

District Directory 2-A3

2025-2026



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MD2 State Pin

District 2-A3 Governors Pin



Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it – but still we must, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

Oliver Wendall Holmes

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LCI 2024-2025 Accomplishments



OUR CAUSES

Childhood Cancer

Globally, childhood cancer looks like this:*

400,000

children diagnosed annually

9 in 10

diagnosed children live
in low- and middle-income
countries (LMICs)

<30%

of children with cancer in
LMICs survive, compared to
≥80% in high-income countries

*World Health Organization (Updated annually)

Service areas

Get your club involved in one of these childhood cancer service areas and see how your service will help achieve the **U.N. Sustainable Development Goals**.

PATIENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Ensure patients and their families are adequately supported, and address the most common barriers to obtaining necessary treatment.

ORGANIZATION OR FACILITY SUPPORT

Identify needs and opportunities to serve childhood cancer organizations or facilities to make a difference by expanding accessibility to treatment and services.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Raise awareness of the impact of childhood cancer, educate your community members and create positive change.

Diabetes

About diabetes

Diabetes is a global epidemic

An estimated 537 million adults across the world are living with diabetes, and its prevalence is increasing rapidly. By 2045, the number is expected to reach 783 million. Diabetes is a global epidemic that touches every corner of the globe.

Lions Clubs International and LCIF are dedicated to empowering Lions and Leos around the world to fight diabetes by serving their communities one by one.

Source: International Diabetes Federation (updated annually)

537M

Adults (20-79 years)
living with
diabetes

1 in 2

Cases
undiagnosed
(240 million)

1.2M

Youth with
type 1 diabetes,
half under age 15

6.7M

Deaths from
diabetes

Programs

Get your club involved in a handful of ongoing diabetes service programs and see how your service will help achieve the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals](#).

STRIDES FOR DIABETES

Strides events involve fun physical activity to help promote diabetes awareness and management.

TYPE 2 DIABETES SCREENING

Type 2 diabetes screening events are an important way to help your community understand their diabetes risk and take steps toward prevention.

DIABETES PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

Diabetes peer support groups encourage the exchange of support of all types among community members living with diabetes.

DIABETES CAMPS

Diabetes camps are designed to help enhance the quality of life for young people living with diabetes by providing diabetes management skills.

Disaster Relief

Whenever and wherever disaster strikes, Lions are often among the first to offer aid. LCIF is ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through global disaster relief programs.

Global Statistics

90% of all natural disasters are water-related.

25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters.

Annual economic losses are estimated at US\$250B-US\$300B.

Source: [United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination](#)

Environment

Lions and Leos are working together to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world.

Service areas

Get your club involved in one of these environment service areas and see how your service will help achieve the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals](#).

TREE PLANTING AND TREE CARE

Improve your community through the planting of locally appropriate tree seedlings or saplings, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AND RESTORATION

Protect nature and habitats by cleaning debris and shielding pollutants from harming ecosystems, marine life and the community.

RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Conserve resources and reduce waste to minimize adverse impacts on sustainability.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment, educate your community members and create positive change.

CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Ensure safe water and adequate sanitation for all, promoting better health outcomes around the world.

Humanitarian

The humanitarian efforts of Lions have been notable and celebrated for more than 100 years. Working together, Lions identify the world's most crucial needs and LCIF supports them in their efforts to provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most.

Global Statistics

15% of the world's population experience disability; prevalence higher for developing countries;

≤190M experience significant disability.

~20M people need hospice care annually ~3M receive it.

High social connectedness = 50% increased chance of longevity.

Sources: The World Bank Group, Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance, and World Health Organization Stanford Medicine

Vision

Ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired. Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues unhindered.

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 developing 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

Youth

Young people are a dynamic force for good. We're more than a century into service, and committed as ever to sustaining our impact over the next 100 years. That's why we devote ourselves to serving youth as beneficiaries, youth as partners, and empowering youth as service leaders.

YOUTH AS BENEFICIARIES

We Serve Young People

Across all our Global Causes, we remain committed to serving children and youth. Practically, we improve existing programs through the development of new initiatives that increase impact:

YOUTH AS PARTNERS

We Partner With Young People

Young people are reinventing service with the help of Lions. We recognize and resource youth as capable service leaders:

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

We Unleash Youth Leadership

Young people are global changemakers. Their fresh perspectives and insights drive change in our organization, in their communities and in the world:

Mental Health and Well Being

All around the world, mental health and well-being is a growing need affecting our communities. Lions and Leos are making a difference by working to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and well-being, educating and supporting their communities, and advocating for positive change

.A pressing need

We're addressing the importance of mental health and well-being.

Lions and Leos are promoting the importance of mental health and well-being and providing meaningful opportunities to get involved in serving this important initiative.

Mental health is made up of a variety of factors, including our emotional, physical, psychological and social well-being. To best address the need for improved mental health, we must first understand the facts* — and challenges — surrounding mental health.

25%

Increase in rates of anxiety and depression since 2020.

1 in 7

Youths age 10-19 experience mental health conditions, though many are unrecognized and untreated.

14%

Of adults aged 60+ live with a mental health disorder. Loneliness and social isolation are key risk factors.

20

Countries still criminalize attempted suicide, and stigma and discrimination remain against those with mental health conditions worldwide.

Source: World Health Organization

Mental health and well-being resource

Did you know volunteering can alleviate symptoms of depression and anxiety, enhancing overall mood and emotional well-being? Use the **Mental Health and Well-Being Service Resource** to learn about mental health and well-being, plan a service project and start your mental health and well-being journey. Then, explore the additional resources to help you further your mental health and well-being service.

Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service



This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

Mark your calendars

Mental health and well-being

October 4-12, 2025

Hunger

January 3-11, 2026

Environment

April 18-26, 2026

Lions Code of Ethics

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give freely of my time, labor, and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

DISTRICT 2-A3 GOALS 2025-2026

- Engage the District and all clubs to participate in all eight of *OUR CAUSES*.
- Promote and AMPLIFY our three WEEKS OF SERVICE.
- Train 100% of secretary and treasurer.
- Offer New Member Orientation and invite all Lions in the District.
- Develop new Lions leaders throughout District 2-A3.
- Identify 2nd Vice District Gov. for 2026-2027.
- Develop good strong Zone Chairs through training.
- Conduct monthly communication with GMT and GLT.
- Charter at least One new Lions Club within the District this year.
- Promote club and District growth throughout the year with each Club striving to be a plus 5 in membership at year's end.
- Remove District 2-A3 from Transitional status by ending the year at 1,250 Members.
- Reduce dropped members by 2%
- Foster effective communication between members of the DG Team, and keep interactions to no less frequent than once a month

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Rio Grande City

Roma

Zapata

DUES BREAKDOWN
“WHERE THE MONEY GOES”

Effective July 1, 2025

Required Annual Dues

From Club Administrative Account

Lions Clubs International

Total International Dues **\$50.00**

Make Check for International Dues to **Lions Clubs International:**

Mail Check To:

Lions Clubs International

300 West 22nd St.

Oakbrook, IL 60523-8842

District and State Dues

MD-2 State

State Dues \$ 7.00

State Promote Texas Fund \$.50

Total State Dues **\$ 7.50**

District 2-A3

District Dues \$ 7.00

District Convention Fund \$.50

Total District Dues **\$ 7.50**

From Club Administrative or Charity Account

MD- 2 Texas Lions Camp Dues **\$21.00**

Total Required Dues International, State, District and Texas Lions Camp \$86.00

Make Check for District Dues & State Dues payable to **District 2-A3**

Make Check for Texas Lions Camp payable to **District 2-A3** or **Texas Lions Camp**

Mail ALL Checks to:

PDG Laura Clark

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Weslaco, TX 78596

Payments may be made by credit card, bank draft, or Internet payment.

Lions Clubs International, MD2 and District 2-A3, bill these dues on a semi-annual basis. The billing is based on the number of members reported on the club membership report to Lions Clubs International. These are billed to the club on July 1 and January 1. The payment to the MD-2 Texas Lions Camp may be made from the Club's Charity or Administrative accounts, based upon each Club's policies.

**DISTRICT 2-A3
Governors Goals
2025-2026**

Texas Lions Camp	\$10.00
2-A3 Alert Fund	\$ 2.00
2-A3 Sight and Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00
2-A3 Youth Contest	\$ 2.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$10.00
Texas Lions Foundation	\$ 3.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ 2.00
Lions Eye Bank of Texas	\$ 0.00
World Services for the Blind	\$ 2.00
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	\$ 2.00
Texas Lions Museum	\$ 2.00
Total per Member	\$35.00

Guidelines:

- 100% club contributions are paid once a year, preferably in the first or early second quarter of the Lions fiscal year (fiscal year: July 1 to June 30)
- **ALL checks must be mailed to the District 2-A3 Treasurer.** Make one check payable to **DISTRICT 2-A3**. If not paying 100% list charities supported on a separate sheet.
- Lions Clubs must donate to all of the designated charities to be recognized as a 100% Club.

**Mail checks to:
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CLUB DIRECTORY

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Charter Date 6/23/2004
Alton Recreation Center
1st Monday 7:30 PM
349 W. Dawes St, Alton, TX

President

Missing Officers report

Secretary

Treasurer

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Charter Date 1/14/2020
First Baptist Church
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Charter Date 11/19/1928
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Charter Date 11/16/1994
Valley Inn And Country Club (VICC)
1st & 3rd Thursday 7:30 PM
301 McFadden, Brownsville TX
Secretary

President
Missing Officers report

Treasurer

Brownsville Downtown 1287

Charter Date 7/29/1927
Cobbleheads
1st & 3rd Tuesday 12:00 PM
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Brownsville Nite 1288

Charter Date 9/17/1970
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Brownsville West Brownsville 1289

Charter Date 11/11/1948
IHOP
2nd & 4th Thursday 6:30 PM
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Corpus Christi Downtown 1292

Charter Date 12/18/1923
Land and Sea Restaurant
1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM
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Online

2nd Wednesday 7:15 PM

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Charter Date 5/15/2025

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2nd and 4th Thursday

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Donna 1297

Charter Date 2/15/1938

Don Panchitos Café and Restaurant

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday 12:15 PM

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Edinburg 1293

Charter Date 11/17/1938

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Edinburg Early Risers 59169

Charter Date 2/26/1997

My Place Café

1st & 3rd Thursday 7:15 AM

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President

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Secretary

Treasurer

Harlingen 1304

Charter Date 8/9/1927

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1st & 3rd Thursday

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Charter Date 11/27/1990

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Charter Date 4/10/1973

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Ingleside North Bay 146825

Charter Date 6/18/2021

Ingleside Dairy Queen

2nd Thursday 7:15 PM

Corner of Main St and Hwy 361 Ingleside TX

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International 1309

Charter Date 4/9/1962

Burton Companies LLC

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Kingsville 1310

Charter Date 6/25/1929

El Dorado Restaurant

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 5th Wednesday 12:15 PM

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La Feria 41818

Charter Date 9-28-1982

Online

3rd Wednesday 8:30AM

President

No Officers reported

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La Joya 57581

Charter Date 12/5/1995

Child Nutrition Center

1st & 3rd Monday 5:30 AM

7311 Ann Richards Rd Mission TX

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Los Fresnos 1313

Charter Date 12/2/1947

Lions Club Hall

1st Thursday 7:15 PM

Hwy 100 East Los Fresnos TX

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McAllen 1315

Charter Date 10/25/1923

Salvation Army Building

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th 12:15 PM

1600 North 23rd St McAllen TX

President

No Officers reported

Secretary

Treasurer

McAllen Evening 1316

Charter Date 10/30/1973

Rudy's Bar B Q

2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:15 PM

209 W Nolana Pharr TX

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McAllen Palm City 1317

Charter Date 2/28/1969

Denny's

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursday 7:15 AM

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Mercedes 1318

Charter Date 3/31/1949

The American Legion Post 172

1st and 3rd Wednesday

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Charter Date 4/28/1926
Taco Ole
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Charter Date 6/24/2015
I&D Wireless
1st Friday 123:00 PM
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Odem Area 128063

Charter Date 6/23/2016
Dairy Queen in Odem
3rd Monday 6:00 PM
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Pharr Centennial 133549

Charter Date 1/4/2018
Pharr EDC 3rd
Monday 6:30 PM
1215 S Cage Blvd Pharr TX

President

No Officers reported

Secretary

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Portland 1326

Charter Date 2/15/1975
St Christopher by the Sea Church
1st and 3rd Monday 6:30 PM
820 Wildcat Portland TX

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Charter Date 5/4/1992
Portland Dairy Queen
2nd and 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM
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Premont 1327

Charter Date 4/10/1947
Premont Lions Hall
3rd Thursday 6:30 PM
923 W 7th St Premont TX

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Charter Date 1/6/2025
San Juan Memorial Library
1st Saturday 1:00 PM
1010 S Standard San Juan TX

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Raymondville 1328

Charter Date 10/7/1944
Casa Blanca Restaurant
2nd and 4th Tuesday 12:15 PM
South Business Hwy 77 Raymondville TX

President

No Officers reported

Secretary

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Rio Grande City 1329

Charter Date 12/3/1953
Lion Celia Barrera residence
4th Tuesday 6:15 PM
1522 Gloria Ranch Rd Rio Grande City

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Rockport 1332

Charter Date 3/2/1950
First United Methodist Church
1st and 3rd Thursday
801 E Main St Rockport TX

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Roma 106809

Charter Date 11/4/2009
Roma Community Center
2nd Tuesday 7:15 PM
845 6th St Roma TX

President

No Officers reported

Secretary

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San Benito 1334

Charter Date 8/23/1927
Tres Hermanos Restaurant
3rd Tuesday 6:15 PM
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San Juan Memorial Library
1st Saturday 1:15 PM
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Charter Date 12/20/1960
Back Street Restaurant
4th Tuesday 12:15 PM
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Sinton Nite 55781

Charter Date 6/1/1994

The Butter Churn

1st Tuesday 6:00 PM

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Weslaco 1343

Charter Date 11/25/1927

Valley Nature Center at Gibson Park

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Charter Date 11/19/1970

Paul Garza Man Cave

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Charter Date 5/4/1954

Ruben Flores Lions Hall

2nd and 4th Monay 7:15 PM

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District Honorees

International Ambassador of Goodwill Award

The International Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor bestowed by Lions International to its members. These District 2-A3 members have been awarded this prestigious award:

PCC Rick Talbert

Weslaco Lions 2022-2023

***PID Connie De La Garza**

Harlingen Lions 2000-2001

PID Ray Hughston

Brownsville Downtown Lions 1991-1992

***PDG Jack Weich**

Brownsville Downtown Lions 1983-1984

***PDG Roy Davis**

Weslaco Lions 1982-1983

***Deceased Members**

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This Award is the second highest award in Lionism and is awarded by the International President to Lions who have shown a significant level of commitment to the principals of Lions and outstanding contributions in the world of service beyond the club and district levels.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is the third highest award in Lionism and is presented to members who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and contribute significantly to the global impact of the Lions Club. It recognizes individuals who inspire others and lead by example, strengthening the organization's mission of service and humanitarian efforts worldwide.

Various Lions in District 2-A3 have been awarded the President's Award and Presidents Leadership awards. They are awarded every year to a limited number of Lions. They are a ribbon and medal design and usually worn on special occasions.

Texas Lions Hall of Fame

PDG Juan Lopez, Edinburg Lions 2025

PDG Cesar Montelongo, Donna Lions 2022

PDG Mark Todd, Portland North Bay 2019

***PDG Helen Muse, Harlingen Amigas 2016**

***PDG Dr. Clayton Roth, Aransas Pass 2013**

***George Jackson, Corpus Christi Industrial 2010**

***PDG Glynn Kaigler, Portland Lions 2007**

***PDG Bill Manix, Corpus Christi Downtown 2004**

***PID Connie de la Garza, Harlingen Lions 2001**

PCC David “Ike” Boling, Rockport Lions 2001

PCC Richard “Rick” Talbert, Weslaco Lions 1998

*** Burt Diebel, Alice Evening Lions 1995**

*** Orville Harris, Corpus Christi Southside 1992**

***PDG Leroy “Atta-Boy” Cornelius, Portland Lions 1989**

PID Ray Hughston, Brownsville Downtown Lions 1986

*** PDG Alfred Rogers, Donna Lions 1983**

***PDG Roy Davis, Weslaco Lions 1979**

*** PDG Jack Wiech, Brownsville Downtown 1976**

***Deceased Members**

PID Ray Hughston Humanitarian Awards

PDG David Christopher, Kingsville 2023-2024
Lion Cody Colchado, Edinburg 2022-2023
PDG Juan Lopez, Edinburg 2021-2022
***PDG Paul Parr**, C.C. Southside 2020-2021
PDG David Krebs, Portland 2019-2020
PDG Jesus Rodriguez, McAllen Palm City 2018-2019
Lion Mary Bunton, Mercedes 2017-2018
PDG Mark Todd, Portland North Bay 2016-2017
Lion Felix Escobedo, McAllen Evening 2015-2016
PDG Cesario Montelongo, Donna 2014-2015
***PDG Buz Sawyer**, Ingleside 2013-201
***Lion Robert Janik**, Donna 2012-2013
Lion Wally Bunton, Mercedes 2011-2012
***PDG Helen Muse**, Harlingen Amigas 2010-2011
Lion Betty Moore, Portland North Bay Lions 2009-2010
Lion Lynde Todd, Portland North Bay Lions 2008-2009
***Lion Bill Flatters**, Brownsville Lions 2008-2009
***PDG Norman Stradley**, Harlingen Lions 2007-2008
PDG Joe Trevino, Hidalgo Lions 2006-2007
***PDG Carolyn Keskitalo**, Aransas Pass Lions 2005-2006
***PDG Leroy “Atta-Boy” Cornelius**, Portland Lions 2004-2005
PDG Rick Talbert Weslaco Lions 2003-2004
***Lion Gene Olszewski**, Corpus Christi Downtown 2002 -2003
***Lion Jesse Guzman**, Corpus Christi Shoreline Lions 2001 -2002
***PDG Bill Manix**, Corpus Christi Downtown 1999 -2000
***PDG Glynn Kaigler**, Portland Lions 1998 -1999
***PDG Jack Wiech**, Brownsville Downtown Lions 1997 – 1998
***PDG Roy Davis**, Weslaco Lions 1996 -1997
PID Ray Hughston, Brownsville Downtown Lions 1995 -1996

* Deceased members

Past District Governors of 2-A3

Dr. Joe Hinojosa	2024-2025	*Russell L. Willis	1982-1983
Laura Clark	2023-2024	*#Norm Stradley	1982-1983
Joe Lewis Ponce	2022-2023	*Ruben Castellanos	1981-1982
Rosalio Rosales	2021-2022	*Dr. Harry W. Wickersham	1980-1981
Connie Swartz	2020-2021	*Jimmy L. Steele	1979-1980
Aurelio Villarreal	2019-2020	*Samuel C. Martin	1978-1979
David Christopher	2018-2019	*Fidel G. Davila	1977-1978
Jessie Rodriguez	2017-2018	*Eugene Engels	1976-1977
David Krebs	2016-2017	*Gilbert "Gil" Powers	1975-1976
Juan Lopez	2015-2016	*J. Henry Von Pein	1974-1975
Enedina Vela	2014-2015	*Alfred W. "Al" Rogers	1973-1974
J. Michael Oleszewski	2013-2014	*Roy Davis	1972-1973
Cesario Montelongo	2012-2013	*Walter S Falk Jr.	1971-1972
*Anse Windham	2011-2012	*Bob McLeaish	1970-1971
Mark Todd	2010-2011	*Neil Gilligan Jr.	1969-1970
Joe Trevino	2009-2010	*William Manix	1969-1970
*Dr. Clayton Roth	2008-2009	Gordon Smith	1968-1969
*Helen Muse	2007-2008	Claude Bean	1967-1968
*Leonard "Buz" Sawyer	2006-2007	*E.L. "Les" Swanson	1966-1967
*Richard "Dick" Vasquez	2005-2006	*Bob Davis	1965-1966
*Paul N. Parr	2004-2005	*Cy Grett	1964-1965
Joe Lugo	2003-2004	*William B. Wood	1963-1964
*Carolyn Keskitalo	2002-2003	*Leslie Chappell	1962-1963
*Ernesto DeLeon	2001-2002	*James D. "Jim" Cook	1961-1962
*Jose Herrera Jr	2000-2001	*Charlie Secord	1961-1962
*Eloise Boling	1999-2000	*H.W. "Bonnie" Bahnman	1960-1961
Pat Smith	1998-1999	*Buster Shely	1959-1960
*Glynn Kaigler	1997-1998	<i>Followed Leonard Johnson the last Governor of 2A</i>	
*Dan Gerlach	1996-1997		
*Margo Crosby	1995-1996		
*Fred Klanke	1994-1995	*Jack Weich	1948-194
Wesley "Wes" Caple	1993-1994	<i>Was District Governor of 2A</i>	
*Connie de la Garza	1992-1993		
*John N. Wylie	1991-1992	*Deceased	
Richard S. "Rick" Talbert	1990-1991	# PDG of MD 5 M-6	
David "Ike" Boling	1989-1990		
*Duane E. Snyder	1988-1989		
*Kenneth A, James	1987-1988		
*Homer M. Ortega	1986-1987		
*Leroy "Atta Boy" Cornelius	1985-1986		
Ray Hughston	1984-1985		
*W. E. "Spider" Webb	1983-1984		

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1931-1932 Julien C. Hyer *

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1941-1942 George R. Jordan *

Dallas

1950-1951 H. C. Petry *

Carrizo Springs

1968-1939 David A. Evans *

Galveston

1982-1983 Everett J. “Ebb” Grindstaff *

Ballinger

2006-2007 Jimmy M. Ross

Quitaque

*Deceased

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2-S4	Steven Johnson	512-738-1206
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2-S3 Diane Schaule	830-832-0340
2-S4 Terri Gorby	832-724-5368
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C : 806922-5802

2-T2 Glen Harville

C: 806-778-3756

2-T3 Rose Lucero

C: 915-861-2163

2-E1 Vacant

2-E2 Sean Bryan

C: 817-845-7685

2-X1 Nia MacKay

C: 972-697-3521

2-X2 Travis Ransom

C: 906-244-6655

2-X3 Vacant

2-A1 Darlene Kelly

C: 325-977-1122

2-A2 Joseph Guerra

C: 210-260-7968

2-A3 William Castillo

C: 361-563-1081

2-S1 Benitris Edwards

C: 409-330-6730

2-S2 Hollywood Martin

C: 936-524-9638

2-S3 Vacant

2-S4 Kim Edmonson

C : 281-795-2008

2-S5 Kenneth “Ken” Clemmer

C: 979-716-6907

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PDG Paul Moore

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Alert

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PDG Gary Fuchs	2-S3	C 254-482-0611
Youth Exchange		
Lion Vanessa Jones		
New Voices Chair		
PDG Angela Casas	2-X3	C 603-321-7365

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DG Lynde Todd	2-A3	361-215-2908
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100 Years Ago

Helen Keller's Speech

1925 International Convention,
Cedar Point, Ohio, USA on June 30, 1925

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see"? That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS' VISITATION PROTOCOL

DISTRICT 2-A3

The visit of the District Governor is one of the highlights of the Lions year. Certain rules of protocol apply for the official visit.

The Governor maintains a very busy schedule during the year and courtesy would suggest that the Governor be contacted, in writing, suggesting a minimum of three (3) dates for the official visit.

The Governor can be introduced by the club president or one of the cabinet officers present. This should be done with dignity and include information concerning the Governors home club, business, offices held, Lionistic activities and family, if appropriate.

Introduction of the Governor should be done only once - when being presented to the assembly for remarks. The Governor sits to the immediate right of the podium with the President to the immediate left. It would be suggested that thirty (30) minutes be allowed for remarks by the Governor.

The Governor is the only speaker to be scheduled for the meeting. Do not expect the Governor to compete with another speaker or with long, drawn-out business or board meetings.

Usually, rules are suspended and all reports are tabled until the next regular meeting. Have an agenda to work from and start the meeting on time. Make sure all of the details are done in advance, greeters to be present, bell and banner displayed, region or zone chairmen invited, meal planned and, if a gift is being presented, make sure it is available at the meeting.

Notify the Governor, in writing, of all special club events and extend an invitation to attend. If the Governor is expected to be a participant in the event, provide advance notification, in writing, as to the level of participation requested by the club.

When the District Governor is recognized at any Lions meeting, club or district level, all Lions should rise and remain standing until the Governor signals them to be seated. Not only is this proper protocol, it is recognition of the office.

If a club wishes the Governor to induct new members during the course of an official visit, again notify of the induction in advance and provide a list of names of new members, and their sponsors. Make sure new member kits are ready for presentation.

DISTRICT 2-A3 CABINET

The District Governor's Cabinet is the deliberative and assisting body to the District Governor in the formation of District administration plans and policy. The District shall have a district cabinet composed of the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term), the zone chairpersons, the cabinet secretary-treasurer, or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, Texas Lions Camp Director(s), Lions Eye Bank Director(s), Past District Governors and such other club members as may be in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein.

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The First Vice District Governor is elected each year and normally is elected Governor the following year. The First Vice District Governor serves as assistant to the Governor. He or she will work with the Global Membership Coordinator for their year.

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The Second Vice District Governor is elected each year and normally is elected First Vice District Governor the following year. The Second Vice District Governor serves as assistant to the Governor. He or she will work with the Global Leadership Coordinator for their year.

ZONE CHAIRS

Zone Chairs represent the "grass roots" of Lionism. They coordinate the Clubs in each zone and remain constantly aware of membership, attendance, dues payments, programs, funding, and/or the need for assistance in each. They evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of clubs for the District Governor and recommend assistance where needed. They coordinate club attendance in region and stay in contact with the District Governor and Vice District Governors. They are responsible for seeing that club secretaries submit Club Activity Reports and Future Officer Reports on time.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee Chairs have the responsibility for organizing and implementing the programs of their respective committees. They form the working corps of the district.

HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LIONS CLUBS and MD2

Officially formed October 1917

FIRST PRESIDENT

Dr. D. P. Woods, Indiana

VICE PRESIDENT

D.H. Lewis, Dallas, Texas

SECRETARY – TREASURER

Melvin Jones, Chicago, Illinois

ONE-YEAR DIRECTOR

C.H. Kirk, Houston, Texas

First meeting convened with 36 delegates and eight alternates. There were 12 original clubs from Texas that joined lionism when it was officially formed. These were Abilene, Austin, Beaumont, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, Paris, Port Arthur, San Antonio, Temple, Waco and Wichita Falls. These clubs are known as Founders Clubs.

October 8, 1917, Texas became District 4.

In 1921 District 4 became District 2 as a result of the International Convention in Oakland, California.

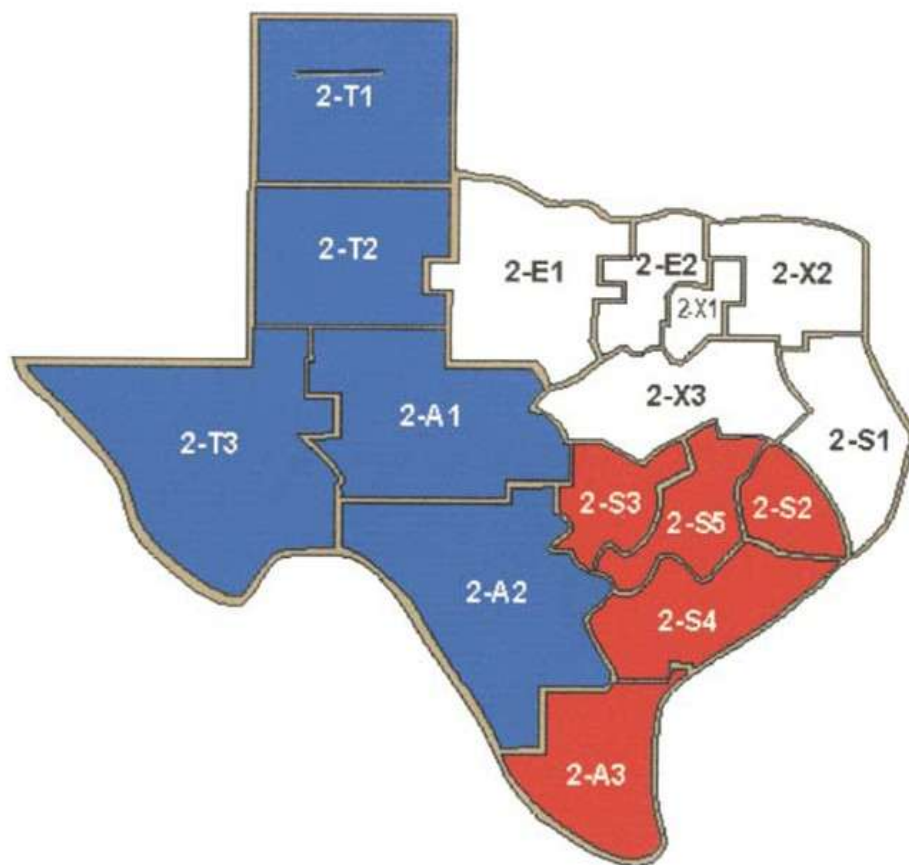
At the 1930 Convention held in Austin, Texas District 2 was divided into 5 District: 2T, 2E, 2X, 2A and 2 S.

After the 1942 Convention, District 2S was divided into three Districts: 2-S1, 2-S2 and 2-S3. This increased the number of Districts in Texas to seven.

At the Convention held in 1958, District 2T was divided into three Districts: 2-T1, 2-T2, 2-T3. This increased the number of Districts in Texas to nine.

At the Convention in 1959, Texas was divided into fifteen Districts: 2-T1, 2-T2, 2-T3, 2-E1, 2-E2, 2-X1, 2-X2, 2-X3, 2-A1, 2-A2, 2-A3, 2-S1, 2-S2, 2-S3 and 2-S4.

At the Convention in 1988, Texas was divided into sixteen Districts: adding 2-S5. There are still sixteen Districts in Texas as of 2025-2026



LIONS CLUB OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provide, however, that club members shall not debate partisan politics and sectarian religion.

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavors.

“WE SERVE”

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Lions Clubs International

Life Membership	
20 years or more member	\$500

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Melvin Jones Fellow minimum	\$1000
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Texas Lions Foundation

Texas Lions Foundation Award	\$125
Texas Lions Fellow	\$500

Texas Lions Camp

Life Membership	\$100
Life Membership w/Plaque	\$125
Jack Wiech Fellowship	\$1000
Endowment Brick	\$250
Endowment Tree	
Stone	\$5,000-\$9,99
Boulder	\$10,000 and up
Century Club	\$100 Minimum

Lions Eye Bank of Texas

Wall of Honor	\$500
Life Membership	\$100
Visionary Ambassador Club	\$100
Eye Bank Angel	\$125

World Services for the Blind

Silver Cane Award	\$500
Roy Kumpe Award	\$1,000

Texas Lions Museum and State Office

Life Membership	\$100
Everett J. Grindstaff Fellow	\$500

LIONS PRAYER

Lord, help me build a Lions Club that will be strong enough to know when it is weak

Men and women brave enough to face themselves when they are afraid

A Lions Club that will be proud and unbending in honest defeats, and humble in its victories

Help me build a Club whose wishbone will not be where its backbone should be

A Club whose heart will be clear and whose goal will be high

Lions who will master themselves before they seek to master others

Lions who will learn to laugh, yet never forget to weep

Lions who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past

Then may I ask that I be granted enough of a sense of humor so that I may always be serious yet never take my self seriously

Give me humility, so that I may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength, so that at the end of my term I can say with honesty, that I have not served thee and this Lions Club in vain.

Anonymous



District 2-A3 Calendar 2025-20266

July 13-17	Lions International Convention Orlando, FL
July 26	1st Cabinet Meeting Premont, TX
Jul 31-Aug 2	1st Council of Governors Meeting Y.O. Resort Hotel-Kerrville, TX
September	1st Zone Meeting Each Zone to Schedule
Sept. 18-20	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Atlantic City, New Jersey
October 10-12	Mental Health and Well Being Week
October 18	2nd Cabinet Meeting Rio Grande Valley Fairgrounds, Mercedes
November 7-8	2nd Council of Governors Hilton Garden Inn, Temple
November	2nd Zone Meeting Each Zone to Schedule
January 3-11	Hunger Week
January 24	District Mid-Winter Conference Harlingen, TX
February 5-7	3rd Council of Governors Y.O. Resort Hotel-Kerrville, TX
March	3rd Zone Meeting Each Zone Schedule
April 18-26	Environment Week
April 24-25	District Convention San Patricio Fairgrounds & Event Center Sinton
May 28-30	MD-2 State Convention Odessa Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
July 3-July 7	Lions International Convention Hong Kong

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

FORM 990

All United States Lions Clubs are required to file a 990 form annually with the Internal Revenue Service. **All clubs must file one of the three forms depending on income and asset requirements as follows:**

Gross receipts normally \leq \$50,000 Note: Organizations <u>eligible</u> to file the <i>e-Postcard</i> <u>may choose to file a full return</u>	990-N
Gross receipts $<$ \$200,000, and Total assets $<$ \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \geq \$200,000, or Total assets \geq \$500,000	990

If your club normally has annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990N). 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 will be due by **November 15th**.

Note: if the November 15th deadline is missed, a club will have to file a paper 990EZ or 990 and there is no extension or paper form for the 990N.

All Lions clubs are exempt from federal income tax under IRS code section 501(c)4; however, if you don't file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status.

Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status.

The e-postcard (Form 990N) will be filed electronically and does not require a paper form. It is internet-based and does not require special software. If you do not have access to a computer, you can file at your local library.