



June 2023

Thank you for one amazing year!

Inspiring others to serve has been the focus of the district leadership team this year. To each club that has supported the district by any means possible we say thank you. We are not done yet and we can still achieve more by working as a team and meeting the individual club goals each of you have set for the year. We have maintained our membership to the best of our abilities. We have worked very hard to close the back door. As of today, we are at a -21 but that can be changed by each club recruiting one new member before June 30. All your efforts are appreciated for the many service projects that have been completed and keeping the members engaged over the past twelve months.

When you're planning for the close of the year please remember to thank and celebrate the accomplishments of the club and its members. Our members are key to the success of what we can and will do. Recognize them for their

support of the club, district, state and LCI and please let them know that they have helped maintain our great district. We have all started to think outside of the box and looked for new ways to serve our local communities and the world. Looking at the past year we have had a strong year in Service, LCIF support, Texas Lions Camp, Texas Lions Foundation and Plastic Caps for Cancer treatments. Wow, what a list and it is all because of the members and leadership of each club.

The one thing that is asked of each of you now is to lean forward in thoughts and service to inspire others to serve and meet the needs of the community. We all know that our community includes the world as well as our local community. Please seek the support of local community members and businesses to increase your willingness to serve as a team. Being on a team is great and we all know that serving as a team we can do much more.

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For my closing thoughts I wish to make it a personal thank you to the District Cabinet Team and all the hard work that they all put into making the year the best it could be. I couldn't have made it without you, and I know that the things each of you did in the background will never be known to all, but please know that I am aware of the efforts that each of you made to help me be successful and a District Governor while fighting many medical illnesses. To the District Clubs, please understand that during my club visits you made me feel welcomed and you opened your hearts. The full DG team felt your outpour of Lions Love and your passion for service, and the welcome that was extended to me and the DG Team was awesome. I will have many positive memories to reflect on as I move forward on my path to serve as a Lion in MD2-X3. I feel that we can focus more on communication using social media and individual websites.

Inspiring Others to Serve!
DG Lion Darie



REVITALIZE

As we are in the last month of our Lion year, we are at a crossroad of new leadership in our clubs and district. The word I think of is revitalize which is to give life, vigor, or spirit to. How can we as a club and a district revitalize Lions? We have spoken about it many times over the course of this past year. There are many ways we can vitalize our clubs. Remember what we have done in the past that has worked well for the club like a pancake supper, food packing, or a trip to the Texas Lions Camp. We need to ask our members what they would like to see their club do in their community. We all have underserved areas in our communities that can use the service of Lions. Reach out to other non-profits in your area that serve the same interest and ask them to assist with your project. This will help bring innovation and energy to both organizations.

I would love to hear each club in the district's ideas of how they are going to revitalize their clubs for the 2023-2024 Lion Year!

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." - Barack Obama

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This is it. We are finishing the Lion Year 2022/2023. Thank you MD 2-X3, DG Darie and DGE Randi Wilde for trusting me to perform duties as 2VDG for this year. Congratulations DG Darie on your successes.

I want to reflect on some of the positives that have come from the year in my last article of 2022/2023.

Service:

- 28 of the 49 clubs in the district reported service to LCI.
- MD 2-X3 served 191, 253 people in 2022/2023.
- Clubs performed 974 service activities.
- Lions gave 16,937 hours of service to our communities.

Membership:

- 205 new members were added to MD 2-X3 in 2022/2023.
- The following clubs added 10+ members into their clubs:
 - Buffalo
 - Clifton
 - Palestine
- Our district chartered one new club, welcome McLennan County Lake Waco!

I look forward to serving as 1st District Governor in 2023/2024 under District Governor Randi Wilde and alongside 2VDG Stacey Phillips. Please note, my name will change by the time the next newsletter is published. If you see me listed as 1VDG Renee Lamson, do not wonder. I just added a husband and two girls to my family.



Pictured Left to Right:
Hutch Kettler and his girlfriend Claire Huddleston, Taylor Lamson, Me, Jon Lamson, Alexis Lamson, and Chloe Jones girlfriend to my son Jackson Kettler.

Welcome to Our Newest Lions in 2-X3



May 2023



Belton Lions Club

- Lion Jennah Gliha (Sponsor: Lion Chris Gregg)

Corsicana Lions Club

- Lion Elizabeth Taylor (Sponsor: Lion Gloria Garcia)

Crockett Lions Club

- Lion James Angerstein (Sponsor: Lion Clyde Black)
- Lion Carl Chance (Sponsor: Lion Clyde Black)
- Lion Kris Dyches (Sponsor: Lion Janis Pigford)
- Lion Greg Ritchie (Sponsor: Lion Clyde Black)
- Lion Stephen Wells (Sponsor: Lion Clyde Black)

Fairfield Lions Club

- Lion Janice McMalman (Sponsor: Lion Catherine Ethridge)

Grapeland Noon Lions Club

- Lion Curtis Pharis (Sponsor: Lion Michael Goolsby)
- Lion Tiffani Pharis (Sponsor: Lion Michael Goolsby)

Groesbeck Lions Club

- Lion Macy Merenda (Sponsor: Lion John Billingsley)

Hamilton Lions Club

- Lion Christie Keay (Sponsor: Lion James Yates)
- Lion Jim Keay (Sponsor: Lion James Yates)
- Lion Robert Rhynsburger (Sponsor: Lion Tommy McKay)



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May 2023



Lampasas Lions Club

- Lion Tim Hering (Sponsor: Lion Tanya Garza)

Robinson Area Lions Club

- Lion Jaci Faulknor (Sponsor: Lion Gary Moss)
- Lion Hunter Krumnow (Sponsor: Lion Gary Moss)
- Lion Josie Walter (Sponsor: Lion Gary Moss)





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 30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. It is held at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course, in Fredericksburg on 3 August 2023. 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.

Camp 2023 is in session and going well after a three-year pandemic shutdown. You still may have time to visit or schedule a picnic or special event by going to the Texas Lions Camp website.

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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, 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 75th 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 75th Birthday present!

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

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador Level | _____ | Single annual gift of \$5,000 | or | _____ | \$420 monthly automatic draft |

Bank Draft information

Instructions for monthly Automatic Draft: 1. Enter amount of monthly automatic draft below. 2. Sign and date all lines marked with an X. 3. Attach a voided check with this form

The Texas Lions Camp:

I have given order to (Financial Institution): _____ to honor for you as they become due, on my monthly drafts and charge same to my account with this financial institution. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

Amount of monthly automatic draft: \$ _____ Please sign and date below—use signature(s) required on your account:

X _____ X Date ____/____/____
X _____ X Date ____/____/____

Credit Card Payment information MC Visa Discover Amount: \$ _____

CC#: _____ Exp.Date: ____/____ Yr ____/____/____ CVC _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

30th 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.



Faith Fortenberry
Camper Ambassador
2022-2023

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2023!**

For more information or to download
player registration forms go to
www.lionscamp.com

August 3, 2023

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 2022-2023 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
For more information: 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 on signage
and publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp
website: www.lionscamp.com. Deadline to ensure recogni-
tion/publication is July 14, 2023.

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email: _____

Credit Card: MC _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ Amount: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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



THURSDAY
August 3, 2023

Lady Bird Johnson
Municipal Golf Course
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS



BENEFITING:



For more Information:
Texas Lions Camp, Inc.
P.O. Box 290247
Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247
(830) 896-8500
www.lionscamp.com

The 2023 Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham
Golf Tournament Ambassador is camper
Faith Fortenberry
of Woodway, Texas.



Faith has attended TLC for the past 4 summers including Texas Lions Camp's online camping program TLC2U in 2020. Faith is 11 years old and loves the Zip Line and Farm Life best, but also loves to be at the pool!

Her mother, Leeann, found out about camp from a local Lions Club member, Bill Waller of the Dawson Lions Club! Leeann stated, "I grew up going to summer camp most of my life, so after her diagnosis, I was so sad to think that this was something she might not get to experience. When I learned there was a camp for kids like her, I was thrilled!"

Faith's challenges are all physical. With a muscular disease, her only mobility is the use of her power chair. So, she needs constant assistance to be able to do everyday things like swimming, or getting dressed, or even any kind of arts and crafts.



Texas Lions Camp has helped Faith because it has given her the independence from her parents that she so desires. All of her friends also attend summer camp, so she loves being able to tell them that she too gets to have experiences like them! The family has seen her confidence increase, and the way she views herself!

Leeann commented that the Fortenberrys attended TLC-4-Families Camp the past two summers and loved being able to see Faith do things that ordinarily she would not get to do.

She looks so forward to this week, and we make a countdown each spring! It's fun being able to see her look forward to something!

One of their fondest memories from Family Camp was just being together without distractions from the outside world and doctor appointments as well as meeting other families that understand what it's like raising kids with extra needs.

The Fortenberry's give special praise to Vice President of Summer Camp, Karen-Anne King. "We love Karen-Anne King. She's a ray of sunshine & always makes us feel like superstars."

Faith's favorite memories of camp are just being around other kids who have struggles. Leeann told TLC that Faith shares stories that her camp buddies share during bunk time and how it just makes her feel "normal" that there are other kids like her who have a hard time just doing ordinary things that the rest of us take for granted. She has made lifelong friends and looks forward to reuniting with them each summer. It's the one week where she feels truly independent & doesn't depend on her parents. It's a life changing week for sure!

Texas Lions Camp is proud to have great campers like Faith attend our summer camping program and she is excited to be a part of the 30th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. For more information on how you and your business can sponsor and/or play in the Tournament, visit: www.lionscamp.com and look for the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament under the "GET INVOLVED" Tab.





MD2-X3 Cabinet Meeting 2023

Believe in the I'Mpossible



Saturday, August 12, 2023
First United Methodist Church
Family Life Center
315 E. Elm St.
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Registration opens at 8:30 am
Cabinet Meeting begins at 9:30 am

Club Name:				
Name:	Title:	Friday Night Social (FREE):	Saturday Cabinet Meeting (\$30):	Amount Due:
# of Attendees:			Total Amount Due:	

FREE Friday Night Social
Roadside America Museum
212 E Elm St.
Hillsboro, TX 76645
6:30 pm

\$30.00 per attendee

Breakfast and Lunch provided by Hillsboro Lions Club

Make checks payable to Hillsboro Lions Club
PO Box 175
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Please RSVP by Friday August 4th

For more information, email questions to Hillsboro Lions Club, Lion Liz Schneider lizschneider@go2liz.com

Holiday Inn Express
102 Dynasty Dr.
Hillsboro, TX 76645

La Quinta Inn & Suites
1513 Old Brandon Rd
Hillsboro, TX 76645



Fellow Lions,

The museum has completed all acquisitions and construction of the display stands and related support items for the exhibits. It has been an honor to represent District 2-X3 as a Museum Trustee for the past 3 years. The staff and volunteers are working feverishly to prepare for the Grand Opening, with the goal of having everything prepared by August 1st, in time for the first Council of Governors meeting. In the meantime, if you would like to preview the exhibits you can call the State office, 830 257-6557, and set up a time to walk through the museum or volunteer to help if you would like.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the District 2-X3 Trustee for the past 3 years. I can report that the district has 45 Museum Life Members, and 16 Ebb Grindstaff Fellows. I ask all 2-X3 Lions to consider becoming either a Life Member for a one time \$100 donation, or an Ebb Grindstaff Fellow for a \$500 donation. I also remind all clubs that these are excellent ways of honoring outstanding Lions.

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

PDG Joe Holman

PEACE

Hello District 2-X3 Members,

Don't forget to order your Peace Poster Kit from Lions Club International. We received ours within two weeks. Peace Poster kits can be ordered from Lions Club International website now.

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>

The 2023-2024 theme is Dare to Dream. To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire – it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Just as a reminder, your contestant(s) can be someone from your neighborhood, youth group, church, family, day care and/or school. The contest is open to all students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15th.

If you have questions, please ask.

B.C. Seely
Peace Poster Chair
District 2-X3



May already just 2 months to the end of the Lions year for those that have not sent in their 100% to the foundation yet this is a good time. If you have not given 100% to the (TLF) foundation, I ask that you please consider starting. You should have completed your election of officers for the next Lions year and planning your induction of new officers, this is a good time to recognize your outgoing president or outstanding lion with a award from the (TLF) foundation.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

GROESBECK LIONS
CLUB 100 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST
24TH, 2023

7PM

GROESBECK
CONVENTION CENTER

**GUEST SPEAKER:
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
ERNESTO "TJ" TIJERINA**

Register Early for Discount



Lions on the Leon

Heritage Park on the Leon River

Wacky Boat Race

Saturday, October 7th

Boats line up at Noon • Races begin at 1:00pm



Categories

Cardboard & Wacky Open
Business / Commercial
Civic Organizations
Individual / Family

Prizes/Trophies

Race Winner(s)
People's Choice
President's Award
Cardboard Class
Jackpot Race



All event Prizes and Awards Presented at

Picnic in the Park

Saturday October 7th • Heritage Park on the Leon River • Belton, Texas

Good Luck and Smooth Sailing!



Hosted by

BELTON LIONS CLUB

For more info go to:

BeltonLionsClub.com

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.

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The Many Faces of Randy



R.I.P. PDG Lion Randy Sepulvado

IN HONOR OF LION JAMES ARTHUR CATO

WHEREAS, Lion James Arthur "Jim" Cato, a resident of Whitney since 1954, moved here to assist in the family business, CATO DRUG STORE; Jim drove to Houston for three years studying to become the Pharmacist we know and love; Jim has been an exceptional and inspirational fixture in the City of Whitney. A member of the Whitney Lions Club since February 1, 1954, Lion Jim Cato has served as its President and held other offices with honor, excellence and distinction beginning on February 1, 1954, for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of his career, Lion Jim has contributed through numerous organizations, he served Lions Clubs International as a delegate to the International Convention in France; Jim has been committed to eradicate preventable blindness worldwide, working together to raise funds to provide for the fight against diabetes – a cause of blindness, provide Leader Dogs for the blind and disabled, sponsoring children with disabilities to attend the Texas Lion Camp in Kerrville; collecting used or discarded glasses to recycle; Jim will be remembered for being the first one to invite a Lady to serve in the Whitney Lions Club, he is a champion of womanhood for all ages, for this we celebrate him today; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been instrumental as a driving force involved in establishing the Hill County Youth Project Show and served as Superintendent of the Show when held in Whitney; Jim has sponsored and been an advocate for our youth in agriculture first as a Vocational Agriculture Teacher in Wilbarger County then in Whitney through Future Farmers of America (FFA); serving as President of the Shorthorn Association; serving on the Board of Regents at Hill College – donating to help our youth reach their dreams, to add the beauty of art through music to our County; Jim has served supporting and sponsoring 4-H Clubs, Jim has been a Scout Master – mentoring through leadership; and

WHEREAS, through Jim's work at Lake Whitney Memorial Hospital as Pharmacist in Charge and his untiring work on the Hospital Board he continues to serve our citizenry; he served as a founding member and President of Hospice of the Heart, which was begun locally for the very best 'end of life care'; Jim has donated immeasurably as a volunteer in all of these organizations loving his fellow man - bettering lives; Jim has served many decades on the board of the bank and continues to donate his time to that endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Jim has touched the hearts and lives of many as a Sunday School Teacher a Deacon and currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees of First Baptist Church where he has been a member since living in Whitney also; a member of Masonic Lodge; a long time member contributor of Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce, his community service includes serving four years on the City of Whitney City Council; serving nine years on the Whitney Independent School District Board – four years as it's President while being a strong fighter and proponent for the old-new high school built on San Jacinto many years ago; and

WHEREAS, Jim, a prime example of a dedicated Husband, has gifted us with his bride and virtuous wife, Wanda; through his love and joy in his beautiful wife Jim has shown all of us the excellence of raising children to the glory of Almighty God; together they have given this community the strength they bring as a husband and wife team; raising daughters, Cherri and Carmen to live productive lives of value further strengthening our community with a line of grandchildren and great-grandchildren - giving to Whitney a legacy of continuing this leadership of service; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Jim and his bride, Wanda built their home on a hill only a mile east of the City of Whitney; never one to be away from the midst of serving; Jim's compassion has provided a source of comfort and inspiration throughout his life's work of service. Jim has been, and continues to be a tremendous gift to the Whitney Lions Club and the citizens of Whitney; and

WHEREAS, Jim is continually dedicated to working on changing attitudes toward God so that all men might know HIM and HIS plan of salvation; Jim's life reflects and exemplifies the way he edifies The Lord of his life; and

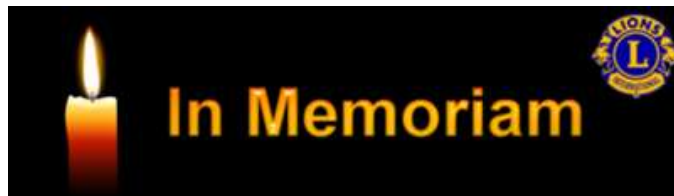
WHEREAS, on February 1st, 2014, the City of Whitney will honor JAMES ARTHUR CATO for his Lifetime of service especially the Sixty years as a dedicated committed serving member of Whitney Lions Club and Lions Club International because our motto is, "WE SERVE"; thanking Jim with our grateful hearts for all the years he has expended his life in our midst;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor, Kristen Miller,
do hereby recognize and proclaim
FEBRUARY 1st, 2014, AS "JAMES ARTHUR CATO DAY"

in the City of Whitney; we invite all citizens of Whitney to join us to reflect upon volunteer service on a daily basis and to honor the lifetime of service to this community of *JAMES ARTHUR CATO* and the impact he has made upon the City of Whitney because of his selfless life of giving while living this motto,

"WE SERVE"

Kristen Miller, Mayor, signed



Left: Whitney Lions said goodbye to long-time Lion Jim Cato. Jim served as president a few times during his 69 years of service. His favorite story was of his club sending him and his wife to France as a voting delegate at the international convention from his little club in Whitney.

The Whitney mayor presented him with a proclamation (previous page). Lion Jim was also the recipient of the Tom P. Kirkham Leadership Award.

Right: Temple Founder Lions lost long-time Lion Henry Jezek. Lion Henry served the Temple Founder club for 40 years. Henry also devoted much of his life to the US Army where he was retired as a colonel.



Crockett Lions bade farewell to Lion James A. Hall who served their club for almost 30 years.

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

Fairfield Lions said goodbye to Lion Charles Easterwood who served their club for almost 55 years.

CLUB NEWS

BELTON

Marek-Smith Center for Teacher Preparation - Rebecca O'Banion, Ed. D. Vice President for Advancement, UMHB; and Aaron Rodeffer, UMHB Gift Officer - presented an update on May 25th - scheduled for completion in the Fall. This new state-of-the-art 11,000 sq. ft. facility will lead the way for training and educating special education instructors. After the Program, Belton Lions Club Foundation presented a \$2,500 check in support of the Marek Smith Training Center at UMHB. Belton Lions are excited to support UMHB's College of Education as they continue to train and inspire college students to pursue a career in special education - transforming special education training in Texas.



GROESBECK

Class of 2023 Groesbeck Lions Club
Scholarship Winners with Lion Kara
McLelland at the Groesbeck High School



James "JJ" Hutchinson, Jonathan Vaca and Leighton Mackey (Not Pictured)

New Members



HEWITT

Left: Vice District Governors Renee Kettler (on left) and Randi Wilde (on right) attended the May 08, 2023 meeting of the Hewitt Lions Club and offered many good suggestions for increasing membership in the club. Pictured with the Vice District Governors is Walt Becker, Hewitt Lions President.



CORSICANA:
ELIZABETH DIANE TAYLOR

CROCKETT:
JAMES A ANGERSTEIN
CARL CHANCE
KRIS H DYCHES
GREG RITCHIE
STEPHEN WELLS

FAIRFIELD:
JANICE P MCMALMAN

GRAPELAND NOON:
CURTIS D PHARIS
TIFFANI J PHARIS

GROESBECK:
MACY MERENDA

LAMPASAS:
TIM HERNING

ROBINSON AREA:
JACI L FAULKNER
HUNTER G KRUMNOW
JOSIE M WALTER

Right: At the May 22, 2023 Hewitt Lions Meeting the Hewitt Lions hosted one of its two high school scholarship winners (Aaron Powers) from Midway High School and his family. Pictured in the middle is Aaron and on the right is Lion Steve Wilcox who was instrumental in the Hewitt Lions scholarship program. Aaron plans on attending the University of Texas and hopes to major in engineering.



Below: Person Lathern has also been awarded a scholarship from the club. He plans to attend Texas A&M /College Station and major in engineering.



Left: After honoring Aaron Powers for his achievement on May 22, the Hewitt Lions had Daniel Thompson, CEO (middle of photo on left) and Vince Erickson, Division Director Community and Governmental Relations (on right in photo), Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network speak and inform the club about the Behavioral Health Network and the services offered. Their presentation was very interesting and informative to all.



HILLSBORO

Right: The Hillsboro Lions Club donated to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Lion Dr. David Skelton accepted the check. Pictured with President Lion Cami Steele.



Left: The Hillsboro Lions Club featured a brief piano performance from Ella Cowan. Ella performed a few classical pieces for the group and gave an update on her college plans. Her father is Lion Dr. Ryan Cowan.



Pictured is Ella and Lion Dr. Cowan.

Right: The Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Lauren Gerik, 2021 Miss Czech-Slovak US Queen to their weekly meeting.

Gerik, from Abbott, was crowned Miss Czech-Slovak US 2021-2022. She spoke to the club about her experiences with winning the pageant, and how it has opened up a lot of opportunities for her to travel and share what her culture means to her.

Pictured (L to R): Lion Cheryl Schulz, Lauren Gerik, and Kathy Podsednik.



Left: The Hillsboro Lions Club welcomed Stacey Hunt to the weekly meeting.

Hunt, a local business owner, informed the club about her newest venture, Sweet Joy, downtown. The new business serves ice cream and has a variety of sweets available and is located on the south side of the courthouse. Stacey also owns Overflow Coffee Co.



Liz Schneider and Dick Chapin both completed the MD2 Core Zone Chair Training today. ... fun part for Liz was PCC John Landrum from Waxahachie is a past Hillsboro Lions Club president.

KILLEEN EVENING

Supporting Fort Cavazos Fisher House. Community and Co-workers joined the local soccer team to make this happen. Thanks to all of those that supported this special project. Central Technical Support Facility Employees, Walmart Store 407 Manager and associates, Data Systems Analysts, Inc. employees and friends.



KILLEEN NOON

The Killeen Noon Lions Club continued its support to the Ronald McDonald House, and the homeless in Killeen with its monthly donations. We held two bingo sessions at the Rosewood for residents, celebrating Cinco de Mayo that included min-sombreros for all participants, and punctuated with Lion Brockley performing a salsa (because he made a mistake in calling numbers).



Ready to play Bingo



Playa de Bingo at the Rosewood



Bingo Time

MCGREGOR

Members of the McGregor Club congratulate all graduating students! To recognize the many great applicants, three \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships were awarded to McGregor and Moody graduates. Congratulations again, and may all graduates enjoy a safe and healthy life, and a great future.

As members prepare for our 2024 fundraiser, may we continue to show support for our 2023 individual and business sponsorships. In addition to members, we also give special recognition to more than 30 Atmos Energy employees and their spouses for volunteering to judge the BBQ contest. They all came with smiles and clean shirts, and finished with smiles and a few stains from the great BBQ judged.



PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Lions volunteered at the 4th Annual Community Fun Day in Crockett on May 6th. All of the food, drinks, and items at this event are free to the attendees. We made 300 snow cones for the participants.



Piney Woods Lions volunteered at the Crockett Lions Club PRCA Rodeo all 3 nights from May 11-13. The main concession stand stays pretty busy throughout the Rodeo.



ROBINSON AREA

Robinson Area Lions was able to donate 2 \$1,000 scholarships to 2 deserving students from Robinson High School. We're proud of these students and honored to be able to recognize them.



Skylar Williams-scholarship recipient



Aiden Dean-scholarship recipient

Robinson Area inducted 2 new members in the month of May.



New Member Hunter Krumnow



Hunter's sponsor-Gary Moss



New Member-Jessica Painter



Jessica's sponsor-Linda Vaughn



Robinson Area recognized 9 years as a club on May 27th.

SALADO



We were so pleased to have our District MD2-X3 First Vice Governor Randi Wilde with us this month!



Our second guest speaker of the month was JT Maldonado from the Texas Attorney General's Office.



Left: Our Lions who recently received years of service chevrons: (pictured L-R) - Ted Smith-10 years, Pat Broeker-15 years, Dave Broeker-15 years, District 1st Vice Governor Randi Wilde, Brenda Merz-25 years, Ray Don McIntosh-10 years, and Joe Keyes-20 years. Lions not pictured who also received chevrons: Michael Novotny-10 years, Rip van Winkle-10 years, Ryan Hodge-20 years, and Jack Oliver-50 years.

Below: Another fantastic Lion's Pancake Breakfast is in the books! A huge thanks to all the Lions who helped make it another successful event!



WACO FOUNDER

Right: The local Central Texas Chapter of Credit Unions in Waco, TX collected and donated 458 pairs of used eyeglasses to the Waco Founder Lions Club on May 24th, 2023.

Pictured are (left to right) JoBetsy Tyler, Leon Noack, Shelley Carlson, Gary McWilliams, Shelli McCoy, Kelley Stark, Alicia Graham and Walter Raynaud.



WACO WOMENS

The Second Annual Garage Sale with McGregor Lions is in the books. All proceeds made by the two clubs will be sent to the Texas Lions Camps. The help of McLennan County Sheriff's Department, The Spurs, was very much appreciated in lifting and carrying items to our patron's vehicles or helping vendors set up their space.

DG Lion Darie McCleaves kept our meeting light hearted and spoke from the heart about his Lionism and why he is a Lion. Our newest Leo to Lion member, Vanessa Le was inducted officially as a member by Lion Darie. He is already trying to recruit her as a chair for District 2-X3! We are sure there is a future for her in lionism on the district level. Lion Jeannie Rieger also received a new key pin from DG Darie for bringing in a new member.



Garage Sale morning crew
Standing: Karen Noles, B.C. Seely, Rose Moyer, McGregor Lion Becky Hill, LeeAnne Ostrander, Mary Needler, Kim Giles, Melissa Sieh Seated: Jeannie Rieger



The Spurs leader and cheer team- Officer Jessica Barnett, Kim Giles, Mary Needler, LeeAnne Ostrander, Rose Moyer



Left: Lion DG Darie McCleaves with Leo to Lion Vanessa Le and President LeeAnne Ostrander after her induction



Jeannie Rieger being pinned by DG Darie McCleaves



PINEY WOODS

Piney Woods Leos love volunteering at the annual PRCA Rodeo held by the Crockett Lions Club! The Leos staff the snow cone/popcorn concession stand, sell raffle tickets, work in the main concession stand, sell rodeo tickets at the main gate, and help with the back gates. They volunteered all 3 nights of the rodeo from May 11-13.



Hello Leos of District 2-X3,

What a year you have all had. I am placing a message in this newsletter to give everyone time to plan for the first meeting on the new Leo year. Please save the date and plan to attend our first meeting and help us plan out the event calendar and to offer advice on how we as a district can do better. The goal this year is to add 20 new members, or a new club then plan events and training that allow each club to meet and network with each other.

We are looking for officers to serve on the District Leo Council and if you or a Leo that you know would make a great officer, please send their name and contact information to darie.mccleaves@gmail.com. We have a secretary and now we need a President, Vice President, and Treasurer. There are other positions available if we have enough interest in being a district office. No application needed this time to run for a position.

The District Leo meeting will be with the Lions to save on travel time and space for us to meet. We will do our end of year program with the Lions convention and meet at the same place that the Lions meet. More will follow as the final plans are made and set. For now, on the second Saturday in August we will be meeting in Hillsboro. At this meeting I hope to install the new 2023-24 MD2-X3 Leo Officers and plan for the year. We could have a district wide service project like we did in the past and raise money or supplies for a certain charity or global cause. Please take a few minutes and send in your thoughts on what you would like to see us do as a service project.

The first MD2 State Leo Council meeting is the first Saturday in August. Please plan to attend and learn what is happening around the state. You will also get a chance to meet the New International President.

For the final words in this message, I wish to thank all the Leo Clubs and members for their support and service that was accomplished during the current year. You all have proven that you are there for your community. We all have supported projects like Food Care Centers, Animal Shelters, and First Responders. I look forward to hearing from each club and the members.



Working toward the future!