



# District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International

## District 2-A1 News

August 2018

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## Think Outside the Box

### Russell's Ramblings

It is great to be a Lion. It is greater to be a Lion in District 2 A-1 and it is greatest to be your District Governor. We have begun our trip as your District and things have really gotten interesting.

We have already changed our cabinet meeting to Junction and the Junction Lions are appreciated to accept the responsibility on such short notice. Be watching for registration and hotel information.

Governor visits are in full swing. If your club is not scheduled give us a call or drop an e-mail to get scheduled. We are having fun meeting to Lions of our district and this is definitely the fun part of being your governor.

Since our last Rambling, we have also been busy. We attended our first Cabinet Meeting in Kerrville. Your Governor and Lion Whitney Livingston were installed as board members and our own Past Council Chairman Tom Blase was elected as Secretary of the Executive Board. Congratulations to all as our camp is poised for great things in the near future.

I have also had the pleasure of attending Zone Meetings. As Governor, I am stressing the importance of the Zones in our district. We are expecting each zone to participate in at least one zone project. The project can be social, service or fund raising in nature. We simply want Lions in our various clubs to meet with and enjoy the company of fellow Lions.

We were impressed with the Midland West Side Lions. Their Back To School Bash was a success and it was my pleasure to participate in preparing the school bags with a whole room full of dedicated Lions. Several other clubs also distributed school supplies and we are proud of you all.

The Big Spring Centennial club is in the planning phase for a Diabetes Screening service project. As this project progresses we will keep everyone advised in hopes of duplicating this project across our district.

I am also excited as plans are finalized for our Deer Hunt Raffle. Thank you Lion Joel Kuykendall for your willingness to share your resource and host this fund raiser.

Finally, the zone meeting in Sweetwater on August 18 was punctuated with another significant event. Your District Governor is now a Grand Dad. This is to place all of District 2 A-1 that District Governor Russell Livingston will be one of the most obnoxious grandparents in recent history. Be prepared to be shown pictures of the most beautiful grandbaby in the world. It is great to be a Lion and a Grand Dad.

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### 1st VDG Keith Perinne



## LEADER DOGS

### FOR THE BLIND

I recently traveled to Rochester Michigan as part of a group of 70 Lions from across the country. I was totally amazed with the CEO, staff, facility, dog raisers, clients, and of course the dogs.

The leader dog's program has been around for 79 years and helped thousands of people who are blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind to develop skills to travel safely in today's world. All programs are at no charge to the client. Leader Dogs is 100% funded by donations.

Having seen the amazing job they do for the Blind mission I would encourage each club in 2A-1 to give \$2.00 additional per member to be 100% donor to Leader Dogs.

I will be making this a priority for 2A-1 in the coming months.

Thanks in advance for your donations, Keith 1<sup>st</sup> VG 2A-1



DG Russell and Toni welcome their first grandchild into the family.



PDG Joyce Downie  
 and husband Lion Ron

Support

District 2-A1 Governor Russell Livingston and his 2018-2019 Cabinet



Concho Pearl Lions Club



Proudly Supports  
 District 2-A1 Governor  
 Russell Livingston and  
 his 2018-2019 Cabinet

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**2nd VDG Glenn Sheppard**



**Iceland... Ballinger..., Service..**

Yes, they all have a common thread.... Lionism.

The new Lions Club International President is from Iceland and she's the first woman elected to this position. President Gudrun Yngvadottir was recently in Kerrville, Texas to speak at the Texas State Council of Governors. Local Lions Past International President Ebb Grindstaff and 2nd vice District Governor Glenn Shepard and their wives were among those attending and visiting with President Gudrun. The theme for this new year of Lionism is "We Serve" and she emphasized the fact that " Being a Lion isn't about doing the same things year after year in the name of tradition. Being a Lion means looking for how you can best be of service. Sometimes that requires creative problem solving."

President Gudrun's agenda emphasizes vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer, and a new global service focuses on diabetes. These are the programs she believes will carry Lions to greater service because, as she stated, " There is always an obstacle. Lions change obstacles into opportunities, and we serve with pride, compassion, and kindness."


**BALLINGER NOON LIONS**

**AUGUST 16th, 1928 to AUGUST 16th, 2018**

**90 YEAR CELEBRATION**

We are having our party at our new Lions Club Plaza, All are invited to join us in this celebration, We are going to have hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks. There will be a live band. So please come out and bring your lawn chairs and help us celebrate **September 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 pm.**

The Ballinger Lions want to thank everyone for their support and sponsorship over the last 90 years, and we hope to keep serving our community for many more years to come.




The Midland Downtown  
Lions Club

*Proudly Supports our 2A1*

**District Governor Russell Livingston**

**Best Wishes for a Great Year 2018-2019**



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## August in Kerrville



PDG Armando receiving the Ed Flood Award at the PDG Banquet in Kerrville.



PDG Armando receiving the Presidential medal from International President Gudrun and PID Sam Lindsay for the most membership in the state of Texas.



Lion Felis receiving the Presidents Appreciation Award from our International President Grudrun and PID Sam Lindsey



**Congratulations to PCC Tom Blase!!** As many of you know, Tom & Sherrilyn Blase met as counselors at the Texas Lions Camp back in 1969. The Lions Camp is why Tom became a Lion 44 years ago. He has a passion for this Camp and for Lionism. On August 4th he was elected to the Executive Board of The Lions Camp and will be it's President in 6 years!



**PDG Armando and  
 Lion Felis Subia  
 proudly supports  
 DG Russell Livingston  
 and the 2018-2019 cabinet**



**Midland  
 West Side Lions Club  
 Home Club of  
 IPDG Armando Subia  
 and PDG Bob Edwards**

**Proudly Supports  
 The District 2-A1 Leadership Team**

# Club News




Midland West Side installs benches as part of its Centennial Project

Two new members were inducted into the Big Spring Centennial Lions Club.

The Midland Tall City Lions Club have been busy making repairs to roof at 300 south Stonewall.



As Lions, sometimes, we forget to smile & have fun, because we're so focused on making a difference. Luckily, Boss Lion Theresa knows how to let her "mane" down; uplifting the Club & its members with her DYNAMIC personality.



**EVERETT J, "EBB" GRINDSTAFF**

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# Club News continued



PDG A J Dolle showed our District 11 Rep Mike Conaway the 2A1 Legacy garden when he visited the Venison World recently.



Here is a better picture showing how well it is doing. Concho County Lions are the Caretakers for the garden.



BANG! BANG!! BANG!!! Saturday August 13th , we, the "Dynamic" Downtown Lions held our 4th Annual Claybird Shoot, and considering that it's our biggest fundraiser, we'd like thank EVERYONE who participated; making it a booming success!



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# Club News continued

## San Angelo Campus Lions Club



ACLC volunteering and helping out at the San Angelo Eyeglass Recycling Center



ACLC's new President Michael Martin Melendrez, Vice President Sadie Scarcelli, and current member Sterling Curnutt started off 2018's fall semester recruiting members and informing others on how we serve our community.



ACLC having a raffle ticket fundraiser for the upcoming 2018 fall semester



Despite the cold freezing temperatures, ACLC along with San Angelo Downtown Lions and San Angelo Lighthouse all lent a helping hand to a beautiful family; repairing, painting & landscaping their home. Way to go lions!



# Club News continued



## San Angelo Lady Lions

Donation drive of much needed school supplies for the Concho Valley Home For Girls and Children's Emergency Shelter.



Lady Lion Charlyn Doyle received an award from Lions International. The letter states for 'Successfully opening the door to Lionism'.

A few of the Lady Lions went to eat at Mammacita's after leaving Lions Camp and to ride out the storm before getting on the road.

While we were leaving the restaurant, this precious little camper ran up with the biggest smile and said 'Thank you for sending me to camp, can I have a selfie?!' We hugged and took a selfie. She then told us all 'Thank you for being Lions'.

Her mom then asked to get a picture of her with our group and continued thanking us what we do and for being Lions.

We said our goodbyes and walked out of the establishment, then decided we wanted to see if Mom would share the group picture, so I went back in to find and ask her. It took a moment to find her, and gave a quick private moment with Mom to discuss what Camp meant to her daughter and the family. The impact is beyond amazing, this was evident in that short period of time.

Through the course of the evening, Mom and I shared conversation via text message.

She shared that her daughter is extremely shy, and when she jumped up from the table to run over to us, they were shocked. They had not prompt this from her, but she understands how important it is to be a Lion.

What a true blessing this nine year old girl is to humanity. How we all could learn to grasp her joy, love and appreciate of others. What an example she is to We Lions.

It continues to prove how important our jobs are and that it's never about us; it's always about them. The people.

The family is praying she gets to go back to camp next year.



# Club News continued

## Midland West Side Lions Club 13th annual Back to School Bash



The Midland West Side Lions Club is extremely grateful for the 100+ people who volunteered hours of their time to make our 13th annual Back To School Bash such a huge success! We had members of other Lions Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, new friends we made along the way, family members, and some people just showed up to help. We had new community partners and community partners who had been with us before. We appreciate everyone who volunteered for any length of time! We are determined to have an even better 14th BTSB!

Thank you!

Jeweli Flores and Amanda Bourland Co-chairs 2018 Back to School Bash



# Lion Ernesto "T.J." Tijerina

## Your Candidate for International Director



*"Team Tijerina"*



### Leadership Development

- ❖ Empowering Lions and promoting Dynamic Leaders!
- ❖ Develop opportunities for Lions to be Active and Participate!

### Membership Growth

- ❖ Adding Helping Hands will promote Lions Programs!
- ❖ Having Fun and Fellowship will lead to Retention of the Lions!

### Service

- ❖ Serving Communities with Innovative Programs!
- ❖ Focusing on Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment, and Pediatric Cancer!
- ❖ Changing Lives and improving Communities!

Serving You



Serving the World

Lion "T.J." is committed to making sure that the future of our International Association remains strong and that the Lions continue to lead the way in our world as the largest and best service organization. With your helping hands together with Lion Juanita, his wife of 45 years, *"Team Tijerina"* is prepared to serve you, the Lions of Texas and the world as your International Director. Lion "T.J." can always be counted on to see that any job that is worth doing is "worth doing well" and that it is always done with integrity and compassion.

With your support for our "Team Tijerina" and your vote for Lion "T.J.", you are sure to have the strongest and best representation for International Director

# LIONS DISTRICT 2-A1 SUPPORTED CHARITIES

Texas Lions Camp	(\$10 per member)
Leader Dog for the Blind	(\$2 per member)
Western Texas Eye Bank Alliance	(\$5 per member)
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	(\$2 per member)
Lions Club International Foundation	(\$2 per member)
Acuna Eye Clinic of Ophthalmology	(\$1 per member)
Texas Lions Foundation	(\$2 per member)
District 2-A1 Vision Screening	(\$1 per member)

Below is the current list of clubs in District 2-A1:

## YEAR 2018-2019

### 200%

Midland Northside Lions Club

### 100%

Junction Lions Club



## District 2-A1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors

The District needs your support for 2018-2019.

Please help support the District Governor Team, District 2-A1, and a chance to give your club some exposure by advertising in the 2018-2019 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

**A BIG HUGE THANK YOU TO THE 16 CLUBS AND NUMEROUS LIONS IN DISTRICT 2-A1 THAT MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO LCIF THIS PAST YEAR. THE DISTRICT ENDED ITS YEAR WITH A TOTAL OF \$11, 370.00 IN DONATIONS. JUST THINK OF ALL THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE HELPED. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND HOPE THAT MANY MORE CLUBS AND LIONS JOIN YOU TO HELP THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRIES IN NEED.**

**LCIF HAS ISSUED AN APPEAL TO HELP JAPAN WITH THEIR SEVERE FLOODING AND LOSS OF LIFE AND PEOPLE BEING EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES. LCIF HAS ALREADY DESIGNATED \$300,000.00 IN DISASTER FUNDS TO ASSIST LOCAL JAPANESE LIONS IN THEIR QUICK RESPONSE TO THIS DISASTER.**

**I HAVE TAKEN THIS FROM A RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM LCIF AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU. THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF LIONS ALLOWS LCIF TO PROVIDE DISASTER RELIEF AT A MOMENTS NOTICE. THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO SUPPORT LCIF BY DONATING TO OUR NEWEST AND MOST AMBITIOUS FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE, CAMPAIGN 100, EMPOWERING SERVICE. THE GOAL OF CAMPAIGN 100 IS TO RAISE US \$300MILLION TO BOLSTER OUR SERVICE IMPACT AND FUND THE NEEDS OF THE EVER-CHANGING WORLD.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO CAMPAIGN 100 SO WE MAY CONTINUE TO ANSWER THE CALL WHEN AND WHERE WE ARE MOST NEEDED. THIS MESSAGE WAS FROM DR NARISH AGGARWAL OUR NEW LCIF CHAIRPERSON.**

**LCIF ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE GIVE IT TO THEM**

**PDG JOYCE DOWNIE  
DISTRICT 2-A1 LCIF COORDINATOR**

## SERVICE

Anytime you see Lion related information, you will see “*SERVICE*”, and that is not an accident. Our moto and reason for existing is to provide service to our members, our local community and to our world.

Lions have been providing service in thousands of areas for the past century, and each club has participated in this worthwhile endeavor over the years. But, the old saying, “What are you doing NOW?” comes to mind. Are our efforts relevant today? Has your club considered current needs, or are you following the “calf path” by repeating age old projects because “that is what we have always done.”

Governor Livingston has proposed thinking OUTSIDE THE BOX, and that is what a club should do to remain relevant in service. We often get mired in the mud of convenience by automatically repeating projects and activities year after year because we have perfected our efforts and can execute the activity without much extra effort. We should evaluate projects and activities once they are completed to determine if we are meeting current needs of our club members and community.

One way to accomplish this goal is to perform a member and/or community survey to use as a sounding board for our efforts and plans. Efforts without a desirable goal in sight are like stumbling around in the dark. There are many ways to conduct a survey, and you need to include questions that will give needed information using a sample group in the know large enough to include multiple viewpoints and evaluators that are unbiased when reaching conclusions regarding the survey. Later during this year sample surveys will be provided for your use.

As your District Global Service Chair, I hope to encourage all Lions in their pursuit of service, and will remind club secretaries of their duty to report your service to the District.

Aubrey Linne, 2-A1 Global Service Chairman.



We Serve

Junction Lions Club  
invites you to the  
2<sup>nd</sup> District 2-A1  
Cabinet Meeting

**October 5 - 6, 2018**



**Friday, October 5 at 6:00 pm**

Meet & Greet Social with Meal and Bingo  
\$10 per person for fried catfish plate  
(or Dutch treat; order from menu)

The Big Hungry Café  
Meeting Room  
2341 N Main St, Junction, TX 76849  
(325) 446-2215

**Saturday, October 6**

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
201 S 11<sup>th</sup> St, Junction, TX 76849

7:30 am – Registration, Breakfast, PDG Meeting  
8:30 am – Meet & Greet  
9:00 am – District 2-A1 Meeting  
12:00 – Meal: Enchiladas with rice, beans, salad,  
tea/water and dessert

**WEAR YOUR LIONS VEST OR CLUB SHIRT FOR A TICKET TO A SPECIAL DRAWING!**

Accommodation suggestions: Rodeway Inn  
2343 N Main St, Junction, TX 76849  
Phone (325) 446-4588

\*Ask for Lions Club nightly rate of \$52+tax (held under Lion Virginia Bronts)

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Mail registration form with check made payable to Junction Lions Club, 702 Pecan St, Junction, TX 76849  
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LION: \_\_\_\_\_ LION/SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Friday evening catfish meal \$10 @ # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday's registration, breakfast and lunch \$25 @ # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_