



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2 NEWSLETTER

From the Back Patio



DG Chet and the Gilmer Lions Club Officers

Hello to District 2-X2. I hope everyone is still doing ok and staying safe.

Well, another month of my year has gone by and it is going quicker than I thought it would.

It has been fun – going around to different clubs and speaking. The food is always the best part. This month, I have had the opportunity to visit 3 Clubs: Tyler, Jefferson, and Gilmer. The first two clubs have been working all along but you better watch out for the Gilmer Group. They are fired up. If you have an open date for me to visit, email me at renrag8gc@gmail.com.

I heard that Pittsburg Club has a new member and 5 waiting in line. This is fantastic news.

Gregg County Latinos Club had their first event for the community and had speakers talking about how to get help in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. It was a great meeting. Thanks, Latinos Club.

I still have some invoices from Clubs who have not paid their dues, if at all possible, please get this taken care of.

Remember on October 24, we have our District Cabinet Meeting. The Registration forms have been sent to all clubs. Get the forms in as soon as possible so Judson Club can get a meal count. Also remember to wear your mask and your HALLOWEEN COSTUME.

October Cabinet Meeting!

The next cabinet meeting will be...

October 24th, 2020

First Christian Church

720 N. 6th Street, Longview

... **Registration Form attached**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 24, 2020 - 2nd Cabinet Meeting, hosted by the **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**

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

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The District is looking to start new clubs this year, if you know of some where a Community needs a club, contact me and we will look at the location.

I am hoping all the District Clubs start meeting soon. There is still a few not meeting as of today.

Until next Month, be safe, have Fun and hopefully we see you at the Cabinet Meeting.

Thanks,
DG Chet Garner
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Peace Poster Contest

Don't forget your club's winning peace poster must be sent to the District Governor by November 15th!

Hello Lions!

Just a reminder that the **deadline to order** your peace poster contest kits is **October 15th**. Be aware that a lot of the schools are a bit apprehensive about the contest this year, mostly because the general consensus is that there's too much going on right now to add something else to the list. You will find that some of your organizations see this as a great opportunity to provide a positive experience for the children. Do not be discouraged if your school or organization decides not to participate this year. With that being said, if you have any questions or you need help or tips, feel free to text me or call me at work during the week.

Lion Dani Doty
Cell: 903.790.3264 (daytime text or call after 5:30) or Work: 903.663.6200 ext. 6225

Very Important Reminder

All Lions clubs, districts, and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). **[by Nov. 15th]**

If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well. **[see info sheet attached]**

Camp Facemasks Update

“Serving God’s Special Children”

Lions Camp Face Masks

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All profits will go to the Texas Lions Camp

Mask sales will end on November 6th. All orders received in the mail or given to PCC Tom Blase at the Council meeting in Kerrville will be filled as soon as possible. Orders after that date will sadly be returned to sender.

An Order Form is attached to this newsletter



The 28th Polar Bear Challenge [fundraiser benefiting Lions Camp] will take place at the Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX, on January 1, 2021 at 1PM.

For more information on this fundraiser for the Camp, see the attached flyer. [note: Lion Kent Basinger would like a long slide into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River]

Club News

Big Sandy Area Lions

Greetings Lion Family!

We have had some challenges as Texas is starting to open up again. We are grateful to be able to meet again.

We are proud to announce that a new Lion: **Melissa Green**, installed during our last meeting. I was unable to be there due to a short illness (not COVID!) but have a few pictures.

We are still working to help our communities where COVID restrictions do not keep us out. I am hoping these restrictions soon fall into memory so we can all get back to serving. Still, we can bag 50 lbs. each of rice and beans for delivery, with boxes of Mac-n-cheese and canned goods for the Agape House. We distributed 11 boxes of fresh food to area families.

We are collecting scholarship money through our "Fill a Jar" fundraiser in nine different locations. We had a "Fill a Boot" at the Big Sandy intersection of Highways 80 and 155.




Club News, Continued

Cooper Lions


LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020 6AM-8PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 SW 1ST ST, Cooper TX

Jail & Bail Fundraiser
Join us from 11-1PM to enjoy live entertainment as we witness fellow community leaders "raise bail money". Proceeds go to Delta County Library, Project Graduation & Maroon & Gray Foundation.

 **WE SERVE** **TICKET**

Carter Blood Drive 9am-2pm
Mays Health Flu Vaccinations
Cooper Lions' Club Vision Screening

Online Auction Now – October 9th
Scan QR Code with your smart phone camera to register today
\$5 Each Meal



Cooper Lions are doing an online auction with 20+ items [and still growing] from now until October 9th They are also doing a Pancake Breakfast (all day, 6am to 8pm) and a Jail & Bail Fundraiser Carter Blood care for blood donations, Mays Health Clinic for flu Vaccinations and vision screening



Two examples of donated items

Big Sandy Area Lions, continued...

Special condolences to our Service Chairperson **Texanna Greene** on the death of her son due to a vehicle accident. Continuing prayers for our Mayor and Lion **Sonny Parsons** for complete recovery of what we hope to be a brief illness.

We are continuing plans for our 5-year Celebration in November.

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

Longview Lions



Longview Lions showed their love for Longview by picking up litter on Reel Road. Lions Paul Boggs, Wayne Moseley, Glenda Boggs and teen volunteer Jaqueline.



The Longview Lions welcome Lion Wanda Mitchell (from the Pittsburg Lions Club) to our Club

Gregg County Latinos



Our first community event was a great success!

Great information and resources provided regarding treatment options, detox, coping mechanisms, therapy, the effects of medications, nutrition, police, and mental health training and much more! Thanks to all for the support from the community. Special thanks to Mrs. Diana Pitman for providing the space to make all this possible.



Lion Jennifer Salaises did an amazing job hosting the event! We are looking forward to our next initiatives for the community

Mt Pleasant Lions



Mt. Pleasant Lions prepares to send Club Service Chair Lion Tim Ervin off to Richardson with the used computers and computer parts (shown below) the club collected to be donated to Computers for the Blind Organization.



Marshall Lions



President Van Norden presented Misty Scott, Mission Marshall with a \$4,000.00 donation (the “big check”) from Marshall Lions Club to help with the purchase of bicycles for the “Read to Ride” program. [enough to purchase 95 bikes]

Judson Lions



On behalf of Judson Lions Club, PDG Becky Whitenack puts out “grab and go bags” at Sharing Boxes located near Mt Calvary Baptist Church and by Unc’s BBQ. If you would like to help, contact Lion Becky Whitenack for more info.



Judson Lions serving in the Concession stand.





Jefferson Lions.



Jefferson Lions Club working the JHS Homecoming Game. GO BULLDAWGS!



Jefferson Lions doing traditional Broom Sale, Just in time for Halloween. [PDG Paul Moore]

Clarksville Lions



Recycling Eyeglasses

Pittsburg Lions



Fun! Fun! Fun! We so enjoy Debbie Pool and Skeeter at Lions Club today. We learned a lot about training our dogs and were entertained at the same time.

Henderson Lions



Henderson Lion's Club welcomes our new Lion Club member and the new Warden for MTC East Texas Treatment Facility!

Canton Lions

This Week:

It's beginning to look
a lot like Christmas!
(Don't complain. That means 2020 is
almost over!)



Canton Lions Club

**12 Days of Christmas
KICKOFF**

Lion First VP Lace will present project details

Tickets will be available for distribution
so that you may begin selling.
Get yours now!

Only 500 tickets available
Sales officially begin October 1st

\$25 per ticket
or 5 for \$100

Each ticket bears two numbers
Prize awards begin
Tuesday, December 1st

Winners awarded according to the
Texas Lottery Noon Pick Three drawing
Monday through Saturday

**Save
The
Date!**

**2020 Canton Lions
Dates**

Manna Food Pick Up: Tuesday, October 6th - All
driver/rider positions have been filled for the
remainder of 2020

Twelve Days of Christmas tickets go on sale in October
\$25 each or 5 for \$100
Prize awards begin December 1st

First Monday Parking:
December 3, 2020 (Thursday)


White Oak Lions

White Oak Lions Club
Chicken BBQ

Saturday, October 17, 2020
The BBQ Pits on Stadium Drive

1/2 Chicken, Beans,
Sauce, & Fixings

\$8.00 Donation



Serving from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The White Oak Lions Club will hold its annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, October 17th. You may pick up meals at the BBQ pits on Stadium Dr. behind White Oak HS. Message us for more info and/tickets.

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

Lions: Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the [e-Postcard](#) (also known as 990-N). **If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.**

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2019-2020 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.*

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may [apply](#) for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an [EIN online](#), by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the [Lions Tax FAQ](#). Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, *EO Update*, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International

* Prior to December 31, 2010, gross receipt limits for filing the 990-N was \$25,000.

District 2-X2 Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, October 24th

Hosted by Judson Lions Club

Disciple House at First Christian Church 720 N. Sixth St Longview
Halloween Theme Contest

7:30 Registration
7:45 -- 8:45 Training
9:00 Necology
9:30 1st half of Cabinet Meeting
10:30 Break
11:00 2nd half of Cabinet Meeting
12:00 Drawings, contest winner, auction items
12:30 Lunch
After Lunch PDG Meeting

Registration Fee:

\$5 By October 16

\$10 after October 16 and at the door

We encourage early registration to provide lunch for everyone with a head count prior to the event.

While we will make every effort to provide lunch for everyone, those waiting until the 24th to register will be served last to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Service Project Collection: Simple Bare Necessities

Please bring the following items to help fight (hygiene) bullying within the Longview School System.

Full size Shampoo and/or Conditioner (Suave is best for all types of hair), deodorant, bars of soap, body want, toothbrushes and toothpaste. You can find all of this at the dollar store.

Depending on her schedule, we hope that Arya Germanwala, the founder of this project will be able to attend our meeting. She is a High School Junior and has seen what this kind of bullying can do to kids.

Registration Form

Club Name: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Make Checks Payable to Judson Lions Club

Mail to 131 W. Garfield Dr, Longview 75602

Contact info PDG Becky Whitenack 903-235-5850

Registration \$5 by October 10 - after 10th and at the door

Thank you Lions of Texas

Your great response to our Texas Lions Camp themed mask has netted over \$1000 for the Camp so far. I have had several orders for whole clubs. All profits will go into the Polar Bear Challenge, which is being designated to go into our building fund for our new bunkhouses. So keep the orders coming.

The words on the mask "*Serving God's Special Children*" on a Texas flag background is our Chairman Kent Basinger's theme for the year.

Please take note that the printers are having trouble getting masks from their suppliers, who in turn tell us, that the manufacturers are unable to supply them. There appears to be two reasons for this shortage. First of all, most of the manufacturer's time, effort & materials are going into making sure our medical providers have all the PPE's they need. Secondly there are millions of these specialty masks being ordered for almost every organization and business in the country.

As a result please allow 4-5 weeks or more for delivery. The good news is that so far, I have been able to get the orders out in about 3 weeks from the date I receive them. As of Sept. 8, all orders received by me prior to August 24th are in the mail.

These new bunkhouses are critical, especially after the destruction we received this spring on camp by the high winds. If we are to continue "*Serving God's Special Children*", we must get this done.

So keep those orders coming! Thank you.

PCC Tom Blase

“Serving God’s Special Children” Lions Camp Face Masks

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Mask sales will end on November 6th. All orders received in the mail or given to me at the Council meeting in Kerrville will be filled as soon as possible.

Orders after that date will sadly be returned to sender.

_____ Quantity ----- (\$10 + \$1.00 Mailing = \$11 each) Total Purchase: \$ _____

Make Checks out to Tom Blase, NOT to Texas Lions Camp

Purchaser Name (Please Print): _____

Mailing Address Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Mail Order form to: **PCC Tom Blase, 40 Antelope Trail, Kerrville, Tx 78028**

There are literally millions of specialty masks being made, therefore, due to a shortage of material manufacturers have not been able to provide masks to the suppliers on a regular basis. As a result my mask printer has to get masks as they become available. **I have been able to supply most requests within 2-3 weeks, however, please understand you order may take 4-5 weeks or longer to fill.** My phone is 325-315-7060 (email is tomblasesr@gmail.com), if you need to contact me.



Lions & Leos & Bears....BRRRRR!



In February Texas Lions launched the biggest project at TLC since the inception of the camp – *CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond*, a campaign to replace our bunkhouses, care-taker (summer staff) quarters, and basic infrastructure. This is sorely needed if our camp is going to be relative for another 70 years..... AND to kick things off, the Texas Lions Camp was selected by the **Mo Ranch** in Hunt, TX to be the beneficiary of the 28th **Polar Bear Challenge** on January 1, 2021 at 1PM. We hope you will use this honor given to our camp to help kick off *CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond* with a BIG Splash! All the money raised will go to this **capital building campaign**.

We likely won't get chosen for this honor again for many years, but it gives us a perfect opportunity to get all our Texas Lions & friends thinking about our new "vision" for TLC's future....but to make matters more critical, the spring storms of 2020, destroyed bunkhouse 2, and severely damaged bunkhouse 1, plus summer staff quarters & some other buildings. It has become imperative to start our rebuilding sooner than later, if we want to continue to serve 1500 special kids each summer. Because of the pandemic, however, our Campaign has been virtually shut down so far, making the **Polar Bear Challenge** a timely opportunity to kick off the campaign.

So how does the Polar Bear Plunge Challenge work? Simple: you donate and/or raise money from family, friends, Lions, Lions Clubs and patrons in the name of someone, whom you would really LOVE to see – hopefully **ME** (PCC Tom Blase) take a freezing plunge down a long slide into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River next January 1st. Generally, you might pick one of the Polar Bear Plunge "Court", of which I am a member, to support; but maybe there is a District Governor, Club President or some other poor Lion you might coerce into taking the plunge. If you will go to www.lionscamp.com, click on Media, and then Blog, you will find all of the members of the court on page 2 or 3 of the blogs. You will also find other important information about the Challenge on other blogs nearby.

All checks should be made out to Texas Lions Camp. Generally the checks should be mailed to the **Texas Lions Camp (P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville TX 79029)**, however some District Governors have some special competitions and challenges going, so they prefer you send them through the District. Make sure your checks indicate which Court member you are supporting to make the BIG splash, and your District number.

You can also donate on line at www.lionscamp.com. Click on the big red box **DONATE NOW**, and follow the prompts down the page. When you get to "Donation Categories", select Polar Bear Plunge Challenge, and a little further down, when it asks if you are a Polar Bear Challenge donor, open it for the names of the Court members to credit the donation.

Anyone is welcome to come and watch on January 1st or better yet, anyone can take the plunge by raising their own funds (or paying \$25). Those brave souls, who wish to do this, can register to make the slide on the camp website. This form should be available soon on our website. On January 1 after the slide, we're planning on an "After Party" at the camp. If you have questions call, text or email anytime: **Tom Blase 325-315-7060 (tomblassesr@gmail.com)**

Help us start our CAMPaign.....with a BIG Splash!

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.

For more information contact Kasey Whitenack at kasey.whitenack@gmail.com or 903-806-6801



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23 September 2020

Abwenzi A Yesu Friends of Jesus Foundation Mission Update

Greetings Carolyn and Texas Lions Club Members!

We are grateful for your prayers and the provision of new reading glasses made available by TLERC! Please join us in praising God for his protection, answers to so many prayers (they really are too numerous to count), and in making a way to travel and serve alongside the Pentecostal denomination in Tanzania this year, and also in returning to Mzuzu, Malawi and serving with the Central Church of Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) and a couple of Baptist churches.

This year, Abwenzi A Yesu Friends of Jesus Foundation provided approximately 120 new reading glasses to men and women who had developed presbyopia, could read, but could not afford to purchase or have access to reading glasses. Returning overseas on a short medical evangelical mission for two weeks to Tanzania and Malawi was quite an adventure, logistically challenging and unlike previous mission trips in the past. ***"Trust in the Lord, and lean not on your own understanding...." (Prov. 3:5-6) .***



Traveling to Tanzania takes 2 full days by airplane. This year with a face mask, full-face shield and required social distancing. Dar Es Salaam, where I landed, is located on the Indian Ocean, and means "the city of the bees". Rev. Sospeter Laurean Barubike and Rev. Joseph Samuel had been ministering and preaching together. Both Reverends were recipients of new reading glasses. Rev. Sospeter was willing to have his picture taken with his new glasses).

The next stop after returning to the mainland and traveling from Dar Es Salaam, was Mzuzu Malawi. This was no easy journey either! The Malawi borders had just been downgraded from a level-4 complete travel ban, to a level-3 travel advisory, with required negative PCR testing within 10 days of arrival, a letter of invitation from a local friend of mine, and current Malawi clinical officer's license, I was granted an exception in entering Malawi this year, with some wonderful moments, because God in his grace opened the door, with new opportunities, but not before some "light and momentary trials at the border" because of the recent downgrade, and limited border openings, a three hour delay with some tense moments occurred before I was



granted an exception and allowed entry. Praise God for his love, his mercy and grace, and the opportunity to see his hand at work in my situation and on behalf of men, women and children who we served together this year for his glory and Kingdom. The picture above, was taken in Karunga, Malawi (around 40 miles from Songwe border crossing in Northern Malawi).



Face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer were provided for all volunteers.

Everyone was required to wear a mask once they had registered as a patient, and also practice social distancing if possible

To my friends at TLERC I want to thank you again for the work you are doing in many places around the world in providing sight to the poor by providing eye clinics and gently recycled glasses, and or reading glasses. Please contact Abwenzi A Yesu Friends of Jesus Foundation if you would like to join us in a partnership mission some day in the not so distant future. *(The last picture is of myself taken at the Ngorongoro Animal Wildlife Conservatory overlooking the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania, SE Africa).*



Blessings in Christ,

Mrs. Portland J. Mithen
President & Founder, Abwenzi A Yesu Friends of Jesus
Foundation, Inc.