



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Collaborative and Compassionate Service Builds Communities

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Greetings Fellow Lions!

It is for us to pray not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks, to go forward with a great desire forever beating at the door of our hearts as we travel toward our distant goal. - Helen Keller

We passed the autumnal equinox and the days are getting shorter. It's hard to believe that there are only 85 shopping days until Christmas. Even when things are little off balance time is flying by.

We're already into the second quarter of our Lions year with plenty of challenges to keep all of us busy. If you're still a little off balance let me suggest a few things to get you back into the Lions rhythm:

1. **Meeting** – If you can meet in person and keep everyone safe, congratulations! If that option isn't yet feasible then meet virtually but do meet. It's good for your members, it will help you stay connected, and it will help you retain your identity as Lions.



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2. Service – That's our motto, that's our DNA, that's what we do. Keep looking for ways to serve your community. Our communities need us, and our members need to feel needed, so keep serving. Invite prospective members to join you, let them get that warm feeling of helping others. It's a great way, perhaps the best way to recruit new members.

3. Fundraising – The needs in our communities, the needs in Texas, the needs in our country, and the needs internationally haven't gone away. They've gotten bigger. Look for new ways to raise the funds needed for all these needs. Think outside the box find alternatives. I'm impressed by the creative thinking of many of our clubs to continue fundraising. If you're looking for ideas call a neighboring club, call you Zone chair, call our Global Service Team Leader (PDG Chris Lloyd).

4. Membership – It always starts and ends with membership. We've seen a dip since the beginning of the Lions year. We added 10 new members but lost 25, a net loss of 25 members across the district. The good news is that we have five clubs with net gains for the year:

- a. **Kerrville Sunrise +3**
- b. **Eagle Pass Border +1**
- c. **SA Guide Dogs of Texas +1**
- d. **SA UIW +1**
- e. **SA Windcrest +1**

Congratulations to each of these clubs to our other clubs that have added members since July. We need the help of every club to recruit at least one new member and retain our current members during this second quarter.

Board Chairpersons

Children's Services Board

Chair: Ken Book

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SA Region 20 Lions Club

Human Needs Board

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SA Edgewood Lions Club

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SA Founder Lions Club

Reminders:

Lions Global Causes

Let's continue to identify and recruit new members and join with other clubs and organizations to serve. Our global causes need our helping hands:

- 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 meeting with your club as soon as you're ready. 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.

Stay hydrated,

Lion David

Governor Dave Splitek

PS I'm reading a book called Quick Money for Dummies by Robin Banks.



Hello Fellow Lions and Friends,

Can you believe it ... October is upon us and our Second Cabinet Meeting is this weekend in Pleasanton, Texas also known as the “Birthplace of the Cowboy”!

Mottos and slogans, like “Birthplace of the Cowboy”, are important symbols for organizations. Merriam-Webster defines a motto as “*a short sentence or phrase that expresses a rule guiding the behavior of a particular person or group*”. A good motto can help define an organization’s value and purpose and inspire pride in its members. It’s the promise an organization stands behind. “Quality is Job One”, “Just Do It”, “Be Prepared”, “Eat Fresh” and “In God We Trust” are all great mottos. I do think, however, that the best motto of all is ours - “We Serve”.

In 1954, the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors announced an International Motto Contest and invited suggestions from all 522,000 worldwide members. The motto had to be enduring, international in character, easily translatable and no more than five words. When it was over, 11 of the 6,000 Lion contestants had submitted identical entries. Canadian Lion D. A. Stevenson from Fonthill, Ontario, was declared the winner since his submission had the earliest postmark. His motto contained two simple words: “We Serve.”
Yes, Lions serve and have been since 1917.

How do you serve your community? How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way your club serves? We want to hear from you. Send your stories, photos and events to newsletter@district2a2.org. Let us celebrate your stories in our monthly newsletters and on our district website.

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 continue to recognize the heritage of our Lions Clubs 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** for the month of October.

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!

October:

Club	Charter Date	Years
Comfort (1219)	10/06/1949	71
San Antonio Founder (1256)	10/9/1915	105
San Antonio Highland Hills (1266)	10/16/1956	64
Our Lady Of The Lake University (97837)	10/16/2006	14
Floresville (1232)	10/19/1944	76
Eagle Pass Evening (1230)	10/21/1969	51
San Antonio Hill Country Retreat (103855)	10/23/2008	12
San Antonio Alamo Heights (1258)	10/25/1940	80
Three Rivers (1275)	10/25/1940	80
Pearsall (32878)	10/29/1976	44

2nd Cabinet Meeting Registration Pleasanton Lions Club Pavilion



Our second cabinet meeting for 2020-2021 will take place as follows:

- Date: Saturday October 3, 2020
- Time: 8:00am - breakfast provided by the Pleasanton Lions Club
8:30am - 10:30am Cabinet Meeting
- Location: Pleasanton Lions Club Pavilion
114 Wyoming Blvd.
Pleasanton, TX 78064

Due to local government mandates regarding social distancing, the capacity of the 'In Person' meeting will be limited to no more than 40 lions. Facemasks are encouraged for all 'In Person' attendees.

You MUST register for the cabinet meeting if you wish to attend 'In Person' by clicking the registration button below. There are still a few seats available.

We had hoped to "live stream" the meeting but due to internet connection issues, it will not be possible.

The meeting will be available to view by Saturday evening on front page of the District 2-A2 website: <https://district2a2.org/>

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:

District 2-A2 Zone 9 Lions Clubs Mobile Eye Screening Unit	Oct 10th	Witte Museum San Antonio TX
Edgewood Lions Club Fall Bar-B-Q Plate Sale	Nov. 7th	607 SW 34th St San Antonio, 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.

Windcrest Lions Club

As everyone knows, a devastating hurricane hit south Louisiana recently. Over the Labor Day weekend Windcrest Lion President Tim visited the Lake Charles area to bring a huge pickup truck load of supplies donated by our Lions Club members and local residents. His truck was loaded down with water, food, diapers, wipes, clothes and just about anything else you can imagine. Thank you to everyone who dropped off donations and helped with this relief effort.



Lion Elizabeth Marlin delivers diapers, baby wipes and waters



Lions Bob Patton, Jack Leonhardt and Tim Flick load supplies for the trip to Louisiana to assist hurricane victims



David and Jacob Friesen helped Lion Tim Flick deliver food in the Lake Charles area



Lion Club President Tim Flick delivers food and water to needy children

West Side Lions Club

West Side Lions have been out collecting eyeglasses even during the pandemic. Lion 2VG Steve Mays came in from out of town with the trailer to gather glasses from all the clubs. San Antonio West Side Lions turned in 1496 pairs of eyeglasses! Lions present were Jodie Antonio, Steven Medina, Jeanette Medina and Rose Mary Paletta.



San Antonio Founder Lions Club

The Founder Lions Club has bicycles to give away that are individually custom fitted to those with special needs who ordinarily would not be able to ride a bicycle. Two bicycles were recently fitted and presented to deserving individuals. Participating Lions included: Linda Zhang, Faith Porras, Roger Rigal, Past President Eric Flores, Stella Silva, President David Silva, Barbara Goldman, Patrick Porras, Christopher Porras, Irene Guzman & Rick Newburg.





District 2-A2 Zone 9 Lions Clubs



MESU



Offering Free Family Eye Screening



Look for the Mobile Eye Screening Unit

at the

Witte Museum

3801 Broadway

San Antonio, Texas

LSRF
Used Eyeglass Collection
Diabetes Awareness

Saturday, October 10, 2020

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Membership
Texas Lions Camp
Fiesta Medal Sales

We are ordinary people achieving extraordinary results!

Lions Zones 9 Chair Norm Fulkerson is organizing an event to help all clubs in the zone, and out, to have an opportunity to get out and do some service work in the community. You can come, sign in, help with the MESU, say hello, bring your club banner and a table, and leave when you are ready to go. Lions in the other zones are welcome to be a part of the event. Alamo Heights is bringing adult and children masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and a display of what we do.

It will be outdoors so come and enjoy the moment!

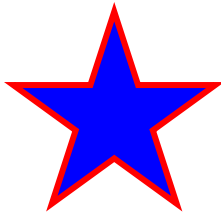
The Edgewood Lions Club Invites you to our
Annual Fall Bar-B-Q Plate Sale.

Come and enjoy the best Bar-B-Q Plate in
Town which includes: Brisket and Sausage,
Potato Salad, Rice, Beans and all the
Trimmings with Drinks included

Come and pick up a great Meal and show
your support for our Club.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

**11:00 am to
2:00 pm**



**DRIVE THRU
ONLY**

Plates may be picked up without contact at the
Edgewood Fine Arts Academy Parking Lot
607 S.W. 34th. Street

\$10.00 per plate

Tickets are only available in advance with
the purchase online

<https://tickets.district2a2.org/>

**“Serving God’s Special Children”
Lions Camp Face Masks
Special for 2020-2021**

All profits will go to the Texas Lions Camp

_____ Quantity ----- (\$10 + \$1.00 Mailing = \$11 each) Total Purchase: \$ _____

Make Checks out to Tom Blase, NOT to Texas Lions Camp

Purchaser Name (Please Print): _____

Mailing Address Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Mail Order form to: PCC Tom Blase, 40 Antelope Trail, Kerrville, Tx 78028

There are literally millions of specialty masks being made, therefore, due to a shortage of material manufacturers have not been able to provide masks to the suppliers on a regular basis. As a result my mask printer has to get masks as they become available. **I have been able to supply most requests within 2-3 weeks, however, please understand you order may take 4-5 weeks or longer to fill.** My phone is 325-315-7060 (email is tomblasesr@gmail.com) if you need to contact me.



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