October 15, 2021

We Serve

District 2-S5



Governor's Message

Howdy Lions!

Happy Thanksgiving! November is a very special month. It's that special time of year when we pause and give thanks for the blessings we have received. I am thankful for each and every one of you. As I visit the clubs in our district, I am amazed by the ways you step up and meet the

needs of individuals and groups in your communities. I see the excitement you have when we talk about our camp or the collection of shoes or eyeglasses or the myriad of other projects.

But as we are thankful for the ability to serve, we see that our service is needed now more than ever. The pandemic has created havoc on individuals and our communities. I encourage you to "scan your horizon" for opportunities to serve.

I also continue to challenge you to "scan your horizon" for individuals to join our ranks in service to others and ways we can serve others. One Lion, Lion Martha Philipp of the Fayetteville Lions Club, stepped up in her efforts to scan the community. In the last two months, Lion Philipp sponsored 11 new Lions. Outstanding. If she can sponsor 11 new members in a community of 251 citizens, there should be no limit to the number of new members you and I can sponsor.

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!

Happy Thanksgiving and don't forget to Scan Your Horizon!

Lion Joe

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- DG Joe Franks
- 1st VDG David Sahm
- 2nd VDG Jane Istre

Secretary – PDG Michael Smalley

Treasurer – PDG Mark Ulrich

Upcoming Events

- Youth Contests deadlines in Lion Pat's article
- Youth Gala (Red Ribbon Gala) Jan 8, 2022
- Mid-Winter Conference
 Jan 22, 2022

From the First Vice District Governor

Lion David Sahm

Invite Veterans to Join Your Club

This week Americans take time to honor its veterans Thank you to all the Lions and / or their family members who have served in uniform. As one of those veterans, let me express gratitude to all our clubs that have taken the time to give special recognition to veterans at this time of the year.

As you participate in community celebrations this month, take the opportunity to invite veterans to your meetings. Then take the opportunity to honor them again by inviting them to be a member of your club. The timing is right, and you will likely have a great prospect joining your club.



From the District Secretary

Lion Michael Smalley

Fellow Lions,

The 3rd Cabinet Meeting will be Friday, January 21, 2022, at the *Lions Den*, 1623 FM 141, Giddings, TX. The Mid-Winter conference will be Saturday, January 22, 2022, at *The Event Center*, 289 North Main, Giddings, TX. The registration form is included in this newsletter.

Thanks, Michael Smalley

Our Global Causes

Childhood Cancer**



According to *The Lancet*, **57% of** childhood cancer cases go undiagnosed in parts of the world. CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVAL RATES: ≥80% developed countries; ≤20% lesser developed countries. Cancer is a leading cause of death for children with 300,000 new cases annually in 0-19-year-olds.

LCI has a plan

- Lions and Leos help children and families: Increase acts of support to families and children affected by childhood cancer.
- Lions and Leos help communities: Improve diagnostics, treatment, and continued care to those affected by childhood cancer.
- Lions and Leos help the world: Increase awareness for childhood cancer as a global priority.

In celebration of International Childhood Cancer Day, consider hosting a webinar to share your club's childhood cancer service project success. Submit your webinar registration link and date to programs@lionsclubs.org, and explore the GAT success story webinar toolkit for resources to help you get started.

**From the <u>LionsClubs.org</u> web site.

Lions Clubs International Global Causes

From <u>Our Global Causes</u> 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.

Youth



From the District Youth Coordinator

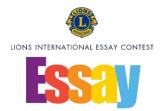
Lion Pat Jackson

Please remember to send in your first place Peace Posters as soon as possible. Contest will be held on November 23rd with the winning poster going on to the State contest by December 1st. Several clubs have sent posters or have contacted me to make arrangements to hand carry them to Giddings. Please turn them in to our District Governor, Lion Joe Franks or to me, Lion Pat Jackson.

The Opportunity for Youth Contests-- Diabetes, Drug Awareness and Outstanding Youth—should be completed on the local level early December. The 1st place winning papers are to be mailed to Lion Pat Jackson (2748 CR 133, Giddings, 78942) by December 29. 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 to the District Lions Treasurer. Each Leo Club will be asked to have students/friends at their school/community 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 crowned during the Gala. 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!

Thank you so much for your continued support for the youth! Without them our Lions Clubs will cease to grow. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and see you in January!







Global Membership Team Report

PDG Ron Gay, District GMT

Lions,

The month of October is usually our Fall Membership growth month. District 2-S5 finished its growth month with a net loss of two members, 37 new members in and 39 members processed out. For the Lions year we have 110 new members added and 128 Lions dropped for a net loss of 18 members. Twelve out of 57 Clubs in District 2-S5 were membership active in October, meaning that they added at least one new member during the month. Twelve out of 57, or just 21% of our clubs added new members in October, our membership growth month. The District was led by our two College Clubs that added 13 new members between them. Giddings was not far behind as three of their five clubs added 12 new members. Let's hear it for those clubs that are growing and serving their communities.

- Giddings New Horizon 8 new members
- Aggieland 7 new members
- Blinn College 6 new members
- Bellville 3 new members
- Giddings 3 new members
- Smithville 3 new members
- Flatonia 1 new member
- Giddings Breakfast 1 new member
- Hilltop Lakes 1 new member
- Seguin Noon 1 new member
- Seguin Sunset 1 new member
- Washington County Ladies 1 new member
- Weimar 1 new member

We've got to kick it into gear Lions. After four months we have 31 of 57 clubs that have not recruited any new Lions for the year, that's 54% of our clubs! Our membership incentives are still in effect. Recruit the most new Lions and win \$250 for your club.

Ron Gay, PDG District GMT

Please Note: LCI has extended the \$35 entry fee waiver to June 30, 2022.

Around 2-S5

Weimar

Weimar Encore Lions and Weimar Lions members team up to provide more vision screening at Weimar Elementary.



From left:

Molly Raabe, Allen Bellamy, Marette Ballamy, Linda Heller, Mark Dannemiller and David Kocian

Weimar Encore



Left: Boys and Girls Club of Champion Valle Executive Director Abby Janak with Weimar Encore Lions members Nancy Parrish and Mariette Bellamy at our October 27 meeting. Abby spoke on the many services provided by this organization and recognized Marriotts as the Chairman of the Board for Boys and Girls of Champion Valley.

Right: Encore Lions Mary Ann Brenner, Nancy Parrish , Sue Mullens and Denise Koenig received Perfect Attendance awards





Weimar Encore Lions donate \$250.00 to WES library.

From Left: Adrienne McIver, Amy Koehn, Lion Sue Mullens, and WES Principal Kristy Janecka



Above: Weimar Encore Lions helping with the Trunk or Treat event for Halloween at Weimar Stadium

Diane Stavinoha, Susie Oliver and Mary Ann Brenner

Smithville Noon Second Annual Lions Club Golf Tournament





Below, Smithville Noon donating dictionaries to the entire 4th grade at Smithville Elementary School to help promote literacy as they prepare for their state mandated testing.



College Station Evening Member Recognition



(L-R): On 10/21/2021 **Lion Kayla Cheek** accepted the Lions Service Chevron for 10 years of Lions service from President Lion Brent Hefner. (L-R): On 10/21/2021 Club Treasurer Brenda Hefner presented the College Station Evening Lions Lion of the Year for 2020-2021 to **Lion Lisa Lyon**.



(L-R): On 11/04/2021 President Brent Hefner presented Membership Chair Lion Jade Chapman her Sponsor certificate with newly inducted member Lion Bobby Joe Nielsen.

Texas State Guard Toy Drive

On November 7, the College Station Evening Lions Club visited the Five Below store in College Station to support the Young Heroes of the Guard toy drive, organized annually by troops of the Texas State Guard. Our Lions purchased and donated over 140 toys- all of which will go to needy or hospitalized Brazos Valley children this holiday season.



Club members pictured at left, L-R: Chrystol Winston, Treasurer Brenda Hefner, President Brent Hefner, and Marketing Chair J.P. Winston- who also serves as an officer in the Texas State Guard.

Members are pictured at right with TXSG troops who manned the College Station collection point.



2nd Annual "Operation Flapjack" Fundraiser



L-R: 1st Vice President Terry Bohler, Lion Tamer Angie Comer, Dianne Dusold, Luis Hernandez, Carl Orozco, Jo Anne Smith, Treasurer Brenda Hefner, Ron Smith, Secretary Lisa Lyon, Chrystol Winston, Monique Hernandez, President Brent Hefner, Service Chair John Lyon, Membership Chair Jade Chapman, Marketing Chair JP Winston, Director Richard Dusold, and Richard Reynolds.



The Salvation Army Board of Directors with President Brent Hefner (third from the right).



Washington County Ladies Lions Red Ribbon Week

The Washington County Ladies Lions Club, the Brenham Evening Lions, the Brenham Noon Lions and the Carmine Lions partnered together the week of October 25th to sponsor red wristbands as part of the Red Ribbon Week activities at Brenham, Burton and Carmine ISDs. The wristbands were given to all 4th graders in Brenham and Burton ISDs and all students in Carmine ISD. The bands reminded students that "Lions remind you to say NO to drugs!". The 4 Clubs have worked together for years on this project and look forward to continuing in the future.





Recycling

Below, an aluminum can drive was held in November with proceeds donated to the fundraiser to help get a new Service Dog for Hunter. Lions Connie Kendall and Karen Sloan drop off their cans with the help of Mitchell Schlabach, son of Lion Thresia S.





Above, 95 pair of eyeglasses were delivered to the District meeting in Caldwell in October.

Vision Screening

The Washington County Ladies Lions Club and the Brenham Evening Lions Club scanned the 181 students at the Brenham Early Learning Center: BELC members Randall Hoppens, David Broadhead, Nicole Cook and Gary Ivey and WCLLC member Carol Hutchens.

Blankets

Blankets were donated to a local bank, who partnered with the Rotary, will hand them out to the Senior Citizens at their lunches at the Center. Lions Linda Oberhoff and Alison Dryer. Members are still assisting with the noon meal servings at our Senior Center daily.





College Station Noon NAMI Walks Lion Glenda Schneider

Lions from Brenham Evening, Caldwell Evening, College Station Evening, College Station Noon and Rudder High School Leos joined in the NAMI Walks fun walk in College Station. The teams and sponsors raised fund for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).









District 2-S5 Calendar

Please note the following dates and events.

November,2021

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

December, 2021

| 29 Essays/Papers 1 st place papers mailed to Lion Pat Jackson in Giddin | zs |
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January, 2022

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

February, 2022

| 4-5 Kerrville 3 rd COG Meeting | 4-5 Kervine 5 COd 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 |
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| 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 <u>newsletter@2-s5.org</u> 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.

5th Annual Round Top Lion's Club Turkey Trot



5th Annual Round Top Lion's Club Turkey Trot

In Support of the Youth Organizations in Round Top and Surrounding Communities

Thursday, November 25th at 8:00 a.m. Henkel Square Market, Round Top, Texas

Participants can choose a timed 10K, 5K or a One-Mile Fun Run to burn those calories before eating Thanksgiving dinner! Race Day Registration will be at Henkel Hall in Round Top from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

10K starts at 8:00 a.m. One-Mile Fun Run at 8:15 a.m. 5k at 8:30 a.m.

Runners can register online at www.AthleteGuild.com

Online registration for the 10K and 5K; cost is \$35 until November 4th and includes a race shirt! Late registration is \$40 from November 5th -23rd Race Day registration from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. at Henkel Hall and is \$45. Registrants after November 4th will receive a shirt only as supplies last so register early!

Online registration for The One-Mile Fun Run is \$20 until November 4th and includes a race shirt. Late registration is \$25 from November 5th-23rd and includes a shirt only as supplies last so register early!

Race bibs & t-shirts can be picked up Wednesday, November 24th from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. at Henkel Hall in Round Top and on race day beginning at 7:00 a.m.

The Course: All races will start at Henkel Square Market and wind through the beautiful, somewhat hilly, Round Top countryside. Both 10K and 5K courses are out and back courses with water stations along the route. Bathrooms will be available at the start and finish.

Awards & Trophies will be given to the top two male and female runners overall in the 10K and 5K race. Medals will be given to the top male and female in the following five age groups: 15 & under, 16-30, 31-55, 56-69, 70 & up All One-Mile Fun Run finishers will receive a medal.

Questions? Call Pam Langford (979)530-5086



3rd Cabinet Meeting and Mid-Winter Conference



Lions Clubs International Texas Lions District 2-S5 3rd Cabinet Meeting and Mid-Winter Conference January 21st-22nd, 2022



<u>3rd</u> Cabinet Meeting

Friday, January 21st, 2022: 5-6 P.M. Registration and Social; 6:30 P.M. Meeting Location: Lions Den; Address: 1623 FM 141 Giddings, Texas 78942

Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022; 8-9 A.M. Registration and Breakfast; 9 A.M. Meeting Location: The Event Center; Address: 289 North Main, Giddings, Texas 78942

Meeting Coordinator: PDG Michael Morgan: pdgmorgan@gmail.com NAME OF CLUB: _____

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Registration and Form are due by January 19th, 2022. Please make checks payable to District 2-S5. <u>PLEASE SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO:</u> Michael Smalley, District Secretary, 335 Club View Drive, La Grange, TX 78945. You may also email the form to: <u>michaelsmalley46@gmail.com</u>. If you have any questions, you may either call or email Michael Smalley. Cell number is 979-208-9337.