



LIONS OF TEXAS 2-A2

Chisholm Trail

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From District Governor Rod Chisholm

In early August, District 2-A2 was visited by the Lions International President Barry Palmer and his wife Lion Anne. The couple arrived at the San Antonio Airport at 11pm after traveling for 40 hours! Their trip began in Borneo and continued to Australia and over the Pacific to the USA. Despite the long and arduous trip they were gracious and warm.

The next afternoon, we brought the Palmers to the Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville so that they might meet the other 15 Governors from Texas, and to learn of our collective efforts. The events concluded with a white jacket gala. During his visit, President Palmer was inspiring, to wit: "A man is not finished when he is defeated; he is finished when he quits! The answer is: Don't quit!"

Prior to heading up to Kerrville, President Palmer asked to see the San Antonio River walk and to



2-A2 District Governor
Lion Rod Chisholm

visit the Alamo. He had heard of the small band of volunteers in San Antonio who were asked to surrender their fort to a large army that had surrounded them during the night. The defenders answered with a cannon shot. In the furious battle that followed, every one of the volunteers were killed. Though the effort was doomed, the heroism of the volunteers has been an inspiration for generations of Americans. To

this day - 177 years later - we "remember the Alamo." President Palmer had heard of this sacrifice, and he wanted to pay tribute to these brave souls.

It is always an impressive to meet and greet the President of Lions International. And it brings to mind how close we now are to having one of our very own Lions from District 2-A2 to be the next 2nd Vice President (second VP becomes...1st VP becomes... President). Mike Butler has been endorsed by his club in Kerrville...he has been endorsed by his District...further he has been endorsed by the State of Texas! In other words, he is officially on the ballot at the next International Convention in Toronto! Our focus now is to garner as many votes in Toronto as possible. You can't mail in a vote...there is no absentee ballots...every club has one or more delegate, and they

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must be present in order to have their vote count. There will be 2 candidates on the ballot, no more, and Mike Butler is our favorite son. You'll be hearing more about this campaign as the July 4th convention date gets closer.

The Stride For Sight Campaign has been a raging success. If you will recall, the goal was \$30,000. Well, we have surpassed that goal! A special tribute goes to the Eagle Pass Border Ladies Club, as they have won the Albright Trophy for the largest per capita donation (\$105.26/per member). The winner of the Olivares Award for the largest donation goes to the Northside Lions Club (\$3,000). Another tribute goes to our Immediate Past District Governor Richard Keilholz for his personal 5-figure contribution. IPDG Richard has been a mentor of mine, as I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to watch his leadership style during the past few years, and feel that if I can emulate his efforts, the this will be another successful Lions year.

You may wish to mark you calendar...the 2nd (out of 4) Cabinet Meeting will be held on Saturday morning, October 5th at the Texas Lions Camp cafeteria. The meeting begins with registration and continental breakfast at 8am with

the meeting starting at 9pam sharp. Immediately following the business meeting, lunch will be served and we will be honored to have Council Chairman Lewis Gardner be our main speaker. If you missed the first Cabinet Meeting, you missed a great time. This next meeting should be an equally grand affair.

When the Texas Leo Council met in Kerrville on August 3rd, they decided to have their Fall Leadership Conference in San Antonio. They picked San Antonio inasmuch as most of the Leo Clubs are located within the districts surrounding 2-A2. The conference is set for November 9th, and will be held in the Helotes Lion's Club Building. Once again, Helotes comes through for our mutual benefit! Thanks, Helotes!

Speaking of November 9th...this is the date for the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Antonio. Any and all Lions who served their country in the military are invited to participate in the march. In addition, those Lions who have supported the military are invited to participate. As a veteran of Vietnam, I have proudly marched in this parade for the past number of years, and have found this to be a uplifting experience. More on this later.

I don't want to close without mentioning membership! This is the

very lifeblood of our organization. I was intrigued by one of the things that International President Palmer said in Kerrville regarding membership. He suggested that we spend less time asking potential members to come to our meetings and, instead, concentrate in getting these folks to come and work in our service projects. "Let them experience what giving means. Let them be a part of our motto: 'We Serve!'"

I also recall what Past International President Sid Scruggs reported, "Each year, Lions throughout the world recruit approximately 250,000 new members. In five years we average recruiting 1.25 million new members into Lionism. Yet currently we only have approximately 1.4 million TOTAL members. This points out that we must continue to draw new members, but we must also emphasize the retention of our membership!" This is our task. This is our destiny!

Remember: Always give 110% on your job. Me...I give 40% on Monday, 30% on Tuesday, 20% on Wednesday, 15% on Thursday and 5% on Friday!

Spelling is a lossed art!

Sincerely,

Rod Chisholm

District Governor

District 2-A2 MESU

Lions of District 2-A2, the LSRF and the Department of Ophthalmology at UT Health Science Center have launched a NEW program to support MESU screenings in Bexar County. This initiative will utilize 1st & 2nd Year Medical students for vision screening events through the academic year.



This creates an opportunity for your Club to sponsor the MESU, and to get credit for utilization of the MESU.

Club members are welcome, and encouraged to participate by staffing the Registration Table but not required. **The Schedule below reflects dates the students are available:**


SEPTEMBER 14th, OCTOBER 5th, NOVEMBER 2ND, DECEMBER 7th 2013


Your support is needed!



Please Contact MESU Manger Chris Lloyd (210-275-4425) or lionsmum@earthlink.net to get your club signed up on the Sponsor List. Sponsorship fee will be \$100.00 per screening event.

His vision is the future of Lionism





for Second vice President
of Lions International.
For the Future.

MIKE BUTLER

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District 2-A2 Working to Begin UTSA Campus Lions Club

We are asking all Clubs to let us know of students at UTSA that may have been Leos during High School or that are students at UTSA that may have an interest in being Charter Members of the new Club.

We are also interested in establishing Campus Clubs at **St. Mary's University** and **Trinity University** and the **Texas A& M Campus**, here in San Antonio. The same applies for these. Beginning a Campus Club requires a minimum of five students to gain campus organization status and the club is built from that point.

Please forward names and contact information to 1st VDG Sam at 210 326 3915 or email to span-tusa@yahoo.com.

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PID LION MIKE BUTLER



**For Second Vice President of
Lions International in 2014**



From First Vice President Lion Sam Pantusa



I just love doing the traveling and getting to see what all of you great Lions are up to. It's a real treat to see how your minds are working on new projects and how the juices start flowing when we're able to talk and think out loud together. Just today, Lion President Adriana Martinez represented her Buffalo Valley Lions Club on San Antonio's KENS TV 5's "Great Day in SA" where she was backed up by her Zone Chair, Lion Frieda and Lion Frieda's mom, Lion Ada (both from the Converse Club), to talk about the Club's Teen Dance and their MESU Event. One lady that these Lions met remarked that she had no idea that the Lions "were still around" and surely didn't know that "Ladies could be Lions". Great job Ladies giving such a terrific example of what we are about. Lion Adriana has

established a relationship at KENS TV to help all of us advertise our service activities and fundraisers.

We'll be using that resource as we also remind KENS viewers of our upcoming Veteran's Day Parade on Nov 9 in SA and the Lions Night at the Scorpions on October 5. Also for Night in Old Converse where you can go before and after the Scorpions Game, and whatever else you would like to let everybody know about.

Speaking of the Lions Night at the Scorpions, another shout out goes to Lion Marty Ross of Founders for putting this event together for us. Nice going Lion Marty.

Seems like every time I visit with a Club they introduce me to a new member or at least some new prospects, so congratulations to all of you for continuing to share the privilege that we have as Lion servants. Don't forget to continue to remember how special those new Lions are and learn and listen from them. I had the pleasure of installing three new Lions last month in Natalia and met brand new Lion William at Alamo City. Alamo Postal had a new Lion and Buffalo Valley had two new members that I met. I got a big shot in the arm as we watched the

UIW Lions meet with 25 prospects at their Fall Semester Organizations Fair. We welcomed eight new Lions into the new Thousand Oaks Lions Club branch of our SA Northside Club (look for some pictures of Thousand Oaks working on their first service project; a Stuff the Bus Drive which was inspired by all of you that already have those going). Special thanks to Lion Steve Mays for his help in showing the new Lions how to build a great flyer for the drive. Congratulations Lion Roland, Lion Celeste, Lion Marty, Lion Clarissa, Lion Liz, Lion David, Lion Merry and Lion Arlene. We told you before they meet at the Thousand Oaks YMCA and they are planning some events that make use of those great facilities what great exposure we have there.

And we're traveling a little farther from home learning about World Service for the Blind in Little Rock that takes vision impaired and blind folks and helps them learn high tech trades and gets them into the workforce. It's a terrific program and a great resource for Texans with vision issues. Next we're headed to Kansas for the USA/Canada Forum to learn and to get the big kickoff for Lion Mike B's North American campaign going. All that travel is ok, but I still love visit-

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From Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa

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ing with you much more. Looking forward to dropping in and talking with you as soon as I can.

Here's a little hint about keeping members: when a Lion leaves for personal reasons, something in their lives has changed and their Lions membership became a lower priority in their lives.

Your members' lives change. Does your club adapt to the needs of its members? Not every change can be accommodated, but some may only require small adjustments to keep your members a part of your club.

The two most common responses in this category are

"Being a member required too much of a time commitment." or, "The dues are too expensive."

Use the Golden Rule of Retention. If you had a special situation in you life, how would you like to be treated?

We are very serious about asking that you take some video of your club having fun and doing your good work. If you have any, we'd just love to share it with everyone.

It's Great to Be A LION!!!
It is a privilege to serve with you.

Thanks for listening,

1st VDG Sam

Lion Sam spantusa@yahoo.com
210 326 3915

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One - \$100 Gift Card, each for 25th and 50th Ticket Drawn
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Checks to be made payable to
Lions Sight Research Foundation

for information contact Lion Sam Pantusa
(210) 326-3915, spantusa@yahoo.com

We'll tell you about this guy next month and why he plans to be in Helotes on March 29 next year with you and lots of others who love the KidSight Program.



AND DON'T FORGET to tell us which number is your LUCKY NUMBER between 1 and 150 so you can be the big winner of the SUPER GAS & EATS RAFFLE.

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Lion Sight Research Foundation

The LSRF board met July 19th at 3PM, in a classroom of the McDermott building on the campus of the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) in San Antonio.

The meeting was called to order by board COO Jim Wheeler. Newly elected board members Lion Harry Boykin of the Del Rio Host club and Paul Sack of the Floresville club were welcomed. New Board officers were then elected: IPDG Richard Keilholz of the Edgewood club was elected as board chairman; PDG John Cole of the Del Rio Host club was elected vice chairman, Lion Joe Scholwinski of the San Antonio Northside Club, as treasurer, and Lion Diane Anderson from the Helotes club as secretary. The board then accepted nominations to fill a Director vacancy on the board. The name of Lion Robert Castillo of the San Felipe Club was placed in nomination and he was elected to a one year term.

Vice chair Cole asked for acceptance of the Minutes of the April 12 Meeting and the Memorandum of the Executive Committee meeting on June 21 and then we went into the Operations Update. The meeting had a full agenda that looked at FY2013 results and previewed FY2014 plans. Some highlights from the meeting are

summarized in the following paragraphs:

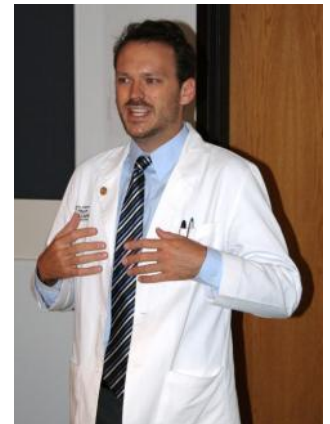
On behalf of District 2A2 Kid Sight Project, the LSRF has submitted a grant application to the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio for \$28,000. If the grant is approved, the money will be used to purchase four SPOT screening devices for the new program.

The *Stride for Sight* program was reviewed. The 2013 donations were down from 2012 and just below the \$25,000 target. The goal for 2014 will be \$25,000. First Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa has several ideas on how to make that happen. More details will be coming in the next few weeks. We need to start making plans now as to how we will **support the 2014 *Stride for Sight***.

A planned giving program will be started in the next few months as some of the final details can be worked out.

MESU manager PDG Chris Lloyd then briefed the Board on a new screening initiative that will use UTHSC Medical Students on the MESU. Two demonstration screening events have been conducted and the results have been positive. Second Year medical student Gavin Best was present and briefed the Directors on his

experiences working on the MESU. He also judged the new initiative a success and



Second Year medical student Gavin Best.

stated that the med students are looking forward to continuing the program. Current plans are for the med students to staff the MESU once or twice a month as their schedules allow. District Clubs will be offered the opportunity to sponsor these screening events. PDG Chris also stated that the MESU usage within the District is down and we need to work to increase the usage.

Dr. Johnson, Professor and Head of the UTHSC Department of Ophthalmology and Dr. Sandy Fox, Director of the Lions Low Vision



Dr. Johnson, Professor and Head of the UTHSC Department of Ophthalmology.

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Lion Sight Research Foundation and Rehabilitation Center

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Dr. Sandy Fox, Director of the Lions Low Vision and Rehabilitation Center (LLVRC)

and Rehabilitation Center (LLVRC) visited with the board. Dr. Johnson expressed his appreciation for all the Lions have done for the school and how he enjoys working with us. Dr. Fox explained how patient flow has improved and increased now that the LLVRC expansion is complete. Dr. Fox also has a request

for a new piece of equipment, but she suggested that we hold off for a while and let her do some additional research.



First Council of Governors Meeting

Kerrville, TX

Kerrville, TX

First Council of Governors Meeting



From SVDG Jim Weed



It's September already. The year is flying by and I'm not even Governor yet. Lion Marilyn is on me to start planning my year as Governor. I've been putting it off thinking I had lots of time, but it's September already. Guess I should get started.

I need a District Treasurer for 2015-2016. The one that lives with me says she "ain't doin' it no more," but will be happy to train her replacement.

I need a District Secretary for 2015-2016. I've been asking around. It would be nice if 1st VDG Sam found a great secretary who would follow on to my year.

Then there's Zone Chairs, Area Chairs, Mid-Winter chair, Convention Chair and Cabinet Meeting Chairs and then a place to hold all those meetings. It takes a lot of Lions to keep the District operating smoothly. While the District Governor might get to steer, it takes Lions like you to keep the bus rolling.

It's true at the club level as well. A well functioning club needs enough members to serve in the offices of the club, plan and work the service projects, and help with fund raisers. The more members the club has, the more hands the club has to do the work. Besides the work, a party with 40 people is a lot more fun than a party with four.

New Lions Club members are all around you. They just haven't been invited yet. It's up to you to extend that invitation. Who knows, you may be the sponsor of the first woman to be International President, but you have to invite her join your club to give her that opportunity. You could be the sponsor of a club member who brings in 20 new Lions next year, or you could be the Lion that brings in 20 new members this year.

If you haven't invited someone to join your club this Lions year start looking around. We need more Lions to enjoy all the things we do and provide the service we are famous for. Sponsor a new member this Lions year and do it soon. The year is flying by. It's September already.

Yours in service,

2nd VDG JIM

Leadership is the same in any language.

Lion Mike Butler

**for Lions International
Second Vice President
in 2014**



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Second Vice President
Lions Clubs International

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Mike Butler Campaign For International Second Vice President



August 5, 2013

Dear Lions of Texas

PID Mike Butler received the endorsement of the Lions of Texas at the State Convention held in Austin, Texas on Mat 31-June1, 2013. He received in excess of 1200 votes statewide in his quest to become the Second Vice President of the International Association of Lions Clubs

Not receiving the endorsement of the International Board of Directors in Hamburg, Lion Mike turned to the leadership from Texas, other states and other countries seeking council on how to proceed. Their support and encouragement, along with the leadership of Texas reaffirming their belief in PID Butler, has convinced him to seek the position of 2nd Vice President be remaining on the ballot in Toronto, Canada and allowing delegates to cast their vote for the most qualified candidate.

Accordingly, the Lions of Texas have a race of their hands. You can help in TWO WAYS: First and foremost register for the International Convention in Toronto, Canada and go and vote! And/or, second, help defray the cost of the campaign with a monetary donation.

Make your check payable to: Mike Butler Campaign

**Mail to: PDG Sam Lindsey, Campaign Treasurer
P.O. Box 1100
Hilltop Lakes, TX 77871**

This race will be won, but only with your support. Thank you in advance for your efforts. Toronto will be a great place for the next big Texas Victory. See you in Toronto!

Join us in serving the world,

PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina
Campaign Chairman

Special Mike Butler Insert

M.P. "MIKE" BUTLER PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Candidate for 2nd International VP



PID M.P. "Mike" Butler

At the August 2013 meeting of Texas MD-2 Council of Governors held August 2 and 3, 2013, Past International Director M.P. "Mike" Butler held a joint meeting with the 2013-2014 Council of Governors, the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, the immediate Past District Governors and the Texas International Family. The support for Mike was overwhelming with the Council voting **unanimously** to support his candidate for **2nd International Vice President** and urging him to go forward. I would like to thank you for your support, and commitment to Lion Mike and the Lions of the World as the campaign moves forward.

The Lions of Texas have a race on their hands and we need your help. Lion Mike and Lions of Texas will be campaigning at the International Convention from July 4-8, 2014 in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada to elect Lion Mike to the position of **2nd International Vice President for 2014-2015**. We need

Lions from Texas to attend, vote, and help campaign. We also need help to defray the cost of the campaign with a monetary donation of support (see prior page for more information on donations).

Toronto, Canada's most cosmopolitan city, is situated on beautiful lake Ontario and is one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse and vibrant places on earth. Lions will find an abundance of vibrant nightlife, stunning architecture, great museums, wonderful vintage stores, luxury shops and everything in between. Discover and experience a world of arts, culture and energy around every corner in a friendly atmosphere that welcomes everyone. Toronto is expecting you!

Convention-goers can look forward to an inspiring week of business and pleasure, as we unite to shape the future of our great association. The festivities include our own culturally diverse International Parade of Nations through the heart of Toronto along with interesting seminars, lively plenary sessions, the gala International Show, and the election of LCI's 2014-2015 International President, Vice Presidents and other officers of Lions International.

PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina, Campaign Chairman

Special Mike Butler Insert



97th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 • Toronto, Ontario, Canada Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadlines

- **May 1, 2014:** Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Registrations after this date will be processed in Toronto.
- **May 1, 2014:** Deadline to receive a refund for a registration cancellation. • **May 16, 2014:** Deadline to receive a refund for a hotel room cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

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 COMPANION: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____
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 CHILD: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo
 CHILD: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo
 This is my/our first LCI convention. Not my first convention, I've attended _____
 Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]
 The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation Will you require a headset? No Yes

PACKAGE A: Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

Before December 31: Reservation in delegation hotel
 After December 31: I prefer my delegation hotel
 Prefer hotel based on: room rate of _____ location near convention center
 Arrival date _____ Departure date _____ Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2
 Special Requirements: Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____
 • The Hotel deposit is US\$225 for a standard room and US\$350 for a suite. The hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B: NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above.)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEES	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social (Key holders only)	July 6/ 15:00-17:00	US \$25	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 7/ 13:30-15:00	US \$60	_____	\$ _____
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 7/ 20:00-22:00	US \$100	_____	\$ _____

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.

- Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover cards accepted. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES

	Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early (before 31/Dec/2013)	US\$110	US\$10
Regular (1/January through 31/March/2014)	US\$150	US\$10
Late (1/April/2014 – onsite)	US\$170	US\$10

Package A: Registrations: US\$ _____ Ticketed Events: US\$ _____ Hotel Deposit: US\$ 225.00 Total Due: US\$ _____
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 Package B: Registrations: US\$ _____ Ticketed Events: US\$ _____ Total Due: US\$ _____

Check Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form) Visa MasterCard American Express Discover
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 Questions? Email us: registration@lionsclubs.org • Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.

Special Mike Butler Insert

SAVE THE DATE

July 4th – July 8th 2014

For Lions Clubs International 97th Convention, to be held in Toronto Canada where we will elect our own Past International Director M.P. “Mike” Butler to the office

of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

Registration is now open . Early registration ends Dec. 31st 2013 (saves \$40.00); Regular registration ends March 31st 2014. Late registration is April 1st 2014 till convention (will cost an extra \$60.00).



Toronto has many attractions to see and things to do, one being the Skydome Tower. There is always something going on day or night.

For the romantics among us Niagara Falls is just a short Hour and a half drive away and would be a good way to spend a day with your bride.

Those of you that are thinking about driving, it is 1688 miles from San Antonio city hall to the convention center in Toronto Canada. Map Quest has you crossing into Canada from Detroit. **Remember to get or update your passport as it is requirement for reentry after travel outside the U.S.**

MIKE'S OUR MAN! Visit him on [FaceBook!](#)

MIKE'S OUR MAN! Visit his [new website!](#)

MIKE'S OUR MAN! Send him a message [here!](#)

MIKE'S OUR MAN! Or you could just talk to him since he seems to be everywhere!

LION MIKE BUTLER



for Second Vice President of Lions International Toronto • 2014



ex-pens-ive (costing a lot of money): an expensive buy. ▷ ex-pen-lady.

ex-peri-ence (gaining) knowledge and doing things: We have much experience for the job.

Special Mike Butler Insert



Lion Mike was a pioneer in taking the lead for women to become Lions and he can do the same and take charge to have Women Lions in high leadership positions at LCI.

-PDG Ernesto Tijerina

...and WE appreciate it!
Lion Leanna Rich

Not only did he unlock the door for female Lions, now he's helping us shatter the glass ceiling!

Lion Wendy Van Winkle

The Nitty-Gritty

The Lions of Texas are supporting the candidacy of Past International Director M.P. "Mike" Butler as he "Follows His Dream" to become elected to the office of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International at our 2014 Convention in Toronto, Canada. The Lions of Texas would like to move the "s" from the first letter in "selection" to the last letter. The new word would become "elections."

We are asking our Lion friends all over the world to join us in this huge undertaking to allow the Lions of the world to have the vote to elect our International Officers. We would like to have choices on the ballot when we vote at International Conventions. Please join us in this effort. Please send this message to every Lion that you know.



PID Mike marching in the 1989 International Convention parade.

Special Mike Butler Insert



It's the 100th Anniversary of
Lionism and its
International President and the
amazing First Lady; Lions Mike
and Sheryl Butler!



*Thank You
MD-7!*



The Lions of Texas MD-2 would like to thank the Lions of Arkansas for their
Endorsement of PJD Lion Mike Butler
for the office of Second Vice President of Lions International in the year 2014.

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Saturday November 2, 2013

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6:00 p.m. - Midnight**

Corporate tables: \$250.00 (includes 8 tickets, reserved table & corporate recognition)

**SILENT AUCTION
6 P.M. – 9P.M.**

**DONATION
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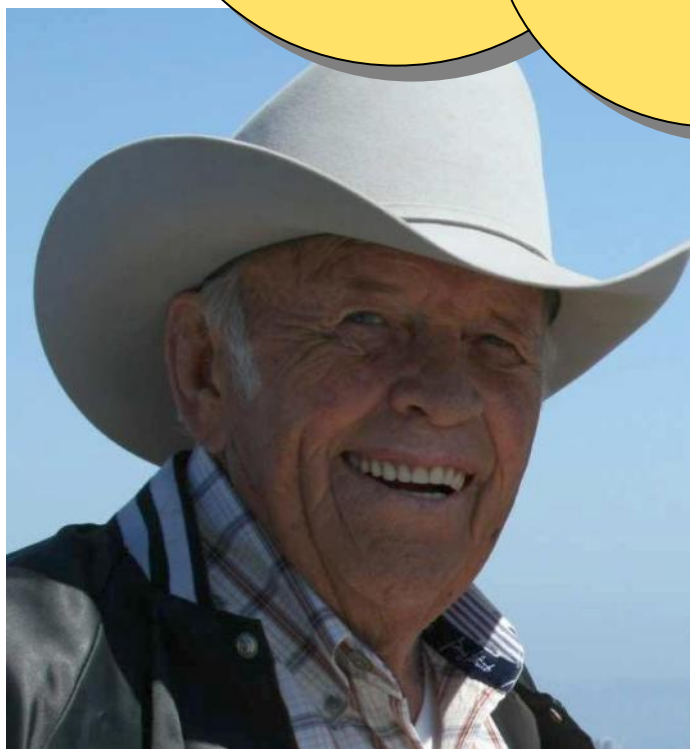
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From District Chaplain Doug Thomas



Fellow Lions,

We have just finished a great summer at Texas Lions Camp. Stephen Mabry told us at the August board meeting that we had 1480 campers this summer up from about 1400 last summer. We all need to thank the staff for all they do to make the camping experience special for our kids. Although camp registration for next summer does not start until January now is the time to start looking for possible campers. The dates for camp sessions is already on the [Texas Lions Camp](#) website .

We were honored to have International President Barry Palmer visit TLC the first weekend in August. This was his first stop in his tour of the US. He said he found the camp “an extraordinary place that allows children with physical disabilities, diabetes, and Down syndrome to have fun, meet friends, build their self-esteem and follow their dreams.”

He said, “I was amazed at how big the camp is – over 500 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Activities at the camp include horse-back riding, archery, and climbing. The diabetes camp includes a program that teaches children how to monitor their own blood sugar and give their own insulin injections. I especially admire the camp’s ‘Can Do’ philosophy, which teaches children that no matter what, they can achieve any dreams they set their minds to.” It was good to have the IP with us.

Stephen Mabry invited the Board to participate in the TLC license plate

program. The plate has the camp web site on it so that people seeing the plate can visit the web site and get information about the camp. He also reminded the Board that if every Lion in the state would participate in the Century Club we could raise over \$2,000,000 for the camp each year. We are also looking for pledges to the Endowment CAMPAign. It is amazing how much revenue can be raised for the camp if each Lion and each club gives just a little.

Mark your calendars for the one day Diabetes Seminar to be held at TLC April 26, 2014. This is open to diabetics and their families. Cost will be \$75.00.

Mark your calendars now. The next cabinet meeting will be at the camp October 5. Come participate in the meeting and see the camp.

Thank you,

Lion Doug Thomas
District 2A2 Chaplain

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July 20th, 2013

HELOTES LIONS CLUB BUILDING HELOTES, TEXAS

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by District Governor Rod Chisholm. After welcoming all in attendance, the Helotes Boy Scout Troop 888 Color Guard posted the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Chris Reardon. After the retirement of the Colors Lion Chaplain Doug Thomas brought our invocation along with prayers for the families of Lion Bill Mechler and his wife and PDG Ray Costa who have recently passed away.

The was followed by the introduction of the Mayor Pro Tem Bert Buys of Helotes to welcome the Lions, along with Tom Schoolcraft, the Mayor. The Mayor gave us a bit of history on Helotes and the town's appreciation for the Lions in Helotes and their service to the City and surrounding area.

1st DG Lion Sam Pantusa was next on the agenda to introduce our guests for the day and in attendance was District Governor Rod Chisholm and his wife, Lion Mary Jane; 1st VDG (himself); 2nd VDG Jim Weed, and his wife, Lion Marilyn Weed our Cabinet Treasurer; PCC Mike Rourke and wife, Lion Liz; PDG John Cole; PDG Manny Carrillo and wife, Lion Diane; PDG Warren Weir; PDG Ray Conner and Partner in Service, Lion Chris Condren; PDG John Seale; PDG Saul Lopez and wife, Lion Alice; PDG

Cal Lawson; PDG and Past President of the Lions Camp, Pat Carroll; PDG Chris Lloyd; PDG John Kimbrough; PDG T. J. Tijerina and wife, Lion Juanita; PDG Dick Alphin; PDG Lytle Blankenship and wife, Margaret; and Cabinet Secretary Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus.

Lion Sam then recognized brand new Lions just inducted this year from the Natalia Lions Club and the Buffalo Valley Lions Club and new members of the Helotes Lion Club. He also recognized all first time attendees of a Cabinet Meeting and Lions Mac McCain and wife, Dorene. He also thanked the Helotes Lions Club for hosting the meeting and reminded all that they were holding a Raffle to help fund the event and also a Raffle was being held by the First Ladies Lion Club of San Antonio.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the Minutes for the District Convention by Secretary Lion LaJuana, referring to copies in the assembly and the accessibility of the Minutes on the District website after each Cabinet Meeting. Also announced was the request to get all PU 101's on line at LCI as well as a reminder to please send a copy of MMR's to the Secretary in order to get copies to District Governor Rod. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Cabinet Treasurer Lion Marilyn unequivocally announced that this is definitely, positively the last year that she will be Cabinet Treasurer and invited anyone wishing to serve to see her for pointers. The Final

Report along with a copy of the Annual Audit had been passed out on the chairs and there being no questions, comments or changes, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed.

The Governor then announced at this time he would be calling on PCC Mike Rourke to come forward and swear in the Cabinet Members for the new Lions Year 2013-1014. PCC Rourke reminded all incoming Cabinet Members that our Governor has set high and achievable standards for this coming year and the success that we enjoy and share will be a result of our charges of the offices we hold this year. PCC Rourke reminded us that the Governor has contacted all members of the new Cabinet and while serving the District, the Cabinet is making a personal commitment to District Governor Rod Chisholm, and this will insure success of this great District. The District Governor Rod Chisholm, 1st Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa and 2nd Vice District Governor Jim Weed were called to the front of the podium and as each Cabinet Member's name was called to please come forward to receive your pin and a token of appreciation from the Governor and then return to your seat and stand in place to be sworn in at the time all have been called. These names and Leadership positions may be found in the District Directory as prepared for distribution to each club at this meeting and also on line at the District website.

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Next on the Agenda was the Governor's Report and after our usual and enlightening "history lesson" based on this day in 1862, the meeting began. The Governor then set out his goals to attain in this new year: First: A net membership gain of 10%; Second: Promote Youth Activities; Third: Kids Sight Program to purchase three more cameras for a total of six cameras and then put them to work; Fourth: Form New Clubs to serve areas who do not have a club; Fifth: Have each and every club in good standing; and Sixth: Have fun and enjoy ourselves. If we work together to do this we can have a fantastic year. The Governor's motto for the year is "Together We Succeed"! His pins are for sale today in the back of the meeting room.

The Governor announced that the State Convention will be a Cruise out of Galveston for 2014 and there is an application form in the back of the room. The International Convention next year will be held in Toronto, Canada, and this is only 1650 miles if one wished to drive. He would like to visit every club in the District, so please contact him for a date to be at your club.

Next on the Agenda is the approval of the District Budget presented by Treasurer Lion Marilyn, again with copies passed out to the audience. There being no corrections, comments, or revisions, and upon Motion duly made, Seconded, and Passed. The Budget was approved as presented.

First District Governor Sam Pantusa was the first to speak on the Agenda for Global Membership Team (GMT). Lion Sam said that if we have a theme this year it will be that we will be going down the "Chisholm Trail" and round up a lot more little "Doggies" and turn them into Lions. Lion Sam read from a report furnished by Lions International which showed the membership adds and drops for the Year 2012-2013. The results for the year showed an increase in total membership in the District of a plus sixty-four (+64) which came from net increases in twenty-seven (27) clubs throughout the District. District 2-A2 added two (2) Clubs, Kelly Field Area Lions and the Stockdale Lions Clubs this past year and now number sixty-one (61) in total Clubs. He congratulated all for a great year and encouraged all present to continue the momentum to make the year 2013-2014 as good, if not better."

Lion Wally Jackson followed with a report on the Global Leadership Team (GLT) after DG Rod gave us a lesson in "salesmanship" particularly on how to sell "toothbrushes"! Lion Wally talked to us about training and asked how many have attended Lions training this year and/or a training activity in your club. We have District level, State and National level training. We now have Guiding Lion training. Information will be forthcoming in the District Newsletter. This will include Mentor training this year as each new Lion needs a Mentor. Lion Wally spoke to

the Club Excellence Process and many clubs have done this and it will help develop and improve our clubs experience in Lionism. Do a self-assessment in your club to see how you are serving your community. Orientation is very important in club development. Tools are available on line or through booking Lion Wally to come to your club and explain these precepts. Texas Lions Leadership Forum will be in Austin, Texas, in March 1st and 2nd, 2014. All programs can be found on Lions Club.org .

PDG T J Tijerina was next on the program speaking on behalf of Extension and Retention and congratulated all Lions in attendance with plus membership. Over twenty-seven (27) clubs in 2-a2 had a plus and ten clubs broke even for the year. He congratulated PDG Keilholz for his work in growth with a plus of sixty-four (64) members for the year. PDG T J continually exhorts the clubs to "stop the bleed" in present clubs and congratulations to all in the district for the new clubs being formed this year. He encourages all Zone Chairmen to look around in their areas to see where new clubs need to be formed to service the needs in these communities.

PDG T J also made his second report at this time concerning the election of PID Mike Butler as Second Vice President in LCI with the election being held at the annual International Convention in Toronto, Canada, in 2014. He strongly encourages

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all Lions to begin planning on their trip to Toronto next year and for PID Mike to win, there will need to be fifty (50) delegates from each District in Texas and at least seventy-five (75) votes from District 2-a2. There will be one (1) delegate for each twenty-five (25) members of your club and one more for each twenty-five (25) or any portion thereof. Overall we will need seven hundred (700) to eight hundred (800) votes from the State of Texas for PID Mike to win in Toronto. This is less than a year away and he is encouraging all members to start now in your clubs making plans to attend. He welcomes any suggestions or strategies from any Lions in helping this become a reality and/or any suggestions on transporting the strongest Texas delegation possible to be in Toronto in 2014.

Texas Lions Camp Report was next on the Agenda after an explanation of "Mixed Emotions" was voiced by our DG Chisholm! Lion Doug Thomas than reported on the promotion of Denny's Restaurants in participating areas in San Antonio, Laredo, Boerne, Fredericksburg, and various area and that he has flyers and coupons to be sold in the back of the meeting hall today. All proceeds are to go to the benefit of the Texas Lions Camp.

PDG Pat Carroll thanked Lion Doug for his good report and then shared with us a story of unsurpassed bravery and determination of a young Downs Syndrome camper from the gradua-

tion awards ceremony just this night before our meeting. This story was written by Trish Wilson of the Camp on her experiences with a young camper climbing the "wall" who was not content to make it just the four feet required but wanted to accomplish more and did as she struggled and strived to make it to the eight and a half feet over all... making it that "stretch" in order that she could have more to strive for the next year. This is what the Endowment Campaign of the Texas Lions is all about. Giving in a "stretch" mode out of our comfort zone. She then asked Lion TJ who is the Coordinator of the Campaign to be recognized and to recognize the Group co-coordinators in attendance to go back to our clubs and ask for more donations and/or complete the pledges already made in order that the Kids of Tomorrow may be served as they are being served at this time.

At this time, PDG John Kimbrough was recognized from the floor to report on a report in the San Antonio News this past month on the Texas Lions Camp and the Lions who support it. Gov. Chisholm agreed that the Texas Lions Camp is the Jewel of Texas Lions.

PDG John Seale gave us an update report on the Texas Lions Foundation. At this time there is two million one hundred thousand dollars in corpus of which none can be touched but continues to grow, only being able to spend the interest and dividends it generates. Last year State Lions raised One Hundred

and Six Thousand Dollars in which Thirteen Thousand Dollars was a pass through to the City of West, Texas, after the explosion, and One Thousand Dollars was sent to Cleburne and Granbury, Texas, after the tornadoes damaged properties there. In reality since those were "pass through" funds we only raised Ninety-five Thousand Dollars this past year. PDG John spoke to the necessary steps to attain grants through Texas Lions Foundation. All requests have to go through either the District Governor or the Trustee and that is John Roland Keller. And if that is not possible to do then contact PDG Seale. They will guide you through the steps to take and the various type of grants available under different circumstances.

Question was asked from the floor if Eagle Pass had received any help from TLF and the answer was that there had been no request received from Eagle Pass. PDG Cal Lawson spoke from the floor on the past usage by Clubs in our District who needed help and received help, and encouraged any Club in that position to contact the District Governor or VDGs to obtain help when needed and as soon as possible. PDG John Seale reiterated that he is no longer a Trustee, but he can give advice and always available to help.

This was followed by "Tail Twister Shenanigans" on the Agenda perpetrated by Lions Harry Boykin and Larry Rourke. Concerning Chinese Games and

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Rubber Duckies it can be said that “a good time was had by all”, after which was a much needed break in the Agenda.

After the break and another anecdote by the Governor, explaining complications and/or joys of the “afterlife”, PDG Warren Weir spoke on the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) in place of PDG Howie Marbach who was unable to attend. His emphasis was on the Sight First Program, concerning age related blindness, cataracts and glaucoma and other blindness problems. He reported that Four hundred and fifteen million dollars has been spent during the campaign funding blindness cures. Sight First Project has been an enormous program and thanks to all Lions who contribute to this cause.

Not on the Agenda, but time was allotted to PDG Manny Carrillo to discuss the upcoming Wickersham Golf Tournament to benefit the Texas Lions Camp. Each District was to raise \$3,000.00 and to date 2a2 has only raised \$2,450.00, and that puts our District in 5th place. With help from PCC Mike Rourke, pledges were made by PDG’s present of \$100.00 each and these were PDG Saul Lopez; PCC Mike Rourke; VDG Jim Weed; PDG Cal Lawson and DG Rod Chisholm.

Next on the Agenda was report by the Lion Sight Research Foundation given by PDG John Cole in the absence of COO Lion Jim Wheeler. After quelling “near riotous and fun antics” by

the illustrious Tail Twister Lion Larry Rourke, he reported that the LSRF Board had met at the McDermott Bldg on the UT-SAHSC and officers for the coming year were elected. New Board Chairman will be PDG Richard Keilholz; Vice Chairman will be PDG John Cole, Secretary Lion Diane Anderson, and Lion Joe Scholwinski will continue as Treasurer. Two new Board Members this year will be Lions Harry Boykin of Del Rio Host Lions Club and Paul Sack of Floresville Lions Club. Lion Bill Barker held an elected position as well as being Past Chairman, therefore, he resigned as elected member and Lion Robert Castillo was appointed to fill that position. PDG Cole reported that with the Lions expansion of the Low Vision Center the patient flow has increased and Dr. Fox visited the meeting and said they are in need of an additional piece of equipment in the near future. The Board is preparing to launch a planned giving program and more will be reported on this at a later date. Visiting the Board meeting was Dr. Johnson, Dr. Fox, and a Medical Student, thanking the Lions of District 2a2 for their support of the programs and projects at the UTSA Health Science Center. On behalf of the District we submitted a grant proposal to the Baptist Health Foundation to secure four (4) more SPOTS, vision screening cameras for children. It was also announced that the Medical Students will be lending a hand in helping man the MESU with PDG Chris Lloyd and getting to interact with the

public more in the future.

The program was then turned over to PDG Chris Lloyd who mentioned that he has some open spots for the MESU between now and September. He related that he has application forms and information on having the MESU at your club and also a brief description of the role of the medical students in helping out with the unit in the Metroplex area.

Next on the Agenda was reports on the Stride for Sight 2013/2014 by Governor Rod and 1st VDG Sam. The Governor reported that Stride For Sight donations were down \$5,062.18 over last year; however, there is still time to make donations for S4S and other pledges of \$3,000.00 are still outstanding for the year according to DG Chisholm. Encourage your clubs to give and put the year 2012/2013 in the reference on the check for this past year. Our deposits so far this year for S4S total \$24,127.00. Never too late for this past year!

1st VDG Sam talked about getting a head start this year and raising the awareness of our project and our goal this year will be \$25,000.00. He encourages all clubs to continue giving in the manner in which they are accustomed and that is great; however, think about having a “Race” and so on March 29th, we are going to have a 5k Race, and Run and Walk or whatever, reaching out to the whole community including a half mile walk for kids, something for the whole

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racing community. He has also talked to Rogers Solar Sports Store here in Old Helotes. It is the number one sports operation in this part of the country and they will help support us and advertise our event to their innumerable members through their Newsletter program. Perhaps to be called a "Roar To the Morning Race", or a Lions Roaring Contest. It will be open to the public and a charge for the entry fee and provide tee shirts and work up a whole program and this will only be a supplement to what we already do each year. Further we will have a raffle and sell "Gas and Eat Raffle" tickets and the grand prize will be fifty-two (52) weeks of \$100.00 gift cards from HEB. This raffle is starting now and the drawing will be at the Convention in April this year and will be an elimination drawing with the last ticket drawn wins and there will be seven to eight drawings and chances to win during the day. This is beginning now and he will have tickets today to begin this project. Think about doing this as your club or out in your community and get them involved in what we are doing and why we are doing it and how it impacts our LSRF along with testimonials during the year from those who have been helped by our screening processes.

Sam also asked for a round of applause for PDG Richard Keilholz for his leadership in getting our team together and especially for initiating the Kids Sight Program.

Next on the Agenda Lion Janie Garza gave a report on the Kids Sight (Pedia-Vision Spot). She report that last October the District approved the purchase of a Spot/PediaVision Unit and initiated the KidSight pilot program. The program was a huge success. There are 20 Clubs and 42 Lions that are State Certified and trained on the Spot. I would like to thank the following clubs for participating in the State Certification and Spot Certification process: Kerrville Host, Hill Country Retreat, Kerrville Heart O' the Hills, Southtown, Region 20, Floresville, Edgewood, Area Family, Buffalo Valley, Utopia, Westside, Helotes, La Vernia, Northside, Founder, OLLU, Windcrest, Del Rio Host and Stockdale.

Reporting on the District Hearing Board was Lion "Lulu" Garcia who offered thankful gratitude to the S.A. Hill Country Retreat Lions for their \$500.00 donation. She asked that all clubs to please remember the Hearing Board when making their budgets for the coming year. She has been working with University Hospital and Lion Jim Wheeler sent her a flyer to be used with information concerning how to help patients benefit from the Hearing Board. She reported that the information on the flyer was incorrect due to the fact that the University Hospital moved to 4647 Medical Drive into the Pavilion Building after the flyer had been prepared. Lion Lulu asked that referrals be made to the Hearing Board as they have help through the Lions Affordable

Hearing Aid Project and Lions Club International Hearing Aid Foundation. The flyers available at the table in the back of the room today explains qualifications in order to access the Hearing Board's help. Hearing Board Members present today were asked to meet with her in the back after the meeting.

The meeting was whistled to a stop as Tail Twister Lion Larry reported on "sleepers" at the Head table and that the 2nd VDG might want to see the Photographer PDG John Cole after the meeting to pay to have his picture deleted! A "service for pay" that had been offered by PDG Cole.

Getting back to reports, Lion Ken Book spoke about the District Human Needs Board. At the District Convention they had two vacancies to be elected and only had one vacancy left and Lion Nancy Hosek of Floresville was appointed to serve for this year and will be eligible for election next year. He also welcomed back Lions Pat Darcy and Abel Martinez serving on the Board this year. The current balance is \$5,019.16, plus about \$169.00 in checks received today. This budget comes from dues paid and contributions, and \$500.00 fund raising project selling pins at the District Convention. \$800.00 has been earmarked for the family who needs the van for their sixteen year old son with multiple health issues. There were donations by Alamo Heights Lions Club of \$500.00, his home club

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Region Twenty \$200.00 and PDG Cal Lawson \$100.00, who challenged all PDG's to match his donation and that is still being left open. He has been contacted by the Northwest Lions Club of the need of a family in the Eagle Pass area and he will be contacting the two clubs in that area to see about getting some help as the process begins at the club level, then Zone and then the Hearing Board who will match contributions given by the home club. Lion Ken stated to gain access to information and forms for the Human Needs Board they can be found on the District Website, under Committees, with all the information you may need.

Next on the Agenda is District Youth Contests, which is very important to the Governor as of his six goals for this year, Number Two is to promote youth activities.

Speaking as Chairman of the Youth Task Force Committee is PDG Ray Conner, Jr. This year a big change is coming due to the fact that the State Convention will be held on a Cruise Ship in 2014, so the State contest will be held at the Third Council of Governor's meeting to be held in Kerrville February 6-8, 2014. Not all of the Youth Contest; however, three of them will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 17-18, 2014, in Eagle Pass, Texas. All information needs to go out to all of the clubs ASAP. There will be a need to check into the UIL and other events for our Youth this year in

their school curriculum in light of these changes.

PDG Ray then called on Lions Maxine Garza and Monique Reardon who will be guiding the Peace Poster Contest this year. We are riding on the wave of great success last year when our District winner went on to win State and then entered into International as this had not happened in a number of years.

Lion Maxine Garza reported that the following clubs have indicated they will participate in the Peace Poster Contest this year and they are: Stockdale, Floresville, Edgewood, Converse, Utopia, Our Lady of the Lake, Westside, LaVernia, Founders, Eagle Pass Evening, Windcrest, Helotes, Buffalo Valley and Northwest, and nine other clubs said maybe. Ages eligible to compete are students eleven to thirteen years old. The Peace Poster Contest kits are available for \$18.95 each and need to be ordered now. Lion Maxine reiterated how important this can be to students and for Lions who care enough to offer such an opportunity to students of such talents. See Lion Maxine or Lion Monique for any information concerning the kits today at this meeting.

Lion Maxine was presented an Anniversary Peace Poster Pin by DG Rod for her work in last year's event.

It was also announced by 2nd VDG Lion Jim Weed to be sure and open your Poster Kits when you get them as there is a second contest in the kits pertaining to children of the same ages

to write an essay. This is for Blind students as they cannot see to draw, but can write and this also gives them an opportunity to compete.

PDG Conner then called upon Lion Katherine Willems-Darter Chairman of the Diabetic Awareness Essay Contest and the topic this year is "Control Your Diabetes for Life", with the focus on prevention. She has ten (10) packets with her today and she will meet with anyone interested at the back of the room following the meeting.

Lion Mando Landeros, Chairman of the Drug Awareness Speech Contest was unable to attend today. All those needing packets or information was asked to see PDG Conner after the meeting and he would give out Lion Mando's cell phone number and he will then get you the packets and information you will need.

PDG Conner then called on the Chairman of the Outstanding Youth Contest Lion Ken Book. Lion Ken encourages all the clubs to field an outstanding youth from our areas as usually only about four or five compete out of sixty clubs in the district. This year there will also be an essay added to the mix and it will be on "Volunteerism and It's Importance" this being a recycled title from two years ago. Lion Ken also has ten (10) packets available at the end of the meeting in the back of the building by Lion Katherine.

PDG Conner reported for

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Chairman Lion Robert Castillo, who was unable to attend today, that with reference to the Young Woman’s Pageant, the Governor decided to have it held at the District Convention to be on April 11-12, 2014. More information will be ready to pass out at the next cabinet meeting and at the mid-winter conference.

PDG Conner also expressed his appreciation for the Stride for Sight Campaign this coming year and commended 1st VDG Lion Sam for his leadership in this area, reminding everyone to “buy a ticket”.

Governor Rod reported on the District Newsletter, “The Chisholm Trail” this year being done so well by Lion Wendy Van Winkle, who was unable to attend today and 2nd VDG Lion Jim Weed reminded us that it can be located on the District Website by “TexasLions2a2.org, and click on “Newsletter”! Governor Rod asked that any information you have for the newsletter to please let Lion Wendy know and by all means, send pictures, colored pic-

tures, action pictures of what you and your club are doing.

The Governor then asked for any announcements and these were: Northside’s “Lions live Here” signs for sale today for \$10.00; Northwest Lions have a little children’s booklet on service titled “Oliver Lion Who Wants to be a Lion” for sale; an announcement that the Eyeglass Recycling Trailer was available in Helotes today; and instructions on how lunch was to be set up and arranged. Lunch was being served by the Helotes Lions Club. Helotes also had memorial pins to sell today and their Fiftieth anniversary Club pin for sale.

Governor Rod then drew our attention to the information on the Agenda concerning the October 5th Cabinet meeting to be held at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville and a reminder that the International President Barry Palmer will be at the YO Ranch Hotel meeting with all lady Lions on Friday August 2nd at 2 pm and with all Club Presidents on Saturday, August 3rd, at 1:30 pm.

Governor Rod then presented Lion Kenneth Bilhartz, of

the Harlandale Lions Club, the International President’s Award of Life Membership signed by International President Wayne Madden and a pin for outstanding service as a Lion.

Benediction by Lion Chaplain Doug Thomas was followed by the drawing for the winners of the Raffle of the First Ladies Lion Club and the Helotes Lions Club Raffle.

The meeting was then adjourned with a reminder that there would be a PDG’s meeting in the front of the room immediately following lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

LaJuana Newnam-Leus
Cabinet Secretary

Number of Lions in Attendance:	
98	
Governor	1
1 st & 2 nd VDG	2
PCC	1
PDGs	13
Total Attendance 115	

Lions Worldwide Working to elect



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Second Cabinet Meeting

**The District 2-A2
Second Cabinet
Meeting
will be held in
Kerrville at the
Texas Lions Camp
on October 5th**



**Registration/breakfast at 8am (continental style) breakfast
by Heart of Hills Lions Club**

Meeting begins at 9:00 am sharp until noon.

Lunch by Kerrville Host and Sunrise Lion Clubs immediately following .

Featured lunch speaker is MD-2 Council Chairman Lewis Gardner.

For Additional information contact Lion John Lee

830-370-3156 or lee.papajohn@gmail.com

Buffalo Valley Lions Club

Members from the Buffalo Valley Lions Club & the Forum manager from Cici's Pizza, delivered school supplies and a \$500 donation to the SCUC ISD Central Office! The truck load of supplies included backpacks for students, folders, binders, scissors, pencils and many more supplies students will need. Thank you to SCUC ISD Collaborators, Lions Club & Cici Pizza!

The club also sponsored the MESU, and provided \$2,600 in services to our community in the Shertz, Ciblol, Universal City, Selma, Live Oak, Converse and New Braunfels area.

Lion Adriana Martinez is the President of the Buffalo Valley Lions Club, and you can bet we'll be seeing a lot more of them in the future!



Thousand Oaks Lions Club



To get off to a Roaring Start, the Thousand Oaks Lions conducted a Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive today at the YMCA on the far north of San Antonio. The YMCA is a partner of the Club and they hold their meetings at the Y and have several staff as members.

Included in this montage of movement are: David and Celeste Tidwell (chairman); Driver for a day Lion Roland; Marty Ahumanda; Yvette Singletery and of course, the President.



What is Lions KidSight Program?

The Lions KidSight program is part of a nationwide initiative of Lions Clubs to help parents and educators to find and correct children's vision problems. Our initial plan is to work with daycares and preschools to conduct vision screenings on children as young as 6 months old to 4 years old.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote visual development by providing free vision screenings for all age groups beginning from 6 month old with visual accuracy by using a vision screening device called "Spot" by PediaVision. We are dedicated in providing vision screenings in children.

Program Objective

The program objective of the Lions KidSight Program is to promote vision screening in children as young as 6 months old and also conduct eye screenings which identifies the

need for an eye exam. This vision screening identifies vision problems early and provides vision health information resulting in referrals to an eye care professional. The Lions KidSight Program can provide vision screenings with accuracy to community Daycares and other facilities. The vision screening device called the SPOT, can detect accurate vision problems and provides reliable data within a matter of seconds.

Why Vision Screening?

Five percent of all preschool children have vision problems, many of which go undetected. Children with poor vision may not complain, and many will have no noticeable symptoms. Yet vision problems, such as lazy eye, can lead to permanent loss of vision, and even blindness. Vision develops so rapidly that screening for problems early is our best defense against a blinding vision problem. The most important time to test for and correct lazy eye (Amblyopia) is in the preschool years when treatment is most effective - the



earlier, the better.

Spot it early, Treat it early.

Spot is a breakthrough device

that quickly and easily detects vision issues across all age groups. Spot helps ensure that children have an opportunity to reach their full potential.

A Better Way

About 80 percent of learning is acquired visually, yet as important as vision is, screening approaches are often inaccurate and cumbersome. Undetected vision disorders can significantly handicap a child's full potential in life and learning. **Spot is a better way.**

What Spot Sees:

Spot is powered by technology that quickly detects the following vision issues:



- Near-sightedness
- Far-sightedness
- Unequal refractive power
- Blurred vision, eye structure problem
- Pupil size
- Eye misalignment



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How does it work?



Children sit down and look into the front of the device, focusing their vision on its blinking red, amber and blue lights. The device then takes a series of photos of the children's eyes using infrared light from just one meter away.

In just seconds, Spot provides a comprehensive, reliable analysis that enables informed decision making about the need for a follow-up with an eye care professional.

Spot is designed to work as easily with toddlers as with adults, and provides reliable data in seconds. With Spot, educators, healthcare professionals, and charitable organizations can now confidently

assess
eye-
sight
for all
ages.



For more information on scheduling a Spot Vision Screening, contact a District 2-A2 Lions Club.

Bracketville • Bruni
Center Point • China Grove
Comfort • Converse
Crystal City • Del Rio Host
Del Rio San Felipe
Del Rio San Felipe Amistad
Devine • Dilly • D'Hanis
Eagle Pass Border
Eagle Pass Evening
Floresville • Fredricksburg
George West • Helotes
Kerrville Heart O'the Hills
Hondo • Kerrville Host
Kerrville Sunrise • La Vernia
Laredo Noon Host • Leakey
Natalia • Pearsall • Poteet
Pleasanton • Kelly Field
Carrizo Springs • Sabinal
San Antonio Alamo City
San Antonio Alamo Heights
San Antonio Alamo Postal
San Antonio Area Family
San Antonio Central Park
San Antonio Edgewood
San Antonio First Ladies
San Antonio Founder
San Antonio Harlandale
San Antonio Highland Hills
San Antonio North SA Hills
San Antonio Hill Country
Retreat
San Antonio Highland Park
San Antonio Northside
San Antonio Northwest
San Antonio Region 20
San Antonio Our Lady of the
Lake
San Antonio University of
Incarnate Word

San Antonio Southtown
San Antonio Westside
San Antonio Windcrest
Sherts-Cibolo Buffalo Chip
Somerset • Stockdale
Three Rivers • Tilden
Utopia • Uvalde Noon

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Second
Cabinet Meeting
Kerrville
October 5, 2013

Midwinter
Conference
Eagle Pass
January 17-18, 2014

Drawing will be held at the Midwinter Conference

Room reservations are now opened to the Lions for District Convention; room rate is \$92.00+taxes.

Online reservation www.holidayinn.com/redirect? Group Code LIO

210-349-9900 toll free 1-877-834-3613



DISTRICT 2-A2 DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

April 11-12- 2014

Holiday Inn

San Antonio International Airport

77 N.E. Loop 410

San Antonio, Texas 78216

Reservations # 210-349-9900 or Online www.holidavinn.com/redirect

District 2-A2 Lions Convention Group Code is LIO

Convention Reservations are now open

Room Rates \$92.00++ tax Room reservation deadline 28 March 2014

Lions are to make room reservations themselves

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name and Title	Club	Delegate Yes No	
Name and Title	Club	Delegate Yes No	
Address	City	Zip Code	E-mail

Register by March 28,2014 w/discount package and save\$\$\$\$\$

Date and Function	Early Registration By March 28,2014	After March 28, 2014	# Tickets	Total Cost	I
Discount Package Includes all meals					
Friday April 11, 2014 Youth Scholarship Banquet	\$23.00	\$24.00			
Saturday April 12, 2014 Continental Breakfast	FREE	FREE			
Saturday April 12, 2014 Lions Award Luncheon	\$20.00	\$21.00			
Saturday April 12, 2014 Lions Fellowship Banquet	\$25.00	\$28.00			
	\$68.00	\$73.00			

Total \$

Make Checks Payable to: District 2-A2

Mail Checks and Registration Form to: PDG Saul G. Lopez

6003 White Cloud, San Antonio, Texas 78238-3462

Questions or Concerns: Call 210-522-9267 or e-mail alicesaullopez@sbcglobal.net



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 Second Vice President of Lions International
 Toronto ♦ 2014



Your New “Bunk House” at TLERC

Yes!!! I want to be a donor to the “Bunk House”

I am contributing \$ _____ for the project at the Texas Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland, Texas.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

With the oil boom causing the high cost of housing you will help more students to attend training classes and more volunteers attending “work days” at the Center in Midland, Texas.

(Names of Donors of \$100.00 or more will be placed on a plaque in the “Bunk House” to recognize your part in this important project)

Name of Donor _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

District _____ Club _____

Tel # _____ Cell _____



PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO:
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
Attn: PDG Ron Knott
2550 Flynt Avenue

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
Mail Donations and Forms To: 2550 Flynt Street Midland Texas 79701
 tlerc@attglobal.net Tel. 432-683-3611

Donor Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone, Cell, Pager: _____ Email: _____
 Lions Club Affiliation: _____ District: _____

Fellowship Gifts

\$1000 Gold Vision \$500 Silver Vision \$250 Bronze Vision

Name of Honoree for Plaque (Please print clearly): _____
PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH GIFT. Plaque will be sent directly to the address listed above.

Visionary Knights of the Blind – Payment Options

Visionary "Knights of the Blind" are a special breed of "CST", meeting the plea of Helen Keller by recognizing that her challenge to Lions is never ending. Such Visionaries understand that our financial support must be ongoing.

1. **Recurring Annual Payments** – Please select the annual level you wish to donate and send your check to the address above. A reminder letter will be sent to you each year on the anniversary of your enrollment as a Visionary Knight of the Blind.

\$100 (minimum) \$150 \$250 \$500 \$_____ (other annual amount)

2. **Monthly Bank Draft** – Please select the monthly amount you wish TLERC to draft monthly from your bank account. Drafts will be on the 15th of each month (or the 1st business day thereafter). Then follow the instructions below by completing and signing the form and attaching a voided check. Please return this form to the address above.

\$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$_____ (other monthly amount)

Instructions for Monthly Automatic Draft:

1) Enter amount of monthly automatic draft below 2) Sign and date all lines marked with an 'X' 3) **Attach a VOIDED check to this form**

To The Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center:

I have given order to (print name of your Financial Institution): _____ to honor for you as they become due, on my monthly drafts and charge same to my account with this financial institution. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

Enter amount of monthly automatic draft selected above: \$ _____ (minimum \$10)

Please sign and date below – use signature(s) required on your account:

X _____ Date: ____/____/____ X _____ Date: ____/____/____
 (second signature only if 2 signatures required on check)

Lions Club MD-2 State Convention May 15th-19th, 2014



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FRI	FUN DAY AT SEA		
SAT	COZUMEL, MEXICO	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
SUN	FUN DAY AT SEA		
MON	GALVESTON, TX	8:00 AM	

Starting Rate Inside Cabin: \$590 plus \$50 Convention Fee, includes \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE cabin deposit per person, based on double occupancy.



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Council Chairman 2013-14
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LIONS CLUB MD-2 STATE CONVENTION

MAY 15TH-19TH, 2014

Name: _____

Date Of Birth: ____/____/____

Convention Attendee (Please Check One): ____ YES ____ NO

Name: _____

Date Of Birth: ____/____/____

Convention Attendee (Please Check One): ____ YES ____ NO

Name: _____

Date Of Birth: ____/____/____

Convention Attendee (Please Check One): ____ YES ____ NO

Name: _____

Date Of Birth: ____/____/____

Convention Attendee (Please Check One): ____ YES ____ NO

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SELECT CABIN AND CATEGORY SPACE

____ Inside Cabin Category 4B: \$590.00 per person

____ Inside Cabin Category 4C: \$595.00 per person

____ Inside Cabin Category 4D: \$600.00 per person

____ Inside Cabin Category 4E: \$605.00 per person

____ Oceanview Cabin Category 6B: \$640.00 per person

____ Oceanview Cabin Category 6C: \$645.00 per person

____ Balcony Cabin Category 8B: \$720.00 per person

____ Balcony Cabin Category 8C: \$725.00 per person

____ Balcony Cabin Category 8D: \$735.00 per person

Deposit \$ _____

Installments ____ Y ____ N

Paid In Full ____ Y ____ N

Third and Fourth Passengers Categories 4B-4E: \$270.00 per person

Third and Fourth Passengers Categories 6B-6C: \$290.00 per person

Third and Fourth Passengers Categories 8B-8D: \$310.00 per person

Payment Form: Check Cash Amount Paid: _____

(circle one) Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Billing Address: _____

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$25.00 PER PERSON IS DUE TO RESERVE SPACE ON THE CRUISE FOR DOUBLE CABINS. TRIPLES AND QUADS WILL REQUIRE FULL DEPOSIT OF \$125.00 PER PERSON TO SECURE CABIN.



SEPTEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 International Literacy Day	9	10 World Sight Day (Australia)	11	12	13	14
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Editing a publication is a bit like working a jigsaw puzzle. You need all the pieces in front of you before you can begin putting them all together. In this spirit, I ask that you get all information to be published submitted by the 27th of each month.

If you have any suggestions, call me at the number above. If you have any complaints, contact Governor Rod...