



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

NEWSLETTER

From the Back Patio



DG Chet with PIP Jimmy Ross

Who left the Heater on? The weather is sure hot outside. Sitting on the “OLE PATIO” and thinking about District 2-X2, what comes to mind is the State Convention we held in Longview. Wasn’t that a lot of good fun and getting to see a lot of good friends from around the State.

PCC Nancy and the committee did a great job. Thanks to all.

Now, as IPDG Glenda’s year ended this year is starting the same way. The 2-X2 Annual District Convention was all set up and ready to go but COVID-19 came to visit. It had to be cancelled. On July 18th the 1st District Cabinet Meeting was ready to go until the positive virus numbers in Texas started to rise. It had to be cancelled. Also, the Council of Governors, scheduled for July 29, yep, it had to be cancelled also.

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Now, what does this mean? Well, Lions have always made a difference in the World. We still need to get to our Clubs and “Roll up our sleeves, get busy, and make a showing of the Lions Clubs still doing in your Committee”

District 2-X2 sends out its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Lions who passed away in 2019-2020, The annual necrology service was not held, due to the Convention being cancelled.* There was a Service set for the Cabinet Meeting, that was also cancelled. They will be remembered for their dedicated service to others as soon as we can meet.

Governor Chet

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

[Editor’s Note: a necrology service was conducted at the state convention and a list of those 2-X2 Lions that were honored is on page 6]

There will be a few changes made this year at the meetings. There will be a Contest at all meetings, and you will want your entire club to attend.... Come see what it is, we will also have a way someone will win a good prize.

I would like each Club to provide a silent auction item that will give the attendees more to choose from.

The first Meeting was to be shared with IPDG Glenda to finish out her year. There will also be a Necrology Service for the deceased Lions from last year. If you have one in your club, please attend, and ask someone from their family to attend, if possible.

Club News

Big Sandy Area Lions

Big Sandy Area Lions Club (BSALC)

We had a great month here in the Big Sandy Area Lions Club! We were honored to have our 1st Vice District Governor Lion Sheila Donnelly join us to install our officers. Thank you, Lion Sheila for coming.



We also installed a New Member. We want to welcome Dorothy Murray to the Big Sandy Area Lions Club! Our event even made it to our Local Newspaper!

For our second meeting, we were inspired by our Tail Twister David Fisher. He had a moving discussion about MENTORING. Lion Debra Caughron covered a full agenda in record time. We love our Lions



-- Lion Lupe Gonzalez

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 18, 1st Cabinet Meeting Pittsburg (cancelled)

Oct. 31, 2020 2nd Cabinet Meeting, hosted by Judson Lions -- Scary Dress for this meeting - all wear a Halloween Costume

Jan. 9, 2021 3rd Cabinet Meeting (Mid-Winter Conference) hosted by Mineola Lions -- New Dress wear -- all wear something new for the New Year.

April 9 and 10, 2021, 4th Cabinet Meeting (District Convention) (location TBA)

May 20 – 22, State Convention in Waco

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Club News, Continued

Canton Lions

The Canton Lions Club ended this year with many service projects to complete a year of “We Serve.” At the July 8 meeting, in-coming Lion president Cody Brantley and Lion Service Chair, Sandra Giles presented a \$400 check to Debbie Brinkley, executive Director of Hope Pregnancy Center. Funds were raised by donations from Canton Lions.

During the past year Canton Lions transported over 30,000 pounds of food from the East Texas Food Bank to Manna Food pantry in Canton. Lions travel to Tyler every month to pick up the food and deliver to Manna. Lions Bob Reese, Andy Reese, Cody Brantley, Sandra Giles, Bob Giles and PDG Jimmy

Mt Pleasant Lions



Lion Phillip Scudder presents Lion Seth Alexander a Membership Advancement Key, for sponsoring 5 New Lions who have remained a member for over a year.



Even though we cannot be together, we can still have Zoom Meetings! Thank you, Lion Marc, Lacy, & Mike from Chapel Hill ISD for giving a great presentation.

[Editor's Note: Upper left photo shows Lion Seth Alexander participating on the road via cell, something to think about until the COVID virus is defeated]

Strickland were instrumental in fulfilling this service project.

Other projects include the Spirit of Christmas Food Drive. In partnership with Brookshire's, Rotary, students from Canton schools, Canton Lions delivered 410 boxes of food to needy families in the area. This project was led by Vice President Lace Deibert.

In January, Canton Lions held a "Pajama Party." With the help of the Canton NHS and Canton Leos Club, 52 pairs of pajamas were donated to children in our area through the Children's Advocacy Center.

In October of 2019, Canton Lions raised \$250, used to purchase 25 cases of food for the Canton ISD Backpack program. This project sends home food with students who need help getting enough food for the weekend.

In February, the "Wash Off" project was held. Members donated \$220 plus assorted items to buy soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. which were distributed through Manna to those who need help. Lion Benja Mize began this project several years ago.

This spring, even though meetings were shut down, Canton Lions were able to give ten \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Canton ISD, Martins Mill ISD, and Wills Point ISD.

The Canton Lions just completed an extraordinarily successful year of "We Serve" under the leadership of president Lion Judge Josh Wintters and chair Sandra Giles.

[Editor's Note: Thanks to the Canton Lions for sharing your accomplishment for the year]

A Flyer for the Outstanding Youth Contest is attached to this newsletter for printing and distribution

Judson Lions



1st Vice Governor Sheila Donnelly installed new Officers for the Judson Lions Club]



President Donna Owings presented check to Longview High School Seniors, Fatima Akilo as mom and dad watch.



Judson Lions purchased fans from Home Depot in Longview and donated them to the Longview Fire Dept to give out to needy residents

Tyler Lions



We are Moving. Tyler Lions Club will now meet at Traditions Restaurant located at 6205 S. Broadway in Tyler. Come have lunch with us on the first and third Tuesday of each month



Lion Brent Davis receives a Marvin Jones Fellowship from Club President Laurretta Smith



Lion Darla Fink receives a Life Membership from the Texas Lions Camp

Longview Lions



The "Red Coats" came to Longview, for the Lions of Texas State Convention and these three made it happen. This event was likely the only F2F Lions state convention in the US this year.



This new medal may only be awarded one per year, per Lions District in Texas. The first one was presented this year to Council Chair Nancy VanAlstine by DG Glenda Boggs for all the hard hours expended as MD-2 Council Chair and leading the efforts to make the state convention not only happen but a success..



Lion PDG Lynn Nacol installs Longview's new officers. Lion Bill Ison is the incoming president

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:

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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



Pittsburg Lions



We said thank you to our outgoing President Rhett McCollough and welcomed our new 2020/2021 President, Sandy Thompson.



Lion President Sandy Thompson, Southern Wind Manor Nurse Crystal Widemon, and Lion Judy Jackson



Pittsburg Lions treated the staff and residents of Southern Wind Manor to a surprise ice cream sundae bar. It had been over 5 months since the residents at Southern Wind Manor had visitors or loved ones come spend time with them because the COVID quarantine they have been unable to have volunteers come in and do their nails, play games, put on programs or even eat lunch with them.



A few of the staff at Southern Wind Manor

Pittsburg Lions showed a little ice cream love from a distance along with personal thank you notes to each of the 22 staff members. We love you SWM Staff and are looking forward to the day when we can come back in and do life with you all.

2-X2 Deceased Lions during 2019-2020			
Ray	Ashlock	Kendall	Neill
Coye	Barber	Jack L.	Phillips
Beverly	Barton	Joe	Skipper
Marlene	Bohr	George	Stanton
Larry B.	Day	Kay S.	White
Clifford	Dodson	Johnny	Williams
Henry C.	Lewis		

Jefferson Lions

Jefferson Lions braved the July heat with an outdoor picnic and new officer installation event, hosted by club president, Lion Wendy Looney. IPDG Glenda Boggs was the installation official.



Pictured: PDG & Incoming President Paul Moore, IPP & incoming Secretary Wendy Looney, Lions Skip Torrans, Kris Tempel and Mary Ayala

Gilmer Lions

Gilmer Lions Club was proud to distribute four scholarships to some well deserving students this month. The scholarships were given to students from Gilmer High School, Harmony High School, and Union Hill High School in Upshur County.



Morgan Hughes, a Gilmer ISD graduate, was the Gilmer Lions Club Lady-in-Waiting for the 2019 Yamboree. She is attending Blinn College and plans to transfer to **Texas A&M** majoring in Business.



Daphanie Hancock, a Gilmer ISD graduate, will attend the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue a degree in Pharmacology.



Trinity Shipp, a Harmony ISD graduate, is going to be attending Texas Tech University to major in Biomedical Engineering.



Jenna Holland, a Union Hill ISD graduate, is planning on attending University of Texas at Tyler for a degree in Kinesiology.

OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST SCHOLARSHIP

- ★ Eligible participants are high school junior or seniors. Can be homeschooled.
- ★ All paperwork (essays, resumes, headshots, etc.) are due by December 22.
- ★ Participants must be available to compete at Midwinter in Mineola (January 9th) and State in Waco (May 22nd).

IDEAS TO GAIN PARTICIPATION

Contact local high school counselors and/or college and career centers. Send schools the packet with the topics (TBA). If enough students are interested, host a club level competition and send the winners to Midwinter.

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