



MD2X3

District Newsletter

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A Note FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

I recently asked on social media for clubs to share their goals for growth and retention.

When we share our goals, we hold ourselves accountable—and accountability is key to achieving success.

In the spirit of transparency and accountability, I want to share the goals I have set for our district. The goals are on the next page and were updated while attending the Mission 1.5 summit with our Extension and Membership Team in Orlando.

These goals are ambitious, but I am confident that together we can achieve them.

Resources are available to help your clubs meet their own goals, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or for assistance.

Let's hold each other accountable and make this year one of growth, impact, and service.

Renee Lamson

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, MD2-X3

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District Membership Goals:

1. Establish THREE new clubs.
2. Add 329 new members.
3. End the year with a Net +50 in the district

District Service Goals:

1. Achieve 70% of clubs reporting service.
2. Establish TWO district wide service projects.
3. Execute the Ed Fields Starts of Service Program.

District Leadership Goals:

1. Achieve 80% training of Zone Chairs.
2. Achieve 60% training of Club Officers.
3. Promote development of Grassroots Lions.

District LCIF Goals:

1. Achieve 25% growth in Individual donations.
2. Achieve 25% growth of Club donations.
3. DG will lead by example by personally contributing \$1,000.

2024/2025
DISTRICT GOALS

MD 2-X3 CABINET

Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2024
Church of the Living God, PGT
2743 US Hwy 175 East
Athens, TX 75752

Hosted by
Greater Athens
Lions Club



Registration opens at 8:30
(mocktail mimosas served during registration)
Cabinet meeting begins at 9:30 am

CLUB NAME		
LION NAME	TITLE	FEE \$30
		TOTAL DUE:

\$30.00 per attendee

Breakfast and Lunch provided by Greater Athens Lions Club



Make checks payable to
Greater Athens Lions Club
c/o Lion Valerie Franklin



3305 Bogota Street ~ Athens, TX 75752

Please RSVP by Friday October 4, 2024

For more information, contact Lion Valerie at 903-288-6933 or dezfranklin@gmail.com

Need Hotel Reservations?

Holiday Inn Express ~ 1119 E Tyler St, Athens, TX 75751 ~ 903-675-2500

Ask for the Lions Club Rate of \$139

A MESSAGE FROM

First Vice District Governor
STACEY PHILLIPS

**I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!
I apologize for missing the first cabinet meeting
and getting to see everyone. I heard it was a
GREAT meeting! As we get started in this new
Lions year, I look forward to visiting more clubs
and getting to know more Lions in our District on
this exciting journey.**

**In September, I will be attending USA/Canada
Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky
and encourage everyone to attend if they can. It is
designed to develop leaders, motivate and educate
attendees and provide an open exchange of ideas
which support programs and goals of Lions Clubs
International. It is a great opportunity, and it's fun!**

**I know this year will be fantastic and I look
forward to serving with you all! Please remember
to report your service and continue the great work
you are doing in your communities!**

Stay safe!

Stacey Phillips

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, MD2-X3

Harker Heights Lions Club

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A MESSAGE FROM

Second Vice District Governor

KIM GILES

“I care. I care a lot. It’s kinda’ my thing.” –Leslie Knope

I realize I’m preaching to the crowd here, as you’re one of those who cares a lot if you’re reading this...and I appreciate you. Caring is something that all of us in Lionism do well.

I just returned from my first trip to Kerrville for the first 2024 Council of Governors meeting in the role of your Second Vice District Governor, and what a weekend it was! I finally got to wear my new SVDG navy jacket, my white dinner jacket, and my two fun Council and Lions Camp shirts. Fun to see 16 others wearing the exact same thing! The Council of 16 I have the privilege of serving with for the next four years is made up of absolutely wonderful Lions—and they care a LOT. I predict that as time goes on, we will do some really creative and helpful things to carry the District 2-X3 and Lions of Texas missions forward. I am blessed to have 15 new friends, and yet another in Chris Gunstream, our Council Chair. If you’ve ever thought about stepping into a District Governor role, I recommend it for many reasons. Yes, it’s a lot to take in and learn, but what a valuable experience this already is! I’ll buy you a cup of coffee if you ever want to talk about it, just contact me at dgkingiles26@gmail.com.

As for the Kerrville weekend, approximately 300 Lions were in attendance—many I knew and many more I now know. To see the friendships that have come about through being a Lion was heartwarming, and I look forward to making many more friends in the years ahead. The backpack project for children who reside at the Hill Country Youth Ranch in Kerrville was incredibly heartwarming. I (and members of the Waco Women’s Lions Club) created a special backpack filled with supplies for a 12-year-old girl. The request was made for 38 filled backpacks to be brought to Kerrville. Would you believe that 78 responses came in within 2 hours to provide these? I’m not surprised, because Lions care...a lot.



A MESSAGE FROM

Second Vice District Governor

Kim Giles Cont'd

KIM GILES

I also watched in amazement at the Texas Lions Camp breakfast on Saturday morning when \$264,000+ (yes, you read that correctly) was donated to TLC through donations from numerous Lions clubs, special donations by generous donors in attendance, and auction items that brought in even more. Amazing to watch, and very heartwarming to see how Lions around our state want to make sure TLC continues to provide wonderful “can do” experiences for children for another 75 years! Our very own PDG Angela Cases and IPDG Randi Wilde did a marvelous job of helping with the auction as well.

I know you care or you wouldn't be a Lion. I feel the same way, so I encourage you to support your hardworking DG team of Lion Renee Lamson, Lion Stacey Phillips and yours truly. We are a tight team who is here to support you and your club to be the best it can be this year. We care about you...a lot!

See you next month!

Kim Giles

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, MD2-X3

Waco Women's Lions Club

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HUNGER

Humanitarian Effort



My name is Donavan Green and I am your Hunger Chair. I am looking forward to serving the District and making improvements in the lack of food for those in need.

Some ideas for your club to consider are:
(some taken from the LCI portal)

- Support your local food bank by donating time, equipment or food.
- Create a resource list of hunger related volunteer opportunities in your community that your club can partner with such as meals on wheels, food banks, churches that give away food and may offer a free lunch.
- Assisting with snacks and meals given to school children afterschool and on weekends
- Sponsoring an eating event for your school athletic varsity sports teams or other student organizations would build a relationship with the younger generation.
- Deliver nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.
- Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Donate to organizations that provide micro-nutrient powders to malnourished children.
- Bring a variety of fruits and vegetables to an elementary school class. Explain to the students where the food comes from and encourage them to taste different types of produce.

Donavan Green, MD2x3 Chairperson

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VISION *Humanitarian Effort*

FREE Spot Vision Screener & State Training Classes

- Saturday August 24th ,2024 9:00am to 2:00pm
 - Hosted by Killeen Evening Lions Club
 - Lions Den -5100 S. Trimmer, Killeen (Lions Den)
- Saturday September 7th, 2024- 9:00am to 1:00pm
 - Hosted by Temple Breakfast Lions Club
 - Location -1300 S 25th St, Temple (American Legion)
- Saturday September 21, 2024- 9:00am to 2:00pm
 - Hosted by Marlin Lions Club
 - Location -504 Bridge St, Marlin (The Chicken Place)

(State Certification Training 9:00am to 12:00pm By Paul Gonzales)

Spot Vision Screener Training & Welch Allyn Certification
(immediately following state class By Lea Ann Batey- District Sight Chair)

Please contact District Sight Chair Lea Ann Batey to sign up.



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

**Texas Department of State
Health Services**

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PEDIATRIC CANCER

Humanitarian Effort



PDG Darie McCleaves, District Chairperson
Copperas Cove Lions Club
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You are important in the fight against cancer. The month of childhood cancer is September, and we would like to share with every Lion something to help them help others. This is from personal contact with others that are fighting or have lost the battle against cancer. When a person receives the word that they have cancer it is hard, and they ask themselves why me? The last thing they would want you to say is, “What’s your prognosis?” “Keep fighting!” or “I know exactly what you are going through because my (insert distant relative here) had cancer.”

He or she will always be fighting and the fact that they are talking about it and receiving treatment is awesome. No one can ever know how cancer will take hold in another person’s body. I have seen this just this month and when all looked like it was going to be better things took a different road and they passed over night. The loss was hard but what mattered was the fact that all of those that knew him showed their love until the last minute. Here are a few things that made the transition easy for him when the time came to say goodbye. They all told him it is ok if the fight is too hard, and you are tired of fighting, they will be ok. Here are good options of what to say when you meet a person for the first time after they tell you they have been diagnosed with some type of cancer. “I am so sorry for the struggle you face—I think of you often—and I wish every good thing for you and your family.” “I pray for you every morning,” or “I pray for you whenever I’m at church.” Or “I don’t know what to say. I wish desperately that I could make this go away for you. Can I bring you a meal on an evening this week?”

Just being there is what counts and will make a difference each day. We all have no control over how treatment will be done, but we can show joy and happiness during a visit.’

Please think about something or a special event that you and your Lions' clubs can host or support to help bring awareness to childhood cancer. Together we can all make a difference. We would like to see all of us go out host a service project or donate \$2 for each member in your club to LCIF to support the global cause "Childhood Cancer". Other options are offering a survivor briefing to help everyone understand the disease and how it can be treated. Coordinate with your local oncology doctors and nurses. Take a meal or toys to a family with a child that is fighting cancer.

FACTS:

About 1 in 285 children will develop cancer before the age of 20.

47 children are diagnosed with cancer every day in the U.S.

There are more than 12 major types of childhood cancers and over 100 subtypes.

1 in 7 children diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. will not survive.

Childhood cancer remains the most common cause of death by disease among children in the U.S.

We are planning a District 2-X3 Pediatric Cancer event for McLane Children's Hospital in Temple. The date is set for December 14 at Ralph Wilson Youth Center. More information will be posted please start thinking about how your club can help make it a great success. It will be like the last one we did a few years ago, so if you remember Santa and Mrs. Claus, Cookie decorations, Pizza, chips, hotdogs, ice cream and cakes. We have games and reading of Christmas books to the children and face painting. We are trying to get some dance groups to help this year and perform and hopefully we will have a great movie to share and watch, please let us know if you have anything special that you would like to host at the event. We can all share.





MD-2 Lions of Texas

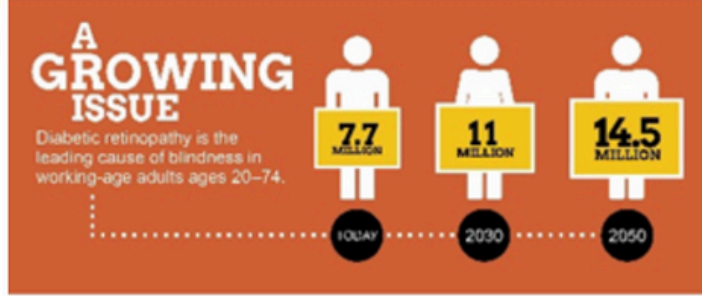
Diabetes, Wellness & Beyond Webinar

Did you know that the leading cause of blindness for working adults is diabetic retinopathy? Did you know that diabetic retinopathy has no early symptoms? Have you been experiencing problems with your vision? How is diabetic retinopathy diagnosed? What are the treatments for diabetic retinopathy? Find out the answers to these questions and more about diabetes by tuning in to the 2023-2024 MD-2 Lions of Texas Diabetes, Wellness & Beyond Webinar series! These informative webinars are hosted by **Lion Gloria Mathur (2-X1), MD-2 Diabetes Awareness Program Chair**. The webinars share information on a variety of topics including *New Developments on Diabetes Related Eye Disease, Diabetes and the Aging Eye*, and more. The webinars can be used to create awareness in your club and community about diabetes. Visit the website today at <https://texaslions.org/diabetes/>



About DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

Diabetic retinopathy occurs when diabetes damages the tiny blood vessels inside the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye.



NO EARLY SYMPTOMS

However, over time, diabetic retinopathy can get worse and cause vision loss or blindness.

WHO IS AT RISK?

All people with diabetes—both type 1 and type 2—are at risk.

- 11% Type 1
- 11% Type 2

95% REDUCED RISK OF VISION LOSS

Early detection, timely treatment, and appropriate follow-up care can reduce the risk of severe vision loss by 95 percent.

YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR VISION.

Get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year if you have diabetes.

Don't forget to—

- T** Take your medications.
- R** Reach and maintain a healthy weight.
- A** Add physical activity to your daily routine.
- C** Control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol.
- K** Kick the smoking habit.

<https://texaslions.org/diabetes/>

Lion Julie Bridges, District Chairperson
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LION ED FIELD

STARS OF SERVICE PROGRAM



INCREASING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

We are honored to introduce the Ed Fields Stars of Service program, named in memory of Lion Ed Fields, who was deeply passionate about service. Lion Ed served on the council with our District Governor Renee in MD2S1. Although Lion Ed passed away one year shy of fulfilling his duty as District Governor, his legacy continues to inspire.

In tribute to his dedication, our district will award the Ed Fields Stars of Service Award to all clubs that complete and reports a service activity in each of the five core humanitarian efforts of Lions:

- Diabetes
- Hunger
- Vision
- Pediatric cancer
- Environment

This program not only honors Lion Ed's commitment to service but also encourages us to make a lasting impact in these critical areas. Let's work together to earn this prestigious recognition in his memory.



Roadmap to success

2024/2025

Club Excellence Award

The Club Excellence Award is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing.

Upon receiving the award, a banner patch and pin will be awarded to your club president. But more importantly, your club's membership will be revitalized, your service impact will grow and your members will see greater leadership opportunities.



Service

Requirements:

- Started a new service project —consider one of our Global Causes!
- List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to Lions International

Membership

Requirements:

- Achieved a new growth of two members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater)
- Or
- Chartered a new Lions club in the current Lion year

Marketing

Requirements:

- The club has published its service activities through local media and social media

LCIF

Requirements:

- Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US\$10

Leadership

Requirements:

- Club is in good standing Current price:(not in status quo or financial suspension: district dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.)
- Reported club officers to Lions International
- Key officers participate in club officer training

MD2X3 DISTRICT

Membership Update

FOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024

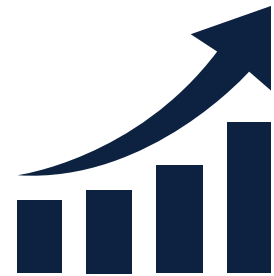
Membership Leaderboard

1. Temple Founder: 116
2. Waco Founder: 65
3. Grapeland Noon: 64



Growth Leaderboard

1. Hillsboro: +2
- And
1. McGregor: +2



Total Membership



1339



Total Clubs



49





NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

CORSICANA LIONS

- Colby Threet - Sponsor: Daniel Owen

HILLSBORO LIONS

- Taylor Minyard - Sponsor: Jamie Siddons
- Christy Turner- Sponsor: Mike McKibben

KILLEEN EVENING LIONS

- Tammy L Sexton - Sponsor: Jeffrey Southard

MCGREGOR LIONS

- Skyler Lightfoot - Sponsor: Andrew Smith
- Avery Olvera - Sponsor: Cassie Thomas



NEW MEMBERS 2-X3

NOLANVILLE LIONS

- Marlene Fey - Sponsor: Elizabeth Barragan
- Heather Hernandez - Sponsor: Elizabeth Barragan
- Jon Hernandez - Sponsor: Elizabeth Barragan
- Eriqa Noriega - Sponsor: Elizabeth Barragan

TEMPLE BREAKFAST LIONS

- Elizabeth H Holcomb - Sponsor: Velva Johnson



TEXAS LIONS *Foundation*

Lisle Meeker, MD2x3 Chairperson

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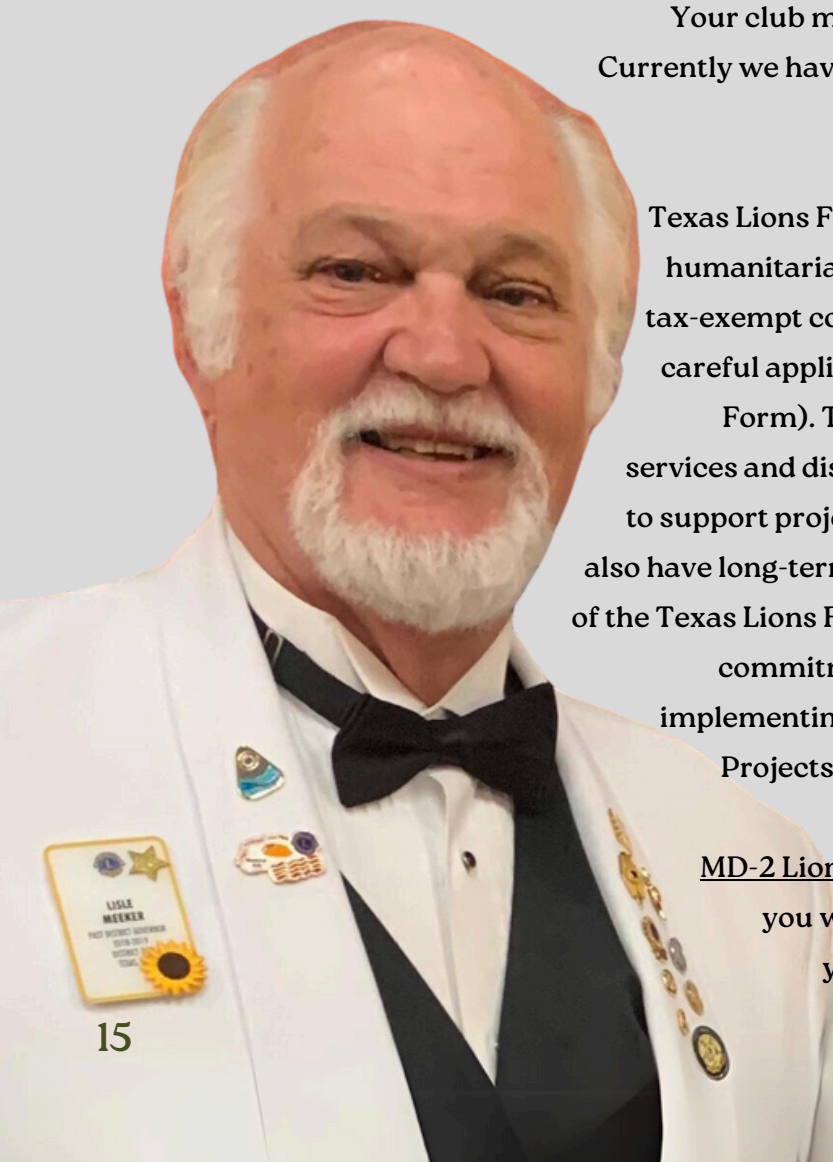
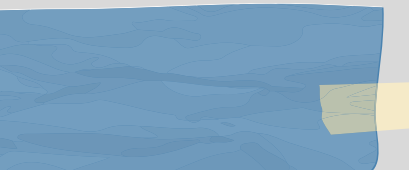
Our district got hit pretty hard by Mother Nature in May. Between floods, hail, and tornados the TLF was able to help 6 clubs with disaster grants to help those in need.

Here we are in the second month of the New Lions year and your leadership team is planning your calendar for the year. If you are planning on a project and need extra funding to complete it, we have the humanitarian grant.

Your club must be a donor to TLF to request a Humanitarian grant. Currently we have no open grants at this time. I look forward to come to your club and talk about Texas Lions 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 [MD-2 Lions of Texas \(texaslions.org\)](http://MD-2 Lions of Texas (texaslions.org)) Just click on resources and you will find the Foundations link. I am available to come to your club or come on line if you are meeting on line and do a presentation on the Texas Lions Foundation..





SCRIPT Talk

WHAT IS SCRIPT TALK?

ScriptTalk is an audio/talking machine that reads labels for patients who wish to have their medication information read aloud to them. Developed by En-Vision America, ScripTalk talking labels are attached to a prescription bottle or accessible packaging solution and programmed with all of the printed label information. At home, the patient places the medication container on the prescription reader unit and hears the label read aloud with the press of a button. A ScripTalk app can be substituted as a prescription reader if the patient uses a smartphone.

The patient will hear the entire label read aloud including:

- Drug name, dosage and instructions
- Warnings and contraindication
- Pharmacy information
- Doctor name
- Prescription number and date

ScriptTalk **Mobile IOS App** now available.

[Download here:](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/scriptalk-mobile/id1317698388)

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

ScriptTalk **Mobile Android App** now available.

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INTERNATIONAL PEACE *Poster Contest*

Lion B.C. Seely, District Chairperson

Waco Women's Lions Club

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Hi Kool-aid drinkers!

If you haven't ordered your Peace Poster kit, it's time. Kits are available until October 1, 2024. "Peace Without Limits" is the theme for the 2024-2025 International Peace Poster Contest. Last year we had 11 clubs enter the contest. District 2-X3 would love to have 15 clubs or more enter this year! First-fifth place prizes (\$100-200) are awarded by the District. The winning poster is forwarded to the State contest. If you would like a suggested timeline and/or tips on conducting a contest, email me and I'll send you a copy.

Any student who will be 11, 12, or 13 on November 15, 2024 is eligible. Your participants may be from public, private, charter, home-schools, family, church, clubs, daycares-any child within the correct age range.

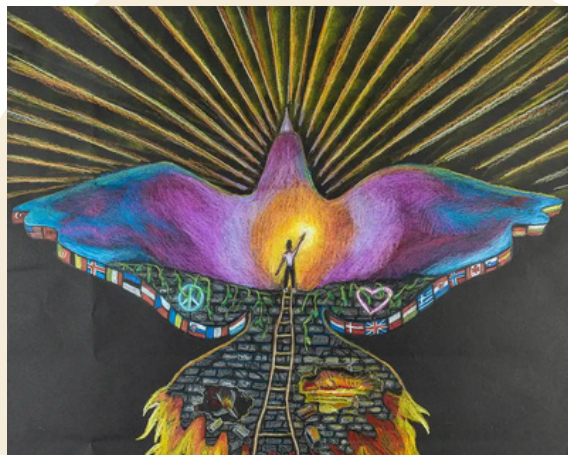
You can order the kit from the LCI store:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-pproach/youth/peace-poster> To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466. The cost of the kit is \$11.95 plus shipping and handling.

**Be sure to email our District Governor, Renee Lamson, LionReneeKettler@gmail.com and B.C. Seely, bclseely@gmail.com that you are submitting a poster for the contest. Once you have judged your entries, send the 1st Place poster to me. The poster must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2024 to me.

My address: B.C. Seely, 2516 Cambridge, Lorena, TX 76655

It helps if you will text or email me your club name and when you mailed your poster so I can notify my mail carrier that I have posters tubes arriving and not to leave them out in the elements.





**MD2X3
OFFICER TRAINING**

Secretary & Club Admin

AUGUST 21, 2024
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Treasurer

AUGUST 28, 2024
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

President

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



VIA ZOOM
REGISTER ONLINE FOR LINK

OPEN TO ALL LIONS WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN THESE ROLES



Global Extension Team Coordinator

What different kinds of clubs are there in Lions?

I'm so glad you asked. Liz Schneider here, your District Global Extension Team coordinator. My position is to assist in the identification of locations around our District where we can add a new club and put the wheels in motion.

On with the title question. There are several types of clubs now in Lions which make it more convenient for individuals to be a part of Lions. They are as follows with a brief description.

Traditional: These are how clubs were originally formed, normally meeting weekly at noon. We have many clubs which are a century old or very close to it. They are well established and know their communities well. These are great for those who have work or live close to the community of focus and have a regular lunch hour. Chartered with 20 individuals

Branch: This is exciting. This Club may begin with as little as five individuals. These may be existing Lions or new prospects. This club has its own officers, bank accounts, activities and operates independently from the sponsoring parent club however will have a liaison from the parent club and the branch club. Membership numbers will count towards the parent club's membership number. If/when the branch club chooses to reach 20 members, they may charter as an independent club.

GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM



Lion Liz Schneider, District Chairperson

Hill County Evening Lions Club

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Community/special interest clubs: These clubs work like a branch club or charter club, however as the name of these clubs indicate, they have a particular interest that brings them together. As it was mentioned at the recent Cabinet meeting an ethnic community or sports related group may form a Lions Club with enough interested persons. Their projects may reflect their area of interest for their immediate and surrounding communities.

Campus Clubs: Have a college or university in your community? Campus Clubs are another student activity where participants may get service hours, leadership skills, activities to boost their resumes, network with community members. Full time or part time student lions receive a special LCI membership discount. Again based on the number of members, they may be a branch or charter club.

Virtual Clubs: In the world of technology that grew zoom conference calls and the like during Covid, we now have virtual clubs to add to the list. So many people now work from home even while they do not live near their work place. Imagine the extensive membership you could have with a virtual club. Meeting dates and times are established and meetings are held using the same format as you would in person. This type of club would be great for those people who are always on the go.

As I go about the District looking for new locations or renewing locations where we once had a club, I am also looking for what will also enhance the current clubs and build their memberships. Working with District Governor Renee and Global Membership Team coordinator Valerie Franklin, together we will strive to grow our District like never before. If you want more information about these possibilities in your area, or want to be part of the team to help build what is already in progress, please let me know .I am so excited and have already been energized with the progress that has already happened. Drink the Kool-aid!!!!!!



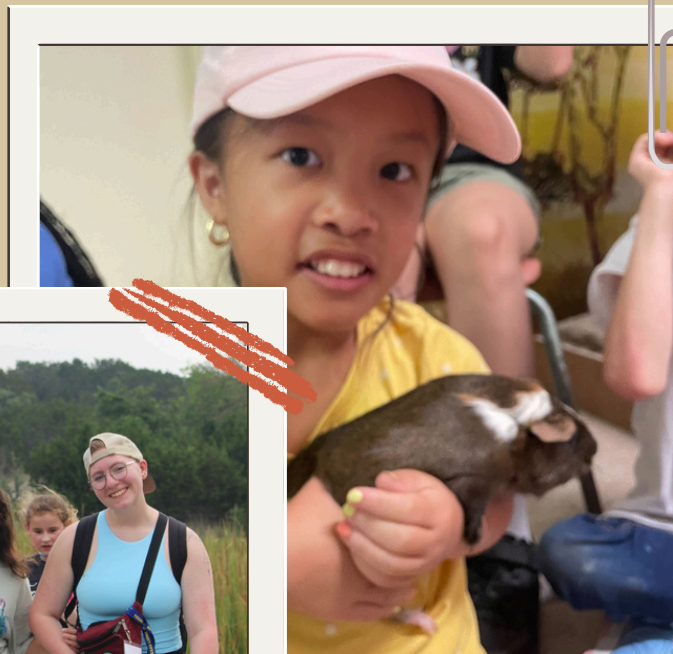
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TEXAS LIONS *Camp*

Lion Natalie Meeks, Director
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**Camp sessions for the Summer of 2024 are now complete.
It is not too soon to start talking about 2025!**

Invite a District Camp Director to your next meeting!



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All Lions in Zone C-2
are invited to a fun and informative

Together
again

C-2 MIXER

Together
again

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 • 6:00 p.m.



2207 Lake Belton Road in Belton

Zone C-2 Chair Lion Lorna Brockette invites you (and your spouse) to enjoy info, meet fellow Lions, share great ideas (with a cash bar) at this informal mixer. Stay for a delicious complimentary dinner if you'd like! You'll hear helpful info from Lion Lorna on how we'll make 2024-2025 one of our best years yet!
You won't want to miss this!

RSVP by email to
lion.lornabrockette@gmail.com
or by text to (254) 913-8208

ZONE C-2 CLUBS

Belton • Rosebud Lott • Salado • Temple Belton Ladies
Temple Breakfast • Temple Founders



Gatesville's Exchange & Lions Clubs

23rd Annual Golf Scramble Saturday, September 14, 2024



Registration 7:30 AM
Shotgun Start: 9 AM

Team Prizes

(based on 14-team field)

- \$500 First Place
- \$400 Fourth Place
- \$200 Eighth Place

Door Prizes
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin



Form your own 4-Person Team

or

Sign-up for a team list
\$200 per team or
\$50 per member

Price includes
Green Fees
Cart
Food

**\$5,000 Hole-in-One Contest Plus
Three other Hole-in-One Prizes
Sponsored by FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Gatesville Country Club
1212 Golf Course Road
254-865-6917

Sign up at Gatesville Country Club or
Alan Mathis – 254-289-1651 – email: Alan.Mathis.TX@gmail.com
Linda Montz – 937-206-6418 – email: Lindakay0118@Gmail.com



All Lions in Zone B-2
are invited to a fun
and informative

B2 mixer

Thursday, September 19
5:30 p.m. at La Fiesta
3815 Franklin Ave. in Waco

Zone B-2 Chair Lion Jeanne Rieger invites you (and your spouse) to enjoy snacks, info, meet fellow Lions, share great ideas (with a cash bar) at this informal mixer.

Wear your nametag or vest and stay for dinner if you'd like! You'll hear helpful info from Lion Jeanne on how we'll make 2024-2025 one of our best years yet!

You won't want to miss this!

**RSVP by email to jeanne.222@hotmail.com
or by text to (254) 715-2850.**

ZONE B-2

Hewitt Lions • McLennan County Lake Waco Lions
Robinson Lions • Robinson-Area Lions
Waco Founder Lions • Waco Women's Lions

25TH ANNUAL
Col Paul Bennett & Eddie Hambrick

GOLF

TOURNAMENT



CASH PRIZES

27 SEPTEMBER

2024

REGISTER NOW

DAN OWEN • 903-875-5462

The Oaks Golf Course • Corsicana

SAVE THE DATE



**DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH MCLANE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

WE INVITE YOUR CLUB TO PARTICIPATE

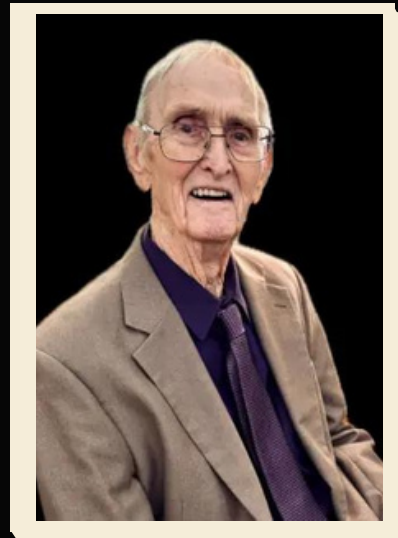
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and the families of those
who have passed.*

~MD2-x3

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LEO CLUB

Spotlight

COPPERAS COVE

Copperas Cove Leos attended the first MD2-X3 meeting in Marlin where they had a wonderful time! Our District Leos had a place at the head table for the first time in years. The Lions and Leos networked and interacted with other clubs at the meeting. It was a fun time for all with delicious food and great company! Pictured below are the Leos that attended the meeting.



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MEETING MEMORIES



LEO CLUB

Spotlight



COPPERAS COVE *Cont'd*

Copperas Cove Leos held a refreshing fundraiser at the local Ace Hardware store! The Leos had fun serving up ice cold lemonade to customers and raising funds for community projects like beautifying the Nursing Home, Community Garden, Animal Shelter and more.



Refreshing Lemonade



LEO CLUB

Spotlight

PINEY WOODS

The Piney Woods Leo Club Officers and Chairpersons were inducted on July 21st. It was a great afternoon of fellowship with Leos and parents. We had a light lunch, and then the Leos made homemade cards for the Houston County Nursing Home. After the cards the Leos either went down to the lake (floats and kayaks) or headed to the kitchen for a mini chopped competition.



LEO CLUB

Spotlight



PINEY WOODS Cont'd

Piney Woods Leos attended the first District 2-X3 Cabinet Meeting for the 2024-2025 year on July 20. Leo President Antonio Ledesma was given a seat at the head table during the meeting when the Leos met with the Lions.



Piney Woods Leos volunteered at the July monthly produce distribution on July 15th. There were 19 pallets of food that were given out to about 950 families. East Texas Food Bank sent us 2 pallets of milk this month, and that's always very welcome by the families.





LEO CLUB

Spotlight

PINEY WOODS *Cont'd*

Piney Woods Leos visited Houston County Nursing Home on July 25th. This was the first time the club has returned since the pandemic. It was wonderful to be able to walk up and down their halls and visit with the residents. The Leos delivered the homemade cards they'd made this past Sunday. Their visit really brightened the day of so many of these residents.






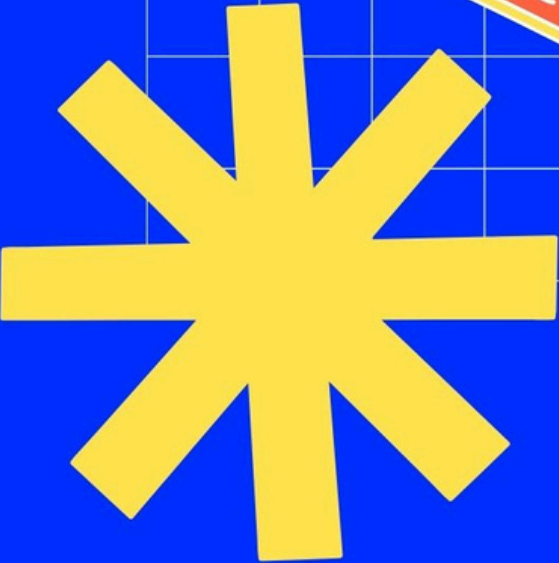
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NEWSLETTER

**Linda needs your
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DON'T FORGET



Don't forget to share your activities with the district! Submit photos, event information, flyers, and news to Linda by the 5th of each month!



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight

BELTON

What an AMAZING turn out to the “Back to School with God” event at Yetti Polk Park with Mt. Zion United Methodist Church! Backpacks filled with school supplies, hotdogs, hair-cuts, eye screenings and loads of fun for kids. SHOUT OUT to all the Lions that came out and helped set up, cook, serve and being a part of something bigger than yourselves. Belton Lions cooked and served over 700+ hotdogs! Way to go Lions. We are ready to serve again next year.

Also, thank you, Virginia, Diane and Marilyn with Temple Breakfast Lions Club for assisting with the eye screenings. Your service to the community does not go unnoticed! Remember, if there is a need - there IS a Lion!



Announcing the boat races coming October 5th. Mark your calendar now!

LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



CLIFTON

Lions Texas District 2-X3 Governor, our own Renee Lamson, invited us to attend the first District meeting of the new Lion year in Marlin, Texas on Saturday, July 20. Clifton club president Talon Clift led the meeting and introduced new officers. Members got to explore the club's new service trailer, purchased with a grant from the Texas Lions Foundation and with funding from some generous local donors. The trailer is equipped to serve as a sight screening location at events, and can be used for transporting food, tools, or GTT supplies as needed. It can be borrowed by other Lions Clubs in our area to help accomplish their service projects.





LIONS CLUB

Spotlight

COPPERAS COVE

The Copperas Cove Lions Club collected much-needed supplies for McLane Children's Hospital patients. Donations from club and community members yielded several toys and items from a wish list supplied by the hospital! These toys, books, and games were delivered to the McLane Children's Hospital by Copperas Cove Lions Club President Darie McCleaves, Lion Mary Patton, and Lion Julie Bridges. Also pictured is 1VP Lion Tomas Ochoa and Lion Joe Burns helping to load the van with donations. The hospital staff and community outreach coordinator were overjoyed to receive this large donation!



*McLane Children's
Hospital Collection*



McLane Children's
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LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



COPPERAS COVE *Cont'd*

Copperas Cove Lions and Leos attended the first MD2-X3 meeting in Marlin where they had a wonderful time! Copperas Cove Lions Club had a new member join at the meeting and was inducted by PID Mike Butler. Welcome Lion Linda Jamison!

GATESVILLE

These Lions were honored for their years of service



Charles Talbott-15 years



Grant Kinsey-20 years



Dora Dyson-30 years



Our Lion of the Year
Dr. Eric Moffett



District Governor Renee Lamson installed our new officers at our annual banquet.



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight

GATESVILLE *Cont'd*



Gatesville Lions handed out 4 scholarships to :

- 1) "Lions Club Scholarship" Lane Kinsey, \$2,000
- 2) "Lions Club Scholarship" Ellie Kelley, \$2,000
- 3) "McKamie Scholarship" Clayton Gregory, \$2,000
- 4) "Jerry & Dora Dyson Scholarship" Barrett Boyd, \$2,000

GROESBECK

Groesbeck Lions hosted a time of recognition for Groesbeck ISD's hard working custodial/maintenance/lawn care/service personnel! They work tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare our campuses for the upcoming year!



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



GROESBECK Cont'd



We also had two long time members receive membership keys in recognition for their sponsorship of new Groesbeck Lions. Lion John sponsored his 5th Lion and Lion Sharon sponsored her 10th. A big thank you for their dedication and leadership in our club!

HARKER HEIGHTS



Harker Heights Lions recently received a grant to purchase their own SPOT Vision Screener and quickly put it to good use by doing 116 vision screenings at the ASYMCA Back to School/Healthy Kids Event. The club also promoted the Texas Lions Camp to event attendees.





LIONS CLUB *Spotlight*

HARKER HEIGHTS *Cont'd*



Serve.
Inspire.
Be a Lion.



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



HEWITT

In July 2024 some members of the Hewitt Lions Club attended the District Cabinet Meeting in Marlin, Texas and the club also hosted a scholarship winner and her family. The scholarship winner was Kenna Olson from Midway High School and in the fall, she will attend Tarleton State University, located in Stephenville, Texas and major in Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine.



District Cabinet Meeting – Pictured John Noles, left, Robert Tidwell, center, Don Slimp, right.



Acting President Terry Bolen (filling in for President Steve Wilcox) with Kenna Olson.





LIONS CLUB

Spotlight

HILL COUNTY EVENING

Hill county Evening was a sponsor for the New Beginnings for Peabody Homecoming event. Members of the HCELC assisted with setting up the stage and other items needs to get the day rolling.



Right: Lions Kenny and Jay in the Peabody Homecoming Parade



Lion Donovan, District Hunger Chair & Club Service Chair with Lion Liz District GET attend the first District Cabinet meeting



New member Jose Gongora inducted by PDG Randi Wilde and sponsored by Lion Tonya Gregorio

LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



HILLSBORO

We saw LOTS OF LIONS at the July 4th Late Bloomer Parade this past Thursday, and it was beautiful to see the many homes and businesses that have American flags placed by Lions Club volunteers.





LIONS CLUB *Spotlight*

HILLSBORO *Cont'd*

Right: Josh Nowlin, Director of Marketing and Silver Connections at Hill Regional Hospital, spoke to the Hillsboro Lions Club at their July 23rd meeting about Hill Regional Hospital, the staff and services, as well as the Specialty Care Clinic. He encouraged regular checkups, finding a doctor who listens, and other ways to take care of yourself by making great habits and keeping it fun. Mr. Nowlin also shared information about the free programs offered for senior citizens through the Silver Connection program.



Pictured: Mr. Nowlin and Program Coordinator Lion Rachael Esparza



Left: The Hillsboro Lions Club recently honored Immediate Past President, Chuck Smith, with a Texas Lions Camp Life Membership. Life Memberships align people of high moral character and servant attitudes with Texas Lions Camp while supporting the Camp's goal to help children step into their calling and improve self-esteem. Pictured below- Current Hillsboro Lions Club President Lea Sanders presenting Lion Chuck Smith with the Life Membership pin.

LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



HILLSBORO *Cont'd*

****Hillsboro Lions Club Partners with Hillsboro City Library to Introduce Adventure Backpacks for Youth****

The Hillsboro Lions Club has recently collaborated with the Hillsboro City Library to enhance educational opportunities for local children. This new program involves the creation and distribution of Adventure Backpacks, which children can now borrow using their library cards.

To build this program, the Lions Club successfully raised over \$1,000, enabling the assembly of 18 Adventure Backpacks. Each backpack is designed to offer a diverse range of educational experiences and activities. Topics covered include fishing, coding, cooking, native plants and wildlife, bird watching, music, geology, astronomy, and flower pressing, among others. This variety aims to engage and educate children in multiple areas of interest.

The Adventure Backpacks were assembled by Lions Club members and their families during the Club's annual Family Day luncheon, held on Tuesday, August 6. Following the event, the backpacks were donated to the Hillsboro City Library and are now available for checkout.

Individuals interested in borrowing an Adventure Backpack must possess a Hillsboro Library card. Those who do not yet have a library card may apply for one either in person at the library or online. Please note that proof of address is required to obtain a library card.





LIONS CLUB

Spotlight

KILLEEN EVENING



Left: Thank you to Lion Julie Bridges our District Diabetes Chair for speaking to our club on July 16th.



Right: Lion of the Year
Lion Sylvia Sanchez

KILLEEN LADIES

District Governor Lion Renee Lamson paid a visit to the Killen Ladies Lions Club.



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



KILLEEN NOON

The Killeen Noon Lions Club has kept up with its support of the Killeen Food Bank and Bingo events for the residents of the Rosewood Retirement Facility. In addition, club members supported the Diabetic Children Day at Camp Bluebonnet, cooking hamburgers and hot dogs and serving sides and condiments to the attendees. We were joined by Eva Turner who came with Lion Ronnie. We were honored when District Governor Randi installed our 2024-2025 officers at our June installation banquet.



IPDG Lion Randi Wilde installs Lion Leslie as Boss Lion



Right: IPDG Lion Randi, Boss Lion Leslie, and IPP Lion Brockley cut the cake



Left: Noon Lions flip burgers and dogs at Camp Bluebonnet for Diabetic children.



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight

KILLEEN NOON *Cont'd*



Lions Will, Ronnie, and Dick at Camp Bluebonnet for Diabetic children



Lions Leslie, Rowena, and Jack prepare to serve at Camp Bluebonnet

ROBINSON AREA

2VDG Lion Kim Giles installed our new officers for us on July 1st.



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



ROBINSON AREA Cont'd



At our second meeting of the month our new vice president was presented with her vest, and we had a surprise baby shower for a couple of our members before welcoming their new cub.



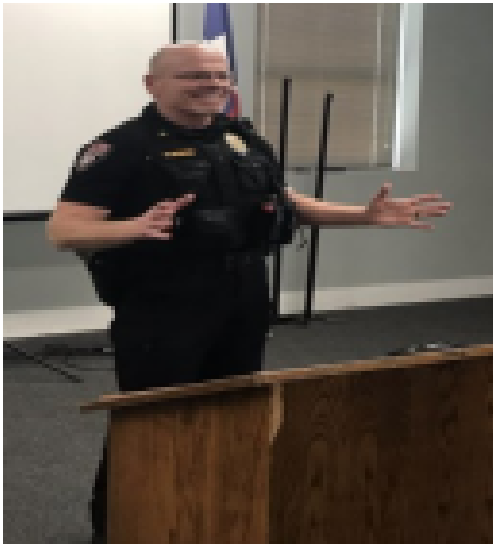


LIONS CLUB

Spotlight

SALADO

Our speakers for the month were both Salado Lion members. Salado ISD Police Chief Gary McHone spoke about safety procedures during bad weather and Salado ISD Superintendent Michael Novotny gave us a presentation of the state of the school district and shared some videos of what the new high school and the new stadium will look like.



Left: We were so pleased to have this year's Salado Lion's Scholarship Award winners Thomas Neas and Allyson Gouveia with us at our second luncheon of the month! Thomas will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Texas State University and Allyson will be studying Architecture at Penn State University.

LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



SALADO Cont'd



Left: Our new Salado Lion President David Matthews presented a plaque of appreciation to last year's President Beth Aycock for the wonderful job she did leading our club.



Right: Salado Lion Hulda Horton will be turning 95 in a few days so we all sang Happy Birthday to her at our second luncheon. We sure do love our Hulda!

TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES

A special thank you to Texas Lions Foundation and to Lions Clubs International Foundation for providing grants to the club and District so we could provide assistance to needy victims of the Temple tornado.



2024-2025 Officers installed. Pictured left to right are DG Renee Lamson, President Lorna Brockett, VP Renee Pagan, Genera Miller Secretary, Lea Batey Treasurer, and 1VDG Stacey Phillips.



LIONS CLUB *Spotlight*

TEMPLE-BELTON LADIES Cont'd

100% Attendance



Passing the gavel from Immediate Past President Lea Batey to President Lorna Brockett.

The Temple-Belton Ladies Lions Club conducts vision screenings at the Body of Christ Community Clinic every other month.



Right: packing groceries with Love of Christ Food Pantry, Temple.



Lorna Brockett, Jan Christmas, Genera Miller, Judy Morris, and Dr. Renee Pagan all pictured with Lea Batey.



LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



TEMPLE BREAKFAST

Temple Breakfast Lions Club had their Induction and Installation Banquet on July 11, 2024. District Governor Renee Lamson installed the 2024-2025 Officers and Board of Directors. She also inducted new members including Lion Velva Johnson.

Once Lion Velva was inducted, she had the pleasure of sponsoring her granddaughter, Elizabeth Holcomb, as a new Lion.

Lion Virginia Mattson was awarded the TBLC Lion of the Year Award.

Entertainment was provided by talented guitarist and singer TBLC Lion JW Riza.



New members with their sponsors



New member induction





LIONS CLUB *Spotlight*

WACO WOMENS

Waco Women's Lions Club month in pictures:



Lion LeeAnne Ostrander with BU Grad student Malcolm cleaning up the Brazos River at the July Environmental Clean Up Day.



Our Past President Lion Melissa Sieh and Heather Carey donated stuffed animals and games to the Victims Crime Advocate Program for children waiting to testify in court.



Mom Jo and sibling Ashe cheered on TL Camper Ian as he aimed at his target at Texas Lions Family Camp. Waco Womens set a new record this summer by sponsoring 12 campers to Texas Lions Camp.

LIONS CLUB

Spotlight



WACO WOMENS *Cont'd*



WWLC Lions were being silly at the first District 2-X3 meeting for 2024-2025 lion year. Environmental Chair LeeAnne Ostrander, Zone B-2 Chair Jeanne Rieger, 2ndVDG Kim Giles, Pam Cooper, Peace Poster Chair B.C. Seely, and WWLC President Karen Noles



Lion Rose Moyer laughed hilariously as Lion Kim received a sorta creepy old lady ventriloquist doll! Christmas in July at WWLC is never dull!



Lions Pam Cooper (left) and Karen Noles (above-she always wins something) won lei raffle items at the District Meeting

Mark your Calendars:

August 21, 2024 - Club Secretary and Club Admin Training

August 24, 2024 - Spot Vision Screener and State Training

August 28, 2024 - Club Treasurer Training

August 29, 2024 - Zone Meeting, Zone C-2

September 4, 2024 - Club President Training

September 7, 2024 - Spot Vision Screener and State Training

September 14, 2024 - Gatesville Lions Club's

23rd Annual Golf Tournament

September 19, 2024 - Zone Meeting, Zone B-2

September 21 - Spot Vision Screener and State Training

September 27, 2024 - Corsicana Lions Club's

Col Paul Bennett & Eddie Hambrick Golf Tournament

October 5, 2024 - Belton Lions Club's

Lions on the Leon and Wacky Boat Race

October 12, 2024 - District Cabinet Meeting in Athens

December 14, 2024 - District Wide Pediatric Cancer Service Project

January 18, 2025 - Midwinter Cabinet Meeting in Temple

March 28-29, 2025 - District Convention in Clifton



*Upcoming
Events*

PASSPORT



THERE ARE SOME DISTRICT PASSPORTS STILL AVAILABLE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EARNING YOUR SPECIAL DG PIN LET DG RENEE KNOW!

MD2-X3

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