



Lions District 2-A2

Stepping Up Our Service



Issue 12~ June 2020

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” — Gandhi



My Fellow Lions:

WOW!! What an incredible Lion year we just had. I hope everyone is staying safe and ready to get our clubs back on track. I would like to take this time to THANK the following Lions Club for their District Governor’s 100 % Charitable Contributions:

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| Brackettville Lions Club | Bexar County China Grove Lions Club | Comfort Lions Club |
| Del Rio Host Lions Club | Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club | Devine Lions Club |
| Harlandale Lions Club | Helotes Lions Club | Kerrville Host Lions Club |
| La Vernia Lions Club | Leakey Lions Club | S.A. Alamo City Lions Club |
| S. A. Founder Lions Club | S.A. Alamo Heights Lions Club | S.A. West Side Lions Club |
| S.A; Windcrest Lions Club | S. A. Hill Country Retreat Lions Club | Stockdale Lions Club |
| Three Rivers Lions Club | Uvalde Lions Club | |

District Voting

By now, you all know that the District Election will be held by ELECTRONIC voting on June 6, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All club delegates should have received an email from our IT Chair, Lion Floyd Daigle with instructions on how the voting process will be conducted. Lion Floyd will be sending out the club delegates Login and password on June 4, 2020.

Opportunities for Youth Contest

On Sunday, May 17, 2020, District 2-A2 held the District Opportunities for Youth Contests. We would like to Thank the Helotes Lions Club for the use of their Clubhouse. We would also like to Thank the Judges for coming out and judging these contests. The Youth Contest Chair, Lion Abel Martinez and each Contest Coordinators did an AWESOME job in conducting these contests. The District would like to wish the Contest Winners “Good Luck” at the State Opportunities for Youth Contests in Longview, Texas at the State Convention on June 27, 2020.

Diabetes Essay Contest

Contest Coordinators: Lion Marie Gonzales and Lion RoseAnn Barajas

1st Place Winner: Jai Ramesh
Sponsoring Club: Floresville



2nd Place Winner: Maite Sandoval
Sponsoring Club: Sabinal



Outstanding Youth Contest

Contest Coordinator: Debbie Book

1st Place Winner: Halle [Hagdorn
Sponsoring Club: Devine



2nd Place Winner: Rhianna Lopez
Sponsoring Club: Sabinal



Drug Awareness Speech Contest

Coordinators: Lion Cecilia Nobles and Lion RoseMary Paletta

1st Place Winner: Micah Stewart
Sponsoring Club: Sabinal



Young Woman's Scholarship Pageant

Coordinator: Mary Ann Mays

District 2-A2 Queen:

Julia Weaver

Sponsoring Club: Floresville



District 2-A2 Princess:

Angelita Hernandez

Sponsoring Club: Sabinal



Note from Lions Club International

I know some of you may be wondering on payment for International Dues. Since we are going through this pandemic. LCI has been trying to work with Districts and Clubs on this very issue. Below, see the note from LCI. I hope this helps to bring some piece of mind moving forward.

Board of Directors take steps to help our clubs

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- Flexible payments – No clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.
- Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism.

This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world.

Texas Lions Camp

The Texas Lions Camp has had some significant damage to Bunkhouse 2 during the recent storms. The camp will be needing our support in preparing for the continued maintenance and preparing for next year's summer camp. The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held in August (has not cancelled yet). If you would like to make a donation or participate in the tournament, go to the TLC website. The camp has several recognition awards, if you would like to honor one of your Lions Club members. For further information on the recognition awards from the Texas Lions Camp, go to their website at lionscamp.com. Under the Media tab, click on the **TLC Blog**, this is where you will find information regarding updated information on the Texas Lions Camp.

It has truly been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as District Governor for District 2-A2. I have been truly honored to visit your clubs and getting to know the great Lions in our District. I will continue to serve our District moving forward. If I can be of any assistance to you and your club, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Service,

Lion Janie

Lion Janie Garza
District Governor 2-A2

"Life Never bend your head. Hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye."



Helen Keller

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received,

for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only. **A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, 1859**

The last time I picked up *A Tale of Two Cities* was in an English Literature course in the 1960's. Dickens' historical novel explores the French Revolution between 1775 and 1792. Reading the words today, 161 years after the book appeared in print, it seems to describe our times today pretty well.

We certainly have challenges and opportunities at every turn. I hope your club has found a way to conduct meetings, do service projects and recruit new members. Our club had two great speakers via Zoom at our virtual meetings in May. We also inducted a new member virtually. It felt a bit different, but the results were positive and we all got to see and hear from our new Lion.

North American Membership Initiative (NAMI)

You may have heard about or participated in our virtual Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis conducted on May 11. NAMI is an effort by Lions Clubs International to reverse a 35-year decline in membership in our clubs in North America. After the virtual SWOT meeting a subgroup of the Governor's NAMI team put together a plan to grow membership over the next several years. You can view the entire SWOT virtual meeting from a link on our district website. District IT Director, Lion Floyd Daigle, set up the link to the recording.

We've also posted our NAMI implementation plan on our district website for your information, review and comment. Please look it over as the plan depends on all our clubs helping out in recruiting new members, adding new clubs, energizing and retaining our current members, stepping up our community service, and growing and supporting club leadership.

Club Officer Training

As I noted last month, we conducted all club officer training via GlobalMeet, our virtual platform, recorded the training sessions and made the recorded training available to all our Lions through links on our District website. We're always interested in your views on the process and effectiveness of the training and we welcome your feedback.

Service Reporting

Our service reporting took a nosedive in May because of COVID-19. We encourage you to continue the look for opportunities to serve and then report your service at lionsclubs.org (click on service reporting).

Donate to LSRF

I know that I repeat this reminder every month, because it's really important to our District. Our Lions Sight Research Foundation doesn't qualify for any stimulus funds or small business loans. It survives on our support. Please consider making a significant charitable donation to our LSRF as we end our Lions fiscal year in June.

Membership

Here is our District 2-A2 Health Assessment from Lions International through the last week in May 2020. Our net member loss this month is 28 members. COVID-19 is still here but we do have time to enroll new Lions and increase our collective service. We can still do this. Here's the update:

●Active Clubs -	64
●Current total members -	1,667
●Member Count 12 Months ago –	1,770
●YTD Adds -	159
●YTD Drops -	187
●YTD Net Growth	-28

Enjoy your family and community, stay healthy, reach out to those in need in your community, and enjoy your service.

Stay hydrated,

1VDG Dave Splitek

PS My friend keeps saying "Cheer up, it could be worse! You could be in an underground hole filled with water". I know he means well.



Dear Fellow Lions,

I walk around my neighborhood every day and I often wear a Lion t-shirt or ball cap when I walk. Often people see these and ask what are Lions. I find it amazing how many people are not aware of who we are and what we do?

Someone summed it up well when they said: "We are not a fraternal or political organization. A Lions Club is a group of civic-minded men and women who have banded together to do the things that cannot do alone. Lions are willing and anxious to give their time, energy, and resources in service to others. A person is rewarded in Lionism by the pleasure and satisfaction of serving others; by improving the community in which he or she lives, and by endeavoring to leave the world a better place than he or she found it, The rewards are in direct proportion to the effort expended. By investing time and effort in club activities, a person receives dividends in new friendships, new status in the community, a new awareness of God's many blessings and a heartwarming sense of fulfillment from doing something good for others. A Lions Club is a medium through which all of these things are available to reputable men and women of good will. Lions Clubs are made up of men and women in a particular community who share the motto "WE SERVE". And that is what Lions do, they serve in every area that their community has need."

This is a great statement but if we, as Lions, do not make the public aware of our presence in the communities we serve they won't know who we are and the work we do. We need to make our presence felt in the communities we serve. We are in a decline in membership because people are not aware of who we are and what we do and therefore do not want to join us in making this a better place to live. We need to make certain we are viewed in every positive way in our individual communities, in our district, our state, and across the world.

How do we become visible? Lion Norm Fulkerson has Lions decals on the doors of his car. We can all wear our vests, our hats, our Lions pins when we are doing service projects so that we can be seen. It is interesting how often I am asked about Lionism when I wear something that identifies me as a Lion. I have a Lion belt buckle that gets a lot of attention. I also have a sign in my yard that says, "A Lion lives here." People who have heard that Lions collect used eyeglasses stop and ask if they can donate their used eyeglasses. It gives me a chance to talk to them about Lionism.

It is up to each of us to get the word out about who we are and what we do and invite people to join us in our endeavor. Have you made Lionism more visible this week? Have you asked anyone to join us in our effort to make this a better place? Your club's survival may depend upon people knowing who we are and what we do. Wear your Lions pin, your vest, your Lions shirt proudly.

Fellow Lions,

I am writing to clarify the resolution to establish the District 2-A2 Children's Services Board and request your club's support of the Children's Services Program.

It recently came to my attention that there may be some confusion related to the funding of this proposed Board. The Children's Services Board would be funded by a \$1.00 per member per year dues payment to District 2-A2. This in no way represents an increase in district dues. The \$1.00 per member per year payment will be offset by a \$1.00 per member per year reduction in the dues paid to the Human Needs Board.

By establishing the Children's Services Board, funding and administration of the Children's Services Program will be responsible and accountable to the District Governor and the Governor's Cabinet. This more direct line of accountability will increase the efficiency of the daily operations of this effective program.

The Children's Services Program has been providing vision and hearing screening in schools and day care centers. Over the past 8 years, we have conducted more than 40,000 screenings and saved the sight and hearing of many children throughout our district.

The Children's Services Program has earned the respect of the State Vision and Hearing Program of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. We are held up as a model screening program and have provided counsel to other MD-2 districts. We have also been contacted by other states about how we operate our program.

On behalf of the Children's Services Committee, I am asking for your support in establishing the Children's Services Board, approving this Board's Constitution and By-Laws and approving the Human Needs Board to transfer \$1.00 per member per year of their funding to the Children's Services Board

Yours in Service,

Lion Ken Book, Chairman

District 2-A2 Children's Services Committee



Date: June 5, 2020

Contact: Milton L. Dare, FACHE

Director of Development & Major Gifts

830-896-8500/mdare@lionscamp.com

LET'S PLAY GOLF this Summer and support Texas Lions Camp!

Texas Lions Camp invites you to participate in 2020 by joining us for the **27th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2020** at the **Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg.**

The 2020 Golf Tournament is open to men and women and the event will consist of four-person teams (limited to 31 teams) and formatted as a Florida Scramble/Best Ball with a shotgun start at 8 AM. The Entry Fee is \$110 per golfer and a team of four golfers is \$440 (before July 1, 2020) or \$125 per person or a team of four golfers is \$500 (after July 1, 2020). Following the round of golf, a CATERED MEAL will be provided by our host club, Fredericksburg Lions Club, followed by an AWARDS PROGRAM and appropriately socially distanced.

If you do not play golf, then consider becoming a **HOLE SPONSOR** by sending in a check for \$100 or more. Your Club name/individual name will be listed and recognized at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course on the Day of the Tournament on a District Hole Sponsor poster. A copy of the **HOLE SPONSOR form** may be found below or you can go to our website and download the **Hole Sponsor and/or Player-Team forms** at <http://lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html>

This year, a new FACEBOOK page has also been established for the event and may be found at Harry Wickersham Memorial Golf Tournament ([facebook.com/wickershamgolf/](https://www.facebook.com/wickershamgolf/)). Check it out and watch for updates, information on the tournament, and exciting event photos.

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



Texas Lions Camp

27th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament



July 30, 2020 ~ 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course ~ Fredericksburg, Texas
FLORIDA SCRAMBLE

Entry Fee: \$110.00 per person until July 1, 2020 ~ \$125.00 per person after July 1, 2020

4 Players per Team: Limited to 31 Teams

Team Prize: Based on number of team entries

Individual Hole Prizes: You must play the shot to win the Prize.
 Longest Drive / Closest to Pin - Front Nine
 Straightest Drive / Closest to Pin - Back Nine
 Drawing for Door Prizes

Breakfast Tacos

6:45 AM – 9 AM.

Hamburger Lunch

Noon – 2:00 PM

Hole-In-One

New Vehicle

Sponsored By:

Crenwelge Automotive Group

Fredericksburg & Kerrville, Texas

Send Entries to:

Fredericksburg Lions Club

Lester Frantzen, Tournament Director

P. O. Box 3402

Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

Phone: 830-889-0120

Email: lcfantzen@gmail.com

Entry Form

27th Annual TLC Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament – July 30, 2020 - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Make Checks Payable to: **Fredericksburg Lions Club** Amount Enclosed \$ _____

ENTRY FORM WITHOUT CORRECT ACCOMPANYING FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

1) **Team Contact:** _____

Email: _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone: () _____

Lions Club: _____

2) **Name:** _____

Email: _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Lions Club: _____

3) **Name:** _____

Email: _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Lions Club: _____

4) **Name:** _____

Email: _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Lions Club: _____

Entry Confirmation:

Entry Form confirmation will be sent by email only. If you do not list an email address for your team, you will not receive a confirmation.

GOLF RULES

27th ANNUAL HARRY WICKERSHAM GOLF TOURNAMENT

1. Scramble Format.
2. All men must play from the blue tees on the Par 3's.
Men 65 & over may play from white tees on other holes.
Men 80 & over and ladies may play from the red tees
3. There is a “**two putt maximum**” per hole from anywhere on the green. ***Pick Up The Ball If You Do Not Make The First Putt.***
4. **Hole in One Prize:** A new car sponsored by Crenwelge Automotive Group, Fredericksburg & Kerrville.
5. **Hole Prizes:** (These are in addition to the Hole in One Prizes.)
YOU MUST PLAY THE SHOT TO WIN THE PRIZE!!!
The longest drive must be in the fairway to win.
The straightest drive is the closest to the line, not the longest. If the distance from the line is the same for more than one drive, then the longest drive is the winner.
6. A Scorecard Playoff will determine the winner for all ties.

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

1. **MULLIGANS:** One Mulligan per team member per front nine and one per back nine.
2. **HOOLOGAN:** One Hooligan per team. You may move your ball up to 20' from off the green onto the green, but no closer to the hole than one club length from the edge of the green.
3. **ON THE GREEN:** Place your ball at the designated spot on the green. This is your tee shot. One stroke. Two putt maximum. Guaranteed Birdie! This will speed up play.
4. **MONSTER DRIVE:** Place your drive at the designated spot on the par five fairway. Do not hit your drive. This is your tee shot. One stroke. This will speed up play.

CANCELLATIONS: Green Fees for cancellations after Friday, July 17, 2020 and “no shows” without a substitute will be donated to the Texas Lions Camp.

Do you have any suggestions to make the tournament more enjoyable? To make the play faster? For Prizes?

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

The Fredericksburg Lions Club
P. O. Box 587
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624-0587

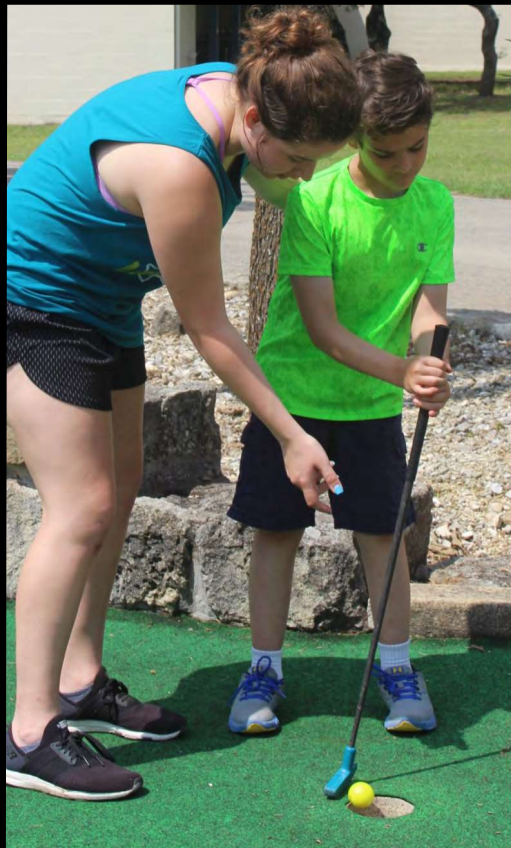
Lester Frantzen, Tournament Director
PO Box 3402
Fredericksburg, TX 78624



27th 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.



Joseph Dusl, Camper 2019

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

July 30, 2020

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

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email: _____

Credit Card: MC _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ Amount: _____

CC#: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP
PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029**

2020 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship Camper – Joseph Dusl



The 2020 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Camper Ambassador is Joseph Dusl. Joseph has attended TLC for the past 2 summers and loves TLC because it is a place where he belongs. For Joseph, TLC is a place he can do anything other kids can do and have tons of fun while doing it.

David, Joseph's father, explains that Joseph isn't always included in school or with other groups of kids. At TLC, Joseph not only is accepted, but encouraged and helped to try new things and to grow in his confidence and building friendships in the process.



Joseph was born with Spinocerebellar Ataxia, though a true diagnosis did not come until the age of 4. Spinocerebellar Ataxia, or SCA, is a degenerative disorder that shrinks the cerebellum. It affects a person's ability to balance,

talk, walk and other daily activities required to function independently. It is a rare condition affecting about 1 in 150,000 people.

Joseph was born without his cerebellum and because of his condition he has slow processing speed and does not learn as quickly as other kids. His dad said, "He can learn, just at his own speed and looking at things differently. He is determined and wants to be included." The family adapted for Joseph's needs both personally and socially. Making sure that Joseph had the medical care, educational assistance and adaptive tools for his day to day living at home and at school. Joseph's does not allow his physical limitations to inhibit him. You will find him running with his walker in tow, climbing on just about any piece of furniture and adventuring wherever he can roam.

"TLC was great at reinforcing that the way Joseph does things is okay and he can succeed. When Joseph first went to TLC, we were nervous because of his inability to communicate effectively and he had never spent a night away from us. TLC was so much fun that he cried when we picked him up because he didn't want to leave the friends he had made and the fun he was having. He was always included and being with kids his age

improved his social skills. His ability to sign was increased by living in a cabin with a camper who was hearing impaired. He also learned archery and received an award for it. It's nice that Joseph has a place to go where he's welcomed with open arms. It truly is a place where children can..."

TLC also offered Joseph's parents, David and Susan special time with his sister. David said, "Camps like Lions Camp provide parents an opportunity to explore and dedicate time to their other children or each other without feeling guilty about not including the child with challenges. He gets time away from us telling him what to do, and provides us a time to give his sister the extra attention that she loses because of all the help Joseph requires. It allows us to do activities we couldn't normally do. It's a win-win all around."

Joseph and his family are excited about being a part of the 27th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. For more information on how you and your team can play in the Tournament, visit: www.lionscamp.com and look for the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament under the "GET INVOLVED" Tab. Texas Lions Camp is proud to have great campers, like Joseph Dusl, who attend our summer camping program and celebrate those like him who embody the TLC spirit of "Children Can...With TLC!"™



Kerrville Host Lions Club would like to congratulate the 2 newest recipients of our scholarship program.



PDG John Lee

Kerrville Host Lions Club



Texas Lions Museum & Office News

2-A2 District ; Your Museum & Office is located at 3301 Legion Drive, Kerrville, Texas 78029.

Thank you for your generosity! District 2-A2 came out as the top District in the Multiple District for the year 2019-2020 Lion's year. The District membership has a great heart when they recognize the need for something that is great for the Lions family and for their community in need. .

This last meeting at the Texas Lions Museum & Office foundation meeting the Foundation approved to give the Grand opening build-in contract to TFCH LLC a general contractor and remodeling company from Helotes Texas. The contribution of your donation for the 2019-2020 Lion's year is at work, at this time. We were able start the construction because you as a District motivated three other Districts to donate to the cause, the donation boost has brought the 49% of our goal of 120,000.00 to be donated.

Grand Opening Campaign

The **Grand Opening** for the Texas Lions Museum was delayed until **August 2020**. This will stand if the 16 districts of the Multiple District 2 can donate the remaining percent of the total that has been estimated to finish the Build-out of our museum. The Texas Lions Museum has collected enough donations these last 2 years to build walls and storage cabinets for our important donated articles.

We still are looking for those clubs that could not support the Grand Opening rebuild this year. I know you are willing to show your largest and greatest organization in the World. You can help by donating \$200,00 one time. Find the form to donate at www.texaslions.org.



State Secretary office is being Completed



State Secretary office is being Completed
Window Peek



Texas Lions Museum future Library and door to the right to conference room

As your District Texas Lions Museum & Office Trustee, I asked that every club support and donate to the **Grand Opening Build-out Campaign**. If those clubs that could not donate \$200.00, that would satisfy the District 2-A2 equal portion for the support of the **"Grand Opening Build-out Campaign"**. **Thank you to those club that help us out last year.**

The way that the Texas Lions Museum supports itself is by having Trustees that will advocate for the Museum. The Trustee's informs Lions of the club by presenting a program about the Texas Lions Museum & Office. I would like to come to your club and give your club a program anytime we can coordinate an appointment. Call or email your Texas Lions Museum & Office Trustee PDG John Lee to make an appointment at 830-370-3156 or email to lee.papajohn@gmail.com.



Texas Lions
Museum & Office



Museum & Office

Grand Opening Build-out Campaign

Clubs Name:

District:

I/we would like to make a donation in the form of:

Cash / * Check #

- Please make check payable to: Texas Lions Museum and office Note: Grand opening Build-Out. **Thank you**

Send to: Texas Lions Museum & Office

P. O. Box 294509 Kerrville, Texas 78029

Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

City

State

ZIP

Email:

Phone

Signature

Date

You can also use this form

Trustee