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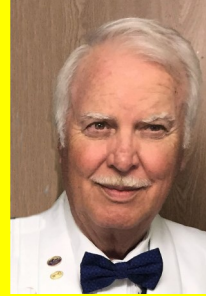
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We Serve

Fellow Lions of 2A1 we are wrapping up a great year for our District, please come celebrate our success at the Convention on the 22nd and 23rd.

Details, and registration forms are in this newsletter. Time is short and we want your attendance.

We have planned a great convention at a great venue in San Angelo a central location, and we want you to join us for this special event.

There are many Lions to thank for a great year and we think you will be surprised at some recipients of the awards.

Looking forward to seeing you in Angelo.

SAVE THE DATE

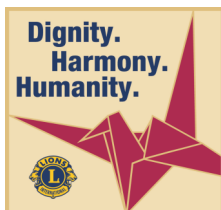
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San Angelo

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Governor A J Dolle

Club News

Midland West Side Lions Club Easter Food Boxes

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**48 families
 served.**



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



**San Angelo
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 Lions Club
 Supports**

District Governor A. J. Dolle

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**PDGII Al and
 Lion Marilyn Owen
 Support**

District Governor A. J. Dolle

Club News Continued

Midland West Side Lions Club Easter Food Boxes

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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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 THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 OF LIONS CLUBS

Club News Continued

Midland West Side Lions Club Easter Food Boxes



Thank you to all who helped make it possible.



**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

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Club News (Continued)



Midland West Side Nacho Social



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
CONVENTION REGISTRATION
APRIL 22-23, 2016
PEARL OF THE CONCHO



333 RIO CONCHO DRIVE, SAN ANGELO, TX.
325-653-4500

Friday April 22: Awards Banquet 6:30PM to 9:00PM Riverside Room
The District Governor invites all Lions to come and help him recognize and thank all the Cabinet Officers, Zone Chairs and District Chairs for their service to District 2-A1 this past year. Speaker will be PID Joe Al Picone.

Saturday: April 23: Key Member Breakfast 8:15AM to 9:30AM Riverside Room
District 2-A1 wants to recognize all Lions that have brought in new members this year. Speaker will be 2nd VDG Armando Subia.

Business Meeting will start at 9:30AM to 1:30PM.

Honoring our Youth Luncheon: 12 Noon Riverside Room.

This luncheon will honor our Peace Poster winners and any outstanding Youth, Diabetic Essay and Diabetes Awareness contestants. Speaker will be PID Joe Al Picone.

Please come and enjoy the culmination of the year at the District 2-A1 Convention.

Registration will be from 4PM to 6PM Friday April 22nd. Riverside room lobby

Registration will be from 7:00AM to 9:00AM Saturday April 23rd. Riverside room lobby Saturday; April 23rd.

PDG meeting will start at 7:30AM to 8:15AM (room to be announced)

Voting will be from 10:00AM to 11:00AM in the lobby of the Riverside room

Reception for Club Presidents (by invitation only) will be from 1:30PM to 2:30PM Riverside room

Name: _____ Club _____

Name: _____ Club _____

Registration Fee (For all Lions only) \$10.00 x _____
Friday Awards Banquet \$20.00 x _____
(PDG's White coat- others business attire)

Please pick choice of:

Chicken Fried Steak with mashed potatoes and green beans _____

Chicken Marsala with mashed potatoes and green beans _____

(will need food count by April 15th)

Saturday;

Key Member Breakfast \$10.00 x _____

Saturday Luncheon \$15.00 x _____

Total _____

Make check payable to District 2-A1 and send to
Make reservations on own (ask for Lions rate)
(rooms will be blocked until April 12th)
Pearl of The Concho Hotel
333 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Tx.

PDG Joyce Downie
115 Churchill Blvd
San Angelo, Tx. 76903
325-651-8894



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. Also, you can check out the Lions Camp webpage at www.lionscamp.com . You can also contact **(Add your contact info here)**

Texas Lions Camp

1. Registration for Camp started in January. You still have time to identify kids that might be eligible to attend this summer. All the info needed on what camps are available and registration forms are on the Camp web site--lionscamp.com.

2. Hiring of counselors for this summer is well underway. The Camp will be hiring approximately 150/160 counselors. When talking to parents, let them know that there is almost 1 counselor per camper.

3. During the 2 camps for kids with type 1 diabetes, their families attend an informative seminar dinner with leading endocrinologist, Dr. Stephen Ponder prior to the week's awards ceremony.

4. Tours of the Camp are available throughout the year and on Fridays at 3PM and 4 PM during the summer camper sessions.

5. Don't forget the Camp Work Days. They are March 5, April 2, and May 7. You can go to the camp web site to sign up.

6. 100% contribution to the Camp is an additional 10\$ per club member. This is in addition to the \$10.50 per member you are billed by the Camp. At least one Club that has contributed has not shown up on my monthly report from the Camp. The following Clubs are on my report: Ballinger Noon, Colorado City, Midland Northside, Midland West Side, San Angelo Concho Pearl, San Angelo North by Northwest and Sweetwater. If you have made a 100% contribution and are not one of these Clubs, let me know so I can compare your club with the report I get. If you are not on my list, I will work with the Camp to get you credit for your 100% contribution.

Thanks,
 Chuck Henicke
 2A1 Camp Director

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re-MEMBER Texas - PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

By Council Chairman Tom Blase

No fancy title this month. No play on words..... because this topic is no laughing matter. For those who have been following along the last 7 months, as we took apart and analyzed **re-MEMBER Texas'** 3 parts, being involved in more visible & relevant service was important in making these processes successful. It is this **re-MEMBER Texas** plan that has led your Council of Governors to tackle the **Prevention of Child Abuse**.

For those who have not been following along, **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 items 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 to help in the process. If you don't have one, the **re-Member Texas News** can also be found on the Texas website www.texaslions.org.

One of the most critical things we have learned in analyzing these 3 prongs is that it's hard to recruit the younger generations and it's almost impossible to retain them (when they do join), if we are not involved in causes or if we are not performing service that is pertinent to their world. A second critical point is that we don't get enough PR – many young people do not even know who or what LIONS are.

Early on, the Council's membership committee felt that we needed to find some service plan that would not only be relevant and important to today's society, but that could also garner a lot of notice for the Lions Clubs of Texas. To make a long story short, that turned out to be working with **Prevent Child Abuse Texas** in fighting this terrible blight in our Texas communities.

How could we go wrong? It's a cause that gets major attention. It is a critical problem that young people want to solve. It will help us attract new members (who want to fight this blight) – and most of all we likely will save a child's life!

Wear the Blue

What is this about wearing blue? The color of Prevent Child Abuse is blue & the special month is April. Blue balloons & blue pin-wheels are used as symbols of their campaign. Each pinwheel, balloon or even a blue ribbon is used to represent one reported case of child abuse in your community. Check out your Texas Governors and other Texas Lions wearing the blue last year (**re-MEMBER Texas**, page 1).

So what can your Club do? You can plan an event during the month of April that draws attention to the problem. Send out press releases, invite the public & the town dignitaries, hand out prevent child abuse material, invite the press. There are all sorts of ideas on page 5 of the **re-MEMBER Texas News** (go to www.texaslions.org) & **Prevent Child Abuse** has several info sheets on their website with facts & figures you can print to hand out at your event (www.preventchildabuse.org). **There is a Prevent Child Abuse press release already made for you on page 10**. But don't forget to have brochures and flyers about Lionism and your club....and don't be afraid to hand people an application. Page 14 of **re-MEMBER Texas** has plenty of different recruiting brochures with instructions on how to order them. Get your order in now so you will have them for April.

To help out, Lamar advertising companies will be displaying a special Lions/**Prevent Child Abuse** digital billboard all across the state, as often as possible, throughout April. Use this extra PR to build your own event. See page 5 of the **re-MEMBER Texas News** to see the billboard artwork. Your District Governors are currently working with the local Lamar plants throughout the state to get as much exposure as we can from the local branches.

What if all 875+ Texas Clubs did something in April? The PR would reverberate around the state; we could attract hundreds of new Lionsand best of all, how many kids would be saved another beating, sexual assault or even worse? LIONS, WEAR THE BLUE this April!



Why Partner with Prevent Child Abuse?

By DG Noah Speer S2

Lions Clubs International was founded upon the concept of service to our communities. To this day a major focus is service that helps children in some way. In Texas our shining example of course is the Texas Lions Camp. Lions throughout the state also serve youth by providing glasses, medical care, diabetes awareness, and fun activities for children like “beep Easter Egg hunts”. On a world-wide effort we help control or eradicate measles and river blindness through distribution of medicine. The key though is “We Serve”. As I have visited clubs, the single driving force to attract and retain members is that of service. Last year, IP Joe Preston challenged us to “Strengthen the Pride (Lions) through service”. I firmly believe that by identifying areas of need within their area, clubs offer opportunities for men and women to join in service through membership in local Lions Clubs.

So let’s look at one area within our state that clubs could “Strengthen our Pride”. Back in the early 1970’s my wife (Pat) and I were foster parents for 3 years. Children were placed in our home in that period from anywhere to 2 days to 2 ½ years. They came from homes - that under any definition were ones of child neglect or abuse. Prevent Child Abuse Texas (PCATX) is a statewide non-profit organization working to prevent child abuse and neglect in all its forms throughout Texas.

The 2015-16 Council of Governors has moved to partner with PCATX by requesting each club in Texas to have an event, a program or a project that supports the goal of PCATX to prevent child abuse and neglect in all its forms throughout Texas in the month of April 2016. Going back to my belief of service leads to membership growth, I would recommend that clubs use these events to publicize their clubs and provide information for membership. The Council will be working to get statewide publicity for Lions in partnership with PCATX.

Serve first, but also let people know what you do and why you serve. Then offer membership in Lions for others also interested in serving. Why partner? It’s a win-win for all of us!

CHILD ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE.

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE MONTH

REPORT
ABUSE

800-252-5400

WEAR BLUE IN APRIL



A Problem & A Need Leads To Service Opportunities

By DG Juan R. Lopez A3

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas. According to Prevent Child Abuse Texas, 4 children die every day from child abuse, 27 children die from poverty, every day 689 babies are born with inadequate prenatal care and every day 13,700 children are abused and neglected in the USA.

A 2004 report titled "What Can We Do About Child Abuse" prepared by the Office of then Attorney General Greg Abbott with the cooperation of Texas CASA, Inc. revealed more than 50,000 Texas children were known to be victims of abuse and neglect.

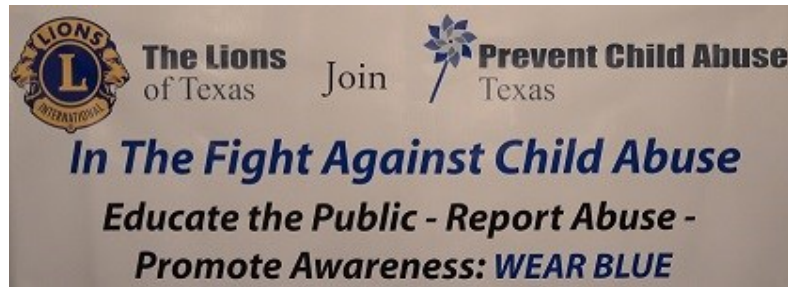
In 2010, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services confirmed over 66,000 children to be victims of child abuse, 16,347 children were removed from homes due to child abuse.

"Staggering as these numbers may seem the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, the state agency charged with receiving and investigating reports of child abuse and neglect reports reflect many more cases of abuse and neglect go unreported and others are not reported in a manner that supports effective investigation".

Although non-profit organizations such as Prevent Child Abuse Texas, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), strive to prevent child abuse and advocate for children who have been abused, Lions realize more needs to be done.

To this end, the Lions of Texas Multiple District 2, led by its sixteen (16) District Governors and over 25,000 Lions Clubs members, will join Prevent Child Abuse Texas, next April (2016) during Prevent Child Abuse Month in Texas.

Lions in all 850+ clubs will be encouraged to get involved with local organizations working to prevent child abuse by participating in activities such as "Wear Blue Day", holding informative programs, participating in walks and many other activities to promote awareness, educate the public, and demonstrate how much they care about prevention of child abuse.



Wear Blue Month – April, 2016

What Your Club Can Do to Help Prevent Child Abuse

By DG Ed Stiles S1

In April of 2016, the Lions of Texas will be partnering with the Prevent Child Abuse Texas organization to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month and shine a light on the frightening number of child abuse cases in our great state, and put into action some things Lions can do to help prevent it from continuing.

The promotion, propelled by the active participation of hundreds of Lions Clubs across Texas, should generate a huge groundswell of publicity with multiple implications - increasing awareness of child abuse to millions of Texans, generating interest among other service-minded citizens, and informing the general public about who we Lions are and what we do.

So, how can your club get involved? Here are a few ideas...

“Pinwheels for Prevention” Campaign

As the new symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention, the pinwheel is an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures all children deserve. This national campaign is an effort to change the way our nation thinks about prevention and how we can deliver on our commitment to America's children.

The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign can be promoted in many different ways. Pinwheels can be carried, given out at events, planted as a lawn display, lined up along a sidewalk or pathway, or used in any number of ways to raise awareness of child abuse prevention and the promise that every child deserves to be raised in a safe and nurturing home. Several sources for the purchase of pinwheels are available on the internet.

Other Opportunities

- Wear blue. Ask your club members to wear blue clothing at every opportunity during the month of April. Have volunteers make simple blue Prevent Child Abuse ribbons for club members, give more to others in the community, and wear them every day in April.
- Schedule a club event with a speaker on child abuse prevention. Invite local dignitaries, the press and the public to attend. Put PSA's out to all the media to generate interest. Make sure you have a club information table, manned by Lions from your club to provide information on your club's activities, brochures about Lionism (free from Lions Clubs International), and applications to join.

Wear Blue Month – April, 2016 (Continued)
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Participate in a walk. Two annual walks in April are the ‘Round Rock Walk for Children’ and the ‘Walk The Woodlands for Children’. Encourage your club to sponsor a walk in your own town. Make sure you have a club information table, manned by Lions from your club, to provide information on your club’s activities, brochures about Lionism (free from Lions Clubs International), and applications to join.

- Encourage your members to be on the alert for abusive situations in your community – not just in April, but at all times. Report suspected abuse or neglect. If anyone has reason to believe a child has been or may be harmed, have them immediately call the local Child Protective Services (CPS) agency or call 911.
- Identify people in your area who could use a break from parenting. Being a parent isn’t easy. Offer a helping hand to take care of the children, so the parent(s) can rest or spend time together.
- Challenge your club to get more involved in your community. Ask your community leaders, clergy, library and schools to develop services to meet the needs of healthy children and families. Strong, healthy families are less likely to be involved in child abuse.
- Assign a committee or a group of member volunteers to help in developing parenting resources at your local library. Ask them to determine whether your local library has parenting resources, and if it does not, offer help to obtain some.
- Have your club promote abuse prevention programs in your local schools. Teaching children, parents and teachers prevention strategies can help to keep children safe.
- Encourage Lions club members to volunteer at a local child abuse prevention program if one exists. For information about volunteer opportunities, go to the Prevent Child Abuse Texas website (www.preventchildabusetexas.org) and click on the Volunteers tab, or call 1-800-CHILDREN.





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

(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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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 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



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) 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)**.

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)**.

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)**.

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 From 5:00 PM 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 From 1:30 PM 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 From 6:30 PM 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 From 11:30 AM 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 From 6:15 PM 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 Leave 9:00AM 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 The Ivy Cottage: shopping	Friday, May 20 Leave 2:00PM 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 Leave 9:15AM 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 Leave 2:00PM 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 st to see the totally renovated interactive displays. ***	\$13.00 (includes transportation & admission)		\$
Total Cost					\$

***The Petroleum Museum is offering its special \$8.00 group rate to all Lions attending the convention from Wednesday May 18th through Sunday May 22nd, 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
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 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 for any other information.