



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

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Remembering March

Lion Felis and I are in the 7th month of this journey of being Governor of District 2 A1. Being the Governor of this District with type of Lions that surround Lion Felis and I have given us an awesome experience and understanding of what it is to be a Lion of District 2 A1. Being a Lion is having to make a conscious effort to reignite that flame in your service heart to go out and help those individuals in the community that are not able to help themselves. If you are under the impression that you receive nothing back, then think again. Stop to think of how you feel when you serve, that feeling of gratification and warmth that suddenly puts a smile on your face. Serving your community creates a feeling of goodness that will help to extend your years of healthful service. If you think about it, we gain more than we expend in the service to our communities. "The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it" John Ruskin.

Serving as Lions in our District and our community makes us a stronger Lion family. Thus, when we lose some of our Lion family we mourn more deeply. We know this because this month we have lost 3 great Lions that we mourn: Lion Jim Wilks from Sweetwater, Lion Charles "Chuck" Henicke from Kingsland and Lion Edith Stansell from East San Angelo, they were here but for a short period in time. Our District's condolences and prayers go to their families. Each of us in our own way will pick up their "Roar" vowing to continue to grow our Lion membership and continue to serve.

New membership means new leadership that will need training to be better able to perform their duties in their new positions with greater skill. The District will hold the Lions District 2 A1 Training University on April 14, 2018 at 1442 Edmund St. San Angelo, Texas (First Assembly of God-Stone Family Life Center). This training will include secretary, treasurer, zone chairs, tail twister and vision screening (includes state certification).

We are all looking forward to a great turn out for the District 2 A1 Convention in San Angelo at the Pearl of the Concho Hotel on April 27th and 28th. We need everyone to register early so that we may have a meal head count for the Banquet Friday night. This will be a fun Convention as we near the end of our eventful journey.

THANK YOU!

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1st VDG Russel Livingston



Russell's Ramblings

Things, they are changing. Life in the Livingston household is transforming from the work-a-day routine into retirement and District Governorship. Sprinkle in a major house remodel (overdue for at least 15 years) and our first grand baby due in September, and you get a Vice Governor that is literally running in circles. We are excited, and we are getting ready for a new chapter.

Before talking about the future, March has been a pretty good month. The Westside Lions Club delivered food baskets to needing families in Midland this past week. They are very efficient and the work was fun and fulfilling.

I also was able to attend the Annual Bunny Breakfast with the Midland Northside Lions Club. Their annual fundraiser was well attended and publicized in the local media. Good job Lions.

The Big Spring Centennial Lions Club held a bake sale at the local Walmart Store. Reports of a successful fund raiser have been noted.

We are also preparing for Lions University this month and I only have 15 minutes to speak about my plans for next year. Lions University in San Angelo will be an excellent opportunity for our district's Lions to get indoctrinated and even certified for next year's activities and events. I strongly encourage all Lions to make plans to attend. That event is scheduled for April 14 in San Angelo.

April 20 we have the opportunity to welcome a new club to our district. The San Angelo Lighthouse Lions Club will celebrate their charter. We plan to be in attendance and hope to see a number of fellow 2 A-1 Lions there.

Then the following week our district again hits the road to San Angelo for our district convention. Scheduled for Friday April 27 and 28 this year, we will celebrate the Governorship of Lion Armando Subia and his year of work and leadership. You will also be afforded your last opportunity to select someone else as next year's governor

As we begin our year as your governor, we are now planning calendars, club visits and the year ahead. A number of cabinet posts are still needing to be filled, however we have an excellent core of cabinet leadership. I am excited and anxious to get started. If you have not been approached and are interested in a job drop me a line or give me a call. We will put you to work in our efforts to grow Lionism in our district.

Again, we are excited as our year approaches. I am looking forward to meeting, visiting and working with each of you. It is great to be a Lion.

Lion Russell



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DISTRICT CONVENTION VOTING INFORMATION

At the District Convention on April 28th the Lions of District 2-A1 will be voting for the incoming District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, Texas Lions Camp Director-West, Acuna Eye Clinic Director and any MD-2 State ballot that may be presented.


If your Club wishes to send Delegates and Alternates to vote at the Convention, a Certification of Delegates form must be received by the Election Officer prior to the convention with these names and signed by a Club Officer. The Certification of Delegates form has been mailed to all the Clubs in the District. Please follow the instructions on the form. The Delegates and Alternates must be registered at the Convention even if they come just to vote and the Certification of Delegates form turned in prior to the election.

Any monies owed to Lions Clubs International, State and District must be paid by April 12, 2018 before the Delegates are certified to vote.


If you have any questions, please call
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 April 27 & 28th
 San Angelo, Texas



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in the Lions 2-A1 District

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BREAKING NEWS!!!

The San Angelo Downtown Lions Club is pleased to announce the chartering of a new club in our city – the San Angelo Lighthouse Lions Club. The Club is composed of members that work for the Lighthouse for the Blind, and their meetings will be held at that location.

Charter night is set for Friday, April 20TH at 6:00PM at Zentner’s Daughter Steakhouse (1901 Knickerbocker Rd).

An excellent meal will be served (your choice of grilled chicken breast with teriyaki sauce or chicken fried steak with all the trimmings) for **\$15.00/person.**

PID Mike Butler will be the keynote speaker, and all Lions of District 2-A1 are invited and encouraged to attend and welcome this new club into our District.

Any support you wish to give them, as they begin this new endeavor of service, will be greatly appreciated.

Please call **PDG John Hancock at 325-949-9409** or any member of the San Angelo Downtown Lions Club to confirm meal reservation.

Thank you for your support!

Sad news to share.

Lion Chuck Henicke, Kingsland Lions Club, lost his battle with cancer. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends.



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 Lions Club**

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and the 2017/2018 DG Team



**Midland
 West Side Lions Club**

Home Club of

PDG Robert (Bob) Edwards

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Members of the North by Northwest Lions Club after we receiving their retention pins.



Breakfast at the TEXAS Leadership Forum with Lion Felis and DG Armando-my awesome luck is growing



Lion Debbie and Lion Felis at the TEXAS Lions Leadership Forum in Austin



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

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Thanks to everyone that came out to support the 25th annual Bunny Breakfast fundraiser and supporting the Midland Northside Lions Club.

Lion Mark Singh

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Well we had a great success at our bake sale and membership drive on 26 mar 2018. We collected over \$600.00 to give back to our community at 100%. Cant wait to spend it lol. We had a great time and made new friends. Would like to thank all who came out and did all the baking and passing out the flyers! and as always ROAR!!!!!!

David Stives



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Club News Continued

The Ballinger Noon Lions is fixing to have their 43rd Annual Colorado River Bike fest this coming April 28, 2018. Go to their web site ballingernoonlions.org or see below to print off an entry form and come join the fun.



TEXAS STATE FESTIVAL OF ETHNIC CULTURES & ARTS and CRAFTS SHOW Ballinger, Texas

Saturday April 28 & Sunday April 29, 2018
Enter the Bikefest and visit the festival for a great weekend!

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| Parade | Exhibits | Cultural Food Booths |
| Games | 3 On 3 Basketball | Czech |
| Dance | Bingo | African |
| Activities | Washer Pitching | German |
| Miss Ballinger Pageant | Fish Pond | English |
| | | Mexican |
| | | Native Texan |



Center Stage With Live Entertainment!



Club News Continued

42nd Annual Colorado River Bikefest

In conjunction with the
Texas Festival For Ethnic Cultures
In Historic Ballinger, Texas

Proceeds benefit Journey For Sight— combating blindness world wide, Texas Lion's Camp for Diabetic and Crippled Children, Eyeglass Recycling, Scholarships and Civil Projects

Saturday, April 28th, 2018

Begins At 8:30 AM

Registration Begins At 7:00 AM

Runnels County Courthouse Square (West Side)

**30K, 60K and
100K Tours**
Entry Fee \$25⁰⁰
T-Shirts to first 100 entrants!

**5K Fun
Ride/Walk/Run**
Entry Fee \$15⁰⁰

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Birthday _____ Age _____ Email _____

RACE: 5K 30K 60K 100K

T-Shirt: Small Medium Large X-Large XXL

Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my entry in the Colorado River Bikefest, I hereby waive any and all liabilities against the Ballinger Noon Lion's Club and any promoting entities (and their respective agents and employees).

HELMETS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE WORN!

Entrant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian if under age 18 _____

To pre register, mail Entry Form and fee to: Ballinger Noon Lion's Club, P.O. Box 374, Ballinger, TX 76821

FMI: Call Lanada Driskell 325-234-7842 or email lanada_driskell@yahoo.com

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Ebb Grindstaff steps down after 60 years as city attorney



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Ebb Grindstaff who has served as city attorney for Ballinger for 60 years, stepped down effective Jan. 1. He will still remain in private practice.

Celinda Hawkins
Managing Editor
Runnels County Register

Ballinger City Attorney Ebb Grindstaff, has officially stepped down from the position that he has held for a little over 60 years. He stepped down as of Jan. 1.

Grindstaff said he will continue to work in his private law practice.

"I have had a good run as city attorney," Grindstaff said. "I will continue practicing — I love the law."

On November 29, 1957, upon motion by L. A.

Faubion, the Ballinger City Commission appointed Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff as city attorney with a retainer fee of \$50 per month for his term of office. Each city council since that time has seen fit to continue his service as city attorney, and his term has continued for over 60 years. G. W. Moore was mayor at the time Grindstaff was hired.

Grindstaff, 86, has been licensed for 63 years and is still a practicing attorney in Ballinger. Over six decades as the city attorney, Grindstaff has associated with many

mayors, city councilmen, city secretaries, city administrators and city employees.

"I've known Ebb Grindstaff for over twenty years and was honored to serve with him on City Council for nearly seven years," said Ballinger Mayor Sam Mallory. "Ebb is an extraordinary individual that has been passionate about serving his community throughout his years of service. His drive and ambition to this day is unmatched and extremely phenomenal. God Almighty broke the mold when He created Ebb. We Love you and

honor you Ebb."

He remembers the city's water issues always being at the forefront of projects that the city was working on. He recalled former City Manager Tommy New who was there when the city crews and city employees, were scrambling to get a pipeline built for the Lake Ivie water line more than a dozen years ago.

"He rolled up his sleeves and worked on the pipeline, like a lot of other people did," Grindstaff recalled. "They got

SEE **EBB, A2**



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EBB

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it done in the nick of time.”

He was proud to have served with the council that approved the new water plan with Abilene and Lake Fort Phantom.

Grindstaff comes from a family of attorneys. His dad, E. C. “Judge” Grindstaff, was

county judge in Runnels County, and district attorney in San Angelo and Ballinger for over 30 years.

Father and son practiced together as partners during all of those years. In addition, Grindstaff’s two great uncles, Lige Grindstaff, who practiced in Weatherford, and Henry Grindstaff, who practiced in Rotan and Haskell, who both had distinguished careers.

Grindstaff would later open an office in Winters, where he partnered with Ken Slimp, the current county attorney for Runnels County and Don Reese. He and Slimp would remain partners through the 1990s.

In addition to his law practice, which has been mainly in the fields of oil and gas, real estate, and probate

and trust, he is also very active in community affairs in Ballinger. He has served as president of the chamber of commerce and past chairman of the Upper Colorado River Authority. He was even elected as citizen of the year on two separate occasions.

Grindstaff is a licensed fellow of the Texas Bar Association, a life member counselor of the Baylor Law School, and was distinguished by being elected as one of the 15 directors of the State Bar of Texas, where he served for three years (1971-74).

While serving there, Grindstaff convinced the group to hold a seminar in Runnels County,

“We were always having these seminars in the big cities and I suggested they have one at Lowake (Steak House),” Grindstaff remembered. “I told them that I could guarantee lawyers from all over West Texas would come to that meeting because they had an airplane landing strip out there at the time.”

Sure enough, what would come to be known as the Cotton Patch Conference,

would bring 255 lawyers to the tables at the Lowake Steak House.

“We showed them that we would show up for a meeting,” Grindstaff quipped.

In 2015, Grindstaff was honored by the Texas City Attorneys Association which is under the Texas Municipal League. He spoke at the annual conference held at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort, in Bastrop where he did a presentation on attorney ethics in front of 300 attendees. At the end of his presentation, he received a standing ovation. In 2007, he was honored by TCAA for 50 years of service.

Scott Houston of the TCAA said Grindstaff is most likely the longest serving city attorney in the history of the state of Texas.

“He is an outstanding man of the old school,” Houston said. “A true gentleman is getting more rare these days.”

Grindstaff is a 1948 graduate of Ballinger High School, where he played football and was involved in many activities. He and his wife Jeannette “Jay” met at Baylor University, were

married, and have lived in Ballinger since 1956 (after having served two years in the Counterintelligence Corp of the U. S. Army in Japan). They have two children: Jeff Grindstaff and his wife, Elizabeth, and Michelle Moussa and her husband, Mark. They also have four grandchildren: Tanner Moussa, Mackenzie Moussa, Will Grindstaff, and Kate Grindstaff.

His most active service outside of the legal field was as director and president of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world.

One of his favorite projects was the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children, but as president he also had the opportunity to initiate several programs internationally, including the Drug Education, Diabetes Awareness, and Journey For Sight programs. Interestingly, his Lions Club service also afforded him the opportunity to meet and confer with President Sadat of Egypt, Prime Minister Begin of Jerusalem, Presidents Carter and Reagan, Pope John Paul II, and various other dignitaries of other countries. In addition, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Diabetes Association in 1984, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation 1983 Humanitarian award, for his work in helping diabetics worldwide. Grindstaff’s travels and life goals are chronicled in a book entitled “Lion Crossing the Sinai.”

Grindstaff has also been active in the First Baptist Church of Ballinger as a teacher, Sunday school superintendent, and deacon.

William P. Chesser, who has served as city attorney for Brownwood, Albany, Coleman and Gorman, was selected by the city council to replace Grindstaff.

**Lions
District
2A1
University**



April 14, 2018
Time: 8:00 am. – 3:30 pm.
Location: 1442 Edmund St. San Angelo, Texas.
First Assembly of God-Stone Family Life Center (Back building)

8:00-8:15 Sign in coffee & donuts

8:15-10:00 Main room-All members

8:15-8:45 Welcome-2A1 District Governor Armando Subia, year in review and introduction to VDG Russell Livingston

8:45-9:00 VDG Russell Livingston

9:00-9:15 Lion's Eye bank Debbie Sonberg

9:15-9:45 Scott Patterson Lions-computer entry information

10:15-12:00- Break out classes

Main Room-Presidents & Vice Presidents-Lion JoAnn Avants

#1 Room-Secretary-Lion Helen Wilde

#2 Room-Treasure-Lion Kathy McConnell

#3 Room-Zone Chair-Lion Larry Walker

#4 Room-Vision Screening Training/Certification-PDG Carolyn Keskitalo

Lunch 12:00-1:00

1:00-3:00 pm. Break-out

Main Room-District Governor Subia

#1 Room-Secretary- Lion Helen Wilde

#2 Room-Treasure-Kathy McConnell

#3 Room-Tail Twister Training

#4 Room-Vision Screening Training/Certification-PDG Carolyn Keskitalo

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-Main Room All Members

**Main Room-All Members-
Presentation of Certificates by
District Governor Armando Subia.
Dismissal Prayer**
Thank you for coming!



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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 Retention Contest

At the Sweetwater Mid-Winter District meeting, we recognized the first 3 clubs who had best retention for their size club. The awards were based on results for November and December. Where more than one club tied on retention we recognized the club that had the most new members for those 2 months.

Every member of the club received a vest pin. We presented the 3 clubs with a combined 108 pins. The contest goes through July 2020.

The 3 winners are:

Small clubs = **Eldorado** – 17 members, zero drops and 2 new members added.



Medium clubs – **San Angelo North by North West** – 23 members, zero drops and added 2 new members.



Large clubs – **Sweetwater** – 68 members, zero drops, and added 5 new members.

Each additional time these 3 clubs win over the next 10 quarters they will receive a chevron that goes on the pin.

At the District Convention April 27 & 28 in San Angelo we will honor the 3 clubs with best retention for the first quarter (March, March, & March).

At the District meeting in July 2018, incoming District Governor Russell Livingston will present clubs \$10.00 for every member of the clubs who have the best retention between November 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. We will also present the pins for best retention during the 2nd quarter of 2018.

Keys to member retention:

Know their name

Get them involved

Treat them as equals

Be careful with criticism and liberal with praise

Make sure they see the results of your clubs efforts

Make every member responsible for retaining members

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)



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-A1

THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS THE FUND RAISING ARM OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

LCIF'S MISSION IS TO GIVE SIGHT, SUPPORT YOUTH, PROVIDE DISASTER RELIEF AND MEET HUMANITARIAN NEEDS. IN 2018 LCIF WILL TURN 50 YEARS OLD. PLEASE VISIT THE LCIF WEBSITE LCIF50.ORG TO LEARN ABOUT THE CAUSES THAT LCIF SUPPORTS AND THE WORK LIONS ARE DOING ALL AROUND THE WORLD. IN ADDITION, YOU CAN ENTER AN EXCITING CONTEST TO WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE. LCIF HAS SURPASSED US1 BILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1968.

IN 2017 TEXAS SAW THE HELP OF LCIF WHEN HURRICANE HARVEY DEVASTATED THE COAST AND HOUSTON AREA. A TASK FORCE WAS FORMED BY THE MD-2 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS AND THE 4 MD DISTRICTS THAT WERE AFFECTED AND SO FAR LCIF HAS RECEIVED OVER \$916,000.00 IN DESIGNATED HURRICANE HARVEY CONTRIBUTIONS. THE TASK FORCE RECEIVED \$100,000 AS THE ORIGINAL CATASTROPHE GRANT WHICH WAS ALLOCATED \$25,000 PER DISTRICT WHICH AS BEEN SPENT ON EMERGENCY RELIEF ACTIVITIES. THE TASK FORCE ALSO RECEIVED \$60,000 AS THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT GRANT FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS WHICH WAS ALLOCATED BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS. THE TASK FORCE HAS SUBMITTED ITS NEIGHBORHOOD RECONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR \$280,000 (\$70,000 PER DISTRICT) TO LCIF. THE PLAN IS TO ASSIST 20 HOMEOWNERS IN EACH DISTRICT WITH REPAIR COSTS OF MATERIALS NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 PER HOMEOWNER. THIS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO LCIF FOR FINAL FAVORABLE APPROVAL. THE TASK FORCE ALSO RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION. THE HURRICANE IN PUERTO RICO ALSO RECEIVED A \$100,000 GRANT FROM LCIF PLUS ALL THE DONATIONS THAT CAME IN FOR THAT DISASTER.

LCIF IS ONE OF THE EIGHT CHARITIES THAT OUR DISTRICT 2-A1 SUPPORTS BY THE 100% VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE 49 CLUBS IN OUR DISTRICT. FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR 13 CLUBS HAVE BEEN 100%, ONE CLUB IS 200% AND ONE CLUB IS 1000%, 24 LIONS HAVE BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS, 3 MELVIN JONES FELLOWS WERE AWARDED TO DESERVING LIONS AND ONE TWO DIAMOND MELVIN JONES FELLOW PIN WAS AWARDED. WITH ALL THESE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISASTER CONTRIBUTIONS BY CLUBS, DISTRICT 2-A1 HAS GIVEN \$7522.00 TO LCIF. OUT OF THE 16 DISTRICTS, DISTRICT 2-A1 IS IN 6th PLACE FOR GIVING. I WANT TO THANK EACH CLUB AND EACH LION WHO HAS SUPPORTED LCIF.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BECOME A 100% VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTING CLUB. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER BY GIVING \$20, \$50, OR \$100 TO LCIF. IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOUR CLUB TO RECOGNIZE A DESERVING LION WHO HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND IN YOUR CLUB BY AWARDED HIM OR HER WITH A MELVIN JONES FELLOW. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE TO THE DISASTER FUND SO SOMEONE ELSE CAN BE HELPED BY LCIF, WE STILL HAVE 6 MONTHS LEFT OF THIS YEAR TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

PLEASE GIVE LCIF YOUR SUPPORT BY MAKING A DONATION TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR LIONISM. IF YOU NEED INFORMATION ABOUT LCIF OR A PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT ME.

PDG JOYCE DOWNIE
DISTRICT 2-A1 LCIF COORDINATOR
joyced2@suddenlink.net 325-651-8894

Dear Clubs,

We hope that your club will become one of the "100% Club" by donating to these eight charities. These charities really count on our support, so please ask your President or Treasurer if they plan to donate this year.

- 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)
- Visions Screening (\$1 per member)

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

2017-2018

100%

- Lions Club of Ballinger
- Colorado City Lions Club
- Concho Pearl Lions Club
- Kingsland Lions Club
- Midland Downtown Lions Club
- Midland Tall City Lions Club
- San Angelo Downtown Lions Club
- San Angelo North by Northwest
- San Angelo Lady Lions
- 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.

Chris Maxwell
 District 2-A1 Treasurer
 408 CR 109
 Sweetwater TX 79556
 Ph.: 325-665-0127

Email: cmaxwell@eljentechnology.com

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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 2-A1
CONVENTION REGISTRATION
APRIL 27&28, 2018
PEARL ON THE CONCHO HOTEL
333 RIO CONCHO DRIVE, SAN ANGELO, TX.
325-653-4500**



Friday April 27: Governor's Banquet 7:00PM Riverside Room
The District Governor invites all Lions to come and help him recognize and thank all the Cabinet Officers, Zone Chairs and District Chairs for their service to District 2-A1 this past year.
Speaker for the Convention will be PID Ed Lucius from Merrimack, New Hampshire.

Saturday: April 28
PDG meeting will start at 7:30AM to 8:30AM
Meet and Greet from 8:30AM to 9:00AM
Business Meeting will start at 9:00AM
Voting will be from 10:00AM to 10:30AM in the lobby of the Riverside room.
(Lions must be registered in order to vote)
Awards Luncheon: 12 Noon Riverside Room.

This luncheon will honor our Peace Poster winners and any outstanding Youth, Diabetic Essay and Diabetes Awareness contestants. Speaker will be PID Ed Lucias

Please come and enjoy the culmination of the year at the District 2-A1 Convention.

Registration will be from 4PM to 6PM Friday April 27th. Riverside room lobby
Registration will be from 7:00AM to 9:00AM Saturday April 28th. Riverside room lobby

Name: _____ Club _____

Name: _____ Club _____

Registration Fee (For Lions only)	\$10.00 x _____	_____
Friday:		
Governor's Banquet	\$25.00 x _____	_____
(business attire and white coats for PDG's)		
Saturday		
Continental Breakfast and Awards Luncheon	\$20.00 x _____	_____
(will need food count by April 20th)	Total	_____

Make check payable to District 2-A1 and send to
Make Hotel reservations on own (ask for Lions rate)
(rooms will be blocked until April 27th)
Pearl on The Concho Hotel
333 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Tx.
325-653-4500
Room rate: \$84.15 plus tax

PDG Joyce Downie
115 Churchill Blvd
San Angelo, Tx. 76903
325-651-8894
joyced2@suddenlink.net



SAN ANGELO LIONS BALLOONFEST June 15-17, 2018

Sponsored by:

ALL AMERICAN Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram Fiat of San Angelo

Event location:

John Glenn Jr. High Football Field @ Johnson & University

➤ **PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$5,000**

- 10' x 10' Tent
- 1 Tethered Balloon Ride (weather permitted)
- Name listed on event T-Shirt if paid by 5/8/2018
- Balloon basket, tent & grounds banners with name or logo
- Name displayed on website and printed material
- Name mentions during TV/Radio PSA's
- 3 reserved parking spaces
- 200 Raffle Tickets

➤ **GOLD SPONSOR: \$2,500**

- 10' x 10' space only
- Name listed on event T-Shirt if paid by 5/8/2018
- Balloon basket banner with name or logo
- Name displayed on website
- Name mentions during TV/Radio PSA's
- 2 reserved parking spaces
- 100 Raffle Tickets

➤ **SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,500**

- 10' x 10' space only
- Name listed on event T-Shirt if paid by 5/8/2018
- Balloon basket banner with name or logo
- Name displayed on website
- 50 Raffle Tickets

➤ **Food & Other (for profit) Vendors - all 3 days:**

- 20' space - \$150
- 30' space - \$225
- 40' space - \$300

➤ **Balloon Basket Banner: \$250**

- 2' x 3' if available

➤ **OTHER "ACTIVITY" SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**
(Marketing opportunities negotiable...)

- Stage Sponsor - **\$5,000**
- Balloon Race Competition Sponsors - **\$1,500**
- 1k/5k - Run / Walk Sponsors - **\$1,500**
- Car - Truck - Bike Showcase Sponsors - **\$1,500**
- Balloon Glow Sponsors - **\$1,500**
- Lions Pancake Breakfast Sponsors - **\$1,500**
- Kids Zone Sponsors - **\$1,500**
- Food Court Sponsors - **\$1,500**





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, tax deductible corporation, to host their hot-air balloon festival June 15-17, 2018, 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, 2018: \$ _____ (2- payments, if sponsorship less than \$1,500)

Final payment by May 1, 2018: \$ _____ (3-payments if sponsorship more than \$1,500)

Sponsor Address _____ Sponsor Phone Number _____

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

Lions Signature _____ Date _____

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

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

TYPE OF CARD: _____ Visa _____ Master Card

Name of Card holder (Please print) _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date: _____ Month _____ Year Security Code: _____

Net Proceeds from Balloon activities: 100% of the net proceeds from the 2018 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.

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

Sponsor Information - Lion Contact: Keith Perrine, 325-656-3252, Rosalind Payne 325-374-9775 or Kim Floyd 325-280-0461

We Serve!

**Resolution of Endorsement
For the office of District Governor
District 2-A-1**

Whereas, Lion Russell Livingston is a member in good standing of the Midland Downtown Lions Club, having joined Lions International on September 3, 1986 and has served in a multitude of offices and responsibilities in the Midland Downtown Lions Club, including Tail Twister, Board of Directors, First Vice President and President.

Whereas, Lion Russell has served in numerous cabinet positions in District 2 A-1 including First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and Disaster Assistance Chairman.

Whereas, Lion Russell has been awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship, a Jack Wiech Fellowship and a Texas Lions Foundation Fellowship. Lion Russell is a Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Visionary Knight for the Blind and is a Texas Lions Camp Century Club Key Holder and is a Life Member of the Texas Lions Camp. Lion Russell served as the State Convention Chairman in 2016.

Whereas, Lion Russell has been recognized as Lion of the Year, is a Certified Guiding Lion, and has been recognized as Lion of the Quarter.

Whereas, Lion Russell is approaching full retirement, he plans to devote the time, material and effort to serve District 2 A-1 as District Governor the year of 2018-2019.

Approved this 24 day of JANUARY, 2018 By the Board Of Directors of the Midland Downtown Lions Club in their regular meeting. (78)


Club President


Club Secretary

Be It Resolved:

Whereas Lion Whitney Livingston is a member in good standing of the Midland Downtown Lions Club since 2012 and,

Whereas Lion Whitney has served her club as Vice President and President, Club Board Member and Midland Downtown Lions Club Foundation Board Member and,

Whereas Lion Whitney has served on a voluntary basis for the Texas Lions Museum and,

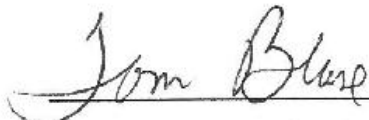
Whereas Lion Whitney has developed a love and passion for the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children, by participating in multiple work projects and introducing numerous Lions to the joys of the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children by attending numerous Camp Graduations and,

Whereas Lion Whitney filled the final year of her predecessor's term, attended all Board of Directors Meetings and speaking to clubs on behalf of the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children and,

Whereas Lion Whitney is now seeking election by District 2 A-1 as their Board Representative for the term of 2018-2020,

Therefore, be it known to all that the Board of Directors of the Midland Downtown Lions Club by unanimous vote endorses Lion Whitney Livingston as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children representing the Northern Portion of District 2 A-1.

Signed this 15th day of March 2018:



PCC Tom Blase Club President



Lion Leroy Wegner Club Secretary

MD2 STATE CONVENTION
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
MAY 25, 2018

OFFICIAL STATE CONVENTION CALL

THE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT TWO (TEXAS) SHALL BE HELD ON THE **25th** DAY OF **MAY** AT **CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**. EACH CHARTERED CLUB IN THE STATE IN GOOD STANDING WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT DUES PAID TO DATE, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) VOTING DELEGATE AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE FOR EACH TEN (10) MEMBERS OF SAID CLUB, OR MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDS OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH LAST PRECEDING THAT MONTH DURING WHICH THE CONVENTION IS HELD. THE MAJOR FRACTION REFERRED TO SHALL BE FIVE (5) OR MORE MEMBERS. ONLY REGISTERED DELEGATES WITH CERTIFIED CREDENTIALS, PRESENT IN PERSON AT ANY MEETING OF THE CONVENTION, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE. ELIGIBLE DELEGATES ARE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR AND A DAY IN THE CLUB AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE AS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT. EACH SUCH DELEGATE MAY CAST ONLY ONE (1) VOTE ON EACH QUESTION.

THE PHRASE “MEMBERS” WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR AND A DAY IN THE CLUB IS INTERPRETED TO MEAN THE FOLLOWING:

A TRANSFEREE SHALL BE COUNTED AS A MEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT OF THE CLUB IF THE TRANSFEREE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OR RECEIVED TRANSFER FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY.

A REINSTATED MEMBER SHALL BE COUNTED AS A MEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE CLUBS DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE REINSTATED MEMBER HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR AN AGGREGATE PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAT ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY.

A NEWLY CHARTERED CLUB WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) DELEGATE AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE DELEGATE UNTIL IT HAS BEEN CHARTERED FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY. THEREAFTER, THE DELEGATE QUOTA WILL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED IN THE CLUB FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY.

CLUBS BEING RELEASED FROM STATUS QUO WILL HAVE THEIR DELEGATE QUOTA BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED IN THE CLUB FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY AT THE TIME OF BEING RELEASED FROM STATUS QUO. HOWEVER, A CLUB BEING RELEASED FROM STATUS QUO WILL BE ENTITLED TO A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) DELEGATE, AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE DELEGATE.

Richard S. “Rick” Talbert

MD2 COUNCIL CHAIRMAN