

July 15, 2021



We Serve

The District



District 2-S5

Governor's Message

Scan the Horizon



Hello Lions, and welcome to our new Lions year. The past year and a half have been difficult on everyone and every club. But thanks to the leadership of Past District Governors Mark and Vance, the clubs in our district have continued to serve their communities. Thank you, Lions, for persevering and continuing to fulfill our association's motto, "We Serve."

It is my great honor to serve as the Governor of District 2-S5. Our district is known not only across the state, but also the nation as a leader in Lionism. I am humbled as we are blessed with 59 great clubs and outstanding leaders throughout our district.

We now embark on a new year. It's time for each club to come roaring back. Our communities need us, our state needs us, and the world needs the services provided by Lions.

This year I challenge you to "Scan the Horizon." Scan the horizons of your communities for even greater ways you can serve your neighbors. Scan the horizons of your communities for individuals who you believe have a servant's heart and would be great Lions. With more members, we gain the ability to serve even more.

I look forward to a wonderful year as we serve together.

Scan the Horizon!

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

- Red Ribbon Gala – August 20, 2021 - TBD
- First Cabinet Meeting – August 21, 2021 - Caldwell

Meet Your District Officers



District Governor Joe Franks (right), Second Vice District Governor Jane Istre (center) and First Vice District Governor David Sahm (left). Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them at the first Cabinet Meeting.

I Have a Question ...
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By request from 2-S5 Treasurer PDG Mark Ulrich

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.

Message from 1st VDG Lion David Sahm

COVID-19 IS Not the First Lions' Challenge

Anyone who has been a Lion for more than a few days knows of Helen Keller's appeal to Lions in 1925. She challenged us who have our sight, hearing, are strong, brave, and kind to constitute ourselves as "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness".

Those are powerful words, and Lions picked up the banner and rallied around that cause for decades. Texas Lions flourished and grew to meet Helen Keller's challenge through several difficult periods including:

- the dust bowl days of the Great Depression in the 1930s
- World War II in the 1940s
- Polio outbreak of the late 1940s



Nearly a century later, Lions have been put to the test again with COVID-19.

You, Lions of District 2S-5, are in the leading world service organization of men and women who have the tools:

You have the vision to see where smiles are needed.
You listen carefully, heard hunger pains, and worked to feed the hungry.
You saw children in despair and found ways to bring laughter to their faces.
You help a daughter hear her father's or mother's voice for the first time.
You have the strength to raise those who cannot walk off the ground.
You act boldly and selflessly with heart and kindness.
You are a Lion, a Lion of 2-S5

Helen Keller's lack of physical sight did not keep her from seeing the fortitude of Lions and the opportunity that they could bring to so many people. In 2021-2022, let's continue the charge Helen Keller gave us 96 years ago, and while we are at it, invite just one friend to join us. Imagine all that we can accomplish.

Message from 2nd VDG Lion Jane Istre

Hello and Welcome...



Hello and WELCOME the new Directors, new members and ALL Lions to our new year 2021-2022!

It will be a fun and exciting year with District Governor Joe Franks! I also look forward to meeting more Lions of our AWESOME DISTRICT 2S-5 to build friendships, alliances and service partners.

Here we go!!!

Yours in service,

2VDG Jane Istre

Our Global Causes



Vision Facts

- **253 Million** people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment (MSVI)
- **1.1 Billion** have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses
- **>75%** of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable
- **89%** of people with visual impairment live in develop countries

We Have a Plan

- We have a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired, and remain committed to continuing this mission into our next century of service.

Our Strategic Objective

- Prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

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.



LCI Disaster Relief – Kids in Disaster Project

The Kids in Disaster project, approved by the cabinet as a district project at the District Convention, is coordinated by Lion Franks. With the project, when disaster strikes, Lions of District 2S-5 will be prepared to bring comfort to those often overlooked in disasters.... Children. Bags of toys, books, and activities are designed to meet the needs of specific ages groups from infant to teen. District Lions are encouraged to contact Lion Meredith to help assemble bags or tour the facility. Additionally, she is eager to speak to all clubs about the project. Her email is merelin1@verizon.net, phone and text (281) 744-6107.



KIDS 1: PDGs VANCE ELLIOTT, RON GAY AND DANNY STRIBLING JOIN LION MEREDITH FRANKS AS THEY TOUR THE WAREHOUSE FOR KIDS IN DISASTER



KIDS 2: LIONS ANN BUTLER AND STEVE MCCULLOUGH FROM THE COLUMBUS LIONS ARE PICTURED WITH LION FRANKS AS THEY ASSEMBLE BAGS FOR THE KIDS IN DISASTER PROJECT.



Global Action Team – Leadership, Membership, Service

Global Leadership Team Charges into New Lions Year

The charge of the District Global Leadership Team is to develop strong leaders across the district and guide these leaders to effective club leadership and service.

Hitting the ground running, on May 20 under the direction of PDG Andy Rodriguez, all zone chairs received training in their specific leadership responsibilities. Zone chairs play a vital role in the effectiveness of the district. As witnessed by the training, Governor Joe has selected an outstanding group of Lions to chair our zones!

The first round of club officer training took place on June 29 when 65 Lions from across the district received training in their specific leadership roles. The Global Leadership team trainers included Lions Kelli Higgins, Adrien

Drouilhet, and Charles Cox; and PDG's Charles Villeneuve, Ron Gay, Mark Ulrich, Michael Smalley and James Haverland.

The next round of officer training is being presented through Zoom on Thursday, July 15.

For more information regarding the Global Leadership Team, contact PDG Danny Stribling, GLT chair, at dmstribling@yahoo.com or 979-777-2420

"... And I thought
I was top Lion"



Did you see that Lion...

Our Lion made an unexpected guest appearance at the District 2-S5 officer and director training session at Giddings High School in Giddings Texas. There was a great turnout, as reported in Lion Danny Stribling's article. And, District Governor Franks *encourages you to train all your Lions.*



From our District Secretary

Attention Lions of District 2-S5:

You have the opportunity to meet the President of Lions Clubs International!!

Lions International President Doug Alexander will be visiting Kerrville in August, and all of you are invited to attend the International President's Annual Picnic at the Texas Lions Camp. The picnic will be held on Friday, August 6th, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with your fellow Lions!!

There will be information about the picnic posted soon on the state website at texaslions.org.

Officers Are Installed and the Gavel Passes

The gavel was passed to incoming presidents all over the district. Congratulations to all new officers.

Caldwell Burleson County

CBC Lions Club officers are installed on June 24 by District Governor Joe Franks. From left to right Lions Faith Ward, Linda O'Brien, Kathy Cornett, Karen Johnson, DG Joe Franks, Pat Drouilhet, Jacque Bray, Johanna Elliott, Michael Bennett, Margaret Polansky, and Adrien Drouilhet.



CBC Lions immediate past President Jacque Bray presents the gavel to in-coming Club President Pat Drouilhet on June 24,2021

College Station Noon

College Station Noon past president Mary Walker passed the gavel to incoming president Dan Castillo



Giddings, Giddings Breakfast and Paige

Past International Director Joe Al Picone led the induction of officers.



Around 2-S5

District 2-S5 kept busy even as we came out of the pandemic.

Lexington Lions



President John DeGomez from the Lexington Lions dropped off a truck load of shoes to assist the Gonzales Club in meeting their goal for Soles4Souls. Several other Zone 4A clubs are also helping! Nice job Lion President DeGomez and the Gonzales Lions.

Brenham Noon Lions

Left, Joe Williams with Bread Partners of Washington County (left) receives a check for \$1000 from Brenham Noon Lions President John Trostle. The donation was made possible by community members who supported the Noon Lions club during its annual fundraiser.

Right, Brenham Noon Lions Club Treasurer Bill Clanahan (left) presents Faith Mission Executive Director Rev. Randy Wells with a check for \$1000. The Club says it supports Faith Mission and recognizes Executive Director Rev. Randy Wells and the entire Faith Mission staff for its work in the community.



Weimar Encore Lions members



President Sue Mullens presents \$1500.00 donation to Weimar Volunteer Fire Department Chief "Butter" Brandt at our Annual Officers Installation Dinner.

(Right) Kimberly Wilson, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club, receives a \$1,000 donation from the Weimar Encore Lions Club. Presenting the check is Sandy Kainer, Chairman of the WELC Annual Pie Auction during Gedenke.



Weimar Encore Lions President Sue Mullens presents Friends of the Weimar Library President Jenny Grohmann and Treasurer Rebecca Hart with a 500.00 donation in appreciation for all the Support they provide to our Library. The Lions continue their commitment to our community and thank everyone for their support at our Annual Gedenke Pie Auction.

Weimar Encore Lions members Mary Ann Brenner and Crystal Barrow presents donation to the Colorado County EMS Andre Chadis, Jason Sprague and Amanda Daniel in appreciation of their dedicated service to our community.





SANDY KAINER



ELVIRA KAHLICH



PRESIDENT SUE MULLENS

PDG Charles Villeneuve presents Melvin Jones Fellowships to two members of the Weimar Encore Lions Club. From left, Sandy Kainer and Elvira Kahlich. Far right, Lion President Sue Mullens joins PDG Villeneuve for a group photo.

Caldwell Burleson County



CBC Lions Faith Ward and Jacque Bray were awarded the Texas Lions Foundation plaque for their community service on June 24, 2021.

CBC Lions host Caldwell Cowboy Church's Amazing Grace Cowboy Band in Concert at the Civic Center.



A New International Director from Texas

Lion Ernesto “TJ” Tijerina (A-2) is one of the newest members of the International Family after his election as International Director 2021-2024. DG Joe Franks is joined by Past International Director Joe Al Picone (S-5) in congratulating Texas’ newest ID, “TJ” Tijerina on his successful campaign.



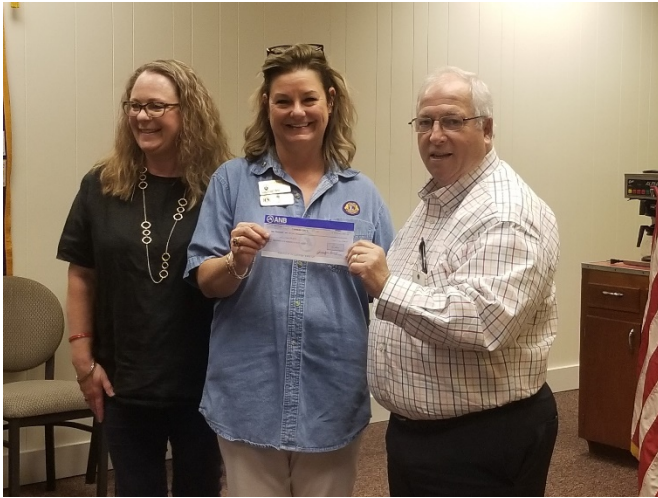
Membership Contest Winners

For the last three months of the 2020-2021 Lions Year, the College Station Noon Lions sponsored a membership contest for District 2S-5 to help incentivize recruiting new Lions and to help minimize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Lions membership. The CSNL Club challenged the other clubs in the District for membership growth. The Club in District 2S-5 that added the most members in that time would be awarded \$500 to their project fund. The individual Lion In District 2S-5 that recruited the most new members would also receive \$500 towards their selected Lions Charity.

The CS Noon Lions Club is happy to announce that the winning Club in District 2S-5 of the Membership Contest is the Giddings New Horizons Lions Club with 13 new members added. The individual Lion that sponsored the most new Members was Lion Laurie Jurk, also with the Giddings New Horizons Lions Club. District GMT Chair PDG Ron Gay accompanied District Governor Joe Franks to present a \$500 check from the College Station Noon Lions Club to the Giddings New Horizon Lions Club on July 7th as well as \$500 to the Giddings New Horizons club to be designated by Lion Laurie. We wish The Giddings New Horizons Lions Club the best in the coming Lions year as we work together to continue to make District 2S-5 the “Servingest” District in Texas!

VP for Membership Lion Dean Schneider,
College Station Noon

Below, left, PDG Ron Gay, Global Membership Chair for 2-S5 presents a check for \$500 to Giddings New Horizons for winning the highest percentage of new members. Accepting the award are Lion President Denice Harlan and Lion Laurie Jurk (photo on left). Right, PDG Ron presents Lion Laurie Jurk with a \$500 check for most new members.



Above left, Immediate Past District Governor Vance Elliott presents Lion Denice Harlan with award for the Club with the most new members. And right, IPDG Elliott congratulations Zone 4A chair Lion Kelli Higgins. Lion Higgins' Zone swept the membership competition this year. Congratulations to Giddings New Horizons and to Lion Kelli and all of Zone 4A.

Wickersham Golf Tournament

From the Lions Camp web site: The history of this Golf Tournament began with four Texas Lions (Lions Mike Butler, Marshall Cooper, Bruce Rickert and Harry Wickersham) coming to the Annual Board meeting of Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville to enjoy fellowship with each other. They all loved to play golf and so what began on a \$10 per person gentlemen's donation at the Flying L Ranch Golf Course in Bandera, Texas, has grown into a major FUNdraising event which generates more than \$100,000 annually for children with special medical conditions. Other Lions heard about the golf outing and dozens joined in to play in subsequent years including Lion Ed Stebbins who was recruited to help organize the event into an annual fund-raising opportunity.

Tournament Information

- **Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021
- **Times:** 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Player Fees:** \$110 per player
- **Location:** [Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course](#) in Fredericksburg, Texas

You may register to play, become a hole sponsor, or become a corporate sponsor. Please visit the [Wickersham Golf Tourney](#) event page at the Texas Lions Camp web site for more information and registration information.

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

5	Fredericksburg	Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament
5-7	Kerrville	1 st COG Meeting
21	Caldwell	1 st Cabinet Meeting

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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OUR CHILDREN Are Counting on Us

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. If children can't see well, they will have more difficulty learning.

Lions KidSight USA is a new national program that brings Lions together to ensure that our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. But to do this, we need your help.



Support Lions KidSight USA

- **We're 6 to 6** – we provide vision screening to children 6 months to 6 years of age.
- **We're national** – we're creating a coordinated national coalition of new and experienced Lions vision screeners.
- **We're needed** – vision problems undetected by the age of 7 can become permanent.



■ And we're waiting for you to join us!

Change a Life by Becoming a Vision Screener

Every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. With just minutes of training, any Lion can screen the vision of a child. Just push a few buttons and the screening devices used in KidSight USA do all the work for you.

Start Planning Your Vision Screening Program Today

Visit www.LionsKidSightUSA.org to learn more about becoming a vision screener and how your club can get involved in Lions KidSight USA!

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