



Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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Collaborative and Compassionate Service Builds Communities

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People get trapped into thinking about just one way of doing things.

Erik Weihenmayer, Blind Rock Climber

Greetings Fellow Lions!

We passed the autumnal equinox and days get shorter until the winter solstice (only 52 days away). It's also hard to believe that there are only 85 shopping days until Christmas. Even when things are a bit off balance time is flying by.

CoG and TLC - The first weekend in November our MD-2 Council of Governors meets in Kerrville along with the Texas Lions Camp Board of Directors. Both meetings are important and will be streamed live if you are not able to attend in person.

Meetings - Individual club meetings continue to challenge Lions all over the state. If your club remains concerned about meeting in person, please consider meeting virtually as an alternative. It's not the same as enjoying fellowship face to face but it does give us an opportunity to communicate, coordinate, and make plans for service and fund-raising projects.



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SA Alamo Heights Lions Club

If you need help or technical support to set up or conduct a virtual meeting please contact our Information Technology Director/Wizard, Lion Floyd Daigle (lionfloyd@district2a2.org). Lion Floyd can help you set up the meeting and give you practical advice to make it work well. Should you choose to meet virtually please send me a link and I'll be happy to join you as well.

Service – I'm impressed to see all of the service projects that our clubs across District 2-A2 and Texas have undertaken in response to the pandemic. I'm also pleased that more clubs have documented their service on *MyLion* at the Lions Clubs International website. This past month 14 clubs reported service on *MyLion*, which is 20% of our clubs district wide. Join the process; let's see if we can reach 50% by the end of 2020. Here are the reporting clubs so far:

Bandera

Del Rio San Felipe

Devine

Eagle Pass Border

Retreat

Kerrville Heart O' the Hills

Kerrville Host

Leahey

SA Alamo Heights

SA First Ladies

SA Founder

SA Hill Country

SA Northside

SA Northwest

SA Windcrest

Fundraising – Our district is doing a great job supporting the effort to build out the Texas Lions Museum. PCC Mike Rourke is leading the charge and I'm sure that his persuasive words along with the prospect of helping to trim his hair and beard motivates our members. Thanks for all contributions to this worthy cause.

Board Chairpersons

Children's Services Board

Chair: Ken Book

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SA Region 20 Lions Club

Human Needs Board

Chair: Joseph Guerra

Joemg3@yahoo.com

SA Edgewood Lions Club

Lions Sight Research Foundation

Chair: PDG Rod

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SA Founder Lions Club

I do have another fundraising project that I hope you will support. You've heard about the needs of the Texas Lions Camp as a result of damaging storms this past spring as well as the fact that many of our buildings, particularly the bunkhouses for our campers, are over 60 years old. They need to be replaced and soon. Our TLC staff and board of directors have a plan to get the job done, hopefully in the very near future.

The Camp still needs our support and one of the ways we can all lend a hand is to support the ***Polar Bear Challenge*** that will take place at Mo Ranch on the Guadalupe River on January 1, 2021.

Here's my challenge to our clubs and individual Lions:

- **Raise \$10,000 by December 15, 2020**
 - **Individual donations of \$25**
 - **Club donations of \$250**
- *A Twofer! Yes, your donations will ensure that two of our district leaders, yours truly and 1st Vice District Governor Doug "Kid Dynamite" Thomas slide down the two-story chute at Mo Ranch on January 1 and into the hot springs (NOT) of the Guadalupe River.*
- **Please help District 2-A2 lead the way by sending your donations to the TLC Polar Bear Challenge to our Treasurer, Lion Irene Guzman. Don't wait, do it today! Donations needed by December 15!**

Membership – Membership is always on my mind. Our rate of loss decreased slightly this month, but we are still -30 for the year. Our district ranks 13th among 16 districts in net growth/loss through October. We added 6 new Lions but lost 8. The following clubs have positive membership growth for the year:

- **Bandera +3**
- **Eagle Pass Border +1**
- **Floresville +1**
- **Kerrville Sunrise +3**
- **SA Guide Dogs of Texas +1**
- **SA Windcrest +1**
- **Stockdale +2**

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

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.

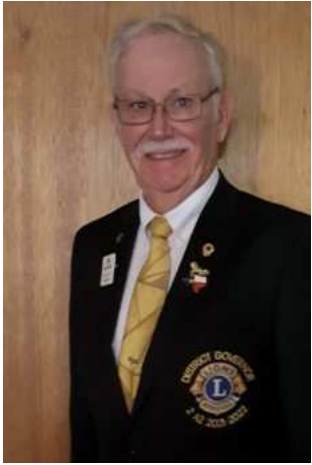
Enjoy your family and community, stay healthy, reach out to those in need in your community, enjoy your service and persevere.

Stay hydrated,

Lion David

Governor Dave Splitek

PS Geology rocks, but geography is where it's at.



Dear Fellow Lions,

Service is at the heart and soul of every Lion and is the life blood of every Lions Club. Lions are known worldwide for their service to those in need, not only those who are blind but others who need a helping hand. Lions Clubs International has grown from 27 clubs in 1917 to over 4,000 clubs in 200+ countries assisting those who need our help. Thousands of people have been given guidance, love and material things which they have never had or never thought of getting because of what we provide. Eyeglasses, cataract operations, prostheses, scholarships, diabetic clinics, schools, homes, and hospitals are just a few things Lions have provided. It is a privilege for every Lion to be a part of such an organization that can make their community, their district, the state, and the world a better place in which to live.

People have more choices to serve and give back to their communities/people in need. Look around. What are the needs of the community in which you live? Determine these needs and then take aim to have an impact on those areas of need. Ask yourself, "Is our club's contribution to the betterment of our community significant? Some may think that our club is too small to have an impact. But we are not alone. We can join with other clubs and/or other service organizations to make a difference. Involve Leos in what you are doing. Many of them are future Lions

Last year in a newsletter article I told the story that during a World War II bombing raid, a French village lost a beloved statue of Christ. The villagers painstakingly sifted through the rubble and managed to rebuild the statue, except for the hands. They searched and searched, but the pieces were not found. Finally, the villagers placed a plaque on the statue with the inscription "I have no hands but yours." I said that that may be a good motto for Lions Clubs. Put it right beside our motto of "We serve."

And when we serve it is important to report our service. Let Lions Clubs International and District 2A2 know about your service projects and activities. Don't be afraid to toot your own horn. It can be anything from hosting a MESU screening, helping distribute food, collect clothes and blankets for those in need. Get out there and let the public know what we as Lions are doing to make our communities a better place. Show the public that even in these times Lions are there doing what needs to be done to make this a better place and make people want to be a part of what we are doing.

I close with a quote from Bishop Fulton Sheen, "If everyone lit just one little candle what a bright place this would be."

Lion Doug

1VDG Doug Thomas

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 November.

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!

November:

Club	Charter Date	Years
SAN ANTONIO NORTHSIDE (1268)	11/05/1956	64
SAN ANTONIO EDGEWOOD (34603)	11/07/1977	43
DHANIS (1227)	11/23/1948	72

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Cabinet and Convention Dates:

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:

Edgewood Lions Club Fall Bar-B-Q Plate Sale	Nov. 7th	607 SW 34th St San Antonio, TX
SPOT Vision Screener Certification Class	Nov. 21st	Via ZOOM

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.

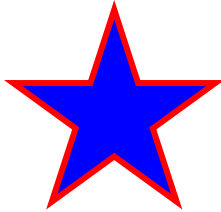
The Edgewood Lions Club Invites you to our
Annual Fall Bar-B-Q Plate Sale.

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/>

District 2-A2 Spot Vision Screener Certification / Recertification Class



We are offering our first SPOT Vision Screener Certification class since the beginning of the pandemic on Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM CST

We will be holding this class virtually to reach as many Lions as possible that wish to receive their SPOT certification or need to be recertified. SPOT certification is valid for 5 years from the date of your last certification.

This is NOT the State certification needed to screen school children in Texas.

If you wish to participate in this class, please click the button at the bottom of this page by **Friday, November 13, 2020.**

You will receive an email with a link and password to join the class via Zoom **during the week of November 16, 2020.**

If you have any questions about this class, please email Lion Ken Book at kbook0@hotmail.com.

Children's Services Program School Vision and Hearing Screening Program

The vision and hearing screenings this year look very different than in past years. The global pandemic has delayed the opening of many schools in our District. When they did open, they operated differently which has affected our screening program.



We all wear personal protective equipment and social distance as much as possible. To date, the State certified vision and hearing screeners of San Antonio area clubs have conducted 1,288 vision and 1,173 hearing screenings. We have identified 252 students in PreK, Head Start, Kindergarten and First grade with possible vision problems and 151 students with possible hearing problems.

L to R: West Side-Lion Rose Mary Paletta, Central Park-Lion Jack Dugas, Region 20-Lion Ken Book, Founders-Lions David Silva, Region 20-Lion Debbie Book

Founder's Lions Club President David Silva and wife Stella present Children's Services Board Chairman Lion Ken Book with a check for \$650 from the Founder's Lions. This generous gift was used to purchase face shields, face masks, gloves, and sanitizers to keep our screeners safe while conducting vision and hearing screenings.

L to R: Founders Club-Lions Stella & David Silva, Region 20 Club-Lion Ken Book.





The Founder's Lions Club purchased a Blinq device for the Children's Services Program. The original intent was to make a formal presentation to then District Governor Janie Garza at the District 2-A2 Convention. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the District Convention did not take place. This presentation was a fitting tribute to Governor Janie's tireless effort to provide the children of our District with a robust vision screening. Once our screeners are fully trained on the use of the Blinq, we will be able to identify children who may be diagnosed with amblyopia (lazy eye). This screening is vital in preventing permanent and irreversible blindness in children. If amblyopia is not detected and treated by age 8, the child will lose their sight in either or both eyes.

IPDG Janie Garza and Founders Lion Faith Porras.

Pleasanton Lions Club – Lion Wilbur Palmer

Congratulations to Lion Wilbur Palmer of the Pleasanton Lions Club. Club president Lion Jeff Chicone reports that Lion Wilbur recently received his 55-year membership chevron and was surprised at a Pleasanton Lions Club meeting when State Senator Pete Flores attended and presented Lion Wilbur with a proclamation from the Texas Senate acknowledging his over half a century of community service as a member of his club. Well done Lion Wilbur!



San Antonio Founder Lions Club

The Founder Lions Club continues to give away bicycles that are individually custom fitted to those with special needs who ordinarily would not be able to ride a bicycle. This bicycle was recently fitted and presented to Noah by President Lion David Silva, Lion Stella Silva and Lion Faith Porras.





**ANNOUNCING: THE PID M.P. MIKE BUTLER
AMBASSADOR OF SERVICE AWARD**

The District 2-A2 Past District Governors Association recently approved a means to both recognize the many years of dedicated service of numerous long-serving Members of Clubs throughout District 2-A2 while also initiating a long overdue and very significant measure to honor our own

Past International Director, M. P. "Lion Mike" Butler.

The District PDG's invite District Clubs to nominate their very special, eligible, Members to receive the PID M.P. MIKE BUTLER AMBASSADOR OF SERVICE AWARD

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION:

1. A member must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 15 years.
2. The member may not have been inducted into the District 2-A2 Herb Petry Hall of Fame
3. The member may not have served as District Governor.
4. The member must be nominated by his/her club and voted as an awardee by a majority of PDG Association members.
5. A Club may nominate one member per year using Resolution format on Club letterhead. That nomination may remain current for a three year period. The Club may not nominate another member until the prior nominee has been awarded, three year term has run out, or the member has expired. Nomination is to be submitted following announcement of the opening of nominations each November and shall be submitted no later than the close of the Annual Mid- Winter Conference in January.

Other Stated Qualifications: (Enumerated, and accompanying Nomination Resolution)

- PROVEN LEADERSHIP AS A CLUB OFFICER AND CLUB PROJECT LEADER
- DEDICATED TO THE GROWTH OF THEIR CLUB THROUGH THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND GUIDING OF OTHER CLUB MEMBERS TOWARD THEIR OWN PERSONAL SUCCESS AS LIONS
- RECOGNITION FOR ETHICS ABOVE REPROACH AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER
- RECOGNIZED SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB ENVIRONMENT THAT MAY INCLUDE MILITARY OR OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE OR LIONISTIC SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB LEVEL

NOTE: The elements of these criteria have been endorsed by PID Butler and are based on his personal strong beliefs that District 2-A2 should always make great efforts to uplift and remember the long serving "Grass Roots" members that sacrifice and serve through their Clubs.

OTHER:

No more than a total of four awards may be presented each year, the exception would be the inaugural (Charter) year of award when ten awardees may be recognized.

The award will be an appropriately designed medal with pin and ribbon and an accompanying congratulatory letter.

The cost of the awards will be borne by the PDG Association and they will be presented at the District Convention at the same ceremony as the Herb Petry Hall of Fame Induction.

Mail Club Nominations to PDG Sam Pantusa 4502 Centerview, Suite 120 San Antonio Tx 78228
For Information—PDG Sam Pantusa (210) 326 3915 or Email: spantusa@yahoo.com



Please pass this along to family and friends that may benefit.

I'll bet you know someone who should know about this.

The Lions Sight Research Foundation and Lions Club Members throughout our area are working with Texas Diabetes Institute to invite individuals who have been diagnosed with Pre-Diabetes or are not yet diagnosed but may have genetic or other indicators (high blood pressure, weight issues...) that may lead to a diagnosis, to join a study.

Candidates for the study would be between 18 and 65 years of age.

See the flyer and Pre-Diabetes Risk Test, below, to determine if you could be a candidate.

For more information call TDI at (210)358 7200.

Those who are Pre-Diabetic, have the potential to be diagnosed with Diabetes within a few years without taking proper steps

Prediabetes Risk Test

NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

1. How old are you? Write your score in the boxes below

Younger than 40 years (0 points) _____
 40-49 years (1 point) _____
 50-59 years (2 points) _____
 60 years or older (3 points) _____

2. Are you a man or a woman?

Man (1 point) Woman (0 points) _____

3. If you are a woman, have you ever been diagnosed with gestational diabetes?

Yes (1 point) No (0 points) _____

4. Do you have a mother, father, sister, or brother with diabetes?

Yes (1 point) No (0 points) _____

5. Have you ever been diagnosed with high blood pressure?

Yes (1 point) No (0 points) _____

6. Are you physically active?

Yes (0 points) No (1 point) _____

7. What is your weight category?

(See chart at right) _____

Total score:

Height	Weight (lbs.)		
4'10"	119-142	143-190	191+
4'11"	124-147	148-197	198+
5'0"	128-152	153-203	204+
5'1"	132-157	158-210	211+
5'2"	136-163	164-217	218+
5'3"	141-168	169-224	225+
5'4"	145-173	174-231	232+
5'5"	150-179	180-239	240+
5'6"	155-185	186-246	247+
5'7"	159-190	191-254	255+
5'8"	164-196	197-261	262+
5'9"	169-202	203-269	270+
5'10"	174-208	209-277	278+
5'11"	179-214	215-285	286+
6'0"	184-220	221-293	294+
6'1"	189-226	227-301	302+
6'2"	194-232	233-310	311+
6'3"	200-239	240-318	319+
6'4"	205-245	246-327	328+
	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points

← You weigh less than the 1 Point column (0 points)

Adapted from Bang et al., Ann Intern Med 131:775-783, 2009. Original algorithm was validated without gestational diabetes as part of the model.

If you scored 5 or higher

You are at increased risk for having prediabetes and are at high risk for type 2 diabetes. However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes, a condition in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes. **Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.**

If you are African American, Hispanic/Latino American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian American, or Pacific Islander, you are at higher risk for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. Also, if you are Asian American, you are at increased risk for type 2 diabetes at a lower weight (about 15 pounds lower than weights in the 1 Point column). Talk to your doctor to see if you should have your blood sugar tested.

You can reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes

Find out how you can reverse prediabetes and prevent or delay type 2 diabetes through a CDC-recognized lifestyle change program at <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/lifestyle-program>.

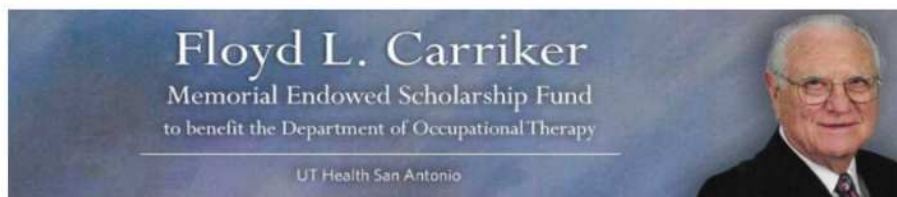




A MATTER of LEGACY

As Lions, all of us have been able to demonstrate our desire to serve others both in individual ways and collectively with fellow Club members. Many of us have proudly worn our vests for decades. What follows is an example of how one fellow Lion who wore his vest for over 50 years felt that his passion for helping others need not end with his passing. As a true “Knight of the Blind”, he set aside a generous gift to be used by the **District 2-A2 Lions Sight Research Foundation** to continue the 40 year Foundation tradition of service to the visually impaired of our community.

The following will soon begin to appear as a notification to UT Health San Antonio faculty and students:



The **Floyd L. Carriker Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund** was established in August 2020 to honor Lion **Floyd’s memory** by fellow Lions Club members in South Central Texas through their Lions Sight Research Foundation.

Funds distributed from the endowment will directly support scholarships for second- and third-year students enrolled in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program who possess a strong interest in and/or demonstrate clinical involvement with patients in the area of low vision rehabilitation.

Floyd L. Carriker was born on July 16, 1914, in Mineral Wells, Texas. He attended schools in Lubbock, San Angelo, and Mineral Wells. During his time in high school, he worked in drug stores, which spurred his interest in eventually opening his own pharmacy. He attended Capital College of Pharmacy and passed the certification exam on the first attempt.

During World War II, Carriker volunteered for the United States Navy and served as a Pharmacist Mate First Class. He was stationed at Naval Air Station Jacksonville and later served in the Pacific and Asiatic seas as part of the Sixth Fleet. After an honorable discharge, Carriker returned to Houston, Texas, and launched his career in the pharmacy business. After moving to Kerrville, Texas, Carriker was a dedicated member of the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club, where he faithfully served for over five decades. Lion Floyd volunteered countless hours on behalf of others. His service covered myriad community needs, but aiding the visually impaired and disabled children were chief among his passions.

Floyd was married to Mary Alice Henderson in 1940 until her passing in 1992; he married Lynn DeVille in 2001 and was widowed in 2018. He had two sons, George and Robert Carriker, and many nieces, nephews, and stepchildren. Carriker passed away peacefully on December 21, 2019. The Floyd L. Carriker Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund will last in perpetuity as a reflection of his community-driven spirit and dedication to serving those within the low vision community.

We would ask that you consider how a Planned Giving gift can continue your Legacy of Service. No gift is too small.

Lions Sight Research Foundation – Contact PDG Sam Pantusa (210) 326 3915 email: lsrf.sam@gmail.com
4502 Centerview, Suite 120 San Antonio, Tx 78228

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

All profits will go to the Texas Lions Camp

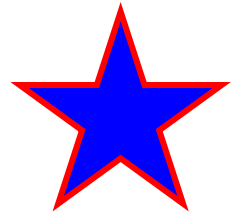
Mask sales will end on November 6th. All orders received in the mail or given to me at the Council meeting in Kerrville will be filled as soon as possible. Orders after that date will sadly be returned to sender.

_____ 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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