



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

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Service Around the Clock



We Serve "Around the Clock, Around the World" to indicate that we serve at all places and at all times. I chose the Hereford cow, whitetail deer, oil derrick prickly pear cactus to indicate different aspects of District 2 - A1. The Ballinger cross is to pay homage to late International president Ebb Grindstaff. The map of the Republic of Texas is to indicate the Glorious and unique history of Texas.

District 2-A1 Visits the State Convention

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10-11 Dec
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District Governor July 2021

Well another Lions years has come and gone. What a year it has been! Viruses, lockdowns and the suspensions of our normal lives. But we have pulled through and are still going.

First I would like to thank Past District Governors Keith Perrine and Glenn Shepard for their leadership and guidance through these unprecedented and difficult times.

Unfortunately our district has suffered a substantial loss of membership during these difficult times. But I'm confident that in the coming year not only will we rebuild our district and get back what was lost. But working as a team we will excel in the number of new members and service beyond what we had prior to the pandemic.

One may ask why the importance of membership? After all how many of us joined Lions Club to recruiters of members? I know I didn't. But simply put more members equals more service. And the more service we do the more people we help help.

People like the children that we send to Texas Lions Camp; the people that we provide eyeglasses for; people in our local communities that we provide services, goods and assistance to in times of need. And so much more.

So yes when I think about it membership is extremely important. For the more members we have the more service we can perform at home and abroad, Around the Clock, Around the World.

We will be doing many things to help boost the membership. 1: retention; 2: recruitment, I would ask that each member of our district try to recruit at least one additional member. This would effectively double the size of our membership and double our service; 3: an awards program that offers a monetary award to every member that recruits a new member and retains them them for one year; 4: expansion building new clubs when and where are the opportunity exists. There will be no more details on these and more as the year progresses.

For me personally I am honored that I have been elected to serve as your governor for this Lions year. And I am confident that my team and I, along with all the Lions of this District we'll be working together in the year to come to build a brighter future of service in District 2-A1!

District Governor Message August 2021

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This month I had the honor and privilege of meeting our new Lions Club International President Douglas X. Alexander, at the Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville. President Alexander is a member of the Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club in New York and has been a Lion since 1984. President Alexander's theme this year is "Service from the Heart".

President Alexander spoke to us and gave us good examples of what service from the heart looks like. In his own club in the 1990s their New York borough of Brooklyn needed a new ambulance for their volunteer EMS service. There were no funds available for such a purchase, but yet it was desperately needed and people's lives were in danger for the lack of one. So their Club came up with the idea to purchase a new ambulance and donate it to the borough EMS service. Of course there was those in the club saying that "this cannot be done", "it's too expensive" and of course "we've never done this before and it won't work". But they moved beyond the same old tired excuses and said let's try it anyway. And sure enough, after fundraisers were held, a few months later a brand new ambulance was purchased by their Lions Club and donated to the service. President Alexander says that it is a point of pride whenever they see the ambulance going down the street with the Lions Club logo with the words "donated by the Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club" on it.

That got me to thinking about the good work we're doing here in District 2 –A1.

Many of our clubs are doing hands on projects and fundraisers to help people in need. A few examples of hands on service projects: one club in our district winterized homes of the elderly and low income families prior to the deadly winter freeze of February 2021, the same Club rebuilt a city park and is installing safety equipment in the homes of elderly people. Other clubs are also doing hands on projects such as building wheelchair ramps for those who need them in their homes. And doing basic repairs to homes of people in need. Some clubs do canned food drives to help those without enough food to feed their families. And others collect articles of clothing for school children who cannot afford them.

This is what service from the heart looks like. And this is what Lions do. I encourage all of our Lions to come up with ideas, to exchange ideas with other Lions and clubs. And to continue to expand our service from the heart. A good way to do this is for clubs to get together at events such as district meetings and joint service projects and fundraisers to come up with new ideas on how we can continue and expand our service from the heart. Also to report these fundraisers and service projects. And to report these projects to our district newsletter and local media outlets so others can see their good works and be inspired. And also to inspire new ideas on how we can serve.

And serve we do. From the Heart, Around the Clock Around the World.

District Governor September 2021

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As we reflect as we reflect on the 20th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, we are inspired by the great service that was rendered by Fire, EMS, Police and Military both during and subsequent to This Disaster.

But what many people may not know is that Lions Clubs also mobilize to help victims of the 9/11 disaster, immediately after the event and for several years subsequent to it.

In preparation for this article I did research on the activities that the Lions did on our own as Lions, as well as partnering with other organizations to meet the needs of the victims of the awful day.

Initially over 3.2 million dollars was raised by Lions Clubs to meet the immediate needs of the victims. As well Lions partnered with the Red Cross to help set up and organize blood donation centers.

And over the years Lions Clubs help supply those affected with basic everyday needs as well as organizing psychological assistance for those suffering from the trauma of the attacks.

We should find this very inspiring. Twenty years later there are still many needs in our nation were Lions can serve both and small and great ways.

So as we commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 let us as Lions continue to go forth to serve and inspire.

District Meeting in Mason



Big Spring Centennial

Our Pride was asked to help out the Cub Scouts present the Flag on the Football Field for the opening game between Coahoma and Forsan High School. It brought great pride and love of country to each and everyone of us.



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San Angelo Downtown

On behalf of the San Angelo Downtown Lions Club, I would like to thank each and every single one of YOU – the public, my fellow Lions, local vendors and Jay Norwood of The Casual Pint – for making our Eyeglass Recycling Drive a roaring success! As Lions, “WE SERVE!”, but at the same time, we have fun, network and form lifelong friendships. Join us today and make a difference in people’s lives and your community. Thank you, Lion Joe Guerra



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Midland West Side



16th Annual Back to School Bash
1000 back packs given to local school kids



Eyes Screened
over 150 kids and adults at the Midland County Bash

Toss for a Cure Washer Tournament - Tossing away Childhood Cancer in the Permian Basin.

Washer Tournament Winners



1st Place Arik Rodriquez and his Granddad with Event Chairman Lion Anthony Rodriquez



2nd Place Jessica Keller and Lion Carolee Britton with Chairman Lion Anthony Rodriquez



3rd Place Lion Scott Britton and brother in law Kenny with Chairman Lion Anthony Rodriquez

Bean Bag Toss Winners



1st Place Arik Rodriquez and his Granddad with Chairman Lion Anthony Rodriquez



2nd Place Lion Scott Britton and brother in law Kenny with Chairman Lion Anthony Rodriquez



3rd Place Lion Chris Cain and Asst Scout Master Justin Bunch with Chairman Lion Anthony Rodriquez

CONCHO PEARL LIONS, a small but MIGHTY Club

Looking back on 2020-2021

A rundown by President Lion Helen Wilde

By the time Lion year 20-21 began, the Concho Pearls were already meeting again. And from there on, we never skipped a beat.

Attendance ranged from 9 – 18 members. In the 3-yr District Retention contest, the Concho Pearls earned the “R” pin plus 5 bars. I don’t know if any other club received as many. We did not lose a member during the past year and we gained one.

We continued to meet our financial obligations.

a. We were a 200% club in giving to the Lions-related donations (Lions Camp, Eye Bank, LCIF, TX Lions Foundation, Leader Dog School, TLERC, and vision screening).

b. We made monetary donations to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Meals for the Elderly, Concho Valley Home for Girls/Children’s Shelter, Project Dignidad, Concho Valley Paws, W TX Lions Eye Bank Alliance, Concho Valley Food Bank, Keepers of Hope, and the House of Faith.

Through our monthly service projects we:

1. **collected** over 14,000 sandwich bags to be used at Meals for the Elderly.
2. **donated** 579 cans, boxes, and packets of Oatmeal,
3. 205 # of Rice
4. 94 jars of peanut butter
5. 174 cans of tuna
6. 159 cans of chicken
7. 74 bags/boxes of pasta
8. 103 cans of soup
9. 128 pkgs of cornbread
10. 175 cans of veggies
11. 79 bags of pinto beans
12. over 125# of bottle caps to help children in Mexico receive chemotherapy treatments.

To be able to do all these wonderful things, we had to make some money. So Lion Laura hooked us up:

1. to sell Rosa’s gift cards
2. a raffle for an American flag Afghan (made by our own Lion Lynn), a Ring doorbell, and a succulent garden. All items were donated.
3. We sold Crumbl cookies, which were new in town.
4. Our second raffle included a trip to Utopia and a \$300 gift card. These were also donated.
5. We popped popcorn, sold water and pickles and spun cotton candy at the Rodeo
6. We popped popcorn and sold pickles and water at the Craft Fair.
7. We popped popcorn at the Symphony Guild.

So no one can say Covid held back the CONCHO PEARLS. I can only imagine what we will be able to accomplish this year.



District 2-A1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors

The District needs your support for 2021-2022.

Please help support the District Governor Team, District 2-A1, and a chance to give your club some exposure by advertising in the 2021-2022 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:

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MIDLAND NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB



Eighteenth annual **ROAR WITH LAUGHTER** hilarity revue

Hispanic Cultural Center
1311 E. Wadley, Midland
7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 16, 2021

Featuring

Patsy Allen & Dana Ritter,
Bronson Chadwick, Marshall Cooper,
Chris Crawford, Hispanic Cultural
Center dancers, David Hurta,
Juggles, Maverick Players,
Mark Singh & *The Silent Heckler*,
Don Warren, John Wojtkun, Jr.
and Mary Lou Cassidy as MC.



A variety of talent, mainly original, and uproariously funny!
Standup comedy, jokes, acting, singing, juggling, dance and magic.

Door Prizes & Refreshments	TICKETS (\$20 EACH) AVAILABLE AT	Sponsorships
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Co-sponsors:



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First, Last Name: _____

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- **Gun Board Sponsor \$1,500**
Team of 6 & Recognition
- **Team of 6 Shooters**
\$1,000.00
- **Individual Shooter**
\$175.00
- **Cart - (Seats 2) \$75.00**
- **Breakfast Burritos and Lunch Provided.**



MIDLAND SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
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LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-A1 RAFFLE



1ST PRIZE: TEXAS HILL COUNTRY DEER HUNT

2ND PRIZE: TEXAS HILL COUNTRY TURKEY HUNT

3RD PRIZE: DAVEY CROCKETT PELLET GRILL

4TH PRIZE: \$ 200 ACADEMY GIFT CARD



TICKETS 1 FOR \$5

5 FOR \$20

15 FOR \$50

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION 4-2-2022

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

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