



Lions Clubs International District 2-A1

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Donald McConnell@outlook.com District2A1newsletter@hotmail.com Like us on Facebook: district2A1lions The months of the New Year have passed very quickly again. As a Lion we are all kept very busy each month and it does make the time go by fast. I want to thank all of you for the great work you have done.

Huge Thank You to the Sonora Lions Club, that hosted us for the Mid-Winter Conference. All that attended enjoyed themselves very much. It was a great time for fellowship, as we don't get to see some of the Lions very often. The food was great, everyone enjoyed it. Thank you again for hosting us.

Lion Whitney, thank you for coming and being our guest speaker. Many of us didn't know about how much District 2 A1 has in the museum. You were very informative and want Lions that have not been there to come visit.

If anyone is still interested in getting vision or hearing certified, please get in contact with Lion Sandra Freeman or myself. Also, please put the hearing aid stickers that were given out to be put on the eyeglass boxes so we can start collecting hearing aids. We do want to get this project active.

It is good to hear all the volunteers that have been helping in the Eyeglass Recycling Center and thanks to all the Midland Lions that are working hard to keep it going. Please, if you have time, go and help out.

Lions, Lion Mark is getting youth exchange students to come. He does such a great job in making sure everyone is taken care of and has great host families. You are greatly appreciated.

Please, Clubs do your reports. I you are having any problems Lion Felis will help you. Also, don't be late sending in your dues. Sometimes my mailbox is full. So treasurers, please take care of this.

Clubs, please report your Club Excellence Award service projects. I know all of you are doing service projects and work hard. So why not report it and get recognized for all your hard work. You deserve this award.

Our District Convention/Governors Banquet will be April11-12 in San Angelo. We are planning something special. Information and Registration are on pages 18 and 19.

Thank you all for such great support in helping me. I have appreciated all your support and suggestions. This is your district, all of you have a say in how you would like things done. I'm here to moderate. I love and appreciate each and everyone of you.

God is Good

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District Meeting Sonora Bring Us Together















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Club News

Concho Pearl Lions Club





The Concho Pearls volunteer weekly at Meals for the Elderly. They make sandwiches to go out in the sack lunches for the weekend or bag all the goodies when they send out soups. And they've been doing this for over 30 years!

Yep, that's the little club with the BIG | !





Excellent work by our Concho Pearl Lions Club members on their donations to Keepers of Hope! #volunteersmakeadifference

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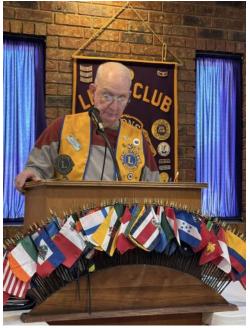
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Club News Continued

Sweetwater Lions Club







Lion Bob Peterson was our program and gave us some information about some "quarky" laws that have been passed in the legislature meetings over time!

They were interesting and funny!

Thanks Lion Bob for the laughs!

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Club News Continued

Colorado City Lions Club



Congratulations to Lion Mike Nichols and Janet Colleen McCollum on being with the Lion's Club for 10 years and getting their Chevron pin.

Guest speakers were Andrew and Pete from Wolf Country 107.1 radio station. We heard about what they do and all the changes they have made to the radio station.





Congratulations to Lucy Foster! She won the Lion's Club scholarship at the Mitchell County Stock Show.

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Club News continued

San Angelo Downtown Lions Club



As Lions, "We Serve!" our communities & fellow man out of the kindness of our hearts, but then, you have extraordinary Lions with the passion to go above & beyond the call of duty. Thank you, Boss Lion Joe Guerra, for your priceless service these past 15 years & counting! #LEGACY #OurFuturelsNow #JoinUs

It is with an extremely heavy heart that the San **Angelo Downtown Lions** Club announces the loss of longtime member Lion Duane Hamblin (pictured in the center). Our deepest sympathies go out to his family & loved ones during this difficult time.

PERIDGE FARA



Sanchez, "The Blessing Box pantry is looking great! Thank you, Lion Paul, for acquiring these donations from Pepperidge Farm distributor Jon Torrez; and thank you, Jon, for your tremendous generosity." **#SADLC #Lions #WeServe**

Club News continued San Angelo Downtown Lions Club continued









With L.E.G.A.C.Y., Our Future Is Now! And, we couldn't be more proud & excited to have our youth embrace our motto, "We Serve"; sorting, cleaning & reading hundreds of donated glasses @ our San Angelo Lions Charities Eyeglass Recycle Center. #LEGACY #OurFutureIsNow #JoinUs



The Colorado City Lions Club Proudly Supports



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

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San Angelo Lady Lions



The San Angelo Lady Lions are pleased to present a check to the CHS Fillin' Station! The CHS Fillin' Station prepares non-perishable dinner meal kits for students and families in need. Presenting the check are Lion Samantha Torres, Lion Kim Gadberry and Lion Raquel Taunton!



Midland West Side Lions Club Home Club of PDG Armando Subia

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Midland West Side Lions Club Home Club of PDG Bob Edwards

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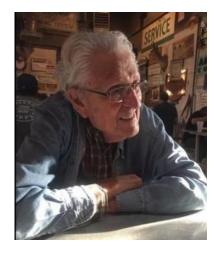
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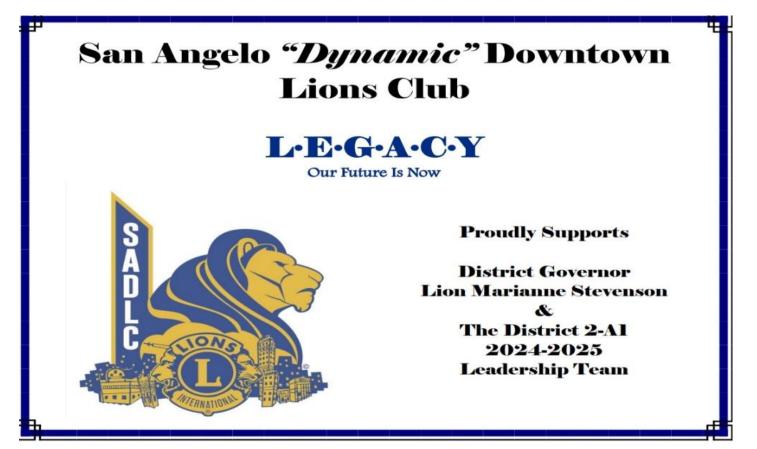
Midland Downtown Lions Club



Dr. Norman Gould 06/17/1928 - 02/22/2025

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Norman Gould. Dr. Gould was a 60 plus year member of the Midland Downtown Lions Club.

From his obituary: Dr. Gould Norman joined the Midland Downtown Lions Club on July 1, 1958, and remained active throughout his life. He helped pioneer the club's Eyeglass Recycling Program, which continues today. In recognition of his lifelong dedication, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lions Club in 2023. Norman also traveled abroad to provide eyeglasses to underserved communities. He was a staple at the annual Lion's Pancake Jamboree, where he flipped countless flapjacks. He also volunteered to assist with tax preparation for those in need.



Midland West Side Lions Club



Thank you to Stephanie Hart and Tina Gillihan with Basin Dream Center for educating our members about your group and mission for the young adults in our community.

From Stephanie Hart: Thank you Midland West Side Lions Club for providing our youth with eye exams and new eye glasses! We've seen many tears of joy expressed through your kindness and support!





Bingo at Manor Park





Llano Lions Club

From the Llano Police Department

Many thanks to the Llano Lions Club for inviting Chief Bauer to speak today about the different types of scams and how technology is making it easier for criminals to turn folks into a victims with, sadly, little to no recourse.



Key factors:

- 1) Say NO to gift cards! If anyone contacts you and says you need to pay a bill, take part in a survey, promotion, or for any other reason, asks you to purchase gifts cards to do it, JUST SAY NO!
- 2) We, Llano PD, are never going to call you wanting money because you have a warrant or we want new equipment.
- 3) Don't give any personal information to anyone who calls you unsolicited.
- 4) Don't scan a QR code on a package you received that you know you didn't order.
- 5) Visit, and spend some time reading articles at consumer.ftc.gov
- 6) Check into services that remove your information from the dubya, dubya, dubya.

Seriously though, if you wonder how scammers get your info, or you're curious about what information is out there about you or your loved one, JGY (Just Google You)

State Screening Certification

<u>Friday, May 9</u> - we will be conducting **HEARING TRAINING** by the State Office from 8:30am-3:30pm to learn how to do hearing testing and using audiometers.

<u>Saturday, May 10</u> - we will be conducting **VISION CERTIFICATION AND RE-CERTIFICATION** by State Office from 8:30am-3:30pm.

Training will be held at San Angelo Lions Charities Eyeglass Recycling Center, 27 West Concho in San Angelo, Texas

Please Call 325-227-4350 to register for the class or classes you wish to attend. Leave your name, email and phone number please when you call.

Thank you,

Lion Sandra Freeman

District Vision Chair

Office: 325-227-4350

SAN ANGELO LIONS CHARITIES EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

WE ARE HAVING WORKDAYS!! Not only do we want to teach you how to sort, wash, wipe and read glasses on these days but we also open the building to Lions, and any volunteers, who wish to help us "spruce" up the building a little. Been many years since the building was donated and remodeled and now we need to do some "touching up" upkeep.

WORKDAYS will be from 9am-Noon (or longer if necessary):

Saturday, February 22 - THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SHOWED UP for our 1st workday. Lots of cleaning got done, glasses got read (thank you Linda Weaver), and some fellowship along with it.

<u>Friday, May 9</u> - we will be conducting **HEARING TRAINING** by State Office from 8:30am-3:30pm to learn how to do hearing testing and using audiometers.

<u>Saturday, May 10</u> - in conjunction with this workday we will be conducting **VISION CERTIFICATION AND RE-CERTIFICATION** by State Office from 8:30am-3:30pm.

<u>Saturday, June 22</u> - workday and eyeglass training and VISION SCREEN-ING TRAINING WITH CAMERA'S

Snacks and drinks will be provided on above mentioned days.

COME JOIN US - WORK A LITTLE, LEARN A LITTLE AND ENJOY SOME FELLOWSHIP.

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

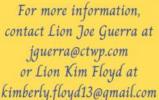
Incentives:

-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.





www.sanangelodowntownlions.org





DISTRICT 2-A1 Convention 2025

April 11th & 12th, 2025

Pearl on the Concho

333 Rio Concho

San Angelo, Texas



Friday: April 11^h Governors Banquet and "Dinner in the Dark" 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Full Meal with guest speaker from Leader Dogs for the Blind (White Coats or Business Attire)

"Dinner in the Dark" is Leader Dogs for the Blind's signature fundraising event that offers an unforgettable experience! Guests will enjoy a remarkable dinner under blindfold, raising funds to transform the lives of individuals who are blind.

Saturday: April 12th

Registration- Meet/Greet: 8:00 am to 9:15 am
 PDG Meeting: 8:00 am to 9:00 am
 Business Meeting: 9:15 am to 2:00 pm
 *Election/Voting 10:00 am to Noon

(Note: Lions must be registered in order to vote)

Luncheon: 12:00 Noon with Keynote Speaker PDG Jim Petty





Past District Governor

Jim Petty

District 2-T2

LIONS WE SERVE! - MAKE YOUR MARK!

BONUS OFFER Register by April 4, 2025 be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 Gift Card

DISTRICT 2-A1 CONVENTION

"REGISTRATION"

April 11-12,2025

A Title/Name			
B Title/Name			
DistrictClub			
Address			
City/State/Zip			
Email			
Phone			
Event (price per person)	Cost # Tickets	Total	
Registration Fee (all lions/guest)	\$25.00		
Fri. 4/11 @7: 00 pm	N/C		
Sat. 4/12 Breakfast/ Lunch	\$25.00		
Total Pkg.	\$50.00		
Payment Information	Location/Accommodations		
Check #	Host Hotel is Pearl on the Co	Host Hotel is Pearl on the Concho	
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MIDLAND NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB



32nd annual

WE SERVE Breakfast



(formerly called BUNNY BREAKFAST) fundraising event for the whole family

Texas Roadhouse

7:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025



Dine-in or take-out.

More than 15 door prizes. Drawing will be held after the event and the winners will be contacted by phone.

Free vision screening by Midland West Side Lions Club.

Balloons for the kids.

FOOD/DRINKS SPONSORS

Sausage biscuit Scrambled eggs Potatoes

Fruit, cookies Coffee, milk or juice

Texas Roadhouse Bubba's 33 Chick-Fil-A (in the Mall) Fuddruckers Gandy's Dairies Coca-Cola

ENTERTAINMENT

Singers Mascots Curby –the recycling robot Hispanic Cultural Center mariachi

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Midland Health Dove Water
Rogers Ford

The Bosworth Company Boler Equipment Service Pentec Pension Management Volkswagen of Midland

Buy tickets (\$6 each, cash or check) at:

Abacus Computers, ClayDesta Center Liberty Tax Service, 1000 N. Midkiff, Suite 6 Jewelry Pagoda (kiosk), Midland Park Mall Texas Roadhouse, 4512 W. Loop 250 N.

Proceeds to be used for:

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Lions Eye Bank Midland College scholarships, Support Our Students Texas Lions Camp for handicapped and diabetic children Lions International Peace Poster contest Lions International Youth Exchange Program Contributions to local organizations



SAVE THE DATE

DISTRICT 2A1 LIONS UNIVERSITY

June 14, 2025

For all Lions interested in learning an Officer position in your club or any newly elected Officer.

There will be training for Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Zone Chairs.

We are offering two sessions for each position in case you would like to learn more about another Officer position.

Time Starts at 9 am

Location will be at the First Assembly of God, in the Stone Family Life Center, 1442 Edmund St. San Angelo, Training Center and parking are inside off of 29th St.

For more information call PDG Carole Brown 325-340-8652 email carolecb9@gmail.com or Lion Felis Subia 432-238-3452, email felissubia@yahoo.com



District 2-A1 Newsletter and Website Sponsors

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The District needs your support for 2024-2025.

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: \$100 (approx. size: 2" x 5.5") \$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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Aug., '22

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.

Texas Lions Camp

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.

(print name exactly as it should appear on plaque)	All monies from Century Club go to the TLC General Fund.		
Donor:	Ship Plaque to:		
City:State: Zip:	City:State:Zip:		
Email:			
Club Name:			
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District 2-A1 Club Goals Bring Us Together

1) 100% - 100%

This means that all clubs are at least 100% to all of our designated charities. Many Clubs are 200%, 500% or more to some or all charities. This is really "Doing What Lions Do'!

2) +1 Member all Clubs

We won't meet this goal unless all clubs have 1 more member - next year (June 30th), than they had this year (July 1st). We don't want any Club to feel that they don't need to get their +1 because some other club got +2 or more. It may be a District Goal, but a Club "serves" with its own membership. Each Club must grow individually, if it doesn't want to become extinct.

3) +1 (net gain in Clubs)

This speaks for itself and our Global Membership Team will be working on this. Your job is twofold - don't be a Club we lose this year, and secondly, point out opportunities, where a new Lions Club or Leo Club could be started. A second Club in your town picks up new Lions that can't meet when you do. Two Clubs can work together on big projects, and can promote fun and friendly competition. Amazingly, many times a new Club in the town increases awareness of an old club and spurs membership growth. Don't be afraid of it.

4) 1 Signature Service Project in every Club

A signature project is a "service" project (not a fundraiser, unless fund raising for some other charity) that is so well known that people in the community automatically know it's "the Lions" when you mention it. It may be one with your name on it like a community park you built and maintain. These are the projects "that Lions Do" that tell people it's GREAT to be a Lion. Every Club should have at least one.

5) 10% Increase in registered organ donors on State registry for A1 Counties

There is a separate letter, sign-up form and WTELBA (Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance) flyer in this packet that will explain this program. This is a low cost project that gets Lions out in the public doing a great service, while becoming more visible. It's Doing What Lions Do!

6) 1 or 2 candidates for all elected offices (improve & deepen Club & District Leadership pool)

There are far too many Clubs with repeat officers year after year. When they die, so does the club. You need to start in July building a leadership pool to get candidates for Club and District office next year. Bring your prospective leaders to our District seminars and leadership training to get them more interested in taking leadership positions. Work with them in your Club to take the Lions leadership courses on-line.

7) 3 Diabetes Awareness Entrants & 1 Peace Poster Entrant per Zone

What a way to help children mature and build their confidence in their abilities! When Lions involve children in contests, scholarships, etc., we not only set the stage for future Lions, but their parents, if asked, may join now because they see us "Doing What Lions Do". Remember the Circle of Lions!

District 2-A1 Supported Charities

100% Contributions for District 2-A1 Supported Charities

A 100% voluntary contribution to a charity is a per member donation from a Club made during the Lions year. Most of our charities have no dues or means of support, except through individual fellowship donations or these 100% (or greater) Club Donations. A dollar amount is established by the charity, the State Council of Governors, or the District itself. Many Clubs bring these checks and present them at the District Cabinet meetings, during our parade of checks.

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) - \$2.00 per member

LCIF is the grant making arm of Lions Clubs International. Its mission is to support the efforts of Lions Clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian services projects. Visit www.lcif.org today.

100% District Contribution is \$2.00 per Club member. Designate the check for 100%.

<u>Club Certificate of Appreciation</u> is \$10.00 per member. Designate for Club Certificate of Appreciation, name of member. Club receives a Certificate of Appreciation.

<u>Contributing Membership</u> is \$20.00 per member. Designate for contributing membership and 100%. Each Contributing member receives a wallet card. Each Club receives a Club Banner Patch Chevron.

Honor Roll is \$100.00 per member. Designate the4 check for the Honor Roll and for 100%. Each Honor Roll member receives a certificate.

<u>Melvin Jones Certificate</u> is \$1000.00 per fellowship. Designate for the Melvin Jones Fellow and designate the recipient. Each Melvin Jones Fellow receives a Plaque pin. Your Club's contribution is deposited in the ENDOWMENT account of the Lions Club International Foundation.

The ENDOWMENT funds are restricted and the principal cannot be used. Only the interest can be used in the operation of the Foundation

Leader Dogs for the Blind - \$2.00 per member

Without doubt, one of the most dramatic and best-known service activities of Lions is the Leader Dog program. The Leader Dog School was founded in 1939 by three Lions who were unable to obtain Leader Dogs from any other source. Founders were S.A. Dodge, Donald P. Schuur and Charles A. Nutting; all of who later served as President of the Leader Dog organization. Conceived in a dream, Leader Dog has grown to be one of the largest and finest dog guide schools in the world.

The whole enterprise began, with more courage than anything else, when a few Lions from Detroit, Michigan, purchased an old farmhouse which still stands in the center of a complex now valued at over twelve million dollars. The leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan is adjacent to an estimated 45% of the nation's blind.

During its first years of operation, only a few people graduated. In fiscal year 2002, 274 Leader Dog teams graduated; 274 more blind people went out into the world able to live a life of their own, despite blindness. 12,169 Leader Dogs have been trained since the founding of the school in 1939. For 63 years Lions and Lioness have invested untold time and effort in the Leader Dog program. Leader dog offers its services through the Lions and Lioness of all states to the blind. Lions and Lioness help spread the word that blind people who want to be free and mobile can have a Leader Dog for the asking and can write in behalf of a blind candidate to obtain an application.

District 2-A1 Supported Charities continued

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) - \$2.00 per member

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center 2550 Flynt, Midland, Texas 79701

Phone: 432-683-3611 e-mail: <u>txlerc@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>https://txlerc.org</u>

Chairman: Tim Cox

100% Contribution: \$2.00/ member

Focus Club (150%): \$3.00/ member Club receives a banner patch

Visionary Knights of the Blind: \$10.00 or more/month bank draft (\$100 or more annual payment) Donor

receives a specially designed desk medallion w/stand. Fellowships: Honoree receives an engraved plaque The PDG O. Ike Fitzgerald Gold Vision Fellowship -\$1000

The Lion George Miles Silver Vision Fellowship - \$500

The Doctor Norman S. Gould Bronze Vision Fellowship - \$250

(Digitl pictures of plaques, medallions & patches can be provided if desired for directory)

Platinum Knights: Any single gift of \$10,000 or more from an Individual, Club, Trust, Foundation, or Corpora-

tion

Texas Lions Foundation (TLF) - \$2.00 per member

The Texas Lions Foundation was formed by and for the Lions Clubs of Texas in order to provide grants for Humanitarian & Disaster Relief Purposes. Funds for these grants come from Lions and Lions Clubs in Texas who have made voluntary contributions to the Texas Lions Foundation or have conducted fund raising events specifically to benefit the Foundation.

The Foundation supports charitable activities sponsored by the Lions of Texas. Additionally, the Foundation can assist in defraying the costs of any designated disaster. The Texas Lions Foundation Fellowship Program is a primary means for TLF to strengthen its financial base. The fellowship is presented to a Lion or other individual for a personal contribution of \$500 or as a tribute from a Club.

West Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance, a joint project of Districts 2A1 & 2T3 - \$5.00 per member

Manage area eye donor programs for the purpose of promoting eye donation; retrieving, processing, and preserving donor eye tissues; and, evaluating and distributing donor eye tissues for sight restoring corneal transplantation.

- Provide donor corneas for more than 40,000 sight restoring corneal transplantations in the U.S. each year.
- Provide more than 35,000 donor eye tissues for research dedicated to blindness prevention and sight restoration.
- Provide educational programs for health care professionals about the importance of offering the opportunity for donation.

Provide educational programs for Lions Clubs and the general public about the importance of and need for eye donation.

For more information, please contact: Lucy Ybarra, Manager, The Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Association, 2030 Pulliam St, San Angelo, TX 76905. Phone: 325-653-8666. Web Site: https://wtleb.org.

District 2-A1 Supported Charities continued

Texas Lions Camp - \$10.00 per member

The Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville is a Texas State Project, non-profit organization, dedicated to providing without charge, a summer camp for children with physical disabilities and Type 1 diabetes from the state of Texas regardless of race, religion or national origin. Since 1949 the Texas Lions Camp has served over 50,000 children with special medical conditions. Located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, the Camp is nested on 504 acres of wooded countryside. Modern facilities include a newly renovated dining hall, infirmary, junior Olympic sized swimming pool, fishing pond, high and low elements ropes course, gym, weight room, amphitheater, air-conditioned cabins and much more.

Children attending the Texas Lions Camp have opportunities to experience recreational and leisure activities. Swimming, water sports, horseback riding, nature trails, tennis courts, team courts, team sports, canoeing and sleeping under the stars are just a few of the activities available for campers. Children attending the Texas Lions Camp have many opportunities for positive social interaction, gaining self-confidence and developing a greater self-image.

Children with physical disabilities eligible to participate in summer camping programs at the Texas Lions Camp must be between the ages of 7 and 16. Children with Type 1 diabetes must be between the ages of 8 and 15.

The diabetic camping program at the Texas Lions Camp provides children with an opportunity to learn and expand their self-care skills. While attending the diabetic program campers participate in a wide range of

educational programs in addition to the primary recreational activities offered each summer. A medical team joins the Texas Lions Camp to help children learn more about their condition. Each day children monitor blood sugar levels, make choices regarding nutrition, and learn about insulin procedures. Parents are offered a special day of instruction at the end of each camping session. The parent instruction provides detailed information about current diabetes care. The Texas Lions Camp is funded primarily through the generosity of Lions Clubs throughout the state of Texas. Lions Clubs significantly support the activities of the Camp through gifts and volunteer resources. Each spring Lions Clubs help prepare the Camp for the children. On Work Weekends Lions Clubs provide volunteers who assist with painting, cutting firewood, cleaning brush, washing windows and much more. Lions Clubs support the Camp's efforts by recruiting and sponsoring campers from their communities. Some Clubs even provide transportation to and from camp! Lions Clubs also come to Camp throughout the summer to prepare meals and meet campers. Through the enthusiasm, talents and gifts provided by Texas Lions Clubs the Texas Lions Camp continues to offer exciting summer opportunities at no charge.