

District 2-T3

November 2021



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Lions of District 2-T3,

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Lion Marc Boswell was Secretary/Treasurer for Andrews Downtown Lions Club. He passed away after a horrific crash when the Andrews High School marching band bus, that he was driving, was hit by a vehicle going the wrong way on an Interstate 20 service road in Big Spring, TX on Friday, November 19. Others were killed and injured in the same accident. All of their families need our thoughts and prayers. Whenever I planned visit to Andrews Downtown Lions Club over the past several years, Lion Marc would take care of all the details. He was the first person to greet me when I arrived early for my most recent visit on October 19. He explained that he would be in and out of the club's meeting room at La Hacienda Restaurant until the meeting started. It was his habit to bring his father out to eat at La Hacienda on the Tuesdays when the club met. He introduced me to his dad as they were having lunch together at a table near the buffet area. Lion Marc was the image of grace and kindness. He died in the very act of serving his community. There will be no way to replace Lion Marc. There will be a void. We can only do what we do and hope for the best.

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Hats off to Alpine Lions Club for hosting our October 30 District Meeting. I know that you had several challenges. However, those challenges did not prevent us from having an enjoyable and productive meeting that went off on schedule. Council Chairman Scott Evans gave a motivational keynote address on the importance of the service work that we do. A lot of Lions and other people worked together to make that meeting go so well. Thank you.

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC or <https://txlerc.org/>) consumed a lot of my time at the recent Council of Governors meeting in College Station. That is to be expected. Just like Texas Lions Camp, TLERC is one of the few statewide Lions projects. However, TLERC does not get as much love, and I don't know why. Maybe it's easier to feel love for a beautiful hill country camp that provides so much happiness for children with disabilities, and harder to love a Midland warehouse full of used eyeglasses.

Never-the-less, recycling eyeglasses is one of the first projects people think of when they think of Lions. TLERC is a Governor's Charity at the \$4/member level. I encourage you to give at least that much. The pandemic has been hard on TLERC. Funds dried up. Mission trips to foreign countries ceased. However, CEO Carolyn never discouraged the flow of glasses to Midland. She was concerned that it would be too hard to restart it. I visited TLERC in Midland the other day and things are looking up. 500,000 eyeglasses had just been sent to the CEREDIL project in Mexico. Necessary repairs have been made and more are in the works. I want to find opportunities for Lions from District 2-T3 to go to Midland for intensive CU-FU-PU (Clean Up, Fix Up, Pick Up) sessions. Until then, you can always call 432.683.3611 on your own to find out how you can help. Let's get behind TLERC. It's what we do!

Sincerely honored to be yours,

District Governor Frank Heslin

District 2-T3

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Important Dates

Mid-Winter Conference

El Paso, Texas

Saturday, January 29, 2022

Hosted by

**El Paso Five Points
Lions Club**

3rd COG Meeting

Kerrville, Texas

February 3-5, 2022

Texas Lions Leadership Forum

Austin, Texas

March 19-20, 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 Intn'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
District 2-T3, Hearing and Speech	\$2 per member
Lions Eye Bank	\$4 per member
TLERC (Eyeglass Recycling)	\$4 per member
WTLEHF (Eye Health Foundation)	\$3 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

In District News

And the Winners Are...

Club Excellence Award Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 IPDG Javier Morales

El Paso Centennial Lions Club
Lion Paul Rivas

El Paso Executive Women Lions Club
Lion Ellie De La Rosa

El Paso Downtown Lions Club
Lion Susan Driscoll

Monahans Lions Club
Lion Teresa Burnett

Kindness Matters Service Award Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021

El Paso Centennial Lions Club

Lion Paul Rivas, President
Lion Stefania Garza, Chairperson



Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organization operations may qualify for the prestigious Excellence Award every year. The Club Excellence Award is more than an award... it is proof that your club is STRONG! Another yearly award given by LCI is the Kindness Matters Service Award. Nominated at the club level, the award is a challenge for Lions Clubs to develop exceptionally innovative and creative service projects with the aim of leaving a positive impact in their communities.

Every club is eligible. For criteria on both awards go to MyLion and do a search for each. It's not too late to enter for this fiscal year.

GO DISTRICT 2-T3 LIONS!

District Halloween Costume Contest

Another year, another District 2-T3 Halloween costume contest. It was that time of the year that all anticipate and think about throughout the year "WHAT AM I GOING TO WEAR!" It was time to take off the Lion Vest and Fleur de Lis scarf and toss on the perfect costume. They went from a pride of witches to the amazing and ridiculous, to a very impressive zombie cowboy and madame, as well as a very scary leader dog (wolf). The participants entertained the crowd, no one was disqualified and many tried to get away with just their personality. But after all the hoopla, the winners were announced.

1st Place: PDG Kathy Summers
Andrews Downtown

2nd Place: Lion Lilia Caswell
El Paso United

3rd Place: 1st VDG Ralph McCain
Odessa Downtown

Good luck next year!

“Outstanding Youth Award”

Included in this newsletter are the rules for the state Outstanding Youth Contest. Use them as a guide for our District contest. With differences – Awards: \$300, \$200 and \$100, with matching prizes for the winners’ schools, to be distributed by District Secretary/Treasurer Lion Annette Norch. Deadline to postmark applications is Saturday, January 8, 2022. Contest Chairwomen Lion Maria Ecklund, 915.526.7547, strawnlund@yahoo.com, 13218 W Farice Dr., Odessa, TX 79764-9472.

Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth Contests "OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST" 2021-2022 ONLINE Contest Rules “Innovation and Change Now”

1. Contest Rules

- a. Contestants shall be evaluated on a 750 to 1000 - word essay, their biographical information statement, community service, experience/participation leadership information, three letters of recommendation, their high school grade point average and a personal interview.
- b. The following criteria shall be used for judging the contestant:

Fifteen percent (15%) — 750 to 1000 word essay on **Innovation and Change Now!** Covid 19 and the pandemic situation have limited what we used to do. The urgency of change is **Now** not tomorrow or later. Contestants’ essay should reflect what they are doing Now to effect change and what change they want to see in their community, school, family, for the better. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.

- i. Five percent (5%) — Grade point average from school transcript.
 - ii. Fifteen percent (15%) — Three letters of recommendation
 - iii. Thirty-five percent (35%) — biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information.
 - iv. Thirty percent (30%) — Personal interview. The personal interview may include matters on current local, state, national or worldwide events.
- c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
 - d. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language.
 - e. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the State OFY Chair.
 - f. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.

2. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will win a \$3,000.00 scholarship.
- b. The 2nd place winner will win a \$2,000.00 scholarship.
- c. The 3rd place winner will win a \$1,000.00 scholarship
- d. To collect the scholarship award, the Contestant must complete the following process:
 - i. Contestant winner or runners-up must complete the Scholarship Request Form along with proof of registration information from a university, college, junior college or vocational school.
 - ii. The information should be sent to the state office along with any supplemental information needed by the institution (i.e., scholarship forms, etc.). Send request for payment to:

Texas Lions MD-2 State Office
P.O. Box 294509
Kerrville, TX 78029-4509
Phone: 830-257-6557
<mailto:lionsstateoffice@texaslions.org>

3. Payment will be made directly to the designated school.
4. The scholarship awards must be collected no later than two years following the recipient's graduation from High School.

5. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. A District may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), associated documents, and the entry fee to the MD-2 Contest Chairperson prior to the entry deadline.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated document, causes disqualification of the Contestant, with the entry fee being forfeited.
- c. There shall be no refund of any entry fee.
- d. Each contestant shall have placed first in the District contest during the current Lions' year.
 - i. When a first placed district contestant is unable to participate in the MD-2 contest, the first alternate contestant from that District, when approved by the MD-2 Contest Chairman, may enter the contest using the original entrant's sponsorship.
- e. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas.
- f. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the MD-2 contest.

6. Responsibilities of Contestant

- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to their sponsoring Lions Club and/or District.
 - i. State Contest Application (mandatory to be completed online and copied; no handwritten applications will be accepted).
 - ii. Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs (such as current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color. No paper copies of photos will be accepted. Photos not meeting this requirement will not be included in contest souvenir booklet.
 - iii. Signed Copy of the Code of Conduct and Chaperone Guidelines for **Winning Contestant**.
 - iv. Medical Power of Attorney designating his/her Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party and the State contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party for **Winning Contestant**.
 - v. Four (4) typed double spaced copies of your 750 to 1000 word essay with word count on last page of essay. **Essay changes are not permitted once received by State Contest Coordinator.**
 - vi. Four (4) typed copies of biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation experience.
 - vii. Four (4) copies of the three (3) letters of recommendation.
 - viii. One (1) certified high school transcript, plus three (3) copies.
- b. All contestants must agree to be available, upon request to participate in Lions MD-2 events and activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following year's contest.
- c. Attend **Orientation online on Saturday, May 14, 2022** at a time set forth by State Contest Chair.
- d. **Contests** will be held **online** after Orientation on **Saturday, May 14, 2022** at a time set forth by State Contest Chair.
- e. **Online Contest.** Contestants must be able to participate in this contest using online live audio and video communication tools. **Zoom** video conferencing app will be used for the contest.

The following are some basic guidelines for the online contest. Prior to the Contest, Contestants, District Contest Coordinators, and their Club Sponsors will be provided with additional instructions for the online contest by the State Contest Chair.

- i. Contestants must have a computer or access to a computer with a wi-fi connection, video capability (webcam) and microphone to ensure that contestants' gestures and facial expressions will be captured by their camera and their voice will be clearly captured by the microphone while delivering their essay or speech.
- ii. Contestants will be sent an email invitation by the State Contest Chair to participate in the contest and be ready at their designated time.
- iii. Contestants must wear business attire for the online contest.

- iv. Contestants' speaking area must be free of distractions, noise and if necessary, the State Contest Chair will advise contestants on additional lighting needs.
- v. Contestants' speaking area should allow for maximum view of contestants without sacrificing audio quality while presenting his or her essay or speech.
- vi. Once a contestant presents his or her essay or speech, he or she may be placed in a waiting room or be asked to turn off the camera and mute the microphone until the conclusion of the contest.
- vii. After the conclusion of the contest and the results have been determined, all contestants will be invited to rejoin the online contest room, at which time, the 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place Winners will be announced by the State Contest Coordinator.
- viii. First Place Winner will read his or her essay or speech **in person at the MD2 Texas Lions Convention Youth Luncheon on May 28, 2022, in Abilene Texas.**
- ix. All contestants will be recognized and receive a certificate of participation. In addition to scholarship awards, winning contestants will receive an award and a winner's certificate.
- x. If technology fails during the contest and the State Contest Chair determines that the contest can no longer continue, the State Contest Chair may pause the contest until the technology issue is resolved. A contestant may resume his or her speech or essay at the point at which the technology failed.

7. Responsibilities of the Sponsoring District

- a. An entry fee of \$250 to be attached to each participant's application. Check to be made payable to **Texas State Convention Fund.**
- b. The sponsoring district must make sure all documents listed above (Items 6(a)(i-viii)) are completed, have all required signatures and are sent to the Outstanding Youth State Coordinator. **The deadline to postmark all applications will be Monday, April 18, 2022 for all Districts.**
- c. Complete Sponsorship District Responsibility List and attach to contestant's application/contest package. **This is mandatory.**

8. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club and or District Responsibilities

- a. Winning contestant shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated chaperone from their sponsoring club or District to the convention.
- b. The Texas Lions MD-2 State Convention will be responsible for providing one night's lodging before the contest as well as the meal during the Youth Luncheon at the MD2 State Convention for the winning contestant.
- c. The sponsoring District shall be responsible for all expenses not paid by the Texas Lions MD-2 Convention for their contestant.
- d. Comply with requirements as set forth in the Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth contest Chaperone Guidelines.

9. Contest Coordinator Contact Information

**Lion Gloria Mathur
8705 Baltusrol Dr.
Flower Mound, Texas 75022
972-896-9953
Gmathur1120@gmail.com**

Fort Stockton Lions Club “Pumpkin Patch”



Decorating pumpkins during the season for the Focus Care Nursing Home is an annual tradition for the Fort Stockton Lions Club. Sharing their kindness

of a personal connection is incredibly supportive and meaningful to both the residents and staff members while bringing the feelings of happiness and contentment. This is a great activity but also fun to share with the folks which helps them to stay connected and brighten their Harvest Season.



Alpine Lions Club “WIFF-not at all”

In golf lingo the term “WIFF” refers to a Total missed shot. In the case of the Alpine Lions Club first annual golf tournament that is not the case. On November 6, 2021, nine 4 person teams were fielded for the tournament. Lunch of hamburgers and sausage was provided at the 5th hole. Starting small gave them the opportunity to learn and make the tournament thrive in the future.

Del Norte Lions Club “The House Always Wins”

As the economy improves, more and more organizations are reaching out to the Del Norte Lions to provide a casino-like fundraising environment. Some of the table games provided are black jack, craps and high-low to name a few. Casino Night Fundraiser's are especially exciting and entertaining when you hire the right dealers to perform the right motif.

Unity & Strength for Lions



Having Lions Clubs working as a team is something that is necessary in any environment. When Lions Clubs are supportive of one another, they will work together to complete their Service Projects with high morale which leads to increased service satisfaction. They will also find themselves making new friends and speaking to each other where they can share ideas and build respect while wanting their fellow Lions to succeed along with them and boost the Lion motto “WE Serve.”

When the call went out for assistance to benefit local Afghan Refugees, the El Paso United Lions Club along with the El Paso Centennial Lions Club heeded the call. Working in collaboration with Family Youth Services they quickly fostered a successful donation drive.

Noteworthy ROARS

- » Lion Laura Charity of the El Paso Five Points Lions Club was presented with a Texas Fellow Progressive Pin by PDG John Feighery at the Alpine District Meeting.
- » The El Paso Downtown Lions Club partook in its first ever Veteran's Day Parade bringing along their famous Lion float thanks to Lion Marc Almklov. We honor all Veterans especially our Lion Veterans who continue to serve the American people.
- » Lion Diane Cherry, Texas Lions Camp Director West and also a member of the Odessa Downtown Lions Club made an exciting announcement at the District Meeting informing all that Texas Lions Camp will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on April 4, 2024.

District 2-T3
Lions Share

EL PASO EXECUTIVE
WOMEN LIONS CLUB

FALL VENDOR FAIR

Come get your holiday shopping done! We will have a raffle and door prizes every hour!

\$5 entry
November 27, 2021
American Legion Post 36
3730 Shell St 79925
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

EL PASO EXECUTIVE
WOMEN LIONS CLUB

CHARTER 2021 NIGHT

THE MANOR, 1011 N MESA
DECEMBER 2, 6 PM - 9 PM
\$50 PER PERSON
SEMI FORMAL
SEND RSVP TO
RACHEL@EXPRESSRECORDS.NET

THE CITY OF HORIZON AND
CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB INVITE YOU TO:

THE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY, FLOAT CONTEST & CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 3: Float Contest 6:00pm; Judging begins at Oz Glaze Senior Citizen Center, 13969 Veny Webb, Horizon City, TX.

December 3: Tree Lighting 7:00pm; Hot Chocolate and goodies will be served.

December 4: Christmas/Holiday Parade 10:00am, The parade will begin on Darrington Rd at the Ryderwood intersection.

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY
El Paso Centennial Lions Club

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

May 26, 2022
Golf Tournament
TLERC

In Lion Business

District 2-T3 2021-2022 Budget

Income

Expenses

11/21/2021

	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	\$1,523.00	
3	State Admin Dues (7 x 725) x 90%	\$4,567.50	\$1,939.00	
4	State Convention Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$141.75	
5	State Promote Texas Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$141.75	
	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	\$0.00	
9	District Convention - Monahans, Texas	\$400.00	\$0.00	
	Cabinet Meetings (40 x \$30) Reg/Food			
10	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas	\$700.00	\$1,930.57	
11	District Meeting - Alpine	\$700.00	\$1,625.00	
12	Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
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	\$1,697.50	
17	Opportunity for Youth/Peace Poster donations from clubs	\$700.00	\$25.00	
18	Contributions: Hotel tax money, OFY	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$39,747.27	\$28,108.21	

	State Convention Fund	Income	Interest to Date	Total Funds
1	CD	\$21,000.00	\$70.28	\$21,070.28
2	Savings	\$41.50	\$0.00	\$41.50

	Possible Grants	Budgeted	Expense to Date	Available funds
1	Leadership	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Membership	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Committee Fund	Income	Paid Out	Available Funds
1	Hearing & Speech	\$9,081.03	\$50.00	\$9,031.03

	District Fundraiser	Collected	Paid Out	Funds Available
1	LA Hurricane Donations	\$3,173.80	\$3,173.80	\$0.00

	TLC - Brick Donation	Collected	Paid Out	Funds Available
1	Brick Donation - Lion Rocco Viera	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00

	Item	Budgeted	Expense to Date	Balance
1	State Admin Dues (725 x 7)	\$5,075.00	\$2,427.25	\$2,647.75
2	State Promote Texas Fund (725 x .5)	\$362.50	\$173.38	\$189.12
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	\$0.00	\$700.00
	Mid-Winter Conference - El Paso, Texas			
10	Facilities/Food/Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
	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	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
20	Camp Director East	\$500.00	\$268.25	\$231.75
21	Camp Director West	\$500.00	\$115.15	\$384.85
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	\$6,806.46	\$32,940.81

Helpful Links:

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

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

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

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

LCI Member Portal: <https://myapps.lionsclub.org>

District 2-T3 Website: <https://e-district.org/sites/2t3/>

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

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Submission deadlines are the 5th of the month. Newsletter production by the 20th of the month.