



District 2-A1 Lions Clubs International

District 2-A1 News

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Moving Forward Together

Hello fellow lions of district 2A-1. As we continue through these days of the pandemic I hope this finds everyone well, As far as my family, we have managed to stay healthy.

As a Service Organization, it is still very important to keep in mind there are many people who depend on us . Because of the charities we have pledged to help, I would like to stress the importance of involvement . As individuals we cannot do very much, but with the “power of we”, a lot can be accomplished.

In this difficult time it is all the more important that we strengthen our membership in each and every club throughout our district and in the world. Remember no one can become a lion without being asked by another lion to join our great organization.

The International theme this year is membership with the new program (NAMI) North America Membership Initiative. International is asking each of us to invite at least one person to join lions. With everyone following this Initiative, we could easily double the size of every club and district across the world.

Glenn Shepard

Lions Club District Governor 2A-1

**Up coming
events**

None yet

Keep Safe.

**Hope to see
soon!**



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Message for PDG Keith

San Angelo Downtown Lions,

I apologize I overlooked this in for previous newsletters– Donald

As Lions, our motto is “*WE SERVE!*”, and even though we’re all leaders by serving within our own communities, it takes a *Dynamic Lion* with a magnanimous heart, enthusiastic spirit and unwavering drive to lead and serve a district as governor. And, Lions District 2-A1 Governor Keith Perrine has done just that; led and motivated his club, the District and all of us by his unremitting example! Unfortunately, the current situation with the worldwide pandemic has affected each and every single one of us. However, like our emblem comprised of two Lion profiles which represent pride of heritage and confidence in the future, Lions Governor Keith kept focus at the task at hand; cementing the Lions legacy for generations to come. Therefore, on behalf of the San Angelo *Dynamic* Downtown Lions Club, we thank you for your benevolent and dedicated service; bettering the lives of others in our community and around the world without seeking acknowledgment, compensation or praise. Lion Keith, may God bless you, your wife, family, club, district and Lions!

We’re forever indebted to you,

San Angelo *Dynamic* Downtown Lions Club

Lions District 2-A1 Treasurer Joe Guerra

June 17, 2020



Concho Pearl Lions Club

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District 2-A1 Governor
Glen Sheppard and
his 2020-2021 Cabinet

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Club News

Mason Lions Club

Mark Hurta, Dane Phillips, Trey Carrington and I worked at Ann Taylors front porch on Post Oak Street. She is an elderly lady with limited income and a deteriorating front porch. Trey is involved with Habitat for the Aging In Place and received the materials funding. He did not have funds for the labor. We helped remove the old porch planks and some floor joints and replaced with new wood and stain. She was naturally very happy. We could place in the local paper and possibly the District newsletter to promote these type of projects as a Habitat/ Mason Lions project.



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
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Club News Continued

Midland West Side Club

Midland West Side Lions Club 1st Annual Toss for a Cure Washer Pitching Tournament benefiting Childhood Cancer assistance in the Permian Basin



1st place winners centered, 3rd place on left and 2nd place on right

**PDG Joyce Downie
 and husband Lion Ron
 Support
 District 2-A1 Governor
 Glen Sheppard and his 2020-2021
 Cabinet**



**PDG Armando and
 Lion Felis Subia
 proudly supports
 DG Glen Sheppard and his
 2020-2021 cabinet**

Club News Continued



President Scott receiving an award from a local Girl Scout Troop

Midland West Side Lions Club Continued



Lion Amanda Bourland—Membership

Thank you DG Glen for inducting our new officers and newest members.



PDG Armando Subia –Tail Twister



Lion Felis Subia– Secretary



Lion Kathy McConnell-Treasurer



Lion Julio Castillo 1st Vice President and
Lion Anthony Rodriguez 2nd Vice President



DG Glen Sheppard inducting our newest members



New Members with DG Glenn, Boss Lion Scot and Sponsor Lion Amanda Bourland

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Club News Continued

Concho Pearl Lions Club

Concho Pearl Lions began meeting again on June 8, 2020. Although not all club members are comfortable attending....over 50% do. We changed our meeting place and now meet at the San Angelo Lions Charities Eyeglass Recycle Bldg, 27 West Concho in San Angelo in the new meeting room. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to visit us.

Service Donations:

Concho Pearl Lions Club does a service donation once each month and then throughout the year several monetary donations to other charities. All members participate who are able and those who cannot physically do so donate in other ways.

For July we did a service donation of 43 tubs of Oatmeal to Keepers of Hope.

Keepers of Hope was founded by former Lion Debbie Sonberg. She helps non-profits in any way she can, donating both her time and vehicle with no assistance for expenses. They are now an official 501(c)(3) and are doing great things for the Concho Valley non-profits.



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Club News Continued

Concho Pearl Lions Club continued

For August we did a service donation of many 1 pound bags of rice to Keepers of Hope. We also did a service donation of Sandwich bags to be used at Meals for the Elderly which is a service project we participate in a couple of times per week.

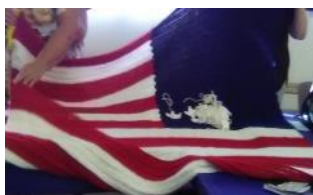


At our first meeting in August we also welcomed Lion Jerry Wilson from East Angelo Lions as our speaker. He shared info about fund-raising and gave us lots of background on East Angelo Lions Club.

As fundraisers:



Concho Pearl Lions will be selling Rosa's Gift Cards for \$10.00. Message us on our Facebook page if you would like to purchase one or more cards, or if you know one of the members of the club contact them.



Coming up in the near future we will be having a raf-
fle for a beautiful afghan done as a United States
Flag . If you are patriotic at all you will want to buy
a chance to win this beautiful afghan.

We will update you on those particulars as soon as it is finished.

Lion Sandra Freeman

Club News Continued

East Angelo Lions

Moving Forward Together

Thank you Governor Glen Shephard for our new 2A-1 theme! It has been a rough, unusual year for Lions to say the least, but we “Serve”, it is in our hearts and it is important to do this “Together”! With that said, giving our East Angelo Lions Club update...hang on...we are still meeting weekly. Thank you, Lion Mary Tuffs who has agreed to be our Zoom chair, since Lion Tony who works for Goodfellow, (Goodfellow is on lockdown)!

We average between 17-25 at the meetings of 95 club member, and I totally understand staying at home, so Zoom has been started. I take this Covid mess seriously. Our Lions, during our meeting was given the option of meeting once a month, I was advised no by the club, so as it stands now we are still meeting weekly, this may change tomorrow!

As Past District Governor Livingston once said we must “think outside the box”! For my club, to me it is important to stay safe, but not idle, so putting together “Lions Homework Committees” was important, some of our committees: Welfare Committee, History Book of our Club, Club Songs (we have many musicians), Cookbook, Annual Yearbook just to name a few!

We have upcoming speakers, a writer with USA Today news-in person John Tuffs, and hopefully an actress in Austin-on Zoom! Do we serve? Yes, our Brisket sale is coming up the end of the month... Stay Safe... “We Serve...Forward Together”. Respectfully Submitted, East Angelo Lion President Carole A. Brown

Congratulations to East Angelo Lions Club 2019 Recipients

Lion David Calvert

Lion Pat Dula

Lion John Schnaidt

Jack Wiech Fellow

Melvin Jones Fellow

East Angelo Lion of the Year



Club News Continued

Kingsland Lions Club

News From Kingsland, Texas

The KINGSLAND LION'S CLUB IS ALIVE AND SERVING!!!!

We are masked and separated by “Social Distancing” but still active. Our last four meetings have been ‘Zoom’ Meetings. Attendance is increasing each week as more of us older Lions become acquainted with pushing a button to join a meeting.

We have taken advantage of this ‘down-time’ (Covid) to update our Club Roster and in doing this, have contacted members that have been out of touch for too long. Our Club is encouraged to ‘call a Lion’ just to say ‘hello’ and ‘how are you?’ We have also started utilizing the Postal System to mail out birthday cards and ‘get well’ wishes.

Kingsland Lions have participated in the Meals on Wheels program for several years, delivering hot meals to local shut-ins. We continue this service as it is even more important now.

In keeping with the guidelines of ‘no contact’ our Fall Fundraiser, instead of a Pancake Breakfast, Krispy Kreme Donuts were delivered to the buyers door by masked Lions. Yum!

We have a ‘White Cane’ event in October (a great Fundraiser) right after our Annual Lion’s Club Golf Tournament (Oct.3) We will be sending out details about Registration for the tournament, so you Golfers come play with us.

As you can see, The Kingsland Lions Club is SERVING SAFELY and is still a vital Force in our community.

Boss Lion Betty Hall

Club News Continued

Colorado City Lions Club



Lion Members Open Senior Activity Center

Recently two Colorado City Lions Club members opened a Senior Citizen Activity Center, the Wallace Annex in Colorado City. Betty Clayton and Julie Erwin opened a room for Senior Citizens to gather 3 days a week for fun, games, fellowship and a meal. The Wallace Annex is in an old school building that has been converted into a business center. Along with business the owner opened a restaurant in the old cafeteria. The owner also created a menu for Seniors – several selections are listed each for \$6.00 tax included – which was the amount that they were paying for their meals at the nutrition center.

The Wallace Senior Nutrition Center was the meeting place for Mitchell County Senior Citizens for years. What started in the 1960's as church members preparing meals for home delivery and the older citizens, continued to grow and relocated twice as the crowd and demand grew. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they would come for a prepared meal, drink and dessert. It was a safe place to gather, eat and visit. Kindred at Home would perform blood pressure and diabetes checks. And answer health questions.

July 31, 2020 was the final day for the Wallace Senior Nutrition Center due to financial reason and participation. This left a void and these Lions members realized that the Senior Citizens needed another place to gather, not only to give them a reason to get up and get out of the house, but a place to interact with others. They play games, put puzzles together, some quilt and twice a month Tania Wallace-Brown with Kindred at Homes brings cookies, chips, candy, etc. as prizes for Bingo. She also conducts blood pressure screens every Tuesday.

The Wallace Annex is free to all Seniors. Rent and expenses are being covered by sale of equipment from the old center, donations from business and churches and quilt sales. If you are ever in the area come by and see what we have created.

Respectfully Submitted,

2A-1 TLERC Lions State Board Director Lion Carole A. Brown/GLT 2A-1 Director Lion Carole A. Brown

Our TLERC State board met on Zoom August 1st.

11 Board members plus 4 guests were on line. Approval of minutes from our February 7, 2020 and financial report was made. including TLERC received a \$10,000 grant in November from the Jewish Philanthropic, and Glasses had been sent to Africa, Patagonia, Ukraine. 2 Million pair of glasses are to be recycled this year. We discussed the proposed budget, and the budget was tabled until the next meeting.

We approved the Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$8,250 from Community National Bank. We discussed the proposed budget, and the budget was tabled until the next meeting. Because some clubs are not meeting because of the Covid, it was noted that income would be down in clubs as well as fundraisers. Grant writing was discussed to help make up for the expected revenue deficit. The Directors were requested to write grants.

CEO Lion Carolyn Keskitalo advised shipping and handling income and expenses were down due to decline in glasses shipped due to Covid. She advised that now is the time for directors to request the 1st VDG for their district to include TLERC as one of the 100% charities. She advised District 2A-1 donated 2 new lensometers to TLERC. Lion Carolyn advised 1 mission trip had been shipped this year, and there have been inquires for 4 other trips. She advised the number of glasses distributed in 2019-2020 was approximately 1,050,000, which was down from 1,950,000 in 2018-2019. The last shipment in the prior fiscal year to Ceredil (Mexico) was approximately 180,000 pair of glasses. Due to Covid, shipments are not easily crossing the border.

Director Barton reported on the 2020 golf tournament which was held in conjunction with state convention. There were 5 teams. The tournament raised over \$7,000 for TLERC. Director Lenn Williams club in Hillsboro will host the event next year at the state convention in Waco on May 20, 2021.

Director Susan Driscoll reported a Zoom meeting her El Paso Club had with Director Lion Coy Gonzalez who heads all of Mexico's Lions Eyeglass Centers.

The next Directors meeting will also be on Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Director Lion Carole A. Brown 2A-1

2A-1 District Global Leadership (GLT) Director Lion Carole A. Brown

Because of the Covid, PDG Keith Perrine had to cancel our 2A-1 Lions University which is usually held before July 1st when new Lion's board members take office. We had planned to train this year in two separate locations. Many clubs are not meeting at all, and district and state meetings have not been meeting in person, but on Zoom, I am having to "think outside the box" again! As most of you know training is for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurers, and others can be taken on line under My LCI. When my late husband and I trained in Dallas to start Lions University here for 2A-1, we were amazed at the information, new requirements, and how the different clubs implemented the information. We learned that the question and answer times in the class rooms were extremely helpful to the members, which you can not get on My LCI. At this time I am looking into making a new Officer's Booklet, similar to the ones I have made for the last 5 years, but with new updates and information. This will take approximately 3 weeks. The Booklets will be given to Governor Glen Shephard for his visits. I am also "learning" Zoom, so if any of you need a Zoom meeting with me for Officers Training contact me, but give me at least a week or two in advance. Stay Safe.

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)
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 2020-2021

500%

200%

100%

Concho Pearl Lions Club (08/13/20)

San Angelo North by Northwest (08/13/20)

For only \$24.00 per member your Club can
be a 100% Club



District 2-A1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors

The District needs your support for 2020-2021.

Please help support the District Governor Team, District 2-A1, and a chance to give your club some exposure by advertising in the 2020-2021 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:

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“Serving God’s Special Children” Lions Camp Face Masks

Special for 2020-2021

All profits will go to the Texas Lions Camp

Mask sales will end on November 6th. All orders received in the mail or given to me at the Council meeting in Kerrville will be filled as soon as possible. Orders after that date will sadly be returned to sender.

_____ Quantity ----- (\$10 + \$1.00 Mailing = \$11 each) Total Purchase: \$ _____

Make Checks out to Tom Blase, NOT to Texas Lions Camp

Purchaser Name (Please Print): _____

Mailing Address Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Mail Order form to: **PCC Tom Blase, 40 Antelope Trail, Kerrville, Tx 78028**

There are literally millions of specialty masks being made, therefore, due to a shortage of material manufacturers have not been able to provide masks to the suppliers on a regular basis. As a result my mask printer has to get masks as they become available. **I have been able to supply most requests within 2-3 weeks, however, please understand you order may take 4-5 weeks or longer to fill.** My phone is 325-315-7060 (email is tomblasesr@gmail.com), if you need to contact me.





In February Texas Lions launched the biggest project at TLC since the inception of the camp – **CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond**, a campaign to replace our bunkhouses, care-taker (summer staff) quarters, and basic infrastructure. This is sorely needed if our camp is going to be relative for another 70 years..... AND to kick things off, the Texas Lions Camp was selected by the **Mo Ranch** in Hunt, TX to be the beneficiary of the 28th **Polar Bear Challenge** on January 1, 2021 at 1PM. We hope you will use this honor given to our camp to help kick off **CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond** with a BIG Splash! All the money raised will go to this **capital building campaign**.

We likely won't get chosen for this honor again for many years, but it gives us a perfect opportunity to get all our Texas Lions & friends thinking about our new "vision" for TLC's future....but to make matters more critical, the spring storms of 2020, destroyed bunkhouse 2, and severely damaged bunkhouse 1, plus summer staff quarters & some other buildings. It has become imperative to start our rebuilding sooner than later, if we want to continue to serve 1500 special kids each summer. Because of the pandemic, however, our Campaign has been virtually shut down so far, making the **Polar Bear Challenge** a timely opportunity to kick off the campaign.

So how does the Polar Bear Plunge Challenge work? Simple: you donate and/or raise money from family, friends, Lions, Lions Clubs and patrons in the name of someone, whom you would really LOVE to see – hopefully **ME** (PCC Tom Blase) take a freezing plunge down a long slide into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River next January 1st. Generally, you might pick one of the Polar Bear Plunge "Court", of which I am a member, to support; but maybe there is a District Governor, Club President or some other poor Lion you might coerce into taking the plunge. If you will go to www.lionscamp.com, click on Media, and then Blog, you will find all of the members of the court on page 2 or 3 of the blogs. You will also find other important information about the Challenge on other blogs nearby.

All checks should be made out to Texas Lions Camp. Generally the checks should be mailed to the **Texas Lions Camp (P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville TX 79029)**, however some District Governors have some special competitions and challenges going, so they prefer you send them through the District. Make sure your checks indicate which Court member you are supporting to make the BIG splash, and your District number.

You can also donate on line at www.lionscamp.com. Click on the big red box **DONATE NOW**, and follow the prompts down the page. When you get to "Donation Categories", select Polar Bear Plunge Challenge, and a little further down, when it asks if you are a Polar Bear Challenge donor, open it for the names of the Court members to credit the donation.

Anyone is welcome to come and watch on January 1st or better yet, anyone can take the plunge by raising their own funds (or paying \$25). Those brave souls, who wish to do this, can register to make the slide on the camp website. This form should be available soon on our website. On January 1 after the slide, we're planning on an "After Party" at the camp. If you have questions call, text or email anytime: **Tom Blase 325-315-7060** (tomblasesr@gmail.com)

Help us start our **CAMPaign**.....with a **BIG Splash!**

How Clubs Can Empower Lions Service



Reaching Campaign 100's fundraising goal of US\$300 million by June 30, 2021, will require participation from *all* clubs and Lions worldwide. There are many ways to support Campaign 100. Below are a few ideas to consider.

Encourage 100% Member Participation

Participation is key to our success! Inviting fellow members to make personal donations is one of the simplest and quickest ways you can raise significant funds for LCIF and Campaign 100.

Become a 100/100 Club – 100% Member Participation of at Least US\$100

Every Lion is asked to consider a minimum donation of US\$100 per year to the campaign – or US\$2 each week. Clubs in which 100% of members heed this call receive special recognition as 100/100 Clubs.

Host a Fundraising Event

Fundraising events are a great way to bring many members of a club together – and have some fun! In addition, they're a wonderful opportunity to invite non-Lion members of the community to learn more about the great work of Lions and join clubs in supporting LCIF and Campaign 100.

Make a Gift from the Club Treasury

Many clubs reserve funds in their treasuries for charitable donations and contribute from those funds to LCIF. These contributions are a great way for club leadership to support LCIF on behalf of their members.

Invite Support from Local Businesses and Non-Lions

Many clubs already have good relationships with businesses and non-Lion individuals in their local communities. Inviting support from community members and groups outside of your club through an event or direct request is important to achieving our goals.

Become a Model Club – Raise the Equivalent of US\$500 per Member

Model Clubs are leading the way for Campaign 100. Encourage clubs in your area to set their sights higher and become examples for others. All funds raised from all sources between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2022, count toward Model Club status. Access more information on Model Clubs by visiting the Resource Center on lionsclubs.org and then clicking on Campaign 100.



Donations to Campaign 100 are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF), and Lions Share credits. Donations also count toward new Campaign 100 recognition and ongoing LCIF recognition for clubs and Lions, such as 100% MJF, 100% PMJF, 100% Lions Share Participation, and per-member-average banner patches.

Thank You!

Many say the needs of the world are too great. More than 1.4 million Lions worldwide say, "We Serve." To each Lions club going boldly into a new era of service – an era where serving 100% is accomplished only when clubs both *do and donate* – thank you! The success of our campaign, association, foundation, and future starts at the club level, **today**. Together, we can, and we will, achieve our campaign goals and serve our world in need.

Email campaign100@lionsclubs.org for campaign resources, additional information on recognition, or to be connected to your LCIF district coordinator.



Supporting Lions.
Serving Humanity. Giving Hope.
Lions respond to a world in need.

Campaign 100 aims to empower Lions' service today and well into the future. Our most ambitious fundraising effort in the history of Lions Clubs International Foundation requires participation from every Lion worldwide. Together we can do it, because together, **We Serve.**

Support a world in need.
Visit lCIF.org/donate and give to
LCIF's Empowering Service Fund today.

