



## District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International

# Gammil's Gatherings

July 2014

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District Cabinet Meeting

Mason

July 25th & 26th

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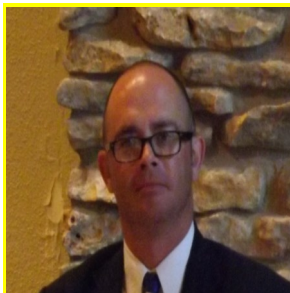
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# We Serve

A Beginning, and end, and a future...

The Lion "New Year" began with a bang in Toronto. I first want to thank all of you who attended the convention. The campaign of PID Mike Butler was incredibly well run, and a lot of Lions worked their tails off (pun intended) to make sure that Lions had a choice for their Second Vice International President. The outcome of the election was not what everyone wanted of course, but I think in the long run we will look back on the positive effect it will have in upcoming elections at the International level. Perhaps there will be more Lions challenging the status quo and running. My dearest best wishes to PID Mike, and his dear wife Sheryl. Lion Mike is a phenomenal leader and will continue to be a huge asset to our great state.

A bit about myself and my family: I am 42 years old and an 8 year Lion from Mason, Texas. I am the first District Governor from Mason (est. 1942). My wife Angela and I have been married for 12 years. She is also a Lion. I have three boys (Ethan, 18, Julian, 10, and Christian, 6). Ethan started at Tarleton this summer majoring in geophysics/geology. Both of my little guys attend Mason Elementary. I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Masonite, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Lion, a farmer/rancher, and a musician.

Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank IPDG Frank Berthold for his service this last year. We had a tough year in 2A1, but it is through no fault of Lion Frank. He and PDG/CCE Tom Blasé have been my mentors and I owe them a world of thanks. I fear we have become complacent as Lions as a whole. We have become almost comfortable with the fact that our clubs are dying. It was heartbreaking to see one of oldest clubs (Brownwood/Early) drop their charter. As a young Lion, I am not willing to accept that. We have ALL seen the amazing work Lions do in our state, our nation, and our world. Are we willing to see that die here? At home?? I don't think we are. I can't imagine a world without the Texas Lions Camp, or the TLERC. All of our 100% charities are causes that deserve our utmost.

International President Joe President challenged all Lions to "Ask 1" person to join our clubs. I challenge our members to ask as many as they can think of, the new football coach, the nice girl working at the bank, the waitress who served your meal, or that nice new young couple at church. And get them involved!!! Get those vests back on and be proud to be a Lion!! My mission statement for the year is "WE SERVE". You ALL have, and I pray you always will. Let us not allow stubbornness, apathy, and the old club killer (we've always done it that way) stop us from being a vibrant, growing district. To ALL Lions, please know that I am here to serve you!! I welcome all calls and emails. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during my club visits. My email for the year will be [dgjohngammill@gmail.com](mailto:dgjohngammill@gmail.com), and my personal phone number is 325-347-2806. If I can't answer your question, I will find someone who can. Thank you all for your support, and thanks in advance for a great year. I, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG AJ Dolle, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Dave Richison, Cabinet Secretary Lion Randi Rivero, Cabinet Treasurer PDG Joyce Downie, District Tail Twister Lion Stephanie Subio, and all of our Zone Chairpersons welcome you to a new Lions year. Remember, above ALL things... WE SERVE!!!!!!

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### Kingsland 4th of July Parade



Leading off the parade was Lion Era Marian - Outstanding Public Servant.



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 North By Northwest  
 Lions Club**

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**San Angelo West Side**

**Lions Club**

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**and the 2-A1 Leadership Team**

Kingsland 4th of July Parade



Next Boss Lions Jim Chapman, driving and Past Boss Lion Ray Lynch riding Outstanding Organization of Year



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**CCE Tom Blase  
 and Lion Sherrilyn**

**Support**

**District Governor John Gammil  
 and the 2-A1 Leadership Team**



**EVERETT J, "EBB" GRINDSTAFF**

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Kingsland 4th of July Parade




The Kingsland Lions Club Floats

This year they highlighted some of the District's Charities: West Texas Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Texas Lions Camp, and Vision Screening. Next was a Club float advertising our next Golf Tournament (Oct 25)



 PDG Joyce Downie  
and husband  
Lion Ron  
Support  
District 2-A1 Governor John Gammil  
and his 2013-2014 Cabinet

 PDG Melvin Felch  
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Brownwood, TX 76801  
PDG Melvin and Mary Beth Felch  
Support  
District Governor John Gammil  
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Kingsland 4th of July



Boss Lion leading the Boat Parade with the Miss Aqua Boom Court.



All total, Kingsland had 21 Club Members involved someway in 4th of July activities.

**ATTENTION OUTGOING CLUB SECRETARIES.**

There are 21 Clubs in District 2-A1 that have not filed the new Club Officers for 2014-2015 with Lions Clubs International. **This information is very important.**

Instructions on how to file your Clubs new officers for 2014-2015 online with Lions Clubs International.

On the Internet go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

On the home page click on Member Center

On the Member Center page click on MyLCI

This will take you to the logon page. You will have to have already set up your sign in name or number and your password.

Once on your Clubs home page, click on My Lions Club.

Click on officers

Select term for 2014-2015.

Select office

When the membership list comes up you select the following:

Club President

Club 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President


Club secretary

Club Treasurer

Club Membership Chair

scroll down to the bottom of the page and save and submit.

If you cannot get online to file this report, **please** call Lions Clubs International at 1-630-571-5466 and ask for the Clubs and Membership Department and tell them that you want to give them the information for your Club's new officers for 2014-15. They will be very happy to hear from you as they need this information just as much as District 2-A1 needs it. Once your name is in the system you will be able to set up your logon and password information to LCI online and file your Clubs Monthly Membership Report.



**Midland  
West Side Lions Club  
Home Club of PDG  
Robert (Bob) Edwards  
Proudly Supports  
The District 2-A1 Leadership Team**

Zone 1 Chairperson Armando Subia Sr.	Zone 2 Chairperson	Zone 3 Chairperson Glen Shepard Glenn. Shepard @hotmail.com	Zone 4 Chairperson Dave Richison richison2@281.com	Zone 5 Chairperson Sandra Sigler Leesigler @verizon.net	Zone 6 Chairperson Larry Walker larry.e.walker45 @gmail.com
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**DISTRICT 2A1 FIRST CABINET MEETING**  
**JULY 25&26**

**MASON, TEXAS**

Join your 2014-2015 DG team in Mason, Texas for the first Cabinet meeting of the year!! District Governor John Gammill will speak about the goals and challenges of the coming year for the District, and show a video International President Joe Preston sent for Lions to view about his theme for the upcoming year. We will also install our 2014-15 Zone chairs and have a brief summary on using the Lions International website, and speak about social media!!

ALL Lions are encouraged to attend this meeting in the Gem of the Hill country, Mason!! Friday night we will have a dutch treat dinner at the fabulous Nacho's Café, followed by our traditional bingo game to raise some money for the District!! Saturday, the meeting will be held at the Eckert Civic Center (1024 McKinley), starting at 8:30 (doors open for registration at 7:30) with a continental breakfast, then an AMAZING Barbeque lunch catered by Texas Deadwood BBQ!!

Come and join us for a couple of days of Lions fellowship, and maybe even learn something in the process!! Detach the bottom and send with check. For more info and directions call DG John @ 325 347 2806 or Lion Gene Gammill @ 325 347 7015

Lunch and Registration fee of \$17.50 may be sent to Lion Gene Gammill, PO Box 1416, Mason TX 76856

Number of Lions or guests \_\_\_\_ x \$17.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotels and accommodations in MASON**

Mason Chamber of Commerce (for listings of B&B's as there are too many to list here)-325 347 5758  
[www.masonxoc.com](http://www.masonxoc.com)

Hill Country Inn 325 347 6317

Ft McKavitt Inn (very small older place) 325 347 5750

Holiday Inn 877 859 5095 ( in Brady, brand new)

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## **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.

Business Card Size: \$50

Double Business Card Size: \$100

Quadruple Business Card Size: \$150

Name (if a Club also give the contact name):

Address: Email address:

Phone #'s:

Text/logos, etc. on ad: (or, if you would like, include a copy of your card/add, as you would like it to appear)



## **District Meeting Dates**

July 25-26, 2014 Mason

October 17-18 2014, Colorado City

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

April 17-18 2015, (District Convention) Midland