



Official Minutes 2021 Annual Convention

**District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International
April 24, 2021
Lubbock, TX**

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its annual convention on April 24, 2021 at Broadway Church of Christ, 1924 Broadway Avenue, Lubbock, Texas. The District Convention is hosted by the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club.

CALL TO ORDER

The Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Lion Janet Roller, President of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club, who welcomed the Lions and guests in attendance.

Special guests for the convention are International Director Michael Banks and Lion Anne from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor Ted Boyd; 1st VDG Ron Miller; 2nd VDG & Zone 2D Chairman Doug McDonough; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross; IPDG James Belk; Region 1 Chairman Robert Millican; Zone 1B Chairman Gary Smith; Zone 1D Chairman Chris Edwards; Region 2 Chairman PDG James Osborne; and Zone 2B Chairman First Lady Joyce Boyd.

Cabinet Members not in attendance were: Zone 1A Chairman Vohnya Tongate; Zone 1C Chairman Andra Gregory; Zone 2A Chairman Zach Cummings; and Zone 2C Chairman Mitch Grant.

A quorum was present with 12 of the 16 Cabinet members in attendance. (75%)

Voting privileges are extended to District Committee Chairpersons, District 2-T2 Hearing Bank Directors, Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Directors, Past District Governors, and Texas Lions Camp Directors in attendance at each Cabinet Meeting during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This action was unanimously approved by vote at the first Cabinet Meeting held July 25, 2021.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Lion Leon Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Lion Suzanne Barrow gave the invocation.

Lion Lonnie Kirk led the group in songs.

Second VDG Doug McDonough introduced First VDG Ron Miller.

First VDG Miller introduced the 16 Past District Governors in attendance. They are James Belk; Terry Hawkins; Vance Gipson; Jim Petty; James Osborne; James Norton; Peg White; Fredda Buckner; Terrell Thompson; Gary Linker; PCC Bernie Gradel; Paul Ellis; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; Jere Smith; and PID Marshall Cooper.

First VDG Miller introduced District Governor Ted Boyd. He thanked everyone for attending the 2021 District 2-T2 Convention. He also expressed his appreciation to the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club for hosting the event.

TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION

District Governor Boyd asked the Tail Twisters to raffle door prizes.

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today's Cabinet Meeting. They are: Brownfield Noon; Lubbock; Lubbock Hub; Lubbock Lip Lipscomb; Lubbock Llano; Lubbock Redbud; Lubbock South Plains; Morton, Muleshoe; Plainview; Roby; Shallowater; and Snyder. (13 of 38 clubs or 34 percent.)

The minutes of the October 17, 2020 District Cabinet Meeting and the January 16, 2021 Midwinter Conference at Lubbock, TX were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by PDG Duane Howell and seconded by PDG Paul Ellis. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

RECESS & RECONVENE

District Governor Boyd recessed the meeting for a short break at 9:43 a.m. He reconvened the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross presented the District 2-T2 Balance Sheet as of April 22, 2021.

The current total assets are \$28,495.07. Of this, the current and long-term liabilities are \$16,161.69 and current equity is \$12,333.38.

Actual revenue for July 1, 2020 to April 22, 2021 is \$57,336.10 with \$43,783.57 in total restricted funds, which leaves a balance of \$13,552.53.

Operating expenses for this period totaled \$10,183.43, which leaves \$3,369.10 in net revenues over expenditures.

A motion to approve the Cabinet Treasurer's report as presented was made by Lion Glen Harville and seconded by 1st VDG Miller. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

BUDGET AMENDMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic caused cancellation of the in-person Lions Clubs International Conventions in 2020 and 2021. District Governor Boyd was to assume office in Singapore and leave office in Montreal. In addition, the Julien C. Hyer Youth Camp visit to District 2-T2 was also canceled. As a result, there are unused funds in the 2020-2021 budget for these line items.

A motion to make these funds available to Governor Boyd for future travel to a Lions function was made by PDG Peg White and seconded by PDG Vance Gipson. The function would be a USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum or other similar event. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

RECOGNITION OF FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

Second Vice District Governor McDonough recognized the first-time attendees at today's District Convention.

- *Jim and Marilyn Bradley of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club*
- *Lion Daniel Salazar of the Lubbock Llano Lions Club.*

REGION AND ZONE REPORTS

District Governor Boyd asked for Region and Zone Reports.

REGION 1 – Region Chairman Robert Millican said some clubs are still not meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many have been slow to continue in-person meetings.

Zone 1A – Zone Chairman Vohnya Tongate is absent. No report given.

- President Roller told the group that the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club has either tried to help people or put them in touch with those who can do so. As an example, they could not build a long concrete ramp for a person in need. However, they were able to find someone who could handle the project. The club has also provided Rock and Roll Trikes to those needing them.
- Shallowater Lions Club has helped with “Backpack Buddies.” They have had a food truck fundraiser and are now selling raffle tickets for a May 13 drawing. The annual Harvest Fest is scheduled for October 9th. The club has added new members.

Zone 1B – Zone Chairman Gary Smith reported the following:

- Lubbock Lions Club is conducting their 7th annual Kid Kish today at Maxey Park. The club had a trash pickup and has supported eyesight projects for children.
- Lubbock Llano Lions Club made donations to Lubbock Meals on Wheels and Texas Lions Camp. They also had a garage sale and flower sale as fundraisers. They are assisting Lion Dave Clark, who is a client at World Services for the Blind. The club now meets at Picosos in Lubbock.
- Lubbock South Plains Lions Club celebrated its 75th anniversary on April 15. The club donated teddy bears to Covenant and University Medical Center. They also provided \$60,000 to benefit the Texas Lions Camp “Polar Bear Plunge” event.

Zone 1C– Zone Chairman Andra Gregory is absent. No report given.

Zone 1D-Zone Chairman Chris Edwards reported that the Brownfield Noon Lions Club has been busy with a flag fundraiser, harvest festival, strawberry shortcake sales, providing backpack meals to take home Friday afternoons, and help with the local stock show. He said it has been tough to get back into the groove—but the club is always ready to respond when asked to serve.

REGION 2 – Region Chairman PDG James Osborne provided a brief overview of club status in his region.

Zone 2A– Zone Chairman Zach Cummings is absent. No report given.

Zone 2B – Zone Chairman Joyce Boyd reported the following:

- Levelland Noon Lions Club conducted their virtual singing, reinstated their “Pancake Palooza,” and delivered meals to shut-ins.

- Morton Lions Club has had a membership increase. The club has conducted flag etiquette programs at schools, cleaned up a local park, and held a “reverse” parade.
- Whitharral Lions Club kept going through the pandemic. They have had several service projects.

Zone 2C– Zone Chairman Mitch Grant is absent. No report given.

Zone 2D—Second Vice District Governor Doug McDonough reported that all clubs in the Zone are meeting and conducting service projects. Plainview Lions will have a baked potato and hot dog drive-through fundraiser on May 8.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Governor Boyd asked for District Committee reports.

BARK AND BREW: PDG Terry Hawkins is working with Two Docs Brewing Company to host the 2021 Bark and Brew event in either September or October. The actual date is to be determined.

DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT: PCC Gradel reported the following results:

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| ▪ Closest to the hole: | Lion Russell Donaway |
| ▪ Longest Drive: | Lion Mike Skeen |
| ▪ 6th Place: | Lubbock Lions |
| ▪ 5th Place: | Lubbock Lions & Redbud Lions |
| ▪ 4th Place (tie): | Lubbock Lions & Shallowater Lions |
| ▪ 3rd Place: | Lubbock Lions |
| ▪ 2nd Place: | Plainview Lions |
| ▪ 1st Place: | Snyder Lions |

The cash prizes, totaling \$1,247.38, were donated to Texas Lions Camp.

LEADER DOG: PDG Terry Hawkins reported that Leader Dog held their virtual “Dinner in the Dark” event which raised \$300,000. She mentioned other ways that Lions can support Leader Dogs for the Blind. This includes counter displays for fundraising and the “Adopt a Puppy” program.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF): PDG Jim Petty told the group that this has been a difficult year due to natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic. However, LCIF continues to award grants to Lions Club around the world to improve communities by providing sight-saving cataract surgeries, assistance to those with diabetes, funding pediatric cancer treatment for families without access to care, and other humanitarian projects.

He also noted that LCIF has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to MD-2 Texas and \$261,000 in grants to District 2-T2.

In District 2-T2, 37 of the 38 Lions Clubs have donated to LCIF Campaign 100, which is 93.37 percent participation.

LCI Campaign 100 ends in June 2022. He asked clubs to consider other ways that they can support Lions Clubs International's efforts to raise \$300 million in three years. PDG Petty is available to give programs about LCIF to clubs.

He encouraged clubs to consider being "model clubs," with each member making a \$500 donation to LCIF.

First VDG Ron Miller was the winner of the 50/50 raffle benefitting Campaign 100. He graciously donated his winnings to LCIF.

PDG Jim Petty concluded his report with the presentation of Campaign 100 awards to several Lions in attendance.

RELIEVING THE HUNGER: PDG Vance Gipson said he was very pleased with Lions' participation in the "U Can Share FUND Drive" benefitting the South Plains Food Bank. A total of 12 clubs participated and raised \$7,450. Of the 12, four Lions Clubs donated to their local Food Banks/Pantries. He reminded the Lions that hunger is an on-going problem. Clubs should consider hunger-related projects through the year.

The following clubs received recognition patches for their banners:

- Levelland Noon
- Littlefield Early Risers
- Lubbock
- Lubbock Llano
- Lubbock Redbud
- Lubbock South Plains
- Morton
- Plainview
- Roby
- Shallowater
- Snyder

TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION: PDG Peggy White reminded clubs that a Texas Lions Fellowship would be a great way to honor outgoing club officers for a job well done. The cost is \$500.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND—PDG Terry Hawkins told the group that a member of the Lubbock Llano Lions Club has been a WSB client for the past 3-4 months.

NEW BUSINESS

District Governor Boyd asked for any new business.

ESTATE PLANNING INFORMATION: Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross and PDG Terry Hawkins gave a brief “Estate Planning 101” seminar on how to add charities as beneficiaries in wills.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE: PDG Terry Hawkins announced that Kathy & Vernon Norris of Plainview and Lubbock South Plains Lions Club were honored with an endowment brick at Texas Lions Camp. This is in appreciation of their support of the recent Polar Bear Plunge.

RESOLUTION FOR TEXAS LIONS CAMP SECRETARY: PDG Terrell Thompson read a District 2-T2 resolution supporting PDG Terry Hawkins for the position of Texas Lions Camp Secretary. The resolution outlines PDG Hawkins’ qualifications for the office and affirms the District’s support as she moves forward—ultimately serving as Chair of the Texas Lions Camp Executive Committee. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by PDG Terrell Thompson and seconded by PDG Peggy White. *All voted “aye,” and the motion was unanimously approved.*

RECESS & RECONVENE

District Governor Boyd recessed the meeting for a short break at 11:27 a.m. He encouraged the Lions to cast their votes in the District Photo Contest. There are 67 entries, which is a record! The meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

NOMINATION OF 2021-2022 OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Chairman PCC Gradel conducted the 2021-2022 officer nominations. He appointed PDG Jim Petty and Lion Tom Vermillion to serve as Sergeants-At-Arms.

All nominees are members in good standing of their respective clubs.

- A motion to nominate PDG Terrell Thompson as MD-2 Texas Lions Council Chairman (2024-2025) was made by PDG James Norton and seconded by PDG Carmon McCain.
- There are no candidates for the District 2-T2 Lions Hearing Bank. The current Board has agreed to continue service in their respective positions.

- A motion to nominate Lion Tommy Powe as Region 9 Director of the Great Plains Lions Eye Bank was made by PDG Duane Howell and seconded by Lion Deanna Harville.
- A motion to nominate Lion Beverly Ham of the Lubbock Llano Lions Club as Texas Lions Camp Director was made by PDG Terry Hawkins and seconded by Lion Joe Freeman.
- Chairman Gradel noted that today's ballot lists candidates for Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. These are appointed positions—rather than elected positions.
- A motion to nominate Lion Chris Edwards of the Brownfield Noon Lions Club as Second Vice District Governor was made by Lion Doug McDonough and seconded by PDG Wendell Dunlap.
- A motion to nominate Lion Doug McDonough of the Plainview Lions Club as First Vice District Governor was made by 1st VDG Ron Miller and seconded by PDG James Belk.
- A motion to nominate Lion Ron Miller of the Plainview Lions Club as District Governor was made by Lion Doug McDonough and seconded by Lion Mike Melcher.
- A motion to place Plainview, TX on the ballot as the 2022 Convention City was made by PDG Peg White and seconded by Lion Joe Freeman.

With the nominations closed, Chairman Gradel invited Election Chairman Lion Joe Freeman to discuss the poll location, voting times, and election procedures with the group.

The polls are open from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURN FOR LUNCH

District Governor Boyd adjourned the Cabinet Meeting at 11:29 a.m. A buffet lunch was served immediately afterwards.

CANDIDATES AND QUEENS LUNCHEON

Lubbock Redbud Lions President Janet Roller called the luncheon to order at 12:25 p.m.

Lion Leon Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PDG Jim Petty gave the invocation.

Lion Lonnie Kirk led the singing.

The first-time attendees, Past District Governors, and District Governor Ted Boyd were introduced.

PDG Peg White introduced this year's District 2-T2 Peace Poster Contest winner. He is Angel Chavez, a student at Watson Junior High School, in Muleshoe. His parents are Carlos and Laura Chavez. His poster is titled "Peace through Service." Congratulations Angel!

PCC Bernie Gradel introduced the nominees for District office.

Keynote speaker for the luncheon was Past International Director Michael Banks of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Director Banks said he is impressed with District 2-T2 and the fact that it hasn't lost its spark of service due to the pandemic. He noted that some Districts have lost their enthusiasm—but District 2-T2 has not.

Using "The Wizard of Oz" as a framework, Director Banks made the following observations on how it relates to Lions Clubs.

- The Tin Man wished for a heart. He only needed to be among people who care about others.
- Dorothy's bravery and convictions helped her succeed. Lions serve others and show the power of conviction through acts of kindness.
- The Cowardly Lion wanted a medal of courage. Wear your Lions pin proudly to show others that you are part of a worldwide organization dedicated to serving others.

He encouraged the District to use its imagination and creativity to involve parents and their children in Lions' activities. This may help obtain new members.

Director Banks presented the following LCI awards:

International President Certificate of Appreciation: PDGs Terry Hawkins, Carmon McCain, and Peggy White.

International Director Friendship Banner: PID Marshall Cooper.

In appreciation for his visit, a Lions Clubs International Foundation honorarium was presented to International Director Banks. First Lady Joyce Boyd presented Anne Banks with a necklace and purse.

The District Tail Twisters reported that today's door prize sales raised \$361.00 for Texas Lions Camp.

Voting in the District election immediately follows the luncheon.

District Governor Boyd adjourned the Candidates Luncheon at 1:48 p.m.

NECROLOGY SERVICE HONORING DECEASED LIONS

The annual necrology service honoring those Lions who passed away during 2020-2021 was held.

As each member's name was called, a Lions gong was rung and a candle was lit. Queens presented family members or club members with a rose in memory of the deceased Lion.

Those Lions that we remember are:

- **Floyd Galloway** – Abernathy Lions
- **Bill Ballard** – Jayton Lions
- **Randy Galloway** – Lubbock Lions
- **PDG Dick Van Hoose** -- Lubbock Lions
- **Johnny Marshall** – Lubbock Redbud Lions
- **Weldon Adams** – Lubbock South Plains Lions
- **J. B. Stinnett** – Lubbock South Plains Lions
- **Lonnie Hollingsworth** – Lubbock South Plains Lions
- **John P. Lincoln** – Lubbock South Plains Lions
- **John Anderson** – Plainview Lions Club
- **Robert Pitts** – Plainview Lions Club
- **Bill Wells** – Plainview Lions Club
- **Emmitt Tipton** – Plainview Breakfast Lions Club
- **Charla Wiley** – Roby Lions Club
- **PDG Charles Shannon** – Ropesville Lions Club
- **Steven Campbell** – Slaton Lions Club
- **Weldon Self** – Slaton Lions Club

The service concluded with thanks for each Lion's life and their dedicated service to Lions Clubs International and their respective communities. Each will be greatly missed.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

President Janet Roller of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club called the District Governor's Banquet to order at 6:35 p.m.

Lion Leon Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Lion Suzanne Barrow gave the invocation.

Lion Roller introduced the head table.

Second VDG Doug McDonough introduced the PDGs in attendance and 1st VDG Ron Miller.

First VDG Ron Miller introduced District Governor Ted Boyd.

NEW MEMBER – DISTRICT PERMANENT COMMITTEE

PDG James Norton, chairman of the District Permanent Funds Committee, introduced PDG James Osborne as a new committee member. He succeeds PDG Charles Shannon, who passed away Nov. 10, 2020. PDG Duane Howell is the other committee member.

ELECTION RESULTS

Election Chairman Lion Joe Freeman reported that 60 ballots were cast during today's election. The official results are as follows:

MD-2 COUNCIL CHAIRMAN 2024-2025: PDG Terrell Thompson, Lubbock Lions Club.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS EYE BANK – REGION 9: Lion Tommy Powe, Shallowater Lions Club.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP: Lion Beverly Ham, Lubbock Llano Lions Club

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Chris Edwards, Brownfield Noon Lions Club.

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Doug McDonough, Plainview Lions Club.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Ron Miller, Plainview Lions Club.

2020-2021 DISTRICT 2-T2 PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

Photo Contest Chairman PDG Fredda Buckner was unable to stay for tonight's banquet. PFL Karen McCain of the Lubbock Hub Lions Club announced the winners in the following categories:

BEST OF SHOW: Lion Deanna Harville
ANIMAL: Lion Deanna Harville
LANDSCAPE: PDG Carmon McCain
PLANT: PDG Terry Hawkins
SERVICE: First Lady Joyce Boyd
WEATHER: PDG Carmon McCain

There was a special dog photo category this year. The winning photos will be included in a District 2-T2 fundraising calendar. The winning photographers are PDG Terry Hawkins, PDG Carmon McCain, and PDG Fredda Buckner.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

District Governor Boyd presented the following Lions with awards in appreciation for their dedicated service to District 2-T2 in 2020-2021:

Lion Suzanne Barrow
PDG Fredda Buckner
PID Marshall Cooper
Lion Bill Cross
Lion Ronnie DuBois
Lion Joe Freeman
Lin Dave Freriks
PDG Vance Gipson
PCC Bernie Gradel
Lion Andra Gregory
Lion Beverly Ham
PDG Terry Hawkins
Lion Tammy Kirk
Lion Doug Klepper
PDG Danny Leake
PDG Carmon McCain
2nd VDG Doug McDonough
Lion Mike Melcher
1st VDG Ron Miller
Lion Robert Millican
PDG James Osborne
PDG Jim Petty
Lion Kelly Pinion
PDG Jere Smith
Lion Jean Anne Stratton
PDG Terrell Thompson
Lion Nolan Von Roeder
PDG Peg White

International Director Banks presented his friendship banner to District Governor Ted Boyd, District Governor Elect Ron Miller, 1st VDG Elect Doug McDonough, PDG Jim Petty, and Council Chairman EEE PDG Terrell Thompson.

TEXAS LIONS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE 2021

“The elevation of Lions into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame bestows an honor upon one who has been outstanding in using their time, talents, and resources to further the cause of humanitarian services.” –Hall of Fame Requirements for Nominees.

PDG Duane Howell of the Shallowater Lions Club is District 2-T2’s inductee into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame for 2021.

He joins the other inductees from District 2-T2:

- PCC Bernie Gradel 2018
- PDG Joe Hargrove 2015
- PDG Chuck Fisher 2012
- PCC Art Cook 2009
- PDG Charles Shannon 2006
- PDG Jack Strong 2003
- PCC Tut Tawwater 2000
- PDG Hoyse McMurtry 1997
- PDG N. K. Snodgrass 1994
- PDG Hack Lasater 1991
- Lion Jake Scharnberg 1988

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

District Governor Boyd introduced the Brazos West Band, who provided musical entertainment.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY GIFTS

District Governor Boyd received a G. Harvey painting, and a Texas Tech “Red Raider” yard statue. A portion of the remaining Governor’s gift contributions from Lions in the District will be donated to Texas Lions Camp in his honor. Another portion will be used toward a trip to Greece.

District Governor Boyd presented a Texas Lions Fellowship Award to First Lady Joyce Boyd in appreciation for her service and support this year.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

The traditional “Passing of the Gavel” from the earliest serving Past District Governor in attendance to the District Governor Elect was conducted.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT REMARKS

Upon receiving the gavel, District Governor Elect Ron Miller thanked the Lions of District 2-T2 for the confidence they have instilled in him. He looks forward to working with 1st VDG-Elect Doug McDonough and 2nd VDG-Elect Chris Edwards.

Miller added that several of the current Cabinet members have agreed to continue serving in their positions in 2021-2022.

He thanked District Governor Ted Boyd for his dedicated service to District 2-T2 during a year impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Miller told the group that the MD-2 District Governor Elects have chosen “To Inspire Growth...” as their theme for the upcoming Lions year. As the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, there will be opportunities for increased community service—which can inspire persons to join their local Lions Club.

He invited all District 2-T2 Lions to attend the first 2021-2022 Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 31 at Texas Boys Ranch in Lubbock.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, District Governor Boyd adjourned the 2021 District 2-T2 Convention at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmon E. McCain

Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain
2020-2021 Cabinet Secretary