

# Lions in Service

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## From The District Governor Richard Keilholz

My Fellow Lions,

We are coming upon the Christmas Season, **“Tis the Season”** of giving and helping others less fortunate. As Lions we do this all year, giving to others less fortunate. However, it is during the Christmas Holidays that Lions give even more of themselves because the community needs seem to be more prevalent during this time of year. The Lions are there to try and answer the call whether it be providing eye screenings with the Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU), providing free eye glasses and eye exams for children, providing meals to those in need, collecting toys to give to children of families who otherwise could not afford to give their children gifts, and so the list goes on. Mark Twain stated that **“the best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.”** An unknown author once said, **“When you give of yourself to help other people, you cannot help but be abundantly rewarded. No one is truly a success in life until he or she has learned how to serve.”** As our **Motto** this year states, **“We Serve because We Care.”**

As your Governor, I have been busy this month. Before going to the Second Council of Governors Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sam and myself attended the Northside Lions Club where I had the privilege of presenting Lion Joe Scholwinski the

Miracle Circle Award from the Lions Sight Research Foundation. This is a unique award and Lion Joe is well deserving of this honor.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Rod, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sam and myself all attended the Second Council of Governors meeting in Midland, Texas. We all went through Leadership Training and had the opportunity to talk and discuss with other members of our Council. During this Council Meeting, the Resolution to place PID Mike Butler’s name on the State ballot in May, 2013 at the State Convention in Austin was again re-approved for Lion Mike to run as Second Vice President of Lions Club International in Toronto, Canada in 2014. Another significant action of this Council was to approve the changes to the MD-2 Constitution which have been long overdue. It



DG Richard Keilholz

will be very important that as many Lions attend our District Convention in San Antonio on April 12-13, 2013 at the Menger Hotel to vote not only for the changes to our State constitution but to vote to place PID Mike Butler’s name on the State Ballot to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of

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Lions Club International, as well as vote for the various in our District who will be running for the various offices.

I was happy to celebrate with my own Club, the Edgewood Lions Club, at their 35<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary and thirty-five years of service to our community. PID Mike Butler was our guest speaker and did an excellent job in talking about the service that the Edgewood Lions Club has provided to its community as well as the Leadership the Edgewood Lions has provided to the district. Along with this, PID Mike pinpointed the fact that the Edgewood Lions themselves have sponsored as many as four other Lions Clubs. I want to thank the Lions from other

Clubs who celebrated our Anniversary with us as well as Our Lady of the Lake University Campus Club for sponsoring the Anniversary celebration at Our Lady of the Lake University Campus.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, I visited with the Utopia Lions Club and inducted two new members at this time. Zone Chairman, Lion Kelly Longbotham and President, Lion Rod Chalmers are committed to growing their Club. In the Spring, the Utopia Lions Club will co-host their City-wide auction which requires a lot of man power. These new members will help in making this project successful. The auction is Utopia Lions Club's major

fundraiser. With the money that is raised the Utopia Lions Club are able to provide scholarships to their students going on to college as well as to help their fire department and other Entities in Utopia. As District Governor, I challenged the Utopia Lions to become recipients of the **Club Excellence Award** this year. The Utopia Lions are up for this

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challenge, and I look forward to celebrating their achieving this Award at the end of my governor year.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> with the help of the La Vernia Lions Club float, District 2-A2 was able to participate in the San Antonio Veterans Day Parade as a way of honoring our veterans and the sacrifices that the veterans have made for our country. There were over sixty Lions participating in this year's Veterans Day Parade. I want to thank our 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sam Pantusa and PDG Saul Lopez for the work that they did in organizing this successful event. We are hoping that next year's parade will be even bigger with more Lions participating.

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I truly want to congratulate Lion Maxine Garza, for her hard work as Chairperson of the Peace Poster Contest this year. This year Lion Maxine held the judging and art exhibit of each of the Peace Poster entries at Our Lady of the Lake University on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The winning Peace Poster went to Bria Peters, from La Vernia Middle School. Congratulations to Bria Peters who's Peace Poster will go on to State competing with the 15 other Districts in Texas.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, a group of Lions received training from the State of Texas in order to become certified eye screeners. This is a six hour long course which will help prepare these Lions with the skills and knowledge to conduct eye screenings. This is a State Certified Program and the Certification is good for five years. This is part of the process that has been established by the PediaVision Committee as part of the training for the Pilot Program using the hand held eye screener called the SPOT which was purchased by the District to conduct eye screenings for children as young as six months old. The

following Lions participated and received their certification as State Eye Screeners: PDG John Cole (Del Rio Host Lions Club), Lion Janie Garza (La Vernia Lions Club), Lion Mary Ann Mays (La Vernia Lions Club), Lion Roger Miller (La Vernia Lions Club) Lion Yerandi Sustaita (OLLU Campus Lions Club), PDG Chris Lloyd with the MESU (Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club), Lion Rose Mary Paletta (Westside Lions Club), President Lion Roger Smith (Westside Lions Club), Lion Adrian Council (Westside Lions Club), and DG Richard J. Keilholz (Edgewood Lions Club). The District is moving forward on the PediaVision Pilot Program and should begin eye screenings at local Day Care Centers in the near future. A report on the District's Pilot Program will be given at the Mid-Winter Conference in Floresville, Texas on January 19, 2013.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> during their noon meeting I spoke to the San Antonio Founder Lions Club. Again, I put forth the challenge to the Founder Lions to achieve the **Club Excellence Award** this year. The Founder Lions are up for the challenge, and I look forward to the day of celebrating their achieving this award.

I want to congratulate the following 16 Lions Clubs for positive growth in membership this month, and I want to continue to encourage other Clubs to grow membership because that is what it takes to keep your Lions Club healthy, bringing in more manpower as well as bringing in new ideas and experiences that will help your Club continue to grow and flourish as you meet the needs of your community. The following Clubs with growth in membership are: China Grove Lions, Converse Lions, Crystal City Lions, Eagle Pass Border Lions, Eagle Pass Evening Lions, Floresville Lions, Helotes Lions, Hondo Lions, Natalia Lions, Our Lady of the Lake Campus Lions, Pleasanton Lions, Alamo Heights Lions, Region 20 Lions, University of the Incarnate Word Lions, Somerset Lions and Utopia Lions. Again Congratulations.

Lastly, I want to encourage as many Lions to attend our upcoming Mid-Winter Conference to be held on January 18-19, 2013 in Floresville, Texas at the newly built Floresville Event Center. Lion LaJuana is the Chairperson for this Conference. On Friday,

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January 18<sup>th</sup>, the District Governor will meet with all Area and Zone Chairs at 6:00 p.m. at the Floresville Event Center and then at 7:30 p.m. we will all participate in the Floresville Fiesta with Mariachis, sangria, paquitos and chips and dips. The Lions who are running for office will have an opportunity to announce their candidacy after which we will wine and dine in the Great City of Floresville and enjoy each other's company. On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> we will have our Mid-Winter Conference Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Floresville Event Center with PIP Everett "Ebb" Grindstaff as our guest speaker. The meal (carne quisada with rice and beans, tea and desert) will cost \$10 pre-sale and \$12 at the door. We will have an informative, fun packed agenda. Please encourage as many of your Lion members to attend. Lion LaJuana has secured the newly built La Quinta Inn for those Lions staying overnight on Friday, January 18, 2013. Cost of the Hotel is \$129.00 (with the Eagle Ford Oil, rooms are usually \$159). Now is the time to reserve your room at the Lions Discount. You can book your rooms online at [www.LQ.com](http://www.LQ.com). If you have any questions call 210-373-0189. Make sure when booking your hotel room you let them know you want the **Lions Discount**.

As I have stated before, 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**



### From the District Tail Twisters

The 2A2 Tail Twisters of this Great District need your help. We would like to have a Walk-A-Thon to bring publicity and to raise money for the Tail Twister fund; this money will be used to sponsor charities and scholarships for District 2A2. We hope Clubs will help support this fund raiser and more importantly PARTICIPATE. We want to organize a Walk-A-Thon that will allow for a walk from the city limits of San Antonio to the city limits of Floresville. We are asking each club to pledge/donate \$25.00 to support this project.

The money raised will help defray the cost of putting on this event and to raise money for charities for the district and scholarships. We are serious about this being a successful project but we can't do it without your help. I am willing to come to clubs and explain and provide any information you may need. This project will give us FREE publicity and hopeful help bring awareness of District 2A2 is and it clubs. The Walk-A-Thon will be held on 9 March 2013 beginning at the city limits of San Antonio and end at the city



limits of Floresville. We will provide routes and maps at the Winter Conference in Floresville. We would like as many clubs to participate as possible, we would like some clubs help set up and man water stations and support this project. We are planning to have a float or trailer for Senior Lions to ride to allow anyone wanting to be a part of this project to participate in this Walk-A-Thon.

We want each club to use this project to raise funds for their club. We are asking clubs to pledge to walk (1) One Mile of the (17) miles. We are also asking the young and healthy club members that want to; walk more than one mile. I challenge our college campus clubs to walk the 17 miles with the Tail Twisters. I challenge all clubs to us this project to raise money to support your favorite charity. I am asking the Floresville Lions and clubs to team up and provide a meal for participants. I am asking Lions to wear T-Shirts and Vest to represent your clubs. We plan to film the Walk-A-Thon for the Worlds Funniest Video's!! Only kidding; be a part of a great day for Lions in 2A2. We are planning to have a special coin for those clubs and members who participate. So don't miss out. I promise you that the 2A2 Tail Twisters will make this an event you will remember for years to come. TRUST ME!!

I hope you will support this fund raiser and more importantly be special part of this first Annual Tail Walk-A-Thon. The Tail Twisters Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday 9 March 2013. Maps will be provided of the route and times at the Winter Conference in Floresville. We are going to need your help. Our goal is to get 17 clubs to participate in the walking (1) mile of the 17 mile Walk-A-thon.

Watch for a letter to your club with details and how to sign up.

Lion Harry B. Boykin  
Lion Larry Roarke

## From the 1st Vice District Governor Rod Chisholm

Hello 2A2:

Some times the calendar seems to creep ever so slowly...it's like it will never end. I believe that's where the phrase "the dog days of Summer" came from. During this time, one thinks that the weather will never give us a break from the high 90-degrees!

However, I don't know what it is, but once Halloween occurs...then there's Thanksgiving...followed by Christmas parties...family and friends visit...Christmas...New Years...football bowls and championships...and before you know it we're into the Lions' Mid-Winter Meeting and the Lion year is heading to a conclusion!

Wow...Where did that year go?!

Here's the rub. In our busy schedules, we often find there are so many things that we want to accomplish, but never quite get around to it. One such item is recruiting members into our respective clubs. Recruiting is the vital ingredient that allows our fabulous organization to exist. Without new members...consistently...then we will offset the normal attrition that is part of the human experience.

Will Rogers, the humorist from Oklahoma, once said, "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit

there." We cannot allow our members or ourselves to simply "sit there."



*1st VDG Rod Chisholm*

The inventor, Thomas A. Edison said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls, and looks like work." Recruiting is work, but it is easy work if we share the load, if we all do our part.

And finally, author Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said, "There is nothing so terrible as activity without insight." What did he mean by that? Well, it means that each club should determine a viable, achievable recruiting goal...that is geared by the end of this Lion year. Pick a number...a number that makes sense...like, maybe, a 10% increase in membership! How's that for a goal! For a 10-person club, that means simply ending the Lion year by adding one Lion. A 30-member club would add 3. You get the picture. Take the challenge. We can do it! Full speed ahead.

Yours in Lionism,

*Rod G. Chisholm*  
**1st Vice District Governor**

### **HANDS ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT A LION'S LEGACY**

by Lion Gary Morrison

Lion Bonnie Truax was a teacher, educator and recognized innovator until her passing in 2009. In 1984 she was diagnosed with macular degeneration and she was declared blind in 1995. She started a support group, The Low Vision Club, in 1997 and today the Club has over 1,000 members. In 2002 she opened Owl Radio which provides daily readings of the San Antonio Express-News and other print material to those with sight or print handling disabilities.

Owl Radio broadcasts 365 days of the year on a special frequency to radios given to their 1,500 clients. Owl Radio has over 100 volunteers and they are looking for more help.

Helen Keller called for Lions to be Knights of the Blind. So if you're looking for a hands on volunteer opportunity, two areas are open at Owl Radio. One is for readers, which requires an audition. The other is to deliver radios to the listeners. No audition required! You can accept an assignment when convenient, pick up a radio, coordinate with the listener and deliver the radio with a short demonstration.

Owl Radio is located near Loop 410 and Nacogdoches Road. You can learn more at [www.owlradio.org](http://www.owlradio.org). You can contact Owl Radio at 210-829-

## From 2nd Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa

**Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see** --- Mark Twain

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours.

A great big THANK YOU for all the support shown for our newly Chartered University of the Incarnate Word Lions Club. A great evening on October 26, but not sure who had more fun, the UIW Lions or Installing Officer PID Lion Mike Butler who did a bang up job getting the new Lions off and running. And that's exactly what they have been doing. A few of the service activities that these tremendous Lions have already been engaged in: Trunk or Treat at Halloween for the kiddo's; helping with MESU screening with the OLLU Lions and the Edgewood Lions; Lions Veterans Parade; working with their sponsors, Alamo Heights Lions at AHHS Homecoming Concessions Stand and at the First Annual AH Lions Garage Sale; and, now, the First Annual UIW Lions Blue Santa Toy Drive. And all the while they continue to add more members. Let's all take a breath and congratulate these great Lions on their rocket-like start.

Got a little secret -- Looks like you'll be getting an invite right after the New Year to the Char-



2nd VDG San Pantusa

ter Night Celebration for the brand new Kelly Field Area Lions Club -- but don't tell anybody. This great bunch of soon-to-be official Lions is already working on a project to donate 450 soccer shirts for Police Athletic League players for this Spring and they will be volunteering to help some children from the Guadalupe Community Center do some Christmas shopping and planning their first big fundraising event at the Port SA Fiesta de los Nino's event. Like I said, don't tell anybody about all this since they aren't Lions just yet. But it's fun to see them busting at the seams to be official. Thanks to Guiding Lion Diana Calderon of Edgewood Lions.

We've got some great ENERGY going in 2-A2!!! And we'll keep it going in 2013!

We've had some terrific visits with some of you and looking forward to many more. A big thank you for the hospitality shown us by the Eagle Pass Border Lions and the SA Northwest Lions. Looking forward to visiting with as many of you as we can during the Christmas Season.

And while we're passing out the thanks, we need to send some more out to everyone who participated in our Veterans Day

Parade 2-A2 Lions contingent in San Antonio on Nov 10. Biggest group we've had in our 3 year history. Maybe the start of a long tradition. Thanks to Lion Sid Martin for shuttling the parade members, and PDG Saul Lopez and Lion Don Khan for the hamburgers and hot dogs and Lion Rosemary Paletta for getting our picnic location secured. And the BIGGEST THANKS, once again, to Lion President Steve Mays and the great Lions from the La Vernia Lions Club for redecorating and furnishing their float for the riders again this year. Look for the pic's in this newsletter.

We hope that all of you will have some memorable moments in the coming weeks as you share the Lion Spirit through your Christmas projects. Such a special time when everyone seems to understand that we are meant to reach out a helping hand. It's unfortunate that others only feel these feelings at Christmas. We are blessed to have these feelings year round as we share our Lion Hearts. We Serve Because We Care.

May Each of You Share A Blessed Season With Those That You Love.

Take some video of your having fun and doing your good work. It's Great to Be A LION!!!

Thanks for Listening,

*Sam Pantusa*

2nd Vice District Governor

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

Registration before 1/29/13 # \_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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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://tlercmidlandtexas.org](http://tlercmidlandtexas.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)



*Come One Come All*

**To the District 2-A2 Mid-Winter Conference  
Being held in Floresville, Texas  
And hosted by the Floresville Lions Club**

**Be sure and plan ahead and block off your calendar for January 18-19, 2013, so you will be able to attend the greatest Lions Meeting so far this year. The Lions of Floresville have gone out of their way to make sure that all of the Lions and guests have a great time. They are working on having a wonderful social for all to enjoy on Friday evening and on Saturday, we are very fortunate having one of the best speakers in Lionism.**

*Come and Participate...Come and Have Fun  
and be reenergized for the second half of our  
service year.*

## Past International President Everett J. Grindstaff

Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff, of Ballinger, Texas, USA, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 65th annual convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, July 1982.

Past President Grindstaff is a practicing attorney and an attorney for the city of Ballinger.

A Lion since 1954 and currently a member of the Ballinger Noon Lions Club, Past President Grindstaff has held numerous offices including club president, district governor, past president of the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children and has chaired several committees at Lions Conventions. He also served a two-year term as a member of the association's board of directors from 1972-74.

For his efforts on behalf of the association, he has received 17 International President's Awards, two

Extension Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor given to members by the association. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, Jack Weich Fellow of the Lions Camp and Texas Lions Foundation Fellow. In addition, Past President Grindstaff received the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's 1983 Humanitarian Award for his work in helping diabetics worldwide, and received the highest award given by the American Diabetes Association, the Dr. Charles Best Award, in 1984.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past President Grindstaff is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, past chairman of the Upper Colorado River Authority, Life Member Counselor of Baylor Law School, past director of the State Bar of Texas, past president of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and past district chairman and past district commissioner of the Tri-Rivers District of Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America.

He and his wife, Jeannette "Jay," have two children and three grandchildren.



## Texas Lions Camp

by Lion Douglas Thomas

As the season of giving approaches have you thought about giving a donation to the Texas Lions Camp in the name of a friend or relative. Maybe you would like to purchase a memorial brick in the name of someone special. The gift of a life membership may be special to a fellow Lion or you can give it to a family member or special friend. Lion Clubs as a whole may not be a Life Member but individual Lions, other individuals and businesses are encouraged to be life members. Our club gave a life membership to a Lion who was moving out of state so he could take a little of Texas Lionism with him.



Also, have you thought about being a Century Club member? This would be a great gift to the camp. 12% of the camp's operating revenue is achieved through our Century Club and only about 5% of our Lions participate. For only \$10.00/month or \$100(lump sum)/year you can join and get a nice wall plaque in which you can put a medallion for each year you participate.

Stephen Mabry, CEO of Texas Lions Camp, says that "personal giving matters and helps us keep the doors open." And that is important this time of year. If you have any questions about making a donation to the camp feel free to contact him. He is always ready to visit with you.

### *District 2-A2 MESU*



***Plan your 2013 MESU visit early...***

***The MESU schedule is being formulated for 2013.***

***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](mailto:lionsmum@earthlink.net)

## Imagine Peace

By Lion Maxine Garza

As most of you already know, Lions International holds a Peace Poster Contest every year for the youth of our communities. I am proud to say that we had several clubs participate this year. Some clubs had up to 32 students who participated in this contest. That is 32 potential future Lions and this is just with one club. There were other clubs with 15 and another with 20 participants, this is what makes our clubs grow.

There were 11 clubs that participated, but only 10 posters to choose from. The scoring was close and it came down to two posters, Center Point and La Vernia. All the posters were Outstanding and the kids did a great job, but there could only be one poster to move forward to the next level.

This year's (2012) District 2-A2 Peace Poster Winner is Bria Peters from La Vernia, sponsored by the La Vernia Lions Club. Bria Peters' poster advances to the Multiple District Level in Lubbock, TX where she will be competing with 15 other Districts Winners. The judging for this level will be held in December, 2012.

The other day I received an email from 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sam Pantusa thanking me for my dedication and hard work, he said and I quote ". . . I know that you made a difference for all those students that entered the contest and you opened the door for many adults to know more about Lionism." I appreciate his words and I wanted to share them with



2012 District 2-A2 Peace Poster Winner  
Bria Peters from La Vernia, TX

you, but I didn't open these doors alone. I would like to thank the following Clubs for their dedication and hard work and making this year's Peace Poster Contest a success: Utopia Lions, Converse Lions, Westside Lions, La Vernia Lions, Eagle Pass Lions, Floresville Lions, Windcrest Lions, Del Rio Host Lions, Center Point Lions, Our Lady of the Lake Lions, and San Antonio Founder Lions.

We would like to say "Thank You" to Our Lady of the Lake Lions for hosting our District 2-A2 1st Peace Poster Art Gallery Show on November 18, 2012, at Our Lady of the Lake University. This Art Gallery Show displayed all the local winning posters, where they were judged by Debbie Erby, Atilano Garza and Joe Benitez. Moreover, we would like to say "Thank You" to the La Vernia Lions Club for donating all the refreshments and appetizers for this event.

You may view all the poster entries by visiting by [clicking here](#).



Left to right DG Richard J. Keilholz,  
Atilano Garza, Joe Benitez, Lion  
Maxine Garza, Front Debbie Erby

Lions please, get with your club members and talk to them about this contest again, and consider participating in next year's 2013 International Peace Poster Contest. The number of this year's participants is testimony to how enthusiastic our youth is to express their thoughts about PEACE. It may not seem important to you now, but to the kids we reach out to, it means the World.

## From The District Chaplain Lion Doug Thomas



We are almost half way through our Lion year and I have only been informed of the death of 5 Lions – 4 names sent to me by the District Governor and one from a club president. I hope this means that we are being a very healthy group this year but I doubt that this is the case. Please let me know if you lose a member of your club due to death. When a member of your club dies first let me know so that I can report it our next news letter. Then go to **documents** on our 2A2 web site and fill out the “In memory” form. I would like to receive the information as we progress through the year and not wait until we are preparing for the necrology service at the District Convention. I would appreciate “In Memory” forms and pictures now rather than waiting until later. Please send them today of even better, yesterday.

As we consider those faithful Lions who have lived and served with us in the past, especially this year, I feel the words of George Bernard Shaw are quite appropriate. “I am convinced that my life belongs to the whole

community; and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can, for the hard I work the more I live.

I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before turning it over to future generations.” (Shaw)

**Thank you for keeping me informed,**

*Lion Doug Thomas*

**District 2-A2 Chaplain**

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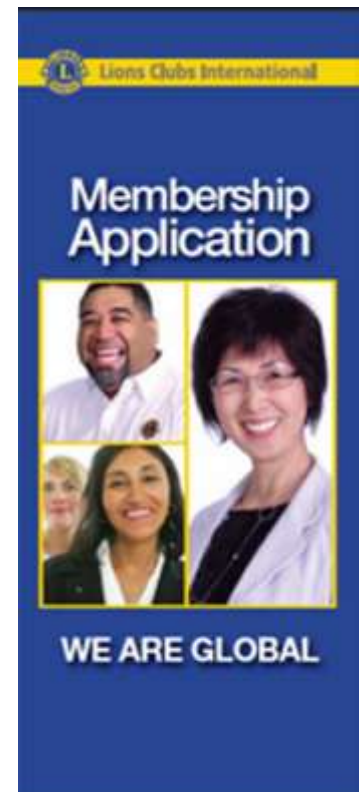


### Mark Your Calendar

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.**  
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# Poinsettias

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$208</b>	<b>\$224</b>		

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

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Lion Jim Weed, a member in good standing of the Converse Lions Club, a club in good standing of District 2-A2 of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and,

**WHEREAS**, Lion Jim entered Lionism in July 1999, as a member of the Del Rio Host Lions Club of Del Rio, Texas, and,

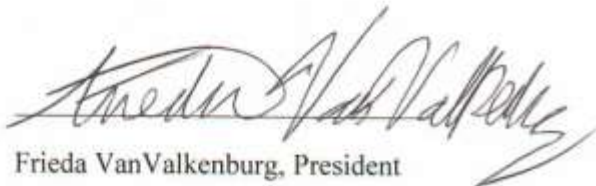
**WHEREAS**, Lion Jim has served as Club as President, Vice President, Director, and has served as a Region Chairman, Lions Sight Research Foundation Chairman and has been presented with three District Governor Appreciation Medals, four Presidents Appreciation Medals, awarded a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Lions Sight Research Foundation Low Vision Fellow, a Texas Lions Camp Life Membership and has earned the distinction of being named Lion of the Year in 2008 and,

**WHEREAS**, Lion Jim is presently serving as State Chairman for Public Relations, MD2 and District Newsletter Editor/Publisher, and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Membership of the Converse Lions Club, commend his Lions Service to the Lions of District 2-A2, MD-2 and to the International Association of Lions Clubs, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the membership of this club does hereby endorse Lion Jim as a candidate for the office of 2ND Vice District Governor for the term beginning in July 2013, and does hereby authorize the Club President to certify, this endorsement at the 2013 District Governor's Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas, on the 12th of April 2013.

**ADOPTED**, at the Converse Lions Club monthly board meeting this 25th day of October 2012, by unanimous vote of those Officers, Directors and Members present.

  
Frieda VanValkenburg, President

  
Robert Kneupper, Secretary

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

## **Lions Charity BOWL -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](mailto:jlawson6@satx.rr.com)**

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



I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Daniel A. Johnson, M.D. as Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology in the School of Medicine**, effective December 15, 2012. Dr. Johnson, currently Associate Professor with Tenure, Director of the Cornea and Uveitis Services and Medical Director of MARC Ophthalmology, was selected after an extensive national search headed by Jeffrey Andrews, MD, Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology.

A native of Quincy, Massachusetts, Dr. Johnson graduated from the Phillips Academy in Andover, then majored in Biochemistry at Swarthmore College where he graduated with Distinction. He obtained his medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University where he was inducted into the AOA Medical Honor Society. Following an internship in Internal Medicine at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital, he completed an Ophthalmology Residency at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, being selected as Chief Resident in 1994. Dr. Johnson then completed independent fellowships at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Uveitis/Ocular Inflammatory Disease and Cornea/ External Disease/ Refractive Surgery.

In 1997, Dr. Johnson moved to San Antonio to join the faculty of Wilford Hall Medical Center as Chief of the Cornea and Uveitis Services. While on active duty, Dr. Johnson was the surgeon for the U.S. Air Force Photorefractive Keratectomy Study, the results of which facilitated the acceptance of laser keratorefractive surgery for U.S. Air Force members, including aircrew. Dr. Johnson was the founding director of the Wilford Hall Refractive Surgery Center which has grown into one of the largest military refractive surgery centers worldwide.

Dr. Johnson joined the faculty at UTHSCSA in 2002 as the Director of the both the Cornea and Uveitis Services. He has been active in Departmental, University and Hospital committees, as well as those for the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Board of Ophthalmology. In 2010, he received the Presidential Clinical Excellence Award. His research interests include epithelial wound healing, pterygium surgery, and use of amniotic membrane. He has authored or coauthored publications with the departments of Infectious Disease, Pathology, Urology, Pediatrics, and Dermatology and is currently a sub-investigator for more than a dozen investigations at CTRC.

Dr. Johnson lives in San Antonio with his wife, Lori Johnson, M.D., Ph.D., daughters Natalie and Grace, and son Nicholas.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, I extend my sincere thanks to Dr. Steven Chalfin for his superb leadership as the Interim Chair of Ophthalmology. He has kept the department moving forward and positioned for excellence.

I also thank Dr. Andrews and the members of the search committee for their hard work in bringing this recruitment to fruition.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Johnson on his appointment. A welcoming reception will take place after the holidays.

Francisco González-Scarano, MD  
Dean, School of Medicine

# December 2012

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