



## *District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International*

# *Gammill's Gatherings*

August 2014

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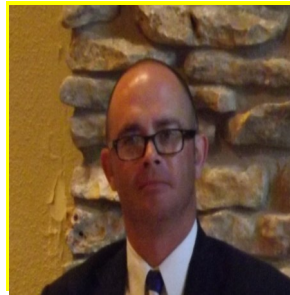
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# *We Serve*

Here We Go!!

The Lions year is officially under way. Clubs are settling in to their new officers and routines. I am planning to begin my club visits in September and look forward to meeting a lot of you. I would strongly encourage all of our clubs go onto the LCI website and enter your Signature Service Projects. These are projects unique to your club, not just an average fund raiser. For example, the Mason Lions hold a 5k-10k Run each year, or Kingsland Lions popular golf tournament. Almost every club has one. Show off your Lions spirit and record it with LCI. The Lions Int. website is getting easier to use every day. PLEASE use it. It has tons of great information.

I'd like to also ask Program directors to review our District Chairpersons page on the 2A1 website. ALL of the chairpersons are willing to come give programs to show your Lions where their money and time are going outside of their community. These folks WANT to give programs!! I ask that each club in the District have a Lions-centered program at least every quarter (preferably once a month).

Ours numbers have held for the month at 11 new Lions and 11 dropped. Lions, I can live with that for now. I know all you hear from me is membership and numbers. But it's important, and I'm not apologizing. But I also know we need to be retaining our members. Our GLT coordinator Lion Carole Brown plans to have a Lions University to assist in finding new leaders, so you Lions who have served multiple terms can pass on your experience. More on that to come.

I hope this message finds you all well. I was proud to visit the Concho Pearl Lions, and look forward to seeing you all very soon!!

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

**District Cabinet Meeting**  
**Colorado City**  
**October 17th & 18th**  
**Registration TBD**



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## Message from 1ST Vice Governor A. J. DOLLE

Toronto was a real impressive International fling in spite of our States Candidate for President of LCI not winning. Texas put on a great show both at the Parade and the convention rally.

What we must take from it was that a point was made and will most likely be remembered. We should follow Mike Butler's example shown after the loss with his continued example of enthusiasm displayed at the Lions Camp Breakfast in Kerrville recently.

Our new LCI President Joe Preston is a great Lion full of pep and energy and not a bad singer as he spoke to us at the Council of Governors August 2nd also in Kerrville, his main theme of "Strengthen the Pride" is one worthy of attention by Texas Lions and out District 2A-1.

The attendance of these meetings along with Cabinet and District meetings has certainly strengthened my own feelings and enthusiasm for Lions and I would encourage Lions throughout the District to become involved in District activities, it will strengthen you and you will have a direct influence on your home club. While it is fine to think local in your service, We should remember however we are an International Organization and do much good in the whole world of Lionism, and since some of our pet projects in 2A-1 are International such as our TLERC program and the ACUNA Clinic.

If you are ready to step up to a leadership roll let the Governor or myself know now, we will help you with your decision and try to help place you in Zone or Cabinet positions.

Lion A. J. Dolle



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## Zone News

Zone 1 in Midland held it's 1st meeting of the new Lion's Year on Tuesday, August 12th with the following members present: from Midland Downtown Club President Lion Aubrey Linne, from Midland West Side Zone 1 Chairman Lion Armando Subia Sr. and Club President Lion Donald McConnell, from Midland Tall City Club President William Merritt, and from Midland Morning Club President Jerry Preas. The following guests were also present PDG Tom Blaze, Dr. Norman Gould, PDG Bob Edwards and Lion Bob Price. The main topic of discussion was the Children's Eye Clinic currently located at the Midland Downtown Club. Dr. Gould feels that the current facility is not conducive to the program and asked that it be moved to TLERC Building. TLERC will not be responsible for any funding for this program. Lion Bob Price brought up the possibility of all Midland Lions participating in a Habitat for Humanity home. Members present agreed to discuss this project with their Clubs.

## District Meeting Dates

October 17-18 2014, Colorado City

January 16-17 2015, (Mid-Winter) Kingsland

April 17-18 2015, (District Convention) Midland



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Mason Lions visited the Lions Camp in Kerrville. This week it was kids with Downs Syndrome. Those on the trip were: Boss Lion Ken Cordero, Lions Fritz Landers, Kirby Groves and Joel L. Kuykendall.



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Lion Chuck Heineke was installed as an Elected Camp Director at the Camp Board meeting. He is a member of the Kingsland Lions Club



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**PDG Melvin and Mary Beth Felch**

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The Mason Lions Club was treated to a very enjoyable bluegrass performance by Mason Lion Dave Benefield (on banjo) and featuring District Governor (and Mason Lion) John Gammill on bass. They put on quite a show. And a good time was had by all. They were even kind enough to do an encore when the program for the following week canceled!




**Midland  
West Side Lions Club  
Home Club of PDG  
Robert (Bob) Edwards  
Proudly Supports  
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<b>Zone 1 Chairperson</b> Armando Subia Sr. A_subia49@gmail.com	<b>Zone 2 Chairperson</b>	<b>Zone 3 Chairperson</b> Rick Phelps	<b>Zone 4 Chairperson</b> Joel Kuykendall southwesterlion2011@gmail.com	<b>Zone 5 Chairperson</b>	<b>Zone 6 Chairperson</b> Larry Walker larry.e.walker45@gmail.com
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TEXAS LIONS EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER

TLERC had its annual board meeting in Midland, Texas on June 21, 2014 at 2:00PM. Officers elected for the next year were: PDG Ron Knott – President S-3 , Lion Tom Stanley-Vice President S-4, PID Marshall Cooper- Treasury , PDG Claude Durham- Secretary, Lion Leroy Wagner – Accountant for TLERC. PDG Carolyn Keskitalo will continue to serve as CEO. As report was given by the constitution and by-laws committee with no suggested changes. A state of the facility report was presented by the CEO. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Priorities Established:

Raise \$60,000 to retire a debt incurred with the purchase of the bunkhouse. There are different levels of awards based on the amount given to honor Lions in your club for all of their hard work

Educate the Lions of Texas of what we do and how we go about doing it. We are a recognized Council of Governors charity.

Establish a core group of volunteers to work at the center on a daily basis. Lions clubs, High School Leos (in and around the area), church groups and other civic organizations. The Center once had a strong base of volunteers. Work days and projects are open seven days a week. There is always something to do at the Center.

Add companies that are friends of TLERC. Southwestern Motor Freight has moved glasses and supplies as far away as New York City and New Jersey, soon to Oklahoma and all throughout Texas. I am working with Adams Extract and Unifirst Systems for improved storage containers to facilitate storage of large volume of glasses outside.

Grow the children’s’ eyeglass program.

Expand the Pedia- vision program.

Ask your Director to do programs with you. I will do programs for you as well.

I leave you with a quote:

*“Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy”*

*Ron Knott, President TLERC*

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## My Exchange in Italy: Che bella!

By: Sally Anne St. Jacques

One of the many things I learned from this trip is that time really flies. I first heard about this wonderful opportunity at the end of November 2013 from my current Spanish teacher who recommended it to me. Next thing I knew, it was June 21, 2014 and I was at the Midland International Airport trying to convince my mom not to cry as we hugged goodbye. I would be gone for one month. Luckily for my mom, that month flew by and I returned home July 19 with a large Italian vocabulary and many exciting stories to share.

For the first six days of my time in Northern Italy, I stayed with my first host family: the Vernile's. I lived with a host mother, father, grandmother, and two sisters, Cristina (17) and Anna (16). In addition, they had a dog named Trilly, who they claimed was not a Corgi, even though she looked exactly like one. They lived in a small town on a lake called Iseo. My first day with them included my host mother taking my host sisters and me around Iseo. We even took a boat to Monte Isola, which was located in the middle of the lake. During my stay with the Vernile's, I got to visit the cities of Iseo, Brescia, Sarnico, and Milan. Every night, the family prepared a nice dinner consisting of typical Italian food (mainly different types of pasta). When I wasn't visiting different cities, I was relaxing at the lake, gelato in my hand, with Anna, Cristina, and all of their friends. As an only child, I can honestly say I would not mind it if Anna and Cristina were my real sisters. It was a joy getting to spend six days with the Vernile's. I only wish my time with them would have been longer!

I spent the next ten days with my second host family: the Rossi's. I lived with two host parents, a sister named Chiara (19), and a brother named Francesco (17). They also had a dog named Luna. They lived in a medium sized town called Mantova. My first day with them consisted of a visit to the *Palazzo Ducale di Mantova*, which was the residence of the royal Gonzaga family between the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> century. During my stay with the Rossi's, I got to visit Mantova, Venice, and Milan. Venice was by far my favorite Italian city. Unfortunately, we did not ride a gondola due to expensive pricing. However, that didn't matter, for I had already fallen in love with San Marco Square, which consists of St. Mark's Basilica, the Clock Tower, and many different shops. The day of our trip to Venice, I bought my mom a gold cameo for her birthday, which passed during my stay in Italy. When the family and I stayed in Mantova, we would go out to eat, go shopping, or go swimming. One day, my host siblings took me to a water park, where I got to meet all of their friends. That night, we threw a huge surprise party for Chiara, who had just finished her major exams. Overall, I think the Rossi's really showed me the Italian lifestyle and culture by introducing me to many special people and places.

I spent my last ten days at a Lion's Camp: Campo Dei Laghi (Camp of the Lakes). There, I met seventeen other exchange students from countries all over the world, including Finland, the Ukraine, and Estonia. While at the camp, I got to revisit the cities of Venice, Mantova, and Brescia. While in Brescia, the campers got divided into groups to go on a treasure hunt. One of the clues was located atop the old Castle and I have to say that walking up the steps to that castle was the most painful experience. Fortunately, it was worth it because the team I was on won by a landslide. The camp also took us to Verona, where we went on a tour and saw an opera at the Arena. Unfortunately, it began to rain, so we left early. We even spent one day at Gardaland, Italy's best amusement park. Throughout our stay at the camp, everyone had to give a country presentation. I worked alongside the two other American girls in creating a PowerPoint that talked about the United States, as well as our individual states. One morning, the camp took part in a ceremony with the mayor of Castellaro (Castellaro was a tiny city where the camp was located). The final day at the camp consisted of visiting a center where dogs are trained to guide the blind. Afterwards, we got to go shopping at the Orio center in Bergamo. That night was the final party. Everyone's host families were invited too. Everyone got dressed up to have an outdoor dinner with their host families and fellow campers. After dinner, there was music and dancing. It is fair to say that no one got any sleep that night, especially me, for the party didn't end until the next morning and I had the earliest flight. The following morning, I couldn't help but cry as I said goodbye not only to my fellow campers, but to Italy itself.

I would like to thank the Midland West side, Downtown, and Suburban Lion's Clubs for sponsoring me on this wonderful trip. I would also like to thank everyone from the Northside Lion's Club, especially Mark Singh, for helping me prepare for this trip. I am so glad I got to take part in this once in a lifetime experience and I hope every youth gets the chance to visit a place where they can have fun, meet new people, and make memories.





Palazza Ducale di Mantova



My host sister Anna and I at Campo Dei Laghi's Final Party



My host brother Francesco, his two friends, and I in front of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice



Cristina, Anna, and I in front of the Cathedral in Milan

## **District 2-A1 Newsletter and Directory Sponsors**

### **The District needs your support for 2014-2015**

Be A Team Player by showing your support for the District Governor Team Elect and District 2-A1 by advertising in the 2014-2015 District publications.

We need your support as much as ever and July more so.

Please purchase you space as soon as possible by completing this form and sending it with your check to our District Treasurer: PDG Lion Joyce Downie, 115 Churchill Blvd, San Angelo, Texas 76903.

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**Kingsland Lions Charities  
Semi Annual Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday, August 30, 2014  
7 AM – 11 AM**



**Kingsland Community Center  
Rose Hill Drive, Kingsland, TX 78639**

**Adults \$5.00**

**Children 12 and under \$3.00**

**Free Entertainment/Children's Vision Testing**



**Kingsland Lions 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

**Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014**

**Place: Lighthouse Country Club**

**Time: 11:00AM** shotgun start (Note new time)

**Format: 4 person Scramble (W/HDCP)**

**Entry Fee:** \$65.00 per player- \$50.00 for Lighthouse Club Members - Green fees, Cart, Range balls, Door prizes, Meal following play with refreshments – Additional meal tickets \$10 (Get in Advance)

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**Kingsland Lion 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Charities Golf Tournament**

Entry Form and Fee Requested by October 20

Make checks payable to: Lighthouse Country Club

P. O. Box 1807, Kingsland TX 78639

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For info contact Lighthouse Country Club at 325-388-6660 or [Lighthousecountryclub.com](http://Lighthousecountryclub.com)

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District Mid Winter Meeting  
January 16 & 17  
Kingsland Texas

For our district meeting in Kingsland on January 16 & 17 our theme is "We Serve" and our goal is a simple one - get all 46 clubs that make up the district to attend and be the program for the day. In the Christmas movie "It's A Wonderful Life" Jimmy Stewart, the main character, thinks he's a failure but the angel shows him what a poor place his community would be if he hadn't been there. That same thing is true of the communities our Lions clubs serve. Our communities are a better place to live because we Lions are there. Our January District Meeting is to both celebrate that service and share ideas about ways we can help our communities. The meeting hall will be set up with tables so each club will have a space to bring information & pictures about whatever service activity you think is the best thing you do. It can be as simple as signing up people to be eye and organ donors or as complex as coordinating a community activity. We are looking to share how we give our time to our community not money or fund raisers - how the community knows we are there because we are out there in our vests picking up trash on the roadway.

To make this a fun Friday afternoon and Saturday morning the Kingsland club has put together activities you are invited to participate in if you can.

Friday afternoon options

- Golf
- Visit Longhorn cavern
- Boat rides on Lake LBJ

Friday 4:00 cookout on Lake LBJ

- The Kingsland club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs at the community park (also called the Lions park) on Lake LBJ (including smores).
- We will stay around after the meal and play bingo or watch the moon come up over the lake.

Saturday morning we will meet at the Kingsland Community church for the regular district meeting focused on how we serve our communities. We will have coffee, juice, fruit, and pastries when you arrive. At noon we will serve lunch at the church.

We ask that each club's officers share this information with their members and recruit and encourage members to attend along with the officers. It is a great opportunity to meet Lions from across the district, help other clubs with your ideas and pick up new ideas you might want to try in you club.

Mark your calendar now for Kingsland on January 16 & 17  
Questions call Dave Richison 325-388-2091