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In-person event at Lubbock:

Plan to attend April 24 District 2-T2 Convention

Governor Ted Boyd and the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club invite all Lions to attend the District 2-T2 Convention, Saturday, April 24.

All functions will be held at the Broadway Church of Christ, 1924 Broadway Avenue, in Lubbock.

The convention begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast.

Our District Cabinet Meeting begins at 9 a.m., followed by nominations for District offices.

The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. It will feature recognition of the District 2-T2 Peace Poster Contest winner, the nominations committee report, and our keynote speaker, Lions Clubs International Director Michael Banks of Stillwater, OK.

Voting for officers and other

ballot items will take place from 1:30-2:30 p.m. next to the elevator.

The annual memorial service honoring those Lions who passed away in 2020-2021 begins at 2 p.m. in the Chapel.

Rev. Rodney Thomas, associate minister of Broadway Church of Christ, will deliver the message.

The Convention ends with the District Governor's Banquet at 5:45 p.m. (White jackets for all PDGs).

This features announcement of election results, photo contest winners, District Governor's awards, and announcement of

District 2-T2's inductee into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame.

Special entertainment will be provided by the Brazos West Band.

The banquet concludes with the traditional "Passing of the Gavel" from the earliest serving PDG in attendance to the incoming District Governor.

After April 10, the cost for lunch is \$15 per person and the cost for dinner is \$25 per person.

Please send your RSVP as soon as possible to Lion Joe Freeman at jx3freeman@sbcglobal.net or call him at (806) 786-0834.

International Director Michael Banks is special guest for District Convention

District 2-T2 is pleased to have Lions Clubs International Director Michael D. Banks, of Stillwater, OK as our special guest for the April 24 Convention.

Director Banks was elected International Director at the 102nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy, held July 5-9, 2019.

Director Banks has 43 years of experience in the accounting and real estate industries.

He is currently president and CEO of Banks & Banks, CPA, PC and managing member of Banks Properties.

He joined the Stillwater Noon Lions Club in 1990.



BANKS

Director Banks has held a number of offices within the association including numerous terms as multiple district council treasurer.

He has also served on the State Finance & Audit Committee and Constitution and By-Laws

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From The District Governor :

Looking back on a challenging Lions year

Oh boy, what a challenging year!

That's a nice way of saying it has been a hard year to be a Lions Club District Governor.



District Governor Ted Boyd

We all grieve for those who have lost friends and family due to Covid-19.

But through it all, we have also experienced love and compassion during the pandemic.

Neighbors who we may not know very well have checked on us "elderly" and phone calls were received from those we have not seen in a while.

In most instances the pandemic has brought out the best in people, with exception of those who hoarded toilet paper. I wonder if their garages are still full.

One of the best things this year has been getting to know my Council of Governors.

I was told before taking office that Joyce and I would be getting a second family. That is true. These people have become lifelong friends. We love and appreciate every one of them. We especially like getting together in Kerrville and at State Conventions.

A sad part of this year is not being able to have campers as usual at Texas Lions Camp, because of Covid-19 precautions and weather damage to bunkhouses.

Instead, we will have TLC-4-Families for Summer 2021. Additional information is available at www.lionscamp.com/become-a-camper_4Families.html

Another bright spot is all the new construction at our Lions

Camp. We were there for the "breaking ground ceremony."

We also witnessed the Polar Plunge where our own PDG Terry Hawkins jumped into a freezing cold pool at the camp. She earned the honor as Polar Plunge Queen by raising \$44,800 for Texas Lions Camp in District 2-T2. The total collected statewide was \$310,000. We also learned a family has left the camp \$1.8 million but it will be a few years for the will to go through probate.

We are all so grateful for the generosity of so many for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Campaign 100. Our own 1st VDG Dr. Ron Miller won the District's 50/50 raffle and graciously donated all his winnings back to Campaign 100. Thank you to PDG Jim Petty and all those who worked on this fund-raising campaign.

My year will soon come to an end—and I still have a few clubs to visit.

By now, all clubs should be having in-person meetings. Why? Because there is still so much to do in your communities.

For example, Plainview Breakfast Club has diligently been working on their Free Library boxes. Books are placed inside for people to get and read at no charge. In return, the public puts books in the box to be shared. The club will be glad to share information about this service project.

Morton Lions Club has been busy educating school children on the history and care of our nation's flag. See the article on Page 6.

There were two entries for the District 2-T2 Peace Poster contest. There was one from Muleshoe and one from Shallowater. Although our final District entry did not win at the state level, be assured that

both students and their entries are truly winners in our hearts.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our Opportunities for Youth contests or a District Queen's Scholarship Contest. This was a result of clubs not meeting during the pandemic and a resulting lack of funds to support these contests. Hopefully, everything will be back to normal for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

One last request—Clubs need to appoint their delegates and have them register for the virtual Lions Clubs International Convention, June 25-29, 2021.

Our district needs to show its support for Past Council Chairman Ernesto (T.J.) Tijerina for International Director.

District 2-T2 has 58 votes and each should be cast for PCC Tijerina. Your club can reimburse you for the registration fee from its Administrative Account.

We hope to see many of you at the April 24 District Convention at Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Thank you for your support this year. May God bless and keep all of you.



Polar Bear Plunge

PDG Terry Hawkins warms up after her Feb. 6, 2021 dive into the icy water of the Texas Lions Camp pool. This was a celebration of exceeding a \$250,000 fundraising goal for the camp.

Incoming Dist. Governors hope "to inspire growth"

This year has flown by! The District 2-T2 Convention is rapidly approaching!

Our District Cabinet Meetings have been held in-person and on Zoom.



**First
Vice District
Governor
Ron
Miller**

This last year has caused us to be innovative in getting the "word" out to our District 2-T2 Lions Clubs.

Some clubs have not been able to meet at all.

Sad to write this--but we lost four Lions Clubs this year and our District membership dropped 41 members as a result of the clubs disbanding.

As the 16 First Vice District Governors met this past year, we developed this motto: "To Inspire Growth."

As I visit clubs next year, I will share ideas that local clubs can use to help increase and retain their membership.

I would like to express my appreciation for the great work that District Governor Ted Boyd has done this year for our District.

This last year proved to be difficult to get projects and events completed. IPDG James Belk did not get to complete those projects and events that he and his Cabinet planned on doing.

The "Camp Bark and Brew" has been canceled each of the last two years. We didn't get to have last year's District 2-T2 Convention. How many pancake breakfasts or pancake suppers were canceled?

The Plainview Lions Club is having a "Drive-By Hot Dog and Baked Potato" event in May. We've all learned to adapt and adjust during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would also like to thank Lion

Joyce Boyd for all her work as well. She has made all the meetings and official visits with District Governor Ted. They have shown and demonstrated the true meaning of Lionism: "We Serve." They will be a tough act to follow.

Since each of the Lions Clubs in our District are electing officers this month, I would like to share some basic ideas on several officer positions.

■ **President:** You will complete training (hopefully) and prepare to lead your club as President. You will implement the plan of your club leaders. You will help execute their plans for service, membership growth, and communicating your club's service to the community.

■ **First Vice President:** This year, you will learn what is involved in the President's position so you can lead your club as President.

■ **Secretary:** You help keep the club running efficiently. You provide important support of all business operations for the club and Board of Directors meeting, maintain the club roster and member contact information, and support the club's service and social activities. Filing monthly membership reports (MMR) to Lions Clubs International and District 2-T2 in a timely manner is another important responsibility.

■ **Treasurer:** As club treasurer, you keep the club's financial records in order to ensure that the club operates within a proper fiduciary capacity. You manage all of the financial operations of the club--including invoices and payment of dues, recording and processing receipts and payments for both the Administrative and Public Service accounts.

You can find out more information on these and other positions online by using the

e-book resources found on the Lions Clubs International website.

Sadly, we lost three of our Past District Governors during the 2020-2021 year.

They accomplished many things while serving the needs of their respective communities.

Condolences to the families of PDG Charles Shannon, PDG Don Taylor, and PDG Dick VanHoose. We are so thankful for your work in Lionism!

Until next time: "We Serve!"

ID Banks is our Special Guest

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Committee as well as part of the Lions Senior Leadership Institute and USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service, he has received a number of recognitions including two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Award.

Director Banks is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Banks has served his community as treasurer of the Will Rogers Elementary School PTA; treasurer of Community Aids Network; member of the Payne County Sales Tax Oversight Board; and member of the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce.

Director Banks and Lion Anne Matoy-Banks, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married 27 years and have a blended family of 7 children and 10 grandchildren.

Welcome to District 2-T2!

Let's look for the light at the end of the tunnel!

Last fall in my Windmill column I wrote about planting trees.

Well, now it's springtime and time to really get busy after many of us have already received our one or two shots in the arm and the Covid-19 pandemic begins to abate.



Second Vice District Governor Doug McDonough

As you might recall, I used an old Chinese proverb to encourage fellow Lions throughout District 2-T2 to get busy in recruiting new Lions and striving to retain the members we already have.

That old saw observes, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now!"

The message should be clear to all Lions - when striving for success and growth in the future, the best time to act is now.

In a recent newsletter, PDG Chris Gunstream who serves as MD-2 NoAMI Champion offered this quote from International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi.

"I believe that everything we do as leaders should start with a question: How can I help you? Whether it's your leadership team or a local Lion, you are the one showing them the way and helping them reach their goals. Because encouraging and inspiring them to be their best will be your greatest success," said International President Choi.

Unfortunately, due in large part to the Covid pandemic, our district has seen its membership numbers decline since the start of our fiscal year.

Overall, we've lost 63 Lions in the past eight months, from a starting balance of 1,172 Lions on July

1, 2020, to a District 2-T2 membership of 1,115 on April 7, 2021.

Thus far this fiscal year 15 Lions in District 2-T2 have died, including several as a result of Covid-19, while others were stricken from the roll due the cancellation of four once viable Lions Clubs.

Those four clubs accounted for 41 members themselves, including 12 in the Littlefield Lions, seven in Lubbock First Responders Lions Club, 20 with Lubbock Tech Lions and two with Post Lions Club.

Since the first of the Lions' year, 19 of our clubs have added 78 new Lions to their rolls.

On the flip side, 22 clubs have dropped a total of 135 Lions from membership. The resulting decline of 94 from those active clubs along with the 41 Lions lost to the four canceled clubs add up to our current membership decline of 57.

Now that spring has arrived, what can we do fellow Lions to get busy planting trees and reverse that troubling trend that has seen our district's membership decline from 1,875 members in 63 clubs just 16 years ago?

We need to take this opportunity to seize the moment, as PID Jerome Thompson suggests.

The GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader explains that it is time for Lions to rally our clubs in an effort to retain our valued members, identify community needs, and expand our capacity to serve.

PID Thompson offers this proactive time line for Lions throughout MD-2 and Constitutional Area 1 for assisting clubs in turning on the light after a long year of Covid darkness:

- Use April to catch up on service reporting.
- Use May to focus on adding members to our existing clubs.
- In June, do whatever is necessary to meet our club and district goals in areas of new clubs, mem-

bers added to existing clubs, retention and service.

As part of this effort to encourage growth and new beginnings with the arrival of spring, the MD-2 Global Action Team is introducing "Texas Tuesday Connections," a learning opportunity for all Lions of Texas.

Working with Lion leaders across Texas, MD-2 Global Action Team is offering several learning opportunities in April 2021.

The topics will be presented in both slide show format and as a round table discussion.

They will last no more than one hour each - 40 minutes for the presentation and 20 minutes for questions.

The Texas Tuesday Connection Series got under way April 6 with IPDG Larkin Smith of District 2-S3 explaining a successful membership recruitment program employed by the San Marcos Lions Club. A link to that presentation should soon be available online at TexasLions.org.

Other scheduled presentations during April include:

- Serving in A Pandemic, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Presenter is Lion Susan Driscoll, El Paso Downtown Lions Club, District 2-T3. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/356784493>
 - Creating a Veterans Initiative, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. Presenters Lion Debra Marshall, Houston Lady Lions, and Lion Emee Nisnisan, Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club, District 2-S2. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/981907725>
 - Using Service to Drive Membership, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/767987261>
- Please join me in participating in these exciting learning opportunities.

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District 2-T2 remembers PDGs Taylor & Van Hoose

District 2-T2 is sad to announce the passing of two Past District Governors since our last newsletter.

PDG Donald Taylor

Lion Donald Taylor, who served as District 2-T2 Governor in 1968-1969, passed away Jan. 1, 2021. He was 89.



TAYLOR

He was born in Floyd County and later grew up in Plainview.

Don met and fell in love with his childhood sweetheart, Frances.

They were married 35 years until her death in Nov. 1984. He married his second wife, Audrey in April 1989. They were married 31 years until his death.

He was an independent businessman working in the Plainview area his entire life, participating in

the retail grocery business (*Don's Drive In Grocery*), farming and custom harvesting, and rental real estate.

In his early years, he worked at the *Plainview Daily Herald* as a typesetter.

He was preceded in death by a brother, and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey; brother, Windell Taylor; two sisters, Edith James and Juanell Newton; three children; nine grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Memorials can be made in PDG Don's name to Texas Lions Camp, PO Box 290247, Kerrville or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79101.

PDG Dick Van Hoose

Lion Dick Van Hoose, who served as District 2-T2 Governor in 2015-2016, passed away Jan. 24, 2021. He was 70.

He was born in Dallas and graduated from Anton High School in 1968. Dick attended Tarleton State University where he received his B.S. and then received his M.Ed with a superintendent endorsement from Sul Ross State University.



VAN HOOSE

During his school career, he was a coach at O'Donnell, Lockney, Plainview, and Duncanville and was a school administrator at Floydada, Matador, Lorenzo, Lubbock Cooper, and Loop. He was serving as superintendent for Tahoka ISD at the time of his death.

He was fondly known as "Mr. V" by many in the Tahoka community.

"Mr. V was honest, forthcom-

ing, and eager to share any and all information about Tahoka ISD. He was a good man, kind and caring, and he had a gift for strong leadership while having compassion and understanding for others. He will be greatly missed," wrote Juanell Jones, publisher of the Lynn County News.

After retirement he got his Real Estate License and was currently a Realtor at Aycock Realty Group.

Dick enjoyed golfing, Texas Tech Basketball, and watching his grandchildren play sports.

Survivors include wife, Denise; a daughter and step-daughter; two sons and a step-son; his brothers Sam and Homer; three sisters; three grandchildren; and a step-grandchild.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery in Silverton, TX.

Memorials can be made in Dick's name to Texas Lions Camp, PO Box 290247, Kerrville.

District 2-T2 sends its heartfelt condolences to the Taylor and Van Hoose families.

Their dedicated service to others will not be forgotten!

Leadership training key to club success

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Here's one last item...Every club should seriously consider participating in a course on Succession Planning which will help their long-term viability through a carefully planned system of identifying and preparing new leaders for all levels of service.

This course demonstrates how to identify and develop new leaders and how to plan and prepare for a successful leadership transition.

For information, be sure to go to www.lionsclubs.org/en/learn.

You must log in to your "MyLCI" account in order to take this Lions Learning Center Course.

Past International President Ashok Mehta 1932-2021

Dr. Ashok Mehta of Mumbai, India, who served as Lions International President (2005-2006), passed away on March 17, 2021. He was 89 years old.



MEHTA

Lion Gary Linker of Lubbock was District 2-T2 Governor during Dr. Mehta's year of service as International President.

Morton Lions bring flag etiquette classes to students

By Lion Marilyn Neal
Morton Lions Club Secretary

In Winter 2018-2019, a group was discussing the lack of respect shown for the United States flag during parades and other activities.

As a result of this, there was discussion about how some Veterans organizations in other areas conducted flag etiquette classes in the elementary schools.

Since Morton doesn't have a veterans group that works with youth education and development, it was suggested that the Morton Lions see if the school would be interested in working with this idea.

The school was very receptive. We have presented the program to third, fourth, and fifth grade classes.



Flag Facts

"Betsy Ross" as portrayed by Morton Lions Club Secretary Marilyn Neal, shares information about the origins of the United States Flag.

A member of the Lions who had past experience with some of this type of patriotic education worked

up a program.

All of the Lions jumped on board.

We presented a little history lesson about the flag.

A "rap song" was presented by our very own "Betsy Ross" on the origin of the flag. That immediately got the attention of the kids.

We had several community leaders present the program. This gave the students the opportunity to see these individuals as real people who cared about them.

We finished with members of the Morton American Legion presenting a flag folding ceremony. We have done two classes so far.

This year, we are working on a different plan to take this program outdoors because of the current social climate.

Attending virtual Lions International Convention?

Vote "T. J." Tijerina for International Director

By PCC Ernesto (T.J.) Tijerina
MD-2 Texas Candidate For
International Director

The opportunity of a lifetime for all Texas Lions is upon us!

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has changed the traditional in-person convention that was scheduled for June 25-29 in Montreal to a virtual convention.

For the first time ever, this gives

all Texas Lions the opportunity to participate and experience the fellowship that all Lions feel when we gather annually during the International Convention--without the expense of travel.

LCI has extended the deadline for Lions to register and attend the virtual convention. The early-bird registration fee is \$50 and ends April 30. The fee increases to \$75 on May 1.

As your MD-2 Texas endorsed candidate, I am asking every club in every District to register their full allotment of Texas Lions delegates for the convention. Here's what you can do:

- Encourage as many members as possible to register for the virtual convention at lcicon.lionsclubs.org

- Determine the number of delegates for your club:

1-25 members = 1 delegate
25+13 members = 2 delegates
50+13 members = 3 delegates
75+13 members = 4 delegates
100+13 members = 5 delegates
125+13 members = 6 delegates
150+13 members = 7 delegates
175+13 members = 8 delegates
275+13 members = 12 delegates

- Once delegates are registered, your Club Secretary, Administrative Assistant or

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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)
- ☐ **SPECIAL CATEGORY: DOGS** (For Calendar use)

Contest rules are posted on the District 2-T2 website (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
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)
 - ☐ **SPECIAL CATEGORY: DOGS** (For Calendar use)
- 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 or call (325) 725-3493



Support Texas' candidate by voting at LCI convention

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President must log on to MyLCI and designate the voting delegates for the club.

■ MD-2 Texas Lions will reimburse Texas delegates for the convention registration expense once they have voted at the virtual LCI convention if the individual Lion delegate needs financial assistance with the registration fee.

■ Assigned delegates who have timely registered for the convention will receive an email from the voting system on Saturday, June

26 around 6 p.m. that will feature a link unique to the delegate.

In order to vote, you must have the password provided in the email and the confirmation number received from LCI.

Due to the virtual nature of the electronic voting process, delegates may vote anytime between this predetermined 48-hour period:

■ Voting begins at 8 a.m., Sunday, June 27 and voting ends at 8 a.m., Tuesday, June 29.

If you have questions about any

part of the process, please email me at tijerina@gmail.com or call (210) 414-3319.

Additional information is available by contacting District Governor Ted Boyd, First Vice District Governor Ron Miller, or Second Vice District Governor Doug McDonough.

Let's show the world that the leadership of our International Association still runs through Texas just as it did in 1917 when LCI was formed.

With your support, we can accomplish this goal!

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
 Bill Ballard
 Randall (Randy) Galloway
 PDG Dick Van Hoose
 Weldon Adams
 Lonnie Hollingsworth
 J. B. Stinnett
 Emmitt Tipton
 Dr. Robert Pitts
 PDG Don Taylor
 Bill Wells
 Charla Wiley, *Club President*
 PDG Charles Shannon
 Steven Campbell
 Weldon Self

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



Thanks For Your Support!

PCC Ernesto ("T. J.") Tijerina and Lion Juanita thank all District 2-T2 Lions for their support for his candidacy as Lions Clubs International Director from Texas.

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 PDG Duane Howell
 & PDG James Norton

Club Queen
 Kate Munson

Princess
 Madi Arney

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

(January 1, 2021- March 31, 2021)

LION

Katie Lackey
Joy Miller
Bryan Thomas
Metessa Thomas
Lorie Marquez
Ryan Noland
Lance Cansino
Gary Hamilton
Marty Hammond
Nikki Heverly
Kimberly Kinney-Lara
Beau Sutton
Bryan Sutton
Gabriel Vitela
Marilyn Bradley
Alexandro Arellano
Dolle Barker
Rebecca Lynn Griffith-White
Keeley Adams
Trevor Spain
Devin McQueen
Christopher Moore
Collin Goodwin
Kelly Burgett
Jason Potter
Clifton Dean Shaw
Hunter Cox
Doug Dowler
Dustin Lafon
Lily Reagan Reeves

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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!



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Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP
PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029



The 2021 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Ambassador is camper Sofia Elder. Sofia has attended TLC for the past 3 summers including Texas Lions Camp's online camping program TLC2U for 2020. For Sofia, TLC is the best thing that has happened to her as a Type 1 diabetic. Sofia is 13 years old and loves to play tennis, the violin, watercolor painting, and being involved in church activities. She has an older sister, Victoria and parents, Walt and Selina Elder.

Sofia's diagnosis came as a big shock to the family, since no one in the family has Type 1 diabetes. They found themselves suddenly thrust into uncharted waters. Life underwent many changes. Selina, Sofia's mother said, "Often, we would awake Sofia in the middle of the night to correct low sugar levels which caused her to wake up exhausted the following morning. In addition, Sofia underwent a very difficult transition as she was forced daily to adjust to multiple insulin injections and carbohydrate counting. At times, she would refuse to eat, just to avoid receiving extra injections."

Sofia also worried about being unable to continue playing tennis. Little did her family know that her tennis coach, Erin Bynum, a former Texas Lions Camper, was also a Type 1 diabetic. Erin immediately jumped into action to help Sofia transition to living with diabetes. She shared her experiences at Texas Lions Camp and encouraged Sofia to attend.

Through Erin's input, encouragement from an area lions club member, and through prayer, Sofia's parents knew the experience of attending camp would provide her with much needed reassurance in facing Type 1 diabetes with confidence and the challenges it would bring.



Selina noted, "Initially, Sofia was hesitant of the unknown, yet more curious and excited about the possibility of making new friends with the same diagnosis. One of the things Sofia particularly loved at TLC was personalizing her sleeping area, horseback riding, fishing, camping out under the stars, farm life animals, swimming, and carnival day." TLC has had a positive impact on Sofia by empowering her to accept her Type 1 diabetes diagnosis and the challenges and changes it has

brought in her life. Interacting with other children with similar challenges helped her see that she is not alone and God had a special plan for her. Sofia also flourished with the diabetes training to improve control of managing diabetes. She desires to return and serve as a cabin leader someday to pass on to others what she learned and experienced at TLC.

Selina went on to say, "We remember the first day of camp and how welcome we felt by all the camp leaders. It was difficult driving away from TLC, and we felt guilty for leaving her there. Surprisingly, upon our return to camp to pick her up, seeing her smiling face and watching her joyful singing during the closing ceremony, we were reassured that we had made the right decision. It was amazing

the positive impact one week at TLC made on Sofia. As we drove home, Sofia talked non stop about the fun she had, new experiences, and things she learned to improve her Type 1 diabetic care. She came home empowered. As months went by, she progressed to requesting an insulin pump and a Dexcom like her friends at camp."

When asked what you would say to parents considering sending their child to TLC, Sofia's mom answered quickly, "We would share why sending Sofia to TLC was one of the best decisions we made and specify the positive impact it had on her. I would reassure them that the life-changing experiences would provide their child with a sense of confidence in facing the challenges of life. We truly believe God brought TLC into Sofia's life and has been a blessing to us."

Sofia and her family are excited to be a part of the 28th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament and sharing her story. She wants others to know how important TLC is for kids like her and to promote its growth so that it is accessible for years to come. 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 under the "GET INVOLVED" Tab. Texas Lions Camp is proud to have great campers, like Sofia Elder, who attend our summer camping program and celebrate those like her who embody the TLC spirit of "Children Can...With TLC!"™



Plainview Lions ramp up support for local family

On Oct. 9, 2020, Plainview resident Tommy Young was diagnosed with Covid-19 and sent into a 10-day quarantine.

Just a week before, he'd begun treatment for a wound on his foot that was not healing. By the time his quarantine was over and he now had the ability to return to wound care, the damage was already done.

"I called an ambulance to transport Tommy to the local ER since his foot was looking very bad and we were having an ice and snow storm in town," related his wife, Teresa. "The next day, he was moved to Lubbock and the next day he was having surgery to amputate his left leg below the knee. It all happened so fast."

Friends and family knew that Tommy had a long road ahead of him with recovery and rehabilitation before he could even return to his Plainview home. But when that happened, there was another challenge in the works: the Young family home has four steps on its front porch.

"Our house is a 1925 model built on one of Plainview's older streets, and we love it. But it is definitely not ADA-friendly with its stairs and narrow doorways," Teresa noted. "I knew it would be a challenge for Tommy to get around in a wheelchair and he would likely be in one for 5-6 months after he got home. I had no idea what it cost to put a ramp on our home but it didn't sound like an inexpensive project."

Fortunately, the Plainview Lions Club was already working behind the scenes.

Mike Melcher, with whom Young works in advancement at Wayland Baptist University, had already been talking to club friends about the possibility of helping out. When he approached Teresa about a ramp, she welcomed any help and offered to pay for the project.

"While Tommy convalesced in Lubbock - then endured another three small surgeries to remove



Where There Is A Need -- There Are Lions!

(LEFT) Tommy Young is shown with the metal wheelchair ramp built by the Plainview Lions Club. (RIGHT) Lion John Bertsch and Lion Travis Thornton take a break after welding the 22-foot-long wheelchair ramp.

the stubborn infection from his leg - the Lions were already hammering out a plan.

A week later, Teresa was actually part of the lunch club's program presenting about the Plainview Area United Way campaign, for which she is serving as chair for the 2021 drive. As the program concluded, 1st Vice President Landon Hughey called Teresa back up for an announcement.

"He presented us with pens to thank us for speaking, then he added that the club had voted to build a ramp for our house and the cost had already been covered," Teresa recalls. "I didn't even know what to say. We were prepared to help pay something but the club would not accept the money. They just wanted to help."

"Probably the most amazing thing is that neither Tommy nor I are in the Lions Club. I serve in Soroptimist, and Tommy has not been in a service club since going into full disability several years ago. We know many of the members personally from various places, but we are not members. So to have this club take on this

project for us was incredibly overwhelming. We are so very thankful."

A few weeks before Tommy returned home to Plainview on Dec. 19, club members Travis Thornton and John Bertsch spent a day welding the metal ramp which came out to around 22-feet in length in order to cover the steep rise of the porch and remain ADA compliant. Melcher then joined them to load the ramp on a flatbed trailer and deliver it to the Young home. Teresa was at Tommy's side in the rehab facility when the text message arrived showing the new ramp in place.

Tommy has been so moved by the gesture that he hopes to either join the club once he gets his new prosthetic leg in the spring or at least become a solid supporter.

"I find it hard to find the right words to express my gratitude to the Lions Club. We've never really been involved with this organization and yet when they hear of the need, they came running to our aid," said Tommy. "And that's the true definition of service."

Let's go to Waco for 2021 State Convention!



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REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH ATTENDEE, (including Lions/guests age 18+ years)	\$25	\$25	\$25		\$25 X _____ attendee(s) = \$ _____
COMPLETE MEAL PACKAGE (includes all 5 meals and events below)	\$140	\$150	\$175	Circle attendee A and/or B	
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FRIDAY, 5/21 • Noon* Texas Lions Hall of Fame Luncheon	\$25	\$30	\$35	Circle attendee A and/or B	
FRIDAY, 5/21 • 7:00 p.m. Texas Lions Charities Dinner**	\$35	\$40	\$45	Circle attendee A and/or B	
SATURDAY, 5/22 • 7:00 a.m. PDG Memorial Service Breakfast	\$20	\$25	\$30	Circle attendee A and/or B	
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District Governor Ted Boyd cooks pancakes at home as part of the Feb. 20 Lubbock Lions Club's virtual Pancake Festival.



Lubbock Redbud Lions Club members had to wear fruit at a recent meeting. First Lady Joyce Boyd is shown with Lion Luke Malone.



"Dewayne," the 2019 Bark and Brew wiener dog race champion (Lions' category) died March 17 at age 11. He represented Lubbock Hub Lions.

LUBBOCK REDBUD SQUARE LIONS CLUB Supports Our Own District Governor Ted Boyd & First Lady Joyce!

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2014-2015

Dan Pope
2004-2005

Paul Ellis
1997-1998

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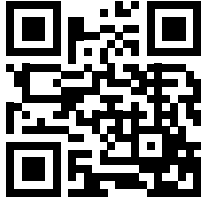
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