



**Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter**

**Issue 7 – January, 2016**

### **From DG Jim Weed:**



The New Year is upon us and with it comes reflections on the past year and resolutions for the coming year. January marks the midway point of the Lions year 2015-2016. It is a good time to take a moment and review your clubs' and the district's goals.

On the district and state level we are running behind on our membership goals. While many clubs have been successful in welcoming new members, overall the district has not recovered from the loss of membership that traditionally happens in July of each year. State wide we are down in membership with the devastating loss of entire clubs in the final months of 2015.

But not all is doom and gloom. The Lion of Texas and District 2-A2 are active and continue to lead the way in providing community service. You responded to the call for help when Floresville was struck by a tornado. And Lions were there when destructive storms swept across north Texas just after Christmas. The strength of our numbers and our unselfish willingness to help others is unmatched by any other nonprofit organization.

With 2016 ahead of us, leap year, political campaigns and elections, let us resolve to focus on our efforts to fund the Texas Lions Camp, Texas Lions Foundation, the new Texas Lions Museum, LCI and our district programs. Let us also resolve to invite more people to join Lions. Together we can make 2016 the most successful year for Lions in our first 100 years of service.

I hope you have a prosperous and happy new year.

Lion Jim Weed

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## **re-MEMBER Texas - start from the foundation & go up from there**

By Council Chairman Tom Blase

Last month we addressed the 2nd very important part of the **retention** puzzle: Making them feel needed & useful in the service goals of your club. Your club must have meaningful projects with project chairmen, who will involve your new members and are open to suggestions & new ideas. The other part to retention, which we discussed a month earlier, is your personal responsibility in “keeping ‘em” - making them feel wanted.

If your club doesn't really have any true “service” projects (maybe you are just into fund raisers), or your projects are no longer relevant to your community in today's world, you are not going to keep new Lions in your club, especially younger ones. This leads us to the 3<sup>rd</sup> prong of our “**re-MEMBER Texas**” plan: **rebuild**. Like the other 2 prongs (**recruit & retain**), which we have discussed over the last 4 months, **rebuilding** also has 2 distinct parts. Like any building project there is the exterior façade that all can see, but rebuilding the outside is worthless, if the foundation is weak.

For those who have not been keeping up, **re-MEMBER Texas** is our Texas membership plan for 2015-16. The plan is built around three main tenets: **Recruit, Retain, & Rebuild**. The **re-MEMBER Texas kit** contains two important pieces in it to help you with your recruiting plan: The **re-MEMBER Texas News**, a 14 page newspaper full of ideas & several guides for your club. The **re-MEMBER Texas News** can also be found on the Texas website [www.texaslions.org](http://www.texaslions.org).

When you stick doggedly to “the way we've always done it”, you likely have trouble recruiting and retaining members. Rebuilding a Lions club starts with looking at your club and analyzing how well your club fits your members in today's world. It requires an in-depth, soul-searching analysis of whom & what your club is. It requires surveys of community needs, plus input from the membership about their needs & wants. Lions Club International has several fantastic tools to help your club maneuver through this process. Two of these guides are included in your “**re-MEMBER Texas**” kit: Your Club, Your Way, and Blueprint for a Stronger Club. If you didn't get your kit, talk to your District Governor, or go to the Texas MD2 Website and review the “re-MEMBER Texas” News for full details on how to use the guides and how to get your copies directly from LCI. Also found in the newspaper is an in-depth discussion of the Club Excellence Process (Pro & Lite), a third “excellent” analysis tool.

Many clubs are afraid of this process and what it might show, because it likely will mean the most disastrous thing that can happen to a seasoned Lion: **CHANGE!** If you are living in the past and fail to make your club attractive to the younger generations, you can't survive, and who is the loser in that? --- All the people you serve.

Some clubs think they can clean up the façade; make it look good on the outside and hope it works, but if the foundation is weak, the house will collapse like a house of cards. Sadly only a few clubs will actually bare their souls and analyze what they can do. These clubs will be successful in entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They will attract & retain many quality Lions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Century. Will you be one of them?



Happy New Year!

*Looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter*

The New Year begins and the LSRF directs its attention to expanding the means that can be offered to you and your Club to do as much as possible for your communities. One such new area that we will be offering is a direct connection to the **San Antonio Eye Bank.**

The EYE BANK



has become a pioneer and leader in providing eye banking services

to patients, surgeons, hospitals and surgery centers throughout South Texas. As a public health agency, the eye bank reaches out to the community with innovative programs designed to increase awareness about the importance and need for donated eye and cornea tissues for transplantation and research.

[www.SAEYEBANK.org](http://www.SAEYEBANK.org)

As we travel throughout our District we will be sharing information about the services that the Eye Bank affords and how all of our Members can help. Here is just a taste:

*You have the power to donate life.* By joining the Donate Life Texas Registry, you give hope to thousands of people awaiting the transplant they need to survive. **Registering to become an organ, eye and tissue donor records your decision to be a donor.**

Your generosity can *save as many as eight lives through organ donation, bring sight to others with cornea donations and improve yet another 50 lives or more through tissue donation.* It takes only moments, yet means a second chance of a lifetime. Sign up today!

See more at: <https://www.donatelifetexas.org/#sthash.90EFNv5U.dpuf>

AND AS FOR **UPCOMING EVENTS** THAT LSRF WILL BE INVITING YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN -- **TAKE A LOOK AT THE FLYERS ABOUT these two FUN Activitie:**



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**MARCH 19**

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RACE FOR  
SEIS RALLY

**And another EXCITING EVENT** called the **LIONS**

On **APRIL 9** as we **ROOT** the **San Antonio SPURS** on to their **6<sup>th</sup> NBA CHAMPIONSHIP!!!**

**with Lion Greg Simmons**



**serving as Master of Ceremonies**

## Texas Lions Camp



Fellow Lions,

It is time to start recruiting campers for Texas Lions Camp for summer 2016. Online Camper Registration begins January 4, 2016. Parents can fill out the application online but need to download the Lion Sponsor and Physician forms to be filled out, signed and returned via mail or fax to TLC for the application to be complete. Hard copies of all registration forms can be found at [www.lionscmp.com](http://www.lionscmp.com). Be sure to use the proper camp you are applying for. (Physical disabilities camp, Down syndrome camp, or diabetic camp).

Regular sessions:

Session 1: June 5-11 Children with Physical Disabilities (Ages 7-16)

Session 2: June 12-18 Children with Physical Disabilities (Ages 7-16)

Session 3: June 19-25 Children with Physical Disabilities (Ages 7-16)

Session 4: June 26-July 2 Children with Physical Disabilities (Ages 7-16)

Session 5: July 3-July 9 Children with Physical Disabilities (Age 7-16)

Texas Epilepsy Foundation's Camp Neuron

Specialty Camps

Session 6: July 10-16 Children with Down Syndrome (Ages 12-16)

Texas Burn Survivors Society Camp David

Session 7: July 17-23 VisionWorks' Camp Discovery

Session 8: July 24-30 Children with Type 1 Diabetes (Ages 8-15)

Session 9: July 31-August 6 Children with Type 1 Diabetes (Ages 8-15)

Texas Lions Camp thanks Texas Valero Open and The Safeco Insurance Make It Happen Contest for donations to the camp this year. Texas Valero Open contributed \$10,000. They have been contributing to San Antonio area charities since becoming the title sponsor of the tournament in 2002. Safeco Insurance gave TLC a \$5000 donation for coming in 2nd place in the contest. Thanks to all who helped us achieve this. This was over and above the \$3000 given by Safeco on behalf of Preferred Personal Insurance Agency which sponsored TLC in the contest. Media Valley Women's Conference gave a \$3800 donation to TLC this year from a silent auction at their October conference. We thank the 5 Lions Clubs in Medina County for helping us receive this contribution.

Lions in the state of Texas have several opportunities to make contributions to Texas Lions Camp. One is the Century Club. There are about 26,000 Lions in Texas and if every one of them joined the Century Club it would raise \$2,600,000 for TLC each year. When you become a member of the Century Club you will be given a beautiful 18-inch walnut and bronze key-shaped plaque for your wall. You will also receive a gold lapel pin. Each year on your Century Club anniversary, you will receive a renewal invitation. Upon renewal of your donation, you will receive a medallion insert for your plaque to commemorate your gift. You can pay with an annual gift of \$100 or a \$10/monthly bank draft.

Your camp directors, Lion Allie Thomas (210-566-7668) and Lion Doug Thomas (210-805-9803) stand ready to help you in any way we can. We are looking forward to a great summer.

Lion Doug Thomas  
District 2A2 Camp Director

## **Floresville Lions Club**

Floresville Lions Club member Lion Ben Reed (l-r), social worker for the Floresville school district, watches as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Clay Rosenbaum accepts a check for \$3,050 from Lions Club President LaJuana Newnam-Leus. The money, donated by various Lions Clubs in District 2A2, will be used for the Special Needs Activity Fund in the school district's efforts in assisting those affected by the Oct. 30 tornado.



***The Floresville Lions Club is honored to host the District A2A Cabinet Meeting again this year! Join us for food and fellowship on Friday evening, plus a silent auction, and again for breakfast and lunch on Saturday, in between meetings.***



# Floresville Fiesta



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## District 2A2 Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting Jan. 15-16, 2016

Floresville Event Center  
600 S.H. 97 West  
Floresville, Texas  
(See map below)

Registration forms in January district newsletter

To make room reservations at the Best Western Floresville Inn,  
830-393-0443

1720 10th St. (Hwy. 181)

*Be sure and ask for the Lions discount!!*

★ **Friday Night Social 7:30 p.m.**  
**SANGRIA!**

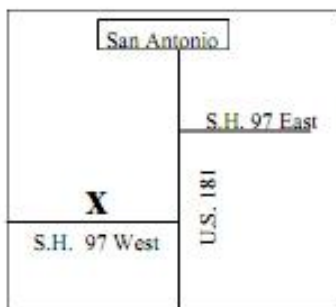
*Light Refreshments*

*Come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow Lions!*

★ **Saturday morning breakfast tacos**

Courtesy of the Floresville Chamber of Commerce

★ **Lunch** – Fajita dinner, \$15 presale or \$17 at the door



For more information,  
call Lion Lajuana Newnam-Leus at 830-393-2166



DISTRICT 2-A2 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
January 15 - 16, 2016



Floresville Event Center  
600 S.H. 97 West  
Floresville, Texas

Friday Night Social 7:30 pm  
SANGRIA!  
Light Refreshments

Saturday Registration at 8:00AM  
Business Meeting 9:00AM

Saturday morning breakfast tacos  
Courtesy of the Floresville Chamber of Commerce

Lunch – Fajita dinner, \$15 presale or \$17 at the door

Come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow Lions!

To make room reservations at the  
Best Western Floresville Inn  
1720 10th St (Hwy 181)  
Floresville, TX 78114  
(830) 393-0443

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Presale Fajita Lunch at \$15 each


Please make checks payable to Floresville Lions Club and mail with form to:

Lion LaJuana Newnam-Leus  
1314 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Floresville, TX 78114  
**Questions or Concerns: 830-393-2166**

# Kerrville Host Lions Club



Kerrville Host participated in the Christmas Jamboree by selling sausage rolls to the attendees. The proceeds were designated for buying toys to include with our Christmas baskets which provided a turkey dinner for people in need. The attending people also donated toys which were also used with the Christmas baskets.



## Christmas JAMBOREE

**Adult Tickets \$15 — Includes \$5 Donation to Kerrville Host Lions Club's Christmas Food Basket & Toy Program for Local Families**

Bring a new toy in its original package as a Christmas present for a child of a local family in need.

**SAUSAGE WRAPS — \$3.50**  
— PRIZES —

**Classic Country Music by Reuben Darnell & The Jamboree Band**

**Guest Starring Michael Herrera**

**Steve Smith Cowboy Poet**

**Dick Rubright Jamboree Elf**

**Featuring the "Hatless Brigade Singers" from the Impact Church Worship Team**

**Sunday, December 13, 2015, 3:00—6:00 pm — DOORS OPEN AT 2:30!!!**  
**Blue Sage Hall, 3044 Junction Hwy., Ingram, TX**  
 Tickets available NOW at [www.BlueSageHall.com/tickets](http://www.BlueSageHall.com/tickets) (OR AT DOOR)  
 Children 6 to 17 \$8 / Children 5 & Younger FREE — Great, Clean FUN !!!  
 BYOB — Soft Drinks, Setups, Snacks Available — DANCING !!!

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Bridget Lansdale, Master Naturalist came and spoke at the Kerrville Host Lions Club meeting. With her is our Lion Ron Curry who is also a Master Naturalist. Bridget spoke on “Preserving the Night Skies” and the types of outdoor lighting to prevent light pollution. The town of Mason TX is a great place to see the stars.

# SAVE THIS DATE

SATURDAY — MARCH 19, 2016



Soler's - TRI-SPORTS

14405 Old Bandera Rd. Helotes, Tx 78023

(Old Helotes) benefit event for Lions Eye Health Program



**CHECK OUT ALL THESE EVENTS** and Think about all your FRIENDS that COULD JOIN US!!

**5K Run/Walk : Pooch & Partner 5K Run/Walk : Standard Wheel Chair 1/2 Mile**

ALL KINDS OF POOCHES ARE WELCOME

\$25 until March 15, 2016 - After March 15 - \$30; Race Day - \$35 (cash/check)

Other FREE Events: Kids Run (10 & under) - Service Pooch & Partner 1/2 Mile - White Cane Obstacle Race

HERE'S WHERE YOUR CLUB CAN REALLY HELP AND HAVE  
A LOT OF FUN AT THE SAME TIME - WE ARE ASKING ALL CLUBS THAT CAN,  
TO COMPETE FOR THE TEAM AWARDS (MEMBERS; FRIENDS ; & FAMILY) & HAVE  
10 or 12 WALKERS / RUNNERS AND COME OUT AS A TEAM

**FOR ALL OTHERS WE ARE ASKING THEM TO:**

BUILD A TEAM / GIVE it a NAME — Minimum 4 Members for minimum donation of \$100.00  
WIN TEAM SPONSORSHIP AWARDS for Largest TEAM & Largest DONATION RAISED

ONLINE REGISTRATION at <https://SolarsSports.formstack.com/forms/lionsstrideforsight5k>  
Registering by mail, (FORM WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER)

AGE GROUP Increments ---

Ages: 11-19 ; 20-29 ; 30-39 ; 40-64 (Masters) ; 65 and up (Super Seniors) ALL POOCHES WELCOME

**Awards & Recognition:** Top M/F 5K RUN / Walk Overall Winners

Top M/F 5K In Age Groups - Top M/F Pooch & Partner In Age Groups

Top M/F Wheel Chair & Svc Pooch / Ptnr-1/2 Mile Winners Top M/F Kids Run



**TEAM SPONSOR AWARDS— Largest Team; Largest Donation**

Questions? Call (210) 326-3915 or email [spantusa@yahoo.com](mailto:spantusa@yahoo.com)

OUR GUIDE DOGS and LIGHTHOUSE LIONS will be helping with  
Service Pooch and White Cane Events

LOTS OF FOOD LOTS OF FUN  
LOTS OF PRIZES GREAT GOODY BAGS

DJ MUSIC



**COME ON OUT AND GET == LOUD!!!!**

on **SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016** at 7:00pm join US at the

 **LIONS  
RACE FOR SEIS RALLY**

at **Grady's**  
**BAR-B-Q**  
HILL COUNTRY SMOKEHOUSE  
Est. 1948  
7400 Bandera Rd.,  
San Antonio *home of*

Party House



ROOT the SPURS on with



How 'bout them  
**SPURS !!!**

Master of Ceremonies  
**GREG SIMMONS**



**GREG** will take us through an exciting **RECAP**  
of the **First Five Championship Runs**

And you will get to ask him all those questions that you have about your  
**FAVORITE PLAYER** and about **COACH POP** and anything else that's on your  
mind. You may even be part of the **Saturday Night sportscast.**  
**ENJOY that Great GRADY's BBQ** BEER & Set Ups Available — **BYOB**



**LOTS OF FUN WHILE WE WHOOP IT UP AND SEND THE SPURS OFF TO  
VICTORY IN THE PLAYOFFS TO BRING HOME #6**  
**OUR SPURS WILL PLAY THE WARRIORS AND STEPH CURRY**  
**IN THEIR LAST REGULAR SEASON MEETING THE VERY NEXT DAY**



**DRESS Up in YOUR SPURS GEAR** and compete for the **SPIRIT AWARD** Great Music by Two Ten Music

See what you can find in our **SPORTS MEMORABILIA SILENT AUCTION** Maybe Take Home A Door PRIZE

**TAKE a CHANCE or TWO** in the **\$20 SUPER RAFFLE** or **A CHANCE or TWO** in the **\$5 Raffle**

Enter the **FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST** Take Pic's with the **COYOTE** and the **SILVER DANCERS**

**\$50 Donation per person includes: Meal - \$20 Super Raffle Entry - & Event T-Shirt**

**RESERVED Tables for Ten = SILVER Sponsors—\$1,000**

Entry Limited to **First 200 to Reserve** **Make Reservations: Phone (210) 326 3915** or

**Email: lsrf.sam@gmail.com**



**GO  
SPURS  
GO**



Make Checks payable to **LSRF** and mail to:

4502 Centerview, Suite 120 San Antonio, Tx 78228

This Event is brought to you by The **Lions Sight Research Foundation**  
Proceeds will benefit The **LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM**



***A New Year and opportunities for many Lions projects. Tell us about them, share ideas with us, and we will share them with other Lions!***

***Have a Happy New Year!!***

***- your newsletter editor***