



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2 NEWSLETTER

The Governor's Corner

Keep the Pride – Serve



Lion Jim Grimes recognized for 10 years service as a Hallsville Lions Club member!

“The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action.” Mother Teresa

I'm always so amazed every holiday season between Thanksgiving and Christmas at the compassion and generosity shown by Lions. Looking at Facebook postings, there was an enormous amount of giving this year. Many families received food boxes, clothing, and toys. Our Lions made a difference in so many lives. However, these needs continue all year.

I hope that your club will continue to help meet the needs of those in your community throughout the year. One thing that is often overlooked is the needs of our own members. The biggest challenge that is facing our Lions organization today is retention. Why are Lions leaving? Some departing Lions mention that there are too many meetings which they don't have time for, boring meetings, feeling as if they have no voice within the club, or lack of service opportunities. All of us need to examine our club and see what changes need to be made. Foremost, every member must be involved in this process, not just a select few.

Membership: Unfortunately, December dropped our membership net gain from +75 to +45. That puts us at 1,029 members total. We need 1,250 to meet the requirement from LCI on total members.

Save the Dates!

January 11, 2020 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Host: Tyler Lions Club

Theme: Serving with Pride

(Bring a poster collage showing your club's service projects.) See Tyler Lions example below



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

Location: Hampton Inn, Longview, Hwy 259N

Theme: Celebrating the Pride

(Celebrating 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.

May 14-17, MD-2 Texas Lions State Convention

Host: District 2-X2

Location: Holiday Inn, Longview

However, we have 41 clubs, which exceeds the requirement for a district to have at least 35. We've done good at adding new members this year and were doing good on retention until December. Let's get back on track and make a greater effort at keeping our members. Leading the way in net membership gain is Tatum Ladies with +9, Paris Founders with +7, Henderson and Jefferson +4, and Judson +3.

Leadership: I encourage all of you to register and attend the Leadership Forum in Austin on March 7th and 8th. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Lionism, leadership, membership, service, projects, and social media.

Service: Don't forget our service project for the January Mid-Winter Conference. Bring canned goods to replenish the East Texas Food Pantry. I wish all of you a happy new year.

District Governor Glenda Boggs

“Keep the Pride – SERVE”

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Service Project for Mid-Winter



Meeting

Bring canned goods for the East Texas Food Bank

**** Guiding Lions Still Needed ****



Lion PDG Lynn Nacol trained 7 Guiding Lions at the Waskom Lions hosted cabinet meeting **but we still need more, as we continue to grow new clubs and to help struggling clubs.**

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

Some clubs in our district need your help

To learn more about the program,

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

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."



District Social Media Info

District Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/District-2-X2-170690323548064/> [Note the change]

FB Page Admin: Becky Perkins Whitenack
(like my page so you can tag me in your post)

Email: bcbeckyw@aol.com

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 Area 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: lion_derrick@myDLM.com

District Newsletter:

PDG Paul Boggs is handling the monthly newsletter. Send him your upcoming events and recap of activities each month to daddyrabbitp@gmail.com
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

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 texaslions.org under programs. The district contest will be held on **January 11** 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

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

20th Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum

The 20th Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Austin, at the Crowne Plaza North Central hotel on March 7th and 8th, 2020.

The 1st 100 Lions, who have never been elected to be a vice governor or higher, and fulfill the rest of the requirements, will have their lodging paid for the night of March 7th by the Institute!!

This is a great opportunity to learn and fellowship with Lions from across our great state of Texas!

*****Registration form and instructions are attached to the end of this newsletter. *****

Note: This edition of the newsletter has some attachments:

Registration Forms Packet (9 pages) for the Texas State Lions Convention in Longview, May 14-17, 2020

Club News starts here

“R”Ore City Lions



Ore City Lions did their annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and his helpers

Club News

Cooper Lions



Cooper Lions delivered OVER 60 gifts to the residents at Birchwood Nursing & Rehab. Lions Keri Fouse and Denica Hohenberger, are above and Lion Tammi Hicks Springett is pictured below:



Henderson Lions



Henderson Lions participated in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas tree and wreath auction. This is the 6th year the Chamber has hosted the event.

Big Sandy Area Lions



BSALC hosted the 2nd zone meeting (Leadership Program) for Zone 5 Chair Lois Triebenbach.



BSALC Lions participated in the Big Sandy Christmas Parade



BSALC Lions also helped with Big Sandy Love Project's Supper with Santa free meal and fun activities, held a blood drive for Carter Blood Care and a Frito Pie fundraiser (above) for scholarships, bagged and donated 50 lbs of rice and 50 lbs of beans for the Big Sandy Agape House, donated canned foods to the Hawkins Helping Hand... Whew! OK, everyone, it's time to rest for a few days and then, we will begin 2020 with a bang.
Happy New Year, Y'all!

Judson Lions



Judson Lions put together and donated 26 gift baskets to the memory care unit at Buckner.



Spreading Christmas Joy and serving our Community. Dropped off boxes of paper goods to Eden Place.



Judson Lions collected food from Judson Steam Academy and Johnson McQueen for their annual food drive. Over 65 boxes of food were assembled with a chicken and loaf of bread. Food boxes were given out to needy families from the school and 10 boxes went to House of Hope and a family and a church in Ore City.

Gilmer Lions



Gilmer Lions delivered food baskets to 20 families in our community! Together with the GJHS National Jr Honor Society (above) we gathered and distributed much needed food (below) this holiday season.



Gilmer Lions Club collected tons of socks, blankets, couple portable stereos and CDs in the month of November as a service project. Pictured below are a few of our members that had the honor to deliver them to Gilmer Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center



Longview Lions



Longview Lions supported the Longview Christmas parade

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Lions and Albertsons support for the Women's Center of East Texas, House of Disciples, and Mercy Manor was greatly appreciated



One delivery to make a 3 and 4-year-old happy at Christmas. Merry Christmas from Longview Lions

*"Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love."
Mother Teresa.*

Winnsboro Lions



Winnsboro Lions built 20 wooden toy cars for the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center. This is the fifth year for this project.

Pictured left to right is Kevin Hollowell, Cora Beaty, Cherry Hicks, Vince Hicks, Jim McBride, Greg Bova, Pat McBride, Wanda Mitchell and Ted Beaty

Tatum Ladies Lions



Tatum Lady Lions are all set up at the Jingle Bell Bop and Shop! We are taking donations for our 4 adopted Tatum Kids and spreading knowledge about what Lions due to serve our community and surrounding areas!

Hallsville Lions



Lion President Brandon Greer presents Lion Wayne Walker with his **50-YEAR CHEVRON. WOW!!**

“Volunteers will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no volunteers.” – Ken Wyman



Tatum Lady Lions at the Christmas parade



Harrison County Hispanic Lions Club



Our newest club in District 2-X2 is the Harrison County Hispanic Lions Club, President Orlando Valle, their charter night was December 6th



Lion Past Council Chair Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina inducted the new club members and DG Glenda Boggs installed the new officers (above)



Harrison County Hispanic Club Members gathered under their new club banner, a gift from the Waskom Lions Club

Jefferson Lions



Jefferson Lions Peggy and Mary and Texas Lions Camp Elected Director... promoting Texas Lions Camp at Special Services Parent Night...JISD...with Mary Ayala, Peg Brown-Walker and Wendy Nance Looney.

Kilgore Lions



The pit is fired up and getting hot. Chicken BBQ (12/14/19. \$10 a plate for a quarter chicken, beans, potato salad. This helps fund our Christmas project. Come eat...Chili on Friday, Jan.17, after Mid-Winter.

Tyler Lions



Tyler Lions Ron Boyda and Dale Wade ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Mt Pleasant Lions



Mt. Pleasant Lions celebrate at their Christmas party.

White Oak Lions



Tyler Lions Rip Duncan, Brent Davis and Lucky Lauretta ringing the bell for the Salvation Army



White Oak Lions hosted their Chicken Barbecue, Lions David Cook, Larry Watkins, Nikki Seimers, Lori Ferguson (Club President), Bill Collins, Jim Noll, Reagan Reeves, Marvin Terrell, and Willard Chapell. [Photo by Mike Peery]



House of Hope -- Judson

“Don’t feel bad if people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness.” Anonymous

[Attachments start here...](#)

2020 MD-2 Lions State Convention



May 14-17, 2020
 Holiday Inn Infinity Event Center
 300 Tuttle Circle
 Longview, TX 75605



Name and Title _____ District _____ Club _____

Name and Title (second attendee) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ email _____

	Early Registration Through Feb. 15, 2020	Discount Registration Through April 15, 2020	Registration After April 15, 2020	Total Number of Tickets	Total Cost	
Registration	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00			All Hotels \$99.00 + tax Rooms held until May 1.
Meal Package	\$175.00	\$195.00	\$215.00			Holiday Inn Convention Center 903-663-6464
Thursday Night Carnival/Fish Fry on the Convention Parking Lot	No charge	No charge	No charge			
Individual Meals per person:						Candlewood Suites 903-663-9751
Friday Kick-Off Breakfast	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00			
Hall of Fame Luncheon	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00			Youth Events LaQuinta Inn & Suites 903-236-0000
PDG Banquet/Necrology Ceremony Dinner	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00			
Saturday Texas Lions Foundation Breakfast	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00			
Opportunities for Youth Luncheon	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00			Staybridge Suites 903-212-3800
Council of Governors Banquet	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00			

Optional Tours

Please check interest

Thursday Casino Run	\$25.00		Friday Bear Creek Smoke house & Historical	\$25.00		Saturday Downtown Longview Tour	\$25.00	
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Courtyard by Marriott
903-230-2700

Make payment online at texaslions.org

Or

Send payment to (check payable to District 2-X2 State Convention Fund, credit card # with expiration date & security code)

PDG Becky Whitenack 903-758-5058 bcbeckyw@aol.com

131 Garfield

Longview, TX 75602

Golf Tournament Thursday

Price: \$75.00

Proceeds go to TLERC

Contact Wayne Barton

wayne.barton@sjscpa.com

903-570-5247



2020 MD-2 Lions State Convention

May 14-17, 2020
 Holiday Inn Infinity Event Center
 300 Tuttle Circle
 Longview, TX 75605

Registration Form – Luncheon **\$30.00 per person**
 (for use by **non-Lion** family members. Please check the box below as applicable)

“Texas Hall of Fame” Luncheon
 Friday, May 15, 2020, 12:00

“Opportunities for Youth” Luncheon
 Saturday, May 16, 2020, 12:00

 Name of Hall of Fame Honoree

 Name of Youth Contestant District #

Names of Paying Guests (**non-Lion** family members)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Total Amount _____
 Paid by: Check
 Credit Card

Contact Information: email _____
 phone _____

Send payment to (check payable to District 2-X2 State Convention Fund, credit card # with expiration date & security code)
 PDG Becky Whitenack 903-758-5058 bcbeckyw@aol.com
 131 Garfield
 Longview, TX 75602



Ads

State Lions Souvenir Book 2019-20

MD2 State Convention

Sizes of Ads

Full Page - \$240.00

Half Page - \$120.00

Quarter Page - \$80.00

Business Card - \$40.00

Inside Back Page - \$400.00

Back Cover - \$500.00

All ads in color

Deadline, April 30, 2020

Send your information to PDG Leon VanAlstine (903-926-6320)
leon_vanalstine@yahoo.com

Name _____

Club _____

Ad size _____

Payment _____ Ad mailed or emailed

Convention to be held May 14-16, 2020, in Longview at Holiday Inn

Show Your Pride

for your

Lions Club, Business, Special Individual,
Special Event

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Optional Day Visit



A Day in Paradise at the
“ville”
Just a Short Bus Ride



Opportunities:

- 🌴 Gambling Demo/coupon
- 🌴 Special Spa Package
- 🌴 Champagne/Chocolate Pairing
- 🌴 Light Lunch
- 🌴 Boardwalk Shopping
- 🌴 Bass Pro Shop Fishing Demo
- 🌴 Style Show
- 🌴 Barksdale Air Force Museum



Check your 5 preferences and write your contact information:

Name

Email

Friday, May 15, 2020, Optional Day Visit

Morning will find you in

Historical Jefferson



Excelsior House Hotel, 1850



Jay Gould's Private Rail Car,
1836



House of the Seasons, 1860



Nature

Lunch and entertainment at



With
Longhorns
Turkeys
And
A
Wild West
Shootout



The Shoults Family with Rachel Ray

Shopping



Shopping



General Store with 5 cent coffee

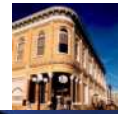


Did I say, Shopping?

Saturday, May 16, 2020
Optional Day Visit
Getting to Know Longview, TX

Gather downtown to visit:

Gregg County Historical Museum, 214 N. Fredonia



Longview Museum of Fine Arts, 215 E. Tyler



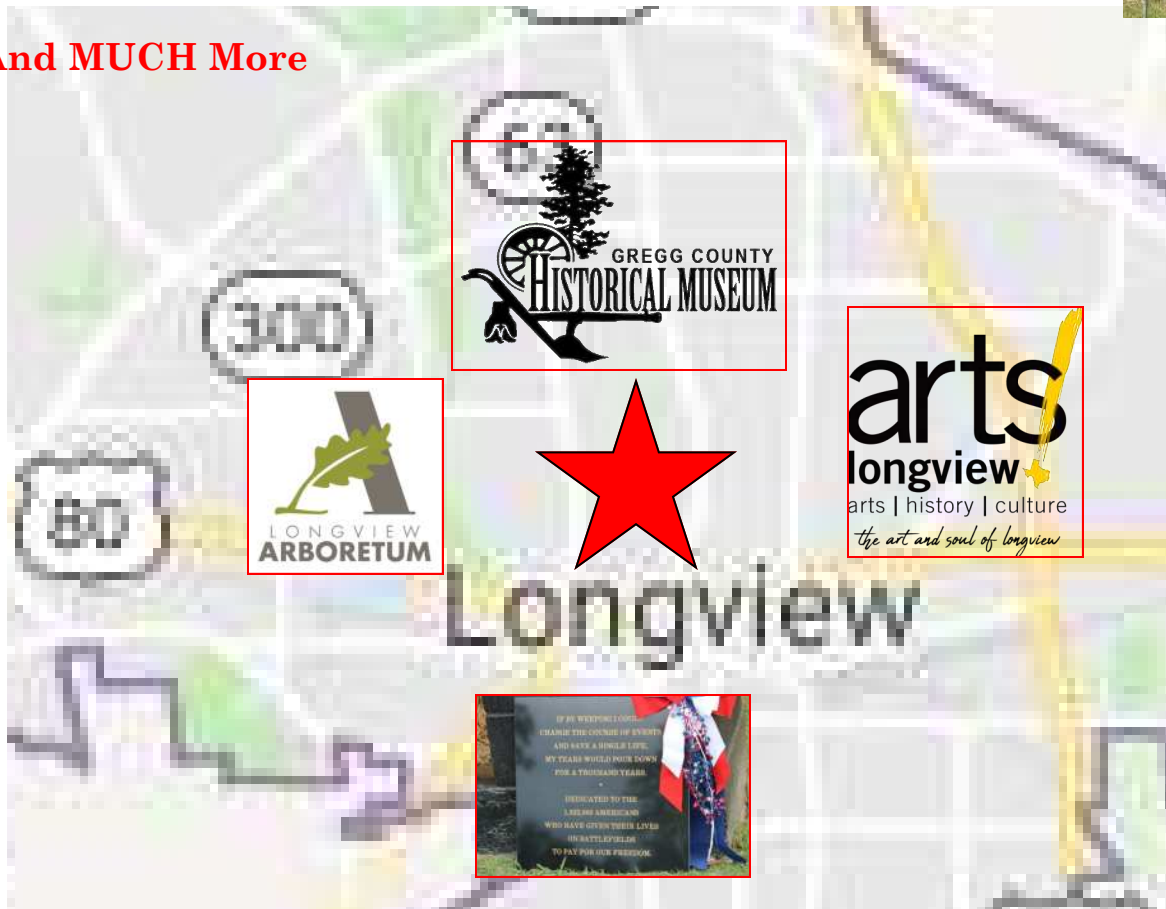
Longview Arboretum, 706 W. Cotton



Teague Park & Veterans Plaza, 411 American Legion Blvd.



And MUCH More





TLERC

SIGHT:

*There's No
Better Gift!*

**Mail Hole
Sponsor
Form and
Check to:**

**Texas Lions
Eyeglass Recycling
Center**

2550 Flynt Ave
Midland, Texas 79701
432-683-3611
tlerc@gmail.com

1st Annual Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center *2020 Vision* Golf Tournament

All Proceeds Benefit Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

TLERC is tax exempt under IRS code 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible; see your tax professional for details.

May 14, 2020

**8:00 am Shotgun Start
Oak Forest Golf Course
Longview, Texas**

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations and businesses may sponsor one hole or more. All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on location and on the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center website:

<https://tlercmidlandtexas.org/>

Please make checks payable to **TLERC**.

Name _____
Address _____
City / State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Club _____ District _____
Email _____

Check: _____
Credit Card: MC _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ Amount: _____

CC# _____ Expiration ___/___ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

See reverse side to register

Lions Clubs of Texas MD-2
Texas Lions State Convention 2020 – Longview Texas

Thursday May 14, 2020

1st Annual Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
***2020 Vision* Golf Tournament**

Player Information: - Register as a team or individually. List team name if applicable.

Player 1: Name _____ Handicap _____ Team _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____

Player 2 Name _____ Handicap _____ Team _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____

Player 3: Name _____ Handicap _____ Team _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____

Player 4: Name _____ Handicap _____ Team _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____

Player Fee 75 x Number of Players _____ = _____

Remit Player/Team Fee to:

Wayne Barton
821 ESE Loop 323 Suite 100
Tyler, Texas 75701

1st Annual Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Golf Tournament

Oak Forest Golf Course, Longview, Texas

May 14, 2020

Held in conjunction with 2020 MD2 Lions State Convention

Sponsorship and Player Fees:

Player Entry Fee \$ 75 _____
Team Entry Fee (4 players) \$ 300 _____

Hole Sponsorship \$ 100 _____
Putting Green Sponsor \$ 200 _____
Driving Range Sponsor \$ 200 _____

Recycling Champion Sponsor \$ 500 _____

Includes 2 players
Recognition in on-site signage
Recognition in on-site printed material
Option to place company promotional items in ditty bag

Knights of the Blind Sponsor \$ 1,000 _____

All Benefits of Recycling Champion sponsor
Includes 4 total players
Company name on TLERC website
Company name in Post-Tournament recognition

Helen Keller Sponsor \$ 2,500 _____

All Benefits of Knights of Blind Sponsor
Option to display company banner
Company Logo on TLERC website

2020 Vision Sponsor (1 available) \$ 5,000 _____

All Benefits of Helen Keller Sponsor
Company reconized in State Convention Brochure
Naming rights tournament
Option for two teams of 4 in tournament

For questions or more information contact Wayne Barton: wayne. barton@sjscpa.com
or call 903-597-2021

For sponsorship, Mark desired level and mail form with check to:

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
2550 Flynt Ave
Midland, Texas 79701



TWENTIETH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

*All registrations and payments must be mailed

**Crowne Plaza North Central
6121 North I-35 – Austin, Texas
March 7 (start 11:30 a.m) and March 8 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2020**

**Registration –
All who attend must register**

**Registration must be for the total event package.
It is not possible to register for individual meals.**

Separate registration form is required, even if lodging together.

Are you a first-timer – Never attended this Forum before ___ Yes ___ No

Name: _____ Lion Yes No **Member #** _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip code: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Highest Lion office held _____

Are you staying at the Crowne Plaze? Yes No If yes, name on reservation?

Make checks to: **Texas Lions Leadership Forum**
Mail to: **PDG Keith Murray (979) 492-7310**
8251 Ranchview Dr #3096
Irving, TX 75063 kd.murray@tx.rr.com

If have not been Vice Governor or above
Forum registration by 2/12/20 # ____ @ \$75.00 = ____
If have been Vice District Governor or above
Forum registration by 2/12/20 # ____ @ \$100.00 = ____
All registrants after 2/12/20 # ____ @ 150.00 - ____

Reserve lodging at the **Crowne Plaza Austin North Central, 6121 North I-35, Austin, TX. The Lions Clubs International rate must be requested.** To reserve, telephone **877-227-6963** or telephone the hotel direct at **512-323-5466**.
Rate: **\$109** per night, single or double. The hotel reservation deadline at this rate is **February 3, 2020**. Complete your registration, and reserve and guarantee your room **now**.

The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been elected a Vice Governor or higher, will have their March 7, 2020 lodging paid by the Institute. Even those who qualify for this paid lodging **must make, and guarantee**, their own reservations with the **Crowne Plaza Austin North Central and complete all parts of the Institute evaluation.** A charge will be made to the credit card of non-attendees who do not cancel lodging through **Keith Murray (979)492- 7310. Free lodging eligibility will occur only if Registration, with payment, is received within ten days of making the hotel reservation.**

Please select 6 choices.+

Indication of choices are used for scheduling purposes – Participant may change to other choices. Sessions subject to change

- LCI Resources
- Service Issues - Opportunities
- Effective Meeting Management
- Member Diversity & Inclusion
- Texas Lion history
- Global Action Team – District
And club
- Lion fundamentals
- Club Membership Recruitment
and satisfaction
- Motivating club members
- Set & reach club goals
- Social media & Lionism
- Structure & organization
- Leading Volunteers

Service entities invited to provide a display.

Leaderdogs for the Blind
Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation
Lions Eyeglass Recycling
Texas Lions Camp
Texas Lions Foundation
World Services for the Blind