

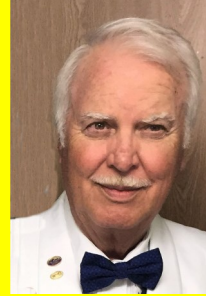


# District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International District 2-A1 News

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# We Serve

Midwinter at Ballinger was well attended and we wish to thank all the Lions who participated in it, and all those who attended.

We are so very proud of our leaders, both present and past, Who have made us the number one District for membership in Multiple District 2. Three new clubs this year including the Angelo State University Campus Club which held it’s Charter Night this past Friday, and growth in membership in several Clubs, have more than overcome our loses. The Past District Governors who have worked hard to bring these Clubs on board our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governors, and the Zone Chair persons all have done admirable work and service.

The ASU Campus Club has an amazing group of diverse members and 3 young women and one young man, have leadership of the club, however the whole group are wonderful examples of future leaders of Lions wherever they may end up living in the future.

We now look forward to the Charter Night of the Brown County Pecan Bayou Lions on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I realize that many of those who attend these functions may be a little road weary, however we could sure use a great turnout to give this new club a boosted start, it has the potential to be a very large club in the future. Please RSVP soon if you haven’t already.

Get ready also for Our last District meeting, the Convention in April, which will include a visit by PID Joe Al Picone, elections, Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

It has been quite a year for us in Lionism, keep up the pace, be proud, be enthused, and faithful , We are making a difference in our District and Lions International.

Governor A J Dolle

**SAVE THE DATE**  
District Convention  
April 23rd 2016  
San Angelo



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# Club News

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Nearly a century of building a legacy worldwide, Lions Club International has acquired its very first campus club from District 2-A1. Co-sponsors, the San Angelo Downtown and Ballinger Noon Lions Clubs, hosted a gala event on Friday, January 29; presenting the Campus Lions Club of Angelo State University with their charter. The charter members along with Guiding Lion Joe Guerra and their Faculty Advisor, Lion Tony Blair, are very proud and extremely honored to be a part of history; thanking the Lions of District 2-A1 for their unconditional support.

**District Meeting Dates**  
 April 23rd 2016, District Convention. San Angelo




**San Angelo  
 North By Northwest  
 Lions Club**

**Supports**

**District Governor A. J. Dolle**

Like us on Facebook @ North by Northwest Lions



**PDGII Al and  
 Lion Marilyn Owen**

**Support**

**District Governor A. J. Dolle**

## Club News Continued



On January 30th, the very next day after their Charter Night, the brand-new Campus Lions Club of Angelo State University travelled to Bastrop to partner with the UT Lions Club, Texas State Lions Club and Texas A&M Lions Club in a reforestation project with TreeFolks; planting 2,200 trees in just a few hours. Talk about “hitting the ground running”! The Lions of District 2-A1 could not be more proud.

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### 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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PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
 THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
 OF LIONS CLUBS

## Club News Continued



At their meeting held on January 11, 2016, members of the Concho Pearl Lions Club, San Angelo, proudly gathered to showcase their donations of paper goods to the Newbridge Family Shelter. This family shelter, located in San Angelo, provides emergency housing, support services, and professional guidance to victims of domestic violence.


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### 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)



As Lions, "WE SERVE!" year round, especially during the Holidays when those in need may not have the means to celebrate. The San Angelo Downtown Lions led by Theresa Cain served a delicious Christmas feast to the employees & staff of the West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind. Thanks to Lions Theresa, Joe, Bob, Jeane & Janie for a job well done! And, a very special thanks to Bubba's Smokehouse for smoking our turkeys free of charge.



# 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)



“Tis the season to be jolly”, but unfortunately, not everyone has the means to provide for their family. As the San Angelo Dynamic Downtown Lions Club, “WE SERVE!”; celebrating the miraculous season that is Christmas by providing baskets of food to 26 needy families within our community. As chairman of our 4th annual Christmas Basket Project, I thank you - Downtown Lions - for a job well done! Lion Joe Guerra

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Zone 1 Chairperson</b><br>Armando Subia Sr.<br>A_subia49@gmail.com | <b>Zone 2 Chairperson</b> | <b>Zone 3 Chairperson</b> | <b>Zone 4 Chairperson</b><br>Mona Soland<br>304 Kleen Ayre<br>Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657 | <b>Zone 5 Chairperson</b> | <b>Zone 6 Chairperson</b><br>Larry Walker<br>larry.e.walker45@gmail.com |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|

Christmas came early for some special needs kids, as they receive their "Rock & Roll Cycles", which are specially made for children who are unable to ride a regular bicycle. The Midland Downtown Lions Foundation has raised \$142,000 towards a \$200,000 goal to provide up to 200 such bicycles for area children."



DISTRICT 2-A1

2015-2016 100% CLUBS

Contributions to the Eight Charities that District 2-A1 supports

100%

San Angelo Downtown Lions Club

200%

Midland Downtown Lions Club

Midland Northside Lions Club

Llano Lions Club

Lake Brownwood Lions Club

400%

North By Northwest Lions Club

Mason Lions Club

Sweetwater Lions Club

Kingsland Lions Club

1000%

Colorado City Lions Club

Midland West Side Lions Club

Ballinger Noon Lions Club

Concho Pearl Lions Club

It is **NOT TOO LATE** to make your Club's 100% donations to these Charities.

Thank you for your support.

PDG Joyce Downie, District 2-A1 Treasurer



Put this date on your calendar

# District 2-A1 Convention

April 22-23, 2016

Pearl of the Concho Hotel

333 Rio Concho Drive

San Angelo, Tx. 76903

325-653-4500

Room reservations can be made now

\$89.00 plus tax

registration form to be in the next newsletter



## TEXAS LIONS LOOKING FOR CAMPERS FOR 2016

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 greater self-esteem, independence, and most of all, they get to have FUN! Children eligible for the Texas Lions Camp summer program includes children age 7 to 16 with physical disabilities. Eligible children 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 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](mailto:mwilson@lionscamp.com). Also, you can check out the Lions Camp webpage at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com). You can also contact **(Add your contact info here)**



## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

### 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, sight first 1 & 2 programs, and appeals that are Melvin Jones eligible.

Please check with me to see if your club has accrued 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.

Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded more than 12,072 grants totaling more than \$900 million. Together, Lions and LCIF are making a difference for millions of people. Texas has received several of these grants.

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 Downie for information.

Thank you for your support of LCIF.

PDG Joyce Downie

District 2-A1 LCIF Coordinator



## re-MEMBER Texas - start from the foundation & go up from there

By Council Chairman Tom Blase

Last month we addressed the 2nd very important part of the **retention** puzzle: Making them feel needed & useful in the service goals of your club. Your club must have meaningful projects with project chairmen, who will involve your new members and are open to suggestions & new ideas. The other part to retention, which we discussed a month earlier, is your personal responsibility in “keeping ‘em” - making them feel wanted.

If your club doesn't really have any true “service” projects (maybe you are just into fund raisers), or your projects are no longer relevant to your community in today's world, you are not going to keep new Lions in your club, especially younger ones. This leads us to the 3<sup>rd</sup> prong of our “re-MEMBER Texas” plan: **rebuild**. Like the other 2 prongs (**recruit & retain**), which we have discussed over the last 4 months, **rebuilding** also has 2 distinct parts. Like any building project there is the exterior façade that all can see, but rebuilding the outside is worthless, if the foundation is weak.

For those who have not 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 & several guides for your club. The **re-MEMBER Texas News** can also be found on the Texas website [www.texaslions.org](http://www.texaslions.org).

When you stick doggedly to “the way we've always done it”, you likely have trouble recruiting and retaining members. Rebuilding a Lions club starts with looking at your club and analyzing how well your club fits your members in today's world. It requires an in-depth, soul-searching analysis of whom & what your club is. It requires surveys of community needs, plus input from the membership about their needs & wants. Lions Club International has several fantastic tools to help your club maneuver through this process. Two of these guides are included in your “re-MEMBER Texas” kit: Your Club, Your Way, and Blueprint for a Stronger Club. If you didn't get your kit, talk to your District Governor, or go to the Texas MD2 Website and review the “re-MEMBER Texas” News for full details on how to use the guides and how to get your copies directly from LCI. Also found in the newspaper is an in-depth discussion of the Club Excellence Process (Pro & Lite), a third “excellent” analysis tool.

Many clubs are afraid of this process and what it might show, because it likely will mean the most disastrous thing that can happen to a seasoned Lion: **CHANGE!** If you are living in the past and fail to make your club attractive to the younger generations, you can't survive, and who is the loser in that? --- All the people you serve.

Some clubs think they can clean up the façade; make it look good on the outside and hope it works, but if the foundation is weak, the house will collapse like a house of cards. Sadly only a few clubs will actually bare their souls and analyze what they can do. These clubs will be successful in entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They will attract & retain many quality Lions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Century. Will you be one of them?



## MD2 Convention Times

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### 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](mailto: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**



Service In Action that's...

Texas' Brand of Lionism



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

\*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](mailto:sales@grandtexan.com) (leave contact phone #s)  
Block Name: Lions Club – District 2A1 (Block closes 5-4-16) **Convention Rate \$109.99**



### Texas Lions State Convention – ACTION Projects Registration

What is Texas Brand of Lionism? First of all, the 2015-16 Council of Governors thinks it means Texas-sized service! Secondly, Texas Brand of Lionism also means the leaders of Texas Lionism should make our Convention more meaningful to grassroots Lions and providing avenues of education & experience for those who have no current interest in the business & committee meetings. Combining the two, the 2016 State Convention in Midland will contain 3 Action Projects, giving club leaders, committee chairs, and club members the chance to learn new ways to serve with hands on experience allowing them to go back to their communities and put these new projects into ACTION.

For complete information on the 3 Action projects and how they may benefit your club or zone, go to the Texas Lions website ([www.texaslions.org](http://www.texaslions.org)) and read the "MD2 Convention Times (pages 4-6). This newspaper will be found under the Midland Convention tab/button. To register you will need to complete the information below and send it to the person indicated for the selected project. It will not be possible for one Lion to participate in more than one project, thus you may want to split up the courses between others in your club or zone, so you can share ideas when you get home.

#### Texas Ramp Project

Learn how to build an ADA compliant handicapped ramp for the elderly or disabled, who may be trapped in their homes without one. Using the system and building templates (that can be used for any configuration) of the Texas Ramp Project, you will learn how to take a "pre-vetted" lead in your town, develop a site plan, and then actually build a ramp. The classroom seminar starts Thursday (1 PM) at the hotel. The crew will pre-build and then assemble a ramp on location throughout Friday & Saturday with time allotted to attend the meals and hear the special speakers. Bring work clothes. To register, send this form to **Lion Aubrey Linne, Midland Downtown Lions, 200 Plaza, Midland, Texas 79701 (432-553-5008, [aalinne87@yahoo.com](mailto:aalinne87@yahoo.com))**.

#### TLERC Used Eyeglass Training Course

Learn how to set up and operate a screening lane to place recycled eyeglasses on those in need. Using the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers' own training course (now used by centers all over the world), the class will learn how to use all of the equipment and then how to find a "near prescription" for the client. All training will be at TLERC in Midland (2550 Flynt) only 5 minutes from the convention hotel. Your class will start Thursday (9AM), will continue on Friday, & culminate Saturday where you will participate in an actual screening & placement. Time will be allotted to attend the meals and hear the special speakers. To register, send this form to **PDG Carolyn Keskitalo, TLERC, 2550 Flynt, Midland, Texas 79701 (432-683-3611; [txlerc@gmail.com](mailto:txlerc@gmail.com))**.

#### Children Vision Screening – "Lions kidsight USA"

Learn how to set up & hold a children's vision screening, including the use of both the "Plus Optix" & "Spot" machines. Manufacturer Reps from both companies will also provide "manufacturer certification classes" (needed to screen in Texas schools). The group will start with a classroom training session on Thursday (1 PM) at the hotel. On Friday you will go to some daycare centers for actual hands on experience screening children. To register, send this form to **Lion Art Laengrich, 7 Lakes Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 (432-559-9226; [art.laengrich@att.net](mailto:art.laengrich@att.net))**.

Complete this information and send to the person listed above for the Action Project you have selected:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lions Club & District: \_\_\_\_\_



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Texas Lions State Convention – Childcare Registration

The Council of Governors for the past several years has attempted to make the State Convention more meaningful and more accessible for our grass roots Lions. Many younger Lions may be unable to attend because of young children. The 2016 State Convention Committee, therefore, has arranged for "onsite" childcare during some of the events during the 2016 convention. Please be aware these are not licensed or professional daycare providers. They are simply the same kind of young people that you might have come to your home, while you go out for an evening. For some events, the ladies will be from the local YMCA day care program. For other events a local Girl Scout Troop(s) with adult leaders will provide the care. Meals will be provided where indicated. If special food is required you must provide it. It is suggested you bring any special toys or games the child may prefer. You may pay at the Convention, but you must register by May 6, so proper sitting arrangements can be finalized.

| Event  | Sitting Date/Time                               | Description  | Cost/Child | # of Children | Total Cost |
|--|---|--|------------|---------------|------------|
| Lions Feeding Frenzy & Entertainment                 | Thursday, May 19<br>From 5:00 PM<br>To 10:00 PM | Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and dinner (\$5). (see note below)                               | \$20.00    |               | \$         |
| Seminars & Workshops                                 | Friday, May 20<br>From 1:30 PM<br>To 5:30 PM    | Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr). A snack will be provided. (see note below)                      | \$12.00    |               | \$         |
| Dinner & Entertainment (Karen Taylor-Good)           | Friday, May 20<br>From 6:30 PM<br>To 9:30 PM    | Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and dinner (\$5). (see note below)                               | \$14.00    |               | \$         |
| Opportunity for Youth Luncheon & afternoon seminars. | Saturday, May 21<br>From 11:30 AM<br>To 5:30 PM | Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and lunch (\$5). A snack will also be provided. (see note below) | \$23.00    |               | \$         |
| District Governor Banquet                            | Saturday, May 21<br>From 6:15 PM<br>To 9:15 PM  | Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and dinner (\$5). (see note below)                               | \$14.00    |               | \$         |

**Note:** Since we must pre-schedule the sitters for the entire time, we regret we cannot break apart the package for this segment.

I will pay at the Convention.     I will pay now. Enclosed is my check.

Total Cost    \$

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names & Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If paying now make check payable to Lions District 2A1 State Convention.  
 Mail the registration form & Check to Lion Kathy McConnell,  
 307 Thomas, Midland, Texas 79703  
**Must receive form with or without payment by May 6.**





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### Texas Lions State Convention Excursions

Registration can also be done at the Convention, depending on the availability of space on the buses. Registering early helps the Convention committee arrange for enough transportation.

| Event  | Date/Time  | Description  | Cost/Person                                   | # attending | Total Cost |
|--|--|--|---|-------------|------------|
| Susie's South 40 Confections: Factory Tour and shopping                | Friday, May 20<br>Leave 9:00AM<br>Return 11:30AM   | Take a step back in time, as you tour this world renowned confection factory. Sample some of their famous Texas Trash, Texas Pecan Toffee & more.  | \$5.00 (for transportation)                   |             | \$         |
| President George W. Bush Child-Home: Tour<br>The Ivy Cottage: shopping | Friday, May 20<br>Leave 2:00PM<br>Return 5:15PM    | Tour the home of 2 Presidents, a first lady and a Governor, as you tour this normal suburban home of the 50's. Then have some fun shopping at Midland's most unique boutique and gift shop.  | \$8.00 (includes transportation & admission)  |             | \$         |
| Museum of the Southwest and Farmer's Market: Tour & Shopping           | Saturday, May 21<br>Leave 9:15AM<br>Return 11:15AM | Home to Midland's finest art & sculpture collection, the Fred Turner estate also houses a planetarium. Peruse the farmer's market & craft booths found on the grounds on Saturday mornings in the spring.                                | \$8.00 (includes transportation & admission)  |             | \$         |
| The Petroleum Museum: Tour   | Saturday, May 21<br>Leave 2:00PM<br>Return 4:45PM  | A visit to the Petroleum Museum is a journey through 230 million years from the time of the Permian Sea to today's modern oil production. You will be some of the 1 <sup>st</sup> to see the totally renovated interactive displays. *** | \$13.00 (includes transportation & admission) |             | \$         |
| <b>Total Cost</b>  |  |  |   |             | <b>\$</b>  |

\*\*\*The Petroleum Museum is offering its special \$8.00 group rate to all Lions attending the convention from Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. You do not have to be on the excursion. Just tell them you are with the Texas Lions Convention.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Lions District 2A1 State Convention  
 Mail form & check to Lion Kathy McConnell, 307 Thomas,  
 Midland, Texas 79703

Note: The 2016 State Convention Committee reserves the right to cancel any excursion for low participation. If an event is cancelled, you will be refunded any prepaid excursion fee.



**TEXAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
THURSDAY MAY 19, 2016  
8:30 AM  
REGISTRATION FORM**



**RANGLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB  
1600 E. WADLEY AVENUE  
MIDLAND, TX 79705  
(432)683-2041**

**4 PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT**  
Prizes for 1st Place Team – Closest to the Pin - Long Drive  
cost includes golf carts and range balls

Individual Cost - \$75

Name, Phone number & e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Team Cost - \$300

Team Captain Name, Phone number & e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Form and fees due by May 10, 2016**

Send Entry Form & Money to:

**DG Dick Van Hoose  
Office of the Superintendent  
1441 FM303  
Loop, Texas 79342**

Contact *Dick Van Hoose* at (806)487-6412  
or [dick@mylbk.com](mailto:dick@mylbk.com) for any other information.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015: 2914 Moss, Midland, Texas 79705

Art work for ads may be emailed to [tombasesr@gmail.com](mailto:tombasesr@gmail.com) – or – Call 325-315-7060 to discuss ad design.

## **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)

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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.

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

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