 2012, a Candle Light Ceremony was conducted by PCC Mike Rourke to induct the new members. Lion Liz Rourke joined the members for the ceremony and dinner.



Left to Right First Picture: Lion Tony Flores with Lion Manuel Flores and PDG Lion John Kimbrough with Lion Leigh Cutter, Lion Janice Polhers, and Lion Stacy Guney.



36th Annual
USA/CANADA Lions
Leadership Forum
September 13-15, 2012
Tampa, Florida

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(From 2nd VDG Sam Pantusa)

a brand new Club Secretary and thanks to the ever present Lion Ray Castillo, Lion Veronica is now getting up on the Secretary's learning curve through the help of Lion Ray's capable assistance.

And last Saturday, the Converse Lions invited us to set up a Member Recruiting Booth as they provided screening with the MESU. Lion President Frieda Van Valkenburg and her members had a great turnout and we were able to meet eighteen new prospects that Converse will be talking more with. A really great day just doing our thing!

So, don't pass up the opportunity to let our GMT work with you to spread your story whenever you are doing your thing!

Oh yeah, Don't forget to video your projects and let us know when you've got some for us to use.

It's Great to Be A LION!!!

Thanks for listening.

Lion Sam

2nd Vice District Governor



The Lions of Texas MD2 News

<http://texaslions.org/>

Click on “newsletter.”





Second District Cabinet Meeting in Del Rio, Texas
at the John Olivarez Center hosted by the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club

Saturday, October 6, 2012

PDG John Cole has blocked off 15 rooms for October 5th for those Lions traveling to Del Rio, Texas and plan to stay overnight on Friday night. This will be at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio, Texas. Telephone number is (800) 775-1511. The Lions rate is \$75.00 (plus tax). When reserving your room state that you are with the Lions in District 2-A2. (Normal price of these rooms are \$89.00 plus tax). These rooms will be held until October 2, 2012.

Further information on the 2nd District Cabinet meeting will be forth coming.



**When's the last time your club held an eye screening?
Call PDG Chris Lloyd 210-275-4425**

Guess Speaker Becomes New Member

Jessica Rose of San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind recently spoke the Lions of the San Antonio Southtown Lions Club and brought along some goggles that simulate the different types of vision problems such as macular degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

After the presentation, Jessica was invited to join the Southtown Lions Club. So make that Lion Jessica Rose, thank you.



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MD-2 Lions State Convention Registration Form

May 30 - June 1, 2013

Hilton Austin Airport Hotel

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Club _____ Delegate Yes [] No [] First Time Attendee Yes [] No []

Name _____ Position _____ District _____

Club _____ Delegate Yes [] No [] First Time Attendee Yes [] No []

Telephone () - E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cancellations honored until **April 30, 2013**

Event and Date	Early Bird Package Postmarked by January 2, 2013	Registration Postmarked after January 2, 2013	Registration Postmarked after April 15, 2013	Number of Tickets	Total
Thursday May 30, 2013 Welcome to 2013 Convention!	Early Bird Package Includes all functions. Golf not included.	\$20	\$25		
Friday May 31, 2013 Breakfast		\$24	\$25		
Friday May 31, 2013 Hall of Fame Luncheon		\$22	\$23		
Friday May 31, 2013 PDG Banquet		\$37	\$38		
Saturday June 1, 2013 Texas Lions Foundation Breakfast		\$24	\$25		
Saturday June 1, 2013 Youth Contest Luncheon		\$22	\$23		
Saturday June 1, 2013 MD-2 Banquet		\$39	\$40		
Registration Fee (Required)		\$20	\$25		
Totals	\$170	\$208	\$224		

Notes : The PDG Banquet is open to all convention attendees. Dress for the PDG Banquet is business attire. MD-2 Banquet dress will be White Dinner Jackets or business attire. Those attendees with special dietary needs, please inform your server at the meal.

Make Checks Payable to: Texas Lions State Convention

Mail Payment and Registration to:

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Buda, TX 78610

Phone: (512) 295-3158

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Hilton Austin Airport

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUX)

9515 Hotel Drive

Austin, TX 78719 Phone: 1-800-584-5091

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http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/AUSAHHF/index.do





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8 P.M. – Midnight
DANCE ONLY \$10.00

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6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

All Donations Welcome!

For More Information: Contact Pat Carrol 648-9242 or Cathy Ripps 648-0448
Or Any China Grove Lions Club Member

August 2012

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