



Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter Issue 6 – December 2014

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo*



From 2nd VDG John Lee:



I know it seems like our Lions year has just begun, but it almost half over. Clubs are supposed to have elections of new officers by the middle of April.

Do you have any idea of who will be running for office (*or who you can talk into filling an officer position*)? Do they have any leadership experience? You need to be identifying your future leaders. AND you need to be providing them some leadership training.

Lion Chris Condren, our Global Leadership Committee Coordinator, did a wonderful job back in June of providing New Officer Training throughout the District. At some training sessions, secretaries in particular were using computers to see what filling out MMR's online

was like. This training is meant to supplement more extensive training which should have been done by then.

The Texas Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Austin the 7th and 8th of March at the Crowne Plaza Austin North Hotel and is open to ALL Lions. Any Lion attending the Leadership forum will received 2 days of training in more depth then we can provide at the New Officer Trainings. The Forum includes four fine meals, outstanding speakers, and a wide choice of breakout sessions on issues of interest and importance to all Lions. There is ample time and space to meet and mingle with Lions from all over Texas, too.

One last thing before I close, if you want your clubs photos from your events to be displayed at the next cabinet meeting, remember to get them to me soon. Email them to me at lee.papajohn@gmail.com and cc to Lion Barb Flynn at barb@r-binternational.com for inclusion in the newsletter.

Lion John Lee
2nd Vice District Governor

Texas Lions Foundation:



Hello Fellow Lions,

I hope everybody had a very happy Thanksgiving and didn't overeat like I did! Ah well...

The diet starts after the first of the year. Now it is time to get ready for Christmas and all that it entails. Truly we have been blessed in so many ways and our future is still bright as long as we trust in the Lord.

Apparently, I was a little too optimistic in my article for this newsletter earlier. We did pull out of a hole and raised almost \$10,000.00 in ninety days at the end of this past Lions year. Then somebody put the cork back in the bottle when it comes to contributions for this year.

So far for the first five months, only **three** clubs in the entire district have made payments to be a 100% club for the Foundation. Also so far only three individuals have made a contribution to the foundation and one of them isn't even a Lion. The total collected so far is just slightly over \$1,000.00. We have a long way to go in the next six months but I know we can do it if we sincerely want to succeed.

I apologize for not being at the last Cabinet meeting but that was the same weekend my older son was married. First things first as the saying goes. Now my attention is back on Lions again. To give you fair warning, I **will** be asking for pledges to the Foundation at Mid-winter. Note that I said **pledges** and not donations at that time. At the District Convention, I will be taking donations large and small. Clubs, please consider donating a Cornerstone Club award for an outstanding member in your club. It is a good way to recognize members and help the Foundation at the same time. We have not had anyone join the Cornerstone Club in the last four years now. We are overdue in getting new members.

Statewide, the Foundation is still in reasonably good financial shape. We have collected over \$40,000.00 for five months and our goal is \$115,000.00 for the year. This will be my last year to serve as your Foundation chairman so we need to start grooming someone else to represent 2A2. May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you at the Mid-winter.

In service,
John





DISTRICT 2-A2 **VITAL SIGNS** at November 28, 2014

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 ----- **28 out of 63**
SERVICE HOURS that HAVE BEEN REPORTED since JULY 1, 2014: ----- **4,975**
NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED since July 1, 2014 ----- **20,699**

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP at JULY 1, 2014: ----- **1777** at November 26, 2014 ----- **1827**

CLUBS NET POSITIVE MEMBERSHIP since July 1, 2014: Converse, Crystal City, Del Rio San Felipe, Fredericksburg, Helotes, Kerrville Host, Kerrville Sunrise, LaVernia, Pleasanton, Sabinal, SA Area Family, SA Central Park, SA Edgewood, SA Hill Country Retreat, SA Region 20, SA Westside, Schertz Buffalo Valley, Three Rivers, Utopia, Uvalde ----- **32%** of 62 Clubs (does not factor New UTSA Roadrunners Club with 37 new members reported at 10/28)

TOTAL NUMBER ADDED since July 1, 2014:	166	<i>prior year comparisons</i>	2013	120	2012	88
NUMBER of MEMBERS LOST since July 1, 2014:	116		2013	151	2012	95
NEW CLUBS CHARTERED since July 1, 2014:	1		2013	1	2012	0
CLUBS DROPPED since July 1, 2014:	0		2013	1	2012	1
CURRENT NET at November 28, 2014:	+50		2013	- 31	2012	- 7

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

Total Members Lost	200 or less	<i>prior year comparisons</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 **9.0**

2014- 2015 LIONS DISTRICT 2A2



MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Hosted by

San Antonio Hill Country Retreat Lions Club

4550 Dell Webb Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78253

Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17

Friday Afternoon Board Meetings
Friday Evening Social, Hospitality and Candidate Announcements
LIVE entertainment
Saturday morning breakfast
Saturday noon luncheon

Detailed AGENDA soon!

Inclusive Cost: **\$22.50 pp**
Checks payable to: HCR Lions Club

Additional info: Lion Jay Hall 210-889-8062 email: <mailto:jay.hall123@gmail.com>
Lion Pres. Becky Boss 210-679-7610 email: <mailto:62theboss@att.net>

Featured Hotel
Fairfield Inn & Suites Sea World Westover Hills – A Marriott Property
4026 Wiseman Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78251

GROUP RATE: \$85.00 plus tax

Hotel Reservations Line: (800) 228-9290
(Just mention “Lions Club Meeting”)



From DG Sam Pantusa:

Ask One:

Just imagine if every Lion, **1.35 million**, asked one person to join their club...

...now imagine how much more Lions could do and how many more people they could serve!

For more information, copy and paste into your browser:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/invite-members/ask-one.php>

You are all doing a tremendous job in inviting new prospects to be members of your Clubs. Congratulations on what you have accomplished so far. The VITAL SIGNS Health Report shows how well we are doing.

Since we are on a ROLL, why not see if we can set a new record and Blow the Doors Off!! We have set aside our own MEMBERSHIP BUILDING MONTH here in Texas and it will be in February. You will learn more about plans for the month at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 16 and 17 where we will be passing out ASK ONE BUTTONS as a reminder to concentrate during the whole month of February to continue to GROW YOUR CLUB.

LET'S KEEP ON GROWING!!

thanks

Centennial Challenge:

There's never been a better time to serve than now! For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities and impacted millions of people around the world. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 2018. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal, and your club can earn special Centennial recognition when you serve!

All Clubs have a chance to participate by making sure that Club Secretaries report each and every service project that the Club does every month when going online to do the MMR. If anyone needs help learning how to report activities get in touch with District Secretary Steve at smedina@shelton-valadez.com or District Admin. Liaison Lion Ray at 11castillo@sbcglobal.net or District GLT Coordinator Lion Chris at drake1432@yahoo.com.

For more information copy and paste into your browser:

<http://lions100.org/EN/centennial-service-challenge.php>

From Juanita Tijerina:

Step Up to the Plate! Looking for a Few Lions!

Nomination(s) for 2015-2016

We might say it's too early to talk about nominations for the different boards and offices for the Lion year 2015-2016. But really, it's not too early. We need to let our club members know this information for their consideration. We are looking for a few good men and women to step up to the plate and assume leadership positions.

The following are positions to be considered:

HEARING BOARD:

Four (4) positions for a two (2) year term

LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION:

Two (2) positions for a three (3) year term

TEXAS LIONS CAMP:

One (1) position for a two (2) year term

HUMAN NEEDS BOARD:

One (1) position for a two (2) year term

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We also have the position of:

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The club needs to write a resolution and highlight the qualifications of each candidate running for office. A copy of the club's endorsed candidate resolution needs to be mailed to:

Lion Juanita Tijerina
10407 Timber Country
San Antonio, Texas 78254

Also a copy to the District Governor
DG Sam Pantusa
118 Adobe Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78213

No later than thirty (30) days prior to District Convention. The magic day is March 11, 2015. The sooner we receive the resolution the better. Let's all have fun and consider running for office.

Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum:

The Fifteenth Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Austin Texas on March 7th and 8th. The registration form follows:

**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
and
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Crowne Plaza North Central
6121 North I-35 – Austin, Texas
March 7 (start 11:30 a.m) and March 8 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2015**

Registration

All who attend must register

Registration must be for the event package. It is not possible to register for individual meal functions.

Separate registration form is required, even if lodging together.

Name: _____ Lion Yes No Member # _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail _____
 Address: _____
 City/State _____ Zip code: _____
 Club: _____ District _____
 Highest Lion office held _____
 Are you staying at the Crowne Plaza? Yes No If yes, name on reservation? _____

Make checks to: Texas Lions Leadership Forum

Mail to: Frances Cherry Phone: 915-584-0130
 6216 Caprock Cell: 915-494-4425
 El Paso, TX 79912
 pdgcherrys@yahoo.com

Forum registration before 2/6/15 # _____ @ \$50.00 = _____
 Forum registration after 2/6/15 # _____ @ \$75.00 = _____
No registration after March 1 or at the site

NO HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE THROUGH THIS FORUM REGISTRATION PROCESS.

Reserve lodging direct at the Crowne Plaza Austin North Central, 6121 North I-35, Austin, TX. The Lions Clubs International rate must be requested.
 To reserve, telephone 877-227-6963 or telephone the hotel direct at 512-323-5466.
 Rate: \$99 per night, single or double. The reservation deadline at this rate is February 18. Reserve and guarantee your room now.

The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will have their March 7th lodging paid for by the institute. You will be notified by Frances Cherry after paying your registration if you qualify for the paid lodging. Even those who qualify for this paid lodging must make and guarantee their own reservations with the Crowne Plaza Austin North Central. If you qualify for a paid room and need to cancel, you must notify both the hotel AND Frances Cherry. If you do not notify both, your credit card will be charged for the unused room. Frances Cherry contact at (915) 494-4425 or (915) 478-4425.

Select six sessions -

- Club Excellent Process
- Club Issues & Opportunities
- Effective Meeting Management
- Club Success
- Member Diversity & Inclusion
- Membership
- Future Vice Governors
- LCI, Texas Lion history
- Leadership fundamentals
- Lion fundamentals
- Membership fundamentals
- Mentoring
- Motivating club members
- Personal mission statement
- Public speaking
- Set & reach club goals
- Social media & Lionism
- Structure & organization
- Time management
- Working in teams
- Personal mission statement
- Leaderdogs for the Blind*
- Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation*
- Texas Lions Camp*
- Lions Eyeglass Recycling*
- Texas Lions Foundation*
- World Services for the Blind*

*Indicates presentation in only one session.





District 2-A2 Leo Clubs



Would Like to

Cordially Invite You

To Join Them

In Celebrating

LEO INTERNATIONAL DAY

On

December 7, 2014

At Garner State Park
234 RR 1050, Concan, Texas 78838

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: **\$10.00** per person
Leos - free

RSVP BY December 1, 2014 to:

Lion Janie Garza

Email: jgarza070@gmail.com

Phone: [210.643.3217](tel:210.643.3217)

Hosted by: Leakey Lions Club

District Clubs Team Up with San Antonio Optometrist to Provide Equipment for Mexico Clinic

It all started with a phone call to San Antonio Northside President, Lion Merlin Miller. San Antonio optometrist, Dr. Robert Thompson, had some used and serviceable equipment that he wanted to donate to a local Lions Club if they had a use for the equipment. Lion Merlin contacted District 2A2 Governor, Lion Sam Pantusa, who then put in a call to Lion Mac McCain from the Brackettville/Del Rio Host Lions Club. Lion Mac had previously been involved with setting up a clinic in Sabinas, Mexico and is currently working on setting up a new clinic Muzquiz, Mexico. An equipment list was provided by Dr. Thompson and Lion Mac let everyone know he could use all of the equipment that included everything from an ophthalmometer/keratometer to an actual ophthalmic chair and stand. The next step was to pick up the equipment from Dr. Thompson and provide some short term storage until it could be delivered to Del Rio. Members of the San Antonio Northside Lions Club are also involved with the Personal Energy Transportation (PET) project which is also a District 2A2 area of emphasis. Folks at the PET shop gladly agreed to store the equipment. Lion Joe Srubar from San Antonio Northside, with help from Rob Remig of PET, picked up the equipment from Dr. Thompson and unloaded it the PET shop.



Figure 1, Rob Remig Unloads Equipment

The next step was getting the equipment to Lion Mac. Lion Mac came to San Antonio to pick up all the equipment with the exception of the exam chair and stand. Lion Joe then delivered the chair and stand to Del Rio.



Figure 2, Lion Joe Unloads Exam Stand in Del Rio



Figure 3, Lions Joe and Mac admire exam chair successfully loaded in Lion Mac's truck

In addition to all the equipment, Dr. Thompson also donated over 600 pair of unground lenses for use by the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Lion Mac has reported that he transported the equipment to T L E R C in Midland with approximately 45,000 pair of eyeglasses. The examination chair was delivered this morning to T L E R C by Southwest Motor Transport Company AT NO CHARGE TO THE LIONS! The chair and most of the equipment will soon be placed in service in a newly established Lions Club and Clinic in Muzqiiz, Mexico.

This project shows just how the clubs in District 2A2 can work together to help a vision clinic in Mexico that will be manned by Mexican Lions be a success.

Pleasanton Lions Club: 50th Anniversary



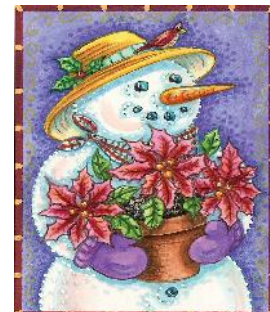
DG Sam Pantusa (left) presented Pleasanton Lions Club member Wilbur Palmer with his 50 year pin. DG Pantusa was pleased to report that the membership in the district has reached over 1,800 members. Palmer is joined by his daughter Audra Locke and wife Lela Palmer, also Lions members. He thanked him for the loyalty and commitment to the club.

Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club:

CHRISTMAS FOR HILL COUNTRY TOTS

The Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club is conducting a children's winter clothing drive with the assistance of the Kerrville Professional Firefighters and Cascades Car Wash. You may drop off any "NEW" children's winter clothing item at any of the Kerrville Fire Stations or at Cascades Car Wash at 506 Junction Highway.

In addition, the Kerrville Sunrise Lions club is raising funds to support their "Christmas for Hill Country Tots" which benefits children in our community. This year the Kerrville Sunrise Lions are selling chances to win one of the following: one \$1,000 gift card; two \$500 gift cards; and four \$250 gift cards. Tickets are \$7.00 each or two for \$10.00. You may purchase these tickets from any Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club member or you can contact the Lions at (830) 895-8955 and leave a message. There will be a live remote on December 6th from 9:00 to 12:00 at Cascades Car Wash at 506 Junction Highway where the winning raffle tickets will be drawn at Noon. Please come join us.

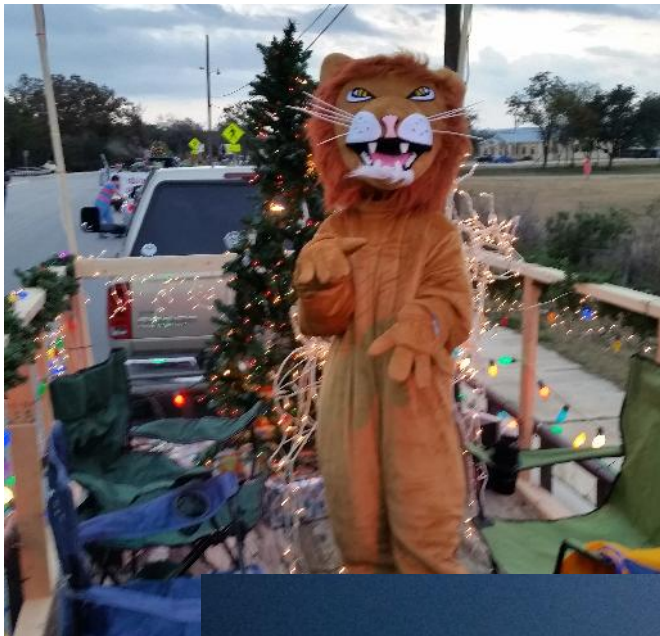


Kerrville Host Lions Club:

The Kerrville Host Lions Club participated in two parades in November. The first parade was at the VA Center in Kerrville to honor the veterans for Veterans Day. The second parade was the Annual Kerrville Christmas Parade.



Decorating for the VA parade.





NEWS FOR TEXAS LIONS

MD-2 Lions 2015 State Convention Update

Hear Texas Country Reporter at 2015 State Convention

COLLEGE STATION — For most of us, roads and highways are simply a means to a destination. But for more than 40 years, the back roads of Texas have been home and office for Texas Country Reporter Bob Phillips.

Phillips will speak at the 2015 MD-2 State Lions Convention in College Station.

He was born in Dallas but spent much of his youth growing up on the family farm near Lake Texoma. It was there that Bob lived with and learned from the folks he calls the "salt of the earth." His "Texas Country Reporter" television series is a celebration of the Texas way of life and a tribute to the "real" heroes of our time -- the everyday men and women who make our state such a special place.

Bob started his television career at KDFW-TV (Channel 4) in Dallas, Tex., while he was a student at SMU. He was a photographer and a reporter covering news and politics; he covered several state and national political conventions and the inauguration of President Nixon. He also covered sports, where he spent several years traveling with the Dallas Cowboys and shooting for NFL Films.

His "Country Reporter" series began at KDFW-TV in 1972 and continued on that station until Phillips moved his program to WFAA-TV in October 1986. Bob's back roads travels have lasted 36 years and "Texas Country Reporter" is now seen in all television markets in Texas.

Bob is a 1973 graduate of Southern Methodist University where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in broadcast-film-art. In 1976, he received a master of liberal arts degree from SMU. He has been honored with numerous awards for his work from AP, UPI, Dallas Press Club, Telly Awards, Texas Historical Commission, WorldFest International and the coveted television Emmy® award.

Bob is a member of the prestigious Lone Star EMMY® Silver Circle, an exclusive group of television professionals that have given more than 25 years of service to the TV industry in Texas. Bob also is a professor at Amberton University where he has taught communications classes since 1988.

Get Connected to Lions



Bob is the president of Phillips Productions, Inc., which produces the TV series, "Texas Country Reporter." Phillips Productions is a subsidiary of Phillips MediaSource of Dallas, Texas.

Bob serves as its president and CEO of the company that specializes in online and offline marketing, content development and HD video production.

Bob is also president of Texas Country Tours, Inc., a hospitality company that operates Escondido, a boutique hotel and spa at Medina, Texas.



BOB PHILLIPS

More 2015 Texas Lions State Convention news and information is at convention.texaslions.org.

To register for the convention, hotel or optional programs, go to <http://convention.texaslions.org/2015-college-station/registration/>

Get Connected to Lions

San Antonio Northwest Lions Club:



The San Antonio Northwest Lions submitted 2 entries to the Peace Poster contest. Pictured is Lion President Juanita Tijerina, 1st Vice President Lion Ramiro Escobar, contestant Jessica Barrientos along with her art teacher, Mrs. Monica Brooks from Longfellow Middle School.

The San Antonio Northwest Lions Club provided 36 needy individuals (parents and students) from elementary schools in our service area with a Thanksgiving meal at Grady's BBQ.