



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X2

NEWSLETTER

The DG Says....



District Governor Sheila Donnelly

Fellow Lions of District 2-X2,

I am looking forward to the 2nd Cabinet Meeting which will be hosted by the **FABULOUS PITTSBURG LIONS CLUB** on **October 23rd** ~ See *Registration Form* for additional information. **THANK YOU, PITTSBURG LIONS CLUB MEMBERS FOR HOSTING!!!** I hope to see all clubs represented that day 😊. Remember all Lions are welcome ... Cabinet Meetings are not just for Club Officers!!!

Our District is currently **+32 in**

Membership (as of 9-26-2021) for the Year ... which is **AWESOME!!!** District 2-X2 has added 63 Members and Dropped 31 Members since July 1st, 2021. Thank you to following clubs that reflect positive membership growth (as of 9-26-2021): Atlanta, Big Sandy Area, Canton, Gilmer, Gladewater, Hallsville, Henderson, Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant, Ore City, Paris Founders, Sulphur Springs, & Tyler.

Take a moment to envision where our District would be had we not dropped 31 members since July 1st. One important part of retaining members I believe is ensuring members are satisfied and motivated. I am sharing the following bullet points on Stimulating Motivation and Inhibiting Motivation from a presentation by PDG Kathy Summers on Member Motivation for all of us as

"food for thought":

District 2-X2 2021-2022

"Save the Dates"



October 23, 2021

2nd Cabinet Meeting

**Anvil Brewing, 115 S Compress St.,
Pittsburg TX 75686**

Hosted By:

Pittsburg Lions Club

SAVE THE DATE!

**Tyler Lions will celebrate their
90th anniversary on October 26**

The banquet will be held at
Hollytree Country Club at 6:00 PM.

All Lions are invited

Immediate Past Texas Lions Camp Chairman
Kent Basinger will be our speaker and bring us
up to date on the happenings at the Camp.

An invitation will be sent later.

Hope to see you there.

Ten Ways to Stimulate Motivation:

1. Add fun and variety to club environment (Tail Twisters)
2. Develop goals and challenges for all members
3. Recognize and reward performance
4. Set the example
5. Include members in planning process
6. Keep members informed (newsletter, website, email)
7. Communicate
8. Build trust
9. Foster creativity and innovation
10. Listen

Ten Ways to Inhibit Motivation

1. Atmosphere full of club politics
2. Unclear expectations of what club members should accomplish
3. Lots of rules
4. Unproductive meetings
5. Favoritism to friends and long-time members when activities are planned
6. Withhold information
7. Provide criticism instead of constructive feedback
8. Underutilize skills and interests of club members
9. Seek control of details (micromanaging)
10. Resist change

Think about your club ... does your club have an atmosphere that Stimulates Motivation or Inhibits Motivation?

*** REMINDERS ***

- **November is Diabetes Awareness Month**– Diabetes is one of Our Global Causes (*along with Vision, Hunger, Environment, Childhood Cancer*)
- Member Recruitment, Member Satisfaction, Club Development, & Service Reporting are four focus areas during the 2021–2022-year, assistance from every Lion in the District to improve these areas is greatly appreciated.
- \$35 Entrance Fee to join is waived thru December 31, 2021, YEAH!!!
- **Texas Lions Leadership Forum** is an incredible venue to learn and network with fellow Lions and will be held ~ **March 19th & 20th, 2022** ~

See Registration Form for Additional Information

January 15, 2022 – Midwinter Conference

**First Christian Church,
4202 S. Broadway, Tyler TX 75701**

*Hosted By:
Tyler Lions Club*

April 22-23, 2022 – District Convention

**The Landing Event Center,
1902 W. Ferguson Road,
Mt. Pleasant TX 75455**

*Hosted By:
Mount Pleasant Lions Club*

District 2-X2 Welcomes 12 September New Members [Sponsor's Name follows Club Name]

Steven Hayes, **Atlanta**, Richard Wade
Blake Fowler., **Canton**, Kara Ragle
Ashley Murdock, **Canton**, Kara Ragle
Hope Graham, **Henderson**, Ryan Wolf
Zachary Graham, **Henderson**, Ryan Wolf
Jean Mosley, **Jefferson**, Peggy Walker
Lee Elliott, **Linden**, Myra Reynolds
Rick Doucette, **Mt. Pleasant**, Seth Alexander
Jeff Whatley, **Mt. Pleasant**, Sean Groda
Becky Lewis, **Tyler**, Brita Wright
Sandy McCowin, **Tyler**, Angela Waddell
Lacy McCloskey, **White Oak**, Brandon McCloskey



My job is to help support the Clubs and Lions in District 2-X2, so if there is anything I can do for you or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Email: sdonnelly@anbmp.com

Text/Call: 903-573-2012

To Build Up and Not Destroy!!!

Yours in Lionism, DG Sheila Donnelly

And Don't Forget the....



District 2-X2 Photo Contest

Theme: “Your Local Community”

Photos should be printed on photo paper and measure **8” X 10”**.

Photos should be original, unaltered and must be taken by the submitting Lion with their **name and club name labeled on the back of the photo**.

Submissions may be turned in to District Photographer Lion Phil Scudder at the 2nd Cabinet Meeting in Pittsburg on **October 23, 2021**

or

the Midwinter Conference in Tyler on **January 15, 2022**.

Deadline for submissions is

January 15, 2022

and will be

limited to one photo per Lion.

Entries will be displayed and

Winner Announced at the District Convention April 23, 2022, in Mt. Pleasant.

LCI President Doug Alexander Visits Texas Lions



TLC Chairman Kent Basinger welcomes LCI President Douglas Z. Alexander to the Breakfast/Annual Meeting at TLC.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) President Douglas X. Alexander of Brooklyn, N.Y., visited Texas Lions during the first Council of Governors' meetings Aug. 5-7 in Kerrville. It was one of the first official visits of his term, and he presented his first Presidential Awards during the weekend. Alexander met with various councils, club presidents, a group of lady Lions and the Leos. He shared his story of joining Lions in 1984 to serve and actually becoming a Lion while delivering Thanksgiving food baskets to local families in need. In particular, he recalled the reaction of a mother who was so grateful for the delivery. No one has ever done anything like this for my family. “Thank you,” she told him. Alexander felt good about what he had done and realized his club's service had changed the life of that family. His theme for this Lions year is “service from the heart,” something Alexander exemplifies.



Sweet Spot

By Lion Belinda Weaver

DIABETES AND COVID

As many of you know, COVID cases are at a rise, even though vaccines have become available. With many people diagnosed with diabetes, COVID has brought anxiety for people suffering with either Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes. According to the Center of Disease Control and American Diabetes Association, there is not enough research to identify whether you are more at risk to get COVID-19 with diabetes than you if you are non-diabetic. The problem diabetics face are the complications the illness could bring to their weakened immune system higher for those who are not controlling their Diabetes, or A1C over 6.5.

(American Diabetes Association)

RECOMMENDED TIPS FOR PROTECTION:

- 1) Get vaccinated: if living with family, have family become vaccinated to assist with overall protection
- 2) Wear well fitted mask amid crowds
- 3) Stay 6 feet apart from visitors
- 4) Perform hand sanitizing before and after any physical altercations
- 5) Report to physician if COVID symptoms arise
- 6) Manage blood sugar levels to help with immunity
- 7) Prepare home with 14 days of insulin and other needed supplies
- 8) Prepare and manage a list of physicians, medications, etc.
- 9) Clean all popular exposed items in home, office, etc. with disinfectants
- 10) Exercise regularly to assist with maintaining proper aerobic strengthening with activities such as walking, jogging, dancing, swimming.

Right to left are LCI President Douglas Alexander, PIP Jimmy Ross, and ID T. J. Tijerina

During the Fellowship Banquet hosted by the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, Alexander emphasized service. "Service is who we are, what we do and why we exist," he said. He encouraged clubs to report their service to LCI. "We serve 200 million people per year, and that's with only 50 percent of clubs reporting," he noted.

Many of Alexander's comments focused on membership. He pointed out that in the 64 clubs in his District 20-K1, 61 percent of the 2,100 Lions are women, and that women are fueling LCI's growth globally. "We've been stuck at 1.4 million Lions for too long," he said. "This is the year to change that number. We want quality members. Happy Lions don't leave," he added. He encouraged clubs to give "Lions an opportunity to serve the public and our association." He said that when someone says they are "too busy," the club needs to "sign them up," because "busy people get things done."

Noting that Leos are "our now and our future leaders," Alexander reported that less than 10 percent of Leos become Lions. "They don't feel like they are a part of us," he said. "Leos know technology," he added and urged Lions to "keep young people involved in your club and involved with LCI." He reported that Lions Clubs International Foundation has created a Leo pin, which costs \$20, and he urged everyone to purchase a pin for a Leo.

In addition to membership, Alexander is focused on reaching the \$300 million goal for Campaign 100 which concludes on June 30, 2022. As of August, LCIF has raised \$217 million worldwide. "We still need \$83 million to reach our goal. I know we can do it. We have to work harder these last 11 months," Alexander said.

A third area of vital importance to Alexander is communication. "We've got to get better at communication with each other. We need to share what we learn at Zone meetings and inform clubs about LCIF and grants." He encouraged attendance at the Lions USA/Canada Forum. "It's the best education you'll get," he said.

He continued, "We have to do a better job telling our story, and we have a beautiful story." Lions have continued to serve despite COVID. Many clubs have provided meals to first responders and hospital caregivers. Some clubs

OCTOBER RECIPE:

CREAMY PUMPKIN SHOOTERS

(8 servings: Cal:90; Fat:2.9g; Carb:15g)

1 (15-ounce) can 100% pure pumpkin
(not pie filling)

1 (6-serving) package instant sugar-free vanilla
pudding mix

1/4 cup low-fat (1%) milk

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 cups frozen light whipped topping, thawed

2 gingersnap cookies, crumbled

1. In a medium bowl, with an electric beater on medium speed, beat pumpkin, pudding mix, milk, and cinnamon until well blended.
2. Fold in whipped topping until thoroughly blended then spoon into individual dessert glasses. Sprinkle with crushed ginger snaps. Cover loosely and chill until ready to serve.



Reminder: Your Club should have ordered and received a (PPK1EN) Kit. Clubs must contact Lion Dani Doty and arrange pickup/drop off your winning poster by Nov. 15th

Dec. 1: DG will send the 2-X2 winning poster to the MD-2 Peace Poster Chair, Lion Karen Murray

---Lion Dani Doty 903-790-3264



have purchased personal protective equipment for health care workers, and others have purchased ambulances or ambulance cleaning equipment for their communities.

“We don’t always see the impact of our service on people’s lives immediately. But we do change lives,” he said. He encouraged Texas Lions to ask themselves, “What did I do to make a difference in others’ lives?” “See the wonderful work you’re doing, and let it encourage you.”

Alexander, who has visited Texas several times previously, said he enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones.

During his visit hosted by the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, Alexander used the opportunity to meet with various groups of Lions as well as attend the Texas Lions Camp Chairman’s Picnic on Aug. 6 and the TLC Annual Board Meeting on Aug. 7, which included a guided tour of the camp. “I enjoyed seeing the camp in 2013 with PDG J.P. Kirksey, and today with PID Mike Butler, seeing the improvements and learning about the construction underway,” Alexander said.



During the visit to TLC, Alexander presented a Presidential Medal to Texas Lions Camp President and CEO Stephen Mabry and International Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Glenda Boggs (2-X2) Lion Sandy Meeker, PDG Keith Perrine, DG Jean Cobb and PDG Bill Smothermon.

--Lion Ann Ward, TLC Board Treasurer

Club News

Big Sandy Area Lions

By Lupe Gonzalez, Sep. 17, 2021

Greetings Lion Family!

This month has been packed already and it's not even over!

We have no final total for Childhood Cancer fundraiser yet because we still have t-shirts available till Oct 14. Our initial goal was to raise \$500 but we have doubled that already!

We had Trash Pickup on Saturday, September 11. It pays to clean up our town! Several times our members have found money! Perhaps your town could use a good cleaning!

Our own Lion Sonny Parsons received a special recognition award on the 20th anniversary of Honor Our Heroes. Please go and check the virtual program on City of Big Sandy site at <https://www.facebook.com/BigSandyTexas/videos/586210869406525/>

BSALC Environmental Coordinator Dr David Fonteno has updated our club with the recycling program. If your town doesn't have a recycling program, perhaps you can get with Dr. David and see what it might take to get one up and running!

Other activities include a special drive for food and other needed items for the Hawkins Animal Shelter (no kill), as well as canned food/rice/beans for the Agape House.

Until next month - Lions Roar!



District 2-X2 will be accepting donations of new or gently used children's coats to be given to local children in need at Pittsburg Independent School District. Please bring to the October 23 Cabinet meeting in Pittsburg.

Club News

Judson Lions



DG Sheila visited the Judson Lions Club and was impressed with the club's 66 years of Service, 6 Past District Governors as members, and 23 Melvin Jones Fellows. "It's exciting to learn about your upcoming Service Ideas and Membership Recruitment Plan."

Henderson Lions



Zackery and Hope Graham, owners of All Things Fudge, are the newest members of the Henderson Lions Club.

Tyler Lions



PDG Glenda Boggs was the Guest speaker for the Tyler Lions Club on September 7. Introduced by club President Tammie Barton.

Mt Pleasant Lions



Mt Pleasant Lions donated a brand-new motorized wheelchair to one of our students; John can get to all his classes independently & safely. CIS Coordinator Trini Hernandez, Lion President Christine Ballard, DG Lion Sheila f, and John with the thumbs up sign



Art on Wheels was a huge success! Lion Phil resting on a classy T-Bird



Beautiful Chevy (1956?)



To see more of these cars: Go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/sheila.donnelly.775/posts/941152516747856>

Jefferson Lions



Jefferson Lions proudly show off their recent award from the Marion County Chamber of Commerce. They were winners of the Otstott Distinguished Service Organization Award



Jefferson Lions have a new member, Lion Jean Mosley, Sponsored by Mary Spearmon



PDG Glenda Boggs inducted new member, Tina McCoy, sponsored by Lion Peg Walker

Longview Lions



Adopt a Street cleanup, Longview Lions serving the community, OneLoveLongview. good work, Lions Glenda Boggs, Paul Boggs, Wayne Moseley, Wendy Nance Looney, Dr. Bill Ison, volunteers Dixie Moseley, Wyatt, Ian, and photographer Lion Don Francis.

Harrison County Hispanics



Harrison County Lions were recognized by the Marshal Messenger News for is work for the community. Club president Lion Orlando Valle takes notes during a Lions Club meeting.

Gregg County Latino Lions



DG Sheila visited the Gregg County Latinos Lions. Attendees: Club Pres. Cierra Evans, 1VDG Rickey Caughron, PDGs Paul & Glenda Boggs, Lion Debra Caughron, and future Lions...

Pittsburg Lions



Thanks to Spearman Eye Care and Drs. Spearman and Richardson, for supporting the Pittsburg Lions Club and Texas Lions Camp.
From Left to Right: Dr. Beverly Spearman, Lion Shannel Newton, Dr. Jessica Richardson, Lion President Josh Cato.

Gilmer Lions



For the month of September 2021, the Gilmer Lions have been busy on our concession stand and our float for the Gilmer Yamboree. Our Yamboree Festival, held in October, brings in close to 100,000 people to our small town. Cancelled last year due to COVID, we have extra precautions in place for this year [Oct. 20-23]. We made improvements on the inside of our concession stand and will be set up on the courthouse square. Our main item is the turkey legs, which everyone loves. Our float will have one of our local girls, Karlye Johnston, representing the Gilmer Lions Club, riding as one of our princesses.

District Social Media Info

District Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/District-2-X2-170690323548064/>

FB Page Admin: Sandra Garver Thompson

(like my page so you can tag me in your post)

Email: S.Thompson77@yahoo.com

Text: 512-569-0128

If you have club activities, meetings, club info 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 (Big Sandy Area Lions) is our website guy: lion_derrick@myDLM.com

District Newsletter:

PDG Paul Boggs handles 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

Contacts for Spot Vision Screeners

Longview area: Glenda Boggs

glendak@etex.net 903-746-4135

Henderson area: Lynn Nacol

nacoll@suddenlink.net 903-657-9416

Jefferson area: Mary Bird,

birdm235@gmail.com 903-235-6923*

Ore City area: Dani Doty

mariposad82@aol.com 903-790-3264

Sulphur Springs area: Carlos Amaya

carlos.alvarezamay@yahoo.com 903-348-7109

Winnsboro Lions



1DVG Rickey visited the Winnsboro Lions Above, 376 pairs of eyeglasses collected Below, Lion Mark Taylor received his 50 years of service chevron.



Following pages contain:

A. Registration (mail-in) Form for the Cabinet meeting on October 23th.

B. Registration (mail-in) Form for the Texas Lions Leadership Forum for March 19-20, 2022

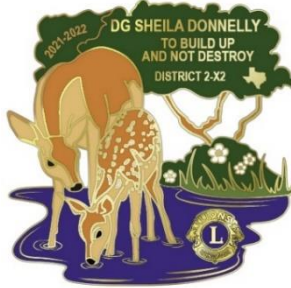
Online: <https://texaslions.org/texas-lions-leadership-forum/>

C. Tyler Lions 90th Anniversary Invitation and RSVP



District 2X2 2nd Cabinet Meeting 2021-2022

Saturday, October 23, 2021



Location: The Anvil, 115 S Compress, Pittsburg TX 75686

8:15 – 9:00 Registration, Breakfast Snacks, Coffee, & Networking

9:00 – 11: 45 Cabinet Meeting

12:00 - Lunch

Fee: \$20.00

Please RSVP by October 19th to Lion Jean Frankovitch, via email:
bonneyjean@hotmail.com or phone: 903-946-3282

Name	Club	Amount
Total Amount --		

Make Checks Payable to: Pittsburg Lions Club (write "Cabinet Meeting 2021" in memo line)
Pittsburg Lions Club, Attn: Lion Jean Frankovitch, P.O. Box 815, Pittsburg TX 75686

***** DISTRICT 2X2 SERVICE PROJECT *****

"Coat Drive for Kids"

**Bring New & Gently Used Children Coats to be Distributed to Local Children by the Pittsburg
Independent School District**



*****Silent Auction Items Welcomed*** – Proceeds will go to the Lions Club International Foundation**

TWENTYFIRST ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Radisson Austin Hotel

6121 North I-35 – Austin, Texas

March 19 (start 11:30 a.m.) and March 20 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2022

***All fees must be paid using PayPal at [texaslions.org](https://www.texaslions.org) or by check as noted below. Please mail or fax the registration form as noted below.**

**Registration –
All who attend must register**

**Registration must be for the total event package.
It is not possible to register for individual meals.**

Separate registration form is required, even if lodging together.

Are you a first-timer? – Never attended this Forum before ____Yes ____No

Name: _____ Lion ☐ Yes ☐ No Member # _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip code: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Highest Lion office held _____

Are you staying at the Radisson? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, name on reservation?

Make checks to: **Texas Lions Leadership Forum**
Mail to: **PDG Keith D Murray**
8251 Ranchview Dr #3096
Irving, TX 75063
Cell (979) 492-7310
Fax (972) 408-4141
kd.murray@tx.rr.com

If have not been a Vice District Governor or above:

Forum registration by 2/28/22 # _____ @ \$75.00 = _____

If have been a Vice District Governor or above,

Forum registration by 2/28/22 # _____ @ \$100.00 = _____

All registrants after 3/01/22 # _____ @ \$150.00 = _____

Reserve lodging at the **Radisson Austin, 6121 North I-35, Austin, TX. The Lions Clubs International rate must be requested.** To reserve, telephone toll free **855-721- 2397** and the code **TXLLF** or telephone the hotel direct at **512-323-5466**.

Rate: **\$109** per night, single or double. The hotel reservation deadline at this rate is **February 12, 2022**. Complete your registration and reserve and guarantee your room **now**.

The first 100 First Timer registrants reserving a room at the Radisson and attending the sessions will receive a complimentary room for Saturday March 19, 2022.

No Cancellations or refunds after March 15th.

Please select 6 choices

Indication of choices are used for scheduling purposes – Participant may change to other choices. Sessions subject to change

- ☐ Understanding Higher Offices
- ☐ Service Issues - Opportunities
- ☐ MyLion vs MyLCI
- ☐ Member Diversity & Inclusion
- ☐ Texas Lion History
- ☐ Global Action Team – District And Club
- ☐ LCIF & Campaign 100
- ☐ Club Membership Recruitment and Satisfaction
- ☐ Motivating club members
- ☐ Set & reach club goals
- ☐ Social Media & Lionism
- ☐ Structure & organization
- ☐ Leading Volunteers

Service entities invited to provide a display.

Leader Dogs for the Blind
Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation
Lions Eyeglass Recycling
Texas Lions Camp
Texas Lions Foundation
World Services for the Blind
J C Hyer Youth Camp
Peace Poster Contest



TYLER LIONS CLUB

Cordially Invites You to Our

90TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

OCTOBER 26, 2021

6:00 pm

HOLLYTREE COUNTRY CLUB
6700 HOLLYTREE DRIVE
TYLER, TEXAS 75703

Guest Speaker: Kent Basinger, Immediate Past President Texas Lions Camp

Please R.S.V.P. by October 20, 2021 to
Earl Smith
P O Box 7937, Tyler, Texas 75711
Els2911@embargo.com

Name (s) _____ \$30 x _____ = _____
attending Total

Club _____ Position or office _____

Phone _____

