

District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International District 2-A1 News

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What a week in Lionism

Lion Lillian and Myself visited the Concho Pearls Lions in San Angelo. We were quite impressed by all of the various projects they are involved in, they also serve a great meal, and we were able to induct a new member Pam Colbert, the director of the Family Shelter in San Angelo, She was sponsored by Brigette Rogers.



We also had the pleasure of attending and inducting the newly Chartered Roscoe Club. The attendance by PIP Ebb Grinstaff, PDGs, and Clubs from around the District was very impressive and we enjoyed the evening and fellowship with what we know will be a great club.

Induction of members of the new Roscoe Lions.



SAVE THE DATE
Mid-Winter Conference
January 22nd & 23rd ,
2016
Ballinger



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EDEN- We first saw this man along side Highway 87, stopped to meet him, found out his name was Troy Oleson, and that he lived both in Eden and New Mexico for most of his life.

We ran an article in the Echo about his unselfish care for the appearance of the Streets and Highways around Eden and the fact that this Summer as Hunters started filling their Deer feeders corn bags began to infest the roadsides he filled his pick up with them.

It dawned on me finally that this man should be in the Lions Club as our motto is "We Serve" and he certainly filled that mold.

After becoming a member of the Concho County Lions he took his clean up effort to the City Streets and to date has cleaned 24 miles of curb and gutter removing 56 tons of debris and using it to fill some holes and cavities that needed it.

He has clocked in 114 miles on the Highways picking up litter all around Concho County as well.


Lion Troy who has also been a Scout Leader and Firearm Safety Trainer for youth believes in Community Pride and would like to see all those who live on the streets he has worked hard to clean to show some, and keep their curb area clean too.

Concho County Lions and the whole Community thank you Lion Troy Oleson.




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District Meeting Dates
 January 22nd & 23rd 2016, Mid-Winter Conference, Ballinger
 April 23rd 2016, District Convention. San Angelo



**San Angelo
North By Northwest
Lions Club
Supports
District Governor A. J. Dolle**

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Support
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Club News Continued

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San Angelo Downtown Lions Club PDG Russell DeVore presents a \$3,000.00 check on behalf of the club at their October 22nd meeting to Kassie Coffey of the Concho Valley Home for Girls.

San Angelo Downtown Lions Club President Keith Perrine presents a \$450.00 check on behalf of the club at their October 22nd meeting to Dana Gray for the Wreaths Across America program.





The Kingsland Lions Club

50 Years and Growing

Supports

1st VDG Lion Dave Richison

And the DG Team




Midland West Side Lions Club

Proudly Supports

2VDG Armando Subia

and the 2015/2016 DG Team



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 OF LIONS CLUBS

Club News Continued

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San Angelo Downtown Lions Club President Keith Perrine presents a \$1,000.00 check on behalf of the club at their October 22nd meeting to Kristin Oliver for the Operation Finally Home program.

San Angelo Downtown Lions Club President Keith Perrine presents a \$1,610.00 check on behalf of the club at their October 22nd meeting to Shirley Oliphant and Shawn Floyd for the Children's Bed Project.







Council Chairman Tom and Lion Sherrilyn

**Ask you to support District Governor A J
and the 2A1 Leadership Team
as they implement the 2015-16 Texas Membership plan**



**PDG Joyce Downie
and husband
Lion Ron
Support
District 2-A1 Governor A. J. Dolle
and his 2015-2016 Cabinet**



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

Club News (Continued)



Members of the Concho Pearl Lions Club, San Angelo, together with District Governor A.J. Dolle, proudly pose with their donations to Project Dignidad, a local food pantry. The donated food items filled Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.



The San Angelo *Dynamic* Downtown Lions Club

Proudly Supports

District Governor A. J. Dolle

and

the District 2-A1 Leadership Team

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Club News (Continued)



The Midland West Side Lions Club provided Thanksgiving Food Boxes to 48 families. Thank you for all the volunteers.



<p>Zone 1 Chairperson Armando Subia Sr. A_subia49@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zone 2 Chairperson</p>	<p>Zone 3 Chairperson</p>	<p>Zone 4 Chairperson Mona Soland 304 Kleen Ayre Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657</p>	<p>Zone 5 Chairperson</p>	<p>Zone 6 Chairperson Larry Walker larry.e.walker45@gmail.com</p>
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Article by Exchange Student Anthony Dragun

Waiting in terminal 4A's departure line at Bush Intercontinental Airport, I began to feel a little apprehensive. I'm not exactly worried, but the fact that my first flight alone will be a nine hour trans-Atlantic journey is slightly discomfoting, and the proposition that I will know no one upon arrival makes me somewhat anxious. In fact, I began to wonder if I really want to go spend the last three weeks of summer in a place thousands of miles from home, and ponder if it is too late to turn back now. Then the loudspeaker calls for boarding to begin.

This past summer, I was given the unique opportunity to travel abroad on the Lions Clubs International youth exchange program. Founded in 1961 with the initiative of promoting global understanding and cooperation, the program has given thousands of youth the chance to experience destinations around the world, where they are hosted by Lions members and attend camps with other international students. For my three week trip, I choose to travel to Munich, Germany, where I would stay one week with German host parents followed by a two week youth camp. I truly had no idea what to expect, yet could not be more eager and excited to find out.

For the first week of the visit, I stayed and traveled with my host parents, Uli and Aliya, who lived in the 3,000 person town of Marquartstein about an hour outside of Munich. From the first day, they were intent on showing me all Bavaria had to offer, with outings such as visits to local craft festivals, a day hike to a nearby palace, and multiple drives to the Chiemsee, a lake renowned for its beauty and quality of water. I even attended German school for three days where I collaborated with students to organize their end of year *Projekttag*. My favorite memory of the entire trip came the day that we visited Salzburg, Austria. After viewing handwritten manuscripts at Mozart's childhood home, we were whisked up Festungsbahn Hill on a tram to experience the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the largest preserved citadel in Central Europe. And while the palace was spectacular, the view of the city was even more breathtaking, with red-roofed houses and patina domed churches dominating the skyline. Yet even then, my cultural immersion was just beginning.

I enjoyed the first week of my stay so much that it was with reluctance that I left my host family for the youth camp which was to follow. On the morning of August 1, I boarded a high speed train with eighteen students from fifteen different countries and traveled to the town of Scheidegg, a remote municipality where we would spend our first week as a group. The dynamics started out awkwardly, but the students came together very quickly, aided by activities such as zip line building, rock climbing, and a six people per room policy. Nightly meetings included team building games and discussions, and each student gave a country presentation about life and customs in his or her homeland. This first week spent in the Bavarian countryside proved to be vital to the success of the group for the rest of the trip.

Our next week in Germany took us to two cities, first to Bad Tölz and finally to Munich itself. In both places, we enjoyed activities such as bike tours, river rafting, sailing, and made a special detour to visit the Nazi concentration camp Dachau. In Bad Tölz, we learned about German history while completing a geocaching scavenger hunt, and in Munich had free reign to explore the world's largest science and technology museum, the Deutsches Museum. And the "Land of Beer and Pretzels" did not disappoint in the food category, with not only a delicious selection of meats and sausages, but hearty staples such as potatoes, dumplings, and kraut. The best part of the trip, however, was making lasting friendships with youth from all over the world. While this may seem cliché, these are the types of acquaintances that not only forge a stronger understanding of diverse cultures, but also promote the type of courteous relationships required for international cooperation. So for this incredible opportunity, I would like to give a big *Vielen Dank* to the Midland Northside Lions Club.



District 2-A1 Newsletter and Directory Sponsors

The District needs your support for 2015-2016

Be A Team Player by showing your support for the District Governor Team Elect and District 2-A1 by advertising in the 2015-2016 District publications.

We need your support as much as ever.

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)



We Serve

Texas Lions Camp is a summer camp dedicated to serving children from the state of Texas with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer between the ages of seven and sixteen. **This past summer 1520 children from across Texas enjoyed a fun filled week at camp.** The camp is a modern facility located on over 500 acres outside of Kerrville in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Texas Lions Camp offers campers a chance to try new activities and create long lasting friendships while developing self-esteem, independence, and most of all, they get to have fun!

Children eligible for this program include, but are not limited to, children who are hearing impaired or deaf, visually impaired or blind, have a missing limb, birth defects, cerebral palsy, arthritis, muscular dystrophy, cancer, asthma, heart conditions, and many others. One camp session is for children with Down syndrome ages 12 to 16. Two sessions are provided for children who have type-1 diabetes ages 8 to 15.

Learning can take on many forms and Texas Lions Camp is a unique experience for many campers in the types of challenges presented. Counselors are assigned to each group of campers and escort them throughout the session, teaching and encouraging campers while meeting their special needs. Another key lesson is learning that everyone has a 'disability'; some are just more obvious than others.

The goal of Texas Lions Camp is to help children become more independent, productive adults. The programs of the Texas Lions Camp are intended to develop such qualities as improved self-image, social adjustment and self-reliance. These services are offered to campers at no charge to them or their families.

How to Apply: Registration will begin in January 2016. If there are questions on whether your child would qualify, please contact the Texas Lions Camp Registrar, Melissa Wilson at 830-896-8500 x250 or mwilson@lionscamp.com. Also, you can check out the Lions Camp webpage at www.lionscamp.com.



Don't Ask IF You Don't Mean It

Retention is NOT an Afterthought

By Council Chairman Tom Blasé



For the last 2 months we have been concentrating on the 2 parts of the **re-MEMBER Texas Recruiting** prong: The 1st involves **YOU** as individual members. This is the wooden nickel program. **Have you earned your commemorative coin for giving away 1 wooden nickel?** The other involves your club, as a group of members, under the direction of your Membership Director. This component is all about making a recruiting plan for the year and then putting it into action. **Has your Club put a plan into action yet?**

If you haven't been keeping up, **re-MEMBER Texas** is our Texas membership plan for 2015-16. The plan is built around three main tenets: **Recruit, Retain, & Rebuild**. The **re-MEMBER Texas kit** contains two important pieces in it to help you with your recruiting plan: The **re-MEMBER Texas News**, a 14 page newspaper full of ideas & Guides for your club. The **re-MEMBER Texas News** can also be found on the Texas website (www.texaslions.org), but if you have not received your kit from your District Governor call him/her and ask for it.

This month we want to start talking getting serious about the second part of **re-MEMBER Texas: Retention**. How many times have we all gotten ourselves in trouble by making an offer we didn't mean? You know, something like, "Next time you are in town, call me we'll go eat", or "Drop by anytime", or maybe the worst of all to us as Lions, "Come join my Lions Club."

Now it's OK to ask, in fact your club **NEEDS** you to ask people to join, but when we look at the records and see how many people quit because the club was nothing like you promised or the club did not meet up to their expectations of what a service club is supposed to be. You would likely be shocked to see the number of new Texas Lions who quit their club in the first two years (many in just a few months). Sadly it is usually our own fault. Did we not really mean it when we promised them a great experience in serving others?

Keeping members consists of 2 main things: 1) Making them feel wanted by the members and 2) making them feel needed & useful in the service goals of your club. The second part is more a function of your club itself & its leadership, and a topic for a later time, but the first is your responsibility. If you want your new member to become a permanent part of your club they need a lot of TLC. Call & remind them of meetings & projects. Offer to pick them up. Make sure they are not sitting alone at a table. Make sure your Club has a thorough orientation program, if not do it yourself. Appoint a mentor and enroll your new Lion in the mentoring courses. Make sure they are inducted with a meaningful ceremony.

The "New Member Induction Ceremonies" & Lions New Member Orientation Guide" are the 2 main guides you will find for the Retention component of the **re-MEMBER Texas** plan. Once again, if you do not have your kit yet, look up the **re-MEMBER Texas News** on the Texas website (www.texaslions.org) and go to page 8. This page will show you all 5 guides with step by step instructions on getting your own set sent to you by LCI. (By the way, if you don't have your kit or wooden nickels yet, call your District Governor to get them.)

It has often been said that Lions do not have a recruiting problem, we have a **RETENTION** problem. We recruit thousands of new Texas Lions every year; and either lose more than that or barely make a gain. How great would it be if we concentrated on giving these new members what they wanted when they agreed to join? Texas Lionism would grow once again by the thousands.....more members mean more **SERVICE**.

The responsibility to **Just Ask 1** is each of ours, but **when** you do make a commitment to make Lionism a great experience for your new member and **MEAN** it!



MD2 Convention Times

VOLUME 1 ****SPECIAL EDITION**** Oct. 2015



Progress Causing Upheaval in Downtown Midland Original Convention Venue No Longer Tenable

Major demolition projects by the City of Midland over the next few months will make room for a new Convention Center, more hotels and additional parking in the middle of downtown. The projects are directly across the street and surrounding the original Texas Lions host hotel.

The demolition includes tearing down the current Midland Center, which would have been the site for several of the meals, seminars & workshops of the 2016 MD2 State Convention. In addition to the construction disturbance, the loss of the center would require using other venues some distance away. The original hotel is also using the opportunity to eliminate the majority of its attached parking spaces to make room for a 3 story parking garage. They will make use of the Convention Center parking 2 blocks away, since this will be unused during construction of the new center.

The Convention Committee felt that having to frequently drive to other venues when the parking would be blocks away from the hotel would not make the convention very pleasant. The committee decided to select an alternate site.

**Save the Dates
May 19-21, 2016**

The Grand Texan Hotel

Midland, Texas
New Site for 2016 MD2
State Convention



With over 15,000 Square feet of Convention Space, plus 4 large ballrooms, 2 enclosed atriums, indoor pool, miniature golf and workout room, the **Grand Texan Hotel**, located at **4300 W. Wall** in Midland, will have ample room to host all the 2016 MD2 Convention events in one location. The Grand



Texan replaces the Doubletree Hotel in Downtown Midland as the host hotel, because the City of Midland voted to tear down the City Convention Center. The Grand Texan features a Pizza Parlor and Indian Cuisine, as well as a bar. Lions will be given a Convention rate of \$109.99/night.

Directions: Exit I-20 at Midkiff Rd. -go north. Turn left on Wall/ Buss. I-20. After the Thomason light get onto the north access road. Hotel approx. ½ miles on right past Ford dealership.



Centrally located in Midland, Grand Texan Hotel & Convention Center is convenient to I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, First American Bank Ballpark & Grande Com. Stadium.

Make yourself at home in one of the 253 individually decorated guestrooms, featuring refrigerators and microwaves. Complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected, and cable programming is available for your entertainment. Bathrooms have complimentary toiletries.

Enjoy a range of recreational amenities, including an indoor pool, a waterslide, an arcade/game room and a spa tub. This hotel also features a 24-hour business center, a computer station, and complimentary newspapers in the lobby. A roundtrip airport shuttle is complimentary (available on request).

For Grand Texan Reservations:

Call: **432-697-3181**

or

E-Mail:

sales@grandtexan.com

(Provide your contact #'s for a return call)

Use block name: **Lions Club -**

District 2A1 (Block closes 5/4/16)

Convention Rate: **\$109.99 King**

or 2 Queens



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**MD2 Lions State Convention Registration Form
May 19-21, 2016
The Grand Texan, Midland Texas**

1) Name _____ Position _____ District _____

Club Name _____ First Time Attendee Yes [] No []

E-Mail Address _____ Cell Phone _____

2) Name _____ Position _____ District _____

Club Name _____ First Time Attendee Yes [] No []

E-Mail Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Event & Date	Cost/Person	Number	Total
Registration Fee (see exceptions in notes*)	\$25		
Thursday Evening May 19, 2016 Food, Entertainment, Dancing	N/C		
Friday May 20, 2016 Texas Lions Foundation Breakfast Susan Reeves former TLC Camper	\$18		
Friday May 20, 2016 PDG Memorial Luncheon	\$24		
Friday May 20, 2016 Dinner w/Lion Karen Taylor Good Singer/Song writer/Inspirational Speaker	\$28		
Saturday May 21, 2016 Hall of Fame Breakfast w/ Mollie Milligan as Helen Keller	\$18		
Saturday May 21, 2016 Opportunities for Youth Luncheon	\$24		
Saturday May 21, 2016 MD2 Banquet Past Int'l President Joe Preston	\$35		
Late Fee if applicable (see note*)	(\$20)		
Total (w/o a late fee)	\$172		

***NOTE:** Payment postmarked by 4/15/16 will be as shown in the table for each item. An additional \$20/person charge will be added for all registrations postmarked after that date. Registration Fees are required for everyone attending, **except** non-Lion family members of Hall of Fame Honorees or Opportunities for Youth Contestants attending **just** that specific event.

Check here if you are a non-Lion family member of an honoree or an Opportunity for Youth contestant.
(Late fees do not apply to these family members)

See Additional Registration pages for the Golf Tournament, Babysitting, Tours, and the 3 Action Projects.

Attendees are invited & welcomed to attend all meals & banquets. The dress code for the Friday Memorial luncheon is business attire. The MD2 banquet attire is white coat OR business attire.

Check here & then provide details on the back for special dietary needs.

**Checks should be made payable:
Lions District 2A1 State Convention.
Mail to: Lion Kathy McConnell
307 Thomas, Midland, Texas 79703**

The Grand Texan Hotel 4300 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79703.
Reservations: call **432-697-3181** or E-Mail sales@grandtexan.com (leave contact phone #'s)
Block Name: **Lions Club – District 2A1** (Block closes 5-4-16) **Convention Rate \$109.99**

State Convention Coming to 2A1

Every 16 years, District 2A1 gets the opportunity to show off Lionism in District 2A1 by hosting the State Convention. Last time it was held in San Angelo under the capable leadership of then Council Chairperson, John Hancock. This time it will be held in Midland (May 19-21, 2016). That's right 2016!

However, if we want to have a great convention in 2A1, we have to start planning now. One of the goals of next year's Council of Governors is to make this convention even more appealing to the grassroots Lions in Texas. For the last 3 years the Councils have been trying to offer things to attract younger members to see what Texas Lionism is really all about. You'll see what we mean as we unfold our agenda over the next several months.

For now, we are asking for your support as we begin phase 1 of our promotion. As you may know, your own 1st Vice-District Governor, A.J. Dolle, is a newspaper publisher. So in order to promote Midland as the site of our State Convention in May 2016, we plan to publish a full size (minimum) 6 page newspaper to distribute at this year's State Convention, our Council meetings next year, and to deliver throughout the State using our 16 District Governors. It will also be emailed to all clubs and Lions across the State, as well as being posted on the State website.

The newspaper will be full of information about, banquets, entertainment, seminars, special events and guest speakers, as well as, interactive seminars designed to convince grassroots Lions they ought to come see what's going on. The paper will be in color with plenty of pictures of the hotel, convention venue, and other places of interest for visitors.

We are asking for Clubs and/or Lions to buy support ads in the paper, welcoming the rest of Texas Lions to 2A1 in 2016. The business card size ads are \$50 (or any higher amount you wish to donate to help out). Any ads purchased will also appear in a second edition to be printed for the Convention, and also in a special membership newspaper being prepared by next year's Council of Governors. As you can see, your support will help us in many ways. Larger ads (up to a full page) are also available.

Please contact Tom Blase (325-315-7060) (tomblasesr@gmail.com) for more information or send orders & checks to 2914 Moss, Midland, Tx 79705. Make checks to 2A1 Lions State Convention.

PDG Tom Blase

MD2 Council Chair Elect

Texas Lions Convention News Advertising

The Lions of District 2A1, who will be hosting the 2016 Lions State Convention in Midland, Texas (May 19-21, 2016), are preparing the first edition of the State Convention News to announce the event to the Lions of Texas. This newspaper will be published for distribution at the State Convention in College Station (May 2015). This will be a regular sized newspaper published with the assistance of the Eden Echo (1st VDG A. J. Dolle, owner/editor) Advertising rates are posted below.

In addition this paper will be available to the Council Meeting attendees (Aug. '15, Nov. '15, and Feb. 16). It will be posted on the State website and e-mailed to all 800+ Lions Clubs in the State of Texas in addition to as many of the 25000+ Texas Lions as email addresses are available. Printed copies will be provided to every District Governor to deliver to the Clubs personally. There will be a second edition for Convention attendees, who will include the non-Lion parents & families of our youth contestants, as well as, the families & friends of our Hall of Fame honorees. Your ads should be seen by several thousand readers across the entire State of Texas. Pictures & bio information for all of the contestants and honorees will be in this edition for the families to keep, as well as convention activities & schedules. There is no additional charge to be placed in this edition.

Advertisers in our Convention News will also be placed at no additional charge in our special "re-MEMBER Texas News", a special newspaper that will be part of the 2015-2016 Council of Governors statewide membership plan. This paper will also be delivered to every club, mailed to every club, posted on District & State websites, and emailed to every Lion in Texas with a listed email address. This newspaper should also reach several thousand Lions.

(Cut here and Enclose Completed Form with Check)

Rate Sheet

- Business Card Size..... \$50 (additional donations accepted, size will remain the same)
- 1/8 Page (5" by 3 column inches using a six column format)..... \$200
- 1/4 Page (10.5" by 3 column inches using a six column format)..... \$350
- 1/2 Page (10.5" by 6 column inches using a six column format)..... \$600
- Full Page (21" by 6 column inches using a six column format)..... \$1000

Purchase Information

Contact Name (please print): _____ Entity to be Featured: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make checks to: Midland State Convention Fund. Mail to by April 24th, 2015: 2914 Moss, Midland, Texas 79705

Art work for ads may be emailed to tombasesr@gmail.com – or – Call 325-315-7060 to discuss ad design.

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WHAT

Social Media Launch

WHERE

Instagram: @txlionspr

**Facebook: MD2TexasLions
(www.facebook.com/
md2texaslions)**

Twitter: @txlionspr

WWW.TEXASLIONS.ORG

MOTTO

We Serve

MISSION STATEMENT

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

VISION STATEMENT

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

CONTACT US

Submit your photos and event/project details via e-mail to:

**texaslionsocialmediateam
@outlook.com**



Environmental Photo Contest 2016



The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. Every Lion from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

This year District 2A1 will host a District Environmental Photo Contest at our Mid-Winter Conference in Ballinger. The rules for the contest & entry form are in this newsletter. Any Lion in District 2A1 may submit a picture and although 2A1 may only forward one winner to the State contest, we will allow multiple entries from an individual Lion. The Lions of 2A1 will vote on the host overall photo, regardless of the category the photographer has chosen. (The category is only used once a Texas winner is selected and sent to the International Contest.) Lions from around the world will select the final winners at the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan next June. Send your entries with your entry form to our District Secretary: Lion Randi Rivero, 3518 Shady Hill, San Angelo, TX 76904 prior to the Mid-Winter Conference (Jan 22-23).

These photos are last year's winners in the various categories (top left: Grand Prize winner). There are no prizes - just the pride in having your picture seen by Lions around the world and being featured in the Lions Environmental Calendar. Texas has had some International winners, this year let's make it an A1 winner.

The [Lions Environmental Photo Contest Wall Calendar](#) featuring most of the multiple district entries is available for purchase for US \$5.00 on the Lions international website (www.lionsclubs.org).





Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

CONTEST RULES

Texas Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2015-2016 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme: *Dignity, harmony, humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.*

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one 8" x 10" printed photo to the multiple district prior to **February 4, 2016**. Photos may be mailed to reach the state office prior to this date or delivered to the contest coordinator in Kerrville Thursday, February 4th.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2016** is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

NOTE: Multiple entries will not be accepted, please limit to one photo entry per district.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos must be taken by the submitting Lion and become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

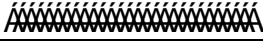
E-mail contest questions to: pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net





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Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special theme:** *Dignity, harmony, humanity:* Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.

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