

# District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International

## District 2-A1 News

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# We Serve

We come to the end of one Lions year and begin a new one with a new Governor, cabinet, and club officers. And what a great year it is that is ending. We added 3 new clubs and grew membership by about 100. Why is membership important? – Our moto is “We Serve” and 100 new members means we can increase our service to our communities. For the past two years as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and then 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, I’ve had the opportunity to travel around the district and visit many clubs. I am so impressed by what those clubs are doing in their communities. They are making a difference in the lives of the children and elderly in so many ways. If those 100 members are in clubs that support the Lions Camp with the extra \$10.00 per member that means the camp has \$3,000 more to spend on disabled children.

As we start the new year we are committed to continuing this growth with another 100 members. Our goal is that every one of our 49 clubs grow by at least 1 member – that gives us half our 100 growth goal. The other half comes from revitalizing 3 clubs for 30 new members and starting at least 1 new club for 20 members.

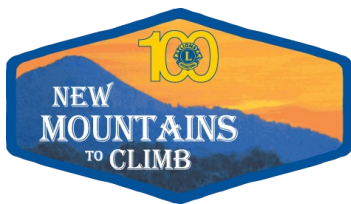
The year ending also put in place two ways to help individual clubs. Through a grant of \$14,000 from the Lions International Foundation and matching funds of \$14,000 raised from clubs, district, and the community, we have funding to purchase 4 new Spot Vision Screening Systems. These 4 units are available to be shared by clubs across the District, especially smaller clubs in smaller communities. Contact Jim Chapman at 325-388-3231 to participate. The second help we now have is a District concession trailer that is available for all clubs to use. The trailer has been provided by the Kingsland and Brady clubs to be used in raising funds for the clubs charities budget. The trailer is available on a first come basis and can be reserved through the Brady club President David Powell 325-456-4147.

I look forward to visiting all the clubs in the coming months – thanks for all you do - Dave

**Save the Date**

**District Meeting**

**November 4 & 5,  
Winters**



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## International President's Message

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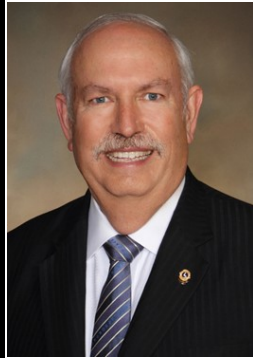
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Kathy Singleton recently emailed Lions Clubs International. When she was a first-grader in Springfield, Missouri, the Lions club bought her first pair of glasses. "I still remember the joy I felt when I was able to distinguish that trees had individual leaves. It excited my heart to learn to see the world in its infinite beauty," she eloquently wrote us. "I pray y'all continue blessing many other kids like y'all did me."

Yes, Ms. Singleton, for the next 100 years, we will keep on helping children as well as adults as we have for the past century. In our Centennial year, we want to honor and remember the past as well as move our great Association forward.

During our long history Lions not only reached out to individuals but also often impacted entire communities. After an earthquake and tsunami devastated Afognak, Alaska, in 1964, Lions built a new town for residents. Five years earlier in the tinder-dry cattle country of Texas, their town regularly threatened by prairie fires, Leakey Lions started a fire brigade including a fire truck. Long ago in 1925, alarmed by the inadequacy of schools, York Lions in Pennsylvania began a well-stocked circulating library. The pages of the LION from the last century are filled with tens of thousands of such examples of life-changing and often life-preserving service.

Our Centennial service goal is to serve at least 100 million people by June 2018. We are on pace to shatter that goal. Please have your club "join the party." Celebrate the Centennial in other ways, too, by inviting family and friends to serve with you and by planning a Legacy Project in your community. Find out how to participate at [Lions100.org](http://Lions100.org).

I am honored to serve as your Centennial president. I hope you are just as thrilled to be a Lion at this special moment in our grand history. The service we do today will echo down the decades as we invariably strengthen our Association and leave Lions Clubs in better shape than ever for generations to come.

*Chancellor Bob Corlew*

**Lions Clubs International President**

# 2nd VDG Russell Livingston

## Russell's Ramblings

By 2 VDGE Russell Livingston

As we embark on our three year joint venture it is time to look back and look forward. I have been a member of the Midland Downtown Lions Club since 1986 and have had a blast every minute of those 30 years. Over the years, I will wax nostalgic and look ahead to the coming months ahead.

Saturday July 16 2016 was an important day. Your Cabinet Officers and Leadership Team were eloquently sworn into office by Vice Council Chairman Rick Talbert. Your leadership team promised to serve our district Lions. Through training and your patience, I stand ready to serve you to the best of my ability.

I recall the first time I was inducted into office as a Lion. PID Mike Butler offered words and inspiration to serve my club as a Tail Twister. Those words are very similar to the words offered by VCC Rick.

Installing officers offer encouragement, validation and direction to the officers to be installed. Accepting the challenge is not something to be taken lightly. For me, will be the challenge of visiting clubs in the district. I am certainly looking forward to visiting your clubs, hearing your concerns and hopefully moving toward a solution.

As we move through this year, let's keep sight on the goal. Remembering our motto, We Serve we can press forward. It is great to be a Lion!

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**District Meeting Dates**

November 4 & 5, Winters

January 22 & 23 2017, Mid-Winter Conference, Brady

April 28 & 29 2017, District Convention, San Angelo

### 1st District Meeting Coleman

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Midland West Side's Newest Member being sworn in by her uncle Council Chair Rick Talbert

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What a great first District Meeting we had in Coleman. A great big thank you to the Coleman clubs and their members for doing such a great job in providing an enjoyable Friday evening and great meeting location on Saturday. Turn out by Lions was also great – I guess we had around 70 for lunch Saturday. For clubs who missed the meeting we will be sending the club president the key handouts including the “Lions Club Trailer” info, the Spot Vision screening info, District Budget, the Club admin presentation on “Financial Responsibilities of Club members, Club Board, and Club Treasurer”, our District Membership Goals, and list of Supported Charities”.

Our next District meeting is in Winters Texas, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. The agenda is starting to take shape and includes Administrative Topics of Electing Club Officers followed by the responsibilities of the sponsor of new members. For the Keynote speaker I am trying to get Patty Rodriguez from the Lions Camp to talk about how they recruit counselors, the work week of a counselor, and why the counselors want to come to Kerrville.

My challenge to the clubs. “STOP LOSING MEMBERS” Last year we dropped 187 members! In July we dropped 22 members. Granted some leave for old age, some leave because they move, but not 187 and not the 22. One of the chief responsibilities of the club president, the other club officers, the club board of directors, is to make every member feel wanted, important, and appreciated. Members leave because they never felt truly connected to the club. They never felt their membership in the club had a positive impact on their community. They joined the Lions for a reason – they left because the reason they joined was never fulfilled. Why do I care so much about losing members, because it says we aren’t meeting our moto of “We Serve”? How much more service and how much better off our communities would be if we had those 187 members working with us today. If a member says “I want to drop my membership” please don’t just say goodbye! Encourage them to continue their membership, remind them why they joined in the first place, and find out why they want to drop. The club leadership needs to use the reason members drop to assess the club and how it relates to members and use this information to make the club stronger.

My thanks to all you Lions out there and for all you do for your communities - Dave

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Thank you, The District Governor Team