

LION DISTRICT 2-S3  
Mid-Winter and Third Cabinet Meeting  
Wimberley, TX  
January 28, 2017

The Mid-Winter Conference and Third Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Governor John Lyon with 102 Lions in attendance in Wimberley.

Lion John Estopp, President of the Wimberley Club welcomed everyone to the Mid-Winter and Cabinet Meeting. Pledges were led by Lion Craig Biggs and Lion Bobby Burris gave the invocation. Lion Amy Cox led the group in song.

Governor Lyon then made a few introductions and recognized the Past Council Chair and Past District Governors in attendance.

The Governor appointed PDG Len Heimer as Sergeant at Arms and PDG J. P. Kirksey as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

**Cabinet Secretary Lion Nancy Handrick** was called up to present the Second Cabinet Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

**Cabinet Treasurer Lion Maureen Kinald** – Lion Maureen reviewed the Executive Summary of the Treasurer's report. Mentioned that up to December 31 Income was \$96,453 and Expenses \$85,606 with a balance of \$10,848. See **Attachment A**.

The treasurer's report will be sent to audit.

**District Governor John Lyon Comments** - I want to thank all the clubs that I've seen. I was welcomed and learned so much about all of the clubs.

Our International President Bob Corlew message of New Mountains to Climb continues. We have now served over 130 million people during the Centennial Service Challenge and completed over 10,000 Legacy Projects. He asks us to rededicate ourselves to make it a tremendous year to honor Melvin Jones. To commemorate this centennial, Lions International offers the commemorate Coin and \$10 from each coin purchased goes to supporting LCIF. The coins are going for \$47.95 until Feb 21, 2017. Regular price is \$52.95 Visit Centennial Coin web page for info.

Changes in entrance fees will be coming for July. New members applications will go to \$35 for new or charter members.

MD-2 will be organizing for participation in the International parade in Chicago. For those who wish to attend please check info thru LCI.Com. The convention runs from June 30<sup>th</sup> thru July 4<sup>th</sup>. Plane tickets run \$300 each way. If driving about 1,200 miles. Charter Buses would run \$173 to 300 each way per person depending on our numbers. Texas vests and hats are available thru Sandy Merritt at lionsstateoffice@gmail.com.

Seventeenth Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum is still available. This event runs Feb 25 thru 26 at the Crowne Plaza North Central Hotel in Austin. Information available thru the MD2 State site. First timers usually get a discount.

State Convention May 18-21 in San Antonio's Menger Hotel. If clubs or committee chairs wish to advertise in the Lions Convention Souvenir Book, see MD2 Texas website. Souvenir booklets supports Lions scholarships and other service projects. Four past international presidents are scheduled to talk, several seminar are offered, welcome social on Thursday evening, Friday evening a PDG Banquet and Saturday evening a white coat banquet. A discount rate applies til Feb 15.

District 2-S3 has a positive gain of 15 for this month however a decline of 40 members since July of 2016. The majority of this loss come from 2 clubs. We also have 10 clubs less than 15 members. Club Presidents and officers please continue to strive to grow your clubs. Our goals were to include more women and grow by at least 2 by the end of June. Seven clubs have not reported their activities or MMR in several months and some are 5 months behind. For those who have stated problems with reporting, we will offer 2 training locations in late May or June. One in Austin and another in Buda for Officers including secretaries. Training can be found online at the Lions International Site or Lionsclub.org.

Clubs wishing to induct new members at our District Convention may do so. Please give me notice if you plan to bring a new member in.

Several changes have occurred with our passing of our new Constitution and By Laws. First changes in club/district disputes procedures. Amending By Laws still require a 2/3 vote to pass however any International Changes to Constitution & By Laws that effect our District Constitution & By Laws shall change automatically. Article II of By Laws District Nominations require 3 to 5 Lions without holding any District or International Office. I have appointed three committees, the elections, the nominations and credentials. The Ballot must be by Secret Written Ballot with said candidate receiving the simple majority of cast votes, 51 percent.

Convention Site Selection - The district governor shall receive invitations in writing from clubs for future District Convention Locations. These requests must be accepted 30 days before District Convention and then voted upon by ballot.

Several Lions have active LEO's clubs but 7 have not reported their Lions Adviser, see either myself or Liz Baumgartner if you are not sure. Also of note, 8 LEO's club need to update their rosters, they have 2 or less members.

If clubs are in need for wooden membership tokens, Remember Texas Lion Sponsor pins, or Zone chair pins, I have several. For Centennial sponsor or new member pins see me after our meeting, I have some left.

**First Vice District Governor John Pruett** – Thanked to the Wimberley Lions and Leos for hosting the Mid-Winter Conference. He welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their attendance and support of District 2-S3. In the January edition of the District Newsletter VDG John wrote an article about a new program which Lions Clubs International offers to launch our upcoming new century of service. The program is entitled the “LCI Forward” and it is divided into four focus areas 1) enhance service impact and focus, 2) reshape public opinion and improve visibility, 3) improve membership value and reach new markets, and the one that VDG John wrote about in the Newsletter 4) pursue club, district, and organizational excellence. To



obtain excellence on all these levels of the organization requires effort from both the clubs and District. Clubs should look inward toward their specific needs with constant review and utilize LIC tools like blueprint for a stronger club and the club quality program. The District should strive to effectively communicate with clubs offering administrative support, training, leadership development and facilitating team work. A Cabinet Meeting is an opportunity for the Clubs in the District to assemble four times a year to conduct the business of the District, share information, receive recognition, report, become better informed, train, be entertained, share goal ship and eat. VDG John thanked the Clubs in attendance and helping the organization look toward excellence with service and with their attendance and support. Mentioned that it is his hope to one day we will have sustained representation from all our clubs in District 2-S3.

**Second Vice District Governor Linda Davis** – VDG Linda mentioned the Centennial Commemorative Coin which the Governor had mentioned and she had a color flyer which she passed around. There were also a couple of members who had several of the coins and they were also passed around.

She mentioned that the District is becoming more digital and in the world. So she wanted to make sure we have the very best ideas to solve everyday issues. She mentioned that VDG John has implemented “Go To Meetings” at the District Charities meetings in the District. The Go To Meeting is a conference call enhancer and it allows you to conduct on your computer or the telephone, so everybody should be able to do this type of meeting. She asked that if anyone has a good idea to please let one of the Governors know or if you have said these words “Wouldn’t it be great if”. If you have said these words then there is probably a basis for a good idea about to come. Think about this, the on-line directory, we use to not have this and just think of all the work to type the directory, so much work. So if you can think of an idea where the individual could make a difference to your productivity or the Clubs productivity that would be wonderful and look forward to hearing from you.

**IPDG Mike Smith** – Mentioned that he is a stand in for Zone Chair in Zone 5B and was asked to give a synopsis of what is a Zone Chair and why do we have Zone Chairs. The Zone Chair is the liaison in communication between the District and the individual clubs and the support person for the clubs in that zone. Zone Chairs should have four meetings a year to pull their clubs together to basically to have them communicate with each other so they are not fighting each other so all they can discuss what each club is doing as to fundraising, community service, etc. and can possibly work together on projects. Mentioned we still need more Zone Chairs and if you want to take on that challenge please let VDG John Pruett know.

**Zone 5B- PDG Mike Smith** – PDG Mike mentioned that they met this past Thursday and he had three of the six clubs in attendance. They had a quite lengthy discuss on Zones and what they are all about and the Zone Chairs are the support team and the Clubs come together to share ideas and he plans to have two more meetings.

**Global Membership Team Chair – PDG Shirley Dillman** – PDG Shirley mentioned that the Zone Chair is also very important to membership because the membership team cannot function by itself. Mentioned that the District is up 14 members for January but still minus 39 for the year.

**Global Leadership Team Chair – PDG Frank Kinald** – There have been several training sessions going on and there will be some today and he has been writing a monthly article in the District Newsletter regarding leadership. Each member should be getting the Newsletter from their President or Secretary and if you don’t ask them or you can go directly to the District



website and access it. I am mainly here to remind you that you do not have to wait for a training session to get leadership in training. You can go to the LCI website Learning Center, sign in, and there are 33 different courses you can take on becoming a leader, from how to run a meeting, diversity and his favorite, resolution conflict and today the one I will give is on public speaking.

**Centennial Chair – PDG Charles Handrick** – The Governors have touched on some of my stuff, but first I want to remind everyone that on February 1<sup>st</sup> all Lions have been invited to attend the presentation of a Resolution of Lions Celebrating 100 Years at the Texas Capitol and it will be in the Senate Chamber and Lions are invited to sit in the Gallery on the third floor of the Senate Chamber. You can come and wear some type of Lions paraphernalia, your vest or shirt.

Centennial Celebration – Mentioned that on the International website there is 100 years of service and 100 ways to celebrate. This gives you suggestions on how to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration in your club.

International Convention – The Convention will be in Chicago this year where the birthplace of Lions took place. It is time to register now if you are planning on going. It will be a big deal.

Commemorative Coin – The coin is available and mentioned he had some flyers. There is a limited edition of these coins. The Mint is only printing 400,000 of these and Lions Clubs International will be getting \$10 from each coin sold. When these are sold out that will be it and no more will be made.

Texas 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration – This Texas Celebration will be held on October 6 & 7, 2017 in Richardson, Texas. It will be at the Hyatt Regency and in conjunction with the Council of Governors meeting. It is exclusively Texas and the entire hotel will be Lions. PDG Charles also had some registration forms for that event.

**Band at the International Convention – PDG J. P. Kirksey** – PDG JP mentioned that several months ago Council Chair T. J. Tijerina asked if we could put together a band of Lions Club members. This has been attempted by contacting all districts and PDG JP will find out at the upcoming Council Meeting if this will prove possible. He has received two applications of interest. Asked all in attendance if anyone knows if they might be interested. The group will not walk but ride on a truck.

**Zone 1A- Zone Chair Lion JoAnn Steinfort** – Clubs in Zone 1A are Florence, Georgetown (Noon), Georgetown Evening, Granger and Jarrell.

At the end of March the Zone may be 0 and 0 in membership. She has two clubs that will be having membership drives.

Club activities – they have increased their KidSight Screening in the schools in the Georgetown area. Had Peace Poster Contest participants in two schools.

The Granger Club has been providing activity reports to International and is very proud of that.

Lion JoAnn said she will be scouting for a new Zone Chair since she and PDG Paul will be moving to Colorado where they will be building a house in the Buena Vista area.

**Zone 4B – Zone Chair Lion Larkin Smith** – Clubs in his Zone are Kyle, Lion at Texas State, San Marcos Noon, San Marcos Bluebonnet and Wimberley.

He has made visits to most of the Clubs and the Bluebonnet Club has been busy selling their pecans, done a 5K Turkey Run and have been extremely active in their vision screening. San Marcos Noon did something special – at Christmas they got about 30 Lions together, Boy Scout Troop 112 and the San Marcos Leos Club and they were able to deliver Christmas Dinners to 90 families in San Marcos.

Also the San Marcos Noon Club on February 10 will be hosting their annual February Fajita dinner and they have been doing this for 40 years. This year they will be celebrating the Clubs 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Membership - The Texas State Lions Club's membership goes up and down with the students that graduate and new students joining. The San Marcos Noon has dropped 7 and brought in 11. He said he has a very active Zone.

**Zone 4A– Zone Chair Lion Mike Jackson** – Mentioned that he did not have a chance to get in touch with all his clubs in the last week. He could give a report on the Buda Lions Club. They are membership positive, did a lot of vision screening, we finished our football concession fund raiser and now starting the planning of our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Fair and Wiener Dog Races.

Will make contact with all the other Clubs in his Zone and will submit a report soon.

**Zone 2A – Zone Chair Lion David Almond** - Mentioned that he has a Zone meeting two days ago and had 3 of the 4 clubs attended and 24 club members in attendance. He has visited each club twice and one Club three times and that excludes his own club. He mentioned that they have a very good rapport between the clubs particularly the Dripping Springs Club is helping both Blanco and Johnson City with vision screening. There is such a good working rapport that if you want to play golf on March 31 you can go to play in the Dripping Springs Tournament or you can come to Spicewood. Spicewood/Highland Lakes. Spicewood/Highland Lakes are now custodians of a Spot Machine so now there are two in the Zone. All clubs are busy in fund raising, service projects and membership recruiting. The next Zone meeting will be in May.

**Zone 5A – Zone Chair Lion Norm Schaule** – Zone 5A consists of all the clubs in New Braunfels and Canyon Lake. Lion Schaule mentioned he did not have much detail to go into, but that Wurstfest was a big hit for the four clubs in New Braunfels. The clubs did well even though it was down from last year. The Canyon Lake Club had their Shrimp Fest and this was the best year ever and he believe that was the 20<sup>th</sup> year. He stated that he held a Zone Meeting on Tuesday and 4 out of the 5 clubs were in attendance and had 30 Lions. Those clubs come together very well and he is proud to be their Zone Chairman.

**Photo Contest Winner – Environmental Chair Lion JoAnn Smith** – She mentioned that there was a Photo Contest for the District and there were 7 entries from around the District and will be awarding the top three today and the top winner entry will be going to Kerrville next Friday to the State level. The prizes this year include a place ribbon, a 2017 Lions International Calendar and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will get a Don't Mess with Texas Tee Towel. She then introduced PDG Shirley Dillman who graciously took on the challenge to judge the photos.

PDG Shirley Dillman said she got all of the judges from out of this country. All Past District Governors from Canada where PDG Shirley served as Governor.



Honorable Mention went to PDG Frank Kinald. Second place went to PDG J. P. Kirksey. First Place winner went to Lion Darwin Wiggers from Liberty Hill.

Lion JoAnn then handed out a couple of Environmental Certificates from the previous Cabinet Meeting to San Marcos Noon and Canyon Lake Lions.

**Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – PDG Angie Nicholson** – PDG Angie mentioned that there will be breakout sessions for some of the charities today such as LCIF, Texas Lions Foundation and the District Charities and encouraged everyone to stop by. Anyone wanting a program regarding the Foundation needs to contact PDG Angie and she will visit your club.

**Texas Lions Foundation – PDG Gary Cocanougher** – PDG Gary mentioned that he is in his second year as the District's chair for the Foundation. This year he has not had a call from anyone in the district and that's good because that means we did not have a disaster. Donations can be made to the Foundation through awards or you can just make a donation to supplement the fund. PDG Gary will also come to your club and give a presentation on what all the Texas Lions Foundation does.

**Lone Star Lions Eye Bank – Lion Ray Pitzen – Garden Ridge Club** - Lion Ray gave the report for Lion Karen Ratcliffe who was in another meeting.

The Board of Directors unanimously elected Erica Garcia as the new Executive Director on January 14, 2017. She had been serving as Interim Executive Director since June 2016.

Former Director David Butters passed away on January 10, 2017. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution to the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank in his memory or sign up as a donor in his memory Lions may do so by completing a donation form found at the Lone Star Lions eye Bank display table.

New roles in the Technical Services: Esteban Rangel, CEBT, is now the Transplant Services Manager and Serena Alcorn is the Technical Manager.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Lago Vista Lions Club is preparing a BBQ Dinner at the Manor Lions Clubhouse. All funds over the actual food costs are being donated to the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank. Clubs and Leos are welcome to set up their own fund raising tables to help out the LSLEB at this event. Flyers are available at the LSLEB Display Table. In addition, Advance Meal Tickets may be purchased today for \$10 each. The amount as the door will be \$12.

Also on display today is a print done by Lyric Lopez, daughter of Lion Jennifer Lopes, Director of Hospital Support of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank. This is in a temporary frame. This print will be auctioned at the July installation of Directors of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank on July 22, 2017, but the silent Auction begins now. All 3 districts will be bidding on this beautiful print. In addition, there is another print being sold today by Lyric Lopez, to cover her time and costs (shipping was \$75). The current bid is \$250.

The Eye Bank is planning on working to reduce its debt of \$149,400 on the building and lab and \$15,000 on an automobile. All contributions – life memberships, 20/20's, Memorials are welcome. If each lion in our district gave \$109 for just one year – The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank would be debt free.

The refrigeration for the ice machine went out this month and we request that each cask that all clubs donate \$100 so they can fund a new machine.

**Texas Lions Camp – Lion Ann Ward – North Director** - Mentioned that camper recruitment began on January 3 and right now it just being done on line and after February 1 will be taking paper copies. Remember that there are only two sessions for Type I Diabetes, one session with Down syndrome and several of the other camps, so she encouraged everyone to get campers registered now. Reminded everyone that the work days are coming up and the dates are the first Saturday of March, April and May. Sign up online and get things ready for the Camp to begin. Also passed out the flyers for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. Thanked the Clubs that did have her come to their Clubs and do a program and anyone who wants to schedule one, you need to see her.

### **Resolutions**

PDG Gil Burrell from the Manor Lions Club read a Resolution nominating Lion Karen Ratcliffe to be reelected to a three year term as the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Director at Large. See **Attachment B**.

Lion David Mixon from the Austin Lake Travis Club read a Resolution nominating Second Vice District Governor Lion Linda Davis to be elected First Vice District Governor. See **Attachment C**.

Lion Mitch Hoffman from the San Marcos Lions Club read a Resolution nominating Lion James Larkin Smith to be elected Second Vice District Governor. See **Attachment D**.

PDG Len Heimer from the Canyon Lake Lions Club read a Resolution nominating Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle from the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club to be elected as Texas Lions Camp Director South. See **Attachment E**.

### **Breakout sessions were held for the following:**

- Spot Training
- LCIF/TLF/2S3 Charities
- Membership & Recruiting
- Public Speaking
- Leo Clubs

**BREAK**

**Featured Speaker – Lion Oda Lisa Roberts** – Lion Oda Lisa is a professional writer and poet, she joined the Wimberley Lions in November 2015 and has since become the District Chair for the World Services for the Blind, as well as a publicist for the Lions Club and Market Days, publishing several articles per month getting the word out about what the Lions Club of Wimberley do. She also has a radio show called Alphabet Soup on Wimberley's own radio station KVVH 94.1 and writes quips and verses for her own line of greeting cards.

Lion Oda Lisa then gave a report on the World Services for the Blind. It was started by the Arkansas' Lions in the 1940's and is located in Little Rock and that is where blind and vision



impaired adults learn life and employment skills. In 2016 they launched a credit counseling program and it is that the second program implemented with a grant from LCIF.

LWSB also offers summer classes to blind or visual impaired students and those variety of classes are offered through the transitional age youth program. The summer of 2016 saw a 60 percent increase in enrollment from students all over the country.

Also in the summer they hosted Visiting Lions Day and that is when Lions tour the campus and eat with students and staff. Many new things are happening and would encourage the District Lions to support World Services for the Blind.

**Honorary Committee – PDG Mike Smith** – PDG Mike mentioned that this committee met this morning and there are still Zone Chairs needed for next year and need Lions to step up.

**Newswire Editor – PDG Mike Smith** – The newswire continues to be a great help in communicating to both the cabinet and the clubs themselves. Several email addresses are no longer active for some of the club officers and have been coming back on the newswire. It is extremely important for all club officers to have an email address so all levels can communicate with the club officers on a regular basis throughout the lions year. Lions International also send communications to the club presidents and secretaries.

**KidSight Vision Screening – Lion Maureen Kinald** - Mentioned that the KidSight Committee is working very hard and there have been some changes. PDG Mike Smith is working on getting the KidSight website up again. She has PDG Len Heimer helping her write grants. The District now has two trainers. In the South it is Lion Harold Tannerhill and in the North it is Lion Brenda Pruett. If you need training for the WelchAllyn or the DHHS for the schools, please go to the website and go to “Projects” and request a training. Lion Maureen’s name and number is available there. Another thing she encouraged that everyone please report their screenings to the District.

**Leos – Lion Liz Bumguardner** – Lion Liz mentioned that currently we have 26 active clubs in our District. Lion Liz had folders available for each Leo Club which contain information on the awards for the district and MD2 plus other information. Clubs need to apply for the awards. Awards will be presented at the District Convention in Manor. The Leos also had door prizes to give away and everyone just needed to pick up a paw-print ticket to be in the drawing.

**Peace Poster – PDG Angie Nicholson** – PDG Angie mentioned it is time to get your Peace Poster Kits for next year. They are available now and suggested not to wait until October or the fall because sometimes they run out of kits. The theme for next year is “The Future of Peace”. She stated she had the winning poster on her computer if someone was interested. The District winners were – Second Place – Sonja Mohan from Lake Travis and First Place – Elizabeth Chong from Liberty Hill.

**USA/Canada Forum – Governor Lyon** – The USA/Canada Forum will be September 21-23, 2017 in Portland, Oregon.

**Youth Exchange – Lion John Estep** – Wimberley Lions Club will be sponsoring 7 students this year. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a student please contact the Wimberley Lions.

**MUNY Golf Course – PDG J. P. Kirksey** – In the early 1920’s the Austin Lions Club negotiated with the University of Texas to lease some property that they had been bequeath



about 10 years earlier which they did not have an interest in, did not want to use and did not care what happened to it. So his club leased the land and built a public golf course which did not exist in Austin at the time and is known as the Lions Municipal Golf Course. It has been in operation since then and the lease is now held by the City of Austin. His club build all the building and has since donated all that to the City of Austin. All this was fine until the University of Texas changed their posture and they would really like to have additional revenue off that property. They have said they will not renew the lease after 2019. What his club is seeking request Save Muny Organization they received a request by endorsing or sponsoring a resolution from the district that would support the retention of the golf course as it is today.

A motion was made to prepare a resolution from the District in support of MUNY by PDG Gil Burrell and second by PDG Mike Smith. Motion carried.

**International Parade Attire – PDG J. P. Kirksey** – The attire is jeans, white shirt, Texas Vest, Bolo and white hat and the elite outfit includes chaps and spurs. Texas Flags will also be carried. There may also be a Texas Lions Band.

**Youth Contest – PDG Larry Nicholson** – PDG Larry mentioned that their accomplishment are great and there are a few kids who will do what they did and that is go to the work to make a presentation like these kids just did and the competition to make their presentations.

Winners were:

Drug Awareness Speech Winner – Sydney Marie Gutierrez-Gomez – Point Venture

Second Place – Diabetic Awareness Essay – Jacquelyn Emery – Lago Vista

First Place – Diabetic Awareness Essay – Tallya Lutfak – Hutto

Third Place – Outstanding Youth – Emily Hahn – Pointe Venture

Second Place – Outstanding Youth – Jacquelyn Emery – Lago Vista

First Place – Outstanding Youth – Ariella Lutfak – Hutto

PDG Larry then recognized and thanked the judges – Lion Karen Ratcliffe, Lion Nelda Wiggers and Lion Richard Mixon.

The winners of each category then gave their speeches. All presentations were outstanding. The winners will now go to the State Convention in San Antonio and compete at the State Level.

Lunch

**Wimberley High School Jazz Ensemble** performed during lunch.

**Governor Lyon handed out Centennial Banner Patches** to clubs who were not at the Second Cabinet Meeting.

**Speaker – Lion David Almond** – Lion Almond introduced the guest speaker.

**Don Casey – Vice President of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District.** Mr., Casey gave a presentation on “Water”. Water is a precious resource and in Central Texas we have long been dealing with water shortages, water quality problems and archaic water laws.

**District 2-S3 District Convention Status Report – Lion Karen Ratcliffe** – The 2-S3 District Convention is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Friday meetings and Governor John Lyon's outgoing party on May 12<sup>th</sup> will be at the Manor Lions Club Hall located at 429 West Parsons St, Manor TX 78653. On Saturday, the District Convention (breakfast, lunch, breakout sessions, speaker and voting) will be at the Manor High School at 12700 Gregg Manor, Manor TX 78653 (not the Tech High school on Hwy 290). The incoming Governor John Pruet's banquet will be Saturday evening at the Manor Lions Hall.

There are breakout sessions scheduled:

- Texas Lions Camp (Endowment Fund)
- Lone Star Lions Eye Bank
- Using "Go To Meeting" for meetings via phone and internet
- Leos

We have reserved tables for the following:

- Texas Lions Foundation
- LCIF
- Leaderdog
- Lone Star Lions Eye Bank
- Texas Lions Camp
- Lions Centennial
- KidSight
- Lions District 2-S3 Charities (2 tables for silent auction)
- Leos
- Incoming Governor John Pruet

Any clubs or groups who wish to have a table, please contact Karen Walker Ratcliffe at 512-470-4644 or [kratcliffe@austin.rr.com](mailto:kratcliffe@austin.rr.com)

Clubs are asked to bring door prizes and items for the silent auctions.

Mentioned that the District Convention will be held May 12 and 13 in Manor. Friday the Cabinet Meeting will be at Manor Lions Hall along with the Governors outgoing Social. Saturday the Convention will be at Manor High School and then back to the Manor Lions Hall for the Incoming Governor's Banquet. Breakout sessions will be Texas Lions Camp Endowment, Lions Eye Bank, Go to Meeting Session, and Leos. Stated that tables will be set up for various groups and if you need a table let Karen know. Also would like to have clubs bring door prizes.

**Governor John Lyon** – Mentioned that flyers are on the tables for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. Encouraged everyone to be a sponsor.

**Tailtwister – Lion Bobby Burris** – The tailtwister stated that funds raised will go to the District Charities and he raised \$253

**District Convention – Governor John Lyon** – The Governor mentioned that if a Club would like to host the next District Convention they will have to submit that request in writing prior to the Convention in May. The governor has previously been able to make that request from a Club.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35



**Written Reports:**

**GMT Report – PDG Shirley Dillman** – New Club Development – Thorndale was canvassed by VDG’s John Pruet, Linda Davis and PDG Shirley Dillman. Excellent participation/cooperation by Mayor, both St. Paul Lutheran and Thorndale ISD Administrators, EMS and Police Chief. Two information meetings were held with 6 then 3 community leaders present. Attendees at the first meeting identified needs. At the second meeting the EMS attendee stated that the school is excellent in developing leaders and accomplishing needs of Thorndale. They decided that one meeting a month was enough, but they agreed that they were all too busy to be a part of this new organization.

Rebuilding of Struggling Clubs:

An Issue:

The GMT team should consist of each zone chair. We have zones with no chair plus several zone chairs not holding meetings. First VDG John Pruet and PDG Shirley Dillman discussed inviting PDGs to volunteer their assistance to select a club and assist/train the zone chair.

Austin South Austin – President Liz Bumguardner welcomes our assistance. They are less than 10. Who will assist the GMT team and Lion Liz?

LCI Reports the following as of January 27, 2017

	This Month	This Year
Opening	1902	1957
Added	30	172
Dropped	14	211
Net	+16	-39
Net	1918	

**Public Relations – Lion John Creswell** – Lion John has written 5 articles for “The Lions Den” District 2-S3 Newsletter this year. Sadly, he has gotten very little feedback and PR suggestions from readers. This has been somewhat disappointing.

His last article (January issue) suggests that a Lions Club consider establishing and funding a PR Committee. Why? Very few Lions are capable of doing it all; writing news releases, brochures and newsletters, doing radio and TV interviews, maintaining a webpage, Facebook, etc. It’s not a good practice or fair to ask one Lion to do all of the Club’s PR. Public Relations should be shared with other Lions.

He suggests that Club leaders review their current PR program and explore the possibility of establishing a PR Committee.

Every Lions is – or should be – actively promoting Lionism in his/her community.

**Alert Committee – IPDG Mike Smith** – Mentioned that he will be revamping the current district alert plan to include a new club committee chair position in every club in the District. This group along with the District Alert Chair will address disaster relief efforts within the district. The formation and/or joining with existing county VOADS. The district will appoint annually a club to be designated the official alert Lions club for communities with more than one active lions club.

**Webmaster – IPDG Mike Smith** – Both district websites are active and currently running. He is open to requests for additional items to be added to both sites. Please submit those requests in writing to his email address: [msslions2s3@gmail.com](mailto:msslions2s3@gmail.com).

**District 2S3 Leo Report - Lion Liz Bumguardner, District Leo Chair** - The Leo clubs are still struggling to get the membership and activity reports posted in the MyLCI website so we will continue to work with them for the balance of the year. LCI shows 26 Leo clubs in the district as of Jan. 2017. Eight clubs are current with MD2 dues which is only 31%. A Reminder note will be included in the club folder. A folder of important information will be available for each Leo Club or a representative to pick up from the Leo Table on Saturday. It contains information on the awards for the district and MD2 plus other information. Each club wishing to be recognized needs to submit an application form – both for the district and MD2.

The District Leos have funds in place for the May awards program and so on Saturday as a thank you for all the generous donations, we will have a raffle. Each Lion and Leo present can stop by the Leo table for a free raffle ticket. They will be giving away some stuffed Lions and candy. The Leos will have the 2017 Leo pin for sale for those interested in purchasing one or a bunch. They are \$3.00 and would make an excellent local award for Leos. The Leos will also be collecting Leo T-shirts for our MD2 Leo Quilt which will be on display this May at the state convention. I have to mail the box to the lady who is making the quilt on Feb. 10 in order to get the quilt made in time and I hope to have a lot of S3 Leo clubs represented.

The district was well represented at the MD2 Texas Leo Leadership Conference in Killeen on November 12-13. There were 19 Lions and 63 Leos present for the conference. Three Lions and 20 Leos represented District 2S3. The service project was to make food boxes for needy families in the Killeen area. The group made 30 boxes plus made a donation to a homeless shelter in the area. After the conference, the Lago Vista Leo Club followed up and collected further donations to give to Killeen Leo Club to distribute in the community.

The District Leo project today is to make Valentine cards for Dell Children's Hospital and share club project ideas. The cards will be delivered on February 14.

**Youth Contest Chair Report – PDG Larry Nicholson** - The Youth contests are being held during the Mid-Winter Conference this morning. Youth contestants and judges will meet in the back of the auditorium after the Lions song, approximately 8:00 AM and be escorted by the contest director to the assigned rooms. Once preparations have been completed the contests will begin in a separate interviewing classroom. Contestants will remain in the first room until requested to report to the interviewing room. Contestants, parents, and Lions are welcome to come hear the instructions and presentations.

There is one contestant in the Drug Awareness Speech contest, and three contestants in the Outstanding Youth contest, and two contestants in the Diabetes Awareness contest. These students are great assets in their communities and we are fortunate to have them here today. I'm confident that our Lions will be impressed by their presentations at the luncheon today.

Awards are as follows:

District 2-S3 - \$500.00 for first place in each of the contests, and  
\$250.00 for second place in each of the contests

MD-2(Texas) - \$3000.00 for first place in each of the contests, and  
\$1000.00 for second place in each of the contests



Sponsoring clubs give additional awards for winning their local contests as determined by the local club.

Now that we have had a system for financing the contests three years, we can make promises of giving scholarship awards and know that we have the money behind our promises.

The youth contests are great events that help Lions stay in contact with the youth of our communities and to offer needed scholarship money to them.

Our winners today will compete in the MD-2 contests in San Antonio on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Zone Chair: Lion JoAnn Steinfort** - Zone 1A CLUBS: Florence, Georgetown (Noon), Georgetown Evening, Granger, and Jarrell.

Membership numbers - In our zone, we gained 6 new members -- 2 in Florence, 1 Georgetown Noon, and 3 in Jarrell. However, we dropped 5 members -- 2 Georgetown Noon, 1 in Georgetown Evening, and 2 in Granger. I am still hoping that all the clubs will have a minimum of a plus one by June. Every Club could use a boost in membership including my own club, the Georgetown Noon Lions, which has scheduled a prospect informational meeting at their Feb. 8 club meeting and members are encouraged to bring a guest. The Granger Club had a membership drive back in October, but I have not seen any results yet.

Club Activities - Each club had some kind of hunger related activity from providing a Thanksgiving dinner to making a donation to the local food bank. The two Georgetown clubs had a joint Christmas party and collected food for the local food bank. The Georgetown Noon Club provided a KidSight Screenings one at the local Wal-Mart Health Fair and the special needs students at the East View High School.

On behalf of the Zone, the Georgetown Lions manned a booth at the Williamson County Expo Center in Taylor on Saturday, Nov. 12. However, it was a disappointment in that attendance was not what was predicted so we did not see much interest in any of the Lions clubs and our KidSight booth had few participants, but it did give us some exposure and we did give out some Lions information brochures.

Club Reporting to LCI - This seems to be a struggle for some of the clubs as Florence and the Georgetown Evening Club both have secretaries with busy schedules. I will need to follow up with them as I noted that they have not filed reports and I know they had some activity. The Granger Club has been providing activity reports but need some fine tuning.

Future Plans - I am working on setting up a third zone meeting next month. The focus will be on leadership, election of officers and ideas for new projects. I will be scouting for a Zone Chair as I will be leaving Texas after June. PDG Paul and I will be heading to Colorado where we will be building a house in the Buena Vista area.



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
07/01/2016 TO 12/31/2016**



**District Operating Account Activity**

**Operating Income**

Dues	\$33,807
Contributions	\$59,769
Other	\$2,877

**Total** **\$96,453**

**Operating Expenses**

Dues Payable	\$28,003
Contributions Payable	\$56,009
District Operating Expenses	\$1,594
Awards	\$0

**Total** **\$85,606**

**Income Minus Expenses** **\$10,848**

**Other District Account Balances**

District 2-S3 Charities Inc.	\$33,474
District Grant Account	\$7,744
International Convention Fund	\$21,042
Emergency Contingency Fund	\$20,015
State Convention Fund	\$11,966
District Convention Fund	\$7,738
Youth Opportunities Fund	\$15,921

**Clubs 7/1/2016** 52

New Clubs Added 0

Clubs Dropped 0

Clubs Status Quo 0

**Clubs 12/31/2016** 52

**Membership 7/1/2016** 1957

Members Added 142

Members Dropped 197

**Membership 12/31/2016** 1902





Manor Lions Club  
PO Box 68  
Manor, Texas 78653

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe is a member in good standing of the Manor Lions Club and has been a member of Lions International for 21 years, and

WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe has participated in all activities of this club during her membership and is currently serving as Secretary and has served as a Secretary, Tail Twister, Vice President and President of a Lions Club, and,


WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Texas Lions Foundation Fellow, and is a Life Member and 20/20 Member of the Lone Star Eye Bank, and a Life Member of the Texas Lions Camp. Lion Karen has served on the District S-S3 Cabinet as Newsletter Editor/Publisher, District 2-S3 Cabinet Treasurer, PR Director, and a member of the Kid Sight Vision Committee. Lion Karen received a Golden Spur Award, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, and a Certificate of Appreciation District 2-S3 2000-2001 for Invaluable Service as Newsletter Editor/Publisher, Lion of the Year (Manor Lions,) and

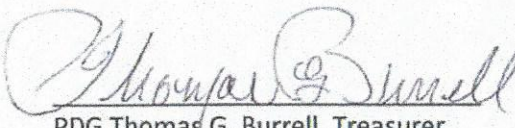
WHEREAS, Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe is currently or has served numerous civic, religious and professional organizations for over 45 years for the betterment of her community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manor Lions Club unanimously endorse Lion Karen Walker Ratcliffe to be re-elected for the 3-year term as Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Director at Large, and that the Manor Lions Club wholeheartedly support her for candidacy and election in 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to District 2-S3 for action at their District Convention.

Adopted unanimously on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

  
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Lion James Sulcer, President

  
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PDG Thomas G. Burrell, Treasurer

**AUSTIN LAKE TRAVIS LIONS CLUB**

**RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT FOR LION LINDA DAVIS 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR,  
DISTRICT 2-S3, 2017-2018**

WHEREAS, Lion Linda Davis has been an outstanding and active Lion since 1992; 7 years in Colleyville Lions Club, District 2-E2 and 17 years in the Austin Lake Travis Lions Club, District 2-S3; and

WHEREAS, Lion Linda Davis has provided leadership in both clubs as Secretary, 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and 1st Vice President in Colleyville Lions Club, and Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President and Membership Chairman in Austin Lake Travis Lions Club; and District 2-S3 2nd Vice Governor

WHEREAS, Lion Linda Davis has created and promoted two successful key programs: the XSIGHTment Run in Colleyville and Mobile Meals in Austin Lake Travis; She has shown an outstanding ability to promote Lionism by managing / participating in several Lions projects at the Club, District and State Level using her PMP Certification; and

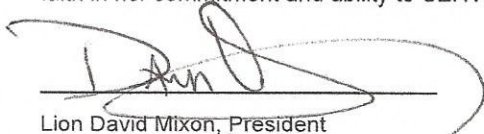
WHEREAS, Lion Linda Davis provided leadership in the District and State level as a District Membership Chairman for District 2-S3 for 6 years, Global Membership Team Lead for 3 years, and Zone Chairman for 2 years; and

WHEREAS, Lion Linda Davis has also been heavily involved in civic and community activities, especially in the Austin area, including St. Luke's on the Lake Episcopal Church and other non-profits; and was actively involved in scouting for 6 years as Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Council Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Lion Linda Davis served on the Board of Directors of Austin Groups for the Elderly in the Austin area for 7 years; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Austin Lake Travis Lions Club, at its January 17, 2017 Board Meeting, voted unanimously to offer and endorse the candidacy of Lion Linda Davis for 1st Vice District Governor for the 2017-2018 term; which candidacy was enthusiastically supported by the full membership of the Austin Lake Travis Lions Club at its January 17, 2017 meeting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Austin Lake Travis Lions Club nominates Lion Linda Davis as candidate for 1st Vice District Governor of District 2-S3 for the 2017-2018 term, with our full support and faith in her commitment and ability to SERVE

  
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Lion David Mixon, President

1/17/2017  
Date

  
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Lion Seth Brower, Secretary

Date 1/17/17

Presented to District 2-S3 Cabinet at its January 17, 2017 Meeting.



# San Marcos Lions Club

San Marcos, Texas

**ATTACHMENT D**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Lion James Larkin Smith, a member in good standing since 1994 of the San Marcos Lions Club continuously served the Club with a high degree of enthusiastic and outstanding leadership while chairing numerous projects, serving on the Board of Directors, filling the office of President (2012-2013 and 2015-2016) and is the current club secretary, and

**WHEREAS**, Lion Smith is currently serving as the Zone Chairman 4B, District 2-S3, and

**WHEREAS**, Lion Smith has worked tirelessly on Club projects including support for projects School Fuel, Christmas Basket Distribution, Christmas in July Basket Distribution, Ambassador, San Marcos Lions Club Tube Rental Operations, Annual Fajita Dinner, the club's membership chairman for three years, a member of the San Marcos High School Leos Club advisor, and

**WHEREAS**, Lion Smith received the Chevalier Award, Order of the DeMolay, 2000 San Marcos Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award, 2007 CTMC Employee of the Year Award, and a recipient of the 2016 William H. Spurgeon, III, Award, Boy Scouts of America, Honorable Discharge, United States Army, and a Retired Master Sergeant, Six Sigma Green Belt, American Heart Association CPR Instructor, and an EMT-B, Club President's Award 2016, and

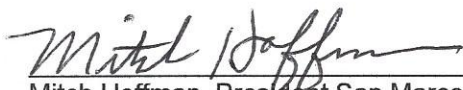
**WHEREAS**, Lion Smith has sponsored over 5 new members, and

**WHEREAS**, Lion Smith is Post Advisor, BSA Medical Explorer Post 4077, Past District Chairman, Twin Valley, BSA, Deacon, First Baptist Church, San Marcos, and

**WHEREAS**, Lion Smith has been married for 46 years to his supportive and understanding wife Lion Nancy, has two grown children, and five wonderful grandchildren.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Marcos Lions Club, wholeheartedly endorses and recommends Lion James Larkin Smith for the office of Second Vice District Governor for the 2017-2018 Lions Year.

Unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 and submitted to District Governor John Lyon for presentation to the District Cabinet.



Mitch Hoffman, President San Marcos Lions Club



Spring Branch Bulverde Lions Club  
*The Family Club*  
 P.O. Box 268  
 Bulverde, Texas 78163  
 Hosting the "Roar for Kids" Bulverde Car Show  
 annually on the last Saturday in March



### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle is a member in good standing of the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club, a club in District 2-S3, and

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle has been married to Lion Melissa Doyle for 10 years, they have four children, and they reside in Bulverde, Texas, and

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle is a member of the Hillside Fellowship Church, teaches archery at Living Rock Academy, and is active in the Living Rock Academy Parent Teacher Association, and

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle has been Chairman of both the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club's Early Childhood Vision Screening Committee in 2014, and the Club's Lions Eye Health Program Committee from 2015 to present, and

Whereas, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle has been the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President in 2015, Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President in 2016, and Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President in 2017, and he is known to be an outstanding citizen of the greater Bulverde Spring Branch area, and

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle has been a member of the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club since 2012 and has served in his club as Vice Presidents and has remained active in the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club and has been a major contributor to the success of our major fund raiser, the annual *Roar for Kids* Bulverde Car Show—held annually at the end of March, and

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle has served District 2-S3 for four years as a Counselor at the Texas Lions Camp; he has represented the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club at Zone meetings, and

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle received his Baccalaureate degree in 2014 in History at the University of Texas at San Antonio—making the Presidents list for four years with a GPA of 3.5 or better, and

WHEREAS, Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle demonstrates his abilities as a leader; a Lion capable of motivating, coordinating, and achieving club goals; and he has the experience, time, resources, willingness, and desire to serve District 2-S3 as a Texas Lions Camp Director,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on January 27, 2017, the members of the Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club, a club in good standing of District 2-S3, unanimously present and offer the services of Lion Richard A. "Tony" Doyle as a Texas Lions Camp Director.

Dr. Larry A. Sunn, USMC (ret)  
 President, Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club

Robert Evans  
 Secretary, Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club

*The Spring Branch Bulverde Family Lions Club is a community service, non-profit organization dedicated to helping others overcome challenges, while helping building better lives for our neighbors in the greater Spring Branch Bulverde community.*