

LIONS OF TEXAS 2-A2

Chisholm Trail

July 2013

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From the District Governor

My Fellow Lions,

I am writing these notes from Hamburg, Germany, as Lion Mary Jane and I are attending the Lions International Convention. It's amazing to see so many Lions from around the world. As you could imagine, there are many Lion dignitaries present, from International President Barry Palmer, President Wayne Madden and all of the other Past International Presidents. Among the stand-outs in terms of stature and credibility, is our own Mike Butler. His presence is felt everywhere...it makes one proud to be from the same state and the same district as Lion Mike!

Speaking of President Palmer, he is planning to come to our district in the not-too-distant future! He will be arriving in San Antonio on August 1st after an arduous trip from Australia - then motor-ing up to Kerrville and the Texas Lions Camp for the Council of Governors Meeting. Having the



**2-A2 District Governor
Lion Rod Chisholm**

International President visit our District two years in a row is a credit to Lion Mike Butler and the entire District 2-A2. More information will be forthcoming on this visit.

I'd be remiss if I didn't express my admiration and appreciation for the phenomenal support that 1st Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa continually provides for

the entire District. He is seemingly everywhere, lending a hand...bringing guidance, leadership... and support to so many of the clubs. Similarly, 2nd Vice District Governor Jim Weed is handing over the reins of District Newsletter to Lion Wendy Van Winkle, so that he can expand his reach. I'm honored and humbled to work with these two along with so many other talented and dedicated Lions. This is gonna' be a fun year!

I want to express my gratitude to all of the incoming officers who have attended the training sessions guided by our GLT Wally Jackson. The number of Lions who participated far exceeded expectations!

Speaking of meetings, please plan to attend the initial Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 20th at the Helotes Lions Club Building. The meeting will take place from

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From Governor Rod Chisholm

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9am to noon, followed by a casual lunch. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. And who knows, this might be an occasion to provide information on what went on that day in history!

I have 6 simple goals for the coming year:

- 1) Increase our Net Membership by 10%.** *That means that if your club has 10 members, simply recruit 1 more net. A 20-member Club should recruit 2. A 30-member club should recruit 3, etc. Membership is our lifeblood.*
- 2) Promote the Youth Opportunities Programs.** *Diabetic Awareness Essay, Drug Awareness Speech contest, Peace Poster Contest, Outstanding District Youth Contest and the Young Women's Pageant.*
- 3) Establish a plan to Implement the Kid-Sight (Pedia-Vision) program throughout the District.** *Area/Zone Chairs are essential.*
- 4) Form new Lions Clubs to fulfill the needs of our communities.**
- 5) Each club be in good standing with District 2-A2, MD-2 and Lions Clubs International.** *This means pay the bills!*
- 6) Have FUN.**

We can do this! Working together we can lend that assistance to the needy, we can do so much more when we work in unison with one another. Together we can succeed!

Sincerely,

Rod Chisholm

Annual West Side Lions Night



Photos courtesy of PDG John Cole

PDG Richard Keilholz delivers the first pitch at the Annual West Side Lions Night at the San Antonio Missions Baseball Game. What a wind-up! What a pitch! What a Lion!

Follow the 2-A2
Chisholm Trail
 to the
1st Cabinet Meeting

July 20, 2013 in Helotes, Texas • 14690 Bandera Road

Registration and Continental Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m.

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Salad • Rolls

\$11.00 per member includes Breakfast and Lunch



Make checks payable to Helotes Lions Club

Send payment to:

Christopher Reardon

8330 Tavern Point

San Antonio, TX 78254

For additional information, call Lion Chris Reardon at 210-845-3600

From LaVernia Lions Club



The Miss LaVernia Court with Lions Past District Governor TJ Tijerina, Current District Governor Richard Keilholz, District Governor Elect Rod Chisholm and Grand Marshal Harold Schott at the LaVernia Bluebonnet Fest Parade (Left). At the Stockdale Watermelon Jubilee Parade on June 15th, the court rode their float to third place in their category (Right). Congratulations to LaVernia Lions!

Lions Fellowship Banquet

Sponsored by the

Past District Governors of Texas Lions



Officers 2013

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P.O. Box 1717
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*PDG Luren Campbell
Immediate Past President
1100 Bloodworth
Olney, TX 76374*

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

SUBJECT: Fellowship Banquet hosted by the Past District Governors of Texas Lions

WHEN: Saturday, August 3, 2013 - 7:00 PM

WHERE: YO Ranch Resort, Kerrville, Texas

DRESS: White coats

SPEAKER: International President Barry J. Palmer

TICKETS Registration - \$30.00 each by July 29, 2013
Please help in planning for these meals by ordering your tickets as soon as possible. If cancellation becomes necessary, notify Secretary C. Lee Smith by July 29, 2013 to receive a refund.

NOTICE **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER July 29, 2013**
Caterer must have final head count by July 30, 2013

TO: **ORDER FOR BANQUET TICKETS**
PCC C. Lee Smith
P.O. Box 1717
Clyde, TX 79510
Phone: 325/669-8851, csmith@web-runner.com

**PLEASE SEND MAIL
TO ARRIVE IN CLYDE
NO LATER THAN
JULY 29, 2013**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE
MAILED AFTER JULY 29, 2013.**
**THEY MAY BE PICKED UP IN
KERRVILLE...**

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ tickets @ \$30.00 each for the Past District Governors Banquet on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Please make check payable to the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

CHECK HERE FOR PICK UP IN KERRVILLE _____

FOR MAILING: PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE

Please Indicate: Past District Governor _____ District Governor _____

1st or 2nd Vice District Governors _____ Lion _____ Other Guests _____



MD-2

1st Council of Governors

August 1st through August 3, 2013

At the

YO Ranch Resort

2033 Sidney Baker St,

Kerrville, TX 78028

(830) 792-4411



Special Guest

International President Barry Palmer Invites all women Lions to a meeting on Friday, August 2nd from 2pm to 3 pm.



International President Palmer Invites all club presidents in attendance (or their respective VDG's) for a meeting on Saturday, August 3rd from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



**International President
Lion Barry Palmer**

If any club has a new member to be inducted into Lionism (most have been done in conjunction with the officer installations), then have that club indicate it to PDG TJ Tijerina, as International President Lion Barry Palmer would love to induct him/her personally!

Make Plans *NOW* to attend

From Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa



Lions of District 2-A2,

We need your help! We would like to build a Calendar of all Major Club Events for the coming year in our newsletter, so that all Lions know where and what our District Clubs are up to, so that we can be there and support each other. When we know, we can use your event to help with member recruiting, and getting the word out to potential Texas Lions Campers, and passing information about KidsSight and MESU and eyeglass recycling as well as the many other things that we want your neighbors to know.

So, we finish our calendar and we turn the page to July and we meet new Officers for our Clubs and we re-energize ourselves through the enthusiasm and excitement

brought to us by our Incoming District Governor, Lion Rod. Congratulations to DG Richard for the trail that he blazed and for the leadership he brought to unite his Team to a spectacular year of accomplishment. Working with both DG Richard and DGE Rod has been and will continue to be a truly satisfying experience for me. It's great to be a part of a success story built on service to others. And the momentum that others are now recognizing is because of the unselfish servant leadership of these two great Lions. Their passion is contagious.

On the subject of passion, what a dose we received recently at an intensive workshop at the Texas Lions Camp. First Stop was Friday- Awards- Night at Camp. Very High Impact! Please Go and get Your High Five from the Campers and hug a few Counselors. Something that I learned was that Clubs all over the State donate scholarship funds for the Counselors. The income that these 150 college kids earn for their two weeks of intense training and their ten weeks of non-stop care of the Campers is really minimal. So, Clubs across the State help as they can with scholarship funds as a way to thank them for giving themselves to the kids. These Counselors take on tremendous responsibility to insure that Camp is the life-

changing experience that we know it is. They are buddy, nurse, nutritionist and teacher with days that start at 5:00am and end at midnight or later. When Friday night comes and the last Campers leave on Saturday morning, they are making sure that they are learning what the special needs of their next charges that they will meet Sunday afternoon are. And they have those gigantic smiles and silly costumes and face paint. They are love in 3-D. With the concerts they perform with the Staff of the Camp is an emotional and inspiring composition. By the way, all the Staff also has the same hours as the Counselors except that before and after sessions, when they have lots of seven day weeks as they interview Counselors and set Camp Schedules, as well as preparing the facilities and work with the effects of weather, drought and everything else that goes with maintaining this 500+ acre home away from home. We can be justifiably proud to have the Lions Logo on this jewel in the hills. SPONSOR a CHILD. It's never too late and it's never too early to start.

Thanks to all 18 Lions and Leos Clubs who made a big success out of our HOT DOG Extravaganza at Morgan's Wonderland

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From Vice District Governor Sam Pantusa

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on June 14. They tell us that we served 1700 people that day and it was heart-warming to see all those kids and families enjoying their day at the unique facility. Special thanks to Alamo Heights; Del Rio Host; Lion Joe Scholwinski, CPA; Dr. Bart Nichols; NuStar Energy; Greehey Family

Foundation and Frost Bank for contributions toward needed supplies. And a special thanks to PDG Saul Lopez for helping to coordinate the event and secure all the supplies and to Lion Stacey Guney of Alamo Heights for helping to obtain some of the contributions.

It is a privilege to serve with you.

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

Thanks for listening,

VDG Sam

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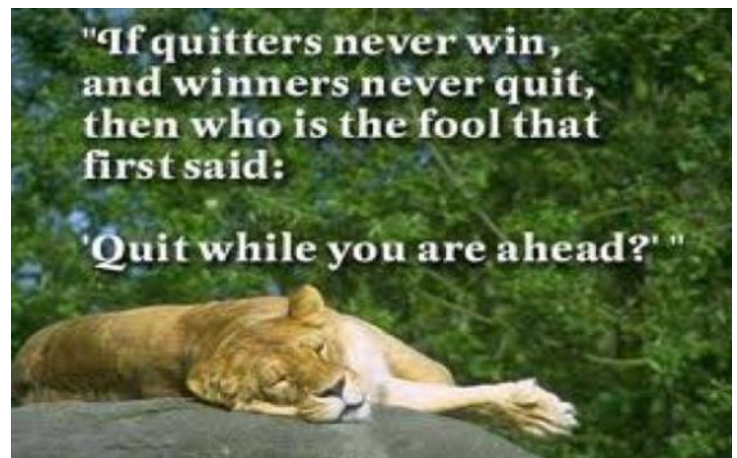
China Grove Area Lions Club is having a Lions Mobile Eye Screening event as well as South Texas Blood Mobile Drive on **Saturday July 13, 2013 at 6905 Hwy 87 East (Lone Star Bakery#1 parking lot) from 8:30am to 12:30pm**. Please contact either **Cathy Ripps 422-4171** or **Shelly Chanceat 422-6075** to sign up for the blood drive or any questions.

Who IS that?

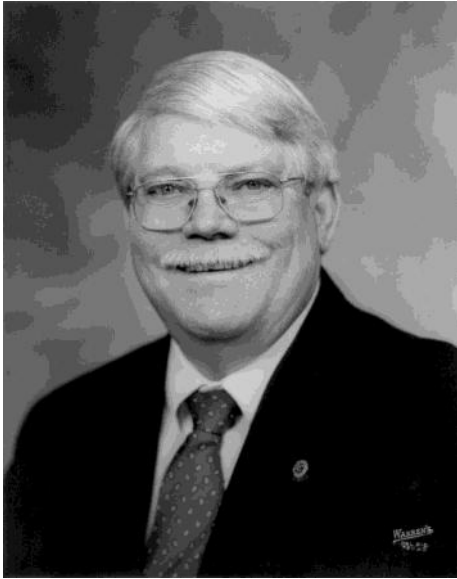


Photos courtesy of PDG John Cole

Can you tell who these Lions are? It's hard to remember, but even harder to forget these memorable characters. Answers on the bottom of page 12. No peeking!



From Second Vice District Governor Jim Weed



Fellow Lions,

I'm not even 2nd VDG yet (as I write this) and already Lion Wendy Van Winkle, our district newsletter editor, DG Rod Chisholm and 1st VDG Sam Pantusa are bugging me to get my article for July written and submitted. Now I know how I sounded to them last year when I was doing the district newsletter.

I've been working on this article for a month. This is my 14th draft. I wanted write something powerful, inspiring, enlightening and memorable for my first article. As I sat in front my computer monitor and tapped my fingers on my desk nothing powerful, inspiring, enlightening or memorable came to mind. Maybe you've experienced the same thing in your work or as a Lion. You know you

want to say something great, but nothing comes to mind.

I believe all Lions want to do great things for their community. I believe we all are proud when we can give a scholarship to young man or woman as they go off to college for the first time. We have a tear of joy when we are able to help children with so many limits placed on their lives go to the Texas Lions Camp where those limitations are minimized and for a week they are just another kid having a fun.

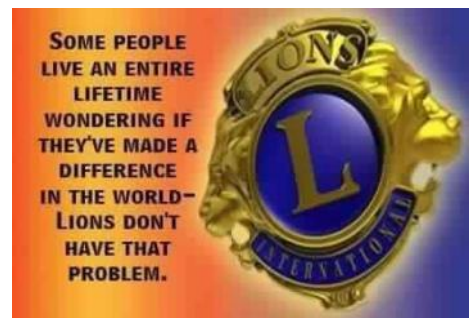
Each of us joined Lions for our own reasons, but when we began wearing the emblem of the International Association of Lions Clubs our lives changed and we began changing the lives of others. You might not think you've changed or you've changed others, but consider this: just by being a Lion and paying your dues you are supporting a world-wide organization that builds eye clinics and trains doctors in countries where even the simplest eye care and vision correction used to be hundreds of miles away; you are helping the Lions of Texas keep the Texas Lions Camp open; and through special fund raisers and the District Governor's 100% program you make it possible to expand these programs and many others.

It is Lions like you that aided in the response to the explosion in West, Texas, the tornados in north Texas and Oklahoma, and most recently to the flooding in Eagle Pass. You may not have been one the Lions that tugged on their old grungy jeans and put on their work gloves to start the clean-up, but through your support of the Texas Lions Foundation and the Lions Clubs International Foundation your work and efforts as a Lion were represented there.

I can't think of something powerful, inspiring, enlightening or memorable to say, but you are saying and doing it every day. So as 2nd VDG I'm not going to look for ways to inspire you, but find ways to serve and support you as you inspire others. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Yours In Service,

2nd VDG JIM



You are cordially invited to the

Charter Night Banquet



Stockdale Lions Club

Saturday, July 13, 2013

Stockdale High School Cafeteria

503 South 4th Street, Stockdale, Texas

Social - 6:30pm

Dinner - 7:00pm

Keynote Speaker

M. P. "MIKE" BUTLER

Past International Director

Sponsoring Club :
Floresville Lions Club

Cost: \$15.00 per guest
payable at the door

Make checks payable to Stockdale Lions Club

RSVP by July 8, 2013 to

Lion Janie Garza
jdanielso37@gmail.com
210-643-3217

Lion Angelique Schmit
angelicque@bangelectric.net
210-355-1426

Officer Training



Photos courtesy of PDG John Cole

Officer Training was held at the Del Rio Lions Club Hut on Saturday, June 22 from 9-12. Lions Governor Rod Chisholm and PDG Howie Marbach were on hand to give first class training.

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.



Past District Governor
Lewis H. Gardner
Council Chairman 2013-14
MD-2 Texas



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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

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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.



JULY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 H	4 A	5 M	6 B
7 U	8 R	9 G	10	11	12	13 China Grove Blood Drive and Vision Testing Stockdale Charter Night
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 First Cabinet Meeting • Helotes
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<u><i>August 1-4 First Council of Governors!</i></u>		

Congratulations Granny Trish Wilson!



At 12:06 am Wednesday, June 5th, two wonderful people, Devin and Kelly, brought Dawson Cray Wilson into the world and made David and I grandparents. All are doing great and we are blessed beyond measure lbs 4oz and 20 inches long.

The Lions of District 2-A2 Newsletter, *The Chisolm Trail*, is published monthly. If you have stories, upcoming events or photos to submit, all are welcomed. Please do not send scans, as they do not reproduce well. You may send items digitally to dvanwinkle@stx.rr.com, or mail them to :

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You can always reach me at 830-703-0996.

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...

1. PDG T.J. Tijerna 2. PDG John Seale
3. County Judge Lion Laura Allen.