



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

NEWSLETTER

From the Back Patio



DG Chet, at the Kilgore Lions

The 2-X2 Convention is only 2+ months away

Hello again all the Good People of District 2-X2. Well, we made it into 2021, I hope everyone has a better year this year. I think most of the Clubs are meeting again and district officers are out seeing clubs.

The District's Mid-Winter Conference was held in Big Sandy and the turnout was good. We had the Opportunities for Youth (OFY) Contests and we had very smart young ladies presenting. The Winner is going to state in Waco. Congratulations to all.

The next District Meeting will be April 9 & 10, our Annual District Convention. It will be held in Kilgore. Mark your Calendars to come. The flyer is being readied as we speak.

Registration will be \$10.00.
Friday Night will be FREE at the Kilgore Lions Building on Rusk Street
There we will enjoy Hamburgers and Chips.
On Saturday Morning will be Donuts and Coffee.

Saturday Night will be the meal and our Guest Speaker will be Past International President (PIP) Jimmy Ross.

IN MEMORY of Two Great Lions



Past District Governor Zac Gray
1941-2021
Paris Founders Club

District 2-X2 is sad to report the passing of PDG Zac Gray, a member of the Paris Founders Lions

Zac Leon Gray went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 22, 2021, at the age of 79.

Zac was born in San Marcos, TX and raised in Uvalde, TX. After high school, he attended Southwest Texas State University before enlisting in the United States Air Force. After fourteen years of service to his country, Zac and his wife Audie moved to Las Vegas, NV with their young family. They would later return to Texas to be closer to their family and settle back in Uvalde, TX. Zac opened a small business and returned to his first job in radio, broadcasting local high school sports.

Zac always enjoyed serving his community and giving to others. His passion involved the Lions Club, Texas Eye Bank, Texas Lion Camp, sports

There is a charge of \$25.00 for the meal. If you have never heard PIP Jimmy talk, come to the Convention and listen, you are going to like it. Thanks to all the clubs for continuing to get new members. We have a team going to Avinger to look at a new Club this month.

There are still some Clubs I have not visited but it will be done.

The Council of Governors will be in Kerrville and Camp Chairman Kent will take a dive in the Camp pool, I hope it is not too cold for him. Until next month, keep safe and have fun being a Lion.

Chet Garner - District Governor 2-X2

District 2-X2 Welcomes 9 New Members for January

[Sponsor's Name follows Club Name]

Linda Baggett, BSALC, Debra Caughron

Roy Bruner, Bonham, Jenn Sandlin

Mendy Malovich, Bonham, Jenn Sandlin

Judy Teller, Bonham, Jenn Sandlin

Bryan White, Bonham, Jenn Sandlin

Dailynn Driscoll, Bonham, Bryan White

Ester Rightmyer, Tyler, Darla Fink

Elmer Hayes, Waskom, Jimmy Cox

Cathy Williams, Waskom, James Williams

Congratulations, new Lions and your sponsors

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****Note the change for the Jefferson area***

broadcasting, and anything that had to do with his church. Lion Zac was District Governor of 2- A1, three times a Zone Chair (in A1, A2, and X2) and a past Vice President and Director of TLERC.

Zac was preceded in death by his parents Zac and Leona Gray. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Audie Gray, his daughter Pam Patterson and her husband Jay and his son Mike Gray and his wife Melissa, and his sister Loralva Lakey. Zac also had six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at The Cowboy Church in the Camp located at 644 County Road 42560 Paris, TX 75462 on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations in Zac's honor to be sent to the Texas Lion Camp, PO Box 290247, Kerrville, TX 78029-0247, lionscamp.com.

Zac Gray was a husband, father, and friend and will be missed by many and never forgotten. Until the next great debate...



**Lion Brenda Wood
1944-2021
Marshall Lions Club**

Lion Brenda Joyce Ledbetter Wood lost her fight with COVID and metastatic lung cancer January 22, 2021 with her family by her side. A celebration of her life was held Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 at 2 pm at Summit United Methodist Church.

Serving despite COVID

Let us not let COVID put a stop to service by Lions. There are many ways we can still safely serve. Here are a few suggestions for outdoor activities that minimize your exposure to COVID.

Tree planting --- This is the time of year to consider planting trees. Is there a place in your area in need of some shade? Is there a place to start an area of fruit trees where the **fruit** could be shared or given to those in need?

Park rejuvenation or clean up --- painting of facilities, swings, or general repairs

Street or highway litter pick up

Organize a **Strides Walk**

Organize a **Texas Lions Camp Walk**

Build a **handicap ramp** for someone in need

Blood Drive

Fishing Day for Kids

Golf for Kids

Start a Lions **Little Library Box**

Build **bird houses** and paint to donate to assisted living facilities or park areas – place a Lions logo on them.

Service Highlight for February

Have each member buy a box of Valentine cards and write a positive message inside. Attach a piece of sugar free candy. Deliver to a nursing home or assisted living facility. Sign your name and your club name.

IPDG Glenda Boggs Service Chair

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 9 and 10, 2021 –

4th Cabinet Meeting (**District Convention**)
hosted by the **Kilgore Lions**.

May 20 – 22, State Convention in Waco

You can register online here:

<https://texaslions.org/registration/>

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She married Ret. Constable Robert S Wood July 17th, 1964 and served the Harrison Co Sheriff's Dept. for 25 years. After retirement in 1999, she enjoyed woodworking in her shop, making jelly, and singing in the church choir. She touched so many people in our community with her kindness and sweet disposition.

She was a proud member of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce and was awarded Ambassador of the Year in 2007. As a smart, self-educated person, she loved to point out the genus and species of a plant or how to build or fix anything. No doubt she would have been a successful Jeopardy! Contestant. She loved antiques/thrift store shopping, a good meal with family and friends, and sewing. She lovingly served as Lion Club secretary for many years and editor of the club's Roaring Lions Newsletter.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Lion Robert and rescued cat, Ellie; daughter Shana & husband Brad McCann of Marshall, grandson Jacob and favorite granddaughter Katie, grand dog Jax and grand cat Meow-Meow, daughter Lori & husband Andy Smith of Hutto, TX, grandson Parker and grand dog Snuggles; and son Robbie Wood & Fiancé, Jillie Johnston, full-time travelers, and grand cats Soso and Orpheus.

Pallbearers included Tom McCool, Bruce Abraham, Chris Wood, Alan Grantham, Chris Horsely, and Larry Ford. Honorary Pallbearers include Randy Fitzgerald, PJ Winters, Dr. Lijo John and Charlsie Gilcoat, NP and the members of Marshall Lions Club. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Summit United Methodist Church, Hwy 59 North, Marshall, TX.

Polar Bear Challenge

The 28th Annual Polar Bear Challenge at Mo Ranch was **NOT** held as scheduled on Friday, New Year's Day out of an abundance of caution and renewed concerns regarding a rise in area COVID cases. **Instead**, TLC Chairman of the Board, Kent Basinger, will be taking the plunge for all at Texas Lions Camp during the Semi-annual Board Meeting in February. The event will be live streamed for those who wish to join virtually.

Club News

Big Sandy Area Lions

Greetings Lion Family!

Our club is off to a ROARing start for 2021!

I'd like to mention a few things:

1. BSALC hosted the District 2-X2 Cabinet meeting on January 16
2. We welcomed two new members into our club - **Linda Caughron Baggett** and **Dr. David Fonteno**
3. Had a very successful blood drive on January 23 (Photos below)
4. 100 lbs of rice and beans and canned goods to food ministry
5. BSALC had 17 participating in the Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Our new member, **Lion Dr. David Fonteno** received the 2021 Man of the Year Award, presented by last year's recipient, 2VDG **Rickey Caughron**.

Our other new member, **Lion Linda Caughron Baggett**, currently serves as President of the Chamber. **Lion Joy Lanham**, owner and editor of the Big Sandy & Hawkins Journal, presented the business awards. **Lion Dr. David Fonteno** will also be our special speaker at our next Club Meeting!

Let's make 2021 a fantastic year!



Lion 2VDG Rickey and Lion David admiring our new sign for blood drives.

LIONS ROAR! -- Lion Lizabeth Elkins

Club News

Jefferson Lions



The Willow Tree gave generous donations of reading glasses for the Lions Recycle for Sight. Pictured are: Lions Peg Brown-Walker, Lorie Minter, Willow Tree owner, Paul Morehead, and club president, PDG Paul Moore



Jefferson Lions presented a new flag to the city council for use at the Lions Park. PDG Paul Moore, Club President, presented the flag to Mayor Rob Baker



Big Sandy Area, Continued



2VDG Rickey giving blood



Lion IPP Lois shows off her matching mask and shirt.

Priceless
 There's a reason it's called a facemask...the nose and mouth are covered, since the two main entries into your body the virus can exploit
 [Hanging around your neck or pulling it down below the mouth...worthless!]

Kilgore Lions



Kilgore Lions honor KHS Students of the Month for November, December, and January.

Gilmer Lions



Gilmer Lions, in conjunction with Gilmer Eye Care, were able to donate 128 pairs of eyeglasses to be recycled. A special Thank You to Dr Shawn Johnston and his staff with helping make this happen

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

Pittsburg Lions



Pittsburg Lions celebrated Lion Kathy McCollough's birthday
Yum above, Happy Lions below,



Canton Lions

Lion Kathryn Strickland

Lion Kathryn is improving but still having issues with shortness of breath and tiring easily. She also has to be aware of her questionable immunity and the complications from exposure to Covid.

She said, "To put it simply, progress is slow. Surely my age doesn't have anything to do with it."

She has a follow up appointment with her surgeon on January 28th. Keep her in your prayers for a good report and the all-clear to rejoin society.

Lion Kathryn expressed her sincere gratitude to Lion Andy for stepping in to serve as Club Secretary.

She said, "Andy has been my angel. I know he doesn't look like our image of an angel but believe me, he is."

She also mentioned her other "angel," Lion Jimmy.

"I know. He doesn't look like one either. He has been taking good care of me."

She wishes everyone a better year in 2021.

Canton Lion Kathryn Strickland reports her two "angels," Lion Secretary Andy Reese and PDG Jimmy Strickland are taking care of her....
Get well, soon, Lion Kathryn!

Linden Lions.



John Fant was awarded the Linden Lions Club "Heart of a Lion" for the month of December. John has volunteered to help on many projects in the community and was a big help getting Christmas trees ready for the Lion's Club fundraiser.

Waskom Leos



LEO Landon Tharpe uses his artistic skill to create a poster



LEOS worked the LIONS spaghetti supper fundraiser.

Photos from Mid-Winter



DG Chet with the 3 Youth Contestants and Committee Chair Lion Kasey Whitenack
Next to DG Chet is Second place winner in the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest, Macy Weatherford, a senior at Whitehouse ISD.
Next, Taryn Thurman is the tallest young lady in the white shirt. She is a Senior at Mt. Pleasant High School and she placed 1st in all three Diabetes Awareness Essay, Drug Awareness Speech, and Outstanding Youth and will be advancing to State,



Lions Camp Chairman Kent Basinger & 1VDG Sheila Donnelly

TLERC Golf Tourney Forms for teams & hole sponsorships
At the end of the newsletter

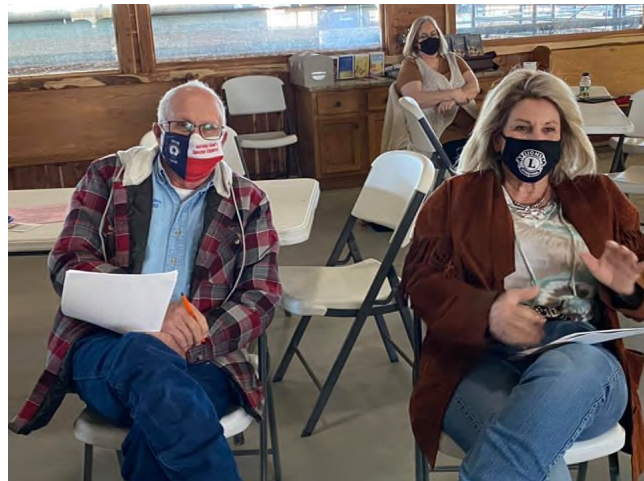
Photos from Mid-Winter



Past District Governors Leon and Nancy VanAlstine



Lion Linda Garner, Lion Kathy Brown



PDG Charlie Horn & PDG Jenn Sandlin

“A desk is a dangerous place from where to view the world” –John LeCarre

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.

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 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

State: texaslions.org

International: lionsclubs.org

Lions Camp: lionscamp.com



Lion Andy Reese, Canton Lions Secretary & PDG Wayne Barton, Tyler Lion



PDG Brian Whitenack and Lion Amy Sandlin

3 Common Ways to get Phished

#1 Email

Watch out for emails that ask you to click on a link or provide personal information.

#2 Text Message

Your bank will never ask you to sign in or give personal information via text message. Banks do not do that.

#3 Phone Calls

If you did not expect a call from the bank, it could be a scam. Do not provide any personal information, just hang up and call the bank.



2nd 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



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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:

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Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email _____

Check# _____

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

CC# _____ Expiration ____/____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

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