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January 13 Midwinter Mardi Gras

Special focus on sight conservation and work with our youth

Lubbock Redbud, Ropesville, and Shallowater Lions Clubs are hosts for the District 2-T2 Midwinter Conference on Saturday, January 13, at the South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart Avenue, in Lubbock.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. (coffee, juice, and donuts) and the Midwinter Conference begins at 9:30 a.m.

The complete agenda for the meeting may be found on Page 5 of this newsletter.

"We have several outstanding presentations scheduled for this meeting. One of these is "Conducting a Community Vision Screening" by PDG Fredda Buckner of the Roby Lions Club. Her club has held community screenings for the past few years," said District Governor Vance Gipson of Lubbock.

Another presentation will feature



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a demonstration of the SPOT Vision Screening device by Past International Director Marshall Cooper.

"We encourage all Lions to attend and learn how they can incorporate

vision screening as part of their club's community service projects.

Lions will let the good times roll ("*Laissez les bons temps rouler*") when one of our favorite speakers, "Boudreaux" stops by at lunch to tell a tale or two about life down on the bayou.

Winners of the District 2-T2 Opportunities for Youth contests will share their entries after lunch.

Lunch with a Cajun flair will be served by River Smith's and there is a \$11 per person charge.

Please RSVP to Lion Chuck Anderson by January 10.

He can be reached at (806) 789-9121 or by email at chucka0919@aol.com.

We hope your club will be represented at the District 2-T2 Midwinter Conference.

See you Saturday, January 13 at the South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock.

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Auction to benefit Leader Dog

The handmade Lions table, shown at right, will be auctioned off during the Midwinter Conference on Saturday, January 13, at the South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart Avenue, in Lubbock.

Funds raised during the auction will be given to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan.

Created in 1939, Leader Dog provides a free, 25-day, residential training program to persons who are legally blind and are at least 16 years old. They must be able to care for their dog.



From the Governor :

There's still time for a Lions Club Legacy Project!

Lions Clubs International has strongly urged all local clubs to initiate and develop Community Legacy Projects during the Centennial Celebration.

You may have questioned the rationale for this effort and the potential financial costs that undertaking such a project would entail.



District Governor Vance Gipson

There were several reasons for encouraging these projects.

First and perhaps foremost is the fact that in a very visible manner, these projects emphasize the history of Lions' service to the community.

Second, these projects signify the continuing commitment of local Lions Clubs to serve their community.

Third, the visibility of these projects is an outstanding way to advertise and attract new Lions who wish to serve others.

As you consider undertaking and financing a Legacy Project, the point that should be emphasized is that any decisions rest with your local club.

Lions Clubs International has provided three levels of Legacy Projects with increasing levels of size and impact.

Clubs should choose the level that is right for their club and community--but certainly should not feel restrained by those guidelines.

The suggested levels are as follows:

- Raise your club's community visibility by donating a public item, such as a park bench, bike rack, or a new club meeting information sign at your city limits.
- Provide a community gift with a larger contribution -- such as refurbishing a park, establishing a community garden, or providing medical equipment.
- Make a major community impact by building a clinic, school, library, or eye hospital.

As you can easily see, the options have

no limits! Your club has total freedom to determine what fits your community and your pocketbook! Feel free to innovate!

Those of you who attended the second Cabinet Meeting in Lubbock heard several clubs in our district discuss their plans for Legacy Projects.

These ranged from dedication of new park benches, plans to rebuild a gazebo, revitalizing a community garden, replacing an existing landscape with one that is more water-efficient, and building a shelter in a new park.

Although Lions Clubs International

has designated June 2018 as the "finish" date for the Community Legacy Projects, you might consider that as being similar to a Stop Sign in Italy...just a suggestion!!

Also, as you complete your project, make sure that it has the appropriate signage to indicate to the public that your Lions Club completed this project as part of the Centennial Celebration.

Be sure to invite your local media to the dedication/unveiling of the project.

And last but not least, be sure to take time to celebrate your club's Legacy Project! Lions love a good party!

District 2-T2 is fighting hunger!

EDITOR'S NOTE -- District Governor Gipson thanks all 2-T2 Lions for their efforts to fight hunger in their communities--CEM.

The front of the November issue of "The Lion" magazine features the title "Hunger: Our Common Enemy. How Lions Are Working In Their

Communities To End The World Hunger Problem."

This banner is a very bold reminder that fighting hunger is one of the major priorities of Lions throughout the world.

In his introduction to the issue, Lions International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal reminds us that "nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry each night and a person starves to death every 15 seconds." He adds that "Shockingly, 16 million U.S. households are undernourished..."

At our July cabinet meeting, David Weaver, Executive Director of the South Plains Food Bank, revealed that 1 in 4 children in the South Plains area are food insecure and that the Food Bank serves over 57,000 unduplicated individuals in its service area each year.

Lisa Gilliland, Executive Director of Lubbock Meals on Wheels states that her agency serves over 720 disabled, homebound, and elderly individuals in the Lubbock and Idalou area daily.

These facts show that Hunger isn't just a problem elsewhere, it is a problem right here in District 2-T2!



Food Box Preparation

District 2-T2 Fighting Hunger Committee Chairman Lion Tom Winzeler prepares a food box for filling during a Dec. 2 work day at the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock. Also shown are First Vice President Gary Smith (at rear) and Lion Marsha Winzeler.

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Living a grateful existence makes life way better

I am writing this just before Christmas and you will be reading it after Christmas, but still I think my sentiments will be appropriate.

The older I get, the more I understand how holidays can be difficult for people.



**1st
Vice District
Governor
Terry
Hawkins**

We've all loved and lost, we're older with less energy, and we're still grinding out duties to coordinate family gatherings, shop for gifts, grocery shop, cook meals, go to parties, wrap packages, and get them in the mail or under the tree.

We continue to go through the seemingly endless motions of Christmases Past -- even though we might want to slow it all down and redefine the season.

So the thought that keeps returning to my mind is this: gratitude.

Elizabeth Abraham, Chaplain with Hospice of Lubbock, spoke on the subject at my Lions Club at Thanksgiving time.

When you think of all she faces on a daily basis, you wouldn't think gratitude would be the first thing to come to mind. But she told us stories of inspiring individuals who, in their darkest hour, were ultimately most thankful for a life surrounded by special people and swarming memories.

These people would tell her about moments with friends or family that they were most thankful for.

Gratitude was one of the emotions that was most prevalent in their hearts and minds. Sure they were connecting with the holy spirit and their God, but they were ultimately grateful for the actual, physical presence of someone near them. They appreciated the moments that they spent with others here on this earth.

At this time, I am reminded of

how thankful I am for not only my relatives and but also for my chosen family: Lions.

They are thoughtful, not thoughtless; they are honest, not greedy; they love to do good things for those less fortunate and they love to do it together. They like each other and they love to laugh and have a fun time.

While I was in school, I played piano for the raucous Odessa Downtown Lions Club every week for six years. They sent me to music school in France for a summer. I didn't know much then about what Lions did exactly, but when they did that for me, I knew I was hooked.

I knew I would be an adult Lion one day.

Fast forward: I remember dressing like a clown and working at the Pancake Festival. I was feeding some of the Lubbock State School residents who couldn't feed themselves. A feeling of gratitude swelled within

me: I could do for them what they couldn't do for themselves; I was happy doing it.

Again, I was hooked. I'm grateful for the true friends and mentors that I have made in Lions and I'm grateful for this arena that has allowed me to grow in leadership, speaking, and overall confidence.

Lions has broadened my horizons in ways I never knew possible.

How can such a nutty, fun-loving, generous crew be so international? So professional, so organized, so forward-thinking, so sophisticated, so up on technology, and so integral to important projects all over the world?

Service starts here at home but Lions' efforts, services, and funding are huge and absolutely necessary in countless other cultures.

I'm taking this opportunity to let each of you know how important you are to me and how grateful I am to you and who you are to me. For me, life is way better living a grateful existence.

Monthly club reports important

Stop and consider for a moment that Lions Clubs International (LCI) and District 2-T2 are your parents ... and you haven't written home in six months.

Are the "parents" going to be concerned? You bet!!

That's why it is so important for District 2-T2 Lions Clubs to make sure their Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) are completed in a timely manner.

Clubs that submit print copies of the report should mail them by the 20th of the month to LCI and District 2-T2.

Clubs that submit electronic copies of the report should submit them by the last day of the month via the "MyLCI" portal on the LCI website.

All Lions Clubs are required to submit the MMR each month even though there is no change in membership. This is an important

responsibility of the Club Secretary.

As of January 1, 2018, 15 of the 40 Lions Clubs in District 2-T2 have submitted their monthly membership reports. (37.5 percent)

This was based upon information available through the MyLCI portal.

While the reporting method may differ, it is important to make sure that copies are sent to Lions Clubs International, Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain, and your club's respective Zone and Region Chairman as listed in the District 2-T2 Directory.

Also, be sure to send a review of your club's 2017-2018 service activities (if you are not already doing so) to District Activities Chairman PDG Jerry Marshall of Rotan.

He needs this information to prepare the District activities awards for presentation at the District 2-T2 Convention in April at Lubbock.

Random thoughts from the seat of a cotton stripper

This has been the most frustrating cotton harvest that the South Plains has seen in many years.

The fall weather caused exceptional growth and the warm fall kept the plants green until it finally froze.



**2nd
Vice District
Governor
James
Belk**

Harvest should have been completed by Thanksgiving--but because of the difficulty getting the crop through the strippers -- it has lingered on to Christmas and some into the New Year ... this lad included!

Fire has been the major culprit as we force those tall cotton stalks through the cotton strippers.

There have been many cotton strippers burned (*mine included*) and the cotton gins are fighting fires on a regular basis.

Many cotton modules have burned in the field before they could be ginned. Every farmer I have talked to has expressed frustration and are readily complaining about the harvest conditions.

So, as I sit here moving at 1.5 miles per hour--rather than the usual 4 mph, a thought occurs to me. What have I and most of my fellow farmers have to gripe about?

We have a cotton crop to harvest, although it may be slow. We have our eyesight, hearing, and did not grow up with the handicaps we see at Texas Lions Camp.

We, as Lions, can't do much about the cotton harvest. But we can help those in need of sight, hearing, and overcoming multiple handicaps. Those we help do not

voice frustration about their condition. They live with it.

Lions can be proud that we make a difference in the lives of others. Therefore, I am PROUD TO BE A LION!

Did You Know?

- The LION Magazine is published in 20 languages – English, Spanish, Japanese, French, Swedish, Italian, German, Finnish, Korean, Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, Chinese, Norwegian, Icelandic, Turkish, Greek, Hindi, Indonesian and Thai. There are 32 editions of the magazine.

- March 2018 is Eye Donor Awareness Month -- Promote the work of Lions' Eye Banks.

- April 2018 is Family and Friends Month -- Invite family and friends to participate in a club service project.

Roby Lions' Christmas on the Square fundraiser

Christmas on the Square has become an annual fundraiser for the Roby Lions Club.

The club gets gift donations and monetary donations from local businesses. Members put together gift baskets which are given away during a silent auction.

In addition, soup is served for donations by the Christmas on the Square committee. The club raised \$600 during this event on December 2.



MIDWINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International

Saturday, January 13, 2018

South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart Avenue, Lubbock, TX

Hosted by Lubbock Redbud, Ropesville, and Shallowater Lions Clubs

REGISTRATION AT 9:00 A.M (Coffee, Juice, and Donuts)

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

Recognition of First Time Attendees Second VDG James Belk

Recognition of Past District Governors First VDG Terry Hawkins

Recognition of Host Clubs District Governor Vance Gipson

Roll Call of Clubs and Minutes of Oct. 21 Meeting Cab. Sec PDG Carmon McCain

Financial Report Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman

Old Business

New Business:

- Reports from Cabinet Officers & Committee Chairs
- Reports from Zone Chairs
- Other Items

Presentations:

- "Conducting A Community Vision Screening" PDG Fredda Buckner
- "The SPOT Vision Screener" PID Marshall Cooper

Lunch and Keynote Speaker Monsieur Boudreaux

Report on Opportunities For Youth Contests PDG Danny Leake

Presentations by Opportunities For Youth Contest Winners

Closing Remarks and Adjournment District Governor Vance Gipson

LUNCH catered by River Smith's at \$11.00 per person

RSVP by JANUARY 10, 2018 to

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SAVE THE DATE !! – April 27-28, 2018

District 2-T2 Convention in Lubbock, TX

Hurricane Harvey impact shared at Cabinet Meeting

Lion Clubs' response to Hurricane Harvey and recognition of Lions' Legacy Community projects highlighted the second District 2-T2 Cabinet Meeting held October 21 at the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Lubbock.

Special guests were MD-2 Texas Lions Council Chairman Rick Talbert and Lion Pita of Weslaco. He is a Past President of the Texas Lions Camp Board of Directors in Kerrville.

The meeting was hosted by Lubbock Lions Club.

An update of club membership and service projects were given by the Zone Chairs in attendance.

Some of the service projects reported at the meeting include:

- Heritage Day Parade
- City Pancake Breakfast
- Food Pantry sponsor
- Veterans Day Observance
- Chili Supper
- Annual Rodeo
- Construction of Wheelchair Ramp
- Bingo Games With Seniors
- White Cane Day
- Mow Lawns for Shut-ins
- Harvest Festival
- Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup
- Chicken Fried Steak fundraiser
- ADA Walk To Step Out Diabetes
- Pheasant Hunt

"Many of our clubs have embraced the Lions Legacy idea. They are making a difference in their communities and raising awareness of Lions among the public," said District 2-T2 Governor Vance Gipson.

While Lions Clubs International is recommending that all Legacy projects be completed by June 2018, Gipson said "this is just a suggestion. We don't want to discourage any clubs from completing a Legacy project."

He then asked representatives of the Brownfield Noon, Jayton, Lubbock South Plains, Ropesville, Plainview, Roby, and Slaton Lions Clubs to comment on their respective projects.

During the luncheon, CC Talbert spoke how Hurricane Harvey impacted the lives of thousands in South Texas.

"Our Lions year began in August with the MD-2 Council of Governors meeting. Our District Governors planned to go forward with the Lions' Centennial Challenge and the Lions' Legacy Community Projects. Little did we know that this would quickly change when Hurricane Harvey intensified to Category 4 and made landfall near Rockport, TX.

"We had no idea how bad Harvey would be. However, representatives of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LICIF) called ahead of time. They were looking at those Lions Districts in Texas that could be impacted. Two days after the initial landfall, Lions Clubs International President Naresh Aggarwal and LCIF Chairman Bob Corlew had already approved \$100,000 in emergency grant funds," Talbert said.

The hurricane ultimately impacted 255 miles in 62 counties.

"Our Texas Lions Foundation approved 36 emergency grants. They have spent double their approved budget for emergency grants, close to \$72,000, to

help their fellow Texans."

Talbert noted that Lions from across the United States and the world have also provided assistance.

"The Chester, New Jersey Lions Club donated \$40,000 with the stipulation that the funds be used for medical supplies, medical equipment replacement, or eyeglasses replacement," Talbert said. "These funds were not solicited--it is amazing how many people reached out to us and wanted to help."

He added that the impacts of Hurricane Harvey will be felt for many years.

"Due to humidity, mold will be a major issue. Mold doesn't wait for insurance adjusters to make a determination. Also, there are infrastructure issues. For example, School District A uses the school on Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday. School District B uses the school on Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday."

He thanked the Lions of District 2-T2 who individually and collectively supported Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

"Every Lion in Texas still has the opportunity to step up and assist those impacted by Harvey. Our Texas Lions Camp and Texas Lions Foundation will need your help as the Lions in South Texas continue to assist those impacted by this natural disaster. Now more than ever, it is great to be a Lion in Texas," he said.

Information about the Texas Lions Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund is available on the District 2-T2 Lions website at www.e-district.org/sites/2t2/.

There you'll find out how to donate to 501 (c)(3) and 501 (c)(4) Lions charities.



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**Congratulations to District Governor
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Jim Stewart
Doug Triplett, Vice-President
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Celebrating Our 63rd Year of Community Service

A visionary project: Eye screening on Diabetes Day

By PDG Fredda Buckner
Roby Lions Club

Have you ever thought everything seems to happen at the same time? That's the way it has seemed for the Roby Lions Club.

It began last year with our 75th anniversary celebration when people asked if we would plan to do community eye screenings again.

The state legislature cleared the way for schools to use vision screening equipment for children's eye exams--so we decided to combine the two into one project.

Then we were reminded about a special banner patch that could be earned by conducting one project that included youth, vision, environment and hunger.

We decided to go for it. Circulars were placed around town and the project was listed in upcoming events in the newspaper.

On November 14th (*World Diabetes Day*), we hosted the project in the Roby High School auditorium.

That morning, we had PDG Carolyn Keskitalo from Midland and Lion Tom Mills from Big Spring -- both representing Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, PID Marshall Cooper from Lubbock, and Zone Chairman Charles Ragland from Snyder on hand to help with the project.

We screened approximately 150 school children that morning. At noon, District Governor Vance Gipson and Lion Marilyn joined us for lunch.

Afterwards, we set up for the community screening. During the afternoon, we screened about 20 adults. Of these, six were fitted with glasses and one was fitted with readers.

Roby Rural Health Clinic staff conducted diabetic screenings on 26 persons. Information was made available from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The school's National Honor Society was conducting their annual food drive -- so we asked participants to bring non-perishable food items.

Last but not least, information on preventing rural wild fires was made

available by the Texas Forestry Service.

We covered all five areas of the Centennial Service Challenge!

It was a busy day but it was worthwhile. We appreciate everyone that helped to make the project possible.

On December 2nd, the club dedicated its Legacy Project prior to "Christmas on the Square." We provided a park bench in the pocket park on the square with a plaque attached. Afterward and during the parade, we had a booth on the square featuring a silent auction to raise funds for more park benches and youth scholarships.

On December 18th, the club joined

Santa Claus at school to provide books for every child through 5th grade. This is a semi-annual club project conducted with the help of book grants obtained from First Book.

This project has been going on for several years. It is so rewarding to see a child in awe that the book is theirs to take home and keep.

We encourage clubs to consider community eye screenings. No matter how many you screen, to those who cannot afford eye exams and glasses, it is an answered prayer.

If Roby can do it, any club can do it!

Leo Clubs celebrate 60th anniversary

From the LCI website

Did you know that Lions Clubs International's Leo Club youth program just celebrated its 60th anniversary in December?

Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling in 1957 and chances are that ball was a baseball. Graver was the baseball coach of the Abington High School in Pennsylvania, and an active member of the Glenside Lions Club.

With help from his fellow Lion, William Ernst, the first Leo Club was charted on December 5, 1957.

As the world's first Leo Club, the Abington High School Leo Club created the Leo acronym -- Leadership, Equality, Opportunity -- and chose their school colors, maroon and gold to serve as the Leo club colors. Later, Equality was changed to Experience.

In October 1967, the board of directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association.

The Leo Club Program has continued to grow within the last 50 years. Leos now constitute an international network of over 6,500 clubs in over 140 countries.

Like their Lion counterparts, Leo Club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold.

The Leo Club objective is to provide



the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national, and international community.

The Leo Club motto is:

Leadership -- Develop skills as a project organizer, time manager, and team leader.

Experience -- Learn how teamwork, cooperation, and collaboration can be exciting changes to your community and the world.

Opportunity -- Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

Could your community benefit from having a Leo Club? If so, please contact Lion Jean Anne Stratton, District 2-T2 Leo Club Chair for more information. She can be reached at (806) 795-2301 (home) or jeanannestratton@gmail.com

Many 2-T2 Lions Clubs provide food to families

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The question then arises, "Are the Lions of District 2-T2 fighting Hunger?" The answer to this is a resounding "Yes!"

As I have visited throughout the district, I have found that both through our clubs and through our actions as individuals, we, the Lions of District 2-T2, are concerned and active in addressing this major challenge in a variety of ways.

I have been pleased to learn that several clubs act in partnership with local churches and pantries to meet community needs.

Several clubs have noted that their club provides food to families in need throughout the year as well as on special holiday occasions.

In a recent visit with Ms. Gilliland, she stated to me that for the last 10 years the Lubbock Lions have provided a grant to fund the emergency food program for the Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

This emergency food program insures that clients have food available when weather conditions prohibit normal deliveries.

She mentioned also that the South Plains Lions and the Industrial Lions Club have provided annual financial assistance and that the South Plains club has driven one of the delivery routes for several years.

As I visited with David Weaver, he noted that Lions have been very

supportive of the South Plains Food Bank in numerous ways.

Some of the members of the "Hunger's Hope Giving Society" are Lions who personally provide annual financial support to the food bank.

In addition, he noted that the annual financial support from the South Plains Lions was greatly appreciated.

He also expressed appreciation to that club for its six years of assisting in the preparation of food boxes for Christmas distribution, one of the largest challenges for the Food Bank.

Several Lions clubs in the area are distribution points for the Food Bank.

For example, Lions in Morton, Matador, and Roaring Springs help locate needy families, and then organize and man the food

distributions in their communities.

The South Plains Food Bank's recent "U Can Share" food drive drew major support from the Hub Lions Club, the Lubbock Lions Club, and the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club. This drive has been strongly supported by these and other clubs for several years.

I realize that this article is simply a representation of some of the actions that are being taken by Lions Clubs and individual Lions in District 2-T2 in the fight against hunger.

I regret that I cannot mention the actions of every club, but I hope that the major point has been made: Lions of District 2T2 do care about their fellow man and are actively fighting against Hunger!!



Friends of the Food Bank

South Plains Lions Club members and guests helped prepare Christmas food boxes for distribution during a December 2 work day at the South Plains Food Bank,

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Hub Lions spread Christmas Cheer with Santa visits

A button saying “Santa Lives” is one of the first things you’ll notice on Dan Seale’s denim Lions Club vest.

Next to it is a cloisonné pin depicting the jolly old elf. Both are worn close to his heart.

Each December, he trades his ball cap for a red velvet top hat. There’s no doubt that he rejoices in the Christmas spirit!

So, it’s only natural for him to chair the Hub Lions Club “Rent-A-Santa” fundraiser since it began four years ago.

Club President Don Holcomb and Seale came up with the idea for “Rent-A-Santa.”

Holcomb and his wife, Elaine, portrayed Santa and Mrs. Claus at assisted living centers for several years.

Why not offer an opportunity for Santa visits to individuals and businesses in Lubbock? Thus, “Rent-A-Santa” was born.

Holcomb portrayed Santa during the first years of the program. Seale was his elf and “sleigh scheduler.” In 2017, Seale and club members PDG Carmon McCain and Doug Triplett stepped into the Santa boots and elf shoes as needed.

“We initially charged a set fee for the Santa visits – but it has evolved into much more than that. You can’t put a price on the look on a child’s face when they see Santa. Now, we simply ask for donations, which range from \$5 to \$250. Some visits are free – we don’t want to turn away an opportunity to spread Christmas cheer to others,” he said.

The 2017 project included eight visits to individual homes. In addition, there were 11 visits to local businesses and assisted living centers.

“A couple of the visits were at sporting goods stores. One of them donated about \$300 in hoodies and other merchandise to the club as payment for the Santa visit. Our club, in turn, donated the items to the Boys and Girls Club as well as Paul’s Project – Grace Campus to benefit the homeless,” said Holcomb.

Another Santa visit was used to promote another store’s “Angel



Lion Santa and his elf at the TTU Carol of Lights Run (left) and Cardinal's Sports Center (right)



Don Holcomb and Dan Seale are shown with their club's toy donation for Lubbock Boys & Girls Club.

Shoe Tree” benefitting children at Buckner’s, Children’s Home of Lubbock, and Texas Boys Ranch.

Each “Santa season” is memorable. However, Holcomb and Seale say there are a couple of visits that will forever touch their hearts.

“During one home visit, I was playing Santa. A little girl came up and hugged my neck. I asked her what she wanted for Christmas and she told me that all she wanted was for her mommy to be happy. That really brought a lump to my throat,” Seale said.

At a visit to an assisted living center, “Lion Santa” stopped by all the residents’ rooms. This one resident was lying on her side facing away from the door. Santa stepped by the side of the bed and she saw him. “Do you know who I am?” He asked. “Yes, you’re Santa” was her quiet response.

“Yes, I am. I have something for you,” he said as he reached into his bag for a stuffed Christmas bear. The woman drew it close to her and smiled, recalled Holcomb.

Even though Holcomb and Seale have put their red velvet top hats in storage, they and the other Hub Lions Club members are looking forward to next year’s Santa visits.

In fact, the club already has five visits already scheduled for December 2018.

Both said this is great way to get the club’s name before the public.

One person thanked them publicly on a neighborhood Nextdoor page. Another sent a Christmas Card thanking Hub Lions Club for giving back to the community.

“And isn’t that what Christmas is all about? We’re giving back to others and sharing a smile along the way,” said Seale.

Ropes Lions dedicate park bench to school district

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The Ropesville Lions Club recently completed a metal park bench as a gift to Ropes ISD as a part of the Lions Clubs International Centennial Community Legacy Projects program.

The completion of this project will impact the lives of students and the community.

Ropes ISD is a hub for the community of Ropesville.

"We felt like to better serve, we would place the park bench where the most people would see and use it now and in the future for generations to come," said Ropesville Lions Club President Rusty Ferguson.

District 2-T2 Governor Dr. Vance Gipson was in attendance and stated that he was proud of Ropesville Lions Club and the donation of the park bench to the Ropes ISD and community to commemorate the Centennial Legacy Celebration.

Ropesville Lions Club's Legacy Project was completed as part of Lions Clubs International's Centennial Celebration to commemorate the organization's 100th anniversary in 2017.

As part of the Centennial Celebration, Lions Clubs around the world are working to help more than 100 million people and complete legacy projects that make lasting

contributions to their communities.

The Ropesville Lions Club was chartered in 1953 and currently has 60 members.

The Ropesville Lions Club is the second largest club in District 2-T2. Only the Lubbock Lions Club is larger out of 40 clubs in the District.

The Ropesville Lions Club meets on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at Ropes ISD Cafeteria. More information about the Ropesville Lions Club and its projects is available by contacting Bobby McNabb at (806) 777-2573 or by email at mcnabb.bobby@yahoo.com

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world.

It has 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the globe.

Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives, and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects.

More information about Lions Clubs International is available at lionsclubs.org



Lions Club Park Bench Dedicated

Shown following the dedication are L-R seated PDG Charles Shannon and President Rusty Ferguson. Front row standing: Joyce McNabb; Jerry Beth Shannon; District Governor Vance Gipson; Mike Metz; Bill Adkins; Mary Beth Ashburn; and Joann Gilley. Second row: Bobby McNabb; Tawndra Ferguson; Vernon Merritt; Neno Falls; Donald Rhoads; Tim Carter; Brian Garnett; Gary Lehen; Tom McCrummen; and Lloyd Gilley. Third row: Johnny Ward; Billy Gilson; George Cullum; and Alex Gross. The park bench was built by Rusty Ferguson's father-in-law, Eldon Hays of Portales, NM.

ROPESVILLE LIONS CLUB

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**Ropes Lions Club is proud to support
District Governor Vance Gipson & First Lady Marilyn**

**President - Lion Rusty Ferguson
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 Lehen**

Help fight hunger during January Week of Service

From the LCI website

Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night.

This January, join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger in your community.

This international event is a great opportunity to support our new global service framework and our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

Host a project to fight hunger in your community during January 8-14. Help stock a local food pantry, bag school lunches or distribute food to those who need it most.

No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!



Here's how your club can take part in this special event:

Plan your project - Host a service project that impacts hunger in your

community during the week of January 8-14. Consider inviting members of your community or another local service club to serve with you.

Promote your project - Publicize your project to showcase your club and the power of service. Remember to wear your Lions branded gear when you're serving to increase your visibility.

Report your project - Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to help us reach new levels of service in our Centennial Service Challenge. Be sure to include the project date.

Celebrate your service -- Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community.

Use the hashtag #Lions100, and we'll share images on the LCI Facebook page!

Lions embrace worldwide Centennial Service Challenge

The Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) is an initiative to celebrate Lions' 100 years of service through service itself.

Clubs are challenged to organize at least one service project in each of the CSC Campaigns per year.

The campaigns include Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, Protecting Our Environment and Halting Diabetes.

The overall goal is to serve more than

100 million people by June 30th, 2018.

As you can see by the graphic below, Lions worldwide have already exceeded the goal.

During the 2017-2018 Lions' fiscal year, there are five Worldwide Weeks of Service are scheduled to allow clubs to focus their efforts on addressing specific issues.

The remaining Weeks of Service are "Fight Hunger and Poverty" on January 8-14, 2018 and "Protect Our Planet" on

April 16-22, 2018. All clubs in District 2-T2 are encouraged to participate.

In order to qualify for a Centennial Service Challenge Award, club secretaries are reminded that all activities must be submitted through MyLCI. Paper reports will not be accepted by Lions Clubs International.

Clubs that earn diamond awards three or four years of the Centennial Service Challenge will receive a special pin for each club member active as of 6/30/2018.





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Gabriel Farmer, Camper 2017

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Here's the 2018 Wickersham Golf Hole Sponsor Camper

2018 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship Camper – Gabriel Farmer

Long time camper, Gabriel Farmer is the 2018 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Camper Ambassador. Gabe, as he is known to his friends, calls San Antonio, Texas home and has attended TLC for the past 4 years. At 15 years old, he is looking towards another great summer in 2018 and is counting down the days until his return to one of his favorite places on earth. Though it will be his last, it will be his best summer yet.

Gabriel attends school at The Academy, at Morgan's Wonderland. He loves school and his friends, but TLC is AWESOME!. At camp, he enjoys swimming, the pedal boats and especially music class. But among his absolute favorites are his counselors and the dance. Gabriel's mom, Diana, mentioned that when Gabe talked about his counselors he calls them his best friends.

It wasn't easy allowing Gabriel to go to camp at TLC. Diana talked about her experience as a mother of a child with Down syndrome and the need to know Gabriel was safe. She said, "Gabriel has a heart that is pure and true."

She mentioned experiences with others not caring for him and his safety, which made her hesitant of other potentially bad experiences for him. But after deciding to send him to TLC for a week, specifically for children with Down syndrome, she drove onto Texas Lions Camp and immediately knew Gabe was safe.

"TLC was wonderful from the very first moment. The Camp itself was amazing and everyone was so excited to see him. I knew in my heart he would be safe and have a great time. I went back to my car, sat there and cried for a little while. I knew deep down, he would laugh, get dirty and have a marvelous time. Every year I bring him to camp, I sit there for a moment and cry, but the time that I do, gets shorter and shorter. It is such a good feeling to know it makes him happy."

Gabriel was not expected to live past birth, and if he did, he would have difficulty and possibly not live to see his first birthday. But from the very start, he has shown that the impossible is possible for kids like him. His zest for life each and every day, whether reading history, singing and dancing to every song he hears, talking with friends and family, playing basketball or enjoying his days at TLC, Gabe is an example of living life to the full.

Diana has become an ambassador for Texas Lions Camp herself shares that Gabe is a typical kid at TLC, getting to do things just like everyone else and having fun. To families considering TLC for their child but aren't sure it would be good for them, she says:

"Just do it! Even if it means you have to do a lot to get them packed and ready, that you have to drive a long way, and you can't stop thinking about them the whole time they are gone, just do it, just go! It is so worth it. When you see their face and the excitement when they get there and everyone is loving on them and happy they are there, it is amazing! And when you see your child's face at the end of the week, and the light that shines in their eyes, you'll know—you did the right thing for them, and it was all worth it."

Gabriel and his family are excited about being a part of this year's 25th Anniversary Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. For more information on how you and your team can play in the Tournament, visit: www.lionscamp.com and look for the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Tab. Texas Lions Camp is proud to have great kids, like Gabriel, who attend our summer camping program and celebrate those who embody the TLC spirit of "Children Can...With TLC!"™





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ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIPCODE	TELEPHONE
E-MAIL ADDRESS		I will need a RV space: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		I require transportation from the airport: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Register by February 10, 2018 with early registration and save up to \$50.00. Registration fee of \$25.00 must be included with all orders.				FORM OF PAYMENT	
Date and Function	Early Registration Postmarked by February 10, 2018	Registration Postmarked by April 20, 2018	Late Registration Postmarked after April 20, 2018	Number of Tickets	Total Cost
REGISTRATION FEE All attendees, including Non-Lions, must be registered.	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		
FULL MEAL PACKAGE Includes all meals and Thursday Evening event. Golf not included (separate registration required).	\$170.00	\$195.00	\$215.00		
Thursday 5:30 – 8:30 PM May 24, 2018 "ROAR BY THE SHORE" WELCOME EVENT WITH LIVE MUSIC	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		Please indicate # attending
Friday 12:00 – 1:30 PM May 25, 2018 TEXAS LIONS HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON	\$31.00	\$36.00	\$40.00		
Friday 7:00 – 9:00 PM May 25, 2018 TEXAS LIONS CHARITIES DINNER	\$41.00	\$46.00	\$50.00		
Saturday 7:00 – 8:30 AM May 26, 2018 PDG MEMORIAL SERVICE BREAKFAST	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00		
Saturday 12:00 – 2:00 PM May 26, 2018 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH LUNCHEON	\$31.00	\$36.00	\$40.00		
Saturday 7:00 – 9:30 PM May 26, 2018 MD-2 GOVERNORS' BANQUET	\$42.00	\$47.00	\$50.00		
Friday breakfast will be on your own.					Total Enclosed

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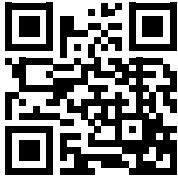
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Important Dates In District 2-T2 !

January 13, 2018 -- District 2-T2 Midwinter Conference
South Plains Church of Christ, Lubbock.
"Vision Assistance and Youth"

February 1-3, 2018 -- Council of Governors &
Texas Lions Camp Board Meeting, Kerrville

April 27-28, 2018 -- District 2-T2 Convention
First Methodist Church, Lubbock.

May 24-26, 2018 -- MD-2 Texas Lions Convention
Corpus Christi.

June 29-July 3, 2018 -- 101st Lions Clubs International
Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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