

July
2012

Lions in Service



From The District Governor

Richard Keilholz



It has only been a few weeks since I returned from the Lions International Convention in Busan, Korea. It has certainly been a great experience to see Lions from around the world. This particular

International Convention has been unique having a total of 55,200 Lions registered making this the largest in Lions International history as well as Busan, Korea's history. In fact, LCI is going to submit this to the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Convention ever. I had the opportunity to meet our new International President, Wayne Madden who will be coming to Texas in August for the Council of Governors meeting. As President Madden travels around the world, he plans to continue what President Tam has done and that is to meet Club Presidents. So Texas has the unique opportunity to make this happen. President Wayne Madden will meet with all Club Presidents of Texas on August 4, 2012 in Kerrville, Texas at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. I want to encourage all Club Presidents of District 2-A2 to take advantage of this opportunity to meet and talk to our International President, Wayne Madden and his wife Lion Linda. There will also be a banquet that evening for anyone wants to attend. Cost of the Banquet is \$30. The registration form for the Banquet is included in this Newsletter, as well as, located on the MD-2 Webpage. Hotel accommodations will be at a premium. I would suggest contacting the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce for possible available Hotels. Their telephone number is 830-896-1155.

We recently had our First District Cabinet Meeting on July 7, 2012, at the Texas Lions Camp. We had approximately 130 Lions in attendance representing 29 Lions Clubs. Due to Health related issues, Lion Wendy Van Winkle had to resign her position as 1st Vice District Governor. Lion Rod Chisholm is our 1st Vice District Governor with Lion Sam Pantusa as our newly elected 2nd Vice District Governor. I feel that District 2-A2 is in a good place and ready to move forward. We all wish Lion Wendy the very best and hopes she returns to a leadership position very soon.

At this time I want to thank my Home Club, the San Antonio Edgewood Lions, for their support, as well as, District 2-A2 for your continual support and encouragement in my new role as your District Governor.

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At our recent International Convention, our new President, Lion Wayne Madden introduced his motto, "In a World of Service." President Madden believes strongly in personal involvement and that Lions are dedicated to providing community service. That is what we do. Such service will include engaging youth, working with the blind and visually impaired, feeding the hungry, working to improve the environment and to protecting children from Measles through our partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In addition, President Madden is asking Lions to participate in a year-long initiative called the "Reading Action Program", a campaign to improve literacy rates and promote reading. There are many ways Lions can help in their respective communities, such as: developing after school reading programs; reading to children at local libraries; donating books and/or computers to our local school or library; volunteering as tutors through a local school; working with local literacy experts and agencies; working to promote Braille literacy and many other such activities. As your Governor, I want to encourage all of you to participate in helping to eradicate illiteracy. I know that many of our Clubs in the District are already engaged in such programs. President Madden, having been a high school teacher himself, wants to focus on reading and improving the literacy rate through the "Reading Action Program" (RAP).

As your Governor, I have seen you in action and through your efforts, developed our District's motto,

"We Serve because We Care". Teddy Roosevelt once said, **"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."** And as Lions we do care and I know that each of you care as well. As your Governor, my goals are simple:

- First, I am asking each Club to look at your membership as of this month July, 2012. My challenge to each club President is to have a positive membership by the end of June, 2013. I talk about membership but, in reality, I am talking about service. By building your membership you are able to provide more service to your communities and that is what is important.
- Secondly, I encourage each Club to promote the Youth Opportunities Programs such as the Outstanding Youth Program, the Drug Awareness Program, the Diabetic Essay Program, the Young Women's Pageant and the Peace Poster Contest. By doing this, the Lions are involved in schools, working with youth of their community and promoting what we do best and that is "Service".
- Thirdly, I want to encourage all Clubs to participate in training programs whether it be in Orientation, Club Excellence, Mentoring, Guiding Lions or other leadership programs to help build stronger and more engaged members. We lose members, for the most part, because we do not keep our members actively engaged in doing things that help them feel

a part of something good and helpful.

- Fourthly, to continue to form new Lions Clubs in areas that will best meet identified needs in the community.
- Lastly, I want to impress on each Club the importance of remaining in good standing which means not only paying your dues on time to District 2-A2, MD-2 Texas and Lions Clubs International but, to also complete and submit all required reports including the monthly WMMR and Club Activity Report.

It is you and your Club that makes our District what it is. As your Governor, I am here to serve you and help to build our District 2-A2. 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





From The First Vice District Governor

Rod G. Chisholm

Whenever the calendar is turned to the month of July, most Americans fondly remember July 4th... Independence Day of days gone by. The words of Ronald Reagan say it best:

"All over America, families and friends are reuniting, to renew ties, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate our nation's birthday. It is a day when liberty and laughter go hand in hand: when we can acknowledge that, oh yes, we have our faults, and lots of problems, too, but we're happy and proud because we're free, and we know the best of America is yet to be.

"Back in 1776, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail that the anniversary of our independence should be observed with fanfare: '... with pomp and parades... shows and games... and sports and guns

and bells... with bonfires and illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, and from this time forevermore.'

"We...Mr. Adams, rest assured that what you wanted is being done. Your traditions are now ours, and we guard them like national treasures. And you know why. When we unfurl our flags, strike up the bands, and light up the skies each July 4th, we celebrate the most exciting, ongoing adventure in freedom the world has ever known..."

America's independence was garnered by the collaboration of many people to serve the common good. It's like that in Lionism also!

By joining our efforts with one another we can truly make a difference in this country and indeed this world. By growing our particular Lions Clubs - one member at a time - then we increase our capabilities and improve our service to those in need. And we can have fun in the process!

We can do this!

Who is responsible you say? Each and every one of us!

Build your own tradition of Lions greatness, not unlike what John Adams called for 236 years ago.

Yours in Lionism,

Rod G. Chisholm

1st Vice District Governor

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



Don't be a coward, come out and play.

19th Annual Texas Lions Camp
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

August 2, 2012

8:00 AM Shotgun Start

Tapatio Springs Golf Course and Resort
Boerne, Texas

Visit <http://lionscamp.com> for details and on-line registration.

Sponsor one or more holes. All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website.



From The Second Vice District Governor

Sam Pantusa

It is the evening of Saturday, July 7. I have had many memorable days throughout my years as a Lion. Today, however, was a day like no other. Today, you allowed me the distinct honor of beginning my service to you as your 2nd Vice District Governor. I will work hard to be worthy of this unique privilege. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Yes, it appears that we have some challenges ahead of us. Maybe the task is better appreciated when complete if it's got a few obstacles to work around. But do we really have any obstacles?

Let's see, where are we?

We have the backing and support of the largest humanitarian organi-

zation on earth. We have impeccable traditions that date back almost a century. We have the benefit of technology that is unmatched at any time in the history of civilization. There are seven-teen hundred of us that are dedi-cated to work as brothers and sis-ters to provide, at no cost, life changing services to people that may not have any other way to have those services provided. We have predecessor Lions who have paved our way and given us tools and facilities that they might have only imagined.

Let's look at it from Melvin Jones' perspective for a moment.

Lion Mel says: "I've got an idea. Wouldn't it be wonderful if some like- minded folks, on occasion, put aside their daily routines and came together to help others? I wonder how far we can go? I wonder how many would join me? I wonder how many others we might be able to help? I wonder how long we could sustain such a concept?"

Well, now we know! And now we just need to accept our role and carry on the tradition. And, we have the luxury of being able to have fun while we do it.

Lion Mel probably faced a few obstacles. (I never got to meet him, but he doesn't strike me as a guy who worried about obstacles or challenges -- he just got to work. As they say, he kept his eye

on the prize).

Compared to Lion Mel, we really have no obstacles. We really have no challenges. We have a time tested, strong, proven, winning, envied, admired, copied, cele-brated, loved, recognized, success story. We have each other. We have community. We have the Lion Spirit. We have each other's energy and enthusiasm to feed off. Yep, there is some work to be done.

The work that we have to do is to remember to share our story. Success stories are easy to tell. Everybody wants to be part of a winning team. We are a winning team! I believe it.

Thanks for listening.

Lion Sam

2nd Vice 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 District Chaplain

District 2-A2 Chaplain
Lion Doug Thomas

Dear Fellow Lions,

As I begin to serve as your District Chaplain I want to share with you a column from District Chaplain PDG Lytle Blankenship. I could not have said this better myself.

“How soon we forget? How fast our memories fade? Are their days of service to fellow man no longer of importance? Have we forgotten so soon those hours of toiling together as a reminder that we who remain behind must always be ‘found faithful’ in following the example that they set in their commitment to the Lion’s motto, **WE SERVE.**”

Although our dearly beloved departed Lions have gone on to receive their just rewards there are still the hundreds of thousands of

needy souls waiting the encouragement of one who is willing to say, ‘silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give to you.’

Do we forget so soon their remorse and concern for people like the father, son and daughter sitting all alone on the side of a street in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; the children evidently crying because they are hungry? Or the leper in a colony in the bush in eastern Uganda longing for medical care so he can return to his family? Or the partially blind men anxiously waiting cataract surgery to be performed in a hospital built by Lions and serviced by Lion doctors who give of their time freely.

So many tales I could relate, but many with happy endings because of dedicated Lions.

I don’t know what the departed Lion(s) in your club may have done, but I ‘m sure they honored the admonition in Proverbs (3:27), ‘Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.’ Therefore, I’m sure his/her life is worth remembering if only by fellow Lions.

We attempt to do this twice: first in the District Newsletter as soon as possible and second in a longer Memorial Service at the annual District Convention. For this to happen we need significant information on the Lion as soon as possible. Lion Secretary or Zone Chairman let me know. **Lest We forget!”**

Please fill out the **In Memory** form and let me know when we lose one of our Lions. The form may be downloaded at our district website http://texaslions2a2.org/html/memorial_.html

Thank you,
Lion Doug Thomas

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19th Annual Texas Lions Camp
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August 2, 2012
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From TLERC: Sharing Ideas “In a World of Service”

In a world with millions of people in need of vision care there are 1.3 million Lions to “SERVE” their needs. When we say that here in Texas, the impact on our thinking is limited to what we see in small pockets of people in our local communities and the very poor villages across the border in Mexico.

It takes something bigger than Texas to realize what the real need is around the world. It takes something like attending the **largest Lions convention** and the largest convention of its type every held in Asia with over 55,000 registered Lions. (Seattle had less than 16,000 registered last year.) It takes being able to visit with people from all over the world, especially those whose “pocket“ of need is the ENTIRE COUNTRY.

I was honored by the Lions of District 2A1 to be chosen to serve as the District Governor this year. This afforded me the opportunity to be part of this epic convention in Busan, South Korea. More importantly it gave me the opportunity to share ideas with Lions all over the world about what is going on in their countries to fill the Sight First objective of “eliminating preventable blindness around the world”.

It was also an honor to meet people like Past International Director Da Silva from Brazil and PDG Whady LaCerde, the Director of the Brazil Lions Institute of Vision, where

they are making new glasses for over 500 people per month. They also do dozens of cataract and other surgeries every month. They no longer use recycled glasses, because it is cheaper to make new ones than to ship old ones from places like TLERC to them.

On the other hand the Lions of Kenya have no optical industry at all and would gladly take the used glasses, if it did not cost \$500 for a small box to be shipped to them. Through Past International President Jimmy Ross, I was able to spend time visiting with International Director Manoj Shaw and Lion Dr. S.P. Amin, both of Nairobi, Kenya. They have equipment to screen people, but cannot afford the shipping to get used glasses. In addition they have no optical shops to make them in most of the country. People say where there is a will, there is a way. They have “willing” Lions; they are still working on the “ways” to get it done.

So what does this mean to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) and to the Lions of Texas? Well, in a “world of service” it means TLERC will start trying to find ways to get recycled glasses into Africa at a price that we can afford. (If any Lion in Texas has access to those in the transportation and shipping industry that might be willing to help, please contact me.) In addition it means that very soon we may make

some training missions into Kenya to train the Kenya Lions to place glasses on their people and also to make glasses, when this equipment can be obtained.



What we hope it means to the Lions of Texas is that Clubs will take on projects that help us process the pallets & pallets of glasses we receive. There are many ways to do this including setting up a weekend to come to the center to work. We hope it means that you will consider joining our “Visionary Knights of the Blind” giving program, so we have the funds we need to operate. We also have special recognition for any individual or corporation that wants to make a large donation (\$10,000 or more) to help fund a mission to Africa.

People from 200 countries around the world came to share ideas about their visions for service in their communities. Where does your Club stand in this “World of Service”?

**2-A1 District Governor
Tom Blase
TLERC Promotions Director**



MEMO

TO: Dale Flowers, Chief Administrative Officer, UT Medicine

DATE: July 2, 2012

FROM: Steven Chalfin, MD, FACS

Professor and Interim Chair

Department of Ophthalmology

RE: Lions Low Vision Center of Texas name change

Effective June 1, 2012, the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas was renamed the Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Center of Texas. This new name better reflects the primary mission of the LLVRC - to provide quality low vision rehabilitation services to persons with vision loss utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach.

Sandra Fox, O.D. is the Director of the Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Center. She specializes in low vision and evaluates the level of functional vision then tailors treatment plans to make the most of the remaining functional vision. Melva Perez-Andrews, OTR MBA, is an occupational therapist who specializes in low vision and collaborates with Dr. Fox to assess a person's level of function in everyday activities. The clinic phone number for patient appointments and referrals is (210) 567-8600.

If you have any questions concerning this name change, please contact Dr. Fox.

cc: Department of Ophthalmology Faculty and Staff
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Reading Action Program

As part of this year's "[A World of Service](#)" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service.

Literacy -- the ability to read and write-- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them.

The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the [importance of reading](#) and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community.

Lions Can Make a Difference

Many clubs have already taken great strides to bridge the gaps in literacy and education. The following segment of the LQ - Lions Quarterly Video Magazine shows how Tucson

Downtown Lions Club of Arizona, USA, introduces reading into one of its ongoing activities. The club promotes the [importance of parents and children reading together](#), while addressing the need for healthy vision. They donate books along with free eye exams for parents and their children.



Lions and Leos will be recognized for their accomplishments through the [World of Service Awards](#), including awards for Best Long-Term Reading Action Program and [Best Reading Action Program Rap Video](#).

We are excited to [partner with other organizations](#) that make reading and literacy a focus of their work, including:



For More Information

Learn about the [importance of reading](#), explore [project ideas](#) and [possible partners](#), and download a variety of [resources](#) to plan your project.



District 2-A2 Cabinet Meeting July 7, 2012

Texas Lions Camp, Kerrville, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by District Governor Richard Keilholz. DG Richard greeted everyone and said it was an honor to be our District Governor. He thanked the Kerrville Heart O'The Hills Lions Club for providing the breakfast and the Texas Lions Camp for allowing us to have our meeting there. He also thanked Lion Sheryl Butler for serving as the host chairman for this Cabinet Meeting and the Kerrville Host and Kerrville Sunrise Lions Clubs for hosting the lunch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Sheryl Butler. She led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Doug Thomas. Chaplain Thomas thanked PDG Lytle Blankenship for the great job he did during the 2011-2012 Lion Year.

PDG John Kimbrough then made a motion that all members of all clubs in good standing be allowed to vote today. PID Mike Butler offered an amendment to the motion to give all the members of clubs in good standing the ability to vote at each Cabinet Meeting for this year with the exception of the District Convention which is by delegate vote only. Motion carried.

1st VDG Rod Chisholm welcomed the guests and also presented his moment in history. He then introduced the current and past leadership of the district. They were DG Richard Keilholz and himself, VDG Rod Chisholm, PID M.P. "Mike" Butler and his partner in service Lion Sheryl, PCC Michael "Mike" Rourke and his partner in service Lion Liz Rourke, IPDG Howie Marbach, PDG John Cole, PDG Manny Carrillo and his partner in service Lion Diane, PDG John Seale, PDG Saul Lopez and his partner in service Lion Alice, PDG Cal Lawson, PDG Pat Carroll, PDG Chris Lloyd, PDG John Kimbrough, PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina and his partner in service Lion Juanita, PDG Lytle Blankenship and his partner in service Lion Margaret. 1st VDG Rod then asked all those who were attending a cabinet meeting for the first time to please stand and be recognized. There were over 20 Lions attending their first Cabinet Meeting.

IPDG Howie Marbach gave his final report. He said he was honored and privileged to be here. His goal was one new Lion per club but unfortunately not everything works out the way you want. Membership overall was not as good as he would've liked. He worked hard on getting e-mail addresses for people on the

PU-101 report. He brought in one new club – The University of the Incarnate Word, and met with all the clubs but one. He thanked everyone for their great work.

DG Richard thanked IPDG Howie for his hard work and TEAM work to make 2-A2 a better district. District Secretary Susan Merrifield presented the minutes, there being no additions, deletions or corrections the minutes were approved as presented. Past District Treasurer Robert Castillo presented the Treasurer's Final Report for the 2011 – 2012 year as outlined in the budget. It was approved subject to audit.

DG Keilholz then addressed the issue of cabinet vacancies. Since Lion Wendy Van Winkle had to resign as 1st. VDG, because of health reasons, the proper documentation was submitted according to the Constitution of District 2-A2, MD-2 and Lions Clubs International in which 2nd VDG Rod Chisholm resigned his position as 2nd VDG with the request to move into the 1st VDG position. PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina made the motion to approve VDG Chisholm as the 1st. VDG. The motion was seconded by PDG John Kimbrough. The cabinet members voted and the motion carried. Then, Governor Richard Keilholz, in anticipation of this move to 1st. VDG, requested PCC Michael "Mike" Rourke to chair a select committee of Lions to present a recommendation of who would be considered to serve as 2nd VDG at this Cabinet Meeting today. PCC Mike Rourke was called to the podium to acknowledge the Select Committee and to make known the recommendation of

Peace Poster Finalist



Rio Aranas 12 years old
Arizona, USA

Sponsored by Sun City Midweek
Bell Lions Club

"Peace – it begins with you and me."

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this Select Committee. PCC Mike Rourke acknowledged the following Select Committee members: PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina from Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club; PDG John Kimbrough from San Antonio Alamo Heights Lions Club; PDG Chris Lloyd from the Kerrville Heart O' the Hills Lions Club; PDG John Cole from the Del Rio Host Lions Club. PCC Mike Rourke announced the recommendation of the Select Committee as Lion Sam Pantusa from the San Antonio Northside Lions Club. Then, PCC Mike Rourke, as Chairman of the Select Committee entered the motion that Lion Sam Pantusa be approved as the 2nd VDG. PDG John Kimbrough seconded the motion. The Cabinet Members voted and the Motion carried unanimously. Then, Lion Sam Pantusa was invited by DG Richard Keilholz to take his place at the head table as the District's newly elected 2nd VDG.

PDG "T.J." Tijerina read a Resolution of Endorsement for PID Mike Butler for 2nd Vice President of Lions Club International and that the Lions of District 2-A2 petition the 2012-2013 Council of Governors of MD-2 to place the name of PID Lion M.P. "Mike" Butler on the State ballot for the year of 2013, at the Convention to be held in Austin, Texas, for the endorsement of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International for the International Convention to be held in Toronto, Ontario Canada in the year 2014. PDG Ernesto "T.J." made the motion to approve; PCC Michael "Mike" Rourke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PCC Mike Rourke was then called on to install the District 2-A2 Cabinet for 2012 - 2013. As each Officer and Chairman was called forward, DG Richard gave all District Cabinet members chevrons and the Area and Zone Chairmen their pins. PCC Rourke outlined the responsibilities of the Cabinet Members and reminded all that our success would be measured by

The Tail Twisters, Lion Harry Boykin and Lion Larry Rourke had some fun with the Presidents of the Lions Clubs present. After this period of fun and fellowship, there was a 10 minute BREAK.

DG Richard recognized Lion Floyd Carriker of the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club who is turning 98 years old next week. He has been a Lion for 49 years. All present sang Happy Birthday to Lion Floyd. DG Richard then presented his acceptance speech and our District Goals for 2012 - 2013. He said he was honored to serve and would give 110%. He will also continue with IPDG Howie's TEAM to grow. He continued by saying that the main reason Lions leave their clubs is because they are not engaged. They lose their purpose. He challenged each club to bring in a positive membership by June of next year. DG Richard stated that he did not expect anyone else to do what he himself would not do. DG Richard guaranteed that his Club, the San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club would have a positive member by the end of June, 2013, as well as Our Lady of the Lake University Campus Lions Club. DG Richard also challenged 1st VDG Rod, 2nd VDG Sam, District Secretary Susan, District Treasurer Marilyn, PID Mike Butler and PCC Mike Rourke to bring in one new member by the 2nd Cabinet Meeting in Del Rio, Texas. DG Keilholz ended his speech with his motto which is "We Serve Because We Care."

Lion Marilyn Weed presented the District's Bank Depository and the 2012-2013 budget. There was a motion and a second and the 2012-2013 Bank Depository and Budget were unanimously approved.

GMT Coordinator and 2nd. VDG Sam Pantusa thanked the Select Committee and his fellow Lions for electing him to 2nd. VDG. He will continue to serve in this dual role until a suitable replacement for GMT can be identified. VDG Sam went on to share with the Lions some simple measures to identify prospective Lions and how each of us need to keep the idea of membership growth in focus. It is only through membership growth that we will be able to continue to serve our communities.

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Texas Lions Camp
Children Can...With TLC

Summer Camp 2012 Schedule

Session 1 - June 3-9: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)

Session 2 - June 10-16: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)

Session 3 - June 17-23: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)

Session 4 - June 24-30: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)

Session 5 - July 1-7: Children with Physical Disabilities (ages 7-16)

Specialty Camps - July 8-14: (Leased) American Cancer Society (ages 7-16)

Specialty Camps - July 15-21: Children with Burns (leased)/Down Syndrome (ages 12-16)

Diabetes Camp 1 - July 22-28: Children with Type 1 Diabetes (ages 8-15)

Diabetes Camp 2 - July 29 - Aug 4: Children with Type 1 Diabetes (ages 8-15)



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GLT Coordinator Lion Wally Jackson recognized all those who attended the training classes that were held throughout the District in May and June. He wants to increase the number of mentors and challenged the officers of the clubs to be trained.

Retention & Extension Chairman PDG "T.J." Tijerina said members are still dropping and that we have a problem with retention. We dropped 278 members this last year. He had the Zone and Area chairmen come forward and asked that each have a link to their clubs and that they let the chairmen know if there are any problems.

PDG John Kimbrough recognized PDG Pat Carroll for her work with Texas Lions Camp and presented PDG Pat with a "fan" designed with her picture and a picture of her late husband, Lion Herb Carroll. This was a coordinated effort on the part of the PDG's of District 2-A2 and the San Antonio Alamo Heights Lions Club. Lion Trish Wilson spoke about the camp and vividly described the case of one little boy who was able to climb the wall and achieve something he never thought he could do.

Texas Lions Foundation PDG John Seale and Lion Roland Keller said they spent all the money they made and hadn't had any money for the last 2 months. The goal was to raise \$135,000 only \$118,000 was accomplished. They will try again this next year. After 5 years of serving as chairman, PDG John was able over the five years to average \$17,000 a year and the District was in 1st place three years in a row and then 3rd and 4th place. PDG John Seale introduced Lion Roland Keller as the District's 2012-2013 Chairman of the Texas Lion Foundation. Lion Roland briefly spoke about the Texas Lions Foundation.

The Lions Sight Research Foundation COO Lion Jim Wheeler gave an overview of the programs under the LSRF. COO Jim gave an update on the completion of the LLVC expansion and the name change to include rehabilitation but still keeping the word "Lions" in the new name change.

Stride for Sight Chair, DG Richard stated that there were 6 clubs who hadn't participated before but did this past year. DG Richard emphasized the programs under the LSRF were solely a District 2-A2 Project and all money collected from S4S supported these programs. This year the S4S money supported the LLVC Expansion and the Patient Assistance Fund. DG Richard was happy to present the total amount of money raised so far from S4S was \$27,069.50. DG Richard thanked the Board of Directors for a job well done meeting and surpassing the target goal of \$25,000. DG Richard stated that he is still waiting to hear from a few more clubs that have shown an interest in donating. DG Richard went on to announce the winners of the Juan Olivares Trophy and the Carroll Albright Stride for Sight Trophy. This years winners being the San Antonio Northside Lions Club winning both trophies, being the largest contributor and being the first Club ever to win both trophies. The trophies will be awarded at the 2nd Cabinet Meeting in Del Rio, Texas, on October 6, 2012. DG Richard then turned the chair over to 1st VDG Rod who went on to talk about the 21st year of S4S.

District Hearing Board Chair, Lion Norman Fulkerson said they have partnered with Starkey Hearing Foundation and can now afford to provide two hearing aids for the same price as one.

Human Needs Board Past Chair, Lion Mary Jane Jackson thanked the clubs for their support this last year. They have some requests pending from the Uvalde and Founder Lions Clubs.

Tail Twister Lion Harry Boykin and Lion Larry Rourke entertained and warned the speakers that they would be blowing the whistle if anyone went over time.

Since the District Youth Contests Chair, PDG Raymond Conner was ill and could not be here today, DG Richard announced the chairmen for this year's youth contests. For Drug Awareness Speech – Lion Mando Landeros, Young Women's Pageant – Lion Robert Kneupper, Diabetics Awareness Essay – Lion Katherine Willems-Darter and Outstanding Youth – Lion Ken Book.

Peace Poster Contest Lion Maxine Garza said every club should have at least one child enter this contest. It's about sharing imaginations. She has the information on the peace poster kits.

Pin Sales Lion Janie Garza, said an order form is in everyone's bag and to fill them out, mail it to her and she will send the

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pins. Make checks out to District 2-A2. One pin for \$4.00 and two pins (the State Pin and DG Richard's pin) for \$7.00. Newsletter Editor and Web Master Lion Jim Weed said to get the word out on what the clubs are doing and let him know. He said to encourage Zone & Area chairs to get the clubs news out.

Announcements – DG Richard said International President Wayne Madden will be coming to Kerrville August 4, 2012, at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. to meet with all Club Presidents. He encouraged all Club Presidents to take advantage of this unprecedented access to visit one-on-one with the leader of our International Association.

All Lions were reminded that our Second Cabinet Meeting will be in Del Rio, Texas, on Saturday, October 6, 2012, and will be hosted by the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

There were 13 PDG's and 102 members present representing 29 Lions Club. There were 14 Club Presidents present. Note: There were approximately 15 Lions from Kerrville Host and Heart O' the Hills Lions Clubs who helped with the cooking but did not sign in.

Adjusted Total Attendance – 130 Lions.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Merrigield

Cabinet Secretary



**MD-2 Council of Governors
2012-2013**

2012-2013 District 2-A2 Cabinet Meetings

First Cabinet Meeting -- Saturday, July 7, 2012 at Texas Lions Camp
Cabinet Chair – Sheryl Butler

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration

Meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch & Guest Speaker – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Second Cabinet Meeting -- Saturday, October 6, 2012 San Felipe Lions
Cabinet Chair – Robert Castillo

Lions Club House (John Olivarez Building)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration/Sign in

Meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mid-Winter Conference -- Saturday, January 19, 2013

Floresville Municipal Building, Floresville, Texas

Cabinet Chair -- LaJuana Newman-Leus

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration/Sign in

Meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

District Convention -- Friday/Saturday, April 12-13, 2013

The Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

Convention Chair – PDG TJ Tijerina (Program is still being developed)

Audit of Club Financial Records

Submitted by District 2-A2 Treasurer Lion Marilyn Weed

Lions International requires clubs to conduct an annual audit. For most clubs a "full audit" is not needed. A true audit calls for a certified public accountant to examine all the financial records and prepare a formal report. Unless your club has very complicated financial transactions a simple financial review by a committee of club members is sufficient.

The committee needs full access to club financial records that include copies of all receipts, bills, checks written or voided, check registers, member dues ledgers and bank statements. The committee also needs copies of all the minutes of board and club meetings.

The audit committee should be appointed at the end of the Lions year (June) to conduct an audit of records for year just closing. No member of audit committee should have signature authority on any checking account or be related to person who has signature authority. This avoids the appearance of a conflict of interest. Individuals appointed to the committee do not need a financial background, but it can be helpful. If they can match a bill to a check that was written or a receipt of funds to a deposit, they can be a member of the audit committee.

The committee reviews club financial records to ensure no material errors or omissions have been made. A material error can be defined in accounting as a condition that could result in the misstatement of the financial condition of the club. If the mistakes are just a few dollars or cents it may not be considered material, but if deposits were not made or if there are funds missing, these would be a material error.

An example of an audit committee report:

The end of year financial report for the _____ Lions Club. An audit of all the financial records was completed on Aug 11, 2011. The receipts and all documentation for transactions were reviewed. No material errors were found. The financial report submitted by the club treasurer matches the dollar amount in the bank accounts (Admin & Activity).

One item noted was an adjustment for \$70.00. The treasurer's report does not explain why the adjustment was made. In the future, it would be helpful if the treasure included a note or memo explaining such adjustments.

One suggestion, it might be helpful it the report was kept on an electronic spreadsheet such as Excel. This would ensure all calculations were correct.

Ending Balances:

Admin Account: \$3,010.29

Activity Account: \$7,495.35

Audit Committee: Lion Billy-Bob Smith, Lion Wayne-Bob Jones, Lion Juan-Bob Martin, Lion Bob-Bob Roberts

Lions Clubs International President to Meet with Texas Club Presidents in Kerrville

IP Wayne Madden is continuing the practice of IPIP Wing-Kun Tam of visiting with Lions Club Presidents during his travels. The International President will be attending the MD-2 Council of Governors meeting and has set aside August 4, 2012 as the date to meet with the Club Presidents in Texas. The meeting is from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at the YO Ranch Hotel in Kerrville.

If you would like to attend this meeting you contact District Governor Richard Keilholz immediately! The meeting room holds 50 people.

The Past District Governors Banquet is that night. The cost of the banquet is \$30 per ticket, and they will sell tickets until they fill the banquet room. The dress is coat and tie.

You also need to be aware that a motel room may be difficult to find in Kerrville. If no rooms are available, you could try getting a room in Fredricksburg, Marble Falls, or Burnet. You might also go to San Antonio which is only a little more than an hour's drive to Kerrville (San Antonio is 60 miles east of Kerrville.)

A CALL FOR VIDEO OF YOUR CLUB IN ACTION

Submitted by District 2-A2 GMT Chairman Lion Sam Pantusa

At this past Cabinet Meeting, several reports given discussed ideas about ways to recruit new members. Some other points covered thoughts on retention of members that are leaving our clubs. As a quick reminder:

- Through Youth Contests like the Peace Poster Contest – youth can know what Lions do at an early age
- Parents of Texas Lions Campers are great potential Lions as are others that are helped through your service
- We all conduct business every day with people who we already know that are potential members
- Many times members leave our Clubs and we never find out why ---- and so on...

Your GMT needs some help and some input from our Clubs. But we'd like to get it by way of video.

We expect that somebody in your Club can do some video using their smart phones or I-devices. We'd ask that you collect some video from meetings, or fundraisers, or service activities or just anytime you guys are out working or having a good time with each other. We're thinking about having our own library of 2-A2 You Tube selections where you and your members are the stars.

Using activities and meetings as a back drop, we'd like some video of your members talking about their positive feelings about being Lions. And on the flip side, we'd like some video (if it can be gotten) from members expressing why someone may have left a Club. This would mean that someone, hopefully the sponsor of the member who has left, would have discussed with that lost member why they had decided to give up their membership. This could also be video of round table discussions that members might have talking about retention problems in their Club leading to steps that they may want to take to correct some of those problems. Zone and Area Chairs – maybe you could collect some video of these types of talks at your meetings. Let's not just include negative retention issues but let's also hear about and see some successes where we turned around a retention problem.

In other words, we're looking for what goes on from your perspective.

We're interested in having what you are doing and what steps you are taking become the basis for future Cabinet Meetings and Leadership Training. With your input, we believe that we can better address the issues and create a more active and exciting method of working our way through solutions. Besides you are all so good looking that we just can't get enough of seeing you.

I'm sure that somebody out there has a few ideas of how to better use this kind of concept that what we've explained, here. So holler back and let me know what better ways there are to do this. Just get back to Lion Sam at 210 326 3915 or email spantusa@yahoo.com.

Don't hesitate to contact me to discuss how we might help your Club with a plan to recruit new members or if you would like for me or another GMT member to talk with members that you think may be on the way to leaving your membership. We'll work out any scheduling issues that may be in the way.

Also, please get me contact information on your Club Membership Chairman. Thanks Lion Sam

Picture This



2-A2 District Governor Richard Keilholz in Buson, Korea with Lions International President Wayne Madden and Linda Madden



La Vernia Lions Club at Sequin 4th of July Parade



Where's Waldo, I mean, where's DG Richard
Texas Lions in Buson, Korea



First Cabinet Meeting July 7, 2012
Left to right 2nd VDG Sam Pantusa,
1st VDG Rod Chisholm, DG Richard Keilholz



Members of the Southtown Lions Club joined with the Northside
Lions and the First Ladies Lions to serve lunch to 350 campers and
staff at TLC on June 29, 2012

2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation

2012 STRIDE FOR SIGHT: The annual District 2-A2 Stride for Sight is chaired by the First Vice District Governor and administered by the LSRF in support of District 2-A2 Projects and Programs. As of 15 July – and donations continue to trickle in – **34 District Clubs** have contributed **over \$28,600** in support of the 2012 goal of expanding the *Lions Low Vision Rehab Center of Texas*. Based on contributions received by 30 June, the **Northside Lions Club** accomplished an unprecedented coup by winning the competition for the *Carroll Albright Memorial Trophy* that is awarded annually to the Club making the highest per capita contributions And the *Juan Olivares Memorial Award* presented to the Club making the largest contribution.

2012-2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board is pleased to welcome **Lion John Lee** (Kerrville Host LC), and **Lion Pete Cerrow** (Northside LC) who were elected at the District Convention to serve a three year term on the LSRF Board of Directors. Congratulations also to **Lion Jim Weed** (Converse LC), **Lion Bill Barker** (Helotes LC), **Lion Pat Hardwick** (Heart O'the Hills LC), and **PDG Ray Conner** (Edgewood LC) for their re-election to the LSRF Board for a second three year term. **PDG Pat Carroll** (China Grove LC), and **Lion Katherine Willems-Darter** (Natalia LC), completed their terms on the LSRF Board this year. On 1 July **1VDG Rod Chisholm** (SA Founder LC), and **IPDG Howie Marbach** (Converse LC), also joined the LSRF Board to serve one year terms.



DISTRICT 2-A2 MOBILE EYE SCREENING UNIT: The summer months are an excellent time to schedule the MESU for a visit to your Club and the communities you serve. To secure a date for a visit that best fits the activities of your Club, it is important to get in touch with the MESU Manager, **PDG Chris Lloyd**, as far in advance as possible. Don't procrastinate, contact Lion Chris (210-275-2245) and schedule a visit in the near future. lionismum@earthlink.net

LION JANIE GARZA WINS AWARD: The LSRF Staff selected Lion Janie of the LaVernia LC as the winner of the *LSRF Volunteer of the Year* award for 2011-2012. She has worked with the MESU Glaucoma Screening Program throughout the year and contributed a great deal of time to creating an informational booklet about the LSRF.

LSRF BOARD OFFICERS: At the initial LSRF Board Meeting for the new Lions Year, the following Lions were elected to serve as Board Officers for this year:

Bill Barker	(Helotes)	Chair
John Hohman	(Central Park)	Vice Chair
Diane Anderson	(Helotes)	Secretary
Joe Scholwinski	(Northside)	Treasurer



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



June 29,2012

James F. Wheeler
President and Chief Operating Officer
Lions Sight Research Foundation
4502 Centerview Drive -Suite 120
San Antonio, TX 78228

RE: Acknowledgement of Donated Equipment and Furniture to Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Center

Dear Jim:

The Department of Ophthalmology and the Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Center of Texas wish to offer our sincere appreciation to the Lions Sight Research Foundation of Texas (LSRF) for their generous donation of equipment and furnishings for our recently remodeled low vision clinic located on the first floor of the Research Administration Building (formerly, Allied Health Building) at 8403 Floyd Curl Drive. Following your earlier financial donation to support the remodel and expansion of our clinic, these gifts significantly enhance the capabilities of the center. This center was created in 2002 with support from the LSRF and continues to provide state of the art, multidisciplinary low vision rehabilitation services for patients with impaired vision throughout the local area and the south Texas region.

The recent donations have allowed us to expand and improve our services and we are truly grateful to the Lions community. Below is a list of the items (all new) donated during the past six months (January 1,2012 to present):

- NIDEK MP-1 Digital Retinal Microperimeter
- Lombart fully equipped eye exam lane (chair, slit lamp, tonometer, lensometer, iMAC Acuity System, karatometer, Keeler Wireless All Pupil II LED Indirect, and other accessories.
- RICOH MP2852SP Copier, with cabinet and accessories and FAX option
- OCULUS UB \$ Universal Trial Frame
- Bioness, Inc. Dynavision 02 with extended warranty.
- Dynex 46" LCD/1080p/60Hz/HDTV; wall mounted with Apple Receiver and cable
- Office Furniture and systems from the Broussard Group.
- And, training aids from Bernal Vision Products.

While we are unable to acknowledge the value of these items for IRS reporting purposes, we do acknowledge that all of these items were received in new condition and are currently located in our clinic and in use. You have indicated that the LSRF purchase value of these items was \$115,490.80. The Department of Ophthalmology and the Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Center of Texas provided no goods or services in return for the contributions.

Our success and ability to reach a large number of patients with impaired vision could not be possible without your generous support and the support of all the Lions Clubs throughout the District. We are truly grateful and look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sincerely,
Steven Chalfin, MD, FACS
Professor and Interim Chair
Department of Ophthalmology

Sandra M. Fox, OD
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TO: Past District Governors of Texas Lions, Council of Governors, 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors, Texas Lions Camp Directors, Committee Members, other Lions and guests. **All Lions are welcome to this meeting**

SUBJECT: Fellowship Banquet hosted by the Past District Governors of Texas Lions
WHEN: Saturday, August 4, 2012 - 7:00 PM

WHERE: YO Ranch Resort, Kerrville, Texas

DRESS: White Coats (If available)

SPEAKER : International President WAYNE A. MADDEN

TICKETS Registration - \$30.00 each by July 30, 2012
Please help in planning for these meals by ordering your tickets as soon as possible. If cancellation becomes necessary, notify Secretary C. Lee Smith by July 30, 2012 to receive a refund.

NOTICE NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER JULY 30, 2012

ORDER FOR BANQUET TICKETS

TO:
PCC C. Lee Smith
Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 1717
Clyde, TX 79510
Phone: 325/669-8851

PLEASE SEND MAIL
TO ARRIVE IN CLYDE
NO LATER THAN

NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED AFTER JULY 30, 2012.

THEY MAY BE PICKED UP IN KERRVILLE...

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ tickets @ \$30.00 each for the Past District Governors Banquet on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Please make check payable to the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

CHECK HERE FOR PICK UP IN KERRVILLE _____

FOR MAILING: PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE

Please Indicate: Past District Governor _____ District Governor _____
1st or 2nd Vice District Governors _____ Lion _____ Other Guests . _____

REMEMBER ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME TO THIS BANQUET

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