



# LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

## NEWSLETTER

### From the Back Patio



DG Chet Receives a Quilt for Valor at the Council of Governors Meeting in Kerrville

December 2020, who would have thought we would still have Lions Clubs not meeting due to the COVID-19 Virus, and here we are still wearing Masks. Just remember BE SAFE. Wash your hands and sing Happy Birthday to you, 2 times....

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, I hope everyone had a Good Thanksgiving. Linda and I stayed home and enjoyed a nice Lunch/Dinner. I made a bread pudding but did not have anything to make the sauce.... It was bland.

**News Flash---**  
**The Mid-Winter Conference had to be Changed due to COVID19, it will now be in Big Sandy.**

We will have Guiding Lions training at the Cabinet Meeting. We need members to step up and get trained.

November was Diabetes Awareness Month, and some Clubs were doing a good job promoting it:

On Nov. 12, Pittsburg had a Luncheon, and Anvil Brewing gave money to the Lions Camp for meals bought; the club had a drawing for

### Peace Poster Contest



Mt Pleasant JH Student Rafael Calderon Proudly shows his 1st Place Peace Poster, sponsored by the Mt Pleasant Lions Club

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jan. 16, 2021** - 3rd Cabinet Meeting (Mid-Winter Conference) hosted by **Big Sandy** Lions -- New Dress wear -- All wear something new for the New Year. **Guiding Lions training will be available.**

**April 9 and 10, 2021** - 4th Cabinet Meeting (**District Convention**) hosted by **Kilgore** Lions

**May 20 – 22**, State Convention in **Waco**  
<https://texaslions.org/registration/>

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***DID YOU REMEMBER TO FILE THE E-POSTCARD 990-N) BY NOV. 15<sup>TH</sup>?***

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Door prizes and that collection is also going to the Lions Camp.

On November 6 and 7, your District Officers went to Kerrville for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting. We had two training sessions on Friday and our Council of Governors Meeting and Camp Meeting on Saturday, We learned a lot and training is always helpful.

The District **2-X2 District Convention** is scheduled for **April 9 and 10** in **Kilgore**. Past International President **Jimmy Ross** will be our guest speaker.

The Texas **State Convention** will be held in **Waco** this year, you can register online for this. Dates are **May 20, 21, and 22**.

Don't forget, the **Mid-Winter Conference** is when the resolutions for anyone running for office and wanting to host the District Convention next Year are due to be read on floor.

### District Hall of Fame

The District governor shall call for nomination for the District Hall of Fame. The following procedure should be followed:

1. Nominees must be in good standing and reside in the district and must be made by the nominee's home club. Any member, active or deceased, nominated must be a member in good standing in district 2-X2 for at least 5 years.
2. Nominations of inductees for the District Hall of Fame shall be submitted to the club's Zone Chairperson by December 1 of each eligible year.
3. The Zone Chairperson will forward the recommendations to the First VDG for approval by January 1.
4. The final selection by the District Governor's committee will be made 5 days prior to the Mid-Winter Conference.
5. Cost of the Hall of Fame award will be billed to the nominating club.
6. Any inductee into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame will automatically become a member of the District Hall of Fame.
7. Proper presentation ceremony should take place at the District Convention.
8. Solicitation in any manner for this recognition will automatically eliminate the soliciting candidate for that year.

**Chet Garner - District Governor 2-X2**

**Youth Contest**  
**Deadline for the District Youth Contest is December 20th. Email applications and essays to:**  
[lionsyouthscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lionsyouthscholarship@gmail.com)  
**Questions? call**  
**903-235-5850**

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**The 28th Polar Bear Challenge**  
**[fundraiser benefiting Lions Camp] will take place at the Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX, on January 1, 2021 at 1PM.**

For more information on this fundraiser for the Camp, see the attached flyer. [note: Lion Kent Basinger will be a long slider into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River]

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### DISTRICT 2-X2 HALL OF FAME

**Has your club nominated a worthy (and eligible) Lion to be a member of the District 2-X2 Hall of Fame? If so, the deadline to your Zone Chair was December 1<sup>st</sup>...so that First VDG Sheila Donnelly receives it by January 1<sup>st</sup>?**



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## District 2-X2 Welcomes 17 New Members for November

[Sponsor's Name follows Club Name]

Joy Lanham-Clark, BSALC, Debra Caughron

Theresa Olson, BSALC, Debra Caughron

Kenneth Kelley, Bogata, \_\_\_\_\_?

Tausha Morgan, Bogata, James Baird

Clayton Rich, Bogata James Baird

Shelby Ricch, Bogata, Kaitlin Baird

Candice Rossson, Bogata, Kaitlin Baird

Rolan Screws, Bogata, Cecil Loftin

Sonia Ballesteros, Gregg Latinos, Charter mbr

Jana Jackson, Gilmer, Becky Whitenack

Emily Beckham, Pittsburg, Sandy Thompson

Cherie McGahee, Pittsburg, Sandy Thompson

Jeannie Schoennagel, Pittsburg, Kathy Carpenter

Erich Schoennagel, Pittsburg, Kathy Carpenter

Brenda Smith, Pittsburg, \_\_\_\_\_?

David Banks, White Oak, James Nall

Ronald Gooch, Windom, Stanley Thedford

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## Contacts for Spot Vision Screeners

Longview area: Glenda Boggs

[glendak@etex.net](mailto:glendak@etex.net) 903-746-4135

Henderson area: Lynn Nacol

[nacoll@suddenlink.net](mailto:nacoll@suddenlink.net) 903-657-9416

Jefferson area: Wendy Looney

[wendylooney@yahoo.com](mailto:wendylooney@yahoo.com) 903-926-1469

Ore City area: Dani Doty

[mariposad82@aol.com](mailto:mariposad82@aol.com) 903-790-3264

Sulphur Springs area: Carlos Amaya

[carlos.alvarezamay@yahoo.com](mailto:carlos.alvarezamay@yahoo.com) 903-348-7109

## Club News

### Cooper Lions



Cooper Lions provided a pancake breakfast for veterans and spouses for Veterans Day



Cooper JH Winners of the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest!!

### Kilgore Lions



Cakes for the Cake Walk  
Yum!

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# Judson Lions

## Club News

### Big Sandy Area Lions

Greetings Lion Family!

November was JUST PACKED with activity. Here is a list the fun we had in November! 1) Diabetes Walk, 2) Trash Pickup along Hwy 80, 3) food to local pantries, 4) Thanksgiving meal provided to Restoration Ministry in Pritchett, 5) held **5-Year Charter Celebration**, 6) inducted two new members, 7) donated 320 eyeglasses to the Texas Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC), and 8) represented by three District 2-X2 officers at the 2nd Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville: 2VDG Rickey Caughron, Zone 5 Chair Debra Caughron, and District Cabinet Secretary Lois Triebenbach.

December is quickly upon us then 2021! Can you believe how fast this year has gone even throughout this COVID-19 lockdown?

I would like to end this with Happy Thanksgiving to you all in Lion Land for all the blessings that we have in this great country. I'm also thankful that we're allowed to keep helping our communities. WE SERVE! ----- Lion Lupe

### Big Sandy Area Lions 5-Year Celebration



BSALC Charter Members:  
Lions Sonny Parson, Lupe Gonzalez, President Deb & Lion Rickey Caughron, Heath Hand, Texanna Green, Lizabeth Elkins and kneeling, Celina Jitjaeng and Susan Williams



Judson Lions purchased pork butts from the Longview FFA fundraiser then donated them to House of Hope, a local women's shelter.



Several Lions and a couple of Lions in Training worked at Heartisans Marketplace in Longview packing items for their annual Christmas gift boxes.



Judson Lions' newest member, Jana Cole Jackson and Lion in training Keva.



## Big Sandy Area, Continued



President Deb and Lion Rickey Caughron



**Diabetes Walk** - Deb & Rickey Caughron, Lupe Gonzalez, Texanna Greene and Lois Triebenbach



**Trash Pickup** - Celina & Michael Jitjaeng

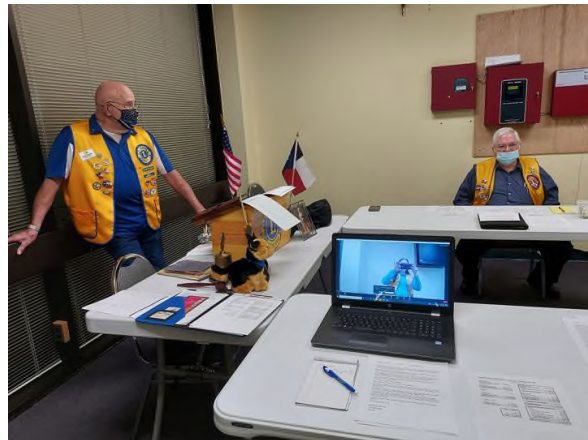
## Longview Lions



Longview Lions at the Longview Mall  
World Diabetes Day



Lion Peg Brown-Walker from the Jefferson Lions Club also helped with World Diabetes Day.



The Longview Lions are conducting “hybrid” meetings, Face to Face (F2F) and Zoom. Pictured above are Lion President Bill Ison and Lion Wayne Moseley, and the laptop for Zoom. The Gregg County Latino Lions have been conducting Zoom meetings, also.

**Note: Try it...you might like it...  
better than no meetings at all....**



## Mt Pleasant Lions



Mt. Pleasant Lion Scudder  
"Rocking" the Salvation Army Bell

## Marshall Lions



*Lion Alan Grantham plays  
and sings for Lions 11/03/20*

Marshall Lions had several guest speakers in November, Diabetes Month for Lions Clubs



Jimmie Van Norden with  
ETBU AD Ryan Erwin-11-17-20

## Bogota Lions



Bogota Lions are Back!

## Canton Lions



VP Lace Deibert presents a certificate of appreciation to Zone Chair Debra Caughron



Lion Debra presented Milestone Chevron awards to Canton Lions commemorating years of service: Bob Giles for 50 years, Vic Wetherholt, 35 years, Claudette Anderson, 30 years, Tommy Aduddell, 15 years and David Rushin, 10 years





## Jefferson Lions.



Jefferson presented its annual Enchanted Forest, showcasing 115 decorative Christmas trees



Jefferson Lions enjoyed being in the Christmas parade. There was a great turnout for the lighting ceremony at the Enchanted Forest at Lions Park. Special thanks to the many folks who made this possible for our community.



Getting their float together for Christmas parade; reported the work went smoothly, thanks to pizza from Bulldog Pizza. Great teamwork, Jefferson Lions Club!

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## Pittsburg Lions



Pittsburg Lions initiated a Diabetes Luncheon at the Anvil Brewery, who gave a donation to the Camp. Left to Right, President Sandy Thompson, ?, DG Chet, TLC Chairman Kent Basinger and ?



Operation Fill the Christmas Stockings a huge success Lion President Sandy Lions Kathy Carpenter & Jean Frankovitch!



Helping the Kiwanians with their Christmas project



## Gilmer Lions



Carly  
Winn  
Gilmer  
Lions  
Club

Gilmer Lions sponsoring Carly Winn,  
Candidate for Yamboree Queen.



Josiah thanked the Gilmer Lions  
for his new glasses

## Henderson Lions



Lion PDG Lynn Nacol received a certificate of  
appreciation for her service as the President of the  
Lions of Texas Past District Governors

## Pittsburg Lions, Continued



A few Pittsburg Lions (Lions Lori Windham, Jean  
Frankovitch and Lion President Sandy Thompson)  
helped out with this fun decorating project.



Pittsburg Lions delivered teacher supplies to  
Pittsburg's Head Start program



C.J. Davidson at Up Step Nutrition donated to the  
Pittsburg Lions Fight Diabetes campaign.



# 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](mailto: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.

Contact Lion Derrick:

[lion\\_derrick@myDLM.com](mailto: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](mailto:daddyrabbitp@gmail.com)

Send articles by 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for the 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](http://e-district.org/sites/2x2)

State: [texaslions.org](http://texaslions.org)

International: [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

Lions Camp: [lionscamp.com](http://lionscamp.com)

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**Golf Tournament to benefit TLERC is scheduled for May 20, 2021, in coordination with the MD-2 Lions of Texas Convention in Waco ----->**



These six puppies are more than just cute faces. Right now, they are learning from their volunteer puppy raisers, gaining the skills and behavior they'll need to become a guide dog one day. You can be part of the future of these incredible puppies and every dog who graduates to change the life of someone who is blind. With your \$500 donation, [you can symbolically sponsor](#) one of these puppies today.



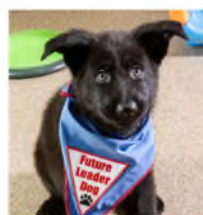
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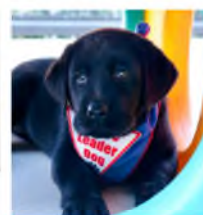
Papi



Sakari



Sequoia



Thea

Your sponsorship includes: a 5x7 photograph of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing, four wallet-size photos to share, a profile of your Future Leader Dog, an official sponsorship certificate and a plush puppy!

Whether you [sponsor a puppy](#) yourself or give a sponsorship as a gift, you support both the puppies growing up to become heroes and their future partners.

FOLLOW THE LEADER



## For more info about Leader Dog

Dr Bill Ison, Leader Dog Chair, is available to do a 30-35-minute presentation about the Leader Dog Program. He is retired and can make both noon and evening meetings. Please contact thru the 2-X2 Google Group (same email as this newsletter was distributed) or at [wt.ison.jr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wt.ison.jr@sbcglobal.net), phone 817 614-8614

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## TLERC Golf Tourney Forms for teams & hole sponsorships follow.....>



2nd Annual  
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center  
**2020 Vision** Golf Tournament

All Proceeds Benefit  
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

TLERC

May 20, 2021

**Cottonwood Creek Golf Course**  
**Waco, Texas**

**SIGHT:**

*There's No  
Better Gift!*

**Sponsor One or More Holes**

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole- individuals, clubs, associations and businesses may sponsor one or more holes. All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on location

and on TLERC website: <https://txlerc.org/>

Please make checks payable to **TLERC**

Mail Hole  
Sponsor  
Form and  
Check to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: MC \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Lions  
Eyeglass Recycling  
Center

2550 Flynt Ave

Midland, Texas 79701

432-683-3611

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center**

***2020 Vision* Golf Tournament**

**Texas Lions State Convention 2021**

**Cottonwood Creek Golf Course Waco, Texas**

**Thursday May 20, 2021**

**8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start**

**Player fee, \$75 per person, includes Green fees, Cart fees, Range Balls and Lunch:**

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

Player 1: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club or Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club or Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club or Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club or Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

**Remit Player/Team Form and Fee to: Lion Lenn Williams, 1900 Abbott Ave. Hillsboro, TX 76645**



## UPDATE: 2020 -2021 Polar Bear Plunge

Last month we discussed our Texas Lions Camp Vision 2020 (rebuilding) Plan, the severe damage to our buildings by spring storms, how COVID has hurt our Capital Campaign, & how a little “angel”, the MoRanch, tapped us on the shoulder, choosing us to be the Polar Bear Challenge recipient this year. The Challenge is giving us the fundraising impetus we needed.

**Well now: IT'S ON! .... or as Sherlock Holmes would have said, “the game is afoot!** At an historic special Board Meeting in Kerrville on November 7, the Board unanimously approved the actual building of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quad of new bunkhouses to replace those damaged. Now we, the Lions of Texas, have to get out and get it done. Buildings will be built & we need to raise the money to get it done. The Polar Bear Challenge is a fun way to get going. The game **is** afoot.....will your Club get in the game?

### It's raining.....

The Lions Clubs in MD2 are sitting on hundreds of thousands of dollars; that we have been saving up for years. When you ask why, the old Monarchs will only say- it's for a Rainy Day. **Well, fellow Lions it's now raining at the gem of Texas Lionism, Texas Lions Camp.** Maybe now is the time to make a big statement and let “God's Special Children” know that we have an umbrella that should keep the rain out for another 70+ years.

**The gauntlet has already been thrown down by the San Antonio Founders Club (\$10,000) and the Midland Downtown Lions (\$5000) and you are being challenged to dig into your savings and do the BEST your Club can do.** Huge thanks to these 2 clubs for getting the ball rolling. But it doesn't stop with your clubs. In addition, I hope that those of you, who have been blessed with the ability to do so, will make a meaningful donation.

**So how does this work?** Simple: you donate and/or raise money from family, friends and patrons in the name of someone, whom you would really LOVE to see – you can pick **ME** – take a **freezing plunge** down a long slide into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River next January 1<sup>st</sup>. Donate now at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com). Questions? Call me: PCC Tom (325-315-7060).

Anyone is welcome to come and watch on January 1<sup>st</sup> or better yet, anyone can take the plunge by raising their own funds (or paying \$25). Those brave souls, who want to do that, can register to make the slide by getting the forms from the camp website ([www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)). **There will also be an open house and fireworks at TLC on December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Hope to see you there.

**Yours in Service**

**PCC Tom Blase, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairman Texas Lions Camp**

**Help us start our CAMPaign .....with a BIG Cold Splash!**