



## LIONS DISTRICT 2-A3

# LIONS' ROAR

Aug 2010

### Hello from Down Under.

First off Lion Lynde and I would like to thank all of the Lions of District 2-A3 for allowing us to take this trip. Australia is a wonderful country. It has a beauty all its own. The mountains go right down to the ocean. The ocean in the northern part of the Continent is warm enough to swim in but the ocean in Sydney is very cold. We are in Sydney now. I completed DG School and will be sworn in on Friday July 2, at the final Plenary. I am looking forward to a great year. Our incoming International President, Sid Scruggs, has changed the tack that we are to take as Lions. I will explain this at the Cabinet Meeting in July. As always we are concentrating on membership, especially in the United States. The method we add members is what has changed.

It is exciting here at the International Convention. When you see people from different countries all in a group it makes one realize just how large and diverse our world is. All too often we get caught up in just our little area, whether it be our home, city, county or state and we do not realize just how diverse our world really is. The International Parade was yesterday and we got to see people in native costumes.

Have you ever seen wooden shoes made of rubber? Today was the first Plenary and the presentation of flags. A new nation joined Lions, the nation of Bhutan. The flags of all 206 nations were presented in a spectacular ceremony. Having 206 nations represented takes a while and you realize just how much Lions has grown since it's beginning in 1917. I don't have the numbers but just from the hollers I think the USA had the largest contingent of people, with the Australian Lions coming in a close second. We are scattered all over the Darling Harbor area in many hotels. In our hotel we have Japan, Spain, Australia, Brazil, the United Kingdom and of course the USA. Everywhere we go there are Lions. We have been among Lions since we boarded the plane in Los Angeles. We met Lions in Northern Australia before the convention. If you have never made an International Convention, pick one and go. The experience is awesome. Our present council is trying to take in as much of Sydney as we can as soon as our school lets out. There is so much to do. We are making plans for the Convention in Seattle now. I will end here. I look forward to being home especially amongst the Lions of 2-A3. I know we will have a great year.



Congratulations to DG Joe Trevino for a great year. He has laid the foundation for us to continue SERVING as Lions in the upcoming year.

DG Mark Todd

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**Greetings 2-A3 Lions**

**I hope everyone's** Lions Year is off to a great start! I want to thank everyone who attended the first District Cabinet meeting in Alice, we had a great showing and the Alice Evening Lions Club did a great job! There was a lot of training and information but just as important the opportunity for fellowship with Lions across the District. If you have never been to a cabinet meeting I want to encourage you to attend the next meeting in October. When you miss a Cabinet Meeting you miss the opportunity to meet some very special Lions, Lions who give the extra effort to lead our District. Just as your life is enriched when you meet the people you serve through your Club charities, your life will be enriched meeting your counterparts in other Clubs. At Cabinet meetings you also get in depth information on how Lions serve on the international level and how there are opportunities to be-

come a better person and Lion. Some opportunities this Lion year are;

- The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, receive world class training September 23-25, 2010 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*USACanadaLionsForum.org* or call Geri Drabek (605) 723-4007

- The Texas Lions Leadership Forum. Training closer to home **March 5 – 6, 2011:** 10th Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum, Hilton Austin Airport, 9515 New Airport Drive, Austin, Texas, January 30, 2010 is deadline for early registration.
- 94<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention, Seattle, Washington. July 4-6, 2011



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## DISTRICT GOVERNORS NOTES FOR AUGUST

Our first Cabinet meeting in Alice was a roaring success. Thank you Alice Evening Lions for being **THE GREAT HOST THAT YOU WERE**. A good time was had by all. The food was excellent and the friendship was even better. There were 98 Lions at the Cabinet Meeting. I hope this is the start of a trend and we see ever increasing numbers at the subsequent meetings. A meeting such as this takes the efforts of many people from organizing, purchasing supplies, cooking, preparing food, preparing speeches, organizing speakers and just general preparation. Everyone involved did a tremendous job and I Thank You. The year has begun and is taking off. Many people are working behind the scenes to make District 2-A3 a better District. The International Convention was an experience every Lion should attend at least once. This years plan for Lions was presented by our new International President Sid Scruggs. IP Scruggs has asked each and every club to focus on increasing our SERVICE. He stated that we joined Lions to SERVE. Lions International is known the world over for giving Service to those less fortunate than we are. IP Sid has asked us to have 4 major Service Projects this Lions Year. During **August** he has asked that we have a project involving Youth or Serving Youth. **October** he has asked us to sponsor Service projects around Vision. **December/January** has been

set aside for Relieving the Hunger and in **April** we wrap up the year with projects focusing on Protecting Our Planet. Club Presidents have received this information via e-mail and there is more information on the website. Let all of us plan Service Projects around these themes and get out in force to show the World who we are.

This will be the last year for the MERL Team. It is being re-shaped. There will be a Global Membership Team and a Global Leadership Team. The details are forthcoming but I can tell you this, District 2-A3 has already taken this approach. Last year the MERL Team decided to remove all barriers and the entire Team concentrated on membership. This seems to be the way Lions is organizing. We have Team Members with specialties to help improve our clubs and get more members. Your Leadership Team asks for all Clubs to take an honest look at your Club Operations and see if there is room to improve. We also want Clubs to look for new members. If you need help, a Team Member will be willing to aid you in improvement.

We have a fast start contest going on. Let us see what Club has the largest number of **NEW MEMBERS** by September 30. You will compete with Clubs in your Region for bragging rights. Some clubs are already installing new members. We have 1,452 members as of July 1. Let us target our membership to be at 1,777 members on June 30, 2011. That would mean each club obtains 5 NEW MEMBERS. Maintaining our current

members is also important. We do not want to go backwards.

Your District Leadership Team is willing to help you throughout the Lions Year. The first line members are the Zone Chairs. They will come and visit your club and offer suggestions for improvement. Zone Chairs are listed in the District Directory. If there is not one for your Zone then call the chair from another Zone. They are willing to help and if they can't, they will arrange a Team Member to help you. The second Line is the Vice-District Governors and District Governor. As always, they are here for you. All of these Team Members are being assisted by Past District Governors. Their knowledge and guidance is present all over our District.

Looking Forward to an  
AWESOME Year,  
DG Mark

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# KINGSVILLE NOON LIONS



# GOLF TOURNAMENT



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH 2010  
LE RAMEY GOLF COURSE  
KINGSVILLE, TEXAS**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE LIONS DICTIONARY  
FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS**

\$55 per player, \$110 per 2 man team

Includes green fees, cart, BBQ lunch, ditty bag.

08:30 Shotgun start/ 2 Flights AB, CD

### Prizes:

Cash prizes for 1st & 2nd place teams  
(Amount based on participation)

Plus, Longest Drive, and Closest-to-the pin awards

Register at L.E Ramey Golf Course

Call 361.592.1101 for more info.

## Beacon Contest

Here is the information for a contest established by DG Todd. Score keeping starts August 1. Good Luck!, and hard work will make your club a winner.

Rule number one Have FUN.

### MMR and Service Activity Report

The Job's not done until the paperwork is done. File these reports by the last day of the month and get points. The Leadership Team can tell and they will check the dates.

### New Member and Dropped Member

New members bring fresh ideas and are just plain fun. Get points for adding New Members but be careful, you loose points if you drop any members. International has reports that will keep us straight.

### Interclub Visitation "Gavel Travel"

Here is a way to have fun and get points at the same time. Get a minimum of three of your club members and drop in on another Club's meeting. Not only will three members get together they will also see how the other clubs function. They may have an idea your club could try. Get the other Clubs' President or Secretary to sign a statement that three of your members visited their club along with the names and the date visited, then send it to the 2VDG no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month to get points. The only limit to clubs is each club visited can be counted only once.

### Club Newsletter

Here is a way to get the news out. Nothing fancy required, just three main elements. A message from the President, announce upcoming events and a recap of the previous months business. A one page newsletter is fine. Some Clubs already do this, if yours doesn't then get one started. Send a copy to the 2VDG by the 10 of the following month to get credit.

### Club Participation at Zone and District Meetings

One person is all that is required. The more the merrier but only one gets points. Have someone represent your club at the three Zone Meetings and three District Meetings to get points. Zone chairs will complete a list of attendees and the Host club at the District meetings will keep tabs there.

### International, State and District Dues

Pay them by the due date and get the points. International Dues were due on July 21, so the Leadership Team will check the August report. As long as they were in by the last day of August your club will get the points. The next due date is January 21 so we will check the report for January. Current State and District Dues will need to be in by the last day of September to count.

### Have a Quarterly Service Project following the International Themes

This is a littler harder. For August have a project either involving Youth or Service for Youth. In October have a project for Vision, December or January a project to relieve Hunger and wrap it up in April with an Environmental project. Submit a report to the 2VDG no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month, for April no later than the April 29 to get credit. You get points for each project done.

### **Bonus Points**

Missed some points? Here is a way to make them up. You do not have to do the Bonus Points, but if you do, they will add to the total.

### Sponsor Campers to the Texas Lions Camp 2011 Session

Find a candidate, submit their application. If they are confirmed, send a copy of the confirmation letter to the 2VDG for points. Points will be awarded for up to 5 Campers per club. The confirmation letter must be received by the 2VDG no later than April 29.

### Achieve 100% Governors Goals

All clubs with 100% Governors Goals paid by March 10, 2011 will receive Bonus Points. All of the Goals must be paid for the points to be awarded.

### \$100.00 Contribution to LCIF above the 100% Governors Goals

Send LCIF \$100.00 in addition to the Governors Goals by March 10, 2011, and you will get Bonus Points.

This contest is not valid in Oklahoma or any where else but District 2-A3. Participating Clubs must be willing to have FUN. The club with the most points will be announced at the Saturday night Dinner during the District Convention . All points will be tabulated by our CPT (Chief Points Totaler) 2VDG Anse Windham.

