



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

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We Serve with



I WISH

Turkey and dressing are by now a fading memory of leftovers having been eaten and digital weight scales still in complaint mode. We now start to think of that jolly old bearded man in the red suit who keeps our list of wishes handy. My wish is that we not forget the real reason for the Christmas season, that being the birth of Jesus. As Lion Felis and I continue on our journey through District 2A1, we are reminded of all the Lions we have met and have become friends with. District 2A1 is fortunate to be full of generous Lions with a service heart ready to serve their communities in need.

This is the season of hope, giving and renewal of faith for us all. We are also reminded of the dark side of humanity with all the tragic shootings and natural disasters that are occurring on what seems like a daily basis. These are the times that we need our Lions to bring to light that bright shine of giving and service that we have done for the past century and pledge to continue into the next new century with the Power of We, we serve. The Power of We, we serve continues to light up the darkness in our communities in need to give the less fortunate **Hope**. Where there is a need there is a Lion who is more than ready to serve.

Having had a successful 2nd Cabinet meeting in Brady, it is my hope and wish, I guess you can call it my Christmas Wish that our Mid-Winter Conference in January at Sweetwater be even more successful with 70-100 Lions attending. I wish the Friday night Bingo had 20-30 or better, Lions in fellowship and playing. I wish that our Lions keep wearing their Lion's vest with pride. **I wish that District 2A1 continues to be the leader in Texas with positive membership all the way through June 30th of 2018.** This has been the trend to date because of the dedication of the Lions of District 2 A1 to go forth and recruit new and energetic Lions with a service heart.

One last wish and prayer: Merry Christmas to each and everyone of our Lions and their families of District 2 A1, may all your wishes come true. May all of you have a happy, safe, healthy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Lion Felis and DG Armando thank you for being the caliber of Lions that you are.

MEEERRRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Save the Date

Mid Winter
Conference
Jan 19th & 20th
Sweetwater, Texas



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1st VDG Russell Livingston

Russell's Ramblings



Seasons Greetings from my home to yours. As this is being written, the Livingston household is making plans for a great holiday season and making very little progress toward that end. The holidays are upon us during that magical season.

Plans for the holidays are now including plans for our upcoming Lions Year. Your Vice District Governor has made his reservations and registration for the first International Convention. All road (and airways) seem to be heading for Las Vegas next Summer.

Speaking of all roads leading somewhere, have you made your reservations and registered for our Mid Winter Conference in Sweetwater. A good time is expected on Friday night and important district business and training is in store for Saturday. I am looking forward to seeing each of you in Sweetwater on January 19 and 20, 2018.

As our Lions year winds through it's first half I am still looking forward to filling cabinet positions before the Lions year begins. There are a number of Zone Chairmen that need to be identified and some very important Committee need to be identified and appointed. If any of these important district level positions appeal to you, please let me know by phone, e-mail, text or even in person. We are going to think outside the box and still maintain our great 2A-1 traditions.

Finally, not only is it the season for Christmas Joy and Happy New Year, it is the season for each club to consider membership growth and retention. Every Lion is tasked with the job of recruitment and retention of existing members.

Remember, It's great to be a Lion.



**PDG Joyce Downie
 and husband
 Lion Ron**

Support

**District 2-A1 Governor Armando
 Subia and his 2017-2018 Cabinet**



**VDG Russell Livingston,
 Toni Livingston,
 Lion Whitney Livingston,
 Lion Ryan Livingston,
 and Kimberly Livingston**

**Wish Governor Armando Subia,
 a great year as our Governor**

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District Meeting in Brady

Friday Night
Bingo






SAVE THE DATE
 Jan 19th & 20th
 Sweetwater, Texas



“The A1 CLUB”

in the Lions 2-A1 District

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District Meeting in Brady (Continued)



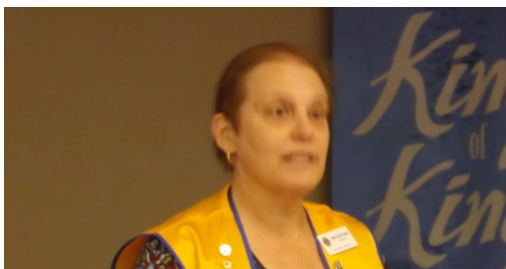
PDG Dave receiving the District Excellence Award in Brady



PDG Joyce, presenting Lion Brigitte Rogers of the Concho Pearl Lions Club with her two diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow pin.




PDG Joyce presenting Lion Jim Brisbin of the Concho Pearl Lions Club with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award .



Our inspirational guest speaker.



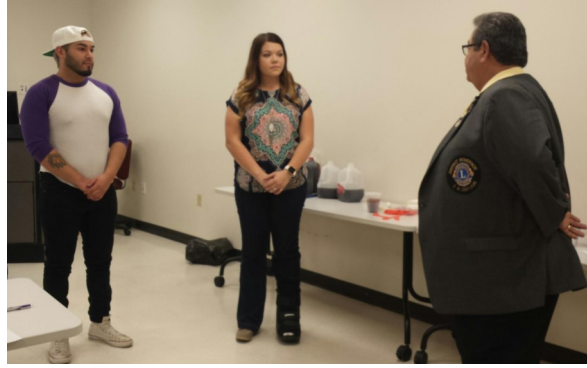
Midland West Side Lions Club
 Proudly Supports
DG Armando Subia
 and the 2017/2018 DG Team



Midland West Side Lions Club
 Home Club of
PDG Robert (Bob) Edwards
 Proudly Supports
 The District 2-A1 Leadership Team

Club News

Inducting 2 new members into the Angelo Campus Lions Club



Who said volunteering couldn't be fun? The Angelo Campus Lions Club processed boxes of donated eyeglasses to be recycled back into the community for those in need at the Eyeglass Recycling Center.



The San Angelo *Dynamic* Downtown Lions Club

Proudly Supports

District Governor Armando Subia and the District 2-A1 Leadership Team

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Club News Continued



Thank you Lion President Shelly and the Rowena Lions Club for the warm reception and an awesome meeting- keep doing all the awesome work you do. 11/16

The winner of Midland Tall City Lions Club annual shopping spree in 2017 is Vicente Dominguez 530 SE 1000, Andrews, TX.

Thanks Lion William



**San Angelo
North by North West
Lions Club**

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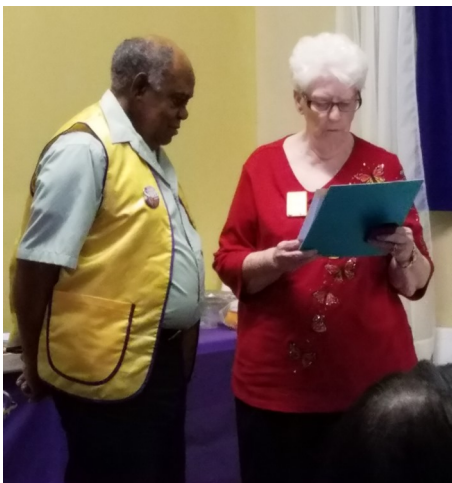
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Club News Continued



Thank you Lion Brenna and the Angelo Campus Lions Club for awesome meeting and thank you Lion Joe for the awesome food



PDG Joyce presenting Lion Sam Green with a Life Time Membership to North By Northwest Lions Club 11/6/17



Thank you Robert Lee Silver Lions Club for sharing your Christmas party with Lion Felis and me (DG Armando) 12/6

Club News Continued

San Angelos Lions Pancake Breakfast



Lion Felis, DG Armando and Leo enjoying the Fort Concho Breakfast in San Angelo this am 12/2

Club News Continued

The Lions of San Angelo came together Saturday, December 9 to assemble bicycles for people with special needs at absolutely no cost to them. With each client's unique physical challenges, the bicycles were adjusted to accommodate their specific needs. It was a wonderful and blessed day to see the smiles that only Lions can bring to those less fortunate!



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Midland West Side
Lions Club

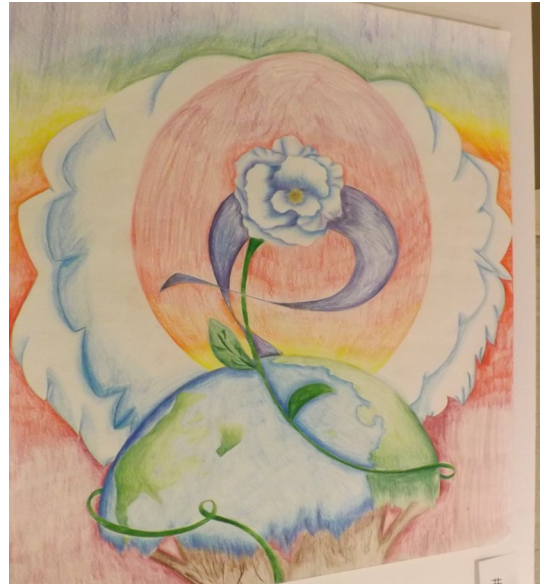
Food Boxes Ready

Delivery Day

A big thank you to everyone that took time out of their busy day to help the Midland West Side Lions Club deliver food to 48 Families in need.



Peace Poster Contest



The winner of this year's Peace Poster Contest is Harris Sewell, age 12 and he goes to the Trinity School of Midland and was sponsored by the Midland Northside Lions Club. The theme of his poster was " All the Countries are united not fighting."

Dear Clubs,

As of July 1, 2017, this starts a new year for donating to the District 2-A1's recognized Charities.

We hope that your club will become one of the "100% Club" by donating to these charities as they all need our help.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| ✓ Texas Lions Camp | ✓ Lions Club International Foundation |
| ✓ Leader Dog for the Blind | ✓ Acuna Eye Clinic of Ophthalmology |
| ✓ Western Texas Eye Bank Alliance | ✓ Texas Lions Foundation |
| ✓ Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center | ✓ Visions Screening |

Below is the current list:

2017-2018

100%

Concho Pearl Lions Club
 Kingsland Lions Club
 Midland Downtown Lions Club
 Midland Tall City Lions Club
 San Angelo Downtown Lions Club
 Sweetwater Lions Club

200%

Mason Lions Club

500%

Midland West Side Lions Club

If you have any questions or need to know how to contribute, please let me know.

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Zenni Optical, one of this year's sponsors at the USA/Canada Forum

\$6.95 Glasses



Check them out at <http://www.zennioptical.com>



District 2A1 Retention Contest

Last year our District lost 254 members because they decided to drop their membership in their Lions Club. The loss of these members meant we had less service in our communities, less support for our Disabled Children going to the Lions Camp, and less support for all the other good things we do.

The loss of most of these members who dropped could have been prevented. They drop for different reasons but the underlying reason is, “what they got out of being a member was not rewarding”.

To encourage clubs to focus on retention, the District is implementing a retention contest. For the contest we have broken the clubs into 3 groups, Small membership, Medium membership, and Large membership. The contest will run through June 2020. The current District Governor and the District Governors for the following 2 years are committed to this program to strengthen our clubs.

Quarterly, the club with the best retention in each of the 3 size groups will be recognized at the District meeting and all the members will receive a Retention Pin. Each additional time a club wins the members will receive a chevron with a number on it representing how many times the club has won. Potentially, a club could have a chevron with 10 on it, meaning they won every quarter through June 2020.

If multiple clubs tie on having the fewest drops, we will recognize the club or clubs that tied but also have the most new members.

At the end of each year we will also recognize the club with fewest drops for the full year with an award of \$10.00 for each member. The club can decide how they want to use the money. They could use the money to buy an apparel item, have a club celebration party, take the members to a Lions Camp Friday night graduation event, or whatever fits their need.

District 2A1 2017-18 Opportunities for Youth Contests



District 2A1 will host all three Opportunity for Youth Contests this year. The District will fund a \$750 scholarship for 1st place and \$250 for 2nd place in each contest. The \$250 State entry fee for 2A1's District winners will be the responsibility of the sponsoring club.

Clubs are welcome and encouraged to offer scholarships to the winners of your local Club Contests.

The 1st place winners in each contest will be entered in the MD2 State Contest to be held at the State Convention on May 26th, 2018 at the Omni Hotel In Corpus Christi (MD2 State Participants will need to arrive on the afternoon/evening of the 25th).

Complete contest rules, instructions for proper completion of the applications and supporting forms, and everything else the student will need to know can be found at www.texaslions.org. Select "Programs", then "Opportunities for Youth" for the general information, and finally the specific contest or contests the student wishes to enter.

Your Club's entrants to the District Contests must be **received** in completed form by **March 31st, 2018**. Mail them to: **PCC Tom Blase, 2914 Moss, Midland, Texas 79705 (cell 325-315-7060) (home 432-218-8021)**.

Below is a brief outline of this year's contests:

Diabetes Awareness Essay

"Accepting a Diabetes Diagnosis: What can Parents, Partners and Caregivers do to help loves adjust to a "new normal?"

Some individuals diagnosed with diabetes have a difficult time accepting a diabetes diagnosis and fail to seek medical attention for this disease. What specific recommendations would you provide for parents, partners and caretakers to help loves adjust to living with diabetes and help them live long and healthy lives? (Maximum 1500 word essay)

Drug Awareness Speech Contest

"Rick Factors and Why Teens Use Drugs and Alcohol"

"Biological and Environmental Factors Associated with Drugs and Alcohol: What you should know."

Explore the types of biological and environmental factors parents can watch for to figure out if their child is at greater risk for substance abuse and steps they can take to address a child's drug and alcohol abuse issues. (Speech: 5 min. minimum – 7 min. maximum)

Outstanding Youth Award Contest

The "Change Maker"

Contestants must articulate ways in which they have been "Change Makers" in their community, school and inspired others to do the same. Why is it important to be a Change Maker? A Change Maker is defined as one who commits to self-responsibility and action toward change in their community. (Essay: 750 word minimum – 1000 word maximum)



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)

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**DISTRICT 2-A1 MID WINTER CONFERENCE
 JANUARY 19 & 20, 2017
 LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES
 500 NW GEORGIA AVE
 Sweetwater Texas**

**Friday: 6:00 to???? Meet & Greet with Bingo
 @ Lions Building 1510 Lamar St**

LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES
Saturday: 7:30 am to 9:00 am Registration and Hot Breakfast
7:30 am to 8:30 am PDG Meeting
8:30 am to 9:00 am Meet and Greet
9:00 am to 12:00 am Business Meeting
12:00 to 1:00 pm Lunch-Speaker PCC TJ Tijerina
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Officer Training

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Friday Fun & Games & Saturday Conference: \$25.00 # _____ \$ _____
Hot Breakfast included in fee
(\$5.00 will be added without advance registration)

LION _____ LION/SPOUSE _____

CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SWEETWATER LIONS CLUB
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