



We Serve

The District



District 2-S5



Governor's Message

Scan the Horizon

Howdy Lions!

Judging reports from the first month, the district is roaring and poised for a great year! I continue to encourage you to "Scan Your Community" for new

members. One club that came out scanning and roaring was the FAYETTEVILLE LIONS CLUB. A huge roaring shout to these Lions as during the month of July, Fayetteville added 15 new members! That's correct, Fayetteville with a population of 251 added 15 new members raising their membership to 71. What's even more amazing is the fact that 15 members almost equals the total members added throughout the rest of the district for the same period. Ask yourself, if Fayetteville can do it, why can't our club match their efforts?

I also challenge you to "Scan Your Community", district, and state for opportunities to serve. You can start your scan by attending the first district cabinet meeting of the year. The gathering will be held in Caldwell on August 21. Your club leadership has information on the meeting registration. I strongly urge every club to send a delegation to the meeting to network, learn, and feel the passion of working together for the benefit of so many. Plus, at the cabinet meeting I will be sharing with you how your club can win up to \$3,000 that can be used for ANYTHING! That's correct, \$3,000 FOR ANYTHING!

Finally, if there are club officers that were unable to attend training in June or July, the Global Leadership Team will provide another round of training immediately following the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you when I visit your club and seeing you at the first cabinet meeting on August 21st.

Scan your horizon!

Lion Joe

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Your District Officers

DG - Joe Franks

1st VDG – David Sahm

2nd VDG – Jane Istre

Secretary – PDG Michael Smalley

Treasurer – PDG Mark Ulrich

Upcoming Events

- First Cabinet Meeting – August 21, 2021 - Caldwell

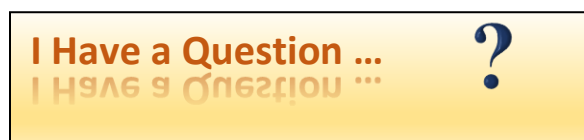
Message from 1st VDG Lion David Sahm

Every Month is Bring a Friend to Lions

Did you know that “August is Bring a Friend to Lions month”? Well, actually, so is September, October, and every other month of the year. You get the idea.

Inviting someone to Lions, either to a meeting or helping with a project is a habit and lets someone know that they are valued enough to share the Lions’ spirit. Imagine the membership growth possibilities, the impact of service on the community, and how such growth could benefit our Lions charities.

So, as we set out our weekly plans, let us help remind each other to call a friend to invite to Lions



From the newsletter editors

Q: How do I submit an article for the newsletter?

A: It’s simple. Just send your article or entry to newsletter@2-s5.org. We accept photographs as well as articles describing your project or club event. Please include a description of your event and identify the people in the photograph. Submission deadline is the 10th of each month, and you can submit whenever your article is ready. Please remember photographing children may require a release form.

Our Global Causes



Hunger Facts**

- **1 in 9** people are chronically hungry
- **Chances of food insecurity** are ~10% higher for women
- **At least 50%** of children under the age 5 have hidden hunger – lack of essential nutrients
- **2 billion people** lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food
- **25% of children** are stunted due to lack of nutritious food

LCIF Awarded Grants

Since July 2020, LCIF has awarded 142 hunger-related grants totaling over \$1,750,000.

Hunger Grant

LCIF offers grants to Lions districts in amounts from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The goal of the LCIF [Hunger Pilot Grant Program](#) is to help Lions support school based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers, and similar facilities that provide food to people when they need it most.

**From the [LionsClubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) web site.

Lions Clubs International Global Causes

From [Our Global Causes](#) at the Lions Clubs International web site.

Lions Clubs worldwide have over 1.4 million members and has an opportunity to truly change our world. That's why LCI has united its global service around five areas of need.

1. Vision
2. Diabetes
- 3. Hunger**
4. Environment
5. Childhood Cancer

And these are coupled with existing service areas, including

1. LCIF Disaster Relief
2. LCIF Humanitarian Efforts
3. LCIF Youth
4. Eyeglass Recycling
5. Sightfirst
6. Kidsight

It has been said that ***Where there is a need, there is a Lion*** and that is truly the case with these Global Causes. The Lions motto is **We Serve** and there are plenty of areas where each and every Lion can get involved.

Each month our newsletter will highlight one of the global causes or service areas. For many of these, District 2-S5 has a coordinator or chairperson. Please consider asking them to visit your club for a program.



Global Action Team – Leadership, Membership, Service

Global Action Team Reports

2020 -2021 Report to the Council of Governors by PDG James Haverland, MD2 GST Chair

What an amazing year the Lions of Texas produced in service to our fellow man. District S3 led the way by serving 345,701 people and getting every district club to report service. They were closely followed by S5, X1, S2, X3, S1, and E2. These districts served over 100,000 people each.

Our state as a whole is steadily improving on our ability to report service. When compared to the US and its affiliates, we are doing approximately 8% of all the service. That is amazing considering that only 54% of our clubs reported.

For the new year, we should set our goals high. I challenge our new District Governors to get your VDGs to contact every club that fails to report service every month. If your goal is membership increase, you will find that clubs that don't report will drop members. Help each club find a reason to reactivate in their community with a new set of service activities based on their needs, and make sure that every governor, every zone chair, and every officer has a MyLion account.

Call, Text, or email me with anything that I can do to help you be successful. For more information regarding the Global Service Team, contact me,

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District Training

New Round of Club Officer Training Offered

Over the past six weeks, 135 club officers from across the district have been trained in the responsibilities of their specific roles. Although 135 sounds like a huge number, many officers are yet to receive training. To meet this need, the district training team will be offering another round of training immediately following the district cabinet meeting on August 21 at the Caldwell Civic Center. Although registration is not required, your club leadership has information on how to register which assists the trainers in their preparation.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting! For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me,

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Membership

Membership Report for July 2021

Start fast, finish strong, that's my motto. Our district has a long history of always leading the way. Dealing with a pandemic definitely threw us out of sync, and we need to get our swagger back. We are the premier service club in the best state in the world. We also happen to be the biggest and best district in the best state. We determine how well Texas performs. If District 2-S5 is not adding new members, ain't nobody adding new members.

For the month of July, we added 34 new members from just 13 of our Lions Clubs. We have 58 Clubs in the district, but only 13 added a new member during the month of July. I want to lift up the Fayetteville Lions Club for adding 15 new members during the month of July! They outpaced everyone in the district. How did they do it? According to Lion President John Dennis, and his wife, Martha, who also happens to be his Membership Chair, they invite people to their meetings. They have so much fun at their meetings that their guests are hooked, and naturally want to be a part of the Club. Their fun also extends to their service and fundraising projects. Have you ever heard of a belt sander race? Neither have I, but I was laughing as Lion John was explaining it to me. Great Job Fayetteville!

You'll want to be at our District meeting on Saturday, October 21, in Caldwell, when we unveil the new membership incentives for 2021-2022. If you have not been to a district meeting in a while you should come, they're a lot of fun, and you'll meet and talk to Lions from all over the district.

Thank you to following Clubs for being Membership active in July:

- Fayetteville - 15
- Columbus - 4
- Gonzales Noon - 2
- Navasota Noon - 2
- New Baden Camp Creek - 2
- Smithville - 2
- Bellville - 1
- Giddings - 1
- Giddings New Horizons - 1
- Gonzales Breakfast - 1
- Seguin Sunrise - 1
- Seguin Sunset - 1
- Weimar - 1

Let's get busy District 2-S5! Grow The Growl!

PDG Ron Gay
District GMT

Around 2-S5

Washington County Lady Lions



The WCLL officers were installed at the joint installation service sponsored by the Brenham Evening Lions Club. The BELC has been holding a joint installation service for 46 years. Past International Director Joe Al Picone introduced District Governor Joe Franks, who did the installation.



The **Washington County Ladies Lions Club** Gavel is passed from President Peggy Kramer to incoming president Judy Hulsey.

WCLL participated in the senior fan collection. A local nursing home collects fans that are distributed to homebound seniors. This event happens every year in July.

Lion Linda Oberhoff is pictured at right.





WCLL received four cases of new T-shirts from the Sugarland Rotary Club. Rotary Governor Todd Brenton selected the Lady Lions to receive this donation of shirts from their spring running event. T-shirts were all delivered to the Brenham State Supported Living Center for their residents. Working together with service organizations it's always a good thing

T shirts in July, The **WCLL** Club also received a donation of heavy canvas bags from a local designer. The bags, T shirts & blankets were donated to Bluebonnet Haven residents.



WCLL Donated 30 fabric adult bibs to a local nursing home. A local designer selected the Lady Lions to receive the donations.



Perfect Attendance

The Washington County Ladies Lions Club presented perfect attendance pins to 16 of their 52 members. During the year of Covid, the club was able to safely meet and perform all their activities. Meetings were held in the park, outdoor pavilions, sidewalks & under the trees. All attendees were required to participate in at least 21 activities and meetings to qualify.

Front row, DeDe Eastveld, Connie Kendall, Barbara Hemmer, Enid Kocian, Shirley Moehlmann, Janna Alsobrook, Carol Hutchins

Back Row, Judy Hulsey, Linda Oberhoff, Peggy Kramer, Sheila Webb, Sherry Kruger, Pat Lueckemeyer, Bette Toefel, Thresia Schlabach



The Washington County Ladies Lions Club made a \$5,000 donation to Camp Blessing Texas. The club designated the Camp to receive the donation from their 2021 fundraiser. Greg Anderson, Executive Director, attended the club meeting to receive the donation from the members.

Photo by Thresia Schlabach

Caldwell Burleson County

The Caldwell Burleson County Lions collect non-perishable food items on Friday, July 9 for distribution to local food pantries, and provided an entertaining evening for youth with the movie *The Lion King* at the Civic Center.

By Adrien Drouilhet



College Station Noon

On July 28, 2021, a ceremonial ribbon-cutting ceremony was held opening Phase II of the College Station Fun for All Playground. The all-access park broke ground in August 2015 and was a partnership between the College Station Noon Lions Club, the local Rotary Club and the City of College Station. Over the years, other donors have contributed to the park including the Kiwanis Club and Coach Blair Charities. About 100 people attended the ceremony including several local elected officials. Members of College Station Noon served free food, sno-cones and did vision screening for the crowd.



KidSight Corner

ROAR LIONS!

The time for school to begin is right around that proverbial corner and a whole new batch of kids are looking forward to seeing and learning and growing to be all they can be. But some of these kids need our help. Learning is 80% visual and if our kids don't see well, they don't learn well and sometimes they present behavior problems because they can't engage with the lesson. It's up to each of us to do what we can to help and we can do a lot.

When I first started screening an early childhood campus in Seguin there were only about 6 children out of 600 that wore glasses. That was five years ago. As the years passed, we saw that number increase and last year the

number of children wearing glasses increased by over 1000% from that first year. What if we hadn't been there?



We've trained lots a Lions in the use of the PlusOptix vision screening device and there are several that have served their community well and have improved the lives, their whole life, of those kids but there are pockets throughout our District that need to step up. It's fun! It's easy! It's necessary! It serves!

My number and my email are right here. I'm waiting to show you how. Now it's up to you! Let's put you a team together and get started. If not you, who? If not now, when?

Yours in Lionism
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From your newsletter editors

If you sent me info and I failed to get it in this edition, please be patient and forgive me. Please re-submit to newsletter@2-s5.org and we will be sure to get your article in the next edition.

Our goal is to have submissions in by the 10th of each month with a publish date of the 15th.

The District

Published monthly for District 2-S5 Lions, visitors, family and prospective Lions. Deadline for submissions is the 10th of each month with publication on the 15th.

Submissions may be sent to **PDG John Rauser** or **Lion Mike Bolton** at Newsletter@2-S5.org.

District 2-S5 Calendar

Please note the following dates and events.

August, 2021

21	Caldwell	1 st Cabinet Meeting
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September, 2021

9-11	Des Moines, Iowa	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
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October, 2021

16	Caldwell	2 nd Cabinet Meeting
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November, 2021

12-13	College Station	2 nd COG Meeting
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January, 2022

21	Lions Den, Giddings	3 rd Cabinet Meeting
22	The Event Center, Giddings	Midwinter Conference

February, 2022

4-5	Kerrville	3 rd COG Meeting
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March, 2022

19-20	Austin Crown Plaza	Texas Leadership Forum
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April, 2022

22	Lions Den, Giddings	4 th Cabinet Meeting
23	The Event Center, Giddings	District Convention

May, 2022

26-28	Abilene	State Convention
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June, 2022

24-28	Montreal, Canada	International Convention
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