

**Lions
District
2-X2**

We Care, We Share, We Serve

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G' DAY LION OF 2 -X2:

It's good to be a Lion in 2 -X2, the best district in Texas SERVING OUR communities to the BEST we can. God Bless the Lions of 2 -X2 and all Lions around the world.

I hope everyone had a Merry and Blessed Christmas and all remember the reason for the season. May the Lord bless everyone whose hands this newsletter passes through. I know myself and my family had a blessed 2010 and hopes each of you and yours families did the same.

Well 2011 is now upon us and we still have many things to achieve in the remaining six months. I would like to thank the clubs that I visited in the month of December. They were

Henderson, Winnsboro and Marshall. I do hope someone from each of the clubs is receiving the newsletter so that when I call the clubs to say "I would like to visit" your club they will not be surprised.

The remainder of this year will be very busy with club visits. One of my goals this year was to be 100% in club visits. I have made my calendar and during this month I will see Bonham on the 6th, New Boston Noon and Judson Evening on the 11th, Detroit on the 17th, Jefferson on the 20th, Dodd City on the 24th, and ending the month on the 26th in Gladewater. If there is a problem with the date I have reserved for your club PLEASE let me know so when I call to confirm the visit the club is not surprised.

The remarks in regards to the MMR's and Activity Reports must be brought up again. In the month of December we only had 24 make MMR's report. That is not good. We need to be 100%. Once again

they need to be into International if hand written by no later than the 20th and a copy to me. The online has until the last day of the month. You can not expect someone else to do your job. This looks bad not only to the district but also on the Governor. Please let's do better next month.

The second half of dues to the District and International will be coming soon. This first half of the year the district did have two clubs put on Status Quo. I have been notified from International that one has been put back on active status. The other club assured me they would take care of business. I would like to see 2 - X2 end in a positive for Governor-elect AC.

I hope everyone in the district has put Jan. 15, 2011 on their schedule to attend. This is our Mid-Winter/3rd. Cabinet meeting in Mineola. I have had contact with the Mineola club and they

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Special points of interest:

- Pin Sale: State and District pins are \$7.00 a set. For \$10 You can get both plus the Governor's pin.



A.C.'s Comments



Lions in Service,

Hello fellow Lions, Lion

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are a bit scared due to such low reservations for the Mid-Winter and the Camp walk. I know they need to have a head count for the meals but Please let have a good turn out in Mineola. Our guess speaker Trish Wilson will be informing us of the things going on the camp. Let's give Trish a hardy East Texas welcome with a good attendance. There are some silent items for the auction but I have been asked to invite any club that wants to bring something for the auction Please do. I understand there have been very few people signed up to do the Camp Walk. I would like to see at least one person from all of our 44 clubs walking. I would like to see 2 -X2 send a big check to the camp from our camp walk going toward the Frontier village the district

If any club has a nomination for the District Hall of Fame please bring them to Mid-Winter. Mid-Winter is the deadline to present a person to the District

Sharon and I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Our Christmas was great and we are looking forward to having a great time throughout the New Year. The 2010 year is over and we have many fond memories and some sad times but we have to take the good with the bad.

The New Year will start with a Bang as our Mid-Winter

Hall of Fame. We can allow a Lion for each region.

Anyone wanting to submit a picture for the District Environment contest, please bring your picture.

We will also be accepting a resolution for 2nd Vice District Governor. The resolution needs to be read at Mid-Winter so we can vote on it at District. The resolution for Camp director has been read and will be voted on at District. If there is any other resolutions or items that needs to be acted upon before district Please let me know.

One of our fun raiser has come to and end. I would like to say the winner of the Super Bowl tickets was Michael Kirbow. Congratulations to the Lions George from the Longview club for selling the winning ticket. I am sure both of them will have a wonderful time at home watching or attending the Super Bowl.

We are continuing to sell District shirts. The cost is \$30 for a shirt. I have turn in several orders to Lion Sue and she assures me that we

District convention will be held on 15th of January. Let me encourage all lion's to attend this conference so we have a great time. Having fun in life should be everyone goal. When we work together we all can have fun and enjoy life more abundantly. We look forward to what this new year will bring our way.

can still order if anyone needs one.

I would like to inform the district that "our" peace poster did not make the pick. The winner of the peace poster from Texas was won by Morgan Gonzales from 2S4 representing the Victoria Lions club.

Inclosing I would like to remind the district on upcoming events for the district. The 3rd. Council of Governors will be in Kerrville on Feb. 3 - 5, 2011. Everyone is invited to attend. Attending the COG meeting you will learn what takes place on the state level. The District convention will be held at Henderson's new Civic Center on April 15, 2011. Arrangements are in the final stages and more information will be sent. I hope there will be a good turnout. The State convention will be held in Beaumont Texas on June 2 - 5 2011. On July 4 - 8, 2011 will be the International Convention in Seattle, WA.

A Word from the 2nd Vice Governor



January 2011 a New Year!!!! I was reflecting, this past month and I was thinking about how you inspire my fellow Lions.

Last month we lost 2 Lions that were very dear to me and my walk as a Lion. The first one is Lion John Craig from the Mar-Tex Club in Marshall. When I was a new Lion (17 yrs ago) in an all male club he took me under his wing and made me feel very welcomed. When I would come to the meetings there was always a spot right next to him and he made me laugh and tell me about his years as a Lion and how much he loved the Texas Lions Camp.

As our Lions get older we can learn so much from them and the way Lions were "in the day". Going to

club meetings, conventions, and other activities was a privilege not a burden. They enjoyed the fellowship of other Lions and had the most amazing conventions where 100 or more would attend.

Now to the other Lions that I lost this past year that I found truly amazing was my Aunt Barbara Duncan, she was a hard working, big hearted Lion. She loved Lions and they loved her. The camp was such a passion for her and if you talked to her you would have known that she loved sharing about the camp. Not only was the camp her love but Lionism was her love, she helped so many in so many different ways that we can only strive to reach that point in our lives.

Neither one of these Lions asked to be singled out with what they did in their clubs and communities, but did it with grace and love.

As we are looking to this next year, think about how you can be that kind of Lion. What a difference we will make in the upcoming year. The first goal would be to attend the Mid-Winter conference in Mineola on Jan. 15th. Lions, look at how you are impacting others in your club and community. What about the new Lion that is in your club? Are they learning and seeing what it is to be a Lion, the privilege that comes with wearing that pin or vest? I challenge each and every one of you to make a difference to the one sitting next to you at that club meeting. Hope to see you on January 15th

Yours in Lionism,
2nd Vice Governor Traci Francis

Obituary

Lion Curtis Bowden- Linden

Lion Ben Ellington- Linden

Lion John Noonan- Linden

Lion Billy Skelton- Linden

Lion Dennis Dugan- Mar-Tex

Lion Charles Ogilvie- Canton

Lion C.S. Nix- Wake Village

Lion A.W. Atkinson- Wake Village

Lion Jerrold Turner- Daingerfield

Lion Loy Lawler- Mt Pleasant

Lion Vivian Fields- Waskom

Lion D.A Benton- Longview

Lion Jimmy Sloan- Canton

Lion D.A. Benton- Longview

Lion John Craig- Mar-Tex

Lion Barbara Duncan- Mt Pleasant

Lion Haskell McMillon- Ore City





MD-2 TEXAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

June 2 - 4, 2011 • Holiday Inn
3950 I-10 South at Walden Road
Beaumont, Texas 77705

Register Early and SAVE! SAVE!

FIRST TIME ATTENDANCE PLEASE CHECK HERE _____ YES *Hotel Reservations Cut Off May 26, 2011*

MD-2 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM			
Name and Title	Club Name	District	Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Name and Title	Club Name	District	Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone		E-mail Address	

For Diabetic Meals, Please Check Here

Register by February 11, 2011 w/discount package #1 and save \$29.00. (Early Early Early) Register before April 15, 2011 w/discount package #2 and save \$8.00.(Early Early)	MODE OF TRAVEL
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Dates and Functions	#1 Early Early-Early Bird Postmarked By Feb. 11, 2011	#2 Early Registration Postmarked By April 15, 2011	Registration Postmarked AFTER April 15, 2011	Total No. of Tickets	Total Cost
DISCOUNT PACKAGE Includes all meals, Registration fee and Thursday Evening. Golf not included.	148.00	169.00	177.00		
REGISTRATION FEE All Attendees, including Non-Lions, must be registered.		\$20.00	\$20.00		
Thursday June 2, 2011 Welcome at Hotel	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge		
Friday June 3, 2011 BREAKFAST		19.50	20.00		
Friday June 3, 2011 HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON		23.00	25.00		
Friday June 3, 2011 PDG BANQUET		30.00	31.00		
Saturday June 4, 2011 TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST		19.50	20.00		
Saturday June 4, 2011 YOUTH CONTEST LUNCHEON		23.00	25.00		
Saturday June 4, 2011 MD 2 GOVERNORS BANQUET		34.00	36.00		

All meetings and training will be held at hotel.
Tours available will be off site.
Sunday Morning Buffer will be available at the Holiday Inn Plaza on June 5th, 2011

<p>MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MD 2 STATE CONVENTION 2011 MAIL CHECK(S) and REGISTRATION TO: MD-2 STATE CONVENTION 825 Creekwood Street Vidot, Texas 77662-2301</p>	<p>FOR INQUIRIES Call or E-mail PDG Randall Morris 409-745-3758 409-210-2053 CELL rmmorris@ash.net</p>	<p>Hotel Reservations: Holiday Inn, Beaumont Plaza In-House Reservations (409) 843-5905 \$99.00 Rate Group Code: Lions Club State Convention 2011</p>	<p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Received _____ Check # _____ Amount _____ Due _____</p>
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Cancellations Honored Until May 14, 2011

District Calendar

January 6- Governor's Visit, Bonham
 January 11- Governor's Visit, New Boston Noon
 January 11- Governor's Visit, Judson
 January 15- Mid-Winter, Mineola
 January 15- Camp Walk, Mineola
 January 15- District 2-X2 Hall of Fame Nominations Due
 January 15- Environmental Photo Contest Deadline

January 17- Governor's Visit, Detroit
 January 20- Governor's Visit, Jefferson
 January 24- Governor's Visit, Dodd City
 January 26- Governor's Visit, Gladewater
 February 4-6- 3rd Council of Governors' Meeting, Kerrville
 April 15-17- District Convention, Henderson
 June 2-5- State Convention, Beaumont
 July 4-8- International Convention, Seattle, WA

Charities

The following Clubs have paid charities as of the month of December:

Atlanta- all charities
 Bogata-all charities
 Bonham- all charities
 Canton-all charities
 Chapel Hill- all charities
 Cooper- all charities
 Daingerfield-all charities
 Detroit-all charities
 Dodd City- all charities
 Gilmer-all charities
 Gladewater-all charities

Hallsville- all charities
 Hawkins- all charities
 Henderson- all charities
 Jefferson- all charities 200%
 Judson- Texas Lions Camp
 Kilgore- Texas Lions Camp
 Longview- Texas Lions Camp
 Mar-Tex- all charities
 Marshall- all charities
 Mineola- all charities
 Mt. Pleasant- all charities
 Nash- all charities
 New Boston Evening- all charities

New Boston Noon- all charities
 Ore City- all charities
 Paris- all charities
 Pittsburg- all charities
 Quitman- all charities
 Spring Hill- Texas Lions Camp
 Sulphur Springs- all charities
 Tyler- all charities
 Wake Village- all charities
 Waskom- all charities
 White Oak- all charities
 Windom- all charities
 Winnsboro- all charities
 Yantis/Lake Fork- all charities

Attention All Secretaries

Your MMR (monthly membership report) is due every month.
 If you mail yours to International, it must reach their office by the 20th of each month.
 If you do your report online, you must do it before 8 p.m. of the last day of the month.
 If your report is not online by 8 p.m., a "no activity" report will be made for your club.

***International will not allow monthly reports after the last day of the month. If you miss October and want to make that report on Nov. 1, the website will not allow it.
 Therefore, any October change will have to be made in November.

Thanks! Governor Lynn

TLERC- Looking Forward- Looking Back

One of the most distinguishing features of our Lions logo is the two Lions looking back to the past and looking forward to the future; and while most of the time we need to keep pointed towards the future, it doesn't hurt to take a quick peek at the past. For 19 months now, I have been writing a monthly article for TLERC and for the most part we have concentrated on education – trying to help the Lions of MD2 understand what TLERC does and what programs and services TLERC has available. However, this month for a change we'd like to be more informational and look back for a little bit at 2010....

.....and what a busy year it was! We started the year by kicking off our new giving program. We sent out our first new Focus Club banner patches for those Clubs giving 150%. We added new levels of fellowships (\$1000 – PDG Ike Fitzgerald Gold Fellowship, and the \$250 Dr. Norman Gould Bronze Fellowship) and we kicked off our "Visionary Knight of the Blind" monthly bank draft program.

We sat our first Foundation Board of Directors, consisting of one Director from every Sub-District in MD2, and we selected our first Board President, PDG Claude Durham, and Vice-President, PDG Zac Gray. Prior to this we operated under a three person Incorporating Board. We also held our first three Board Meetings. We completed our move to our new address by moving the lens laboratory

from the old offices.

This spring TLERC was designated an official 501(c)3 Foundation, giving donors the ability to deduct their donations. Obviously this was an important milestone as we start to develop our giving program. At our last Board meeting we established a new "Platinum Knights" Fellowship for gifts of \$10,000 or more. To support this effort our first 4 color brochure was just sent to the printer. This will give our Directors a professional piece to approach Foundations, Trusts, Corporations and large donors.

Last month our new "Visionary Knight of the Blind" medallion was sent to be cast. Soon all of our Charter "Visionary Knights of the Blind" will receive this memento for their generous support. A display Board is currently being developed to help the Directors support TLERC at Mid-Winter Conferences, District Conventions, etc.; plus a new audio/visual Power Point presentation is now available for the Directors. Please call on them to come to your meetings and present this informative program.

However, all of that is organizational and promotional. It pales in comparison to the hundreds of thousands of glasses received, sorted and read at TLERC & its satellites; the dozens of missions completed; the thousands of adults screened and fitted with used glasses around the world; the thousands of children in MD2 that have been screened; the hundreds of pairs of

glasses made for children in our own lens lab (at \$14-\$18/pair), and the many people trained at TLERC's monthly classes to set up and run an Adult Screening program....and yet we barely scratched the surface.

Most exciting as we head into 2011 is our newest pilot training program: the Phoropter. This is the actual machine the doctor uses to find your prescription. We'll give more details about what this can mean to the Lions Sight First efforts in future articles. However, we have shown that lay people are capable of learning how to use this equipment and taking it into developing countries.

...but 2010 is history. We are looking forward to all we can do together in MD2 in 2011. Is your Club or District coming along to complete the Sight First Mission of **eliminating preventable blindness?**

Lion Tom Blase, 2A1 2ndVDG
TLERC Promotions Director



Lions District 2-X2 Camp Walk January 15, 2011 at the Mid-Winter Conference Mineola, Texas

JOIN THE FUN ... COME AND WALK TO SUPPORT THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP

Registration is \$20/per walker by January 1, 2011
\$25/per walker after January 1

**PRIZES • TROPHIES • AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED
AT THE END OF THE EVENT**

**– FOR INFORMATION CONTACT –
Mid-Winter Camp Walk Chairperson
Lion Mike Ferguson - 903-253-0737
e-mail: mferg_us@yahoo.com**

or

Camp Director Lion Nancy VanAlstine - 903-938-1829

REPRESENTING THE _____ CLUB WILL BE:

Name of Walker

T-Shirt Size

L = Large X = Extra Large

Make checks payable to Mineola Lions Club

Mail to Lion Mike Ferguson, Mineola Lions Club, P. O. Box 145, Mineola, TX 75773

DISTRICT 2-X2 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 15, 2011
THEN COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION FOR
THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE & CAMP WALK**

Hosted By: Mineola Lions Club
Where: Mineola Middle School •
 1050 West Loop 564
 (between Hwys. 80 & 69 west of town)
When: Saturday - 1/15/11 - 8 a. m.



Join District Governor Lynn Nacol and your fellow Lions throughout District 2-X2 for a great Mid-Winter Conference. Speaker will be Lion Trish Wilson, Director of Development, Texas Lions Camp. Enjoy a great lunch. Join those hearty Lions who will be participating in the Camp Walk. And we'll have a silent auction offering a variety of items which supports the Frontier Village project (be prepared to bid). We welcome donations of quality items for this auction.

—If you need accommodations on Friday night—
 Best Western Mineola Inn, Highway 69 South & Debby Lane, 903-569-5331

Each prepaid adult registration received by January 1, 2011 will be entered for a drawing of prizes. So be early; be sure your name is in the pot!!!

Registration Fee <small>(All adults pay registration fee)</small>	\$ 6.00 each	X	___	=	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$ 10.00 each	X	___	=	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch (Children under 12)	5.00 each	X	___	=	\$ _____
TOTAL					\$ _____

Free Continental Breakfast Saturday morning.

Register the following: PLEASE PRINT Make check payable to Mineola Lions Club

*A=adult Y=youth 12-18 C=child (please indicate by each name)

____ Name _____	Club _____
____ Name _____	Club _____
____ Name _____	Club _____
____ Name _____	Club _____
____ Name _____	Club _____
____ Name _____	Club _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

SEND TO: LION GWEN STIRMAN, MINEOLA LIONS CLUB
 P. O. BOX 307, MINEOLA, TX 75773
E-MAIL: minlions@suddenlink.net

Detroit Lions Support District 2-X2 Texas Lions Camp 'Frontier Village' Project

President Tracy Loyd, Camp Director Nancy VanAlstine, Tail Twister Betty Smith
Detroit Lions present Frontier Village check

We challenge all District 2-X2 Lions

To donate at least \$42.00

To the District Project

(Or clubs = \$42. x membership)

Send all checks to Lion Drew Seidel (district treasurer)



TO: CLUBS IN DISTRICT 2-X2

We will deliver your contributions to the camp in February if you will send or bring to the Camp Walk on January 15, 2011.

Send or bring the form below with any designated money you want to give to the camp. However, this year we are requesting that you also help the camp walk with the donation of **Undesignated** funds. Please help us as we try to build the new camping facility at the Texas Lions Camp.

Camp Walk "Designated" Money _____ Club _____

Life Memberships - \$ _____

- Honoring Lion _____
- Lion _____
- Lion _____
- Lion _____
- Lion _____

Add additional lines to each group if needed.

Jack Wiech Awards - \$ _____

- Honoring Lion _____
- Lion _____
- Lion _____
- Lion _____

Please indicate above if the recipient is NOT a Lion

Century Club Members - \$ _____

- Received from Lion _____
- Lion _____
- Lion _____
- Lion _____

Undesignated funds donated to building Frontier City \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Texas Lions Camp

PLEASE SEND MONEY WITH THIS FORM TO: MINEOLA LIONS CLUB
ATTN: LION MIKE FERGUSON
P. O. BOX 145
MINEOLA, TX 75773



District Convention

April 15-17, 2011

Henderson Civic Center

Henderson, TX

Guest Speaker: PID Theodore T. Fusco & Wife, Rita

Tentative Schedule

Friday Night: PDG Meeting

Saturday: Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner- Black Tie

Activities: Silent Auction

More information to come



**Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors
Listed By District
August 1 through December 10, 2010**

Name	Credit	Memo
District		
T3		
Odessa A.M. Lions Club	1,900.00	—
Total T3	1,900.00	
E1		
Griffin, Hal & Sandy	200.00	—
Sult, Gary & Jana	100.00	—
Total E1	300.00	
E2		
McCown, Mac & Mary	100.00	—
Total E2	100.00	
X2		
Van Alstine, Leon & Nancy	100.00	—
Total X2	100.00	
X3		
Brenneke, Norwood	100.00	—
Total X3	100.00	
A1		
Wilks, Jim & Marjorie	200.00	—
Total A1	200.00	
A2		
Carroll, Herb & Pat	100.00	—
Pro Shots Photography	100.00	—
Frantzen, Kaderli & Klier	100.00	—
Frantzen, Lester	100.00	—
Fredericksburg Lions Club	100.00	—
Harlingen Lions Club	100.00	—
District 2-A2	420.00	—
Bracketville Lions Club	100.00	—
Cole, John & Pat	200.00	—
Alamo Heights Lions Club	100.00	—
Total A2	1,420.00	
S1		
South County Breakfast Lions Club	100.00	—
Cully, Moe & Henry	100.00	—
Total S1	200.00	
S2		
Bren-Tech	100.00	—
Total S2	100.00	
S3		
Heitkamp, Dennis	100.00	—
Dillman, Shirley	200.00	—
Total S3	300.00	
S4		
Carstarphen, John	100.00	In Loving Memory of Lion Oktavia Carstarphen
District 2-S4 Zone 1	353.00	
District 2-S4 Region 1 Zone 1 Lions	180.00	In Loving Memory of Lion Oktavia Carstarphen
Total S4	633.00	
Total District	5,353.00	
TOTAL	<u>5,353.00</u>	

Newsletter Ads

Purchase an ad for your club

Business card size- \$30.00

Double Business card size- \$55.00

4X5 or 5X4- \$80.00

1/2 page \$155.00

Send your ad to Lion April McCright
aprilm128@aol.com

Send payments to Lion Drew Seidel
1104 Tiffany Lane, Longview, TX 75601



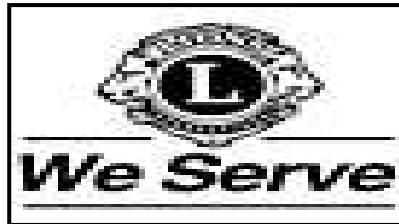

Welcome New Lions

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

Cole Hefner- Ore City

Sammie Porter- Ore City

Allen Weather ford- Ore City



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Henderson, TX 75654

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