

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

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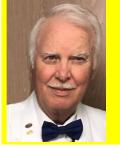
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We Serve

It has been a busy month for us our VG Dave Richison, and the GMT's Roy Landry and The VanAlstines.

The GMT team are working on a new club in Brownwood / Early and it is looking very promising, it should be wrapped up in October. Meanwhile Roy and Vershal Smith have completed with a new club in Roscoe with 24 or more members. I and Dave have visited Coleman, Brady, and Midland Westside this month. Our Zone Chairs our working very hard with club visits and reMember Texas.

We as a District are blessed to have such a great leadership team and because of their hard work and accomplishments we are in for a great year!

I enjoyed inducting 8 new members at Midland Westside on Monday 9/21 and awarding 5 monarchs their pins. There were about 40 at the meeting what a great group of Lions.

We will soon be announcing a Charter Night for Roscoe and we want everyone to come to the Cabinet meeting in October as well.

Keep up the good work, think lions every day and you can't help but see a potential new member.

Don't forget to reMember Texas.

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Club News



A J DOLLE GOVERNOR DISTRICT 2A1

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Fellow Lions we are having a great year in our District, 3 new clubs are on the threshold of adding to our numbers. We are leading MD2 presently in increased membership even before the new clubs come aboard.

What I want to ask you is to stay involved with your club and support the District and International Organization by staying current with your dues both District and International. If your club is 60 or 90 days behind on your dues you are in danger of being placed on status quo, meaning your club will be in danger of having your charter revoked. This would be very damaging not only to those you as lions serve but to our District, and cancel the hard work we are doing to grow Lions membership in our State.

reMember Texas grow your club and pay your dues.

Lion A J Dolle DG

District Meeting Dates

October 30 & 31st 2015, Kingsland

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

April 23rd 2016, District Convention. San Angelo



San Angelo North By Northwest Lions Club

Supports



PDGII Al and Lion Marilyn Owen

Support

District Governor A. J. Dolle

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Club News Continued



Members of the Concho Pearl Lions Club, along with featured speaker Floyd Crider of the Concho Valley Homeless Planning Coalition, gathered for a group photo to showcase their donations to the Newbridge Family Shelter of San Angelo



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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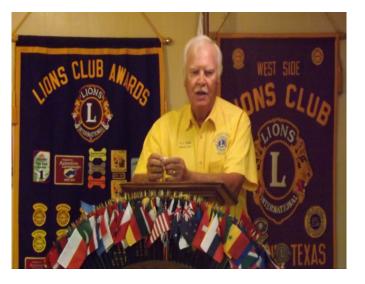
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Midland West Side—DG A.J. Inducts 9 New Members







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

re-Member Texas

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

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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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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)

Zone 1 Chairperson	Zone 2 Chairperson	Zone 3 Chairperson	Zone 4 Chairperson	Zone 5 Chairperson	Zone 6 Chairperson
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September 2015





Every once in a while, life will take a far unexpected, easily undeserved and overwhelmingly excited turn. Opportunities spring up and the task becomes deciding if going through with them is wise or not. Of course, settling down with an answer is not something that just subsides over night. Instead, these opportunities, these life moments must be carefully deliberated. Then, in this place, the fun begins.

About a year ago, I was asked if I had any interest in potentially participating in "an all expense paid" exchange trip to Europe through the Lions Clubs of Midland. As I had been longing to get to Europe since forever, I automatically responded with an enthusiastic "yes". From here, my name was turned in along with several other names, and we began the application and interview processes.

To my honest surprise, I ended up getting one of the spots to participate on one of these trips to Europe. And now as I write, my trip in Finland is coming to a rapid close.

Over the last 31 days, I have represented the United States, Midland, and Midland West Side Lions Club in Finland. My stay began with three very unique weeks with a host family in both the northern and southern parts of Finland. We spent many days at their summer cottage, a Finnish family custom, fishing, relaxing, and of course, spending evenings in sauna and swimming. Our days were easy and interesting, and the time, though not so crammed, was skillfully utilized.

Down in the Southern parts of Finland, we were able to obtain a more urbanized gaze into Finnish life. Our days included visits to museums, shopping, walking a lot and much fun. Specifically, we stayed a few days in Tampere, Finland, and then a few more days in Turku, Finland. Both of these places are a short distance from Helsinki, Finland's capitol city. Thus, the life and atmosphere was by far more fast-paced and to any younger person's more immediate liking.

The second portion of this trip included a "camp" with 33 other exchange students. We were accommodated at a place called Hyvärilä in the city of Nurmes. Our schedule included many different activities and a few trips to help us discover the ways of life in this area, both historical and modern. Days were quite long--it was camp after all--but I have never had more fun in all my life.

I fully intended to discover many new things about living while visiting in Europe. But, I never expected I would learn so much about myself, as I actually did. Living overseas for this past month or so ultimately

showed me how to appreciate the place you call home all the more. It taught me that even though people are not all the same, they can still work together, laugh together, love together. The world is a big place, but then again, it can easily feel so small given the right set of circumstances. Being surrounded by other young adults from all countries of the world in a single place painted this picture for me.

Thirty-four people, all bearing different beliefs and views, came together in love. They met each other exactly where they were; no one had to be fake or faux. The same is true for the world to live in love. It will take more than just ten days at camp, but it's possible. And I promise, the result, the memories, the reality is truly beautiful.







It's Your Club So what are YOU going to do about it?

By CC Tom Blase

As was mentioned in our article last month, **re-MEMBER Texas** is a membership plan put together by your Council of Governors for 2015-16 to help the Clubs of Texas rebuild. re-MEMBER Texas is a battle cry for all Texas clubs, just as remember the Alamo was our Texas battle cry 180 years ago. It is built around three main tenets: **Recruit, Retain, & Rebuild.** re-MEMBER Texas is a tool box full of ideas to help Club leaders make a plan, involve our members, examine our purpose for existing in our community, and rebuilding our clubs into something that attracts members in the 21st century.

The recruiting component of the plan contains two parts. One involves your club, as a group of members, under the direction of your Membership Director. The second involves **YOU** as individual members, which is the part we are concentrating on here.

It is each and every one of our responsibilities to ensure the growth of our clubs. When we get the attitude that membership is the Board's job or that's the Membership Director's job, our club is likely to shrink – not grow. How can "we serve" when our clubs are shrinking. How can we assure that our service will continue, if we don't bring in new people? So the individual recruiting prong involves each & every one of us getting <u>one</u> new member this year.

Wooden Nickel Program

Each District Governor has a supply of wooden nickels (see the coin at the top right of this article). Everyone is asked to carry one to remind us to "Just Ask". When you get your new member, give them the wooden nickel, so they too can get a new member. (New members are excited to join, and make some of the best recruiters. So get them involved immediately). Most Governors have the beautiful metal commemorative re-MEMBER Texas coins (see the coin at the top left of this article) to give out, when you give away your 1st wooden nickel. Check with your Governor for details.

Getting new members will NOT solve your problem by itself, but it is the starting point. You will need all 3 prongs of the **re-MEMBER Texas** plan: **recruit** the right people and **rebuild**/reinvent your club with **retention** of these new members in mind, to rebuild your club for the long run.

To learn more about **re-MEMBER Texas** get on the NEW rebuilt Texas website (www.texaslions.org) and click on the re-MEMBER Texas button. Open up the re-MEMBER Texas News, a newspaper that will tell you all about re-MEMBER Texas.

Then call your District Governor and ask him/her when you can get going on the re-MEMBER Texas coin/ wooden nickel program. Remember: **IF IT'S GOING TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME!**

We Serve

District Meeting October 30 / 31 (Note Date Change) Kingsland Texas

Come join your fellow Lions at our next District Meeting. Friday evening we will meet at the Kingsland Community Park for pizza and games with prizes for the winners. Saturday we will meet at the Community Church to cover a busy agenda. Our goal is to get at least 2 members from every club to attend. The program for this meeting is Leadership as it applies to our Lions clubs. Attached are a sample of the leadership challenges that face many of our clubs – the program will be a discussion lead by T J Tijerina, past club President, past District Governor, and current Council Chairman for the year 2016/2017.

Agenda

7:30 – 8:30 Past District Governors meeting

Training – A. Club Officer (current & future) B. Guiding Lion/Zone Chair C. Reporting service activities and the Centennial Challenge

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee, rolls and meet/greet

9:00 Special Cabinet meeting Nomination of Armando Subia for 2nd VG

9:15 - 12:00 Meeting

Opening ceremony

Minutes of PDG meeting

Membership report-AJ Dolle-goals, re-Member Texas progress-actual results through first Qtr

Lions Camp report – Chuck Henicke/Donald McDonnell – club visits, campers – goals

Environmental photo contest & Peace Poster contest

District Raffle – AJ Dolle

Parade of Checks

Other reports as necessary

Program – Leadership challenges for Lions Clubs – TJ Tijerina

Developing new leaders – Dave Richison

Tail Twister raffle will occur throughout morning

Closing

12:00 Lunch

Sign up for District meeting in Kingsland October 30/31

Cost is \$25.00 per person

Names

Club_____

Amount enclosed_____

Make check payable to: Kingsland Lions Club

Mail to: Kingsland Lions Club

PO BOX 779

Kingsland Texas 78639

Local lodging

In Kingsland

Antlers Hotel 325-388-4411

Rio Vista Resort 325-388-6331

In Burnet – 15 minutes

Comfort Inn & Suites 512-756-1789

In llano – 15 minutes

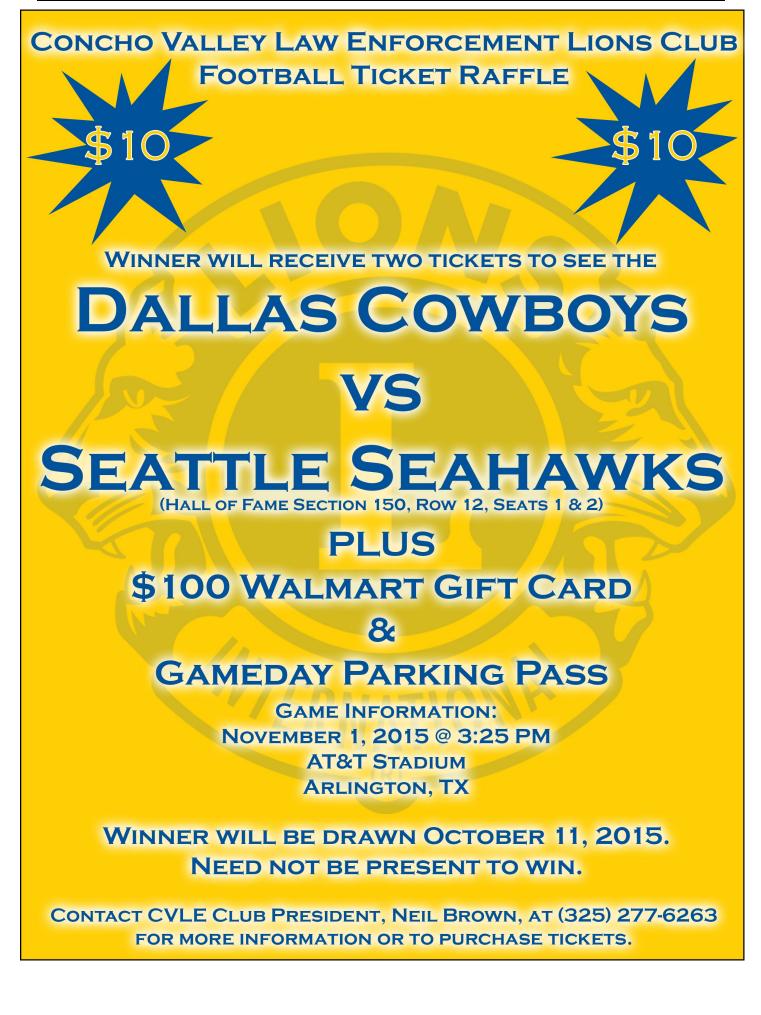
Best Western 325-247-4101

Marble Falls – 15 minutes

Hampton Inn – 830-798-1895

Directions – Community Church – 1136 Ranch Rd 1431

Community Park – Across from Community Church turn on Euel Moore Street (Edward Jones office on the corner) go 0.2 miles to first left, takes you to the park-follow signs





Kingsland Lions 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2014					
Place: Lighthouse Country Club					
Time: 11:00AM shotgun start (Note new time)					
Format: 4 person Scramble (W/HDCP)					
Entry Fee: \$70.00 per player- \$55.00 for Lighthouse Club Members - Green fees, Cart,					
Range balls, Door prizes, Meal following play with refreshments - Additional meal tickets					
\$10 (Get in Advance)					
\$500 in Prizes: Closest to Pin all par 3's - Longest drive for men & women					
Top teams based on gross & net					
Mulligan's available at sign in					
HOLE IN ONE PRIZES and SPONSORS					
# 18 - \$20,000 Cash –Friends of the Lions Club					
# 16 - Callaway Diablo Irons – Ray Lynch-EDWARD JONES -Kingsland					
# 12 - Sharp LCD Flat Screen TV- Highland Lakes Watercraft					
# 7 – Roundtrip Domestic Airline Ticket for 2 – Kingsland Health &					
Fitness Center					
(Winners will be responsible for any State / Federal taxes)					
Kingsland Lion 22nd Annual Charities Golf Tournament					
Entry Form and Fee Requested by October 17					
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

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE (Tax deductible)

<u>Hole Sponsor - \$200.00</u> -18x24 sign <u>1/2</u> Hole Sponsor - \$100.00 - 9X24 sign Call Lions Jim Heartwell @ 281-455-7346. Stan Menn @ 210-722-0759, or Chuck Henicke @ 325-388-3568

You can also e-mail us at <u>ksldlionsevent@verizon.net</u>

-Come join us and have fun-all proceeds go to local charities-



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

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

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). <u>That's right 2016</u>!

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 <u>Clubs and/or Lions</u> 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) (<u>tomblasesr@gmail.com</u>) 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 (1 st 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

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)
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)

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 <u>April 24th, 2015</u> : 2914 Moss, Midland, Texas 79705			
Art work for ads may be emailed to tomblasesr@gmail.com – or – Call 325-315-7060 to discuss ad design.					

LIONS OF TEXAS

<mark>WHAT</mark> Social Media Launch

<mark>WHERE</mark> 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:

texaslionssocialmediateam @outlook.com







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 best 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 (<u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>).





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





2015-2016 MD2 ENTRY FORM

(Please Print)

District

Club ID

Lion Photographer Name

Photographer Lions Club

Photographer E-mail Address

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.

Contest rules are posted on the state website.

One 8"x10" printed photo and completed entry form must be received prior to February 4, 2016 in the state office or presented February 4th to PDG Fredda in Kerrville.

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

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