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"Kickoff A New Century"



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Governor's Gab

Lions Alert and Hurricane Harvey



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Prior to Hurricane Harvey making land-fall, I contacted all Zone Chairs and asked them to contact the Club Presidents in their Zone and ask them to provide us with real time information as to needs within their communities as a result of the impact of the storm. The District Governor can request financial resources from LCIF and the Texas Lions Foundation if supplied with the necessary information regarding qualifying needs for water, food, clothing, blankets, and medical supplies. However, the storm tracked to the east and with the exception of rain and some wind, to date, I have heard of no request for assistance from the District 2-S3 clubs.

I believe it was legendary coach Darrell Royal that said, "Luck is when preparation meets opportunity". Preparation is everything if you are talking about the response to natural disaster. Response to a natural disaster can be a chaotic time without the necessary planning for a coordinated response. Lions clubs have been challenged to develop an emergency response Alert plan for their community. The mission of the Lions Alert pro-

gram is, "to provide Lions with a standardized structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations". Now, with this storm fresh on our minds, is an excellent time for our clubs to look into the Alert program to see how you can assist your community. Of course, emergency responses are not limited to natural disaster, but also disease (flu) pandemics as well. We need at least one club in each County to have a developed plan in order to communicate needs of the County Emergency Management Team. There are four phases of emergency management. They are preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. Lions club members are most likely involved in late response, recovery, and mitigation. You can find on the Lions LCI website (www.lions.org) the Lions Alert guide (IAD 911). You can also find on the website bulleted documents for how to develop a Lions alert plan, and what to do after a disaster occurs. Our District Alert Chair is PDG Frank Kinald.

Hurricane Harvey Recovery Update:

Although Harvey moved to the east of 2-S3, our fellow Lions and Texans in Districts S1 (Port Arthur, Beaumont), S2 (Houston), S4 (southwest Houston, Victoria), and A3 (Corpus Christi, Port Aransas, Aransas Pass, and Rockport) were not as fortunate, and

were greatly effected by this massive storm. On the Sunday following land-fall the MD-2 Council of Governors were informed that PIP Bob Corlew and IP Dr. Naresh Aggarwal had approved a \$100,000 LCIF Major Catastrophe Grant for Texas. That evening the Governors met by conference call and took action to accept the LCIF grant. Governors of S1 (Russell Wheeler), S2 (Betty Ezell), S4 (Jerry Gilbert), and A3 (Jesse Rodriguez) were appointed to the Task Force to coordinate the distribution of funds. In addition, the governors established the Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund for direct donations. A link was established on the Texas Lions website, www.texaslions.org, and a memo from Council Chair Rick Talbert provided mailing information for direct donations. In addition, an email address, hurricaneharvey@texaslions.org, was established for all Hurricane Harvey inquiries. Your email will be forwarded to Task Force participants for an appropriate response and coordination of any kind, donations and/or volunteer workforce. All of this administrative action happened in a very well coordinated manner and the recovery work of the Task Force continues.

A timely link was also created on the District 2-S3 website, www.lionsdistrict2s3.com, that would guide members to the Texas Lions

Governor's Gab (Continued)

website and notice. In addition, information was provided by newswire. In times of emergency look to these sites and resources for information.

Membership:

October is a great month for a membership drive. Thus, I would encourage clubs to have an extra focus on membership in October. It would be great if we could finish 2017-2018 with the District membership near 2100. That would require an increase in the rate of retention and an average growth of +2 members per club.

Announcements:

The following events are listed for September and October:

1. USA/Canada Forum, September 21-23, Portland, Oregon
2. Texas Centennial Celebration, October 6-7, Dallas, TX
3. 2nd Cabinet Meeting, October 14, McQueeney Lions Building, McQueeney Lions Host club, McQueeney, TX

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*District Governor
John Pruett and Lion Brenda
2017 - 2018*



*The Lions Den
September, 2017*

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Lions District 2-S3 KidSight Program *Year-To-Date Screenings and Referrals

Number of Children:

Kids Screened

1,485

Kids Referred

199



***Year-To-Date: Lions Year –July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017**

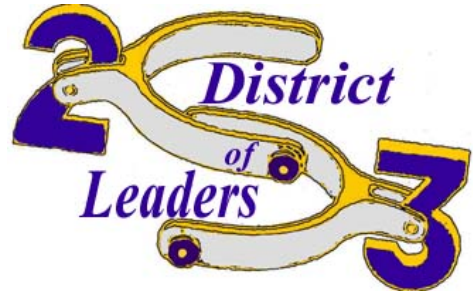


Hurricane Harvey Relief

PDG Frank Kinald , District Alert Chair

LIONS - As relief efforts transition from "first response/rescue" to "recovery" operations the needs also change. In recovery, the need is for cash donations to fund the long term operation. Clubs wishing to aid in recovery efforts can make a cash donation in the form of a check made payable to-

"Texas LIONS Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund"
MD-2 Texas LIONS
PO Box 294509
Kerrville, TX 78029



OR a check made payable to -

"Texas LIONS Foundation"
PO Box 64881,
Lubbock, TX 79464
specifying that it is for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

If you send a check to the Texas LIONS Foundation please advise MD-2 LIONS in Kerrville of that in order that they may also keep a record of your donation.

San Marcos Lions Club \$25,000 Donation Hurricane Harvey Relief

The San Marcos Lions Club on Friday, September 15, 2017 presented a \$25,000 check to the Texas Lions Foundation for use in recovery efforts for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Accepting the donation was Lions 2-S3 District Governor John Pruett. The ceremonial presentation was truly exciting.

Shown from left to right are San Marcos Lion and 2-S3 Second Vice District Governor Larkin Smith, the San Marcos Club's Lions Club International Foundation coordinator Sylvia Muzzy, District Governor John Pruett and San Marcos Lions Club President Debbie Smith.



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San Marcos Lions Give \$25,000 to Harvey recovery

Sometimes waiting for an official call to action just isn't an option.

When the need for disaster assistance is so obvious and the pain and suffering of thousands of victims runs so deep, it's time to step up and offer immediate help.

By the time the San Marcos Lions Club received the call this week from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) seeking financial assistance for victims of Hurricane Harvey, the club's leadership had already approved a \$25,000 donation to aid their fellow Texans.

"When the Board of Directors was called upon to vote, it was an easy decision unwavering in the meaning of our motto, 'We Serve'. Our Lions went into action almost immediately looking for information on how we could best serve in this time of great need in our state. I am humbled by the honor I have in serving as the president because there is such dedication to what wearing a yellow vest means within our club," San Marcos Lions Club President Debbie Smith said.

"LCIF has been working directly with Lions in the affected areas to ensure they have what they need to respond in these emergencies, and disaster relief funds have been made available for Lions in all of the affected areas. In turn, Lions are coordinating their efforts with local agencies to determine the greatest need and how Lions can address those needs," LCIF Chancellor Bob Corlew said this week.

Lions 2-S3 District Governor John Pruitt accepted the \$25,000 donation to the Texas Lions Foundation from the San Marcos club at its Friday lunch meeting at the San Marcos Activity Center.

"The Texas Lions Foundation thanks your club. The recovery from Hurricane Harvey will be aided greatly by your generous contribution," Pruitt said.

The San Marcos Lions Club has donated \$2.5 million to charities, social services and youth groups in the San Marcos and Hays County communities during the past 10 years. Most of that revenue comes from its summer tube rental operation in San Marcos City Park.

The club, which has served the area for 75 years, also provides financial assistance, primarily through member dues, to Lions Club International (LCI), which uses the money to assist a number of worldwide service programs including disaster relief and humanitarian assistance. LCI, through (LCIF), has responded to Hurricane Harvey with an emergency catastrophe grant in the amount of \$100,000. The grant will allow Lions in the area of impact to provide life-saving supplies of food, water, blankets and other necessities.

LCIF Chair for the San Marcos Lions Club is Sylvia Muzzy.

The San Marcos Lions Club meets every Friday at noon at the San Marcos Activity Center. Information about the club, grant requests, activities and membership can be found at sanmarcoslionsclub.org

Lago Vista LC - August Centennial Challenge



Pediatric Cancer (08/04/2017):

- Lago Vista Lions presented a \$250 check to the Texas Lions Camp (TLC) Discovery for Children with Cancer.



Diabetes (08/04/2017):

- Lago Vista Lions presented a \$250 check to the Texas Lions Camp (TLC) for Children with Type 1 Diabetes.



Road Clean Up (08/19/2017):

- The Road Clean Up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). Twelve (12) bags of trash were collected by 6 Lions.



KidSight Vision Screening at Round Rock ISD Back-To-School Event (08/20/2017):

- Seven Lago Vista Lions collaborated with Round Rock Noon Lions performed vision screening for 105 children with 18 referrals during the Round Rock ISD Back-To-School Event at Hernandez Middle School.



KidSight Vision Screening at Williamson-Burnet County Head Start (08/20-31/2017):

- From 08/20/2017 through 08/31/2017 two Lago Vista Lions performed vision screening for 229 children with 32 referrals at 5 Williamson-Burnet County Head Start locations.



Texas Lions Camp Closing (08/04/2017):

- The Lago Vista Lions Club presented a donation of \$2000 to The Texas Lions Camp for the area of greatest need as part of our annual contribution.



Summer Reading Program(08/02-16/2017):

- Lago Vista Lions supported the Lago Vista Library Summer Reading Program all summer long.

Hurricane Harvey Relief



Austin Founder Lions Club contributes to Hurricane Harvey relief with diapers and food.

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Girls State & Boys State Presentation

Two Member Key



Sarah Seates, McKensie Bush, and Robert Palomin attended the July 26th Lions meeting providing insight and gratitude from their experience attending Girls State and Boys State.

Joan Helmke (right) & John Mitzel (left) presented certificates.



From L to R: Garden Ridge Lion Hunter Bill Foote presents Lion Randy Maschek with a 'Two Member Key' while Club President John Mitzel assists. The 'Two Member Key' is the first Key Award for bringing in two new members; the second award is the Five Member Key. Each new member has to remain a member for more than a year. Lion Past President Jay Feibelman has earned a 25 Member Key, called the "Senior Master Key."



District 2-S3 Second Cabinet Meeting

District Governor – Lion John Pruett



When: **Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Where: **McQueeney Lions Building
Hwy. FM 78
McQueeney, TX 78123**

Schedule: **8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast**

Fee: **Cabinet Meeting & Lunch - \$16.00 in advance
Cabinet Meeting only - \$7.00 in advance**

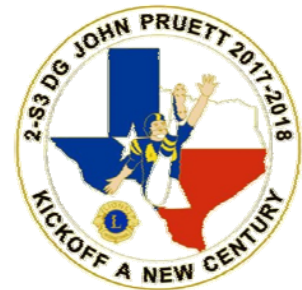
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME	CLUB	Amount
Total Enclosed		\$

Registration deadline: Friday, October 6, 2017

Make Checks Payable to: **McQueeney Lions Club**

Mail to: **McQueeney Lions Club
c/o Lion J. J. Cherry
P. O. Box 146
McQueeney, TX 78123**



Questions - Call - **Lion Victor Contreras @ 210-846-3172**

District Governor's 2017 - 2018 Visitation Schedule

SEPTEMBER

Club	Visit Date	Time
Taylor	9/1/2017	12:00 N
McQueeney	9/5/2017	7:00 pm
Florence	9/6/2017	12:00 N
Spring Branch-Bulverde	9/6/2017	7:30 pm
Austin Downtown Founder	9/7/2017	12:00 N
Marion	9/9/2017	8:00 am
Granger	9/11/2017	12:00 N
Hutto	9/11/2017	6:30 pm
New Braunfels Breakfast	9/12/2017	7:00 am
University of Texas	9/12/2017	6:30 pm
Austin North Austin	9/14/2017	7:00 pm
San Marcos Noon	9/15/2017	12:00 N
Cameron	9/18/2017	12:00 N
Georgetown Noon	9/27/2017	12:00 N
Lockhart	9/27/2017	6:30 pm

OCTOBER

Club	Visit Date	Time
Elgin	10/2/2017	6:30 pm
Kyle	10/3/2017	12:00 N
Austin Lake Travis	10/3/2017	6:30 pm
Jarrell	10/9/2017	11:30 am
Point Venture	10/10/2017	6:00 pm
Schertz Cibolo	10/11/2017	12:00 N
Bulverde	10/12/2017	7:30 pm
Bastrop Evening	10/17/2017	7:00 pm
Austin Capital City Evening	10/18/2017	5:00 pm
Texas State	10/23/2017	7:00 pm
Garden Ridge	10/25/2017	7:00 pm

NOVEMBER

Club	Visit Date	Time
Austin Capital City	11/1/2017	7:00 pm
Rockdale Noon	11/1/2017	12:00 N
New Braunfels Noon	11/2/2017	12:00 N
Spicewood & Highland Lakes	11/2/2017	6:30 pm
Lago Vista	11/7/2017	7:00 pm
Round Rock Noon	11/9/2017	12:00 N
Austin South Austin	11/9/2017	6:00 pm
Austin West Austin	11/13/2017	6:30 pm
New Braunfels Evening	11/15/2017	6:05 pm
Canyon Lake Noon	11/16/2017	12:00 N
Johnson City	11/16/2017	7:00 pm
New Braunfels New Century	11/21/2017	7:00 pm
Buda	11/27/2017	7:00 pm

DECEMBER

Club	Visit Date	Time
Dripping Springs	12/4/2017	6:30 pm
San Marcos Bluebonnet	12/5/2017	12:00 N
Cedar Park Longhorn	12/5/2017	7:00 pm
Blanco	12/7/2017	6:00 pm

JANUARY/MARCH

Club	Visit Date	Time
Buckholts	1/4/2018	7:00 pm
Milano Evening	3/1/2018	6:00 pm

Bluebonnet Lions Grants

2016-17 Grants Awarded; Martha Moore, Chair

Recently, Bluebonnet Lions Club awarded the following grants. Many thanks to committee members Edna Anglin, Rose Brooks, Georgia Cheatham, Irene Luna, Beth Morrisset, and Melesa Yager for their work.

- \$650 each to CASA of Central Texas, Hays County Child
- Protective Board, Hays County Food Bank, Hands of Hope, & Family 4 Life
- \$600 to Hays County ECI Homestead
- \$400 each to Meals to Grow & Redwood Community Center
- \$350 to Calaboose African American History Museum



Denise Blok (Food Bank), Lee Ikels (Child Protective), Elvin Holt (Calaboose), Ellie Stewart (Redwood), Lynette Lombardo (CASA), Ms. Brown (Child Protective) Mary Salmi (Meals to Grow), Lois Hiskman (ECI) & Charlotte Evans (Hands of Hope).



THE GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB
presents their 45th annual



FISH FRY BAR-B-Q & AUCTION

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Dinner served 3:00-6:30 p.m.

FISH FRY & BAR-B-Q: Adults \$10.00 - Children \$5.00

Silent Auction 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. // Live Auction at 6:45 p.m.

OUR 2017 CHARITY GOAL IS \$40,000

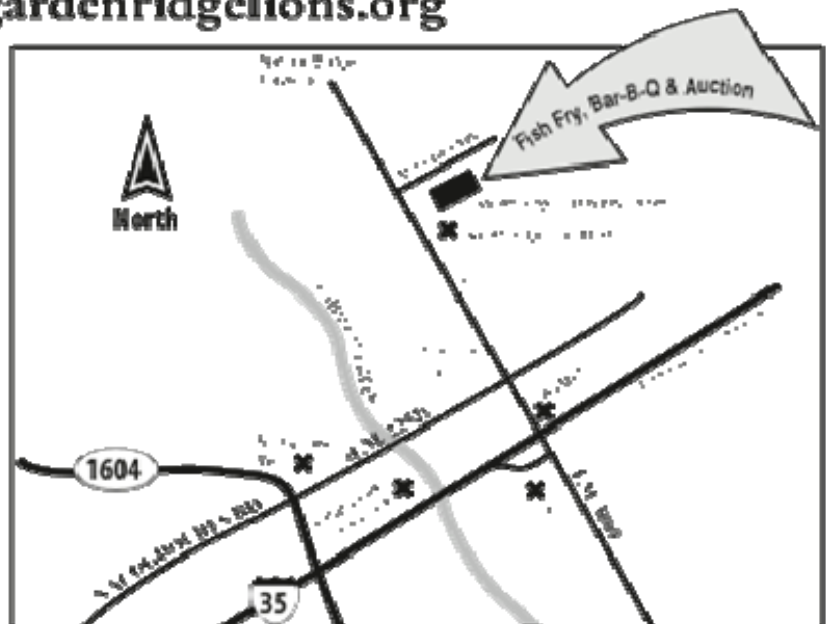
www.gardenridgelions.org

*Approximately 80+ items
in Live Auction, including:
Dinners at Select Restaurants
Electronics
Power Tools
Vacation Packages
Road Base Materials
Loads of Cut Firewood & more!
Raffle Drawing at 6:30 p.m.*

**Super Raffle
Following Live Auction**

max. 1000 tickets available for \$2.00

KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT



How to Develop an Effective Media Advisory

by LION ANN WARD, District Public Relations Committee Chair

Use Media Advisory to Publicize, Generate Coverage for an Event

If you are having an event – perhaps a fund-raising activity or a service project such as a community vision screening – you have several opportunities for news media coverage that will promote the event and raise visibility and awareness of your club. The first opportunity is the pre-event notice. You can send a media advisory that answers the “who, what, when, where, why and how” questions.

When you prepare a media advisory, remember these tips:

- Be sure you understand the event, and double-check the facts with the coordinator so that you can accurately describe what is going to happen, when and where.
- Check the facts carefully and be sure everything is accurate. Are the date, time and location correct?
- Be sure all names are spelled correctly.
- Did you include your contact information, including a phone number?

Send your media advisory to local/area media outlets, and request coverage. Some media outlets will use the information in the advisory to create a news story that will run in advance of the event in the newspaper or be posted online. Many television stations have online community calendars, so you may be able to submit the media advisory to a reporter or editor as well as the community calendar.

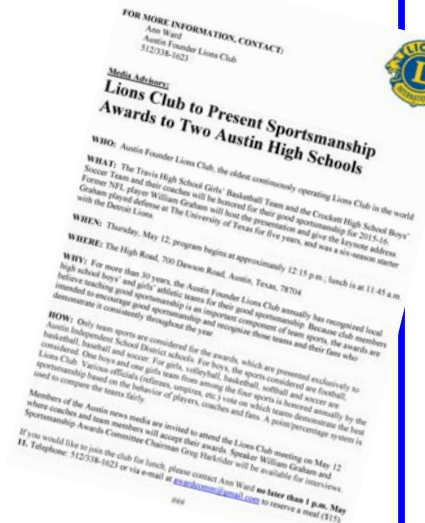
Typically, you will distribute the media advisory via email with a short introductory message in which you try to interest your target audience in covering the actual event. Copy and paste your media advisory into the email rather than sending it as an attachment. Some TV stations have an online way to contact the station, and often allow you to upload an attachment. Be sure to include your phone number(s) for follow-up.

Research media outlets online and target the correct person. A large newspaper may have a reporter who covers your topic (sports events, health events, etc.). If not, the news editor, city editor or feature editor may be the best target. The same applies to television. Research reporters and contact the one whose past coverage is similar to what you are seeking. If a radio station airs news, it likely has a news editor.

In your introductory email, make the case for coverage of your event/activity by explaining how the community will benefit. For example, with a vision screening, include information about how early detection of vision problems in children often can be reversed with early intervention. Other facts – like how many people will attend a fund-raiser or celebrity guests – may peak a reporter’s interest.

You also can use the media advisory on your club’s social media channels. The advisory will contain all the facts needed to post on Facebook and Twitter, and you can easily turn the advisory into a blurb on your club’s website.

Next Month: Tips for Writing a Press Release That Gets Used

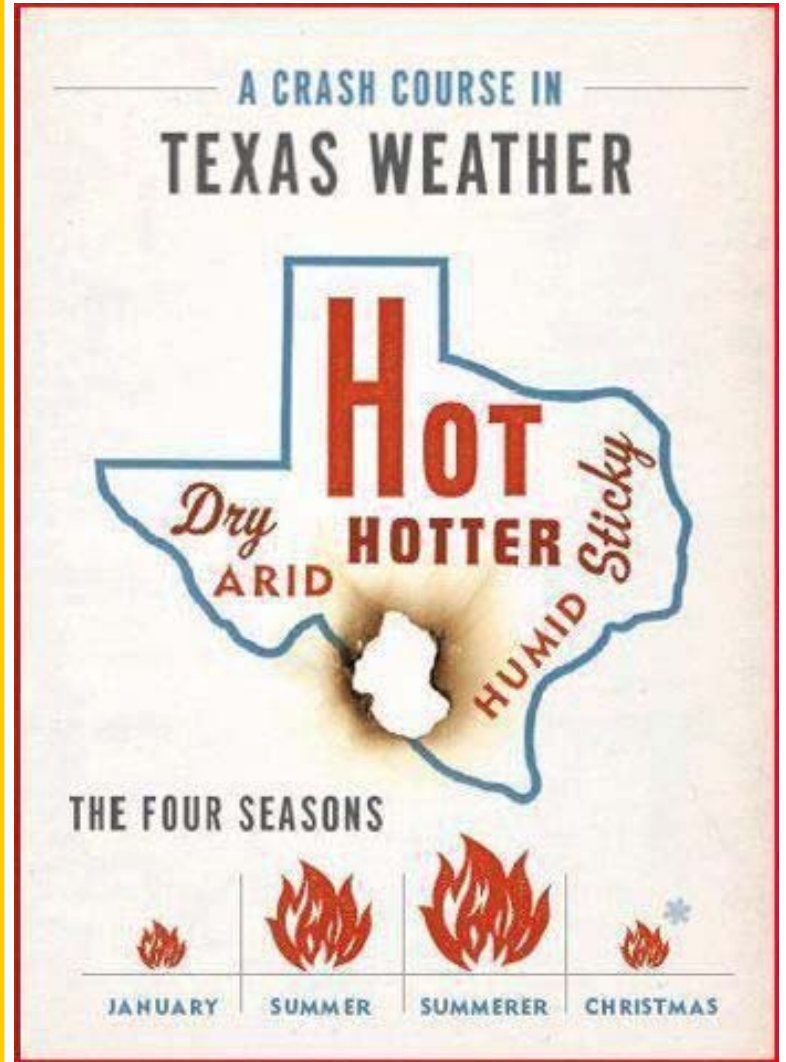


Austin Capital City LC Scholarship

Ms. Tatiana Jackson, ACCLC scholarship recipient gives "thanks". Ms. Jackson graduated from Reagan H/S. Tatiana was an avid, honor and all sports academic student. Ms. Jackson took college credits while in High School and will be classified as a "sophomore" upon entering her college of choice.



Only In Texas!



USA/CANADA
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USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 21-23, 2017
Portland, Oregon

email: registrar@lionsforum.org Phone: (605) 723-4007



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2017 Fall Golf Tournament Charity Event River Crossing Club Golf Course Sponsored by Canyon Lake Noon Lions Save the date: Monday, September 25th



4 Person Scramble, Shotgun Start 9 a.m. Registration opens 7:30 a.m.
\$100 per person includes golf, cart, range balls & luncheon during awards ceremony.

Proceeds will provide assistance to numerous
charitable activities in the greater Canyon Lake area.
Tournament gold, silver, and hole sponsorships are available.

\$10,000 Hole in One Prize

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Prizes, plus putt-off & dice roll contests.

For more information go to canyonlakenoonlions.wixsite.com/clnl or contact Bob Wickman: 830-885-6377

To all Lion Clubs in District 2-S3, especially Region 5, Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club challenges every Lion Club within driving distance to field a four-person scramble golf team and participate in our first Fall Golf Tournament. You are not just limited to one team, field as many as you want to give you a better chance of winning. There will be a trophy for the winning Lions club, which the winning club may keep for one year (until the next tournament).

River Crossing Club Golf Course is one of the premier courses in our area. If you haven't played there before, you are in for a treat, and will be assisting numerous charitable activities supported by the Canyon Lake Noon Lions, such as: Community Resource and Recreational Center Food Pantry, Tye Preston Memorial Library, Texas Lions Camp, and Local Eye Glass program.

There are many ways you can help: by golfing in the tournament, by helping out before and during the golf tournament, or by being a hole sponsor (\$100 and your Club's name will be posted at one of the eighteen holes).

Signing up is easy, just go to our website (or the following page in this newsletter), place your players' names on the registration form and send in your money.

*Lion Tom Meyer, Golf Tournament Chair
Canyon Lake Noon Lions*

Directions to River Crossing Club Golf Course: River Crossing Club is just south of the Guadalupe River on U.S. 281, about 6 miles south of highway FM 306, or 4 miles north of Texas 46. Turn east at the stoplight, opposite the Shell station, at the entrance to River Crossing subdivision, and then south at the first right turn on River Way. The club entrance will be on your right.

500 River Way, Spring Branch, TX 78070



Canyon Lake Noon Lions First Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting numerous Canyon Lake area needy organizations, including the CRRC Food Pantry and New Life Home for Girls.



Monday, September 25th, 2017

River Crossing Golf Club, 500 River Way, Spring Branch, Texas
\$100 per player (limit 120 players - sign up early!)
Tee Time is 8:30 AM!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be a GOLD SPONSOR \$1000
Special Promotional Recognition,
Signage, Green Fees & Cart for 4
Players

Be a SILVER SPONSOR \$750
Special Promotional Recognition,
Signage, Green Fees & Cart for 4
Players

Be a BRONZE SPONSOR \$500
Special Promotional Recognition,
Signage, Green Fees & Cart for 2
players

Hole in One Sponsor \$10,000

Hole Sponsor \$100

Keg Sponsor \$500

Monetary Donation in any amount will
be put to good use \$

Tickets include green fees, range balls,
cart, and sandwich buffet. Beverages
will be available for purchase on the
course and at the buffet.

NOTES - River Crossing Club requires
collared golf attire, and please, no
denim.

(4-person teams or individual players)

Player 1

Name

Hdcp Email

Phone No.

Player 2

Name

Hdcp Email

Phone No.

Player 3

Name

Hdcp Email

Phone No.

Player 4

Name

Hdcp Email

Phone No.

Hdcp - If you do not have a handicap, please estimate it.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Tournament Co-Chairs. Bob Wickman and Tom Meyer
Bob 830-885-6377 (bobw3333@gvtc.com) Tom 830-515-8868 (Tomleemeyer1@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to Canyon Lake Noon Lions and mail to: P.O. Box 2027, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATIONS AND CHECKS IS TUESDAY SEPT 19th.

Texas Lions Camp Directors - District 2-S3

TLC Director South Lion Tony Doyle Sworn In

Lion Tony "Sarge" Doyle, president of the Spring Branch/Bulverde Lions Club, was sworn in as a new Elected Director of the Texas Lions Camp Board on Aug. 5 in Kerrville.



He is representing the South part of District 2 S-3.

Doyle is a former TLC staff member, having taught archery and been a member of the bunkhouse staff at the camp for four summers. He is a USA Archery Level 2 instructor and instructor trainer.

The retired United States Army sergeant is a veteran of the war in Iraq and was injured in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III in 2005. In addition to his Lions work, Doyle is a member of the Board of Directors of Soldiers and Loved-Ones Universal Troop Endowment (S.A.L.U.T.E.).

"As a former TLC counselor, I have seen the impact the camp has on the lives of children," Doyle said. "I have many personal stories that I enjoy sharing when I make club visits. The kids are truly inspiring."

The Doyle's



TLC Director North Lion Ann Ward Achieves 100% Status

Lion Ann Ward, District 2 S-3 Texas Lions Camp Elected Director – North, achieved 100 percent participation status during the 2016-17 year. TLC President James Browning presented Ward with a silver James Avery TLC pin during the camp board meeting on Aug. 5 in Kerrville. She was one of four first-time directors to receive the award, and one of seven Directors among the 16 serving the first of their two-year terms to meet the requirements for recognition.

Beginning the second year of her term, Ward also was elected by her peers to serve as the 2017-18 Elected Directors' Representative to the Texas Lions Camp Executive Committee.

Ward is a second vice president of the Austin Founder Lions Club. She grew up going to Texas Lions Camp in the summers with her father, the late PDG Tom B. Ward of Breckenridge, Texas. He was one of the original camp directors when it was created in 1949.

"It is an honor for me to carry on my father's legacy, and to serve Texas Lions Camp," Ward said. "I look forward to working with my 31 colleagues around the state to educate Lions and our communities about Texas Lions Camp. My goal is to increase awareness so that more children get to experience TLC. The week at camp changes lives forever," she added.



James Browning, president of the Texas Lions Camp Board for 2016-17, presented Ann Ward, District 2 S-3 Elected Director – North, with her District Director Achievement Award at the camp board meeting Aug. 5 in Kerrville. In addition to attending the Directors' orientation program, the criteria require directors to attend at least one board meeting and one Standing Committee meeting per year, have 50 percent of his/her District's clubs as 100 percent clubs or have at least a 10 percent increase in 100 percent clubs over the previous year, make at least 15 camp presentation to Lions clubs or other groups and submit timely reports, have camper participation from the District and host a TLC booth at either the Mid-Winter Conference or the District Convention.

Texas Lions Camp Knife

\$100.00 Each (\$40.00 donated to Texas Lions Camp)

Lions District 2-S1 Texas Lions Camp Knife Order Form

Name _____ Club _____

District _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Knives _____ \$100.00 each
(\$40 donated to Texas Lions Camp)

Total for Knives _____

Shipping \$2.00 per Knife _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

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District 2-S1

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4749 CR 2590

Chester TX. 75936 Knives are
ordered in Blocks of at least 50. Please allow time

Garden Ridge Lions Award TLC Scholarships



Texas Lions Camp Graduation: On Friday, June 30, Sixteen Garden Ridge Lions were in attendance at the Camp to present \$750.00 scholarships to six TLC Counselors: Jaylen Kroupa, Grand Canyon University; Ty Hearne, Baylor University; Valerie Reyes, Texas State University; Helena Widdington, Northumbria University; Brooke Lee, University of Cumbria; and Myranda Sykes, Stephen F. Austin University.

Lago Vista Lions Donate \$2,500 to TLC - August 4, 2017



Lago Vista Lions President Jo Anne Smith presented annual donation of \$2500 to The Texas Lions Camp. The donation included a check for \$250 for Diabetic children, a check for \$250 for Pediatric Cancer children and \$2000 check for use in their greatest need.

Lago Vista Lions that attended the Texas Lions Camp Grand Finale before the kids arrived were: (L-R) 2VP Pat Evans, 1VP Anita Burke, President Jo Anne Smith, Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott with Director Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott. Not shown was Lion Ron Smith who took photos.

Austin Capital City Lions Club - Officers Installation



Pictured Left: Governor Elect John Pruett (Installing Officer) and Lion Brenda Pruett. Pictured Above: Austin Capital City 2017-18 Officers installation service, June, 7, 2017; from left to right, Installing Officer Governor Pruett, ACCLC Secretary Jerry Williams and Assistant Secretary Joe Warren.



Governor Pruett, Lions Clarence W. McClure, Marvin Douglas, Marvin Adams and Richard Hopkins.

Editor's Note: This article is late due solely to a mistake on my part. I misplaced this article during the editing process last month. Lion Jim Newbold

District Recruits 99 Campers; Plan Now to Serve in 2018

By Ann Ward
District 2 -S3 Elected Director



District 2-S3 sponsored 99 of the 1,507 campers who attended Texas Lions Camp during the summer of 2017. Awesome! Some 32 clubs in our District sponsored at least one camper! Thank you to each Lion and his/her club who recruited a camper, enabling that child to experience the life-changing impact of Texas Lions Camp!

Now that we have a baseline, let's all work to surpass our 2017 performance by having more clubs participate (at least 38!) and increasing our number of sponsored campers to 115. It's not too early to start recruiting for summer 2018; online registration will open Jan. 1.

Mark your calendars for Oct. 1-15, and submit an application to serve during the 2018 camping season. There are numerous opportunities for clubs to host activities and interact with campers. From transporting luggage and hosting a refreshment stand or graduation ceremony to providing a picnic lunch or dinner or a watermelon or Coke float break, Lions can see first-hand the incredible experience provided at Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville.

From Oct. 1-15, your club can register its top three choices for service opportunities. Go to www.lionscamp.com and select "Picnic" under the "Lions" tab. Be sure you complete the entire registration; incomplete applications will not be assigned. The number of volunteers needed for each event is provided, and is based on the scope of the activity.

Clubs will be notified around Oct. 17 of their assignments, if selected from the drawing. If your choices are not available, you may be given the opportunity to select something else if there are still vacancies. So, check out the 2018 camping schedule available on the TLC website now, and figure out what activities you would like to request. A description of the available activities is provided under the "Picnic" tab.

Let's get Lions in our District fired up about Texas Lions Camp. District 2 S-3 South Elected Director Tony Doyle and I are available to speak to clubs and other groups in District 2 S-3. Contact Tony at oneleg_11b@yahoo.com or me at award-comm@gmail.com. We welcome the opportunity to visit your club and share our passion for Texas Lions Camp.

Austin Founder Lions Club sponsored a Sunday afternoon refreshment stand last June to welcome Campers.



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

From our District Tailtwister

Sleep Tight

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase... 'Goodnight, sleep tight'

Honeymoon

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's Father would supply his son-in-law with all

the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

Mind your P's & Q's

In English pubs, Ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the Landlord would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down. It's where we get the phrase: 'Mind your

P's and Q's.

Wet Your Whistle

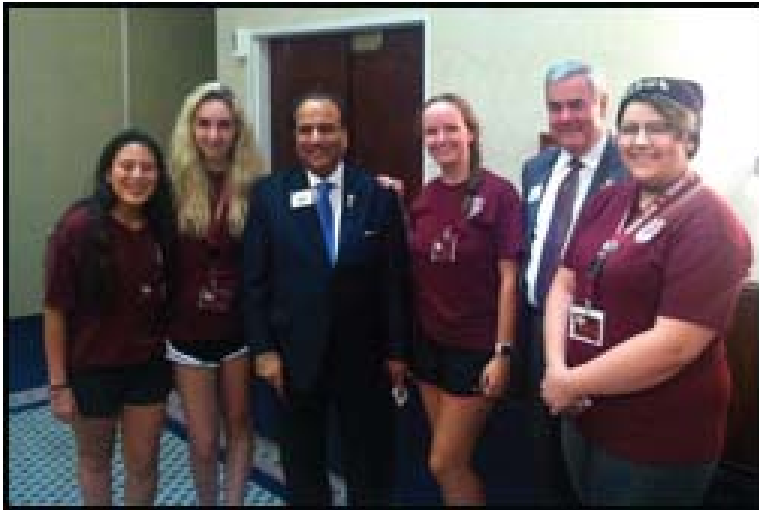
Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups.

When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

If you enjoy these, give Frank a dollar the next time you see him.

LCI President Visits Texas

Leo Leadership Conference Aug 4-5 at Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, TX



The Lago Vista Leos with the Lion International President from India.



Austin Founder Lions Club Member and First Vice President of the District Governors Association, PDG J.P. Kirksey, center, posed with Lions Clubs International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, left, of Batala, Punjab, India, and his wife Lion Navita, at the Texas Lions Camp President's Picnic, held Aug. 4 at Schreiner University in Kerrville. IP Aggarwal toured Texas Lions Camp, and attended the Council of Governors meeting. He was the keynote speaker at Past District Governors Association banquet on Aug. 5.



The Texas Leo Council with International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal.



Leo State Secretary Myia (in the hat) took notes from the President's speech.

Garden Ridge Lions Paint City Library



July 27-30 The Garden Ridge Lions, Library and city staff plus the local boy scout troop completed painting the Garden Ridge Library. My most sincere thanks to all that participated in this somewhat challenging project that at the conclusion looks professionally done. This was truly a group effort. It was my pleasure to work with each of you and complete this project. Lion Dick Holloway project lead.

Harvey Bell Awarded MJF



Congratulations to Harvey Bell. Harvey is the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. This award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. Harvey's wife Nancy is standing next to Harvey. PDG Gil Burrell is the presenter.

"Membership Growth" New Members - August

Congratulations to the newest members of District 2-S3 and their sponsors. *District Governor John Pruett*

Austin Founder Lions Club

Suzanen S Rose sponsored by Ann Ward

Buda Lions Club

Linda S Freeman sponsored by Hazel Hammond

Garden Ridge Lions Club

David L Wilcox sponsored by John Mitzel

Lago Vista Lions Club

Robert A English sponsored by Anita Burke

New Braunfels (Noon) Lions Club

Mary J Heinen sponsored by Dora White

Point Venture Lions Club

Annette J Kikta sponsored by Cristin Cecala
Frank J Kikta sponsored by Cecil Humphrey

Round Rock Noon Lions Club

Robbie J Smith sponsored by Larkin Smith

San Marcos Lions Club

Ted R Groholske sponsored by Marcus Montondon
Robert Mooney sponsored by Larkin Smith
Bonnie Villarreal sponsored by Sylvia Muzzy

Schertz Cibolo Lions Club

Sue Boissonneault sponsored by Dorothy Short

Wimberley Lions Club

Gary Glisan sponsored by Rogers Holt
Joni L Seifert sponsored by Misty Moore



A Memorial To A Lost Lion

Joseph Hager Garden Ridge Lions Club
Billy Ray Guerin ... Liberty Hill Lions Club

New Lions—District 2-S3

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Congratulations to Lion Mike Goettsch



Past District Governor Gil Burrell (far right) inducts Lion Mike Goettsch. Lion Mark DuBois (far left), Mike's Sponsor, presents Lion Mike with a Centennial Member Pin. Mike's wife Amanda and their 3 children Carson, Mason and Tyson watch during the presentation.

Congratulations to Lion Dave Wilcox



From left to right: Garden Ridge Lion Hunter Bill Foote inducts their newest member, Lion Dave Wilcox. Garden Ridge Lions President John Mitzel was the sponsor.

San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club

Congratulations to Lions Patricia Hiam and Maggie Moreno



Lion Judy Aswell, above left, inducted two new Centennial members at our August 15 evening meeting. Sponsor Cherry Walts, new member Patricia Hiam, new member Maggie Moreno with newborn daughter Jossalyn, and sponsor Rose Brooks.



Above: LCI Growth Award presented by 2017 Bluebonnet Lions president Trish Wilder: "Sincere congratulations to Judy Aswell for demonstrating active commitment to the growth and strength of Lions Clubs International by sponsoring two new Lions"

October is Lions International Membership Growth Month for Lions and Leos. Guests are always welcome to our meetings! The Club will pay for one lunch ONLY for a potential new member who must attend either a lunch or an evening meeting plus a Board meeting to qualify. New members are always needed, and yes, males are eligible!



New Lions—District 2-S3

Austin Capital City Lions - New Members

Picture on right: New member David Bell (sponsor, Richard Hopkins) and new member Brinson Bagley. Lions Bell and Bagley became members of Austin Capital Lions Club (ACCLC) effective June 21, 2017.



District 2-S3 Environmental Chair Report

By Lion Jo Anne Smith



My name is Lion Jo Anne Smith, my home club is Lago Vista and I am your District 2-S3 Environmental Chair for 2017-2018.

I have three points to cover:

1. The annual **Environmental Photo Contest** that LCI hosted is no more; unfortunately. However, since our District over the past several years has been participating with increased entries, I would like District 2-S3 to host our own photo contest for our clubs. The same rules and themes will apply, Animal Life, Weather Phenomenon, Landscape and Plant Life. Entry forms are available in this District Newsletter and on the

website. The deadline will remain as December 1st, 2017. The winner will be announced at the District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference on January 13th, 2018 at New Braunfels. Entries will go no further.

2. **Getting the Word out to your Clubs.** The Environmental portion is one of the Centennial Award Patch requirements. Since we serve our communities in the Great State of Texas, let's continue the theme "Don't Mess With Texas".
3. **Report your results using MyLCI.** Be sure and check the Environmental Centennial Challenge box.

Your club needs just one environmental project reported before June 30th, 2018. Two years ago we had 23 Lions Clubs (43%) from our District that submitted Environmental Service Reports; during the 2016-2017 term, we had 18 Clubs (35%) submit projects. Please track your "Environmental" service projects and hours, turn that report in to your Club Secretary. Club Presidents, please login to MyLCI from time-to-time and monitor that your club is getting credit with LCI for your efforts, "We Do Make a Difference!" Have a GREAT year.

**See Rules: page 21 &
Entry Form: page 22**



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

2017-2018 Contest Rules

- The 2017-2018 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
 - All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
 - Photos should be original and unaltered.
 - Photos may depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.
 - Photos that include people will be disqualified.
 - Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm).
 - All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
- LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo each to the DISTRICT by December 1, 2017 to:
Lion Jo Anne Smith
20609 Oak Ridge
Lago Vista, TX 78645**
- Contest photos become the property of Lions Club District 2-S3. Lions Club District 2-S3 reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.
 - The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the winning photos will be featured in the District 2-S3 newsletter.
 - At all levels of the competition, photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.
 - Email contest questions to: lagojas@gmail.com



Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

2017 - 2018 District 2-S3 Entry Form

Name of Lion/Leo Photographer: _____

Club Name of Photographer: _____ Club ID _____

Email address of Photographer: _____

Photographic Title (Optional): _____

Please note: Only one printed photo will be accepted from each club. Multiple entries will not be accepted.

Please mail this entry form with the official printed 8" x 10" club winning photo by the December 1st deadline to:

Lion Jo Anne Smith
20609 Oak Ridge
Lago Vista, TX 78645
lagojas@gmail.com



Leo Leadership Conference Aug 4-5, 2017

*– By Linda Jameson
Lago Vista Leos Advisor and Lion of the Year 2016-17*

The Leo's from all over Texas met at the International President's picnic Friday evening at the Robbins Lewis Pavilion on the Schreiner University campus in Kerrville, TX. It was a very hot 100 degrees under the pavilion! I was so proud of our Leos as they worked together with other Leos from around Texas.

Saturday morning at 8:00AM the conference began. All of the Leos worked together as this was their planning session for the rest of the year and also 2018. Some of the Leo's were busy on their phones calling to secure places for us to meet next year while others were on their computer to obtain prices. I was given the privilege of pinning the new State Leo Secretary, Myia Madden from Lago Vista!

The Leos were also honored to meet the new International President, Dr Naresh Aggarwal from Batala Punjab, India who gave them a motivational speech about serving their community and about the power of service. He is very people-friendly. The Leos were given an opportunity to ask him questions to which he answered truthfully and with an open heart. He also afforded time for pictures with the Leos. Evidently they do not have picnics in India...he could not remember that word!

It was a great weekend and we all had a lot of fun! It was so inspiring to see our Lago Vista Leos as well as the other Leos from around Texas come together, work together and play together. Children have no boundaries, which is how it should be!



San Marcos Youth Service Day

Photos below: August 12 at Playscape Children's Park, *Keep San Marcos Beautiful*; San Marcos Lions Club, SMHS Leo Club, and Bluebonnet Lions partnered to allow children and parents of San Marcos to clean-up the park in a safe and fun environment for the LCI Centennial Service Challenge of Engaging our Youth. (photos by Carol Peters & Bev Marek)



NB Breakfast's Ninth Grade LEOs

New Braunfels Breakfast Lion Mike Stallings and PDG Mike Smith attended the LEO adult Sponsors/Advisors meeting for the New Braunfels area on Monday August 14 at 11:30 am to prepare a plan for the new Lions year / School year and the four LEO Clubs. On Thursday August 17, 2017 there was an opportunity to recruit members to this years LEO Club at the 9th grade center when both parents and students came by to inquire about the program. Both Lions Mike Stallings and Mike Smith manned an information table at the event held in the 9th grade center cafeteria. The fruits of our labor will be evident as the first Club Meeting is Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 3:45 pm If you will like to help call Lion Mike Stallings 830-832-0291.



Lago Vista - Summer Reading Programs



On August 2, 2017, "Robert Halliday, the Magical Balloon Guy" entertained the children during Lago Vista Lions Club's Summer Reading Program.



L-R: were Lago Vista Lions Treasurer Mike Zaydel, "Robert Halliday the Magical Balloon Guy", 2VP Pat Evans and President Jo Anne Smith.



On August 9, 2017, Children dressed up as their favorite character in their favorite book during the Summer Reading Program.

Global Service Team

IPDG John Lyon, GST Chair

Our District Governor has asked me to talk a little about my new job in Lionism, the GST or Global Service Team. Each club should have assigned a member of your club to this role. I will be coming to zone meetings to review the GST function and role. Here is a description of the 4 important aspects of this role for you and your club.

- **Qualifications** - Should be invested in our future and the services we can provide to our community. Have some past experience in leading and developing service activities within the last 5 year.
- **Description** - Should work with the GLT and GMT chair and your Club President to further initiatives in leadership development, membership growth which includes retention of members, and expanding humanitarian service. This may include: Formation of a committee to plan these new services, support member retention by creating new functions for all members, increased member satisfaction in club services instead of just the same old ones, include all members and even LEO's when possible, implement these projects in line with our Centennial Service Challenge (Youth, Health/Diabetes, Hunger, and Environment), report these service projects through MyLCI, working with LCIF when grant money is needed.
- **Reporting** - E-mail me with ideas, how you will promote within the club and your community and finally the review of how the project went. Please email MyLCI with results, including how many members were involved and number of the community that participated and/or benefitted.
- **Measuring Success** - Increase in membership due to activities, increased service projects, LEO's participation, any Diabetic projects, and any new project that pertains to our Centennial Service Challenge.



John Lyon District GST Chair, E-mail JohnLyon7654@msn.com

Austin Founder Lions Kick-Off Vision Screening Program *El Mundo "Back to School" Festival*

Austin Founder Lions kicked-off its KidSight vision screening initiative in August, with a training session on Aug. 2 that was attended by some 18 members.



On Aug. 19, the club participated in the El Mundo "Back to School" festival at the Delco Center in east Austin. Using its mobile screening unit Simba, the club screened 173 children and adults. Most of the children requiring follow-up were directed to the Essilor van which performed on-site eye exams and made glasses. Others were given vouchers for follow-up at Vision Works.



Austin Founder Lion Sam Ruiz, left, organized the club's Aug. 19 vision screening at the Delco Center in east Austin. The "Back to School" event was sponsored by El Mundo newspaper. Pictured in front of the club's vision screening trailer, Simba, are left to right, Scott Arnold, Ellen Grimmert, J.P. Kirksey, and Suzanne Rose.



Some 14 AFLC members participated in the event, which was organized by Lion Tommy Cowan and coordinated by Lion Sam Ruiz. AFLC helping at the event includes Lions Scott Arnold, Lillie Gilligan, Ellen Grimmet, Mark Hastings, J.P. Kirksey, Rudy Munguia, Suzanne Rose, Judy Saal, Glenda Summers, Mollie Tower, Ann Ward and Beverly Weeks.

On Aug. 20, the club assisted the Round Rock Noon Lions with their vision screening activities with the Round Rock Independent School District. Four Lions screened 76 individuals. Club members participating included Lions Tommy Cowan, Rudy Munguia, Sam Ruiz and Robert Watson.

The club plans to school pre-kindergarten three- and four-year olds in approximately 30 Austin Independent School District facilities during the fall semester. Teams of three or four will be led by Lions Rudy Munguia and Robert Watson.

Thanks to a \$5,000 donation from the Austin Optimist Club which was combined with club donations and proceeds from the Austin Founder Lions Golf Classic, the club has purchased a new Spot camera. "We look forward to using our resources to screen even more school children and community groups this year," said Cowan, the club's 2017-18 KidSight chairman.



Austin Optimist Club President Ronnie Faith, right, presented Austin Founder Lions KidSight Chairman Tommy Cowan, left, with a check for \$5,000 toward the purchase of a new Spot camera. Lion Lillie Gilligan, center, is a member of both groups and facilitated the donation from the Optimist club toward the new camera.

Free Ice Cream 4 Eye Screen - Serving Together

We Round Rock Lions look to our Lions International leadership for ideas and marvel that we've each been part of eradicating measles in four African countries. Now we're proud to be part of far greater humanitarian 'Service' to our State to have received \$100,000 from LCIF within 5 days for Hurricane Harvey for emergency response. LCIF can leverage partnerships with our \$1 per person annual donation into millions by teaming up with Bill and Melinda Gates, Carter, and Gavi Foundations to eliminate 37 million river blindness infections. Why can't we operate in a similar, but petite fashion locally to achieve greater Service than a small Lions Club of 22 can achieve alone?

For the past 5 years we Round Rock Lions have partnered with many different Lion Clubs each August to screen Round Rock ISD students. Last year for a 10-hour function we screened 1,026 students. **This year in, 5 short hours, we screened 587 students** using 6 cameras from Hutto, Austin Founders, Lago Vista, Cameron and 2 of St. Francis Medical Mission. Valuable volunteers joined us from 6 Lions Clubs; Point Venture, Lago Vista, Liberty Hill, Milano, Georgetown, Austin Founders; plus, our local Spanish El Amistad Club for valuable translators, 10 volunteers from 7 different Walmart Vision Centers, and another 10 from Just Because. Our local Round Rock Police assisted set up, guarded our doors, delivered our lunch and water as well as 24-hour security. Of course our RRISD has always made certain we have adequate space for our huge project and assisted with any and all requests.

Three local optometrists were present. Lion Theresa Wurl located 2 local optometrists to work in the Ellislors Foundations Kid's Vision Van providing 55 eye exams the same day. Another 5 of the remaining 34 recommended Spot referrals have already been seen by 3 additional local optometrists. We now have a huge task of following up with school nurses for another 29 students receiving 'Recommended' print-outs. Our Lion optometrist, Dan Brinchman located another optometrist to assist at our 'exit' table to help parents understand print-outs.

Together' WE Serve' BETTER.



SPOT Vision Screening
Our next Spot Vision Screening training session will be held on
September 26th at 6PM

It will be held at: Highland Steakhouse Restaurant, 401 Buchanan Drive in Burnet.

We will be holding a training session for the members of the Burnet Club and all other interested Lions are welcome to join us.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: MKinald@gmail.com

So that we can provide enough training material for everyone.

We are also in process of organizing DSHS certification and recertification classes. We will notify everyone when we have a definite date and venue.

Thank you, Lion Maureen Kinald, KidSight Chair

Lago Vista KidSight Vision Screening

On August 20, 2017, Lago Vista Lions joined five other Lions Clubs at Hernandez Middle School for the Round Rock ISD Annual Back-To-School KidSight Vision Screening Event. Lago Vista Lions that participated were: KidSight Chair Ron Smith and President Jo Anne Smith, Director Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott & wife Susan, Director Ken Johnston and Mike Beal. We provided vision screening to 105 children during a 5.0-hour screening event. Eighteen referrals (17%). All six participating Lions Clubs collectively screened 587 children with 83 referrals (14%).



Lone Star Lions Eye Bank



The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank held its annual meeting July 22nd, including the installation of the 2017-18 board, including Garden Ridge Lion Ray Pitzen as Secretary.

Lions Jerry and Susan Nilsson-Weiskott, Jo Anne and Ron Smith, Ken Johnston, and Mike Beal assisted.

My Life as a Lion by Lion Elke Tessnow

Together with my then-wife, Faye, I joined the Lago Vista Lions Club in April 2001. From the very beginning, we saw Lionism as an activity that needed to rely on both female and male members, to fully achieve a goal of benefitting humanity on both the local and global level. Lion Faye concentrated her efforts on the local level, serving many years as our club's chaplain. We both participated in activities like road clean-up, barbeque sales, Lions Camp clean-up and serving. I served as club president in 2008/2009. Our District Governor at the time,



Lion Elke Tessnow, Lago Vista Lions Club

Lion Charles Handrick, decided that Lago Vista should host the Mid-Winter conference and that I should chair it; this began many years of my involvement in district activities. I quickly found that women were essential to making the district function. They were serving as District Secretary and District Treasurer. Our, until now, only female District Governor, Angela Nickerson, led the District in 2006/2007. The many charitable activities that Lions engage in on the local, state, national, and international level convinced me that this was where I should concentrate my post-retirement work. I served in various club offices

and as District Lion Tamer, USA/Canada Forum Chair, Zone Chair, Director of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, Second and First Vice District Governor. After completing most of the training required to become District Governor, I had to step down to devote myself to taking care of Lion Faye, who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Throughout my career in Lionism I worked with highly capable women on all levels. While I was training to be District Governor, ladies from the Dallas area, Killeen, and Galveston trained right alongside me and then became successful District Governors. Our current First Vice District Governor is Lion Linda Davis.

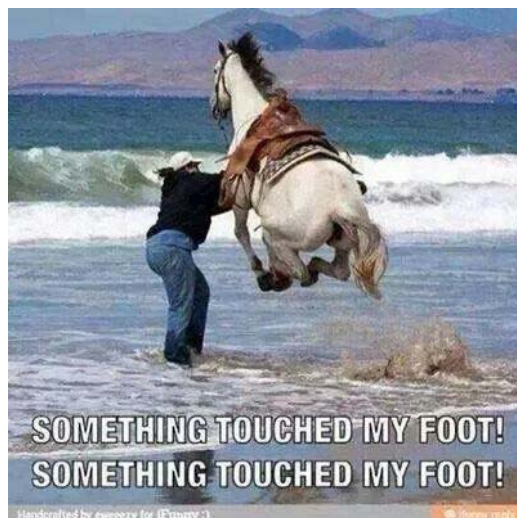
After Lion Faye passed away, I reexamined my own life. I discovered that the conviction that, all physical evidence to the contrary, I am really female was still strong. I first expressed that to my grandmother, when I was three years old, an age where many with gender dysphoria first express awareness of living in the wrong body.

I have now completed that transition and have had, by court order, my name and gender designation changed from Kurt, a male, to Elke, a female. The women, with whom I have served as Lion at all levels in our district and throughout the State of Texas, have provided shining examples that my change in gender does not in any way diminish my capacity to serve as a Lion.

Awards received over the years:

- Celeste and Harrison Shepherd Fellowship (Lone Star Lions Eye Bank)
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Life Member - Lone Star Lions Eye Bank
- Life Member - Texas Lions Camp
- Century Club Member - Texas Lions Camp
- 20-20 Visionary Club Member - Lone Star Lions Eye Bank
- Harry Reasonover Award

Only In Texas!



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Blanco & SB-B Lions - *Stuff the Bus*

School Supplies

As the Summer closes and a new Fall is upon us, we see our children making their final preparations for the school year. Their anticipation is building and they begin to figure out what they will wear and how their hair will look this year. The last thing on the minds of children, but the first on the minds of the parents is school supplies. These are an important fact of school. The children need these supplies to succeed. However, there is a bit of a problem, nearly 54% of the children in the Blanco area are below the poverty level.

The Blanco Lions have determined a need and jumped into action. The Club has taken it upon itself to make sure they do all they can to provide the needed supplies to these children. On the 19th of August the Blanco Lions Club staged on the Square in Blanco near the Court House hand dove into their annual Stuff the Bus. From 9 AM until 2PM the Blanco Lions braved the sweltering Texas heat to make sure the children in the community has the necessary supplies for success.

Where there is a need there is a Lion. These Lions were out in force to meet that need. Joining in on the fun was the Spring Branch-Bulverde Lions Club as well. The SBB Lions made the short trip north to Blanco to help show, "The Power of We." As a collective unit of Lions we collected the school supplies together in an effort to meet the needs of the community. Together Lions can do anything and together we will show the world, The Power of We."

Note: Cited in Quotes are the words of the International President of Lions Clubs International, **Naresh Aggarwal**



From Our Tailtwister

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

Answer - The letter e, which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph.

Point Venture LC News

Ordinary people; amazing things

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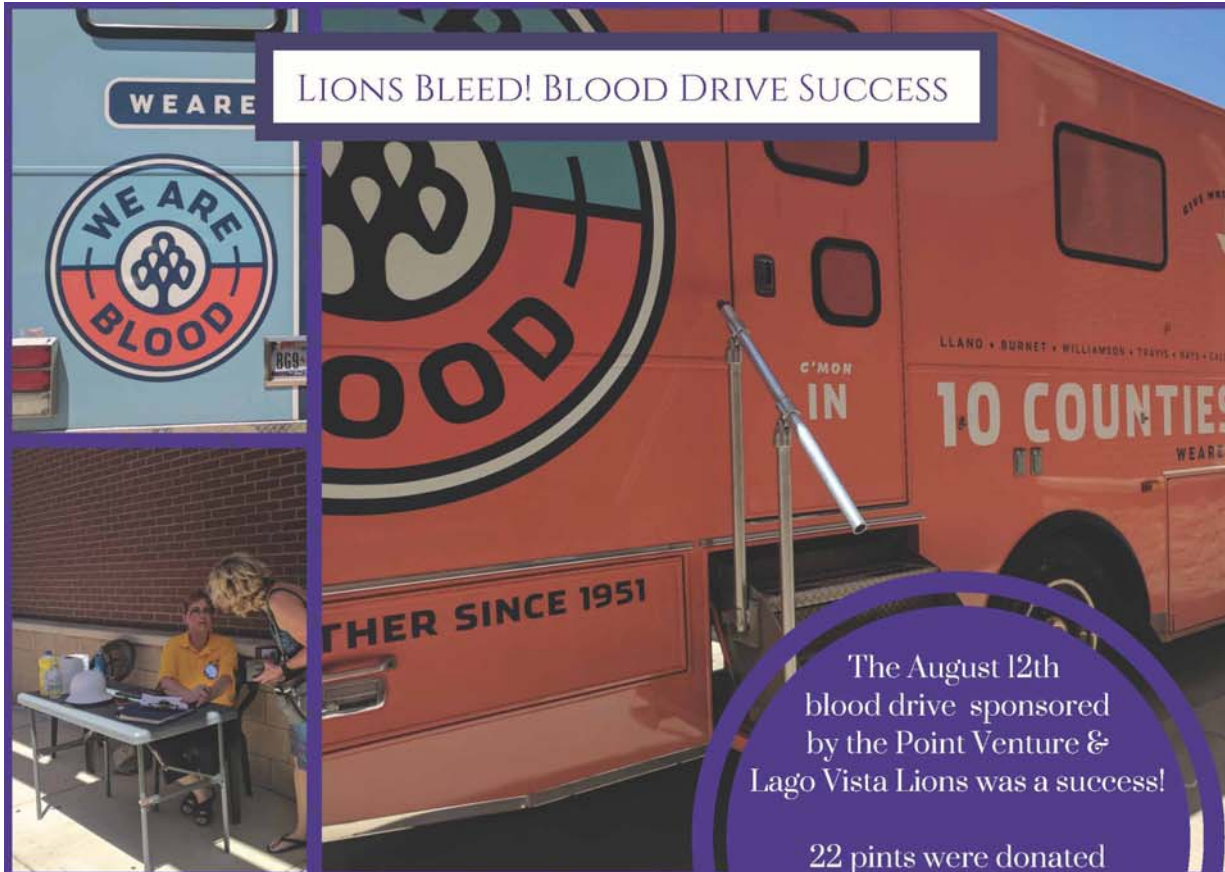
FOLDS OF HONOR

Serving with heart!

Point Venture Lions Serve & Learn!

August has been a busy month, full of worthwhile service! We proudly exceeded blood drive goals, screened needy kiddos, generously awarded teacher grants, and raised money for fallen soldier's families. This kind of service makes us proud to be Lions!





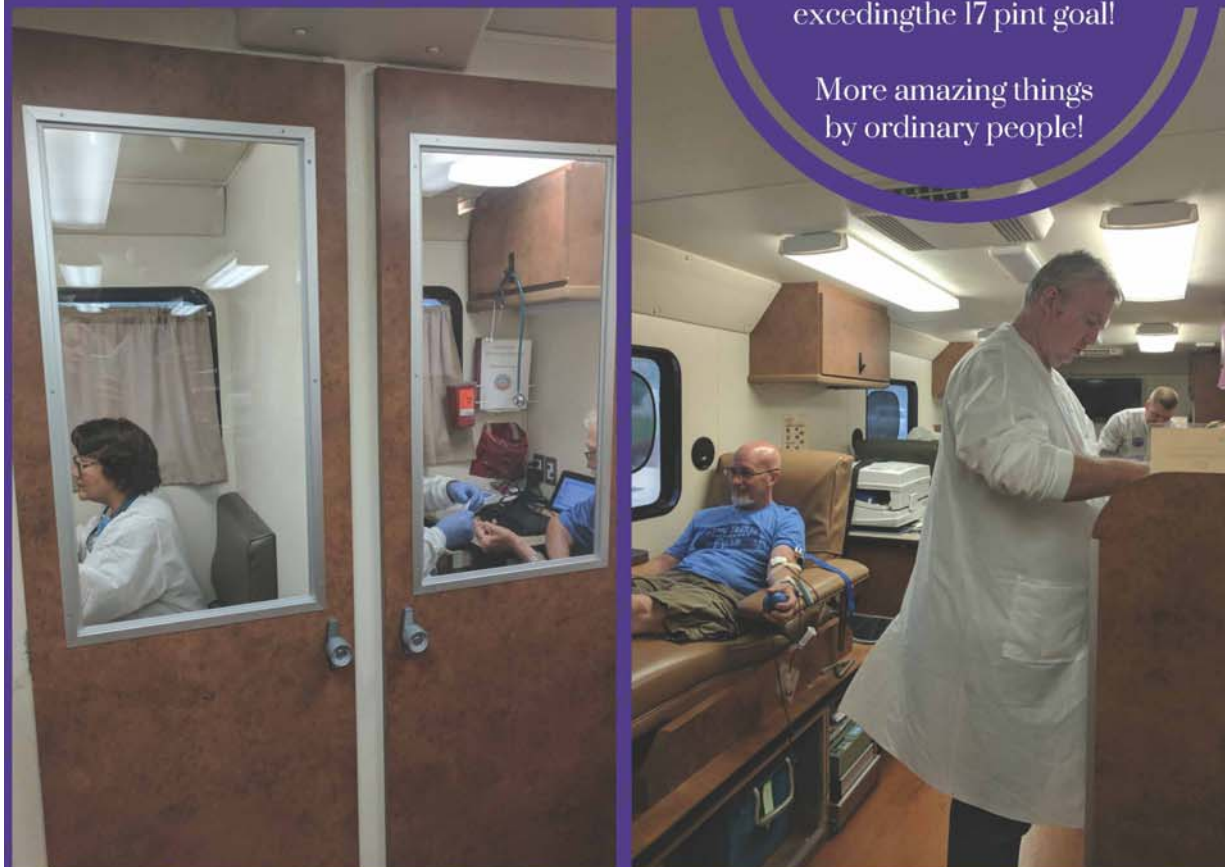
LIONS BLEED! BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS



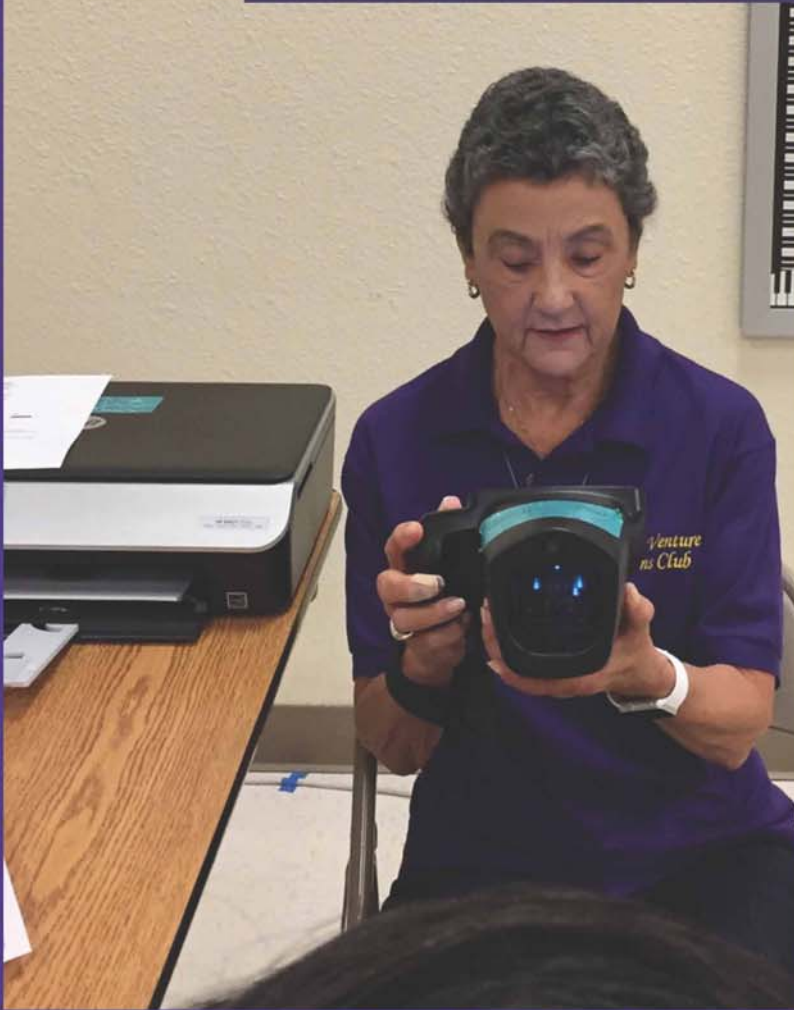
The August 12th blood drive sponsored by the Point Venture & Lago Vista Lions was a success!

22 pints were donated exceeding the 17 pint goal!

More amazing things by ordinary people!



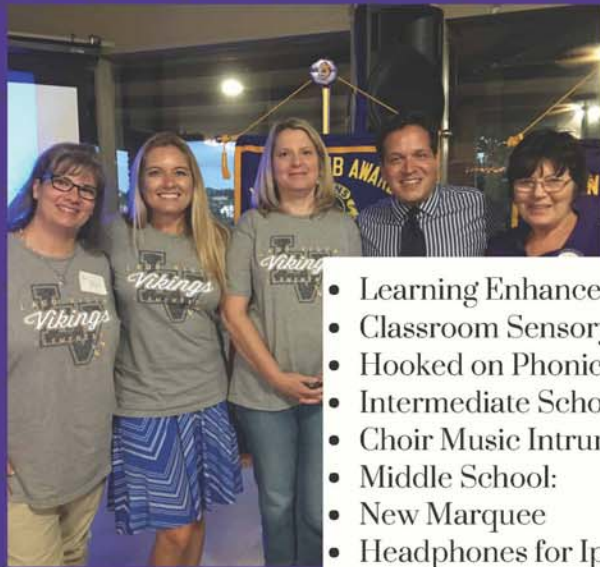
KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENINGS



An awesome TEAM of 6 Lions Clubs, Walmart and 2 community non-profit organizations - El Amstad and Just Because with Round Rock Police Department's detailed organization and supervision screened 589 youth with 89 or 14% needing referral for an eye exam and probably glasses. 55 students visited the Vision Van with most of them receiving new eye glasses before going home for the day. A few had to have special cutting so will be mailed to their home as soon as possible. Way to go Lions.

POINT VENTURE LIONS AWARDED TEACHERS GRANTS = \$3365,24 FOR LAGO VISTA SCHOOLS:

Many Thanks to the Point Venture Lions Club for Your Generous Grant!



- Learning Enhancement Kits
- Classroom Sensory Kits
- Hooked on Phonics Ipad App Bundle
- Intermediate School:
- Choir Music Instruments
- Middle School:
- New Marquee
- Headphones for Ipads
- High School:
- Technical Theater Program
- Bluetooth iPad Keyboards (English)
- Band-Persussion Equipment
- Drone copies for project



FOLDS OF HONOR FUNDRAISER



FOLDS *of* HONOR

The Point Venture Community and the Lions club, raised funds for a donation to Folds of Honor totaling \$800.



2018 Lions Youth Contests Information Summary

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 - \$1000.00 for first place in each of the contests, and \$500.00 for second place in each of the contests
MD-2(Texas) - \$2000.00 for first place in each of the contests, \$1250.00 for second place in each of the contests, and \$750.00 for third place.

Students enter the local contest with the understanding that the winner (first place) in each contest is committing to compete in the District contest on **January 13, 2018** in New Braunfels and if successful there, to compete in the MD-2 contest in held in Corpus Christi, **May 25-26 2018**. Expenses will be paid by the Lions. Financial awards are given to the winner only when she/he competes at the next level.

Expanded information for the Youth Contests is available online at the Lions District 2-S3 website, www.lionsdistrict2s3.org. Entry forms are on the MD2 website, www.texaslions.org

District winners MD2 contest application fees will be paid by the Lions of 2S3.

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 3, 2018**.

Please contact 2-S3 District Coordinator, PDG Larry Nicholson (larrynick1943@gmail.com or 512-470-1326), for help with questions that arise.



2018 Lions District 2-S3 DIABETES AWARENESS ESSAY Contest Rules



“Accepting Diabetes Diagnosis: What can parents, partners, and caretakers do to help loved ones adjust to a new normal?”

1. Essay Subject

Some individuals diagnosed with diabetes have a difficult time accepting a diabetes diagnosis and fail to seek medical attention for this disease. What specific recommendations can you provide for parents, partners, family members and caretakers to help love ones adjust to living with diabetes and help them live long and healthy lives.

2. Contest Rules

- a. The title of the Contestant's essay is not required to be the same as the subject for the essay. Contestants should be creative in the selection of an essay title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The essays should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- d. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcomed.
- e. Each Contestant shall personally research, write and read his/her contest essay.
- f. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing physicians, nurses, medical professionals, community and organization workers, etc., and by using the internet and library. The essay shall be a written article, to be read by the Contestant, to be judged by a panel of judges in competition with other Contestants.
- g. The essay shall not exceed 1500 words.
 - i. All words in the essay are counted including articles, conjunctives and pronouns.
Example: "I," "a," "the," "and," and "an."
 - ii. The essay must include a bibliography of sources used in its composition. Note: the bibliography is not included in the 1500-word count.
 - iii. Essay should be typed in double space format.
- h. The following criteria shall be used for judging the essays:
 - i. Sixty percent (60%) of the score shall be based on the authenticity, current information and an application of the assigned essay topic.
 - ii. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the score shall be based on the understandability of the essay through personal presentation techniques, in the use of posture, eye contact and voice by its modulation, volume, speed and clarity
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) of the score shall be based on grammar, spelling, sentence structure, pronunciation, enunciation, correct word usage, and relationship to the assigned essay topic.
- i. Video equipment may not be used in contests.
- j. Two or more of the judges should be knowledgeable about the medical aspects of diabetes.
- k. One of the judges should be an educator knowledgeable about the English language, its grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation and correct usage.
 - l. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- m. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- n. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the OFY Chair.
- o. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- p. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech and reminded before each contestant delivers his/her speech of the same requirement.
- q. The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time. Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- r. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state the title of their essay and then deliver the essay.
- s. No one will be allowed either to enter or leave the contest area during the presentation of a contestant's essay
- t. The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions 2S3 Luncheon at noon.
- u. The 1st place winner will read his/her essay at that time

3. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship.
- b. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
- c. 2-S3 1st place awards will be presented at the MD-2 State Convention meeting in **Corpus Christi, May 25-26, 2018** following the State competition. Other place awards will be presented following the District competition at the Mid-Winter Conference at **New Braunfels, Texas on January 13, 2018.**

4. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. A Club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting completed entry application (containing all requested signatures) and associated documents, postmarked by **January 3, 2018.**
- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant.
- c. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas,
- d. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the MD-2S3 contest.

- e. Contestants shall not have been married, had a marriage annulled, cohabited with a person of the opposite sex who is unrelated to the Contestant or who has participated in the conception of a child before participation in the MD-2S3 contest.

5. Responsibilities of Contestants

- a. Each contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Youth Opportunities Chairperson postmarked by **January 3, 2018**. Necessary forms are available at www.texaslions.org
- i. **State Contest Application** (mandatory to be completed online and copied; no handwritten applications will be accepted). (do **not** include the entry fee nor governor's signature)
 - ii. **Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs (such as a current school picture) that are of the head and shoulders, glossy, and in color.**
 - iii. **Signed Copy of Code of Conduct and Chaperone guidelines.**
 - iv. **Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party and the District Contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.
 - v. **Four (4) Printed Copies of the Essay, including bibliography.**
- b. The sponsoring Club must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are mailed (postmarked) to Lion Larry Nicholson by **January 3, 2018**.
- c. Attend the 2S3 Lions Mid-Winter Conference **January 13, 2018**. (This is the District 2-S3 competition).
- d. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at **8:00 AM January 13, 2018**
- e. Contestants may visit the presentation area and ask any questions they may still have about the contest.
- f. Contest winners are required to compete in **Corpus Christi** at the MD-2 contests **May 25-26, 2018**. Expenses will be paid by District 2-S3 and MD-2.
- g. See information regarding the MD-2 (State) contests at www.texaslions.org.

6. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities

- a. All Contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference.
- b. The Mid-Winter Conference will be responsible for providing a Luncheon to the Contestant and 2 parents.
- c. The sponsoring Club shall be responsible for all expenses to and from the Mid-Winter Conference.

7. District 2S3 Contest Chairperson Information

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The District competition will be held during the Mid-Winter Conference in New Braunfels, Texas, January 13, 2018



2018 District 2-S3



"Drug Awareness Speech" Contest Rules

"Risk Factors and Why Teens Use Drugs and Alcohol?"

1. Speech Subject

"Biological and Environmental Factors Associated with Drugs and Alcohol: What Should You Know?" Explore the types of biological and environmental factors parents can watch out for to figure out if their child is at greater risk for substance abuse and steps they can take to address a child's drug and alcohol abuse issues.

2. Contest Rules

- a. The title of the Contestant's speech is not required to be the same as the Subject for the speech. Contestants should be creative in the selection of a speech title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation personnel, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators, medical personnel, and by using the internet and library.
- d. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- e. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author and date published (year if known).
- f. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcomed.
- g. The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length.
 - i. A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6-1/2) minutes.
 - ii. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from contestants' score.
 - iii. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7-1/2) minutes will be disqualified.
 - iv. Should a disturbance occur during a speech; the contest monitor will adjust the time accordingly.
- h. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used at District or MD-2 State contests.
 - i. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
 - j. Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable of the subject.
 - k. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the OFY Chair.
 - l. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
 - m. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
 - n. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the speech and reminded before each contestant delivers his/her speech of the same requirement.
 - o. The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time. Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
 - p. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state the title of their speech and then deliver the speech.
 - q. The winners will be announced during the 2S3 Lions Luncheon at noon.
 - r. The 1st place winner will present his/her speech at that time.

3. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship.
- b. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
- c. 2-S3 1st place awards will be presented at the MD-2 State Convention meeting in Corpus Christi, May 25-26, 2018 following the competition. Other place awards will be presented following the District competition.

4. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. A Club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures) and associated documents postmarked by January 3, 2018.

- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant.
- c. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program located in Texas.
- d. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the MD-2 contest.
- e. Contestants shall not have been married, had a marriage annulled, cohabited with a person of the opposite sex who is unrelated to the Contestant or who has participated in the conception of a child before participation in the MD-2 contest.

5. Responsibilities of Contestants

- a. Each contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Youth Opportunities Chairperson postmarked by January 3, 2018. Necessary forms are available at www.texaslions.org
 - i. **State Contest Application** (mandatory to be completed online and copied; no handwritten applications will be accepted). (but not the application fee nor governor's signature)
 - ii. **Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs** (such as current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.
 - iii. **Signed Copy of the Code of Conduct and Chaperone Guidelines**
 - iv. **Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party and the State Contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.
 - v. **A Typed Copy of the Speech.** Four printed copies of the speech will be required for judging purposes and will be used for publications and contest promotion purposes.
- b. The sponsoring Club must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are mailed (postmarked) to Lion Larry Nicholson by January 3, 2018.
- c. The sponsoring Club must make sure all documents, outlined above, are completed, have all the required signatures and are sent to the District Coordinator, postmarked no later than the January 3, 2018 deadline.
- d. Contestants will visit the presentation area, test the microphone, and ask any questions they may still have about the contest.
- e. Attend and compete at the Mid-Winter Conference January 13, 2018 in New Braunfels.
- f. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at 8:00 AM January 13, 2018.
- g. Contest winners are required to compete in Corpus Christi at the MD-2 contests during the State Convention on May 25-26, 2018. Expenses will be paid by the District and MD-2.

6. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities

- a. All Contestants shall be accompanied by a chaperone from their sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference.
- b. The Mid-Winter Conference will be responsible for providing a Luncheon to the contestant and 2 parents.
- c. The sponsoring Club shall be responsible for all expenses to and from the Mid-Winter Conference.
- d. Comply with requirements as set forth in the Texas Lions MD-2 Opportunities for Youth contest Chaperone Guidelines.

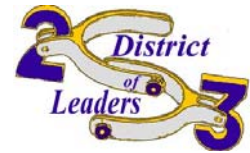
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2018 District 2-S3 Outstanding Youth Contest



"The ChangeMaker"

1. Contest Rules

- a. Contestants shall be evaluated on a 750 to 1000-word essay, their biographical information statement, community service, experience/participation leadership information, three letters of recommendation, their high school grade point average and a personal interview.
- b. The following criteria shall be used for judging the contestant:
 - i. Fifteen percent (15%) – 750 to 1000-word essay – articulating "**In what ways have you been a ChangeMaker**" in your community and school and inspired others to do the same. Why is it important to be a ChangeMaker? A ChangeMaker is defined as one who commits to self-responsibility and action toward being the change in their community. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.
 - ii. Five percent (5%) – Grade point average from school transcript.
 - iii. Fifteen percent (15%) – Three letters of recommendation
 - iv. Thirty-five percent (35%) – biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation information.
 - v. Thirty percent (30%) – Personal interview
- c. Judges shall be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.
- d. All MD-2 contests shall be conducted in the English language and Contestants, during contest presentations, shall speak English.
- e. The contest area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access.
- f. Order of appearance before the judging panel will be determined in advance at the direction of the OFY Chair.
- g. Contestants shall remain outside the contest area until invited to enter by the Contest Official.
- h. The audience will be informed before the first contestant to not applaud at the end of the interview and reminded before each contestant interview of the same requirement.
- i. The audience will be asked to turn off any cell phones and/or electronic devices during the contest time. Failure to comply with this rule could result in disqualification of a Contestant at the discretion of the Contest Official.
- j. Contestants will not give any self-introduction but shall state their name and the interview shall proceed.
- k. No one will be allowed to either enter or leave the contest area during the constant's interview process.
- l. The winners will be announced during the Texas Lions MD-2S3 Mid-Winter Conference Luncheon
- m. The 1st place winner will present his/her acceptance speech at that time.

2. Awards

- a. The 1st place winner will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship.
- b. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
- c. 2S3 1st place awards will be presented at the Council of Governors meeting in **Corpus Christi, Saturday, May 26, 2018** following the competition. Other place awards will be presented during the Mid-Winter Conference luncheon.

3. Rules of Eligibility for Contestants

- a. A Club may sponsor no more than one Contestant in each contest by submitting a completed entry application (containing all requested signatures), associated documents postmarked by **January 3, 2018**.
- b. A false statement on the entry application, or associated documents, causes disqualification of the Contestant.
- c. Each contestant must be or have been a regularly enrolled student in a public high school or comparable educational program, located in Texas,
- d. Each contestant must be a junior, senior or immediate graduate at the time of the MD-2 contest.
- e. Contestants shall not have been married, had a marriage annulled, cohabited with a person of the opposite sex who is unrelated to the Contestant or who has participated in the conception of a child before participation in the MD-2 contest.

4. Responsibilities of Contestant

- a. Each Contestant shall be required to submit the following to the Youth Contest Chairperson postmarked by **January 3, 2018**. Necessary forms are available at www.texaslions.org.
 - i. State Contest Application (mandatory to be completed online and copied; no handwritten applications will be accepted). (but not the application fee nor governor's signature)

ii. **Two (2) high quality wallet/passport** photographs (such as current school picture) that are of the head-and-shoulders, glossy and in color.

iii. **Signed Copy of the Code of Conduct and Chaperone Guidelines**

iv. **Medical Power of Attorney** designating his/her Chaperone as the Primary Responsible Party and the State Contest Chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.

v. **Four (4) typed double spaced copies** of your 750 to 1000 word essay – **"In what ways have you been a ChangeMaker"**

vi. Four (4) typed copies of **biographical information statement, community service, leadership experience/participation experience**

vii. Four (4) copies of the three (3) **letters of recommendation**

viii. **One (1) certified high school transcript**, plus three (3) copies.

b. The sponsoring club must make sure all documents, outlined above are completed, have all required signatures, and are mailed (postmarked) to Larry Nicholson by **January 3, 2018**.

(but not the application fee nor governor's signature)

c. Attend and compete during the 2S3 Mid-Winter Conference **January 13, 2018**.

d. Contestants are required to attend an orientation at 8:00 AM **January 13, 2018**.

e. Contestants will visit the presentation area and may ask any questions they may have.

f. Contest winners are required to compete in Corpus Christi at the MD-2 contests held during the MD-2 state convention **May 25 and 26, 2018**. Contestants' expenses will be paid by District 2S3 and MD-2.

5. Chaperone/Sponsoring Club Responsibilities

a. All contestants shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated chaperone from their sponsoring club to the Mid-Winter Conference.

b. The Mid-Winter will be responsible for providing lunch for the contestant and 2 parents.

c. The sponsoring Club will be responsible for all expenses to and from the Mid-Winter Conference.

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CLUB NEWS.....

AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS CLUB



Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez, center, spoke to members of the Austin Founder Lions Club on Aug. 3. First Vice President Scott Hendrix, left, welcomed Hernandez, who was introduced by Lion John Nyfeler, right. Sheriff Hernandez discussed her approach to fulfilling the Sheriff's responsibilities in today's complex political environment. She is one of five female sheriffs in Texas.

GARDEN RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Hearing Testing: On August 28th, 2016, eight Lions attended Elementary School hearing testing training at the Lions Den in Paul Davis Park, Garden Ridge. Headed by Chairman Dick Holloway, were Pat and Simon Ramirez, Dan and June Fordiani, John Mitzel, Dave Heier and Jay Millikin.

Guest Speaker: This month's guest speaker was Tony "Sarge" Doyle, 2-S3 Director Texas Lions Camp South. What a fantastic presentation; his personal experience as a Camp Councilor made this the best Texas Lions Camp presentation ever.

Texas Lions Camp Scholarships: Counselors Valerie Reyes, Myranda Sykes, Helena Widdrington, Jaylen Kroupa, Brooke Lee and Ty Hearne each received a \$750.00 scholarships.

District 2-S3's 100% Charities: Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, \$77; 2-S3 Youth Opportunities, \$154; District 2-S3 Charities, \$154; Leader Dogs, \$77; World Services for the Blind, \$77; Texas Lions Foundation, \$154; Lions Club International Foundation, \$77; Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, \$770; and Texas Lions Camp, \$770.

TLC – Semi-Annual Dues: We donated \$808.50 to the Texas Lions Camp. Operating fund

45th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction: We are working real hard on the final preparations for our signature fundraiser, the Garden Ridge Lions Charities, Inc. 45th Annual Fish Fry, BBQ & Auction, to be held Saturday, October 7, 2017.

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

Road Clean-up, August 19, 2017: the Road Clean Up Team cleaned up both sides of Lohman Ford Road (3 miles). Twelve (12) bags of trash were collected. Lions involved: Frank Robbins, Bob McCarty, Pat Evans, Don Zschoche, Jerry and Susan Nilsson-Weiskott.

Blood Drive, August 12, 2017:



Our 08/12/2017 blood drive had 23 participants and a total of 22 pints collected. Lago Vista Lions blood donors were: Don Zschoche, Mike Beal, Ron Smith and Ken Johnston. We want to thank the Lago Vista Lions and Point Venture Lions volunteers and those who donated blood for this successful event. For every Lion who donates a pint of blood, it banks for other Lions in need. Our next Bloodmobile Collection date is 10/14/2017.

NEW BRAUNFELS BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Flag Display Day: The Breakfast Lions club has contracted with a local firm to manufacture 60 units that will be donated to the city of New Braunfels to be installed along both sides of San Antonio street, from the intersection of Gilbert Street through the intersection with Academy. The inserts will allow the Breakfast club to display the American Flags along the entire length up to and including the plaza. The cost of the project for the club is \$3,300.00.

SAN MARCOS BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB

President's Corner: Lions Cherry, Patricia, Carol, and Trish were honored to represent Bluebonnet Lions at this Lion year's first Zone IV B meeting at Milagro's Restaurant

in Wimberley in August. Hosted by Zone Chair & 2nd Vice District Governor Larkin Smith, we shared dinner with DG John Pruett, PDG Charles Handrick, PDG Larry Nicholson, PDG Angie Nicholson, and PDG John Lyon as well as club presidents of Texas State Campus, San Marcos, Wimberley Lions Clubs as well as several other Lions from our Zone.

PDG John Lyon chairs the Global Service Team for District 2-S3 and explained the importance of this new LCI Team as we move into our second 100 years of service.

PDG Angie Nicholson, 2-S3 LCI Foundation Coordinator, reported that this is the 50th year of LCIF and the goal is to raise \$50 million world-wide. Texas received \$232,000 in grants from LCIF in 2016-17. Lion Sylvia Muzzy will serve as LCIF coordinator to San Marcos & Bluebonnet Lions Clubs.



Above, Lion Beverly Marek's daughter Mikayla, leads our Bluebonnet Lions in the pledge to the American flag at our August 15 meeting.

With personal service, Trish Wilder

Centennial Project—Debby Lawrence, chair: We will dedicate our bench with CTMC staff and patients on Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30. Please plan to come out for the photo op. Turn in the Emergency entrance, follow the drive around back, and park in the lot near the Creation Health Trail.

Ramon Lucio Adopt-a-Park - Linda Alexander, chair: Thank you to Lions Beth Morrisset, Edna Anglin, Sherry Branham, Gloria Sandoval, and Linda & David Alexander who volunteered to cleanup on July 15 at Ramon Lucio Park.

Peace Poster Contest—Martha Moore, chair: Sign up in September or let Martha know if you want to be contacted to judge the posters in October. This year's contest theme is "The Future of Peace". Miller & Goodnight Middle School 7th & 8th grade students are eligible to enter.

Social Committee—Beverly Marek, chair: Thank you to Debby and Beverly for hosting our July 28 meeting. Let Beverly know if you can hostess an evening meeting this fall.

Program Committee—Kate Shaw, chair: Our September luncheon speaker is Carol Ann Weed. Lion Carol Ann is a realtor and a member of the Lake Travis Lion Club. She is passionate about enlisting more women into Lions Clubs around the world and encouraging them to move into leadership roles in their clubs.

LIONS USA/Canada Leadership Forum: This popular Lions event is closer to Texas than it will be in the near future. It will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on September 15-17. Go to www.lionsclubs.org for more information.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee—Patricia Hiam, chair: Thank you to new member Pat Hiam for volunteering to chair this important committee.

Scholarship Committee—Martha Moore, chair: Below, Allison Yager receives the 2017 San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Scholarship. Allison is joined by Lions committee chair Martha Moore, 2016 president Debby Lawrence, and mom Melesa.



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