



# Lions District 2-A2 Newsletter



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## Collaborative and Compassionate Service Builds Communities

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*"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."*

**Helen Keller**

Happy New Year Fellow Lions! I hope that you had a warm, restful, and safe holiday season and that the New Year brings you joy, fellowship and meaningful service.



1VDG Doug Thomas and I didn't make it down the slide at Mo Ranch as the Polar Bear Plunge was called off due to COVID-19 and inclement weather. TLC CEO Stephen Mabry will send out the results for all of our fundraising efforts very soon. Thank you all for your donations in support of the Texas Lions Camp! We're looking forward to seeing the new bunkhouses in place when the weather warms up.

### Midwinter Conference

As you know, from the December 20th Flash Bulletin, we will hold our midwinter conference January 15 and 16, 2021 virtually. Here's the full explanation in case you didn't see the announcement:

**Zone Chairpersons**

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SA Alamo Heights Lions Club

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**Board Chairpersons**

**Children's Services Board**

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SA Region 20 Lions Club

**Human Needs Board**

**Chair: Joseph Guerra**

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SA Edgewood Lions Club

**Lions Sight Research  
Foundation**

**Chair: PDG Rod**

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SA Founder Lions Club

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**We're looking forward to a great conference with great speakers, the information about our:**

- **Texas Lions Camp**
- **Texas Lions Foundation**
- **Lions Sight Research Foundation**
- **Children's Services**
- **Human Needs Board**
- **Opportunities for Youth**
- **Lions Clubs International Foundation**
- **And much more**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Mid-Winter Meet the Candidates Zoom meeting

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Mid-Winter Conference Zoom meeting

NOTE: You **MUST** register to attend the meetings.  
After you register, you will receive the Zoom link to join the meeting(s).

**Meetings** – The New Year is here! If your club hasn't been meeting please figure out how to turn on the lights and reengage both members and your community. I hope that you're planning on plenty of service activities to keep our members busy and involved.

**Service – Special Request**

*We want to document and publicize all the great service activities your clubs have been doing over the past three months. Please send us pictures of your service and a brief description of the activity and those involved. You can send them electronically to my email address: [dsplitek@gmail.com](mailto:dsplitek@gmail.com).*

*I would like to include a service slideshow as part of our mid-winter conference, and I want all of our clubs to be part of it. We've been busy and we need to tell our story*

Thank you to all the clubs documenting and reporting service on *MyLion* at the Lions Clubs International website. This past month 15 clubs reported service on *MyLion*, which is 21% of our clubs district wide (same as last month). Join the process; let's see if we can reach 50% by the end of January 2021. Here are the reporting clubs so far:

<b>Bandera</b>	<b>SA Alamo Heights</b>
<b>Centerpoint</b>	<b>SA First Ladies</b>
<b>Del Rio San Felipe</b>	<b>SA Founder</b>
<b>Devine</b>	<b>SA Hill Country Retreat</b>
<b>Eagle Pass Border</b>	<b>SA Northside</b>
<b>Kerrville Heart O' the Hills</b>	<b>SA Northwest</b>
<b>Kerrville Host</b>	<b>SA Windcrest</b>
<b>Leakey</b>	

**Fundraising** – District 2-A2 has pledged/raised \$53,500 toward a goal of \$125,000 in just a few months. Thanks for all contributions to this worthy cause. Let's finish our state museum!

**Membership** – Our club membership dropped again this month as we went from -37 to -62 through December 31. Our district ranks 13th among 16 districts in net growth/loss through December. The following clubs have positive membership growth for the year:

- Bandera +6
- Del Rio San Felipe +2
- Eagle Pass Border +1
- Floresville +2
- Kerrville Sunrise +2
- SA Northside +1
- Stockdale +2

Congratulations to each of these clubs and to all 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 third 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. Send pictures, pictures, pictures!

### 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,

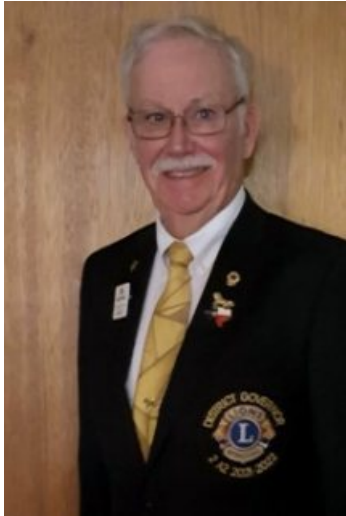
*Lion David*

Governor Dave Splitek

*PS I bought my son a refrigerator for Christmas – I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it..*

*Do you think that's the worst of it? There's myrrh.*

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Dear Fellow Lions,

I hope that you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a rewarding new year. As we begin the new year it is a time to make new year resolutions and set goals for the coming year.

Our first resolution should be for each one of us to bring one new member into our Lions Club. How do you bring a person into Lionism? You invite them. How many of you have invited somebody to become a Lion this past month? Statics say that it takes inviting

about 12 people before you find one to become a new member. Don't feel discouraged if the person does not join. The next person you invite may become a Lion. I think it was PID Mike Butler who said about membership, "If it is to be - it is up to me". If each one of us brought in just one new member it would increase the membership in our district by about 1600 this year. Wouldn't that be great!

And with more members we could do more service. That brings me to our second New Year's resolution. I will participate in all service projects of my club. Lions are known worldwide for their service to those in need. Our organization has grown from about 20 clubs in 1917 to over 40,000 clubs in 200-some countries and over 1,400,000 members. Thousands of persons have been given new life because these Lions have provided guidance, love, and the material things which they never had nor never thought of getting. Many Lions do not understand why they should report service projects and activities to International, but the impact of their service activities should not be underestimated. Even simple service activities may have a far-reaching impact. We may be social distancing, but we are not isolated and are part of an important part of a universal team.

Let me say that membership will grow service which leads me to my third new year's resolution. I will go to at least one leadership training event this year. Service will create many opportunities for leadership development which will help each of us to become stronger, more effective Lions. We have the USA/Canada Leadership Forum which will meet in Des Moines, Iowa this year which is a great place for developing leadership and gaining knowledge about our organization. The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) is a great way to develop the skills of those who have been identified as future leaders.

We need to be on the constant lookout for potential leaders and not just have the same people doing the same things. It is good to have a different District Governor each year with different skills and talents, so things don't get stale. And that is true of all leadership positions. We do need some continuity but also new ideas to keep things fresh.

These three resolutions will give us a strong 3-legged stool to build our future on. Increasing membership will grow service creating strong leadership in our Lions Clubs. May we have a very successful 2021.

Happy New Year!

*Lion Doug*

1VDG Doug Thomas

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## 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 is the **Happy Anniversary** for the month of January.

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!

### January:

Club	Charter Date	Years
Brackettville	01/11/1954	66
Poteet	01/15/1970	50
Dilley	01/23/1941	79
San Antonio Alamo City	01/31/1981	39

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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](mailto:newsletter@district2a2.org). Articles must be submitted by the 25th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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## **Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

### **Cabinet and Convention Dates:**

Mid-Winter Conference	Jan 15-16th	Via Zoom
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 Leadership Forum	February 20th	Austin, TX
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[Register Online](#)

[Download and Mail Registration Form](#)

# **Twenty First Texas Lions Leadership Forum**

**WHEN: February 20, 2021 @ 11:30 am – February 21, 2021 @ 2:15 pm**

**WHERE: Crowne Plaza – Austin, 6121 N Interstate Hwy 35. Austin TX 78752**

**Reserve lodging at the Crowne Plaza Austin North Central, 6121 North I-35, Austin, TX.**

**The Lions Clubs International rate must be requested. To reserve, telephone 877-227-6963 or telephone the hotel direct at 512-323-5466. Rate: \$109 per night, single or double. The hotel reservation deadline at this rate is January 19, 2021. Complete your registration, and reserve and guarantee your room now.**

**The first 100 First Timer registrants reserving a room at the Crown Plaza and attending the sessions will receive a complimentary room for Saturday February 20, 2021.**

**No Cancellations or refunds after February 17th.**

[Register Online](#)

[2020 Texas Lions Leadership Forum Registration Form](#)

## Alamo Heights Lions Club



The Alamo Heights Lions participate in the U. S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive each year. This is the way we give hope to give children in need. What we have learned is that these children remember and grow up to be valuable members of our community and more. We thank those who donated toys and the Marines for spreading the message of hope to these children and their parents.

The University of the Incarnate Word Campus Lions joined us by putting Toys for Tots boxes on the campus.

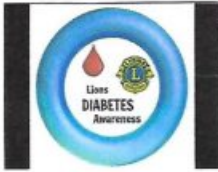


Alamo Heights Lions donated toys at the dinner. Other toys were dropped into Circus Bingo Toys for Tots boxes and the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection toy box. The other toys and UIW's were delivered to the toy warehouse. A monetary online recurring local donation was made during the toy drive. Local donations still can be set up online at Toys for Tots San Antonio, click on Ways to Donate Local.



Toys for Tots Warehouse.

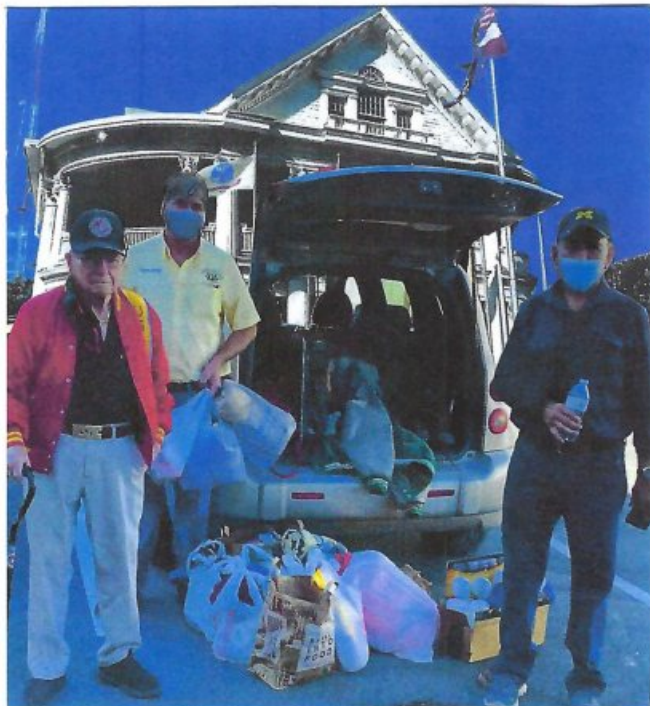
## Alamo Heights Lions Club



Alamo Heights Lions reported 333 miles walked for the Diabetes Awareness in November.



We donated 480 Pairs/\$250.00 in socks.  
Alamo City Lions joined donating \$200 in Socks.



The Broken Warriors Angels collected new and gently used items for the needy at the VFW#76.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing



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## Northside Lions Club

On Thursday, December 10th Northside Lions club members, along with support from San Antonio First Ladies Lions club members and allied Lions joined in an effort to bring comforting meals to the community.

The club and supporters cooked and distributed just over 300 hot meals to several groups supported by the Salvation Army Citadel Center - Seniors apartments on West Ashby, 140 meals/ Boys and Girls Club of America, 62 meals / Homebound Seniors, 63 meals and Private families in the Citadel area, 45 meals

In alliance with the meals, our friends at the Lions Sight Research Foundation will distribute bags with Diabetes info / invitations to join Dr. DeFronzo's diabetes focused study and Lions/HEB hand sanitizer bottles to support the Lion's Diabetes Awareness Program.



## Northside Lions Club

Northside Lions Club members and family members are hoping to bring holiday joy to families of Any Baby Can. On Saturday December 12th, club members and their families shopped at a local Walmart and later wrapped and delivered gifts for 7 families and 25 children.

The club would like to give special thanks to Jazzy J's (Dance and Fitness Business) for their additional monetary donation towards this endeavor that allowed the club to utilize bonus funds on each of the presents and double the amount of H-E-B gift card for each of the families.



## San Antonio Founder Lions Club

### SAFLC Donates Brady Buggy® Wagon to Pediatric Oncology Department @ University Hospital

Founder Lion Stella Silva and Club Secretary Lion Faith Porrás delivered a Lion Brady Buggy® Wagon to Pediatric Oncology Department @ University Hospital. This Brady wagon will be used with child cancer patients at the medical center.

In the first picture are Lion Stella, Rebecca/RN in the POD, and Lion Faith Porrás. In the second picture are Lion Stella, Mr. Sam Arriaga/Sr. Ambassador for the University Health Care System & Rebecca/RN in the POD



## San Antonio Founder Lions Club

Another cycle and centipede delivered to a recipient over the weekend!

Founders Lion Club President David Silva, Lion Stella Silva, Lion Patrick Porras, Lion Irene Guzman, Gabe Castillo and Lion Faith Porras delivered the cycle and centipede to Alex, with this Mother Jenny and Father Jorge).





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

**ARE YOU AT RISK FOR DIABETES?**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE:**

- 18 TO 65 YEARS OF AGE
- HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH PRE-DIABETES, OR
- ARE OVERWEIGHT WITH FAMILY HISTORY OF TYPE 2 DIABETES, OR
- HAD DIABETES DURING PREGNANCY

**UT Health**  
San Antonio

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL  
DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER TEXAS DIABETES INSTITUTE  
**(210) 358-7200**  
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: RALPH A. DEFONZO, MD

# Prediabetes Risk Test

**NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM**

## 1. How old are you?

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

Write your score in the boxes below

## 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)

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+
	<b>1 Point</b>	<b>2 Points</b>	<b>3 Points</b>
	You weigh less than the 1 Point column (0 points)		

Total score:

Adapted from Bang et al., Ann Intern Med 151:775-783, 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>.

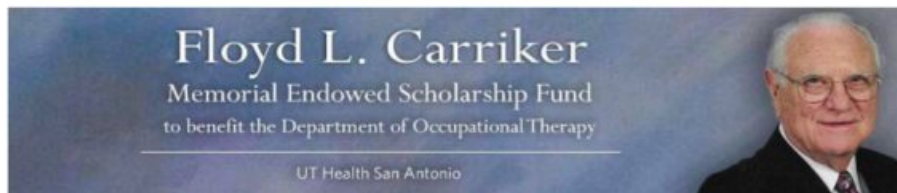




## ***A MATTER of LEGACY***

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](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com)  
4502 Centerview, Suite 120 San Antonio, Tx 78228

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For more information about the L.S.R.F. please visit our website at: [LionsSightResearch.org](https://LionsSightResearch.org)