



# LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

## NEWSLETTER

### The Governor's Corner



April is behind us but in its wake were several severe storms that left many Lions and communities with downed trees and power outages. I hope all of you escaped any major damage. None was reported to me. April was also another month of “stay at home – stay safe” orders from local governments. I know we are all tired of being isolated at home (unless you were an essential employee). Others remained working but did so from their own home. And some parents suddenly found themselves in the role of teacher to their children. These last two months certainly make us appreciate what we had before the pandemic. Some clubs are asking when we can meet again. Please follow your local government guidelines and continue to keep your members well. Most cities still have restrictions on group size, and all get togethers must observe social distancing of 6 feet apart. If you usually meet at a restaurant, please keep in mind that they must also observe these rules and may not be able to allow a group to meet. The status of the district and state convention is still “wait and see.” Governor Abbott will announce new guidelines on May 18<sup>th</sup>. That will give us a better idea of our plans for June. Don't forget to keep serving. This is the time of year for high school scholarships and outside cleanups. These can still be done during our social distancing. Local food banks are in need of food so consider a food collection or monetary donation. Lions Clubs International Foundation

### Texas Lions Camp Breaking News, May 1, 2020

A special message from TLC's President & CEO, Lion Stephen Mabry, regarding Summer Camp 2020 operations.

**“TLC will transition to summer activities that do not include residential camp operations.”**

See the May 1<sup>st</sup> announcement here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb19XLSbAtk&feature=youtu.be>

Essentially, Lions Camp, as we know and love it, is cancelled for this year.

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### District Convention

**Currently, it's still....**

***Postponed to  
June 12-13, 2020***

***However, we are awaiting  
Governor Abbott's guidelines***

**Host: Longview Lions Club**

**Location: Hampton Inn, Longview,  
US Highway 259N**

**Theme: Celebrating the Pride**

**(Celebrating our accomplishments for the  
year)**

#### ***Service Project:***

**Make goody bags for Pediatric Cancer  
Patients. Bring lap blankets, hand sanitizer,  
hand lotion, chap stick, books, games, etc.**

and Texas Lions Foundation are always in need of donations to provide disaster relief and other grants to Lions. Consider a donation to them. Several clubs still need to pay their dues. Please do so as soon as possible. Also please list your new officers on MyLCI.

**DG Glenda Boggs**  
**“Keep the Pride – SERVE”**

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## Club News

### Big Sandy Area Lions

Greetings Lion Family from inside my home office! Life during this pandemic has been challenging yet as Lions, we still do what we can.

Being an extrovert, this time away from the public as well as our Lion Family has been difficult but as of today, Governor Greg Abbott has approved that the state open back up in stages. So exciting! Because of the shutdown, our monthly donation of 50 lbs. of rice and 50 lbs. of beans had to take a different approach. Instead of giving the food, VP Debra was able to drop off a \$200 donation check to the Big Sandy Agape House. An anonymous giver gave \$100 of that donation.

We look forward to being able to see each other again real soon. Keep the faith and remember, we SERVE!  
-Lion Marketing/Comm. Chair Lupe Gonzalez

### Gregg County Latinos Lions (Officially Chartered March 23, 2020)



The banner is a gift to the club from the Longview Lions Club.

## District Convention, continued

### Voting Commitees

#### Nominating

**PDG Leon VanAlstine (Chair)**

**PDG Lynn Nacol**

**Lion Earl Smith**

#### Credentials

**PDG Wayne Barton**

**Lion Rickey Caughron**

**Lion Wendy Looney**

**DG Glenda Boggs (Chair)**

#### Constitution and ByLaws

**PDG Brian Whitenack (Chair)**

#### Resolutions: PDG Paul Boggs (Chair)

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### **The MD-2 State Convention Has Been Moved to June 24- 27, 2020 Same Location**

**Current Registration Prices Will Go Up  
on May 15 instead of April 15.**

**Beginning April 16th, we will refund  
registration fee **minus processing fees.****

**No refunds after June 15**

**Host: District 2-X2**

**Location: Holiday Inn, Longview**

# Tatum Ladies Lions



**Congratulations** to our first ever Tatum Lady Lions scholarship recipient - Anna Koch! We are proud and honored to present our first scholarship to this special 2020 Tatum graduate. Anna has participated in many school activities such as FFA and Honor Society as well as logging over 1,000 hours of community service. She plans to become a registered nurse specializing in neonatal intensive care.

## Tyler Lions

Lion Jim Chewing was surprised by a “Drive By” in front of his home in celebration of his

*90th Birthday*



Flashback, Louisiana’s premier 9-piece oldies show band, brings its highly acclaimed “At the Hop” 1950’s-60’s show to the Lions of Texas State Convention on Saturday, **Jun 27<sup>th</sup>** (4:30 pm start) at the Holiday Inn in Longview. They are going to take you on a walk down memory lane with tributes to Elvis, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and the wonderful doowop harmony songs of the Platters, Drifters, Coasters and Dion & The Belmonts. That’s not all, there will be a table with cheese/crackers, fruit, a cash bar and dancing with Flashback. *This is a show you don’t want to miss!*



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## District Social Media Info

### District Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/District-2-X2-170690323548064/>

**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 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](mailto:lion_derrick@myDLM.com)

### District Newsletter:

Send your upcoming events and recap of activities each month to

[daddyrabbitp@gmail.com](mailto:daddyrabbitp@gmail.com) (PDG Paul Boggs)

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](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)

## Club News

### Mt Pleasant Lions



Congratulations to Rachel Crane with Chapel Hill on winning the \$500 Lion’s Club Scholarship!



Congratulations to Caroline Blackard with Chapel Hill for winning the \$1000 Lion's Club Scholarship!

## Harrison County Hispanic Lions

The Harrison County Hispanic Lions Club has provided an excellent example of “thinking outside the box” when it comes to ways of serving during the Covid – 19 crisis. Lion President Orlando Valle and Lion Membership Chair Cruz Vences have provided live Facebook interviews with local officials in Marshall concerning the Corona virus. These interviews were conducted in English and Spanish to keep the community informed on the status of the pandemic and how to keep the community safe. They also have an active Facebook page with other postings of educational information for its members.



Lion Orlando Valle and Mayor Terri Brown



Lion Orlando Valle, Dr. Paul, Lion Cruz Vences

## Mt. Pleasant Lions, Continued...



Congratulations to Caroline Rose with Mount Pleasant High School for winning the \$500 Lion's Club Scholarship!



Congratulations to John Rodriguez with Mount Pleasant High School for winning the \$1000 Lion's Club Scholarship!

*The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity.  
The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. --Winston Churchill*

## District Emergency Relief Trailer



Prepping the trailer floor before shelving and loading...stay/work at home, and social distancing have delayed this project.



DG Glenda checking on the progress....



Flooring Complete.

## Judson Lions

Judson Lions made donation to a local community drive to help serve meals to ER staff at Christus GS and LGV Regional. We provided a Taco Bar for Excel ER. (See photo) Made donation for mask to be made for the community. Our donation went for mask for Longview Cardiology. Providing meals each week to member so they can stay home and reduce the risk of getting sick.

Also provided a \$500 donation to Longview HS Senior. She has worked the past 2-years at the Judson Concession Stand. She will be attending Rice University and majoring in Chemistry on a Pre-Med Track. Congratulations to Fatima Akilo who is on her way to Rice University!

Donated \$400 in gift cards to Judson Middle School to honor Students and Teachers during this stay at home period.

## Longview Lions

Longview Lions collected 301 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling and provided three eye exams and glasses for low income patients.

Longview Lions support Scout Troop 201 every month by paying their utilities for the Scout Hut.

Our Adopt-A-Street quarterly clean-up is scheduled for May 9th.

Our Nursing Recognition Program (Christus Good Shepherd and Longview Regional Medical Center), scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to a later date, due to the COVID-19 emergency.

*“Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” – Winston Churchill*