



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

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## Save the Date

### Mid Winter Conference

January 10-11  
Kingsland



## Moving Forward For Texas

Dear Lions and Family of Lions,

The weather has started to get a little cooler: when the sun rises later and sets earlier: when pumpkin spice takes over the flavor of coffee, cereal, sweet rolls, pancakes and who knows what else. I can't wait to celebrate the traditions of the fall holidays.

I am grateful for God, family and Lions. God gives his wisdom, family gives us the opportunity to engage in new traditions while finding joy in the familiar, and being a lion allows us to share that wisdom and the tradition with the communities where we reside.

Lionism, as we know it is in midst of ongoing changes. And like all changes, we are both apprehensive and excited. The lions logo looks back to crave the familiar, and in looking forward we know that our lives and society are all about change. "Its like riding a unicycle- the only way to stay upright is to keep on peddling".

With all that being said, let's continue serve through the many activities we as lions have on the schedule for Thanksgiving , Christmas and the remainder of the year.

Please remember to ask "ONE" person to join lions.

May your holidays be blessed and full of giving,

Happy Holidays,

District Governor Keith



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Aubrey Linne



## District Raffle

### Lions we are having our 2019-2020 Raffle

Details Below

Lions of District 2A-1 Raffle – Mower Package

- Scag 52” Patriot Zero Turn Mower
- 12’ Trailer
- ECHO Hedge Trimmer HC2020
- ECHO Chain Saw CS370
- ECHO Back Pack Blower PB580
- ECHO Trimmer SRM225
- 5 gallons VP fuel
- Trimmer line
- 5 gallon gas can

**This is a package deal if you win you get it all**

**(Value \$12,700.00)**

TICKETS Are \$50.00 each with only 350 being sold

WOW 1 in 350 chance to win, What odds

Call Keith 1-325-656-3252 for tickets

## The San Angelo “Dynamic”

### Downtown Lions Club

Proudly Supports Our Very Own



District Governor Keith Perrine  
and the District 2-A1 Leadership Team

500%

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# Club News

Our featured Club this month is the  
 San Angelo Concho Pearl Lions Club

In August Concho Pearl President Lion Sandra Freeman and Lion Estela Salas from the Southside Club drove to Junction and did a presentation on the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

In September the Concho Pearls tried to earn some funds selling popcorn at the Cowboy Gathering. Did not sell much popcorn but did have a good time watching all the dancers and listening to the bands.

In October Concho Pearls manned the boxes at a food drive for the Concho Valley Food Bank. Through the 6 stores all the clubs worked there was about 3600 pounds of food gathered. Not bad for 3 hours worth of time.


In November Concho Pearls rang bells for the Salvation Army. Always ready to meet and greet the public.

July donated to the RAINBOW ROOM - CHIDRENS ITEMS

Blankets, toys, diapers, formula, food, clothing, hygiene items

July worked concessions at the Texas Lions Camp for incoming campers along with some help from some younger volunteers, Joshua and Rylie Lovelace. Maybe we need a LEO club in San Angelo!!





## Concho Pearl Lions Club

**Proudly Supports  
 District 2-A1 Governor  
 Keith Perrine and  
 his 2019-2020 Cabinet**

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# Club News Continued

## San Angelo Concho Pearl Lions Club




In August we welcomed new member Lion Lillie Cortez, sponsored by Lion Leticia Sanchez and inducted by PDG Joyce Downe and welcomed transfer from Sonora Lion Frank Wamble brought to us by Lion Brigitte Rogers.



in August we donated to West TEXAS BOYS RANCH - BOY STUFF - back of van was loaded Socks, underwear, t-shirts, personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, combs, Brushes) and used clothing and shoes (jeans, shirts, boots



in September we donated to the ASU Food Pantry – Cans of Tuna, Chicken, Stew, Chili, Pork & Beans, Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Kidney Beans, Peanut Butter, Beans, Carrots, Peas, Tomatoes, Corn, Instant Potatoes, Canned Fruits, fruit cups, dried fruit, jelly, Raisins - snacks for those students away from home and short on money



**PDG Joyce Downie and husband Lion Ron Support District 2-A1 Governor Keith Perinne and his 2019-2020 Cabinet**



**PDG Armando and Lion Felis Subia proudly supports DG Keith Perinne and his 2019-2020 cabinet**

# Club News Continued

## San Angelo Concho Pearl Lions Club



October 14 we donated to CONCHO VALLEY PAWS – dog food, cat food, litter, collars, leashes, water and food bowls




In October we welcomed new member Lion Veronica Guzman, sponsored by Lion Helen Wilde and inducted by our own Governor Keith Perrine and welcomed transfer Lion

In September we welcomed new member Lion Charlene Flores, sponsored by Lion Ron Downie and welcomed back Lion Dottie Ramirez.



in November 11 we donated to PROJECT DIGNIDAD - Items to fill Thanksgiving food baskets - stove top stuffing or ingredients to make cornbread dressing, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, cake/pie mixes, rice, beans

Thank you Concho Pearl Lions for showing us a true Lions heart




**Midland**  
**West Side Lions Club**

**Home Club of**  
**PDG Armando Subia**

**Proudly Supports**

**The District 2-A1 Leadership Team**



**Midland**  
**West Side Lions Club**

**Home Club of**  
**PDG Bob Edwards**

**Proudly Supports**

**The District 2-A1 Leadership Team**

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# Club News Continued

## Big Spring Centennial Lions Club



Sold our Beef Box tickets 3 Nov 2019 and only had to say good morning I let the Great Work of The Lions Clubs do the real sales for me. Thanks to all The Member of all the Lions Clubs for keeping Our Image Great. and yes a super loud ROAR!!!!!!

**David Stives**

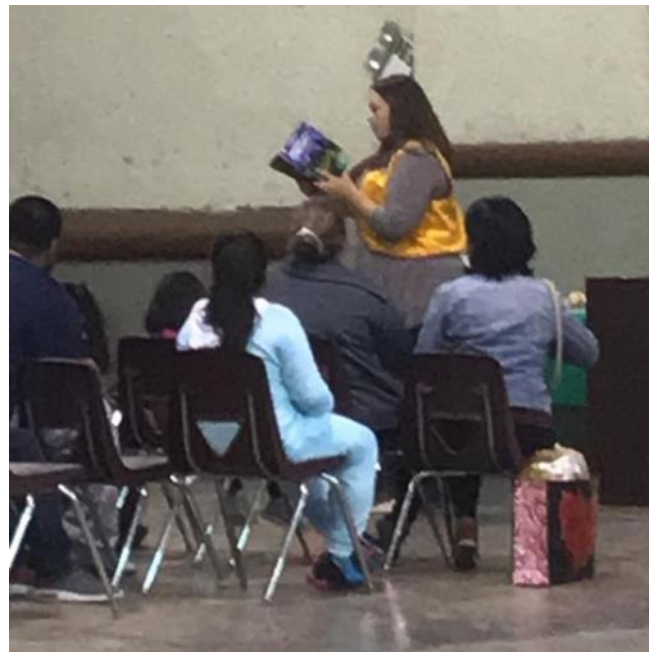
**Thanks Porters Supermarket for the space.**

Our Winner for the Beef Box we had in November 2019 was Heather Vaughan. It just so happened that she could really use the beef to help raise money for her family due to the lost of their home in a fire. So I guess that's will be a Double ROAR!!!

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# Club News Continued

## Midland Downtown Lions Club Hosts a Read-A-Thon



# Club News Continued

## San Angelo Downtown Lions Club



Once again, Thursday is Lions Club Day. So, it's a great day! On this occasion, several members were presented with Milestone Chevrons for their 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of service. Plus, District Governor Keith held a cabinet meeting in Sweetwater this past Saturday where the Sweetwater Lions Club celebrated their 90th anniversary. Congratulations to all Lions!



10 years ago, I joined Lions to network & gain business opportunities not knowing the impact this dynamic group of men & women would have on my life. From sending me to Alaska for a leadership forum to being a priceless support system during Mother's illness & passing, they have blessed me beyond measure. Through our volunteer work, Lions has opened a passion within me to help the needy & less fortunate; coming full circle as my family & I used to be on the receiving end of people's generosity. For this recognition & the countless blessings that Lions has bestowed upon me & my life, I'm forever grateful. Thank you!



# Club News Continued

## Midland West Side Lions Club provides Thanksgiving food boxes to 48 families



Step One - Unloading the food and setting up for building the boxes. Thank you to all our volunteers.



Step Two - Filling the boxes. Again Thank You to our wonderful volunteers



Step Three - Delivery Day



Club President Scott and Cub Scout Phoenix Subia loading vehicles



PDG Armando with his Grandsons



The Maps

It is with sadness that Midland West Side Lions report the loss of a 60 plus year and life member Lion Harold Gilliam. Our prayers are with his family.

Calendar of Meetings/Events

January 10-11, 2020	Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting - Kingsland Texas
February 6-8, 2020	MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting - Kerrville Texas
March 7-8, 2020	Texas Lions Leadership Forum Austin Texas if interested in attending, please let your club president know and they can contact me.
April 17-18, 2020	District Convention
6:00PM-9:00PM	Friday 17th- Fiesta Fajita Meal prepared By the San Angelo Downtown Club.
7:30AM-1:30PM	Saturday 18th - Pancake Breakfast 7:30AM-8:45AM Prepared By San Angelo East Side Lions Club
May 14-16, 2020	MD-2 Lions State Convention/Council of Governors Meeting Longview, Texas
May 23, 2020 8.30AM-2:30 PM	Lion University- San Angelo, Texas New Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, Tail Twisters and all Lions are encouraged to attend.
June 6, 2020 8:30AM-2:30PM	Lion University – Kingsland, Texas New Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, Tail Twisters and all Lions are encouraged to Attend.
June 26-30,2020	International Convention –Singapore

# Peace Poster Contest



DISTRICT 2-A1 WILL ONCE AGAIN HOLD THE PEACE POSTER CONTEST FOR ANY CLUB THAT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE. THE SUBJECT FOR THIS YEARS PEACE POSTER CONTEST IS "JOURNEY OF PEACE" AND IS FOR YOUNGSTERS AGES 11-13. THE PEACE POSTER KIT CAN BE ORDERED FROM LCI AND YOU NEED ONE KIT FOR EACH CONTESTANT. JUDGING FOR THE POSTER ENTERED WILL BE AT A CLUB VISITATION BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. PLEASE SEND YOUR CLUB'S WINNING POSTER TO PDG JOYCE DOWNIE BY NOVEMBER 8TH. AWARDS WILL BE FOR THREE PLACES, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>.

POSTERS ARE TO BE EVALUATED ON THREE CRITERIA ON EACH LEVEL OF JUDGING. THE CRITERIA ARE ORIGINALITY, ARTISTIC MERIT AND EXPRESSION OF THE THEME "JOURNEY OF PEACE".

ONCE THE WINNER HAS BEEN CHOSEN, THE POSTER MUST BE TURNED INTO MD2 BY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. THERE IT WILL BE JUDGED ALONG WITH THE OTHER DISTRICT WINNERS AND THAT WINNING POSTER IS SENT ON TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOR JUDGING AND THE WINNER NOTIFIED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2020. MD2 AND LCI ALSO GIVES AN AWARD TO THE WINNING POSTER.

ALL THE CONTEST RULES ARE GIVEN IN THE PEACE POSTER KIT. POSTERS NOT MEETING THESE SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

I HOPE YOUR CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS PEACE POSTER CONTEST. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ME.

PDG JOYCE DOWNIE  
DISTRICT 2-A1 PEACE POSTER CONTEST CHAIR  
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## LIONS DISTRICT 2-A1 SUPPORTED CHARITIES

- Texas Lions Camp \$10.00/member
- Leader Dogs for the Blind \$2.00/member
- Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance \$5.00/member
- Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center \$2.00/member
- Lions Clubs International Foundation \$2.00/member
- Texas Lions Foundation \$2.00/member
- Lions District 2-A1 Vision Screening \$1.00/member

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

**YEAR 2019-2020**

**500%**

**SAN ANGELO DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB**

**100%**

**KINGSLAND LIONS CLUB**

**SAN ANGELO CONCHO PEARL LIONS CLUB**

**SAN ANGELO NORTH BY NORTHWEST LIONS CLUB**



**District 2A-1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors**  
The District needs your support for 2019 - 2020

Please help the District Governor team, District 2A-1, and a chance to give your club some exposure by advertising in the 2019-2020 District Publications (website and newsletter).

We need your support

Please purchase your space as soon as possible by completing this form and sending it with your check to the District Treasurer

<b>Ad Cost :</b>	
Business Card Size (approximate size 2" x 2.75") :	\$ 50
Double Business Card Size (approximate size 2" x 5.5") :	\$ 100
Quadruple Business Size (approximate size 4" x 7.25") :	\$ 150
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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**TEXAS LIONS | WE SERVE**

**Lions Mid-Winter Conference January 10 & 11  
Kingsland Texas**

**Friday January 10** – We will meet at the Community Park (Lions Park) from 5:00 until 7:30 - 119 Christopher Street (turn off hwy. 1431 on to Euel Dr and take first left turn. We will have Lions signs at the turns). We will provide hamburgers, desserts, & soft drinks, play bingo and visit while having a good time.

**Saturday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting is at First Baptist Church at 3435 Hwy 1431 - park and enter from the left side of building – there will be Lions signs

**7:30 to 9:00** registration and meet and greet; (Donuts, fruit, coffee & juice)

**7:30 to 8:30** - Past District Governors meet :

**9:00 to 1:00** – District meeting

Lunch will be a box lunch and soft drinks you can eat here or take it with you.

**Lodging options**

The Antlers Inn -1001 King Ct- 325 388 4411 [www.theantlers.com](http://www.theantlers.com)

Rio Vista Resort -234 Rio Vista - 325 388 6331 – [www.rio-vista-resort.com](http://www.rio-vista-resort.com)

Log Country Cove - 617 Log Country Cove Burnett – 512 756 9132

[www.logcountrycove.com](http://www.logcountrycove.com)

There are chain motels in Llano, Burnet and Marble falls – each location is about a 20 minute drive

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*Sign me up:* Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for registration and 3 meals is \$25.00 per person

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks Payable to Kingsland Lions, Box 779, Kingsland TX. 78639

# PANCAKES WITH SANTA

## DECEMBER 7, 2019

## FORT CONCHO STABLES

## 7:30AM - 11:00AM



### LIONS CLUBS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Fort Concho Stable Bldg.

December 7, 2019

7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**\$6.00**

*Children 6 and under Free*



**Sponsor**

**GREEN TICKET** is for meal only

### LIONS CLUBS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Fort Concho Stable Bldg.

December 7, 2019

7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**\$10.00**

*Children 6 and under Free*



**Sponsor**



**RED TICKET** is for meal and

entrance to Fort Concho Grounds

**BUY YOUR TICKETS FROM A LION'S CLUB MEMBER TODAY, don't stand in line to buy!!**

3rd Annual  
Sweetwater Lions Club's  
**CAR SHOW**

held at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup



**MARCH** **FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2020**

Lions Club  
Outdoor Flea Market  
South side of 15th & West of Elm St.  
Sweetwater, Texas

Early Registration Friday Afternoon followed by Cruise Night

Registration	Judging	Awards
8:00 am - 10:00 am	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	3:00 pm

**CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS INFO:**

\$20 Entry for Cars & Trucks • \$10 for Motorcycles  
Door Prizes including a free t-shirt for the first 50 Registrants



Free entry for spectators  
Vendor space available at the  
Lions Club Outdoor Flea market  
Contact Nancy High at 325-236-5460



Benefiting the Texas Lions Camp and the Sweetwater Lions Club  
The Texas Lions Camp is a free summer camp for kids facing special life changes including physical challenges, epilepsy, down syndrome, burn survivors, cancer, and diabetes.





**District 2A-1  
Convention**

**District Service Project  
April 17 & 18, 2020**



***We will be collecting new and easily worn large size (10.5 to 12) men's footwear i.e., shoes, boots and socks.***

***These will be donated to Promise Keeper to be distributed by Rust Street Ministries In San Angelo Texas.***

***Please bring and place in boxes at The April 17&18 District Convention.***

***"Where there is a need, there is a Lion"***

***"WE SERVE"***



James Avery Artisan Jewelry CEO, John McCullough (second from left) presents a \$100,000 challenge grant check to representatives of Texas Lions Camp at the closing Friday Awards Night at the TLC Amphitheater to (from left to right) TLC President & CEO, Stephen Mabry, Corporate Sponsorship Committee members, Lion Randy Sepulvado and Lion Ann Ward, Golf Tournament Chair Lester Frantzen, Golf Tournament Committee Chair Michael Morgan, and TLC Chairman of the Board, John Eads.





**Date:** October 16, 2019

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament raises more than \$265,000

James Avery Artisan Jewelry presents \$100,000 challenge grant check

*Kerrville, Texas* – Lions of Texas and friends of Texas Lions Camp celebrated raising more than \$265,000 from the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. John McCullough, CEO of James Avery Artisan Jewelry®, participated in the announcement and presented the \$100,000 challenge grant check during the closing Friday Awards Night ceremonies at Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville.

“The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament began more than 25 years ago and is a vital part of our annual fundraising program to raise funds to help children with disabilities, vision-hearing impairment, Down syndrome, cancer and Type 1 diabetes attend Texas Lions Camp at no cost to their family,” said TLC President & CEO Stephen Mabry. “TLC is deeply grateful that James Avery Artisan Jewelry agreed to offer a Challenge Grant of \$100,000 which provided an incentive for family, friends and other businesses and corporations to step up and offer pivotal donations of more than \$165,000.”

John McCullough, CEO of *James Avery Artisan Jewelry*® noted, “James Avery was pleased to continue our partnership with Texas Lions Camp by offering the challenge grant in recognition of their 70 years of service and commitment to helping children with special medical conditions throughout Texas.”

According to Mabry, “Reaching this historic milestone of \$265,000 through the Wickersham Golf Tournament was only made possible as a result of the dedicated efforts of Texas Lions and our many friends who made personal commitments while garnering more than 550 donations to the effort. These funds have already been put to work helping Texas children as Texas Lions Camp hosted 1,512 children during the Summer of 2019 at no charge to them or their families.”

**About James Avery Artisan Jewelry**®– James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country and offers finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, gemstones and leather wallets – designed by their own skilled artisans in Kerrville, Texas. The multi-channel retailer has 92 James Avery stores in five states. James Avery jewelry is also available in more than 220 Dillard’s stores in Texas and in 28 additional states, two airport stores in Austin and Houston and nationwide through [JamesAvery.com](http://JamesAvery.com). James Avery crafts jewelry in four Texas workshops— one each in Comfort, Fredericksburg, Hondo and Kerrville. For more information, visit [JamesAvery.com](http://JamesAvery.com) or [facebook.com/JamesAvery](https://facebook.com/JamesAvery).

**About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.** - Texas Lions Camp, Inc. provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949 by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating for Accountability and Transparency from Charity Navigator.