



Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter [Issue 1 - July 2014]

International Convention Information from TJ

Lions International Convention Information

PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina has submitted an article with important information about the convention in Toronto – passport, headquarters hotel, Texas activities and shuttle information. Click [HERE](#) to see the article.



Welcome from DGE Sam Pantusa

Message from DGE Sam

My Fellow Lions

So many thoughts running through my mind, not the least of which is how I'm going to pack all this stuff that Vicky and I need to take to Toronto. But it will be an exciting time with lots of you there and with the excitement that will be generated when we watch our own PID Mike Butler assume his spot in history as the newest Texas Lion

to lead the entire Association.

But there is still a lot of work to be done in the final, final preparations to get our new year of 2014-2015 up and running. I am truly grateful for the trust that you have placed in me to serve as your new Governor. I pledge to serve with all the passion within me. My primary goal is to help and support, in any way that I can, to make your goals and even some dreams that you and your Clubs may have to come true or at least help them on their way to getting there. And I am so proud of all of the great Lions that have stepped up and have pledged to stand in service as your new District Cabinet, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Congratulations and Thanks to 1st VDG Jim Weed, 2nd VDG John Lee, IPDG and now GMT Coordinator Rod Chisholm and GLT Coordinator Chris Condren for assuming such incredibly important positions and already putting so much enthusiasm into these new roles. We look for great things to happen as we prove to everyone that we have "HEARTS AS BIG AS TEXAS".

My very special thanks go to the great Lions of **Sabinal** for volunteering to host our **First Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 26**. Our new Cabinet will be installed during the morning session of that meeting. **This will be a great time for all of us to welcome back to 2-A2, our NEW 2nd Vice President of Lions International since 2nd VP Mike Butler will be conducting our Cabinet Installation.** Please take time to RSVP so that our Sabinal friends can be prepared for your coming. And also remember that our hard working Zone Chairs will be conducting the first **Zone Meetings** of the year right after a delicious lunch that will be prepared by the Sabinal Volunteer Fire Department members.

Another special feature of this meeting --- We will also have a good group of Leos there with us as they conduct the First Meeting of our **New 2-A2 Leo District**. The Leos from around the District will be electing their new Officers. Thanks to Lion Lee Gonen who has taken on the job as the District Leo Advisor and thanks, as well, to Lion Janie Garza who will be Lion Lee's Assistant. Now that will add a lot of energy in our atmosphere!

And finally, CONGRATULATIONS to almost IPDG Rod Chisholm on an outstanding YEAR of LEADERSHIP and SERVICE. That BIG SMILE led the way through all the hard work. His dedication to building our numbers so that more could be served was a hallmark of his year. I offer my personal thanks for his guidance and friendship. And, once again, from those who served on Lion Rod's Team, go our deepest thoughts of appreciation to Lion Rod's wonderful partner, Lion Mary Jane, for her gracious hospitality throughout the year.

Thanks for listening. It's my privilege to serve with you.

DGE, Lion Sam



Letter from DG Rod Chisholm

Hello My Fellow Lions!

As Lion Sam takes over as the District Governor, I volunteered to basically "change jerseys." This past year, while I was Governor, Lion Sam took on a dual role as Vice District Governor as well as GMT (Membership). Lion Sam's hard work and total support for the District paid off in spades. He seemingly was everywhere...helping individual Lions as well as their respective clubs. In an effort to return the favor, I have asked Governor Sam if I might do double-duty also: Immediate Past District Governor as well as GMT (Membership)! We make a good team...that's the long and the short of it...and most importantly, we feel that working with the Zone Chairs along with the Past District Governors, we might be able to grow our District in numbers as well as in stature! Oh...and let's have some fun while doing this!

Someone once asked me, how do you get people to join a Lions Club? It's hard to get people off of dead center to get them to join...or maybe they have kids or family responsibilities that keep them busy! You don't say, "Do you want to join the Lions Club?" That's a non-starter. Try this:

"Would you like to make a difference in your community?"

People who want to make a difference are the very people who make great Lions. Remember this and ask everyone you see. You will be surprised!

Rod G. Chisholm



In Memory of PDG Pat Carroll

The following article was written by PDG Lytle Blankenship.

Her name was Pat; his name was Herb. They both answered to the name of Carroll. The two lit up the skies around San Antonio, especially a little town by the name of China Grove and a Lions District known as 2-A2. Although active in their Church, cowboy roundups and other community affairs their main love was identified as Lionism; even though all aspects of Lionism were involved, children were their primary devotion, especially for Pat who worked her way up through the chairs to become President of the Texas Lions Camp, the most notable of all

Lions Camps for disabled children in the world.

Why would a busy lady, a Past District Governor for one, want such a responsibility. Everyone has their explanation, mine might be here say but up to this point in time the leadership of the Texas Lions Camp had been vested in men. Perhaps Lion Pat felt it was time for motherhood to step in, to interject some of the wisdom of the female genre. Thus she brought the energy, yet gentleness, love and concern; kindness and wisdom of a woman to the fore front.

In all of her actions, her passion and concern for her fellowman and especially those less fortunate become an ever riding characteristic throughout all of her campaigns and programs, especially during her reign as District Governor of 2-A2. Never has this district seen such compassion for people. Just as the year 2000 broke new ground for a new century in the history for our beloved Nation, so did our Governor Pat bring forth a revitalized outlook on the pages of time in the way of new challenges and promises for District 2-A2. I believe Pat's leadership has been more successful than that brought forth by the leaders of our Nation as she built upon the foundation by previous District Governors and the Foundation of "We Serve".

Always willing to set an example and even with a heavy load, one most of us shun to carry, she was very active on the Lions Sight Research Foundation Board, serving as its President. For additional worries she became secretary of the PDG association of 2-A2, while still assisting in her own club; forever the epitome of a Lion who serves.

Forgive me for saying so, but Lion Pat was not perfect. She could look disturbed if some phase of her program, i.e., the Districts' program, was not being carried out properly, if the needs of someone or a group was not attained, if a friend (but who was not her friend) was being castigated against. Little idiosyncrasies pop up once in a while but then that helps us realize that only one person was perfect that ever walked amongst men.

Yes a bright new and shining star lit the heavenly aura in the year 2000, leaving a glow that will endure. Other forthcoming District Governors only need to polish that glow for our District to be forever a successful one; successes measured in how many lives are touched with hope.

Lovely, compassionate Pat will forever be a sweet memory; one we can always cherish. Her concern for those in need, even for her fellow workers, endured to the end. Although she was on God's Heavenly roll call she took time to think of me and to express her concern as I lay on a hospital bed in San Antonio. My regrets are that I had little time to thank this lovely lady before her Heavenly Father, who did not send a band of heavenly angels, but gently reached down Himself and touched His faithful servant, speaking in a loving voice, and said, "Dear Pat, you have been true and faithful, you've fought a good fight against the evils of mankind, you are weary and tired, and although you were destined to become the first woman in District 2-A2 to be inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame, I want you in my Hall of Fame.

Your family, friends, and all those whom lives have been touched with Hope by your love and concern will miss you until they realize this parting is only for a short while, Besides there's a handsome angel with a ten-gallon hat and a twenty-gallon smile waiting to welcome you home."

Memories of PDG Pat Carroll from Lion Chaplain Doug Thomas

In June, we lost a compassionate Lion and a great lady. We were all more familiar with PDG Pat Carroll as a dedicated Lion, but she was a lot more than that. She was a bright star in the China Grove community, a member of the Bexar County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, and the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. PDG Pat was also very active in her church.

In District 2A2, PDG Pat was the first woman District Governor and first woman in the Herb C. Petry, Jr. Hall of Fame. She was the first woman President of the Executive Board of the Texas Lions Camp. As PDG Lytle Blankenship said, "Perhaps Lion Pat felt it was time for motherhood to step in, to interject some of the wisdom of the female genre" and that she did at the camp.

While President of the Camp Board, Lion Pat spent every Friday night during the summer at the Awards Ceremony at Texas Lions Camp. Lion Pat enjoyed seeing the kids who were just wrapping up a great week at camp celebrating

their experience. Stephen Mabry, CEO of the camp, said, "Her sunny disposition and compassion for others were two of her many hallmarks and she will be remembered with great fondness and will be greatly missed." Lion Pat told me that she took director's reports seriously and read every one of them. That made me careful about how I filled out those reports.

She now joins her husband Herb who preceded her in death and all the saints of heaven. May she have eternal rest in the loving arms of her Lord.

First District Cabinet Meeting - Sabinal

BE THE FIRST TO RSVP for the

FIRST CABINET MEETING

District 2-A2 2014-2015

to include

INSTALLATION of CABINET OFFICERS

SATURDAY JULY 26, 2014

at SABINAL HIGH SCHOOL 409 Cullins Ave, Sabinal, TX 78881

Turn North from US HWY 90 at the Subway on to N. Center St. (HWY 127) and travel 9 blocks to Cullins Ave., turn West two blocks to High School Cafeteria at end of parking area

Home of the SABINAL LIONS CLUB

"Wild Hog Festival and Craft Fair"

Breakfast Tacos and Pastries / Registration from 8:30 to 9:30am

with meeting to begin at 9:30am

A Great Lunch prepared by the Sabinal Volunteer Fire Dept.

Cost: \$15.00 RSVP no later than July 24 to:

Lion Javier Flores

830 261 6373 sabinalems@yahoo.com

Lion Maggie Lopez

830 538 4802 Maggie_lopez_99@yahoo.com

PLEASE Be Courteous and RSVP -- Help the Sabinal Lions have a good idea of how to be best prepared for you.

Remember - following a great lunch featuring a Panel Discussion about our District Vision Screening Programs, **ZONE CHAIRS will conduct their first Zone Meeting of the year.** Having the Zone Meeting gets the year off on a good start and allows Committee Chairs and other District Leadership Team members to be present for questions that may arise and offers an opportunity to set Club visits for presentation of programs. Most importantly, it also saves in the effort to have separate meeting times and places at later dates to have to coordinate all the schedules of Club Officers and other members who wish to attend. We'll have you **on your way home by 3:00pm.**

Calling all Leos

Calling All District 2A2 Leos

The *First District Leo Club Meeting* will be held in conjunction with the First District 2A2 Cabinet meeting on Saturday, July 26th in Sabinal. View the flyer for the information by clicking [HERE](#).

Looking forward to seeing you in Sabinal..

China Grove Celebration

China Grove is celebrating their service with a dance and a silent auction. Details are shown [HERE](#) in their flyer. **Sounds like fun!**



Lions Club State Headquarters

Lions Club State Headquarters and Museum

After 5 years of planning, the Texas Lions Foundation has purchased a property at 3301 Legion Drive in Kerrville which will be renovated to house the State Headquarters and State

Museum. Kerrville was selected since it is the home of the Texas Lions Camp.

The Lions Club Council will meet on August 1st to decide on the type of renovations which will be made to meet the organization's needs. The building is a 3,100 square foot building of which 1,800 square feet will be designated for the museum. The museum will display memorabilia from every district in the state.



Texas Line Camp Report

Texas Lions Camp is in full swing for the summer sessions. Stephen Mabry reports that there over 1500 kids registered for camp this year which is up from the number of campers last summer. This is my last camp report as I go off the board next month after 4 years being on the board (2 elected 2 year terms). It has been a really great time getting to know the staff of the camp as well as

getting the opportunity to talk to people all over this part of Texas about TLC. I have visited several Lions Clubs in the district and have enjoyed those visits. I have also visited several other groups and met many people involved with

special needs kids. I will still support TLC and am ready to help in any way that I can. Support your elected camp directors and call on them to help spread the word about TLC. Our camp is one of the best kept secrets in the state of Texas and it is a jewel that needs to be exposed. Over the past few years camp registration has increased and I hope that number continues to increase - 1500 campers this summer and maybe 1600 next year. Get the word out and thank you for letting me be your representative on the camp board.

Lion Doug Thomas
Elected Director District 2A2

Global Leadership Team

Fellow Lions

The purpose of the Global Leadership Team is to provide ongoing support and training to clubs.

We have had a busy month training club officers throughout the district. I would like to thank all the members of the training team who have committed so much of their time to making these meetings both relevant and enjoyable. Incoming club presidents were trained by PDG Ray Conner and VDGE Jim Weed, secretaries by Lion Nancy Hosek and treasurers by Lion Marilyn Weed. DGE Sam Pantusa shared his vision and goals for the upcoming year with each group. My thanks also go to the Clubs that hosted the training, OLLU and Edgewood, China Grove, Del Rio San Felipe, and Kerrville Host. These clubs provided space and great refreshments which were much appreciated.

If you are an incoming club officer and were unable to attend one of the trainings, please contact me so arrangements can be made to provide training and support. My email address is drake1432@yahoo.com and home telephone is 210-828-8508.

The LCI webpage has some outstanding resources to assist club officers with club responsibilities. The web address is <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>. Please explore this website since it has extensive information on membership, events, club and member resources and self-paced courses which are very helpful in your leadership role. If you are not an internet explorer, please call me and I will send you copies of any

During the year I will be highlighting several of the resources available to us via LCI. I hope that this will be a helpful resource as you embark on a new year in Lionism!

Sincerely,
Lion Chris Condren



First Council of Governors Meeting

ANNOUNCING

**2014-2015 FIRST COUNCIL OF
GOVERNORS MEETING**

**KERRVILLE, TX August 1 -
AUGUST 2, 2014**

**Club Presidents; Lady Lions &
Leos DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE
to MEET International President**

JOSEPH PRESTON

Meet with other Lions from around Texas and attend other sessions on Friday and Saturday

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014

2:00-3:00 PM YO RESORT HOTEL International President Preston meets with Club Presidents

5:30 PM Texas Lions Camp The Texas Lions Camp President's Picnic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014

6:45 AM Inn of the Hills Texas Lions Camp Breakfast

8:30-11:00 AM Texas Lions Camp Texas Lions Camp Committees Meetings

8:00 AM-2:00 PM YO RESORT HOTEL Texas Leo Council

1:30-3:30 PM YO RESORT HOTEL International President Preston meets with Women Lions and Leos

1:30 PM Texas Lions Camp Texas Lions Camp Board of Directors General Session

7:00 PM 7:00-10:00 PM YO RESORT HOTEL

7:00 - 10:00 PM YO RESORT HOTEL - Lions Fellowship Banquet &
Business Meeting

For Further Details Contact your Zone Chairman

CALENDAR 2014 - 2015 - District 2-A2

July 4 - 8, 2014 - International Convention - Toronto

July 26, 2014 - 1st Cabinet Meeting - Sabinal

July 31 - Aug 2, 2014 - Council of Governors - YO Kerrville

September 2014 - USA/Canada Forum Puerto Rico

October 11, 2014 - 2nd Cabinet Meeting - Natalia

October 30 - Nov. 1 - Council of Governors - Fort Worth

***January 16 - 17, 2015 - Mid-Winter Conference - San Antonio, Hill
Country ReTreat***

February 5 - 7, 2015 - Council of Governors - YO Kerrville

March 7, 8, 2015 - Texas Lions Leadership Forum - Austin

April 10 - 11, 2015 - District Convention - Kerrville - Inn of the Hills

May 20 - 24, 2015 - State Convention - College Station

June 26 - 30, 2015, International Convention Honolulu, Hawaii