

District 2-T3

February 2022



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Lions of District 2-T3,

This district tied for third in the United States among mid-year membership growth leaders (percentage of members sponsoring new members). Keep up the good work!

Many thanks to El Paso Five Points LC for hosting our recent Mid-Winter Conference. It was a productive meeting that started and ended on time, accomplished much, and included plenty of fun. PID Mike and Sheryl Butler were our perfect guests -- entertaining, informative, encouraging, and motivational. In addition to the district meeting, Linda and I met with two Fabens Cotton Valley Lions, made our official visit to El Paso Downtown LC, toured the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, and then made a stop in Clint, where PDG Orlando and I met with Mayor Dora Aguirre and others to discuss plans for starting a new club in Clint.

The icy weather in Kerrville curtailed many activities, although the Council of Governors meeting itself was held as scheduled on Friday morning. Texas Lions Camp invited all attendees to an informative brunch meeting on Saturday morning. Together We Build continues in spite of supply price fluctuations. We're invited to participate in work days this year on March 5, April 2, and April 30. Family camping was tremendously successful in 2021; it will continue in 2022, as the camp adapts to challenges and thrives. The club with the highest percent net gain in membership for the year ending June 30 will receive a special district award. In fact, there will be two awards -- one for a small club and the other for a large club. The average club size in District 2-T3 is 20 members. So far this year El Paso Downtown LC has a net membership gain of 15.9%, which leads the district among clubs with more than 20 members. Meanwhile Ysleta LC has a whopping net gain of 26.7% for the lead among clubs that started the year with 20 or fewer members. There is still plenty of time for all clubs to join this competition. Eleven clubs show net gains so far this year. Keep up the good work.

Each club that reports service on MyLion before the end of this Lions year will receive special banner patch. Clubs that report service in all 5 global cause areas (Sight, Childhood Cancer, Environment, Diabetes, and Hunger) will get a global causes emblem on their banner patch.

Congratulations to West Texas Lions Hearing Inc. for receiving their charitable organization 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS.

A great start! District 2-T3 excelled during the recent statewide "Striding for Healthy Living" event. Professionals of Odessa Lion Allan Espina completed the most total walk, run, swim and bike miles. He placed first in swim, second run and second in bike categories, while PDG Javier Morales of Odessa Downtown LC placed first in run and El Paso Executive Women's Lion Rachel Scott earned honorable mention in walk. El Paso Centennial LC was recognized for recruiting 8 new members during the event. I'll take that as a sign of good things to come because only 7 new members are shown on MyLCI so far this year!

Sincerely honored to be yours,

District Governor Frank Heslin

District 2-T3

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Important Dates

Texas Lions Leadership Forum
Austin, Texas
March 19-20, 2022

Emerging Lions Leadership
Institute
Austin, Texas
April 02-04, 2022

District 2-T3 Convention
Monahans, Texas
Saturday, April 30, 2022

State Convention
Abilene, Texas
May 26-28, 2022

4th COG Meeting
Abilene, Texas
May 26-28, 2022

Lions Intr'l Convention
Montreal, Canada
June 24-28, 2022

District 2-T3 Clubs (34 Clubs)

Alpine	Iraan
Andrews	Kermit Downtown
Crane Noon	Marfa
El Paso Centennial	McCamey
El Paso Del Norte	Monahans
El Paso Downtown	Odessa Ante Meridian
El Paso Executive Women	Odessa Basin
El Paso Five Points	Odessa Downtown
El Paso Mountain	Odessa Ector
El Paso Special Needs	Odessa Falcon
El Paso Sun City	Odessa Grandview
El Paso United	Odessa Professionals
El Paso Upper Valley	Odessa Westside
Fabens Cotton	Pecos Downtown
Fort Davis	Sanderson
Fort Stockton	Van Horn
Horizon Eastlake	Ysleta

Governor's Charities

Texas Lions Camp	\$10 per member
Lions Club International Foundation	\$3 per member
Texas Lions Foundation	\$3 per member
Leader Dog	\$3 per member
World Services for the Blind	\$3 per member
Diabetes Awareness	\$3 per member
West Texas Lions Eye Bank	\$4 per member
TLERC (Eyeglass Recycling)	\$4 per member
WTLEHF (Eye Health Foundation)	\$3 per member
*WTLH (West Texas Lions Hearing, Inc.)	\$2 per member
Texas Lions Museum	\$2 per member

Giving to each of these charities will cost a club \$40 per member. However, a club will be considered 100% by choosing to give at least \$20 per member to its choice from the Governor's Charities list at the requested levels. Giving to all these charities at the requested levels will be considered 200%. I believe that each of these charities is worthy of our generosity. For that reason, a very generous gift of more than the requested amount to any charity will not be considered for a club's 100 or 200% award unless the club also gives the requested amount to each of the other charities.

Contributions to these charities is over and above the billed dues to the same charities. Please make separate checks payable to each selected charity and present at a cabinet meeting or mail to:

District 2-T3, 500 Thunderbird Drive, Unit 74, El Paso, TX 79912

*Note: The program previously known as Hearing and Speech is now officially West Texas Lions Hearing, Inc. (WTLHI) Please make Governor's Charities check out to WTLHI. Thank you.

In District News

Let's Meet The Challenge!

District 2-T3 will recognize Lions Clubs that complete and report at least one service project in each of the 5 Global Cause Areas during the current fiscal year, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.



How We Serve



Pediatric Cancer



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision

Please remember to report all projects on the **MyLion app** to receive credit. Even though banner patches will be presented at the District Convention in April, all clubs that complete and report service in all Global Causes areas by June 30, 2022 will be counted and credited.

Charter and Entrance Fees Waived Through June 30, 2022

GREAT RECRUITING TOOL!

To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors has extended the current charter and entrance fees waiver through June 30, 2022. Every member matter to our service, so share the joy of being a Lion.





Governor Frank Heslin presented Service Awards to Lions. Lion Judi Verslyse was on virtual.



Governor Frank Heslin presented Club Excellence Awards to El Paso Executive Women, El Paso Centennial, El Paso Downtown and Monahans Lions Club. Congratulations to All.



District 2-T3 Chevron Awards for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

This award is presented in celebration to honor the Lions dedication and service longevity and made to those Lions whom were present either in person or via video conferencing by Governor Frank Heslin. A total of 53 Lions were recipients within the District.

Aubrey Lee Cherry	El Paso Upper Valley	65 Years
Carlos E Ayub	El Paso Five Points	50 Years
Joseph J Ayoub	El Paso Five Points	50 Years
Gabriel Ayub, Sr.	El Paso Five Points	45 Years
Ralph M McCain	Odessa Downtown	40 Years
Robert Roeber	Monahans	25 Years
Susan C Custer	El Paso Sun city	20 Years
Heinz S Alexander	El Paso Mountain	15 Years
Judi Verslype	El Paso Centennial	10 Years

The International Presidents Certification of Appreciation



Three district Lions were honored to have received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation which is usually awarded, after the recipient has been nominated by the District Governor. The award is in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the service mission of Lions Clubs. It is the 4th highest LCI award. Shown at right Lion Susan Driscoll and Lion Annette Norch of El Paso Downtown and attending virtually, Lion Anna Bela Doporto of El Paso Centennial Lions club.



Congratulations to All recipients!



At the meeting of 02/14/22 of the Texas Lions Foundation, it approved a \$2,900 humanitarian matching grant to replace Tee boxes maintained by a Lions club at a local golf course. A \$30,000 grant was approved to partially fund a backup generator for a Lions clubhouse that is also used as a disaster relief shelter. A third request, was approved for \$2,500. Work is currently in progress on these projects.

Lions are encouraged to consider making an application for a matching funds humanitarian grant. These grants are considered three times a year, so applications should be made well in advance of need for funds. Report submitted by District 2-T3 Ambassador Lion John Feighery.

Aspiring Candidates for 2nd Vice Governor and TLC Director-West

As DG Frank announced at our recent Mid-Winter Conference, 2-T3 will hold elections at the April convention in Monahans. The ballot will include the positions of Governor, 1st Vice Governor, 2nd Vice Governor, and Texas Lions Camp Director – West. Additionally, we will elect a future Council Chairperson (CCEE or Council Chair Elect-Elect-Elect).

If you are interested in serving your district as 2nd Vice Governor or Camp Director, please contact Lion Laura Charity (Lhcelpaso@elp.rr.com, 915-240-4903) for qualifications and other information.

Honoring a Lion Legacy PDG AUBREY CHERRY



The Ambassador of Good Will Award is the highest Award presented by Lions Club International and only a maximum of 25 are awarded on a yearly basis. At this year's Mid-Winter Conference, Past District Governor Aubrey Cherry was one of those amongst 1.4 million Lions around the world who was personally selected by LCI President Douglas X. Alexander. Surrounded by his beautiful wife Frances and loving family, Past International Director Mike Butler presented the award.

PDG Aubrey Cherry has positively impacted communities around District 2-T3 and beyond through his service and has inspired other Lions to take action. Working to elevate and find solutions to assist clubs, this upstanding Lion deserves recognition and gratitude from all, for his noble, lifetime dedication of 65 years to Lionism and its' future.



West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation

West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation was gratified to provide funding for a prosthetic eye for Rubin. Dr. Dan Wenske, Ocularist with Southwest Artificial Eyes, Inc. was in town and performed the procedure. Rubin's prosthesis was 17 years old and he was extremely grateful to have received the funding. The Foundation membership work tirelessly to make the world a better place for individuals like Rubin. They may not get to see the smiles put on all faces, but know for sure that their everyday foundation efforts have a tremendous impact on beneficiaries' vision, happiness and success! Please continue to support this vital community Foundation. Contact Foundation President Lion Frank Ramirez at (915) 525-3400 for volunteer opportunities or donations.



Lion Gloria Mathur
Diabetes Awareness State Chair
STATE WINNERS

Club / District recruited new members during the event:
El Paso Centennial Lions Club - 8 New Members (T3)

Highest Average Miles (individual)

1. Walk - 1st place Lion Ed Miller (E2)
2nd place Lion Dale Richter (A2)
Honorable Mention Lion Rachel Scott (T3)
2. Run - 1st Place PDG Javier Morales (T3)
2nd place Lion Allan Espina (T3)
Honorable Mention Lion Mike Luchenhoff (E2)
3. Bike - 1st place Lion Todd Appel (E2)
2nd place Lion Allan Espina (T3)
Honorable Mention Lion Dennis Jeter (X1)
4. Swimming - 1st place Lion Allan Espina (T3)
2nd place PDG Javier Morales (T3)

Overall winner for most miles
Lion Allan Espina (T3)



Kindness in Action

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. **That's Lions.** Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

Professionals of Odessa Lions Club "Reaching Athletic Potential"

Our very own Lion Allan Espina is the winner of the Lions Club State Fitness Competition for Diabetes Awareness. Overall Winner for most physically active Lion (running, swimming, and biking) out of 23,000 members in Texas. Help me in congratulating him for setting a great example! Congratulations also, to PDG Javier Morales of our Odessa Downtown Lions Club who also made an impressive and inspiring number of fitness miles running and swimming!

Ysleta Lions Club "Count on Me"

If you can't count on a Lion, who can you count on? The Child Crises Center contacted Ysleta Lions Club last minute. On Saturday morning, January 30, 2022 they asked for a humble lunch donation during the mid-winter conference. Lion Michelle Colwell stepped up to the task and delivered the provision of meals to serve 25 children and parents. They ate delicious sandwiches, chips, and cookies to their hearts content.

El Paso United Lions Club "Crocheting for a Cause"

Lion Lilia Caswell, has been crocheting hats for the Cancer Wards at all the El Paso hospitals for over 15 years in the name of Lionism. Fifteen years ago, while at a hospital with her youngest daughter taking cancer treatments, she noticed so many kids and adults trying to hide their heads because of partial baldness. She realized she could offer help by crocheting hats. Being a member of the United Lion Club, it has been a labor of love because Lions Serve. She crochets about 60 hats a day to take to the hospitals. Yarn has been donated by her family and the Club and lately having been noticed by other Lion Clubs in El Paso and Odessa, she has received several donations of yarn.



Andrews Downtown Lions Club "Supporting Hero's"

Provided 120 meals to Andrews Firefighters, Police Dept, Sheriff's Dept. EMS and DPS. We want all First Responders to know how much they are appreciated. Thank you to McAlister's Deli for partnering with us.



Noteworthy ROARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



A very special celebration was held during the Mid-Winter Conference. Papa Joe, a member of Five Points Lions Club celebrated his birthday amongst fellow Lions and friends. Happy birthday Lion Papa Joe, 94 and counting!!



20th Annual Golf Tournament
El Paso Downtown, El Paso Centennial & Ysleta Lions Clubs
March 4, 2022 at Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course
Opportunities available for Sponsorships or Teams
 Email Mike Hicks at
flyingcolorsredd@yahoo.com or call (915) 204-3704

2022 SESSION DATES			
1	JUNE 7 - 8, 2022	9	JULY 5 - 6, 2022
2	JUNE 10 - 12, 2022	10	JULY 8 - 10, 2022
3	JUNE 14 - 15, 2022	11	JULY 12 - 13, 2022
4	JUNE 17 - 19, 2022	12	JULY 15 - 17, 2022
5	JUNE 21 - 22, 2022	13	JULY 19 - 20, 2022
6	JUNE 24 - 26, 2022	14	JULY 22 - 24, 2022
7	JUNE 28 - 29, 2022	15	JULY 26 - 27, 2022
8	JULY 1 - 3, 2022	16	JULY 29 - 31, 2022

Texas Lions Camp

Don't forget to register for Family Camp!
 Registration opens on January 3, 2022. You don't want to miss it! Check out the session dates.
 To learn more about TLC-4-Family, visit <https://lionscamp.com/>
Tip: by placing curser on the link and then pressing Ctrl + Click will take you directly to site.

Please support this great cause! WTLEHF

The Ysleta Lions Club is hosting the Ride for Sight Bike Ride on May 14, 2022. It will be a 35-mile event that will start and end at Mesa Vista Winery Tasting Room in Anthony, NM. Proceeds will go to the West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation. Non-perishable items will also be collected and donated to the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank. Come out and support this great cause. Register on Eventbrite using this link.
<https://ysletalionsrideforsighttickets.eventbrite.com> (ctrl + click)



Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center - TLCRC
GOLF TOURNAMENT - May 26, 2022 - Abilene, TX

For more information on Event Sponsorships,
 Player Registration &/or Hole Sponsors go to
<https://txlerc.org/> (ctrl + click)

JAMES AVERY Forging Hope	
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP <small>It is our desire that 100% of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Texas Lions Camp.</small>	
August 4, 2022 8:00 am Shotgun Start Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course Fredericksburg, TX	
<small>All gifts will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. (100% match) by James Avery Artisan Jewelry. For more information visit: www.jamesavery.com</small>	
Sponsor One or More Holes <small>For a one hole donation of \$200 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in the program on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: www.texaslionscamp.org. Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.</small>	
Name: _____ Address: _____ City / State: _____ Phone: _____ Zip: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____	Children's Club: With TLC? <input type="checkbox"/> Come Play and make a Kid's Day in 2022! <small>For more information or to download player registration forms go to: www.texaslionscamp.org</small>
MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029	

James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge grant to TLC for 2022.

All funds from this Challenge Grant will match gifts donated (\$1 for \$1 and up to \$50,000) in support of the 29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament which is scheduled for August 4, 2022. So, your gift will be doubled!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.
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www.texaslionscamp.org - www.lionslegacyleague.org (ctrl + click)

FLIGHT SQUAD BASKETBALL Fundraiser

We will be in Texas March 24 - April 3 and November 2022 !!

Our events have been well received across the nation. We work with nonprofit organizations including Habitat, Rotary, PTA's, Lions, Big Brother Big Sister, Kiwanis, Boys and Girls Clubs, Optimist, United Way, Jaycees and women/children's centers.

Doron Lowe President/Founder - FLIGHT SQUAD Basketball, 310.208.9058

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www.flightsquadball.com

For more information on these and other events/activities, please reach out to individual clubs or their Facebook page or District 2-T3 Facebook page. Find them on MyLion or MyLion App.

**District 2-T3
2021-2022 Budget**

Income

	Item	Budgeted	Income to Date	Notes
1	Initial Operating Fund - Beginning Balance	\$16,638.52	\$16,638.52	
2	District Admin Dues (5.5 x 725) x 90%	\$3,588.75	\$2,095.50	
3	State Admin Dues (7 x 725) x 90%	\$4,567.50	\$2,667.00	
4	State Convention Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$196.50	
5	State Promote Texas Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$196.50	
	Tail Twister Income (\$400 x 4)			
6	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas	\$400.00	\$888.12	
7	District Meeting - Alpine, Texas	\$400.00	\$805.00	
8	Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas	\$400.00	\$771.00	
9	District Convention - Monahans, Texas	\$400.00	\$0.00	
	Cabinet Meetings (40 x \$30) Reg/Food			
10	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas	\$700.00	\$1,963.57	
11	District Meeting - Alpine	\$700.00	\$1,625.00	
12	Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas	\$1,000.00	\$3,582.14	
13	District Convention - Monahans, Texas	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
14	District Directory	\$100.00	\$30.00	
15	District Directory Ads	\$500.00	\$725.00	
16	State, District, and (free) Personal Pins	\$1,000.00	\$1,887.50	
17	Opportunity for Youth/Peace Poster donations from clubs	\$700.00	\$175.00	
18	Contributions: Hotel tax money, OFY	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$39,747.27	\$34,244.35	

	State Convention Fund	Income	Interest to Date	Total Funds
1	CD	\$21,000.00	\$263.88	\$21,263.88
2	Savings	\$741.50	\$0.13	\$741.63

	Possible Grants	Budgeted	Paid Out	Available funds
1	PR Grant Funds	\$1,666.66	\$0.00	\$1,666.66
2	Membership	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Committee Fund	Income	Paid Out	Available Funds
	West Texas Lions Hearing, Inc.	\$9,081.03	\$775.00	\$8,306.03

	District Fundraiser	Collected	Paid Out	Funds Available
	LA Hurricane Donations	\$3,673.80	\$3,673.80	\$0.00

	Campaign 100 Pledge Form	Received	Mailed
	Private Donations	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

	Texas Lions Camp	Received	Mailed
	Private Donation	\$100.00	\$100.00

Expenses

Updated 2/23/22

	Item	Budgeted	Expense to Date	Balance
1	State Admin Dues (725 x 7)	\$5,075.00	\$4,901.75	\$173.25
2	State Promote Texas Fund (725 x .5)	\$362.50	\$350.13	\$12.37
3	State Convention Fund (2 years)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
4	District Directory	\$300.00	\$450.00	-\$150.00
5	District Pins (300)	\$555.00	\$0.00	\$555.00
6	State Pins (200)	\$206.00	\$0.00	\$206.00
7	District Awards	\$1,200.00	\$50.41	\$1,149.59
	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas			
8	Facilities/Food/Expenses	\$700.00	\$647.80	\$52.20
	District Meeting - Alpine			
9	Facilities/Food/Expenses	\$700.00	\$1,550.00	-\$850.00
	Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas			
10	Facilities/Food/Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$2,524.97	-\$1,324.97
	District Convention - Monahans			
11	Facilities/Food/Hotel/Honorariums	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
12	GLT Training	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
13	GMA Travel, etc	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
14	International Convention IPDG	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
15	Office Expenses/Printing	\$500.00	\$366.83	\$133.17
16	Virtual Meeting/Technology Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$849.55	\$150.45
17	Bond Insurance	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
18	Opportunity for Youth	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$1,450.00
19	Peace Poster	\$1,300.00	\$1,314.55	-\$14.55
20	Camp Director East	\$500.00	\$268.25	\$231.75
21	Camp Director West	\$500.00	\$155.15	\$344.85
22	Governor Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
23	Travel - Secretary/Treasurer	\$1,000.00	\$422.73	\$577.27
24	Travel 1st VDG	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
25	Travel 2nd VDG	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
26	Contingency	\$2,000.00	\$235.11	\$1,764.89
27	Cabinet 2022-2023	\$10,398.77	\$0.00	\$10,398.77
28	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,747.27	\$14,687.23	\$24,860.04

Helpful Links:

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC): www.txlerc.org

Texas Lions Camp: <http://lionscamp.com>

MD-2 Lions of Texas: <http://texaslions.org>

Lions Club International (LCI): <http://lionsclubs.org>

LCI Member Portal: <https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Home>

District 2-T3 Web: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/2t3/>

District 2-T3 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsdistrict2t3>

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Submission deadlines are the 10th of the month.