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Travels With District Governor Lynn



Greetings to all the Lions of 2 -X2 and all the other Lions who may read this newsletter:

Time has flown by so fast and now it is time for me to leave for Sydney. I will be over in Sydney when you receive this note. I want to thank all the Lions of the Best District in Texas, 2 -X2 for all the support and advice I have received so far.

Many things will begin to take place after I return from Sydney and before I have my first Cabinet meeting. Some of them are:

I NEED ALL the clubs PU101 to me as soon as possible. I thank Lion April for sending out the extra emails reminding club to get them to me. You may email them to me at nacoll@suddenlink.net

or mail them to me at 1907 Castlegate, Henderson, Texas 75654. Yes this is a different address so please use the new address.

I am working on training sessions hopefully in the month of July for ALL Officers and cabinet members. I don't expect anyone to accept a position unless they have been fully trained and feel comfortable in that position. I think there is always time to learn new things. We are never too old to stop learning.

My first cabinet meeting will be Aug. 14th in Waskom. I want to thank the Waskom club for allowing me to hold my meeting with them. I hope many of the district plans to attend. Part of the meeting will be installing my cabinet and district chairpersons. Please mark your calendar for that date.

Upon my return from Sydney I will be making a schedule of Club visits. I hope to make all the visits and learn from each club what they expect from me. I would also like to know some ideas or questions club members would like to learn more about.

I know each governor during their term was pressed to work on membership. Well that is one of the goals incoming President of Lions International, Sid Scruggs, has on our agenda for 2010 - 2011. This year the Outgoing Governors of the state of Texas will have a positive membership for the state of Texas. I would like to work toward having a positive membership in 2 -X2.

It is time to say good bye as Vice District Governor and District Governor elect, and I will return July 5, 2010 as Governor for the best district in the state of Texas. I have enjoyed my year and looking forward to working with all the clubs.

May God continue to bless all the Lions of 2 -X2. Please remember our men and women in arms way this Fourth of July. They continue to keep America safe so that we all can enjoy our Freedom. God bless everyone who reads this newsletter and have a safe and Blessed Fourth of July.



Special points of interest:

- Coming Soon:
- A photo contest for District 2-X2
- The theme is Lions serving
- More details to follow

A.C.'s Comments



Hello Fellow Lions,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for a job well done to DG Sandy and his partner Loin Mary Sandberg. It is said that time Fly's

when you are having fun. I must have had a High-Hoe Time as the 2nd Vice District Governor because I can't believe this year is over.

Now the real challenge is at hand; representing District 2-X2 as Vice District Governor for the year ahead. Several plans are under way to assure all the districts of Texas end this year on a positive note. The Texas clubs ended last year with a plus in membership. 2X2 still has some work to do so we can assure that this trend is continued for the year 2010/1011.

There have been some changes initiated by Lions International to reorganize the MERL Team concept and enhance Leadership opportunities. I look forward to working with DG Lynn Nacol and 2nd VDG Traci Francis this year to see how successful 2X2's Leadership team will be. We need to increase the overall district membership as this is one of Internationals most important objectives. Lion Sharon and I will see you soon.

Notes from the IPDG

Again thanks to the Lions of District 2-X2 for your support the past year. I will be serving as TLF Trustee and Peace Poster Chair for 2010-2011. Please feel free to call on me for any assistance in these areas, or any other way I can help.

Congratulations to PDG Brian Whitenack on his induction into the Texas Lions Hall Of Fame. His many years of faithful service to Lionism make him highly deserving of this honor.

IPDG Sandy Sandberg



District Calendar

- July 1- Shakespeare Festival, Kilgore
- July 3- Bar-B-Q, Dodd City
- July 25-31- Diabetic Camp, Kerrville
- August 5- Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament, Fredericksburg
- August 5-7, Council of Governors, Kerrville
- August 14- Cabinet Meeting, Waskom



A Word from the 2nd Vice Governor



Hello My Fellow Lions;
I look forward to the next 3 yrs as I serve as your Vice-Governor and then District Governor. My husband PDG Don Francis and our kids

have been involved in Lions for a lot of years and we are very excited about traveling around the District and meeting a lot of new Lions and seeing some of our wonderful friends. Over the years I have listened and observed so many wonderful Lions and the one

thing that is always touches my heart is our unselfish desire of serving as is our motto of "We Serve" together we take it to a new height. We as Lions are recognized as truly an outstanding group of people in our community. For example, when a need is presented, we are able to fulfill that need above and beyond the expectations. As we look forward to this next year and where we are going to serve in our community let us not forget where we can help serve in our District. Our new Governor Lynn is still in need of some help with District offices. I ask you to consider serving on her cabinet to help all our clubs succeed. One of the other things I have seen is that some of our new Lions do not understand what L I O N S stands for.....Do you remember? Over the next few months I will be addressing the meaning of each letter

and what they stand for and why they are our foundation and hope some of the Lions new and old get a little more knowledge of the greatest service organization in the world.

This month's challenge is to have at least 2 from each club attend the first Cabinet meeting in August. Are you up for that challenge???? We will see!!!!

Have fun and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow club members, because I know that is one of the reasons that we all love to get together

In your Lions' Service
2nd-Vice Governor
Traci Francis

Dodd City Bar-B-Q

On July 3rd the Dodd City Lions Club will hold it's Bar-B-Q at the Dodd City School Cafeteria. Serving will start at 11am with the auction at 2pm. Monies raised are used to support Lions Club

projects and to help build a New Pavilion for the City of Dodd City. Please attend and help us do our part for the District 2-X2 and our

Community. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 3-12 yrs.

Camp Bus Trip

On June 18 and 19, Lions from across 2-X2 traveled by bus to Texas Lions Camp. Camp was in session. The Lions were present for the Awards night. For some Lions, such as Lion Don Prichett from Wake Village, this was their first trip to Texas Lions Camp. Lion Don is pictured to the right at Texas Lion Camp. Also pictured is IPDG Sandy Sandberg traveling on the bus to the camp.



A Message from International

Greetings my dear Lion friends:

As we approach the final days of 2009-10, I'm pleased to report that our overall net membership growth this year should likely be around +26,000 or even better -- marking the third consecutive year of positive growth and the best results in the modern history of our association. This is truly great, and I'm so proud of you all.

Moreover, it appears all areas will have improved results over the recent past. More districts are now showing positive growth, the average club size is improving, and nearly 1700 new clubs have been formed all over the world. We are also nearing a very historic milestone in reaching 300,000 women members, which by itself is a huge success.

The main reason for this article is to relay the decisions just taken at our international board meeting concerning the MERL program. I wrote to you previously informing you that a plan was being developed by a special committee to restructure and replace MERL. That work is now done and we have a new direction.

But first let me state that the historic objective of MERL was never in question. Looking back, it's clear that MERL was a good idea when first implemented more than a decade ago - a right idea for that particular time. It brought more emphasis to membership development and its core components. However, today we find its results and its impact are still somewhat elusive.

We also have some important new structures -- such as the Global Membership Team and the new DG Teams -- that have now taken on more responsibility for membership development. So we needed to find a

new way ahead to restructure and ultimately replace MERL, to adapt to the new situation and to pursue new opportunities.

After many, many months of careful planning and deliberation, your board has developed an innovative plan to replace MERL beginning in 2010-11. It involves three important steps:

Expanding the Global Membership Team down to the multiple district and district level. This will create, for the first time, a complete bottom-to-top team, touching from the club level all the way up to the international president. Also to further clarify roles and responsibilities, the DG Teams will lead the GMT unit at the district level with the help of a GMT Coordinator and a surrounding support team.

Consolidating the Membership, Extension, and Retention (M-E- and R) chairs and their functions into a 'one team approach' where all three functions are integrated in order to enhance accountabilities and reduce overlapping roles in the previous M-E and R positions.

Separating the Leadership function from M-E & R and elevating the function into its own parallel structure known as the **Global Leadership Team (GLT)**, to work alongside GMT at all levels in a very highly integrated and interdependent fashion.

The overall purpose of expanding GMT and creating GLT seeks to address three basic goals: continued growth, improved club success, and ultimately better leadership development to ensure that LCI remains the world's global leader in community and humanitarian service.

This upcoming year will be one of transition. I know that some

districts may not be fully ready to move in the new way right away. That's understandable, but we must at least begin taking the first steps. For those districts and multiple districts with active and hard-working MERL teams, of course they may continue to use them in 2010-11 while preparing a transition to the new structure by 2011-12. But those with inactive or expiring MERL teams can, and should, move more quickly to the new approach.

Be assured there will be many more communications coming out in the weeks and months ahead. But I wanted to share these highlights with you as Lion leaders because it's important that you see the road map and be kept informed.

Again we have much to be proud of this year. But our success will only be clearer if we will help those who are taking over for us to move ahead even farther.

In that regard, I wish everyone great success with each and every step you take. I especially want to extend very best wishes to our incoming leaders - especially our incoming district governors - and of course to my dear friend and close colleague, Sid Scruggs, our incoming international president in 2010-11. He has a wonderful theme emphasizing and seeking to grow our service, which is absolutely critical to our continued success. Please join me in giving him our utmost support as he leads our dear association to even greater success.

In the meantime, next year I will be speaking to you as Chairperson of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). So it's not farewell or goodbye -- just a final greeting and thank you from this side.

With cordial regards,
Eberhard J. Wirfs
International President



Lions of District 2-X2
Please show your support
For our new governor

Saturday, **August 14, 2010**

First Cabinet Meeting

For Governor Elect Lynn Nacol

Waskom Lions Club Hosting

Waskom Baptist Church

Breakfast snacks starting at 7:30 a.m.

Lunch - BBQ with all the trimmings

Please send in your intent to attend so that food can be
abundantly prepared.

President Lloyd Pond - texaspond@aol.com

Secretary Sue Gardner - autoharper@comcast.net



Looking for a way to serve

District 2-X2???



Become the new "eyeglass recycling" trailer chairperson.

Responsibilities:

- Keep and maintain district trailer
- Make trailer available for eyeglass collection
- Travel to Midland recycling center for delivery of collected eyeglasses when trailer is full

Contact PDG Leon VanAlstine

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cell 903-926-6320,

email leon_vanalstine@yahoo.com

IPDG Sandy Visits Wake Village

IPDG Sandy Sandberg, then Governor, visited the Wake Village and Nash Lions clubs in May. IPDG Sandy presented awards to the club. Also in attendance were PDG Leon and Lion Nancy VanAlstine. Lion Nancy gave a program on the Texas Lions Camp Frontier Village and encourage support from the clubs.



Welcome New Lions

The following list are new Lions for the month of June:

- Reuben Trussell- Cooper
- John Crane, III- Linden
- Mike Dillinger- Linden

- Dennis Flores- Linden
- Brent Primrose- Linden
- Carolyn Bass- Longview
- Westy Meisenheim- Marshall
- Randy Cox- Mar-Tex

- Jack Redmond- Mar-Tex
- Don Gross- Ore City
- Michael Boles- Sulphur Springs
- Andrew Urban- Tyler
- Brenda Morey- Winnsboro

Obituary

- Lion Curtis Bowden- Linden
- Lion Ben Ellington- Linden
- Lion John Noonan- Linden
- Lion Billy Skelton- Linden
- Lion Dennis Dugan- Mar-Tex





17th Annual Texas Lions Camp Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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August 5, 2010

8:00 am & 1:00 pm Shotgun Starts

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

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For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs,
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website.—www.lionscamp.com

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