

# Lions in Service

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## From the District Governor Richard Keilholz

My Fellow Lions,

As we come to the end of the 2012-2013 Lion Year, I want to thank you, the Lions of District 2-A2, for giving me the opportunity to serve you. We began this Lion Year in July with 1,692 Lions in the district and presently we have 1,740 Lions and hopefully we will continue this pattern of growth in the months and years ahead. We currently have 61 clubs serving their respective communities and we have the possibility of adding an additional club before the end of June. Of the clubs that comprise our district, there are presently 21 clubs with positive growth in membership and will be eligible for International President Wayne Madden's "Club Excellence Award". There are another 20 plus clubs who are at a break-even point, and with the addition of only one more member before the end of June they would also be at a positive growth in membership and eligible for this recognition as well. Clubs who are in a positive growth in membership must maintain this membership throughout the month of June to be eligible for the "Club Excellence Award."

But, it is not just about adding a new member; it is about what that new member can do for the club and your community. Each new member brings with him/her their own talents and interests that can enhance the club activities with

new ideas and manpower. District 2-A2 has, because of your efforts, run a good race and is presently at a plus 48 in membership with the potential of growing additional members before the end of June, 2013.

As we prepare to cross our finish line and close this lion year, I want to recognize the following clubs who have set the pace in positive membership growth. These 21 clubs represent 34% of the district. Congratulations to the following Lions Clubs for positive growth in membership as of May 28, 2013: Converse Lions Club, Crystal City Lions Club, Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club, Devine Lions Club, Eagle Pass Border Lions Club, Eagle Pass Evening Lions Club, Helotes Lions Club, Hondo Lions Club, Kerrville Host Lions Club, Leakey Lions Club, Our Lady of the Lake University Campus Lions Club, Pleasanton Lions Club, San Antonio Alamo Heights Lions Club, San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club, San Antonio Founder Lions Club, San Antonio Highland Park Lions Club, San Antonio Kelly Field Area Lions Club, San Antonio University of Incarnate Word Lions Club, Somerset Lions Club, Stockdale Lions Club and Utopia Lions Club.

"Thank you, Lions, for allowing me to serve you."

As a district, our focus will



*DG Richard Keilholz*

continue to be on providing service to the communities which we serve, a commitment to growth, building future lions clubs, and growing our leadership within the district and beyond. I look forward to my new role as your immediate past district governor and in continuing my service as a member of our district leadership team. As I prepare to turn over the gavel of leadership for District 2-A2, please know that I will continue to give my support and service to my club, the district and Lions Clubs International.

As I have said many times, whatever we have been able to accomplish, we have done because of your efforts and support. I now take this opportunity to ask each of you to join me in pledging your full support for our Governor-Elect, Lion Rod Chisholm, and his efforts next year to ensure that our district continues on its path of growth and expanded service and in doing so, "Follow Your

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Dream.”

Remember, it is you and your club that make our district what it is today and tomorrow. Please also remember that even though I will not be your district governor, I will always be here to serve you and help to build and improve our district. In our effort of working together this year, we hoped to grow healthy, build future leaders and continue to provide needed service to all of our communities that “We Serve Because We Care.” I think we can proudly say we finished our race taking the checkered flag.

“Mission Accomplished!”

Please remember, I am always 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



## Texas Lions Camp

Fellow Lions,

The summer camping season at Texas Lions Camp begins next week (June 9). Now is the time to get campers signed up. We have over 1000 kids registered but there is room for more. The staff at the camp is looking for an exciting summer. Campers can register on line by going to the [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com) website or you can print a hard copy from there and fill in out and mail it in. We have had good response using the website. Send campers and let us fill all the camps this summer.

Also, I mentioned at the District Convention that only about 5% of the Lions in Texas are members of the Century Club. If all Lions in the state were members we would raise about \$2.7 million for the camp each year. The cost is only \$10/month and that can be put on automatic draw from your checking account or you can pay \$100/year as I do. You get a nice plaque and each year that you are a member you get a medallion to put on the plaque. We have one Lion who is on his 4th plaque.

Have a great summer.

Lion Doug Thomas  
Elected Director Texas Lions Camp



## Human Needs Board

Your Human Needs Board wishes to thank all who purchased pins at our fundraiser held during the District Convention. We raised nearly \$500 to help clubs help families in our district.

During the business meeting at the Convention, the Board reported on a young boy named Isaiah Vasquez. Isaiah has cerebral palsy, brittle bone syndrome and scoliosis. His family is in desperate need of a wheelchair accessible van to transport Isaiah to medical appointments. He has had to endure as many as nine leg fractures just getting him into and out of the family's current vehicle. Since the Convention, he has undergone yet another surgery in an attempt to correct his scoliosis. We are happy to report he came through the six and a half hour surgery and is about to start a long and painful recovery requiring extensive physical therapy.

We collected \$800 in donations at the Convention and want to thank the Alamo Heights Lions Club, Region 20 Lions Club and PDG Cal Lawson their contribution.

We are also asking any Lion of District 2-A2 who may have a contact for purchasing a used, wheelchair accessible van to let us know.



## From the 1st Vice District Governor Rod Chisholm

My Fellow Lions:

The year-end is upon us. You can almost hear them singing: "May auld acquaintance be forgot..."

No, it's not December 31st approaching, but rather July 1<sup>st</sup>; better known as the beginning of a new Lion Year!

Looking back, under the direction of our Governor Richard Keilholz, our District has grown in numbers and in stature. More members means greater capacity. More members means that there are more opportunities to serve. This is significant. And this should go down as a banner year for District 2-A2.

Governor Richard is not alone in this endeavor. There have been so many contributors in this effort from Club Members, to Region and Area Chairs, to Cabinet Members to virtually everyone who contributes to our service projects.

The momentum has been established. Now we must continue the march in the coming year.

Now the key to completing our service projects is membership. Even though 2-A2 had a PLUS membership this past year, we must not stay content. Allow me to illustrate: There is a district in Texas that lost 125 members this past year. When an analysis was completed, they figured that the total number of deaths this past year, in this district, was 135!



*1st VDG Rod Chisholm*

One can easily recognize that we must plan for the inevitable. Lions will pass away or move and we must anticipate replacing these Lions with new folks who can bring new energy, new ideas, new dedication and new leadership.

I'm asking each club to increase their membership by a NET 10%! This means that a club with 20-members are asked to grow their number by a NET 2 members. A 30 person club is asked to grow their club by a NET 3. A 60 person club is asked to grow by a NET 6!

Can this be done? Oh yea! But like anything, you want to begin early on during the new Lion year. We should all work with our Membership Chairs to plan your work and then work your plan.

If you need help, call on me or VDG San Pantusa or VDG Jim Weed. We stand by ready to help.

Happy New Year!

*Yours in Lionism*

*Rod G. Chisholm*

1st Vice District Governor

A Lion



Lives

Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club  
**YARD SIGNS  
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[sterlingbutler@windstream.net](mailto:sterlingbutler@windstream.net)  
**Signs are \$10.00 each**

### Mark You Calendars 2013-2014

July 20, 2013 1st Cabinet Meeting, Helotis Lions Club Building

September 19-21, 2013  
USA/Canada Forum

October 5, 2013 2nd Cabinet Meeting, Texas Lions Camp

January 17-18, 2014 Mid-Winter Meeting, Eagle Pass

April 11-12, 2014 District Convention, Holiday Inn on Loop 410 in San Antonio

May 15 thru 19th, 2014 State Convention, Cruise Ship departing from Galveston

## From 2nd Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa

**LAST CALL -- ALL CLUBS ESPECIALLY LEOS --- Friday - JUNE 14 --  
BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER!!! MORGAN'S WONDERLAND**

Just like we did two years ago, we will prepare hot dog sack lunches (did you hear that about the hot dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect Lion Jim) for 1500 visitors and volunteers as we assist the DARS Agency in hosting blind and disabled children and their families from all over the state of Texas. Especially calling all Leos!! Grille and preparation area set up will start at 8:00am. Lunch will be served between 11:45 and 1:15pm. You will have an opportunity to assist the youngsters through the rides and other amusements of the park if you so desire and meet potential TLC campers.

If you haven't reported in, yet, let me or PDG Saul Lopez know with numbers of members that you expect will be able to help. If you have a grille that you can bring, please pass that on, too, to PDG Saul. Reach us at Lion Sam at 210 326 3915; [span-tusa@yahoo.com](mailto:span-tusa@yahoo.com); PDG Saul at 210 522 9267; [alicesaullopez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alicesaullopez@sbcglobal.net).

Directions - Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards Drive, San Antonio, TX 78233

From downtown San Antonio take I-37 N/US-281 North. Exit I-35 N/North Panam Expressway toward Austin, Exit 142A. Take Exit 167 toward Starlight Terrace/Thousand Oaks Drive. Merge onto the Interstate 35 access road. Turn left onto Starlight Terrace/Thousand Oaks. Continue to follow Thousand Oaks and after about half a mile, turn right.



2nd VDG San Pantusa

Turn left after 0.1 miles and Morgan's Wonderland will be on your right.

From the airport from Airport Boulevard, turn left onto NE 410 Loop frontage road. Exit onto NE Loop 410 E via the ramp on the left. Keep left at the fork and continue on toward I-35 N/Austin. Keep right at the next fork and follow signs for Randolph Boulevard/Windcrest. Keep left at the fork and follow signs for I-35 N and merge onto the I-35 access road. Turn left onto Starlight Terrace/Thousand Oaks. Continue to follow Thousand Oaks and after about half a mile, turn right. Turn left after 0.1 miles and Morgan's Wonderland will be on your right.

We don't want to talk about numbers just yet, but on June 30 (the

close of our 2012-2013 year), all indications are that we should have more members in district 2-A2 than we have had in quite a few years. All of them working to serve greater and greater numbers in our communities. We add our congratulations to our brandest, newest Stockdale Lions Club. Lion Charter President Angelique Schmidt and her fellow members are on fire with project ideas aimed at bringing several new programs to the kids of Stockdale.

And congratulations to the Westside Lions for their super successful networking at the Harlandale ISD symposium for special needs families. Spearheaded by Lion Steve Medina, ten of the Westside members met several potential TLC campers, met prospective new Lions, and set the stage for all of us to do the same at other upcoming health fairs and larger similar symposium events. Service and networking, networking and service. That's how you grow and that's how you let folks know who you are and what you do.

And finally, please pass on to me and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE, Lion Jim dates and other info to announce your club's big events for the coming year. We want to publish as many as possible to create a calendar of events for all to know about. And please let us know if your event has opportunities for other clubs to participate.

Thanks for Listening,  
*Sam Pantusa*  
2nd Vice District Governor

You're Invited!  
**Floresville Lions Club**  
**Installation Banquet**

**Friday, June 21**

**6:30 p.m.**  
**Jack's Café**  
**607 101A St.**  
**(U.S. 181)**



Join us as we install  
**2013-2014 Officers For the**  
**Floresville Lions Club**

And the  
**Floresville Leo Club**

Installing Officers:  
**District Governor Richard Keddholz**

RSVP to Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus  
 At 830-391-4625 or lajleus@gmail.com

Dinner \$15

**From The District Chaplain**  
**Lion Doug Thomas**

Fellow Lions,



We had a great district convention in April and I thank all who helped with the Necrology Service. Our visiting PID Jim Cavalero had some nice comments about the service. He especially like the memorial reflections given by Lions who knew the Lions who had died. I think that is very special. At the service we remembered the following Lions:

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| Francis Bartlett          | SA Highland Hills |
| Geroge Bauer              | Del Rio Host      |
| James Addison Blocklinger | Del Rio Host      |
| David Braden              | Kerrville Host    |
| Tige Brown                | George West       |
| Raymond E. Carrell        | Del Rio Host      |
| Wallace Cook              | SA Highland Park  |
| John M. Costello          | SA Founders       |
| Eldon Edge                | Kerrville Host    |
| Robert L. Fink            | Converse          |
| Matthew Marshall          | China Grove       |
| Armando Mendieta          | Bruni             |
| O.B. Milton               | Utopia            |
| PDG Herb Morris           | SA Founders       |
| Clarence J. Nesbitt, Jr.  | Center Point      |
| Joseph Taylor Nunley      | Sabinal           |
| Wallace Ottomers          | Fredericksburg    |
| Judge Carl Pendergrass    | Del Rio Host      |
| Montie Thompson           | SA Windcrest      |
| James Tschirhart          | Hondo             |

Here's some pictures because I had the room and Janie and I are rarely in a picture.



As we start another year please keep me informed about those Lions in our district who have died. Please go the documents section of the district website and fill out the "In Memory" form and send it to me. I would like to acknowledge those who have died at each cabinet meeting and then at the Necrology Service at the district convention.

May God bless the District Governor and all of us during the coming year.

*Lion Doug Thomas*

**District 2-A2 Chaplain**

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# First Cabinet Meeting



# First Cabinet Meeting



# Second Cabinet Meeting



# Mid Winter Cabinet Meeting



# Mid Winter Cabinet Meeting



# Mid Winter Cabinet Meeting



# Mid Winter Cabinet Meeting



# Club Visit



# Club Visit



**Buffalo Valley Lions Club**



**North San Antonio Hills Lions Club**



**Northside Lions Club**



**Southtown Lions Club**

# Club Visit



Eagle Pass Border & Evening Club



Area Family Lions Club



Helotes Lions Club



# Club Visit



# Club Visit



# Club Visit



George West Lions Club



Utopia Lions Club



Alamo City Lions Club



Converse Lions Club



Region 20 Lions Club



Sabinal Lions Club



Highland Hills Lions Club

# Club Visit



# Kelly Field Charter Night



# Kidsight Pilot Program



# Leadership Forum



USA/Canada Leadership Forum Committee

# Peace Poster



**District 2-A2 Peace Poster Contest**

# Westside Lions Club Event



# Veteran's Day Parade



# ROTC



# Scholarship Banquet



# Scholarship Banquet



# Scholarship Banquet



# District Convention



# District Convention



# Fellowship Banquet



# District Awards





# 20th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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Taylor Harris, Camper 2012

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more player registration forms go to  
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## August 1, 2013

8:00 am Shotgun Start

**Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course**

**Fredericksburg, TX**

### Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s).

All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

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**Mail to: Garion Brunson, 2-T3  
1541 JBS Parkway, Suite 7  
Odessa, TX 79761**

# A little TLC can go a long way.

Denny's is proud to support the Texas Lions Camp (TLC), a non-profit residential camp in Kerrville, TX for children with special medical needs.

Join us for a Benefit Night, the **first Wednesday of each month**, from **4pm - 8pm, June 5th - December 4th**. We'll donate 10% of your check (pre-tax) to support this worthy organization.



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Learn more at [lionscamp.com](http://lionscamp.com)

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# June 2013

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Officer Training,  
Kerrville

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Serving Lunch  
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