

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

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District
Training
May 14th, 2022





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## Service Around the Clock

I would like to start off by saying thank you to everybody who attended our district convention in San Angelo on April-May 2nd! And also to give a shout out to all of those who helped with the planning and decorating and to our speakers who made the event a success.

Past Council Chair Tom Blase gave a good update about the renovation and expansion of the Texas Lions Camp, Lion Thomas Martin gave a good talk about Canine Companions for Independence and even brought along a guide dog in training named Mary and her trainers. And our keynote speaker PID Mike Butler gave an inspirational talk about Lionism in Texas. If anybody wishes to hear the speeches they can do so on my Lions Facebook page.

As many of you no our district was not left untouched by the recent wildfires. No fewer than five homes were reduced to ashes in Coleman County. As tragic as this is it is also an opportunity for Lions to do what we do, serve! We are working on a TLF grant at this time to help with the relief efforts. Also we had an overwhelming response to our appeal for goods to help those in need right away. So many items for collected that the Coleman Lions Club came down and collected them with a U-Haul trailer! Also at our district convention over \$1,000 was raised to help as well. With \$1,000 coming from the Midland Westside Club. I'm very proud of our Lions for stepping up the way you did in this time of need. Well done! If anyone wishes to continue to help they may make a monetary donation directly to the Lions Club in Coleman or to our District 2-A1 Lions and just earmark it for Wildfire Relief.

As the drought rages on and as we are in spring storm season this is a time for us to stay vigilant and be ready to serve our neighbors as any need may arise. We hope and pray that such efforts will not be needed, but if they are, rest assured Lions are here to step up and help in any event.

And during times like this we are reminded of the importance of membership. For simply put the more members we have the more we can help during these times. I'm happy to report that we are up in membership between 75-80 members for this Lions year. Again good job and let's keep up the good work!

And a reminder that are MD-2 State Convention will be in Abilene on May 26-28, 2022. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet fellow Lions, to network and to get good ideas on service and expand our horizons.

Also a reminder that the Texas Lions Camp is getting ready for spring work days, now would be a great time to sign up and go down and serve in this fashion. And continue to do what Lions do, which is to Serve Around the Clock, Around the World.

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## **District Convention 2022**









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## District Convention 2022 continued











The
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DG Joel Kuykendall
and his 2020-2021 cabinet

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## District Convention 2022 continued

## Lions for Canine Compantions







## Coleman Relief







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## **District 2-A1 Lions University**















## The Midland Tall City Lions Club **Proudly Supports District 2-A1 Governor**



Joel Kuyendall and his 2021-2022 Cabinet

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## Club News

## Midland Tall City



Lion Bernell Walker received his 10 Year Membership Pin from Zone 1 Chair Felis Subia



Congratulations!!



Club President William Merritt received his 50 Year Membership Pin



## 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

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The District 2-A1 Leadership Team

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## Club News continued Midland West Side



Food Box Delivery Day







Eye Screening at the We Serve Breakfast

## Club News continued

## Midland Northside We Serve Breakfast



















## 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: Business Card Size: Double Business Card Size: Quadruple Business Card Size:	\$50 (approx. size: 2" x 2.75") \$100 (approx. size: 2" x 5.5") \$150 (approx. size: 4" x 7.25")
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#### Sessions for the month of JUNE



Tuesday, June 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Seniors Focus Group

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

#### REVIEW APPLICATIONS for LCI CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

## SUPPORT SENIOR FOCUSED GROUPS

#### Message from Texas Tuesday Connection (TTC) Committee



Are you ready? Helpful info, right at your fingertips!

ONN-CTIONS As new club officers, you will be expected to assist in making an easy transition into the new Lion year on July 1. We, at Texas Tuesday Connections, are here to help. There are plenty

of resources on the Texas Tuesday Connections and Lions Clubs International website.

To access the TTC past videos, you can visit the website, or scan the QR Code at the bottom of this newsletter. A FREE way to learn more from other Lions just like you is to tune in online to "Texas Tuesday Connections"—a webinar series created by Lions for Lions just like you. Easy to access via Zoom on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.,

If you have any questions or to share topic ideas, send an email to PDG Tony Austin, tonyaust2000@yahoo.com.



#### Review Applications for LCI Club Excellence Awards

In July, all clubs can apply for the Club Excellence Award. To qualify for the Club Excellence Award, clubs must meet specific requirements in categories: Membership, Service, Leadership & Organizational Excellence, and Marketing & Communication. In this session, you will be provided an overview of each required category, the deadline and to whom

you need to email your application to. The application could be found on the Lions Clubs International website at www.lionsclubs.org.

Tune in to Texas Tuesday Connection via zoom on June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Presented by: TBA



#### Support Senior Focused Groups

This session focuses on support for elderly Seniors in our communities. It will give you some ideas and assist you on how to host an Alzheimer's session with a local expert speaker; take an exercise coach to an assisted living center; schedule a visit to local assisted living centers with a pet, and host a lunch or early evening food truck event at an assisted living center. There are numerous service projects that your

club can provide to the elderly in your community.

Tune in to Texas Tuesday Connection via zoom on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Presented by: TBA

#### **Texas Tuesday Connection Coordinators**

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To view previous topics and recordings: texastuesdayconnections.org









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## James Avery Artisan Jewelry offers \$50,000 Challenge in support of Children with Special Medical Conditions

Named Title Sponsor for 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to Texas Lions Camp in support of children with special medical conditions attending Summer Camp 2022. Every gift designated for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has also been named the **Title Sponsor** for the 2022 Golf tournament.

"Texas Lions Camp is very excited that James Avery Artisan Jewelry is partnering with our organization in 2021-2022 and investing in our mission by offering this incredible challenge opportunity, said President & CEO of TLC, Stephen S. Mabry.

James Avery's Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, "Just as we forge silver and gold to make jewelry, we are *FORGING HOPE* through our support of nonprofit organizations in communities where we live and work. We are proud to partner with the Texas Lions Camp in their mission to provide a unique summer camp experience for these amazing children and their families."

Mabry added, "Since 1949, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced over 80,000 children to the 'CAN DO' philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. The support of family, friends, and neighbors allows us to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives."

## **About James Avery Artisan Jewelry**

James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We offer finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed and crafted by our own skilled artisans in Kerrville, Comfort and Hondo, Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 100 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, more than 220 Dillard's locations and Dillards.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Austin, Houston and Nashville, as well as select Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) locations.

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.- Texas Lions Camp, Inc., provides, without charge, a camp for children with special medical conditions from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The organization was chartered as a Texas, nonprofit corporation on April-May 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service 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 from Charity Navigator and as a Platinum-level participant on GuideStar so donors may give with confidence when furthering the mission of TLC.

Those who are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit <a href="www.lionscamp.com">www.lionscamp.com</a> or by emailing Milton L. Dare at <a href="milton.dare@texaslions.camp">milton.dare@texaslions.camp</a>. If preferred, you may also call 830-896-8500 for more information.

## A Note from your Texas Lions Camp Elected Director

Our Texas Lions Camp will have it's <u>75th</u> Anniversary in 2024. It will be incredible celebration.

As we enter a diverse and different new world, we need to continue to look at ways to help, support and serve the disabled youth of Texas and their families. For us as Lions, one of the best ways to help them is by supporting our Texas Lions Camp, both physically and financially support.

Most of you have already heard about the **Sign Up! Step Up! Catch Up!** Campaign. This initiative is to promote our Texas Lions Camp Century Club membership. With your help it will allow our camp to raise over \$500,000 over the next 3 years.

I ask that you as a Lion:

**Sign Up**: Not a Century Club Member? For as little as \$10 a month you can make a difference.

**Step Up:** Already a member? Consider increasing your monthly donation to the next level.

Catch up: Were you a member or a member that needs to catch up? We need you back.

Join Lion Kathy, myself, and other Texas Lions as we work together to support our Texas Lions Camp.

Lion Donald McConnell Texas Lions Camp Elected Director

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## For Century Club - It's "Service from the Heart"

If you aren't a member of the TLC Century Club, please "Sign Up"; if you are a member, consider "Stepping Up" to the next level; and if you were a member but dropped out, consider "Catching Up" (i.e., come back in).

What is Texas Lions Camp Century Club? It's an individual annual giving program, and as such, it is giving from you own heart, independent of Club budgets or fund raisers. It is one of the life bloods of our operating budget, that in normal times sends 1500 children with special needs to Texas Lions Camp every year, and yet less than 5% of Texas Lions are members.

Who can be a Century Club Member? Anyone can be a member. You don't have to be a Lion. It can be family or friends. You can even be a non-Texan, but it is our Texas Lions who are the backbone of the Century Club.

What does it cost to be a member? You can give your gift annually, or you can give monthly. A Bronze member is \$100 (\$10 if monthly); Silver is \$250; Gold \$500; Diamond is \$1,000; & Ambassador is \$5,000. Membership automatically renews each year, so members should join with the intention of making their same gift each year or even increasing their level.

How do I enroll or Step Up? Go to www.lionscamp.com, click on "Get Involved" and go to "Donate Now". There you will find "Ways to Give". Click that open and select "Century Club". If you scroll down, you will see the option to enroll online or to download and print out the form to send to the Camp directly.

Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up is a 3-year drive to beef up our Century Club membership for the Texas Lions Camp, as a birthday present to Texas Lions Camp on it's 75th Anniversary in 2024. Today we have half the number of Texas Lions, supporting twice the number of campers at twice the cost, as we did some 30 years ago. If we reach our goal of 2 new Century Club members/club/year over the next 3 Lions years, we will generate an additional annual income of \$500,000, which would generate 15% of our operating budget, and help us keep serving our special children into the future.

Two per Club (6 over 3 years) is doable. "Signing Up" as a new Bronze member at \$10/mo. (\$120/yr.) counts as one; but a new Silver (\$250) counts as 2; Gold (\$500) is the same as 4 Bronze; etc. Likewise, "Stepping Up" from Bronze to Silver counts as a +1; Bronze to Gold adds the equivalent of 3 new Bronzes; going from Silver to Gold is the same as 2 new Bronzes, etc.

## Century Club

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The Century Club is an annual opportunity to personally participate in giving to Texas Lions Camp and the programs it has established to provide at no cost a quality summer camp experience for Texas children with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer. An individual, couple, family or business can be a Century Club member by giving annually or monthly at whatever level you desire. Choose the level and how you'd like to make your payments whether lump sum or monthly through automatic draft. Automatic bank draft can be set up simply by filling out the information necessary on the form below and including a voided check. All Century Club members will receive an inscribed plaque, patch and a lapel pin. Each year a new medallion for your plaque will arrive once your annual membership renewal is paid. At the end of 10 years membership, a new plaque will arrive along with your eleventh year medallion. Fill out the form below with the level you'd like to start with and send it with your payment to Texas Lions Camp at the address given above. For any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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