



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

NEWSLETTER

Governor's Corner



This is my last month as District Governor. What a year! Who could ever have imagined that a virus would bring the world to a halt?

I apologize to all the clubs that I or the vice district governors did not get to visit. July through February were spent putting in three new clubs in our district and spending time mentoring them to get them off to a good start. We welcomed the Tatum Ladies Lions Club, Harrison County Hispanic Lions Club, and Gregg County Latinos Lions Club. I hope that all of you will continue to show your support for these new Lions.

We did not get to have our district convention this year. If we can meet in July for our first cabinet meeting, we will have a time set aside for recognitions and a celebration of our district Hall of Fame recipients, Lion Chuck Abma of the Marshall Lions Club, Lion Mike Killingsworth of the Judson Lions Club, and PDG Wayne Barton of the Tyler Lions Club.

Many members have asked when they can start meeting again. Please follow your town's guidelines. It is recommended that meetings be limited to ten people, wear masks, and keep six feet apart. Restaurants are now at 50% capacity but must practice social distancing with no more than 6 at a table. These restrictions may limit your ability to meet. Some clubs may choose to just have their board members meet for a business meeting. Consider an outdoor area where members can spread out. Bring your own lunch and have a picnic/meeting. Virtual meetings may be a better option for some of you. This is a challenge, but I am hoping that our clubs can

Texas Lions Camp

Breaking News, May 26, 2020

TLC & CEO, Lion Stephen Mabry's message, regarding Summer Camp, following the Memorial Day Storm Damage, may be found at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snNrzmsthuU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2Knf8eYQ0gpNIYmHR2RHPRnbu56RERl6SfoC4twTUAu4p7JX4ZyCYFUFs>

Lions Camp has been hit again by storms: Bunkhouse #2, this time. Stay tuned for more information in June.

District Convention...

Cancelled

**Following electronic voting,
Congratulations to**

DGE Chet Garner

FVDG Sheila Donnelly

SVDG Rickey Caughron

Camp Director Wendy Looney

Registration & Meals

Refunds were mailed May 15th

overcome the restrictions and still find ways to meet and serve.

I want to thank all of you for your support this year. I will still be serving by training new Spot vision screeners and organizing district service projects.

DG Glenda Boggs
“Keep the Pride – SERVE”

DGE’s Message

Hello, District 2X2 Lions,
I am Lion Chet Garner from the Kilgore Lions Club; my Title in the District is DGE (District Governor Elect). I will be your District Governor for the upcoming Lion Year of 2020-2021. Thanks to all Lions that voted for me and trust me to do a good job for YOUR District.

Due to the Corona Virus, this year has been difficult for our District Governor, Glenda Boggs. All clubs have had to cancel club meetings, along with the district having to cancel the District Convention.

Also, as of now, we are hosting the STATE CONVENTION in Longview. Nancy Van Alstine has worked hard to get this accomplished. Please register and be at the State (MD-2) Convention.

The first District meeting for Lions year 2020-21 will be July 18, 2020 in Pittsburgh, I hope to visit with all Lions that attend. This meeting is for all to wear Red, White, and Blue to celebrate Our Independence Day. There will be an Award for the Club with the largest Percentage of Club Members in attendance.

My plan is to visit all Clubs during the year. If you have any questions you want me to address, email me --- renrag8gc@gmail.com or call me at 409-549-8452 or 409-549-8466



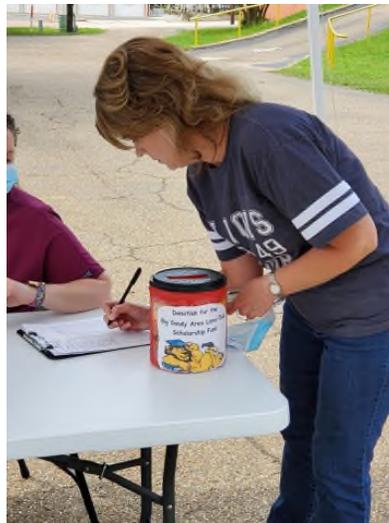
The MD-2 State Convention Has Been Moved to June 24-27, 2020 Same Location

Currently, we will refund the registration fee, **minus processing fees.**

No refunds after June 15

Host: District 2-X2
Location: Holiday Inn, Longview

First VDGE’s Corner



As the Lions 2019-2020 Year is winding down, I pause to reflect on the incredible hospitality, mentorship, guidance, and camaraderie bestowed on me by fellow District 2X2 Lions. Each one of you are awesome people with servant’s hearts that I am proud to know.

I was privileged to be able to visit some of the clubs of District 2X2 this past year and hope to visit all the 2X2 clubs in the future. Bogata Lions Club left a positive impression with me for recruiting younger members and electing those new members to serve in leadership roles. Yantis-Lake Fork Lions Club (led by Lion President Mary Bass) had one of the best run and organized meetings that I have sat in on. Cooper Lions is a high energy club that does lots for their community and it is apparent they are a

Club News

Gregg County Latinos Lions



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our first great meeting! It was a great success and a perfect start to start paving the way to help our Latino community. We welcome anyone who wishes to join our next meeting in April. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions! Together, we can have an impact on our Latino community! Happy birthday to you.

Gracias a todos los que pudieron asistir a nuestra primera gran junta! Fue un gran éxito y un comienzo perfecto para comenzar a allanar el camino para ayudar a nuestra comunidad latina. Damos la bienvenida a cualquiera que desee unirse a nuestra próxima reunión en abril. Por favor, no dude en hacer cualquier pregunta! Juntos, podemos tener un impacto en nuestra comunidad latina!

Big Sandy Area Lions

Greetings Lion Family from the Big Sandy Area Lions Club!

Although we had to deal with the COVID-19 Isolation, our club was still able to accomplish a few things!

We helped the Republican Women of Upshur County collect items for military packages for our troops. We ended up with 115 pounds, which made three packages of goodies. Our club, the BSALC, donated \$120 toward postage.

Our club has decided to renew with the State and continue with the Highway Clean Up for the next 2 years.

strong youth supporter. Detroit Lions had an unbelievable great looking Potluck at their meeting, bestowed a very warm welcome, and have a long-standing reputation for serving their community. I was ever so impressed with the Emory Lions Club when they told me about how they raise \$\$\$ with a Basketball Tournament, WOW! A huge thank you to the Clarksville and Paris Founders Clubs for allowing me to come visit and sharing some of your club's history. Thank you, Mt. Pleasant, (*my home club*) for allowing me to present a member orientation to the group and for acting like you were paying attention 😊. One of the liveliest groups I believe I visited was Sulphur Springs ... had a very enjoyable experience although I do not think they understand it is not nice to fine guests 😊.

Unfortunately, the visit I had scheduled with the New Boston Evening Club had to be cancelled due to the pandemic (*PDG AC I will be glad to reschedule in the future*).

One of the most memorable experiences I had this year was meeting and congratulating two **60 Year Members** of the New Boston Club Lions **C.R. (Bud) Young** and **Lion Arnold Barfield!!!** Thank you, Lion James Westfall, for organizing my visit. I also had the privilege of spending time with the Pittsburg Lions Club at their 2019-2020 Officer Installation Night, the Daingerfield-Hughes Springs Club at their Spouses Night Dinner, Harrison County Hispanic Club at their Charter Night, Zone 5 Clubs at a Zone Meeting, and meeting some fine ladies of Tatum recruiting with Ronnie Martin (*New Club Consultant*) one day. Thank you!!!

I was fortunate to be able to attend the following this past year and would highly encourage each of you to attend these events in the future if you have the opportunity:

- A Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Transplantation Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center
- Texas Lions Leadership Forum
- A Friday Night Graduation Ceremony at Texas Lions Camp

Thank you, **District Governor Glenda Boggs**, for your leadership, dedication and service to your community, District 2X2, and MD-2 ... You are a true role model!!! I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you as well as all the members of your Governor's Team.

Lion Derrick will be leaving for the North soon, so the club did a passing of the gavel between him and President Elect Debra Caughron.

The BSALC did a blood drive May 23 with Carter Blood Care in Big Sandy. We had 25 signed, 18 people gave blood and ended up with a donation of 19 units. One brave soul did a double.

Here are the scholarship recipients from the BSALC: Cortney Pope from Hawkins and Dakarai Menefee from Big Sandy. (sorry, no pictures available)

We are looking forward to hitting the ground running in June. May you all be blessed.

Lions ROAR



BSALC sponsored Blood Drive in Big Sandy on May 23, 2020. Way to go, Lions!



Club President leads by example!

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Harrison County Hispanic Lions



HCHLC Lions getting out the word that the Hispanic community needs to be counted for the 2020 Census



Gracias Tortilla Factory de Marshall por su apoyo en nuestro campaña de ser contado!



Thank you Dairy Queen from Marshall for your support in our being counted campaign!



Collecting Items for packages for our troops



Passing the gavel to President-Elect Lion Debra Caughron. Safe travels, Lion Derrick.

Not too late to change your mind...?

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Sulphur Springs Lions



Alyssa Underwood embodies the heart of Lion's club, service to others.
 Alyssa will major in molecular and cell biology at
Texas A&M University



Aley exemplifies being a Lion, leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness.
 Aley plans to major in nutrition and business at
Texas A&M University



Shelby Aulsbrook "Serving is working towards something bigger than yourself with no desire of personal gain."

