



# THE WINDMILL

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## Zoom meeting in its place:

# COVID concerns prompt cancellation of Jan. 16 Midwinter Conference & contests

Citing an abundance of caution, District 2-T2 Governor Ted Boyd has canceled the January 16 Midwinter Conference in Lubbock.

However in its place, there will be a brief Cabinet Meeting via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Governor Boyd said there is no formal agenda for the meeting. Those who need to give a report or share information with the District Cabinet may do so at this time.

The log-in information is shown at right.

PDG Danny Leake also announced cancellation of the annual Opportunities for Youth Scholarship contests that normally take place at the conference.

**How To Join  
The Zoom Meeting**

**DATE:** January 16, 2021  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meeting ID: 769 974 2517  
Passcode: S3Ywpq

In announcing the decision, Leake and Committee Member Cindy Johnson said there are many pieces that must be put together to make the District 2-T2 scholarship contests successful.

"Much of that work has already been done. Many Lions have stepped up to champion the cause. Information has been distributed to encourage student participation. Judges and other volunteers have been recruited to provide a positive experience and "Fair Play". However, COVID-19 and money have proven to be obstacles that are beyond our control.

They said that although a Zoom meeting is being planned in place of the Midwinter Conference--there are simply too many Lions scholarship rules and regulations to allow the contest to

proceed using the Zoom platform.

In addition to the COVID concerns, having adequate scholarship money for the Youth Contests is another issue.

"To date, we have raised less than HALF of the Scholarship funding needed for the contests. This money is provided by District 2-T2 Lions Clubs that are 100 percent in the District Governor's contest," they said. About \$4,500 is awarded each year.

"Certainly, our prayers are that this pandemic will end soon. Our goal is to resume the Opportunities for Youth Contests in 2021-2022," said Leake and Johnson.

Lions are also reminded that the annual District 2-T2 Photo Contest will now be held at the April 24 District Convention--rather than the Midwinter Conference. Please see the entry forms on Pages 7-8 of this newsletter.

Governor Boyd regrets the decision to cancel the Midwinter Conference. However, he said health and safety of Lions Club members is paramount.

We hope the current COVID-19 pandemic will lessen in order to have the April 24 District Convention in Lubbock as planned.

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## From The District Governor :

# Adjusting and adapting during the pandemic

Special greetings to all District 2-T2 Lions and Leos!

First Lady Joyce and I hope each of you had a healthy, and safe

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years!

As the years go by, some of the memories of past holidays may fade-but not this year!

The 2020 holiday season will be remembered as the year of the Coronavirus pandemic.



**District Governor Ted Boyd**

Our District has been very lucky in that no one has contracted the virus as a result of attending our July and October Cabinet Meetings.

Because of this, I really don't want to press our luck.

One of the most difficult decisions I have made so far is to cancel our January 16 Midwinter Conference. This is a "first" -- just like so many other "firsts" that we have had to deal with during the pandemic.

My decision was not easy. However, it was made with a lot of thought as well as counsel from several Lions in the District.

I will say that some of my fellow District Governors have not had an in-person Cabinet Meeting so far this year.

Also, some of our District 2-T2 Lions Clubs have not held an in-person meeting since the shutdown in March. This may or may not be a good idea for some clubs.

Lion Tonya Novak, president of the Olton Lions Club, remarked that not having a regular club meeting may result in a bad habit that may be tough to correct.

But, each club has to make their own decision based upon the makeup of their membership.

Some portions of District 2-T2 are COVID "hot spots" while others have had little to no cases.

Despite the pandemic, some clubs are finding new, exciting, and creative ways to conduct their various service projects. Club Secretaries need to be sure that they report these to Lions Clubs International and District 2-T2.

As we go to press with this issue of *The Windmill*, we have learned that the Jan. 1 "Polar Bear Plunge Challenge," benefiting Texas Lions Camp (TLC) has been canceled due to a rise in COVID-19 cases.

PDG Terry Hawkins was all set to ride a wheeled sled down a 38-foot tall, 116-foot long water slide and shoot out into the icy waters of the Guadalupe River at Mo-Ranch at Hunt, TX.

Instead, TLC's Chairman of the Board Lion Kent Basinger will take the plunge for everyone at Texas Lions Camp during the Board Meeting in February. It will be live-streamed.

"TLC is using funds from the Polar Bear Challenge towards its new campaign (Vision2020 & Beyond) in order to provide new and improved facilities for future generations of TLC campers," said TLC President and CEO Lion Stephen Mabry.

"Our capital campaign was kicked off on February 8, 2020 which will run for 24 - 36 months and be phased to facilitate 3-5 year pledges from our donors.

"The emphasis of Phase I of the CAMPAIGN will be to address the bunkhouses, caretaker dormitory and revitalize aging infrastructure. Specifically, we would like for the Polar Bear Challenge to be used for the purposes stated but more specifically to show traction and support, to provide much needed capital funds, to raise awareness of TLC and to give the community an opportunity to get to know Texas Lions Camp," said Mabry.

District 2-T3 District Governor Javier Morales is another great example of being creative in fundraising and service.

District Governor Javier recently ran two marathons in one day. (That's 52 miles!)

He solicited pledges and raised \$10,184.25 for Texas Lions Camp. I couldn't run down the block unless a bear was after me! DG Javier deserves a big THANK YOU!

Each Lions Club member in Texas owns Texas Lions Camp. We are grateful for any means to provide funds for the Camp so that it can continue its mission of service to children.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank PDG Jim Petty for the outstanding job he is doing as our District LCIF Ambassador.

He had the idea of selling 50/50 raffle tickets with funds going to LCIF Campaign 100. Half of the funds raised will go to LCIF and half will go to the winner.

The tickets are \$20 each. Every member of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club who is regularly attending meetings have already purchased a ticket. Can your club meet this challenge?

This is such a big fundraiser so I encourage everyone in District 2-T2 to participate and help LCIF Campaign 100 meet its goal.

Contact 1st VDG Dr. Ron Miller, 2nd VDG Doug McDonough, PDG Terry Hawkins, or me to get your tickets. Our contact information is in the District Directory and on the back page of this newsletter.

The drawing will take place at the February 2021 MD-2 Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville.

In closing, we're disappointed that we can't meet in-person for Midwinter Conference. However, we hope that progress with the COVID vaccinations will allow us to be together again for the April 24 District Convention.

# We're all more than ready for new beginnings in 2021

As I write this article, the sun is beginning to set on 2020.

Most of us have been ready to see it go and bring new beginnings in 2021.

We have been so immersed in a global pandemic and all that it brought.



**First Vice District Governor Ron Miller**

Who would have thought that just a year ago everything we were so used to do in our everyday lives would change so much!

We know there's hope out there. It may be small, but it's there. As long as we place our troubles and worries in God's Hands, we will be alright!

Our January Cabinet meeting will be different as District Governor Ted Boyd will lead it by Zoom.

I may be wearing my jacket and tie, but that doesn't mean I will be wearing my crazy socks! Well, at least, this meeting will be different.

The best thing about it is the opportunity that we can meet and conduct the business of District 2-T2.

I will be sending out the information for the meeting to our Cabinet members and to the Lions Club Presidents in our District.

The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021. We have a goal to get our business conducted in 45 minutes.

I sure wish that we could have conducted our meetings, held our service projects, and raised money for our service projects like we used to. But y'all persevered and found alternative ways to continue with some of your activities and projects.

I am looking forward to hearing the unique ways that a Pancake Supper or Pancake Breakfast can be continued.

I hope that by now your Lions Club has been able to meet and continue with your activities as much as possible.

Melody and I are recovering from our bout with COVID. We got it at the same time so that helped with our recovery time frame.

Right before we were diagnosed, Melody had rotator cuff surgery. Made these past couple of weeks very interesting! (I am writing this the day after Christmas.)

I know many of you have experienced COVID through many

different avenues.

It has affected our daily lives and our interactions with each other and that includes family members.

Lions Club members are creative! I receive many messages and reports how Lions throughout the State of Texas have been able to interact and provide services to our communities.

We may be losing some members, but we are still adding new members.

A global pandemic has not slowed us down in serving our fellow man! How great it is to be a Lion!

Until next time: "We Serve!"

## Bark & Brew 2021 uncertain

Even though March 27, 2021 is the tentative date for this year's Bark and Brew event, the Planning Committee is debating whether or not the event should be held then, moved to a later date, or canceled for 2021.

"We are undecided at this point. This is based upon the fact that the hospitalization rate for our trauma region has been greater than 15 percent for more than 75 days," said PDG Terry Hawkins.

"As a result, there are limitations on the number of persons allowed at public gatherings. The Planning Committee will meet soon to make a decision. In the meantime, we ask everyone to watch the District website and Facebook page for future announcements," she said.

### Reminder: Plan now for 2021-2022

We've all learned to "adapt and adjust" due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we move forward, club officers are reminded that it is still important that their club appoint a nominating committee, conduct officer elections in April, and report the results to Lions Clubs International and District 2-T2 on the PU-101 form as soon as possible after the election.

Please be sure that all information contained on the form is correct and legible!!

Once the PU-101 is received, Lions Clubs International can send the appropriate materials/website passwords to the incoming club officers.

More importantly, having the information allows the incoming District Governor to prepare the District Directory in order to have it printed and ready for distribution at the first Cabinet Meeting in July.

Also, if your Lions Club wishes to offer a member for a District office such as DG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, District 2-T2 Lions Hearing Bank Director; Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Director, or Texas Lions Camp Director, please be aware that a letter of recommendation from your club and the candidate's qualifications for office must be submitted to Governor Ted Boyd a minimum of 30 days prior to the April 24 District Convention.

# Sign up a new Lion and receive a special pin

Eight Lions in District 2T2 have already received or soon will receive special limited edition pins for sponsoring a new Lion during October 2020.

You too can receive this colorful MD-2 Texas Lions 2020-2021 Membership Award by bringing a new Lion into your club during January to March 2021.



**Second Vice District Governor Doug McDonough**

Displaying the Lone Star flag behind an outline of the State of Texas, the special pin is emblazoned with the slogan "Spreading Texas

Lionism."

The brainchild of IPDG Chris Gunstream who serves as MD2 NAMI Champion, the pins are designed to encourage Texas Lions to build the ranks to our clubs statewide and reverse a troubling trend of declining membership experienced over the course of the past 20 years by Constitutional Areas 1 and 2, which includes the United States and Canada. And the troubling decline continues to impact both the State of Texas as well as our very own District 2T2.

Forty-one years ago, in 1980, there were almost 600,000 Lions across the United States.

At the end of November 2020, that number had fallen to 280,755, with a decline of 2,682 members since the start of our current fiscal year on July 1, 2020.

Canada has seen its membership also decline during the past six months, falling by 239 members to a final tally of 33,487 at the end of November.

The ranks of Texas Lionism stood at 22,904 at the close of



November, which is down 187 members from the start of the fiscal year of 23,091 Lions. Unfortunately, we lost more than 3,000 Texas Lions from the June 30, 2015 membership tally which was 26,306.

For District 2-T2, total membership stood at 1,139 in 40 local clubs as of Dec. 29, 2020.

That's down 33 Lions from the 1,172 members in 42 clubs at the start of the current fiscal year.

In comparison, District 2-T2 listed a total membership of 1,875 in 63 clubs at the end of January 2004.

Three members of the Floydada Lions Club will soon be sporting the new 2020-2021 Texas Lions Membership Award Pins.

They are: Zach Cummings II for sponsoring Diane Alvarez; Bob Gilliland for sponsoring Ryan Crowe and Logan Bradley for recruiting Tyler Hammonds.

Lubbock Redbud Lions Victor Howard receives a pin for sponsoring Jimmy Bradley and our very own District Governor Ted Boyd receives a pin for sponsoring his grandson Luke A. Malone as a new Lion.

Morton Lion Suzanne Gillespie gets her membership recruitment pin for signing up Sandra K. Elmore.

Plainview Lion Mike Melcher gets his pin for recruiting his own wife, Debra S. Melcher, to become a Plainview Lion.

Shallowater Lion Paul Scivally gets his pin for sponsoring Alysha N. Alvarado.

For too long, the joys of service and fellowship which come through becoming a part of Lionism has been some of the best kept secrets of our organization.

It's high time that we begin tooting our own horn and start sharing with our communities, friends, coworkers and relatives concerning the lasting fulfillment that flows from becoming part of this worldwide service organization.

And, if you are successful in bring a new Lion into your club during January to March 2021, you will receive an attractive MD-2 Membership Award pin to boot.

It can be as simple as just asking. Who knows, your coworker, friend and/or neighbor might even say yes.

Fellow Lions, please take to heart the suggestion that each one, ask one to join you at your club's next meeting -- whether it's an in-person meeting or a virtual meeting. And once you sign up a new member, please continue to mentor them and help them find the joy that comes through serving others.

And let me take this opportunity to say "Happy New Year" to each and every one of you, and to remind you that the best is yet to come.

## Did You Know?

Texas Game Warden Mallory Mitchell is featured on the Discovery Channel's program, "Lone Star Law: Patrol and Protect." Mallory is a member of the Lubbock Lions Club. We thank her for her service to the residents of the State of Texas.

## District 2-T2 remembers PDG Charles Shannon

Past District Governor Charles Shannon, 90, of the Ropesville Lions Club passed away November 10 in Lubbock. A private burial was held at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery on Nov. 17. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Charles was born Aug. 1, 1930.

He moved with his family to Ropesville in 1938 to join other families participating in the Ropesville Farm Project.

Charles spent the next 82 years in Ropesville, where he farmed cotton, worked in agribusiness, and was an active community leader.

He married Jerry Beth Chambers on June 1, 1974.

Charles was a member of the Ropes Lions Club for 65 years. In addition, he was a former Texas Lions Camp Director. Charles served as District 2-T2 Governor in 1998-1999. He was later inducted into the MD-2 Texas Lions Hall of Fame in 2006.

He sponsored 280 members and received the Global Membership Key Award.

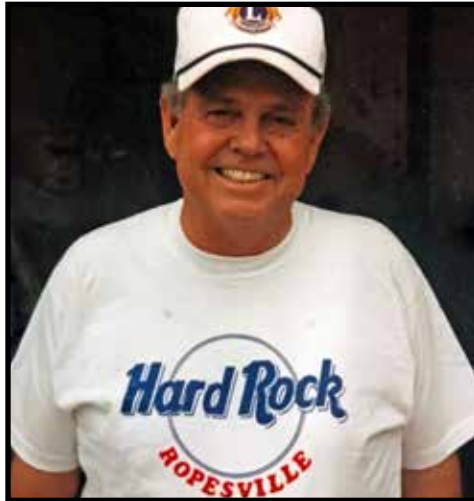
Charles was chair of the administrative board of the Ropesville United Methodist Church for more than 40 years. In addition, he served as Mayor of Ropesville, member of the Ropes ISD Board of Education, Hockley County School Board, and Hockley County Farm Bureau

Survivors include wife Jerry Beth; a daughter; a son; a stepson; and several grandchildren, step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry Beth and family.

Donations may be made in memory of PDG Charles to Texas Lions Camp, PO Box 290247, Kerrville, TX 78029

PDG Charles was a long-time Lion Leader. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him!



### "It's A Great Day"

(LEFT) PDG Charles Shannon sports a Hard Rock Cafe Ropesville T-shirt during the "Ropesville Turkey Shoot" a few years back. (RIGHT) PCC Bernie Gradel and PDG Charles Shannon enjoy the festivities at a District 2-T2 Cabinet Meeting. Gradel served as Vice District Governor during Governor Shannon's year.

## Governor Shannon's year as reported in "The Shamrock"

PDG Charles Shannon changed the name of the District newsletter from "The Windmill" to "The Shamrock" during his year as Governor.

Here are just a few highlights from those issues:

- Texas Lions Camp designated as a priority goal for the year.
- The Texas Lions Wild West Bike Ride was a 1,600 mile trek from the May 23 MD-2 State Convention in College Station to the June 29 Lions Clubs International Convention in San Diego. The event raised funds and provided publicity about the Camp during its 50th anniversary year.
- Lubbock Lions Club members turned over the first shovels of sod to begin construction of the new Aquatic Center at Texas Lions Camp. The new Aquatic Center replaces two older pools. One of them was dedicated in 1981 in memory of TLC Past President and Lubbock Lions Club member Jim Ed Waller.
- The newsletter featured a series of articles by Lion Jack Wiech recalling events leading up to the creation and charter of Texas Lions Camp.
- Great Plains Lions Eye Bank marks 25th year of service.
- The first Cabinet Meeting was at Texas Boys Ranch, the second Cabinet Meeting was at Jayton, Midwinter Conference was at Brownfield, and District Convention was at Snyder.
- Lions Clubs are starting to use the Internet to tell people about Lions and attract new members.
- Past International President James T. Coffey of Toronto, Ohio was the keynote speaker for the District Convention.
- Wolfforth Lions Club is chartered.
- All District 2-T2 Lions Clubs are 100% participants in Texas Lions Camp for the first time ever.

# LCIF Campaign 100 empowers Lions' service

**By PDG Jim Petty  
District 2-T2 LCIF Ambassador**

In the past several months, COVID-19 has changed the way we live, work, and serve.

At least one thing has remained constant -- Where there is a need, there is a Lion!

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has distributed over 350 grants totaling more than \$5 million to communities worldwide.

The generosity and commitment Lions have made to LCIF made it possible for the foundation to respond quickly to the needs of communities during a historic time of need and uncertainty.

While we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, we see even more clearly how important Campaign 100 is for small com-

munities and large cities. Through Campaign 100 grants, we can take some comfort knowing that resources are available to individuals and groups across the Globe that need them.

I would not be asking for your assistance unless there were other options. I am very passionate about this cause and when you see and understand the work that Lions do across the Globe, you too will be moved.

In District 2-T2, we have 40 Lions Clubs. Some of these have graciously donated or pledged funds to Campaign 100--but if we can get every club to donate something, then that would be great! You can give a one-time donation to LCIF or you can pledge any amount yearly that can be paid out over the next two years.

One of my goals as LCIF Am-

bassador is to make sure District 2-T2 is 100 percent in this quarter.

If every club donates something and we achieve the 100 percent goal, then our District Governor receives special recognition from LCIF. Let's toll up our sleeves and do this for District Governor Ted!

Pledge forms are available on the LCIF Campaign 100 website if your club wants to pledge any amount.

Also, as a local fundraiser for Campaign 100, we are selling tickets for a 50/50 drawing. Several Lions, including Governor Ted Boyd, 1VDG Ron Miller, 2VDG Doug McDonough, and PDG Terry Hawkins have tickets available for purchase.

You can always contact me if you need tickets to sell in your club or community. Remember - all donations to a 501c3 are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

The winner will be announced at the February 2021 MD-2 Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville.

## Helping Hands Telethon

In order to help LCIF raise funds, "World Piano Man" Lion Martyn Lucas is presenting the Helping Hands YouTube Telethon.

Lucas is an internationally acclaimed performer who will take requests and perform them live just for you. The event will be live on **Feb. 14, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. CST** on his YouTube channel at **www.martynlucas.com/lions**

While enjoying the presentation is free, YOU can help by purchasing a special ticket, requesting a song, or advertising your business.

Please go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/lions-club-global-largest-telethon-in-history-martyn-lucas-tickets-131775545203](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/lions-club-global-largest-telethon-in-history-martyn-lucas-tickets-131775545203) for more information or to purchase an ad.

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# Get your cameras out! It's Photo Contest time!!



## 2021 District 2-T2 Photo Contest Entry Form - District Convention

(Please Print)

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Club ID \_\_\_\_\_

Lion/Leo Photographer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer's E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Photograph title (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

- Plants
- Animals
- Landscape
- Weather Phenomenon
- Lions Service Project (May include people)

Contest rules are posted on the District 2-T2 website ([www.lions2t2.org](http://www.lions2t2.org)).

LIONS/LEOS should submit photo(s) to the District Contest Coordinator on or before the April 24, 2021 District Convention in Lubbock.

PDG Fredda Buckner, 2T2 Contest Coordinator

Questions? E-mail [pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net)  
or call (325) 725-3493



**We Serve**

# 2021 District 2-T2 Photo Contest Rules



- The Photo Contest is open to District 2-T2 LIONS and LEOS.
- All photos depicting a nature theme are welcome.
- Categories include:
  - Plants** (no people)
  - Animals** (no people)
  - Landscape** (no people)
  - Weather Phenomenon** (No people)
  - Lions Service Project** (May include people)
- Photos should be original, unaltered and taken by the submitting Lion or Leo.
- Multiple entries in one or more categories will be accepted.
- Photos that include people, other than Lions Service Project, will be disqualified.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
- LIONS/LEOS must submit photo(s) to the district contest chair, PDG Fredda Buckner, on or before the District Convention on April 24, 2021.
- Photos will be judged by popular vote. The photo receiving the most votes in each category will be deemed the winner. An overall best of show will also be awarded.
- Winning photos may be used by the district in future fund-raising activities.

**E-mail contest questions to: [pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net) or call (325) 725-3493**





# Whitharral Lions Club donates funds to family

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Gone, but far from forgotten is how the Whitharral Lions Club feels about the passing of Caroline Reyna.

To show their support to the family, the Whitharral Lions Club presented a check as a donation to the family. The check included the club's proceeds from the Taste of Whitharral which was held at the United Cotton Growers Gin Yard.

Walter Kristinek, president of the Whitharral Lions Club, said it felt like the right thing to do.

"They have been a part of our community forever. Her boys and my boys all grew up together," Kristinek said.

He said Carolina worked in the cafeteria at Whitharral ISD and helped to raise every student who came through the school system, including his own sons.

"She raised nearly everybody in Whitharral," Kristinek said.

However, Carolina was diagnosed with ALS at the earlier part of this year and recently passed away.

"She had a tough time," he said.

The club wanted to host a fundraiser specifically for Carolina when they learned when she was sick. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic and all events put on

hold earlier this spring, the club was unable to complete it before her passing.

"Despite it all, the club was able to come together for its annual Taste of Whitharral event, which has been held every year as a fundraiser for Whitharral schools and charities since the early 1990s.

"We were just taking one day at a time and didn't even know if we were going to have a Taste of Whitharral," he said. Kristinek said "If I have anything to do with it, we're having it. I don't care if anyone shows up. I don't care if we make money. This is the community get-together, for the start of the school year, to fellowship and enjoy each other."

From there, Kristinek said the club spoke with the Hockley County Judge and the event was approved to go on as planned.

"We figured we will just have it then," Kristinek said.

When Kristinek suggested the club donate the proceeds to the Reyna family, specifically for husband Roy, every member was on board with the idea.

"Roy is a community member. He always cooks for the event and donates his time and good for the good of the Lions Club," said Kristinek. "He's done it for years. He's a good man and she was a good woman. You could always count on them."

Kristinek said the group realizes that there are many good people in their community. However, they felt this family was in need for the donation at this time.

"There are a lot of people

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## Peace Poster Winner

Kadence Moyer of Shallowater is the 2020-2021 District 2-T2 Peace Poster Contest winner. The 2020-2021 theme is "Peace Through Service." Our congratulations to Kadence and her sponsor, the Shallowater Lions Club!

# SHALLOWATER LIONS CLUB

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

**Club Queen  
Kate Munson**

**Princess  
Madi Arney**

***Proudly Supporting  
District Governor  
Ted Boyd & First Lady Joyce!***

***Congratulations to  
District Peace Poster Winner  
Kadence Moyer!***





## PDG Terry Hawkins Crowned Polar Bear Challenge Queen

(LEFT) Newly-crowned Polar Bear Challenge Queen PDG Terry Hawkins is shown with TLC President Stephen Mabry at Mo-Ranch. There were 13 Lions across the state, including Hawkins, that were asked to fund raise and participate in the Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Texas Lions Camp. She has raised about \$18,000 to date with help from the Lions of District 2-T2. Even though the event is canceled, the fundraising effort continues through Feb. 6. (RIGHT) PDG Hawkins proudly shows off the donation from the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club. Mo-Ranch has designated various non-profits to benefit from the Polar Bear Plunge for the past 28 years.

## District 2-T2 welcomes these new Lions Club members!

(October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020)

### LION

Terry Simmons  
Diane Alvarez  
Ryan Crowe  
Tyler Hammonds  
Drew Chapman  
Aaron Garrett  
Brian Murry  
Jimmy Bradley  
Luke Malone  
Sandra Elmore  
Debra Melcher  
Valerie Valdez  
Derrick Watson  
Alysha Alvarado

### LIONS CLUB

Cotton Center  
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Lubbock Redbud  
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Plainview  
Plainview  
Plainview  
Shallowater

### SPONSOR

Aaron Kirby  
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Bob Gilliland  
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Roger Karr  
Victor Howard  
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Mike Melcher  
Tonya Keesee  
Landon Hughey  
Paul Scivally

# ROPESVILLE LIONS CLUB

*Serving Our Community Since 1953*



**PDG CHARLES SHANNON**

(1930-2020)

*We will always remember PDG Charles and hope to continue all the service projects that he started during his 65 years as a member of the Ropes Lions Club. He will be missed!*

# October 17 Cabinet Meeting



(LEFT) IPDG James Belk receives a Jack Wiech Fellowship from Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross. (RIGHT) Guest Speaker District 2-T3 PDG Kathy Summers of Alpine shares motivational tips during the luncheon.



(LEFT) Our District Tail Twister is scarier than yours! Since masks were required, Lion Nolan Von Roeder of Snyder took it to a whole new level. (RIGHT) Here's just a few of the Lions attending the meeting at Broadway Church of Christ.



# Governor Boyd's 2020-2021 goals

District Governor Ted Boyd has set the following 11 goals for District 2-T2 during the 2020-2021 year.

- Approximately 30 percent of District 2-T2 club officers will attend/participate in training sessions for their respective office.

- District 2-T2 will have a gain of 25 new members by June 30, 2021.

- District 2-T2 will charter one new Lions Club and one new Leo Club by June 30, 2021.

- District 2-T2 will have zero dropped members by June 30, 2021.

- 50 percent of District 2-T2 Lions Clubs will report their membership and activities on a regular basis.

- At least 25 percent of District 2-T2 Lions Clubs will participate in LCIF's Campaign 100.

- District 2-T2 Lions Clubs will strive to raise \$15,000 for LCIF by June 30, 2021.

- At least 25 percent of District 2-T2 Lions Clubs will participate in district fundraisers for LCIF.

- District Governor official visits to each District 2-T2 Lions Club.

- Small Lions Clubs in District 2-T2 shall be given encouragement and direction to continue as a club.

- More frequent visits to Lions Clubs that are less than three years old.

## Whitharral Lions

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deserving of this—but what makes this so special is they're the kind of people who we need in our country," Kristinek said.

"They are unselfish, they give of their time to the community, and they've raised five beautiful, wonderful boys who all are good citizens. What more can you ask?"

## Remembering those with whom we walked the way of Lionism

We send our deepest condolences to the family & friends of these District 2-T2 Lions Club members who have passed away since July 1, 2020. They will be remembered for their dedicated service to others.

- Floyd Galloway
- Steven Campbell
- Randall (Randy) Gallaway
- J. B. Stinnett
- Emmitt Tipton
- Dr. Robert Pitts
- PDG Don Taylor
- Bill Wells
- Charla Wiley, *Club President*
- PDG Charles D. Shannon

- Abernathy
- Slaton
- Lubbock
- Lubbock South Plains
- Plainview Breakfast
- Plainview
- Plainview
- Plainview
- Roby
- Ropesville

We also remember:

**Edra Joyce McNabb**, mother of Ropesville Lions Club Secretary Bobby McNabb.

**Lillie Phillips**, wife of PDG Ewart Phillips of the Lubbock Lions Club. Phillips served as District 2-A1 Governor in 1972-1973.

**PDG Mary Jane Shannon**, Past Council Chair for MD 40 - New Mexico. Mary Jane would often attend District 2-T2 Cabinet Meetings.

*Established in 1990:*

## Campaign SightFirst celebrates 30th anniversary

### From the LCI Blog

As 20/20 is synonymous with eyesight, it is serendipitous that the year 2020 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SightFirst, one of Lions Clubs International Foundation's most impactful grant programs.

Lions everywhere are proud of the immense impact we have made in vision around the world.

Established in 1990, the program aims to strengthen eye care systems in underserved communities, enabling them to fight blindness and vision loss and assist those who are blind or visually impaired.

Through SightFirst, Lions, in cooperation with healthcare providers and partner organizations, have impacted sight for millions of people around the world.

It has been an amazing three decades, and it is just the start!

### In The Beginning

The year is 1925, and Lions – committed to vision initiatives since shortly after Lions Clubs International's 1917 founding – are gathered at their annual international convention.

Little do they know they are about to experience a transformative moment through a poignant appeal from Helen Keller. In her keynote convention address, Keller implores Lions to be “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.”

Lions hear her call loud and clear and embrace the responsibility and challenge. For more than a century, Lions' efforts in sight have increased steadily day after day, year after year, decade after decade.

Fast forward to 1990. LCIF



is in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, and makes a landmark decision solidifying Lions' leadership role in vision.

Following its 1990 launch of *Campaign SightFirst*, LCIF is on the cusp of empowering Lions to do even more to save sight and prevent blindness on a global scale.

Through the inaugural SightFirst campaign and the subsequent *Campaign SightFirst II, Lions' Vision for All*, launched in 2005, more than US\$415 million have been raised to support efforts of Lions and partners through LCIF SightFirst grants.

The first SightFirst grants were awarded for projects to treat unoperated cataracts in Mexico and several countries in South America.

Efforts have since expanded, with life-changing funding reaching Lions' projects in 112 countries.

LCIF SightFirst grants have empowered Lions to restore and improve vision for millions by aiding in delivering eye care services, training eye care professionals, upgrading existing eye care system infrastructure, and improving access to eye health education and rehabilitation for people who are blind or visually impaired.

### Leveraging Expertise

When you know more, you can

do more. LCIF and Lions knew leveraging the expertise of eye care professionals could dramatically compound their impact.

Increased knowledge could mean more children see their mothers for the first time, more families could achieve economic stability with a parent's sight improved and the ability to earn a living restored, more elderly could see the world's beauty clearly.

Thus, LCIF convened the first SightFirst Steering Committee, now the SightFirst Advisory Committee (SAC), meeting in 1990.

Since then, the committee, comprised of global blindness prevention experts and Lions leaders, has convened twice a year, every year. Discussions are lively, timely, and always relevant to communities Lions serve and challenges they encounter. Each meeting's agenda also finds committee members examining Lions' grant requests for vision-targeted service, ensuring LCIF funding is allocated to projects promising impactful results and meeting humanitarian needs.

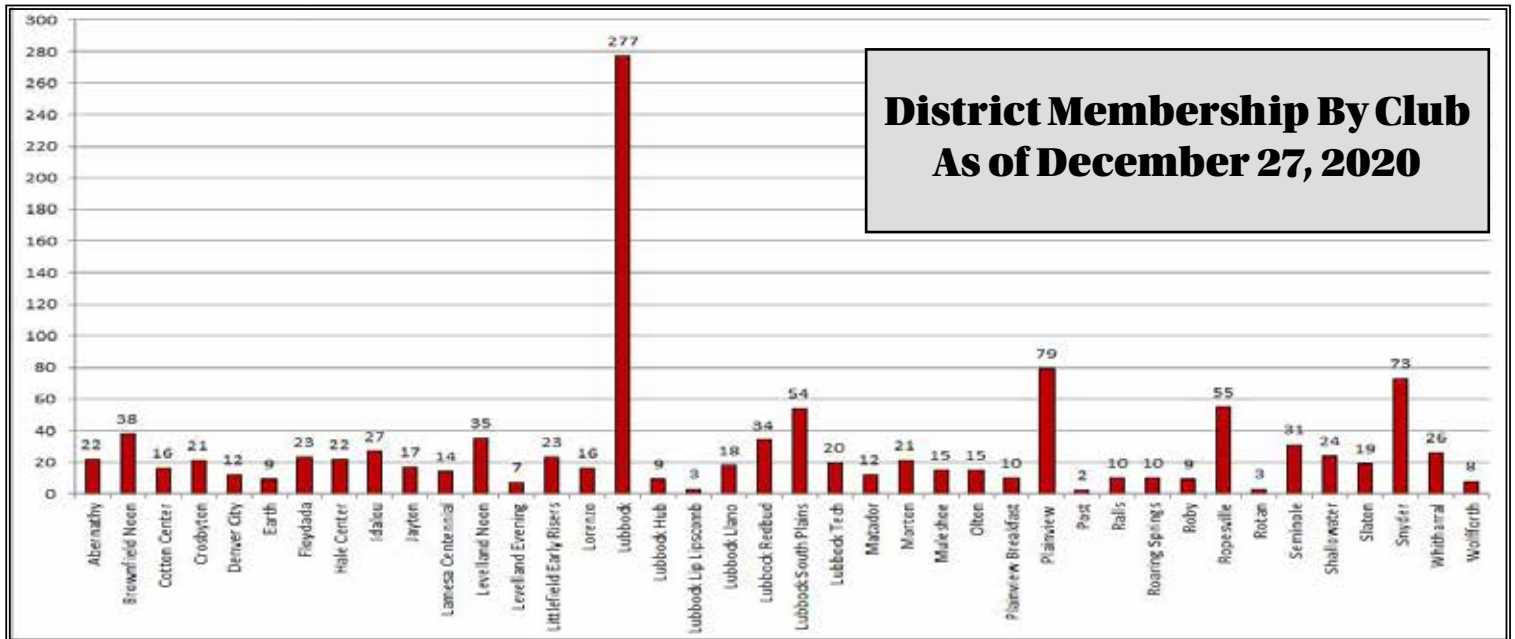
“Lions everywhere are proud of the immense impact we have made in vision around the world,” said LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir.

“With SightFirst funding from LCIF, we've heeded Helen Keller's 1925 call to be knights of the blind. We've done so much in SightFirst's initial 30 years. With continued funding from Lions and partners, we'll continue the SightFirst legacy and create more historic changes in vision,” she said.

The World Health Organization (WHO) provided strategic advice and direction to the SightFirst program since its early stages.

Through SightFirst funding, one notable effort with WHO, the

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## SightFirst continues to change lives 30 years later

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*Project for the Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness*, has established 54 needs-based Lions eye care centers in 30 countries globally, delivering critical preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative eye care services. LCIF and the WHO have further partnered to develop a tool to assess management of both diabetes and diabetic retinopathy and to estimate the level of cooperation and synergy between these two branches of health care.

Since 1994, through its partnership with The Carter Center, LCIF has invested SightFirst funds in Lions' efforts to improve and restore vision through treatments for river blindness and trachoma, and surgeries to reverse advanced trachomas.

Successful SightFirst programming also inspired additional 21<sup>st</sup> century partnerships that have exponentially increased Lions' impact on vision around the world.

For nearly 20 years, LCIF has also partnered with Johnson & Johnson Vision, establishing *Sight For Kids* in 2002.

### Campaign SightFirst by the numbers

To date, more than US\$370 million in SightFirst grants have been approved for over 1,330 projects in 112 countries.

Through these initiatives, more than:

- 9 million cataract surgeries have been performed.
- 2 million professional eye care and community health workers have been trained.
- 1,350 eye centers have been built, expanded, or equipped.
- 310 million doses of medication have been distributed to halt progression of river blindness, an infection spread by infected flies that can cause eye disease and permanent blindness.

It is a school-based eye health program that mobilizes Lions to provide eye health education, high-quality vision examinations, and referral access to professional eye care and treatment.

To date, global Sight For Kids initiatives have screened more than 30 million students and provided treatment to more than 575,000; delivered over 500,000 pairs of eyeglasses to children in need, and educated over 190,000 teachers, volunteers, and Lions on eye health and equipped

them with the proper materials to inform, assess, and refer students accordingly.

As we look back, we must also look forward. In doing so, we see millions more are in need. The WHO reports that globally at least 2.2 billion people have vision impairment or blindness.

"LCIF's and Lions' efforts in vision, especially during the last 30 years through the Foundation's SightFirst program, change lives around the world," said Yngvadottir.

# Let's go to Waco for 2021 State Convention!



**A** Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
**B** Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **B** \_\_\_\_\_

DAY/EVENT (Price shown is per person)	EARLY	REGULAR	LATE	# TICKETS	TOTAL
	Rate until Feb. 12, 2021	Rate until April 16, 2021	Rate after May 1, 2021	Circle attendee(s) attending event	
<b>REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH ATTENDEE,</b> (including Lions/guests age 18+ years)	\$25	\$25	\$25		\$25 X _____ attendee(s) = \$ _____
<b>COMPLETE MEAL PACKAGE</b> (includes all 5 meals and events below)	\$140	\$150	\$175	Circle attendee <b>A</b> and/or <b>B</b>	
<b>THURSDAY, 5/20 • 6:30 p.m.</b> "BBQ on the Brazos" Welcome Party • Cash Bar	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	Circle attendee <b>A</b> and/or <b>B</b>	No Charge
<b>FRIDAY, 5/21 • Noon*</b> Texas Lions Hall of Fame Luncheon	\$25	\$30	\$35	Circle attendee <b>A</b> and/or <b>B</b>	
<b>FRIDAY, 5/21 • 7:00 p.m.</b> Texas Lions Charities Dinner**	\$35	\$40	\$45	Circle attendee <b>A</b> and/or <b>B</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, 5/22 • 7:00 a.m.</b> PDG Memorial Service Breakfast	\$20	\$25	\$30	Circle attendee <b>A</b> and/or <b>B</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, 5/22 • Noon</b> Opportunities for Youth Luncheon	\$25	\$30	\$35	Circle attendee <b>B</b> and/or <b>C</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, 5/22 • 7:00 p.m.</b> MD-2 Governors' Banquet**	\$45	\$50	\$55	Circle attendee <b>B</b> and/or <b>C</b>	
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\*Friday breakfast on your own \*\*Includes 2 bar drink tickets for cash bar

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# 2020-2021 District Directory updates

Here's some updates to listings found in the 2020-2021 District 2-T2 Directory. Any other revisions should be sent to District Governor Ted Boyd or Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain for publication in future issues of *The Windmill*.

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2004-2005

**Paul Ellis**  
1997-1998

**Walt McAlexander**  
1988-1989

**Melvin Powers**  
1985-1986

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



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### Home Club

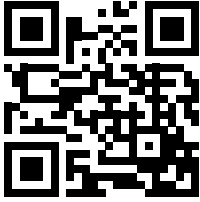
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## Save These Important Dates!

<b>February 4-6, 2021</b>	3rd Council of Governors Meeting YO Ranch Hotel, Kerrville.
<b>February 20, 2021</b>	Texas Lions Leadership Forum Crowne Plaza Hotel, Austin.
<b>April 24, 2021</b>	District 2-T2 Convention Broadway Church of Christ, Lubbock.
<b>May 20-22, 2021</b>	MD-2 Texas Lions Convention, Waco.
<b>June 25-29, 2021</b>	Lions International Convention, Montreal, Canada.
<b>June 30, 2021</b>	PDG Mac & Mary McCown Day Remember Your Mentors!