



Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter

Issue 11 – May 2015

From the 1st VDG Jim Weed



It's already May? The past year has gone by fast. I know everyone says that, but all the time I had to prepare for my year as District Governor seems to have sped by I'm still not quite ready. Still some zone chairs to fill. Still some cabinet appointments to make. Still some things I probably don't know about that I'm suppose to do that I don't know about.

But let's start by talking about what I do know. We have new club officer training scheduled May 2 in Del Rio at the Juan Olivares Lions Center, 100 Lions Avenue and May 9 in Helotes, 14690 Hwy 16 (Bandera Road). We'll also have DG Sam Pantusa on hand to provide new member orientation so bring your new members to either of these training sessions. This training is also good for club members considering running for club office. Both sessions begin at 9:00 AM.

By now you've heard of the disaster in Nepal. What you haven't seen on the news is how the Lions of Nepal have stepped up to support their communities and the support Nepal is receiving from Lions around the world through LCIF. Because of the global reach of Lions we are always the first at the scene of disasters. That's because those disasters happen in our backyards. "We Serve" in our communities and around the world.

Closer to home, we have the MD-2 State Convention coming up. It's not too late to register. Just logon to <http://convention.texaslions.org/> Come to College Station 21-23 May and see what the Lions of Texas doing.

My year as District Governor is coming soon and I'm looking forward to it. Start thinking "hot dogs."

DG(e) Lion Jim Weed

From DG Sam Pantusa



Thanks to ALL for an OUTSTANDING CONVENTION in KERRVILLE!! Our Sincere Appreciation to Lion Wes and Lion Marcy Dorman of Kerrville Host for their ATTENTION to DETAIL and for doing the Hardest Job of Maintaining a BIG SMILE through all the questions and comments.

The food WAS TERRIFIC and THE FACILITIES were Perfect.

Thanks to our Speakers Lion Greg Simmons and for the dynamite Presentation given by our own PID Mike Butler. And a Big Job Well Done to Lion Ken and Lion Mary Ann and Lion Janie and Lion Abel and PDG Ray for an outstanding Youth Contest

Program.

And a special note of Heartfelt Gratitude to Lion FLOYD CARRIKER for that moving Presentation of “Go Down Death” at the close of our Business Session. Lion Floyd – YOU SO INSPIRED ALL OF US with that beautiful tribute.

And, finally, many thanks go to all of our Members and Guests from 37 Clubs in District 2-A2 for sharing their time with us.

It's time to let LCI know about your **OFFICERS for 2015-16**, so please get your New Officer Reports in to LCI – online or by mail of the PU 101 by MAY 15. Without doing that the new officers will HAVE NO WAY to COMMUNICATE with LCI on July 1.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter, you will find the **Club Excellence Award Application** with the listing of requirements for your Club to receive the Club Excellence Banner Patch and your President receives the President's Excellence Award Pin from LCI for 2014-15. This form goes in as soon as you can after June 30.

Also we have requirements for Club **“HEART of the LION”** Banner Patches and Individual member Medals. And Don't forget **100% Voluntary Contributions** and Ways to Recognize members with Beautiful Awards from LCIF; Texas Lions Camp; Texas Lions Foundation; and Lions Sight Research Foundation. Those can be found on a separate newsletter pages.

All information about Club Excellence Awards; Heart of the Lion Awards; and Voluntary 100% Contributions is also found in the District Directory – hard copy or online at 2a2lionconnection.org, or at District 2A2.

AND a FINAL PAT ON THE BACK to all CLUBS for REPORTING that you have now Documented that you have **SERVED OVER 40,000 MEMBERS** of YOUR COMMUNITIES Since July.

Thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do.

You Are Appreciated and Loved.

Thanks for listening

DG LION SAM

District 2A2 Convention

On April 10 – 11, The District 2A2 Convention was held in Kerrville hosted by the Kerrville Host Lions Club. Lions Wes and Marcy Dorman (Kerrville Host) did an excellent job of organizing and running the convention at the Inn of the Hills.

On Friday, the Convention opened up with the “Opportunities for Youth” contests featuring the Drug Awareness Speech, the Diabetic Essay Contest, the Outstanding Youth Contest and the Young Women's Pageant.



The Lions Sight Research Foundation held a meeting and the voting delegates registered for the elections.

In the evening, the Youth Contests Banquet was held and the contest winners were announced. The winners of the Youth Contests were: Diabetic Essay – 1st Friedericke Davis (SA Edgewood), 2nd Matthew Stewart (Sabinal), Drug Awareness Speech – John Craig (Northside), Celeste Lozano (SA Edgewood), Outstanding Youth – 1st Miranda Robles (Sabinal), 2nd Jacy Gray (Leakey). Pageant winners were: Queen – Celeste Lozano (SA Edgewood), Princess Renee Perez (Converse).

Lion Sam recognized several Lions for their work in coordinating the Youth Contests as well as for other service done by these Lions throughout the year. Those recognized were Lion Mary Ann Mays receiving the Heart of the Lion Award; Lion Abel Martinez receiving the LCI Medal of Merit as Drug Awareness Chair and for work as producer of the District Directory and Convention Program Booklet; Lion Janie Garza receiving the LCI Medal of Merit as Diabetic Essay Chair and for her outstanding work in the coordination of the KidSight Program and as Assistant Advisor to the LEO District;



Lion Ken Book receiving the LCI Medal of Merit for his work as Overall Youth Contest Coordinator, Outstanding Youth Contest Coordinator and all his service in conducting KidSight and Hearing screenings; Lion Debbie Book also received the LCI Medal of Merit because of her service at Lion Ken's side providing vision and hearing screenings. PDG and MESU Manager, Lion Chris Lloyd was recognized for his work as MESU Manager and as Youth Exchange Coordinator with the Heart of the Lion Medal. PDG Chris was recognized at this event because he would be leaving early the next morning to conduct MESU Screening with the Floresville Lions at their Annual Car Show .



The dinner and announcements was followed by music and dancing to the Junior Pruneda and Friends band.



The candidates for office and Board positions held their Hospitality Rooms and provided a chance to visit with them.

On Saturday morning, the Business Session started with Lion President Earnest Hamilton of the SA Alamo City Lions and team posting the colors. The Invocation was given by Lion Floyd Carriker of the Kerrville Sunrise Lions.

Opening remarks were made by DG Sam Pantusa. He announced we would be voting for both State and District. The State voting would then be adjourned until State Convention in May in College Station.



Chaplain Lion Doug Thomas from SA Central Park then held a Memorial Service in remembrance of those Lions who had passed on during this past year.

District LEO Advisor Lion Janie Garza (Stockdale) then led the LEOs to a separate area for their meeting.

Lion Steve Medina (West Side) presented the minutes from the Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting and Lion Wally Jackson (SA Northwest) presented the Treasurer's report. DG Sam mentioned the Bluebonnet Fest to be held May, 17th in LaVernia.



IPDG Rod Chisholm, GMT Coordinator, reported 267 members had been added, 218 had been lost leaving us with an increase of 49 members. The UTSA Roadrunner Lions Club had been started and a new club in Boerne is being formed. We are picking up momentum!

The SA Lions Founder Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary at the Gunther Hotel.

The Zone Chairs from Zone 6 – Lion Buddy Moglia (reported by DG Sam in Lion Buddy's absence), Zone 9 – Lion Bob Monaghan and Zone 10 – Lion Sammy Perez – reported on their zones. Lion Bob reported on the new Lighthouse Lions Club and Lion Sammy reported on the new members in the clubs in his zone.



Lion Chris Condren (Edgewood), GLT Coordinator reported on the breakout sessions at the Mid-Winter meeting. Leadership training for new officers will be held Saturday 5/2 in Del Rio and Saturday 5/9 in Helotes. Lion Chris recognized the Lions who had led the training at previous sessions.



IT Chair Lion Floyd Daigle (La Vernia) discussed the “Flash Bulletins” that are sent out. Lion Floyd said he was here to help those who need to access the web site, district2a2.org. He also wants input on what we would like to see on the web site.

Lion Alice Lopez and the Tail Twister Team passed the bucket. Lion Sam presented Lion Earnest Hamilton and Lion Doug Thomas with Heart of the Lion awards for their work as Color Guard Chair and Chaplain, respectively.

Lion Juanita Tijerina (SA Northwest) reported on the Nominations. There were 36 clubs represented and 88 voting delegates present. We had 2 ballots – Multiple District ballot and District 2A2 ballot. The Multiple District ballot required a vote for the endorsement for PDG Sam Lindsey for Director of Lions Clubs International (District 2X3). PID Mike Butler gave nominating talk for PDG Sam’s endorsement and PCC Mike Rourke seconded the nomination. Amendments to the MD2 Constitution were also on the ballot. The District 2A2 ballot listed the candidates for office and Board positions and amendments to the 2A2 Hearing Board constitution and by-laws.



Lion Donald Kirchhoff (Comfort) was nominated for 2nd Vice District Governor by PDG A. C. Schwethelm (Comfort) with a second by President Marilyn Schwethelm (Comfort). Lion John Lee (Kerrville Host) was nominated for 1st Vice District Governor by Lion Marcy Dorman (Kerrville Host) and seconded by Lion Barb Flynn (Kerrville Host). Lion Jim Weed (Converse) was nominated for District Governor by Lion President Harold Bellamy (Converse) with a second by Lion Sammy Perez (Converse).

For Texas Lions Camp Director, there was 1 position to be filled. Candidates were: Allie Thomas (SA Highland Hills Lions), Doug Thomas (SA Central Park Lions)

For Hearing Board Director, there were 6 positions to be filled. Candidates were: Gloria Klasen (Del Rio Host Lions), Ernesto Castro (SA West Side Lions), Sylvia Gonzales (SA Area Family Lions), Griselda Gonzales (SA Area Family Lions), Cecilia Nobles (SA Hill Country Retreat Lions), Norman Fulkerson (SA Alamo Heights Lions), and Rosemary Paletta (SA West Side Lions).

For Human Needs Board Director, there was 1 position to be filled. Candidates were: LaJuana Newnam-Leus (Floresville Lions), Don Khan (SA Northside Lions), Cathy Ripps (Bexar County China Grove Lions), Vera McDade (SA Alamo City Lions).

For Lions Sight Research Foundation Director, there were 6 positions to be filled. Candidates were: Norman Fulkerson (SA Alamo Heights Lions), Les Barnes (SA Northside Lions), Eric Casillas (SA West Side Lions), Steven Medina (SA West Side Lions), Chris Condren (SA Edgewood Lions), Wes Dorman (Kerrville Host Lions), Rod G. Chisholm III (SA Founder Lions), Warren Weir (SA Founder Lions), David Splitek (SA Founder Lions).



PDG Howie Marbach reported on the Lions Clubs International Foundation. All donations go directly to grant funding. 11,000 grants totaling \$820 million have been funded. The areas covered are Sight - kids, Relief – emergency, Support Youth, and Humanitarian Needs. 1 Billion kids have been vaccinated for measles. Of 63 clubs in the district, only 4 have participated so far. We're in the 3rd quarter and he asked clubs to participate. PDG Howie showed a map of Texas showing the grants received from International.



Lion Liz Rourke reported on the up-coming MD-2 Convention in College Station on 5/22-23, and on the Lions International Convention in Hawaii on 6/26 – 30. The USA/Canada Forum will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lion Sam presented Lion Liz with a Heart of the Lion award.

PDG John Seale, Texas Lions Foundation reported on the goal of the TLF for this year - \$115,000. Last year we were in the top 3 districts in donations. So far this year, \$1700 has been donated and we are 16th out of 16 districts. PDG John called for donations and the following clubs pledged: Northwest Lions \$750, Kerrville Sunrise \$1000, China Grove %500, Alamo Heights \$750, Alamo City \$1000, Del Rio San Felipe \$1000, and Converse \$1000.



Lion Ken Book (SA Region 20), Youth Contest Chair, reported there were 18 contestants for the Youth Contests (4 contestants entered 2 contests) representing 11 Lions Clubs for the 22 contests. This is the most participation that has been seen. Easton Parrish (13) won our District 2-A2 Peace Poster Contest. Easton is from La Vernia and is sponsored by the La Vernia Lions Club. Judges for the contests were: Lion Abel Martinez (SA Edgewood)– Drug Awareness, Lion Janie Garza (Stockdale) – Diabetic Essay, Mary Ann Mays (LaVernia) – Young Women's pageant.



Lion Ken Book (SA Region 20), Human Needs Board Chairman. Lion Ken told of a 13-year-old boy in Alamo Heights who has a class trip to Washington D.C. Human Needs matched the \$400 raised for his trip. The Board gets money from dues and fund raisers. Currently, there is \$9,857.53 in the bank account.

Lion Lulu Garcia (SA Area Family), Hearing Board Chair, requested that we vote for the amendment to the constitution and by-laws. The University Health Centers and the Starkey Foundation approved getting hearing aids for children. Lion Lulu received a Heart of the Lion award from DG Sam. Lion Harry Boykin praised Lion Lulu for her efforts with the Board.



The Alamo Heights Lions Club announced that they will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on October 24.

IPDG Rod Chisholm, LSRF Chair, reported that Lion Jim Wheeler was retiring and DG Sam Pantusa would be the new head. Lion Pat Hardwick, Lion Rick Flynn and Lion Ray Connor are also leaving the Board. The Low Vision Center has 3 part-time doctors. Sponsors are needed for the MESU.



1st VDG Jim Weed reported on Stride for Sight which provides funds for the LSRF. The 5K run in Helotes on a cold, rainy day was successful. Donations are appreciated. Lion Jim noted that Helen Keller is not on the list of women whose image may replace President Jackson on the \$20 bill.

Lion Janie Garza, KidSight Chair, reported that clubs are doing screenings and there are several more screenings coming up. SPOT-Training certificates issued prior to the new law are invalid and re-training is required. Lion Janie is working to get this changed. Lion Janie talked to a State Representative who says the SPOT-certificates are valid and to show the certificates to the State Training Representative in order to be able to receive State Certification Training. We can still do the SPOT- training ourselves. Anyone holding a SPOT-Training Certificate is eligible to receive State Certification Training. Lion Janie is working on a schedule. Currently, our district is on hold for training.



Texas Lions Camp Director, Lion Steve Mays, reported that there is 1 workday left to prepare the camp for the summer. We can go to the TLC web site to sign up for training for May 2nd. The Camp needs 355 mattresses (at \$100 each) and is looking for a donation. They are building a water tower that will be visible for miles around. When a club donates \$10/person they become a member of the 100% Club. Activities for raising funds have been golf tournaments, license plates, endowment campaigns. \$4 million has been collected and the goal is \$5 million.

LEO Nicole Miller (Stockdale) gave the District LEO report. Activities ideas which were discussed were volunteering at a park, highway clean-up, battle of the bands. They are working on a District 2A2 LEO monument idea in the San Antonio Lions park. LEO Nicole is the newly elected LEO District President for the next year.



Checks were received from various Lions clubs.



Lion Janie Garza announced the LEO of the Year is Jacob Stroman (Stockdale).

The Benediction was given by Lion Floyd Carriker (Kerrville Sunrise) and Lion President Ernest Hamilton and his team retired the colors.

The 2A2 District Convention Awards Luncheon followed the Business Meeting. The luncheon opened with a welcome by DG Sam Pantusa, the Pledge by 1st VDG Jim Weed and the Invocation by Lion Doug Thomas, District Chaplain. IPDG led a rousing version of “My Country 'tis of Thee”.

Several Awards were presented by DG Sam.



Lion Greg Simmons (SA Northside Lions), KSAT 12 Sports Anchor, was the speaker. He spoke of his history and his involvement with the Lions. It was a very interesting and informative talk.

Election Voting followed the luncheon. The results to be announced at the Fellowship Banquet.

There were three tour opportunities available in the afternoon – a visit to the new MD2 State Office and future Museum, a visit to the James Avery Headquarters, and a Wine Tasting at the Kerrville Hills Winery. Needless to say, the Wine Tasting quickly filled up.



The District 2A2 Fellowship Banquet was opened by the Master of Ceremonies, 2nd VDG John Lee (Kerrville Host). The pledge was led by Lion President Rick Flynn (Kerrville Host). PDG Lytle Blankenship (Kerrville Host) did the Invocation. IPDG Rod Chishom led us in the “Hearts as Big as Texas”. 1st VDG Jim Weed introduced the Head Table.

After dinner, DG Sam spoke and gave out special recognition awards to a number of Lions.

Lion Lulu Garcia and Lion Chris Condren were presented the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation by DG Sam assisted by PID Mike Butler.



Lion Ray Castillo was presented the International President’s Leadership Medal, also by DG Sam and PDG Mike Butler.



Lion Floyd Daigle (LaVernia) was recognized as Lion of the Year for his outstanding work leading the IT Team.



PCC Mike Rourke spoke of the Herb C. Petry, Jr. Hall of Fame. There are 2 Lions which were inducted into the Hall of Fame – PDG John Cole and Lion M.D. “Mac” McCain who both received plaques and medals. The previous Hall of Fame members stood to recognize the newmembers.



Lion President Rick Flynn (Kerrville Host) introduced the Keynote Speaker, PID Mike Butler. Lion Rick spoke of Lion Mike Butler the man since Lion Mike's long service and activities in the Lions were familiar to many.



PID Mike Butler gave the Keynote Address discussing that most Leaders in our Organization are Lions who have few titles and may

not receive much recognition. He stressed that all in the room have the Heart to be the Real Leaders of our Organization and, for the most part, are the ones that are causing significant life changing differences, everyday, for those that we serve.



Lion Juanita Tijerina then announced the District Election results. Lion Jim - Weed District Governor, Lion John Lee - 1st VDG and Lion Donald Kirchhoff - 2nd VDG for the coming year. The directors elected to the Boards were:

Hearing Board: Lion Sylvia Gonzales; Lion Griselda Guerrero; Lion Ernesto Castro; Lion Rosemary Paletta; Lion Gloria Klassen; Lion Cecilia Nobles.

Human Needs Board: Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus

Lions Sight Research Foundation: Lion Steven Medina; Lion Eric Casillas; Lion Les Barnes; Lion Rod Chisholm; Lion Chris Condren; Lion Wes Dorman

Lion Doug Thomas was elected as Two Year Director to Texas Lions Camp.

The Amendments to the District Hearing Board Constitution passed.

The Past District Governors lined up in chronological order and the District gavel was passed from the oldest to the newest to Lion Jim Weed. Lion Jim then spoke of his plans for the new year.



The evening and the Convention closed with the singing of “til We Meet Again”.



Job Well Done, Lions Wes and Marcy Dorman!!







DISTRICT 2-A2  **VITAL SIGNS** at **APRIL 26, 2015**

REMEMBER (All stats as per MyLCI records as submitted on MMR's & Activity Reports)

SERVICE

NUMBER of CLUBS REPORTING SERVICE ACTIVITIES since July 1, 2014 ----- **36 out of 63**
SERVICE HOURS that HAVE BEEN REPORTED since JULY 1, 2014: ----- **15,235**
NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED since July 1, 2014 ----- **40,732**

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP at JULY 1, 2014: ----- **1777** **at April 26, 2015** ----- **1828**

CLUBS NET POSITIVE MEMBERSHIP since July 1, 2014: China Grove, Carrizo Springs, Comfort, Converse, Crystal City, Del Rio San Felipe, Devine, EP Evening, Floresville, Fredericksburg, George West, Kerrville Host, Kerrville Sunrise, LaVernia, Laredo, Pleasanton, Poteet, Sabin, SA Area Family, SA Central Park, SA Edgewood, SA Region 20, SA Lighthouse, SA Westside, SA Windcrest, Schertz Buffalo Valley, Utopia-----
44% of 62 Clubs (does not factor New UTSA Roadrunners Club with 39 new members reported at 10/28 and since)

TOTAL NUMBER ADDED since July 1, 2014: -----	278	<i>prior year comparisons</i>	2014	268	2013	231
NUMBER of MEMBERS LOST since July 1, 2014: ---	227		2014	264	2013	204
NEW CLUBS CHARTERED since July 1, 2014: ---	1		2014	2	2013	1
CLUBS DROPPED since July 1, 2014: -----	0		2014	1	2013	2
CURRENT NET at April 26, 2015: -----	+51		2014	+21	2013	+27

TARGET MEMBERSHIP GOALS for 2014 / 2015 (at year end June 30, 2015)

Total Members Lost 200 or less (MISSED this target)	<i>prior years</i>	2014	296	2013	221
NET TOTAL MEMBERSHIP + 75		2014	21	2013	64
NEW CLUBS CHARTERED 3		2014	2	2013	2
CLUBS DROPPED 0		2014	1	2013	2



CURRENT HEALTH RATING: Rating from 1 to 10, with 10 being super outstanding

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S GOALS 2014-2015

No matter how successful the team or organization, practice of the fundamentals is a basic element to continued success. For that reason, we declare that 2014-2015 will be a time to "Go Back to the Basics" in our goal setting.

The following Fundamental Goals should help us as we show others who and what we are about and illustrate that we do have "HEARTS as BIG as TEXAS":

- 1. Each Club will sponsor or take part in at least one Vision Screening Event - MESU or KidSight**
- 2. Each Club will provide eye exams and glasses to two needy children or adults**
- 3. Each Club will collect 200 pair of used eyeglasses and deliver to the District Eyeglass Chairman.**
- 4. Each Club will sponsor two children to the Texas Lions Camp**
- 5. Each Club will report with written report and pictures or video on two separate service projects that they will do in their community this year and pass on to their Zone Chair**
- 6. Each Club will have one contestant entry into the Peace Poster Contest or any of the Youth Opportunity Contests.**
- 7. Each Club will report the name and contact information of each new member of the Club within seven days of the new member's induction to the 1st VDG. In addition, the Club maintains positive membership growth from the LCI verified MMR for June 2014 member total to the June 2015 MMR member total. Net gain of (+1) is required.**
(Accomplishment of this goal, by itself, entitles the Club to be recognized with a "YEAR ROUND GROWTH" Banner Patch.)
- 8. Each Club will participate in the Club Excellence Program (CEP PRO or CEP Lite) as facilitated through their Zone Chair and the District GLT Coordinator.**

Verification through appropriate sources of all goals will be required.

The foregoing goal items will be reported to Zone Chairs who will keep updated summaries of the Clubs' work in these categories. Final Results will be announced at the 1st Cabinet Meeting of the 2015-2016 Lions Year. Monthly activity reports on other Club work including Club recruiting efforts and all other service work will also be collected.

Clubs having accomplished (5) out of goals (1 thru 6) as listed, shall have earned the designation as a **2014-2015 HEART of the LION CLUB** and receive the **Heart of the Lion Club Banner Patch**

Clubs having accomplished (8) out of goals (1 thru 8) as listed, shall have also earned the designation as a **2014-2015 HEART of the LION CLUB** and receive the **Heart of the Lion Club Banner Patch** And Each Member of the Club will receive the accompanying **Heart of the Lion Medal**.

Governor's 100% Voluntary Contributions

Each District Governor establishes a list of Lion's charities deemed to be worthy of club consideration for contributions. A club should consider any and or all of the recommendations **after all local needs have been met.**

At year's end all 100% clubs will be awarded a banner patch in recognition of contributions over and above individual club services.

Separate checks should be written for each charity. The checks should be sent to Lion Wally Jackson, District 2-A2 Treasurer.

<u>Charity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
* Texas Lions Camp	\$10.00
* District 2-A2 LSRF	\$ 5.00
* Texas Lions Foundation	\$ 2.00
* LCI Foundation	\$ 1.00
Leader Dog Program	\$ 1.00
District 2-A2 Hearing Board	\$ 2.00
District 2-A2 Human Needs Board	\$ 2.00
PET Project	\$ 1.00
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC)	\$ 1.00
World Service for the Blind	\$ 1.00
San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind	\$ 1.00

A 100% club will donate to the four listed with an *, and select three of your choice from the remaining seven.

If you have any questions concerning the Governor's 100% Award,
please, e-mail **District Treasurer Lion Wally Jackson** at gwjackson64@gmail.com
Thank you for supporting your District.

Clubs who wish **to honor individual members** may donate to one or more of these categories in the name of the honoree.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	
Melvin Jones Fellowship	\$1,000
Lions Sight Research Foundation (LSRF)	
LSRF Fellowship	\$1,000
Low Vision Fellowship	\$1,000
Miracle Circle Membership	\$ 500
Life Membership	\$ 250
Foundation Associate Membership	\$ 125
Texas Lions Camp (TLC)	
Jack Wiech Fellowship	\$1,000
Life Member (per member) (with plaque)	\$ 100
Century Club (per member per month)	\$ 125

For Endowment Campaign Contribution Levels see TLC website www.tlc@lionscamp.com

Texas Lions Foundation (TLF)	
Texas Lions Foundation Award (Gold and Silver Plate)	\$ 125
Cornerstone Club (with plaque)	\$1,000
Texas Lions Fellowship (with plaque)	\$ 500



Good Morning!

As I write this article, it is April 13th and we have just completed our District Convention here in Kerrsville. I feel like it was a very successful convention...good food, good times, and great company. Lion Gov. Sam is to be congratulated for a superb year and it is not over yet!

Those of you who read this newsletter know that last month I talked about the shortfall in donations this year. Friends, we were at the bottom of the Barrel! Of the sixteen districts in Texas, 2-A2 was ranked number 16 in contributions. We had received only \$1700 in donations for the first nine months. This past ten years 2-A2 has averaged giving fourteen thousand dollars a year.

As usual, when my back is to the wall, I requested assistance from the clubs in this district and as usual you responded. Officially, over six thousand dollars was pledged at the meeting and another three thousand will be coming in later this Lions year. This will get us up to a "respectable factor". Over the years, I have come to expect better from this district. We can, have, and will do better in the future! For the past ten years, 2-A2 has been in the top quarter of all the districts in Texas and I don't propose to change things now,

So, if your club hasn't made a contribution yet for this year, please consider giving one before June 30th. Please send them directly to:

PID Marshall Cooper
6005 99th Street
Lubbock, TX 79424-3823

If you send checks to me, I can only pass them to Marshall and that delays things. I know many clubs will be making award presentations at their installations and there is always a last minute rush. All help is gratefully appreciated.

I will be stepping down as Chairman of the Board for the TLF in July but I will continue as your trustee for one more year. Thank you for all the support you have given me over the years! Remember we are....

Texas Lions Helping Fellow Lions

Lion John Seale

Find out what the District 2A2 LEOs are doing. Follow them on their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/district2a2leoclub>.



2014-2015 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number, Club Name, Date, 2014-2015 Club Presidents' Name, Member Number

SERVICE - The club has conducted at least three service projects. Please briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: Activity: (repeated three times)

CONTRIBUTION - The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. The new members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions club.

Net Growth in Members: Name of sponsored club/Branch:

COMMUNICATION - The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and by-laws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or international level. On-line courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course count toward the award.

CLUB ACTIVITY - The club has hosted regular and meaningful club meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner.

CLUB IN GOOD STANDING - The club is not in status quo and all international dues billings and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

Date, 2014-2015 District Governor's Signature*, District, Member No.

* In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2015. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at international headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at international headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2015-2016 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2014-2015 club president.