



# District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International

## District 2-A1 News

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## Think Outside the Box

We are off to the races. What happens in Vegas does not necessarily stay in Vegas and we are returning to our district excited and ready for a good year, "Thinking outside the box."

First, a few highlights from our International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Your governor and first lady broke even in the casino. Not placing any bets, we did not lose any money. Plus, we picked up fifty-two cents from the floor. Rest assured, that money was put to good use. The governor's school was informative and friendships were established around the United States and beyond. Thank you all for allowing me to attend on your behalf. Of interest, our district was one of the very few in the United States with positive membership growth. This is something to be proud of while under the leadership of PDG Armando.

Shortly before leaving for the convention, a life changing event occurred in our house. Following presentations by Dr. Steven Ponder at the state convention in Corpus Christi, it occurred to me that, "Things weren't right." A visit with my family physician, the requisite lab work and the dreaded follow up, I found I am diabetic. Life has not ended, however, we are faced with new challenges and insights that I hope to share with my district. By the way, I did lose something in Las Vegas. Given the dietary restrictions as I understood them, I LOST seven pounds during a week surround by 5 star restaurants and dessert temptations for nine days!

Lions International has added another point of emphasis. Not only are we called to be Knights for the Blind, we have now been challenged to be Knights for the Diabetic. We will be investigating ways to serve this ever-growing segment of our population in the coming year. Anyone with ideas is encouraged to share. We can do this!

At the International Convention we met our new International President. We are in rare company! President Gudrun Yngvadottir is our first woman International President. She is from Iceland and offers a fresh perspective. A hallmark of her year as International President will be the recruitment of women Lions and their introduction to places of leadership at the club, district and state levels. All Lions are called upon to be receptive to this emphasis.

Finally, our district cabinet is nearly filled. The individuals we have in place have indicated a willingness to serve our district and they are greatly appreciated. We have only one key position to left fill. A Global Membership Chairman is still needed. We will be approaching a number of potential candidates to fill this very important cabinet level position. Please consider this area of service if asked.

One of my goals as your governor is to make a personal phone contact with each new member. May I request each club secretary contact me by e-mail as each new member is approved by your club. I will need their name and the contact information for each new member and their sponsor. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Finally, as we begin a new year, let's not lose sight of why we are Lions. We Serve. It is now important for us to think outside of the box to serve others. It is great to be a Lion.

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**GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR**  
**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Gudrun Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

International President Yngvadottir is a biomedical scientist and has worked in research, education and management. Since 1990 she has worked at the University of Iceland as Vice Director at the Institute of Continuing Education.

A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, President Yngvadottir has held many offices within the association, including district governor council chairperson. She has dedicated her service to children and youth, membership and leadership development, health and wellness, including vision and diabetes, environmental projects and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

President Yngvadottir served as international director 2010-2012 on the Leadership Committee, as chairperson the second year; 2011-2013 on the Women's Task Force; 2012-2013 she was a board appointee on the District and Club Service Committee; and 2013-2014 on LCIF Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including the Kjarans Medal, the highest award of Icelandic Lions; the Lions Crystal, the highest award of Norwegian Lions; several Membership and Extension Awards; eleven International President's Awards; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest Lions Clubs International award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, President Yngvadottir is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists and has been its representative for cooperation between Scandinavian and European scientists.

President Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a past international director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.

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For those who want Vision Screening certification ONLINE can do so through this link <http://lionskidsightusa.org/certification/>.

# Kingsland Club News



*The Kingsland Lions were able to raise over \$8,000 for Lilly to get a new "gee whiz" insulin pump. This pump will help her fight type 1 diabetes. Lilly will no longer have to go to the school nurse every 10 minutes to have her insulin checked. This picture shows Lilly (3rd grader at Packsaddle Elementary School), her Mom, and her brother (4th grader same school).*

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## San Angelo Lady Lions Club News



Lady Lions were honored for their being the Club with the most growth in District 2 A1 2017-2018. Proud to call them my friends. Sherie Antle, Raquel Taunton, Debbie Sonberg, Felis Subia, PDG Armando Subia



### San Angelo Lady Lions

Posted by Terri Holland  
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We were very honored to have our guest speaker **Untamed Photography by Tim L Vasquez** today. Tim is not only a talented photographer but a double cornea transplant recipient from our **Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance** in San Angelo


## San Angelo Lady Lions Club News continued



Lady Lion won \$100 for being the club the most new members for the past Lion Year!

Sherie Antle & Debbie Sonberg from San Angelo Lady Lions tied for most members in the July for Lions Membership Drive





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### San Angelo North By North West Club News

On July 19, the North by Northwest Lions celebrated an anniversary and inducted new officers in the club. Lion John Hancock did our induction of our new officers. This was 46 years of Lion service. It's great to be a Lion.



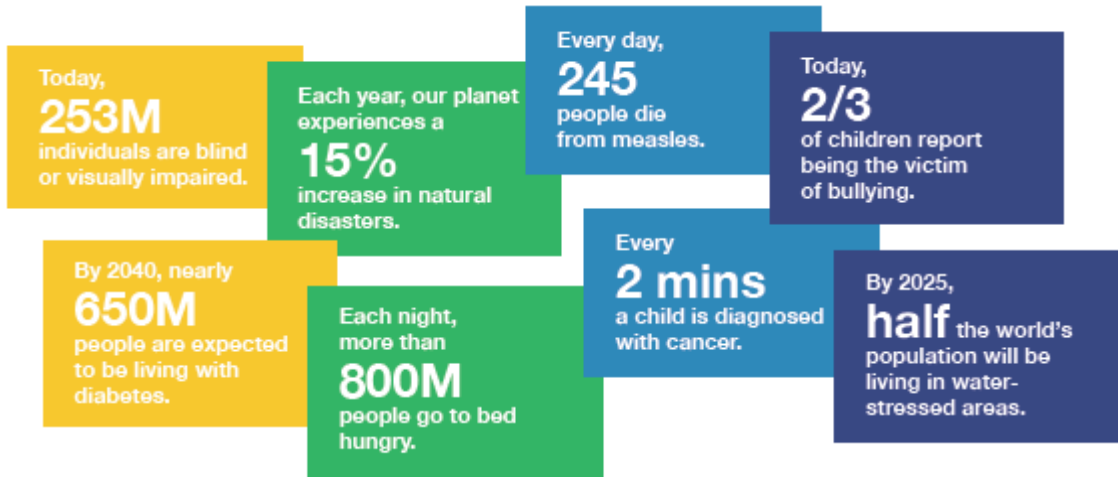
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# LCIF News

## Campaign 100: Lions Clubs International Foundation Empowering Service



### A WORLD IN NEED



### LIONS RESPOND

We see the effects of devastation every day. Many say the world's needs are too great. Many say there's nothing we can do. Lions say, "We Serve." We are Lions, 1.4+ million men and women strong. We are Leos, Alpha and Omega. We are Lions Clubs International Foundation, the only foundation to empower the service of Lions on a global scale. Together, we offer hope and impact lives.

We will continue our shared commitment through **Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service**. Our foundation's **US\$300 million** comprehensive capital campaign launches in July 2018. From there, it will span three years, but its impact will last generations. *Campaign 100* will enable us to serve more than 200 million people a year by 2021 and ensure Lions have resources needed to expand our global causes and impact.



## 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.

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