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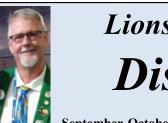


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# "We Serve" Change the World"

Hello Lions,

CHANGING THE WORLD

Is it really October? It seems like it was just New Year's last week. Well maybe not with temperatures that we have seen lately... To make this year feel even shorter, have you visited discount stores lately and noticed all the Christmas decorations already on the shelves.

For Lions, October is Membership Growth month. Traditionally dedicated to inviting prospective members to your clubs, so that they can learn about Lions clubs and hopefully become members. Some clubs have a designated membership chairperson that organizes a membership growth event. If your club has not yet chosen a membership chairperson this year, then **tag you're it!** Let your club president know that you welcome this challenge and the new position. To help you get started, the link below has some very helpful information. https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow.

The new focus worldwide for Lions Club International is **Mission 1.5**. We should be continually inviting prospective members to learn about Lions clubs and become members all year long. Every Lion can affect positive change through *MISSION* **1.5**. And every Lion will have the opportunity to earn exclusive patches and pins, plaques, and presidential medals as we march toward our goal of 1.5 million members worldwide. Also, please remember that our district will pay you \$30 for every member that your bring into your club this year. The main criteria is that the new member must remain an active member for one year and all dues paid. Your Club Secretary and Zone Chairperson can give you more details to claim this money.

Inviting more great members just like you, can help your club and community reach their full potential. Let's start with planning ambitious service projects that addresses the biggest challenges facing our communities. Then, let's bring in new members to help make an even bigger impact. You know the difference one Lion can make. You know the difference your club has made in your community. Together, we are changing the world one life, one relationship, and one community at a time. **ASK 1** by International President Dr. Patti Hill.

### <u>September – October 2023</u>

We Serve

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# DG Continued

Upcoming Events on the Lions Club Activity Calendar (see full calendar in this newsletter)

**October:** October is World Sight Day- go to Lions International and see project ideas for Vision. <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/vision</u>

**November:** World Diabetes Day is November 14<sup>th</sup>, go to Lions International and see project ideas for diabetes. <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/diabetes</u>

Lion Chris Maxwell



# **Club Activity Calendar**

You are invited to use this calendar to help plan and share service, fellowship and management activities with your club. All activities below are ideas to consider. Review the resource and edit the ideas to make this organizational tool work for you!

July	August	September
Start your club year with a celebration that includes	August 12 is International Youth Day. Host a social	Involve a local school in Lions' mission to encourage peace.
recognition of incoming and outgoing officers	event like "Lion Day in the Park" with activities for	Get started with a Peace Poster kit and Peace Essay rules.
	young people.	
Build your club committees and ensure future Lion	Identify learning needs and wants in your club. Talk to	Tailor your club meetings to fit your club members. Find a
leaders are in them.	your district GLT about their training schedule and how	fun exercise to get started in Your Club, Your Way!
	best to provide.	

November	December
November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Visit our Diabetes	December 5 is International Leo Day. Partner with your Leo
webpage to learn how your club can help fight this	club on a holiday project. Don't have a Leo club? Start one!
global epidemic.	
Involve your whole club in identifying opportunities for	Thank your club leaders on reaching the half-year
improvement through the Club Quality Initiative	milestone! Share your club's accomplishments and plans.
	November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Visit our <u>Diabetes</u> weboare to learn how your club can help fight this global epidemic. Involve your whole club in identifying opportunities for

January	February	March
January 13 is Melvin Jones' birthday. Honor his legacy	February 15 is Childhood Cancer Day. Show how your	March 8 is international Women's Day. Host a Women's
with an open forum night to identify community needs	club cares for children with a Valentine themed	Symposium or a meeting topic on growing women Lion
for service.	fundraiser	leaders.
All club events are great opportunities to get your club	Lions are people who care. Make sure your fundraiser	Form your Nomination Committee to begin preparing for
known. Our Marketing Communications Guide has	invites all who attend (and those who don't) to become	club officer elections.
ideas and resources to help.	Lions.	

April	May	June
April 22 is Earth Day. Find service ideas to protect and	May is world Hunger Day. Start on our Hunger	June 7 is Lions Clubs Birthday! Hold a party to appreciate
restore the environment through our Environment	webpage to identify ways to serve in providing access	your club members and celebrate your club
webpage.	to nutritious foods.	accomplishments.
Join Lions worldwide in welcoming new members to	Elect club officers for next year, so they can learn their	With your club's excellence in membership, service,
their clubs. Celebrate Worldwide Induction Day on last	positions and develop plans for your club's future	leadership & organizational excellence and marketing
Saturday of April.	achievements.	communications, apply for the Club Excellence Award.



Proudly Supports District 2-A1 Governor Chris Maxwell and his 2023-2024 Cabinet

### September-October 2023

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# Sight Preservation Chairperson







Lions Wynn and Theresa

Lions Fave and Sandra

### VISION SCREENING - WE SERVE LIONS OF DISTRICT 2A-1

I am Lion Sandra Freeman, top right picture in purple shirt. I volunteer at the San Angelo Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. I am the new District Vision Director. Yes we are proud of what we do. The sign on the car we travel in tells everyone who we are and where we are from. In the July Newsletter an article was posted that I presented at the Cabinet Meeting in Kingsland.

I am working on trying to find out WHO, WHAT, WHEN and WHERE we have cameras, who has training, who needs training. Do your cameras work, what is their serial number, where are they located, who is doing screening and where? How many cameras do you have? Does the serial number begin with 15 or below? Important information in case of them requiring service.

I will be turning in a monthly report to the State Vision Chair and need the information from our District to show him what we are doing. He will present the information to the Governors at the Council of Governor Meetings.

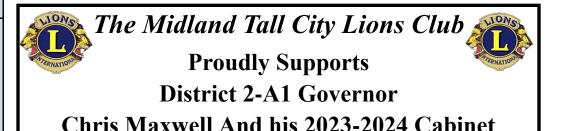
I have set up a map and trying to figure out how to allocate to all the different counties we have in our district. I will present that idea a little later. Right now I am at a total loss for Brown and Coleman counties to find someone to screen the facilities in those counties.

Kingsland has picked up extra screenings. Sweetwater and San Angelo are booking constantly. Midland needs assistance in screening.

#### One STATE certified person must be in attendance at every screening.

	Jus	t from word of m	outh ITHINK	we have camera	as in:
Mason	Midland	Llano	Kingsland	Sweetwater	Roscoe
Colora	ado City	Big Spring	Sar	n Angelo	Brownwood
		I need th	is information	n verified.	

We ALL need to be working together to make sure our District is covered and we reach every child we can. (Public Schools, parochial schools, day cares, head start, private schools EVERYWHERE). If you can offer assistance somewhere in the District and you do not currently do so, PLEASE CONTACT ME asap. The Office number is 325-227-4350. My email is sdrf@aol.com.





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# DISTRICT 2A-1 VISION SCREENING UPDATE 'WE SERVE'

# FIRST a big **"THANK YOU"** to all those who are using their personal time to do Vision Screening.

It is a big commitment and not everyone has time to offer to do it, but we are LIONS and service is our motto.

Participating clubs so far are: Big Spring, Kingsland, Llano, Mason, Midland, San Angelo, and Sweetwater. I say so far because I still do NOT have all the information on who is screening and who has camera's. We have cameras in our district still not accounted for. We have areas we do not have anyone screening (to our knowledge) and areas that need assistance with screening. WE MUST WORK AS A TEAM TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS. Our goal is EVERY CHILD SCREENED.

Llano was the recipient of a new camera donated to their club by their local hospital recently. Kuddo's to them and the hospital for honoring them with the camera.

San Angelo has had a couple of incidents that have made us aware that the lights (strobe lights) in our camera's could cause a seizure if a person is epileptic and can even affect those who have cerebral palsy. Please be aware that we need to be more cautious and ask questions of teachers, nurses or directors of facilities especially with special needs persons.

I have been inquiring of all screeners if they have tried certain towns, daycares, etc. We need to EXPAND our reach and screen as many children as possible. I estimate that in District 2A-1 we have about 15,000 children we could be screening. I do have listings of all daycares and school districts in each of the District's counties and in each town there are usually other daycares (churches, private schools, parochial schools) that we can Google and find information on and contact them. REACH OUT, our recommendations could help correct vision in young children's eyes. An adult is important also but by adult age not much correction can be made except by glasses or surgery for the rest of their lives.

GOOD NEWS - We are the recipients of certificates (vouchers) for free exams and glasses thru the VSP Eyes of Hope program. As District Sight Chair I ordered and received them from LCI. We have VSP doctors in San Angelo, Midland, Big Spring, Brownwood, Early, Colorado City, Kerrville, and Marble Falls who currently participate in this program. These certificates will be distributed to clubs on a request only basis. *Information needed from recipient will be name, address, phone and date of birth.* They are available for both children and adults. (note: Used my first two vouchers today and it was sooooo easy).

### ENDING FIRST QUARTER OF DISTRICT 2A-1's NEW LION YEAR

CHILDREN42 screenings4576 screened777 referrals17% referral rateADULTS29 screenings84 screened45 referrals53% referral rateTHANK YOU

LION SANDRA FREEMAN Vísíon Screening Director

- REMINDER: Monthly email to me (sdrrf@aol.com) with your A. Number of events / Number of screenings
- B. Children Screened / Children Referred / % Referrals
- C. Adults Screened / Adults Referred / % Referrals

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### **Club News**

### Kingsland Lions Club





Kingsland Lions Club was involved with three Vision Screenings in August:

Marble Falls ISD Back to School Blast on 08-05-2023. Our Vision Screener Lion Lorean Sindelar was there along with two other Lions from the Kingsland club. There were also six Lions from both the Spicewood club and the Highland Lakes Lions club. Lion Lorean reported they served 271 individuals. The first photo was taken at this event. The other two Kingsland Lions in the photo are Lion Sam King and our current President Boss Lion Ron James.

Packsaddle Elementary Back to school event in Kingsland, TX. There were two Kingsland Lions present: our Vision screener Lion Lorean Sindelar and Lion Liz Parks. There were two members of the Llano club also present. Lion Lorean reported they served 120 during the event. The second photo is for this event. This event took place on August 3rd.

Head Start Burnet that took place on 08-10-2023. There were two Kingsland Lions present: Lion Lorean Sindelar and Lion Sam King. There were 3 members of the Liberty Hill Lions Club also present. 29 individuals were served per the activity report. I have not received any photo regarding this event. If I discover one will forward later.

### Michael Arnold 644 Circle Dr. Sunrise Beach Village, TX Mobile number: 409-267-7665



Kingsland Club held their Pancake Breakfast on Labor Day, September 2nd. Picture enclosed from that event taken of Lion Tony Dorsett with the winner of a split the pot half and half raffle held by the club. We collected over \$200 that was split with this young girl and her family (sorry do not have name nor their permission regardless to use it). They donated their portion of the winnings back to the club. Club raised over \$3000 from the event selling tickets and receiv-

ing donations. The club members made pancakes & sausage and served coffee and juice. There was music from members of a brass band out of the Marble Falls area. Lion Lorean Sindelar, or Certified Vision Screener, also had a screening booth set up for anyone who wanted their vision screened.

No one took any pictures but Lion Lorean Sindelar along with different members held the following Vision Screenings this month:

San Saba Elementary on Sept 12th: 76 individuals screened

Cherokee Elementary on Sept 6th: 24 screened

Priddy & Mullin Elementary schools on Sept 5th: 69 served from both schools combined.

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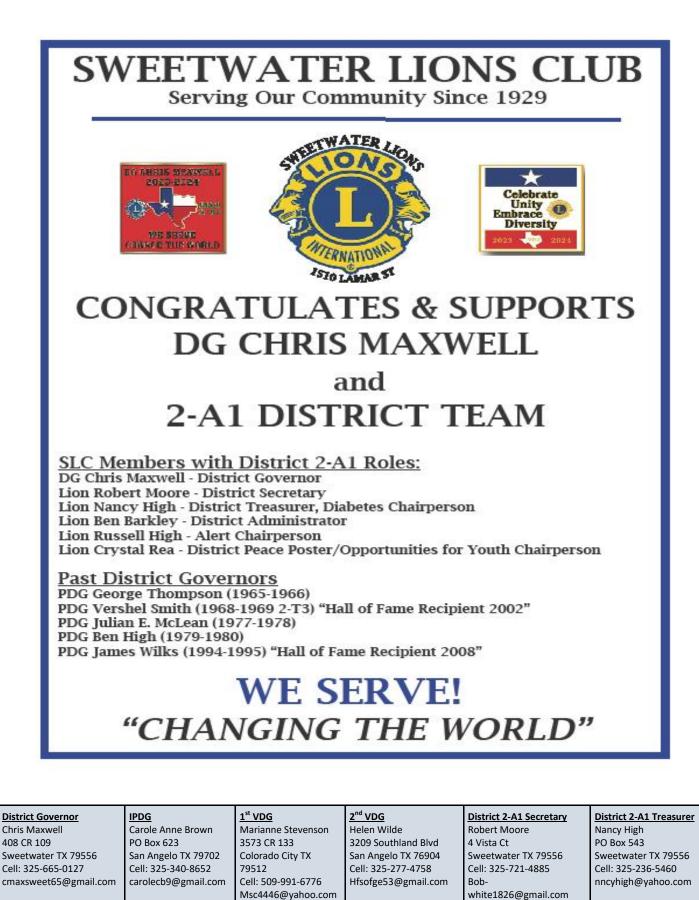
# **Club News**

# Mertzon/Irion County Lions Club

### COMMUNITY LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE MERTZON/IRION COUNTY LIONS CLUB

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Mertzon/Irion County Lions Club hosted a luncheon at the Mertzon Community Center. Great food (barbecue and fixings) was provided. The guest speaker discussed rural transit services available for all residents and answered questions from luncheon attendees.



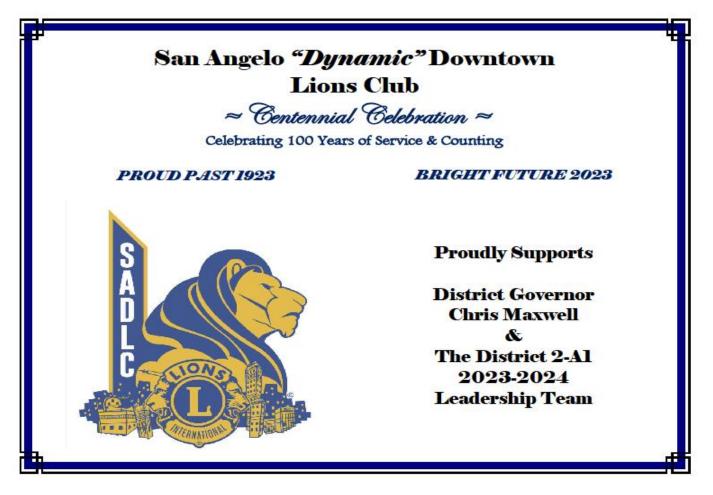


# Club News continued San Angelo Downtown Lions





or our Centennial Celebration, <u>The Lake View Mariachi</u>, Los Caciques, donated their time & talents to entertain us with their music; shining as the stars of the night. In appreciation of their kindness & generosity, the Club donated \$300 to the award-winning group so that they can continue on their road to success. (pictured are 1st VP Lion Joe Guerra & Isaac Carrales-Rodriguez, trumpet player & singer of Los Caciques)



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## San Angelo Downtown Lions continued

<u>Mrs Baird's</u> has done it again with an assortment of yummy treats for our Blessing Box! A ROAR OF THANKS goes out to Deanna for helping us make our community a better place. <u>#SADLC</u> <u>#Lions</u> <u>#WeServe</u>

Please help us give Lions Claudia Meza & Whitney Nevins a ROARING welcome as the newest members to be inducted into the Dynamic Downtown Lions!



Lion Otilia Sánchez, member of the San Angelo Downtown Lions Club and Zone 6 Chair, attended the USA/ Canada Leadership Forum in Reno, Nevada, September 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.On Thursday, the first day of the forum, Lion Otilia participated in the "Strides for Diabetes Awareness" walk. In the afternoon, she attended the Lions University graduation to receive her bachelor's level certificate. On Friday and Saturday, she attended a variety of seminars, including the Forum First Timers session; Dynamic Community Service Projects; Understanding the New Lion Portal and How It Impacts Members; Global Advocacy for Change; The More You Know, the Higher You'll Go; I Am Certificated...What Do I Do Now--FDI/LCIP Pathway; Using the Video Production Device in Your Pocket to Grow Your Club; and It Is More Sanitary to Toot Your Own Horn--Share Your Lions Story.

### The banner for the Strides walk, September 21st





The Strides Walk participants walked by the arch touting Reno as "the biggest little city in the world."



On Thursday afternoon, Lions University held its graduation ceremony; Lion Otilia was one of many Lions receiving a bachelor's certificate.



Lion Otilia also participated in the forum's service project. She brought "a bag of plastic bags" being collected as part of the LCI environmental/legacy project. The plastic bags will be used in making a bench (like the one at left) that will be presented to the City of Reno to remember the USA/Canada Lions Leadership 2023 Forum and to honor International President Patti Hill (who, by the way, also received a bachelor's certificate from Lions University).

The Thursday night banquet featured Floyd A. Smith, San Diego's "living legend." Floyd joined The 5th Dimension vocal group in late 2008 as their new bass singer. Floyd shared his music and his Lions story.



### San Angelo Lighthouse Lions Club

Thank you, <u>San Angelo Lighthouse Lions Club</u>, for hosting our Second Annual Trunk or Treat sponsored by the San Angelo Lions Clubs. From passing out candy to trick-or-treaters & their families to serving hot dogs, popcorn & drinks, everyone had a SPOOKtacular time!













## Llano Lions Club

Thank you to all who made our Clay Shoot a success! Thank you to <u>Inks Ranch Hunting & Vacation</u> for the most beautiful backdrop and views. Congratulations to the winners of the shoot and to those who won raffle items! We can't wait to see

you again next year! We enjoyed the eclipse today too! 😳 🌒 🧟









Thank you <u>Llano Hospital Foundation</u> for your donation of our BRAND NEW vision screening machine! This is a HUGE contribution to our club, community and Llano ISD. We are so grateful for your kindness and support of our service.

### Midland West Side Lions Club

Thank you to all Members, Volunteers, Sponsors and Teams that made our Busting Hunger ClayShoot a success .A special thanks to Lion Scott Britton for all your hard work.









## **District Meeting**



Our District 2-A1 meeting at Homewood Suites Midland, TX with our District Governor Chris Maxwell.

We are proud to serve whether in the <u>Midland West Side Lions Club</u>, <u>Midland Northside Lions Club</u>, <u>Midland Downtown Lions Club</u> or <u>Midland Tall City Lion's Club</u>.

From our Peace Poster Contests, Scholarships, Youth Exchange Programs, Backpack Giveaways, Thanksgiving Boxed Meals and the Pancake Jamboree Lions in Midland have been a part of what makes our community in Midland so special. If you're interested in being a Lion reach out to one of our clubs. We'd love to have you!









Bingo, Sharing of Great Ideas, Good Food and the Eclipse







**Texas Lions Camp – Where Dreams Come True** 

### TLC a place on a hill Where "All Can Do", A magical place Where my dreams come true!

This is the poem from a young camper. She wrote it as a Lion was driving her home from camp many years ago and sent it back to her counselor. I saw the counselor sitting on a bench reading the letter with tears in her eyes and she shared it with me. There's more to that story, which I'll share with you when I come to your District, which I hope to do this year at some point; but just as it did for this counselor, these 18 little words help us remember why we do what we do at TLC when we get bogged down in meetings, fundraising and all we have to do to make sure these kids' dreams do come true.

I want to thank all of you – the Lions of Texas – for giving me the honor of serving as your Chairman for our camp this year. At our board meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>, I challenged your District TLC Team (the 4 Camp Directors from your District – your District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, and your 2 elected Directors) to accomplish 3 special things for TLC in this our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

With COVID basically over as a pandemic, we finally had kids back on campus as a group, but there weren't nearly enough of them. So, the **1<sup>st</sup> challenge** is to increase the campers you send in 2024 over what you sent in 2023 from your club. As the year goes on, I will try to give you some new ideas on recruiting campers in this era of privacy and, sadly, fear. Because of all the horrible things going on in our world, parents are reluctant to send their kids to a place they have never been, but it can be done.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> challenge**, which I'm sure you'll hear more about from your District TLC Team in your District meetings and Governor's newsletters, is for your District to do some special District-wide project, as a birthday present for TLC. Think outside the box, have some fun and promote the Texas Lions Camp, the hidden gem of Texas Lionism.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> challenge** is to get on board with our "**Sign Up, Step Up, Catch Up**" Century Club campaign, which your Governor has been working on with his entire MD2 State Council since he became a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Governor. If you have personally been putting off joining, now's the time to start. I don't deny it, I personal procrastinated for 30 years, thinking \$10/mo. would just about kill me; guess what? It didn't and I also discovered after a couple of years it didn't kill me to step up another level. (I've asked your newsletter editor to include the campaign flyer and Century Club form in this newsletter.)

Your District TLC Team has to have your help if your District is to meet these challenges. I personally hope to help give you the information you need to meet these challenges and others that we face at TLC in future newsletters.

Our new International President's theme (Patti Hill) is "**Changing the World**". Every time you help send a child to TLC you do just that. You change their world by making their dreams come true, which gives them a new confidence to go forward to make even bigger dreams come true as they grow into adults. I challenge you to go make that *TLC magic* happen for some children this year.

Lion Tom Blase, Chairman of the Board, Texas Lions Camp

### **Texas Lions Camp**



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 up to 1500 children with special needs to Texas Lions Camp each summer, 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 drive to beef up our Century Club membership for the Texas Lions Camp, as a birthday present to Texas Lions Camp on it's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024. Today we have half the number of Texas Lions, supporting twice the number of campers at over twice the cost, as we did some 30 years ago. If we reach our goal of an increase of \$60/mo. among the members of <u>EACH</u> club in Texas, we will generate an additional of \$575,000 ANNUALLY, which would generate 15% of our operating budget, and help us keep serving our special children into the future.

A \$60 increase from the members of each Texas Club is doable. "Signing Up" as a new Bronze member is a \$10/mo. increase (\$100 if pd. ann.); a new Silver is \$21/mo. (\$250/yr.); a Gold is \$42/mo.(\$500); etc. Likewise, "Stepping Up" from Bronze to Silver is an \$11/mo. increase; Bronze to Gold is a \$32/mo. increase; going from Silver to Gold is a \$21/mo. increase, etc.

\$575,000/year - now that's some 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday present! There's a saying at TLC that "ALL CAN DO". Yes, Texas Lions, \$60/mo./club. WE CAN DO IT. Aug., '22

### **Texas Lions Camp**

# **Century Club**

### Texas Lions Camp • PO Box 290247 • Kerrville, TX • 78029-0247 www.lionscamp.com • (830) 896-8500

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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Silver Level Single annual gift (			
Gold Level Single annual gift of Single	of \$500 or\$42 monthly automatic draft		
Diamond Level Single annual gift of S	of \$1,000 or\$84 monthly automatic draft		
Ambassador Level Single annual gift of			
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### District 2-A1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors

### The District needs your support for 2023-2024.

Please help support the District Governor Team, District 2-A1, and a chance to give your club some exposure by advertising in the 2023-2024 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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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:			
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Please mail or email this information to the following Lion Nancy High P.O. Box 545 Sweetwater, TX 79556 Email: nncyhigh@yahoo.com Cell Ph: 325-236-5460

#### MINUTES

#### **DISTRICT 2-A1 CABINET MEETING**

#### JULY 29, 2023

#### **KINGSLAND, TEXAS**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting of the District 2-A1 was called to order by DG Chris Maxwell.

District Chaplin PDG Frank Berthold gave the invocation.

Second VDG Helen Wilde led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

First VDG Marianne Stevenson lead the singing.

First VDG Marianne Stevenson introduced the guest in attendance.

Lion Ron James-President of the Kingsland Lions Club welcomed all guests.

#### **International Family:**

IPID TJ Tijerina and Lion Juanita

#### PDG's in Attendance:

PDG Tom Blase Sr. and Lion Sherrilyn

**PDG Frank Berthold** 

PDG Armando Subia Sr. and Lion Felis

**PDG Keith Perrine** 

PDG Joel Kuykendall

### International Director Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina Inducted District Cabinet/Committee Chairpersons:

DG- Lion Chris Maxwell First VDG- Lion Marianne Stevenson

Second VDG- Lion Helen Wilde

Dist. Secretary- Lion Robert Moore

Dist. Treasurer- Lion Nancy High

Zone 2 Chairperson- Lion Mike Nichols

Zone 6 Chairperson- Lion Otilia Sanchez

Alert Chairperson-Lion Russell High

Chaplain-PDG Frank Berthold

Diabetes Awareness-Lion Nancy High

Global Leadership Team West (GLT)-Lion Felis Subia

GMA Champion-PDG Keith Perrine

Global Service Team GST-PDG Armando Subia JR.

Leader Dog for the Blind-Lion Shane Stevenson

Lions Camp director East-PDG Joel Kuykendall

Lions Club Int'l Foundation-2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Helen Wilde

Parliamentarian-PDG Tom Blase Jr.

TLERC-PDG Armando Subia Jr.

Texas Lions Foundation-PDG Keith Perrine

### MINUTES DISTRICT 2-A1 CABINET MEETING JULY 29, 2023 KINGSLAND, TEXAS (continued)

#### **Officer's Reports/Parade of Checks**

#### **District Governor:**

Requested Clubs to report service activities. As a District, last year only 28% of our clubs reported service activities. Our goal this year will be 40%.

Where we are as a District:

We are one 1 of 6 Districts that are considered "transitional" status (when membership falls below 1250). Goal is to have over 1250 members and be removed from transitional status by year 2026.

We now have 39 clubs in District 2-A1, fifteen clubs have 15 members or less.

Main goals for our district is to charter <u>two</u> new clubs and have a net growth of 115 members. A challenge was given to all clubs to have a net plus 2 members by the end of the Lion year. And make a difference in their community to add at least one new service project and consider the Lions Eight Global Causes.

#### Secretary:

Motion was made by Lion Mike Nichols to suspend the reading of the minutes and the second came from PDG Tom Blase Sr. and the motion carried.

#### Treasurer:

Lion Nancy gave a very detailed report with topic of discussion centered around the deficiency in the district's account due to a poor district fund raiser. After discussion, the motion was made by PDG Blase to transfer the needed funds of \$2,164.15 from a prior year's surplus fund account so that the 2023-2024 administration could start-up with \$8000. The second came from Lion Mike Nicholls and the motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**

Vision Screening—matching Grant from LCIF is being considered to buy new screening devices. Seeking help for someone to help with writing the grant

#### Parade of Checks:

Concho Pearl-200%

#### **Committee Reports/Introduction**

#### **Zone Chair Reports:**

**Zone 2** Lion Mike Nichols-Coahoma July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Roscoe had breakfast. Midland West Side donated water to Colorado City during water outage. Coahoma Lions also donated water to C. City.

**Zone 6** Lion Otilia Sanchez-Had reports from 3 of her 11 clubs. Eldorado had 3 service projects with 1 fund raiser. San Angelo Concho Pearl had 2 service projects with a loss of one member. San Angelo Downtown Lion Club reported 7 service projects, with 4 fund raisers and 2 new members.

Texas Lions Foundation PDG Keith Perrine-no report to present.

TLERC PDG Armando Subia Sr.- No official count at this time.

Youth Exchange Mark Singh—Report presented by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Helen Wilde

GLT's Lion Felis Subia-23 officers came for training.

**GST's** Lion PDG Armando Subia Sr. no report to give.

GMA PDG Keith Perrine-no report to give.

### MINUTES DISTRICT 2-A1 CABINET MEETING JULY 29, 2023 KINGSLAND, TEXAS (continued)

**Leader Dog for the Blind**-Lion Shane Stevenson-Lions Core Mission is to be Knights for the Blind. Lion Shane reported the budget for the Leader Dog is \$21 million a year.

**Vision Screening** Lion Sandra Freeman-50 school districts in District 2-A1. 1,000's of kids need to be reached in schools and day care centers in our district; Day Care Centers do not keep records of training. Up to 25% of all student need some type of eye care. All clubs need to report to the district on eye screening activities as this information is now reported to State chairperson.

**Texas Lions Camp** PDG Joel Kuykendall-2 new bunk houses completed, PDG Tom Blase is the new Chairman of the Board for the Texas Lions Camp. The camp expecting great things to happen-\$3.5 million budget.

**LCIF** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Helen Wilde-to Chicago for training- need to raise \$26,919.00 for this year's budget. That's \$27 per person/ member. Every club needs a LCIF Coordinator.

**Diabetes** Lion Nancy High-Diabetes Awareness is always on November 14 of any given year. The Sweetwater Club did screen last year with 25 people being served and the club will do it again this year.

Newsletter Lion Donald McConnell working on July's newsletter.

**Guest Speaker for Canine Companions** Lion Jerry Campbell-Provided 4 types of services. The dogs have 35 basic commands for puppy training, then the dogs have professional training. CC always has a need for funding, so club donations are greatly appreciated.

Texas Lions Museum – Needs donations, money, auction items, etc.

Following a great meal, we were inspired by our Key Note Speaker – IPID TJ Tijerina

The Convention adjourned around 2:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by District Secretary Lion Robert Moore

### Sweetwater Car Show 2024



# BEST IN SHOW CAR: \$1000 BEST IN SHOW TRUCK: \$1000 BEST CHEVY, BEST GM, BEST FORD, BEST MOPAR, BEST PAINT IST: \$500, 2ND: \$250, 3RD: \$100 \$250 BEST ENGINE, \$250 BEST INTERIOR BEST MOTORCYCLES: IST: \$300, 2nd: \$150, 3rd: \$50 & CUSTOM TROPHIES

### Classes: 1st & 2nd Place Plaques for Every Class

\*Pre-1930's \* 1930's \* 1940's\* 1950's \* 1960's\*\*1970's \* 1980's \* 1990's \* \*2000 & Newer\*\*Special Build \* Original Cars \* Ford Muscle\* \*Chevy Muscle\* \*Mopar Muscle \* GM Muscle \* Rat Rods \* Hot Rods \* Imports\* \*Street Rods: Fenders \* Street Rods: Non-Fender \* Work in Progress \* \*Military or Special Interest \* SUV \* Tri 5's \* Corvettes \* Jeeps \* Dirt Track\* \*Lowriders \* Young Guns 18 & Younger \* Kid's Class: Pedal Cars & Rideons\* \*Original Trucks \* Custom Trucks 1980 & Older \* Custom Trucks 1981 & Newer \* \*Stock Motorcycle \* Custom Motorcycle \* Custom Modified Motorcycle\*

# Sweetwater Car Show 2024

# https://www.sweetwaterlionsclub.com/lion-s-club-car-show-1 For more information: Contact Crystal Rea (325) 242-3149

Pre-Registration: Bundle - Cruise & Car Show \$40 Pre Registration: Car Show Only \$25 Day of the Show \$30



Local Shopping, Vendors, Food Trucks, DJ, Raffle Items, Door Prize Drawings, Shuttle Bus to & From the Roundup Big Cash Awards, & Custom Trophies All during the Sweetwater Jaycees World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup

# **March 8th, 2024**

4:15pm Cruise Registration @ Higginbotham Brothers 1210 Broadway 6:00pm - 7:30pm Cruise Downtown Sweetwater 7:45pm Awards @ Sonic Drive-In @ 706 E Broadway St

# **March 9th, 2024**

7:30am Car Show Registration @ Marqueza Special Event Center 301 Oak St 8:45am Welcome Ceremony & National Anthem 9:00am Show Begins 1:00pm Pedal Car Races & Hot Wheels Races First Financial Bank - Parking Lots at 3rd & Locust 3:00pm - Raffle Drawings & Awards Begin







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