### District 2-T3

### April 2022









#### **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Lions of District 2-T3,

The District Convention in Monahans was a resounding success. Much good work was done by many and much fun and fellowship were achieved as well. I could go on and on, but I feel the need to further praise recognize this year's individual honorees.

Lion Annette Norch of El Paso Downtown became the third lion and the first woman inducted into our District 2-T3 Hall of Fame. This goes along with International President Douglas X. Alexander's Certificate of Appreciation that she received in January. I was absolutely thrilled that both Lion Susan Driscoll of El Paso Downtown and Teresa Burnett of Monahans (convention chairwoman) received International Leadership medals. Each of these lady lions has work tirelessly for the good of lionism, encountering setbacks and defeating them. Lion Susan had also received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation in January. Lion Betty Spenser of El Paso Sun City was honored with the Cullen Aiken Award. PDG Javier came up with a classy way to recognize all of the nominees for this award before singling out Lion Betty as our Lion of the Year. Region Chairwoman Rose Lucero conducted an uplifting and respectful ceremony to honor 13 worthy Legacy Lions, many of whom were present at the luncheon. Additional Certificates of Appreciation from International President Alexander went to Anna Bela Doporto of El Paso Centennial (so much service from one person), Sherry Williamson of Odessa Downtown (I loved the gasps of surprise, agreement, and satisfaction that were heard when her name was announced.), and our District Governor-Elect Ralph McCain of Odessa Downtown. We will be in good hands in 2022-2023. It was my pleasure to honor Lion Maria Cazares with the relatively new District Governor Recognition medal. She should wear it proudly for leading us both in Fitness and Diabetes. She told me that she has lost weight and a couple of dress sizes this year. Keep up the good work, Lion Maria, and all other honorees.

International Director Jeff Gans prodded and inspired us with his messages about membership, LCIF, Melvin Jones Fellowships, and the work being done by the current officers and directors of Lions International. Hang in there \$1.7 million is being spent to improve the MyLion/MyLCI portal through Salesforce. It was my pleasure to spend so much quality time with Lions Jeff and Ellyn.

I was reminded of Director Gans' beautiful explanation of the geese on his pin during last weekend's the first annual Ysleta Lions Ride for Sight Bike Ride through the beautiful farmland of Anthony New Mexico and Texas. Like geese we rode together in packs, sharing some of the work to cut through the wind. Instead of honking like geese, the riders were constantly talking to each other about road conditions, hazards, and directions. When a rider crashed, our whole pack stopped and helped her, all the while looking out for each other's well-being and safety. I think there were about 100 riders. It was a good ride, for a great cause: West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation. Next year.

Sincerely honored to be yours,

District Governor Frank Heslin

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#### **Important Dates**

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



# District 2-T3 Clubs (33 Clubs)

Alpine Iraan

Fort Stockton

Horizon Eastlake

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 Odessa Falcon El Paso Mountain El Paso Special Needs Odessa Grandview El Paso Sun City Odessa Professionals Odessa Westside El Paso United El Paso Upper Valley **Pecos Downtown Fabens Cotton** Sanderson Van Horn Fort Davis

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

### CONGRATULATIONS LION BETTY SPENCER,

EL PASO SUN CITY LIONS CLUB

DISTRICT 2-T3 CULLEN AKINS LEADERSHIP AWARD

On April 30, 2022 Lion Betty Spencer became the first El Paso Sun City Lions Club member to receive the prestigious Cullen Akins Award which honors the Lion of the Year. Lion Betty was one of several Lions nominated for this award at the District 2-T3 convention held in Monahans, Texas.

As she delivered her acceptance speech, one could see she was overwhelmed and truly astonished with her victory. During our morning session, that day, Lion Betty was seeking out transportation to come back to El Paso early but as fate would have it, it held other plans for her.

Soon after her win, we sat down in one of the cheery hospitality suites and had a warming conversation where she humbly familiarized me on

some of her history as a Lion. She began by telling me "Lions are my family here in El Paso."







**Lion Betty Spencer** 

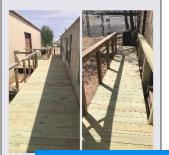
In 1987, LCI moved to accept women into the organization and three years later, Lion Betty was the first women to join her club and enthusiastically mentioned that all her recruits since then, are still members. She now looks forward to working towards further strengthening her advocacy, support and service in Lionism.

Important Note: All clubs if you have not done so, please report incoming officers to LCI as soon as possible. For assistance contact District Secretary Annette Norch at (915) 355-6677. Thank you.

<sup>\*</sup>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.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!



Pictures of the new deck at Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center!! Thank you to Lion Kelly Evans Construction from Odessa for donating the labor!! Good job Lions! A great big THANK YOU to all who made our Top Golf Tournament a HUGE success! First, thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up; second, thank you to all the Lions who worked so hard to gather door prizes and sponsors; last, but not least, thank you to our sponsors and players. We couldn't have made this happen without everyone's involvement. – *Lion Susan Driscoll* (excerpt)



We held the BIG event Ysleta Lions Club Ride for Sight benefiting West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation, Inc. After all our headbutting LOL! WE DID IT! It was a BIG learning experience for us ALL. If you were not able to donate to the food bank here is where you can still donate

https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donorform?svcid=renxt...

If you would like to donate some money for an eye exam, eye glasses or eye surgeries you can send a check to: WTLEHF c/o Ysleta Lions Club, 500 Thunderbird #74, El Paso Texas 79912. Call Lion Annette Norch at 915-355-6677 or email her at wtlehf.915@gmail.com.

I would like to thank the following for all their help and support without them none of this could

have happened. My hubby and family Gil Alvara, Crystal Torres, Emilio Alvara, Valerie Alvara, Frank Alvara, and BFF MARIBEL, my bosses Dr C and MJ, co-workers Veronica Castillo, Armando, Patty, Dr. Richard & Debbie Nichols, Dawn with Mesa Vista Winery Tasting Room, La Union Maze, SHAKLEE Anna Bela Doporto, El Paso Eye Surgeons PA, Vision Associates of El Paso, University Vision Centre, HUMANA, Advantage Insurance, Guel Contractors, Eastside Vision Center, Adaptive Cyclers Plus, El Paso Electric, Betsy Hinojos Castillo Farmers Ins., GEICO Daniel Lucas, Spotlight E.P. News, TXDOT Alliance Adriana Rodriguez, Honeybee Distributing, The Bike Station Store, Blue Star Custom Uniforms, One Stop Printing, Cynthia Torres and hubby Steve, Belen Barrio-Marchese sending her son Alex, Lion Susan Driscoll, District Governor Frank E. Heslin, Jo's Style, Haydee Fiske with Beautiful You Aesthetics and More, The Sushi Girl and of course photography by Michele Duenas hubby Greg. Charlie Clark Nissan El Paso drivers. Our SAGS the mighty sisters of 2019 Remedios Garcia, Grisel, Rocio Mena-Armendariz, her sister Myrna Ortiz, Susie Ramirez and Jim. I hope I didn't miss anyone. Thank you EVERYONE! God bless you all! See ya all next time! - Lion Cindy Alvara (excerpt)

#### AWE-INSPIRING CHANGES ARE COMING:

International Director Jeff Gans from New Jersey and Keynote Speaker at our District Convention, announced that changes will be made to Lions Clubs International. The new name will be Lions International, omitting the word clubs. The LCI current Mission Statement will also be revised with modifications. A 1.7 million investment has been made to revamp MyLion and the My LCI website.

#### In Club Lion News

## El Paso Executive Women Lions Club "Charity Event"

On Sunday, May 15, 2022 the club held a golf tournament at Top Golf in west El Paso to raise funds for their selective charities.





Odessa Grandview and Professionals of Odessa Lions Club "Stamping Out Hunger"

These two awesome Clubs came together to volunteer at the Odessa Food Bank and most importantly to form new Lion friendships.

## El Paso Centennial Lions Club "Continuing Their Service"



"A Purse of Her Own" initiative is one of our Club's Signature ongoing projects started by our very own Lion Ruth Rivas. This past week Lion Ruth delivered 35 purses to The Opportunity Center. As a special gift,

Lion Ruth included a set of earrings which she too created! If you would like to donate a gently used purse or hygiene products, please feel free to message us on our Facebook page and we will coordinate a pickup or call/message (915) 591-0202.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and giving hope to someone in need. It can go a long way. - Lion Priscilla Monarez (excerpt)

El Paso Del Norte Lions Club
"HOT STUFF"



Club Members delivering Mother Day Roses.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Chili Cook-Off, Kodiak Cooking. Event sponsored in conjunction with Mountain Star Brewing Company.

## El Paso Downtown Lions Club "The Green Team"

We Serve

Commissioners Court approved and adopted a resolution recognizing April 29, 2022, as "National Arbor Day" in El Paso County, Texas. Along with approving and authorizing the acceptance of a donation from the El Paso Downtown Lions Club of 90 trees, to be planted at Ascarate Park. The trees will be a great addition to Ascarate Park to provide shade and expand on their mission to provide GREAT parks for everyone! – *Lion Susan Driscoll* 





Monahans Lions Club "Environmental Activists"

On May 7, 2022 the club gathered and realized their Service Project "Clean Up Monahans." Unbelievable Since they had just sponsored the outstanding District 2-T3 Convention a week earlier. WOW, AMAZING!



Odessa Downtown Lions Club
"Paying It Forward at the Gas Pump"



They simply want to be a part of their community. "We're lions. We serve. We give back. We help. That's what we do," said Lions Club member Diane Cherry. The membership gathered at a gas station to hand out forty dollar gas cards to help alleviate some of the financial burden caused by filling the gas tank. The Club made it their mission to offer a helping hand to unsuspecting people who face fueling insecurities and wondering how they are going to get from one place to another.

One woman raising her five great grandchildren stopped to pump gas. She was only going to put \$3 in her tank because that is all she had.

But as luck would have it, she left the gas station with tranquility and a full tank of gas.

Visit there Facebook page and see a full newscast on this humanitarian service project.



### Fort Stockton Lions Club "Good Luck"

Madam President Irene presented a check to Mrs. Karan for the Food Challenge Team that will be traveling to College Station for state competition.



Their 2nd annual golf tournament was held April 23, 2022 at the Alpine Country Club. In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, prizes were awarded for longest drive and closest to pin. Lunch was prepared for all of the participants.



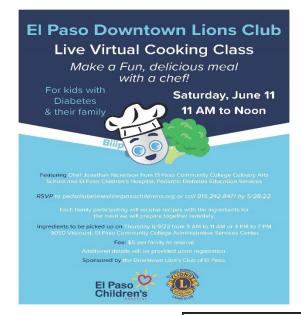
Also, the Board of Directors approved the formation of a Club Branch at Sul Ross University. PDG Avi Rangra was appointed liaison to assist Lion Manuel Martinez in forming the new branch.



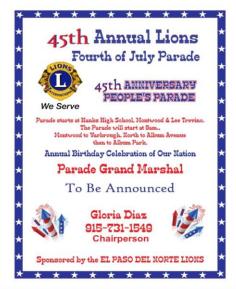
You can help by supporting these great causes and fellow Lions



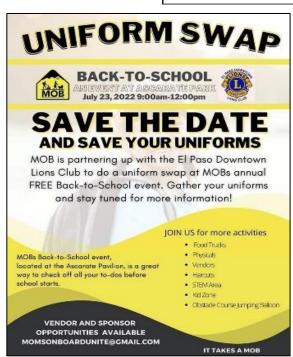
REGISTRATION FOR TOURNAMENT
\$100.00 FIRST TEAM
\$75.00 SECOND TEAM AND
ANY OTHER TEAM SAME FAMILY.
CALL ANDREWS COUNTY GOLF COURSE
TO ENTER 432-524-1462, OR MAIL TO PO
BOX 1425, ANDREWS, TX 79714
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD LIONS CLUB
CHARITIES AND TEXAS LIONS CAMP.



Fort Stockton Golf Tournament
July 16, 2022
For Information contact
Lion Sam Calderon, III
432.290.0749
scalderon@pecoscad.org







### District 2-T3 2021-2022 Budget

Income	Expenses	Updated 4/22/22
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	Item	Budgeted	Income to Date	Notes		ltem .	Budgeted	Expense to Date	Balance
1	Initial Operating Fund - Beginning Balance	\$16,638.52	\$16,638.52		1	State Admin Dues (725 x 7)	\$5,075.00	\$4,901.75	\$173.25
2	District Admin Dues (5.5 x 725) x 90%	\$3,588.75	\$3,184.50		2	State Promote Texas Fund (725 x .5)	\$362.50	\$350.13	\$12.37
3	State Admin Dues (7 x 725) x 90%	\$4,567.50	\$4,053.00		3	State Convention Fund (2 years)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
4	State Convention Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$293.10		4	District Directory	\$300.00	\$450.00	-\$150.00
5	State Promote Texas Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$293.10		5	District Pins (300)	\$555.00	\$0.00	\$555.00
	Tail Twister Income (\$400 x 4)				6	State Pins (200)	\$206.00	\$0.00	\$206.00
6	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas	\$400.00	\$886.12		7	District Awards	\$1,200.00	\$248.50	\$951.50
7	District Meeting - Alpine, Texas	\$400.00	\$805.00			District Meeting - Odessa, Texas			
8	Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas	\$400.00	\$771.00		8	Facilities/Food/Expenses	\$700.00	\$647.80	\$52.20
9	District Convention - Monahans, Texas	\$400.00	\$0.00			District Meeting - Alpine			
	Cabinet Meetings (40 x \$30) Reg/Food				9	Facilities/Food/Expenses	\$700.00	\$1,550.00	-\$850.00
10	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas	\$700.00	\$1,963.57			Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas			
11	District Meeting - Alpine	\$700.00	\$1,625.00		10	Facilities/Food/Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$2,524.97	-\$1,324.97
12	Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas	\$1,000.00	\$3,582.14			District Convention - Monahans			
13	District Convention - Monahans, Texas	\$5,000.00	\$2,680.00		11	Facilities/Food/Hotel/Honorariums	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
14	District Directory	\$100.00	\$30.00		12	GLT Training	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
15	District Directory Ads	\$500.00	\$725.00		13	GMA Travel, etc	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
16	State, District, and (free) Personal Pins	\$1,000.00	\$1,887.50		14	International Convention IPDG	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
17	Opportunity for Youth/Peace Poster donations from clubs	\$700.00	\$175.00		15	Office Expense/Printing	\$500.00	\$401.63	\$98.37
18	Contributions: Hotel tax money, OFY	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		16	Virtual Meeting/Technology Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$849.55	\$150.45
	TOTAL INCOME	\$39,747.27	\$39,592.55		17	Bond Insurance	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
				18	Opportunity for Youth	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	
	State Convention Fund	Income	Interest to Date	Total Funds	19	Peace Poster	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
1	CD	\$21,000.00	\$263.88	\$21,263.88	20	Camp Director East	\$500.00	\$268.25	\$231.75
2	Savings	\$741.50	\$0.13	\$741.63	21	Camp Director West	\$500.00	\$155.15	\$344.85
				22	Governor Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
	Possible Grants	Budgeted	Paid Out	Available funds	23	Travel - Secretary/Treasurer	\$1,000.00	\$422.73	\$577.27
1	PR Grant Funds	\$1,666.66	\$0.00	\$1,666.66	24	Travel 1st VDG	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
2	Membership	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	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	\$15,120.12	\$24,627.15

#### Helpful Links:

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

Texas Lions Camp: http://lionscamp.com

MD-2 Lions of Texas: <a href="http://texaslions.org">http://texaslions.org</a>

Lions Club International (LCI): <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">http://lionsclubs.org</a></a>
LCI Member Portal: <a href="https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Home">https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Home</a>

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

District 2-T3 Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lionsdistrict2t3">https://www.facebook.com/lionsdistrict2t3</a>

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