

The District



District 2-S5



Governor's Message Howdy Lions!

If you missed the district convention, you missed a great time! Congratulations to the Fayetteville Lions Club for being named the winner of the Robert Koennecke Award as the district's outstanding club for the year. Congratulations also go out to Past District

Governor Andy Rodriquez, the district's Lion of the Year and winner of the EB "Tex" Mayer Award. A special thanks goes out to the many Lions that contributed in making the convention a great event.

Our convention, however, doesn't signify the end of the year. Our organization's state convention takes place in Abilene, May 26 through 28. It's a great time to learn from other Lions and share in the excitement of service throughout the state. More information concerning the convention can be found at texaslionsconvention.org.

As we come nearer to the end of our year, however, it's time for us to gear up and finish strong. It's been a great year and I can think of no better way to finish the year than continuing to serve our communities as you have all year. With the pandemic and now inflation, there is so much work to be done. Increasing our membership during May and June will provide more hearts and hands to meet those needs. Each of us know individuals who have a servant's heart and would make a great Lion. We simply have to ask them.

Scan your community. Let's finish strong!

We Serve! 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

- May 26, 2022, State Convention
- June 24, 2022, International Convention

From our Vice District Governors 1st VDG and DG Elect Lion David Sahm

Finish May and June Strong

Howdy Lions! Who all watched the Kentucky Derby this weekend? A long shot came from behind to beat the favorites in the final stretch.

District 2-S5 is not a long shot in Texas. We are always a favorite but do have a short way to go to end the year to end up with a positive membership for DG Lion Joe Frank's year. With a good hard sprint, we can do just that.

The activities are happening, the service is occurring, and Lions are inviting friends, associates, and neighbors to come learn more about their club or a neighboring club. Let's remember to follow up with all of our prospective new Lions these last few weeks of the Lion's year.

These new members will give your clubs the strength to do projects in the coming months and leadership for the future.

Lion David Sahm 1st VDG



Global Action Team - Leadership, Membership, Service

Global Membership Team Report PDG Ron Gay, District GMT

Lions,

Through the middle of May, the clubs in District 2-S5 brought in 256 new Lions. Unfortunately, during the same time frame our clubs have lost 272 Lions giving our district a net loss of 16 Lions. Still, a positive gain for the Lions year is within our grasp, but we will need to hustle these last six weeks to get there.

Fayetteville still leads the district with a net gain of 23 members for the year. The **Giddings New Horizon Lions** are in second place with a net gain of 13 members. They are followed by **Blinn College** with a net gain of 8, **Bellville**, **Bryan Noon** and **Paige** each with a net gain of 7, **College Station Evening** with a net gain of 6, and **Lexington** and **New Baden Camp Creek** with a net gain of 5.

Our Top recruiter so far this quarter with 3 new members is Crystal Cedillo with the Waelder New Millennium Lions.

We have just over 6 weeks left in this Lions year. Six weeks to get our district back in the black by June 30, 2022.

Ron Gay, PDG District GMT

Our Global Causes

SightFirst**



Our Mission:

To strengthen eye care systems in underserved communities, enabling them to fight blindness and vision loss and assist those who are blind or visually impaired.

Vision for All

Since 1990, SightFirst has played a major role in helping restore, improve and preserve the vision of millions around the world.

- More than U\$\$372 million approved for over 1398 projects in 117 countries
- 9.6 million cataract surgeries performed to restore sight
- 1351 eye centers and training institutions built, expanded or equipped
- 2.3 million professional eye care and community health workers trained
- 197 million doses of Zithromax® to control trachoma and over 955,000 trachoma surgeries
- 325.8 million doses of Mectizan® to halt progression of onchocerciasis

**From the Lions Club SightFirst 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
- 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.

The Second Gonzales Empty Bowl Project was a Success! By Kris Mclain

The Gonzales Noon Lions Club along with many community partners hosted the second Empty Bowl Project Tuesday March 29th at the Gonzales Elks Lodge.

During this past year, various potters, artist and community members made and painted bowls. Leah Ford with Red Hen pottery graciously opened her Belmont studio for individuals to come out and make bowls, then they were bisque fired, glazed, and fired again. Shelli Shelton with the Purple Cactus hosted various groups in her studio to paint bowls and she fired the works of art. The 600+ bowls were donated to the project for supporters to come in and select one to take home.



The bowls were unique and beautiful and many people had trouble deciding which bowl to

choose. With the price of admission, they were also able to enjoy a bowl of delicious soup prepared by 8 community restaurants- Running M, Cow Palace, El Vaquero, Gonzales Healthcare Systems, Yang's Kitchen, La Bella Tavola and Sarah Tenberg from Shiner Diner. Bread and tea from HEB and Walmart were provided and desserts were donated by the Gonzales Noon Lions. Lion David Haug provided live music during the 2.5-hour event.

There was such a great atmosphere throughout the Lodge- sponsors, patrons and volunteers working together

to fight hunger. All proceeds from this event go to our local Food bank (GCAM) and Meals on Wheels which is operated by the Gonzales Co. Senior Citizen's Association.



If you are wondering how the Empty Bowl Project got started, it began in 1990 when a high school art class in Michigan wanted to do a food drive with a twist. They made pottery bowls and served a simple meal of soup and bread. The bowl served as a reminder that some people go without ample food and have empty bowls. The project was so successful that it has spread nationally and into 14 countries.

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To have an Empty Bowl Project, the only requirement is the funds have to serve agencies that help fight hunger. We are proud to have this event in our community that assist the agencies that fill the need. Kari Breitschopf,

Executive Director of Gonzales County Senior Citizens said, "The monies raised at the Empty Bowl Project are



critical to feed the hungry in our county. We operate on an underfunded budget. The needs are very great. We are delivering a meal to 100 elderly/disabled individuals for 5 days a week. For some, this is the only meal they have each day. We do try to help with groceries when funds allow. Thank you for having compassion on our most vulnerable population."

Our food bank, GCAM, is also feeling the weight of these trying times.



The Gonzales Noon Lions thank our sponsors and community partners. One new lion exclaimed during the event. "This makes me so proud to be a Lion". The Lions motto is "We Serve" and the Lions are honored to lead this project.



















Around 2-S5

College Station Evening Lions Club

On April 2, 2022, thirteen College Station Evening Lions headed to Kerrville to participate in the TLC Annual Workday. Our assigned work area was the Auditorium. We cleaned and disinfected the entirety of the lobby, kitchenette, restrooms, seating, and backstage areas.

Our workday was a huge success again this year. What a great team! Thank you, Lions Angie Comer & Terry Bohler, Hal Greer, Brenda & Brent Hefner, John & Lisa Lyon, Luis & Monique Hernandez, Eugene & Diane Molina, and J.P. & Chrystol Winston.













AFTER COMPLETING OUR PROJECT, WE STAYED ON SITE AND HIKED TO INSPIRATION POINT AS A GROUP.



L-R: Lion Tamer Angie Comer, Hal Greer, 1st Vice President Terry Bohler, Treasurer Brenda Hefner, President Brent Hefner, Secretary Lisa Lyon, Luis Hernandez, Monique Hernandez, Eugene Molina, Diane Molina, Marketing Chair JP Winston, Chrystol Winston, and Service Chair John Lyon.

Other Texas Lions Camp News -- Construction work continues at the camp to rebuild two bunkhouses and the expansion of Eagle Trail to include cottages. There are also naming opportunities right now for buildings, furniture, cottages, baths, etc. for a substantial contribution to the camp.

On 04/09/2022, the College Station Evening Lions ran its first-ever virtual trash pick-up event. Because our traditional Adopt-a-Highway cleanup area is under construction, members took to the streets of their own neighborhoods!











Bryan Noon Lions

The Bryan Noon Lions Club held the 48th Annual Sausage Supper Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 29th, and raised \$4,300 for scholarships and recognition for local area high school students. On April 19th, the Sausage Supper Coordinator, Lion Gerald Popp, recognized members who helped make the fundraiser a success with "Oscar" awards. In photo below, (L to R) Rudy Schultz, Gerald Popp, Brent Hairston, Linda Whitfield, Peggy Holzweiss, Robert Holzweiss, Bruce Erratt, Amy Raines, Gerry Hince, John Hince, Marjean Neve, Jason Chipps, Lance Lindsey



Caldwell Burleson County Lions

Fourteen Caldwell Burleson County Lions received their 2020-2021 Perfect Attendance Awards from Lions Clubs International (LCI) on Thursday, April 14. Left to right are Lions Kathy Cornett, Linda O'Brien, Pat Drouilhet, Sherrian Gondesen, Michael Bennett, Faith Ward, Marci Ramirez, Adrien Drouilhet, Jacque Bray, Jessie Bryan, Karen Johnson, Karen Bolt, Maribelle Towslee, and Bob Towslee. Not pictured is Margaret Polansky.



Giddings



2ndVP Jeff Urban as the Easter Bunny. Memorable photo ops for local kids and their families. Red truck provided by Nitsche Group and company founder R. J. Nitsche, a 50-year Lion.

Giddings Breakfast By Bob Thorp





Above: John McCombs ramp build May 4, 2022. Giddings Breakfast service project in the Hills community. Sixteen-foot ramp, 5 people, 2 hours.

Above: April 27, 2022, five GBLC ramp crew build a ramp for a former GBLC member. Sixteen-foot ramp, 5 people, 2 hours.

LaGrange Noon



At Camp Work Day April 30, 2022, PDG James Haverland poses with several Lions including Lions from LaGrange Noon

Smithville Diabetic Bingo



Diabetic education is taught using individual cards with 16 different pictures reflecting diabetes. Example: A1c or hyperglycemia. When the caller (educator) holds up a sign showing A1c she/he gives information about the A1c. When the players have A1c on their cards they cover that picture. When they have a bingo. They r able to pick a food for a prize. The group shares recipes and cooking tips.

Snook Lions Club By Karen Gaas



Above: Twice a year, Spring and Fall, the Snook Lions Club pick up litter on County Road 265 in Snook. Lions helping with this Spring litter pick up are (I-r) David Erchinger, Dennis Gaas, Karen Gaas, Bill Orsak, Dana Yezak, Steve Tunnell & Greg Stasny.



Above: The Snook Lions Club participated on April 16,2022 in the Keep Burleson County Beautiful Adopt A Road project. Lions picking up litter are (i-r) Dana Yezak, Greg Stasny, Dennis Gaas & Karen Gaas.

Washington County Ladies Lions Club By Linda Oberhoff

Our Club made monetary donations to the following originations: Brenham Citizens on Patrol, Nancy Carrol Roberts Library, Brenham Heritage Museum, Texas Lions Camp, Faith Mission, Ukraine Relief through LCIF, Archers Challenge, and Animal Friends of Washington County.



Our Club also donated physical items to Brenham State Supported Living Center for their Valentine's Day event, their Mardi Gras party, and bandanas for their Go Texas Rodeo event. We are currently collecting used magazines for them as well.



Our Club also collected items for several District projects. We collected plastic lids for the Eagle Lake Lions Club along with used eyeglasses for the Recycle Program. At the last District Meeting we donated 83 pairs of glasses. The cases from those eyeglasses were donated to Goodwill here in Brenham.

We had four Lady Lions attend the Sight First Training and they are now state level certified. We partner with the Brenham Evenings Lions Club to do screenings in our local schools.



We helped with floral delivers with two different local florists for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. It is a great fun-raiser for our Club and our members have lots of fun while delivering beautiful flowers all over our county. We also donated luggage, back packs, duffle bags and 30 custom made fabric totes to Bluebonnet Haven, a local facility for girls in crisis. The Washington County Ladies Lions Club also made a donation of 17 custom-made totes to Brenham's Bluebonnet Haven. This donation brings the count to over 150 totes that have been donated in the last year. We thank our local supporter, who designed and made the bags to be donated to our club. Lions Rachel Blankenberg and Linda Oberhoff (on the right)made the presentation. Pictured on the left are workers at Bluebonnet Haven.





Weimar Encore Lions

Winners of Weimar Encore Lions Gedenke Pie Contest. This one of our annual events to raise funds for our Scholarships. After the contest we auction the pies. This year we had close to 50 pies entered, that is a lot of pie for our 3 teams of Judges to sample.



District 2-S5 Calendar

Please note the following dates and events.

May 2022

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	26-28	Abilene	State Convention
June 2022			
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	24-28	Montreal, Canada	International Convention

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.

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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.

Campaign 100



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