



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Collaborative and Compassionate Service Builds Communities

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Greetings Fellow Lions!

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

Helen Keller

Greetings Fellow Lions! I selected Helen Keller's quote above because it surely describes our collective experiences over the past five months. The pandemic is in full swing and now we're entering hurricane season, so the trial and suffering continues.

Club Meetings

Luckily, we're Lions and we have been through worse and still we give back to our communities. I'm hopeful because our clubs are learning how to move forward even under these frustrating conditions. Our clubs haven't met face to face for several months and we're figuring out how to overcome that challenge. Some are meeting virtually using platforms like Zoom or Free Conference Call. Others are using telephone conference calls and texting to stay connected



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First Cabinet Meeting

We held a virtual cabinet meeting on July 18th and it was “difficult”. We did approve the budget, approved a bank to handle our deposits and withdrawals and did agree on a resolution to allow all Lions in good standing from any District 2-A2 club to make motions and vote on any items that come before our cabinet meetings throughout the year.

We will reconvene the cabinet on Saturday morning August 8th using the Zoom virtual platform to hear reports from our boards, foundations and youth contests to help us all get our bearings on the work ahead. You can register to attend on our district website: www.district2a2.org

District Report Card

This year as part of the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) each of the Multiple District – districts will publish a report card every month to keep track of our progress toward meeting our NAMI and district goals.

Here is what we have so far:

Goal 1 - Extension - New Lions Clubs		
Membership - Growing Lionism through New Club Extension		
	GOAL	YTD
Regular Lions Clubs	2	0
Campus Lions Clubs		
Leos Club		

- Our report shows that during July we added 5 new members and dropped 14 for a net loss of 9 members.

Board Chairpersons

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SA Region 20 Lions Club

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Chair: Joseph Guerra

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SA Edgewood Lions Club

Lions Sight Research

Foundation

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SA Founder Lions Club

Goal 2 - Membership Goal

Members at the end of June 2021

	GOAL	YTD
New Members	140	5
Charter Lions	50	0
Drops	140	14
Net Members	50	-9
Membership Growth Events	4	0
New Member Orientations Conducted	64	0
New Member Recognitions	64	0
District Membership	1,651	1,621

Goal 3 - Service Projects

Engage Lions, Collaborate with other Organizations and Increase Member Satisfaction - serve 50,000

	GOAL	YTD
Collaborative/Joint Service Projects - 2/Club	128	0
Youth Served - under 18	25,000	0
Others Served	25,000	580
Clubs Reporting Monthly Service Activities	64	1
Member Satisfaction Surveys Completed - Sep May		

- We had one club report service activities for July, serving 580 individuals

Goal 4 - Leadership Training

Leadership Training Events Virtually and at Cabinet Meetings

	GOAL	YTD
Officer Training - Virtual # participants	3	0
Virtual Leadership Symposium - #participants	2	0
Lions Attend a Lions Leadership Institute	15	0
Recognize Outstanding Club Officers	TBD	0

Goal 5 - LCIF Contributions

Clubs Contribute to LCIF 100 Campaign

	GOAL	YTD
Complete Campaign 100 Contribution Goal	\$143,760	\$0
All Clubs Contribute	64	0
Melvin Jones Fellowships Awarded	\$15	\$0

Goal 6 - Respond to Human Needs COVID-19

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	GOAL	YTD
HNB 100% Contributions - Increase Club Participation	15	0
HNB Fundraising	\$15,000	\$0.00
HNB awards matching grants to clubs	30	0
Recognize Outstanding Club Officers?	TBD	0

I think that we're doing better than our numbers indicate. You can help us show an accurate picture by finding ways to serve in your communities and then carefully reporting service on MYLCI.

Lions Global Causes

Even with social distancing we can identify and recruit new members and we can join with other clubs and organizations to serve. These causes haven't gone away:

Vision

Diabetes awareness

Hunger

Environment

Disaster Relief

Childhood Cancer

Report Your Club Service – Newsletter and MYLCI

When you serve let us know. We want to celebrate your stories in our monthly newsletters and on our district website.

When Can I visit?

Finally, I'm looking forward to visiting your club meetings, whether virtual or in person and visiting your serve and fundraising projects. One of the real privileges of being a governor, vice district governor or zone chairperson is sharing in your club experiences. Please let me know when you have an open date and I'll do my best to join you.

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

Stay hydrated,

Lion David

Governor Dave Splitek

PS My bike was steering me the wrong way so I called a cycologist.

Membership

Here is our District 2-A2 Health Assessment from Lions International through the last week in July 2020. Our net member loss this month is 9 members. COVID-19 is still here. Our challenge is overcome it and grow our membership. We need more helping hands to serve our communities. Here's the update:

Active Clubs	64
Current Total Members	1,651
Member Count 12 Months Ago	1,695
YTD Adds	5
YTD Drops	-14
YTD Net Growth	-9



Dear Fellow Lions,

I want to share with you from the Lions Sight Research Foundation brochure: "Since our founding, the primary mission of the Lions has always been to help the blind and visually impaired. In 1925 the Lions accepted the challenge issued by Helen Keller to become **"KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND."** The Lions in your District 2A-2 collect thousands of used eyeglasses yearly to be recycled for the needy. We provide **Leader Dogs** to the blind. We support the **San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind** and have a Lions Club there. We are prepared to help where eye exams, glasses or surgery are needed.

Your Lions Club can help in the challenge laid down by Helen Keller by scheduling MESU and KidSight events. March 2021 is **Save Our Sight** month and all Lions, and their friends can be a part of that by participating in our **Stride for Sight** efforts. Stride for Sight is a great way for you to introduce people to what we do as Lions. Purchasing recognition items to honor members of our clubs and others is a great way to answer Helen Keller's challenge to us. Invite LSRF Program Speakers to address your club. PDG Sam Pantusa, President and COO of LSRF, is always great to listen to. Last year LSRF had to cancel our Casino Night fundraiser because of the COVID19 pandemic but supported the March LSRF fundraiser during the Save Our Sight month. During the month of March plan other fundraisers by your club to support LSRF. It is not too early to start planning Save Our Sight activities. March will be here before you know it.

Let me close with the LSRF Mission Statement:

The Mission of District 2A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation is to enhance the worldwide sight conservation efforts of Lions Clubs International by supporting research to find cures for disease of the eye and to provide vision related service programs.

LSRF Vision Statement:

The Vision of the District 2A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation is to be a high profile, respected sponsor of research that will yield solutions for major vision issues while continuing to provide quality vision services to the underserved.

I hope to see you soon.

Lion Doug

1VDG Doug Thomas

Reconvene District First Cabinet Meeting

The 2020-2021 Lions District 2-A2 First Cabinet Meeting will reconvene virtually Saturday, August 8th. Due to concerns for the health and safety of our Lions and in keeping with the State of Texas and the City of Kerrville health directives we chose to hold a virtual meeting instead of meeting physically. On July 18th we completed the critical tasks to run the district during the meeting but didn't get to any of the presentations on district programs and activities. We will complete all those presentations at this virtual meeting.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

First Cabinet Meeting (reconvene)	August 8th	Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Second Cabinet Meeting	October 3rd	Pleasanton, TX
Mid-Winter Conference	Jan 15-16th	Uvalde TX
District Convention	Apr 9-10th	San Antonio, TX
State Convention	May 20-22nd	Waco, TX
International Convention	June 25-29th	Montreal, Canada

Club and Other Events:

None scheduled

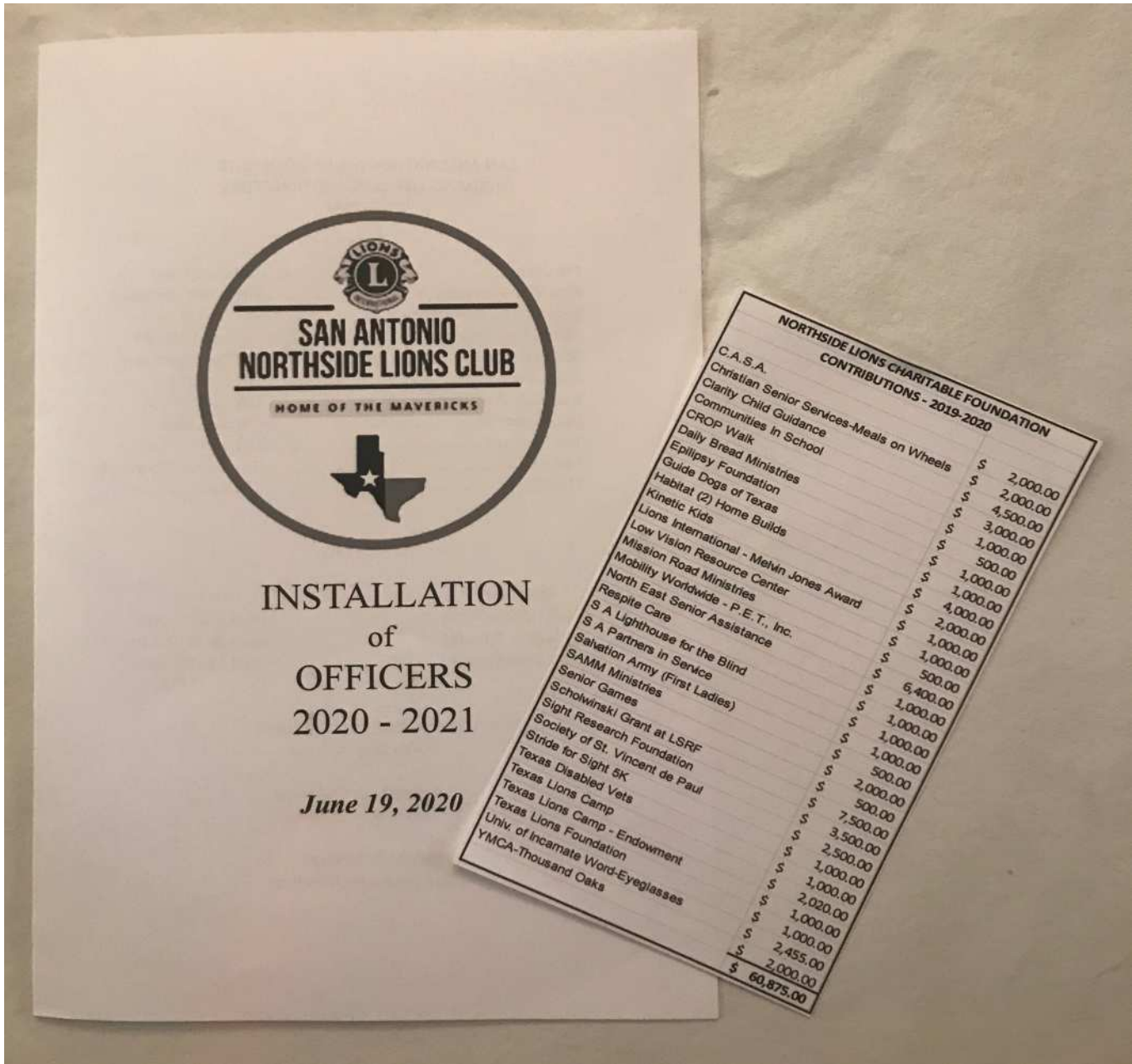
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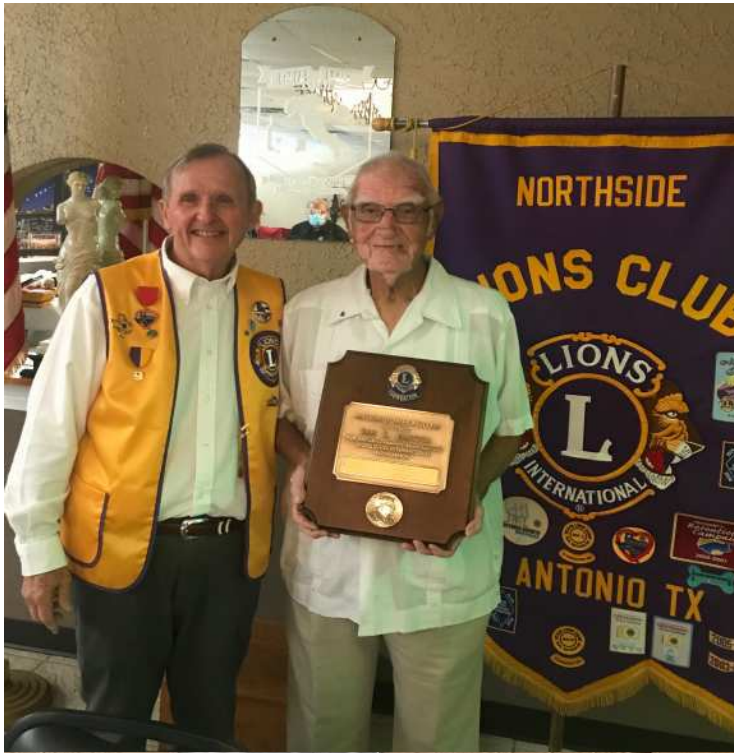
We want our District newsletter to feature more of the wonderful work being done by each of the Lions Clubs in District 2-A2. Please send in articles about your service projects, fundraisers, installations and member recognitions for inclusion in the monthly newsletter to newsletter@district2a2.org. Articles must be submitted by the 25th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

Also, if you would like your Club's event listed in the above Calendar of Upcoming Events please submit them per the above procedures.

San Antonio Northside Lions Club

On Friday, June 19th, the San Antonio Northside Lions Club, while maintaining COVID-19 safety precautions, joyously celebrated the installation of 2020-2021 club officers, awarded special recognition to members and their spouses and welcome newest club member, Mary Thomas.





San Antonio Founder Lions Club

On Wednesday July 22nd, the San Antonio Founders Lions Club put together 101 clothing kits (each clothing kit had a pair of shorts, a t shirts, a pair of socks and an underwear) for CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry) for both men and women. All clothing was purchased by the Club as a donation to CAM.

The following Lions volunteered to assemble the kits and deliver the kits to CAM: Lion President David Silva, Lion Stella Silva, Lion PDG Rod Chisholm, Lion Mary Jane Chisholm, Lion Irene Guzman, Lion Patricia "Pat" Guerra and Lion Faith Porras.



From left to right: Lions Pat Guerra, Irene Guzman, Mary Jane Chisholm and Stella Silva



From left to right: Lions President David Silva, Irene Guzman and Faith Porras



Reconvene First District 2A-2 Cabinet Meeting



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Please plan to attend the continuation of our first cabinet meeting:

Date - Saturday August 8, 2020

Time - 9am - 10:30am CDT

Place - Zoom Virtual Meeting Room

FREE online registration is required because we have a meeting participant limit of 100. We will also have a live YouTube feed on the District website if you just want to watch the meeting as well as a post meeting recording.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAvce-qqTwvHNwQlvpGRV33xXWjMyMKMbwx>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We will send out more information in the next few days about how to join a Zoom meeting and practice sessions to make sure everyone is ready.

Thanks for your patience. I look forward to seeing you on August 8th.

Lion Dave Splitek
Governor, District 2-A2