



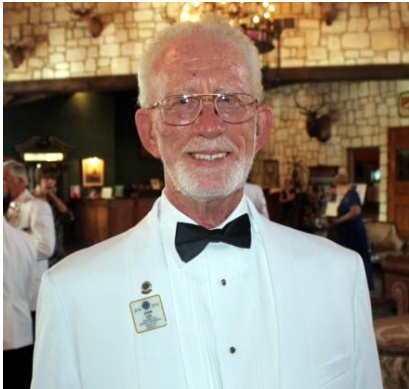
Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 2 – August 2016

A note from our District Governor, John Lee

Lions and Community Service



We Lions love to speak about all the great things Lions do. So many times, we promote Lions membership to others by speaking about all the great things we do around the world. Through our LCI Foundation, we are eradicating many forms of preventable blindness in underdeveloped nations that we will likely never ever visit ourselves. This is no small accomplishment. I can tell you it makes me so proud to be part of an organization with such a far-reaching mission.

I hear Lions in Texas tell others that while they may have been a Lion for years, they truly became a red-blooded Lion after their first trip to the Texas Lions Camp. It really is one of our greatest undertakings. Leader Dogs and other Lions charities around the country provide other opportunities for our outreach and compassionate service to others.

As I speak with members of Lions Clubs around our District, I am beginning to hear a common concern. Though we are actively engaged with service to others, a great deal of that service is outside our own communities. Our challenge today is to find opportunities in our respective communities to provide Lions service. With the current economic environment, there is no shortage of need right in our own back yards. I hear Clubs express how they have chosen to redirect their focus on serving individual families and organizations they know personally. Many clubs are refocusing on their local schools, providing renewed efforts on providing eyeglasses to needy children. Other clubs have done service by building ramps to provide wheelchair access at the homes of families with newly disabled people. While these projects may be less “newsworthy”, or seem less fulfilling than a summer camp experience, they provide a valuable side effect for our Clubs. They provide visibility right in our own communities. If we are fortunate enough to get some form of public notice for our service, we will reap benefits well beyond the recognition by our State and District leaders. We will gain the notice of the very pool of potential members we seek to reach with an opportunity to become part of a worldwide service organization with a community focus. This will attract others to our charge, and lead to growing our clubs. Please join me in diligently seeking opportunities to serve others right in our own communities.

Lion John Lee
Governor
District 2A2

Kerrville Lions “Back the Blue”

In light of the recent events, the Kerrville Host Lions wanted to show the local law enforcement our appreciation for their service. On Tuesday July 12, 2016, Lion members made home baked goodies and presented them to the Kerrville Police Department, the Kerr County Sheriff's Department, the Ingram Police Department, and the DPS. At the presentation to the KPD are, from left, Officer Juan Trevizo, Lion Ernest Druebert, Lion Ron Curry, Lion Emily Cale, Lion Barb Flynn, Lion Lindsey Blankenship, Officer Darren Smith, and Officer Johnathan Juarez. At the Sheriff's office presentation are, from left, Lion Margaret Blankenship, Lion Ernest Druebert, Lion Barb Flynn, Chief Deputy Clay Barton, and Lion Lindsey Blankenship.





"Having a blast. Seeing lots of Lions signs in many Michigan towns!"

Lion Nancy Hosek and Lion Rose Labus of the Floresville Lions Club sent this message while on vacation.



From District 2-A2 Treasurer Lion Steve Mays:

Membership in a Lions club provides people with the opportunity to meet and work with others in a spirit of fellowship, striving toward the common goal of helping those in need.

Along with this community-minded fellowship of service comes another very important part of Lions club membership - financial responsibility. Financial responsibility and transparency is critical to a Lions club's success.

Key to the financial responsibility of Lions clubs is club members' annual dues. Clubs need to set their members' annual dues at an amount that will maintain the financial health of the club. The club members' annual dues should also include District 2-A2, Texas Multiple District 2 (MD2) and Lions Clubs International dues.

Lions Clubs International Dues - LCI semi-annual dues for a regular member are \$21.50 (\$43.00 annually). Discounted dues are available for additional family members and students. Clubs are also billed a prorated amount for new members plus a \$25 new member fee.

District 2-A2 Dues - District semi-annual dues for a regular member are \$19.25 (\$38.50 annually). District 2-A2 dues include Texas MD2 dues but do not include Lions Clubs International dues. Of the \$19.25:

- \$6.75 is for District 2-A2 Administrative dues (includes MD2 Administrative dues and MD2 Promote Texas dues)
- \$0.50 is for the District 2-A2 State Convention fund
- \$10.50 is for the Texas Lions Camp
- \$0.50 is for the District 2-A2 Hearing Board
- \$0.50 is for the District 2-A2 Human Needs and
- \$0.50 is for the District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation.

Lions Clubs International and Lions District 2-A2 dues (includes MD2 dues) are billed twice a year, July 1st and January 1st based on club membership as of June 30th and December 31st.

Semi-annual dues invoices from both Lions Clubs International and District 2-A2 were sent to club treasurers in July. Failure to pay annual dues by the due date can result in a club's financial suspension. LCI dues should be sent directly to the address on the LCI statement or paid online through [MyLCI](#). All six (6) District 2-A2 dues checks should be sent to:

Lion Steve Mays
212 County Road 347
La Vernia TX 78121

Remember, Lions Serve with Purpose: "... TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors."

- Lions Clubs International

Yours in service,
Lion Steve



Date: June 27, 2016

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**Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation
Awards Grant of \$25,000
to Texas Lions Camp**

Kerrville, Texas. **The Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation awards grant of \$25,000 to the Texas Lions Camp, Inc. (TLC), to support children with special medical conditions.**

"I am thrilled that the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation has joined Texas Lions Camp in investing in the lives of Texas boys and girls, by providing this very generous grant of \$25,000," said Stephen S. Mabry, Chief Executive Officer of TLC. "Each summer, Texas Lions Camp provides a residential camp experience for more than 1,500 children who have physical disabilities, Down syndrome, type 1 diabetes, or cancer. Through programs designed especially for them, campers set goals, meet challenges and gain confidence, which is instrumental in improving their self-esteem."

According to Brian Oehler, General Manager of the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation, "Our organization has a rich history in contributing to the dynamic work of Texas Lions Camp and we are pleased to provide this grant of \$25,000 to support the educational programs for children in the Hill Country and throughout Texas." Through the years, the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation has funded a number of projects, including the expansion of the Dining Hall, creation of the Boat Launch facilities and the purchase of new equipment.

About Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation

With an initial contribution by Hal Peterson of \$100 in 1944, the mission of the Foundation "to support any charitable or educational undertaking in the State of Texas" was underway. The Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation is a Texas non-profit corporation classified as a private foundation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees all of whom are natives of Kerr County. This heritage provides a keen insight into the historical needs of the area, as well as the legacy of the founders, Hal and Charlie Peterson. The Trustees work to respond with available resources to community needs.

For more details about the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation, please visit the organization's website at www.hcpetersonfoundation.org or call (830) 896-2262.

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Since 1949, the Texas Lions Camp has provided, without charge, a camp for Texas children who have special medical conditions, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Over 68,000 children have experienced the "CAN DO" philosophy at TLC, gaining confidence and improved self-esteem. Located on more than 500 acres in the Texas Hill Country, the Texas Lions Camp was organized and founded by the Lions of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Texas Lions Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association and licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Those who are interested in learning more and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit www.lionscamp.com or by emailing Milton Dare at mdare@lionscamp.com. If preferred, you may also call 830-896-8500 for more information.

These are some of the children with special medical conditions who are benefitting from this donation. The photos have been cleared for publication in the Texas Lions Camp information.



First Meeting of District 2-A-2 for 2016-2017

The Lions of District 2-A-2 held their first meeting of the new year at the International Bank Center on July 16th. As always, it was great to catch up with other Lion members and find out what's new!



Lions International District Convention in Fukuoka, Japan

The Lions of 2-A-2 were well represented at the International Convention in Fukuoka Japan.

(Pictures courtesy of Juanita Tijerina)



Hunting Blind Raffle to Benefit Lions District 2-A2

District 2-A2 is holding a raffle for a Nature Blinds hunting blind valued at \$2,985.00.

Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20.

The blind has a locking door, 3 pull up windows and constructed out of 4" thick high density foam. Tickets will be sold at the 1st and 2nd District Cabinet meetings.

To purchase tickets between the 2 cabinet meetings please contact DG John Lee at (830) 370-3156 or email: governor@district2a2.org.

Winner will be drawn at end of the 2nd cabinet meeting October 15, 2016.



District Newsletter Article Submissions

If your Lions Club would like to submit any articles for the monthly newsletter, please **submit them before the 25th of each month** as that will allow time for editing before the final product is published. You may send them to Lions Floyd Daigle (La Vernia), or Stefanie Escobar (Northwest) to newsletter@district2A2.org.

Yours in Lion Service,
Lion Stefanie