

THE LIONS SHARE



District 2-X2 Newsletter
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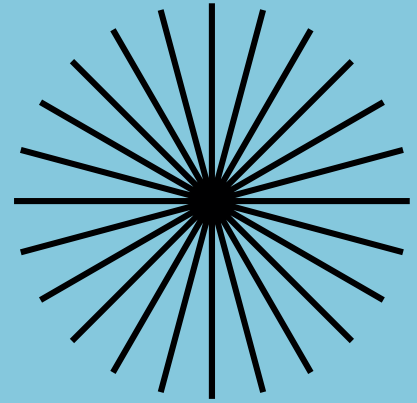
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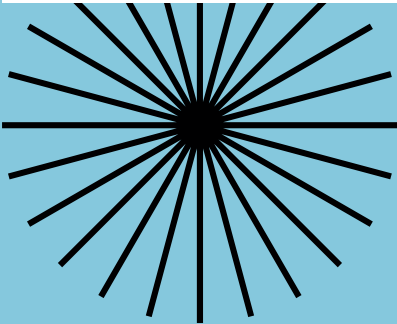
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STAY UP TO DATE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN DISTRICT 2-X2?



- Tyler Lions picked up food at Green Acres Baptist Church and delivered it to Disciple Place Village.
- Tyler Lions also did vision screenings at School is Cool in Tyler.
- Tyler Lions & Big Sandy Lions handed out awards at the Special Olympics Swim Competition in Tyler.
- Tyler Lions did vision screenings at Chapel Hill in Tyler.
- Tyler Lions hosted a Zone Meeting at Bruno's Pizza and Pasta

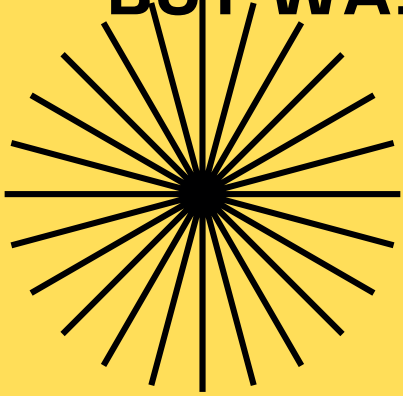


Marshall Lions Club cleaned the 8 GoBus shelters used for Marshall's Public Transportation System, shipped 658 pairs of eyeglasses to Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and donated 405 eyeglass cases to Hope's Closet. Marshall Lions also pressure washed the Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative building in Marshall.

MARSHALL LIONS



BUT WAIT...THERE'S MORE!!!



**District 2-X2 Lions Welcomes
Avinger Area Lions Club!!!
Awesome Charter Night
Celebration!**



**Great news! Tatum and Tatum Ladies Lions
Club have joined together!
Amazing things to come**

**Your Lions Clubs International
Foundation is at work. A
\$10,000 emergency grant was
sent to Hawaii for the recent
fires. After their needs are
assessed, more grant money
will be available if needed.**





**TALKIN' ABOUT
TEXAS LIONS CAMP!**

**WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?
WE'D LOVE TO
MEET YOUR
CLUB!**

**TO SET UP A PRESENTATION CALL
PEGGY AT 903- 926-1960 OR
LOIS AT 903- 374-52-43**



TEXAS LIONS CAMP

Serving Children Since 1949

Texas Lions Camp – Where Dreams Come True

**TLC a place on a hill
Where “All Can Do”,
A magical place**

**Where my dreams come
true**

This is the poem from a young camper. She wrote it as a Lion was driving her home from camp many years ago and sent it back to her counselor. I saw the counselor sitting on a bench reading the letter with tears in her eyes and she shared it with me. There's more to that story, which I'll share with you when I come to your District, which I hope to do this year at some point; but just as it did for this counselor, these 18 little words help us remember why we do what we do at TLC when we get bogged down in meetings, fundraising and all we have to do to make sure these kids' dreams do come true.

I want to thank all of you – the Lions of Texas – for giving me the honor of serving as your Chairman for our camp this year. At our board meeting on August 5th, I challenged your District TLC Team (the 4 Camp Directors from your District – your District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, and your 2 elected Directors) to accomplish 3 special things for TLC in this our 75th Anniversary year.

With COVID basically over as a pandemic, we finally had kids back on campus as a group, but there weren't nearly enough of them. So, the 1st challenge is to increase the campers you send in 2024 over what you sent in 2023 from your club. As the year goes on, I will try to give you some new ideas on recruiting campers in this era of privacy and, sadly, fear. Because of all the horrible things going on in our world, parents are reluctant to send their kids to a place they have never been, but it can be done.

The 2nd challenge, which I'm sure you'll hear more about from your District TLC Team in your District meetings and Governor's newsletters, is for your District to do some special District-wide project, as a birthday present for TLC. Think outside the box, have some fun and promote the Texas Lions Camp, the hidden gem of Texas Lionism.

The 3rd challenge is to get on board with our “Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up” Century Club campaign, which your Governor has been working on with his entire MD2 State Council since he became a 2nd Vice-Governor. If you have personally been putting off joining, now's the time to start. I don't deny it, I personally procrastinated for 30 years, thinking \$10/mo. would just about kill me; guess what? It didn't and I also discovered after a couple of years it didn't kill me to step up another level. (I've asked your newsletter editor to include the campaign flyer and Century Club form in this newsletter.)

Your District TLC Team has to have your help if your District is to meet these challenges. I personally hope to help give you the information you need to meet these challenges and others that we face at TLC in future newsletters.

Our new International President's theme (Patti Hill) is “Changing the World”. Every time you help send a child to TLC you do just that. You change their world by making their dreams come true, which gives them a new confidence to go forward to make even bigger dreams come true as they grow into adults. I challenge you to go make that TLC magic happen for some children this year.

Lion Tom Blase, Chairman of the Board, Texas
Lions Camp

WHAT'S COMING UP:



Save The Date:

Join us at Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, TX on October 14th for a morning of fun as we gear up to see the first of two major celestial events coming to the Texas Hill Country!

9:30am- Lion Steve Hamilton Memorial 5K

10:30am- TLC Stay and Play

11:45am- Annular Eclipse

Solar glasses will be available for sale, and eye protection is required during the eclipse. We cannot wait to observe this incredible phenomenon with you!



Peace Posters

Be working on the Peace Posters. They will be judged in October and delivered before November 15th to our District Governor so he can submit the winning entry to state. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me Lion Charles Ellingburg, creartist54@yahoo.com 903-563-6318

For more info, click the link:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>



DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, October 21st

We want you! Join us as we come together as a district and fellowship, have fun, and learn. We are honoring military so dress in your camoflauge or red white and blue!

Cost is \$20

Location: Waskom Elementary School Cafeteria
365 School Ave. Waskom, TX 75629

To register: Contact Jimmy Cox
jecox1122@gmail.com

PHOTO CONTEST

Theme: Service

Have a great picture of your club serving? Send it it, and you could win!

Email Photos to liondonnelly@gmail.com Put "District 2x2 Photo Contest" in the subject. With photo enter your name, club, and brief description of photo. One photo per lion.

DEADLINE January 1st, 2024. Winner will be announced at MidWinter Convention 2024

Other District Meetings



Midwinter Meeting: January 13th,
Location Tyler, TX

DISTRICT CONVENTION: April 19th
&20th

Location: Hallsville, TX

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SPOT Vision and PlusOptix training Certification

Whether you're new to Lions vision screening or need to renew your certification (check that expiration date!), this is your opportunity to qualify.

Once you successfully complete these sessions, you'll advance to *State Vision Training which is required when you work with school nurses during school hours.

Friday, October 6th – 8:30am-5pm
(arrive no later than 8:15am)

Health Department
1400 College Street ~ Sulphur Springs, TX
Lunch will be served

Cost: \$10 to cover expenses (due at session)

For your reservation, email Lion Rickey at caughronr@gmail ~ Include your name and club.

Questions or directions to the facility, call Lion Rickey 903-918-9393

Melvin Jones Banquet

A banquet honoring Melvin Jones recipients has been scheduled for January 12, 2024 which is the Friday night preceding the mid-winter conference. The banquet will be your chance to learn more about the operations of LCIF, how your donations are used, and how to apply for grants. All Lions are invited to attend. This would be a great time to recognize someone in your club or community with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The event will be held at the Tyler Holiday Inn. Rooms for Lions have been blocked so you can spend the night and attend the mid-winter conference the next day. More information will be posted in next month's newsletter. Room rate is \$129. Check the link below to reserve your room.

[Lions Club International Rooms](#)

I hope to see you there. Please email me for further information. wayne.barton@squyres.cpa

WANT TO ADD TO THE NEWSLETTER?

Contact Lion Sara Greer
sarag@wearenc.com
deadline is the last day of the month
newsletter will be released first week of the month

