



Official Minutes 2017 Annual Convention

**District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International
April 21 and 22, 2017
Snyder, TX**

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International met for its annual convention on Friday, April 21, 2017 and Saturday, April 22, 2017 in Snyder, Texas.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017:

The annual District 2-T2 Lions "Putt for Tut" Tournament was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Sammy Baugh Golf Course on the Western Texas College campus.

The District Governor's reception was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Development Corporation of Snyder office, 2514 Avenue R. Special guests for the convention are Past International Director Stephen Glass and wife, District Governor Cindy, from Bridgeport, West Virginia.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017:

NECROLOGY SERVICE HONORING DECEASED LIONS

The annual necrology service honoring those Lions who passed away during 2016-2017 was held at the First Methodist Church. First Lady Melissa Petty led the service. As each member's name was called, a Lions gong was rung and a candle was lighted. Queens presented family members/club represented with a white rose in memory of the deceased Lion.

They are:

- Lion Orville (Hoppy) Toler, Abernathy Lions Club.
- Lion J. M. Willson Jr., Floydada Lions Club.
- Lion David Abbott, Lubbock Lions Club.
- Lion Nadine Perry Dunlap, Lubbock Lions Club.
- Lion Harold Harris, Lubbock Lions Club.
- Lion J.D. Herring, Lubbock Lions Club.
- Lion Harry Massingill, Lubbock Lions Club.
- Lion Troy Coon, Lubbock Law Enforcement Lions Club.
- PDG Leo Seiter, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.
- Lion Don Carroll, Meadow Lions Club.
- Lion J. W. Hamersley, Shallowater Lions Club.
- Lion Don Avery, Whitharral Lions Club

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

CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting at London Bleu was called to order at 11:13 a.m. by Lion Linda Molina, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, who welcomed the Lions and guests in attendance.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor Jim Petty; 1st Vice District Governor Vance Gipson; 2nd Vice District Governor Terry Hawkins; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman; Immediate PDG Dick Van Hoose; Zone 1A Chairman Norman Padgett; Zone 1B Chairman Joe Freeman; Zone 1C Chairman PDG Danny Leake; Zone 2A Chairman PDG Joe Hargrove; Zone 2B Chairman James Belk; and Zone 2D Chairman Charles Ragland.

Zone 1D Chairman Shane Wimmer; Region 2 Chairman Byron Garrison; and Zone 2C Chairman Ronnie Vaughn were absent.

A quorum was present with 12 of the 15 Cabinet members in attendance. (80%)

Voting privileges have been 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 2016-2017 fiscal year. This action was unanimously approved by vote at the first Cabinet Meeting held July 23, 2016.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chief of Police Lion Terry Lucke shared some highlights of life in Snyder. He thanked the Lions for having their convention here this year.

PDG Danny Leake of the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club gave the invocation.

Secretary Rose Ragland of the Snyder Lions Club led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

2nd Vice District Governor Terry Hawkins of the Lubbock Lions Club led the group in songs.

2nd VDG Hawkins introduced the following as first-time Cabinet Meeting attendees. They are: Lion Carolyn Freeman, Lubbock South Plains Club; Lion Audra Gregory,

Snyder Lions Club; Lion Mike Smith, Lubbock Lions Club; and Lion Bryan Sessom, Lubbock Lions Club.

2nd VDG Hawkins introduced the 16 Past District Governors in attendance. They were PDGs Dick Van Hoose; James Osborne; James Norton; Daniel Warrick; Danny Leake; Fredda Buckner; Dan Pope; Joe Hargrove; Wendell Dunlap; Jerry Marshall; PCC Bernie Gradel; Charles Shannon; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; Max Von Roeder; and Jere Smith.

2nd VDG Hawkins introduced 1st Vice District Governor Vance Gipson of the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club. He introduced District Governor Jim Petty of the Snyder Lions Club.

District Governor Petty welcomed everyone to the District Convention. He introduced Nathalie Kelly, who is painting another picture as she did at the first Cabinet Meeting. Today's painting is "New Mountains to Climb." He also recognized special guests PID Steven and DG Cindy Glass and Convention Chairs Johnathan and Suzanne Barrow.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nomination Committee Chairman PDG Charles Shannon, "Bouncer" PDG Joe Hargrove, and "Timekeeper" PCC Bernie Gradel conducted the officer nominations. All those nominated provided a letter of nomination at least 30 days prior to the convention.

- A motion to nominate Lion James Belk as Hearing Bank Director was made by PDG Dan Pope and seconded by Lion James Osborne.
- A motion to nominate Lion Angie McDonald as Region 3 Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Director was made by Lion Joe Freeman and seconded by Lion James Osborne.
- A motion to nominate Lion Ted Boyd as Region 5 Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Director was made by Lion Janet Roller and seconded by Lion Scott Crenwelge.
- A motion to nominate Lion Bobby Nelson as Region 8 Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Director was made by Lion Deanna Hargrove and seconded by PDG James Norton.
- A motion to nominate Lion Bryan Sessom as Texas Lions Camp Director was made by Lion Mike Massingale and seconded by 2nd VDG Terry Hawkins.

- A motion to nominate Lion James Belk as Second Vice District Governor was made by Lion James Tirey and seconded by PDG Wendell Dunlap. A demonstration in support of Lion Belk followed.
- A motion to nominate Lion Terry Hawkins as First Vice District Governor was made by Lion Mike Massingale and seconded by Lion Bryan Sessom.
- A motion to nominate First Vice District Governor Vance Gipson as District Governor was made by PDG Danny Leake and seconded by PDG Jere Smith.
- A motion to name Lubbock, TX as the 2018 Convention City was made by Lion Norman Padgett and seconded by Lion Mike Massingale.

With the nominations closed, District Governor Petty invited Election Chairman PDG Dan Pope to discuss the poll location, voting times, and election procedures relating to the MD-2 Texas Lions state ballot with the group.

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today's Cabinet Meeting. They are: Crosbyton; Lubbock; Lubbock Hub; Lubbock Lip Lipscomb; Lubbock Redbud; Lubbock South Plains; Olton; Plainview; Roby; Ropesville; Rotan; Shallowater; and Snyder. (13 of 43 clubs or 40% attendance.)

Cabinet Secretary McCain encouraged clubs to submit their PU-101 officer reporting forms in a timely manner to assist with preparation of the 2017-2018 District 2-T2 Directory.

The minutes of the January 14, 2017 Midwinter Conference at Lubbock, TX were presented for approval. There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by PDG Duane Howell and seconded by PDG Wendell Dunlap. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Greg Freeman presented the financial report as of April 20, 2017

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$25,411.28 in total assets. Of this, \$5,559.05 is liabilities, and \$3,956.19 is reserve funds held for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees. Net income during this time period was \$15,896.04. This results in the \$25,411.28 balance for total payable and fund reserves.

Actual revenue for this time period is \$72,575.98 with \$44,965.79 in total restricted funds, which leaves a balance of \$27,610.19 for District use.

Operating expenses for this period totaled \$11,714.15, which leaves \$15,896.04 in net revenues over expenditures.

Cabinet Treasurer Freeman also provided an update on the District Governor's humanitarian contest contributions to date.

A motion to approve the Cabinet Treasurer's report as presented was made by Zone Chairman Joe Freeman and seconded by Lion Glen Harville. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

REGION AND ZONE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Governor Petty thanked the Region and Zone Chairmen for their outstanding work this year. He asked for the following reports:

- Lion James Belk shined the spotlight on the Earth Lions Club. They have 10 members and have donated \$950 to various charities during this fiscal year.
- PDG Danny Leake gave an update of the Lubbock Tech Lions Club. It is a branch club of the Lubbock Lions Club and should be chartering in the near future. He encouraged those with grandchildren at Texas Tech to tell them about this new club.
- Lion Charles Ragland gave an update on the Lamesa Centennial Lions Club, which has 36 charter members. He said it was ironic that the oldest club in District 2-T2 chartered the newest club in the District.

Region and Zone Chairmen with written reports at today's meeting were asked to give them to the Cabinet Secretary.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP REPORT

Governor Petty invited Texas Lions Camp Directors PDG Dan Pope and Lion Tommy Powe to provide updates.

PDG Pope noted that there is some confusion among clubs between payment of Texas Lions Camp dues (billed) and 100% participation (not billed). Lion Trish Wilson with TLC staff visited several clubs in District 2-T2 last week. He reminded the group that District 2-T2 will have campers attending the second session, beginning June 11.

Lion Powe said he has enjoyed his two-year term as TLC Director. He encourages all Lions to visit their camp—especially during the Friday Awards Night ceremonies.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Governor Petty called a recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Lion George Velasquez with Spuds BBQ is catering the baked potato lunch.

He asked for prayers for Joe Kelly, who was just released from a Lubbock hospital after a week's stay. Again, he thanked Nathalie Kelly for taking time this morning to paint a picture that will be auctioned off to benefit the Lions.

Governor Petty introduced the Honorable Tony Wofford, mayor of Snyder. DG Petty noted that the Mayor is busy today working on the "Curb Appeal" project, where members of the community clean curbs in observance of Earth Day.

Mayor Wofford told the group that he has "done his homework" about Lions Clubs International and commended everyone on the 100th anniversary of the International Association. "You can't do a lot of bad things and still be around 100 years. So, you must be doing something right," he told the group. He has been involved in community service since age 17 when he had plans for renovation of a city park.

He noted that we are all created with the same belief system – "If you believe you can't -- then you can't. However, if you believe you can, you can achieve anything. The only thing holding you back is your own belief."

Mayor Wofford commended the Lions for their community service. "Everyone has busy lives—and yet, you take time to serve those in need."

Door prizes were awarded. Tail Twister Emeritus PDG Max Von Roeder announced that \$430 was raised for Texas Lions Camp at today's meeting.

RECONVENE

Governor Petty reconvened the Cabinet Meeting at 1:14 p.m.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS EYE BANK REPORT

Lion Scott Crenwelge reported a successful year for the Great Plains Lions Eye Bank. There were 66 donors and 132 corneas harvested for use in restoring sight. Approximately \$7,500 was raised through the annual gun raffle fundraiser. This is pure profit as the guns were donated to the Eye Bank. Work will begin soon on next year's fundraiser.

DISTRICT 2-T2 LIONS HEARING BANK REPORT

Lion Glen Harville told the group that the Hearing Bank has lost its partnership with the audiologist at University Medical Center (UMC) in Lubbock. The Board of Directors is investigating a potential partnership with Texas Tech University. This

would be a natural progression since two of the people formerly with UMC are now at Texas Tech. Lions Glen and Deanna announced that they are moving from Shallowater to Snyder in the near future. They thanked PDG James and Barbara Norton, and the members of the Shallowater Lions Club for their friendship during the past 11 years.

TEXAS LIONS EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

Past International Director Marshall Cooper has a speaking engagement at Victoria. It was also noted that PID Cooper's twin brother recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) REPORT

Lion Lonnie Kirk was unable to attend today's meeting. No report was given.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) REPORT

PDG Carmon McCain told the Lions that District 2-T2 began the year with 1,329 members in 44 clubs. As of this morning, 166 members were added and 181 were dropped for a net decrease of 15 members. Total membership is 1,314 Lions in 42 clubs. Governor Petty will announce the winners of the March Membership Madness drive at the Governor's Banquet this evening. Clubs were encouraged to "Get 'Em and Keep 'Em. It is important to "Stop the Drops" by keeping current club membership until July 1 and then dropping members. PDG McCain said it has been an honor to serve District 2-T2 as GMT Coordinator for the past 3 ½ years. He commended the dedicated Lions who have taken the "Membership Matters" slogan to heart and have worked to organize/reorganize clubs.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

PDG McCain said he has not been able to update the District 2-T2 Lions website since NTS Communications moved the site to a new computer server. The Microsoft FrontPage software used to maintain the website will not work on the new server. In addition, during the switchover, firewalls were down and malware infected the website. A warning from Windows is now on the site. PDG McCain said he is looking at several options to have the site restored by July 1. This includes joining Lions Clubs International's E-District Clubhouse network. He apologized for any inconvenience the downed website has caused.

LIONS' CENTENNIAL REPORT

PCC Gradel noted that we are at the mid-point of the Lions' Centennial Celebration. He reminded the group of events set for the MD-2 Texas Lions State Convention in San Antonio, the International Convention in Chicago; and the MD-2 Texas Lions'

Celebration in Dallas this October. The Texas Lions' history book, written by Past International President Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff is available for purchase. Deadline to order the book is May 1.

NEW BUSINESS

District Governor Petty spoke briefly about the March 17 Charter Night Celebration for the Lamesa Evening Lions Club. The club made reservations for 100 persons to attend the banquet; however, only 40 were in attendance. Because of this, the club was responsible for the remaining 60 meals. This was paid for by the club president using her personal credit card.

Some of the members have ill feelings about this situation. In order to assist this new club, Governor Petty suggested that District 2-T2 provide a reimbursement to the club president for part of this expense.

A motion was made by PDG Wendell Dunlap and seconded by First Vice District Governor Gipson for a \$500 reimbursement to the Lamesa Centennial Lions Club President. *All voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Governor Petty asked the Tail Twisters to award the remaining door prizes.

RECESS FOR QUEENS CONTEST

Governor Petty called a recess at 2:30 p.m. for the annual Queens Contest.

QUEENS CONTEST

The District Queens Contest was held at 3:00 p.m. at the Ritz Community Theater in downtown Snyder.

Madi Rossi of Plainview thanked the Lions for allowing her to serve as 2016-2017 District 2-T2 Queen.

Contestants were:

- Katie Mahagan, representing the Plainview Lions Club.
- Sara McClain, representing the Snyder Lions Club.
- Rebecca Morales, representing the Lubbock Lions Club.
- Katelyn Peggram, representing the Olton Lions Club.
- Madalyn Trocchio, representing the Shallowater Lions Club.

While waiting for the judges' result, the District 2-T2 "Newlywed Game" was played with First VDG Vance and Marilyn Gipson; PDG James and Barbara Norton; and PDG Max and Anne Von Roeder as contestants. There was 157 years of combined

marriage among the three couples. Congratulations to PDG Max and Anne Von Roeder, who won the game.

Sara McClain, representing the Snyder Lions Club, was named 2017-2018 District 2-T2 Lions Queen.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

President Charles Ragland of the Snyder Lions Club called the District Governor's Banquet to order at 6:51 p.m. The Snyder High School Jazz Band provided dinner music.

Region 2 Chairman Byron Garrison of the Post Lions Club led the group in song.

Secretary Rose Ragland of the Snyder Lions Club led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

The head table was introduced.

PDG Max Von Roeder introduced District Governor Petty, who thanked the Snyder Lions Club who "went above and beyond the call of duty" during his year of service. He also thanked the Lions of District 2-T2, who are the "most trustworthy and hard working group of people that are devoted to their communities."

Governor Petty quoted legendary football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, who once said "If it is bad—then I did it. If it is semi-good, then we did it. If it is all good, then you did it." Petty told the Lions that this year was not about me—but about us and what we can accomplish together. The work we do serving others is noticed by others. It is infectious and contagious."

AWARDS

In appreciation for their hard work, Governor Petty presented awards to the following:

- **GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS:** Lions Scott Crenwelge, Steve Mackey, Jim Petty, and Nolan Von Roeder of the Snyder Lions Club.
- **CITY OF SNYDER** (Convention Assistance)
- **QUEENS CONTEST:** Si Posey, Snyder Lions Club.
- **ZONE CHAIRS:** Norman Padgett, PDG Joe Hargrove, PDG Danny Leake, James Belk, Joe Freeman, and Charles Ragland.
- **DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHER:** Glen Harville, Shallowater Lions Club.

- **CABINET TREASURER:** Greg Freeman, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.
- **CABINET SECRETARY:** PDG Carmon McCain, Lubbock Hub Lions Club.
- **SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** Terry Hawkins, Lubbock Lions Club.
- **FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** Vance Gipson, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.

GUEST SPEAKER – PID STEPHEN GLASS

District Governor Petty introduced Past International Director Stephen Glass, a member of the Clarksburg Lions Club since June 1981. PID Glass said it has been a blessing to be a member of the family of Lions for the past 36 years.

PID Glass complemented the Queens contestants for their poise and ability to compete in such a friendly and respectful manner.

As Lions Clubs International turns 100, PID Glass said the organization is determining new goals for its second century of service.

“We serve better than anyone else. It may be vision screening, eyeglass purchases, or work in our communities...but do we serve each other well? Do we feed and nurture new members in the same manner as those we serve? We promise the moon to those who join our clubs—but are we keeping our promises? Do we provide opportunities for leadership?” he said.

As an example, PID Glass shared a story about a branch Lions Club in Australia, consisting of young mothers with small children. The seven members met at a local McDonalds, which is adjacent to a community lake. Since the group had small children with them at the meetings, they saw a need to construct an enclosed area to keep children from falling into the lake.

Another example was included a round-robin discussion at a Cabinet Meeting in Alaska. One member broke down when she told the group that members of her club helped baby-sit her child while she went for a job interview. What is the attitude of your club—do you serve one another?”

He cited the book, “The \$80 Jumper,” which tells the story of a scarred and bruised horse that was purchased for \$80. The new owner realized the horse’s potential as a jumper and worked to develop its talents. “We need to treat everyone as a champion—rather than tethering them to the projects of the past. Ask them if they want to be a champion jumper!” Glass said. “Remember Sea Biscuit? Let them be themselves. You can’t force leadership upon them – but for those who accept it, give them trust and support. With that, they will do great things.”

To have Lions for life, it is important to let people do it their way. Folks are more prone to “episodic volunteering” now. They may not want to attend meetings each week. Therefore, we must adapt and let them have freedom.

Zone Chairmen need to be close to their clubs and visit on a regular basis.

Presidents need to take a deep breath and ask themselves if their club can improve. The answer should be “yes.”

At the conclusion of his remarks, PID Glass presented the International President’s Award to Region Chairman Byron Garrison of Post.

International President Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Jonathan and Suzanne Barrow; Charles and Rose Ragland; PDG Carmon McCain; VDG Terry Hawkins; and VDG Vance Gipson.

He also presented personal memento “Glass Hugs” to PCC Bernie Gradel, PDG Max Von Roeder, 2nd VDG Terry Hawkins, 1st VDG Vance Gipson, and DG Jim and Melissa Petty.

PID Glass expressed his and DG Cindy’s appreciation to District 2-T2 for an outstanding weekend.

LEGACY LIONS

District Governor Petty recognized the 2016-2017 Legacy Lions. Approximately 10 months ago, he asked all District 2-T2 Lions Clubs to look for a Legacy Lion for recognition at the convention. These are Lions who blaze a trail each day in support of their clubs.

The Legacy Lions are:

- PID Marshall Cooper, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.
- Lion Bill Cox, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.
- PCC Bernie Gradel, Lubbock Lions Club.
- Lion Carroll Haralson, Seminole Lions Club.
- PDG James Norton, Shallowater Lions Club.
- PDG Carmon McCain, Lubbock Hub Lions Club.
- Lion Otto Schacht, Plainview Breakfast Lions Club.
- PDG Jere Smith, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.
- PDG Charles Shannon, Ropesville Lions Club.
- PDG Max Von Roeder, Snyder Lions Club.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Governor Petty presented Convention Co-Chair Jonathan Barrow with a baseball signed by former Texas Ranger pitcher Nolan Ryan. Barrow was diagnosed with

cerebral palsy at a young age, which requires around the clock care and forced him to spend his life in a wheelchair. He is a huge sports fan!

ELECTION RESULTS

PDG Dan Pope reported the following official election results:

HEARING BANK DIRECTOR: Lion James Belk, Plainview Lions Club.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS EYE BANK – REGION 3: Lion Angie McDonald, Lubbock Redbud Lions Club.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS EYE BANK – REGION 5: Lion Ted Boyd, Lubbock Redbud Lions Club.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS EYE BANK – REGION 8: Lion Bobby Nelson, Littlefield Early Riser Lions Club.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP: Lion Bryan Sessom, Lubbock Lions Club.

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion James Belk, Plainview Lions Club.

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Terry Hawkins, Lubbock Lions Club.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Vance Gipson, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.

The MD-2 Texas Lions ballot box was sealed and will be delivered for canvassing at the upcoming State Convention in San Antonio.

ACTIVITIES CONTEST

PDG Jerry Marshall announced the winners of the 2016-2017 District 2-T2 Activities Contest. Awards were presented to the first place winners in each category.

CATEGORY 1 *(40 or more members)*

1. Lubbock South Plains.
2. Lubbock Redbud.
3. Snyder

CATEGORY 2 *(21-40 members)*

1. Shallowater.
2. Littlefield Early Risers.
3. None

CATEGORY 3 (*1-20 members*)

1. Roby.
2. Lubbock Hub.
3. Lubbock Industrial.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CONTEST

Awards were presented to the first place winners in each category.

CATEGORY 1 (*40 or more members*)

1. Lubbock.

CATEGORY 2 (*21-40 members*)

1. Lubbock Redbud.

CATEGORY 3 (*1-20 members*)

1. Lubbock Hub.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MADNESS CONTEST

Governor Petty noted that the largest membership increase was with the charter membership of the Lamesa Centennial Lions Club. However, there was a tie for first place among existing clubs. Lubbock Hub and Snyder Lions Club both have three new members to date. He expressed his appreciation to these clubs for their membership efforts.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY GIFTS

Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman presented District Governor Jim Petty with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. In addition, he received a pack of special golf balls and credit at the Pro Shop at Sammy Baugh Golf Course for a new driver.

First Lady Melissa Petty was presented with a gift of Brighton jewelry.

First Vice District Governor Vance Gipson congratulated District Governor Petty on an outstanding year. Petty showed outstanding leadership in guiding the district as it chartered the Brownfield Noon and Lamesa Centennial Lions Clubs. "At each of our Cabinet Meetings, we had fun—but got the work done. Governor Jim has been a great forward thinker and has been open to all suggestions. It was his calling to serve as District 2-T2 Governor," Gipson said.

An auction was held for the “New Mountains To Climb” painting by Nathalie Kelly. The Snyder Lions Club won the auction with a \$600 bid. They presented the painting to District Governor Jim and Melissa Petty.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT REMARKS

Upon receiving the gavel, District Governor Elect Vance Gipson thanked the Lions of District 2-T2 for their confidence.

He recognized his sponsor, PDG Danny Leake, and his mentors: PID Marshall Cooper and PDG Jere Smith.

District Governor Elect Gipson said he looks forward to working with his leadership team consisting of Lions Terry Hawkins, James Belk, Carmon McCain, and Greg Freeman. In addition, he believes he has a great team of committee chairs in place for 2017-2018.

He announced the following dates for the 2017-2018 Cabinet Meetings:

JULY 22, 2017 – “Fighting Hunger” at South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock. Executive Director David Weaver will be the lunch speaker and tours of the facility will be available.

OCTOBER 21, 2017 – “Lions Legacy.” This meeting follows the October MD-2 Texas Lions Centennial Celebration. Guest Speaker is MD-2 Council Chairman Lion Rick Talbert.

JANUARY 13, 2018 – Midwinter Conference at South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock. The theme is “Vision Assistance In Your Community.”

APRIL 28, 2018 — District 2-T2 Convention, First Methodist Church, Lubbock.”

District Governor-Elect Gipson said “2017-2018 is the start of the second century of service to others by Lions. It is a great honor to serve District 2-T2. All of its clubs have a great reputation of service to their respective communities.”

A brief performance by the Revelation Dance Team followed. District Governor Jim and Melissa’s granddaughter is a member of the group.

There being no other business, District Governor Petty adjourned the District Convention at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmon E. McCain

Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain
2016-2017 Cabinet Secretary