



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Collaborative and Compassionate Service Builds Communities

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Greetings Fellow Lions!

When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.

Helen Keller

September is here and even though the autumnal equinox is coming soon it feels a bit more like spring than fall. We're starting to see communities take tentative steps to emerge from the pandemic. Let's stay vigilant and keep working toward the day when we can renew friendships face to face and enjoy the fellowship that we look forward celebrating together.

Our local paper ran a story recently about the lessons learned by teachers this past spring as they abruptly moved from teaching students in their classrooms to teaching them online. When they began the new school year they reflected on what worked and what they could improve.

It struck me that as Lions Clubs we find ourselves in similar circumstances and the teacher's lessons may apply to our own activities.



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SA Alamo Heights Lions Club

Here they are –

- Teamwork is key, we're in this together and when we support each other things work;
- Do regular “check-ins” with members using virtual meetings, emails or telephone calls;
- Provide lots of support for members including social, emotional support;
- Do the same for those we serve, social and emotional support as well as helping them build life skills
- Communication via videos can be very effective – use whenever possible

First Cabinet Meeting – Reboot

Our second try at a virtual cabinet meeting went very smoothly. The Zoom platform operated very well, and all our speakers did a great job during the meeting. If you were not able to attend we did record the meeting and you can view and listen to it at the IT corner of our district website:

www.district2a2.org

In Person Club Meetings

Several of our clubs are meeting face to face again and following state health guidelines. I was honored to meet with the LaVernia, Pleasanton and Floresville Lions over the past two weeks. Masks and social distancing were in order. The most important part of the meetings, fellowship, was certainly present and we all enjoyed it. I look forward to meeting with more of our clubs in the weeks and months ahead.

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SA Founder Lions Club

Drive by Eyeglass Drop off

We held our first used eyeglasses drop off on Saturday August 21 at the LSRF parking lot in San Antonio. Many clubs continue to collect used glasses but have not had a chance to turn them in since we conducted our first cabinet meeting and first Council of Governor's meetings virtually. San Antonio area clubs as well as few from outside the city, notably Floresville and Kerrville, dropped off glasses. We filled have of our trailer in three hours. Special thanks to 2VDG Steve Mays, 1VDG Doug Thomas, and PDG Chris Lloyd for loading glasses as they came in. And many thanks to all the Lions who drove over and dropped off glasses they had collected over the past several months.

We have another drop off scheduled for Saturday September 12th in Uvalde and look forward to filling the rest of the trailer.

District Report Card

Here is our North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) report card on district goals for August 2020.

Goal 1 - Extension - New Lions Clubs

Membership - Growing Lionism through New Club Extension

	GOAL	JUL	AUG
Regular Lions Clubs	2	0	0
Campus Lions Clubs			
Leos Club			

Goal 2 - Membership Goal

Members at the end of June 2021

	GOAL	JUL	AUG
New Members	140	5	1
Charter Lions	50	0	0
Drops	140	14	2
Net Members	50	-9	-1

	GOAL	JUL	AUG
Membership Growth Events	4	0	0
New Member Orientations Conducted	64	0	0
New Member Recognitions	64	0	0
District Membership	1,651	1,621	1,603

Goal 3 - Service Projects

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

	GOAL	JUL	AUG
Collaborative/Joint Service Projects - 2/Club	128	0	0
Youth Served - under 18	25,000	0	0
Others Served	25,000	580	3,600
Clubs Reporting Monthly Service Activities	64	1	4
Member Satisfaction Surveys Completed			

Goal 4 - Leadership Training

Leadership Training Events Virtually and at Cabinet Meetings

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

Goal 5 - LCIF Contributions

Clubs Contribute to LCIF 100 Campaign

	GOAL	JUL	AUG
Complete Campaign 100 Contribution Goal	\$143,760	\$0	\$0
All Clubs Contribute	64	150	0
Melvin Jones Fellowships Awarded	15	0	0

Goal 6 - Respond to Human Needs COVID-19

Respond to Human Needs COVID-19

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

- In August we added 2 new members and dropped 1 for a net gain of 1 member.
- Four clubs report service activities for August, serving 3600 individuals. Thanks to Bandera, Leakey, San Antonio Founder and San Antonio Hill Country Retreat for reporting their service on MyLion.

We are still 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 MyLion.

Reminders:

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 MyLion

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?

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 now 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, enjoy your service and persevere. As one of my wise mentors told me – "This too shall pass".

Stay hydrated,

Lion David

Governor Dave Splitek

PS In Greek mythology Chiron was not only half man and half horse, he was also a doctor of medicine. That made him the Centaur for disease control.



Hello Fellow Lions and Friends,

First, I would like to thank all the Lions who braved the rain and came out to drop off eyeglasses at our collection event at the Lions Sight Research Foundation. District Governor Lion Dave is planning more drop-off events throughout our district in the near future. More info to follow.

Did you know...

The Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) in Midland is distributing over 2 MILLION pairs of recycled eyeglasses each year and is requesting more.

The mission of TLERC is:

- To provide used eyeglasses to Lions and other group missions providing vision screening and assistance in the US and developing countries.
- To provide training to place recycled glasses on people in need, finishing lab technician training, pedia-vision training, basic refractive technician training and basic optician training.
- To provide the services of its finishing lab to manufacture glasses for the children of Texas and New Mexico through the various Lions Clubs.
- To coordinate missions to rural areas of Texas to provide glasses for the Texas school children.

Whenever you have eyeglasses to donate and cannot make one of our collection events, please feel free to call or text me at (210) 380-6572 to arrange a pick-up or drop-off.

To say that many of us are still experiencing difficulties during the Covid-19 pandemic is an understatement. There is however an underutilized asset in our District 2-A2 tool bag that you may want to consider – our District 2-A2 Human Needs Board.

Did you know...

The Human Needs Board (HNB) is there to provide financial assistance to a District 2-A2 Lions club or group of clubs to meet a human need of an individual or family in a dire financial situation. Our HNB has recently developed a new set of policies and procedures to make it quicker and easier to deliver financial to those that need it most. If you or your club has questions or know of an individual or family that is in need, please contact HNB Chairman Lion Joe Guerra (joemg3@yahoo.com) or any of the HNB members listed in the District 2-A2 Directory.

Also, our Human Needs Board still needs two additional members. If you are interested in serving as a board member, please contact DG Lion Dave or Lion Joe Guerra.

We have all added many new words and phrases to our vocabulary since the beginning of the year; words like coronavirus, pandemic, community spread, social distancing, PPE, flattening the curve, virtual gatherings and Zoom to name a few.

Did you know...

The Zoom video conferencing app has been around since 2011 and has gone from 10 million daily participants in December 2019 to over 300 million daily participants as of last month. Because of the meteoric rise in Zoom stock, the company is now worth more than Caterpillar, Dow Chemical, T-Mobile or General Electric.

Our district along with many other Lions clubs have adopted Zoom as the go-to app for virtual meetings. If your club is still looking for an easy and inexpensive way to meet virtually, you may want to consider Zoom. Our District Information Technology Chairman Lion Floyd Daigle is more than happy to assist you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact him at lionfloyd@district2a2.org for more information.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi

If I can be of service to you or your club, please let me know.

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2VG Steve Mays

Celebrating Club Anniversaries

We have quite a heritage in District 2-A2, countless hours of service, fellowship and community support. It's important to acknowledge the many years of contributions our clubs have made to our communities. Here are the **Happy Anniversaries** we've had over the past three months.

Congratulations to our clubs on their anniversaries, young and old. Keep up the great work. Your communities are counting on you and our district appreciates the way you continue to stay the course!

July

Club	Charter Date	Years
Fredericksburg	07/08/1929	91
Tilden	07/13/1946	74
San Antonio West Side	07/17/1951	69
Helotes	07/28/1950	70

August

Club	Charter Date	Years
San Antonio Area Family	08/06/2009	11
Bexar County China Grove	08/11/1982	32
Somerset	08/12/1940	80
San Antonio First Ladies	08/12/2009	11

September

Club	Charter Date	Years
Kerrville Host	09/24/1946	74
Castroville	09/27/2013	7

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

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:

2020 USA/Canada Forum – VIRTUAL	Sept 25th – 27th	Virtual
20th Annual La Vernia Lions Club Golf Tournament @ River Bend Golf Club	Oct 11th	Floresville, TX

Tell Us What You Are Doing

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.

Lions & Leos & Bears...BRRRRR!



In February Texas Lions launched the biggest project at TLC since the inception of the camp – **CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond**, a campaign to replace our bunkhouses, care-taker (summer staff) quarters, and basic infrastructure. This is sorely needed if our camp is going to be relative for another 70 years..... AND to kick things off, the Texas Lions Camp was selected by the **Mo Ranch** in Hunt, TX to be the beneficiary of the 28th **Polar Bear Challenge** on January 1, 2021 at 1PM. We hope you will use this honor given to our camp to help kick off **CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond** with a **BIG Splash!** All the money raised will go to this **capital building campaign**.

We likely won't get chosen for this honor again for many years, but it gives us a perfect opportunity to get all our Texas Lions & friends thinking about our new "vision" for TLC's future....but to make matters more critical, the spring storms of 2020, destroyed bunkhouse 2, and severely damaged bunkhouse 1, plus summer staff quarters & some other buildings. It has become imperative to start our rebuilding sooner than later, if we want to continue to serve 1500 special kids each summer. Because of the pandemic, however, our Campaign has been virtually shut down so far, making the **Polar Bear Challenge** a timely opportunity to kick off the campaign.

So how does the Polar Bear Plunge Challenge work? Simple: you donate and/or raise money from family, friends, Lions, Lions Clubs and patrons in the name of someone, whom you would really **LOVE** to see – hopefully **ME** (PCC Tom Blase) take a freezing plunge down a long slide into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River next January 1st. Generally, you might pick one of the Polar Bear Plunge "Court", of which I am a member, to support; but maybe there is a District Governor, Club President or some other poor Lion you might coerce into taking the plunge. If you will go to www.lionscamp.com, click on Media, and then Blog, you will find all of the members of the court on page 2 or 3 of the blogs. You will also find other important information about the Challenge on other blogs nearby.

All checks should be made out to Texas Lions Camp. Generally the checks should be mailed to the **Texas Lions Camp (P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville TX 79029)**, however some District Governors have some special competitions and challenges going, so they prefer you send them through the District. Make sure your checks indicate which Court member you are supporting to make the **BIG splash**, and your District number. You can also donate on line at www.lionscamp.com. Click on the big red box **DONATE NOW**, and follow the prompts down the page. When you get to "Donation Categories", select Polar Bear Plunge Challenge, and a little further down, when it asks if you are a Polar Bear Challenge donor, open it for the names of the Court members to credit the donation.

Anyone is welcome to come and watch on January 1st or better yet, anyone can take the plunge by raising their own funds (or paying \$25). Those brave souls, who wish to do this, can register to make the slide on the camp website. This form should be available soon on our website. On January 1 after the slide, we're planning on an "After Party" at the camp. If you have questions call, text or email anytime: **Tom Blase 325-315-7060 (tomblasesr@gmail.com)**

Help us start our CAMPaignwith a BIG Splash!

San Antonio Founder Lions Club

Our very own **Barbara Goldman**, TEAMability's Executive Director and Founder, is pictured below (in center of picture) accepting her Women's Leadership Award. She was chosen as one of 15 of San Antonio's impactful businesswomen for 2020, honoring her for her outstanding leadership and vision. Congratulations Barbara, we are honored to be a part of your TEAM! [#TEAMability](#) [#passionwithavision](#)



Founder Lions Club Members Prepare and Deliver Sack Lunches for Christian Assistance Ministries (CAM) :



Lions Faith Porras, Stella Silva and David Silva provided 150 sandwiches, chips, cookies and water to Christian Assistance Ministries to provide sack lunch for the community in need.



20th Annual La Vernia Lions Club Golf Tournament



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Date: Sunday, October 11, 2020
Place: River Bend Golf Club (Floresville)
Time: 1:00PM Registration, 1:30PM Shotgun Start
Fee: \$60.00 per player
Format: Four-person Scramble (w/ handicap system)
(pick your own team or we can pair you)

Team Prizes

1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - Free Round of Golf

Individual Hole Prizes

Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin

Optional \$30 Players Pool

There will be a free meal following the golf tournament for all participants

Sponsorship Levels

Gold: \$750 (2 – 4 person teams and 2-hole sponsors)

Silver: \$500 (1 – 4 person team and 2-hole sponsors)

Bronze: \$300 (1 – 4 person team and 1-hole sponsor)

Shared Hole Sponsor: 1-hole \$50, 2-holes \$100

For More Info:

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or go to:

www.LaVerniaLions.org



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For More Info

The Children's Services Program Needs Your Help



The Children's Services Program is asking for your help. We are set to begin vision and hearing screening in the schools in the San Antonio area on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the next couple of weeks.

We need help sanitizing the screening area and placing headphones on the children for hearing screening. You do not need to be SPOT, vision or hearing screening certified.

All children will be wearing face masks. All Lions will be provided a mask (unless you prefer to bring your own), gloves and face shields. We will also provide hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

If you are willing to help, please email Lion Ken Book at kbook0@hotmail.com or text him at 210-744-2080 by August 24th.

**Thanks,
Lion Ken Book**

A New Adventure in Learning Join Us!



You can experience the Forum this year in a new way! Join us for the USA/Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience. Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

If you have never attended a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, our Virtual Leadership Experience will give an opportunity to understand what we do for your leadership growth in a scaled down version. Our mission is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. We have created a virtual experience filled with seminars that enhance your leadership skills and knowledge. **The Virtual Leadership Experience is for every Lion.**

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like a Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more.

General Sessions Keynotes



Katherine Greenland
Katherine is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President LCI
Dr. Choi will speak on the services and programs of LCI and give us insight on being United with Kindness and Diversity.



Striker Corbin
As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

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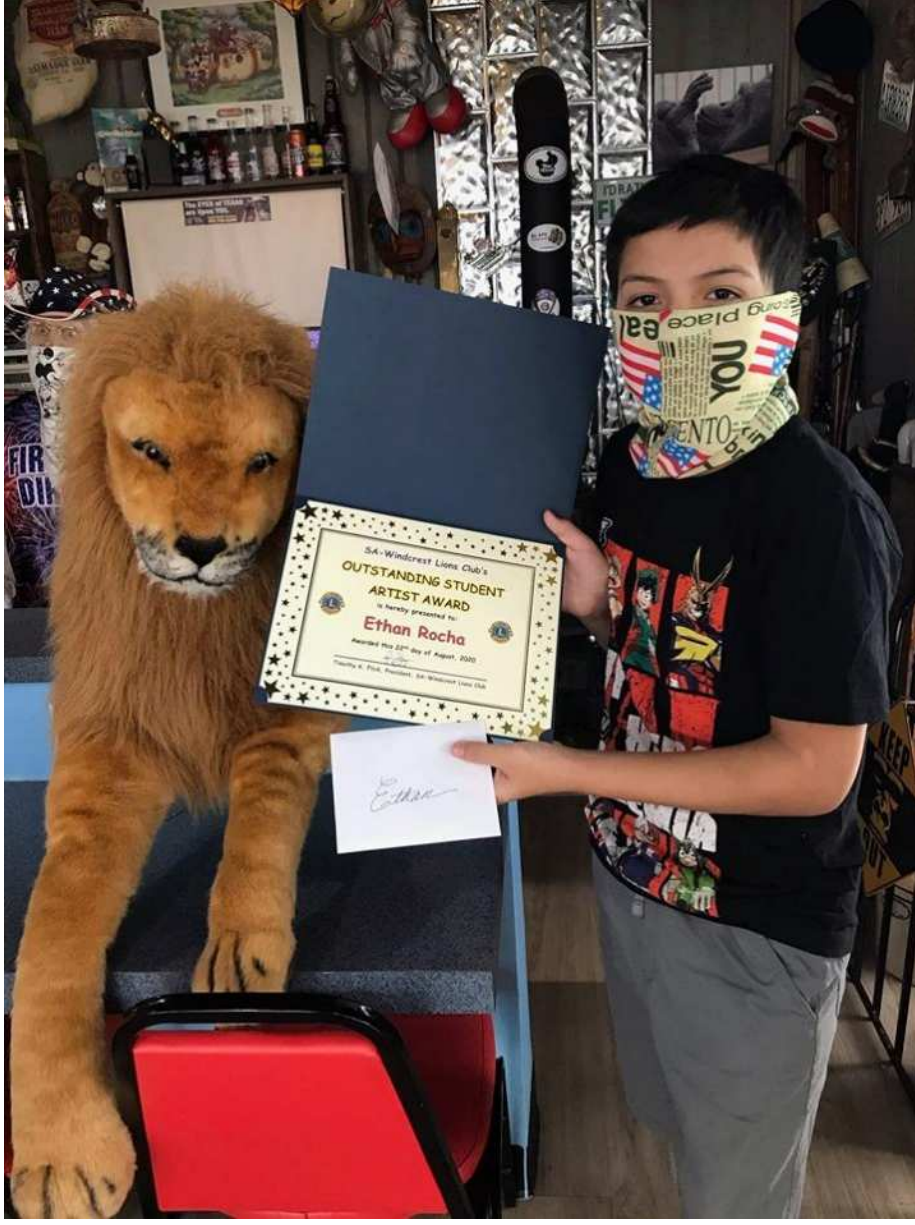
The SA Windcrest Lions Club had its first annual Summertime Art Contest. The contestants participated online but we celebrated the winners and their families in person. Arctic Ape opened just for us so we could maintain social distancing and award our winners in person. The event brought many new followers to our Facebook page. We were able to increase our local profile, contact potential future LEOs, and have a fun, safe event for our community during the pandemic! Here are some photos of our teen winners and our President Lion Tim Flick.



Ethan and Prez



Sabrina



Nayeli

Ethan