

District 2-T3

September 2021



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Lions of District 2-T3,

District 2-T3 has been active during the past month, as you can see in the **MyLion** app. Also, GMA Champion PDG Orlando Rodriguez informed me that we had reached 725 members by September 4, for a net gain of 17 Lions for the year. That's tremendous. Coming soon from the Global Membership Approach (GMA): we will be sending out a postcard to welcome each new member. This year, GMA is working to reach out to members at the club level.

It has been a joy to continue my official club visits. Several more are scheduled for September and October, thanks to Linda, my super-organized wife. Since the last newsletter, I have made official visits to El Paso Centennial and Fort Stockton Lions Clubs. What an honor it was to also induct new members at both of those meetings. El Paso Centennial held a virtual meeting. Immediately after induction, Lion Ruth Rivas conducted a quick and impressive new member orientation. She focused on what makes Centennial Lions Club unique – their projects, history, schedule of meetings, dues structure, etc. Just the sort of things new members wonder about.

This tied directly to a recommendation from GMA Champion Orlando. He said that new member orientation is critically important as we work to grow this district. Later, GLT Coordinator PDG Kathy Summers told me that she will work with any club to produce an effective orientation program tailored to that club. If anyone needs a good history of Lions Club, several are available. Here's one: Look for "GLT an Orientation to Lions History" in the Membership Toolbox, under the Resources menu at the state website:

<https://texaslions.org/membership-toolbox/>

The Global Membership Approach is so much more than just bringing in new members. I like what Zone Chairman Mark Almklov said about his first zone meeting. They talked a lot about leadership and membership. Going forward he also wants a zone meeting to focus on fellowship. Strengthening these attributes in our clubs builds member satisfaction. A satisfied, active Lion will stay with the club.

I invite you to check out Texas Tuesday Connections on Tuesday evenings at 7pm Central Time. Each week it's a different topic. For example, September 28th will be about "Effectively Using MyLion." At the link below you can find out about future sessions and you can access replays of past presentations:

<http://texastuesdayconnections.org/>

There is still time to hold a Peace Poster Contest at your club, with your winner advancing to the district contest. Lion Emma Montoya (915-494-9446) is doing well as Chairwoman. Please read her article in this newsletter for details. Once again, this year, the district will award prize money to the top 3 artists and to the school of the top artist. I am asking each club that enters the District Peace Poster Contest to please donate \$25 to District 2-T3, in order to defray expenses. This is voluntary and not a requirement for entry or advancement.

Thanks for reading this. I hope it was a good use of your time. Please stay in touch.

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Important Dates

2nd Cabinet Meeting

Alpine, Texas

Saturday, October 30, 2021

2nd COG Meeting

College Station, Texas

November 12-13, 2021

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

4th COG Meeting

Abilene, Texas

May 26-28, 2022

State Convention

Abilene, Texas

May 26-28, 2022

District 2-T3 Convention

Monahans, Texas

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Texas Lions Leadership Forum

Austin, Texas

March 19-20, 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



Peace Poster Contest 2021-2022

Theme: "We Are All Connected"

Important Deadlines:

> October 1: **Deadline** to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The sticker needed for the poster is included here.

> November 1 postmark deadline: Your club's winning poster should arrive at the following address:

Lion Emma Montoya
3221 Tomahawk St.
El Paso, Texas 79936

Please use Fed Ex only and keep your tracking number. Use mailing tubes so I can reuse them when I mail back to address on the return label. (Lion Emma's cell: 915-494-9446)

Prizes will be awarded at the district level to the winning artists – First Place: \$500, Second Place: \$250, and Third Place: \$100. Also, the school of the First Place artist will receive a \$250 prize.

> November 15: Postmark deadline for District Governor to receive winning entries

LCI President Douglas X. Alexander Visits Texas Lions



Lions Clubs International President, Douglas X Alexander of Brooklyn, N.Y., Visited Texas Lions during the first Council of Governor's meetings August 5-7, 2021 in Kerrville, Texas. It was one of the first official visits of his term.

He shared his story of joining Lions in 1984 and realized that his service had changed the lives of others. His theme for the Lions year is "Service from the Heart," Something Alexander exemplifies.

During the Fellowship Banquet, he emphasized service. "Service is who we are, what we do and why we exist," he said. He encouraged clubs to report their service to LCI.

Many of President Alexander's comments focused on membership "This is the year to change that number. We want quality members. Happy Lions don't leave," he added. He said that when someone says they are "too busy," the club needs to "sign them up," because "busy people get things done." He also urged Lions to "keep young people involved in your club and involved with LCI."

Another area of vital importance to Alexander is communication. "We've got to get better at communication with each other. We need to share what we learn at Zone meeting, and inform clubs about LCIF and grants." He continues, "We have to do a better job telling our story, and we have a beautiful story." Lions have continued to serve despite COVID. "We don't always see the impact of our service on people's lives immediately, but we do change lives".

LCI President Alexander took the opportunity to take a guided tour of the Texas Lions Camp. "I enjoyed seeing the camp in 2013 and today seeing the improvements and learning about the construction underway," Alexander said.

Odessa Downtown Lions Club "BIG DONATION"

Medical Center Health System in Odessa, Texas were the recipients of a donation of approximately 70,000 insulin syringes. The Odessa Downtown Lions Club has made the very generous donation to assist people with diabetes who otherwise cannot access them. The syringes will help uninsured or underinsured dealing with the disease.



El Paso Centennial Lions Club "Living Diaper to Diaper"

The El Paso Centennial Lions Club in conjunction with the Reynolds Home held a night-time diaper dispensary. The event focused on assisting parents with diaper insecurities which have caused more anxiety than food or housing during the COVID-19 crisis. Currently diapers are not subsidized by government anti-poverty programs.

El Paso Downtown Lions Club "Why are eye screeners so smart? Because they were good pupils."

Vision in the pediatric population is essential for learning in the classroom setting. On August 24, 2021 members of the El Paso Downtown Lions Club performed an amazing 349 Spot Vision screenings at North Loop Elementary School in one school day. As if that was not enough, they continued their services the following day and within four hours' time, they tested an additional 125 students.

El Paso Del Norte Lions Club "Catch Every Word"

"Every time you hear a sound, please raise you hand," is what you may hear during a Hearing Screening. The El Paso Del Norte Lions Club was pleased to have hosted the certification of nine District 2-T3 Lions in the El Paso area to become certified hearing screeners. An instructor from the Texas Health and Human Services was the facilitator in a five hour course. Hearing screening is a quick and cost effective way to determine who may have hearing loss and need a more detailed evaluation. Among children, early intervention is crucial. Having more Lions certified to perform these screenings, will open the world of communication to children with hearing loss.

Hearing and Speech: "Moving Forward"

The announcement of the formation of a Board of Directors for the new Hearing and Speech Program is the first step taken by the steering committee to move the program forward. Currently four names have been suggested. The new Board of Directors will officially file documents with the appropriate entities as part of its reorganization. Currently, the Board will continue with the hearing testing as-is but will reevaluate providing free hearing aids at a later time. The new program will include all District 2-T3 Lions Clubs. Thank you to all for spearheading this new endeavor.

President: Lion Anna Bela Doporto
Secretary: Lion Sherry Williamson
Treasurer: Lion Annette Norch

Directors: Lion Priscilla Monarez, Lion Frank Ramirez,
Lion Judy Ramirez, Lion Ruth Rivas, Lion Robert Roeber,
Lion Raul Rosales and Lion Aaron Urias

REMEMBERENCE BRINGS UNITY: 20 YEARS' LATER

This year our nation commemorated the victims and honored the survivors of 9/11, marking its 20th anniversary. The Odessa Downtown Lions Club was one of many who united to remember those we Lost and give support to the survivors and their families. THANK YOU, LIONS!



Noteworthy ROARS

Lion William Burke, a member of the Monahans Lions Club, who is 91 years old and active, was honored with the Golden Trowel Award. Monahans Club members, along with District Governor Frank Heslin joined in his celebration.



El Paso United Lions Club President Lion Jerry Strong, presented Lion Lilia Caswell the President Appreciation Award and Lion of the Year Award. Lion Lilia was also presented the Outstanding Service to Lionism for her 29 years of service.



Global Causes



Diabetes



Vision



Hunger



Environment



Childhood Cancer

District 2-T3

9/01/21 Fitness Challenge <i>"I Like to Move It! Move It!"</i> District 2T-3	9/25/21 Ceci's Hope for Childhood Cancer Awareness Ysleta Lions Club
Pecan Fundraiser. Place your order now. El Paso Downtown Lions Club	Golf Tournament 10/15/21 El Paso Five Points Lions Club

LIONS SHARE

For more information on these and other events/activities, please refer to individual clubs or District 2-T3 Facebook pages.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart"

→ Elizabeth
Andrew

**DISTRICT 2 T3
CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
ALPINE, TEXAS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021**

Board Meeting – Zoom

Zoom link will be emailed
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
7pm (CDT)

Social Evening

Kokernot Lodge
1104 Loop Road
6pm

Rooming

Quality Inn
2401 East Highway 90
(432) 837-1530
\$99 a night
Mention: Alpine Lions Club

Cabinet Meeting

In-Person Meeting, Zoom will be available
Saturday, October 30, 2021

Kokernot Lodge
1104 Loop Road

8am – Late Registration \$20

Training – 8:30am – 9:45am

“Build a Better Vision for your Club”

District Meeting 10am – 11am

Lunch with Speaker – 11am – 12:30pm

Speaker: CC Scott Evans

District Meeting 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Event Rates

Registration \$15 (all must pay In-Person & Virtual)
Lunch \$20

Payment Options

Venmo: District2-T3

PayPal: District2t3@gmail.com – use Friend/Family option

Check payable to District 2-T3

500 Thunderbird Drive, Unit 74, El Paso, Tx 79912

Hosting Club - *Alpine Lions Club*

Club Name: _____

Name	Registration \$15	Lunch \$20	Total



In Lion Business

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	\$1,182.95	
3	State Admin Dues (7 x 725) x 90%	\$4,567.50	\$1,505.00	
4	State Convention Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$107.00	
5	State Promote Texas Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$107.00	
	Tail Twister Income (\$400 x 4)			
6	District Meeting - Odessa, Texas	\$400.00	\$886.12	
7	District Meeting - TBD	\$400.00	\$0.00	
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	\$0.00	
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	\$525.00	\$200 Pending
16	State, District, and (free) Personal Pins	\$1,000.00	\$797.50	
17	Opportunity for Youth/Peace Poster donations from clubs	\$700.00	\$0.00	
18	Contributions: Hotel tax money, OFY	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	New
	TOTAL INCOME	\$39,747.27	\$23,709.66	

	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	\$9,056.03	\$0.00	\$9,056.03

	District Fundraiser	Collected	Pending	Total Collected
1	LA Hurricane Donations	\$1,891.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,891.00

Expenses

Updated 9/12/21

	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	\$0.00	\$700.00
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	\$222.19	\$277.81
16	Virtual Meeting/Technology Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$543.95	\$456.05
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	\$156.38	\$343.62
21	Camp Director West	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
22	Governor Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
23	Travel - Secretary/Treasurer	\$1,000.00	\$239.32	\$760.68
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	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
27	Cabinet 2022-2023	\$10,398.77	\$0.00	\$10,398.77
28	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,747.27	\$5,010.68	\$34,736.59

Helpful Links:

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC)
<http://tlercmidlandtexas.org>

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

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

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

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