



Lions Clubs International District 2-A1

July-August 2024

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Wow can't believe the year has already ended. It just seemed like yesterday the year started and here we're ready to begin another year.

This year the district theme is "Bringing us Together", to unite us closer in working together without any disunity. With unity we grow, disunity we decrease. I know we have a very good district and proud to be able to be your DG for the year that you had confidence in me to be your leader this year, Although, I can't do this without everyone's help as we are in this together we will have a great time in "WE SERVE"

As Mission 1.5, we have decreased and this year hoping to regain and restore not only getting in new members, but to get back our old members that decided to leave. I know the clubs are doing their best.

Work to get the Excellence Award for your club, I know some of you are qualified to receive an award.

Hope to see everyone at the first Cabinet meeting July-August 12-13 in Colorado City.

Sincerely,

Marianne C Stevenson

Save the Date
District Meeting
October 11th & 12th
Ballinger



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I want to thank Colorado City Lions Club for sponsoring my first cabinet meeting and being such a great host. Also want to thank everyone for coming to the meeting, as we had great speakers. We are going to continue the work with the Belton hearing aids. With all of us working together we can do it.

You will keep hearing about Mission 1.5 to get more members. We have again, only with more money, an incentive of \$50 per new member if they stay active one year. This year let's have more retention to keep our members and to reach out to the past members. Presidents, keep your members informed of what you do in your board meetings and keep your members active and keep harmony in your club.

Don't set your goals so high that you can't do them. Rather have a smaller goal and go over the goal you set.

This district has great clubs, let's work on Club Excellence. Some clubs are so close and it's a great reward to receive for your club.

I want to thank all of you for the support you have shown me. I really appreciate it. Feel free to call me anytime.

Thank you again for all the hard work you are doing for your community.

God Bless all of you. God is Good.

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1st District Meeting July 2024 In Colorado City















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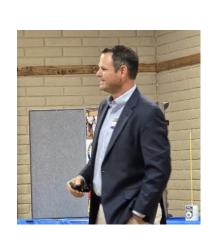
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The President's Picnic



Thank you PDG Keith, members of San Angelo Downtown, Sweetwater and Midland West Side Lions Clubs and all the volunteers for doing your part to make the picnic a huge success.







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Texas Lions Camp The President's Picnic continued













Club News

Big Spring Centennial Lions Club



The last meeting of the fiscal year. July-August 1st starts a new year for our Lions Club. We had induction of officers and passing of the gavel from our current Club president Lion Donna Dugger to our upcoming president Lion Amy Lynn Lusk Allison. I'm so excited that everyone was able to come out for the meeting.

Eldorado Lions Club

Eldorado Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday September 28th - \$100 per team, tee off at 1:00 - lunch provided

Please call Eddie if you are interested in participating - 325-226-5312



The Colorado City Lions Club Proudly Supports



District 2-A1 Governor Marianne Stevenson and her 2024-2025 Cabinet

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Mason Lions Club



Mason Lions Club PDG John Gammill and PDG Joel Kuykendall presented the Texas Lions Camp with a a \$15,000 anonymous donation from a Mason County donor. Pictured with the PDG's are Stephen and Karen Ann King of the Texas Lions Camp.

Colorado City Club



Guest speaker 8/16/24 was Dewayne Smith who spoke on farming, the drought, the coop. Very interesting.



Guest speaker today was Foy Forehand who spoke on Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Really interesting.



8/16/24 quest speaker Jamie Alvarez joined us today to talk about the Colorado City Independent School District's school board and the things they have planned for this school year.



8/23/24 guest speakers Allison Alvarez and Felsha Biggers talking more about things going on with Colorado City Independent School District and things within the community.

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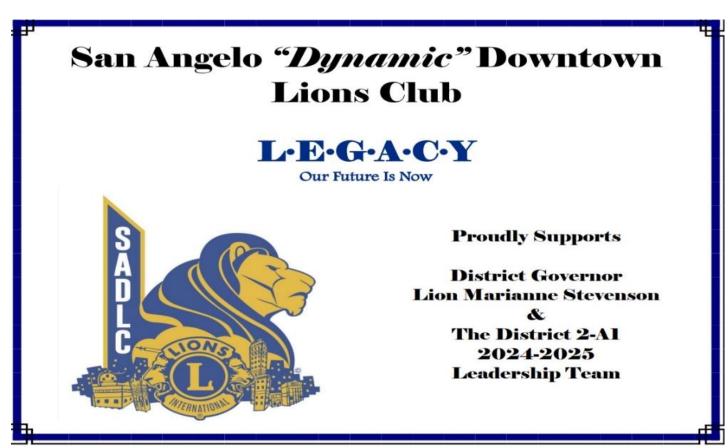
Club News continued

Midland Downtown Lions Club

Another successful week at Dennis the Menace! We had a great Monday night hanging out at the park. Handed out 61 water bottles and I'm happy to say we can now share more of our message of service to the community with our brand new water bottle Koozies!







Club News continued

Midland West Side





Ice Cream Social for Foreign Exchange Students



Bingo at Manor Park



Back to School Bash 2024





Guest Speaker from One Bite at a Time Ministries

Midland West Side continued

Community Paint Day























What a fun day! Hot dogs, frito pie, cotton candy and snow cones. Thank you to all the Lions and everyone who came to paint. A special thank you to Lion Scott Britton.





L.E.G.A.C.Y

LIONS EDUCATING & GUIDING AREA
CHILDREN & YOUTH



Without a past & the present, you have no future.

And that's exactly who we are! Our emblem is a Lion facing the past with pride & another facing the future with confidence. And then, there's us - the present.

Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions, paved the way for its members to follow & build on.

That was his legacy that continues to live on through us to this day. But, what about ours?

Let us pave our own way by educating & guiding our youth towards a bright future.

And that, my fellow Lions, will be our L.E.G.A.C.Y.!

Eligibility & Requirements:

-Any & all youths ages 6 to 17
-Signed application by youth's guardian
-Youth must be accompanied by an adult to any & all events

Scholarships:

-1 point for attending meetings
-3 points for participating in fundraisers & service projects, etc
-5 points for inviting & bringing a fellow youth
-10 points for sponsoring a fellow youth to join

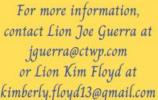
Points begin to accrue on July 1 & end June 1*
Winners will be invited to & announced at
the Club's annual Installation Banquet in June.
1st Place - \$1,000.00**
2nd Place - \$500.00
3rd Plce - \$250.00

Incentives:

-Periodical mailings with a schedule of events
-Birthday card & other mailings
*Youths must accrue a 25-point minimum to qualify for scholarships.

**If tied, prize monies will be combined & divided amongst winners.





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Vision Screening

After confirmation from DG Stevenson I have found that I will continue as Vision Screening Director for District 2A-1 this year. WELCOME BACK to everyone and if I need to send this information to anyone else please let me know or forward the message to them.

I am asking everyone to make sure that you have started calling your schools, private schools, parochial schools, day cares or anyone in your area to try and set up vision screening for the children. Our District did over 4300 last year total and that was only a drop in the bucket as to what could have been done.

Please go outside your comfort zone and remember we are doing this for the children, not just because we are Lions offering a service. When we do not reach out to our communities, WE are failing our communities.

Last year I asked some clubs to go further distances than they have before and am asking this again this year. In San Angelo our furthest screening was 3 hours, but it was worth it if only one child had been referred. There are clubs in many towns that do not have camera's and do not call about screening for that reason. WE NEED TO BE THEIR BACKUP! If you can set up a screening, call the club in that area and ask them if they would like to join you at the screening, even if they have no certifications. This might encourage more to get involved when they actually see what happens at a screening.

I will be reporting to the state director again this year and that means I need an end of month report from everyone no later than the 2nd of the month. The state director will turn in this information at the COG meetings. LCI wants to know what we are doing, are we fulfilling our mission of being "Knights of the Blind".

I will need:

of Events / # of Screenings

of children screened / # of children referred

of adults screened / # of adults referred

Right now because of some health complications I am working various hours at the Eyeglass Recycle Center in San Angelo so the best method of communication will be by email or text. My office hours currently are Tuesdays 9a-1p,

Wednesdays 10:30a-1p and Thursdays Noon-3p. During the month of September we will close the office to have an extra day for screenings which for San Angelo will be on Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. San Angelo teams screened over 3700 children last year between August and December. **Your challenge is to screen as many as possible also.**

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Thank you all for your time, patience and service to your communities.

Lion Sandra Freeman

Lions Youth Exchange 2024

Our district participated once again in the Lions International Youth Exchange program. We hosted three stu-



dents in Midland - Chiara Cargnelutti from Italy, Anna-Lucia (Anna) Fily from France, and Khulan Bayasgalan from Mongolia from about June 29 to July-August 20. Their host families were Sally St. Jacques, Lion Mark and Violet Singh, and Lion Frank and Kim Stowers. In addition to the hosts, Lions John Wojtkun, Don Eckerty, Bill Kelton, Morris DeFriend and Dr. Brian Flowers, together with previous host Gire Dragun, took them on many trips and activities, including in Dallas/Fort Worth, Kerrville, San Anto-

nio, Lake Brownwood, Abilene, Lubbock, San Angelo, Carlsbad Caverns, and Balmorhea. In addition, Lion Aaron Battles sponsored a dinner at Texas Roadhouse.

Activities included visiting three Lions clubs, the Texas Lions Camp and the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling



Center. They visited several museums and educational institutions, Abilene Zoo and the stockyards in Fort Worth, and attended a baseball game, a soccer game, the Odessa Downtown Lions Fourth of July-August parade, a rodeo in Fort Worth, and Summer Mummers. They swam, shopped, learned to line-dance, did water sports, and played tennis, pickleball and golf. The girls all said that they greatly enjoyed their stay and were very grateful to their hosts and other Lions.

Midland Northside sponsored Jason Minor from Midland Christian School to go to Italy for four weeks and



Midland West Side sponsored Caleb Brown from Midland High School to go to Germany for three weeks. The sponsor clubs paid airfare, travel insurance, camp fees, and some spending money. The students each spent some time with a host family and more than a week at a youth camp with other students from all over the world. Their reports on their trips will be featured in the district newsletter.

Since 1994, District 2-A1 has sponsored a total of 30 students from six Midland high schools to six countries



in Europe. Midland Northside, West Side, Downtown and the former Suburban Lions Club sponsored the students. Eighteen families have hosted a total of 80 students from 18 foreign countries. Some of the hosts were not Lions, but most of them were members of the Midland Northside, West Side, Downtown and the former Suburban and Morning Lions Clubs.

Lion Mark Singh District 2-A1 Youth Exchange Chairman

Youth Exchange Jason Minor

My Lions Youth Exchange Trip to Italy in July-August 2024



"The world is a book, and those who do not travel only read one page." A quote from Saint Augustine. For most people, traveling alone can seem like a daunting task.

However, this was such a great learning experience to have. By traveling alone you learn things about yourself you never would have. You learn real life skills that will be useful in the future. Things that cannot be replicated by taking a family vacation or a getaway with friends. You are thrown into a completely new environment,

only having yourself to rely on. Overall, the traveling part itself was not too worrying and was honestly quite enjoyable. Being able to travel by myself is something I am really grateful to have experienced on this trip. I plan to explain my stay overseas and the activities I did while there.

My journey started on the island of Sardinia, east of the mainland of Italy. I arrived in the capital of Sardinia, Cagliari. Upon arrival my host family picked me up from the airport and drove to their house in the small town of San Gavino. San Gavino is a very beautiful town and one of my favorite activities while there was the mural tour. San Gavino has almost sixty murals around the town and the tour highlighted some of

San Gavino's most famous murals. While in Sardinia we did many more things like museum tours and shopping. Sardinia is commonly known for its beautiful beaches and clear water. So it was clear that we would have many beach days ahead of us.

Youth Exchange Jason Minor



Knowing our arrival in Rome marked our halfway point of the trip seemed surreal.

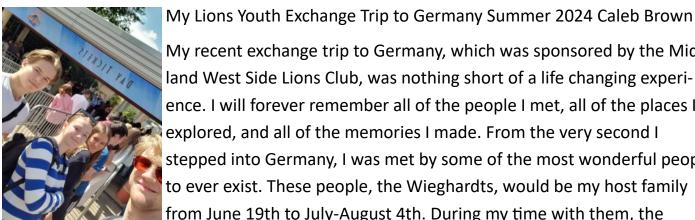
It seemed like yesterday we were just leaving our home countries. The camp itself was so amazing and Roma was so beautiful! Our camp director Sandra was so amazing and I am so grateful to have had her as our camp director. "Campo Amicizia" is exactly what

it means, Friendship Camp. I never thought I could grow so close with a group of somewhat strangers in just three weeks. However, spending everyday together can really grow your bonds. During our stay in Rome we did so much. During our initial days, everyone did a presentation on their countries. In total we had fourteen kids from twelve different countries. These countries included: Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, North Macedonia, Turkey, India, Brazil, Mexico, Indonesia, and of course me from America.

I am so glad this is the group of people I was placed in. From touring the Vatican and Colosseum, to rafting down rivers, we did something new everyday. Some days we would travel to go see the different regions of Italy and learn the history of their area. We also had a day where we did service work for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. Which helps keep parents with their kids who have certain diseases that may take a long time to recover from. During the camp we were able to experience even more different types of food and culture. The worst part about camp was leaving. It was so hard to say goodbye to all the friends we just made, however; I can confidently say that we will all remain lifelong friends. I know that wherever I go in the world I will have connections now. The camp was such a great experience and I am so grateful that the campers and leaders were exactly who they are. I wouldn't have wanted to do it with anyone else.

Again I want to express my gratitude for this amazing opportunity. It is something I wish I could relive over and over. Not everyone gets to have this type of experience, so I want to thank you so much for allowing me to have this journey. Living in Italy for three weeks is something I will never forget and a journey I will always remember. Thank you.

[&]quot;A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles"- Tim Cahill.



My recent exchange trip to Germany, which was sponsored by the Midland West Side Lions Club, was nothing short of a life changing experi-

ence. I will forever remember all of the people I met, all of the places I explored, and all of the memories I made. From the very second I stepped into Germany, I was met by some of the most wonderful people to ever exist. These people, the Wieghardts, would be my host family from June 19th to July-August 4th. During my time with them, the

Wieghardts showed me as much of Germany as they possibly could; we saw the massive cathedral of Cologne, the beauty of the riverside towns of Dusseldorf and Dortmund, and the day-to-day life of the German people. From sightseeing to school, from music festivals to rock climbing, the wonderful people of Germany were so kind to accept me and treat me as one of their own. They brought me into their lives, introduced me to their family and friends, and looked after me with all of the care in their hearts.

But after my two weeks with the Wieghardts was over, I moved on to stay at a camp with another wonderful group of people. These people, exchange students who came from all across the world, will also hold a special place in my heart. They all had a particular interest in America, specifically in Texas. I think a few of them were disappointed to learn that we do not quite live in the "Wild West" anymore (although most have a gun and a few people will still ride their horses in the city). All of us, despite having vastly different backgrounds, lives, and experiences, came together to live as one for a week and a half in Germany. Though we lived different lives before, and are living different lives now, for those ten days we were one people. We all shared the same experiences, ate the same food, saw the same buildings, and lived the same lives. To this day, and forever more, I consider every one of those exchange students to be a good friend.

I was upset to have to leave so early, despite having spent just short of a month in Germany. On the final night of our trip, we held a party where all of us got a chance to say goodbye to each other. I stayed awake until four in the morning, simply chatting with my friends for the final time. These people had become my family for the twenty-five days that I stayed in Germany, and it was disheartening to leave them. However, with the advent of smartphones, I have been extremely lucky to be able to keep in touch with my friends. I would like to give my whole-hearted thanks to the International Lions Club, who both arranged and sponsored my trip to Germany, as well as the wonderful people who cared for me during my trip. My favorite memories of Germany will always be the wonderful people that I met and the friends that I made.

Texas Lions Camp



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 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 75th 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 EACH 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.

Aug., '22

Texas Lions Camp

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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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