

District 2-T3

March 2022



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Lions of District 2-T3,

Our district's net gain in membership has disappeared, at least temporarily. Sadly, the Odessa Ector Lions Club was canceled in February, with a loss of 12 members. For many years, Ector LC was vital to the district, to Odessa, and to its south side. I know that we have not heard the last of it. I continue to pledge to devote the rest of my year to struggling clubs in this district. I'm happy to say that some clubs have already asked for help. GMA Champion PDG Orlando Rodriguez, GMT Amit Rangra, myself, and others are ready to help when the time is right.

Lion Laurel Santiago is one of the newest Monahans Lions. Through her position at our local radio station, she has produced a four and a half minute public service announcement promoting Lions Club. She invited our Lions to answer the question, "Why am I a Lion?", and then turned our answers into the spot. She is willing to help other clubs who want to do something similar – you can send your MP3 files to her at Laurel@kckm1330.com (432)241-7604.

Plans for the District Convention are taking shape. We look forward to hosting the district on the weekend of April 29 and 30 at some brand new facilities in Monahans. Make yourself at home and look around while you're in here. We have the Monahans Sandhills State Park just east of town, several museums in one spot at the Ward County Museum at the Million Barrel, a football stadium that holds more people than live here, and many other fine facilities.

Most Fridays find me working at TLERC (Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) in Midland as one of three interim CEOs, along with PDGs Armando Subia and Russell Livingston of District 2-A1. Our own VDG Ralph McCain is also there often. Glasses are coming in and going out. We're blessed with experienced paid staff and volunteers, including Lions Mark and Don of Midland Northside LC. Operationally, we will be doing well if we can match the levels achieved by former CEO Lion Carolyn Keskitalo. Midland Downtown Boss Lion Paul Browning and I have been concentrating on QuickBooks. Money is coming in and going out, and we're accounting for it. We're doing pretty well for a bunch of guys! One thing this year has taught me is how vital women are at every level of Lions Club nowadays; in many ways, lady Lions have taken charge, "And that's a good thing." to quote Martha Stewart. TLERC shows me that men are also still ready, willing, and able to do what needs doing. Two goals of this changeover are to increase donations and to bring in more volunteers. Stay tuned and find ways to be involved.

It warmed my heart recently to see the beautiful Odessa Spire lit up in the blue and yellow colors of the Ukrainian flag. Many of us have Odessa on our minds these days. Sometimes it is the city on the east side of District 2-T3, and sometimes it is that city's namesake in Ukraine. LCIF has stepped up to help the millions of refugees displaced by the conflict. You can help them at the same time that you help this district achieve our LCIF Campaign 100 goal. Please use the link below, indicate that you are a Lion, include your membership number, and your club number:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/humanitarian-crisis-ukraine#help>

Sincerely honored to be yours,

District Governor Frank Heslin

District 2-T3

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Important Dates

Club Elections
April 01-30, 2022

The secretary shall promptly report the newly elected officer's to LCI within 15 days of election.

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 (33 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 Falcon
El Paso Special Needs	Odessa Grandview
El Paso Sun City	Odessa Professionals
El Paso United	Odessa Westside
El Paso Upper Valley	Pecos Downtown
Fabens Cotton	Sanderson
Fort Davis	Van Horn
Fort Stockton	Ysleta
Horizon Eastlake	

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. (WTLH, Inc.) Please make Governor's Charities check out to WTLH, Inc. Thank you.

In District 2-T3 News

District 2-T3

CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

There is still time to submit your club's application for all or any of the following District Awards!

◆ Cullen Akins Leadership Award

Next month we will have the District Convention and with that a time honored award, the Cullen Akins Leadership Award. Lion Cullen Akins was a member of Odessa Downtown where he served as President of the Club. In his honor and memory there is an award given at the District Convention by the Past District Governors Association. The PDGs come together and after a careful secret ballot vote for the winner. April 1st is deadline to submit your worthy Lion from your club. Eligibility to receive the Cullen Akins District Leadership award is: Outstanding service in Lionism based on the current cycle year 2021-2022. Nominee must be in good standing of a Lions club of district 2-T3. Since the award is presented at the District Convention the Lion must be present to win. Those excluded are current District Cabinet members, previous recipients of award and PDGs. Please submit to me, PDG Javier Morales your nomination which will then be sent to each PDG for their secret ballot vote. The winner will not be mentioned or announced till that night. Looking at the previous winners since 2002 these are the top three clubs that have had a winner: El Paso Five points, El Paso Downtown and Odessa Downtown. Good luck to all and I await your nomination. - PDG Javier Morales c4vette@hotmail.com



◆ Melvin Jones Fellowship

Contributions for the MJF can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum or in installments. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.
(Ctrl + Click to follow link) [Apply Now](#) For further Melvin Jones Fellowship contributions or inquiries, contact Donor Services at 630-203-3836.



Lions Clubs Founder
Melvin Jones

◆Let'sContinueTheChallenge!

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.



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. For more information contact Global Service Team Coordinator, Maria Salas Mendoza, salasamendoza@hotmail.com

◆Club Excellence Award

Use the qualifications outlined in the [Club Excellence Award Application](#) as your road map to excellence. Applications must be signed by the current district governor. If sent from the district governor's email, it qualifies as signature on application submitted electronically.

Download application (2021-22) (Ctrl + Click to follow link)

Due by: August 31, 2022

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards mailed to: 2022-2023 District Governor

For questions, inquiries or to submit your Club Excellence Award Application you may contact us by email clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or phone (630) 468-6828.

◆Jack Wiech Fellowship

Many choose to continue their commitment to the Texas Lions Camp by participating in the Jack Wiech Fellowship Progressive Program. Lions Clubs and districts also participate by making donations in the name of an individual who is already a Jack Wiech Fellow. Progressive levels are available in \$1,000 increments. An inscribed plaque and lapel pin are given to each recipient of this prestigious award.

<https://lionscamp.com/Downloads/DownloadCenter/JackWiechFellowship.pdf>

◆Legacy Lion Deadline was 03/19/22 but has been extended to the end of the month: 03/31/22

The Legacy Lion Award recognizes an individual for their outstanding performance and community service during the year and throughout their membership. This special Member is a guiding force that keeps our Club strong and active. Contact District Secretary/Treasurer Annette Norch for more information: district2t3@gmail.com or at (915) 355-6677.

**Lions Texas Council Chair
Elections**
to be held on Saturday, April 30,
2022 at the District 2-T3 Convention
in Monahans, Texas.
Vote for your favorite Candidate.



Vote for
PDG Orlando Rodriguez



"March with me to the
top y hay nos vemos"



"The Art of Getting It in the ZONE"

Zone 1-A Chairman, Lion Frank of El Paso Five Points Lions Club has registered and set up a Lions clubs volunteer group with the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger. On February 22nd, four lions from Sun City and Five Points Lions participated in the sorting, distributing, and assisting elderly in this Project. Henceforth, this will be one of the Zone 1-A regular volunteer Projects. A schedule has been drawn for Lion members to pledge the time they can attend. The Project is open to all Lions clubs with members that can participate.



Lions Frank Padilla
and Betty Spencer

Don't miss out on the **MUST ATTEND** event of the Lion Year!
Register today!



2022 District 2-T3 Convention

April 29 & 30, 2022
Monahans, Texas



Board Meeting by Zoom:
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
7pm CST

Social Event:

Friday, April 29, 2022, 6pm-8pm
Fairfield Inn Suites Marriott
1517 South Stuart Avenue
Monahans, Texas 79756
Pool Area - Finger Food/2 Drink Tickets

Convention:

Saturday, April 30, 2022
Ward County Event Center
1525 East Monahans Parkway Blvd
Monahans, Texas 79756

7:30am – 8:30am – Check in Table

- ❖ 8am – 9am Necrology
- ❖ 9:15am – 11:45am Business Meeting
- ❖ 12pm – 1:30pm Legacy Luncheon
- ❖ 1:30pm – 2:30pm Voting
- ❖ 2:30pm – 3:30pm – Service Projects
 - ❖ Recycling Eyeglasses Project/Audiometer Training
- ❖ 5:30pm – 6pm Meet & Greet
- ❖ Governor's Banquet
 - ❖ Keynote Speaker –
 - Jeffrey Gans, International Director

Rooming:

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
1517 South Stuart Avenue
Monahans, Texas 79756
(432) 251-0097
Standard King or Double Queen, \$75
King Suite \$85

Event Rate (All must Register/Paid before the Event)

Registration \$15 (Late \$20)
Breakfast \$10
Legacy Luncheon \$25 (Late \$35)
Governor's Banquet \$35 (Late \$45)

Payment Options:

PayPal: District2t3@gmail.com
Use Family or Friend option
Venmo: @District2-T3
Check payable to District 2-T3
500 Thunderbird Drive, Unit 74, El Paso, Texas 79912

Hospitality Rooms

Only 3 more hospitality rooms are available, in addition to the Governor's. Contact the hotel to reserve one while they last.

All Must Register and Paid prior to Event

	Early Registration	Total	Late Fees
Registration Fee	\$15 x _____	\$ _____	\$ 20.00
Breakfast	\$10 x _____	\$ _____	\$ 10.00
Legacy Luncheon	\$25 x _____	\$ _____	\$ 35.00
Governor's Banquet	\$35 x _____	\$ _____	\$ 45.00
	Total	\$ _____	

Club:

Attendees:

Tail Twister Baskets are requested. Thank you in advance.

Convention hosted by the "Fun Loving" Monahans Lions Club

In Club Lion News

Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most.



Ysleta Lions Club



Delivering last minute request for food to the Child Crises Center during the mid-winter conference. Lion Michelle Colwell shown.

El Paso Upper Valley Lions Club "The Trust in a Lion"

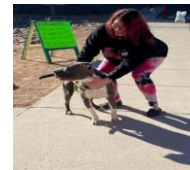
The Gadsden Retired Teachers Association was seeking to make a donation to assist the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine but were looking for a specific organization that meet their two criteria (1) an organization that was reputable (2) a not-for-profit organization. Seeing that one of their members, Lion Jane Sims was a Lion they chose to make the donation through LCIF. The Upper Valley Lions also contributed to the cause and a total of \$600.00 will be getting to Ukraine. What a wonderful act of KINDNESS!

Professionals of Odessa Lions Club "Fighting Homelessness"

We were honored to be able to present Andrea with Odessa links (and the homeless coalition) with the items we collected in partnership with Haley's Haven for our homeless drive. With the weather locally about to take a bad turn, we hope this will make a huge impact. Thanks to the generosity of a large number of people we were able to provide many blankets, water resistant bags, non-perishable high protein food items, toiletry supplies, socks, gloves, hats, water, "pup" packs for the canine companions, and even a cash donation to be directed towards bus passes for those in need! From the bottom of our heartsthank you to all who donated



El Paso Executive Women Lions Club "Doggie Daycare Connoisseurs"



These group of wonderful women have dedicated their Sunday Mornings to help walk dogs at the City of El Paso Animal Services as Rescue Runners on the Mutt Mile. They participate and join to run (or walk!) the shelter pets! This is a great opportunity for avid runners or even families that want to provide exercise for themselves and at the same time, help out the pets that are being housed.

El Paso Centennial Lions Club "Love What You Do & Do What You Love"

Once in a while it really hits people that they can make dreams come true for others. It was a privilege for the Club to collaborate with Make-A-Wish North Texas to help fulfill Jesus' dream of having his own room. Volunteers spent hours installing a new remote fan and LED light fixtures as well as assembling a gaming table, chair and shelves. A television was mounted along with a bean bag for Jesus to enjoy watching his favorite TV shows. He also received a new sleep number bed donated by The Mattress Firm. Needless to say, his reaction was priceless. Jesus is a beautiful, smart and funny 16-year old boy who loves to sing, loves animals and gaming. This project was featured in local news media.

Scouting provides structured settings where young people can learn new skills and develop habits of continual learning that will help them succeed.

The girls troop sponsored by Odessa Downtown presented Alexis Charrier and Alexa Disney with their flag.



Lions Laura Charity and Mr. and Mrs. Padilla of the El Paso Five Points Lions Club attended a celebration held by the Eagle Scout Troop 4 Court of Honor. El Paso Five points Lions club is a supporting sponsor of Scout Troop 4. The event took place on February 8th at Grace Gardens.

Club Collaboration

Club participation, fundraising and recruitment are vital to the sustainability of Lions Clubs. One way that we can bring this to life, is to begin relationships with other clubs and collaborate to help one another succeeds.

♦ Members of the El Paso Sun City Lions Club and El Paso Downtown Lions Club collaborated in performing vital and free vision screening.

♦ The 20th El Paso Downtown Lions Club Golf tournament was held. It was a great success and collaborating with them were the El Paso Centennial Lions Clubs and Ysleta Lions Club.

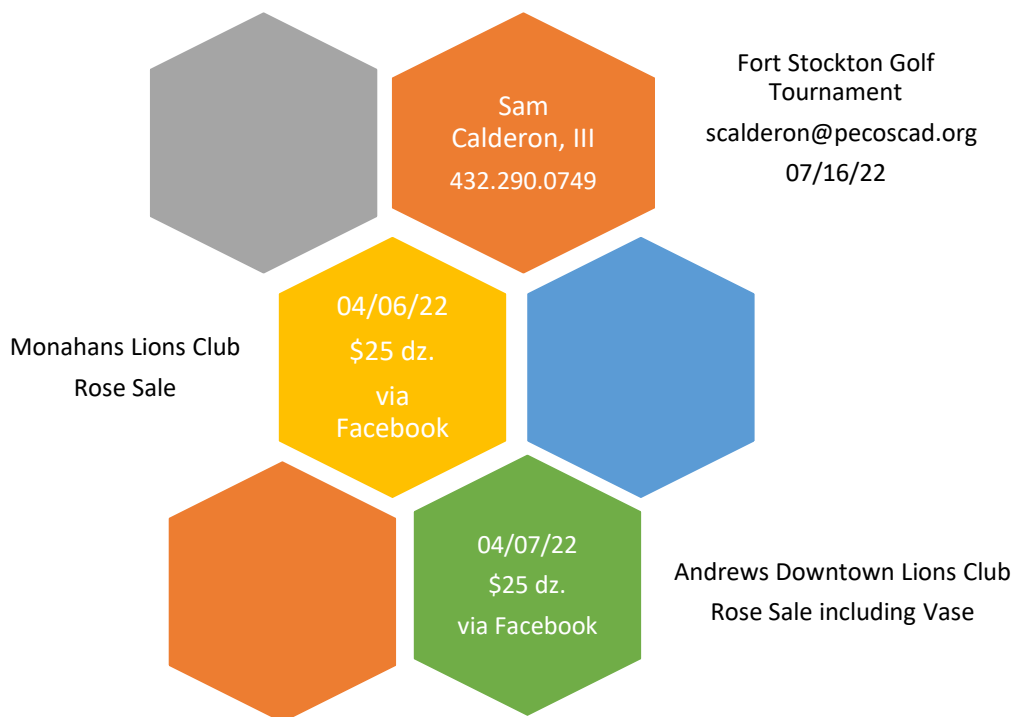


**District 2-T3
Lions Share**



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://txlrc.org/> (ctrl + click)



Register on Eventbrite using this link.

<https://ysletalionsrideforsighttickets.eventbrite.com> (ctrl + click)

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	\$2,816.00	
3	State Admin Dues (7 x 725) x 90%	\$4,567.50	\$3,584.00	
4	State Convention Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$253.00	
5	State Promote Texas Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$253.00	
	Tail Twister Income (\$400 x 4)			
6	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas	\$400.00	\$886.12	
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	\$985.00	
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	\$36,979.85	

	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

Expenses

Updated 3/20/22

	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 Expense/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	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
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	\$249.66	\$1,750.34
27	Cabinet 2022-2023	\$10,398.77	\$0.00	\$10,398.77
28	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,747.27	\$14,887.23	\$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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Contact or submit to news.district2t3@gmail.com and let us know today!

Submission deadlines are the 10th of the month.