



Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter

Issue 4 – October 2014

From DG Sam Pantusa:



First, I just want to say how proud I am to be able to know of all the exciting and heartwarming work and projects that each of you, through your Clubs, provide to your communities, to our District and to our organization. Our visits just continue to reaffirm the magnificence of your caring. I am very proud to be a part of what you do month after month and year after year. Please let us know if you have a particular date or event that you would like for us to pencil in to our schedule.

There are many things to talk about and many things that I would like to share. It is a shame that we are limited in the space of our Newsletter, but I appreciate all that is being sent to us and the job that Lion Barb Flynn, with the help of Lion Floyd Daigle, is doing to highlight all that happens each month. I hope that you are pleased with the Flash Bulletin system that hopes to get important district information to you in a quick way. Please continue to

share what you have going and have coming up in the future. I love checking our Events calendar and watching it grow. ALL THAT is at www.2a2lionconnection.org.

Looking forward to seeing each of you in Natalia on October 11. Please RSVP so that we can be prepared for you.

And we will be having a **BIG TIME** remembering the sacrifice of our **Veterans on Nov. 8** in San Antonio where we will be joined by LEOS from all over the Texas.

Another opportunity for us all is coming up to offer membership to lots of prospective Lions and it will happen on Tuesday, October 7 when all of our communities will recognize **National Night Out** in one way or another. Our past experience tells us that this is a great time to visit with neighbors and friends and invite them to learn more about the service that you perform for their community. Ask them to come and help at your next fundraiser or service activity. It's good when they can put a friendly face and a name to the Lions Logo and walk away understanding why it is so important to you.

I am also extremely proud of the work that all of our Zone Chairs are doing this year. Our monthly teleconference meetings are proving to be very beneficial to us all and we are learning that this level of communication is helping to bring our Clubs closer and helping the leadership to know, with some

advanced notice, of work that needs to be done to assist and even head off some problems. One focus has been to send a message to share SERVICE ACTIVITIES that are being done within your communities and to have reports of those activities sent to Lions International. Many of your Club Secretaries are doing a great job with this and the results can be seen in the HEALTH REPORT that is included in this Newsletter.

LCI has asked that we make a particular effort to report your great work as we work toward building the record of serving 100 MILLION PEOPLE by 2017. “ To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal, and your club can earn special Centennial recognition when you serve!” Listed below are the four Service Action Areas designated for Lions participation: Engaging Our Youth; Sharing the Vision; Relieving the Hunger; and Protecting Our Environment. The work that you already do, most probably, fits into one of these categories. So the important thing is to make sure that reports on what you do are reported as a brief extension of the Monthly Membership reporting. More information can be found at the LCI website at

www.lionsclub.org, but more quickly at <http://www.lions100.org/EN/centennial-service-challenge.php>.

Frequently Asked Questions are answered at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/faq-centennial-service-challenge.pdf> . JUST LOOK FOR



And, lastly, Thanks to all who have been able to participate in our District Fundraising activity in SA at Logan’s Roadhouse Restaurant. If you’re in town on the last Thursday of each month drop in and have dinner with us. Money raised is designated to go to either our Youth Contests, the Hearing Board, Texas Lions Camp or the Human Needs Board. SEE YOU IN NATALIA.

Thanks for listening

DG LION SAM

We want to see your club at work! Please take photos of your members working your events. Preferably with vests or Lions shirts.

Submit photos and descriptions of events to 2nd Vice District Governor John Lee (lee.papajohn@gmail.com) and to Lion Barb Flynn (barb@r-b-international.com).

---- **SECOND CABINET MEETING** ----

District 2-A2 2014-2015

ALL LIONS & LEOS are WELCOME
SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2014

at NATALIA HIGH SCHOOL 8th & Kearney St.'s, Natalia, Tx 78059

From IH 35 turn west at FM 471 (Love's Truck Stop) travel .6 mi. look for Stadium Sign at 8th St. turn left (south) and drive to end at Kearney St. turn left and look for High School at end of parking on right

MEETING HOSTED by THE NATALIA LIONS CLUB

At the Home of the NATALIA MUSTANGS

Breakfast and Lunch provided --- Cost \$15.00

Registration from 8:45 to 9:45am

with meeting to begin at 9:45am

RSVP by Wednesday – October 8 to:

Lion Katherine Willems-Darter
(210) 912 0098 kathygrandma.willems@gmail.com

or

Lion Leticia Alston
(210) 629 2112 lettyalston@hotmail.com

PLEASE Be Courteous and RSVP

Help the Natalia Lions have a good idea of quantity that they will need. Accommodation can be made if circumstances require that you call in late so, please, be sure to call.

*Remember - following a great lunch featuring a Panel Discussion with Q & A , all Lions are welcome to attend their particular **Zone Meeting**. Having the Zone Meeting 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**.*

BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER !!



DISTRICT 2-A2

VITAL SIGNS

at

September 29, 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 -----	27
SERVICE HOURS that HAVE BEEN REPORTED since JULY 1, 2014: -----	3,390
NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED since July 1, 2014 -----	15,088

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP at JULY 1, 2014: ----- **1777**

CLUBS NET POSITIVE MEMBERSHIP since July 1, 2014: Converse, Del Rio San Felipe, Fredericksburg, Kerrville Sunrise, LaVernia, SA Area Family, SA Central Park, SA Edgewood, SA Hill Country Retreat, SA Region 20, Three Rivers, Utopia, Uvalde

TOTAL NUMBER ADDED since July 1, 2014: -----	65	<i>prior year comparisons</i>	2013	84	2012	39
NUMBER of MEMBERS LOST since July 1, 2014: -----	98		2013	118	2012	67
NEW CLUBS CHARTERED since July 1, 2014: -----	0		2013	1	2012	0
CLUBS DROPPED since July 1, 2014: -----	0		2013	0	2012	1
CURRENT NET at September 29, 2014: -----	33		2013	- 34	2012	- 28

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 :

6.5

CAMPUS CLUBS ARE JAZZED!!

If you want to get energized hang out with some LEOS. And if you are lucky you can get to see what LEOS do in their LATER LIFE as COLLEGE STUDENTS like we can do at OLLU and UIW and will be able to do very soon at the

CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION of the NEW **SAN ANTONIO ROADRUNNER CAMPUS LIONS CLUB** which is being borne at UTSA.

Notice will be coming soon and the tentative Date for the CHARTER NIGHT is OCTOBER 20.

GIANT CONGRATULATIONS to former FLORESVILLE LEO President and NEWLY ELECTED CHARTER PRESIDENT of the **ROADRUNNER "ROWDY" LIONS CLUB at UTSA** --- LION CASSIE ROGERS.



LION CASSIE has been the driving force behind recruiting all of her fellow Club Members and they are a dynamic, very service-minded group of young adults. They are extremely focused on all the RIGHT THINGS in LIFE. We are all VERY PROUD!!!

Central Park Lions Club:

On September 13, the Central Park Lions Club conducted vision screening at the HEB parking lot at Loop 410 and West Avenue in San Antonio. Our thanks go to Chris Lloyd with the Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) for his assistance. Nine of us Lions plus five Leos screened 46 individuals and discovered seven people with problems. Special thanks go to the following Leos from Reagan High School: Sharon Habe, Mariely Habe, Daniella McKelligan and Jessica Ortiz. We also want to recognize Jessica Mejia from the Our Lady of the Lake University Leo Club for her invaluable assistance with the Spanish speaking clients.



We took a tour of the Center for the Intrepid at Ft. Sam Houston on September 18 and delivered a check for the amount of \$1,000. We learned about the state of the art amputee care that our wounded warriors get at such a great facility.



Devine Lions Club:

District Governer Sam Pantusa was our guest today and was about to witness Devine Lion's Club President Lewis Stroud receive a \$1000.00 donation from New Devine Walmart Store managers Cheri Byrd and Nelda Rodriguez.



Devine Lions also recognize Devine High School Student each month for their outstanding academic and extra-curricular leadership - Pictured is Devine ISD Superintendent and Lion Linda McAnelly, Male Student of the Month Hunter Dubose, Devine Chapter President Lewis Stroud, Female Student of the Month Brooke Sumners, and District Governer Sam Pantusa.

District Governer Pantusa also presented Devine Lion Darrell Murdock with a 50 year membership pin. (picture 3) The meeting was enjoyed by all 24 members in attendance.



Pleasanton Lions Club:

Wild Game Dinner:



2014 Camp – Lions and Leos





North San Antonio Hills Lions Club:

Annual Bar-B-Que Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2014 at:

Roadrunner Park 4128 Autumn Mist, San Antonio, 78253

\$7.50 per plate includes Barbeque Chicken and Kielbassa Sausage with rice, beans, condiments and beans. *Can Contact Jeanette Lawrence - 679-7118 for tickets.*

Members of the club volunteered for the American Council of the Blind of Texas' Annual Conference held the September 24 - 27 in San Antonio.

Kerrville Host Lions Club:

Kerrville Host Lions Club is holding their Fall, Rifle and Hog Hunt raffle fundraiser.

The Rifle is a Howa Model 1500, 270 cal. With a Weaver 3 x 9 scope. The Hog Hunt is a hunt for two, provided by HuttoHounds of Mountain Home. Tickets are 1 for \$7, 2 for \$10 and 6 for \$25.

Tickets are available from Kerrville Host Lions Club members. We will be selling tickets at Gibsons in Kerrville on September 5 and 12 and October 17 and 24. ***We will also have tickets available at the 2nd District Cabinet Meeting in Natalia on October 11th.***



The winning tickets will be drawn at our October 28th Club meeting and winners will be notified. For more information, contact Lion Rick Flynn at rick@richardflynn.biz or at 830-285-4521.

Buffalo Valley Lions Club:

Recognizing **Lion Nina Borg** for all her help and support as Volunteer Coordinator, Project Graduation, Peace Poster Contest Chair, and Outstanding Leo's Club Assistant.

SA Area Family Lions Club

The San Antonio Family Lions Club had 3 families participating at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant in support of the Lions District Hearing Board benefit. They all enjoyed shelling peanuts and an early dinner with the school age children.



Lions Mike & Sylvia Gonzales and Family

Lions Jim & Veronica Pyle with the twins Clarissa & Patricia



Lions Tony & Gris Guerrero with the boys



HE'S BACK -- FEBRUARY 28, 2015 in Old Town HELOTES



That's right. GET YOUR RUNNING SHOES, YOUR LOOSE FITTING JOGGING SUIT, (wish I had anything that was loose fitting), AND YOUR TUBE of BEN-GAY or MUSCLE RUB of CHOICE and get ready for the 2015 version of our STRIDE for SIGHT LIONS 5K RUN. More details will be coming out with our website and FACEBOOK page. But a couple of things to remember:



San Antonio Veterans Day Parade:

**Come join your fellow Lions and Leos to participate in the Veterans Day Parade in San Antonio
Saturday, November 8th**

We will gather at 10:00 AM in the Christopher Columbus Italian Society Hall located at 201 Piazza Italia in San Antonio, located at Martin Street and Santa Rosa just off the IH 10 / IH 35 intersection. The Hall is next to San Francisco diPaolo Church. There is plenty of free parking.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE JOINED BY LEOS FROM AROUND THE STATE WHO WILL HELP TO ADD A LITTLE MUSIC TO THE MARCHING.

We will be shuttled to the parade kick off location,

The parade steps off at 12 Noon. The parade route is about 1 ½ miles long and will take until about 2:00 PM to get back to the picnic (yes, there is a picnic after the parade).

Arrangements can be made for Lions to ride on the float generously provided by the LaVernia Lions. **For SAFETY reasons, seats are limited to 15 and will be reserved on a “first come, first served” basis for Lions who are Veterans and have mobility issues. Limited Overflow Seating can be arranged on a second float to be provided by the Stockdale Lions as well...**

Wear your vests, hats, shirts, caps and bring anything that lets the folks know you are a Lion. Vets are welcome to wear uniforms, etc.

Please bring lawn chairs for the picnic. The picnic will be at the Christopher Columbus Italian Society Hall parking lot. We'll be collecting \$5.00 per person to help pay for the picnic.

Contact DG Sam Pantusa and let him know the number of walkers that will be participating from your club and those Lion – Veterans that cannot walk but wish to participate as riders on the LaVernia float.

Lion Sam can be reached at 210-326-3915 or e-mail spantusa@yahoo.com.

Thanks for helping us fly the Lions Colors and let our community know we are here!



QUILT RAFFLE

fundraiser

TICKETS

*\$5.00 each
or
3 for \$10*

*Drawing to Be Held April 11, 2015,
District 2-A2 Convention, Kerrville.
You Do Not Have to Be Present to Win.*

TICKET SALES DATES - DISTRICT Meetings & State Convention
2nd Cabinet Meeting Oct 11, 2014 in Natalia
Mid-Winter Conference Jan 16-17, 2015 San Antonio
District Convention April 10-11, 2015 Kerrville
State Convention May 20-24, 2015 College Station



*Quilts give a feeling of
warmth, comfort, and home.*

Proceeds are to be donated to Quilts for Kids to purchase the materials needed to make quilts. The quilts will be given to Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital of San Antonio for the hospital to give to their critically ill, hospitalized children.

*This is a University of the Incarnate Word Lions Club fundraising
project, supported by the Alamo Heights Lions Club.
Questions: Contact Alamo Heights Lions Club.*



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