



January 2023

Hello All Lion Members,
 I am writing this message to everyone in hopes that it will inspire you to serve others with many hands and your special talents. When you take a look around the district and your local community you will see many things that inspire you. During the past year many things have been presented to all of us and here are just a few of them in no certain order. We have had a new club start up and they currently have 21 members. The clubs are doing a lot of vision screening this year which means that we are helping more children get the needed support in a timely manner. Clubs are meeting in person to host general meeting and sharing great stories of success. Our soldiers are deploying to third world countries and returning home safely to their families. We know that a soldier gives his or her all for us and never thinks twice about it. That is a strong commitment to serve and we as Lions can take away something good from what they do and believe in as a team of one. The district leadership would like to ask each of you to think about hosting a service project

and invite members of your community and from your neighboring community to help out. Being the club that always ask others to come and join a club in service will increase the potential of meeting new faces. For each of the clubs as a group I ask that you consider what it would take for us to grow in service and implement a program that meets the needs of your community. Look back at the times that you feel were your best moments in life and bring it to the table in your club. Knowing that you are making a difference in your club is all that we are asking for in this year of 2023. Together we all make a difference and together we can do many things. Please take off the fighting gloves of it can't be done, and put on the gloves of this is our time to shine and make it happen. Reach out to other organizations to gain more helping hands to serve and then from those hands make an invite for them to join our great organization. Believing that if they see us in service and we place service first always could be the key to grow across the board.

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Before I close this message, I will leave these thoughts with you, to consider a path forward. A politician will deliver a speech to persuade people to vote a certain way. A coach will try to motivate the team to victory. A teacher works to impart knowledge to the students. A Lion has many talents and when you look at your community the leadership you could offer is beyond anything. Ask yourself this question - How will you greet the swiftly changing year?

The current membership of the district is down 8 members, but we can still make a difference by working together to close the exit door and opening the front door to each club. Service, membership and believing that we can end the year with a positive growth is what it will take to have a successful year. I believe that we can do this, and I have faith that the year will be better over the next few months, starting today.

Final thoughts to support inspiring others. Please use the district newsletter, Facebook site and webpage to show your appreciation to each of your members. We can update the Facebook and website if you share your messages with us. We are praying that each of you are having a great start of the new year. We ask that if you see something that a club is doing great, or you see an opportunity to show off the talents of a Lion/community member share it with us. Step outside of the box and be the difference we all need today. The district is always here to help and bring out the good in every club/member. The district convention is coming up in April and we hope to see many clubs and members in attendance. This year is about all of us and family doing great service for those in need.

Inspire Others, Thanks
DG Lion Darie





Puzzle Piece

Who likes to sit on a Sunday afternoon (not during football season) and complete a puzzle?

I recall when I was younger being so excited when my aunts would come to visit. More than being able to see them and enjoy their company, we would always as a family complete a puzzle. Puzzles take time, but our patience and perseverance are rewarded with the completed puzzle, revealing that beautiful picture we had been trying to put together. It is so satisfying to see the entire picture. That final piece brings together the picture and makes it whole - as the picture on the box promised.

We as Lions are solving a puzzle each day within our communities. We have a vision of what our community needs and how we can get the “puzzle” solved. We must put together the pieces to see the entire picture. With that being said, we cannot complete the “puzzle” without assistance from different members in our club and in our community. Each one of us brings a different skill set and talent to the table. That is what makes us so successful. We listen to one another to achieve a goal. Sometimes we may fail because we are missing the “puzzle” piece. We meet individuals every day that are our “missing puzzle piece.”

I encourage you to bring them to one of your club service projects to see what Lions do. The vision for the district is to grow a diverse district through establishing new clubs and membership growth in existing clubs. Another endeavor is for each city that has multiple clubs in their community to come together to have a group service project and/or fundraising project. Doing each of these tasks will help us complete our puzzle.

“Missing pieces do more than complete the puzzle, they fill in an empty space.” - Luanne Rice

Believe in the I'MPossible! Be the missing puzzle piece!

Believe,

1st VDG Randi Wilde
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Lion Renee Kettler
2nd Vice District Governor
254-386-7358
LionReneeKettler@gmail.com



January brings new beginnings. Resolutions are made, mantras are formed, and many of us are seeking to reset after 2023.

I look forward to the last half of the fiscal year and watching your club succeed in the goals you set in July. Take time in January to reflect on the things you have accomplished thus far and reestablish the desire to serve. Within the process, take time for yourself. You cannot serve from an empty cup. Service to others is in what we do. Service to yourself is a priority.

January is our focus on hunger. Do you have a service project planned? Remember, service to others does not have to cost your club money. A service project surrounding hunger can be a volunteer day at the local food bank. Ask your members to help organize, restock shelves, transport donations or organize a food collection.

I look forward to watching you roar in 2023.

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!

Do not forget our service focus for January is hunger. What can you do? Have you donated to a local food pantry? A simple food drive at a monthly meeting can do so much for your local community. If you need ideas, reach out to Lion Jorge, I know he is ready to help!

September 2022 - Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month

District Pediatric Cancer Chairperson: DG Darie McCleaves, Killeen Evening Club
Darie.mccleaves@gmail.com; 254-423-3893

October 2022 - Vision Awareness Month

World Sight Day, October 13th

District Vision Co-Chairperson: Lion Lea Ann Batey, Temple-Belton Lady Lions Club
Leab1031@gmail.com; 254-598-0016

District Vision Co-Chairperson: PDG Lawrence Sanchez, Killeen Evening Lions Club
Lasertag9850@gmail.com; 254-466-5037

November 2022 - Diabetes Awareness Month

World Diabetes Day, November 14th

Diabetes Chairperson: Lion Richard Bergman, Clifton Lions Club
Rrberg07@gmail.com; 254-749-8794

January 2023 - Hunger Awareness Month

District Hunger Chairperson: Lion Jorge Trujillo, Robinson Area Lions Club
Jorgetru14@gmail.com; 254-339-5647

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

San Marcos Hotel & Conference Center

1001 E. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666

(855) 680-3239



JOURNEY DOWN THE RIVER OF LIONISM

JOIN YOUR FELLOW MD2 LIONS AT THE
TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
FEB. 25TH-26TH
EMBASSY SUITES SAN MARCOS



TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE THE FUTURE BETTER

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.



Club Officers - Due 15 May in LCI

Club President

Presides over meetings to keep order and on agenda. Supports club chairs and members in activities, promotes club to community and helps find/brainstorm service projects.

Club 1st Vice President (1VP)

1 VP is there to preside over meetings where the Club President cannot make it. They also help in providing leadership training and membership support. They are mentored by the current President and mentor 2nd VP if there is one.

Club Secretary

Club Secretary keeps the club running smoothly and club operations support and for club board of directors. They maintain current club roster and ensure club contact information is current. They also help keep track of the club calendar for social or service activities, order club supplies as needed and act as official note taker for minutes. They are the only officer who can add new members to the club after club approval.

Club Treasurer

The Club Treasurer is responsible for keeping "the books" of the club, both the administrative and public projects account. They keep the club's financial records operating within ethical and proper fiduciary parameters. They issue invoices, process payments and fundraising money and issue receipts as well.

Club Membership Chair (Global Membership Team Chair, Club GMT)

Membership GMT Chair Actively help all members promote club and help ask others to become members. Recruit community leaders to join. Develop and host recruiting events and work with public relations chair to market club service as a recruiting tool. Although it takes everyone to help grow, Membership chairs receive emails and training from LCI to help understand resources available.

Club Service Chair (Global Service Team chair, GST)

Club Service Chair you actively seek out community needs and partnerships to develop impactful service projects. They take into account member's skills and connections to help keep everyone engaged, projects diverse and the community needs updated and relative. Works to cover projects within the 5 LCI Global Causes of Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Pediatric Cancer. Is able to assist Club Secretary in submitting activities and fundraisers into MyLion.

Club Leadership Chair (Global Leadership Team Chair, GST)

Club Leadership Chair is usually filled by 1VP but can be separate person. They provide training opportunities and disseminate District, State and LCI training to the club members. Helps support GMT member orientations. Receives LCI emails on additional resources.

Marketing & Communications Chair Can be referred to as Public Relations Chair

Marketing and Communications Chair duties include promoting club public image by submitting articles and flyer promotions on service projects and fundraising opportunities to newspapers, social media, community calendars and more. Is administrator on club social media page (Facebook). Can be a shared responsibility.

LCIF Coordinator

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the foundational arm of LCI. Clubs can apply for grants for Disaster Relief or Humanitarian projects. The qualifications for many of the grants is how much the club members have collectively donated to LCIF themselves. Many years there is also a District goal for LCIF donations. LCIF has member and club recognition levels. As coordinator you'll help motivate members on donating to LCIF and the why behind even just \$100 can make a huge impact. We do not currently have one. Many times it will be the Immediate Past President.



Welcome to Our Newest Lions in 2-X3!



December 2022



Grapeland Noon Lions Club

- Lion Greg Ritchie (Sponsor: Lion Martha Childress)
- Lion Ray Ritchie (Sponsor: Lion Martha Childress)

Hamilton Lions Club

- Lion Nancy Sellers (Sponsor: Lion Ted Sellers)
- Lion Jeff Sweeten (Sponsor: Lion Ben Overton)

Hillsboro Lions Club

- Lion Charles Eaton (Sponsor: Lion Kennie Nowlin)

McLennan County Lake Waco Lions Club

- Lion Doug Ahaway (Charter Member)
- Lion Greg Antunes (Charter Member)
- Lion Jon Antunes (Charter Member)
- Lion Bret Arnold (Charter Member)
- Lion Adam Beckner (Charter Member)
- Lion Tim Condon (Charter Member)
- Lion Tommy Edds (Charter Member)
- Lion Michael Faulkner (Charter Member)
- Lion Cutter Haigood (Charter Member)
- Lion Christian Lambert (Charter Member)
- Lion Robert Lever (Charter Member)
- Lion Jones Mitchell (Charter Member)
- Lion Ethan Painter (Charter Member)
- Lion Kelly Painter (Charter Member)
- Lion Sydney Painter (Charter Member)
- Lion Robert Rasner (Charter Member)

Continue...



December 2022



McLennan County Lake Waco Lions Club (Continue)

- Lion Stormy Reeves (Charter Member)
- Lion Nathan Rut (Charter Member)
- Lion John Randall Ryan (Charter Member)
- Lion Braden Skains (Charter Member)
- Lion Lise Uhl (Charter Member)

Mexia Lions Club

- Lion Lynda Condon (Sponsor: Lion Kathleen Stubbs)
- Lion Micah Renovato (Sponsor: Lion Taylor Rocheleau)

Palestine Lions Club

- Lion Kirk Parsons (Sponsor: Lion Michael Ezzell)

Waco Women's Lions Club

- Lion Rebecca Graves (Sponsor: Lion BC Seely)



Recruiting Summer Staff

TLC is currently recruiting staff globally. We typically swell to a compliment of 165 caring, employees throughout the Summer that implement the program. Interested parties may learn more and [make application at our website](#).

Camp

The [Camper schedule is posted online](#) and consist generally of 1) Camps for physical disabilities in June, 2) Camps for type-1 diabetes in early July, and 3) Family camps in later July. Again, the calendar for 2023 and 2024 are available in multiple formats for your review.

Camper Application

Camper applications are now being accepted for the summer of 2023 and may be [filed online at the website](#). You will note there is a page for residential youth camp and family camp, both of which are made by opening an account and filing the application. We are excited to be returning to pre-pandemic operations and our residential youth camps.

Workdays

Spring workday are upon us, the schedule and sign-up list of which is [posted at our website](#). Unique to this year will be move-in and assembly of bunk beds in the new facilities.

TLC Presentations:

If your club has not had the chance to schedule your Texas Lions Camp presentation, please contact one of the District 2-X3 Directors so they can get you on their calendar:

Dick Chapin:
254-319-8034
Dchapin77@gmail.com

Natalie Austin:
254-289-7725
naustin@tricitypm.com

Century Club

Texas Lions Camp • PO Box 290247 • Kerrville, TX • 78029-0247
www.lionscamp.com • (830) 896-8500

The Century Club is an annual opportunity to personally participate in giving to Texas Lions Camp and the programs it has established to provide at no cost a quality summer camp experience for Texas children with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer. An individual, couple, family or business can be a Century Club member by giving annually or monthly at whatever level you desire. Choose the level and how you'd like to make your payments whether lump sum or monthly through automatic draft. Automatic bank draft can be set up simply by filling out the information necessary on the form below and including a voided check. All Century Club members will receive an inscribed plaque, patch and a lapel pin. Each year a new medallion for your plaque will arrive once your annual membership renewal is paid. At the end of 10 years membership, a new plaque will arrive along with your eleventh year medallion. Fill out the form below with the level you'd like to start with and send it with your payment to Texas Lions Camp at the address given above. For any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For: _____

(print name exactly as it should appear on plaque)

All monies from Century Club go to the TLC General Fund.

Donor: _____ **Ship Plaque to:** _____
Address: _____ **Address:** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Email:** _____
Email: _____
Club Name: _____ **Method of payment:** Check Credit Card
District: _____ **Phone:** _____ Automatic Draft

Support Levels

(please check appropriate choice)

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Level | _____ Single annual gift of \$100 | or | _____ \$10 monthly automatic draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level | _____ Single annual gift of \$250 | or | _____ \$21 monthly automatic draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level | _____ Single annual gift of \$500 | or | _____ \$42 monthly automatic draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Level | _____ Single annual gift of \$1,000 | or | _____ \$84 monthly automatic draft |



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





As we begin the new year, many of us have made resolutions. How is that going for you? Some of us have set lofty goals (myself included). The problem with lofty goals, is that they sometimes are so far out of reach, that when we stumble, we become frustrated. One approach is to write down your goals using the SMART method:

Specific- Be exact on what you expect to accomplish by setting your goal.

Measurable - Develop a way to measure your progress.

Achievable - Make sure the goal is attainable and achievable and that you have the resources and support to reach that goal

Relevant - Make sure your goal lines up with your objective (lose weight, exercise, eat healthier, etc.)

Time-Based - Be sure and set a deadline for reaching your goal-this will give you extra sense of urgency as you work to achieve the goal

For us Diabetics, we should always have goals. Here are just a few to get you started:

1. Annual Physical- You should at the very least see your doctor once a year to have a complete physical to include bloodwork-more often if your doctor requires.
2. Begin or continue exercising. This doesn't mean you have to join a gym or buy a set of heavy weights-go for a daily walk, do some yardwork, ride a bike, etc.
3. Eat healthier. We have all just gone through the holidays and probably had a few more carbs and a little more sugar than we should have. Start off the new year my making a conscious effort to cut back on the sugar and carbs. If you don't already, start reading food labels-you will be amazed!

It is my sincere hope and prayer that each of you have a safe and healthy New Year and remember, be SMART about your goals!

Sincerely,

Richard Bergman

District Diabetes Chair-MD 2-X3



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 as 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 NEW YEAR

PEACE

Celebrating Over 30 Years of Peace 2022-23

The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1988 to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their creativity through art.

District 2-X3 had 10 entries this year. I am very glad to see our clubs offering this contest to our middle school age students. Their interpretation of Peace is always most interesting.

Kits are available online from International Lions website.

I am pleased to announce our winners for the 2022-2023 contest, Lead with Compassion:

- 5th Place-Corsicana Lions Club-Claire Spruce
- 4th Place-Waco Founder Lions Club-Holland Harp
- 3rd Place-Waco Women's Lions Club-Serena Arias
- 2nd Place-Salado Lions Club-Kali Smith
- 1st Place-Killeen Noon Lions Club-Clemente Gonzales

District Peace Poster Chair

B.C. Seely

Bc1seely@gmail.com





1st Place Killeen Noon Lions Club-
Clemente Gonzales

Texas Lions Camp Knife Sheaths

Attached is an order blank for special lasered & hand-tooled knife sheaths. These fit the special Case knives with handles made from rock from Texas Lions Camp, which we have been selling the last 3 years. This knife is the one shown above the sheaths on the form. If you haven't seen them, the 2 bladed knife is beautifully lasered with the Lion's & TLC's logos, along with the words "Texas Lions Camp - children can with TLC". If you are interested in the knife, you can contact Lion Ken Jobe, whose info is on the form for the knife sheaths.

The timing is critical, because (like everything else) the price of leather is going up dramatically, according to the leather tooler, and our costs will double after the 1st weekend in February. This will obviously do the same thing to our selling prices. So, if you want one or more, get your order in now. Orders dated by February 5th will be honored at the rates on the form. (The form says January 31st, but they have agreed to let the current price stand through our Feb. Council meeting in Kerrville.)

These knife sheaths have the Camp's special 75th Anniversary Logo. I know many Lions don't have the current knife and it may not be available much longer to buy. However, a new TLC 75th Anniversary edition Case knife will be coming out soon with a handle made out of wood from the camp. They will also be laser engraved on one of the blades. They will fit in these knife sheaths. So this will be a chance to get a knife sheath for either or both knives before the prices soar.

PCC Tom Blase
1st Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee
Texas Lions Camp



Serving Children Since 1949

For the benefit of

Texas Lions Camp
75th Anniversary
Case "Trapper" Style Knife Sheath

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Handmade and tooled by JDS Leather, Kerrville, Texas

***ATTENTION: Prices will be going up drastically for all orders after Jan., 31st, 2023.
 Leather prices have doubled, but JDS Leather will hold these prices until then.**

<u>Style</u>	<u>Price</u> (each)	<u># ordered</u>	<u>Extended</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Side of Belt</u>	
				# Right	# Left
Laser Sheath	\$40*	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Laser & Tooled Sheath	\$50*	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Laser & Tooled Sheath w/colored logo	\$60*	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Subtotal of All Items			\$ _____		
Add \$4 per Sheath for shipping			\$ _____		
Total with shipping			\$ _____		

Make Checks Payable to: **District 2S1**

Mail Checks to: PDG Ken Jobe, 4749 County Road 2590, Chester, TX 75936

(Hand tooling takes time, please allow at least 10-12 weeks for shipping.)



Hillsboro Lions Club Annual Chili Lunch



Hillsboro Historic City Hall
127 E. Franklin St.

Sunday, February 5th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Dine-in

Take-out

Curbside Pick-up

Tickets \$10.00 per person

We are also collecting canned goods to help restock our community food pantry.



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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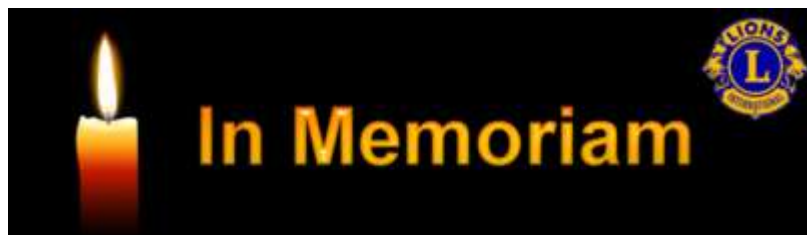
The **TEMPLE BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB MUSIC FESTIVAL** is Saturday April 1st 2023 benefiting The **TEXAS LION'S CAMP**.

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**.

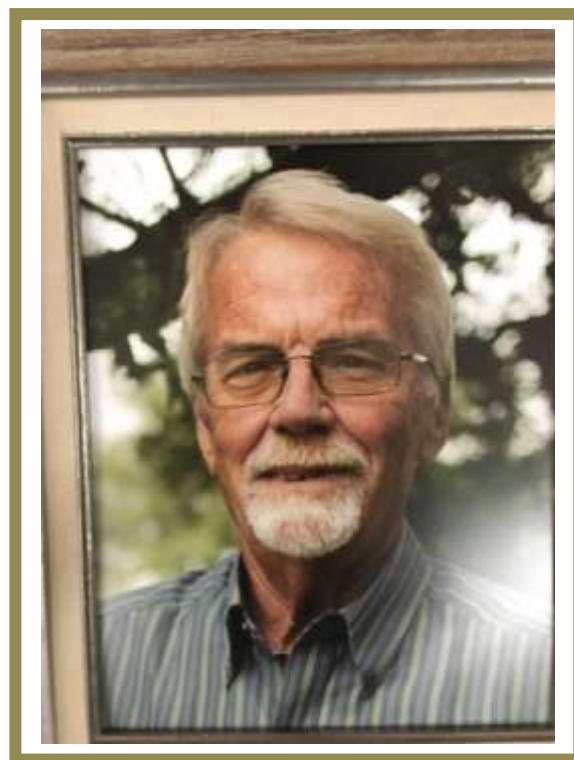
Co-star of the event is **Holly Tucker**, an American country music singer and multi-instrumentalist who starred on Season 4 of television series **The VOICE**. In addition, a wide variety of live artists are also performing. Genres include **BLUES, ZYDECO, CLASSIC ROCK, and RED DIRT COUNTRY**. Six bands will perform at the Newly Renovated MLK Jr. Festival Grounds Temple Texas.

APRIL 1st from 3:30-11:30pm

We request your participation to make more life-changing differences to physically disabled and medically challenged children of Texas. The Texas LION's CAMP is a residential summer camp for children with physical disabilities and with medical conditions from across The State of TEXAS. Campers attend one of nine, 1-week sessions at **NO COST** to the children or parents. Your contribution is deeply valued. There are tiered levels of sponsorship. VIP seating and **INFORMATION** vendor stands are available. Our LIONS motto is **WE CARE**, and we hope you will too! For more information contact Event Director Lisle Meeker 254-289-9550



Hamilton Lions said goodbye to their beloved member, Bobby Sellers. Lion Bobby was their tail twister, who loved fishing.



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

CLUB NEWS

BELTON

Below: We are so blessed and thankful to be able to serve and give back to our community and families! Belton Lions delivered Thanksgiving baskets for HOCTIL families less fortunate. Where there is a need; there is a Lion. Proud and humbled to be Belton Lions.



Below: Each year, Belton Lions are honored to participate in the B.I.S.D. HeartBEAT Angel Program - helping to provide Christmas for less fortunate children in the Belton School District



Below: Thank You to the Lake Belton High School Choir for joining Belton Lions at our Christmas Lunch; beautiful Christmas music from very talented students.



← Through Belton Lion member contributions and generous support from H-E-B and WalMart in Belton, we delivered Christmas Baskets to HOCTIL families for Christmas Dinner! →



New Members



Belton Cont'd

Below: Belton Lions had the pleasure to host "Pictures with Santa Claus for Children with Special Needs and their Families". Thank you to HOCTIL - Susie Marek for organizing this incredible opportunity to SERVE, and to, Michelle Renchler for all of your amazing help.



GRAPELAND:
GREG RITCHIE
RAY RITCHIE

HAMILTON:
NANCY SELLERS
JEFF SWEETEN

HILLSBORO:
CHARLES EATON

LAKE WACO:
DOUG AHAWAY
GREG ANTUNES
JON ANTUNES
BRET ARNOLD
ADAM BECKNER
TIM CONDON
TOMMY L EDDS
MICHAEL FAULKNER
CUTTER HAIGOOD
CHRISTIAN LAMBERT
ROBERT LEVER
JONES MITCHELL
ETHAN PAINTER
KELLY PAINTER
SYDNEY PAINTER
ROBERT RASNER
STORMY REEVES
NATHAN RUT
JOHN RANDALL RYAN
BRADEN SKAINS
LISE K UHL

MEXIA:
LYNDA L CONDON
MICAHA M RENOVATO

PALESTINE:
KIRK PARSONS

WACO WOMENS:
REBECCA D GRAVES

GATESVILLE

Don't forget the Gatesville Lions Club "Chili Supper" on January 27, 2023
Where: Gatesville High School Cafeteria
Time: 4 PM - 7 PM
Cost: Adults \$7.00 Children \$4.00
Menu: Choice of Chili or Soup, Beans, Drink & Dessert





Thank you to all of the lions and citizens of Gatesville that purchased pies for our pie sale fundraiser. It wouldn't have been a success without everyone's help!

(Sysco helped with the supply, Bush's helped with the freezer storage, and Micobe's helped with the location.)



HEWITT

Many in Central Texas will have a brighter Christmas because of the efforts of the Hewitt Lions Club. During the 2022 holiday season the Hewitt Lions raised \$220.00 for Food for Families and donated 145 lbs. of food; donated 15 bicycles, money and toys for Toys for Tots and raised \$1182.07 for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Fund.

During the month of October, the Hewitt Lions sold many raffle tickets on Friday and Saturday at Keith's ACE Hardware in Hewitt, Texas to raise money for the Hewitt Lions Foundation Fund for High School Scholarships primarily benefiting Midway High School in Hewitt, Texas. The Lions raffled off a Traeger Pro 780 Grill/Smoker bought from Keith's ACE Hardware. On Thursday December 15 the Lions had the drawing for the grill at Keith's ACE Hardware Store and the winner of the grill was Ronald Perkins, owner of Hobby Town in Waco. The winning ticket was sold by John Noles of the Hewitt Lions Club. Congratulations to both and thank you Keith's ACE Hardware.



Bikes donated to Toys for Tots



Magnetic signs used on the vehicles to deliver toys

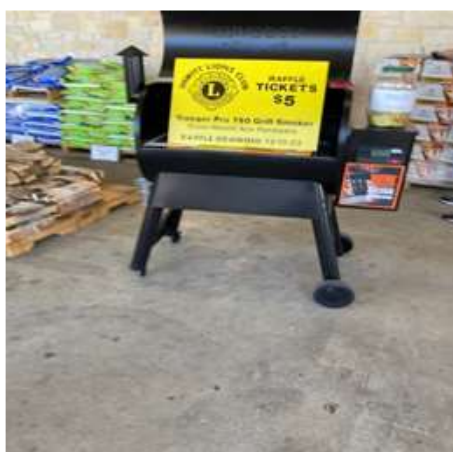


More toys donated to Toys for Tots

Below: Some of the Hewitt Lion Club Red Kettle Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army



Traeger Pro 780 Grill/Smoker Drawing - Thursday, 12/15/2022



Red Shirt - Brian ACE Manager

Traeger 780 Grill

Grill Winner - Ronald Perkins

HILLSBORO



Left: Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Dr. Darrell Brown who is coming out of retirement to take the position as Superintendent of Hillsboro ISD. He will start on January 9th. He most recently led Birdville ISD, in Haltom City, as superintendent. He told the group about his experiences that led him to pursue a career in education and his excitement to join the community.

Right: Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Ruth and Helena to the club on Tuesday. Both were finalists in the Club's Peace Poster competition and the winner was sent off for the district competition. This year's contest had the theme of 'Leading with Compassion' and all of the entries definitely showed compassion. Helena's Peace Poster went on the district competition.



Pictured are (L to R): Lions Club President Cami Steele, Ruth Portillo, Helena Huy, and Lion Angela Boyd

KILLEEN EVENING

Meeting with 1VDG Randi Wilde 12/06/2022

Lion Julie Bridges received a replacement Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque. 2nd VP Luis Acosta received his first Melvin Jones Fellowship. PCC Richard Robinson receive his twenty-fourth Melvin Jones Fellowship pin.



Polar Express 12/19/2022



Below: KELC Christmas Party 12/18/2022



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 a special Christmas session where the players donned Santa hats. Club members logged over 80 hours of service at the Killeen Food Care Center throughout the month, supporting over 500 families with needed staples. Weekly meetings continued with great programs, wild Tail Twister antics, and planning for the spring golf tournament. The Noon Lions also honored Clemente Gonzalez, this year's KNLC Peace Poster entrant to District. Clemente was also last year's KNCL entrant to District.



The elf not on the shelf



Christmas bingo at the Rosewood



Christmas bingo



Clemente Gonzalez



Clemente Gonzalez and family



Clemente Gonzalez and Rancier MS Staff



KOSSE

The Kosse Lions Club just completed its annual Food for Families project by presenting the City of Kosse with 10 Food Baskets consisting of 4 sacks of food, plus a frozen whole chicken hen, plus a tin of popcorn! Thanks to the Kosse Lions Club and especially to members Jodye, Mona, Taylor and Pam, and of course, Lion Sam.



PALESTINE NOON

Right: We teamed up with BARC here in Anderson County, and had a big fish fry to try to raise some money for their organization and our scholarship fund. We think it was a success—our Club walked away with about \$1000 after splitting it all up, and BARC got lots of dog food in addition to their profits! Even our local law enforcement had a good time loving on some animals ready for adoption and eating some amazing fried catfish!



Left: Palestine Noon Lion's Club will be celebrating 100 years July 6, 2023. We don't know what we are going to do yet, but it will be an AMAZING celebration! We look forward to seeing all our local members, and hopefully some Lions friends as well.

Right: Palestine Noon Lions Club welcomed 3 new members in December - Cindy Piersol, Kirk Parsons and Jimmy Giles. We look forward to getting to know them and seeing all they bring to our Lions table.



Right: Ms. Green was appreciative of the glasses the Club was able to send her to get this month. Now she can see her visitors clearly!



PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions went Christmas Caroling at Winfield Rehab and Nursing Home the morning of Dec 10th. The residents didn't have any song requests until we handed out a copy of our songbook to them. Once they had the book, they started making multiple song requests!



Below: Piney Woods Lions Club participated for the first time in the 3rd Annual Ciera and Friends Celebration at Good Shepherd Fellowship Church. The Lions provided a plush fleece blanket to all the participants. This event celebrates children and adults with special health challenges.



Piney Woods Lions hosted the monthly free Produce Distribution on Dec 19th just before Christmas. East Texas Food Bank sent us 20 pallets that included: frozen (bakery and meats), bananas, mixed retail, onions, Idaho potatoes & sweet potatoes.

See pictures next page...



ROBINSON AREA



1VDG Lion Randi receiving her key for sponsoring 2 members from President Lion Mandy

SALADO

What a wonderful Lion's Christmas Luncheon we had! Frank and Cathy, as usual, did a fantastic job and, as it always is, it was such a pleasure having the Salado High School Choir sing for us!





Above and Left: We had another VERY successful Lion's Pancake Breakfast! Thank you so much to all the Lions who helped this work out as well as it did and thank you to Lion David Matthews for organizing it!

TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES

We made a hefty donation of 55 stocking caps and 14 Winter jackets to Love of Christ clothing closet. We are grateful for Lion Nancy and husband Ernie who allowed their home to be the setting for our Christmas party. It was loads of fun as we played a card game and exchanged gifts White Elephant style. Our Pecan Sales concluded, but we hold on to the possibility of future fundraising through the Pecan Farm. Raising funds is an on-going effort and a Goal we intend to implement as 2023 rolls in.



TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Left to right Lion Andi Wilkey, Lion Marilyn, PDG Lisle Meeker, Lion Dr. Stephen Ponder, Lion Larry Wilkey, and Lion Virginia Matson in the background; All ready for the 76th annual Temple Christmas Parade



Lion Virginia



Vision screening during feed my sheep free pediatric clinic
Back left Lion Larry Wilkey, The Sheep AKA Lion Dr. Stephen Ponder, Lion Andi Wilkey, PDG Lisle Meeker, front left Lion Marilyn Wilson, Lion Virginia Matson

Temple Breakfast Lions ringing the bell for the Salvation Army



WACO FOUNDER



Waco Founder vision screening at Waco Charter school, 13 students with 6 referrals



Fourth place in District for the peace poster contest by Holland Harp, sponsored by Waco Founder Lions



WACO WOMENS

December was busy with Kettle Ringing for the Salvation Army, vision screening and providing an after-school party for homeless high school students. The Cove is a shelter for homeless high school students who attend after school to receive help with their homework, learning how to budget money, wash their clothes, other life skills needed to be successful, and receive dinner before leaving to find a place to stay for the night. Many of these students couch surf for the night at a friend since they do not have a home to go to at night. We especially love offering our homeless high school students a little comfort and joy with a party before they leave The Cove for the holidays.



B.C. Seely pinning new member Becky Graves



Karen Noles and Cindy Praesel ringing the bell



Vision screening L to R: Neil Clark (Hewitt Lions), LeeAnne Ostrander, Jim Swanson (Hewitt Lions), Kim Giles, Jeanne Rieger

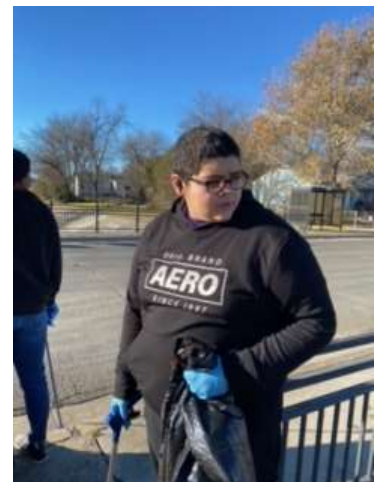
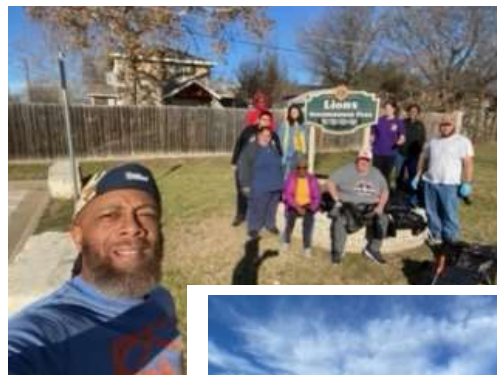


Left: The Cove-Suzy Needler, Rose Moyer



KILLEEN

The Killeen Leos club put together their annual Polar Express for the KISD elementary on December 19. We had Santa give gifts, hot chocolate, cookies, and Polar Express movie playing. Park clean-up on December 31st to have the parks clean for the New Year!



MERIDIAN

Right: Meridian Leo Club Christmas celebration



PINEY WOODS



Left: Piney Woods Leos ran the concession stand for the Piney Woods Fine Arts Association Christmas show on Thursday, Dec 1st.

Below: Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the Houston County Employees Christmas Party/Dinner on December 2nd. The Leos helped plate desserts, make and plate salads, fill glasses with ice which they filled with water or tea, and put rolls and dressing on the tables. They served the meals and then stayed around to clean up after and carry out the trash.



Piney Woods Leos participated in a team building event on Dec 3rd at Frontier Camp



The Leos assisted with assembling 180 ornaments for the Adopt-a-Grandparent project



Piney Woods Leos helped with the SHARE toy drive at Walmart on Saturday, Dec 10th.



Piney Woods Lions Club participated for the second time in the 3rd Annual Ciera and Friends Celebration at Good Shepherd Fellowship Church.

