



Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter

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From 2nd DG John Lee



As 2nd Vice District Governor and GLT Liaison, I have written a couple of times this year about training. Well ... I am going to do it again.

I just got back from the 2015 State Convention in College Station held May 21-23, 2015. While I was attending training to become 1st VDG in July 2015, I saw that there were a lot of 1 hour classes for any Lion who wanted to take them. Sadly to say ... there was a shortage of Lions from our District there.

At the Convention there were classes on recruitment, leadership, successful committees, building stronger clubs, and E-clubhouse training. They also offered field trips to the George Bush Library, winery tours, table decorating, and cooking demos. There were also 5 different hospitality rooms in the evenings.

We, as Lions in District 2A2, are all a part of MD2. The State Convention is for every Lion in the State of Texas and there is plenty offered to educate and entertain everyone. Next year's State Convention will be in Midland and I hope to see you all there. This year's USA/Canada Forum is in Grand Rapids, Michigan from Sept 17 through 19. You still have time to make arrangements to attend.

Lions Clubs International's website .. www.lionsclubs.org has a lot of webinars that cover just about anything a Lion could want to learn. Just go to www.lionsclubs.org, click on the magnifying glass at the top right and type in webinars and hit enter. You will find a lot of results to look through to find something that interests you. See you at the cabinet meeting in Windcrest on July 25, 2015,

Lion John Lee,
1st VDG-Elect

From DG Sam Pantusa



Well, sure enough, June has arrived and we can almost take a breath to look back on an outstanding year of service while we take the final strides to close out 2014-15.

And what a year – at this point nearly 57,000 people have been served by YOU GREAT LIONS of 2-A2. It would not surprise me that we go over the 60,000 mark by June 30. I say THANK YOU on behalf of all of those of your neighbors that counted your work as a blessing during the year. And we continue to march on to begin another great year under the Leadership of District Governor Jim Weed. Don't forget to let LCI know about your **OFFICERS for 2015-16. If you haven't already turned those**

names in get your New Officer Reports in to LCI – online or by mail of the PU 101. Without doing that the new officers will HAVE NO WAY to COMMUNICATE with LCI on July 1.

We have much to be grateful for, not the least of which is the foresight of PID Ed Flood and others who instituted the Texas Lions Foundation. Because of that organization we have a mechanism within our State to have immediate funds on hand for Clubs in weather torn areas to assist their neighbors through storms like what we have recently experienced. Our District has been spared for the most part but our New Boerne Club is actively working with the help of a TLF grant to clean up after flooding, there. And, MANY THANKS to our Del Rio Host Club and the San Felipe Lions for their work in helping our neighbors in Acuna. Thanks to the Northwest Lions and West Side and to all of our other Clubs for sending needed supplies and contributions made directly to those Clubs in those areas and to TLF and to LCIF. LCIF has been called upon to assist in Wimberley and Houston where storms have severely impacted so many lives. Please continue to offer any assistance you can and continue to pray for those affected.

Remember that you have an opportunity to recognize members through contributions to these organizations, to the Camp, and to finish off our Stride for Sight.

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 2-A2 **VITAL SIGNS** at **MAY 29, 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: ----- 17,295
NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED since July 1, 2014 ----- 56,741

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP at JULY 1, 2014:-----1777 at May 29, 2015 -----1861

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, Kerrville Host, Kerrville Sunrise, Laredo, Pleasanton, Poteet, Sabinal, SA Area Family, SA Central Park, SA Edgewood, SA Region 20, SA Lighthouse, SA Westside, SA Windcrest, Schertz Buffalo Valley, Utopia----- **40%**of 62 Clubs (does not factor New UTSA Roadrunners Club with 39 new members reported at 10/28 or 21 new Boerne Club members. SA Guide Dogs of TX Lions Club Charter Application has been submitted.)

TOTAL NUMBER ADDED since July 1, 2014: -----324	<i>prior year comparisons</i>	2014 287	2013 263
NUMBER of MEMBERS LOST since July 1, 2014:-----240		2014 258	2013 216
NEW CLUBS CHARTERED since July 1, 2014: ----- 2		2014 2	2013 2
CLUBS DROPPED since July 1, 2014: ----- 0		2014 1	2013 2
CURRENT NET at May 29, 2015:----- +84		2014 +29	2013 +49

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 (3rd Charter app just turned in)		2014 2	2013 2
CLUBS DROPPED 0		2014 1	2013 2

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

9.97

Texas Lions Foundation



Final Call (for this year)

At the District Convention last month, I informed you that of the 16 Texas districts, 2A2 ranked 16th in donations. I asked for pledges, and as always, you responded. On the convention floor \$6000 was pledged, and before the convention ended, another \$2000 was pledged privately. To date \$1750 have been received, but we still have until June 20th to collect these pledges.

In the last week, your Foundation has given emergency grants to the area around Cisco and Van. We still have some rough days in the next few months. Statewide donations now stand at \$79,000. We only need \$35,000 in the next 40 days to reach our goal.

So, if your club hasn't made their pledge yet or is looking for a place that can definitely use your help, please remember the Texas Lions Foundation. Remember, we are "Texas Lions helping fellow Texans."

Thank you and God bless,
Lion John Seale

San Antonio West Side Lions Club:



West Side Lions (L to R) John Villalobos, Ray Castillo, Ernesto Castro, and Rose Mary Paletta at the Harlandale ISD "What Next" Symposium, preparing to conduct Vision Screening for Children and Adultst. Symposium was Saturday May 16, 2015.

MD-2 Lions 2015 State Convention

State Convention was held in College Station on May 21-23, 2015. PDG John Seale from Kerrville Host Lions Club was inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame. There were numerous classes offered on various aspects of Lionism, Hospitality rooms, field trips and demos.





Del Rio Host Lions Club



Members of the Del Rio Host Lions Club along with help from the Acuna Ladies Lions club and the Brackettville Lions club and the Del Rio Pride LEO's collected water & can goods along with other usable items for the victims in Acuna. When done the 30 foot trailer was full of water and can goods stacked three layers high.

Del Rio Veterans Clinic:

