



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Collaborative and Compassionate Service Builds Communities

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Greetings Fellow Lions!

Our new Lions' year is underway and I thought of emphasizing our North American Membership Initiative, growing our membership, enthusiastically embracing service to our communities and supporting our flagship district initiatives, the Lions Sight Research Foundation, our Human Needs Board and our Children's Services Board, and I will because they are all important.



First though we need to take care of ourselves, that is, our members. As I write this, COVID-19 cases have spiked again in Texas and we may be headed for another lock down. Most of our clubs have had to cut back or cancel service and fundraising projects and are meeting virtually or not at all.

We join our Lions Club because we see a need for and truly enjoy serving our communities, and we enjoy being around others who share that same motivation. Our great days of service will come again, probably not in the same form, but they will come. In the meantime, please remember that we need to take care of ourselves, our families and friends, and our fellow club members.

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Even when we're not meeting face to face, we can check up on our fellow members, see how they are doing, and we can encourage each other to stay strong and continue to look forward to better days to come. It's trite but it's true – we're all in this together and expressing that care and concern is important to each of us.

Not surprisingly we're still serving, finding ways to make a difference in our communities, to our neighbors, and to our extended families. Let's stay focused on supporting each other so that we can in turn support and serve our communities.

I'm reminded of our Lions logo, looking to our past to remind us that we have faced serious challenges, learned from them, and turned them into triumphs for the future. When the polio epidemic struck our Nation, Texas Lions responded by creating the Texas Lions Camp and it continues to benefit the children of our state far beyond our original expectation. We have a moment now to look to our future. Let's think about the future-facing Lion. What we can do in response to this pandemic that will strengthen our communities, serve them well, and keep them hopeful for a better future. Our attitude is important, LIONS: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service.

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 I went to an archeology party recently where they were only looking for the remains of a lower leg. It was quite the shindig.

Board Chairpersons

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SA Founder Lions Club

Membership

Here is our District 2-A2 Health Assessment from Lions International through the last week in June 2020. Our net member loss this month is 36 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 -	63
●Current total members -	1,658
●Member Count 12 Months ago -	1,695
●YTD Adds -	165
●YTD Drops -	202
●YTD Net Growth	-37



Dear Fellow Lions,

We live in a scary world at a scary time. Things have become very difficult and I thank District Governor Janie Garza for her leadership during this difficult time. The Lion year 2019-2020 has not been easy but District Governor Janie has worked hard to keep the ship on course. The Inn of the Hills in Kerrville closed down the end of March so we could not hold our District Convention there. Then we had to cancel the convention. The youth contests had to be rescheduled. Voting that was to be done at the convention had to be held elsewhere and what were the constitutional requirements? DG Janie worked on the solution. I do congratulate those who were elected to the offices and boards of the district. The Lion State Convention was moved from May to June. The Lions Clubs International Convention which was to be held in Singapore had to be canceled which raised questions about electing International Officers. The International Board of Directors decided that International Officers would hold their positions. This means that PCC T, J, Tijerina's election as International Director will be put on hold. Also, DG David Splitek could not get to be sworn in in Singapore as planned.

This difficult time will carry over into the new Lion year and we do not know how much longer it will last. Our job will be to keep moving forward. As Lion Lajuana Newnam-Leus told her Zone Chairs “Our challenges in each club will be to maintain, regroup, and sometimes redesign the way we ‘do’ Lionism as they say, while adjusting to the new normal it seems that will be upon us as a society.” I could not have said it better. We will get through this together as we keep our focus on our motto “**We Serve**” and do what needs to be done in our communities.

It has also come to my attention that there were two Lions from the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind Lions Club that were not included in our list of those Lions who have passed away during the past year. Lion Jesus De La O, who was the club president this year, and Lion Daniel Lopez died. We express our sympathies to their families. We also express our sympathy to PDG Howie Marbach and his family on the death of his Partner in Service Elaine Marbach. **Rest eternal grant them, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

I am looking forward to a great Lion year and stand ready to help you in any way that I can.

1VDG Doug



Thank you for allowing me the distinct honor to serve as your 2nd Vice District Governor. I am looking forward to serving our district for the next three years and hopefully many more after that.

In case you don't know me, my wife Lion Mary Ann and I have been members of the La Vernia Lions Club for nearly 12 years and I will be serving as our club president for the 2020-2021 Lion year. Also, I have served as a Texas Lions Camp Director, a Lions Sight Research Foundation Director and as our District Treasurer.

I would like to thank Immediate Past District Governor Lion Janie for her outstanding job and leadership this past year as our District Governor despite the many curve balls thrown her the past couple of months. She was able to successfully organize and complete the district's first online election and hold all four Opportunities for Youth Contests with all of the necessary social distancing protocols. Congratulations to our contest winners!

Our District Governor Lion Dave has hit the ground running. He has put together a very detailed and challenging plan for the next year. It includes plans to rejuvenate our district with new clubs, ways to increase our club membership, tracking member satisfaction, promoting joint club service projects, holding virtual training and leadership forums, and promoting our district service initiatives.

...Our coming Lion year will be unlike any other...

With coronavirus cases spiking in Texas, additional shutdowns may be in our future. Because of mounting restrictions, many of our traditional service and fundraising projects may not even be possible. In many cases, this pandemic has created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care. We will need to find new ways to connect virtually and find innovative ways to make a difference locally.

A special message from our Lions Clubs International Board of Directors - "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."

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

Lion Steve

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District First Cabinet Meeting

The 2020-2021 Lions District 2-A2 First Cabinet Meeting will be held Saturday, July 18th at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. 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 are limiting attendance at our first cabinet meeting to the first 80 Lions that register. Please wear a face covering at this meeting and respect social distancing. We will not have displays or raffles

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

First Cabinet Meeting (installation of officers)	July 18th	Texas Lions Camp, Kerrville TX
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:

Texas Lions' Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament	July 30th	Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course, Fredericksburg TX
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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.

San Antonio Founder Lions Club

On Friday June 19, 2020 San Antonio Founder Lions presented two Lion Brady Buggy® Wagons to The Children's Hospital of San Antonio for use in their pediatric cancer department. Jessica Clayton, Child Life Coordinator, and several members of her Child Life Services team accepted the wagons on behalf of the hospital. Our club was delighted to make this contribution for the children.

The Brady Buggy® Wagons have a trailer hitch to tow the children's IV poles – allowing kids to be mobile – even during chemotherapy treatments. The children can sit in the Brady Buggy and bring their favorite stuffed animal or a snack along for the ride.



**Front row: Tracey Mickens (RN, Clinic Lead for Hematology/Oncology), Lion Stella Silva, Jessica Clayton (Child Life Coordinator for The Children's Hospital of San Antonio)
Second Row: Lion David Silva, Lion Faith Porras, Lion Eric Flores, John Hickman (Administrative Director of Nursing for Hematology/Oncology), Lion Earl McPeek, Lion David Splitek**

2020-2021 Lions District 2-A2 First Cabinet Meeting



**District 2-A2 First Cabinet Meeting
Texas Lions Camp, Kerrville, TX
July 18, 2020**

**Texas Lions Camp Outdoor Picnic Area
4100 San Antonio Hwy, Kerrville, Texas 78028**

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This abbreviated cabinet meeting will ensure that we meet the constitutional requirements of District 2-A2, will convene at 8:30am, and conclude no later than 11am. The cabinet meeting will be video-recorded and will be accessible through our District 2-A2 website.

**No registrations after Monday July 6, 2020.
No walk-up registration is available and no cash**



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.



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!"™



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:

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 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: lcfrantzen@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.

<p>1) Team Contact: _____ Email: _____ Address, City, Zip _____</p>	<p>Phone: () _____ Lions Club: _____</p>
<p>2) Name: _____ Email: _____ Address, City, Zip: _____</p>	<p>Phone: () _____ Lions Club: _____</p>
<p>3) Name: _____ Email: _____ Address, City, Zip: _____</p>	<p>Phone: () _____ Lions Club: _____</p>
<p>4) Name: _____ Email: _____ Address, City, Zip: _____</p>	<p>Phone: () _____ Lions Club: _____</p>

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. **HOOLIGAN:** 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!

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