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## Past International President Everett J. ("Ebb") Grindstaff 1931-2019

Lions around the world are mourning the loss of Past International President Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff, who passed away July 8, 2019 at age 88.



A memorial service was held July 13, at First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

He was born in Abilene and grew up in Ballinger.

An attorney since 1956, he became a partner in the law firm of Grindstaff and Grindstaff with his father, E.C. "Judge" Grindstaff.

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## See you at Texas Boys Ranch! *First Cabinet Meeting set for July 27*

Want to get your Lions Club off to a great start for the new 2019-2020 Fiscal Year?

Be sure to attend the first Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 27 at Texas Boys Ranch, 4810 N. County Road 2800, just east of Lubbock.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting is set to begin at 9:30 p.m.

District Governor James Belk of Plainview encourages all newly-elected club officers to attend and get instructions that they need to perform their duties in 2019-2020.

"We will discuss the Lions Clubs International and District 2-T2 goals that we want to achieve this year," Belk said.

"There will also be information from the 102nd Lions Clubs International Convention held earlier this month in Milan, Italy," he said.

Each club will have a new District Directory for its President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer and other materials to be picked up at this meeting.

Lubbock First Responders Lions Club and Lubbock Hub Lions Club are the hosts.

The complete agenda for the meeting may be found on Page Five of this newsletter.

Taking care of all that business will certainly work up a Lion-sized appetite!

Danny's Fins and Hens will cater



***"Together We Serve"***

lunch including chicken fried steak and all the sides.

**Lions need to RSVP no later than July 24 to Lion Dan Seale at (806) 794-0499.**

Our luncheon speaker is PDG Nancy VanAlstine of Marshall, TX. She is the current MD-2 Texas Lions Council of Governors Chair.

Training for newly-elected club officers will immediately follow the meeting.

We hope your club will take part in the fun, fellowship, and excitement of the first 2019-2020 Cabinet Meeting.

See you Saturday, July 27 at Texas Boys Ranch!

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## From The Governor :

# "Together - We Serve" is new Governor's motto

**EDITOR'S NOTE**--*This column was written by District Governor-Elect James Belk before he left for the 102nd Lions Clubs International Convention--CEM.*

There's just a few more days until the Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy.

At that time, I, along with 15 other District Governors Elect will be sworn in as the administrative body for the Lions of Texas.



**District Governor James Belk**

Many of the new MD-2 Council of Governors are forward thinking people who want to see the Lions of Texas embrace modern technology as a way to involve the next generation of Lions. This seems to be the way of future Lionism.

It will be slow, but hopefully, we can see steady progress in changing our way of doing the business of Texas Lions.

Time has certainly flown by these past few months as I have worked to put together the 2019-2020 District 2-T2 Cabinet.

We have what we believe to be a very good group of Committee Chairs, Region Chairs, and Zone Chairs. Many are the same people who have held these positions in the past--but I am pleased that there are a few new Lions who have agreed to take leadership roles. I feel it is very important to involve Lions in District activities--especially those who have not participated in the past.

Through the coming year, I hope to see several Lions Clubs make an effort to get young people involved as well as minority groups. I will have more to say about this as I make

my club visits.

I hope all the clubs have elected their 2019-2020 officers and will get them reported to Lions Clubs International by the first Cabinet Meeting.

It is set for Saturday, July 27 at Texas Boys Ranch. Our hosts are Lubbock Hub Lions Club and Lubbock First Responders Lions Club.

I encourage all newly-elected

## *Lions ... Do you remember me?*

I was feeling a little nostalgic the other day--so I pulled a bound version of *The Windmill* from 1988-1989 off the shelf. It contains each newsletter published during Lubbock Redbud Lion Walt McAlexander's year as District 2-T2 Governor.

There's a lot of good history and good information in our newsletters--but one article is just as pertinent as it was 20 years ago. It gives some good food for thought as we start the 2019-2020 Lions' Year.

### **"Remember Me?"**

"I'm the person who joined your club because you were doing a great job for my community--and I wanted to be a part of you.

"I'm the person who paid my money to join, stood up in front of all of you and promised to be a Loyal, Active, and Faithful Lion.

"I'm the person who came to every meeting since that time, but no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly to fellow Lions in the club--but they had their own friends they had to talk to, and sit next to. I sat down with some unfamiliar faces several times--but they didn't pay much attention to me.

"I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take charge of the next fundraising project--but no one saw my hand when I volunteered.

officers as well as those who were re-elected to attend this meeting. Information packets for each club will be ready for pickup. They contain the District Directory and other information that will help the officers better serve their clubs.

My motto for the 2019-2020 year is "TOGETHER-WE SERVE." That includes every Lion in District 2-T2

Hope to see you at our Cabinet Meetings!

"I missed my first meeting since joining when a member of my family was ill, and I couldn't make it - but at the next meeting no one asked me where I was. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not.



**Second Vice District Governor Ted Boyd**

"The next meeting, I decided to stay at home and watch a good program on TV. The following meeting I attended, no one asked me where I was the week before.

"You might say that I am a quiet person, that I hold a responsible job and love my community--the kind of person every Lions Club is looking for.

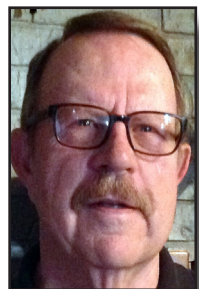
"You know who else I am? I'm the person who never came back! Isn't it stupid, when I think back on how the Club President and several members were discussing why the club was losing members.

**"To think that they spend so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All they needed to do is make me feel needed, wanted, and welcome!"**

# Second VDG Miller looks forward to service in 2019-2020

It is an honor to be elected to serve as Second Vice District Governor for the 2019-2020 Lions Year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about me and my family.



**Second  
Vice District  
Governor  
Ron  
Miller**

Melody and I have lived in Plainview 46 years and our 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is August 4.

Melody is retired from Plainview ISD where she served as a Teacher, Counselor, and 504 Transition Facilitator.

We have two daughters. Aleesa Ross works as

Marketing Director for Betenbough Homes. She lost her husband to cancer almost two years ago. She has three children: Cooper, Courtney, and Campbell.

Amy is married to Jerry Estrada and they have three children as well, Nicholas, Mylee, and Reese. Amy is the Assistant Elementary Principal and Director of Special Education for Idalou ISD. Jerry is the Assistant Principal at Idalou High School.

Jerry and Amy are both involved with Lions Club. They were charter members of the Brownfield Lions Club. Jerry was a charter member for the Idalou Lions Club as well. Amy joined this Lions Club two months after it was chartered.

I received my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from West Texas State University (as it was known at the time).

I received my Doctorate of Education Degree in 1992 from Texas Tech University. I retired six years ago as the Superintendent of Schools for Plainview ISD.

I spent my entire 40-year educational career in the Plainview school system. I began as a Math and Biology Teacher at Plainview

High School in 1973. I was named as a Dean of Students (*now known as Assistant Principal*) in 1977 and served in this position until 1981 when I was named the Principal of College Hill Elementary School and this is when I became a member of the Plainview Lions Club. (I first joined the Plainview Evening Lions Club in 1975, but I had to resign from this Club two years later when I was named as a Dean at PHS.)

I was in this position for 16 years and in 1997 I was named as Director of Special Services. In 2001 I became the Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Personnel and served in this position until I became the Superintendent on December 1, 2002. I retired on January 31, 2013. I also had the opportunity to serve as Interim Superintendent for Lamesa ISD in 2015.

When I first joined a Lions Club, our main global cause was basically centered around Vision.

As the years have passed, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment, and Childhood Cancer have been added to our "visions."

As you know Campaign 100 is being implemented and this will be a focus for us in the next couple of years.

We are 1.4 million strong worldwide as we serve our individual communities to improve those situations which are in need of help.

When serving our communities we know that "it begins with a single step" and from this single step we gain the insight to help improve people's lives.

I can still remember as incoming Lion Boss in 1992 when I went to the Lions Club International Convention in Hong Kong and observing Lions from all around the world. These Lions came together without worrying about what our governments were doing to focus on what we can do to help serve our fellow man.

On an international level, we,

as Lions, were and are able to accomplish more than what our governments can do.

To me, this is what makes us such a strong organization. I am sure that those of us in District 2-T2 who attended the International Lions Club Convention in Milan, Italy will notice and share this same feeling.

Congratulations to District Governor James Belk as he begins his journey!

I look forward to working with him, First Vice District Governor Ted Boyd, and the rest of you in our 42 Lions Clubs in District 2-T2 as "We Serve and You Can Too." Thank you for being one of the 1,200 members in District 2-T2.

I hope that we can increase our membership in the coming years.

As one of sixteen Second Vice District Governors in the state of Texas, we have already met at the State Convention and discussed what new ideas we can try to help increase our membership throughout the state.

The loss of members is a big concern to us. A couple of the Second Vice District Governors come from Lions Clubs that have five or six members.

Until next time: "We Serve!"

## From The Editor

It has been a couple of years since the annual Lions Clubs International Convention has been held overseas.

Many of our Lion leaders took this opportunity to stay over and tour the beautiful countryside.

Because of this, we are publishing an "abbreviated" issue of the July 2019 Windmill.

It contains eight pages rather than the normal 16 pages. This should allow us to get the newsletter printed and mailed prior to the July 27 Cabinet Meeting.

An electronic version is also available at [www.lions2t2.org](http://www.lions2t2.org)



# Lions asked to "Share the Vision of Service" in 1982-83

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Grindstaff served as City Attorney of Ballinger from 1957 to 2018.

He has been a devoted Lions Club member since 1954.

During his tenure as President of Texas Lions Camp, he promoted camping sessions for juvenile diabetics.

He served a two-year term as International Director from Texas in 1972-1974. Many will remember the small boxes of Tide detergent with the "Ride The Ebb Tide" slogan that were distributed at the Mexico City Convention in 1972.

He was elected President of Lions Clubs International at the 65th annual convention in Atlanta, GA.

Past President Grindstaff traveled through 50 countries and met many influential leaders. Some of them include President Sadat of Egypt; Prime Minister Begin of Israel; Mayor

Jacques Chirac of Paris, who went on to become the President of France; Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George Bush; as well as Pope John Paul II.

Survivors include wife, Jeanette (Jay); son Jeff; daughter Michelle; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Texas Lions Camp, Texas Lions State Office

and Museum, Ballinger Memorial Hospital, Carnegie Library, Meals on Wheels, or First Baptist Church of Ballinger.

Past President Ebb's full obituary is online at [www.ballingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.ballingerfuneralhome.com).

The Lions of District 2-T2 send their heartfelt condolences to Jay and the entire Grindstaff family.

PIP Ebb will be greatly missed.

## LUBBOCK HUB LIONS CLUB

Chartered March 19, 1954

Proudly Supporting  
District Governor James Belk

Christopher Baldock  
Juanita Barker  
Eldon Beesinger  
Don Holcomb, President  
Kimberly Huneycutt  
Carmon McCain, Secretary

Karen McCain  
Don McInturff  
Dan Seale  
Jim Stewart  
Doug Triplett, Vice-President  
Gerard Troutman

## ROPESVILLE LIONS CLUB

*Serving Our Community Since 1953*



**Ropes Lions Club proudly supports  
2019-2020 District Governor James Belk!**

President - Lion Thomas Hicklen  
Secretary -- Lion Bobby McNabb  
Home Club of PDG Charles Shannon,  
Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Director Billy Gilson,  
and District 2-T2 Hearing Bank Director Gary Lehnen

## SHALLOWATER LIONS CLUB

**HOME CLUB of  
PDG Duane Howell  
& PDG James Norton**

**Queen  
Justice Carrizales**

**Princess  
Micah Buck**

***Proudly Represented By  
2019-2020  
District 2-T2 Queen  
Justice Carrizales***

***Sponsor of  
Lubbock First Responders  
Lions Club***



# **AGENDA OF FIRST CABINET MEETING**

## **District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

**Texas Boys Ranch, 4810 N. County Road 2800, Lubbock TX 79403**

*Hosted by Lubbock First Responders Lions Club and Lubbock Hub Lions Club*

**REGISTRATION AT 9:00 A.M & CABINET MEETING STARTS AT 9:30 A.M.**

Call to Order and Welcome

Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags

Invocation

Songs

Introduction of 2nd VDG

Introduction of First-Time Attendees & 1st VDG

Introduction of Past District Governors

Introduction of District Governor James Belk

Recognition of Host Lions Clubs

Introduction and Installation of 2019-2020 District Cabinet & Committee Chairs

Extension of Voting Privileges for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

Roll Call of Clubs & Minutes of 2019 District 2-T2 Convention

Presentation of 2019-2020 District 2-T2 Budget

Approval of 2019-2020 Repository Bank & Authorization of Co-Signers

Overview of 2019-2020 Lions Clubs International and District Goals

Old Business

New Business

**LUNCH catered by Danny's Fins and Hens**  
**RSVP by July 24 to Lion Dan Seale at (806) 794-0499**

Keynote Speaker MD-2 Council Chair Nancy VanAlstine, Marshall, TX

Final Comments & Adjourn

**CLUB OFFICER TRAINING FOLLOWS THE MEETING**

**SAVE THE DATE !! – 2nd Cabinet Meeting – October 12, 2019**

## District 2-T2 remembers Past District Governor Tom White

Past District Governor Tom White of Lubbock passed away May 21. He was 68.

He was born Oct. 11, 1951 in Lubbock. Tom attended Lubbock High and Hardin-Simmons University.



Tom married his childhood sweetheart, Peggy Dennis, on July 15, 1972. They were partners in Dennis Brothers Printers from 1976 to 2012.

He was active in his church and the community.

He was a deacon at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church and went

on more than 25 mission trips with university students to rebuild churches in California, Louisiana, Utah, and Wyoming.

Lion Tom served as District 2-T2 Governor in 2006-2007. Lion Peg followed in 2012-2013.

PDG Tom attended several Lions Clubs International Conventions. They include San Diego, Hawaii, Thailand, Germany, and Canada.

He was also an "Ambuc of the Year" for the Downtown Chapter of the American Business Clubs as well as a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Lubbock.

He loved to play golf, hunt, and watch baseball--especially the Texas Rangers.

At his May 25 memorial service, the family shared PDG Tom's favorite candy (A Reese's Peanut Butter cup attached to the bottom of each chair); his favorite family Christmas Eve tradition (reciting "*The Crooked-Mouth Mouse Family*" story before singing "O Tannenbaum" at the stroke of midnight); and his favorite bit of advice to family and friends ("Do Your Best")

Our thoughts and prayers are with PDG Peg; sons Ben, Joshua, Andy, and Matt; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to the Texas Lions Foundation, PO Box 64881, Lubbock, TX 79464.

We will greatly miss PDG Tom and his dedicated service to others.

## LUBBOCK REDBUD SQUARE LIONS CLUB

### Proudly Supporting 1st VDG Ted Boyd

#### Home Club of PDGs

**James Osborne**  
2014-2015

**Dan Pope**  
2004-2005

**Paul Ellis**  
1997-1998

**Walt McAlexander**  
1988-1989

**Melvin Powers**  
1985-1986

**James R. (Jim) Johnson**  
1975-1976



**Chartered**  
**March 20, 1969**

**WE SERVE!**

#### Home Club

**1st Vice District**  
**Governor 2019-2020**  
**Ted Boyd**

**Texas Lions Camp**  
**Director 2018-2020**  
**Joe Freeman**

**Club President**  
**Ronnie DuBois**

**Queens:**  
**Katelyn DeVore**  
**Morgan McCall**

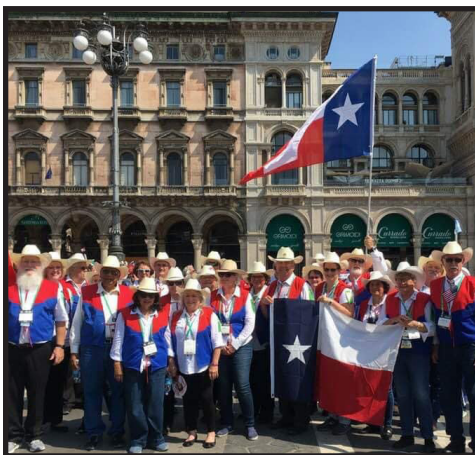
**Sweethearts:**  
**Madelyn DeVore**  
**Reagan Vu**



# 102nd International Convention at Milan, Italy



Congratulations to IPDG Terry Hawkins for her outstanding year of service. She is seen at Lake Como in northern Italy.



Here are just a few members of the MD-2 Texas Lions delegation at the Lions Clubs International Convention.



Dist. 2-T2 Governor James Belk removes the Governor-Elect ribbon from Dist. 2-A2 Governor Janie Garza's name tag.

## Plainview



## Lions Club

Chartered October 1929

**Home Club Of**  
**PDG Wendell Dunlap**  
**2nd VDG Ron Miller**

**“WE SERVE”**

***Supports Our Own  
 District Gov. James Belk***





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## Save These Important Dates!

July 27, 2019	First Cabinet Meeting, Texas Boys Ranch.
July 31, 2019	Lubbock Lions Club 90th Anniversary.
August 1-3, 2019	First MD-2 Council Meeting, Kerrville.
Sept. 19-21, 2019	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum at Spokane, Washington.
Oct. 12, 2019	Second Cabinet Meeting.
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2019	Second MD-2 Council Meeting, Amarillo.
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Jan. 18, 2020	Midwinter Conference, Lubbock.
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2020	Third MD-2 Council Meeting, Kerrville.
March 7-8, 2020	Texas Lions Leadership Forum, Austin.
March 28, 2020	District 2-T2 Camp Bark and Brew, Lubbock.
April 24-26, 2020	District 2-T2 Convention, Plainview.
May 14-16, 2020	MD-2 Texas Lions Convention, Longview.
June 26-30, 2020	Lions International Convention, Singapore.
June 30, 2020	Mac & Mary McCown Day Remember Your Mentors!