

Lions in Service

From The District Governor Richard Keilholz

My Fellow Lions,

With the beginning of a new year, this is a time to reflect on a year gone by, but more importantly on the year ahead of us, 2013. I see many good things happening within our District as I travel talking to the various Lions Clubs. We have much to be thankful for. As I have said before, Lions are unique people who have as our motto, "We Serve." This year's motto is "We Serve because We Care." Danny Thomas has these words of wisdom, "Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." And that's what Lions do, we do for others. We as Lions are unique because our services to others are not limited to any one thing. One Lion's Club may focus on sending children to the Texas Lions Camp, whereas another Lion's Club may focus on giving scholarships to the students in their community or collecting eye glasses or conducting eye screenings or giving food and clothing to the needy and the list goes on and on. James M. Barrie has stated, "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." How true this is. I am very thankful and fortunate to be part of District 2-A2. District 2-A2 continues to be an inspiration to the other Districts in the State. For example, recently, under the Chairmanship of Lion Maxine Garza, our District

won first place at the State level with the Peace Poster Contest. This is a first for District 2-A2. Another first is that our District has put in a bid for the USA/Canada Forum to be held in San Antonio for the year 2017. PID Mike Butler is running for 2nd Vice President of Lions Club International. The District has initiated the Pilot PediaVision Screening for young children beginning at the age of six months. We have two good Leaders in 1st VDG Rod Chisholm and 2nd VDG Sam Pantusa who will continue to lead this District forward in the very near future. I just ask that each Club do their part in recruiting and building not only new membership but continue to build leadership within your club as well. No Club is greater than the whole, but each Club is an important part of the whole District. As each club goes, so does the District go. Presently, our District is at a minus 58 members. As I and the two Vice District Governors make our club visits, we are making the challenge to each club to work on achieving the "Club Excellence Award." One very important criterion in achieving this award is positive growth in membership by the end of June, 2013. As your Governor, I will continue to focus on each individual Club and make myself and District resources available to help any Club that wants or feels they can use the help.



DG Richard Keilholz

On another note, I want to focus on the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Floresville, Texas, on January 18-19, 2013, at the new Event Center in Floresville. The Floresville Lions are going all out to help make the Mid-Winter Conference the best ever. We plan to have a very active agenda. On Friday night, January 18th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Floresville Event Center, the Governor's TEAM will meet with the Area and Zone Chairs. Then at 7:30 p.m., the Floresville Lions are providing a Welcome Reception complete with Sangria and Mariachi music. At 8:30 p.m., we will have "Meet the Candidates" who are running for office for the 2013-2014 Lions Year. On Saturday, January 19th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. we will have Club Presidents and Vice Presidents meet with Past

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International President, “Ebb” Grindstaff to have an interactive discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the Club President. Our Business Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. During our Business Meeting we will have a New Member Orientation conducted by Mike Butler. The agenda will continue to be filled with new information, awards and recognitions and fun. Our meeting will be followed by lunch and our Guest Speaker, PIP “Ebb” Grindstaff. Please register early before January 15th. We have managed to keep the cost of the meal at \$10 or \$12 at the door. You will find a flyer and application for the Mid-Winter Conference in this newsletter.

As a District, our focus will continue to be on providing service to the communities that we serve, a commitment to growth, building future Lions Clubs, and growing our Leadership within the District and beyond.

As I have done in previous newsletters, I want to recognize and congratulate the following Lions Clubs who have a positive growth in membership as of January 1st. I congratulate the following Lions Clubs: Converse Lions Club, Crystal City Lions Club, Eagle Pass Border Lions Club, Eagle Pass Evening Lions Club, Helotes Lions Club, Hondo Lions Club, Natalia Lions Club, Our Lady of the Lake University Campus Lions Club, Pleasanton Lions Club, S.A. Alamo City Lions Club, S.A. Alamo Heights Lions Club, S.A.

Region 20 Lions Club, Somerset Lions Club, University of Incarnate Word Lions Club, and Utopia Lions Club.

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

Richard Keilholz

District Governor



District Meetings

Mark Your Calendar

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

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

Keep One With You



Don't let a month go by without asking someone to join your Lions Club

Download and print applications to keep in your pocket.
[Just click here.](#)

From the 1st Vice District Governor Rod Chisholm

Greetings to 2-A2!

2013 is upon us, and along with it comes some observations:

--When you watch television, you never see people watching television....why is that?

--If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end...it would probably be a holiday weekend.

--The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other three...now he was a genius! (*thanks to Sid Caesar*)

--You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.

Our Governor, Lion Richard Keilholz, indeed got it right when he stressed the goal to have each and every club to achieve the Club Excellence Award status...that means growing ones membership, staying in good standing, attending Zone Meetings and District Meetings, attending leadership training sessions in order to develop leaders at both the club level as well as District level.

I would also like to salute VDG Sam Pantusa for his energetic and enthusiastic efforts. He's seemingly all over the District. If you haven't had Governor Richard, or VDG Sam or myself at

one of your meeting, give us a call. We are available to meet with your club and be of service to you. Heck, if you invite me, I will be sure to bring a "history lesson" that you will find both interesting and informative (I think!)



1st VDG Rod Chisholm

-- "Your medical tests are in: 'You're short, fat and bald'" *attributed to Ziggy.*

--When I told my doctor I couldn't afford the operation, he offered to touch up the x-rays. *attributed to Henny Youngman.*

By the way, did you read the latest edition of the Lions magazine? It featured an article titled, "The Secrets of Success," and in it it stipulates that those clubs who number in excess to 16 members have a significant higher chance of lasting another 10 years. Conversely, those clubs with under 16 members have a statistical challenge.

Focusing on why a member joins the Lions Club makes a big difference as to how long that member will remain active. For instance, when a Lion signed up in order to "serve the community" then that person will most likely remain a Lion for a long time. Joining the Lions club in order to enhance ones business, renders far less satisfaction and thus less tenure. After all, we are a SERVICE organization that

SERVES **others**, as opposed to service our self.

Read the entire article (page 34) - it will give you some great ideas!

--There are two kinds of people, those who finish what they start...and so on.

--I got kicked out of ballet class because I pulled a groin muscle, even though it wasn't mine...*attributed to Rita Rudner.*

One more item: Stride for Sight...Stride for Sight...Stride for Sight. It's time to focus your clubs to help us raise money for the purchase of the PediaVision systems. Last year the Stride for Sight raised over \$26,000. We can meet that figure and even surpass it, if we just focus on Stride for Sight...Stride for Sight...Stride for you get the picture.

Yours in Lionism,

Rod G. Chisholm

1st Vice District Governor



From 2nd Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa

How many of you are like me, remembering back to a time when I couldn't even conceive of the concept of a year starting with 20__?? Much less going forward to 2013. Well, Here We Are! And the years seem to go by faster and faster. According to the saying, that means I must be having an awful lot of fun. I guess I am. But the faster they go, the more I try to put on the brakes. But that doesn't work so I catch myself just trying to absorb every bit of every the greatest of blessings, at least when I take the time to recognize them and to realize the priceless value in them. It is our hope that you were gifted with a few of those little things during your Christmas this year.



2nd VDG Sam Pantusa

So we move on to wishing everybody we know a Happy New Year! And most certainly we wish each and every one of YOU a HAPPY NEW YEAR!! But more than that we wish you a Productive New Year! We wish you a Prosperous New Year! We wish you a Quiet, Peace-filled New Year! We wish you a Healthy New Year! We wish you a Memorable New Year! We wish you an Eye Opening New Year! We wish you a Purposeful New Year! We wish you an Enthusiastic New Year! We wish you a Spiritual New Year! We wish you a Bucket List kind of New Year! We wish you a Fulfilling

New Year! We wish you a New Year that will have you saying a year from now that you just can't imagine how 2014 can be any better.

As always, the New Year you will have will be the result of your willingness to make it what you want it to be and that brings us to New Year Resolutions. Statistically speaking, resolutions are kept for a few months at best but they are still a good thing to do because they at least get us on a course to thinking about goals. So do not be discouraged. Carve out a little time and set some goals for your new year. But while you make those goals, don't forget that to accomplish them, you will be making a very significant investment in them. That investment is your precious TIME. Make those goals meaningful. Make them about how you can best do for others and not restrict them to being small ideas like dieting or spending a little less and so on. Allow yourself to be imaginative and creative and "over the top". Remember that you are talking about something very precious and something that is unfortunately

limited for all of us – our TIME. Steve Jobs said it this way: "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.

It's going to be a great New Year and I am excited to know that I will spend it with you.

See you in Floresville. Take some video of your having fun and doing your good work. It's Great to Be A LION!!! moment of those times that I have learned to recognize as precious bits of life. Precious little vignettes of family traditions, of grandchildren's laughter, of a loved one's touch even as it may slightly tremble. The little things become

Thanks for Listening,
Sam Pantusa



From The District Chaplain Lion Doug Thomas



Thank you for keeping me informed,

Lion Doug Thomas

District 2-A2 Chaplain

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Fellow Lions, as we start a new year now is the time for New Year Resolutions. First, we can make a resolution to bring new members into our clubs so that we can grow our clubs and our district in Lionism. Next, make a resolution to support our label "Knights for the blind" by collecting used eyeglasses and scheduling the MESU in your area. Also, make a resolution to let the District Chaplain know when someone in your club passes on. Lion Allie Thomas of the Highland Hills Lions Club sent me an email and called to be sure that I got the email when Lion Franklin Bartlett died. I thank him for that. When a member of your club dies please let me know and then go to the 2A2 website and under documents find the "In Memory" form and fill it out and send it to me. I will need these forms as we prepare for the necrology service at the District Convention in April. It is important that we remember our fellow Lions that have gone before us.

Here's wishing all the Lions of District 2A2 a happy and prosperous new year.

District 2-A2 MESU



Plan your 2013 MESU visit early

The schedule is being formulated

Don't PROCRASTINATE !!

Reserve your MESU visit NOW

before 'your' date is snatched away by another Club.

Contact MESU Manager PDG Chris Lloyd:

Mobile: 210-275-4425 ** Office: 210-446-5514

lionsmum@earthlink.net



DISTRICT 2-A2 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 18 & 19, 2013

FLORESVILLE EVENT CENTER

600 Hwy 97, Floresville, Texas 78114

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Lion - Office Held: _____ **Spouse** **Guest**

Name: _____

Lion - Office Held: _____ **Spouse** **Guest**

Club Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Quantity _____ Amount _____

_____ Early Registration: Lions, Spouse and Guests - \$10.00 ea. _____
(Before January 15, 2013)

NOTE: Late Registration: \$12.00 ea. at the door on January 19, 2012

Lunch: Carne Guisada, Rice, Beans and Tea

Breakfast Tacos sponsored by the Floresville Chamber of Commerce

Please mail completed registration form with payment, payable to:

Floresville Lions Club
c/o La Juana Newnam-Leus
1314 7th St.
Floresville, Texas 78114

Hm. Phone: 830-393-2166
Cell Phone: 830-391-4625

Saturday Registration: 8:00 a. m.

Schedule:

- Area & Zone Chairs meeting – Jan. 18, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Event Center
- Floresville Fiesta Event – Friday, January 18, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.
- Meet the Candidates Reception – January 18, 2013 @ 8:30 p.m.
- Club Presidents & Vice Presidents meet w/ PIP Ebb Grindstaff – Jan. 19 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Business Meeting – Saturday, January 19, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.
- PID Mike Butler will conduct Orientation for all new members
- Lunch to be served immediately after the Business Meeting w/ Guest Speaker PIP Ebb

District 2A2 Mid-Winter Conference

Friday Night Social

Friday, Jan. 18 7:30 p.m.

Floresville Event Center

600 S.H. 97 West

Featuring

"Los Mayorales Mariachi"

SANGRIA!

Taquitos, chips and dips

District 2A2 Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting

Jan. 18-19

Registration forms in January district newsletter

To make room reservations at the La Quinta Inn and Suites,
1910 10th St.,

visit www.lq.com or call 830-542-3077

Be sure and ask for the Lions discount!!

Saturday morning breakfast tacos
courtesy of the Floresville Chamber of Commerce

Lunch — \$10 presale or \$12 at the door

For more information,
call Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus at 830-393-2166

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
and
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Hilton Austin Airport
March 2 (start 11:30 AM) and 3 (end 2:15 AM), 2013

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: _____ Lion Yes No Member # _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

2nd registrant

Name: _____ Lion Yes No Member # _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip code: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Highest Lion office held (1st) _____

Highest Lion office held (2nd) _____

Are you staying at the Hilton? Yes No In whose name is the reservation?

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

Registration before 1/29/13 # ____ @ \$50.00 = _____
 Registration after 1/29/13 # ____ @ \$75.00 = _____
No registration after February 23 or at the site

Reserve your lodging directly with:

Hilton Austin Airport Hotel

9515 New Airport Dr. (at Bergstrom Intl Airport)
 Austin, TX 78719

Telephone: **800 – 584 - 5091**

Rate: **\$99.00** per night, single or double. The reservation deadline at this rate is **February 15**.

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 2nd 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 through **Frances Cherry (915-494 4425 or 915-584-0130)**

Each registrant: select six sessions

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- Global Leadership Team
- Global Membership Team
- Membership – Family, Womens’, Student, other
- Extension
- Club Success
- Social Media & Lionism
- International service programs
- Structure & Organization
- LCI, MD history
- Public speaking
- Sharing best practices / Local Community Service
- Diversity & inclusion
- Mentoring
- Teamwork goal setting
- Future vice governors
- Meeting management
- Lion fundamentals
- Motivating club members
- Personal mission statements
- Lions Clubs Int’l Foundation
- Texas Lions Foundation
- World Services for the Blind
- Leaderdogs for the Blind
- Texas Lions Camp
- Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling
- Leos–Organization/service

Useful Lions Links

[MD-2 Texas Lions http://texaslions.org](http://texaslions.org)

[Texas Lions Camp http://lionscamp.com](http://lionscamp.com)

[Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center http://tlrcmidlandtexas.org](http://tlrcmidlandtexas.org)

[Lions of Texas on FaceBook http://www.facebook.com/#!/md2texaslions](http://www.facebook.com/#!/md2texaslions)

[Texas Lions on Twitter https://twitter.com/TxLionsPR](https://twitter.com/TxLionsPR)



Capitalize on Membership

MD-2 Lions State Convention Registration Form

May 30 - June 1, 2013

Hilton Austin Airport Hotel

Name _____ Position _____ District _____

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:

Lion Nancy Handrick, District Secretary, 2-S3

303 Willett

Buda, TX 78610

Phone: (512) 295-3158

Email: chandrick@austin.rr.com

Hilton Austin Airport

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUX)

9515 Hotel Drive

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

Request MD2 Lions rates

Room Rates: \$99 regular, \$102 suites

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



!!! Raise Money for your Club's Charity!!!!!!

Lions Charity B O W L - A - T H O N

Sponsor: Converse Lions Club

Date: SATURDAY, February 2, 2013

**Location: Brunswick Thousand Oaks Bowling Center,
4330 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio TX**

Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Food: Pizza buffet includes pizza, salad, bread sticks and soda

Prizes: Total of all three (3) games – top 3 teams receive a trophy & Bragging Rights!

Proceeds: Go to Lions Charities as determined by each Lions Club

Cost: Undetermined at this time – probably \$20-\$25 per person (for lane rental/ food -check payable to Converse Lions Club)

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

Deadline: Sign up by January 18, 2013

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

COME CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE TEAM AND JOIN US FOR A FEW HOURS OF FUN AND FOOD!!!!

January 2013

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>LSRF Board Meeting</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Mid-Winter Conference</i>	19 <i>Mid-Winter Conference</i>
20	21 <i>MLK Birth- day</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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