

LION DISTRICT 2-S3
Second Cabinet Meeting
Taylor, TX
October 17, 2015

The Second Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 8:47 a. m. by Governor Michael Smith with 90 Lions in attendance. He thanked the Taylor Club for hosting the meeting.

Second Vice District Governor John Pruett gave the invocation. First Vice District Governor John Lyon led the pledges. PDG J. P. Kirksey and Lion Terry Heller led the group in song.

Governor Smith appointed PDG Larry Nicholson as the Parliamentarian. The Governor also named PDG Gil Burrell as Sergeant at Arms.

Cabinet Secretary Lion Nancy Handrick was called upon to present the First Cabinet Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Forrest McGlothlin – Lion Forrest was not in attendance so Governor Smith presented the District Operating Budget. He mentioned that it was not ready at the first Cabinet meeting but wanted to present it at this meeting to get it in place. Copies were passed out. Most items stayed the same and mentioned that the 100 percent contributions there was a redistribution of the same dollar amount of \$31.00 will remain the same. We still have the currently District 2-S3 unbudgeted transfer of \$1,500 to start the year. To start new charters of \$500, the Governor has asked for this again from the State but this has not been approved yet by the State, but the District would like to keep it in our budget. The Governor then reviewed the contribution and expenses. One item was added, the Governor put it up front in the budget for the International Convention expense of \$1,500, which is already spent, because it is the Governor's airline ticket to Japan. Governor presented a balanced budget and asked for a motion to get the Budget approved. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Budget. Motion carried. **(See Attachment A).**

Audit Report – PDG Angie Nicholson and Lion Maureen Kinald - Report was presented. **(See Attachment B).**

Governor Mike Smith – Mentioned that the first quarter has been very interesting and he is three quarters done with Club visits. The message of "Remember Texas" is getting out to the Clubs because our District is by far ahead of any District in the State. Stated that the District has 36 new Lions, so far this year. That is about 10 more than any other district in the state. As we add we also need to keep the member we have.

Our District also has a signature project for the District, and there is not another district that has a signature project. KidsSight with the SPOT machines is taking off in the State but is going good in our District. We now have 12 machines available to Clubs in the District to use and do early childhood screening up to 6 years. This is where the District is putting its emphasis until changes are approved. Get your certification as a vision screening if working in the schools so you have your certificate to do the screening. There will be a vision screening training in Buda on October 31.

First Vice District Governor John Lyon – Over the last few weeks, I have gone to several clubs. I thank each club for their hospitality. Every club had something unique and different from other clubs.

We have a motto in the Lions-to SERVE and we DO that but what if that also means to serve with the Lions. Every year we offer classes for training of officers and most have stepped up to take on that office for your club. Sometimes we do things that we are secure in doing and occasionally we adventure outside of that comfort zone. For those who have already stepped out of that zone, I thank you. I ask the others to please step forward and volunteer for District jobs.

These other jobs may require some time depending on the task or it just might be you have a knack for the job and handle it well. One example in demand is Zone Chairs. The zone chair runs quarterly meetings and reports back to the District team, support the development of these clubs, encourage membership growth, support leadership development, visit these clubs when the District Governor give a program. The only requirement is you must be a Past President of your club. Please step up to the plate and volunteer. It's like a famous Yogi Berra saying "You don't have to swing hard to hit a home run, if you got the timing, it'll go."

Second Vice District Governor John Pruett - As the 2nd Vice District Governor, I am the liaison between the District Governor Team and the District Global Leadership Team (GLT). Thus, today I will confine my remarks to the Development of Leadership. Leadership is critical to provide vision, guidance, and motivation for us to continue to fulfill our mission of service to our communities.

The LCI website offers excellent resources for leadership development in your home, and at your convenience. One can easily get to the Leadership Resource Center by way of the Member Center. Once in the Leadership Resource Center you will find links to the GLT, Lions Learning Center, Development Programs, Training Materials/Resources, and Leadership Communication (Leader Network e-newsletter).

It is the responsibility of the GLT to develop a District-wide leadership development plan, but leaders, past and present, of the individual club have an equal responsibility to identify, develop and encourage present and future Lion leaders.

Two important areas that need our attention are to educate members about leadership opportunities, and promote active leadership involvement of those with leadership interest.

IPDG Len Heimer – Mentioned he was given the responsibility of executor of the \$10,000 grant the District received from LCIF for the Memorial Day flooding. He received a letter from LCIF on September 29 that they had closed out his report so all is complete with that grant.

The other grant the District has with LCIF is the SPOT device grant. IPDG Len has submitted two reports to LCIF and this is an ongoing activity. The July report cited the purchase of 2 SPOT units and the August report cited the purchase of 3 SPOT units and no activity in September.

Recognitions

IPDG Len presented the Zone Chair Award from International to VDG John Pruett who completed all four quarters. He also presented him with a leadership pin from Immediate Past President Joe Preston.

IPDG Len presented the Leo Excellence Award from International to the Lago Vista Leo Club. IPDG Len then handed out the Membership Plus Awards to clubs who had plus one in membership for the year. He then presented the Membership Achievement Award who brought in the most new members is the Lions Club at the University of Texas a net 30 members. Club that had the greatest percentage increase was the Rockdale Noon Lions Club with 45 percent in membership.

Governor Smith – presented IPDG Len with a Presidential Achievement Certificate from Immediate Past President Joe Preston for his successful year as Governor.

Zone Chairs

Zone 1A - Zone Chair Lion JoAnn Steinfort – Zone 1A include the following clubs: Florence, Georgetown (Noon), Georgetown Evening, Granger, and Jarrell.

All 5 clubs sent at least one representative to the second zone meeting held on Sept. 15. We announced service activities and fundraisers that each club is working on through December. Each club is participating in some way within the 4 part service challenge of LCI – Youth, Vision, Hunger and Environment and has a number of goals for the year. It was interesting how a few clubs perceived activities that have been a long time part of their club but some members never realized it counted as a service activity. They just wrote a check and never reported it.

Each club is working on some aspect of recruiting new members using tools presented to the clubs including the “re-Member Texas Packets which has generated a positive outlook. Each club has a goal of 10% net growth. Some of the clubs are looking at restructuring club operations to strengthen their respective clubs and increase their visibility in their communities.

The Florence Club has new club shirts to help members have a more noticeable and uniform appearance at their community events. Members are putting together a brochure with club information. They participated in 3 Florence Town activities in the past 2 weeks—one was hosting a booth at the Natl. Night Out at which they sold mosquito bracelets, a second was manning a water booth for the Florence Public Library’s Fun Run and the third was serving lunch to Home Depot volunteers working on a playground project. The club also has gained one new member and has 3 prospects.

The Granger Club was represented at the Sept. Zone meeting by their Membership Chair who was appreciative of information at the meeting including the Re-member Texas packet. The club lost a fall fundraiser of selling mops and brooms on Election Day. So they could use a large crowd at their Pancake Supper on Monday October 19 from 5-7 PM at the Catholic Church Parish Hall in Granger. The meal is \$7 per person.

The Georgetown Evening Club is having its own big fundraiser Sunday Oct. 18 at 3 PM tomorrow afternoon. It is a world class family entertainment show with David Hira a comic & magician from the Dallas area who also does seminars for corporations. The event is for all ages at the Georgetown High School. Tickets are \$11. See Lions a Georgetown Lion for tickets. They helped the Liberty Hill Lions by manning a snack booth for the Liberty Hill bike race recently. The two Georgetown Lions clubs have a joint Christmas party in December at which they collect items for a local food bank and raise funds for a Lions charity with a silent auction.

The Georgetown Noon Club is adding new activities to provide more in person services. This year they have set up 2 new committees one focusing on seniors in the community and the other on children. They are looking into activities for local nursing homes. In conjunction with the LCI Children’s Dignity week, they had a children’s book drive within the club to help out the

Georgetown Assistance League collecting books for school children from low income families. They have several Kidsight vision screenings in 8 Georgetown public schools scheduled this month as well as screenings at 2 Head Start Schools last month. Next week, members are serving dinner to Armed service veterans at a horse therapy center in Georgetown known as the R.O.C.K. Because of the club's Internet presence, they have had visitors to their club meeting and may gain another member from that exposure. At a used eyeglass packing party they boxed up 1903 pairs of eyeglasses.

The Jarrell Lions are busy with service projects – one is serving lunch to the senior citizens who come on Mondays to the American Legion Hall in Jarrell and at which the club incorporates its bimonthly club meetings. A number of Lions mentor students in the Jarrell schools. They will be having food related service activities for the community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

The next zone meeting will be in January and focus on topics related to leadership, promoting participation in conventions, and fulfilling end of the year responsibilities.

Zone 1B – Zone Chair Lion Gayle Collins – Zone 1B clubs are: Buckholtz, Cameron, Milano, Rockdale and Taylor.

Buckholtz has one new member and they now have 16 members. Buckholtz is not very active right now but is working on that. Cameron Club also has one new member and now have a total of 43 members. Milano Club has one new member and they have dropped two members and have a total of 18 members and will be sponsoring a new Leo Club. Rockdale Club has dropped two members and they have a total of 28 members. The Taylor Club has 5 new members and now have 46 members and are also sponsoring a new Leo Club. In the Zone they have an increase of 6 members with a total of 151 in the Zone.

Zone 2A – Zone Chair Lion David Almond – Zone 2A clubs are: Blanco, Dripping Springs, Johnson City, Marble Falls and Spicewood.

Lion Almond held his first Zone Meeting on September 29 hosted by Marble Falls. Four of the five clubs attended. Two topics were discussed at that meeting – How to retain and recruit members and effective fund raising events. The next Zone Meeting will be hosted by Dripping Springs in January. Not much activity happens with the clubs in the zone for the first 6 months of the year except for vision screening in the schools. Spicewood Lions have had a meeting with Marble Falls to discuss how to increase membership in Marble Falls. All clubs in the zone have agreed to help each other in recruiting new member and trying to retain them. All clubs what to get more information out to the public that they exist and what activities they are involved in.

Zone 2B – Zone Chair Lion Linda Davis –Zone 2B clubs are: Austin Lake Travis, Cedar Park Longhorn, Lago Vista, Liberty Hill and Point Venture.

Lion Linda reported that all 5 clubs in her Zone had successful service activity in their clubs. Most of them had multiple activities. Some of these were not signature projects, but they are doing a lot of good things on a small scope. Need to focus on a signature project or one that will give you high visibility in your community. It needs to be a project that works in your community. That is why the Community Needs Assessment is so important, it helps you focus and pick activity that could be a signature project by those who may not even be in the Lions Club. She suggested members to get a partner and go interview the Mayors of the Community to see what they may need.

Lion Linda also mentioned that Clubs should be working on a Public Relations Plan. She stated that Public Relations can be a lot of things. Her club would like to put a sign out on the road saying that a Lions Club is in the town, but her town does not allow these types of signs. Articles in the paper are Public Relations. These may be useful for all of us. What we need is for someone to write some Public Relations articles about the things that are significant to Lions and people in the Lions community. Some ideas – Host a community information event – One may be that we sponsor a soccer team and put the Lions Club name on all their shirts and the public would see it. This would be public awareness.

Lion Linda mentioned that one of her clubs has a four member membership team and another Club raised their club participation to 60/40 from the 80/20 participation.

Zone 3A –VDG John Lyon - Clubs in Zone 3A are: Austin North Austin, Hutto, Manor, Pflugerville and Round Rock Noon. Present at the Zone Meeting were Lions Brenda Jones President of Hutto, Karen Walker Ratcliffe Secretary of Manor, VDG John and Lion Brenda Pruet from Milano, DG Michael Smith and himself.

Our discussion included service projects and fundraisers, membership building, the Centennial Service Challenge, a message from International President Dr. J. Yamada and ideas for improvements.

The zone is down 6 for the quarter, with 5 of the 6 clubs reporting regularly. Two of the five clubs reported on family units with Hutto having the most.

Zone 3B- Zone Chair Tommy Cowan – Zone 3B clubs are: Austin Capital City, Austin Capital City Evening, Austin Downtown Founder, Austin South Austin, Austin West Austin, University of Texas.

Lion Cowan said he has met with all his clubs with the District Governor except the Downtown Founder Club. He had his Zone Meeting two weeks ago and all of his clubs in the zone are showing a positive membership. He is particularly pleased with the South Austin Club and the wonderful leadership they have with because they had three new members.

The Capital City Clubs were represented and they have wonderful project going on in their community. The West Austin Lions are doing well with Lion Chelsie Elliot. They are extending the sight first program. Mentioned that they have helped Lion Chelsie on several occasions. They also helped PDG Dillman screen 986 students with the SPOT camera.

Mentioned that the Downtown Founder Club is fortunate to have six public schools in Austin named after members or former member of their Club. The Founder Club had been selected by the Austin Independent School District to do SPOT testing for the Pre-K students in those schools.

Founder Lions Club is having its 100th Anniversary Celebration on January 9. It will be a wonderful event at the Bob Bullock Museum.

Lion Tommy mentioned that he was the Guiding Lion for the Lions Club at Texas State and President Lion Whitney is present today. You heard the success of membership from the UT Club and that is not the only success they are bring to us but they are mentoring this group. The UT Lions not only have the greatest increase in membership but they also have the

greatest increase in activities. They have between 4 and 8 activities a week from that Club. The Lions Club at Texas State are following UT and they do 2 to 3 activities a week.

Zone 4A – Zone Chair Lion James “Mike” Huckaby – Mentioned his clubs are Elgin, Bastrop, Luling, Lockhart and Buda.

A Zone Meeting in August, essentially membership was discussed. What we have going on right now – The Luling Club put flags out for Columbus Day throughout their community and they get paid for that. Elgin Lions paid the fee for the Nurses Organization at the schools so they can get vouchers to get eyeglasses for students.

The second Zone Meeting will be in November. Location and Club to sponsor is yet to be determined.

The Buda Lions Club has been doing vision screening in the last three weeks. We have been to three schools and screened 846 kids and 154 referrals which is an 18 percent referrals. This next week they are doing 2 more schools and will be screening Pre-K through 5th grade.

Reminded everyone of the SPOT Training in Buda on October 31.

Zone 4B – Zone Chair Lion Liz Sumter – Lion Whitney from the Lions Club at Texas Club made the Zone Chair report.

Mentioned she had five clubs in her Zone. The Wimberley Lions, San Marcos Club, Bluebonnet Club, the Texas State Club and Kyle Local Lions.

All clubs have had a visit by the District Governor accompanied by the Zone Chair.

Membership - Kyle Lions is plus 1 in membership. Texas State Lions is plus 10 in membership. Bluebonnet Lions is plus 2 in membership. Zone membership increase is plus 8 a 2.19% increase.

Wimberley also added 4 new members.

Highlights - San Marcos Lions Leo Club increased from 23 members to 117 within a year making it the largest Leo Club in the Zone.

Bluebonnet Lions are on track to provide the community with 15 community service events. They held an event during the Worldwide Week of Service in Sight donating funds to a local eye doctor to provide single vision and bifocals to those in need. In a partnership with Family 4 Life Lions provided lunch to school aged children who have been separated from parents and siblings. Signature Service is the Reach Out and Read Program (providing books to pediatricians to give to children under the age of 6 during their well visits).

Texas State Lions had the largest percentage membership increase in the district at 28.60% with the plus 10 new members. Signature Service is volunteering at the Hays County Food Bank.

Wimberley Lions signature service is Market Days where they raise funds to distribute throughout the community.

Joint Effort - San Marcos Lions, Bluebonnet Lions and the San Marcos Leo Club held a KidsSight event in September. They screened 59 pre-school children and 21 of the children needed to be referred to a doctor for more tests.

Zone Meeting – The next Zone meeting will be sponsored by the San Marcos Lions date and location to be determined.

Zone 5A – Zone Chair Lion Norman Schaule – Clubs in Zone 5A are: Canyon Lake Noon, Gruene, New Braunfels (Noon), New Braunfels Breakfast, New Braunfels Evening and New Braunfels New Century.

Lion Norm mentioned that his Zone have screened over 3,000 kids and still have a couple of weeks to go and will do close to 5,000.

DG Smith visited the New Braunfels Evening Club and that night they inducted 5 new members. VDG John Lyon came to the New Braunfels Noon and that day they inducted 5 new members also. Thursday at Canyon Lake they inducted one new member and received 2 membership applications. The Zone is growing.

Also mentioned Lions should go out and support the New Braunfels Clubs that work at Wurstfest.

Zone 5B – Vacant

Bastrop Fire – An update of the Bastrop Fire was given and Governor Smith mentioned that today's tailtwister funds will go the Texas Lions Foundation (TLF) because they have helped in the past with fires and flooding.

District Coordinator Reports

Global Membership Chair - PDG Shirley Dillman - PDG Shirley thanked everyone who helped form the Lions Club at Texas State and the Kyle Club. Many hours were spent on Training to form a Campus Club.

Mentioned we will have that opportunity again in the middle of November. November 15th we will have a Lion coming from outside of our area to build a club at Burnet. PDG Larry Nicholson and PDG Shirley met with the community of their needs and were received very well in Burnet. If anyone wants to be part of this team, please join them on November 15th. Training will be on Sunday and Monday recruiting will begin. PDG Art Drouin will be coming to assist.

Membership numbers: PDG Dillman mentioned the IPDG Len Heimer was awarded the United States In-Service Pin for 25 women added to the District. Percentage of 32.5 women in the District.

The second award was the Crystal Pin that is awarded to the District for 30 new family units. Congratulations to IPDG Len.

New Clubs: Two areas have been identified to start Lion Clubs – Burnet and Wells Branch Parkway.

The Governor then mentioned that there may be a third club coming – a new cyber club - It is the New Century Lions of Austin. It is currently in development and they will have a facebook page for it and will use social media to build this club.

District Centennial Coordinator Report – PDG Charles Handrick – As Centennial Coordinator we are to work with the District Governor in achieving his goals, also work with the Zone Chairs in trying to get clubs to improve and increase their reporting, especially the MMR reports.

Years ago we called them the M & A's. That meant Membership and Activity. It seems that clubs are now neglecting to report their activities to International. At last count we had only 23 clubs out of 53 reporting activities. That means 30 clubs did not report any activities to the International. So I need to work with the Zone Chairs to bring this message to all of the clubs in their respective Zones to keep up the Lions work but please report your activities on the MMR.

LCI is really gearing up for a celebration for the last 100 years and forging ahead and making plans for next 100. And it seems that the International is moving very quickly in this direction so we in the District must get ready also and let International know we are alive and well in District 2-S3.

LCIF Report - PDG Angela Nicholson - I have visited three clubs this year and have four more scheduled before the end of December. I would like to visit all of our clubs in the next three years to give them information on the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Our foundation has given grants to our district and I want the clubs to know how our foundation works. Clubs have given their 100% Contributions to LCIF and given the information on how much credit they have, the clubs will give more to give a Melvin Jones Fellow to one of their members.

Peace Poster Report - PDG Angela Nicholson - I hope that all clubs participating in the Peace Poster Contest have their teachers or leaders working on their entries. You need to have the posters in your hands by Nov. 1st, so that you can get them judged.

Each club chairperson should review the rules of the contest and use these guidelines for judging your local contest. In the past few years, we have had to disqualify posters because of words on the poster, age of the student, and size of the poster. You can get the rules on the LCI website or they were included in your kit.

Your club's winning poster or posters must be to the governor or myself no later than November 15, 2015. If you didn't participate this year and are interested in finding out more about the contest, email me and I can give a program on the Peace Poster Contest.

Campaign for PDG Sam Lindsey – PDG Angie mentioned that she is the Campaign Chair for our District to run for International Director. She had pins to see for \$20 that will go to his campaign fund.

Global Leadership Team – Governor Smith announced that PDG Frank Kinald will be taking on this role of Global Leadership Team Chair as PDG Kirksey has relinquished his position on this committee.

TLC Director – North – Lion Lillie Gilligan – Lion Tommy Cowan with the Downtown Founder Lions Club gave Lion Gilligan's report. Sometimes it is easy to forget the basics. We get wrapped up in the fact that we have a lot of information, a limited time, a lot of faces looking our direction and that nervous felling creeping up our neck. Well this is a sheet of simple facts that might help in getting the information, basic information out there so that more Lions and other can know what Texas Lions Camp (TLC) does and how they can be a part of it.

Texas Lions Camp Facts – In the past 66 years, TLC has served over 68,000 children. It was the first Lions Camp built in the world. Others around the world & US have followed this model.

TLC is provided at no charge to the children with qualifying special medical needs. Children must be sponsored by an active Lions Club member to apply.

TLC began in response to polio affecting so many children and has added over 150 other physical disabilities through the years that it serves.

TLC helps campers build self-esteem, confidence, and independence with the "Can Do" philosophy.

TLC sits in the beautiful Texas Hill Country on over 500 acres.

TLC is recognized by the IRS as a 5029c)(3) non-profit and all gifts are tax deductible.

TLC is accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Children who attend TLC must be 7-16 years old and have a qualifying physical disability; be 8-15 years old and have type 1 diabetes; or be 12-16 years old and have Downs Syndrome.

Handouts were available to those present with upcoming Camp dates and other information.

TLC Director – South – Lion Chelsea Elliot – Lion Terry Heller with the Downtown Founder Lions Club gave Lion Chelsea's report. Lion Chelsea visited the New Braunfels Breakfast Club on September 8. She shared her story with the New Braunfels Breakfast Club and thanked the club for the kindness they showed her. She completed her presentation with the offer to train the Club on how to use the SPOT camera. As the South Texas Lions Camp director she would like to have more opportunities to make her presentation to other clubs. If anyone would like to hear from a former camper, counselor and now director, give her a call.

Texas Lions Foundation - PDG Gary Cocanaugher – Written report - there have been no requests since his last report. He is scheduled to give several programs in the District.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank – Lion Mike Jackson -

Statistics:

LSLEB COLLECTIONS ANALYSIS – YEAR TO DATE :

corneas	847
(Includes one eye donors)	
Transplants year-to date:	487
corneas	
DSAEK cuts year-to-date:	104
DSAEK	
DMEK cuts year-to-date:	21
DMEK	

DMEK and DSAEK comparison:

- LSLEB regularly services 15 corneal transplant surgeons.
- Of these surgeons, only 2 are performing DMEK.
- <http://mccarthyeye.com/dsaek-and-dmek/>
- DMEK is a new and difficult procedure that will likely replace DSAEK in the future due to better visual outcomes. *Patients are more likely to see 20/20 after DMEK surgery.*

- For a surgeon to begin performing DMEK, they need to undergo intensive and extensive training and early in their DMEK practice or risk recipient complications.
- Differences between DSAEK and DMEK include thickness of the disc of corneal tissue that is transplanted into the recipient's eye.
- A DSAEK tissue is about 120 microns which is one-tenth the thickness of a dime. A DMEK tissue is more than *ten-times* thinner, at about 10 microns. It is one of the most difficult and delicate procedures in ophthalmology.
- Two LSLEB surgeons, not currently using the DMEK procedure, are in training now. They have assured us they will use our tissue, which will more than double our DMEK distributions.

LSLEB STAFF ANALYSIS

10/2014 15 Employees

Executive Director-David
 Admin- Sandra
 QA- Erica
 Hospital Director- Penny
 Technical Director-Stephen
 Technical Supervisor – JT Soley
 Technicians-4 – Mark, Esteban, Taylor
 Chris/Daniel/Esteban – shared position
 Family Service Director- Sarah
 Coordinators-4 – Suzie, Vickie, Sharon, Melissa

10/2015 16 Employees

Executive Director- David
 Admin- Sandra
 QA- Erica
 Hospital Director- Jennifer
 Technical Director-Stephen
 Technical Supervisor - Serena
 Technicians-4 - Angel, Mark, Tonya, Kyle
 Family Service Director- Sarah
 Coordinators-5 – Vickie, Sharon, Melissa, Jack
 Esteban (from Technical to FSC)

LSLEB 2014 RECENT IMPROVEMENTS/UPGRADES

I-Transplant – A Brief Overview

- **Connects every LSLEB DEPART in a meaning, efficient manner.**
 - Family Service Coordinators provide direct donor information into I-Transplant for instant transparency to all authorized staff
 - Consents recorded/entered into I-transplant
 - Eliminates paper and fax referrals allowing more rapid dispatching of technicians
 - Recovery staff record all donor findings into I transplant
 - Determining donor eligibility takes a fraction of the time of the previous paper method based method.
 - Provides a direct link between LSLEB and surgeon for offering corneas.
 - Surgeon sees exact tissue via internet that will be provided.
 - AI labeling and tracking of donors and distribution done via I-transplant
 - Quality: Faster Quality review – timely quality audits
- New DSEAK “Clean Room”
- New DMEK “Clean Room” – First provider of DMEK tissue in Texas.

- New Specular Microscope – indicates number and health of Cornea Cells
- Dramatic restructure of Technical department that has shown significant reduction in expense with no decrease in service.
- Digital Displays installed for up to the minute information regarding
 - Inventory
 - Pending donors
 - Scheduled surgeries.
- Improved billing/invoice process
- Easier research of donor, donor payment issues.

LSLEB SHORT TERM STRATEGY

- Combined LSLEB Department Director – LSLEB Executive Committee Planning Summit to be proposed for spring 2015 to plan 2016 and beyond.
- Strong focus on reviewing and Quality PLAN as described by EBAA
- Potential donor deaths are moving out of the hospital and into hospice and related forms of care. Traditional numbers of donors are declining. *We must develop a clear understanding and process of developing relationships, referrals and recovery of donors in non-hospital and nontraditional settings.*
- Continued focus on training for all levels of staff, from recovery to management.
- Identification of additional surgeons not currently obtaining tissue from LSLEB
- Continued focus on non – surgeon distribution outlets (international/other eye banks)
- AN organization wide effort to revitalize our partner relationships and secure the Temple Veterans Hospital and Baylor Scot and White Temple.
- Closely monitor financial issue such as the LSLEB 401K program and the Schwab Reserve Account.

Audit Chair – Lion Mike Zaydel – Had no report at this time, but will at the end of the year. Governor Smith mentioned that he will get Lion Forrest to send information to Lion Zaydel on a regular basis for the audit.

Constitution and Bylaws – Lion Bob Hasert – Lions Hasert mentioned that 30 years ago, when District S5 was split out of District S3 the cabinet of ask for a rewrite of the Bylaws. The rewrite was approved by the District Convention in May of 1986. So the document has been in existence for a long time. Since then, the Bylaws have only been amended twice the latest being in January of this year. The Constitution has been amended many times. The format of our current document hardly resembles that of the International Association of Multiple District 2 or the standard form that is published by Lions Clubs International. The Constitution defines the organization and the Bylaws define how this organization is to operate.

He mentioned that this is how the format of our document and the standard format differ. The Constitution of the standard form is 7 pages long while our Constitution is 29 pages long. He mentioned that when we get down to the Bylaws portion of the standard document it is 16 pages long and our document is 4 pages long.

In our Bylaws document is defines the duties and responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer and it defines the awards that are given out by the District.

Some of the major differences and problems that we face according to our current document, the Bylaws can be amended by a simple majority vote of those present and voting at a cabinet meeting. What the Cabinet passes becomes effective upon adjournment of the meeting.

In so far as making changes to the Constitution it becomes more cumbersome – First the District Cabinet has to recommend a change or changes at least 30 days before the District Convention. Second at least 15 days before the Convention each club in the district has to be notified of the proposed changes. The proposed changes have to be made by the Constitution and Bylaws committee at the District Convention. Voting at the District Convention shall be by individual secret printed ballot. Next is the matter of acceptance. A two-thirds majority vote of the delegates for alternates present in person qualified and legally voting at the District Convention shall be required to change the provisions of the Constitution. A tabulation of the votes shall be made by the elections committee and certified by the District Governor. Upon passage of those changes, these changes shall become effective the first of the next fiscal year. So you can see how difficult changes to the Constitution can be.

Presented a couple of examples. During the last fiscal year it was recommended that the name of the Emergency Fund be change to the Contingency Fund and he heard PDG Angie refer to the Contingency Fund. That change was to be made in name only and it changed no provisions of that Fund whatsoever. Since the District fund definition exists in our Constitution the change had to be made with two-thirds majority vote of the delegates to the District Convention. There was a slip up and we did not get the clubs notified 15 days prior to the District Convention that we propose a name change, so we could not change that name. Well then the new administration comes in and takes office and on July 3 of this year, signed and presented a certificate of authority for banking transaction to the Bank of America for Lions International for District 2-S3 Contingency Fund. Well Lion Bob stated that we did not have a Contingency Fund. Now we cannot make the change until our next District Convention to do it as our governing document says. Then it will not become effective until the next fiscal year which will be July 1, 2016.

The second thing that stays unresolved also involves district funds and it may have been in conjunction with the last Cabinet Meeting the District Governor's Honorary Committee, which is all of the Past District Governors who are members of Lions Clubs in this District and all Past Directors. These are people who from experience actually know the financial business of this organization better than the rest of the members. They passed a recommendation to trace the unbudgeted fund line item in the District Administrative Budget which was discussed earlier. The request was to change that to \$1,500 to \$2,000. This money is transferred to the succeeding District Governor to provide for District operating expenses prior to the receipt of the first semi-annual per capita tax of the Clubs in the District. Well the unbudgeted funds item is in the current Constitution and legally nothing can be done until two-thirds of the delegations at the next District Convention pass this proposal. His view, a rather insignificant item has handcuffed everyone in the District for another year.

If for no other reason but to try to keep this district running at a pace to keep up with today's fast paced world the Governor had obtained an electronic consensus vote in August. For the record and the minutes Lion Hasert moved to authorize the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to look into the rewriting of the District governing document and bring it into closer alignment with other Lions District organizations. Motion was second and the motion carried.

Four Lions who have committed to help rewrite the document are PCC Dennis Heitkamp, Lion Kurt Tessnow, Lion Shirley Jensen and Lion Linda Davis.

Community and Culture Program Committee – Lion Shirley Jensen – The objective of this committee is to cultivate the human qualities and values that stimulate individual's creativity, enliven the community and animate the human spirit.

This objective was simplified for the committee to use when critiquing a project. It means a project that displays or showcases the talents or skillsets of an individual or a group of individuals.

How is the winner of the Lions Club Community and Culture Banner Patch Award selected?

For the past two years, the following procedure has been used.

1. A spreadsheet is prepared containing all of the clubs in District 2-S3 and the 12 months of the Lions year.
2. Each month, the District Newsletter is examined for club projects. A check is made in the box beneath the club's name whenever a project is found in the Newsletter. If the project is determined to be a community and culture project, an asterisk is placed next to the checkmark. At the end of the year, the selected projects are examined and using the criteria given by LCI, a winner is selected.

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Dr. Kurt Tessnow - Diabetes is deadly and debilitating. Every 7 seconds, someone in the world dies from complications of diabetes. The International Diabetes Federation estimates that 387 million people worldwide have diabetes. That number is expected to increase to 592 million by 2035, a 53% increase. The greatest number of people with diabetes are between 40 and 59 years of age. 179 million people with diabetes are undiagnosed. More than 79,000 children developed type 1 diabetes in 2013. The number of annual cases in the U.S. varies from 20,000 to 200,000.

Diabetic retinopathy is one major complication of diabetes. It cannot be cured, but treatment may help. People with diabetes should have their eyes checked annually by an ophthalmologist. Imaging or lab tests are required to establish the diagnosis. It is a chronic disease that may last a lifetime. Early symptoms include floaters, blurriness, dark areas of vision, and distorted vision. If the condition is untreated, blindness may occur. Mild cases may be treated with careful diabetes management. Advanced cases may require laser treatment or surgery. Generally, primary care physicians will refer diabetes patients to an ophthalmologist for diagnosis and treatment. Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of vision loss in adults ages 20 to 65 years. 74% of all people who have diabetes for 10 years or more will develop some form of diabetic retinopathy.

Another common result of diabetes is diabetic neuropathy. This is nerve damage that primarily affects the legs and feet. Researchers are not entirely sure what causes diabetic neuropathy, but they have some clues. The biggest clue is that diabetic neuropathy is influenced by blood glucose levels and control. It is possible that elevated blood glucose levels damage the tiny blood vessels that lead to the nerves. If the blood vessels are damaged, they don't bring oxygen and nutrients to the nerves as they should, which eventually can cause nerve damage.

Other factors that may lead to the development of diabetic neuropathy are age, since it takes time to develop; lifestyle choices, it seems that alcohol and smoking increase the severity of the symptoms; and prior nerve injury. Diabetic neuropathy is the most common complication of diabetes mellitus, affecting as many as 50% of patients with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes mellitus. Symptoms include numbness of the feet and lower legs, and balance control, but may

well extend to other organs of the body. Treatment varies with the severity and type of the symptoms.

The most common type of diabetes is Type 2 Diabetes, which used to be known as Adult Onset Diabetes. The term is, unfortunately, no longer accurate, since increasingly more young people are affected. Obesity is a leading cause, although not the only one. A healthy lifestyle can go a long way toward avoiding or at least minimizing the effects of diabetes.

I will be happy to come and talk to your club or your zone meeting in more detail about the effects of diabetes and ways to deal with it. My contact information is in the district directory. I am a little limited by the need to care for my wife, Lion Faye, who has Stage 4 Abdominal Cancer, but I will work with you to determine a date that is suitable to all.

The International Diabetes Federation has declared November 14, 2015 to be World Diabetes Day. World Diabetes Day was created in 1991 by the IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes.

World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2006 with the passage of United Nation Resolution 61/225. WDD is the world's largest diabetes awareness campaign reaching a global audience of over 1 billion people in more than 160 countries. The campaign draws attention to issues of paramount importance to the diabetes world and keeps diabetes firmly in the public and political spotlight. The campaign is represented by a blue circle logo that was adopted in 2007 after the passage of the UN Resolution on diabetes. The blue circle is the global symbol for diabetes awareness. It signifies the unity of the global diabetes community in response to the diabetes epidemic.

Every club should plan a program or activity in Mid-November to recognize WDD. More information can be found at www.worlddiabetesday.org

District Convention – PDG J. P. Kirksey – PDG Kirksey asked everyone to mark their calendars for the District Convention on May 13 & 14, 2016 at Jack C. Hays High School, Buda, Texas. Currently there is a committee working on this Convention.

Austin Founder Lions Club - PDG J. P. Kirksey – PDG Kirksey mentioned that the Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club is celebrating with all Lions a Century of service. They just happen to have the privilege of being the earliest Charter date in Lions Clubs International 44,000 Clubs. The Founder Club would like for everyone to join them at they celebrate 100 years in Lionism.

District Directory – Lion Jim Newbold - He has the responsibility of the District Directory of 2-S3 and at this point only updates are being made. Please get any changes to Lion Jim to be updated.

District 2-S3 Newsletter – Lion Jim Newbold – Lion Jim considers this the “BEST” District Newsletter in the State. Lion Jim gets tons of comments on how our District gets so much information for the Newsletter. He does think that at this time the Newsletter is just getting too long. The last Newsletter was 45 pages so if you sent him a three page event, he will be having to cut that back.

Environmental Chair – Lion Joanne Smith – There are two items I need your help on:

1. Various Environmental Projects and the
2. District Environmental Photo Contest

First, Various Environmental Projects

To secure an environmental project, one of the four Centennial Service Challenge areas, please conduct at least one environmental project before June 30, 2016 and have your club secretary record that project through MyLCI and be sure to check "Protecting Our Environment Campaign" box for Centennial Service Challenge Award.

If your club has performed and reported your Environmental project, THANK YOU.

For everyone else, please plan and execute your environmental project and make sure that project is reported.

Secondly, Environmental Photo Contest is underway.

This will be the last cabinet Meeting before the Environmental Photo Contest ends at the District level. I need to get the word out and I am looking for everyone to help, especially the Zone Chairs during your club visits.

The October District newsletter has the rules and entry form available thanks to Jim Newbold.

You will also see on your tables some extra forms to take home and make copies for your clubs to participate. It is easy and fun.

Go through your "already taken" photos or take new photos and see if one photo fits the criteria.

Then make an 8x10 color print and submit it to me by December 1, 2015.

Zone Chairs Heads Up, I will be contacting **YOU** to be the judges at the District level to pick the photo that goes on to compete at the State level at Kerrville.

If you have any questions, please see me after the meeting or call me at cell 214-801-6365 or home at 512-267-9279. I am here for you.

By the way, I have a display for our Environmental efforts on the back table. It shows the 2015 International Environmental Photo Contest winners, recycling projects, community clean-ups, tree planting and care, and as well as educational programs.

In conclusion, I need your help on:

1. Various Environmental Projects and
2. District Environmental Photo Contest

Can you help me help our clubs?

Honorary Committee – IPDG Len Heimer – The Honorary Committee is made up of all the Past District Governors and any International Officers should we have any in the District and their purpose is to help the Governor and his team wherever necessary. One of the things they are focusing on right now which is a big thing and they need everyone's help. This is actually two-fold – They are looking for two Zone Chairs – one in 3A and 5B. If there is a Club President who meets the qualification and is interested, please see IPDG Len or the Governor.

He then gave a rundown of the officers of the Honorary Committee – Chair is IPDG Len, Vice Chair is PDG Angie Nicholson, and Secretary is PDG Frank Kinald. He also mentioned that they elected a screening committee who are involved in looking at candidates for upcoming offices or

vacancies. Primarily what they focus on at this time is the next Second Vice District Governor nominee. Resolutions will need to be put forward, so if there is someone who meets the criteria of Second Vice District Candidate that is either a Zone Chair or having been cabinet position as secretary or treasurer, please get with your Club and have a resolution submitted and let the name be known to PDG Angie Nicholson because she is in charge of the screening committee.

Lion Bob Hasert the Bylaws Committee chair mentioned a couple of items that will be going on the ballot at the District Convention. IPDG Len stated that there are a couple of other things that the Honorary Committee will be discussing that may need to be added to the District Convention Ballot.

Mentioned to the Vice District Governors that it is not too early to start selecting who you want as your advisors because at the Mid-Winter conference you want to have that finalized and start selecting your committee chairs for your upcoming year.

Information Technology Chair – Lion Tammy Jackson – Lion Tammy stated that she continues to post club newsletters, activities, fund raisers to the District website. She asked that everyone update her email address to mjackson8@austin.rr.com. This change has been made in directory on the District website.

International Understanding Chair – PCC Dennis Heitkamp - PCC Dennis mentioned that you can do Twinning with another Club in another country. If anyone is interested, please let PCC Dennis know.

Texas Lions Camp Endowment – PCC Dennis Heitkamp – Mentioned that right now the Texas Lions Camp Endowment is in its fifth year. It is a 10 year program and they are going to try to get 10 million dollars. They hope to reach their first 5 million at the end of the fifth year. They may need 20 million in the Endowment to keep the camp going. With membership declining the dues coming into the camp are less and that is why the Endowment is so important. PCC Dennis had handouts for the Endowment at the meeting.

KidsSight Vision Screening – Lion Wayne Orlowski – Mentioned that at this time the District has 12 SPOT units and they also have 3 or 4 screening booths or tents to be shared by the Clubs. We have grown quite a bit in the three years.

Training – A SPOT training is scheduled in Buda for October 31 at 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Mentioned that he has three Lions ready to become KSVS and Welch Allyn Trainers and they are geographically placed in the District.

North – Lee Johnson – Round Rock Lions Club
Central – Ann Ward – Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club
South – Ron Lejorie – Shertz-Cibolo Lions Club

The KidsSight Vision is catching on in many places and coming to training we will have PDG Ray Harper, Temple Lions, Lion Mike Wilson, Seguin Lions Club and Gordon Richardson, Caldwell Lions Club and had a request for training from the Longview Lions Club.

Lion Wayne that when we do screenings Lions need to have they shirts on and Lions information on any papers we hand out. We need to get Lions out in the public, it helps to recruit members and it also helps us to gain dollars in applications for grants.

After all screenings fill out the form on line that will report the number screened to VDG John Pruitt.

Mentioned another thing continue to screen in the ISD's to stay in the schools and correct the eyes in the younger kids. Visit day cares and do Walk-in screenings at events going on in the communities.

Leader Dog for the Blind – Lion Greg Teggemen – Lion Gregg mentioned that Lions should be proud by creating an organization that has some of the best trained dogs in the world. The clients that work with these dogs are given excellent training. Mentioned that all the Lions should give themselves a pat on the back for all they have done on this project.

Leader Dog is just about to finish a new kennel which will cost close to \$14 million. Stated that they still need \$1 million dollars to complete the funds this year and all will be paid. He asked for Lions support and mark donations for the new kennel.

LEO Chair – Lion Elizabeth Bumgardner – Lion Liz turned the report to the Leo President Lilly Jamison.

Leo Lilly stated that she is the president of her local Leo Club, also the District 2-S3 President and the MD-2 State President for the Leo Counsel.

Reported that Taylor Lions Club are in the process of starting a Leo Club. In the 2-S3 District there are 11,000 Leos in 28 Clubs. This District has the most clubs in the State.

At the State level, the Texas Leos would like to have everyone's help in their service project for their November Conference which will be November 6-8 in San Antonio. Their goal is to make 1,000 care packages to send to soldiers. They are partnering with Operation Gratitude out of California, at the State meeting packages will be assembled and sent to California and they will send them on to the soldiers. Why 1,000? The International President is from Japan and in their culture 1,000 cranes means that you can make one wish is granted. So the wish of the Leos is for a "Safe return of our troops". In keeping with the President's theme of cranes, hopefully each of the 1,000 boxes will include a crane. Also included in each box will be an explanation of what the crane means and a handwritten message from a Leo thanking them for their service. The Leos are needing travel size hygiene products, DVDs, individual cookies, etc. Deadline is November 4.

Alert Chair – Lion Zac Ziebarth – Written report submitted.

New Business:

Alert Fund Transfer – The District Charities Board has voted to transfer the Alert Fund to the Charities Committee in order to keep finances better organized and the district's charity efforts cohesive. All Alert Funds will be transferred totaling \$17,404.32.

Development of ALERT Task Force – The District ALERT Chair is in the early stages of developing an ALERT Task Force containing a Lions member from each club in the district. The objective of the ALERT Task Force will be to plan and prepare for natural disaster, and to mobilize their respective clubs when disaster strikes. The District ALERT Chair will be visiting district Lions Clubs over the next few months to recruit Task Force members.

District VOAD Lions Chairs – From the ALERT Task Force that is developed, one member from each of the representing counties will be asked to attend their respective counties VOAD meetings to report information back to the ALERT Task Force and District ALERT Chair.

Old Business – District ALERT strategy – The District ALERT chair is finalizing an ALERT strategy for the district, which will be presented at the upcoming Charities Board meeting. The ALERT strategy will be introduced and set for approval by the ALERT Task Force and Charities Board.

For any questions or concerns in regard to the District's ALERT efforts, please contact Zac Ziebarth at 608-604-8aaa493.

MD2 Long Range Planning – PDG Frank Kinald - MD2 Long Range Committee composed of 16 Lions a representative from each District in the State. Their purpose is to investigate problems or possible problems concerning Lions throughout the state, research and make recommendations at the Council meetings at the time. Right now the primary focus of the committee is the organization and set-up of the Centennial Celebration in Dallas in 2017. One thing that is coming soon in February next year, you will be able to make on-line reservations for the Centennial Celebration in Dallas. His recommendation is to get them in quick. The hotels will be filled up quickly.

Mid-Winter Conference – Lion Linda Davis – The Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Lakeway on January 23 held at St. Luke's on the Lake. The Mid-Winter Conference will be dedicated to Service – all the breakout sessions will be dealing with service projects. Currently we have the School Fuel Program from San Marcos to let everyone know how that program works.

Public Relations – PDG Paul Steinfort - We've all heard the phrase "It's not what you know, but whom you know." Right?

I think we often forget that the main word in PR is RELATIONS. That should suggest to us how important RELATIONSHIPS are in getting the word out—it's not just a matter of knowing how to write an article or a PSA—it's all about people.

A Lions Club needs an active, personable, and knowledgeable Public Relations Chair who will establish relationships within two different demographics.

First, the local media. Connect with whoever is most responsible for publishing your information, get to know them and their philosophy of reporting non-profit news, and let them get to know you, your PR plan, and some human-interest narratives arising from your service activities.

Secondly, the Lions Clubs in your areas. Get to know your clubs, its officers, and its members through club visits and zone meetings. Offer to help with their projects and service activities—and ask for help if needed. Keep those clubs in the loop on your activities; and support each other actively. If we don't support each other, it's tough to expect your community to do so.

Not only do you want to get the word out through the zone chairs and other friends in nearby clubs, but you'll want to share your information through Lion Jim (district newsletter), DG Mike (district newswire and Facebook), and Lion Tammy (district website).

As I detail these concepts in our next district newsletters, I encourage you to share with your members and your PR Chair some of these ideas centering around my PR formula P12—that is, Polish and Promote your Image and Information.

USA/Canada Forum - Governor Mike Smith – The next Forum is scheduled in Omaha, Nebraska next September. Several went this year and learned a lot. There more sessions than you can attend in three days. Brochures should be out soon. They are planning to have more sessions for grassroots Lions.

World Services for the Blind – Lion Nancy Shugart – A variety of training continue to take place at WSB. The most recent graduation was held for students completing the Call Center training. Before graduation, a mock call center was set up at WSB to test the students to make sure they could handle any kind of call they received. Students were to pretend to be working at Amazon’s call center. WSB staff were instructed to call in a customers who needed to have something resolved. They were charged with making is as challenging as possible for the students to test their abilities. One called in pretending to have a thick Irish accent, making it as difficult as possible to understand him. The student remained relaxed and eager to assist. Another WSB staff member called in demanding her money back on the model motorcycle she had purchased, complaining it was not a regular sized motorcycle and after all, she had paid a whopping \$13 for this product. When all was said and done, all students proved they were capable of handling the most difficult, as well as the most ridiculous, requests from unhappy customers. The next call center class till begin November 30, 2015. If you know anyone interested in applying for it, applications are due to WSB by November 2.

This is an 8 week program. It covers everything from customer service, communication skills, sales and marketing, difficult customers, and Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel. For more information contact training@wsblind.org.

Youth Opportunities – PDG Larry Nicholson - The Lions of Texas (Multiple District Two) sponsor three contests for high school age students. They are the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest, the Drug Awareness Speech contest, and the Outstanding Youth contest. The Lions of Texas believe in the young people in our schools and want to encourage students in their pursuit of excellence while learning to be of service to others. District 2S3 Lions Clubs are encouraged to contact local high school counselors and Leo clubs with printed information about the contests and to support participation in this important outreach.

Summary of information:

Entrants must be juniors or seniors in high school.

There are three levels to the competition, local Lions Club, Lions District, and MD-2 Lions Clubs (Texas). Each level of competition carries scholarship awards. The awards are:

Local Lions Club – Determined by the local Lions Club

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

Students enter the local contest with the understanding that the winner (first place) in each contest is committing to compete in the District contest in Lakeway on **January 23, 2016** and if successful there, to compete in the MD-2 contest the held in Midland **May 20-21 2016**. Expenses will be paid by the Lions.

Expanded information for the Youth Contests is available online at the Lions District 2-S3 website, www.lionsdistict2s3.org. Entry forms are on the MD2 website, www.texaslions.org

Any application fees will be paid by the Lions.

Outstanding Youth candidates must submit a curriculum vitae. The curriculum vitae is a resume outlining the student's accomplishments; academic, extracurricular, community service, etc. There is no standard form. Also, entrants must submit a 750 word essay entitled "*Volunteerism and its Importance.*"

Local contests must be completed in time for entries to be returned to the local Lions Club and postmarked to the District Coordinator by **January 11, 2016**.

Please contact 2S3 District Coordinator, PDG Larry Nicholson (larrynick1@austin.rr.com or 512-470-1326), for help with questions that arise.

IPDG Len Heimer – Gave special thanks to PDG Shirley Dillman for all the work she did the last year by starting two new clubs last year and is working on it again this year.

New Business

Resolutions – PDG Paul Steinfort – A resolutions was read by PDG Paul to nominate Lion Paul Powell as a candidate for the Texas Lions Camp Director (North). A copy of the resolutions is attached. **(See Attachment C).**

Old Business:

Electronic Vote for Banking Resolutions – Mentioned that the bank needed more documentation and VDG John Lyon was inserted for signature instead of Cabinet Secretary Nancy Handrick. A motion was made to ratify the action of the virtual vote. Motion was second and the motion passed.

Lunch

Tailtwister - PDG Frank Kinald – The tailtwister collected \$307 which will be sent to the Texas Lions Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Written Report:

LEO Chair – Lion Elizabeth Bumguardner – We currently have 27 active Leo clubs in the district serving around 1100 Leos. Taylor is working with a group to form a new Leo Club in their community which will increase the total number of clubs to 28. I also made a presentation at Liberty Hill. The Lions club is interested in starting a new Leo Club. We are way ahead of all the other districts in the number of Leos served and the number of Leo Clubs. We are still seeking additional Board of Directors from Leo clubs around the District. The desire is to have representation from at least half of the clubs in the district if not more. The district is well represented at the state level with Leo Lily Jameson serving as President of the Texas Leo Council, Darby Derrick as Tail twister and Krystal Kunz and Cheyenne Saldana as District representatives on the Board of Directors for the Texas Leo Council.

The District Leo Cabinet has planned some activities for the district Leos this year. They will have a district Leadership meeting at the TSBVI in Austin in December, participate in the Austin Downtown Founders 100th Anniversary Celebration in January, have Leos participate in the Mid-

winter Lions Conference and have table at the District Lions Convention. At the Leo table Leos will be able to talk about their Leo Club, why they joined and what they get out of being a Leo member. They are also planning a picnic in the park in New Braunfels in the spring.

Each year, multiple districts are allowed to submit one application for Leo of the Year. This last spring, Leo Emily Moseley was chosen to represent MD2. She served as Leo Council President and District 2-S3 Leo President in 2014-15. Emily was from the Lago Vista Leo Club. Lions Clubs International selects 31 to be recognized at the International level. Emily was selected and will be given an award at the Council of Governors' meeting in San Antonio on November 7. Lion Emily is currently a student at the University of Texas @ Austin and is a member of the UT Campus Lions. Lago Vista Leo Club was also awarded the Leo Club Excellence Award for 2014-15. Four Leo Clubs in MD2 received this award for last year. (X3,A2, S1 and S3) Congratulations Lago Vista and Emily for a job well done.

Currently, Leo clubs in the district are busy with projects in their community as well as the State Leo Service Project. The Service project is to prepare 1000 care packages for troops. The idea of 1000 packages came from the Texas Leo Council as they researched the International President's logo of origami cranes. The legend states that if someone makes 1000 cranes they will be granted one wish. Each of the 1000 care package will contain an origami crane and a card of good wishes made by Leos. The wish for the project is the troop's safe return home when their tour of duty. The care packages will be made during the Leo Fall Leadership Conference in San Antonio November 7-8. Anyone wishing to make a donation of items for the care package can contact me by November 5 for a pick up if they are not able to get the donations to the conference hotel. Monetary donations will also be accepted and checks need to be made out to the Texas Leo Council. The money donated will be used to complete the packages and to pay to ship the packages to Operation Gratitude in California who will then send them out to the troops overseas. (see flyer in this month's district newsletter or at bottom of report)

Invitations and registration for the Fall Leo Leadership Conference was sent to Leo Clubs and their sponsoring Lions Clubs in August. The conference will be held at the La Quinta Inn and Suites, Airport (850 Halm Boulevard, San Antonio) and will begin at 10:00 a.m., November 7. The Leo Council officers and Board members will meet on Friday evening to set up for the conference and have their second council meeting of the year. Following the opening session Saturday morning, the Leos will hear about the importance of supporting our veterans and what Veterans Day is all about from an active duty soldier. The lunch speaker is Lion Trish Wilson from the Texas Lions Camp and the dinner speaker will be several members of the UT Campus Lions who will talk about the Leo to Lion transition and how to incorporate technology into meetings. Also the participants will have three breakout sessions – Leadership, project planning, team building. Leo Advisors will have a separate breakout session. The Leos will also participate in a round table charities information session where the Leos will flow from table to table to learn out the projects and activities sponsored by Lions. The evening social activity will be karaoke, dance, desserts and lots of fun and interaction. Sunday the Leos will participate in competitions on club power point, club display and a photography contest as well as forums on community service projects and fundraising activities. The Leo Council and Board members worked very hard in Kerrville August 1 to plan out the details of the conference and their duties. The conference is planned and led by members of the Leo Council. Leo Advisors help with making arrangements for facilities, food and supplies and are a resource for the Leos. The conference is jammed packed with activities and information. Anyone needing additional information or a registration form, please contact me by email and I will forward the form or answer any questions. We usually have about 100-125 Leos representing the 4000 Leos in the

132 Leo clubs in MD2. Cost and travel is often a problem for Leos but we still manage to get a nice group together and they all go back to their districts and communities with lots of new friends and ideas. Each spring Leo clubs get to vote on the next slate of officers and the location for the fall Leo Leadership Conference. We have been very fortunate to have the conference located so close to our district the last few years. The spring awards program will be located in the Austin Area in April. Austin is a convenient location for the majority of Leo Clubs in the multiple district. A delegation of 2015-16 and 2016-17 Leo Council officers will represent the Leos Clubs in Texas during the Texas Lions Convention in Midland. They are planning a retreat and will host an informational table at the convention. Leos from around the state will be invited but we do not anticipate many Leos being able to travel to Midland at the end of May due to distance, expense and graduation/school commitments. The Texas Leo Council did feel it was important to have a presence at the Lions Convention. I will be there but the Leos can best explain what they gained by being a member of a Leo Club.

The state dues were increased this year from \$.50 to \$.75 per Leo member and are due January 25, 2016. Some clubs elected to take advantage of the early pre-payment option and paid their dues for the year in September. Invoices will be sent in the next few weeks. I encourage clubs to pay quickly. Dues not paid by the deadline will have to pay a late fee. My goal is to have 100% of the dues owed by Leo clubs in the district paid by the due date. Dues are used for the awards program in the spring each year and a \$500 scholarship to the MD2 Leo of the Year. We have had two Leos from our district awarded the MD2 Leo of the Year. Very little of the dues help pay for the Fall Leo Leadership Conference – registration and meals costs paid at the conference cover the majority of the expenses. The Texas Leo Council also wants to have a new state Leo Pin for 2016-2018 if funds are in place. Funds from the sale of the pin will be used to cover some expenses for the October 2017 MD2 Lions 100th Celebration in Dallas. Leos will be celebrating 60 years of service in 2017.

Support our Troops flyer (**Attachment D**)

**Lions International District 2S3
Operating Budget
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

<i>Net Income</i>	#Lions	\$/Lion	Bill/yr	<u>Budget</u>
Income				
2S3 Dues (semi-annual)				
\$3.00 District Dues Received	2,000	3.00	2	12,000
\$.125 Conv. Dues Received	2,000	0.125	2	500
\$.125 State Convention Dues	2,000	0.125	2	500
\$3.50 State Dues	2,000	3.50	2	14,000
\$0.25 Promote TX Dues	2,000	0.25	2	1,000
Total 2S3 semiannual		<u>\$7.00</u>		<u>28,000</u>
\$10.50 TX Lion Camp Dues (semi)	2,000	10.50	2	42,000
Total 2S3 Dues (semi-annual)		<u>\$17.50</u>		<u>70,000</u>
100% Contributions (annual)				
\$10.00 Tx Lions Camp Contrib	2,000	10.00	1	20,000
\$10.00 Lone Star Eye Bank	2,000	10.00	1	20,000
\$1.00 LCIF Contributions	2,000	1.00	1	2,000
\$2.00 TX Lions Foundation	2,000	2.00	1	4,000
\$1.00 TxLERC Contributions	2,000	1.00	1	2,000
\$2.00 Lions World Svc Blind	2,000	2.00	1	4,000
\$1.00 Leader Dogs Contrib	2,000	1.00	1	2,000
\$2.00 Dist. 2-S3 Charities	2,000	2.00	1	4,000
\$2.00 2S3 Youth Opportunities	2,000	2.00	1	4,000
Total 100% Contributions (annual)		<u>\$31.00</u>		<u>62,000</u>
Total Dues & Contributions				<u>132,000</u>
Program Service				
Dist 2-S3 Unbudgeted Transfer				1,500
State - New Charters				500
Tailtwister Collections				600
Total Program Service				<u>2,600</u>
Investment				
Interest Income - BOA				-
Total Investment				<u>-</u>
Total Income				<u>134,600</u>

**Lions International District 2S3
Operating Budget
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

	#Lions	\$/Lion	Bill/yr	Budget
Expense				
Dues Payments Made				
Dist. Convention Dues Pmts				500
State Dues Payments				14,000
State Convention Dues Payments				500
Promote Texas Payments				1,000
Tx Lions Camp Dues Payments				42,000
Total Dues Payments Made				<u>58,000</u>
100% Contributions Remitted				
TLC 100% Contributions Remitted				20,000
LSLEB Contributions Remitted				20,000
LCIF Contributions Remitted				2,000
TLF Contributions Remitted				4,000
TLERC Contributions Remitted				2,000
LWSB Contributions Remitted				4,000
Leader Dogs Contrib. Remitted				2,000
Dist. 2-S3 Charities Remitted				4,000
Total 100% Contributions Remitted				<u>58,000</u>
Youth Opp. Contrib. Remitted				
MD2 Contest Entry Fee				750
Youth Opportunities Misc				100
Total Youth Opp. Contrib. Remitted				<u>850</u>
Operating Expenses				
Dist 2-S3 Unbudgeted Transfer				1,500
Expenses - Dist. Governor				1,750
Expenses - 1st VDG				1,500
Expenses - 2nd VDG				1,500
Expenses - Cabinet Secretary				75
Expenses - Cabinet Treasurer				100
Name Tags				165
Liability Bond				110
Postage				145
Office Supplies				125
Website				100
Bank & Professional Fees				30
District Training				1,000
New Lions Club Sponsors				500
District Convention Expense				500
Tailtwister (Lion Charities)				600
Cabinet Gratuities				250
Int'l Convention Expense				1,500
USA-Canada Forum- Gov/VDG Exp.				1,500
Discretionary Fund Expense				
District directory				1,500
Membership retention				475
Total Discretionary Fund Expense				<u>1,975</u>
Total Operating Expenses				<u>14,925</u>

10/15/2015

**Lions International District 2S3
Operating Budget
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

	#Lions	\$/Lion	Bill/yr	Budget
Awards				
Cultural & Community Award				50
Diabetic Essay Contest Award				750
Drug Awareness Speech Contest				750
Outstanding Youth Contest				750
Peace Poster Contest				375
Environmental Award				50
Total Awards				<u>2,725</u>
Disaster Relief Funding				100
Total Expense				<u><u>134,600</u></u>
Net Income				<u><u>-</u></u>

Audit Report 2014-15

October 17, 2015

PDG Angie Nicholson & Lion Maureen Kinald

We are unable to complete the audit of District 2-S3 because we have never received bank statements and receipts from Cabinet Treasurer Forrest McGlothlin.

In going over reports given to us by Mr. McGlothlin, we find many troubling items.

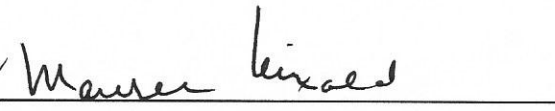
1. There were numerous General Journal entries made to the General Ledger balances without details or explanations. We cannot determine the reason for these adjustments without further investigation.
2. Many checks were written in excess of budget allowances without the approval of the District Governor:
 - A. Expenses for both VDGs
 - B. Name tags
 - C. New Club Sponsors
 - D. Mid-Winter Conference
 - E. District Convention Expenses
 - F. Cabinet gratuities
 - G. Membership retention
3. State convention dues, which are not part of District funds, were given to the DG, 1VDG, & 2VDG at \$250 each; this should have been put into the Contingency account for use at our next hosting of the state convention. The Governor was also never apprised of the fact that these funds were being used to cover their expenses. In addition, only \$476 of District dues were collected for the State Convention account, but \$750 was distributed from the Operating account under line item 4020—State Convention Dues Payments.
4. Several line item posts were posted to the wrong general ledger accounts:
 - A. The second installment of the Promote Texas dues were posted under State Dues Payment.
 - B. Tailtwister collections from the Mid-Winter Conference were posted to TLC dues.
 - C. Most of the 100% Contributions were posted to 4105—TLC 100% Contributions Remitted instead of to each charity's contributions.

- D. The year-end transfer of the balance of funds in the account was posted entirely to Youth Opportunities Contribution. A reconciliation of the balance in the account at year-end should have been done and the amounts should have been properly posted and transferred to the correct accounts in the Contingency Account.
 - E. A check to DG Len Heimer for Star Awards invoice was posted to 4230—Name Tags line item.
 - F. An unusually large amount (\$245) was posted to postage expense (over 500 stamps) without receipts or explanation. Prior years' postage expenses averaged about \$125 - \$130.
 - G. A check to PDG J P Kirksey for a lamp housing for the projector was posted to 4245—Office Supplies, but should have been posted to Training expenses.
 - H. Many checks were written for District Convention expenses without some memo to show what the checks were for. Without seeing receipts, we cannot know exactly what was purchased and if it was put into the correct line item. The final reconciliation of income vs expenses was also never completed to determine whether there was a profit or loss of income for the District Convention so that the balance could be subsidized or the excess transferred to the Contingency Account.
 - I. Checks for LCIF as gifts to speakers were posted under 4265—Taitwister instead of expenses for the convention where they were speakers or under Discretionary Funds.
 - J. Two LCIF gifts were given for mediators and should have come from the fee that was collected for that mediation. That income was put in line item 3200—Other Income.
5. Line items over budget were:
- A. Expenses for 1st and 2nd VDGs.
 - B. Name tags
 - C. New Lions Club Sponsors
 - D. Mid-Winter Conference expense
 - E. Cabinet gratuities
 - F. Int'l Convention Expense
 - G. District directory
 - H. Membership Retention
6. Six clubs had writeoffs for their 100% contributions

7. \$2500 was taken from the International Convention fund to allow DG Len Heimer and DGE Mike Smith to have help with expenses for the convention. \$3000 was spent for the international convention. There was no budget allowance made for the excess \$500 spent. The District Treasurer should have made arrangements to have the excess also transferred from the International Convention fund to cover the shortage.
8. We are unable to determine where the money came from for New Club Sponsors, but \$500 was budgeted, and \$747 was spent. It looks as if the startup dues were paid by the district.
9. A grant of \$2500 for Membership Retention was received, but \$2681.69 was spent on this line item, most of it going to PDG Shirley Dillman.
10. There are several corrections or adjustments to the records. Those should have been fixed, not just adjusted.

We are concerned that funds were not properly monitored by the District Treasurer, that there was a general lack of care and understanding on the part of the District Treasurer of how our District Account should have been handled, and that the Governor was not advised of any financial issues that arose. There was also an excessive amount of incorrectly posted entries. We recommend that the Treasurer correct the errors in last year's records and closely review all entries in the current year's records to avoid similar errors. We will also continue to request the bank statements and receipts from the District Treasurer in order to properly complete the audit.


PDG Angela Nicholson


Lion Maureen Kinard

**Georgetown (Noon) Lions Club
Resolution of Endorsement for Lion Ben Powell
Texas Lions Camp Director, District 2-S3 North, 2016-2018**

WHEREAS, Lion Ben Powell has been an outstanding and active Lion since October 2006, 7 years in Hemphill Lions Club and 2 years in the Georgetown (Noon) Lions Club;

WHEREAS, Lion Ben has provided leadership in both clubs as Director in Georgetown, VP and President in Hemphill, and through a variety of committees and activities, in which he has shown his outstanding ability to promote, sell Lionism and the camp, and keep programs on track;

WHEREAS, Lion Ben served as elected Director of the Texas Lions Camp for 4 years in District 2-S1 and has enthusiastically carried the TLC message to all the clubs in that district and again in the Georgetown area;

WHEREAS, Lion Ben also carried his enthusiastic support of the motto "We Serve" in District 2-S1 as Zone Chair, 2nd Vice District Governor and as 1st Vice District Governor for half the year before family health situations took him to Georgetown;

WHEREAS, Lion Ben has also been heavily in civic and community activities, especially in Hemphill, including church and business; and was actively involved in Scouting for 30 years as Eagle Scout, Scout Master, etc.;

WHEREAS, Lion Ben has personal testimonies of grandchildren's involvement in camping and counseling at TLC, and of his membership in Lionism being brought about by these TLC experiences;

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Georgetown (Noon) Lions Club, at its August 19, 2015 Board meeting, voted unanimously to offer and endorse the candidacy of Lion Ben Powell as Texas Lions Camp Director, 2-S3 North, for the 2016-2018 term; which candidacy was enthusiastically supported by the full membership of the Georgetown (Noon) Lions Club at its August 26 meeting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Georgetown (Noon) Lions Club offers Lion Ben Powell as candidate for Director (2-S3 North) of the Texas Lions Camp for the 2016-2018 term, with our full support and faith in his commitment and ability to serve with distinction our camp, our district, our club, and our kids.



PDG Paul Steinfort, President



JoAnn Steinfort, Secretary

Presented to the District 2-S3 Cabinet at its October 17, 2015 Meeting.



Please help the Texas Leos with their Service Project for November Texas Leo Leadership

Items needed: travel size toothpaste, body spray, sunscreen, hygiene products, toothbrushes, books, Pringles, hard candy, Gatorade individual powder packs, laundry detergent, socks, hand warmers, foot warmers, DVD sets for entertainment, individual packaged cookies. A

Each care package will contain an origami crane made by Leos and a card with a personal message from Leo members expressing their thanks to

Contact Lion Liz Bumguardner, 1321 Tillerfield, Austin, Texas 78748. Cell: 512-203-5972, email: liz.bumguardner@gmail.com to arrange for a pickup of donations. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to Texas Leo Council. Monetary donations will be used to

Goal: collect and assemble 1000 care packages for the troops.

Why Care Packages?

The Texas State Leo Leadership Conference is November 6-8, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas and is the weekend before Veterans Day. The opening session of the conference is designed to show the importance of showing our gratitude to those that serve our country.

Why 1000? Lions Club International President's Logo features an origami crane. When you make

Deadline for donations is November 4, 2015 for pickups or November 6 in San