



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 6 – December, 2016

A Note from our District Governor



Lions of District 2-A-2,

This is a very special time of year, when we all gather with our friends and families and give thanks. We give thanks for the many blessings we have enjoyed in our lives – family, friends and of course, the opportunity to be of service to others. We remember with fondness those missing around our dinner table and give special thanks for the lives they shared with us, and the memories they left behind.

Lions, it is your work, your service in Lionism, and your spirit of giving that help our association continue to grow and be successful in impacting the lives of others around us.

Thanks to all of you Lions and especially the Our Lady of the Lake University Campus Club who inducted 60 new members and University of Incarnate Word Campus Club who just inducted 10 new members, our District is in the positive in membership; however, we cannot rest on our laurels. We need to strive to continue our positive growth through the rest of the year. We want to show the world the Lions of District 2A2 and Multiple District 2 Texas are the **best** around. Remember, the more Lions you have the more service you can perform.

Christmas is right around the corner, then it will be time for the mid-winter Conference in Dilley January 13 -14, 2017. Remember to get your resolutions in if you want to run for a position on the Lions Sight Research Foundation, Board, the Human Needs Board or the Hearing Board. There are numerous positions open ... Lions Sight Research Foundation has 5 positions; Human Needs Board has 7 positions and the Hearing Board has 7 positions.

Happy Holidays,

Governor Lion John

A Note from MD-2 Council Chairman, PDG Ernesto “TJ” Tijerina:



MISS YOU!

District 2-A2 LIONS

This is a time to reflect on the many blessings that the Lord has provided each of us as we dedicate our time, talent, commitment and resources to help people that are less fortunate in our community. Every time we do an act of kindness brings a smile or a positive thought to someone else that otherwise could be feeling left out.

This year both Lion Juanita and I have had the privilege to travel throughout the 16 districts in Texas and have experienced the warmth and dedication of Lions helping and promoting service to mankind. I have learned so much from the Lion members addressing needs in their community in different ways but with the same goal in mind- WE SERVE!

The one thing that we MISS the most has been our absence at our own district cabinet meetings! I miss the smiles, and kind words that we exchange at these fellowship meetings. Yes, I have even missed the short jokes that some of you bring a smile or two to my face.

I know that with the leadership of District Governor John Lee and his Leadership Team and the help of all the Lions, outstanding service is taking place in District 2-A2. Lions continue Engaging Our Youth, Sharing Our Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and Protecting Our Environment. I am also very proud that as of November 24, 2016,

District 2-A2 is a plus in membership! Several clubs have been rebuilt by the Leadership Team this year.

Where there is a need, there is a Lion. Where there is a need, there is a Lion of District 2-A2!

Both Lion Juanita and myself want to wish you a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year for 2017!

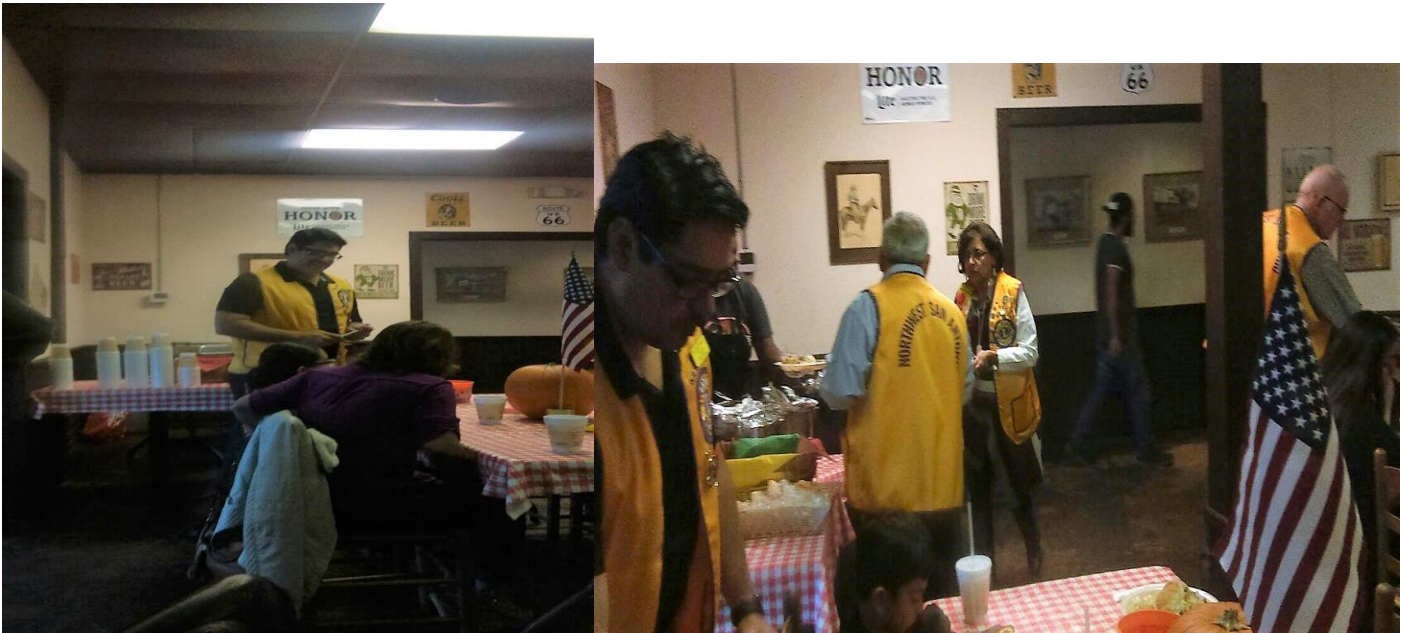
If you are traveling, please be careful, and if you are staying at home, enjoy the magical time with your family and loved ones.

May the Lord bless you every day!

Lion TJ and Lion Juanita

Tis' the Season to Give Thanks

The Northwest San Antonio Lions hosted our 3rd Annual Thanksgiving dinner at Grady's BBQ for families from within our service area on Saturday, November 19th.



When someone is in need, Lions come to their aid...

The San Antonio Northwest Lions Club donated \$500 in gift cards to the Tovar Family. They recently had a fire at their home and lost **everything**. Mrs. Tovar has 4 children that are attending school in the Northwest SA area. Lion President Raul Garcia is making the presentation along with fellow Lions Juanita & "TJ" Tijerina, and Ramiro & Stefanie Escobar.



The LEOS of District 2-A-2

District LEO President: Raymond Martinez



By PDG Chris Lloyd

Lions District 2-A-2 is focusing on Leos, so Lion members can enhance the knowledge of what Lions know about Leos. Our spotlight this month takes us on a short interview with our District Leo President, Raymond Martinez.

Born: Del Rio, TX on July 20, 1999. He still resides there.

Leo Club: Joined the Del Rio Pride Leos Club in 2015 and is currently serving as club President. He advanced to the position of District President during the District Convention held in April, 2016.

School: Attends Del Rio High School.

Favorite Subjects: Math and Human Biology.

Hobbies: Plays Varsity Football and Powerlifting.

College: Plans to attend Texas State in San Marcos (joining the Bobcats). While there, he would like to start a campus Lions club.

Car: Not yet, but would like a Black Dodge Ram with all the toys. (Did you hear that Dad? Raymond's father is a member of the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club.

Life Aspirations: Would like to join the Police Academy specializing in Forensic Science.

Wow! It looks like this Leo really has a plan for life, and we will all be cheering for him all the way!!

Getting Ready for the Holiday Season!!

The Kerrville Host and Heart O' the Hills Lions clubs decorating float for the Kerrville Holiday Parade.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CAMPUS LIONS CLUB

The OLLU Campus Lions Club held their “Blind Date” and Installation Dinner on November 10, 2016. Congratulations to the OLLU Campus Lions Club for having 57 new members, making the club the 2nd largest club in our District.





**District 2-A2
Mid-Winter Conference
January 13 - 14, 2017**



Friday Evening Candidate's Reception: Best Western Plus at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Meeting: Dilley Lions Civic Center, 1035 South Hwy 35 Business, Dilley, Texas 78017

Morning snacks: (Pastries, Fruit, Coffee, Juice and Water)

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

District Leo Fundraising Lunch: Chili, Cornbread, Frito's and fixings, Tea, Coffee and Dessert
(Lunch proceeds will go to the District Leo Account)

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please list everyone that will be attending)

Name and Title	Club	Lion: _____ Leo: _____ Guest: _____
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Address:	E-Mail:	Phone:

PLEASE RSVP BY *DECEMBER 30, 2016*

Registration NO MEAL	Early Meal Registration before December 30, 2016	After December 30, 2016	Number of Tickets	Total Cost
Lions: \$5.00	Lions: \$10.00	Lions: \$20.00		\$
Leo's: \$2.00	Leo's: \$7.00	Leo's: \$10.00		\$

Make Checks payable to: **District 2-A2**

Mail Registration form with payment to:

Lion Janie Garza

P.O. Box 816

Sutherland Springs, Texas 78161

Display tables are limited. Submit your table request form along with your registration form. No table request will be accepted after January 1, 2017

Hotel Information: Be sure to mention the Lions Rate

Best Western Plus

16491 South I-35

Dilley, Texas 78017

\$75.99 plus tax (includes breakfast)

Call for Reservations: 830-326-3220

Contact PDG Chris Lloyd with any question or concerns by email at lionsmum@earthlink.net



DISTRICT 2-A2
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
DISPLAY TABLE REQUEST FORM



Date of Request: _____

Club _____ District Program _____ Other Organization: _____

Contact Information

Club President _____ Program Chair _____ Organization Chair _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

(Club President/ Program Chair/Organization Chair)

*No tables will be provided without this form. Please mail this form along with your Mid-Winter Conference Registration Form before **December 30, 2016**. Tables are limited and not guaranteed after this date.*

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District Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Mid-Winter Conference Registration Form Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Confirmation sent on \_\_\_\_\_



# SAVING SIGHT, CHANGING LIVES

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017



A PARTNERSHIP WITH LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION + SAN ANTONIO EYE BANK

COMANCHE COUNTY PARK, PAVILION 2, 2600 RIGSBY AVENUE, SAN ANTONIO, TX

5K RUN/WALK - WHITE CANE OBSTACLE COURSE - KID'S FUN RUN



- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
- T-SHIRTS & MEDALS
- FREE BREAKFAST TACOS & FRUIT
- TEAM AWARDS & RECOGNITION
- SERVICE DOGS & LAZY DOGS WELCOME
- DONOR MEMORIAL QUILTS DISPLAYED

### FEES

\$25....5K Runner

\$20....Sleep Walker

\$15....5K Walker

\$10....Teams\*

(\*5 or more members required, ALL teams are walkers)

**Free Kid's Fun Run for ages 10 and under**

Registration is not required for the kid's fun run

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7:30 am Registration
- 8:15 am Opening Ceremony
- 8:30 am Dove Release
- 9:00 am Kid's Fun Run
- 9:15 am Run/Walk
- 10:00 am Awards & Recognition

. Event will occur rain or shine .

REGISTER ON-LINE TODAY! REGISTRATION FEES WILL INCREASE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT

<https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/stride-for-sight-5k>


THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS A JOYOUS AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON !!



All Lions throughout the world are committed to serving others as their motto, "We Serve" explains.



Because the Founders of the International Association took on the challenge laid before them in 1925 by Hellen Keller to become "Knights of the Blind", Lions have always had their primary cause as that of helping the blind and visually impaired.

### LSRF GENERAL PURPOSE

The most dynamic way that Lions of District 2-A2 carry out the mission to help the visually impaired, is through their Lions Sight Research Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting research into diseases which impair vision or even cause blindness. And to complement that work, the LSRF helps Lions in the 21 counties of District 2-A2 to provide a variety of needed vision services.




## How about you, can you help Out?

YES, There are **MANY WAYS** that YOU can **HELP...**

- Visit our Screenings or Sponsor an Event
- Volunteer to work on our Screening Teams
- Participate in the Spring "Stride for Sight" 5K
- Invite us to speak to your group
- Invite Business friends to become our Partner

**PLEASE CONSIDER A YEAR END CONTRIBUTION**  
**Donations to the 501(c)3 Lions Sight Research Foundation, including: One Time Gifts, and Planned Scheduled Gifts are Tax deductible.**




Visit our Website at [www.lionsightresearch.org](http://www.lionsightresearch.org)



COME and HELP US CELEBRATE

## SA NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY & 60<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

Thursday Evening December 15, 2016  
Ft Sam Houston Golf Club 1050 Harry Wurzbach  
Rd., SA, Tx 78234

*Social: 6:15pm (cash bar) - Dinner: 7:00pm*

**RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 8 to Lion Sec. Merlin Miller**  
*Phone: 210 492 3430 or email: mmiller7912@att.net*

**\$30.00 /guest** choices - Charbroiled Rib Eye Steak or  
Ominous Chicken Oscar with shrimp & asparagus  
--- wine will be served with dinner

You may pay at the door or mail check made to:  
Northside Lions - 11230 West Ave., Suite 3104 San  
Antonio, Tx 78213

We invite all guests who wish to participate in a Christmas  
project to bring a \$5.00 gift card to WalMart or HEB to be  
given to clients of Seton Home and Jireh House

Join us for lots of fun and great food  
Great Entertainment befitting the Season  
In Celebration of 60 Years of Service

# SAVE THE DATE!

## **The La Vernia Lions Club Is sponsoring a Craft Show and Bake Sale**

**December 3, 2016  
8:00am - 3:00pm**

Located at the

**La Vernia**

**Church of Christ**

131 Industrial Drive, La Vernia

### ***Craft Show!***

*Several Vendors available for  
your Christmas Gifts*

### ***Bake Sale!***

*Lots of homemade goodies*

Vendor Booths - \$25.00

For details and more information  
about the Craft Show



***Please Contact***  
**Mary Ann Mays, (830) 779-3825**



*Proceeds benefit the La Vernia Lions charitable giving funds*  
[www.lavernialions.org](http://www.lavernialions.org)



# La Vernia Lions Club Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale

Located at The La Vernia Church of Christ  
131 Industrial Dr, La Vernia



December 3, 2016 - 8am to 3pm

## CRAFT VENDOR APPLICATION

**Please Print Legibly**

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) To Be Sold:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will need \_\_\_\_\_ Spaces @ \$25 ea. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of space(s).

Check Writer's Driver License or ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

The sale of craft items will be on the cash payment system. Vendors/organizations are responsible for getting their own change, and for handling the money within their booth.

Vendors/organizations are not allowed to sell alcoholic beverages, sodas, water or baked goods.

**I release The La Vernia Church of Christ, The La Vernia Lions Club, and The International Association of Lions Clubs, its officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, injuries, and/or losses, that I may sustain as a result of my participation in the above event.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed and signed with all fees (personal check, money order or cashier's check for \$25/booth fee) to:

**Holiday Craft Sale Vendor Application  
C/o La Vernia Lions Club  
PO Box 291  
La Vernia, Texas 78121**

**Make all checks and money orders payable to: La Vernia Lions Club**

**For information or questions, please call or email:**

**Mary Ann Mays @ (830) 779-3825 or [mamays@gmail.com](mailto:mamays@gmail.com)**

NOTE: Completed and signed *Craft Vendor Application*, and all booth fees must be received in order for application to be considered complete. Space is limited.



- Secretaries: please submit your MMR's and club activities to Lions International (they don't have to be big events; the small ones count also).
- Please submit any stories/pictures that you would like to appear in the newsletter to: [newsletter@district2a2.org](mailto:newsletter@district2a2.org) **before** the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Mid-Winter Conference January 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Dilley, TX. **The registration deadline is December 30<sup>th</sup>, so please submit this to Lion Janie Garza soon!!**
- Centennial State Convention information can be found at [www.100.district2a2.org](http://www.100.district2a2.org). Check it out! Hotel rooms are going fast, so submit your registration forms ASAP!!
- Have a safe, happy and blessed Christmas Holiday season, and all the best in 2017!!

