



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

NEWSLETTER

From the Back Patio



DG Chet addresses the Lions audience at the 2nd District 2-X2 Cabinet meeting, Oct. 24, 2020

It is November already. The time is flying by so fast; I was told as we get OLDER the time does not stop.

Thanks to the Judson Lions Club for the Great District Meeting. The turnout was good, but I was hoping for more, COVID-19 strikes again. Some people are still nervous about crowds. PDG Brian and Becky checked our temperatures as we came in the door and we wore our masks during the entire meeting.

Our Peace Poster Chairperson is sending email deadline reminders. Please get your Posters to her so she can send them to the District by Nov. 15.

If a District Officer or representative has not visited your club yet, don't worry we are coming.

The Bogata club has been working hard to get more members and have elected new officers. They are excited. Good Luck to the Bogata Club.

Please turn in all your Service Projects to IPDG Glenda Boggs and report these to MyLion. PCC Nancy Van Alstine is visiting new and old areas to get more Clubs started, Thanks PCC Nancy. [Continued next page...]

Peace Poster Contest

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

If you have any questions or 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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This will be sent out before Thanksgiving, so I hope all have a great Lunch/ Dinner and stay safe.

Until next month I'll see you guys later, the weather out feels so good, I think I am going in and leave it outside.

Chet Garner - District Governor 2-X2

Very Important Reminder

Clubs with annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 **you must file the e-Postcard 990-N)**

[by Nov. 15th]

[see info sheet attached]

District 2-X2 Welcomes New Members for October

[Sponsor's Name follows Club Name]

- Michael Jitjaeng, BSALC, Celina Jitjaeng
- Daniel Jones, Bogata, Cecil Loftin
- Dana Crawford, Bogata, Carrie Loftin
- James Baird, Bogata, Cecil Loftin
- Timothy Loftin, Bogata Cecil Loftin
- Deborah Stringfellow, Bogata
- Melissa Casey, Hallsville, Jesse Casey
- Michael Upshaw, Henderson, Ken Hale
- Kyle Holcomb, Mt Pleasant, Robert Basinger
- Stephanie Davis, New Boston, Patty Green
- Kelly Hinerman, Pittsburg, Sandy Thompson
- Lori Windham, Pittsburg, Sandy Thompson
- Edith Schneider, Tyler, Rip Duncan
- Brita Wright, Tyler, Darla Fink
- Debbie Goyne, Waskom, Jimmy Cox
- Scott Goyne, Waskom, Jimmy Cox

Camp Facemasks

“Serving God’s Special Children”

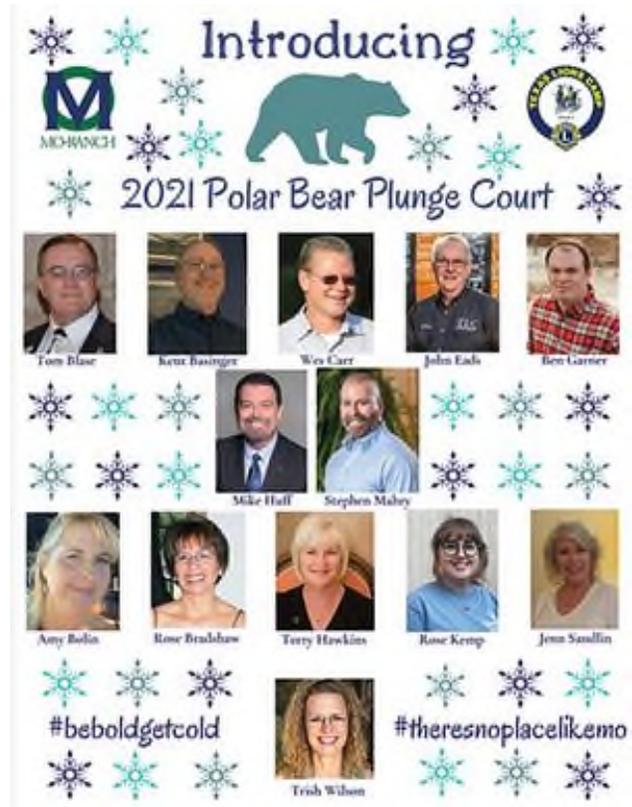
Lions Camp Face Masks

Special for 2020-2021

All profits 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.

Order Form attached



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 will be a long slider into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River]

Club News

Big Sandy Area Lions

Greetings Lion Family!

We had a good and busy month in October. **Melissa Green** was presented her new Lion Vest in our second meeting. We also added a new member – **Michael Jitjaeng, son of Lion Celina Jitjaeng**. We are pleased to add youth to our Club so they can show others in their age group the importance of what we do.



On 10/23/2020, we had 22 people and one dog at our meeting. Our special guest speaker was **Upshur County Sheriff Larry Webb**, along with the drug dog, **Officer Marco** and his handler. Chair **Laurie Fisher** of the 5 Year Celebration Committee and her husband, **David Fisher** donated a beautiful fall planting as the raffle item before she led her committee meeting. Eyeglasses and food were collected. The rice, beans, ramen noodles, rotini pasta, and cornbread will be donated to the Agape House.



The year 2020 is almost over – let’s not forget what we all signed up for. Keep the faith and remember, we SERVE!
----- Lion Lupe

DISTRICT 2-X2 HALL OF FAME

The District governor shall call for nomination for the District Hall of Fame. The following procedure should be followed:

1. Nominees must be in good standing and reside in the district and must be made by the nominee’s home club. Any member, active or deceased, nominated must be a member in good standing in district 2-X2 for at least 5 years.
2. Nominations of inductees for the District Hall of Fame shall be submitted to the club’s Zone Chairperson by **December 1** of each eligible year.
3. The Zone Chairperson will forward the recommendations to the **First VDG** for approval by **January 1**.
4. The final selection by the District Governor’s committee will be made **5 days prior to the Mid-Winter Conference**.
5. Cost of the Hall of Fame award will be billed to the nominating club.
6. Any inductee into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame will automatically become a member of the District Hall of Fame.
7. Proper presentation ceremony should take place at the **District Convention**.
8. Solicitation in any manner for this recognition will automatically eliminate the soliciting candidate for that year.



Our District Award Plaque for highest net gain in membership initiated by PDG Paul Boggs, three years ago. Last year the Paris Founders Lions Club won by with a net gain of 7 members. Wouldn't your club name look good on this?

Longview Lions



Longview Lion Paul Boggs loads up used items to donate to the Dream Center.



Longview Lions Club provides vouchers for eye exams and glasses to residents in rehab programs trying to overcome addictions and create a better life for themselves. Longview Lion Paul Boggs is shown delivering vouchers to House of Disciples for two of their residents.



Lion PDG Wayne & Lion Tammie Barton honored IPDG Glenda Boggs (Longview Club) with a progressive Texas Lions Foundation Fellowship for her service as District Governor during a most unusual year.

Club News, Continued

Cooper Lions



Cooper Lions held a Jail & Bail Fundraiser



This is what it is all about! With the help of those who participated in the Bail & Jail event, the Cooper Lions Club was able to present the Delta County Library with \$1000.00. WE SERVE



Lion Diane Stegall, from the Cooper Lions Club presents \$1000 to the Maroon & Gray Foundation.

Mt Pleasant Lions



Mt. Pleasant Lions recently collected 431 pairs of glasses from local community members to be donated to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Lion Sheila Donnelly, Lion Phil Scudder, Lion Cole Hefner, and Lion Brian Niblett counted, sorted, and boxed the glasses for transport.

Marshall Lions



Marshall Lions had several guest speakers in October, Vision Month for Lions Clubs International. Pictured are Lions Robert Coleman and LaDarius Carter, President of the Harrison County Child Welfare Board. At the same meeting, special guest, Lion Orlando Valle [not pictured], gave a report on the newly formed Hispanic Lions Club, sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club. President Jimmie Van Norden said, "Marshall Lions is proud of the progress they have made."



Marshall ISD Superintendent Dr. Jerry Gibson, Lions Jimmie Van Norden and Robert Coleman

Judson Lions



Judson Lions hosted the Lions 2-X2 District Cabinet meeting on Oct. 24th. PDGs Brian Whitenack and Bill Hurst took care of screening attendees, as District Secretary Lois Triebenbach takes care of busines.



PDG Brian Whitenack, Parliamentarian and Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair, answers a few questions.



Youth Contests Committee Chair Kasey Whitenack reports to the district.

Thank You, Judson Lions!



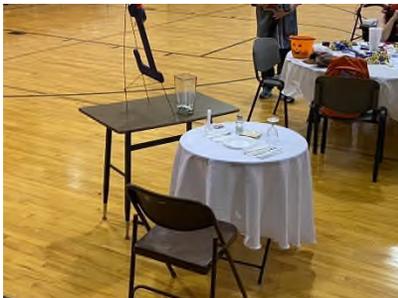
Jefferson Lions.



The Jefferson Lions won the [travelling] spirit stick at the District Cabinet Meeting. [photo by Lion Kathy Brown]



Club President Paul Moore talks about the good things that the Jefferson Lions are doing.



Missing Lion Setup [for the memorial event]

Pittsburg Lions



Pittsburg Lions collected hygiene products to donate to a HS student in Longview who has taken on hygiene bullying in her school.



Lion President Sandy Thompson attended a district Lions meeting in Longview over the weekend. She was asked to share about all the exciting things that are going on in the Pittsburg Lions Club. Pittsburg Lions are rocking it!

Yantis-Lake Fork Lions



President Mary Bass presented a \$1000 check to the Yantis Volunteer Fire Department Chief Wesley Crist by President Mary Bass.



Vice-President Clyde Rilea presented a \$1000 check to Land's End Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ken Stribley.



Past President Betty Stribley presented a \$2000 check to Associate Director Sher Meek for the "Feed My Sheep" ministry at Lake Fork Baptist Church, which provides food boxes to community families. Pictured are President Mary Bass and the Feed My Sheep associates Tracey Bartley, Danny Meek, Dorothy Usrey and Mary Kennedy.

Henderson Lions



Henderson Lions Club donated food for 10 Thanksgiving Boxes for Henderson H.I.M. The Club also brought soup, and other items to stock the shelves of H.I.M. for Thanksgiving. WE SERVE... Where There A Need There Is A Lion....



Gilmer Lions



District Costume contest! Lions Penny and Kirk Lawhorn took 2nd place.

Gilmer Lions, Continued

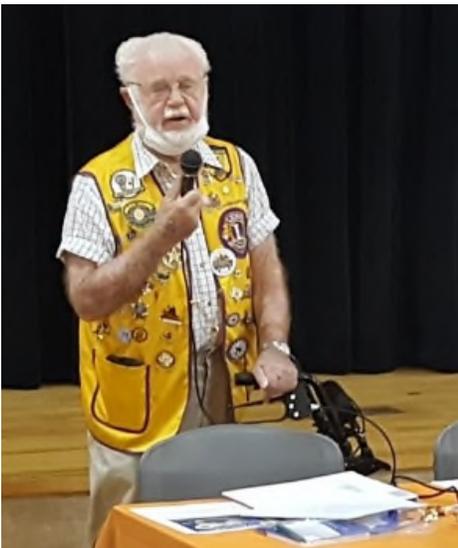


Gilmer Lions Wendy Alexander, Penny Lawhorn, and Harmony Hall, with donated items for the District Service Project



Gilmer's newest member, DeAnn Stebbins

White Oak Lions



Lion Bill Collins, THE PINS LION of 2-X2



These six puppies are more than just cute faces. Right now, they are learning from their volunteer puppy raisers, gaining the skills and behavior they'll need to become a guide dog one day. You can be part of the future of these incredible puppies and every dog who graduates to change the life of someone who is blind. With your \$500 donation, [you can symbolically sponsor](#) one of these puppies today.



Benton



Harper



Papi



Sakari



Sequoia



Thea

Your sponsorship includes: a 5x7 photograph of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing, four wallet-size photos to share, a profile of your Future Leader Dog, an official sponsorship certificate and a plush puppy!

Whether you [sponsor a puppy](#) yourself or give a sponsorship as a gift, you support both the puppies growing up to become heroes and their future partners.

FOLLOW THE LEADER



For more Leader Dog, info,

Dr Bill Ison, Leader Dog Chair, is available to do a 30-35-minute presentation about the Leader Dog Program. He is retired and can make both noon and evening meetings. Please contact thru the 2-X2 Google Group (same email as this newsletter was distributed) or at wt.ison.jr@sbcglobal.net, phone 817 614-8614

Linden Lions



PDG Charlie Horn

Tyler Lions



Tyler Lions at the October District Cabinet meeting. Above Lions Darla Fink, Earl Smith, Lauretta Smith (1st Place Costume Winner) Charlie Fink

Tyler Lions, Continued



Tyler Lions PDG Wayne Barton and Tammie Barton

2-X2 Photo



Some of the Costume Contestants

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.

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

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 (tomblasesr@gmail.com)**

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

5 Year Charter Celebration Dinner



Big Sandy Area Lions Club

*You are cordially invited to the Big Sandy Area Lions Club
5 Year Charter Celebration Dinner*

*Where: Sit'em Down Cowboy Church
231 Private Road 3487
Big Sandy, Texas 75755
When: November 21, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.*

We have a wonderful evening planned. Please bring a guest and join us for dinner, an entertaining guest speaker, a walk down memory lane, and recognition of our Past Presidents. We will close the evening with a raffle.

Dress: Casual Business Attire

RSVP BY: 11/7/2020 - dcaughron@backgroundspecialties.com