

The First Cabinet meeting in Mission was well attended (90+) and expertly hosted. I hope we can do as well in the future. District 2-A3 Lions Clubs have an outstanding balance at Lions International of \$25,132.38, but the below clubs have \$0 or a credit balance. Let's label them **OUTSTANDING**.

Corpus Christi Padre Island
Corpus Christi Southside
Harlingen
Harlingen Sunset
International
La Joya
Mission

Second VDG Michael Olszewski is working on our International President's goal to plant one million trees. He is seeking committee members in the north and south areas to help in coordinating the effort. We are seeking trees from the Texas Ag Extension Service and the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. We are also raising funds for purchase of trees and equipment necessary for planting and maintaining them. Our clubs should select a member to be the chairperson for this project and be talking to their other community leaders to determine good locations for planting some native trees.

The District Directory and Club Directory has been posted to the Lions2a3.com website. You should check your information for accuracy and send any corrections to me, preferably via email.

I plan on visiting every district club before Christmas. Please start arranging your speaker schedule and let me know when I should appear.

THANKS for what you do.

DG Anse Windham

I **believe** we are making a difference like no other service organization in the world. I believe in our motto "We Serve." And I **believe** in you – the Lions of the world, who make up a network of caring, and a network of service. Together, as a family of unique volunteers, we constitute Lions Clubs International – the global leader in community service.

This year, I am calling on all Lions to embrace a sense of belief of what it truly means to be a Lion – a belief that each individual Lion makes a difference and that, together, we can change the world even more than we have yet imagined.

I have set my vision – driven by my beliefs – on three special goals this year:

- 1. Strengthening and retaining our membership by taking care of fellow members as if they were family
- 1. Expanding our service to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees
- 1. And nurturing our future by involving more young people and Leos in all that we do. Together we will flow onward – a benevolent flood of service to the world.

Wing-Kun Tam
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



happy, happy, happy,

Fellow Lions, Thank you for a wonderful year in Lionism.

To my club, Donna Lions Club and District 2A-3, Thank you for your help and support.

IPDG Mark Todd, Thank you for your support, advice and your leadership in guiding me this past year.

Congratulations to our District Governor, Anse Windham and 2nd VDG Mike Olszewski. We have quite a job ahead of us leading District 2A-3 forward. We offer our efforts, energy and our support to District 2A-3.

Wing-Kun Tam, International Presidents theme is I Believe. What a strong statement. DG Anse, 2nd VDG Mike and myself Believe in you, District 2A-3. You Lions have proven that working together and Believing in each other we can accomplish a lot.

Remember WE SERVE. Ask that we continue to Believe in each other and work with each other and help both young and old with the Lions charities, Texas Lions Camp, White Cane, Eye Sight, Leader Dog and Scholarships. We as Lions have these opportunities to help others. Let us TOGETHER continue to do so.

Yours in Lionism

1st VDG Cesar Montelongo

Happy to Serve You



"Engaging Our Youth" Global Service Action Campaign

There has never been a generation of young people more involved in their community. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, in the United States alone, nearly 22% of people aged 16 to 24 are volunteering. In other areas of the world that percentage is even higher.

A growing number of studies show that youth who engage in meaningful service projects experience a host of positive outcomes. Lions have an incredible opportunity to engage youth by developing programs they can relate to, and by encouraging their input and participation in the planning process. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project helps them learn valuable life skills while emphasizing the role of service.

Take Action

During August, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world in recognizing the power of youth involvement. Help us shine a light on youth by planning activities in connection with United Nations International Youth Day, recognized each August. Or, organize projects throughout the month that engage and mobilize youth in the process of helping communities.

THE GLT AND GMT COORDINATORS' INVITATION

All District 2-A3 Lions Clubs officers and interested members of their clubs are invited to participate in a new, special workshop, the Club Excellence Process (CEP) designed by the International Association of Lions Clubs. Pre-registration will be accepted during the month of August. Pre-registration is required because an application must be submitted to Lions Clubs International with the names of the participating Lions Club(s) officers and members in order to receive the training materials. The workshop can be designed to meet the needs of the participating Lions Clubs. Options include: a single one-half day session (4 hours); or two sessions of two (2) hours each; or four sessions of one hour each. The workshop can be presented in different venues. It can be presented during special Lions Club meetings with the options previously listed. It can also be presented during a special four (4) hour Zone meeting with several Lions Clubs.

THE GLT AND GMT COORDINATORS' CHALLENGE

Will your Lions Club be an "Excellent Lions Club Leader"? Will the Northern section, or the Southern section of District 2-A3 have the most "Excellent Lions Clubs"?

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REQUEST REGISTRATION

Please contact: PDG Helen Muse, District 2-A3 Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator, at (956) 797-1816 (home) (956) 490-4881 (cell) or RALPH877@aol.com

or

IPDG Mark Todd, District 2-A3 Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator at
(361) 643-8213 (home) (361) 813-9147 (cell) or yehudi002@aol.com

OTHER SERVICE/SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE GLT AND GMT COORDINATORS

ZONE CHAIRPERSONS: Provide training for Zone Chairpersons; provide assistance with planning and holding quarterly zone meetings for Lions Clubs; be a guest speaker at zone meetings; provide assistance during visitation of assigned Lions Clubs; provide assistance with resolution of challenges and/or conflicts; be a resource person(s) for other information.

LIONS CLUBS: Provide training for Lions Club Officers, and Lions Clubs members interested in leadership positions; provide assistance with problem-solving of Lions Club related matters; be a resource for Lions Club information.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 1ST AND 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Monitor Written Monthly Membership Reports and officer reports; make presentations at District 2-A3 meetings; provide reports as required; and other requested assistance.

Lions & Leos of District 2-A3

Texas Leo Council officers from District 2-A3 include President: Leo Faith Castillo, Treasurer: Leo Mario Hernandez Jr., Leo Tamer: Monica Perez, and Member at large of the Board of Directors: Alex Ochoa and Justin De Leon.

We would like to invite the Lions of District 2-A3 to advertise in the MD2 State Leo Conference Program for only \$25. Funds will go directly to the Texas Leo Council for the supplies of the conference. The size of the ad will be half a page. If you wish to reserve your spot just send us what you would like on it and we'll do the rest! Contact information to set up an ad can be found through Lion Elizabeth Bumguardner e-mail: liz.bumguardner@gmail.com; phone #: 512-203-5972 or Texas Leo Council President Faith Castillo e-mail: castillo_faith@yahoo.com; phone#: 956-357-8325. Deadline for reservations is October 17, 2011.

District 2-A3 Leos would also like to invite Lions to donate items for goodie bags that will be handed out at the MD2 State Leo Convention on November 5, 2011. Anything will be gratefully accepted! As a side note, this could also be a great way to advertise your business, club, or community! Items will be accepted until October 17, 2011. You can contact Lion Joy Arnold: Email- joybarnold1@msn.com ; phone#- 956-873-3184 for further questions or interest. Thank you, District 2-A3 Leos.



MD2 Texas Leos at the International Parade July 5, 2011 July 4, 2011, Leos of the world take a group photo

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors

District 2-A3

Boling, Ike & Elouise	100.00
Brownsville Downtown Lions Club	1,800.00
Canta, Arthur	100.00
Corpus Christi Padre Island Lions Club	100.00
Donna Lions Club	100.00
Harlingen Lions Club	100.00
Harlingen Lions Club	100.00
J.L. Akridge	100.00
Kingsville Noen Lions Club	100.00
La Joya Lions Club	100.00
Lugo, Jose & Araceli	100.00
Mission Lions Club	100.00
Pfister, Michael	100.00
Portland Lions Club	100.00
Portland North Bay Lions Club	100.00
Rockport Lions Club	100.00
Sawyer, Buz & Frances	100.00
Soto, Dr Nicole	100.00
Southside Lions Club of Corpus Christi	100.00
Talbert, Rick & Lupita	100.00
Weslaco Lions Club	500.00 In Memory of PDG Roy Davis
Windham, Anse	100.00
Total District 2-A3	4,300.00

IRS WARNING From IPDG Mark Todd

At the recent Council of Governors meeting, some governors mentioned that clubs in their district have received "Automatic Revocation of Tax Exempt Number" notices from the IRS. This revocation means that these clubs can no longer accept tax deductible contributions. Their Tax Exempt status and number have been removed. Furthermore the club is now listed on the IRS website and local papers are publishing these club names. This could be damaging to Lions to have a club name posted as losing their Tax Exempt status. At least one club in our district has received this notice. The clubs have been warned beginning in the 2008-2009 Lions year. We have even had a CPA in our cabinet meetings explaining this, yet it has occurred. A club that has had their tax exempt status revoked can get a new number however there will be a fee and paperwork to file. I have heard the fee is \$300.00. Club Presidents check your records. Has your club filed the IRS Form 1099? If not you had better contact the IRS immediately. This is a real problem that needs corrective action NOW!



2011-2012 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet each requirement noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number	Club Name	Date
2011-2012 Club Presidents' Name	Member Number	Zone

CLUB IN GOOD STANDING – International per capita taxes and new member entrance fees are paid in full and there is no outstanding balance of US\$50 or more that is ninety (90) days or more past due.

SERVICE – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Please briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: _____ Activity: _____

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CONTRIBUTION – The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

MEMBERSHIP – The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. The new members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions club.

Net Growth in Members: _____ Name of sponsored club: _____

COMMUNICATION – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized through newspaper articles, public service announcements or other forms of local media.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program at the zone, district, multiple district or international level and the club was represented at zone meetings.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner.

Date	2011-2012 District Governor's Signature*	District	Member No.
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* In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2012. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at international headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at international headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2012-2013 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed directly to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2011-2012 club president.



Gathering of Governors

At the last Council of Governors in Kerrville there were several Governors Past, present and future from 2A-3.

Pictured are: seated PDG Neil Gilligan, (1969-70) 1st VDG Cesar Montelongo, DG Anse Windham, PDG Rick Talbert, PDG Joe Trevino, PDG Buz Sawyer, and IPD Mark Todd.



Getting ready for the parade at the International Convention in Seattle the Texas Delegation included Lion Lynde Todd, DG Anse Windham, Lion Mary Windham, and IPDG Mark Todd.



1st VDG Cesar Montelongo shows his 100% Texas Lions Camp Director pin. This was quite an honor and accomplishment as not all District Representatives achieved the 100%.



District Governor Anse Windham making his pledge to uphold the Board of Director duties associated with the Texas Lions Camp along with his duties of District Governor.



IPDG Mark Todd was presented with the Ed Flood Award at the Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville by PID Marshal Cooper and PDG Buz Sawyer.

Why Plant Trees?

Lions often focus on changing the world by direct service to people in need. But making the world a better place starts with changing the world itself.

Trees play an important part in making our planet a healthy, beautiful habitat for the human race. In addition to renewing the atmosphere, trees conserve soil and water, control avalanches, prevent desertification, protect coastal areas and stabilize sand dunes. They support nearly 90 percent of terrestrial life on Earth.

Yet trees are disappearing at an alarming rate. Latin America, Africa and Asia are losing millions of acres of forested land each year. That's why it is important for your club and district to help Lions reach our goal of planting one million trees worldwide this year.