



# Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



Issue 12 – June, 2017

## A Note from our District Governor:



Greetings Fellow Lions,

The State Convention is over and I hope everyone who attended enjoyed it as much as I. It will be another 16 years before we have another state convention in our district. I want to thank CC TJ Tijerina and PCC Mike Rourke for all their efforts in preparing a convention that won't be soon forgotten by the Texas Lions.

The convention is not the only thing almost over. My year as Governor of our wonderful district is coming to an end July 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank everyone for their support and assistance this past year in making us a positive in membership.

Following this article is an article written by Past Council Chair Mike Rourke asking that you not drop any members until after July 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to add to that by saying try your utmost to retain your members. My club at this time has just finished an evaluation of what we do and are about and are working to change a few things to make it better for every member of the club.

Sometimes it is a simple thing that discourages someone and they feel it is time to move on but it might be something that could be changed to keep that member. If your member is absolute in their desire to quit then be sure to have your secretaries drop them the first part of July so your club won't get charged for them by LCI for the next 5 months.

Again, thank you to all of our district Lions for the support this last year. I am not through yet, I still have some clubs to visit and installations to perform. I was also just appointed to a 3 year term as a trustee on the State Museum Board and elected 1<sup>st</sup> VP for my club so I will be around and look forward to seeing you at the District Cabinet meeting in July.

Lion John Lee; Governor, District 2A2

# The International Association of Lions Clubs

(Lions Clubs International ®)



MICHAEL "MIKE" ROURKE  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MD – 2 TEXAS, U.S.A.  
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78228-2346

May 24, 2017

## MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join Me, Our Outgoing Governor John Lee and Our Incoming Governor Donald Kirchhoff and adopt this commitment of 8 little words...

*"If it is to be, it is up to me."*

Fellow Lions,

First, I'd like to thank everyone who had such a large part in making our recent Centennial State Convention a commanding success. By working together as we did, we accomplished all of our goals of making lasting memories for all of the Lions of Texas. We were able to *"Celebrate a Century of Service Here In Texas - Where It All Began"* and, at the same time, showcase the leadership of our Council Chairman, Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina and District Governor, John Lee.

We now have the opportunity, to secure for all time, a positive growth record for our Council Chairman, our Governor and our entire District.

I am coming to each member and each club with a special request.

As we close out our 2016-2017 service year, please DO NOT submit any more drops to your membership. If you have to make a drop, please save it until July, 2017. Doing this, we will be able to finish the year with positive growth and any drops after that time will allow District Governor-Elect Donald Kirchhoff, together with our support, twelve full months to resolve any loss. It also allows us to start the new year with a higher Membership Level and gives us the ability to, once again, start moving forward toward a higher goal of increasing our membership and through that, ultimately providing more service to those in need in our own communities and around the world. We have looked back, as our Lion profile on the left of our Logo does and celebrated our countless accomplishments but, NOW our focus must be on that Lion profile on the right that is looking to the future and where we go from here. We will determine how strong we will be and ultimately how many hands will join us to meet the needs of the future.

The Lions Profile looking to the future is ours. What will each of us make of it?

*"If it is to be, it is up to me."*

May God continue to bless each of you for all that you do for those in need and 'til we meet again, I remain,

In Service To You,

*Lion Mike*

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## Starting 101 in 2-A2 By DGE Don Kirchhoff



As we start our 101<sup>st</sup> year in our new century of service in our district, we need to have a positive attitude regarding the importance of each club's membership.

I support PCC Mike Rourke's recommendation to not drop any members until July. But – I challenge each club that drops/loses a member(s) to replace them with a new, vital member. Don't stop there – keep seeking those people who can help you increase your Club's impact in your community. We are not doing this for numbers sake only. With each new member you have the potential to serve more needs. And, after all, isn't that what Lionism is all about?

One way all Clubs can achieve this goal is to have your officers learn more about membership retention/growth at one of the several Officer Training sessions offered throughout our District. This training is designed to help each incoming officer – President, Secretary, Treasurer and Zone Chair – to better understand the responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities of their office. These sessions are also open to any members who are interested in taking leadership roles in your club. You can find more information on the dates/locations of the training sessions offered in June at [district2a2.org/calendar](http://district2a2.org/calendar) . Additional training sessions will be offered in July and August.

A bonus of these training sessions is the opportunity to network with other Lions to learn what has worked in their Clubs and what hasn't. This can be a "booster shot" to re-energize your Club's membership campaign efforts.

Heading up our new Global Membership Team (GMT) is current Council Chair T.J. Tijerina. Lion T.J. will be submitting a monthly article about membership in the District's newsletter.



## **District 2-A2 Club Officer Training**

The first District 2-A2 Club Officer Training will be held at the Comfort Public Library at 701 High Street on Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.

The second District 2-A2 Club Officer Training will be held at the Universal City Public Library at 100 Northview Drive on Monday evening, June 12th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

RSVP is not required however it is appreciated. You can RSVP via e-mail to [drkhek@hctc.net](mailto:drkhek@hctc.net) or call 830-331-0815.

All Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Zone Chairs should attend a training class. This training is the second of five classes that will be held throughout the District. Two will be in the San Antonio Metroplex and three in the rural areas.







From left to right PID Jimmy Ross, PIP Ebb Grindstaff, PIP Bill Biggs  
DG John Lee and PIP Sid Scruggs



State Convention of District 2A2: Hats off to Council Chairman Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina, Lion Juanita, and the Convention Committee for a wonderful convention that was held May 18th-21st! A fun time was had by all! (Photos courtesy of Steve Mays)













# 100



100 years of Lions service in the great state of Texas  
1917-2017



## Texas Centennial Celebration - October 6-7, 2017

### Registration Form

**REGISTRANT INFORMATION** - Please type or print name as it appears on photo ID.

Lion ..... (First Name) ..... (Last Name)

Street ..... City ..... State ..... ZIP .....

Mobile Phone (.....)..... e-Mail: .....

..... Lions Club Name ..... District ..... Title

#### COMPANION

Lion or  Guest ..... (First Name) ..... (Last Name)

Street ..... City ..... State ..... ZIP .....

Mobile Phone (.....)..... e-Mail: .....

..... Lions Club Name ..... District ..... Title

**PACKAGE** includes registration for each registrant listed above; official name badge and souvenir medallion; official Texas Centennial Celebration Program, and admissions for:

- a) **"Celebrating The Past" Banquet** at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Friday night October 6, 2017 (Dress: Business attire)
- b) **"Legacy Lions Fellowship" Breakfast** at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Dress code: Your choice)
- c) **"A Night In The Old West" Gala & Dinner** at EDDIE DEEN'S RANCH, Downtown Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Preferred Dress: 'Texan')
- d) Group transportation by shuttle bus from Hyatt Regency North Dallas to Eddie Deen's Ranch Downtown Dallas for Saturday Gala & Dinner; and back to Hyatt Regency North Dallas Hotel after dinner.

**Note:** Saturday Lunch and other personal needs on your own.

Per Person

<b>REGISTRATION FEES:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Early (Post-marked on or before August 15, 2017)	\$195
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (Post-marked from August 16 to September 16, 2017)	\$220
	<input type="checkbox"/> Late (Post-marked from September 17, 2017 - onsite)	\$250

- a) Full payment of the complete package is required with this Form. Split-package is **not available**.
- b) **September 1, 2017:** Deadline for name-change or to receive a refund for cancellation of registration submitted in writing. Applicable refunds (after deducting \$20 as admin fee) will be processed soon after the event.

#### HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION - Hyatt Regency North Dallas

701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX-75081 - Phone: 972-619-1234

**Room Reservation Link:** <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13913050/owner/1459738/home>

- Make your room reservations directly using the above link. Provide us the Hotel Confirmation # below.
- PACKAGE REGISTRATION is required for applying this Special Rate of \$79 per night for hotel room.
- **Special needs**, if any, should be requested to and arranged for well in advance with Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- Only a limited number of rooms available at this special rate to be reserved on first-come first served basis.

**\$79** per night + tax  
single or double occupancy for  
Thursday/Friday/Saturday nights  
October 5, 6 & 7, 2017

**Reservation cut-off date for  
this rate: September 7, 2017**

Make check payable to:

**MD2 Centennial Celebration**

Hotel Room Confirmation # .....



Mail Form & check to:

**Bill Smothermon (DG 2016-17)**

14850 Quorum Dr. # 210 cell: 972-571-0806  
Dallas, TX 75254 lionbillsmo@gmail.com



The San Antonio Northwest Lions awarded 11 graduating high school seniors from Jefferson and Holmes High Schools a \$1,000 scholarship at an awards dinner on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to them and their families!





**THE SAN ANTONIO FOUNDER LIONS CLUB**

*and*

*Lion Mary Jane Chisholm, Incoming President, invite  
you and your spouse or guest to attend the*

**Annual Installation of the 2017-2018 Officers and Board of Directors**

*on Wednesday evening*

*June 21, 2017, at*

*The Petroleum Club*

*8620 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78217*

*Our Guest Speaker will be: Mr. Larry Johnson*

*Installing Officer will be: PDG Sam Pantusa*

*Hospitality Hour (cash bar) – 6:00-6:45 p.m.*

*Dinner – 6:45 p.m.*

*~Fresh Spinach Salad~*

*~Entrée Options~*

*Filet Mignon (served with oven roasted potatoes) or*

*Petroleum Club Shrimp (served with fettuccini with butter sauce) or*

*Chicken Gratinee (served with wild rice)*

*~Plated Dessert Display~*

*Key Lime Pie, Banana Crunch Cake & 1001 Chocolate Chip Cake*

*(all rolls, butter, tea and coffee are included)*

*Cost*

*Beef – \$45.00 per guest*

*Shrimp – \$40.00 per guest*

*Chicken – \$40.00 per guest*

*Members are encouraged to dress fitting a distinguished organization*

*RSVP by June 14, 2017 [safhc@safhc.org](mailto:safhc@safhc.org)*

*or (210) 225-1164*

**~Celebrating 102 years of Service~**

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**The La Vernia Lions Club  
Is sponsoring a Dinner / Fund Raiser**

**June 13th, 2017**

**At 6:30 p.m.**

Located at the

**Witte's Restaurant**

**\$15.00/ea**

*There will be a Silent Auction, a Raffle, and other  
Fun events*

For questions or to RSVP:



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



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



# 24th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

## ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



Gabriella Kilbride, Camper 2016

*Children Can... With TLC™*

### Come Play and Make a Kid's Day!

For more information or to download  
player registration forms go to  
[www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

## August 3, 2017

8:00 am Shotgun Start

**Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course**  
Fredericksburg, TX

### Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s).

All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

**Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: MC \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

CC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_

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

Mail to: **Garion Brunson, 2-T3**  
**1541 JBS Parkway, Suite 7 Odessa, TX 79761**



The Stockdale Lions Club is looking for sponsors for the Stockdale Lions Club BBQ Cook-Off and Friday Fiesta that will be at the Stockdale City Park on August 11-12, 2017. If you know anyone that would like to be a sponsor please let us know! Here are the different types of sponsors: Platinum Pit Event Sponsor is \$500, Golden Grill Entertainment Sponsor is \$500, Silver Skewer Sponsor is \$250, and the Bronze Backyard Boss Sponsor is \$100/ If you are a business, group, individual, an individual that would like to help the Stockdale Lions Club raise money to help our local communities and surrounding areas please let me know. If you would like more information contact any member of the Stockdale Lions Club or e-mail [sammidover@hotmail.com](mailto:sammidover@hotmail.com). We appreciate all the help that we can get!!

We are also looking for any Lions that would like to come out and be judges of the great items that are turned in!! We would LOVE to see everyone out in Stockdale!!



STOCKDALE LIONS CLUB  
**ANNUAL IBCA BBQ COOK-OFF  
 & FRIDAY FIESTA**  
*August 11th & 12th, 2017*

**SPONSORSHIP FORM**

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

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Sponsorship Level: (Choose At Least One)**

- Platinum Pit Event Sponsor - \$500 (Indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd Choice - Only One Sponsor Accepted Per Event)  
 Portion of money to be given to the sponsored event winners. One cook-off team entry, one free vendor space, banner displayed (must bring own), representative will assist with presentation of event awards to winners (with pictures), recognition on Stockdale Lions Club FaceBook page, and announcement of sponsorship during event.  
 1st Choice:  Overall  Brisket  Ribs  Chicken  Dessert  Beans  Chef's Choice  
 Friday Fiesta Fajitas  Friday Fiesta Salsa  Friday Fiesta Margaritas  
 2nd Choice:  Overall  Brisket  Ribs  Chicken  Dessert  Beans  Chef's Choice  
 Friday Fiesta Fajitas  Friday Fiesta Salsa  Friday Fiesta Margaritas  
 3rd Choice:  Overall  Brisket  Ribs  Chicken  Dessert  Beans  Chef's Choice  
 Friday Fiesta Fajitas  Friday Fiesta Salsa  Friday Fiesta Margaritas
- Golden Grill Entertainment Sponsor - \$500 (Friday or Saturday Evening - One Sponsor Accepted For Each Day)  
 Banner displayed on stage (must bring own), one free vendor space, recognition on Stockdale Lions Club FaceBook page, and announcement of sponsorship during cook-off and during evening entertainment.
- Silver Skewer Sponsor - \$250  
 Banner displayed prominently (must bring own), one free vendor space, recognition on Stockdale Lions Club FaceBook page, and announcement of sponsorship during cook-off.
- Bronze Backyard Boss Sponsor - \$100  
 Banner displayed prominently (must bring own) and recognition on Stockdale Lions Club FaceBook page.

We wish to donate the following item(s) for the  silent auction and/or  cooker awards: \_\_\_\_\_

We do not wish to be a sponsor but would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the Stockdale Lions Club.

**Mail completed form and fee by July 7, 2017 to:**

Stockdale Lions Club  
 PO Box 170  
 Stockdale, TX 78160

For more information: Ask Any Stockdale Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Call: 830-996-1300 (Monday-Friday) \*\* Email: sammidover@hotmail.com  
 Website: www.stockdalelions.org \*\* Like Us On Facebook: Stockdale Lions Club



- 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.
- **First Cabinet Meeting to be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Rainbow Senior Center in Boerne. Deadline for registration is July 5<sup>th</sup>. (See registration form below).**

