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We Serve

Lions – we had a great Mid-Winter District Meeting in Brady January 20 & 21. A big thank you to the Brady Club for all their hard work and for providing a great venue. Friday night social saw all bingo players win a prize thanks to Kathy & Donald McConnell and Mona and Pat Soland. The Saturday presentations on the importance of new member sponsors presented by Roy Landry; the Texas Lions Camp presented by Heather Donnella; and how to reduce the number of members who drop their Lions membership by Rod Chisholm, were all well done and very timely.

Two items were brought up by the members attending that we will address. First was a suggestion to add to the 7:30 training time, training for members, in addition to the training we do for club presidents, secretaries, & treasurers. The second item was a question about how clubs with few or no women members can recruit women. That is a great question and I will put on the agenda for the District Convention in San Angelo.

The next District event is the District Convention April 28 & 29 in San Angelo. The District Convention is two activities – first is to celebrate our successes this year – the second is to elect those who will lead us next year and the following two years. On Friday evening we will honor the “Centennial Member” from each club and the outgoing president from each club. It is appropriate that we do this because they are the reason we have successes to celebrate. Friday evening will be BBQ, beer, country music, and game night (your choice of Bingo, Dominos, and Farkel), dress is “country”. Saturday key note presentation will be “Lions Leader Dog charity” – how the dogs are bred, trained, matched to their partner – how the blind and the dog work together. Friday afternoon will be a golf tournament that is a fund raiser for charity. Continued on page 2

Save the Date

District Convention

April 28-29

San Angelo



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What better way to celebrate our success than including a charity fund raiser. So come Friday and Saturday and celebrate with us.

Do not be constrained by your expectations! When we look at our Lions Club and our service activities do we let ourselves be constrained by the past? It is a normal impulse. We set goals based on history. We see the future based on what we see in the present. My daughter wanted to run in the capital 10,000 but wanted someone to run with her so that was me. I started running in my 40's and kept it up into my 60's. I ran 5ks (3.1 miles) and occasionally a 10K (6.2miles). I had to psych myself up for 10 K and never tried a marathon, afraid I would injure myself. I traded running for back packing in my later 60's and hiked 1,000 miles on the Appalachian Trail. At 70 I was in the hospital a week for bypass surgery. One day a nurse came in and asked about my experience hiking the Appalachian Trail. She was in her mid-40s, average build, average size, appeared to be a working mom. We talked for a while and I asked her what she did for exercise. She replied "I do extreme races". I asked what an extreme race was and she replies "Oh you know, we run 100 mile races". For a person who had to psych themselves up to run 6 miles I didn't know. I was constrained by my expectations. If you ran 100 mile races you sure aren't a working housewife. When you look at your club what do you see and what do you want the future to be? If you are in a club of 20 is your expectation to grow the club to 25 or to grow to 100. As a district we set a goal of every club growing by 1 member this year. Only 14 clubs have achieved this goal so far. Was the goal too little of a challenge? Did the goal get set to low an expectation? Was the District Leader (me) limited by his expectations? Was my vision clouded by the past? I challenge all of us in our life journey to not let ourselves be constrained by our own expectations. Continued on Page 3



PDG Joyce Downie
 and husband
 Lion Ron

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The Texas Leadership forum February 24 in Austin – still time to sign up. This forum is for all Lions

The Lions State Convention is in San Antonio May 18 to 21

Texas Lions Centennial Celebration is in Dallas October 6 to 7.

Information on all three of these activities can be found on the State web site www.texaslions.org

The Lions International convention in Chicago is June 30 to July 4th. Information is at members.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php

The centennial coin can be purchased through the LCI Store – limited supply so don't wait.

Club presidents – we will honor the out-going club presidents at the District Convention on Friday Night. The zone chairs will be sending you a form, which we ask you to fill out and return so we are prepared for those who will attend.

Centennial club member. Throughout the year we have been encouraging clubs to select a “Centennial Member” who represents the best of the club. Zone Chairs have the form and where to send it. The Centennial Members will also be honored Friday night of the district Convention. Please get the forms turned in by end of March.

At the mid-winter conference we approved a new constitution to be placed on the ballot at our District Convention. Click on the link below to review the proposed constitution.

[Proposed Constitution to be voted on at the District Convention](#)

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Setting Your Sail 1st VDG Armando Subia

“We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.” Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. Each New Year I make resolutions, just like many of you.

Some of you actually do start the new diet, begin to walk 2 blocks a day, or jog on certain days. But as the month wears on and nears the end, most of you not all return to your old ways.

As for myself knowing what the end result will be by the end of January—I chose not to start, there by sparing myself the self talk that I once again failed to begin (lie at anchor) fits. Which brings me to the journey I have started towards becoming District 2 A1 Governor in this the 100th Birthday of Lions.

Anticipation over the job that I have looked forward to doing. Getting to know what my responsibilities were and how I was to execute them. I set sail with a strong steady wind. The wind of acquiring the knowledge needed to execute the office of Governor. Sometimes you think you will have overload, but you persevere for the good of the District you tell yourself. Watching my present Governor working tirelessly for the District, I begin to wonder how effective I will be. Then I realize that he is half past his year and my year looms in the future.

You are told you have to write S.M.A.R.T. goals for the District, does that not mean they should be written by a smart person! The anticipation you had in the beginning is now turning into strong anxiety...what was I thinking! I realize there are PDGs, experienced Lions who have mastered this journey before me who will keep me focused on the right path. All I have to do is close my eyes and know that things will fall into place or I run smack into the wall. I have dared to set sail on uncharted waters of District leadership. I am feeling like I am—wait I need to wake up-HELP! The sun will shine in the morning.

Russell's Ramblings

2nd VDG Russell Livingston

Most of my fellow Lions are aware of my odyssey toward acceptable vision. This has included years of therapeutic contact lenses, corneal transplant surgery, cataract lens implant and now wearing a soft contact lens on my "store bought eye."

The trip has been interesting and pardon the phrase, "A real eye opener." My respect and debt of gratitude to the Lions Eye Banks is immeasurable. My amazement of the intellect and skill of my surgeon and optometrist is beyond equal. My vision is greatly improved and I am a happy camper.

Except... This new contact lens! The therapeutic lenses I wore my entire adult life has now changed. Since I will probably always have an astigmatism, I will always have to wear that soft lens in the transplanted eye. No complaints, it is comfortable and I can now see nearly perfectly out of that eye.


The issue is that it is very thin, very clear and very difficult to handle. Add the fact that I now have to actually touch my eyeball and there is room to complain. The real problem though is there is no "This side up" sign on the new lens. Therefore, I have a 50/50 chance of putting it on inside out. The result is that I may as well not be wearing it. From near 20/20 to can't see at all is the outcome. It usually takes a few minutes to determine if I have done it wrong and it involves having to touch my eyeball again.

I realize that in the grand scheme of things this is getting down to nitpicking. The life lesson is that sometimes we don't get it right. The results may be more devastating than having to remove and replace a contact lens. Sometimes the fix may be a bit more painful than touching your eyeball. However, we as Lions have the opportunity to back up, evaluate, analyze and correct most of our problems and issues.

Let's support our District Governor as he works fixing some of our issues and do not forget to support our Lions Eye Bank.

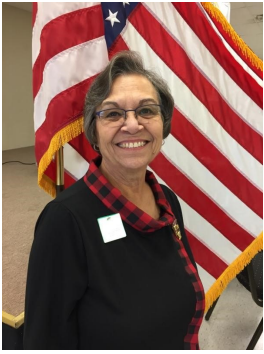


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Felis Subia, 2A1 Zone 1 chairperson

3rd 2A1 Zone 1 Meeting

Zone 1 was represented by 6 clubs at their January 17, 2017 zone meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. The clubs represented were:

Midland Downtown : 2VDG Russell Livingston

Midland Northside : President Don Eckerty and Secretary Dick McFarland

Midland Morning : President Metta Preas and Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Preas

Midland Tall City : President Tony Borens

Midland West Side : 1VDG Armando Subia, Secretary Laura Najar, Treasurer Kathy McConnell and Texas Lions Camp Director Donald McConnell

We also had special guest from our soon to be chartered New Big Spring Club,

President Eric Escamilla and Secretary Juanita Marquez.

The theme of the meeting was “Service”. Topics discussed were :

District Cabinet meeting in Brady, Centennial Club member, Centennial Dashboard, recruiting in Midland, officer elections for 2017-2018 and Legacy projects. A discussion on how important it is for the secretary or president to input the service hours and current information on all members into the LCI system.

The next meeting will be on April 18, 2017 @ 7pm. Refreshments were available and all went home smiling.

Yours in Service



The San Angelo *Dynamic* Downtown Lions Club

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Club News

With sadness we report that long time member (44 Years) John Cooper of the Midland Tall City Lions Club, passed away on Monday January 8, 2017. Our condolences to his family and the Tall City Lions.



The Colorado City Lions Club had a sign made to make the community more aware that there is a Lions club in Colorado City and that We serve. We dopted a lot in town at the corner of 2nd St and Hickory St. We take care of the lot, keep it cleaned, mowed and maintained. We erected the sign on the lot so it is visible to alot of people since these are the two main streets in town. The middle part of the sign can be changed out for the different seasons or occasions



Club News Continued

Santa's helpers from the local Lions Club stand to each side of the jolly man during his visit to the courthouse on Friday, December 9. From left are Carla Mogford, Don Glover, Santa, Virginia Bronts and Haydee Torres. The Junction Lions Club has been sponsoring this event for 50 years.



Junction Lions Club members Dennis Smith, Vinetta Sanders, Haydee Torres and Don Glover dump 371 rubber ducks over the South Llano River Bridge to kick off the 1st Annual Quacker Classic Duck Derby, held during National Night Out, Tuesday, October 4. Half of the funds raised went toward 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winnings. The other half totaling \$738.75 went to the Lions Club scholarship fund.

Club News Continued



San Angelo Downtown Lions Club blessing 32 needy families during their Annual Christmas Basket Project. The baskets, which include everything needed to prepare a holiday feast, were assembled right at noon on Thursday, December 22. Thank you to all the Lions who served, especially Chairman Joe Guerra, for bringing the miracle of Christmas to those less fortunate.



"Tis the season to be jolly", but unfortunately, some people cannot due to their circumstances. Rekindling an old tradition, the Downtown Lions, with help from Celebration Church & joined by officers of SAPD, surprised the women & children of the Family Shelter with a Christmas party complete with Santa & his many sacks full of gifts. (Monday, December 19, 2016)

DISTRICT 2-A1 CHARITIES

If your club needs a program, here are a few suggestions.

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SAVE THE DATE

ROPE YOURSELF IN TO ATTEND ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING

District Convention in San Angelo

April 28 & 29

District Governor Message regarding the Western Texas Eye Bank.

As many of you know the eye bank provides cornea for transplant. Donors leave their cornea to the eye bank to be transplanted; the eye bank harvests the cornea, and provides the cornea to surgeons for implanting.

The funds to operate the eye bank come partly from contributions by Lions and Lions clubs but also from processing fees collected from the surgical centers and hospitals.

This past year, new officials took the positions which regulate cornea transplant and instituted stricter regulations. Restrictions were placed on the use of cornea from people who die from cancer and people who died without an official cause of death. These rules significantly reduced the availability of cornea for transplant. This also reduced the revenue taken in by the Eye Bank.

As the new officials have become more experienced they have relaxed some of these ruled. The eye bank management believes we are moving toward a more historical flow of donated cornea.

During this transition period, our Eye Bank has run thru is financial reserves built up over past years. To give the Eye Bank a chance operate in the short term we need to provide them with an infusion of \$50,000.00 in funds. Eye Bank management believes this will carry them thru the business cycle and they will return to building small reserves each year. As a contingency, the board is looking at alternative ways of operating if the market does not return to where it was. Similar cycles have occurred in the past.

The cornea for transplant market is dominated by large for profit companies operating out of the big cities. Our eye bank is an important service for rural communities and we need to ensure the eye bank is still there to serve them.

As Lions & Lions clubs, we need to step up and help the Eye Bank. There are 1,350 Lions and 49 clubs in the District. Together we can do this. Contributions can be sent to Chris Maxwell our District Treasurer indicating this is a special contribution to the Eye Bank

Thank you for all you do - Dave

**Western Lions Eye Bank Alliance**

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January 11, 2017

A letter was sent out to District 2A-1 and 2T-3 Lions Clubs in late November and December requesting funds to help purchase new equipment and funds to cover Association dues. We had a great response from our local Lions clubs and wanted to thank them all for their help in supporting our Lions Eye Bank. The following Lions Clubs and two private donations contributed a total of \$12,400.00 towards our \$13,459.00 equipment and association dues cost.

American Legion Bingo- Bangs, TX. -	\$250.00
East Angelo Lions-	\$2900.00
Kingsland Lions -	\$515.00
Mason Lions-	\$1000.00
Midland Downtown Lions-	\$730.00
Midland Suburban Lions-	\$100.00
Midland Westside Lions -	\$1200.00
PDG Lion Bill and Sharon Lipham-	\$5000.00
San Angelo North by Northwest Lions-	\$595.00
Sweetwater Lions-	\$110.00

Thank you very much with helping us to continue in your mission of saving sight.

Sincerely,

Lucy Rivas, CEBT
Eye Bank Director

DOWNTOWN LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT **INFORMATION**

PLACE: Quicksand's Golf Course, San Angelo, Texas

DATE: 28 April 2017. Registration: 11:00. Shotgun start: 12:00 noon.

COST: \$100.00 per player. Fee includes: Green fees, lunch, cart, refreshments, 2 mulligans, ball pitch, and putting contest.

PARTICIPANTS: Open to all golfers

GREEN/TEE SPONSORS: \$100.00. Longest Drive & Closest to Pin: \$250.00. Corporate: \$500.00 (includes team registration for the tournament)

PRIZES : Cash prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. Prize amount will be determined based on number of participants. In event of a tie a score card playoff will determine the winner.

TEE LOCATION: All male golfers will tee off from the BLUE tee (with exceptions below). Women will play from the RED tee. Any male golfer over the age of 75 may play from the SUPER SENIOR tees . Golfers 65 through 74 may play from the WHITE tees. To win the Hole in one prize, male golfers must tee off from the BLUE tee and women from RED tee (no exceptions).

All proceeds from the tournament will go to support: Family Shelter and other Downtown Lions Club Charities (Lions Camp; LCIF; Sight First; Eyeglass Recycle; Glaucoma; Leader Dog School; and many local charities)

Mail any/all registration and sponsor packages to: Jerry Hale, 1722 Parkview Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76904 or to Downtown Lions Club, P.O. 1401, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

If any additional information is needed, please feel free to contact Jerry at 325-212-9122 or email jaybird16@suddenlink.net

See you on the course for a fun day of golf.



San Angelo Downtown Lions

JACK LANDERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEN: 28 April 2017

WHERE: Quicksand's Golf Course

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 per person (includes green fees, cart, lunch, refreshments, 2 mulligans, a ball pitch, and putting contest).

FORMAT: 4-person Handicap Scramble

REGISTRATION: 11:00 am; Shot gun start 12:00 noon

PROCEEDS BENEFIT: FAMILY SHELTER AND OTHER DOWNTOWN LIONS CHARITIES.

MAIL ENTRY FORM & PAYMENT TO: Jerry Hale, c/o Downtown Lions, 1722 Parkview Dr., San Angelo, TX 76904 or call 325-212-9122.

TEAM NAME _____ PHONE: _____

TEAM MEMBER: _____ Hcap/Avg Rnd: _____

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GREEN/TEE SPONSOR: \$ 100.00 (sponsor sign); LONGEST DRIVE AND CLOSEST TO PIN: \$250.00 (sponsor sign and mention during other advertisement venues); CORPORATE SPONOR: \$500.00 (4 entries plus sponsorship signage at designated hole and name mentioned during other advertisement venues.)

PRIZES: Prizes to be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers (Prize awards will be based on number of participants.) Prizes awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin, hole in one contest, and putting contest.



District 2-A1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors

The District needs your support for 2016-2017.

Please help support the District Governor Team, District 2-A1, and a chance to give your club some exposure by advertising in the 2016-2017 District publications (Website and Newsletter).

We need your support more than ever!

Please purchase your space as soon as possible by completing this form and sending it with your check to the District Treasurer.

Ad Cost:

- Business Card Size:** \$50 (approx. size: 2" x 2.75")
Double Business Card Size: \$100 (approx. size: 2" x 5.5")
Quadruple Business Card Size: \$150 (approx. size: 4" x 7.25")

Contact Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Note: We can help design your ad for you or you can include a copy of your card/ad as you would like it to appear. If you would like us to design, please give us an idea of what you want:

- Please help with Ad
 Ad Enclosed (pdf format)

Please mail or email this information to the following:

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HELP CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL OF “LIONISM”

As we approach Lion Year 2017/2018, we are coming upon the 100 year anniversary of LIONS. The exact date is October 8, 2017. We all need to remember those 44 gentlemen that met at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas on 8 October 1917. From that meeting came the Charter for the “International Association of Lions”. Times have changed since then, but our motto of “We Serve” continues to lead us today. The Texas Centennial Celebration will be held in Dallas next October 6 and 7th. Details will be provided after the first of the year. For our older clubs, look at your original Charter and see who signed it. If it was signed by Melvin Jones, I would like a copy. The copy will be framed and on display at the Celebration in Dallas. If you have any other memorabilia that you could share let me know. There will be a room with security for all items on display. Did you know that PIP Ebb is writing a book on the second 50 years of Lionism. It should be on sale by summer.

Lions International has devoted a lot of time and effort to promote the “Centennial Celebration”. If you go to lionsclubs.org and click on Lions 100, you will get sensory overload from all the information that is provided. The point of this is to get all our Clubs involved in the Centennial Celebration. There are several parts to the Celebration.

One of those is a Centennial Community Legacy Project. The purpose of this is to connect with your community by giving a visible “gift” that commemorates the Lions Centennial and creates a lasting Legacy of your service to the community. A “gift” or project does not have to be elaborate or expensive. It can be as simple as a Lions Logo sign outside of your meeting location. Projects are defined in three levels and have until June 30, 2018 to be completed. So far we have 3 completed Legacy Projects with 5 more in progress. That means that 40 of our Clubs have not worked on a Legacy Project.

A second part of the Celebration is the Centennial Service Challenge. This effort has been ongoing since July 2014. Many of our Club have received recognition for their efforts in 1 or all 4 of the Centennial Service Challenge areas. They are: Engaging our Youth: Get youth involved in the Peace Poster contest, Outstanding Youth contest, and other District Youth programs. Sharing the Vision: Support vision screening and educational events that discuss the medical issues that can lead to blindness. Relieving the Hunger: Support a local food bank, deliver meals to the elderly, support a local school “Backpack Buddies” program. Protecting the Environment: Protect and improve the environment to make your community a healthier place to live in. Coordinate with TXDoT and do a highway trash cleanup. Partner with others in the community to do a bulk household waste collection. Centennial Service Challenge projects can be reported each year. So far this year, only 13 Clubs have reported Service Challenge Projects to LCI. That means that 35 of our Clubs have not reported on the Service that they have done. I know that you have done more, but YOU need to report them. The LCI reporting instructions are included in the District Newsletter.

Another part of the Centennial Celebration is membership. District Governor Dave Richison is working this effort and you should have already seen the goals that he has established for the District.

Look at the LCI web page and click on Lions 100. The tool box contains tons of info.

Thanks,

Chuck Henicke

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MyLCI Reporting Instructions

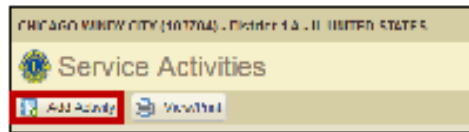
Centennial Service Challenge & Community Legacy Projects



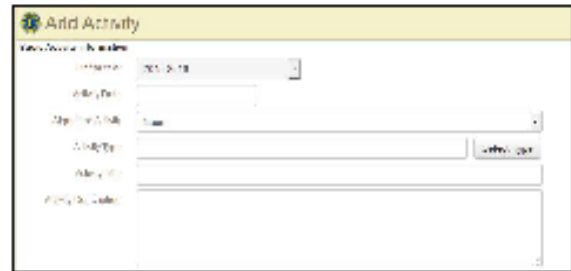
Step 1: Log on to [MyLCI](#) and select *Service Activities* from My Lions Club menu



Step 2: Select *Add Activity*



Step 3: Enter Basic Activity Information



Fiscal Year

The current fiscal year is displayed. During July 1-15, you have the option of selecting the previous fiscal year for unreported activities.

Activity Date

For activities that occur over multiple days, select the beginning date of the activity. If the activity is part of a Worldwide Week of Service (WWS) event, make sure the date falls within the designated dates of the WWS. For Centennial Community Legacy Projects that were completed between July 2014 and June 2015, enter "July 1" and include the actual date in the *Description* field.

Signature Activity

Signature activities are those that clubs engage in on a repeated basis. If the signature activity type has already been identified as a CSC activity, the corresponding CSC campaign will automatically be selected in the Detailed Activity Information section. If the signature activity type has not already been identified, manually select the appropriate CSC campaign in the Detailed Activity Information section.

Activity Type

Click on the "Select Type" button to view all service categories and subcategories. Activities that count towards the CSC have a special CSC logo next to them. Centennial Community Legacy Projects are located under the "Community & Cultural Activity" category and also have a special logo next to them.

Level 1 Legacy Projects raise your club's community visibility, such as donating a park bench, bike rack or a new sign. **Level 2 projects** are larger contributions, such as refurbishing a park, establishing a community garden or providing medical equipment. **Level 3 projects** make a significant community impact, such as building a clinic, school, hospital or library.



Select the box that best reflects your activity. If an activity is both a CSC activity and a Legacy Project, select the appropriate Legacy Project box and then select the relevant CSC campaign in the *Detailed Activity Information* section below.

Activity Title

Enter a few keywords or a phrase to help identify this activity, such as a partner organization or beneficiaries.

Activity Description

Entering a description helps clubs remember the goals, action steps and outcomes of their projects. They also help LCI understand club projects and identify clubs for partnership, funding and publicity opportunities.



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Step 4: Enter Detailed Activity Information

Share this Story

This box is automatically selected, allowing all MyLCI users to learn the details of this service project. Deselect the box to opt out.

District-wide Activity

Select this box if the service activity was organized by the district.

Centennial Service Challenge Campaign Box

If you selected an activity subcategory that is identified as a CSC activity, the campaign it applies to should be automatically selected. If none of the CSC campaigns is selected but you feel that it should be, or if your service activity is also a Centennial Community Legacy Project, manually select the appropriate campaign.

Number of Lions

Type in the number of Lions from your club that were involved in the service activity. Clubs are encouraged to only report those activities that involve multiple club members in service.

Number of Lion Hours

You may choose to report only the time spent in actual service or the total number of hours preparing for and implementing a project, but please be consistent.

Number of People Served

For service activities that involve direct service to individuals, provide the number of people served. For service activities that do not involve direct service to individuals, provide an estimated number of beneficiaries. There is a maximum limit of 3,000 people served and 5,000 trees planted per activity.

For service activities that are implemented by more than one club, all clubs should report the activity in order to receive CSC recognition. However, please divide the total number of beneficiaries among the participating clubs.

Funds Raised

If the project was a fundraiser, provide the amount of funds raised. Do not include in-kind contributions.

Funds Donated

If the project was a donation of funds, provide the amount of funds donated. Do not include in-kind donations.

Step 5: Upload Images (optional)

Upload 1 or 2 photographs that capture the impact and emotion of your project. JPG, GIF, and PNG files less than 4MB can be uploaded.

Step 6: Save your report

You must select "Save" to upload your information, so you can receive Centennial Service Challenge and Community Legacy Project recognition.

For more information

To learn more about the Centennial Service Challenge and Centennial Community Legacy Projects, visit lions100.org. You can also email programs@lionsclubs.org with questions about the Centennial Service Challenge and LegacyProjects@lionsclubs.org with questions about Centennial Community Legacy Projects.



LIONS CLUBS Centennial Coin Update

Dear Lion,

Thank you for your interest in the Centennial Commemorative Coin.

We now know the coins will go on sale January 18. Because you have expressed interest in the coin, you will receive links to the purchase webpages on that day.

The coins will be available with either a proof or an uncirculated finish (see the [Coin FAQ](#)). The cost of the coin with the proof finish will be US\$52.95 and the uncirculated finish will be US\$51.95.

Visit LionsClubs.org/coin for the latest information and email us at LCICentennial@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for participating in the Lions Centennial Celebration!

— Your Lions Clubs Centennial Celebration Team



100
YEARS OF SERVICE

**CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION**

Play an instrument?
Want to be part of a memorable, fun time?
Join Lions from all over Texas at the
Centennial Convention
Chicago - June 30 – July 4, 2017

The Texas Lions Band will ride on a float and
thrill the crowd in the International Parade of
Nations on Saturday, July 1st
(and maybe some other appearances also)

Register for the Convention and complete the information below no later than Jan. 10, 2017.

Name _____ Club _____ District _____
Instrument: _____

Prior experience: HS Band College Band Band Director

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ / _____ Mobile _____ / _____

Send to:
PDG J. P. Kirksey
12503 Scissortail Drive
Manchaca, TX 78652
512/282-2053 (home)
512/585-0992 (mobile)



SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
and

LCI REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Crowne Plaza North Central

6121 North I-35 – Austin, Texas

February 25 (start 11:30 a.m.) and February 26 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2017

Registration –
All who attend must register

Registration must be for the total event package.
It is not possible to register for individual meals.

Separate registration form is required, even if lodging together.

_____ Please check if you are a first-timer – Never attended this Forum / Institute before.

Name: _____ Lion Yes No Member # _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip code: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Highest Lion office held _____

Are you staying at the Crowne Plazer? Yes No If yes, name on reservation? _____

Make checks to: Texas Lions Leadership Forum
Mail to: Frances Cherry Cell: 915-494-4425
6216 Caprock El Paso, TX 79912
pdcascherrys@yahoo.com

If have not been Vice Governor or above
Forum registration by 1/28/17 # _____ @ \$50.00 = _____
If have been Vice District Governor or above
Forum registration by 1/28/17 # _____ @ \$75.00 = _____
All registrants after 1/28/17 # _____ @ 100.00 - _____

Reserve lodging at the Crowne Plaza Austin North Central, 6121 North I-35, Austin, TX. The Lions Clubs International rate must be requested. To reserve telephone 877-227-6963 or telephone the hotel direct at 512-323-5466. Rate: \$109 per night, single or double. The reservation deadline at this rate is February 21. Reserve and guarantee your room now.

The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will have their February 25 lodging paid by the Institute. Even those who qualify for this paid lodging must make, and guarantee, their own reservations with the Crowne Plaza Austin North Central and complete all parts of the Institute evaluation. A charge will be made to the credit card of those not attending who do not cancel lodging through Frances Cherry (915)494-4425. Free lodging eligibility is considered only if Registration is received within ten days of making the hotel reservation.

Please select 6 choices. +
Indication of choices are used for scheduling purposes – Participant may change to other choices.

- Club Success Resources
 - Local Issues & Opportunities
 - Effective Meeting Management
 - Member Diversity & Inclusion
 - Future Vice Governors
 - Texas Lion history
 - Leadership fundamentals
 - Lion fundamentals
 - Club Membership Growth
 - Motivating club members
 - Public speaking
 - Set & reach club goals
 - Social media & Lionism
 - Structure & organization
 - Time management
 - Working in teams
- Service entities invited to provide a display.
- Leaders for the Blind
 - Lions Clubs Int'l Centennial
 - Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation
 - Texas Lions Camp
 - Lions Eyeglass Recycling
 - Texas Lions Foundation

Liberty * Intelligence



Our * Nations * Safety

San Angelo Lions Charities

27 W. Concho
San Angelo, TX 76903

October 11, 2016

Re: San Angelo Lions Balloon Festival – June 9-11, 2017

Dear _____ :

The San Angelo School Board and Superintendent Dr. Carl Dethloff agree and have given written permission to the Lions Clubs of San Angelo, to host a hot-air balloon festival on school property at John Glenn Jr. High practice football field (corner of Johnson Street and University Avenue) and to use the accompanying stadium parking lot for the hot-air Lions Balloon festival next June 9-11, 2017. We all agree, it's time for the hot-air balloons to return to the Concho Valley after being absent almost 20-years.

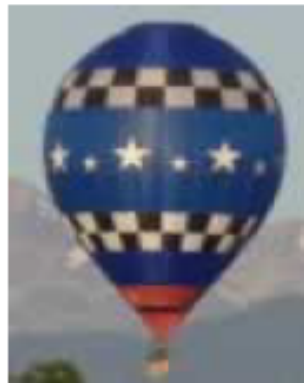
Lions Clubs are a service to others organization and must rely on volunteers and the business community. Putting on a hot-air balloon festival is no different – we must depend upon others; especially the generosity of the community to ensure success... May we count on your financial support!

Attached are several different sponsorship opportunities ranging in price from \$200 up to and including an Event Sponsor at \$5,000. We realize this request is more of a donation to the Lions; yet, we've tried to give you a variety of marketing and promotional avenues to thank you for your support. For example: banner on balloon, promotional tent w/banner, free parking, radio, television, newspaper and social media mentions and so on... San Angelo Lions Charities is a 501 c 3 tax deductible non-profit corporation. Checks and other donations may be made to the above corporation/ Balloonfest.

I realize your current year's budget is already committed and it may be January commit to this worthwhile whole family

I'll be in touch soon!

Lion Marshall Twombly
San Angelo Downtown Lions Club
(325) 656-2972



more than likely
2017, before you can
oriented event...

*Texas Racer - Joe Cartmill
San Angelo, Texas*



SAN ANGELO LIONS BALLOONFEST HOT-AIR BALLOONS

June 9-11, 2017

Presented by:

ALL AMERICAN Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram Flat of San Angelo

Event location:

John Glenn Jr. High Football Field @ Johnson & University



- **Schneider's**
- **West Texas Medical**
- **Pepsi**

- **Pearl on the Concho**
- **Neighbors ER**
- **Shannon**

Imagine an opportunity to bring joy, laughter and smiles to the young and the young-at-heart. That's what a balloon festival will do! It's truly a family weekend for the Concho Valley... The Lions Clubs of San Angelo is proud to partner with the San Angelo Independent School District and the business community to bring the balloons back to town... Corporate marketing opportunities and volunteerism play a unique role in this effort. In years to come, we'll be adding events and activities to further strengthen the Hot-Air Balloon Festival experience. Help us help others in our community...

NO ALCOHOL, GUNS, DRUGS OR SMOKING PERMITTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY...

Commit Your Support Today!

➤ PLATINUM SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES - \$5,000

- Up to a 20' x 20' Exhibit Tent
- Name or logo listed on event T-Shirt
- Banners – 1 ea-1' x 5' tent, 1 ea-2' x 3' balloon and 1 ea-4' x 10' grounds banner
- 25 FREE Balloon Ride Raffle Tickets (3 for \$5.00 or 20 for \$20.00)
- Name / logo on printed material
- Name mentions over loud speaker during festival
- Name / logo on television advertising
- Name mentions during interviews and talk shows
- Social media mentions and links
- Up to 3 reserved parking spaces



➤ **GOLD SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES - \$2,500**

- Up to a 20' x 10' Exhibit Tent
- Name or logo listed on event T-Shirt
- Banners – 1 ea-1'x 5' tent, 1 ea-2'x 3' balloon
- 10 FREE Balloon Ride Raffle Tickets (3 for \$5.00 or 20 for \$20.00)
- Name / logo on printed material
- Name mentions over loud speaker during festival
- Name / logo on television advertising
- Name mentions during interviews and talk shows
- Social media mentions and links
- Up to 2 reserved parking spaces



➤ **SILVER SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES - \$1,500**

- 10' x 10' Exhibit Tent
- Name or logo listed on event T-Shirt
- Banners – 1 ea-1'x 5' tent, & 2'x 3' balloon
- Name / logo on printed material
- Name mentions over loud speaker during festival
- Name / logo on television advertising
- Name mentions during interviews and talk shows
- Social media mentions and links

➤ **OTHER "ACTIVITY" SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

(Marketing opportunities negotiable...)

- **Balloon Race Competition Sponsors - \$1,000** (Friday and Saturday)
- **1k/5k – Run / Walk Sponsors - \$200 & Up** (Friday 6:30pm)
- **Car – Truck – Bike Showcase Sponsors – \$1,500** (Saturday 9:00am)
- **Balloon Glow Sponsors – \$1,000** (Friday & Saturday 9:00pm)
- **Lions Pancake Breakfast Sponsors – \$1,200** (Saturday 7:00am)
- **Kids Zone Sponsors - \$1,000** (Kids play area - inflatable gyms, face-painting, games and other activities for kids of varying ages)
- **Food and Other (For Profit) Vendors - \$150** (Friday – Saturday – Sunday)
- **Balloon Basket Banner (2'x 3') - \$250** (If available)
- **Balloon Ride Raffle (Max 6 winners – Max 2 riders per balloon) – (1 Tickets for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00)**

(Note: Winners may choose to ride during festival or another day as agreed on with world renowned balloonist Joe Heartsill of San Angelo...)

Net Proceeds from Balloon activities: 100% of the net proceeds from the 2017 Lions Balloonfest will be given back to the community through the charitable service activities of each of the eight Lions clubs; plus, Lions Charities current and future service endeavors.





Sponsor Agreement

I (Name/Business) _____ have agreed to help the San Angelo Lions Clubs and San Angelo Lions Charities, an IRS qualified 501 c 3 corporation, host the Hot-Air Balloon festival June 9-11, 2017 by donating (\$) _____ to be a _____ sponsor, in return for promotional advantages and or benefits associated with your particular sponsorship. Sponsor is permitted to pay for desired sponsorship in two or three equal payments... Or as may be agreed upon by both parties.

Payment upon commitment: \$ _____

2nd Payment by February 1, 2017: \$ _____ (2- payments, if sponsorship less than \$1,500)

Final payment by May 1, 2017: \$ _____ (3-payments if sponsorship more than \$1,500)

Sponsor Signature _____

Date _____

Lions Signature _____

Date _____

**Tax deductible donations payable to: San Angelo Lions Charities/Balloonfest,
27 W. Concho Street, San Angelo, TX 76903**



WHO ARE THE LIONS? Yes, Lions cook pancakes... BUT DID YOU KNOW...

San Angelo Lions Charities Inc. a 501 c 3 corporation (IRS #75-2532455), founded in 1992...and consists of members from all eight San Angelo Lions clubs – It's mission is to help meet vital needs within the Concho Valley with particular emphasis on sight conservation, which may be beyond the reasonable capabilities of an individual Lions club... and to support the efforts of the Lions Clubs in serving the community through humanitarian service and other civic endeavors.

Current Lions Charities service programs include: 1) Children's' Eye Photo-Screening, 2) Eyeglass Recycling, 3) Assist Shannon Inc. in providing Glaucoma Medication to the needy and underinsured. 4) Provide Eye exams and glasses for children whose parents are temporarily unable to afford; plus, assist adults who need an eye exam and or eyeglasses. 5) If possible, Lions Charities will provide adults with used eyeglasses utilizing the thousands of pair of recycled eyeglasses closely matching their prescription. Used eyeglasses may be dropped off anytime at our Lions Charities building, 27 W. Concho, San Angelo.

Each Lions club is unique and independent... and sets its own sail; determines its own fund-raising events, and community service activities. Lions Clubs are always looking for ways to serve and to better our community. All clubs work together on certain projects for the betterment of our community.

San Angelo Lions Clubs

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| ▪ Angelo State University Campus... | Meets each Thursday (Sept-June), ASU Library, 7:00pm |
| ▪ Concho Valley Law Enforcement... | Meets on 4 th Tuesday, Peppercorn Restaurant, 6:00pm |
| ▪ San Angelo Concho Pearl... | Meets 2 nd & 4 th Monday, Salvations Army Complex, 7:00pm |
| ▪ San Angelo Downtown... | Meets each Thursday, Rio Concho Manor (downtown), 12:00 noon |
| ▪ San Angelo East Angelo... | Meets each Wednesday, Rio Concho Manor (downtown), 12:00 noon |
| ▪ San Angelo Lady Lions... | Meets 1 st Thursday, Los Panchitos, 12:00noon and 3 rd Thursday, Nachos Restaurant, 12:00 noon |
| ▪ San Angelo North x Northwest... | Meets 1 st & 3 rd Thursday, Dunbar Historical Library, 6:30pm |
| ▪ San Angelo Southside... | Meets 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday, Los Panchitos Restaurant, 6:00pm |

