

District 2-T3

August 2021



Message from the District Governor

Dear Lions of District 2-T3,

My thanks to Lion Annette Norch for producing this first newsletter of the year and Lion Anna Bela Deporto for volunteering to create it for the rest of this Lion year.

This newsletter will be emailed to every Lion in the district. We'll keep pictures to a minimum in this year's newsletter because pictures make huge email files that can be troublesome to the recipient and the sender. You are still encouraged to send your club and committee news and photographs to Lion Anna Bela Deporto @ leonede100@gmail.com. She will put your news in the newsletter and send your pictures to Lion Webmaster Lion Sherry Williamson. You'll see several updates when you visit our district website, with many more to come throughout the year, including a web page for newsletter links.

Lion Sherry also did a tremendous job with all aspects of our first district meeting on July 31 in Odessa, especially the virtual link. Thanks to Odessa Downtown Lions Club for hosting the meeting and all of the hands that made it happen. During the social and the meeting, Lion Susan Driscoll organized an eyeglass sorting project that contributed mightily to the thousands of sorted eyeglasses that went to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland that weekend. Our next district meeting will be in Alpine on October 30. Look for the registration form in mid-September. Early registration holds down the cost of food, and it helps us to plan for social distancing. Covid is still with us. Hand washing, face masks, etc. are as crucial as ever. Be vigilant. Be safe. We will continue to hold hybrid district meetings that give you the option to attend in person or virtually.

The Cabinet and the rest of the District Team are included here this month. In the near future, you will find the District Team and our District Directory on our website. Currently, we need a Lion with social media skills to step forward as our District Marketing, Public Relations, and Lions Information Chairperson.

The GMA (Global Membership Approach) Team continues to build under GMA Champion PDG Orlando Rodriguez. It includes DG me, 1VDG Ralph, 2VDG Patsy, GMT Amit, RC Rose, and RC Doug. The 20 additional members continue to build as we reach out around the district. Lion Orlando has told me of one or two stealthy GMA members who are working hard behind the scenes. Other members are also stepping forward. Lion Annie Haimey of Alpine recently joined the GMA Team and became our District Hunger Chairperson too. As of August 15, we have added 20 new Lions to District 2-T3, and we have dropped 19 since July 1. That's impressive: a net gain of 1 so far. GMA is also about member satisfaction. We were going to work on our drops.

My travels: Club visits have included Alpine, El Paso Downtown, Crane, and Odessa Ante Meridian. Only Crane and Odessa AM were official visits. Wife Linda and I have been reaching out to all clubs to determine when and how you're meeting. More official visits are coming soon, including some virtual official visits in El Paso during August. The Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville was productive and informative. I learned much by watching Council Chair Scott Evans, who will be our guest in Alpine. Soon, I will pass along important information to the following district chairs from your counterparts at the state level: Leader Dog, Opportunities for Youth, Peace Poster, Diabetes, Social Media, Constitution and By-Laws, Grants, and Vision, Pediatric Cancer, Hunger, and Environment. International President Doug Alexander was with us all weekend. It is inspirational to hear and watch him, along with the members of the Texas International Family, especially its newest member, International Director TJ Tijerina (our last District Convention's keynote speaker). The weekend included a Texas Lions Camp Board of Directors meeting. Lion Diane Cherry received her 2nd year 100% Director award. The Camp has embarked on a building project with a price tag of about \$30 million. Our hearts and prayers are there already, and our money is getting there.

You've read enough from me for now. Thank you. I'll have more for the good of Lionism next month. I encourage you to reach out to me with your bright ideas, questions, and concerns.

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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

Introducing the Cabinet and Committee Chairs

District Cabinet

Frank Heslin, District Governor, Monahans Lions Club
Javier Morales, Immediate Past District Governor, Odessa Downtown Lions Club
Ralph McCain, 1st Vice District Governor, Odessa Downtown Lions Club
Patsy Achim, 2nd Vice District Governor, El Paso Five Points Lions Club
Annette Norch, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, El Paso Downtown Lions Club
PDG Kathy Summers, Global Leader Team Coordinator, Andrews Downtown Lions Club
Maria Salas Mendoza, Global Service Team Coordinator, El Paso Executive Women Lions Club
Amit Rangra, Global Membership Team Coordinator, Alpine Lions Club
Rose Lucero, El Paso Region Chairperson, El Paso Executive Lions Club
Doug Roeber, West Texas Region Chairperson, Monahans Lions Club
Frank Padilla, Zone 1A Chairperson, El Paso Five Points Lions Club
Marc Almklov, Zone 1B Chairperson, El Paso Downtown Lions Club
Aaron Urias, Zone 2A Chairperson, Odessa Professionals Lions Club
Martha Flores, Zone 2B Chairperson, Kermit Downtown Lions Club
David Vargas, Zone 3A Chairperson, Odessa Professionals Lions Club
John Sutterfield, Zone 3B Chairperson, Alpine Lions Club

Service Committees

PDG Orlando Rodriguez, Global Membership Approach (GMA) Champion, Ysleta Lions Club
Diane Cherry, Texas Lions Camp Director West, Odessa Downtown Lions Club
Armando Medrano, Texas Lions Camp Director East, El Paso Downtown Lions Club
Susan Driscoll, Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Director, El Paso Downtown Lions Club
Jeff Keckley, LCIF and Texas Lions Foundation Ambassador
Robert Roeber, Vision Chair, Monahans Lions Club
Norma Rincon, Diabetes Chair, El Paso Executive Women
Paddy White, Environment Chair, Monahans Lions Club
Manuel Martinez, Childhood Cancer Chair, Alpine Lions Club
Emma Montoya, Peace Poster, El Paso Centennial Lions Club
Frank Ramirez, West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation, El Paso Del Norte Lions Club
Joe Denham, Leader Dog, Alpine Lions Club
Maria Cazares, Fitness and Diabetes Support, El Paso Executive Women Lions Club
Maria Eklund, Opportunities for Youth, Odessa Grandview
Annie Haimey, Hunger Chair, Alpine Lions Club

Operational Committees

Sherry Williamson, Webmaster & Information Technology, Odessa Downtown Lions Club
Anna Bela Doport, Newsletter Editor, El Paso Centennial Lions Club
Annette Norch, Facebook Admin, El Paso Downtown Lions Club
Javier Morales, Honorary Committee of PDGs, Odessa Downtown Lions Club
Teresa Burnett, District Convention Chair, Monahans Lions Club
Laura Charity, Nominations & Elections, El Paso Five Points Lions Club
PDG Gil Blancas, Constitution and By-Laws, El Paso Five Points Lions Club
Judi Verslype, Grant Hunter, El Paso Centennial Lions Club
PDG Pete Francis, Tail Twister Champion, Andrews Downtown Lions Club
Lilia Caswell, Texas Lions Museum, El Paso United
Chaplain TBA

District 2-T3 Clubs (34 Clubs)

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

TLERC
District 2-T3 Service Project
July 30 & 31, 2021
Odessa, Tx

Greetings Lion Family,

We came together for another successful service project at our District meeting in Odessa!! On Friday evening, we set up boxes marked with “single vision clear”, “single vision sunglass”, “bifocal clear”, “bifocal sunglass”, “non-prescription sunglasses”, “new readers”, “new frames” and trash cans for broken glasses and cases. There were unsorted used glasses stored all over Odessa Downtown Lions Club House that we started sorting on Friday evening and continued Saturday morning for several hours. More bags of “raw” or unsorted used glasses were added from other Lions Clubs. I estimate that we sorted over 2000 pairs of glasses (we did not count them). In addition, several Clubs brought boxes of sorted glasses. The ones I know that brought sorted glasses are Andrews, United, and El Paso Downtown. Odessa Downtown Club graciously agreed to take all the sorted glasses to Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) in Midland. Sorting the glasses prior to taking them to TLERC is important because manpower is scarce at the Center. After our initial sorting, the glasses are put in a dishwasher to clean, and they are neutralized to obtain the prescription of the glasses. The prescription is written on a paper, then the paper and glasses are placed in a plastic bag. Another sorting into prescription categories is completed before they are boxed in order of power.

In 2020-21 fiscal year, sorted glasses were sent on two mission trips to Africa and to Brownsville, Texas. There were less than normal mission trips this past year due to COVID. Unsorted glasses are picked up by Lion Coy to be sorted/read/cleaned and distributed in Mexico. Because the border is closed to non-essential items, 168,000 pairs of glasses are currently being stored in a warehouse at the border waiting to be transported to Mexico.

Thank you to the Lions and Lions Clubs who supported TLERC through Governor’s Charities or the Golf Tournament held in May at the Lions State Convention in Waco. Thank you to DG Frank Heslin who obtained a \$5000 grant to replace a rotten deck and has applied for another \$5000 grant. Thank you to all the Lions who helped sort the glasses at the district meeting as well as those who sorted glasses at home!!! **Lions Rock and Roar!!! Providing the Gift of Sight!!! Knights for the Blind!!!**



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Lion Susan Driscoll
Director, Texas Eyeglasses Recycling Center
President, El Paso Downtown Lions Club
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Are any clubs interested in helping the flooded areas here in El Paso or in your town if a large number were affected? Please contact me and I will help you apply for a \$2,000 Texas Lions Foundation Emergency Grant.

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West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation

The West Texas Lions Eye Health Foundation is affiliated and collaborates with Lions Club International and many other Humanitarian efforts locally and internationally.

We provide basic prescribed eyeglasses through One Sight Program and no charge for individuals who qualify. We provide eye exams through professional local Optometrist at no charge for individuals who qualify. Provide financial assistance for professional Ocular surgeries locally and internationally such as Cataract, Pterygium, Keratoconus, Corneal Transplants, Prosthetic Eyes, and other Ocular Surgeries.

WTLEHF meets monthly. Reviewing applications for those who need assistance with their eye care. Any Lion who is interested in being part of this foundation, please contact Lion Frank Ramirez at (915) 525-3400.

Board of Directors

Lion Frank Ramirez, President, El Paso Del Norte
PDG Lion Gil Blancas, 1st VP, El Paso Five Points
Lion Willie Thomas, 2nd VP, El Paso United
Lion Susan Driscoll, 3rd VP, El Paso Downtown
Lion Judi Verslype, Secretary, El Paso Centennial
Lion Annette Norch, Treasurer, El Paso Downtown

Board Members:

PDG Lion Orlando Rodriguez, Ysleta
Brian Carter, El Paso Downtown
Anna Bela Doportto, El Paso Centennial
Sherry Williamson, Odessa Downtown



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, Texas 79912



**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	\$865.92	
3	State Admin Dues (7 x 725) x 90%	\$4,567.50	\$1,102.14	
4	State Convention Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$78.72	
5	State Promote Texas Fund (.5 x 725) x 90%	\$326.25	\$78.72	
	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	\$375.00	
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	\$22,783.21	

	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

	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

Expenses

8/15/2021

	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	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
	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	\$174.06	\$325.94
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	\$0.00	\$500.00
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	\$4,755.76	\$34,991.51

Helpful Links

Texas Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center

<http://tlrcmidlandtexas.org>

Texas Lions Camp

<http://lionscamp.com>

MD-2 Lions of Texas

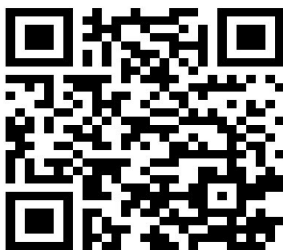
<http://texaslions.org>

Lions Club International

<http://lionsclubs.org>

Lions Account

<https://myapps.lionsclubs.org>



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



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

Do you have an announcement you would like to share with everyone? Please send your information by the 5th of every month. Newsletter will be produced by the 20th of each month.

District Newsletter is a monthly publication. We welcome your comments and your suggestions. Please send to **Lion Anna Bela Doport** at leonede100@gmail.com.