

April 15, 2022



We Serve

The District



District 2-S5



Governor's Message

Lions,

I believe to be truly successful and live a full life you must be in balance with all aspects of life. Being of service to others is a big part of that balance. Contribution beyond yourself keeps your life in check, where you form a good foundation to build your successes upon. When you just take from

the world and choose not to contribute to it, it keeps you in a state of surviving no matter how much you have or how much money you make.

As your governor, I know each of you have chosen a life which involves service to others. Because of you, our world is a better place. Never underestimate the impact that even the smallest act of service makes on others and the world.

Talking about the smallest acts of service, it doesn't take much to make a big difference in others. For example, we have clubs collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses, plastic lids, shoes, children's books and other items. You can help these clubs by doing your share by turning in items. If your club has a special project, please let our newsletter editor know so we can publicize it next month.

Service to others is the reason Lions International is the largest service organization in the world. Thank you for your service.

I hope to see you at our District Convention on April 23rd in Giddings. If you haven't registered, contact your club president or secretary. It's going to be a great day!

We Serve!
Lion Joe

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Your District Officers

DG - Joe Franks

1st VDG – David Sahn

2nd VDG – Jane Istre

Secretary – PDG Michael Smalley

Treasurer – PDG Mark Ulrich

Upcoming Events

- April 22, 2022, Cabinet meeting
- April 23, 2022, District Convention

From our Vice District Governors

1st VDG Lion David Sahm

Update On FVDG Oksana and Spring in 2-S5

Last month, I wrote about the despair in Ukraine, but also how the brave Ukrainian Lions tended to the wounded, cared for the displaced and helped evacuate the millions of war victims. Unfortunately, the last news of my counterpart First Vice District Governor Oksana is that she moved several hundred Km west of Kiev. I encourage Lions here in this District to pray and offer support through LCIF.

Spring in Texas along our highways with the bluebonnets in full blossom offers the highway traveler a wonderful sight to behold. For a 4–8-week period, bluebonnets bring smiles and perspective. They allow us to forget troubles elsewhere and give thanks for the blessings we have. Those that have moved away from Texas and later returned can attest to the welcoming sight.

Lions are very much like these wildflowers. In war-torn Ukraine or in a town along Interstate 10 between San Antonio and Houston, Lions find ways to bring smiles to those in need, except Lions just don't bloom in March and April. Lions help year-round to improve people's lives in big and small ways. Sometimes it a large club project and other times it is one or two Lions working together.

Just as a patch of 10,000 bluebonnets has a tremendous visual effect along I-H 10 in April, imagine what 250 more Lions could do for District 2-S5. Think what two, five or ten more Lions could do for your club. All of this is possible just by asking a friend, neighbor, or acquaintance to join you at a service project or meeting. In absence of any other reason, please invite someone to help support the Lions in Ukraine and those who have been displaced. They need everyone's' prayers and support, and maybe your friend will be moved to come to one more project.

Lion David Sahm

1st VDG

From the District Secretary

PDG Lion Michael Smalley

Please note the Convention Call and Announcement of the 4th District Cabinet meeting. Both documents are in the appendices for this newsletter. Registration deadline is April 20, 2022.

The 29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held August 4, 2022. Details and hole sponsorship forms are attached to this newsletter. Please note James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to the Texas Lions Camp in support of children with special medical conditions attending Summer Camp 2022.

Our Global Causes



Eyeglass Recycling**

Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the *Lions Recycle For Sight Program*.

Collection Resources:

- Club Guide for Collecting Used Eyeglasses ([iad401](#))
- Program brochure, *Lions Recycle For Sight* ([iad403](#))
- LCI Eyeglass Collection Box (G1174DS) – order from the [Lions Clubs International Shop](#)

LERC Guidelines

If you are participating in used eyeglass collection, processing and/or distribution activities at a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC), or if your district and/or multiple district is considering the establishment of a new LERC, please refer to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) Guidelines ([LERC 425](#)).

**Check the [Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center \(txlerc.org\)](#) for more information.

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.

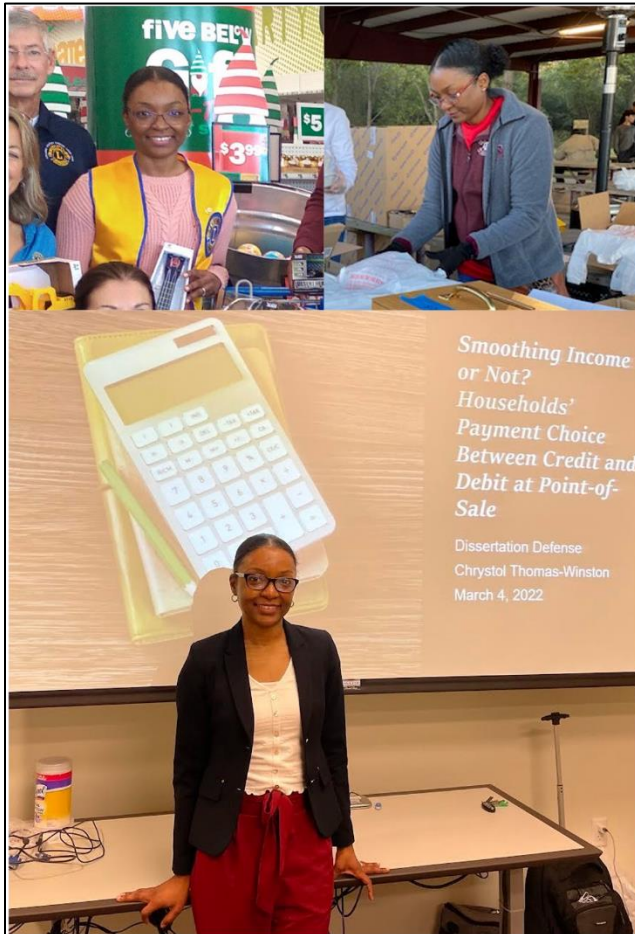
Each month our newsletter will highlight one of the global causes or service areas. For many of these, District 2-S5 has a coordinator or chairperson. Please consider asking them to visit your club for a program.

Around 2-S5

College Station Evening Lions Club

By: Lion J.P. Winston

Lion Winston says, "The club chose to do something a little different this month, and I promise there was no family bias in the decision." And congratulations to you Lion Chrystol Winston.



This month, the College Station Evening Lions honor a significant academic achievement for one of the club's leading members. Lion Chrystol Winston has completed her dissertation defense and will be awarded a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University in May.

Lion Chrystol completed her program's rigorous requirements while also serving the College Station Evening Lions as the club's First Vice President, one of the leaders of its Youth Activities Committee, and as a vital participant in many of the club's annual fundraisers.

She plans to continue her record of dedicated service to the community as she joins the Agricultural Economics faculty at Texas A&M. We honor Lion Chrystol as a shining example of Women in Lions making a difference!

College Station Noon

By: PDGs Danny Stribling and John Rauser

Texas Ramp Project

March 19, 2022. College Station Noon Lions help build ramp for 79- year-old woman near Caldwell.



Above: While one PDG steadies a key corner post another tests the strength and integrity of the ramp structure. Everyone works during a ramp build.

New members of College Station Noon Lions



Left: NEW LION Mark Symm, right, was inducted at the February business meeting. He is sponsored by Lion Richard Talbert.

Right: THE NEWEST MEMBER of the College Station Noon Lions Club and Lions Clubs International is Lion Erin Mabry, left. With Mabry are her sponsor Lion Suzanne Badger and Club President Lion Dan Castillo. Lion Mabry is the daughter of Texas Lions Camp President and CEO Stephen Mabry. Photo by Lion Bob Beals.



Left: PDG Ron Gay receives an LCI Certificate of Achievement from District Governor Joe Franks.

Caldwell Burleson County Lions Club

By: Lion Adrien Drouilhet



Left: Caldwell Burleson County Lions Linda O'Brien, Pat Drouilhet, and Faith Ward served water, lemonade, and Kool Ade to the participants at the April 9 Easter Egg-stravaganza held Saturday at Davidson Creek Park which was well attended by local youth and adults.

Right: Caldwell Burleson County Lions Club President Pat Drouilhet presents a donation of \$5,000 on the Club's behalf to Jenna Riehl, local Unit Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Caldwell on Friday, March 25. Also pictured are Lions Adrien Drouilhet, Margaret Polansky, Jessie Bryan, Kathy Cornett and several student B & G Club local members.



Giddings New Horizons Lions Club



Above: Giddings Lions members Vicky Murray (back left) and Kimberly Searle (back right) drop off a Dictionary for each 4th grader in Giddings Intermediate School. The books are donated by Giddings New Horizon's Lions Club. The books are more than just a Dictionary, they are filled with fun facts about our world. We hope this personal gift will educate these children throughout their years.

Dime Box Lions Club

By: Lion Roberta Brinkman



Above: The Dime Box Lions inducted three new members in March.

Below: While this newsletter went to print too late for this announcement, it's still a very nice poster. Be sure to check out the ***Black Bridge Backroad Boogie*** in the announcements section at the end of this newsletter. Thanks Dime Box.



Smithville

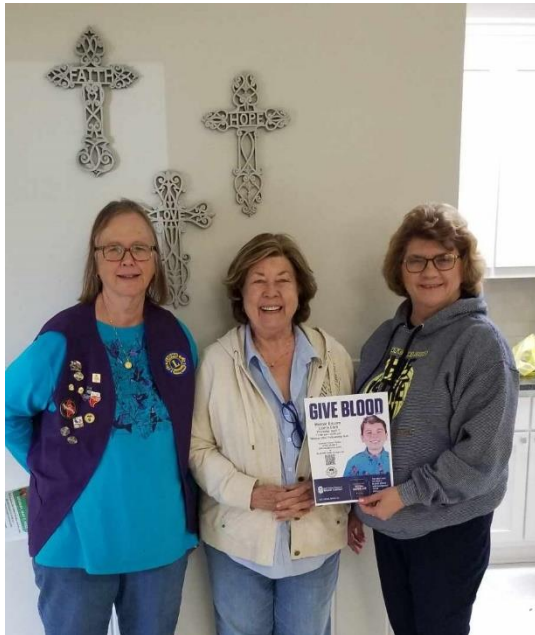
By: Jane Curlee

2nd Vice District Governor Jane Istre working the Bastrop County Health Fair, April 2, 2022, in Smithville. Lion Istre was providing sight and hearing screenings.



Weimar Encore Lions

By: Lion Linda Westergren



At Left, President Sue Mullens, along with Lions Pam Ingersoll and Karen Kutac, working at Blood Drive. Lion Karen has been Chairman for this quarterly community Blood Drive for many years.

Annual Scholarship Fund Fried Chicken Dinner

Weimar Encore Lions work together at their annual scholarship dinner. Lion Linda Westergren reported the Club had an extremely successful dinner this year and while everyone worked hard, they all enjoyed the time together for this meaningful event.



District 2-S5 Calendar

Please note the following dates and events.

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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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.

Lions Clubs International Foundation



Dear Fellow Humanitarian,

It is hard to believe that the end of Campaign 100 is just a few short months away. We are pleased to report that to date, **thanks to generous supporters like you**, we have reached approximately 90 percent of our goal, having raised more than US\$274 million!

Read more about your donations at work in our new Donor Connection newsletter.

[VIEW NEWSLETTER](#)

Sincerely,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President

Brian Sheehan
International First Vice President

Dr. Patti Hill
International Second Vice President

4th Cabinet Meeting and 33rd Annual District Convention



**Lions Clubs International
Texas Lions District 2-S5
4th Cabinet Meeting and 33rd
Annual District Convention
April 22nd-23rd, 2022**



4th Cabinet Meeting

Friday, April 22nd, 2022: 5-6 P.M. Registration and Social; 6:30 P.M. Meeting
Location: Lions Den; Address: 1623 FM 141 Giddings, Texas 78942

33rd Annual District Convention

Saturday, April 23rd, 2022; 8-9 A.M. Registration and Breakfast; 9 A.M. Meeting
Location: The Venue on Main; Address: 289 North Main, Giddings, Texas 78942

Meeting Coordinator: PDG Michael Morgan: pdgmorgan@gmail.com

Hotel Information: Best Western; Phone 979-542-5000; 15% Discount for all Lions

NAME OF CLUB: _____

NAME	4 th Cabinet (\$30)	Convention (\$25)	Total Due	Paid

Registration and Form are due by April 20th, 2022. Please make checks payable to District 2-S5.

PLEASE SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Michael Smalley, District Secretary, 335 Club View Drive, La Grange, TX 78945. You may also email the form to: michaelsmalley46@gmail.com. If you have any questions, you may either call or email Michael Smalley. Cell number is 979-208-9337.

Call to Convention



District 2-S5 Annual Convention Call To Convention

The 33rd Annual District Convention will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022. At the Venue on Main located at 289 North Main Street, Giddings, Texas 78942. The 4th Cabinet Meeting will be held on Friday, April 22nd, 2022 at the Lions Den located at 1623 FM 141 Giddings, Texas 78942.

Convention Keynote Speaker: Past International Director Lion Jerry Smith

Election of District Officers for the upcoming 2022 – 2023 Lions Year will be conducted at the convention on Saturday. Each club in the district is allowed 1 voting delegate per ten members in their club; however, the major fraction of 5 members or more qualifies for an additional delegate vote (example a club with 26 members is entitled to three votes).

Annual District Awards including the Robert Koennecke Award (2021 –2022) for the outstanding Lions Club; and the E.B. “Tex” Mayer Award recognizing the outstanding Lion of the Year for 2021 – 2022, and other special recognition will be presented at the convention.

In lieu of bringing silent auction items, it is requested that each club bring a check made payable to “Lions Club International Foundation”. This will be a free will donation with the proceeds going to help with the relief effort in Ukraine.

I have really enjoyed serving as your District Governor this year. This is a great district with lots of great people doing great service in your community. I am planning on our 4th Cabinet Meeting and District Convention being a fun time of great food, fellowship and information for all to enjoy and I hope to see all of you at these upcoming events.

Thank you for all you do!!
Joe

A 15 percent discount will be offered to all Lions in need of a Hotel Room at the Best Western in Giddings, Texas. Just let them know you want the Lions Club rate. The phone number for the Best Western is (979) 542-5000. The address is 2161 East Hempstead Street, Giddings, Texas 78942.

2022 TLC Hole Sponsorship Form

29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

TITLE SPONSOR



JAMES AVERY
Forging Hope



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make a Kid's Day
in 2022!**

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player registration forms go to
www.lionscamp.com

August 4, 2022

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000
in 2021-2022 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
For more information: www.lionscamp.com

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For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals,
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All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in
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website: www.lionscamp.com

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

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Email: _____

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CC#: _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC: ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP
PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029

Dime Box Lions Club

Black Bridge Backroad Boogie

Registration is now open for this run and for more information, please contact

Lion Roberta Brinkman
Secretary
Dime Box Lions
(817) 676-3872



**Black
Bridge
Backroad
Boogie**
Dime Box, TX

10K, 5K, 2M Run, & 2M Walk
1st Saturday in October
Kickoff Event of the Annual Black Bridge Festival

Fundraiser of the Dime Box Lions Club
~Youth Scholarships~
~Community Events~
~Black Bridge Park~

Search "Dime Box, TX" at runsignup.com

Follow Dime Box Lions at
https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dime_box/projects.php

1st Annual Urban Optics Masquerade Eye Ball



1st Annual Urban Optics

Masquerade Eye Ball

Friday May 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm
Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center
177 Joe Roud Blvd. College Station, TX 77845



All proceeds will benefit Brazos Valley Lions Club Foundation, a non profit organization of which one of their goals is to provide eye wellness and sight to children and youth in the Brazos Valley.

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Golden Eye: \$3,500	Glass Eye: \$500
Pearl Eye: \$2,000	Single Tickets: \$120

Contact: Kayla Townsend (979)-224-2012 or kayla@urban-optics.com