

**Lions
District
2-X2**

**We Care, We
Share, We Serve**

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**Travels With District Governor
Lynn**



G'day Lions:

It's grand to be a Lion in District 2-X2. We are serving our communities the best we can. We Care, We Share, and We Serve. May the good Lord continue to bless all the Lions of District 2-X2 and Lions around the world. May God keep us in His loving hand.

I would like to thank all the clubs that allowed me to visit their club during the month of January 2011. The club visits have become very rewarding to me. I have gone places where I have never gone before and met fellow lions that I have never seen before. Thank you to all the clubs. During the month of January I visited Bonham, New Boston, Noon, Judson, Detroit,

Jefferson, Dodd City and Windom. The month of February will bring visits to Sulphur Springs on the 8th, Longview on the 16th, Kilgore on the 17th, Quitman on the 22nd. Please call me or email me if the times and dates are not good for your club.

I would like to thank all the Lions of the Mineola Club. They hosted a grand cabinet meeting with a good turnout. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

The Mid-Winter/3rd Cabinet meeting had a good turnout. We had 63 members in attendance. There was a quorum of the clubs in attendance. Any Lions member is encouraged to attend the cabinet meetings where you will learn about what goes on at the District level.

The Eye Bank Committee held their meeting prior to the start of the cabinet meeting. There was not a long range planning or PDG meeting due to lack of

members in attendance. Hopefully there will be more district charities chairpersons at the District Convention.

The Cabinet meeting was called to order by me with welcome, pledges, and prayer by the members of the Mineola Lions.

I encourage all the District Chairpersons to bring their displays to each of the Cabinet meetings, and I would like to see all of the chairpersons show their displays in Henderson on April 16-17. It might surprise you, but many Lions may not know what the charities are and what each one does.

There were a very few committee reports given. I encourage all chairpersons to have their reports ready to present at the District Convention and have a copy ready to give to Lion Nancy for the minutes.

PDG Don Frances gave a report on The Frontier Village. The plans are coming

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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.

Marshall's New Lions

Marshall Lions Club is very proud of two members who were sworn in January 1, 2011, in a ceremony at Harrison County Courthouse, Marshall, TX. Below are pictures.

Not many clubs can boast a retired Texas Court of Appeals Judge, a County Court-At-Law Judge, and two Justices of the Peace.



Judge Kent Alford, center, being sworn in by District Judge William Hughey. His wife Carol is holding his Bible.



Judge Westy Meisenheimer, on the right, is being sworn in by County Judge Hugh Taylor. His wife, Shelly, is holding the family Bible.

Continued from page 1 along well. We are still short of making our goal to be able to break ground. The District has sent down to The Camp for The Frontier Village somewhere in the range of \$69,000.00. We are still short. Be looking forward to some extra fund raisers so we can meet our goal and break ground soon.

The District shirts are still going well. As a matter of fact, I have an order ready to send to Lion Sue. The shirts are \$30.00, and the money goes to the District. Please if you have not ordered your shirts, consider doing so. You can call me on my cell at 903-646-3275, home-903-657-9416 or email me at nacoll@suddenlink.net.

There was a call for resolutions for District Governor, 1st VDG, and 2nd VDG. PCC Carol

French read the resolution on behalf of Lion Nancy VanAlstine for the office of 2nd VDG. The resolutions need to be mailed to Lion April for the newsletter because they will be voted on at the District Convention.

There was a special presentation during Lunch. The Pin Traders of Texas presented Lion Bill Collins a Melvin Jones Award. The Pin Traders were very proud of Lion Bill and so is the District

I would like to thank Lion Trish Wilson, Director of Development for the Texas Lions Camp, for a wonderful presentation of what is going on at the camp. She reported that last year, there were 1,401 children who attended our Lions Camp. She informed the District that their will be a pilot program this year for Downs Syndrome Children. The session will be along with the burn

session. The applications are online and hopefully there will be a good turn out this year so that they will have a session for Down syndrome for years to come.

In closing, I would like to invite all the Lions of 2-X2 to come to Henderson on April 16-17, 2011 for the District Convention. The details will be forth coming. The speaker for the Convention will be PID Teddy Fusco and his wife. Please make plans to attend. The Convention will be held at the new Henderson Civic Center. There will be hotel registration forms coming soon. I hope to see a good turn out.

Again, I want to thank the Lions of Mineola for a grand job hosting the Mid-Winter/3rd Cabinet meeting.

See ya'll in Henderson,

Gov Lynn

A Word from the 2nd Vice Governor



Hey Lions!!! As I am getting ready to head to Kerrville for our meetings and training (yea!!) I was thinking about all my fellow Lions on this cold day in

Texas.

What a wonderful time we had at the Mid-Winter in Mineola with old friends and several new friends. I want to thank everyone that showed up on that rainy Saturday.

It is time to be thinking about new officers for your club and for our District. Planning is a vital part of all of our clubs to succeed into the next year. Just as you plan all your personal activities we also need to plan our clubs activities and who will step up and take on those new challenges this next year.

I do hope there are Lions out there ready to step up in our

District also. It is a wonderful and great honor to serve the District, in any office. It is time consuming I would not lie about that but the people and functions that you get to go and be apart of is something that you will always remember.

The District Convention is coming in April and I hope we will get a chance to see you and some of the Lions from your club as we celebrate the wonderful job our Governor has done this year and welcome our new District Gov Lion A.C.

One thing that has been also on my mind is what would you like to see done in the District? No matter how small or how large it is time to put the thinking cap on and let's do something crazy. Retention is such a vital part of our clubs just as membership we all need to share ideas on how we keep our Lions and how to get new Lions. The one thing that I have heard is getting younger members into our clubs so in 25-50 years we are not a "Do you remember" club. I know

change is hard on all of us but just like with anything in our lives it has to happen. I can't wait to hear some of your ideas and some of your concerns about your area and with your clubs. Please email me or call and just talk about your concerns.

What keeps your members coming? This is another concern in clubs and to how many they have on the roll and how many will show up for meetings. Do you have a unique way you have do get your members to come to your meetings? Let's share!!! Send me some of your ideas and let me highlight them next month in my column.

Lions stay warm Keep up that Lions Spirit!!! I will be seeing some of you soon and I start to come visit some clubs.

Yours in Lionism
2nd Vice Governor Lion 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
- PDG Johnny Mooney- Winnsboro
- Lion Texie Gooch- Daingerfield
- Lion Jerry Barrett- Linden
- Lion Carl Merritt- Mineola Charter Member



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)

Dates and Functions	#1 Early		Registration Postmarked AFTER April 15, 2011	Total No. of Tickets	Total Cost
	Early-Early Bird Postmarked By Feb. 11, 2011	Registration Postmarked By April 15, 2011			
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

- February 4-6- 3rd Council of Governors' Meeting, Kerrville
- February 8- Governor's Visit, Sulphur Springs
- February 16- Governor's Visit, Longview
- February 17- Governor's Visit, Kilgore
- February 22- Governor's Visit, Quitman
- April 2- Camp Work Day, Kerrville
- April 15-17- District Convention, Henderson

- May 15- Deadline to sign up for Camp bus trip
- June 2-5- State Convention, Beaumont
- June 12- Camp Session, Kerrville
- June 17- Camp Bus Trip, Kerrville
- July 4-8- International Convention, Seattle, WA
- July 17- Down Syndrome Camp Session, Kerrville
- July 24- Diabetic Camp Session, Kerrville

Charities

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

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| Atlanta- all charities | Gladewater-all charities | New Boston Noon- all charities |
| Bogata-all charities | Hallsville- all charities | Ore City- all charities |
| Bonham- all charities | Hawkins- all charities | Paris- all charities |
| Canton-all charities | Henderson- all charities | Pittsburg- all charities |
| Chapel Hill- all charities | Hughes Springs- all charities | Quitman- all charities |
| Cooper- all charities | Jefferson- all charities 200% | Spring Hill- Texas Lions Camp |
| Daingerfield-all charities | Judson- Texas Lions Camp | Sulphur Springs- all charities |
| Detroit-all charities | Kilgore- Texas Lions Camp | Tyler- all charities |
| Dodd City- all charities | Longview- Texas Lions Camp | Wake Village- all charities |
| Edgewood- all charities | Mar-Tex- all charities | Waskom- all charities |
| Gilmer-all charities | Marshall- all charities | White Oak- all charities |
| | Mineola- all charities | Windom- all charities |
| | Mt. Pleasant- all charities | Winnsboro- all charities |
| | Nash- all charities | Yantis/Lake Fork- all charities |
| | New Boston Evening- all charities | |

Melvin Jones



Lion Bill Collins receives a Melvin Jones award from the Texas State Pin Traders at the Mid-Winter Conference held in Mineola.

It's Not That Far:

It's not that far. I didn't mind the heat. Waiting eight hours was not a bother. Comments like these are heard by the Lion volunteers, who go on foreign missions, because people have to walk for miles and miles in oppressive heat (or monsoon rains), and have to wait for hours just to get a used pair of glasses. They might have to wait days to get their child actually examined by an actual eye doctor... **but it is that far**, and they risk heat stroke, and they camp outside a clinic likely in unsanitary conditions for days, to get the help they so desperately need to see.

Of course, on those missions where an actual optometrist office has been set up, the equipment is too big to move around, so people have to come to it. Basically we are talking about the doctor's chair with the phoropter attached. The phoropter is that big set of glasses with wheels and dials all over it, which the Optometrist uses to get your refractive status and obtain the prescription.

With children we always need a phoropter and an Optometrist,

Camp Work Day

Where: Kerrville, TX

When: April 2nd 2011 Saturday.

Who: Any 2x2 able Lion and family members and friends.

Every year the camp gets a good clean up and makes preparations for the campers. The work is done the first Saturday in March, April and May. Our work day will be in April.

If you have never been to the camp, this would be a good opportunity for you to see it. After a

because they need new glasses prescribed. Children would readily accommodate to a near prescription, if you tried to put recycled glasses on them, which would only make it worse.

TLERC's pilot Children's Eyeglass Program is already proving that we can operate a lab and make brand new prescription glasses for children from a long distance. We also are showing that Lions in developing countries can be successfully trained to make prescription glasses on manual lens cutting equipment.

So what if we could get the phoropter to the children in their own villages, where they would not have to travel so far. That's what TLERC is working on now. PDG Ike Fitzgerald has put together a simple tripod system from which a phoropter can be mounted. The whole thing weighs less than 10 pounds. So now it is possible to take the mission Doctor from town to town reaching many more children. Prescriptions could be sent to nearby lens labs operated by the Lions to make the new glasses for the kids.

good night sleep in the bunk house on Friday night, we eat a great break at 7:30 Sat Morning and lunch at 12:00. Most of the work details are completed by noon or shortly after, and we are free to leave. You may stay over Sat night if you wish.

We will not get a work assignment until I furnish the Maintenance Director a total count of workers. I need to know who will be going by NTL 16 March.

District 2x2 Coordinator

So what's the problem? Let's just go out and buy a bunch of lens cutting machines and Phoropters. It's a matter of money. We need more Focus Clubs (\$3/member) and "Visionary Knights of the Blind" (min. \$100/yr. or \$10/mo bank draft). We are a long way from 25 Visionaries/District. If you are a Club President, please have your District Director come speak to your Club. He/she can tell you about all of the programs, many of which offer you chances to SERVE right in your own community.

With funding to buy the equipment and provide training, we not only will SERVE many more children with a new pair of glasses, but we will also teach these areas to develop their own optical industry and become self-sustaining.

Even more exciting, if we can put new glasses on children in these developing areas that have no optical industry, how much of a leap is it to be able to put new glasses with an accurate prescription on adults? Actually, **it's not that far!**

Lion Tom Blase, 2nd VDG

TLERC Promotions Director

Lion Jim Chewning

Tyler Lions Club

903-871-8510

e-mail jac15grand@aol.com

RESOLUTION

Whereas Lion Kent Basinger has been a member of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club since March 2007, and

Whereas Lion Basinger has been very active in all fund raisers of the club, and

Whereas Lion Basinger has taken an active roll as a Board Member of the club and has served for 3 years with perfect attendance, and

Whereas Lion Basinger has attended District and Cabinet meeting and taken an active roll representing the Mount Pleasant Lions Club, and

Whereas Lion Basinger has been a strong partner with the Texas Lions Camp with his wife Lisa and son Dylan, and

Whereas Lion Basinger was instrumental in ordering and installing handicap swings at a local park, and

Whereas he purchased a Lion costume and has been to fund raisers and special events such as our candy sales, handicap baseball games, Special Catch (a fishing event for special needs children), camp fundraisers at cabinet meetings and has been a representative of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club at each of those activities, and

Whereas he does all he can to promote Lionism in our community, and

Whereas he has been recognized by the District for his work and leadership ability, and whereas

Lion Basinger has a desire to do more for the Lions of Texas by being a Director of the Texas Lions Camp, therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors, and Lions of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club, go on record in support of Lion Kent Basinger for the position of Camp Director for the Texas Lions Camp.

Support was given by vote of the membership present at the regularly scheduled meeting of the club on July 8, 2010.

Respectfully,

Lion Sheila Donnelly, President

PDG Lion Gerald Townsend, Secretary

Resolution

Whereas Lion Nancy VanAlstine is a member in good standing in the Waskom Lions Club, and

Whereas Lion Nancy has served as President of the Waskom Lions Club, and

Whereas Lion Nancy has served as Zone Chairman for District 2-X2, and

Whereas Lion Nancy has served as District Secretary 2 previous years and is currently serving in that capacity the present year, and

Whereas Lion Nancy is completing 4 years as District 2-X2 Camp Director for the Texas Lions Camp, and

Whereas Lion Nancy has served as Camp Walk Chairperson and Camp Bus Chairperson for District 2-X2, and

Whereas Lion Nancy has served as Environmental Chairperson for District 2-X2, and

Whereas Lion Nancy has served the children of Texas and Louisiana as teacher for many year,

Lion Nancy would like to serve the Lions of District of 2-X2 as 2nd Vice District Governor.

The Waskom Lions Club would like to submit and support this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



President, Lion Lloyd Pond



Secretary, Lion Sue Gardner

If you missed out on the Mid-Winter Conference, it is not too late to get a camp walk patch. It is only \$25.00 and honors the memory of one of District 2-X2 Lions Camp Directors. Please order one for your club's patch.



Want to visit the Texas Lions Camp????

If you have never been, you are missing a treat.

We will be taking a bus again this year. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!!!

Cost: \$60.00 per person due at sign-in (non refundable)

Date: June 17 (go down on Friday morning; tour the camp; attend the awards ceremony and watch our kids; spend the night; Saturday shopping in Boerne; home Saturday afternoon)

Hotel: rooms will be blocked but you will need to make your own reservations.

Meals: on your own

Space can be saved by contacting Lion Nancy VanAlstine
(nancyv43@yahoo.com)

Reservations and payment must be made by May 15.





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



Attention Lions!

It is time to make applications for the summer sessions of camp.

Handicap session - June 12 - a bus will be provided.

Down syndrome - July 17 - space is limited so get applications in ASAP. No district transportation will be provided.

Diabetic Session #1 - July 24 - we are working on transportation to the camp. A parent must travel to the camp and check the child in. There will be not transportation to pick up from the camp as parents must attend a seminar.

Go online for applications and get them in ASAP!!!!

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 January

Catherine Betts- Atlanta

Sarah Clayton- Canton

David Vann- Chapel Hill

David Nino- Emory

Billy Hickson- Linden

Stephen Money- Linden

Douglas Hickson- Linden

James Penny- Linden

Kent Olson- Longview

Daren Horton- Marshall



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