

District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International

District 2-A1 News

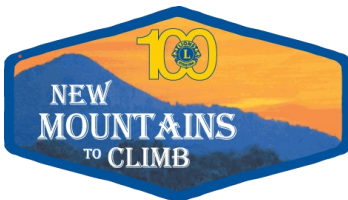
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Save the Date
District Meeting
Colorado City
July 28 & 29



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We Serve

I write this on June 19th as I come to the end of my year as District Governor. Being District Governor is really a 3 year commitment. As 2nd VDG you begin learning how Multiple District 2 (which is the state of Texas and who we are) operates. As 2nd & 1st VDG you visit clubs and start getting to know the Lions in our District. You also have the opportunity to learn from the District Governor, International Family, and governors from other districts.

In return for these 3 years of time I got a bunch of new friends from across our District, the State, and around the world. I also got the opportunity to hear about great service projects and to participate with clubs in many ways. Being an old guy (73 on July 29) I am a little worn out but I wouldn't trade the past 3 years.

A big thank you to all you Lions for all you did for me.

The State of Lions in District 2A1

Membership

We missed the goal of being positive in membership. As I write this we are unfavorable 30. For the year we added 205 new members but lost 235. We strengthened our position in Big Spring, Pecan Bayou, and Midland Downtown. This coming year we will concentrate on McClulloch County, San Saba, and Santa Anna. Although we missed the goal I feel good about our membership. We did the best job controlling drops of any district and we have few clubs at risk.

Leadership

We have made great progress in the area of leadership over the last couple of years.

The zone chairs, treasurer, camp directors, 1st, 2nd, and 2nd VDG elect are all outstanding leaders for now and the future. We no longer have to look at PDGs to fill all our leadership requirements. We also have many outstanding club presidents that are doing a great job.

Finances

We achieved our goal of income exceeding expenses. This is thanks to many Lions who participated by buying pins, raffle tickets, and bingo. We don't have a lot of money but we have enough to do the things that will help us grow and expand.

I end this year very optimistic about the present and future of Lions in District 2A1

DG Elect Armando Subia

New Centennial Beginnings



Chicago is here!!! Way too soon although it has taken a full year, 365 days. We are about to embark on the this once in a life time Centennial year. Now is the time for “The Power of We” as our next International President likes to say.

With new beginnings mean that we are closing the chapter known as 2016-2017. Our current District Governor Dave made a very strong effort to meet with all the clubs, resolve conflicts, problems, and made membership a top priority. Our District Governor has pathed the way for successful membership recruitment.

The Lee High School Band has a saying, “Nothing we have done in the past will be good enough in the future”.

I believe in “The Power of We, We Serve”. How much more of an impact can we as Lions have on our communities with an increased membership base, but before we as Lions can have this life changing impact; we must begin with that next new Lion recruit. There are possibly many things that we would rather be doing instead of volunteering. In most of us our service heart opens up and we embrace the challenge of our communities.

“Leadership is the pen that is filled with the ink of destiny. Let us pick up the pen and write a great chapter”, Naresh Aggarwal.

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1st VDG Elect Russell Livingston



Russell's Ramblings

Remember the first day of school? Better yet, remember the week before the first day of school? There was the shopping for new school clothes, purchasing new supplies and maybe even the athletic physical before starting the season. Excitement and anticipation were the name of the game and even if we feigned not being excited, we really were. I am going through much the same emotions now.

Last Saturday we travelled to San Angelo for the meeting of the Board of Directors for our West Texas Lions Eye Bank. My personal journey has revolved around the eye bank. The soundness both financially and operationally of our eye bank is very important to me. Great things are about to happen and I would encourage our membership to participate in the raffle to win a trophy elk hunt. See a board member or give me a call for your chance at winning this great prize.

Then, on Friday, Lion Whitney and I travelled to Kerrville for our First VIP Weekend. We met up with Lion Joel Kuykendall and enjoyed a grand weekend of fun, challenges and education. Lion Whitney is our district's appointed Texas Lions Camp Director and Lion Joel is beginning his first term as our camp director. It was great sitting with them during the classes and activities and watching their excitement begin to ignite as they begin this year as your TLC elected directors.

How can our clubs help these two eager directors? When Club Presidents are contacted, you can help facilitate their visits to your clubs. They are anxious to get started and begin those necessary club visits. Please laugh at their jokes and try to catch onto their excitement.

An even more important need is present. Our Camp Directors need a club liaison from each club. This is very important to them in assisting in getting information to the clubs concerning all matters of the camp. All that is required is a willingness to assist and a love and passion for the camp.

Officer inductions are in full swing this time of year. I have been honored to attend the Big Spring Centennial Lions Club charter night and the Midland Westside officer induction and awards banquet. Good luck to all new officers throughout our district.

Finally, as Governor Dave finishes his year, let's give him a standing ovation. He has worked hard, he has counseled clubs in need and has been a friend to us all. As he fades into the role of Past District Governor, we should remember his level of expertise and love for Lionism.

As we forge ahead into our new year as Lions, possibly in new and different roles, may we keep moving forward. Oh, and remember, "It's great to be a Lion."

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Club News

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The Big Spring Centennial Lion’s Club provided a Spot Eye Exam for the Boy’s and Girl’s Club of Big Spring, Texas. The Lions take pride in their service to children and their vision needs. On June 6th a roaring amount of children were examined, 70 boys and 49 girls. A letter was sent home to the children that might need have a professional medical examination.

The Lion’s next exam will happen at the Howard County Library on June 14th. Donna Downing of the library will be on hand to help with the Lion’s project. The screening takes just a minute or two and then the children can “roar” back to their reading program.

The Lion’s are here to serve their community. Look for our club on Facebook: Big Spring Centennial Lion’s Club or plan to attend one of our meetings at the TA Truck Stop on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Noon and the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm.

 <p style="text-align: center;">EVERETT J, “EBB” GRINDSTAFF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P. O. BOX 369 Ballinger, TX 76821 B: 325-365-3515 R: 325-365-2400 Fax: 365-5263 Cell: 325-977-0145</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">The Lions of Colorado City</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The District 2-A1 Leadership Team</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Midland West Side Lions Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proudly Supports</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1VDG Armando Subia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and the 2016/2017 DG Team</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Midland West Side Lions Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home Club of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PDG Robert (Bob) Edwards</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proudly Supports</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The District 2-A1 Leadership Team</p>

Club News Continued



The Lions of Sweetwater at their Installation Dinner.



The San Angelo *Dynamic* Downtown Lions Club

Proudly Supports

District Governor Dave Richison and the District 2-A1 Leadership Team

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District Legacy Project

On June 16th, 39 Lions gathered in Eden to Dedicate the District Legacy Project. The project includes a century plant provided by District 2A2 and monument purchased through district funds. The monument and century plant sit on the southwest corner of the intersection of US highway 87 and 83. Hwy 83 runs from the Mexican border to the Canadian border and Hwy 87 runs from the Gulf to Canada. This is an appropriate intersection to have a monument to Lions.

PDG AJ Dolle explained how this side of the intersection had been overgrown with weeds and trash and how much better it looked with the monument and century plant surrounded by flowers.

The dedication was followed by a fish & hushpuppy lunch.

A big thank you to all the Lions who made this happen.



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Club News Continued

On June 17th the Midland West Side Club held their installation dinner.



Midland West Side Lions Club newly inducted officers, Lion Jennifer Neves (Secretary), Lion Scott Britton (2nd Vice), Lion Donald McConnell (President) DG Dave Richison, Lion Jeweliann Flores (1st Vice), and Lion Kathy McConnell (Treasurer).



Lion Scott Britton receiving the Melvin Jones award.



Lion Carolee Britton receiving the Melvin Jones award.



Lion JR Bourland displaying his award for an outstanding year.



“The A1 CLUB”
in the Lions 2-A1 District
Sweetwater Lions Club
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2016-2017 100% Clubs

Contributing to the Eight Charities that Lions District 2-A1 supports

100%

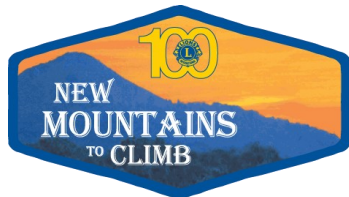
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- Colorado City Lions Club
- Concho County Lions Club
- Concho Pearl Lions Club
- Concho Valley Law Enforcement Lions Club
- Kingsland Lions Club
- San Angelo East Angelo Lions Club
- San Angelo Downtown
- San Angelo North by Northwest Lions Club
- Sweetwater Lions Club

200%

- Mason Lions Club
- Midland Downtown Lions Club

1000%

- Midland Westside Lions Club
- Rev. 050817



SAVE THE DATE

ROPE YOURSELF IN TO ATTEND ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

NEXT MEETING

Colorado City

July 28-29 2017

Lions Clubs International Foundation



Help Wanted: Club LCIF Coordinator

The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation in your club. This person will share LCIF stories, motivate fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enable LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. This new position is crucial to the promotion of our foundation and we need all club presidents to actively recruit within their clubs to enable its success!

Appoint your Club LCIF Coordinator in 5 easy steps!

- 1 Announce the open position at your next club meeting
- 2 Educate members on the roles and responsibilities
- 3 Identify club members who are passionate about LCIF
- 4 Nominate and appoint a Club LCIF Coordinator for your club
- 5 Enter required Club LCIF Coordinator information in MyLCI

As club president, you are responsible for appointing your Club LCIF Coordinator. What an exciting way to be part of the future of LCIF!

The Club LCIF Coordinator is nominated by your club's nominating committee, elected as a member of the club's board, and serves a one-year term until reelection the following year. The Club LCIF Coordinator works closely with local leadership and communicates directly with LCIF District Coordinators to ensure alignment with district goals.

Once your nominating committee is ready to appoint to this important position, enter that information into MyLCI. We'll take it from there!

Club LCIF Coordinator Quiz

Are you interested in the Club LCIF Coordinator position?

Yes

No

Are you ready to share your passion about LCIF with your club?

But aren't you passionate about LCIF?

Yes

I'm not sure

Yes

No

What if LCIF were to give you all the support you need for the job?

Then yes!

I don't think so

Great!

That's okay!

Tell your club president that you want the job!

There are plenty of other ways you can support LCIF!



District 2-A1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors

The District needs your support for 2017-2018.

Please help support the District Governor Team, District 2-A1, and a chance to give your club some exposure by advertising in the 2017-2018 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:

District 2-A1 Treasurer

Lion Chris Maxwell

408 CR 109

Sweetwater TX 79556

Email: cmaxwell@eljentechnology.com

Cell Ph: 325-665-0127

DISTRICT 2A1 CABINET MEETING

JULY 28-29, 2017

COLORADO CITY, TEXAS

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

The Civic Center
157 W. 2nd St
Pizza and Bingo
6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH – CABINET MEETING

The Civic Center
157 W 2nd St

7:30 a.m. – Officer training and PDG Meeting
8:30 a.m. – Meet & Greet
Donuts, coffee and juice will be served
9:00 a.m. – Call to Order/ Cabinet Meeting
12 p.m. – Lunch
(see registration below)

-----detach and mail
with check by July 15, 2017. For more information, contact Pat Cawthron, 325-242-0990

Name _____ Club _____

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Name _____ Club _____

Number of Lions & Guest _____ x \$25.00= _____ (For entire weekend)

**Make Checks Payable to: Colorado City Lions Club
PO Box 123
Colorado City Tx 79512**

Accommodations: Best Western, 2304 N. Hwy 208, 325-728-2638 \$95.00
Motel 6, 2233 Vine, 325-728-4100 \$44.99
Super 8, 2205 Chestnut, 325-728-9470 \$59.00

Mention Lions Club for Special Rates

Colorado City Lions Club

95th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 29, 2017
7 p.m.

At the Civic Center
157 West 2nd St.
Colorado City, Texas

Dinner will be Ribs and all the trimmings \$10.00 a plate

Guest Speaker – Past International Director Marshall Cooper

Please RSVP by July 15, 2017

To Pat Cawthron P o Box 123 Colorado City Tx 79512
325-242-0990 or
pcawth@sbcglobal.net

Name: _____ No. attending _____ @ \$10.00 _____

Name _____ No. attending _____ @ \$10.00 _____

District Training

A great opportunity for all Lions

<p>Lions District 2A1 University</p>		<p>Date: August 12, 2017 Time: 8:00 am. - 3:15 pm. Location: 1442 Edmund Street San Angelo, Texas. First Assembly of God Stone Family Life Center</p>
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You are cordially invited to attend our 2017 Lions District 2A1 University. District Governor Armando Subia wants you to have fun, be informed, and encouraged as you become Leaders in Service.

Lions International has new goals for clubs, please come learn about them.

Lions International has new forms, reports, and benefits, please come learn about them.

Lions International has new webinars, resources, awards, grants, and protocols, please come learn about them.

Lions International has paid \$826 million dollars in Grants, come learn about them.

Do you know when your monthly and yearly reports are due to International?

Do you know your benefits as a Lion?

Do you know your responsibilities as your new Club Officer?

Do you know what Lions 4 Core means?

Do you know your District Governor's plans and goals for the year, or International Presidents plans or goals?

More Information on the next page.

District Training

<p>Congratulations to our 2017-2018 new 2A1 District Officers! We are here to train you in our first year of our second century of Lion Leadership-you are special!</p>		
<p>Lions District 2A1 University</p>		<p>Date: August 12, 2017</p> <p>Time: 8:00 am. - 3:15 pm.</p> <p>Location: 1442 Edmund St. San Angelo, Texas. First Assembly of God- Stone Family Life Center</p>

<p>Stone Family Life Center</p> <p>8:00-8:30 Sign in coffee & donuts</p> <p>8:30-9:00 Welcome-2A1 District Governor Armando Subia</p> <p>Pledges & Prayer</p> <p>Reverend Lion Christian Rabone</p> <p>9:00-10:00 Main room-All members Club Membership-District Governor Armando Subia</p>

<p>10:15-12:00- Break out classes</p> <p>Main Room-Presidents & Vice Presidents-Lion JoAnn Avants</p> <p>#1 Room-Secretary-Lion Helen Wilde</p> <p>#2 Room-Treasure-PDG Joyce Downie</p> <p>#3 Room-Zone Chair-Lion Larry Walker</p> <p>#4 Tail Twisters/Lion Tamers-Lion Emilio Perez</p> <p>Lunch 12:00-1:00</p>

<p>Thank you to East Angelo Lions Club for hosting the noon Barbecue lunch!</p>
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<p>Thank you to San Angelo First Assembly of God for sponsoring our location!</p>
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<p>1:00-2:45 pm. Break-out</p> <p>Main Room-District Governor Subia</p> <p>#1 Room-Secretary- Lion Helen Wilde</p> <p>#2 Room-Treasure-PDG Joyce Downie</p> <p>#3 Room-Zone Chair-Larry Walker</p> <p>#4 Room-Guiding Lion Training- PDG Roy Landry</p>

<p>2:45 pm.-3:15 pm.</p> <p>Main Room-All members-Presentation of Certificates by District Governor Armando Subia.</p> <p>Dismissal Prayer-Reverend Lion Christian Rabone Thank you for coming!</p>



24th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



Gabriella Kilbride, Camper 2016

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player registration forms go to
www.lionscamp.com

August 3, 2017

8:00 am Shotgun Start

**Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX**

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs,
associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s).

All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in
publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp
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Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

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Club _____

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CC#: _____ Expiration: ___ / ___ CVC: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Mail to: Garion Brunson, 2-T3
1541 JBS Parkway, Suite 7 Odessa, TX 79761**



Texas Centennial Celebration - October 6-7, 2017

Registration Form

REGISTRANT INFORMATION - Please type or print name as it appears on photo ID.

Lion _____
 (First Name) _____ (Last Name) _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Mobile Phone (.....) _____ e-Mail: _____

 Lions Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____

COMPANION

Lion or Guest _____
 (First Name) _____ (Last Name) _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Mobile Phone (.....) _____ e-Mail: _____

 Lions Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____

PACKAGE includes registration for each registrant listed above; official name badge and souvenir medallion; official Texas Centennial Celebration Program, and admissions for:

- a) "Celebrating The Past" Banquet at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Friday night October 6, 2017 (Dress: Business attire)
- b) "Legacy Lions Fellowship" Breakfast at Hyatt Regency North Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Dress code: Your choice)
- c) "A Night In The Old West" Gala & Dinner at EDDIE DEEN'S RANCH, Downtown Dallas: Saturday October 7, 2017 (Preferred Dress: 'Texan')
- d) Group transportation by shuttle bus from Hyatt Regency North Dallas to Eddie Deen's Ranch Downtown Dallas for Saturday Gala & Dinner; and back to Hyatt Regency North Dallas Hotel after dinner.

Note: Saturday Lunch and other personal needs on your own.

<u>REGISTRATION FEES:</u>		<u>Per Person</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Early	(Post-marked on or before August 15, 2017)	\$195
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	(Post-marked from August 16 to September 16, 2017)	\$220
<input type="checkbox"/> Late	(Post-marked from September 17, 2017 - onsite)	\$250

- a) Full payment of the complete package is required with this Form. Split-package is not available.
- b) September 1, 2017: Deadline for name-change or to receive a refund for cancellation of registration submitted in writing. Applicable refunds (after deducting \$20 as admin fee) will be processed soon after the event.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION - Hyatt Regency North Dallas
 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX-75081 - Phone: 972-619-1234
Room Reservation Link: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13913050/owner/1459738/home>

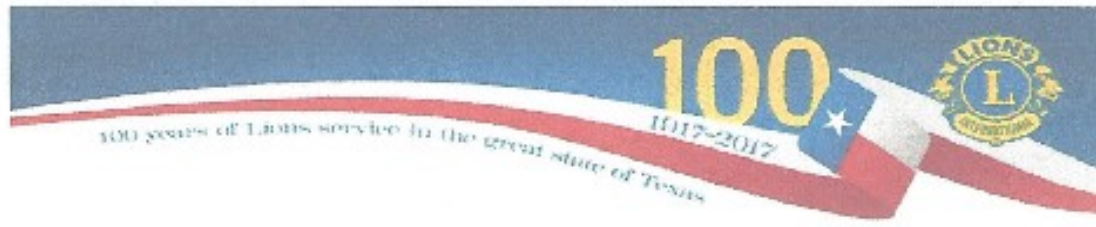
- Make your room reservations directly using the above link. Provide us the Hotel Confirmation # below.
- PACKAGE REGISTRATION is required for applying this Special Rate of \$79 per night for hotel room.
- Special needs, if any, should be requested to and arranged for well in advance with Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- Only a limited number of rooms available at this special rate to be reserved on first-come first served basis.

\$79 per night + tax
 single or double occupancy for
 Thursday/Friday/Saturday nights
 October 5, 6 & 7, 2017
**Reservation cut-off date for
 this rate: September 7, 2017**

Make check payable to:
MD2 Centennial Celebration
 Hotel Room Confirmation # _____



Mail Form & check to:
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Texas Lions Centennial Celebrations

❖ **Date:** Friday Oct 6, 2017
 ❖ **Time:** 6:30 p.m. - Registration
 7:00 p.m. - Dinner
 ❖ **Place:** The Hyatt Regency,
 701 E. Campbell Rd,
 Richardson, TX 75081

Date: Saturday Oct 7, 2017
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 Dinner: 7:00 PM
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SHORT HISTORY OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

1911 Dr. W. P. Woods of Indiana founded Royal Order of Lions

1916 Dr. Woods changed name to "International Association of Lions" and relinquished charter to the "International Association of Lions Clubs".

Melvin Jones, an insurance man & member of the Circle Club of Chicago had a vision of "What these men, who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambitions could accomplish were they put to work helping improve their communities" He and his wife wrote hundreds of letters inviting others to join an international association of service clubs.

1917 Melvin invited representatives of business clubs to meet in Chicago. A plaque, later found when the La Salle Hotel was demolished, stated "Lions International, Founded at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Ill June, 17, 1917- WeServe" The first convention and adoption of a Constitution & Bylaws, Objects and Ethics was held at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Tx on October 8, 1917. This has been recognized as the official birthday of Lions Clubs International by establishing October 8 as World Service Day every year. Nine States and 27 Clubs were represented at the first Convention.

WWI Efforts of Lions were devoted to Bonds and Books for Troops. During the influenza epidemic efforts were turned to health subjects.

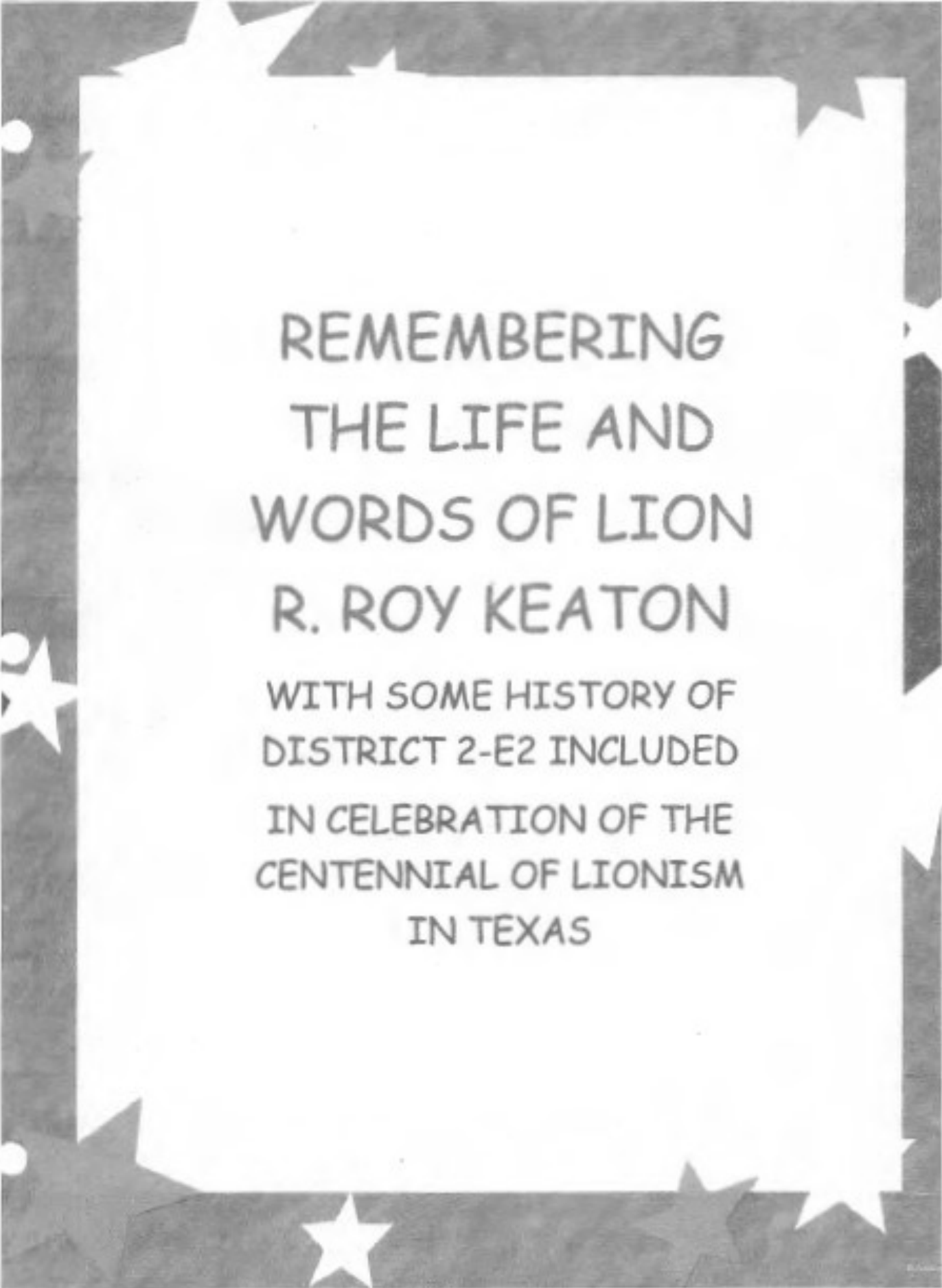
1925 Helen Keller addressed the Convention and challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind & Hearing Impaired". Lionism and sight & hearing conservation have been synonymous ever since.

1942 Dues were suspended for World War 11 soldiers while overseas.

1975 LCIF established as the Lions outlet for Humanitarian & Disaster Relief

1982 Texas Lion E.J. "Ebb" Grindstaff elected President and started Drug Awareness and Diabetic Research & Awareness Programs

Lions have been known worldwide for their service to those in need, not only the blind. Our organization has grown from the 27 clubs in 1917 to over 40,000 clubs in 180-some countries and over 1,400,000 members. Thousands of persons have been given a new life because the Lions provided guidance, love and the material things which they never had or never had the thought of getting. Eye glasses, cataract operations, scholarships, diabetic clinics. schools, homes and hospitals are just a few of the things Lions have provided. It is a privilege to be a part of such an organization, yes IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION.



REMEMBERING
THE LIFE AND
WORDS OF LION
R. ROY KEATON
WITH SOME HISTORY OF
DISTRICT 2-E2 INCLUDED
IN CELEBRATION OF THE
CENTENNIAL OF LIONISM
IN TEXAS

R. ROY KEATON

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THIS GREAT LION LEADER?

The following is an excerpt from Texas Lions 1917-67 written by PIP Julien C. Hyer of Texas. This will give you an idea of why you should know the name R. Roy Keaton.

This is from the chapter titled "The Story of Texas 2-E" and is found on pages 69-70 after Weatherford (Noon) Lions Club is introduced.

"But just here we must pause, draw a bucket of cool well-water and rest a spell before we drive on. Weatherford was where R. Roy Keaton saw the light of day and here is as good a place as any to spin a well-deserved yarn about Roy. No history of Texas Lionism from 1917-67 would be complete without "The Keaton Story." He not only lived it, but he helped make it and a grand contribution he made to it.

Fresh out of S.M.U. with an M.A. degree, Roy settled down (like any future President of the United States from Texas) to teaching a small-town school in Parker County. He went rapidly up the ladder to be Secretary of the Weatherford (Noon) Lions Club. After listening to a number of mediocre Lion-speakers who came to try out their oratory on the hapless Lions of the "Watermelon Capitol of the World," he decided he wanted to go to the city ---any city--- and make good in Lionism in a big way.

Melvin Jones gave him the chance at \$35 per week, plus a skinny expense account and buried him in the wilds of the Mississippi Delta country to test him out. There was a bounty on strangers' hides there and an extra premium on Texas strangers. He was to service existing Lions Clubs and put in new ones. Roy made good there and so to prove him further Melvin buried him a little bit deeper in the Cajun Country of Louisiana where he was to collect delinquent club dues and take in muskrat hides as legal tender. But, after a time, a vacancy came up in Texas and so, patience, long-suffering and natural ability (Roy modestly thinks) were rewarded and he found himself ensconced in Austin in 1939 with a lot of Texas territory in every direction and the command to "Go to it!" Past D-G Ross Covey of Sweetwater had been acting as State Secretary up to that time, gratis.

Roy went at it with a vengeance. He talked the language of the Texas Lions and knew their problems. Along with a field man from Chicago, Cecil Webb, he had experimented on organizing the Mineral Wells Lions Club in 1931. So, he went to work. For a long period of productive years he upheld the hands of the D-Gs of Texas, put in 200 new clubs and went into every by-way, highway and hedge preaching Lionism, inspiring lagging club officers and getting the job done.

Then, when the time came for him to move up, Melvin had him break-in Lion Marlowe Fisher from Fort Worth to do the Texas job and called Roy to Chicago. There he understudied Melvin's job and through exciting years did an outstanding job as head of the office and chief administrator at the International level. Alone and single-handed, he attacked the impregnable citadel that was Europe and, after repeated efforts, established the first club for Lionism there. As a monument to his efforts there are now 3,000 clubs and over 85,000 Lions at work in Europe. (NOTE: March 2017 numbers show 9,494 clubs with more than 250,000 Lions in Europe.)

Even as Roy did this, he was extending the Lion flag to every continent and land around the globe, until the sun of heaven now never sets on the purple-and-gold banner of the Club that started out in 1917 within a fast hour-and-half's drive from the spot where Roy first saw the light. This writer (Julien Hyer)

knew the facts through the years and makes this statement, without fear of contradiction, that if it had not been for Roy's efforts, devotion and attention to duty, Lionism would not be at the top of the service club heap today and have its banner flying above that of every other such organization in the world. (March 2017 records indicate over 1.4 million Lions in more than 200 countries and geographic areas)

He became Director-General in July, 1950, the chief administrative officer of International Lionism. He retired in 1961 and has gone on to win great distinction with the American Medical Association as Director of Magazine Relations. But he is still a Lion---"He has the Li-yun spirit down in his heart...down in his heart...down in his heart toooo stay" --- and comes back often to Texas and addresses a club or District meeting to the delight of his fellow-Texas Lions, whose language of Lionism he so well and eloquently speaks. Texas Lionism owes you and Elizabeth a lot, Roy! "

That ended PIP Hyer's comments on Roy.

The rest of the story:

Roy retired back to Weatherford to enjoy his later years. He was still an active Lion in the Weatherford Noon Lions Club in October 1991 (he was in his 80's) when then DG Ed Stebbins made his visit to the Noon Club. Roy called DG Ed in advance and asked him to come for a personal visit on the day of the meeting. Ed and Roy met for about two hours before the Lions meeting and three more hours afterwards. During their conversation, Roy gave Ed a copy of Selected Reprints from the LION magazine and Monthly Newsletter by R. Roy Keaton. This little book has great thoughts and words of wisdom from Roy that are as relevant in 2017 as they were over 60 years ago. His reference to "men" simply would be "people" or "persons" today since Lion membership opened up to women in 1987.

Past Director General Robert Roy Keaton died in 1994 and is buried in Old Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford. Through the work of Lion leaders in 2-E2 including PCC Jack Harris, PCC Rick Stoorza, PDG Albert Brown and PDG Ed, there is a monument with the Lions emblem and a summary of his Lionistic role beside his plot. Wording on the monument is shown on the next page.

Sunday, December 3, 2000 - Weatherford Democrat

Legendary Lion Remembered

Robert Roy Keaton, a dynamic and visionary leader in the formative year of Lions Clubs International was recently remembered in a special tribute hosted by the Weatherford Noon Lions Club. A Memorial Plaque honoring the Weatherford native and past director general of Lions Club International was also unveiled at his gravesite.

The information below is what was on the plaque at the graveside in Old Greenwood Cemetery



R. Roy Keaton

R. Roy Keaton, a Weatherford native, became Special Representative for Lions Club International in 1934, establishing Lions Clubs across the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Roy was named Assistant Secretary General in 1945 and heir apparent to

succeed Melvin Jones, the Founder of Lionism. In 1948, Roy Keaton was named Director General becoming head of the world's largest service organization. Under his leadership, Lions Clubs membership increased from 380,000 members to more than

600,000 Lions and the scope of Lionism spread from 28 to 102 countries.

In 2000 there are more than 1.4 million Lions Clubs members in 185 countries and geographic locations. The unprecedented growth of Lions Clubs was largely because of the dynamic leadership, vision and tireless efforts of Robert Roy Keaton.