

LIONS DISTRICT 2·X2

NEWSLETTER

The Governor's Corner

Keep the Pride – Serve



My theme for this year is "Keep the Pride – Serve". This has a double meaning. I'd like to see our Lions regain that sense of pride they once felt for being a Lion. Wear your Lion pin every day, not just to Lion meetings. Be proud to let others know that you're a Lion.

Secondly, we need to keep our members. What is your club doing to keep the interest of your members? We lose more members each year than we gain. Why? How can we stop this? I don't have the magic answer, but we need to work on it. Contact members who leave and find out why they left. Perhaps we can make changes as needed.

And finally, Serve. By being seen in our communities performing service, taking pride in what we do, we hope to attract more members who want to be a part of our great service organization.

I'm proud to be a Lion and proud to serve. I hope you are too.

District Governor Glenda Boggs "Keep the Pride – Serve"

Show your Lion Pride all year by wearing your Lion vest, pin, shirts and caps.



Gladewater Lions Host Superb Cabinet Meeting

First Cabinet for 2019-2020

District Governor Glenda Boggs' first cabinet meeting for Lions Year 2019-2020 was a huge success, thanks to extraordinary planning and execution by the Gladewater Lions (with a little help from the Big Sandy Lions).

About 60 Lions attended the event on Saturday morning and had good fellowship and food (of course) while conducting the business of the district. Best of all, they had fun.

Service Project Exceeds Expectations



The Lions of 2-X2 not only had fun at the July Cabinet meeting, they far exceeded expectations for the amount of donated bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, detangler, ethnic hair care products, hairbrushes, body lotion, crew and knee socks (all sizes) for Truman Smith Children's Care Center (center for children with severe

disabilities who can't live at home.





About 145 Texas Lions participated in the Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy. The Texas Lions below enjoyed a post-convention tour of Italy. This photo was taken in Rome after the farewell dinner.



From the Back Patio 1st VDG Chet Garner

As I sit on my Back Patio, I am watching Squirrels run and play all over my yard. They are really having a Great time. In March, we had a Storm and I lost 2 Big Trees in the yard and had to have them removed. These squirrels lost their homes and meeting places. They left for a couple of months but now they are back in mass.

ARE THESE SQUIRRELS SMARTER THAN WE ARE?

One of the squirrels found out who left and why. He went out and talked to the ones that left and asked them to come back, he also asked a few new ones, now they are all playing together and having fun.

ARE THESE SQUIRRELS SMARTER THAN WE ARE?

Get out and ask those members you have dropped to come back and ask a couple more but don't forget RETENTION.

Governor Glenda Boggs had her first Cabinet Meeting on Saturday July 27 and it was a Fantastic Event. Thanks to Gladewater for Hosting.

Has Your Club done a Service event yet? Try to do one every Month and report it to Governor Boggs and enter into your My Lions. Until next Month, Chet

District Social Media Info

District Facebook Page: District 2-X2 ("like" this page)

FB Page Admin: Becky Perkins Whitenack (like my page so you can tag me in your post) **Email:** <u>bcbeckyw@aol.com</u> **Text:** 903-235-5850

If you have club activities, meetings, club info that you want posted on FB "like" both the District and my FB page.

I may not see every club post each day, but if you tag me, I have a better chance of seeing it and posting it to the District Page.

Many Clubs have FB pages. pick a city and look them up. Great way to get new suggestions for projects and fundraisers. If you have questions, please reach out to me anytime.

Website:

Lion Derrick Menefee from the Big Sandy Lions Club is our website guy.

Please send him articles, pictures, flyers, etc.on your club to be posted on our District webpage. Contact Lion Derrick: <u>lion_derrick@myDLM.com</u>

District Newsletter:

PDG Paul Boggs is handling the monthly newsletter.

Send him your upcoming events and recap of activities each month to <u>daddyrabbitp@gmail.com</u> Send articles by 25th of the month for next monthly newsletter.

Other FB Pages of Interest:

Texas Lions Camp Lions of Texas Lions Club International Lions International President

Websites:

District: e-district.org/sites/2x2 State: texaslions.org International: lionsclubs.org Lions Camp: lionscamp.com



Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- October 26: Deadline for a club to send one winning poster to the district governor.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

Lion Dani Doty is our District Peace Poster Coordinator. Give her a call (903-790-3264) if you need help...

Youth Essay Contest Information: See Page 7

****ATTENTION****



Call Glenda Boggs (903-746-4135) to

Reserve Your Spot Today

For those August back to school vision screening events



Save the Dates!

Upcoming Events

October 26, 2019 2nd Cabinet Meeting

Host: Waskom Lions Club

Theme: Harvesting New Members for the Pride

(Bring a new member and receive a prize.)

Service Project: Bring an article of good children's clothing in support of Waskom ISD

January 11, 2020 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Host: Tyler Lions Club

Theme: Serving with Pride

(Bring a poster collage showing your club's service projects.)

Service Project:

Bring canned goods for the East Texas Food Bank to help restock after the holidays.

[Note: During the cabinet meeting clubs will compete for the most creative display]

April 3-4, 2020 District Convention

Host: Longview Lions Club

Theme: Celebrating the Pride

(Time to celebrate our accomplishments for the year.)

Service Project:

Make goody bags for Texas Oncology Center. Bring lap blankets, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, chap stick, pens, crossword puzzle books, Sudoku, hard candies, etc. Italy







Texas Caucus

July Cabinet Meeting



DG Glenda presents Lion Donna Seery with the District Award for Leadership



Tyler Lions at the Cabinet Meeting



Judson Lions ready for the hunt...



Longview Lions (two missed the hunt)

July Cabinet Meeting



Italian Scavenger Hunt-Winning Team



Gilmer Lions President Harmony Hall Accepted the Governors' Membership Growth Award and the District's Travelling Trophy on behalf of the Gilmer Lions Club



Jefferson Lions

Club News

Tyler



Tyler Lions donated 50 box fans to People Attempting to Help (PATH) for those in need

Jefferson



Jefferson Lions Club thanked Police Chief Gary Amburn for his help in delivering fans to folks in our community who do not have air conditioning. Pictured here thanking the Chief is Lion Stephanie McDonald and Lion Paul Moore who organized the purchase of 60+ fans for this project



Club News

Longview



Longview Lions partnered with Walmart to do Vision & Diabetes Screenings on July 20, 2019 [64 people served]

Cooper

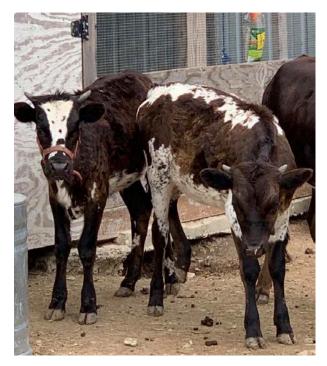


We may be small, but we CAN make a difference! Cooper Lions donated school supplies

Club News Mt Pleasant



Lion Kent Basinger had the privilege of dedicating and naming the two Texas Longhorns that Mt. Pleasant Lions sponsored for Texas Lion Camp



Cookie and Pebbles

Youth Events

Time is quickly approaching for our district youth events.



I need to know if and how many participants your club is going to enter in the contests so I can determine how many judges we will need.

Please let me know if you are having entries (one or more). Remember, the club

pays \$25 for each district entry. The district winners will be sponsored in the state judging by the district and the district will pay all entry fees.

The categories are: Diabetic Awareness Essay Drug Awareness Speech Most Outstanding Youth

Specific contest rules can be found at <u>texaslions.org</u> under programs. The district contest will be held on <u>January 11</u> at the Midwinter Cabinet meeting in Tyler and all contestants must attend.

Please let me know if you are having contestants as soon as possible.

Lion Lois Triebenbach,

Zone Chair, Zone 5

(903) 374-5243 or triebenbach.lois@gmail.com

Happy Birthday, District Governor Glenda

July 31st



Guiding Lions Needed

Have you thought about serving other Lions? Have you heard about the Guiding Lions? If so, do you know a Guiding Lion?

The Certified Guiding Lions Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or designated as priority clubs.

Guiding Lions assist a club to:

- Be successful in its first two years of operation
- Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Locate resources available to assist the club

There are clubs in our district that need your help...

Want to hear more about the program?

Contact Lion PDG Lynn Nacol at (903) 657-9416

Thank you for reading our second monthly district newsletter for 2019-2020. Please email the editor (<u>daddyrabbitp@gmail.com</u>) with your suggestions or comments...and club news