



June 2022

Over thinking it all

As we wrap up the year, it is time to celebrate! Celebrate our club and District growth; celebrate our members' accomplishments, and celebrate our ability to find fellowship and give joy to others.

Part of that celebration should be a look back on everything that has gotten done during the past 12 months. Clubs have spent thousands of hours doing service, almost as many doing fundraisers to help support local charities in the community as well as our Lion charities and LCIF. What has been a great accomplishment is that, so many events were new or reimaged events. This tells us that our District is leveraging our members' skills to adapt and abilities to work hard at each detail needed as a team to be successful.

Those skills and that amazing ability of our members is what make us attractive to new and prospective members wanting to join. They see how each club is able to hold planning or business meetings their way. They have committees making events run smooth, partnerships with other community businesses

to increase impact. We've had clubs help clubs and even clubs partner with, dare I say it, Rotary or other service focused groups to also increase impacts. This is how our District has been so successful that others are starting to want to know what we are doing.

As a team, our District is in the top categories on many things. All of that is thanks to each individual. We are unique in ourselves to work as a team to gain success as a group.

This is what we need to continue to do. Drive forward trusting in ourselves and our fellow members. It is when we start overthinking our actions or decisions that trouble can ensue. The decision to have 3 scholarships instead of 5, makes better financial sense in these times where everyone is having to tighten their belts. But it can't be over thought to the point where dissatisfaction about the number outweighs the absolute life changing gift of a scholarship is for those 3 recipients. A spaghetti dinner might've brought out less community members, but you still raised enough to build the wheelchair ramp for your neighbor, that's another wildly successful event that was both a fundraiser and impactful service project.



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As we come to the close of one Lion year and gear up for the next. There is so much that I can overthink. There were so many projects and experiences I had wanted to share in with clubs. So many miles left undriven to visits I wanted to make. The old saying, people to meet and places to go always came to mind while looking at time going by on the calendar.

But the reality and truth of it is, this year has been an amazing adventure that I was blessed with. And it is all thanks to each of you. Each member in our District has filled my heart with joy and reenergized me and my faith in humanity. You have each given me so many examples to brag on about working together and making a positive difference in your communities and each other.

I am still here for each of you if you need a question answered, advice or just an ear to listen.

My cup runneth over and my heart is full. I can't wait to see what the next year brings for clubs successes. Thank you from every atom of my being.

Run Forward to Serve

Lion Angela, DG

## Please report your officers for Lion Year 2022-2023

**THIS CAN BE DONE BY THE CURRENT SECRETARY, CLUB ADMINISTRATOR, OR PRESIDENT.**

IT IS NOW DONE ONLINE, NOT THROUGH PU101. IF YOU NEED HELP PLEASE REACH OUT!!



**We are stalking closer to the close of Lion Year 2021-2022 and we are positive in membership!!  
Let's keep it up and end the year as a plus!!**



Hello everyone in District 2-X3,

I am very happy that you have placed your trust in me to be the next DG of our great district. You know me as a Lion that believes in service for all in need around our local communities and for cross district support. I want to say that I will do all that I can to build the open communication that will allow everyone to have a voice and be recognized for the things that you do.

I have been told that some of us feel that attendance will be better if we can generate a way for everyone to see and read about what is going on around the district and state. We have the right tools available to us and we have been using them. Next year my initial goal is to show all that I can with the information that is shared with me. I ask now that if you are doing anything in your club, please share it with myself and I will share it out by using the district newsletter, Facebook, and the Webpage.

We have a new webmaster that comes to us with seven years of experience, and she has the willingness to go to the next level. Her plans are to grow the social media that we use and link them together so that if you are on the Facebook site you will see a link to the website.

That will also work the other way for the webpage. I will share the good that I get to the world and work on fixing the things that will improve membership growth and club support of LCIF when possible. We have a new tail twister that is energized to continue the great things that we started this year and continue the fun as we host meetings. Now we will start conducting leadership training at every meeting and a few traveling leadership training opportunities for those that wish to have the training. Our district is a very big area to travel with 49 clubs and 1359 members.

I am going to make it my mission to make sure that we all know what support we can get from LCIF to increase our knowledge and to try to gain the support of all clubs and members. If we could get each member to donate 2 dollars each quarter that would be an additional \$2718 going toward the needs in our local community and around the world. Know that our focus is on the local community, but when we have a big project that needs the support of our Lions we can be there. When we show that we are supporting LCIF, and it is a 100 percent support from the clubs that says a lot about the district and the lions of our district. We are in hard times, and I know we can do this to make a large impact on how much we can give of our money. I am going to make my donation on July 1, 2022, to show that I am not asking you to do anything as a club or member that I haven't done myself. I pledge to donate \$500 toward my Melvin Jones Fellow. I ask each of you to help the district increase our support by finding ways to raise needed funds. One of the things that I think would be good for clubs is sponsoring a Leo Club to help a Leo earn their Melvin Jones Fellow. I can report that in the state of Texas we only have two Leos that have earned this award, so it would be great to see this increase. Recognize our lions that work hard every day and those Leos that take the extra step toward serving those in need. We can do a District wide "Change the World" fundraiser and distribute the money collected to all clubs to increase our percentage to LCIF.

My next point is to let you know that the new officers have been asked to submit a report to the newsletter that will highlight their clubs and their members. This will allow us the opportunity to show what we are doing and to give others a chance to see that they could try something new with knowledge of opportunities.

District meetings can't be successful if we only have a small portion of the district represented. Increased participation will be a big sign that we are doing the right things to grow our district. Over the next 12 months I will work very hard to make a difference and to recognize the things that I can try to improve for the district. We can do this together and I will continue earning your trust and support.

The last thing I wish to say is I feel that with all the things I have done and the people that I have supported I am very capable of fulfilling the requirements of the District Governor for 2022-2023. Please know that I enjoy the challenges of a competitive environment in which success is based on achievement of the team I lead. You can reach me via email, text, or a phone call. If you call and I don't answer, please leave a message and I will call you back.

One Lion, One Leo, One Mission! Together we can do everything!

DGE Darie McCleaves

"We Serve"



## Future

As we end a successful Lions year, I would like to discuss our future. We each are leaders in our clubs and communities. We can help grow our future leaders. Leadership development is the key to our growth of the organization as well as membership growth.

We must continually develop new leadership to be ready to move up the ranks to be the next President of our club or Zone Chair. Many times, people do not accept these positions because of the unknown and they do not feel they are ready for the position; when truly they are ready and have excellent ideas for the club or zone. To help develop the leadership we need to come up with a plan for the future of our clubs, a three-year or five-year plan. It is different from a succession plan whereas it focuses more on the likely challenges and needs of tomorrow, deduces the leadership qualities required to meet them, and building those qualities in our members who have true leadership potential.

The first step in the leadership development process is to engage our senior leaders. Our District Governor, with the executive team, drives the leadership development. They scout for new talent when making club visits and attending service projects throughout the district. Second, understand future needs. Without a clear vision of the future of our clubs, it will be impossible to determine the appropriate leadership candidates. Third, develop future leaders. Leaders are not born, they are made. We should allocate different aspects of our leadership duties to help develop the future. Lastly, monitor and improve practices. Look at the current processes and see where there are gaps and opportunities as well as successes. Expand on the wins and rework the opportunities to be successful.

“If you want to improve the organization, you have to improve yourself, and the organization gets pulled up with you.” - Indra Nooyi

Believe,

1VDGE Randi Wilde

# LIONS EVENTS CALENDAR



## Year of the Lion

We're a global organization of active men and women, and it shows in our calendar. Each year, we seek to make a greater global impact than the year before. One way we do this is by participating in critical, long-standing events, and by adding new ones throughout the years.

### June 2022

#### June 23-24

- [FVDG/DGE Seminar in Montreal](#)

#### June 24-28

- 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal

This is the quarterly notification to let you know that your selected charity, **Texas Lions Camp**, has received a \$383.99 charitable donation from AmazonSmile as a result of qualifying purchases made by customers who have selected this charity.

Thanks to customers that shop using AmazonSmile, everyday purchases make an impact. So far, AmazonSmile has donated:

- \$3,639.17 to **Texas Lions Camp**\*
- Over \$334 million to US charities
- Over \$377 million to charities worldwide

To make sure your purchases support a cause you care about, remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or using the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON within Settings.

Visit your AmazonSmile impact page to track donations generated, change your charity, and more.

**Happy Shopping and Donating!**



## Texas Lions Camp District Report

*Submitted by Lions Camp Director Dick Chapin*

There are several ways that you can support Texas Lions Camp, right from your home. Two of these are through the Century Club and the Harry Wickersham Annual Golf Tournament.

The first is, I would like to see every Lion become a Century Club member. That can be done for as little as \$10 monthly by automatic bank draft or credit card. If you are already a member, consider renewing at the next higher level. Of course, you can also join by paying the single annual gift amount, which is really a little cheaper. I have included the form below.

Second, is by participating in the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. It is held at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course, in Fredericksburg on 4 August 2022. You can participate as a club, or as an individual, or both, for as little as \$100, as a hole sponsor. Of course, if you are avid golfer, you can also participate as a golfer in the tournament. This is a matching grant donation, as James Avery Artisan Jewelry, will match dollar for dollar every donation up to \$50,000. That means when you donate \$100, they match it to become \$200. What a great way to double your donation. That form is also provided below.

***I know this is repeated information, but many of the District's Clubs are not complying with the annual requirement. We could just show up on your door step at meeting time, but that is not fair to either of us.***

New bunk houses for the Camp are currently under construction, as replacements for those damaged by the storm. Plus, there are new additions being planned for the camp, in the future. At the District Convention, I had a looped computer presentation, giving updates on lots of Texas Lions Camp improvements-hope you took time to watch it.

***One last reminder***, call, or email one of the Elected Directors listed below, and schedule your annual Texas Lions Camp briefing, to learn more about future plans for the Camp.

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# Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up



## For Century Club - It's "Service from the Heart"

If you aren't a member of the TLC Century Club, please "Sign Up"; if you are a member, consider "Stepping Up" to the next level; and if you were a member but dropped out, consider "Catching Up" (i.e., come back in).

**What is Texas Lions Camp Century Club?** It's an individual annual giving program, and as such, it is giving from you own heart, independent of Club budgets or fund raisers. It is one of the life bloods of our operating budget, that in normal times sends 1500 children with special needs to Texas Lions Camp every year, and yet less than 5% of Texas Lions are members.

**Who can be a Century Club Member?** Anyone can be a member. You don't have to be a Lion. It can be family or friends. You can even be a non-Texan, but it is our Texas Lions who are the backbone of the Century Club.

**What does it cost to be a member?** You can give your gift annually, or you can give monthly. A Bronze member is \$100 (\$10 if monthly); Silver is \$250; Gold \$500; Diamond is \$1,000; & Ambassador is \$5,000. Membership automatically renews each year, so members should join with the intention of making their same gift each year or even increasing their level.

**How do I enroll or Step Up?** Go to [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com), click on "Get Involved" and go to "Donate Now". There you will find "Ways to Give". Click that open and select "Century Club". If you scroll down, you will see the option to enroll online or to download and print out the form to send to the Camp directly.

**Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up** is a 3-year drive to beef up our Century Club membership for the Texas Lions Camp, as a birthday present to Texas Lions Camp on it's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024. Today we have half the number of Texas Lions, supporting twice the number of campers at twice the cost, as we did some 30 years ago. If we reach our goal of **2 new Century Club members/club/year** over the next 3 Lions years, we will generate an additional annual income of \$500,000, which would generate 15% of our operating budget, and help us keep serving our special children into the future.

Two per Club (6 over 3 years) is doable. "Signing Up" as a new Bronze member at \$10/mo. (\$120/yr.) counts as one; but a new Silver (\$250) counts as 2; Gold (\$500) is the same as 4 Bronze; etc. Likewise, "Stepping Up" from Bronze to Silver counts as a +1; Bronze to Gold adds the equivalent of 3 new Bronzes; going from Silver to Gold is the same as 2 new Bronzes, etc.

**\$500,000/year – now that's some 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday present!**

**There's a saying at TLC that "ALL CAN DO". Yes, Texas Lions, 2/Club/Yr. WE CAN DO IT.**



# 29th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

TITLE SPONSOR



JAMES AVERY  
Forging Hope



## ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



*Children Can...With TLC™*

**Come Play and  
make a Kid's Day  
in 2022!**

For more information or to download  
player registration forms go to  
[www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

**August 4, 2022**

8:00 am Shotgun Start

**Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course  
Fredericksburg, TX**

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000  
in 2021-2022 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**  
For more information: [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com).

### Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals,  
clubs, associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s).  
All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in  
publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp  
website: [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

**Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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





**Date: January 31, 2022**  
**Contact: Milton L. Dare**  
**Director of Development & Major Gift**  
**830-896-8500**

**James Avery Artisan Jewelry offers \$50,000 Challenge  
in support of Children with Special Medical Conditions**  
Named Title Sponsor for 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

*Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to Texas Lions Camp in support of children with special medical conditions attending Summer Camp 2022. Every gift designated for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has also been named the Title Sponsor for the 2022 Golf tournament.*

“Texas Lions Camp is very excited that James Avery Artisan Jewelry is partnering with our organization in 2021-2022 and investing in our mission by offering this incredible challenge opportunity, said President & CEO of TLC, Stephen S. Mabry.

James Avery’s Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, “Just as we forge silver and gold to make jewelry, we are **FORGING HOPE** through our support of nonprofit organizations in communities where we live and work. We are proud to partner with the Texas Lions Camp in their mission to provide a unique summer camp experience for these amazing children and their families.”

Mabry added, “Since 1949, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced over 80,000 children to the ‘CAN DO’ philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. The support of family, friends, and neighbors allows us to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives.”

**About James Avery Artisan Jewelry**

James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We offer finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed and crafted by our own skilled artisans in Kerrville, Comfort and Hondo, Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 100 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, more than 220 Dillard’s locations and Dillards.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Austin, Houston and Nashville, as well as select Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) locations.

**About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.**- Texas Lions Camp, Inc., provides, without charge, a camp for children with special medical conditions from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

The organization was chartered as a Texas, nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator and as a Platinum-level participant on GuideStar so donors may give with confidence when furthering the mission of TLC.

Those who are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com) or by emailing Milton L. Dare at [milton.dare@texaslions.camp](mailto:milton.dare@texaslions.camp). If preferred, you may also call 830-896-8500 for more information.

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## TEXAS LIONS MUSEUM X-3 PINS

### District 2-X3 Past District Governors

**HELP NEEDED:** I have been asked to help assemble a Governors pin of all our past servants and need help. I was shocked to see how many are no longer with us, and their service truly needs to be remembered. Years need are 1973 through 1996-1997, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2005-2006, 2012-2013,. Anyone who can help is appreciated. Please place the pins on a 3X5 card with name and year of service and bring to the upcoming district convention and I will collect and get them to MD-2 Lions Museum. (All districts pins are being assembled) Thanks to all participants for your help.

PCC Richard E. Robinson

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## LCIF - NEWS

The good news is, Campaign 100 has been a tremendous success, raising \$300 million for the various projects of your foundation, LCIF! The other news is: the needs are not diminishing. We cannot rest. There are still too many hungry, too many without clean drinking water, too many children with cancer, too many facing sudden catastrophic disasters, too many struggling with medical issues such as diabetes and vision problems.

But for over fifty years, LCIF has done a tremendous job in addressing such needs around the world, and will continue to do so. And we, as Lions, must continue to do our part. We have many ways to give. Clubs can give the basic donation of \$2 per member-it adds up. Clubs can award Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions they want to recognize. Members can donate through the Lions Share program-\$50, \$100 or \$200 earns a special pin and counts toward Melvin Jones. Lions can do a monthly pledge of \$10, \$20 or more per month.

Do you buy from Amazon? I've heard a few people do. You can go to Amazon Smiles and identify LCIF as your charity. A percentage of what you spend will go to LCIF, and it won't cost you anything extra. Do you shop at other places online? Go through iGive.com. Set up an account, and look for stores. A great number of stores will donate a percentage of purchases, and you can identify LCIF as your charity. Clubs can also hold fundraisers dedicated to LCIF. The public supports the things that LCIF supports, and they need to be made aware that LCIF is one of the best ways to address those needs in our communities and around the world.

Campaign 100 officially ends on June 30, 2022. But we cannot slow down. Please contact me for more ways your clubs and your Lions can help.

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Visit your AmazonSmile impact page to track donations generated, change your charity, and more.





I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. I want to thank all the clubs and Lions that have contributed to TLF this second half of this Lions year from your 100%'s and personal donations. I would like to ask clubs as they are planning their end of Lions year celebrations to honor their Lion of the year, outgoing President, or someone special with a Texas Lions Foundation award to present to them during their club celebrations. There are many ways it can be done please contact me for assistance. We are your Texas Lions Foundation. Remember this time of year bad weather and the possibility of the need for disaster grants if you need funds we are here.

The foundation has helped with 1 humanitarian grant for Corsicana which is completed. Presented Hillsboro there grant check to start their Humanitarian project this summer on 31 May. Texas Lions Foundation (TLF) is an organization committed to filling humanitarian needs throughout the world. As a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, its purpose is to promote human welfare by careful application of contributed funds. (TLF Donations & Awards Form). TLF concentrates its efforts in two areas: humanitarian services and disaster relief. (Grant guidelines) The Foundation strives to support projects that, while falling into one of these two categories, also have long-term and far-reaching effects, and promote the objectives of the Texas Lions Foundation. Overall, the Foundation maintains a strong commitment to helping people achieve their own potential, and implementing projects that make permanent and positive changes. Projects are favored that provide benefits to as many people as possible. I am available to come to your club or come on line if you are meeting on line and do a presentation on the Texas Lions Foundation. Please contact me by phone 254-289-9550 or by email [Lmeeker53@gmail.com](mailto:Lmeeker53@gmail.com).

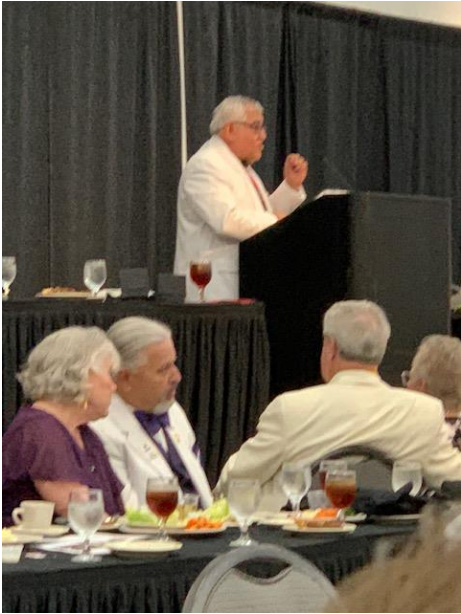
Yours in Lionism

PDG Lisle W. Meeker

TLF Trustee

# A PEEK AT STATE

The state convention was held in Abilene.





# DISTRICT LEO REPORT

Fellow Lions,

Congratulations to Leo Meredith Tuggle of the Piney Woods Leo Club on her selection as District 2-X3 2021-2022 Leo of the Year. She is very deserving of the award, having been active in Leos at the district and club level, serving as club president, Leo District Vice President, and by serving in countless service projects in the Crockett community as a Leo and as a school and church leader.

Congratulations are also extended to Evelyn Stevenson of the Killeen Leos. Not only is she one of the newest Leos in the District (June 1st), she was also selected as the 2021-2022 Multiple District 2 Leo Cub of the Year for her outstanding service to Leos at the club, district, and state level during her time as a Cub. We are all looking forward to her continued service as a Leo for the next several years.

The Temple Breakfast Lions Club officially closed the Troy Leo Club in May. That club had been inactive for several years, and despite their efforts, the Breakfast Club was unable to find a renewed interest in revitalizing a Leo Club in that community. The action to close was taken with heavy heart, but the Breakfast Club is working to establish another club in the surrounding area.

PDG Joe Holman  
District 2-X3 Leo Chair



Meredith Tuggle receiving the Lion of the Year award at the District Cabinet meeting.



Evelyn Stevenson receiving the Multiple District 2 Cub of the Year award.

## May 2022 Peace Poster News

Hi Lions,

The Peace Poster kits are now on sale through Lions Club International,

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/other-ways-to-serve/contests/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

If you have a new or veteran chair that would like some additional information about chairing a peace poster contest for your local club, please ask them to contact me. I'll be glad to share what I have learned from others and my last few years as chair.

Theme: **Lead with Compassion**

# Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

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# SCRIP TALK

What is scrip talk?

There have been questions brought up to me that I would like to answer. First what it is not, a charity looking for donations or buy anything. It is not affiliated with any other organization. It is its own organization. Scrip talk is a machine that helps the visually impaired read medical prescriptions. It is part on En-Vision America, the machine is supplied on loan to patients at no cost. It is a FREE program. The display and handouts that you see at District Cabinet meetings are information for Lions to get the word out to their communities, the visually impaired, and the pharmacies.

We are excited to announce the new ScripTalk mobile app is now available in the iOS and Android App Stores

ScripTalk Mobile IOS App now available. Download here

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/scriptalk-mobile/id1317698388>

ScripTalk mobile Android App now available. Download here

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mistral.scriptalkmobilev2>

Please help spread the word, pick up the information cards at the next District Cabinet Meeting and share in your communities. If you have any questions, please contact me.

PDG Lisle Meeker

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# In Memoriam

Killeen Noon Lions said goodbye to Lion Barbara Burke. Lion Barbara was a former president of the club and devoted her time to Cystic Fibrosis research. →



Hewitt Lions and our beloved Lion Robert Tidwell said goodbye to his wife and Lion, Brenda Tidwell. Brenda served as the club Secretary and was a constant source of support for Lion Robert.



Lion Barbara Burke (center)



District 2-X3 offers its deepest condolences to all clubs and families that have suffered loss.



# CLUB NEWS

## CLIFTON

Clifton showed up and showed out at the District Convention.



Lion Renee giving her membership report and talking about the traveling trophy



Lion Renee Kettler receiving the Tom P. Kirkham award from PDG Joe Holman



All dressed up and ready for the district governor's banquet



Lion Renee also received the international medal which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest award offered.



Serving during the district service project-packaging meals to go to Ukraine





# CORSICANA



CORSICANA:  
JOANN PIERSON

GATESVILLE:  
NORMAN ROBBINS  
RENE ROBBINS

KILLEEN EVENING:  
NAOMI S KUHN

LOMETA:  
JAELYN J DOWNEY

MCGREGOR:  
DONNA L HARRIS

MEXIA:  
TAYLOR M ROCHELEAU

TEMPLE BREAKFAST:  
AMANDO RODRIGUEZ

TEMPLE FOUNDER:  
ROBERT GAUGER  
CHARLANNE PEEPLES

The Corsicana Lions Club inducted a new member in May, 2022. Joann Pierson, from Corsicana, on the right, joined our club. She is the House Manager for the House of Refuge in Corsicana. Her Sponsor was Cindy Parrish on the left. Roger Warner, Club President, inducted Ms. Pierson.

She jumped right in and began volunteering for our projects in May and June. We are very fortunate to have her as a new member.

# GATESVILLE



←A warm welcome to our newest member, Pat Chesser! We appreciate your willingness and desire to help others and we look forward to serving with you. Pat (center) is pictured with his Lion Sponsor Oliver Puhr (right) and Lion President Randy Wagoner (left).

The Lions presented a \$100 check to project graduation to help with the after-graduation party for the High school seniors this year. Thank you to Lisa and Adam Baker for coordinating this activity for the kids and for coming to speak to the club. →







Above: The Lions were very happy to present the 4H club with \$450 to sponsor one of the members, Cooper Sutton (center), for their trip to Washington. Thank you to Robert Ferguson (right), the 4H Representative, for updating us on what the trip was for and how hard the students work.

Cooper (center) and Robert (right) are pictured with Lion President Randy Wagoner (left).



Above: Thank you for Mark Vick (pictured) and Aristotle Ponder for coming to speak to the club about their job as Fort Hood air traffic controllers and the various levels of air space and the rules. A more in-depth article can be found in the Gatesville Messenger May 11, 2022 issue.



Left to Right: Dora Dyson, Shawnee Miller, Rosemary Mathis, Stephen Schmidt (back), Randy Wagoner, Jozy Jackson, Wesley Brown (back), Jimmy Hall, Cheyenne Miller, and Scout Key

The Lions Club was so honored to present over \$13,000 in scholarships to such amazing students at the scholarship presentation at the Gatesville High School.

**Scholarships presented were:**

- Wayland Cargill Memorial Scholarship to Cheyenne Miller
- Lion's Club Scholarship to Wesley Brown
- Jerry & Dora Dyson Scholarship to Scout Key
- Pruitt Scholarship to Cooper Sutton (not pictured)
- McKamie Scholarship to Jimmy Hall
- Lion's Scholarship to Jozy Jackson



Above: The Lions were honored to present the Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville Branch with a \$1,000 check recently. Thank you to Lion Julie Hudson and all the staff for their hard work and thank you Julie for updating the club on the status of the Boys & Girls Club and all the wonderful things the program does for the kids.

Julie (right) is pictured with upcoming Lion President Charles Talbott (left).



# HILLSBORO



Left: The Tuesday, May 3rd meeting of the Hillsboro Lions Club featured a brief piano performance from sisters Ella and Kaitley Cowan. The duo performed a couple of classic selections each including Fur Elise and Pachelbel's Canon in D. Both young ladies are enrolled in Hillsboro schools; Ella a junior and Kaitley a freshman.

Their father, Lion program chair Dr. Ryan Cowan introduced Ella & Kaitley and shared a brief biography for each of them prior to their performances. Pictured together from left to right are Kaitley, Dr. Cowan and Ella.

Right: The Tuesday, May 10 meeting of the Hillsboro Lions Club featured an update on The Boys and Girls Club of Hill County building project presented by Bill Siddons. Siddons has served on the Boys and Girls Club board of directors since 2011. The new building is about 75% complete and is projected to open between July 1st and August 1st of this year. The Boys and Girls Club is seeking an additional \$600,000 to complete the project debt-free. \$100,000 of the fund raising goal has matching contributions available from a generous benefactor. The building will house a gymnasium with 6 retractable goals and an art room, meeting & conference space, learning center and office space as well as a commercial-grade kitchen.



Lion Program Leader Gerardo Carbajal (left) and Bill Siddons



Pictured with Nelson is Lions Club President Lea Sanders

Left: The final Hillsboro Lions Club meeting for May 2022 featured Mark Nelson, LCDC from the Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network (formerly MHMR) speaking about the numerous ways HOTBHN helps clients with substance abuse challenges. As a licensed chemical dependency counselor, Nelson and his team provide assessment of & treatment for substance abuse for Hill County residents 18 years of age and older. Adult outpatient services are funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services and are available on a sliding scale fee basis per individual need. Length of services provided is determined by assessment and generally ranges from six to sixteen weeks. Assessments provided by the treatment team determine services and course of action. Nelson stated the main goal of the organization is to provide much needed help. The HOTBHN is located at 130 N. Covington in Hillsboro.



Right: In other Lions News, Past District Governor Lisle Meeker presented the Hillsboro Lions Club with a check for \$10,000 from the Texas Lions Foundation to use toward the Lions Centennial All-Access Playground equipment project.

Pictured left to right are past president Art Mann, Meeker and Lions Club president Lea Sanders.



## KILLEEN NOON

The Killeen Noon Lions Club continued its support to the Texas Humane Heroes animal shelter, Ronald McDonald House, and the homeless in Killeen with its monthly donations. We also held two bingo sessions at the Rosewood for residents, with patriotic attire provided to players. We continued our weekly support of the Killeen Food Care Center, providing over 20 hours of service that supported in excess of 220 needy residents. Programs for the month included information on human trafficking in the Bell and Coryell Counties, highlighting the differences between human trafficking and smuggling, and the efforts of law enforcement and local services to intervene and help the victims.



Lion Kathy at bingo at the Rosewood



Uncle Sam at KNLC bingo at the Rosewood

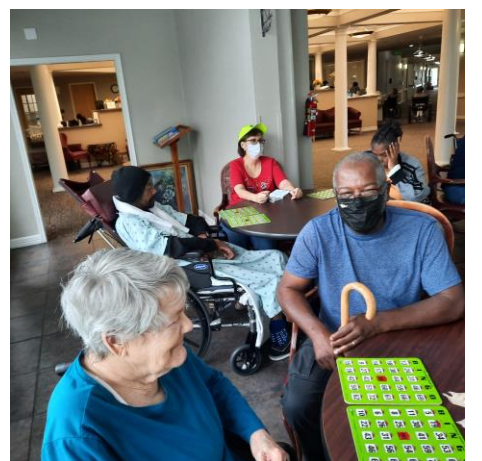


KNLC Lion Linda at the Rosewood bingo



← Serious bingo at the Rosewood

KNLC Lion Leslie at the Rosewood bingo →



# MARLIN

## Living Tributes to Keefer and Langston

Two trees now frame the Welcome to Marlin sign on Marlin Middle School property on Highway 6. These two crepe myrtles were planted by the Lions Club of Marlin as living tributes to recently deceased Lion John Keefer and Lion Charlotte Fowler Langston.

John Keefer worked to make Marlin a better place to live. He served as Marlin's Mayor, and, as such, served as the chief representative of the people of Marlin. He was a business owner; he opened several businesses and cleaned up numerous properties. John kept the needs of the people in mind and demonstrated his executive acumen skill for turning civic vision into civic reality. Mrs. Gayleen Keefer and daughter Emma Keefer watered the tree planted in John Keefer's name, knowing that this living tree will continue to benefit the people of Marlin.

Charlotte Fowler Langston came to Falls County from Louisiana, where she was a medical doctor in Family Medicine and an OB/GYN specialist serving our military personnel at Ft. Polk and the Veterans Administration Hospital. Having moved to Falls County, Charlotte and husband Douglas Langston joined the Lions Club in Marlin. Charlotte served as Lions Club of Marlin Diabetes Chair until her passing away. She sewed quilts for those in need and, as a Lion, made an afghan to raffle for funds to support the fight against Children's Cancer. As Chair for Children's Cancer also, she was key in a joint Lions District project held in Temple that provided cancer patients and their families with a play day. Charlotte was also an avid equestrian. While in Louisiana, she participated in numerous trail rides, bringing home trophies and ribbons. Husband Douglas Langston watered his wife's tree, a living tribute.

Their memory lives on through the impact they had on the lives of others and their community. Their memorial trees are a physical reminder that their legacies continue.

Special thanks to Lion Jerry Wood, Living Trees Project Coordinator.

# PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions volunteered again this year at the 3rd Annual Community Fun Day. We made over 200 snowcones for the kids and adults! A member of the community organizes this event, and everything is free to the participants. There was food, games, bounce houses, balloons, bibles, and door prizes for the kids and their families.





## Piney Woods Cont'd



Piney Woods Lions Club held the monthly Free Produce and Milk distribution in Crockett on May 16. East Texas Food Bank sent us gatorade/caprisun, sweet potatoes, russet potatoes, tomatoes, ears of corn, frozen rotisserie chicken, milk, a mix of bread and pastries, and milk. We provided food to about 925 families.

## ROBINSON AREA

Robinson Area Lions Club members attended the District Convention where Lion Randi was nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. Later in the day she was voted on and approved.



Hanging out with Clifton Lions Club members before the District Governor's banquet



Together at the District cabinet meeting in Temple



Jorge receiving an award from District Gov. Angela



Jorge nominating Randi



# SALADO



These are our Lions who were recognized for their great efforts in our raffle. The raffle and our 5K brought in over \$9,600 and we had our most 5K participants ever, 84! A HUGE thank you to these Lions and to Lion Kim Bird and to the rest of our fundraising committee!



A big thank you to the Lions who helped out with our highway clean up earlier this month! And, as always, a huge thanks to Lion Joe Keyes for organizing this work!

Below: We were so pleased to be able to help out some of the families who were most affected by the tornado back in April! Our thoughts and prayers are still with all of these families as they are still dealing with all of this.





# TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES

Planning, prepping for and hosting the annual District Convention was our main focus in the merry month of May. Ima, Nancy and Jennifer created the daisy centerpieces. Debbie and Bridget blended in the train memorabilia. A small band performed some nice music for us during the Lions' Social at the Santa Fe Train Station & Museum. Take a peek at the train locomotive parked in the train yard: Engine #2301 (maybe a neat way to say hello to TX Lions district 2x3).



District Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn was a great accomplishment. Give yourselves a pat on the back, District 2x3 Lions! Y'all's participation with the on-site service project produced 7,128 meals packaged and boxed and prepped for shipment to Ukraine refugees! It was all in a couple hours with teamwork! KIDS Against Hunger helped organize this. Here is Lion Lorna escorting PDG Randy into the banquet hall.





# TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Temple Breakfast Lions Club working alongside operation feeding Temple at the recent Rucks on Main Event collecting food from the participants-over 2,600 pounds collected.



Left to right: Lions Vishe Muni, Tom Henderson, Lion Adrian Pawelek, Lion Diann Pawelek, Lions Andi Wilkey, Lion Larry Wilkey



PDG Lisle Meeker presents \$10,000.00 grant check from Texas Lions foundation to Lion President Lea Sanders and Project Chair Lion Art Mann →



# WACO WOMENS

!!Happy Beginning of Summer to All!!





## MERIDIAN



Meridian Leos at Temple Lions Park



← Meridian Leos paying their Texas Lions Camp Century Club fund and Leader Dogs for the Blind



# PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leo Club helped with the free produce and milk distribution on May 16. Their help is invaluable with this monthly event for the community.

