

DISTRICT 2-A2  
CABINET MEETING  
Global Meets and Zoom Virtual Platform  
July 18, 2020 (Part 1)  
August 8, 2020 (Part 2)

**Call to Order**

The Cabinet Meeting of District 2-A2 was held on July 18,2020 via the Global Meets virtual platform. Due to technical difficulties the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting resumed on August 8, 2020 via the Zoom platform. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. and presided over by the District Governor Lion David Splitek.

**Clubs Represented**

There were 17 Clubs represented at the July 18<sup>th</sup> segment. They were Bandera, Comfort, Converse, DR San Felipe, Floresville, Kerrville Host, La Vernia, SA Alamo Heights, SA Edgewood, SA Founder, SA Highland Hills, SA Hill Country Retreat, SA Northside, SA North, SA Region 20, SA Windcrest, Stockdale. There were 69 Lions in attendance.

**Invocation-** Lion Sid Lawrence gave the Invocation.

**Pledge to US and Texas Flag-** Second VDG Lion Steve Mays led the pledges to the United States flag and to the Texas flag.

**PDG Lion Rod Chisholm** led the singing of “God Bless America”.

**Introductions-** Due to the virtual meeting platform, introductions of special guests were not highlighted.

**2020 Mid-Winter Conference Minutes-** Past District Secretary Lion Roland Andrade presented the minutes from the 2020 Mid-winter conference on January 18, 2020 at the International Center for Trade in Eagle Pass, Texas. A hard copy of the minutes was submitted for the historical records.

**2019-2020 Budget Review-** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Mays presented the financial review of the 2019-2020 budget. A hard copy of the treasury report was submitted for the historical records.

**2019-2020 Awards and Recognitions-** IPDG Juanita “Janie” Garza presented the following clubs with the **District Governor’s 100% Contribution recognition certificate**: Brackettville , Center Point, China Grove, Comfort, Converse, Del Rio Host, Del Rio San Felipe, Devine, Floresville, Harlandale, Helotes, Kerrville Host, La Vernia, Leakey, San Antonio Alamo City, San Antonio Alamo Heights, San Antonio Founders, San Antonio Hill Country Retreat, North San Antonio Hills, San Antonio Westside, San Antonio Windcrest, Stockdale, Three Rivers, Uvalde.

The following clubs contributed to the **Texas Lions Museum**, in addition to their 100% District contribution and will receive a banner patch: Center Point, China Grove, Comfort, Converse, Del Rio San Felipe, Devine, Kerrville

Host, La Vernia, Leakey, San Antonio Hill Country Retreat, San Antonio North San Antonio Hills, Stockdale, Uvalde.

The **New Voices Certificate of Appreciation** were awarded to the following lions. For Marketing: Lion Nick Garza from the San Antonio Westside Lions Club. For Service, Lion Rose Ann Barajas from the San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club. For Membership: Lion LuJuana Newman-Leus from the Floresville Lions Club. For Leadership: Lion Faye Evans from the San Antonio Alamo Heights Lions Club.

The **New Voices Certificate of Appreciation from MD2 Texas** was awarded to Lion Faye Evans from the San Antonio Alamo Heights Lions Club for Leadership.

The **Texas Lions Camp Endowment Brick** award was given to Allie Thomas from the San Antonio Highland Hills Lions Club and Lion Jorge Villalpando from the Eagle Pass Evening Lions Club. The **Texas Lions Camp Life Membership** award was given to Lions Allie Thomas, San Antonio Highland Hills; Jorge Villalpando, Eagle Pass Evening Lions and Roland Andrade, Del Rio San Felipe Club. The **Texas Lions Museum Life Member** was awarded to the following Lions Floyd Daigle and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Mays from La Vernia Lions Club. The **Texas Lions Foundation Fellowship** was awarded to PDD Lion Don Peppard from the Kerrville Host Lions Club. The LCIF Contributing Member award was given to Lion Josh Overfelt from the Del Rio San Felipe. The **TLERC Dr. Norman Gould Bronze Vision Fellowship** to awarded to Lion Mac McCain from the Brackettville Lions Club. **LSRF Lytle Blankenship Fellowship** was awarded to PCC Michael and Liz Rourke from San Antonio Edgewood. **MD-2 District Governors Recognition Medal** has been awarded to PCC Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina, Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club.

The **District 2-A2 Lion of the Year** was awarded to Lion Faith Porras from San Antonio Founders Lions Club.

**Lions Club International awards** were presented by Past International Director Lion Mike Butler. On behalf of Dr. Jung-Yul Choi presents the **LCI Certificate of Appreciation** to Lions Don Kierchhoff, Comfort Lions Club; Alice Lopez, San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club; and Nancy Hoseck, Floresville Lions Club.

In addition, PID Mike Butler presented the **LC Leadership Awards** to Lions Ken Book, San Antonio Region 20 Lions Club; Juanita Tijerina, Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club and Floyd Daigle, La Vernia Lions Club.

PID Mike Butler had the honor of presenting the highest award Lions Club International bestows on a member. The **LCI Ambassador of Goodwill** was presented to Past Council Chair, Lion Michael Rourke, San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club. PID Mike Butler has only presented this award one other time in 50 years of service.

### **Installation of District Officers**

PCC Lion Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina installed the 2020-2021 District 2-A2 Officers, Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs, and Zone Chairs.

**TJ for ID-** PCC Lion Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina reported 'It is on to Canada in June of 2021!' The International Convention in Singapore was cancelled and there was no voting for new International Directors. PCC Lion Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina's year of eligibility remains the same. He has been contacted by LCI and have responded

his intention is to be a registered candidate for International Director representing MD -2 Texas. He hopes there are many lions from District 2-A2 that will join him at the International Convention in Canada to witness him cross the stage.

### **Procedural Motion**

District Governor Dave Splittek presented the voting rule “To allow all present District 2-A2 Lions in good standing to make motions and vote on motions during the 2020-2021 cabinet meeting. Treasurer Lion Irene Guzman motioned to approve the voting rule as presented by District Governor. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Doug Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

District Governor Dave Splittek presented a revised 2020-2021 District 2-A2 Budget dated July 7, 2020. The Administrative Revenue subtotal is \$44,410.50. The Cabinet expense subtotal to include a rollover start up fund for the 2021-2022 year of \$5,000 comes to a subtotal of \$44,410.50. Treasurer Lion Irene motioned to accept as is the 2020-2021 District Budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Mays seconded the motion. All are in favor. None opposed

### **Bank Depository**

Governor Dave Splittek informed the cabinet that IBC of Eagle Pass was the District 2-A2 Bank Depository for the 2019-2020 year. District Treasurer Irene Guzman motioned to have IBC of Eagle Pass remain the District 2-A2 Bank Depository for the 2020-2021 year. This motion was seconded by 2 VDG Steve Mays. All in favor. None opposed.

### **Governor’s Overview of NAMI and Goals**

**Global Membership Team-** Chair IPDG Janie Garza updated the district on the 2020-2021 goals to include chartering 2 new clubs in the district. IPDG Janie reminded the leadership of LCI’s waiver of the entrance fee thru December 2020. The District leadership is asking each club to increase membership by 1 member each quarter. In addition, the District’s goal is to limit member drops by 3 per club for the membership year.

**Global Leadership Team** – Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Mays introduced the GLT’s focus will be on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service. The District will be assessing training and needs in the clubs along with identifying the resources to meet the needs. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Mays further emphasized the importance of hosting new member’s orientations. He encouraged all to visit the District’s website and search under the IT tab for the various online training resources.

**Global Service Team-** District Governor Dave Splittek encouraged the membership to report service projects on the MyLion website. The goal for the GST is to increase reporting services from 49% to 75%. He challenged all club to engage new members with “hands on” service while maintaining CDC guidelines. It was suggested recording reading of books for those in the community that are visually impaired. The Governor encouraged the District to get creative, think outside the box and serve.

**Lions Children Services Program-** Chair Ken Book thanked the convention delegates for their support of the LCS program and approving the formation of the board, its constitution and the bylaws. Then District 2-A2 Governor Janie Garza approved the current members the KidSight program to be initial board. There are 5 board members consisting of Lions Ken Book, Chair; Cecilia Nobles, Secretary, Rose Mary Paletta, Treasurer along with David Silva and Debbie Book. In addition, Ex-Officio members are 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Mays and IPDG Janie Garza. The LCS program established a bank account with funds transferred from Hearing Board of \$22,205.41. The LCS program has received additional donations in the amount of \$337 bringing the balance of LCS program to \$20542.41. A portion of the funds will be utilized to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) to conduct vision screenings that are less than 6 feet in distance. LCS Chair Lion Ken thanked the Founders Club for the purchase and donation of the Blinq device. The Board will be submitting the LCS program's Operational Procedures before September 1, 2020. LCS Chair Lion Ken informed the District cabinet that he is in communication with each individual Independent School District, Region 20, Texas Department of Health and Human Services, in an effort, to develop an appropriate Fall 2020 schedule for screenings.

**District Diabetes Awareness-** Chair Lion Rose Ann Barajas highlighted the two days diabetes is recognized as an LCI Global Issue. November 14<sup>th</sup> is World Diabetes and March 24<sup>th</sup> is Diabetes Alert Day. Chair Lion Rose Ann encouraged lions to be aware that while diabetes does not increase the risk of contracting COVID-19, it does increase the complication of COVID-19. Lions in the District were encouraged to manage their diabetes and pre-diabetes to lower the risk associated with the coronavirus. Lion Rose Ann encouraged the cabinet and clubs to contact her if they wish to host a ZOOM club presentation during the month of November. In addition, she reminded the membership that resources can be accessed via email.

**Human Needs Board** – Board Member Lion Mary Ann Mays reported that the Board met via the ZOOM platform on July 31, 2020. The quorum requirement was not met. Thus, no business was handled. One request for assistance was received and will be reviewed at the August meeting. The Human Needs Boards sent out a district News Flash announcing available board positions. The HNB application is on the District website.

**Texas Lions Foundation** – “The Texas Lions Foundation is committed to filling the humanitarian needs throughout the world. The TLF is a non – profit corporation providing humanitarian grants and disaster relief grants for reconstruction of public facilities and services” reported Lion LaJuana Newman Leus. Lion LaJuana reminded the District of the TLF grant received in the wake of the 1996 floods.

**Texas Lions Museum** – PDG John Lee updated the District on completion of the Phase I buildout initiative at the Texas Lions Museum in Kerrville. Phase I involved the remodeling of the entrance and State Office area. The interior is being decorated and Lion memorabilia is being collected by Lion Cheryl Butler and Lion Whitney Evanston, Curator of the TLM. The Texas Lion Museum has established a logo and motto. The TLM motto is “Bridging the past with the future in Lionism”. Phase 2 is underway which involves the display area of the museum. The cost for the building remodeling of Phase 2 is \$60,000. PDG John Lee asked the District leadership to encourage clubs to contribute to the museum via the Everett J. “Ebb” Grindstaff Fellowship or TLM Life Membership award.

**Lions Sight Research Foundation** – Chair PDG Rod Chisholm congratulated the new LSRF board members, Roger Gary, SA Founders Club; Sylvia Madero, Floresville Lions Club; Sejal Patel, Floresville Lions Club; Juan Soriano, Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club; John Douglas, Guide Dogs of Texas LC, and thanked Lion Rose Ann for her 6 years of service to the Lions Sight Research Foundation. PDG and LSRF CEO Sam Pantusa updated the District on the Lions Club International’s matching grant. It was just over a year ago, the resolution was approved for District 2-A2 to apply to the Lions Club International Foundation to expand the Gene Eberlin Imaging Center at the Texas Diabetes Institute. The Lion Sight Research Foundation in partnership with UT Health Ophthalmology Department have secured \$100,000 towards this matching grant. The LCI matching grant was approved. As of this report, the renovations to the new exam room is underway. The new Optis Ultrawide retinal machine is in place and being utilized. The new OCTA machine is being shipped and entire project is slated to be complete by the end of August. This LCI Matching grant will enable 1000 additional patients to be seen and treated for Diabetic Retinopathy. PDG Lion Rod Chisholm updated on the District on the impact COVID-19 has had on the utilization of the Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) in the community. However, the LSRF were invited to Milberger’s Nursery to host an eye screening event. It was at this event that the grandson of Lion Rod Chisholm was screened and referred for further evaluation. The treating Ophthalmologist praised the efforts of the lions for identifying this vision impairment. The impairment could have caused early childhood blindness. Milberger’s Nursery has allowed their location to be an eye glass collection site by having an eye glass donation box at the checkout counter. In addition, as great corporate partners, they have a Contribution box on display.

LSRF CEO Lion Sam Pantusa introduced the video highlighting the Lions Low Vision Center. The video was played for all attending the meeting. In the video was Joseph, a child, who received valuable equipment to help him see and clubs were encouraged to make a special contribution earmarked for those purposes. “Fund raising is a major part of the LSRF board’s responsibilities” said PDG Lion Rod Chisholm. He updated the District on several key events that have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Both the Save Our Sight – Stride for Sight 5k and the St. Patrick’s Day Casino Night event were cancelled. Further impacting the LSRF was the closure of Bingo halls. The LSRF received quarterly funds from this revenue stream. In addition, many large clubs contribute to the Lion Sight Research Foundation. However, without the ability for the clubs to raise funds, it has had a further impact on the LSRF. Lion Sight Research Foundation CEO PDG Lion Sam did share with the District a much more personal way to contribute to the LSRF and be Knights of the Blind. With the passing of Lion Floyd Carriker from the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club, the LSRF was the recipient of a sizeable bequest from Lion Floyd and his family. The LSRF is establishing an endowment scholarship in the name of Lion Floyd Carriker for medical students who are focusing their training in the area of low vision occupational therapy.

**LCIF-** Chair Lion Josh Overfelt was unable to attend. District 2-A2 Governor Dave Splitek encourage club to keep awarding the Melvin Jones Fellowship as that directly helps the Lions Club International Foundation.

**Texas Lions Camp** – Texas Lions Camp Director Lion Allie Thomas announced to the District of the upcoming retirement of Trish Wilson, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for the Texas Lions Camp. He asked the clubs to send Trish well wishes. In addition, TLC Director Allie Thomas congratulated Lion Tim Flick of the Windcrest Lions Club for his appointment as a TLC District 2-A2 Director for the term of 2 years. Lion Allie Thomas further thanked Lion Jorge Villalpando from the Eagle Pass Lions Club for his service as a TLC Director. TLC Director Allie Thomas read a short message from the desk of the Texas Lions Camp’s CEO, Stephen Mabry.

The full statement can be attained by contacting the Texas Lions Camp. But in short, the systems the camp is dependent on currently do not and cannot be put into place in such a short time frame to ensure the safety of children with health concerns and camp staff. To not further drain the local healthcare resources, the Texas Lions Camp will not be open to resident camp operations for the summer of 2020.

IPDG Janie Garza updated the District on the assessment of the structural damage suffered due to recent storms. Bunk House 2 has sustained the greatest damaged and has been deemed by the insurance company a total loss. BH#2 will be demolished and rebuilt from the ground up. Bunk Houses #1 and #3 along with Jackson Real, counselors housing, sustained damage as well. Texas Lions Camp Directors will be coming to each District to ask for contributions to rebuild and renovate the camp. The District was reminded the Texas Lions Camp resides in District 2-A2.

Governor's LCI Update – DG Lion Dave stated that at the International Convention in Chicago we were informed of some changes in the Centennial Service Challenge. The Youth category has been discontinued, but two more have been added – Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer.

**Peace Poster Contest-** Chair Lion Steve Medina reported the Peace Poster theme this year is “Peace Thru Service”. The deadline to order the peace poster kits in October 1, 2020. Chair Lion Steve Medina reminded the District the age group for this contest is 11 thru 13 years of age by November 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be a challenge due to the current ‘in person’ learning restrictions in the various schools. Thus, Lion Steve encourages clubs promote this contest thru social media. He has sample kits and flyers for promoting the event. Chair Lion Steve highlighted the essay contest for the visually impaired children ages 11-13 with the same peace poster theme.

**Youth Contests** – Chair Lion Abel Martinez reported the need for a Director for the Outstanding Youth contest. All other contests have directors in place. While it has been historically difficult to recruit youth to participate in these contests, it will be further impacted by school closures with the current COVID-19 pandemic. As soon as there is clear direction on school openings, contest dates may need to be revised based on accessibility. Updates on the contest dates and other details will be communicated to clubs of the District.

District Governor congratulated the lions of District 2-A2 for the work done and reminded the membership of the continued work needed to be done. Governor Dave echoed IPDG Janie Garza's encouragement to retain our current members and recruit new members. While District 2-A2 added 5 members in June, the district dropped 23 members. Let us keep serving and keep working.

The Cabinet business meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Rose Ann Barajas  
Cabinet Secretary, 2020-2021