



## Lion District 2-A2 Newsletter

Issue 12 – June, 2016

### From DG Jim Weed:



Lions' year 2015-16 is coming to a close. I want to thank everyone in the District who worked so hard to make this year a success. From the Cabinet Meetings through Midwinter and the District Convention you, the Lions of District 2-A2, made all this happen.

I think it is safe to say that District 2-A2 can claim that we are the only district in the world to have two Lions get married during their District Convention. We had dinner in the dark and cowboys running the halls, only in Texas could this happen.

We had a great time at the Stride for Sight 5K fun run in support of the Lions Sight Research Foundation. One of the many great things about being a Lion is having fun while we're raising money to support our service projects. Then we have fun working and sweating in performing our service projects. There is no other service organization in the world like the International Association of Lions Clubs. And there's not district in the world like District 2-A2. You make your club and your district unique in the world.

As we approach the end of Lions' year 2015-16, let's not wind-down, but wind-up the year. As I write this the district is down in membership by 84 Lions. There is the real possibility that we might lose another 43 Lions before the end of June. Help me induct 125 new Lions before June 15<sup>th</sup>. With 66 clubs in the district, that's just 2 new members per club. I know we can do this.

No, 66 clubs was not a typo. We have chartered a new club. Charter night is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Welcome the new Universal City Lions Club. This is the fulfillment of a goal Lion Marilyn (my wife in case you didn't know) has had since we moved to Universal City almost six years ago. A special thank you and shout out goes to Lion Nancy Van Alstine, the LCI new club specialist, Lion Ray Castillo, Council Chair Elect and PDG TJ Tijerina, Lion Marilyn Weed, PDG Sam Pantusa, and Lion Janie Garcia for knocking on doors and shaking hands to create this new club.

I still look forward to the day when our district has 2,000 members performing one act of kindness a day. There's still time to make that happen. Go get 'em.

## From District Governor – Elect John Lee:



### Greetings to the Lions of District 2A2

I want to thank you, the Lions of District 2A2, the greatest district in the State, for electing me as your Governor for the year 2016 – 2017 and giving me the opportunity to serve you. My slogan for this year is “One Big Family”.

I have been attending district meetings, Council of Governor meetings, District State and International Conventions for a number of years now and one thing I find common among all of them is that speakers always use the term “family” when referring to Lions of Texas.

To me that means we should help each other out when we have projects, fund raisers and membership drives. If your brother or sister needed help, you would help them to the best of your ability. The same goes for a club that needs assistance on a large event. If they need help we should be willing to assist them. Helping your family!

I heard someone say once that the reason they don't have the **Mobile Eye Screening Unit** come to their city is because they do not have the manpower to staff it. They should be able to recruit volunteers from neighboring clubs. Helping your family!

If you invite someone to join your club then they say that your meeting time just does not fit their schedule .. do you just drop it or do you give them a sheet of paper with all the clubs in your zone listed along with a contact name and phone number, the meeting dates, times and places for each club also listed on it? Helping your family!

Below you will see a picture of the heads of your family for the year 2016 -2017: Council Chair “TJ” Ernesto Tijerina, Governor John Lee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Donald Kirchhoff, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Roberto Castillo. We pledge to do our best for you and our Family and hope that you will also. Our email boxes and phones are open to you. If you have questions or need help with something, please let us know



**Lions District 2A2  
Cabinet Meeting & Convention Dates  
2016- 2017**

<b>July 16, 2016</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting</b>	<b>IBC Community Rm San Antonio, Texas</b>
<b>Oct 15, 2016</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting</b>	<b>Stockdale, Texas</b>
<b>Jan 13-14, 2017</b>	<b>Mid-Winter Conference</b>	<b>Cotulla ISD / Dilly, Texas</b>
<b>Apr 7-8, 2017</b>	<b>District Convention</b>	<b>Inn of the Hills Kerrville, Texas</b>

## Texas Lions Foundation



Well this Lions year is almost over. Just thirty more days to go! It seems hard to realize that I have been writing articles for the district newsletter for over 20 years. Where did the time go? It must be true that time flies when you're having fun! There have been lots of miles and lots of memories. I wouldn't take anything for all these years of friendship and fellowship. And we did it all while we were trying to help someone else!

I didn't make it to Midland this year. It's the first time I have missed a multi-district convention in fourteen or fifteen years. A little surgery and a little respiratory but changed my plans. The Foundation's COO Marshall Cooper has been moving to a new home, so I haven't been able to get the latest figures, but it's still a pretty good bet that 2A2 is still number ONE! I felt pretty comfortable after our District Convention. Still, there is the chance that some dark horse will come out of the woodwork and knock us out of the first position. So, I will just say, don't quit giving donations yet. Any amount is always welcome!

It has been a pleasure to work for and with you for these past nine years as your trustee. There have been so many people and so many clubs that have helped me along my way. To all of you, I say a very simple THANK YOU! I look forward now to seeing you where I can just sit and listen and new leadership can carry the ball. PCC Don Peppard will be your new trustee, and I am sure you will give him the same assistance you gave me.

God bless...

John

## San Antonio Central Park Lions Club

Central Park Lions Club (CPLC) President Mike Countryman presenting a \$1000 check from the CPLC Foundation to Sandy Merrill, President of Guide Dogs of Texas. Lion Mike is holding a Certificate of Support given to CPLC in appreciation for their donation.



## 2016 District 2A2 Awards Banquet

May 30, 2016

The keynote speaker was MD2 Council Chairman Elect PDG Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina. The highlight of the banquet was the induction of two new members to the Herb C. Petry, Jr. District 2-A2 Hall of Fame; PDG James 'Jim' S. Long and Ramona "Monsi" Marquez, followed by the passing of the gavel to District 2-A2 Governor Elect John Lee.





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## **Leos at the Texas Lions Camp Workday**



## **Kerrville Host Lions Club**

A portion of the proceeds from the Kerrville Host Lions Club's April golf tournament were given to Magdalene House, a nonprofit organization serving women who have been victimized by human trafficking, prostitution, addiction, and abuse. Lion Alice Whatley presents a \$1000 check to Magdalene House Executive Director, Kathy Bogie.



## Scholarships

### La Vernia Lions Club

Our 2016 La Vernia High School Scholarship recipients: Zoe Zamzow, Audrey Mayes, Sara Wiatrek, Danielle Graham, Matthew Montgomery, Jacob Prater and Anne Roswell.



### Kerrville Host Lions Club

Tivy High School scholarship winners attended our Kerrville Host Lions meeting. Recipients are Tommy Lin (2016), Laura Sandoval (2013), Lynee Herrera (2012), and Josue Jaramilo, (2015).





*You and your guest  
Are cordially invited to the*



## *La Vernia Lions Club Installation Banquet*

*Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

*Witte's Barbecue  
Hwy 87, La Vernia, Tx*

*Catered Barbecue Meal  
\$15.00/per person*

*Please RSVP by Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
(so that the food can be ordered)*

*To Lion Mary Ann at  
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**Del Rio High School Awards Ceremony for the class of 2016**  
\$12,000 was presented in scholarships to the graduating seniors.



**Lion Diane Carrillo, College Scholarship Chairperson (left side) and PDG Amado "Manny" Carrillo, Secretary, (right side)**

**Note from Editor:** *This is my last issue. I have enjoyed putting together the District newsletter for the past two years. I thank everyone for the articles and pictures that you sent me for inclusion in the newsletter. I could not have done it without your help. And Lion Floyd, thank you for your support over the past two years.*

*Lion Barb Flynn*