



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

NEWSLETTER

From the Back Patio



DG Chet, FVDG Sheila & SVDG Rickey
at the Waskom Christmas parade

Well, it is that time again. The time is really going by. Christmas has come and gone, and we are all looking for a better 2021.

I am sitting on the Patio and watching the final leaves fall off the trees. It reminds me of our District in the early part of 2020; the virus hit, and all clubs had to stop meeting and people thought there will never be any more meetings.

But low and behold, clubs are meeting and having FUN again. Many of them have brought in new members, just like the tree will have to do in the Spring. If Mother Nature sees we are going to be ok, then we all need to see this.

Yes, we have had two clubs fold and we had two other clubs looking like they might do the same, but they regrouped and are starting to see the NEW light. Thanks to the district officers handling this adventure.

Our 3rd District Cabinet Meeting will be held in Big Sandy at the Sit'em Down Cowboy Church. No registration fee for this event nor will there be a meal served at the meeting. There will be a list of restaurants in the area for your eating pleasure. We are planning Guiding Lion Training at this meeting, if you would like to be trained, please attend. We are low in the numbers of Certified Guiding Lions.

Polar Bear Challenge



Lion Kent Basinger, Chairman of the Board at Texas Lions Camp received two awards at Mo Ranch: a plaque for Highest funds raised, \$21,000+, and was crowned King of the 2021 Polar Bear Plunge*.

Polar Bear Challenge Update [Dec.29]

The 28th Annual Polar Bear Challenge at Mo Ranch will NOT be held as scheduled on Friday, New Year's Day out of an abundance of caution and renewed concerns regarding a rise in area COVID cases. Instead, TLC Chairman of the Board, Kent Basinger, will be taking the plunge for all* at Texas Lions Camp during the Semi-annual Board Meeting in February. The event will be live streamed for those who wish to join virtually.

*[editor's note: the update is unclear whether Lion Kent will be doing "all" the plunges or just one big plunge. Standby for another update on FB.]

Youth Contest

*District Youth Contestants
Will be performing at
Midwinter*

lionsyouthscholarship@gmail.com

**Questions? call
903-235-5850**

Our District Convention is scheduled to be in Kilgore. More information will be coming soon. On February 20-21, 2021, the Lions Leadership Forum will be in Austin. This is great Leadership Training, so look at your club leaders and get them to attend. There will be registration forms at the District meeting, or you can get from your Zone Chair.

Be Safe and keep ROARING!!!!

Chet Garner - District Governor 2-X2

District 2-X2 Welcomes 4 New Members for December

[Sponsor's Name follows Club Name]

David Fonteno, BSALC, Rickey Caughron

Brad Collins, Jefferson, Mary Spearmon

Lisa Agnew, Jefferson, Mary Spearmon

Elaine Ruff, Longview, Glenda Boggs

Jana Jackson, **Judson***, Becky Whitenack
[*corrected club for November's list.]

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 16, 2021 - 3rd Cabinet Meeting (Mid-Winter Conference) hosted by **Big Sandy Area Lions** –
Wear Western --
Guiding Lions training will be available.

April 9 and 10, 2021 - 4th Cabinet Meeting (District Convention) hosted by **Kilgore Lions**

May 20 – 22, State Convention in **Waco**

You can register online here:

<https://texaslions.org/registration/>

Club News

Cooper Lions



Cooper Lions brought many gifts to make a Merry Christmas for Birchwood Nursing & Rehab Residents!!!



More than one trip!

Club News

Big Sandy Area Lions

Another great month for our club! We welcome our newest member, David Fonteno. He is excited to be part of our Lions group and we are excited, too.

We had our end of the year party and it was a real hoot as we surprised 2VDG Rickey Caughron with retirement “gifts” that he is sure to remember for a long time. In our White Elephant gift exchange, the most popular items seemed to be the red and green jingle bell shorts and the flannel pajamas. I believe that some of the pictures could be used as blackmail later. LOL Everyone had such fun with Bingo games, too. Lion Texanna Greene did a fantastic job of decorating the Community Center, distributing prizes, and keeping the fun going.

Food was distributed to 101 Ministries in Gladewater and Restoration Ranch in Pritchett. Some of our Lions participated in the Waskom Parade where they distributed candy. One of our newest members, Lion Michael Jitjaeng, assisted in the school’s Turkey Trot where he encouraged the young students by walking with them in each of the five competitions. Lions Heath Hand and Seth Williams helped Lion Liz with some home projects. Lions Rickey and Debra Caughron were recognized as Big Sandy’s Man of the Year and Woman of the Year in the city’s Christmas Parade. Our club also participated in the annual parade. So many activities in December. January is around the corner and the calendar is filling quickly.

May the best of the season be yours. Let us end 2020 and start new in 2021, serving others with kindness and with our hearts full of love.

LIONS ROAR! -- Lion Lizabeth Elkins



Kilgore Lions



Kilgore Lions gave food, clothes, toys, Christmas Love to 34 families (73 children) in our area this year



Big Sandy Area, Continued



Tail twister Celina has a few remarks and interesting gifts upon 2VDG Rickey's retirement.

Marshall Lions



12/15/20

Marshall Lions Club met at Noon on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at the meeting room of Jose Tequila's Grill with a Christmas Party.



White Oak Lions



White Oak Lions had another successful BBQ

Judson Lions



Judson Lions were able to donate about 50 back packs to Arya Germaneala, a Junior at Longview HS and founder of Simple Bare Necessities helping provide hygiene products to our schools in the food back packs that go to kids in need.

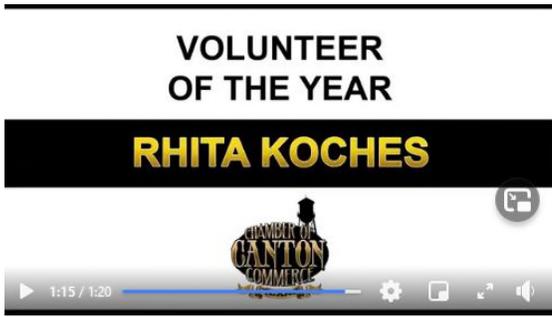


Longview's Dream Center on Gilmer road donated bags of apples, grapes, and granola bars for Judson Lions' annual food baskets program.



Judson Lion Donna Owings ringing the bell for the Salvation Army

Canton Lions



Lion Rhita Koches was honored by the Canton Chamber as Volunteer of the year.

Congratulations, Lion Rhita!



Canton Leos packing food boxes for the needy.



Club president Cody Brantley presents a check to Canton ISD Superintendent Brian Nichols to be used to benefit the children who take part in the school's Backpack program.

Longview Lions

Longview Lions Ruby Kinsfather, Don Francis, Glenda Boggs, Bill Ison, Wayne Moseley, Les Rickett, Paul Boggs, and Wendy Looney rang the bells for the Salvation Army today...



Lions Wayne, Bill, Les, & PDG Paul



Lion Wendy



Lion IPDG Glenda, Lion Ruby and Lion PDG Don



Jefferson Lions.



Club President PDG Paul Moore inducted 3 new members: Lisa Agnew, Marwin Agnew, and Brad Collins. All were sponsored by Lion Mary Spearmon and have already “hit the ground running” with their service to others.



Proud Lion Mary pins new Lion Brad Collins and receives recognition for sponsoring them.



Lions Mary Spearmon and Peggy Walker help the Women of the Well Ministry pass out toys and food to share some Christmas Joy.

Gilmer Lions



Rolling out with our annual food basket delivery!



The Gilmer Lions were lucky to sponsor 11 local Angel Tree Angels



Thank you to the Junior High kiddos that helped us collect the canned foods and to all that donated their time making this happen!

Pittsburg Lions



Pittsburg Lions donated \$250 each to 3 different local organizations this Christmas that will go directly to local families for Christmas. Lion President Sandy presents a check.

Henderson Lions



Lion FVDG Sheila Donnelly spent time with members of the Henderson Lions Club. The Henderson Lions Club was chartered in 1924 and is still going strong!

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

Tatum Ladies Lions



The Tatum Lady Lions joyfully donated \$500 to the Tatum Blue Santa Project to help provide Christmas to those in need!! Pictured are Matt Allison, Karen McIlwain, Mandy Kinsfather McGill, Debbie Jones

Tyler Lions



Tyler Lion Rip Duncan celebrates 20 Years as a Lion...congratulations, Rip!



Tyler Lions were pleased to have Lion Peggy Walker representing the Texas Lions Camp. Shown here with club Lion Treasurer Earl Smith

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

Golf Tournament to benefit TLERC is scheduled for May 20, 2021, in coordination with the MD-2 Lions of Texas Convention in Waco

TLERC Golf Tourney Forms for teams & hole sponsorships follow.....

SPEAR PHISHING ATTACKS

Spear-Phishing Attacks have returned, targeting the Lions of Texas...YOU.

Just in time for Christmas, the criminals refer to our online directories and pick out Lions club, district, and state officers' email addresses. Then they send hundreds of emails to Lions, like secretaries, treasurers, and others, pretending to be a club president, a district governor...stating with

“Are you busy,” “can you do something for me” to set the hook. If you respond, e.g., the criminal asks you to purchase 4 Google gift cards of \$100 each...

It looks like it is from someone you know and trust, e.g., “Josh Smith” but did you look at the email address next to “Josh Smith?”

Closer examination shows:

**Josh Smith <fernrodyup12@yanky.com>
You see and say, that's not his email!**

So, do you call Josh and say, “you got hacked, Josh.”

NO, Josh has not been hacked, and you are the target, not Josh.

Best response is just to delete the email. If you have Outlook, you can report the attempt with just a couple clicks.

2nd Annual Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

***2020 Vision* Golf Tournament**

Texas Lions State Convention 2021

Cottonwood Creek Golf Course Waco, Texas

Thursday May 20, 2021

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Player fee, \$75 per person, includes Green fees, Cart fees, Range Balls and Lunch:

Player information: Register as a team or individually. List team name if applicable

Player 1: Name _____ Team _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____
Handicap _____

Player 2: Name _____ Team _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____
Handicap _____

Player 3: Name _____ Team _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____
Handicap _____

Player 4: Name _____ Team _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____ Club or Sponsor _____
Handicap _____

Remit Player/Team Form and Fee to: Lion Lenn Williams, 1900 Abbott Ave. Hillsboro, TX 76645



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2020 Vision Golf Tournament

All Proceeds Benefit
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

TLERC

May 20, 2021

Cottonwood Creek Golf Course
Waco, Texas

SIGHT:

*There's No
Better Gift!*

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole- individuals, clubs, associations and businesses may sponsor one or more holes. All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on location

and on TLERC website: <https://txlerc.org/>

Please make checks payable to **TLERC**

Mail Hole
Sponsor
Form and
Check to:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email _____

Check# _____

Credit Card: MC _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ Amount: _____

CC# _____ Expiration ____/____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

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