



We Serve

# The District



District 2-S5



## Governor's Message

Howdy Lions!

I love high school football! There's something about the crisp air; the band; the cheerleaders; the enthusiasm of parents, students and fans; and the guys playing their tails off for their team and their school. Although I love football, service to others trumps that love. When we as

Lions provide service to our fellow community members through perhaps the food pantry or building a ramp or providing vision screening or working at the Lions camp, it seems as though we want to "bless" others with our gifts. But sure enough, every time we serve, we are the ones who are blessed.

I appreciate Lions across our district for your willingness to serve others. For 104 years our association has embraced our motto, "We serve." Apparently, it's in our DNA to serve. The past two years have perhaps been the most challenging times of our lifetimes. So many folks are hurting. Now is the time for Lions to let our DNA shine.

I would be remiss if I didn't challenge you to "scan your horizon" for individuals to join our ranks in service to others and ways we can serve others. I congratulate you for continuing to increase the membership of our district. While we continue to grow, we also continue to lose individuals who have chosen to drop from our organization. When men and women make the choice to drop their membership, it makes me wonder what we could have done to prevent their decision. Are we not involving them quickly? Are we failing to fully make them a part of our clubs? Are we doing a poor job in "teaching" our members in all aspects of membership?

While we are doing a good job at our "front door", we need to assess our efforts to close our "back door."

It is an honor serving as your governor. Our district is the strongest in Texas and one of the strongest in Lionism thanks to you. We serve!

***Scan your horizon!***

Lion Joe

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## Your District Officers

DG - Joe Franks

1<sup>st</sup> VDG – David Sahn

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Jane Istre

Secretary – PDG Michael Smalley

Treasurer – PDG Mark Ulrich

## Upcoming Events

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting – Nov. 12, 2021
- Youth Contests deadlines in Lion Pat's article
- Youth Gala (Red Ribbon Gala) – Jan 8, 2022
- Mid-Winter Conference – Jan 22, 2022

## From the District Secretary

Lion Michael Smalley

Fellow Lions,

In addition to serving as your District Secretary this year, I also have the privilege of serving as the President of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions during this 2021-2022 Lions Year.

This year, we are happy to be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting right here in our District on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel in College Station, Texas.

I would like to encourage each of you to attend this meeting, as it will give you the opportunity to meet and visit with your fellow Lions from all over the State of Texas, as well as be able to meet and visit with our International Director from Texas, Lion Ernesto T.J. Tijerina.

The Keynote Speaker for our Friday Night Dinner is our very own Past District Governor Lion Michael Morgan from the Giddings Breakfast Lions Club. PDG Michael is a Past President of the Texas Lions Camp, a very dedicated Lion and an excellent speaker.

There is a registration form (*at the end of this newsletter*) for you to sign up to attend the dinner on Friday Night.

Please plan to attend this meeting in College Station in November. We look forward to seeing you!!!!

Thanks,  
Michael Smalley



## I have a Question

Re-posted by request of the District Governor

*Q: Does my club need to file an IRS 990 every year.*

*A:* The following information was provided by the Legal Division of Lions Clubs International.

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required 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. For more information check the [LCI Frequently Asked Questions](#) site.

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.

## Our Global Causes



### Diabetes Facts\*\*

The International Diabetes Federation reports that 1 in 2 people with diabetes are undiagnosed. Lions recognize the needs of the world are changing and have championed the cause of diabetes to better service both our communities and the world.

- **About 422 million** people worldwide have diabetes
- The **majority** living in low- and middle-income countries
- **1.6 million** deaths are directly attributed to diabetes each year
- **Both the number of cases**, as well as the prevalence of diabetes, have been increasing over the past few decades

### LCI has a plan

Serving in diverse communities all over the world, we see and feel the effects of diabetes and are doing something about it together.

### The Strategy

Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

\*\*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.



## From the District Youth Coordinator

Lion Pat Jackson

**Wow!** Time flies when we are having fun! We are closing in on our Peace Poster Contest for next month. The theme this year is “We are All Connected.” I have heard from several clubs informing me that the posters are being prepared. The post-marked deadline for submitting the winning poster from each club is November 17. Please turn them in to our District Governor, Lion Joe Franks or to me, Lion Pat Jackson. The District Contest will be held November 23, 2021, in Giddings, with the winning poster going on to the State level.

The Opportunity for Youth Contests-- Diabetes, Drug Awareness and Outstanding Youth—should be completed on the local level early December. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winning papers are to be mailed to Lion Pat Jackson (2748 CR 133, Giddings, 78942) by December 29, 2021. This will give me enough time to prepare for the District Contest which will be held during the Mid-winter Conference, January 22, 2022. For further information, please call me at 512.517.5662.

The Youth Gala (aka **Red Ribbon Gala**) will be held on January 8, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Lions Den in Giddings. This year we would like for students to participate in helping to raise money for scholarships. We are planning a “Leo King and Queen Coronation.” In preparation for this event, we are asking that all LEO Clubs help by nominating someone for “Leo King and Queen.” If the clubs are interested, please enter by paying a fee of \$50 by November 8 to the District Lions Treasurer. Each Leo Club will be asked to have students/friends at their school to vote for them by donating 25 cent per vote. The Leos will in turn compete against other Leos throughout our district. The King and Queen who raise the most money will be knighted during the Gala and each will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. Each contestant will have only two weeks to collect votes, from November 29 to December 10. All monies raised must be turned in to the sponsoring Lions Club and mailed to our treasurer, PDG Mark Ulrich no later than December 16. Please help support our youth by encouraging your Leos to have fun with us! Thanks to all of you in advance for your support!



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

**Essay**



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST



## Global Membership Team Report

PDG Ron Gay, District GMT

I hate to lead with bad news, but there's just no getting around it. Our District's membership program suffered a big net loss for the month of September. Our net gain of 10 members in August was wiped out in September when we dropped 45 members while only adding 19. Our net gain of 10 went to a net loss of 16. For the year we have 73 new members added, with 89 members dropped, and that's how we end up with a net loss of 16. We are down to 57 clubs in our District now that Anderson has been cancelled. Anderson was a new club formed shortly before COVID hit. The lack of meetings during the pandemic turned out to be too much for them to keep going. On the bright side we've had discussions with several community leaders and there is a desire to reinvigorate the club.

We had 11 of our 57 clubs, or just 20% of our clubs membership active during the month of September. The district was led by Bryan Noon with 5 new members. Fayetteville continues to lead the district with a net gain of 18 members. They are the winners of all three of our District membership awards for the first quarter, highest percentage gain, highest retention percentage, and top recruiter for the district.

Thirty-two of our clubs, or 56%, have not added a new member in the first quarter of the year. For us to be successful and reach our goals we need every club to be membership active.

Bryan Noon - +5  
Fayetteville - +3  
College Station Evening - +2  
Giddings Breakfast - +2  
College Station Noon - +1  
La Grange Evening - +1  
La Grange Noon - +1  
Seguin Noon - +1  
Seguin Sunrise - +1  
Snook - +1  
Weimar - +1

We have it in us to be the largest district in North America, but it's going to take effort from every club to achieve it.

Ron Gay, PDG  
District GMT



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*Service*

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## College Station Noon - Days for Girls Project

By Lion Glenda Schneider

College Station Noon Lions VP for Service

Howdy Lions. The Service Committee is joining Mobility Worldwide in collecting sewing supplies, fabric and girls' underwear for the feminine hygiene kits for [Days for Girls](#).

Can you imagine that in most African countries girls are not allowed to go to school when they are menstruating? Disposable feminine hygiene products are difficult to get, and become a waste hazard. Many young girls are forced to sit on a piece of cardboard on their beds for about a week each month. These girls desperately want to go to school and use any means they can from elephant dung to other nonhygienic ways of stopping flow. Many school headmasters have control over feminine products and require favors from the girls.

The kits are made so they can be hand washed and hung out to dry.

Needed items:

- Colorful 100 percent cotton fabric
- Flannel fabrics (2 1/2 yards will make 30 liners)
- Cash to buy fabrics and supplies
- Thread , scissors, needles
- Treadle sewing machine (old fashioned kind that do not require electricity) to be sent with mobility carts
- Ziplok brand gallon sized bags
- Women's cotton underwear size 5/6
- Safety pins
- Ribbon for drawstrings
- PUL lining material (can be found a Joann fabric and crafts in diaper-making area)
- Washcloths
- Soap

Our goal is to make 50 kits, provide supplies for 50 more, and find two treadle sewing machines. Eyeglasses we will get come from collection centers in Midland and Conroe. All things collected and/or made will be included in a shipping container with mobility carts bound for Liberia. [Feminine Hygiene Kit diagram](#).

Please contact Lion [Glenda Schneider](#) ([service@csnoonlions.org](mailto:service@csnoonlions.org)) or Lion [Michael Bolton](#) ([Secretary@csnoonlions.org](mailto:Secretary@csnoonlions.org)) if you have questions or would like to help.

Lion Glenda Schneider  
CSNL, VP for Service



## Around 2-S5

### College Station Evening

On 09/29/2021 College Station Evening Lions assisted College Station Noon Lions at College Hills Elementary School who conducted a KidSight Vision Screening event. College Station Evening Lions Ron & Jo Anne Smith vision screened 54 Pre-K/K children with 10 referrals (19%).



**Left:** Lion Ron Smith of College Station Evening Lions.

**Right:** Lion Jo Anne Smith of College Station Evening Lions and Lion Thomas Haycraft of College Station Noon Lions.



**Top Left:** Lion Brenda Hefner (L) pinned New Lion Richard Reynolds

**Top Right:** Lion John Lyon (R) pinned New Lion Luis Hernandez



**Left:** Lion Lisa Lyon (R) pinned New Lion Monique Hernandez

## Weimar

Lion members from Weimar visited the Schulenburg Elementary School on September 27 and performed an eye scan on 64 young elementary children.

The system is called PlusOptix and can detect 5 different eye problems simply by performing an eye scan. The test is noninvasive and only requires the child to sit in a chair and stare into the “happy face” of a noisy camera/tester. There is no charge for the test, and it usually is very quick.



**From Left:** Mariette Bellamy, Allen Bellamy, Molly Raabe, David Kocian, and Mark Dannemiller

## Weimar Encore

Weimar Encore Lions Linda Heller, Marietta Bellamy and Molly Rabbe providing Vision Screening with the PlusOptix to 29 students at the Wildcat Academy in Weimar. Lion Allan Bellamy also assisted





## College Station Noon “Miracle in the Park”

By Lions Katina Osth and David Jones

College Station Noon helped sponsor a family evening in Wolf Pen Creek Park in College Station. The evening included food, fun and games, viewing of the movie “*Miracle*” and a laser light show finale.



Some 30 Leos from Rudder High and College Station ISD provided indispensable help for the evening. They setup and ran the kids' zone and helped with concessions.



## Smithville

By 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jane Istre

On August 31, 2021, Meredith Franks presented a program to the Smithville Noon Lions Club about the Kids in Disaster Kits (KIDS). 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jane Istre asked if any of the kits were going to the kids in Louisiana displaced by the Hurricane earlier in the week. That started the ball rolling for those kids. Lion Leah Saunders and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jane Istre went to Meredith's storage building in Giddings and assisted in creating about 50 kits. Then we loaded 150 of them into a SUV to be delivered to Eunice, Louisiana by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jane Istre and Lion Willie Istre on Friday. We partnered with Save the Children to disperse the kits to the needy children.





## Washington County Ladies Club

By Linda Oberhoff

The Washington County Ladies Club recently donated \$5,000 to the Texas Lions Camp. The annual raffle selected TLC to benefit from the ticket sales. TLC Chairman Wes Carr and director Sheriff Wayne Dickey received the donations.



**Above, left to right:** Linda Oberhoff, Connie Kendall, Enid Kocian, Sheri Kurger, Pat Lueckemeyer, Shirley Moehlmann, Linda Kician, Sheriff Wayne Dickey, Cheryl Gaskamp, TLC Chairman Wes Carr, Nelda Buck, Sheila Webb, Jody Johnson, Thresia Schlabach, De De Eastveld, and Judy Hulsey.

The residents of Bluebonnet Haven are the recipients of two dozen T-shirts, luggage, purses, and blankets. Washington County Ladies Lions make donations to the Haven residents several times a year.

**At Right,** Lion Linda Oberhoff and Haven staff



## District 2-S5 Calendar

Please note the following dates and events.

### October, 2021

16	Caldwell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting
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### November, 2021

12-13	College Station	2 <sup>nd</sup> COG Meeting
17	Posters	Posters – Postmark Deadline for winning club posters
23	Giddings	Posters – District Contest

### December, 2021

29	Essays/Papers	1 <sup>st</sup> place papers mailed to Lion Pat Jackson in Giddings
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### January, 2022

8	Lions Den, Giddings	Youth Gala (Red Ribbon Gala)
21	Lions Den, Giddings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting
22	The Event Center, Giddings	Midwinter Conference

### February, 2022

4-5	Kerrville	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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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## 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month with a publish date of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### The District

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

Submissions may be sent to **PDG John Rauser** or **Lion Mike Bolton** at [Newsletter@2-S5.org](mailto:Newsletter@2-S5.org).



# Council of Governors Meeting Registration Form



## MD2 Lions of Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting Registration

Hilton College Station and Conference Center  
801 University Drive East  
College Station, TX 77840  
(979) 693-7500



**November 12-13, 2021**

GUEST SPEAKER

PDG Mike Morgan  
Past President of the Texas Lions Camp

Dress is Lion Casual

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @\$ 50.00 each

Make Check out to **Lions of Texas MD2**


Registration form and payment must be postmarked no later than **November 1, 2021**.

**Mail to:**

MD-2 Lions of Texas  
PO Box 294509  
Kerrville, TX 78029  
(830) 257-6557  
lionsstateoffice@texaslions.org

## College Station Evening “Operation Flapjack”

# 2nd Annual “Operation Flapjack” Fundraiser Sponsored by College Station Evening Lions



College Station Evening Lions Club presents  
**“OPERATION FLAPJACK”**



**Saturday, November 6, 2021**  
**7:30—10:30 am**  
**Brazos Center**  
**Outside Pavilion**  
**3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan**  
**\$10 per guest**  
**Dine In or Carry Out Available**

Questions? Email us at [CollegeStationEveningLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:CollegeStationEveningLionsClub@gmail.com)

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT ANGEL TREE AND THE SALVATION ARMY**

Operation Flapjack is presented by the College Station Evening Lions Club, as part of the official kick for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Effort in Brazos County.

More information is available at this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-station-evening-lions-club-2nd-annual-operation-flapjack-tickets-183021842257>

[Eventbrite Link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-station-evening-lions-club-2nd-annual-operation-flapjack-tickets-183021842257) for Operation Flapjack

## College Station Morning Raffle

The College Station Morning Lions Club is holding a raffle to raise funds for the organizations we support. We are asking the help of fellow Lions to get the word out. We are giving away four \$500 gift certificates. Two certificates to HEB (any store); One certificate to Academy (any store); And one certificate to Readfield Meats in Bryan. Tickets are \$25 each and only 400 will be sold. The drawing will be held on November 10, 2021, just in time for the winners to stock up for Thanksgiving. Winners need not be present to win.

To enter, go online to [ilium-books.square.site](http://ilium-books.square.site) and click the “Shop now” button.

### Or contact

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