



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

NEWSLETTER

The Governor's Corner

Keep the Pride – Serve



New Lion Brandon McCloskey was Inducted by DG Glenda on Jan. 23. Lion Bill Collins is his sponsor.

It's time to think about club officers for the next Lion's year and begin the nominating process. Club officers are a vital part of every club. They are needed to insure proper financial handling, good record keeping, and a leader to keep the club organized and focused. Many treasurers and secretaries are content to keep their position for several years. However, the president should be a position that changes yearly or bi-yearly. Why? In order to recruit new officers for the district level, the requirement is that they must have been a club president prior to seeking the district position. Maintaining the same president every year denies these members the opportunity to serve at higher levels. In some clubs nobody wants to be an officer. This places an unfair burden on those serving in those positions. There have been clubs where one person handled all three major positions because no one else was willing. This causes burnout and resentment for that one person. Often the member will decide to leave the organization because of this. The most common reason members give for not accepting a position is "not enough time". The treasurer and secretary position usually average about one hour per month not counting the club meetings. The amount of time a president spends depends on the person and the club and how often they meet. This usually doesn't involve much time spent outside of the club meetings. And the good news is that the president

Caution! Data Breaches

Last year, 2019, set a record for data breaches, with more than 3,800 publicly disclosed breaches exposing an incredible 4.1 billion compromised records...and that was just during the first six months. Alarming, 3.2 billion of those records were exposed by just eight breaches. The exposed data included email addresses (contained in 70% of breaches) and passwords (65%).

If those numbers seem remote, think again.

Recently, some of our clubs have had money taken from their bank account. At least one club is still trying to recover the money taken.

Not all data breaches are the result of hackers. Sometimes errors on the parts of government agencies or private companies can expose the personal information of people. That is the case of 2.3 million records that were unnecessarily exposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, better known as FEMA.

Security of your personal information begins at home, when it comes to banking, emails, and passwords.

How do you know if your data has been exposed in a data breach? Go to <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> and type in your email address. This site will tell you if your info, like email, phone, address, and worse, passwords in which breach(es). You can also sign up for email notifications if your email address is in a future breach.

If your information was exposed, **monitor your bank accounts** for suspicious or unfamiliar activity. [you should be doing this at least monthly, already] change your password, ASAP.

Freeze your credit at the three national credit bureaus of Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. You can do this online and the process is free.

Use **strong passwords** and Two-factor authentication.

Never use the same password for more than one login. [really important if your data were breached: the bad guys will try to get into your other accounts that way]

doesn't have to do reporting to MyLCI. So, this year, I encourage club members to step up and submit your nomination for a club officer position. This also helps to revitalize the club every year by allowing other members to have a stronger voice in matters relating to the club.

Membership: The top three clubs in membership growth are the Tatum Ladies with 9, Paris Founders with 7, Jefferson with 5, Henderson with 4, Judson with 3, and Pittsburg with 2. Tatum, White Oak and Winnsboro each have 1. Our total net growth for the year is +41. December and January drops cut our growth almost in half. Please do everything possible to retain your members. Find out why they are unhappy and want to withdraw.

Leadership: Lion Rickey Caughron has stepped up and submitted his nomination for 2nd VDG. Lion Wendy Looney has submitted her nomination for a second term as Lions Camp Director. A special thank you to Lion Lois Triebenbach and PDG Paul Moore for visiting clubs in their zones and holding zone meetings.

Service: 820 pounds of food was collected at our Mid-Winter Conference. Thank you, Lions!

District Governor Glenda Boggs

“Keep the Pride – SERVE”

Contacts for the Spot Vision Screener

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carlos.alvarezamay@yahoo.com 903-348-7109

Save the Dates!

Feb 16, 2020 State Convention Planning Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM

Host: Big Sandy Area Lions

Location: Sit'em Down Cowboy Church

If you are interested in helping at the **State Convention** in Longview on May 14-17, 2020 please BE THERE!

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

Registration forms are attached to this newsletter



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



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

Club News

Cooper Lions



Students from the Cooper Elementary KC (Kindness & Compassion) Club educated the Lions Club on Rachel's Challenge. What a great group of well-spoken future leaders

White Oak Lions



New member Brandon McCloskey was Inducted by DG Glenda on Jan. 23. Lion Bill Collins is his sponsor.

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. *****

Attachments:

*****Registration form for the District Convention, April 3-4*******

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

District News

Just a little bit...



DG Glenda presented Lions Jackie Bowling (30 yrs), Bill Dipprey (25yrs) Andy Reese (20yrs) with their longevity chevrons at the 2-X2 Mid-Winter meeting

Longview Lions



Longview Lions supported the Homeless Resource at the Longview Fair Grounds on Jan. 23rd.

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Lion Tail Twister Don Francis interviewed each veteran Lion for "what Lions have meant to each"

Big Sandy Area Lions



Lions Rickey and Debra Caughron were honored by the Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce to be the Man and Woman of the Year.

(Club President Derrick Meneffee and Rickey's sister, Linda, were also present at the event)



Here are the plaques to prove it!

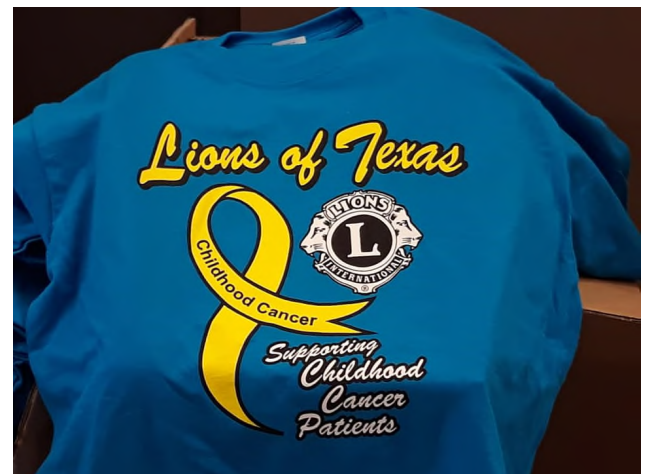


Lion Bill Ison gave an excellent presentation on the Leader Dogs for the Blind. BSALC Lions were so enthused that they donated \$100 towards the Leader Dogs for the Blind as a Club.

Tatum Ladies Lions



Tatum Ladies Lion Ruby Kinsfather poses with the brand-new district disaster preparedness trailer at the Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting in Tyler.



Pediatric Cancer Tee Shirts were unveiled at the Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting. The shirts are part of a Lions of Texas fundraiser to support patients and parents of children with cancer.

Lions are asked to wear the shirts at the State Convention on Thursday night (May 14)

If you are interested in the Tee Shirts, for \$20

Order by Feb 10th

By Contacting

DG Glenda Boggs

Shirts will be delivered at the District Convention

Judson Lions



Judson Lions had a Blindfold Induction of Their newest members. Lots of fun!! They were greeted at the door, blindfolded then escorted to their seats. Their guide helped them to the serving line for dinner and they eat blindfolded during dinner.



New to the Judson Lions, is Lion Bill Thiessen, experiencing a blindfold dinner for the first time.

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

Jefferson Lions



Jefferson Lions hosted a State Vision Screening training session on Jan. 25th. This training allows certified Lions to do screenings in the public schools.



Pittsburg Lions



Pittsburg Lions inducted two New Lions:
Jean Frankovitch & Stacie Hall

Tyler Lions



Tyler Lions Rip Duncan, Bill Dipprey, Darla and Charlie Fink, Lauretta Smith & Earl Smith (not shown) with help from members of Delta Kappa Sorority Provided vision screening at the Smith County Food Security Council roadshow event.



Emory Lions



From 2VDG Sheila Donnelly's visit: Thank you, Emory Lions Club, for the warm welcome! I am in impressed with your club and the things you do to better your community! Proud to be a Lion.

Mt Pleasant Lions



Mt. Pleasant Lions finishing their Adopt a Highway service project.



Incredibly impressed with the Youth Contestants representing Mt. Pleasant Lions Club at the District 2-X2 Mid-Winter Cabinet meeting in Tyler. Abby Mason (MPHS), Nathan Scolaro (CHHS), Caroline Rose (MPHS), & Reid Pinckard (MPHS). Congratulations, outstanding job!!!



*Our District Youth Contest Winners
Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting*

Gilmer Lions

So a few months ago I entered a raffle with the Lions Club and I ended up winning a rifle. I knew the best person to give it to was my nephew. This is the result of him getting this rifle. So happy and proud for him. I see a mount in his future.

Thank you Vici Wolfe.



“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...

Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting



On your mark....



Get set...



GO!!

District 2-x2 Convention 2020

APRIL 3 - 4, 2020

Location: Hampton Inn and Suites

3044 N. Eastman Rd

Longview, Texas

The Longview Lions invite you to attend the District Convention, April 3-4. The 2020 guest speaker will be Past International Director Joyce Middleton, from Massachusetts. Hotel reservations are to be made at the Longview Hampton Inn at (903) 663-8670 prior to the cutoff date of March 10, 2020. Ask for the Convention rate for **Lions District Convention.**

Room: \$89.00+tax. Includes breakfast, internet, fitness center, business center, pool & Jacuzzi. **Please register by March 10, 2020**

RESERVATIONS

NAME	CLUB	POSITION/TITLE

EVENT	COST	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	TOTAL DUE
Registration	\$20.00		\$ -
Friday Night Social	**FREE**		\$ -
Saturday Breakfast	\$ 5.00		\$ -
Saturday Lunch	\$ 5.00		\$ -
Governor's Banquet	\$20.00		\$ -
<i>Choose <u>One</u> Entrée Below (per person)</i>			
Single Pork Chop			
8 oz. Sirloin			
BBQ Chicken			
Vegetarian			
Ad information below:		TOTAL \$	

Mail registration forms to Longview Lions Club, P.O. Box 3463, Longview, Texas 75606-3463. Make checks payable to Longview Lions Club. **Contact information:** Paul Boggs, e-mail: daddyrabbitp@gmail.com, or 903-746-4133 or Glenda Boggs, glendak@etex.net or 903-734-6955
Program Ads are Free for ¼ page, \$10 for ½ page, and \$20 for a full page.

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	All Hotels \$99.00 + tax Rooms held until May 1. Holiday Inn Convention Center 903-663-6464 Candlewood Suites 903-663-9751 Youth Events LaQuinta Inn & Suites 903-236-0000 Staybridge Suites 903-212-3800
Registration	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00			
Meal Package	\$175.00	\$195.00	\$215.00			
Thursday Night Carnival/Fish Fry on the Convention Parking Lot	No charge	No charge	No charge			
Individual Meals per person:						
Friday Kick-Off Breakfast	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00			
Hall of Fame Luncheon	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00			
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			
Council of Governors Banquet	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00			

Optional Tours								Courtyard by Marriott 903-230-2700
Please check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> interest								
Thursday Casino Run	\$25.00		Friday Bear Creek Smoke house & Historical	\$25.00		Saturday Downtown Longview Tour	\$25.00	

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?

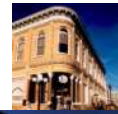
Saturday, May 16, 2020

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



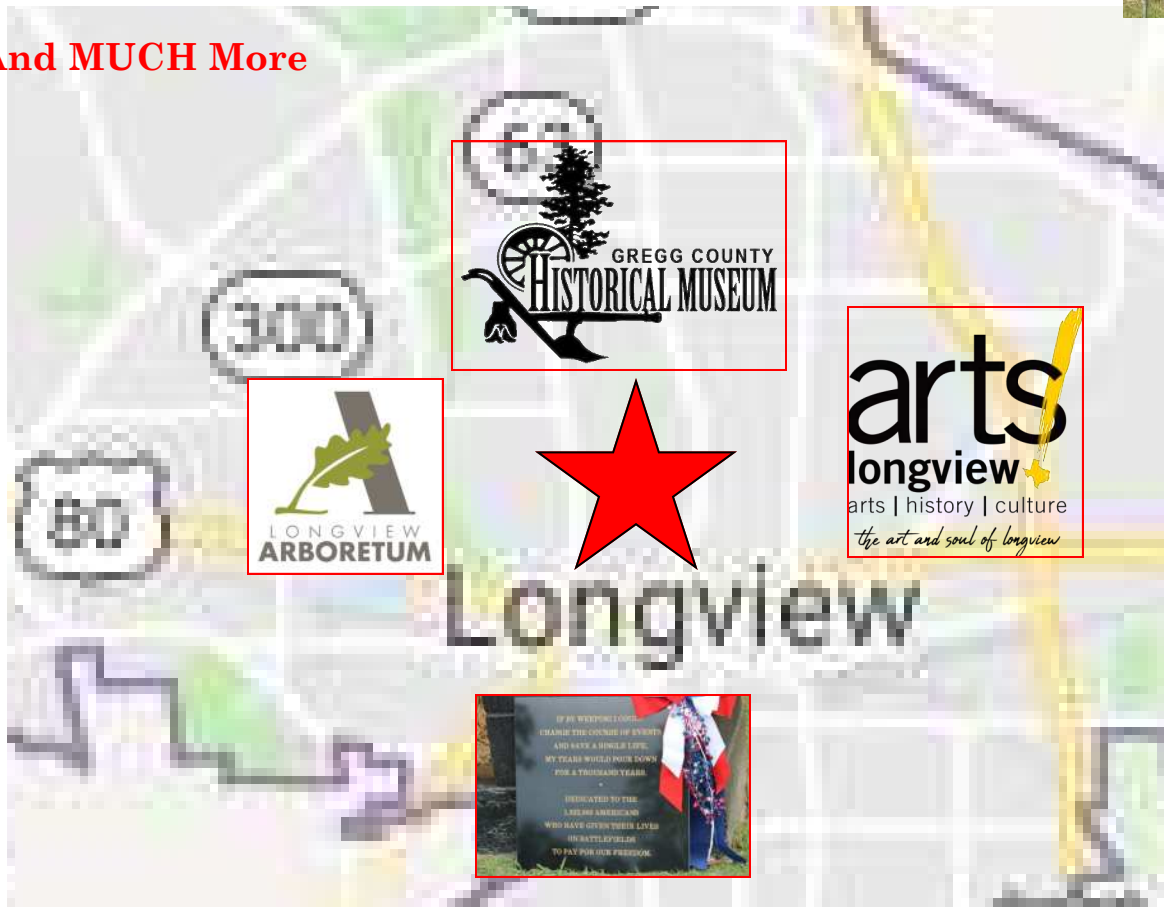
Longview Arboretum, 706 W. Cotton



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	_____
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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	_____
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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	_____
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All Benefits of Knights of Blind Sponsor

Option to display company banner

Company Logo on TLERC website

2020 Vision Sponsor (1 available)	\$ 5,000	_____
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All Benefits of Helen Keller Sponsor

Company recognized 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