



## Lions District 2-A3



### *Newsletter - December 2025*

### *A Message from DG Lynde*



#### **District 2-A3 Cabinet**

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Corpus Christi Downtown Lions Club

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West Brownsville Lions Club

About 128 years ago a newspaper editor received a letter from a little girl, Virginia O'Hanlon. She sent a letter to the "New York Sun" newspaper. Her father had said if you see it in the Sun, then it is true. The editor, Francis Church, published his response. If I had received that letter today, I would reply this way.

Dear Virginia, Santa Claus lives in our hearts and fulfills our dreams. He works all year long, to provide for those who cannot.

He helps some go to college. He enables some to see. He feeds the needy. He sends kids to camp to learn skills they never dreamed they had. Does this sound like someone you know or have seen? Think back. Those people wearing Gold and Purple parking cars. Those people wearing gold vests while passing out water at a parade. Those same people collect food for the needy, sharing their time so that others may have what they have. Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Santa is the many women and men that give their time, energy and money to help other people. They give their time unselfishly so that others may have what they have. They sweat, walk, cut weeds, ask for food just so they can go home and know that they have made someone's life better. They do not ask for anything for themselves. These are the Santa's of today. They will not come down your chimney on Christmas morning, but rest assured when they say their prayers, they thought of you. So, Virginia, when you are older, consider being a LION.

Thank you to each and every one of you (and we're growing!). PDG Mark and I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HERE'S TO 2026





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# WANTED



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★ **LIONS DISTRICT 2-A3** ★

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★ **SIX SHOOTER JUNCTION** ★

**HARLINGEN, TX**

**JANUARY 23-24, 2026**

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## **Welcome New Members!** (data as of 12/18/2025)

### ***October 2025*** (members not previously listed in the newsletter)

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
Jesus Chavez PHD	Brownsville Nite	PDG Lion Joe Ponce
Jimmy McCombs	Ingleside North Bay	Lion Luana Martin
Cecilia Carrillo	International	Lion Jaime Saenz
Jon Hale	McAllen Evening	Lion Felix Escobedo

### ***November 2025***

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
Enrique Cruz	Brownsville West	Lion Ruben Garcia
Noe Gonzalez	Brownsville West	Lion Laura Marquez
Richard Hitchcox	Brownsville West	Lion Laura Marquez
Mark Paredes	Brownsville West	Lion Martha Cramer
Robert Saenz	Brownsville West	Lion Ruben Garcia
Joaquin Villarreal	Brownsville West	PDG Lion Dr. Joe Hinojosa
Nathan Watson	Brownsville West	Lion Brenda Watson
Maria Caballero	Delta Area	Lion Sheena Cox
Luis Slayton	Delta Area	Lion Sheena Cox
Rodney De Jean	Kingsville Noon	Lion Derek Conley
Ida Villarreal	Mercedes	Lion Belinda Villarreal
Medardo Villarreal	Mercedes	Lion Leandro Villarreal

### ***December 2025***

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
Rodney De Jean	Kingsville Noon	Lion Derek Conley
Shannon Cerda	Mission	Lion Kathy Detweiler
Dalia Garcia	Mission	Lion Kathy Detweiler
Isabel Vasquez	Mission	Lion Lisa Rivera
Chesca Jennings	Portland	Lion Scott Marion
Maria Avila	Rio Grande City	Lion Alberto Barrera
Raul Avila	Rio Grande City	Lion Alberto Barrera
Armandina Villarreal	Rio Grande City	Lion Alberto Barrera
Jose Villarreal	Rio Grande City	Lion Alberto Barrera
Jose Villarreal II	Rio Grande City	Lion Alberto Barrera

## **Congratulations – Club Anniversaries!**

(1, 5, 10, 15 yrs, etc., July – December 2025.)

<b><u>Years</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Charter Date</u></b>
65	Sinton Lions Club	12/20/1960

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Gary M. Schwartz, Portland North Bay Lions Club, 15 years of Lions Service, November 3, 2025



## **Global Expansion Team (GET) News**

Past District Governor (PDG) Juan Lopez, [Dg2a3lions@gmail.com](mailto:Dg2a3lions@gmail.com), 956-292-6880



When members feel valued, connected & proud of what their club does, they don't leave. **Retention isn't about keeping numbers — it's about keeping hearts engaged in service.**

December & June drops are often the result of clubs purging their rosters before the semi-annual billing deadlines. But that behavior is symptomatic, not the root cause. Let's stop the drops by addressing both prevention & perception.

### **DECEMBER & JUNE DROPS HAPPEN BECAUSE:**

- Clubs don't want to pay for inactive members.
- Members feel disconnected or unengaged or unheard or unappreciated.
- There's a "clean-up culture" rather than a renewal mindset.

# **service + fun = happy Lions**

### **Engage Now - Before the Drop**

#### **IDENTIFY AT-RISK MEMBERS**

- Who hasn't attended meetings?
- Who hasn't participated in service?
- Who might drop?
- Check in personally with every member now.
- Ask why they have become distant or might be considering leaving — & listen without judgment.
- Offer flexible dues payment options (installments, sponsorships, or club-level assistance funds).
- Use this as a chance to re-sell the value of being a Lion: friendship, purpose, impact & connection.

#### **REACTIVATE THROUGH SERVICE**

Promote a December service project where EVERY member has a role, even if it's small.

MEASURABLE GOAL - At least one contact/engagement for every Lion by November 30.

**Let's make every Lion proud to stay a Lion.**



## What Do You Want From Your Time & Talents?

This is about you.

You want your time to matter. You want to grow as a person & a professional. You want real friendships & meaningful purpose. The Lions help you achieve all of that—and more.

- Personal Fulfillment through service
- Leadership Opportunities in real-life settings
- On demand, virtual & in-person skills training that apply to all aspects of your life
- Professional Networking with purpose
- Global Impact with local heart
- Friendship & Belonging in a connected world

You want more than a place to show up—you want a place to belong, lead, grow, and truly make an impact.



## Real Impact Starts with You — & Your Dues

Your Lions dues don't go to service projects — & that's a good thing. They cover the behind-the-scenes stuff that keeps our global organization running smoothly — so that when people donate to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), 100% of that money goes straight to helping people.

Where Your Global Dues Go

- Admin & Ops | Keeps Lions HQ running — staff, tech, governance, branding, & more.
- Member Tools | LionPortal, training platforms, club resources — all powered by dues.
- Leadership & Training | Supports training for club officers, district leaders, & international boards.
- Brand Reputation | Funds global marketing & communications so Lions stay credible & visible.
- 100% Donation Guarantee | Because dues cover the overhead, LCIF can promise every dollar donated goes directly to service (like disaster relief, youth programs, vision care, etc.).

What Your Local & District Dues Support

- Club Operations – Meetings, supplies, newsletters, printing
- Member Engagement – Events, orientation, recognition, awards
- Leadership Training – Zone meetings, officer visits, planning
- Event Insurance – Covers club activities & protects members

## **Global Membership Team (GMT) News**

Past Council Chair (PCC) Rick Talbert, [rstalbert2@aol.com](mailto:rstalbert2@aol.com), 956-373-5321

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# **MORE HANDS = MORE SERVICE**

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As we near the end of the first half of the Lions year, I would like to thank each Club that has added a new member (or two, or three, or more!) and each Club that has worked to retain their members. Thanks to everyone's hard work, District 2-A3 is positive in membership as of December 1, 2025 (+9).

I encourage all Clubs to keep all members on their rosters through the new year. Let us continue to grow our District!

PCC Rick Talbert

2025-2026 Global Membership Coordinator



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### Upcoming Virtual Events on Membership:

Let's Grow - Growth Workshop Series - Every Other Week Starting January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM  
Register: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

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## **Club News – Here's What's Happening!**

- **Aransas County Women's Lions Club**

- Provided a meal at the Rockport Community Table on 10/21. Fed 80 people with assistance of the students in the Rockport Fulton High School Culinary Arts Class. The culinary students planned the menu, did the shopping and prepared the meal. It was a great experience. Thanks to Lion Shelly Schofield for bringing the culinary students into the project and making sure everything ran smoothly, and to the eight other Lions who also helped.
- Hearing Screening – conducted screening at our local elementary schools. Screened over 400 children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Thanks to Lion Valarie Nowell and Lion Thea Edmundson for coordinating with the school staff for this important service to our community.
- Bingo on Saturday, 10/18, hosted the monthly Bingo gathering for residents at Gulf Pointe Plaza Nursing Home. 23 residents enjoyed playing and nine Lions Led by Lion Leslie Supkoff.



- **Brownsville Border Lions Club**

- Raised money to support the Christmas Toy Drive for children of Cameron County
- Participated in the city's annual Christmas parade.



- **Brownsville West Lions Club**
  - Coordinated and completed the club's annual Thanksgiving give-away. A big success, making a difference for others.
  - Partnered with Black Bear Diner to raise funds to sponsor Christmas gifts for children. Goal achieved and met a lot of great people.



- Corpus Christi Downtown Lions Club**

- Conducted vision screening for Banquete Elementary School. Lions Lynde Todd and Nick Mierkey conducted the screening and Lion William Castillo managed the students.
  - Hosted the 5-Mile Ruck for Mental Health Awareness and Veterans, in partnership with Whiskey Juliette.
  - Conducted eyeglass collection and sorting and prepared the eyeglasses for delivery to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland.
  - Lions cleaned Lions Park, the park the club adopted through the Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department's "Live Learn Play" Program.
  - Served sausage wraps and grilled muffins at Run the Runway 5K.
  - Cooked warm meals for participants at the Paddle for Parkinson's event.
  - Cooked a meal for residents at Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Bend, in the Share-A-Meal Program.
  - Served at the Grace United Methodist Church Community Food Pantry Distribution on 11/21. 250 families served.
  - Partnered with CC Women's Lions Club to ring bells for the Salvation Army.











# DONNA LIONS CLUB



\$100 DONATION TO  
HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CANDY

# WE SERVE



\$300 DONATION  
TO JOSEPH FOR TURKEY



\$300 DONATION TO  
OPEN HANDS FOR FOOD



\$300 DONATION TO  
HELP A CITIZEN



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



V. S. IN WESLACO ISD  
DID 1443 SCREENINGS



R. AWARD TO OUR  
POLICE CHIEF



DISTRICT 2-A3  
ZONE MEETING



DONNA LIONS CLUB  
GETS THE 1.5 M AWARD



R. AWARD TO PDG  
JOSE LUGO & FAM

# WISHING ALL A HAPPY SEASON



- **Edinburg Lions Club**

- Participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Edinburg Cares Food Drive on Saturday, 11/8, which unites businesses, community organizations and schools within the area. The drive collects and distributes canned food and turkeys to families in need living within the Edinburg School District service area during the Thanksgiving season. This year, 1,000 turkeys and food items were delivered.
- The club has participated for over twenty years and has distributed turkeys and canned goods to over 200 local families. This year's initiative had a positive impact for eight families facing this need.



- **Harlingen Amigas Lions Club**

- Received a certificate from Vietnam Veterans of America in recognition of our support and assistance in memorializing Harlingen's 23 Vietnam KIA.
- Prepared 20 backpacks full of pastime goodies to donate to hospital pediatric patients.
- Regularly serve meals at Loaves & Fishes.
- Four times each month, we partner with the Salvation Army of Cameron and Willacy to prepare food to distribute to the community.
- Welcomed 4 new members!





- **Kingsville Noon Lions Club**

- “Kingsville Lions in Veterans Day Parade”. On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, the Kingsville Noon Lions, led by Lion President Cecilia, gathered, decorated, and walked and rode the float down Kleberg Street celebrating our Nations Veterans. Lions walked the route handing out small American Flags and candy to attending citizens and generally had a great time.
- “Kingsville Noon Lions Annual Thanksgiving Basket Distribution” – Kingsville Lions gathered food goods, bought Turkeys, and other food items in order to prepare and distribute 30 Turkey Baskets to needy citizens.
- “2025 Kingsville Lions Peace Posture Contest” – On November 14, Kingsville Lions hosted a “Pease Posture Contest” in which 18 children submitted entries for judging. We selected three winners with prize monies and have submitted the first-place winner for District competition. We had not hosted this contest in a few years, and we hope to continue in the future.
- “Lions Nursing Home Project” – This December Lions will gather and present gifts, snacks, and well wishes to residents within our local nursing home. Chief Elf Lion Phil Esquivel and the rest of the Lion Elf’s are looking forward to their annual rendition of the “12 Days of Christmas” and “Feliz Navidad”. We all look forward to this project.
- “Lions Day of Service “Hunger” – on January 10, 2026, the Kingsville Noon Lions will set up a table outside our local Walmart Center and collect food goods for donation to local food pantries.
- At the club meeting on Wednesday, 11/19, Cabinet Secretary Lion Joan McKaughan recognized Lions who recently completed the state training for hearing screening certification, and provided the club with a district audiometer with which to conduct hearing screenings. Lions achieving certification are Jesse Battle, Dewaine Williams, Derek Connally, and Idotha Battle.
- Lions participated in the “Children’s Christmas Reading” to children at Perez Elementary. Thanks Lions Cecilia, Beth, Vicky and Jason.







## Mercedes Lions' News



### November 2025 - Month in Review

**Nov 01, 2025** – Area G Marching Band Contest held at Tiger Stadium, thank you to all that that picked up a shift. We appreciate your volunteerism in our community!





## Mercedes Lions' News

**Nov 05, 2025** -Regular & Board Meeting was held @ The American Legion. Fellow Lion's in attendance Lion President Laura, Chuck, Leo, Belinda, Mary, Wally, Connie, Dalia, Peggy, Tony & Flo. Guests: Lalo, Ida and Pastor David

**Welcome our new fellow Lions – Lalo & Ida Villareal**



**Nov. 05, 2025 - #hunger**

We held a Quilt Raffle at our 2nd District Cabinet Meeting, all proceeds from the ticket sales I/A/O \$117.00 were donated to Mercedes Basketsful so that they can purchase items for the pantry. We presented the proceeds to Pastor David during our Reg & Board Meeting





## Mercedes Lions' News

**Nov. 05, 2025** - #lionsformentalhealth

We held a Quilt Raffle at our 2<sup>nd</sup> District Cabinet Meeting, all proceeds from the ticket sales I/A/O \$144.00 were donated to The Rainbow Room so that they could purchase items from their wish list as needed. We presented the proceeds to Lion Connie during our Reg & Board Meeting



**November Donations:** Diana Sanchez dropped aluminum tabs for Ronal McDonald House Charities, and she picked up our plastic bottle caps. She delivers them to DIF office in Nvo Progreso Tamp. Mx. The organization takes the supplies to local collection centers, they use these sustainably sourced funds to provide children with free cancer treatments which include chemotherapy, medication, oncological wigs and other ocular prostheses. #childhoodcancer



## Mercedes Lions' News

**Nov. 18, 2025** – Our club donated 18 turkeys for Thanksgiving this year which were distributed at Mercedes Academic Academy & Mercedes Early College  
We were happy to have donated \$400.00 to Mercedes ISD / Emilia Zarate  
Lion Flo thank you for presenting this project during the season of GIVING!



**Nov 19, 2025** – Regular Meeting was held @ the American Legion. Fellow Lion's in attendance Lion President Laura, Mary, Wally, Leo, Belinda, Peggy, Flo, Oswaldo, Dalia & Andy

- Harlingen Raffle Tickets we profit \$7 per ticket sold, last years numbers were 13 books sold, we made \$910.00 profit
- **Dictionaries:**
  1. Travis 5 Spanish 95 English
  2. Hinojosa 15 Spanish 75 English
  3. Harrell 30 Spanish 45 English

Total in Spanish 50, total in English 215 (24 per case, we have 76 so we need to order 6 cases)

- Two eye applications were approved during our Board Meeting for Manuel Fonseca 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Chacon, both eyes 20/30 and Pedro Solis 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Ruben Hinojosa R/E 20/80 L/E 20/30 **#vision**

**Nov. 22, 2025** – Adopt A Highway Trash Pick Up was a success and we had some additional volunteers that Lion President Laura invited. Thank you, Abrianna Galindo, Carmen Galindo, Jesse Garcia, Lexie Martinez, Jackie Mascorro, Abigail Serrata & Albert Serrata. Our club volunteers are Laura, Chuck, Wally, Mary, Tony, Flo and Peggy





## Mercedes Lions' News



Nila Stoick made 21 bags for Mercedes Basketsful; these are used so people can bag their canned goods at pick up time. **#hunger**



**For the month of November**, we had two volunteers at Mercedes Basketsful, Lion Mary, and Lion Tony providing 30 hours of service. Thank you for your continued service! **#hunger**



# Mercedes Lions' News

## \*\*\*\*\*Mentioned Weeks of Service\*\*\*\*\*

- Hunger 01/03/2026 - 01/11/2026
- Environment 04/18/2026 - 04/26/2026

## Upcoming dates to remember:

**Dec. 03, 2025** - Regular & Board Meeting 6:30pm @ The American Legion

**Dec. 13, 2025** - Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers-Walmart in Weslaco  
Off the Expressway

**10am - 12pm - Lalo & Ida**

**12pm - 2:30pm -**

**2:30pm - 5pm - Marissa & Ethan**

**5pm to 7pm - Flo & Laura**

**Dec. 17, 2025** - Lion's Club Christmas Dinner @ Cortino's 5:30pm

Bring an unwrapped gift / gift card for The Rainbow Room





- **Mission Lions Club**

- Participated in the 16th Annual Breast Cancer Walk as a group.
- For Mental Health Week, delivered homemade banana bread and thank you cards to our local Police department, Fire Department and our local Post office. We all know how stressful their jobs can be!
- Participated in a Trunk or Treat event at our new all-inclusive Lions Park. It was so much fun!



- Participated in a Trunk or Treat event at our new all-inclusive Lions Park. It was so much fun!
- Attended a veterans benefit summit as an opportunity to talk to people on how the Lions serve the community.
- Attended a Diabetes Health Fair along with the Weslaco Lions Club to promote the Texas Lions Camp.

- Held a Halloween Get to Know Your Local Lions Club Mixer to recruit new members.
- Had a table at the National Butterfly community Day to raise awareness on what we do as Lions.



- **Odem Area Lions Club**

- Served at the Grace United Methodist Church Community Food Pantry Distribution on Friday, 11/21. 250 families served.
- Donated food to the Odem Fellowship Food Pantry for Thanksgiving food boxes distribution on Saturday, 11/22. Lions also served at this event. 84 families served.
- Attended the Kingsville Noon Lions Club weekly meeting on Wednesday, 11/19. District Secretary Joan McKaughan presented recognition certificates to Lions who



completed state certification for hearing screening and provided the club with a district audiometer for use in serving their communities.

- Participated in the San Patricio County Veterans Office Veterans Outreach event in Odem on Wednesday, 11/19, and promoted membership in Lions Club with veterans in attendance.
- Provided Christmas gifts to the San Patricio County Sheriff's Department for the children in the county Child Protective Services program.
- Provided Christmas gifts for students in the Odem Edroy ISD Angel Tree.
- Provided Christmas gifts for children in the Odem Headstart Program.
- Provided Christmas gifts for children and students participating the "A Special Christmas with Santa with Santa" for Special Needs Children in Odem and Edroy.
- Enjoyed a festive and fun club Christmas party. Good food, fun white elephant gift exchange, and worked on the January Hunger Week of Service project.







- **San Benito Lions Club**

- On November 22<sup>nd</sup> the club prepared and distributed Thanksgiving baskets for various local families.







## **FUNDS DONATED:**

\$500.00  
WISD - Dr. R.E. Margo  
Elementary School  
Winter Coat Drive



*(Christmas Tree of Cards for Troops)*

# **WESLACO LIONS CLUB**

The Weslaco Lions Club has continued to be active this Lions year with both service projects and fundraising. Highlights over the last few weeks include:

- Partnering with the Mission Lions Club to provide vision screenings and distribute Lions Club materials at the Diabetes Health Fair held at South Texas College and organized by Unidos Contra Diabetes.
- Donating eyeglasses to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center:
  - A total of 511 pairs of glasses were sorted by members at a club meeting and mailed to TLERC.
- Serving up 475 delicious hamburgers to our community supporters at our semi-annual hamburger basket fundraiser.
- Delivering 153 holiday cards to United Soldiers and Sailors of America (USASOA) in partnership with The Growing Patch Early Learning Center. Cards to be sent to our troops deployed overseas this holiday season.
- Volunteering with local youth sports leagues at concessions and entry table.
- Participating in Zone Meeting hosted by Zone Chair Lion Jesse Rivera alongside members of the Donna Lions Club, Mercedes Lions Club and Weslaco Mid-Valley Lions Club.

The Club's ongoing service projects include collecting can tabs (for Ronald McDonald House Charities) and recycling plastic caps (to benefit children in need of medical treatments in Nuevo Progreso). We are happy to accept donations from other clubs at 612 S. Texas Blvd., Weslaco, TX 78596. We also continue to recycle cardboard, paper, and plastic.

Our partnership with Weslaco ISD this holiday season is an upcoming highlight for our club in the coming weeks, and we cannot wait to share more details in the next newsletter.

May everyone have a safe and wonderful holiday with their families and friends, and thank you all for serving those in need during this special time.



*Happy Holidays,  
 Lions*



## **Leader Dogs for the Blind News**

Lion Tabitha Colchado, [tabithaco111@gmail.com](mailto:tabithaco111@gmail.com), 956-289-0875



Dear Lynde,

Phoebe would like to thank you from the bottom of her heart. Because of your support, she received life-changing services from Leader Dogs for the Blind – services that empower her as she navigates the world with confidence – pursuing dreams she never thought possible.

Since being matched with Leader Dog Mia, attending college and other opportunities have opened up for Phoebe. She's appeared at local Lions Clubs and schools, educating people about blindness, how to approach a working guide dog and how to respectfully interact with people who are blind or have low vision.

**"Whenever I was at Leader Dogs for the Blind, I had experiences that I would never have anywhere else," Phoebe says. "I couldn't have asked for a better match, a better instructor, a better organization. Thank you so much."**

Support the **2025 Holiday Drive to Change Lives** and Woods Charitable Trust will match your donation dollar for dollar, up to \$200,000, through December 31. Your gift will have double the impact, helping even more people who are blind or have low vision travel independently this holiday season.

**Please consider making a matching gift today** and help us change hundreds of lives – just like Phoebe's.

Warmly,  
Melissa L. Weisse, President and CEO, Leader Dogs for the Blind



"Leader Dog has opened up so much for me and all free of charge. I really want to encourage people who have never had a Leader Dog before to get out there and apply, because this is something that will change your life."

– Phoebe and Leader Dog Mia,  
Pennsylvania

### **Peace Poster Contest News**

Lion Marisol Nunez, [marisoljnunez@gmail.com](mailto:marisoljnunez@gmail.com), 956-463-2959

The District Peace Poster Contest was held with five entries from across the district – Donna Lions Club, Edinburg Lion Club, Kingsville Lions Club, Odem Area Lions Club, and Zapata Lions Club. The winner is Pyhlyn Huerta, sponsored by the Odem Area Lions Club. The District Governor presented a certificate and a \$100 Walmart gift card to Pyhlyn at Odem Junior High School during the lunch break for junior high students; a big crowd! The students roared upon hearing the news!







**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pyhlyn Huerta, Odem Area Lions Club**



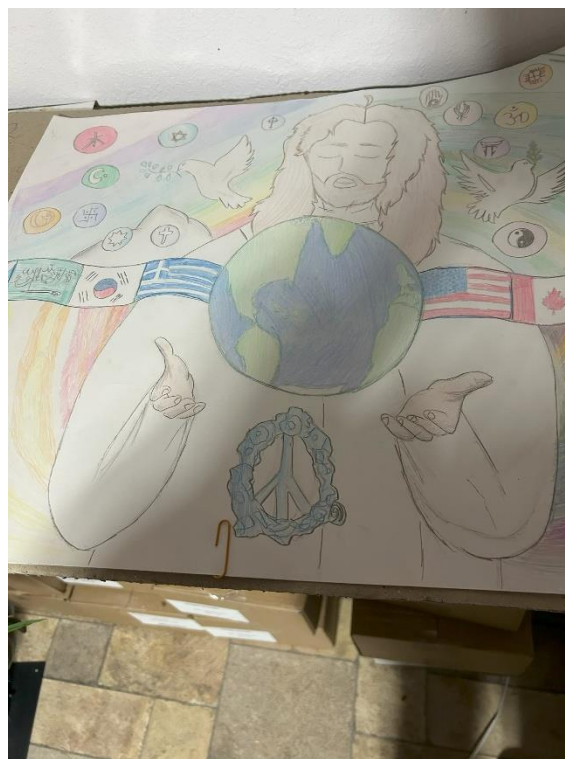
Donna Lions Club



Edinburg Lions Club



Kingsville Noon Lions Club



Zapata Lions Club



## **Vision & Hearing Screening News**

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# **Lions Clubs International**

## DISTRICT 2-A3 V S REPORT 11-2025

10-17-25	TEAMS	SCR	STU	REF	%	SPE	<b>REF</b>	<b>%</b>	ADU	REF	%	EV
	TOTAL	5706	4935	1550	31	287	<b>128</b>	<b>44</b>	484	195	40	62
11-2-25	ODEM	1012	1012	271	22							8
OCT-25	CINDY	1589	1026 563NR	182	18							10
9-9-25	MISSION	205	205	81	40							4
SEPT 25	ANDY-FA	540	540	120	22							5
OCT-25	HARL	335	335	96	29							7
SEPT 25	RGC	560	478	112	23	82	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>				8
9/10-25	DONNA	2328	2132	643	30	196	<b>101</b>	<b>56</b>				19
11-25	TOTAL	12275	11226	3055	27	565	<b>266</b>	<b>47</b>	484	195	40	123

Howdy, Howdy, Howdy to all Lions and a big thank you to all the VS team captains and wish you and your families a wonderful and HAPPY THANKSGIVING. This is what we have done on vision screening for year 2025, we do have more schools to do, and these numbers will change. The above numbers include everything I have received. If the captains have any numbers to report, please email or text me.

PDG Cesar Montelongo

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## **Upcoming District Events**

- January 24 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting (Mid-Winter Conference), Harlingen

## **Newsletter**

Cabinet Secretary & Newsletter Editor – Lion Joan McKaughan, [lionjoanm@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanm@gmail.com), 361-876-8076

The remaining issues of the District 2-A3 newsletter will be distributed via email in February, April, and June. Information for the newsletter must be submitted to the attention of Lion Joan at [lionjoanm@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanm@gmail.com).

**Submittal deadlines** are as follows:

- **January 25** – February 1<sup>st</sup> issue (any additional December 2025 & January 2026)
- **March 25** – April 1<sup>st</sup> issue (February & March 2026)
- **May 25** – June 1<sup>st</sup> issue (April & May 2026)
- *To be determined* – July issue (June 2026 & Year End Results)

Items may be submitted at any time during the period however items received after the 25<sup>h</sup> of the month prior to distribution will be held for the next issue.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

