



February 2023

Welcome to the Start of the 2023 year.

I pray that each of you are doing the things that you love best and taking care of family when you can. I believe that when planning a district function, we must make it about everyone and try to include each and every Lion. Over the past seven months I have had the opportunity to meet many Lions and I look forward to meeting every Lion that I can at the district annual convention. We at district have noticed that the registration is low and that may be something like the fact that not every Lion knows that the convention is open to all Lions and not just the officers of the State, District or clubs. This is the time of the year when we all come together to show the great success we have all accomplished during the year. Many say I didn't know and this message is to personally invite each of you to attend the convention and enjoy the networking with other clubs and Lions in our area. The venue is great and can support all that attend. There are plenty of hotels close by and many restaurants are available for those that wish to

stay longer to see our great town. Lion Sylvia and PDG Lawrence with his convention planning team are doing their best to host the best convention we can offer at the lowest cost possible. Please accept our personal invite and plan to join us on April 14-15. I wish to thank all of you that have registered as of today and I look forward to seeing each of you register over the next few weeks. The registration form will be attached to this newsletter and all you have to do is contact PDG Lawrence or Lion Jeanne direct if you have any concerns that we need to address to get you registered. You may always contact the District cabinet members if you can't reach the two points of contacts.

The district is still strong and we can still reach our goals for the year. The current membership count is 1334; our goal is to be at 1363 by the end of the year. While we have a little way to go, we have time to reach the magic number. We can each invite a friend to a service project and to our club meeting with the hopes of reaching each of them to serve on our team.

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Over the next few weeks, we are asking each of you to canvas your community and offer us any information that can be used to start a new club or increase membership in current clubs. The plan is to host a pediatric cancer event at a location that is approved by the McLane Children's Hospital. We are researching a place here in Killeen and once we hear back from the sites, we will seek more help from all that wish to help with the event. Members of the cabinet are dedicated to being the best leadership we can be and offer you great ideas to meet the needs of our community.

Please know that we are seeking your support and our support is offered to each of you. Together we can do everything that is needed to reach our district goals. Last thing is your support of LCIF is something that we can all do to help meet the needs of our communities as a team. Donating \$1 to \$1000 will make a difference.

Thank you all for your dedication to Lions and your community.

Inspiring others to Serve!

DG Lion Darie



Learned

I've spent the last week reminding myself all the wonderful things I learned from my dog, Chili Bo. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to my wonderful best friend last month. During this time, I recalled all the great memories we shared - most of all, what I learned from him. Then I realized how it all comes back to why we are Lions.

Dogs aren't only our best friends, but they can also be powerful teachers. Living life in the present, embracing our lot, giving to others, and enjoying time together all contribute to a healthier well-being.

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Here are four valuable lessons dogs teach us that lead to more vibrant, meaningful, and spiritual lives.

Being Present. When we are in the moment, we stop ping-ponging between what was and what might be and keep the emotions from both places at bay. Few people have mastered this profound spiritual lesson the way a dog seems to. When I am telling a story to Chili Bo, he is very tentative and listens. Now asking him to go outside when it is raining, he would suddenly not hear a thing. Live for the moment. Get your zoomies on and run all over the place. If you don't know what the zoomies are just ask a dog person. Enjoy the day.

Acceptance. It is often said that life could be easier if we simply learned to embrace whatever comes our way. It's easy to see this motto expressed in the ways dogs approach their own lives. As a Lion, we will have situations that are out of our control. Look for the resolution not the problem. During our 13 years of being best friends, Chili Bo and I had many adventures to say the least. Throughout it all, he was happy go lucky. We moved to a new town and a new home. He embraced it and found his favorite spot to sunbathe.

Joyful Service to Others. Dogs act selflessly. We as Lions do the same. We are here for our communities, and we do not ask for recognition or accolades. We do it because we want to serve others. By observing a dog's selfless service to others, we are reminded to give, not out of obligation or guilt, but unconditionally from our heart.

Togetherness. Canines are naturally drawn to life as a pack, they are well positioned to live in harmony with nature and with others. We see this in TikTok videos of dogs befriending other animals such as cats, pigs, or mini cows. They tend to see beyond their differences. We do the same with our Pride of Lions! We are also here as Lions for the fellowship.

Consider their natural tendency to be present, not worried about the past or future, free from grievances or resentment. They are showing us, by example, how best to live.

“Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really.” - Agnes Sligh Turnbull

Believe,

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“A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.”- Josh Billings (humourist)

Rest In Peace Chili Bo

Lion Renee Kettler
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February is a special time for Lions who support pediatric or childhood cancer. As some of you know my niece, Hannah has been in treatment for a Stage 2 Granulosa Cell Tumor. Hannah, who was 14 when diagnosed, has been through chemotherapy and radiation treatments in the last year. Our family has watched as Hannah lost her hair, entered the hospital on numerous occasions with fever and/or infections that needed treatment, and we have watched her parents love her and her siblings with unending support through the process.

If you follow me on Facebook, you know Hannah rang her bell recently and is now considered cancer free, praise God! In the process you never know what impact a Lion makes, even through a small and simple gesture. After Hannah rang her bell, she was given a finisher medal to commemorate her achievement. The medal, one she wears proudly, was given by a Killeen area Lions Club. Can you imagine the joy I felt as the medal was placed on her neck? Thank you, Lions! Thank you for loving the children of McLane Children's Hospital and willingly giving to children you may never know. You may never see a child receive something you have given. But I want you to know, the snacks you give, the toys you provide and the medals you deliver mean more to the recipient than you can imagine. I am providing photos of Hannah for you to see. Thank you for loving the children of McLane Children's Hospital...thank you for loving Hannah!

Lion, Renee



Remember the goals you set ... S.M.A.R.T Goals!

S - Specific - clearly state your goal.

M - Measurable - ensure you can measure success.

A - Attainable - set goals you know you can achieve!

R - Relevant - set goals relevant to your club.

T - Time-based - set a deadline for completion.





Child Cancer



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision

Lions REALLY do serve!

Special attention is given to childhood cancer in the month of February, what will your club do in support?

September 2022 - Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month
(February 2023 - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month))

District Pediatric Cancer Chairperson: DG Darie McCleaves, Killeen Evening Club
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October 2022 - Vision Awareness Month

World Sight Day, October 13th

District Vision Co-Chairperson: Lion Lea Ann Batey, Temple-Belton Lady Lions Club
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District Vision Co-Chairperson: PDG Lawrence Sanchez, Killeen Evening Lions Club
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November 2022 - Diabetes Awareness Month

World Diabetes Day, November 14th

Diabetes Chairperson: Lion Richard Bergman, Clifton Lions Club
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January 2023 - Hunger Awareness Month

District Hunger Chairperson: Lion Jorge Trujillo, Robinson Area Lions Club
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April 2023 - Environmental Awareness Month

District Environmental Chairperson: TBN

Lion Renee Kettler, 2VDG, GST

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Texas Lions Leadership Forum

Journey Down the River of Lionism

February 25 & 26, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton

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1001 E. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666

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VISIT TEXASLIONS.ORG OR TXLLF.ORG FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER!!

Texas Lions State Convention

Early Bird registration deadline is Feb 11.

If you plan on submitting an advertisement in the State Convention Program the deadline is

April 1, 2023.



A Hand Up... Or Maybe It's a Lions Paw

Training is an essential building block for members. One of our top priorities, as part of the District leadership team, we want to make sure that all lions have the ability and feel comfortable navigating the LCI website for resources as they explore opportunities for expanding their role within the club or District or more. A large part of training as members, is through Membership Orientation and through internal mentorship and translation of professional and life skills. But LCI has resources available that are there to leverage as supplemental tools. Everything from brainstorming service activities and fundraising ideas, to community partnership, grant writing, and general descriptions of officer positions in the club and District levels.

It is around this time that Clubs should be starting to think about succession. Who within the officers are going to be stepping up to transition to club president, or secretary or even tail twister? Officers for this year need to be planning and looking at what activities the club has planned in the works for this last half of the year. The push to continue cannot diminish, even as we have to start thinking about the next year.

As we progress forward in our support towards our communities, we must keep in our minds and hearts we're doing is tireless work, but much needed work. Much like other volunteer organizations, we are there during a person's hardest time in their life, or during their highest joy. When we are filling a trunk with food so a family doesn't have to choose between that and medication, or when a child is able to ring the bell that they beat cancer and put that last Bead of Courage on their chain. Lions have stood in solidarity to share in those emotions.

I was listening to the Executive Director of the Temple Community Clinic recently. She was saying that it was their job as staff to restore the dignity and empowerment to the clients. It takes courage to ask for help, to seek out resources for yourself and family. They are there to celebrate in that courage, to provide the place where people can be human and helped as equals. She stated, the majority of the community members they see want "a hand up, not a hand out." This, to me, is the mirror image statement to, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." We are doing what we do today, and planning for the next year, so that we can continue to provide that hand up to those around us who need it.

For us as members, and those who are and desire to be officers, there are resources to help explain the roles and responsibilities. This will assist in feeling prepared and encouraged. One of the best resources is to attend Texas Lions Leadership Forum. This year it is in New Braunfels, Saturday Feb 25 - Sunday Feb 26th. Jam packed with learning and networking, register online at <http://txllf.org/> then make sure to call the hotel to get a room. Then make sure to pack a box of business cards and plenty of pens and note pads!

If that doesn't work, reach out. I can customize a training for the club, new members, officers or a community gathering.

This year we've been rocking it. Next year will build on that and the momentum will just keep building and growing.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LIONS IN 2-X3!!!



JANUARY 2023



BELTON LIONS CLUB

- LION STEVEN SMITH (SPONSOR LION DAVID SHAW)

GATESVILLE LIONS CLUB

- LION ERIC MOFFETT (SPONSOR LION TOM CREEK)

GROESBECK LIONS CLUB

- LION AYDE GARCIA (SPONSOR: LION DIANA DIAZ)
- LION BETH WESETHOFF (SPONSOR: LION SHARON FREDRIKSSON)

HAMILTON LIONS CLUB

- LION HARPER STEWART (SPONSOR: LION RYAN POLSTER)

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PALESTINE LIONS CLUB

- LION JIMMY GILES (SPONSOR: LION HEATHER GILES)

TEMPLE BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

- LION JOSHUA SMITH (SPONSOR: LION LISLE MEEKER)
- LION ANN TAYLOR (SPONSOR: LION LARRY WILKEY)
- LION TIMOTHY TAYLOR (SPONSOR: LION LARRY WILKEY)



Texas Lions Camp District Report

Submitted by Lions Camp Directors Dick Chapin and Natalie Austin

Well, Camp periods are filling up fast. All of the Family Camps are filled, with waiting lists. The remaining camp periods are filling fast, so encourage potential campers to submit their applications quickly, before their desired camp period is filled. Camp dates are shown below.

Also, Camp Work Days are right on us (4 March; 1 April & 6 May) so go to lionscamp.com, then “Get Involved”, then “Work Days” and sign up for your desired date.

Each club is encouraged to request a Texas Lions Camp update briefing annually. These briefings are lagging a little this year. During these presentations, we will update your club on the latest activities at the Camp, updates on construction progress, and Camp plans for the upcoming year. We will also cover all the many ways that your clubs and individual Lions can help fund the operation of the Camp.

One of the most important ways that each individual Lion can help fund the Camp operation, is to join, or renew your participation in the Century Club, plus, if you are renewing, consider stepping up to the next higher level.

Natalie and I are very passionate about our elected positions serving the District. We want to be sure that all clubs know who their designated Texas Lions Camp Director is, so please refer to the chart below.

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CLUB	MTG DAY	FREQ	MTG TIME	DIRECTOR
1 Belton	Thu	every	12 noon	Dick
2 Blooming Grove	Mon	2nd	7:00 PM	Natalie
3 Buffalo	Tue	1st/3rd	12 noon	Dick
4 China Springs-Bosqueville	Thu	2nd	12 noon	Natalie
5 Clifton	Tue	2nd/4th	11:45 AM	Natalie
6 Copperas Cove	Tue	2nd/4th	12 noon	Dick
7 Corsicana	Tue	every	12 noon	Natalie
8 Crockett	Tue	every	12 noon	Natalie
9 Dawson	Wed	4th	12 noon	Dick
10 Fairfield	Thu	2nd/4th	6:00 PM	Dick
11 Gatesville	Wed	every	12 noon	Dick

12 Grapeland Noon	Thu	1st/3rd	12 noon	Natalie
13 Greater Athens	Thu	2nd	5:30 PM	Dick
14 Groesbeck	Wed	every	12 noon	Dick
15 Hamilton	Wed	every	12 noon	Natalie
16 Harker Heights	Wed	2nd/4th	12 noon	Dick
17 Hewitt	Mon	2nd/4th	6:00 PM	Natalie
18 Hillsboro	Tue	every	12 noon	Natalie
19 Hubbard	Thu	2nd	12 noon	Natalie
20 Kennard	Thu	1st/3rd	6:00 PM	Natalie
21 Killeen Evening	Tue	1st/3rd	7:00 PM	Dick
22 Killeen Ladies	Mon	1st/3rd	6:30 PM	Dick
23 Killeen Noon	Tue	every	12 noon	Dick
24 Kosse	Tue	2nd	6:30 PM	Dick
25 Lampasas	Tue	2nd/4th	12 noon	Dick
26 Lometa	Tue	1st/3rd	6:30 PM	Dick
27 Marlin	Tue	2nd/4th	12 noon	Dick
28 Mart	Thu	4th	5:30 PM	Natalie
29 McGregor	Mon	2nd/4th	12 noon	Natalie
30 Meridian	Tue	1st/3rd	12 non	Natalie
31 Mexia	Tue	every	12 noon	Dick
32 Nolanville	Tue	2nd/4th	6:30 PM	Dick
33 Oglesby	Mon	1st/3rd	6:30 PM	Dick
34 Palestine	Thu	every	12 noon	Natalie
35 Palestine Evening	Mon	2nd/4th	6:45 PM	Natalie
36 Piney Woods	Mon	4th	6:00 PM	Dick
37 Riesel	Tue	1st/3rd	7:00 PM	Dick
38 Robinson	Mon	1st/3rd	7:00 PM	Natalie
39 Robinson Area	Mon	1st/3rd	5:30 PM	Natalie
40 Rosebud/Lott	Thu	1st/3rd	6:00 PM	Dick
41 Salado	Wed	2nd/4th	11:00 AM	Dick
42 Temple Breakfast	Thu	1st/3rd	7:30 AM	Dick
43 Temple Founder	Wed	every	12 noon	Dick
44 Temple/Belton Ladies	Tue	2nd/4th	6:30 PM	Natalie
45 Valley Mills	Tue	2nd	7:00 PM	Natalie
46 Waco Founder	Wed	every	12:10 PM	Natalie
47 Waco HOT	Wed	2nd/4th	6:30 PM	Natalie
48 Waco Women	Mon	1st/3rd	12 noon	Natalie
49 Whitney	Thu	1st/3rd	12 noon	Natalie



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2023 Camp Schedule

Session 1	June 4-10, 2023	Children with Physical Disabilities
Session 2	June 11-17, 2023	Children with Physical Disabilities
Session 3	June 18-24, 2023	Children with Physical Disabilities
Session 4	June 25-July 1, 2023	Children with Down syndrome/ Camp David, Texas Burn Survivors Society
Session 5	July 2-8, 2023	Children with Type 1 Diabetes
Session 6	July 9-15, 2023	Children with Type 1 Diabetes
Session 7	July 18-19, 2023	Family Camp
Session 8	July 21-23, 2023	Family Camp
Session 9	July 25-26, 2023	Family Camp
Session 10	July 28-30, 2023	Family Camp



Resolution

District Governor of District 2-X3

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has been a Lion since 2008 when she joined the San Angelo Concho Pearl Lions Club, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as San Angelo Concho Pearl Lion Club Secretary from 2009 – 2011, and 2016 – 2017, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as San Angelo Concho Pearl Club President from 2012 – 2014, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as San Angelo Lions President's Council President from 2012 – 2014, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as San Angelo Lions President's Council Secretary from 2009 – 2011, and 2016 – 2017, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as District 2-A1 Secretary from 2013 – 2016, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as Zone Chairperson for District 2-X3 Zone B-2 from 2020 – 2022, and

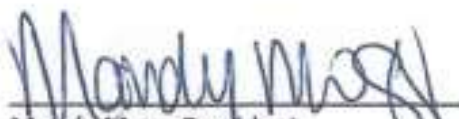
WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as Robinson Area Lions Club First Vice President from 2021 – 2022, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as Second Vice District Governor of District 2-X3 from 2021 – 2022, and

WHEREAS, Lion Randi Wilde has served as First Vice District Governor of District 2-X3 from 2022-2023, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Robinson Area Lions Club hereby offers and endorses the candidacy of Lion Randi Wilde as District Governor of District 2-X3. Further, the Robinson Area Lions Club pledges its full support for her candidacy, with complete confidence and assurance that she will serve District 2-X3 in an outstanding manner and asks all Lions of District 2-X3 to vote for Lion Randi Wilde at the District Convention.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Robinson Area Lions Club on Monday, December 5, 2022.


Mandy Moss, President


Dave Hill, Secretary



Resolution

First Vice District Governor of District 2-X3

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has been a Lion since 2015 when she joined the Clifton Lions Club, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has served as Clifton Lion Club Secretary from 2019 – 2022, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler continues to serve as Clifton Lions Club Secretary in 2022-2023, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has served as Clifton Club President from 2016 – 2017, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has served as Clifton Lions Club LCIF Coordinator in 2018, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has served as Clifton Lions Club Membership Chairperson from 2016-2017, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler is currently serving as World Service for the Blind Chairperson in 2022-2023, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has served as District 2-X3 GMT Coordinator from 2021 – 2022, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler currently serves as District 2-X3 GST Coordinator in 2022 - 2023, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has sponsored 17 Lions between 2015 – 2022, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler was awarded the MD 2-X3 Tom P. Kirkham Leadership Award in 2022, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler was awarded Lions International New Voices in Membership Award in 2021, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler has been awarded multiple International President's Certificate of Appreciation, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler was awarded the International President's Leadership Medal in 2022, and

WHEREAS, Lion Renee Kettler currently serves as Second Vice District Governor of MD 2-X3 in 2022-2023, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clifton Lions Club hereby offers and endorses the candidacy of Lion Renee Kettler as First Vice District Governor of District 2-X3. Further, the Clifton Lions Club pledges its full support for her candidacy, with complete confidence and assurance that she will serve District 2-X3 in an outstanding manner and asks all Lions of District 2-X3 to vote for Lion Renee Kettler at the District Convention.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Clifton Lions Club on Thursday, December 8, 2022.


Savannah Lea, President


Richard Bergman, First Vice President



Resolution

2nd Vice District Governor of District 2-X3

WHEREAS Lion Stacey Phillips has been a Lion since 2016 when she joined the Belton Lions Club, and

WHEREAS Lion Stacey Phillips is a member in good standing with the Harker Heights Lions Club within District 2-X3, and

WHEREAS Lion Stacey Phillips has served as the Harker Heights Lions Club Membership Chair from 2019-2020, Harker Heights Lions Club President from 2021-2023, and the Zone Chairperson for District 2-X3 Zone C-1 from 2022-2023, and

WHEREAS Lion Stacey Phillips is a Certified Guiding Lion, has sought out and attended various trainings, both online and in person, and has attended District and State Conventions, and

WHEREAS Lion Stacey Phillips has the motivation, dedication, vision and the support of her club to serve as the Second Vice District Governor of District 2X-3, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Harker Heights Lions Club pledges its support for the candidacy of Lion Stacey Phillips, with full confidence and assurance she will successfully serve District 2-X3 in the position of Second District Vice Governor.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted at a special vote of the Board of Directors on Thursday, December 8th, 2022.

Handwritten signature of Linda Hutto in blue ink.

Linda Hutto, 1st Vice President

Handwritten signature of Joyce Hodson in blue ink.

Joyce Hodson, Secretary

Lions District 2-X3 Convention



The Lions District Convention will on April 14, 2023, in the City of Killeen Texas. The Killeen Evening Lions Club and the Convention Chairman PDG Lawrence L. Sanchez invite you to attend the two-day Convention at the site of the enrichment of great military history and entertainment for everyone.

This is a time for a club can use their giving power of voting to change the path of this organization by send a representative to the convention to vote. The Club has the strength of sending a voting delegate to express their support to a new set of leaders for our district, that are about to enter a new phase of responsibilities for the next coming year.

District Social on April 14, 2023: We have offered so that everyone that will be attending the Convention on Saturday. This a time for meeting our International guest and enjoying the comfort of fellowship with members of clubs that you might or might not know in atmosphere of friendly conversation. Enjoy the food and drinks that will be provided by the District and the Killeen Evening Lions Club support. It is a free event that evening.

Breakfast with the Past International Director Billy J. Blankenship will be very insightful with an open discussion, during your breakfast with an individual that has been in the thick of thins in the higher levels of leadership and is well experienced through-out his visits around the United States. He has seen the works of different Lions Districts and the nuts and bolts of how our association policies work for us.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon will be held to give thanks to those Lions District member's that have given there hard serving hearts through a contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation, by a club or by their selfless sharing. This actual award will be presented during the luncheon for member's that have completed their contribution this year and those that have already received the award at their club will be honored at the same Luncheon. All members should come and honor their support for well-deserved and special Fellowship.

The Tom Kirkham award which is the highest award that can be bestowed on it member's by Lions District 2-X3 will be announced the evening at the Governor's Banquet. This award is to honor the most deserving Lion member within the clubs of District 2-X3 for their service to our District and their community during this Lions year.

PDG Lawrence L. Sanchez
Convention Chairman



Multiple District 2-X3 Convention
 Saturday, April 14-15, 2023
 First United Methodist Church Killeen
 3501 E. Eims Rd.
 Killeen, TX 76542
 254 423-3893



Convention Events

Registration Open: Friday 5:00pm—7:00pm, Saturday 7:00am to 9:00am
 PDG Meeting—Friday 5:00pm—6:pm
 District Social—Friday 6:30pm to 9:00pm—FREE!
 Continental Breakfast with PID Billy J. Blankenship - Open Discussion—Saturday 7:30am to 8:45am
 District 2-X3 Convention—Saturday 9:00am start
 Melvin Jones Luncheon & Awards—Saturday Noon to 1:15pm
 Voting—Saturday afternoon, time to be officially announced
 Governor's Banquet—Saturday 6:00pm start

Hotel information for host hotel is **Shilo Inn Suites** in Killeen, TX

Call: 254-699-0999 Group Discount Code: Lions Clubs Rate: \$106 + Tax Date: January 5—March 23, 2023

Date	Event	Early Bird Until March 17th	After Deadline March 17 - April 14	#Attendees (Mark in letter From below)	Total Amount Due
Fri, Apr 14th - Sat, Apr 15th	Convention Registration	\$20	\$25		
Saturday, April 15th	<i>Continental Breakfast - with PID Billy J. Blankenship from MD 12 Tennessee. Open discussion before the Cabinet meeting</i>	\$5	\$8		
Saturday, April 15th	<i>Melvin Jones Lunch</i>	\$17	\$22		
Saturday, April 15th	<i>Governor's Banquet - Wear your Whites/black tie and join in the closing ceremony</i>	\$22	\$25		
	No Tickets Sold at the Door				\$

Name	Title/Member/Guest	Club	Delegate Yes or No	Dietary Needs

Please make checks payable to: Killeen Evening Lions Club

Contact PDG Lawrence Sanchez @ 254-466-5037, lasertag9850@gmail.com or Lion Jeanne McCleaves @254-423-3732.

Return form to Lawrence Sanchez, 2004 Kenyon Street, Killeen, TX 76543.

Breakfast	Drink	Your Choice	Name
Egg sandwich with Sausage and cheese	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or water		
Egg sandwich with Bacon and cheese	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or water		
French Toast with Sausage and cheese	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or water		
French Toast with Bacon and cheese	Juice Apple or Orange or Coffee or water		
Melvin Luncheon			
Melvin Luncheon	Drink	Your Choice	Name
Salisbury Steak mash potatoes with gravy, green beans, and roll	Tea or water		
Chicken mash potatoes with gravy, green beans, and roll	Tea or water		
Vegetarian: Impossible Burger	Tea or water		
Governor's Banquet			
Governor's Banquet	Drink	Your Choice	Name
Beef Tips over white rice, Mixed vegetables, Toss Salad Rolls Dessert: Cake	Tea or water		
Vegetarian: Spinach lasagna Toss Salad Rolls Dessert: Cake	Tea or water		

Please ensure that you have picked your meal choice and place a check in the Choice Box





LCIF - NEWS



Sight for Kids - one of many projects funded by YOU through the Lions Club International Foundation.

In 2002, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Johnson & Johnson Vision offered a solution, co-founding Sight For Kids (SFK). Today, SFK is known as the largest-known, school-based eye health program that mobilizes Lions and eye care professionals to provide comprehensive eye health services in low-income schools around the world.

How does it work?

Lions partner with government, schools, and community-based organizations to identify locations in underserved communities. Lions train teachers about the importance of eye health. Lions work with schools to screen children. Lions coordinate follow-up care for children who are referred to medical institutions. Qualified eye care providers provide special surgeries and treatment for children.

In twenty years, 42 million children around the world have been screened. 600,000 students have been treated. 500,000 pairs of eyeglasses have been provided to children in need.

The need continues, and so the work continues. So our support of our foundation, LCIF, must continue. If I have not been to your club, please contact me to schedule a visit. If you'd like to know more about what you or your club can do, please contact me, Daniel Burkeen, dburkeen@earthlink.net, 254-625-0071.



Well, it is already February middle of the third quarter and projects are being planned to service your communities during the second half of the year and your needing help with your project please check with the Texas Lions Foundation. I would like to ask clubs as they are planning their projects and are not giving to TLF, please look at start giving 100% or if you are already giving increase your club's giving to the T L F to 200%, or maybe 300% recognize someone with a TLF award. Donations can also be given by individuals in various ways and I can show you the ways you can, please contact me or go to the Foundation website.

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. Here is the link to get further information [Click here](#).

I am available to come to your club or come online if you prefer and do a presentation on the Texas Lions Foundation. Please contact me by phone 254-289-9550 or by email Lmeeker53@gmail.com.

Yours in Lionism
PDG Lisle W. Meeker
TLF Trustee

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

MUSEUM UPDATE

Fellow Lions,

YOUR museum is up and running! Although the official opening is scheduled for the August COG time frame, you can tour the facility now. Exhibits include International Parade uniforms, eye exam equipment from 1968, a box of mints courtesy of 2-X3, and a display of all LCI Presidential medals. Now open is the interactive theater, and an oral history booth.

Each District has been challenged to support the museum by getting 2 Ebb Grindstaff Fellows and 6 Life Members per year. I know we can meet this goal, as several Lions from my club have done these, but I do not have visibility on other clubs. I am asking each club president or secretary to let me know if they have any Lions who have done one or the other this Lion Year.

On behalf of the museum trustees, Thank you all for your support!

PDG Joe Holman

ALL MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

FREE CHILDREN'S WALK-IN CLINIC FOR UNINSURED/HOMELESS KIDS

LOW CO-PAY PRESCRIPTIONS COVERED FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

2023 Spring Schedule

- Feb 25 - **Salado High School**
1880 Williams Rd, Salado
- April 22 - **Harker Heights Activities Center**
400 Indian Trail Drive, Harker Heights
- July 29 - **Chilton High School**
905 Durango Ave, Chilton
- Aug 12 - **New Day Fellowship**
510 East Ave J, Temple

Saturday 9:00AM-12PM



Services offered*:

- = **FREE VACCINES***
- = WELL/SICK CHILD VISITS
- = SPORT PHYSICALS
- = VISION/HEARING
- = DENTAL SCREENINGS
- = COUNSELORS
- = CARE PACKAGES
- = *** AS AVAILABLE**

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Jim Hornsby Feed My Sheep Children's Free Clinic is a 501(c)3 charitable organization

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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The **TEMPLE BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB MUSIC FESTIVAL** is Saturday April 1st 2023 **BENEFITING THE TEXAS LION'S CAMP** which is a 501c3 organization.

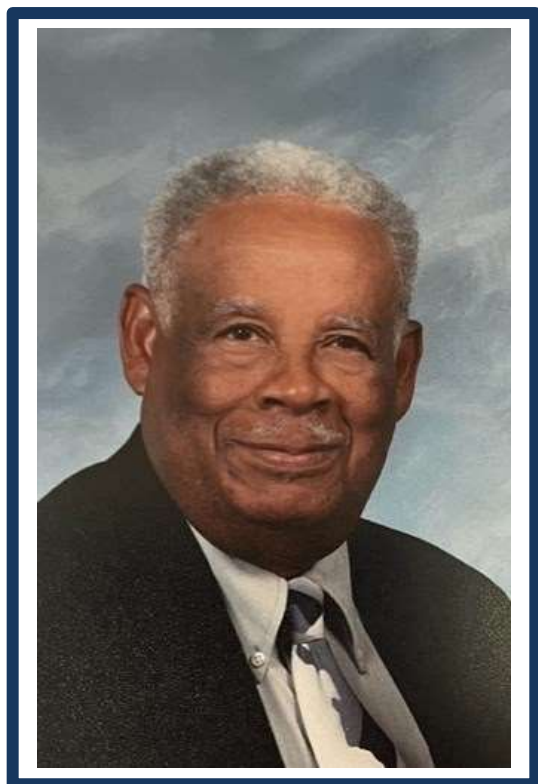
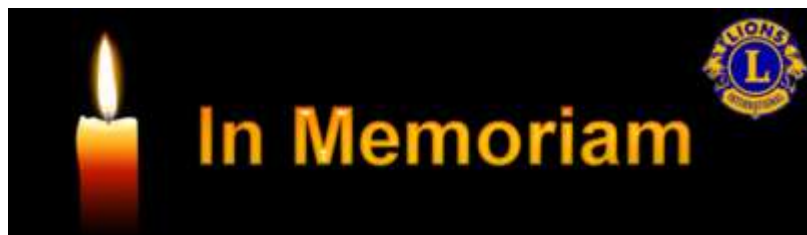
Featuring **ERIC PASLAY**, a former camper of the Texas Lion's Camp programs. As a child Eric received life-changing benefits from the camp. Now all grown up, he will return to perform a **LIVE** concert in honor to the Texas Lion's camp in his own hometown of **TEMPLE, TEXAS**. Co-star of the event is **Holly Tucker**, an American country music singer and multi-instrumentalist who starred on Season 4 of television series **The VOICE** In addition, a wide variety of live artists are also performing. Genres include **BLUES, ZYDECO, CLASSIC ROCK, COUNTRY, and RED DIRT COUNTRY**. Six bands will perform at the **Newly Renovated MLK Jr. Festival Grounds 301 S. 4th St. Temple, Texas**

APRIL 1st from 2:30-11:30pm

We have some great hotels in the area and great attractions and invite you to come and enjoy the weekend with us. For those that cannot make it to Temple we have a deal for you. Watch it on your computer. Go to this link and purchase a stream ticket for \$10.00 or \$20.00 to attend and enjoy the event.



<https://centraltexastickets.com/organizations/temple-breakfast-lion-s-club>



Waco Founder Lions said goodbye to Lion Willie Hobbs who served his club for 51 years. Helping others was the driving force that governed Willie's career. He served on a vast array of boards and was named Lion of the Year for 2003-2004.

District 2-X3 offers its condolences to all clubs and family members that have lost Lions.



CLUB NEWS

BUFFALO



Leon County Extension Agent Richard Parrish was the guest speaker today at the Buffalo Lions Club meeting. Club President Sam Lindsey is presenting the Buffalo Lions Club pin to Richard as a thank you for his presentation.

CORSICANA



Peace poster winners
From left to right:
Lei Rhoten, Claire Spruce (1st place), Isha Patel and teacher at Mildred Middle School



Lion Tammie Perry, Lei Rhoten, Lion President Melissa Gray



Lion Tammie Perry, Isa Patel, Lion Pres. Melissa Gray



Right: Lion Debbie Hanks, Claire Spruce (First Place, 5th Place at District), Lion Tammie Perry

Left: We have donated to the Fallen Officers Fund. Lion Sam Thompson's son was killed in the line of duty in Dallas. This was presented to our club in his son's name, Brent Thompson.

Pictured: Lion President Melissa Gray and Lion Sam Thompson



New Members



Corsicana Cont'd

We built a playground equipment for the House of Refuge in Corsicana. The original playground was not in good condition. The House of Refuge is a place where women and children are housed until they can find a new home. They are usually women who have left their abusive spouses. They can house 4 to 5 families.

BELTON:
STEVEN SMITH

GATESVILLE:
ERIC J MOFFETT

GROESBECK:
AYDE GARCIA
BETH WESTHOFF

HAMILTON:
HARPER STEWART

HILLSBORO:
LAUREN LLOYD

MERIDIAN:
RUSTY RIDGEWAY

PALESTINE:
JIMMY GILES

TEMPLE BREAKFAST:
JOSHUA D SMITH
ANN K TAYLOR
TIMOTHY E TAYLOR



GATESVILLE

Thank you to all those that support the Lions Club! The pictures are only capturing a fraction of those there to enjoy and help. Many thanks to Sarah McKamie, her team, and all who helped at the Chili Supper.



The mission of this foundation is to partner with schools to implement heart screening programs with electrocardiogram as a part of pre-participation physicals, and raise awareness that Sudden Cardiac Arrest is preventable. →



←The Cody Stephens Belt Buckle will be auctioned off on February 8, the second Wednesday. Lion Pat Chesser has agreed to be the Auctioneer and promises to make it be an exciting experience.

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. We worked around the weather, and continued to support the Killeen Food Care Center. We were proud to forward the first-place certificate and check to Clemente Gonzalez for his Peace Poster entry, and are awaiting the results from the MD2 competition. We did have a less than happy meeting this month, when we bid farewell to PDG Richard and Lion Martha Surface, as they have moved to be nearer family. We presented them with Life Memberships to the Texas Lions Camp as a token of our esteem and in honor of their outstanding service to the Killeen Noon Lions Club. The good news from their move is that they have already transferred their membership to the local club.



MCGREGOR

Club gave \$500 to Mother Neff State Park Association to continue support of conservation and environmental efforts in the park. We also recently gave \$2000 to LCIF to prevent blindness. Club continues planning for Annual Barrels, BBQ, and Car Show event April 14-16, 2023 at the Extraco Events Center, Waco, TX. Admission is absolutely free!

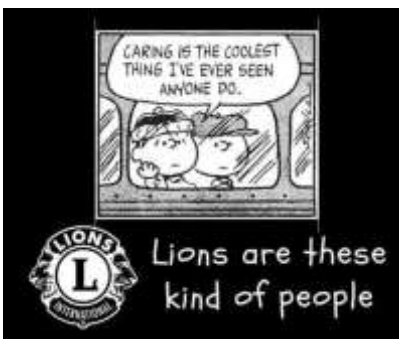


PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions volunteered at the East Texas Food Bank (with our Leos) on Saturday, Jan 7th. We packed 535 senior care boxes with the following food items: 1 bottle grape juice, 1 container of milk, 2 boxes cereal, 3 cans apple sauce, 2 cans diced tomatoes, 2 cans corn, 2 cans potatoes, 2 cans beans, 2 cans soup, 1 can pink salmon, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 bag rice, 1 bag spaghetti, 2 bags chicken meat, and 1 nonfat dry milk package.



Below: Piney Woods Lions Club held the monthly free Produce Distribution on Jan 17th since the 3rd Monday was a holiday for the East Texas Food Bank. ETFB sent us 20 pallets comprised of: 10 pallets frozen meat, 2.5 pallets sweet potatoes, 1 pallet onions, 1 pallet Idaho potatoes, 2 pallets of cabbage, and 2 pallets of mixed produce.



WE SERVE



Piney Woods Lions Club picked up 17 bags of trash along 2 miles of Loop 304 on January 21st. This was an adopt-a-highway joint event with the Piney Woods Leo Club.



Piney Woods Lions Club members brought cookies to the Jan 23 monthly club meeting. The cookies were arranged onto platters and containers to be delivered to numerous elected officials in Crockett and Houston ← County. →



ROBINSON AREA

We had a good showing at the Midwinter Cabinet meeting in Marlin. Our club received a Club Excellence patch, and two of our members were awarded International Certificates of Appreciation.



1VDG Lion Randi Wilde receiving her International Certificate of Appreciation with DG Darie McCleaves, ID TJ Tijerina and PID Sam Lindsey



Hunger Chair Lion Jorge Trujillo receiving an International Certificate of Appreciation with DG Darie McCleaves, ID TJ Tijerina and PID Sam Lindsey



President Lion Mandy Moss receiving the Club Excellence patch

Robinson Area Lions sponsored a blood drive at New Road Church of Christ on January 8th



Lion Gary Moss donating



A group of ladies waiting their turn to donate: 1VDG Lion Randi, President Mandy Moss, a visitor and Lion Linda Sanders



Lion Linda Moll donating

1VDG Lion Randi and Lion Linda Vaughn helping the Clifton Lions Club with their Kids Against Hunger event. →

Robinson Area Lions are honored to have been able to sign up to sponsor a family to Texas Lions Family Camp this summer.

Our club has joined in an effort to partner with Boy Scouts of America. Lion Mandy has completed all the paperwork to allow our club to partner with the local Boy Scouts group. She is now a COR Community Organization Representative for the Scout group. This will give us more opportunities to do community service projects with the assistance of the Scouts. The Scouts are now a Family Pack status which includes boys and girls. We are excited about this new opportunity.



SALADO



We were so pleased to have Dr. Jennifer Gacke with Mobile Vet as our first guest speaker of the month.



We were also pleased to have Ronnie Wells, local Salado artist and owner of the Wells Studio & Gallery



We were so pleased to recognize our Peace Poster winners at our luncheon!

Pictured left to right above are: Kali Smith (1st Place), Lion Rita Zbrank (event organizer), Justice Fettig (2nd Place), Jackie McNamara (3rd Place).

TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES



We had a terrific Guest Speaker at our monthly meeting: Second Vice District Governor Renee Kettler. We are now preparing for some fundraising opportunities in March.



WACO WOMENS

January was full of special meetings. At our local meeting in January, speaker Becky Veroneau, a safety educator and teacher in Lampasas ISD and a representative of Damsel Pro discussed how to be safe in our surroundings. If you need a speaker, check her out on our Facebook page or online, mydamselpro.net/beckyv.

Waco Women's Lions Club had the honoring of sponsoring new club, McLennan County Lake Waco Lions Club (and we thought our name was a mouth full). The night was full of induction of officers by International Director TJ Tijerina, bidding on baskets of special items, exchanging ideas with a new club and meeting lots of fun people who want to serve their community as lions.

The following day Lions Karen Noles, Janna Marusak, Sharon Harper and B.C. Seely attend the District 2-X3 Mid-Winter Conference in Marlin, TX. We were able to a visit again with International Director TJ and his wife, Juanita, along with many other District 2-X3 members. The Marlin Lions Club presented International Director TJ Tijerina a custom-made blanket depicting historical scenes from the Marlin area at our conference. Lions always have business to conduct but also have time for some fun as you can see from the pictures below.





PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leos volunteered with the Lions at the East Texas Food Bank on Saturday, Jan 7th. We packed 535 senior care boxes to be distributed to seniors somewhere in the 26 counties covered by the ETFB. A reporter from CBS 19 Tyler came by and filmed the club working on the assembly line. She also briefly interviewed Leo Club Vice President Grace Nesbitt, and told us the segment would air on the 10pm news on Jan 7th.



Piney Woods Leos volunteered alongside the Piney Woods Lions Club on Jan 21st for Adopt-a-Highway. They picked up 17 bags of trash along their 2-mile assigned route.



Piney Woods Leos volunteered in the Piney Woods Fine Art association's concession stand on Jan 19th. They sold popcorn, water & soft drinks, and candy.



Piney Woods Leo Club volunteered with Piney Woods Lions Club at the monthly free Produce Distribution on Jan 17th. The weather was much more comfortable with the warmer temperatures after December's wet and cold distribution. We helped handout 20 pallets of food to families in Houston County.

