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4-8 July 2014



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Berthold's Minutes DG Frank Berthold

Toronto, Toronto, Toronto!

We had a wonderful state convention. I heard only one negative comment about our 2014 MD2 State Convention Cruise to Cozumel and that was by one who hated to cruise (this was his fourth cruise). Everyone else reported it was the most fun state convention they had ever attended. There were several who had played down the idea of a state convention being on a cruise ship, but they were on the boat and having loads of fun! Texas could do it again in sixteen years.

PID Lion Mike Butler was there to give us a report on what he was doing to become our next Second International Vice President. PDG Lion Ernesto 'T.J.' Tijerina was there to give us a report on how well the campaign was advancing and PIP Lion Bill Biggs spoke to us in support of Lion Mike and how important this election is to all Lions. PID Lion Dana Biggs was an Area GMT (Global Membership Team) leader with five states. Last year she was #1 in membership growth in her area.

When she voiced her support for Lion Mike, she was removed. That's how important this election is. I tell

you that so that you will know what we are trying to get done. We are trying to affect a change in Lions International, from the top, all the way down. It is heartbreaking to see such large egos that the leaders would fire one of their most productive workers because they do not agree on everything.

Past International Presidents who support Lion Mike are being threatened to "remember" how they became International Presidents! Past and Present International Directors are being threatened if they might have a desire to become President one day. With several men more qualified than the current candidate International is running, some are afraid to make waves while others are understandably upset.

But we in Texas have "No Fear!" We will continue to press on with our bid to make PID Lion MP 'Mike' Butler our next Second International Vice President. So, we press on toward Toronto. And with that, if you are going to Toronto, and you plan to attend the Texas Breakfast caucus, I still have a few tickets left. Also, if you are going to Toronto, and plan to march in the parade, you will need a new bolo tie. I have them for eight dollars.

Finally, let me say what an honor it was to present PDG Lion Al Owen with his Texas Lions Hall of Fame recognition. It was an honor to read his bio and to watch Lion Marylin hang the recognition around his neck and for me to present him with his plaque. This is one Lion who is very well deserving of this recognition.

Are our numbers down? Yes, they are. The ones who will make a difference are the Lions who are more concerned about their club than anything else.

Thanks for your service and all you do.

DG Lion Frank

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If your club would like a Lions programs for your club meetings it is as easy as picking up the phone and calling the following:

Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance: Any board of Director from your area or Executive Director Lucy Rivas 325-653-8666 (WTLEBA)

Lions Clubs International (LCIF) PDG Joyce Downie 325-651-8894

Texas Lions Foundation (TLF) PDG Melvin Felch 325-646-5263

Leader Dog for the Blind Lion Brigitte Rogers 325-387-2309

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These Lions are ready, willing and able to give a program on the District charity that they represent so please utilize them as that is part of their job.

Thank you for all you do for Lionism.

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PDG Al Owen being inducted into Texas Lions Hall of Fame.

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PDG Tom Blase and Lion Sherrilyn

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TLERC NEWS

The Lubbock Ranger Raiders came to the Center for a work day. They worked very hard but seemed to enjoy their day. There will always be work days projects. Bring a group from your club and spend the day or the weekend. We dearly appreciate all the help we can get !!

Four people attended the class and clinic held every third weekend. The class will help you understand what TLERC is all about. The next class scheduled is July 17-19. Training will not occur in June because of the annual board meeting.

TLERC has provided glasses and frame to the following over the last 60 days: EC-UADOR, LEMA PERU, HAITI, NAVAJO CHAPTERS Gallup NEW MEXICO, TANZANIA AFRICA, RIO BRAVO MEXICO, EGYPT, COLOMBIA, SAN JUAN P R., CHINCIA PERU, REOSA MEXICO, HONDURAS, CHIHUCHIA MEXICO LERC, AND NEW JERSEY LERC.

Please remember we need donations to pay for the Bunkhouse. We have several levels of awards to honor your members as well. Be extra generous to TLERC in planning next year's budget.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL SOUTHWESTERN MOTOR TRANSPORT TO SHIP YOUR GLASSES. THEY WILL PICK UP ONE BOX OR 100. CALL VANECIA AT 800-533-3217 EXT 3217.

I will leave you with a quote (unknown) LIFE TAKES ON NEW INTEREST WHEN WE INVEST OUR LIVES IN OTHERS.

I am(Your Name). I am husband, wife, father, professional. I am many things—but where ever I go and whatever I do IWILL ALWAYS BE A LION!



PDG Joyce Downie and husband Lion Ron

Support

District 2-A1 Governor Frank Berthold and his 2013-2014 Cabinet



PDG Melvin Felch (2003-2004)

PDG Melvin and Mary Beth Felch Support

District Governor Frank Berthold

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THINK ABOUT IT.

Now is the time for your club to start thinking of ways to honor your outgoing President or a member of your club that has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help your club accomplish the goals for the year. One way is to give them a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. This is the highest award a Lion can get in Lions Clubs International. — Most Clubs do not know that their club has monies accrued in an unnamed Melvin Jones Fellow account. This money accrues from donations made by a club over the years such as the 100% donations, disaster appeals, sightfirst 1 & 2 programs, and appeals that are Melvin Jones eligible. Please check with me to see if your club has acrued funds for a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Here are some facts about LCIF.

The Foundation relies on contributions from Lions clubs and individual members to provide the millions of dollars of support for Lions projects throughout the world each year. **LCIF does not receive support through annual club dues**.

LCIF has several recognition programs to recognize donors for their generous support. The two most common recognitions are the Contributing Member and the Melvin Jones Fellow program. The Contributing Member program is an annual program that recognizes 3 levels of support \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. The MJF program recognizes donations of \$1000.00 which can be accumulated over a number of years. For Clubs whose current members are all MJF's, the Club receives a 100 percent MJF banner. Only 338 of the more than 46,000 clubs worldwide are 100% MJF clubs. How close is your club? Contact LCIF to find out.

LCIF awarded 489 grants in 2012-2013 totaling over \$39 million for a variety of programs ranging from disaster relief to youth development to eye care services. Each year millions of people around the world benefit from projects funded by LCIF grants. Grant examples include \$9.900.00 to purchase computer equipment for a vocational training center in Paraquay and \$75,000.00 to replace a pool at Camp Echoing Hills, a special needs camp in the United States. Visit LCIF web-site to see what projects qualify for LCIF grants. LCIF provides support in four areas of service, preserving sight, serving youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts.

If your club has not yet made the 100% donations to the 8 charities that District 2-A1 supports, please do so as soon as possible in order to receive credit for this year which ends June 30th.

If you have any questions about LCIF please contact me PDG Joyce Dwnie for information. Thank you for your support of LCIF. PDG Joyce Downie District 2-A1 LCIF Coordinator



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San Angelo West Side
Lions Club

Support

District Governor Frank Berthold and the 2-A1 Leadership Team

FROM THE DISTRICT 2-A1 LCIF COORDINATOR

PDG JOYCE DOWNIE

I would like to thank all the clubs in District 2-A1 that were 100%, 200% and even 1000% to all the District 2-A1 Lions charities last year and of course to all the individual Lions who contributed to LCIF for the Disaster Fund and the Measles Initiative. You made my job easy. I had set my goal for this past year to raise \$8500 for LCIF from District 2-A1 and we more than surpassed that goal by raising \$9800.00. Now I have to set my goal higher and with your help I will reach it this year. Please help me help LCIF by raising \$10,000.00. Without LCIF there would be no Lions Clubs International charity, no help after tsunamis, no measles vaccines, no eradication of river blindness, no help for towns where a tornado has hit, no help after fires swept many Texas cities and no number #1 humanitarian organization award. Please be a 100% Club by supporting all the 8 charities that District 2-A1 supports and especially LCIF as you will be helping the world with your donations. All the funds raised by LCIF go to humanitarian and disaster relief causes and help so many people around the world. Check with me to see how much money your club has in accrued funds towards a Melvin Jones Fellow. Reward your club member with a Melvin Jones Fellow. If you would like a program on LCIF please call me.

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100% Clubs for 2013-14
San Angelo Westside Lions Club
Sonora Downtown Lions Club
Midland Downtown Lions Club
San Angelo North By Northwest Lions Club
Sweetwater Lions Club
Midland Tall City Lions Club
Kingsland Lions Club
Stanton Lions Club
Lake Brownwood
San Angelo Concho Pearl
Brownwood Early
Colorado City
Concho Valley Law Enforcement
San Angelo East Angelo

200% Clubs for 2013-14 San Angelo Downtown Lions Club Mason Lions Club

500% Clubs for 2013-14 Midland Suburban Lions Club

1000% Club for 2013-14 Midland Westside Lions Clubs

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Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act signed into law!

In recognition of our 100th Anniversary in 2017, LCI led efforts to have 400,000 silver dollar commemorative coins minted by the U.S. Treasury. Sales of the coins will raise millions to support our global mission areas for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by disaster. Lions from all over the globe are exploring similar commemorative campaigns locally.

Through the hard work and grassroots advocacy of many Lions, the "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act," S. 1299/H.R. 2139 achieved 295 sponsors and co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and 70 sponsors and co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate before its passage by Congress. **President Barack Obama signed the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act into law on October 5, 2012!**

Once available, LCI Commemorative Coins can be purchased through the <u>United States Mint</u> in 2017. The U.S. Mint will begin working with LCI in 2015 on the design of the coin, and in 2016 the U.S. Mint will begin making plans for marketing the 2017 coin. As details such as the design and the date of sale become available, LCI will post to this page. Any inquiries about the LCI Century of Service Commemorative Coin can be sent to LCI government relations.

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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 maybe 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)



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ATTENTION: ALL DISTRICT 2-A1 LIONS

The 97th International Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada on July 4-8, 2014. It will be a time of celebration, enjoyment, activities, learning, re-newing of old acquaintances and making new ones. Attendance at an International Convention is a rewarding experience for all Lions and their families.

It is also a time when we elect new officers for our International Association and Texas will be offering a candidate for International Second Vice President. As many of you already know our candidate is PID Mike Butler - an outstanding Lion for 40 years. Mike is a member of the Kerrville Lions Club, has served in many club positions including President, was District Governor of A2 in 1980-81 and International Director 1984-86. Since that time he has been active in numerous capacities at both the State and International level. We truly have an outstanding candidate who will bring honor and distinction to both our State and the Association.

It is our duty to see that Mike gets elected. To accomplish this mission Texas needs to be well represented in Toronto with voting delegates. Every club in the District is seriously urged to exert every effort to have all of the delegates to which they are entitled (one per 25 members or major fraction thereof) present and voting in Toronto.

Details of the Convention are as follows:

- 1. WHAT: 2014 Lions International Convention
- 2. WHEN: 4-8 July 2014
- 3. WHERE: Toronto, Canada
- 4. CONVENTION REGISTRATION: See attached form (also available online)
- 5. DELEGATE REGISTRATION (CERTIFICATION): <u>Very Important</u> Club Secretaries need to certify their delegates. Details available later.
- 6. HOTEL: For Texas delegates Holiday Inn Downtown \$125 per night. Early registration better ensures assignment (in case of overflow)
- 7. TRANSPORTATION: Delegates from 2-A1 are advised to make their own transportation arrangements group travel arrangements do not appear to be feasible. Again the sooner the better due to availability of flight schedules.
- 8. NOTE: Passport required!!!

For additional information contact PDG John Hancock in San Angelo at 325-949-9409.



97th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention Friday, July 4 - Tuesday, July 8, 2014 • Toronto, Ontario, Canada Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadlines

- . May 1, 2014: Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Registrations after this date will be processed in Toronto.
- . May 1, 2014: Deadline to receive a refund for a registration cancellation. May 16, 2014: Deadline to receive a refund for a hotel room cancellation.

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