

District 2A3 Newsletter
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We Serve

CARE AND SHARE

Portland North Bay Lions Cared to Share their time and collected money and food for the local Salvation Army on November 19th. They staged in two locations and collected 200 pounds of food that will stay in the Portland area.





I just received the Club Health Report which lists membership and report information, along with the Recap Report which lists LCI's club financial status.

Like everything else there's some good 😊 news and some bad 😞 news.

Current district club count is 64 clubs with three on 😞 status quo for financial suspension and those clubs will have their charter canceled at the end of the month with a loss of 28 Lions. This will probably be a good recruiting opportunity for nearby clubs.

There's nine clubs with dues more than 150 days old 😞 totaling \$2170 of which three are the Status Quo clubs owing \$716

12 months ago membership was 1460 Lions 😊 and that has dropped to 1388 😞 as of the end of November. That's with 64 new lions 😊 since July 1 and a drop of 51 😞 for a net gain of 13.

- 😞 56% of our clubs have less than 20 members
- 😞 39% of our clubs have not filed an MMR in the last 3 months
- 😞 6% filed no officer report (PU101) in 12 months
- 😞 16% of clubs have a LCI balance due of more than 30 days
- 😊 8 Clubs and their Presidents presented with Excellence Awards by LCI.

Lions David Christopher, Jesse Rodrigues, and Carlos Herrera are attending the Lions Trainer Development training in Brenham on December 9-11. They should be learning the art, love and mechanics of training Lions. They should be able to use the information and training they receive to aid the leaders of our district and personally. We will have two additional training slots available for future sessions in the spring so quiz them about their experience to see if you would like to attend.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

DG Anse Windham

Congratulations to the new Mercedes Leo Club, their sponsors the Mercedes Lions Club, and to their advisor, Mrs. Laura McCutchen. Lion PDG Helen Muse is to install the new club and their officers at the Mercedes Lions Club meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 P.M. There are ten middle-school-age Leos in the new club, and they will each hold a club office. Please join me in welcoming this brand new Leo Club into Lions District 2-A3!

Joy Arnold
District 2-A3 Leo Chairperson

HOWDY, HOWDY, HOWDY.

OH YOU BETTER WATCH, OUT YOU BETTER NOT CRY, YOU BETTER NOT POUT I AM TELLING YOU WHY, SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN.

FELLOW LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-A3 I take this opportunity to thank you for your tremendous work and your time in helping others and our communities as LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS.

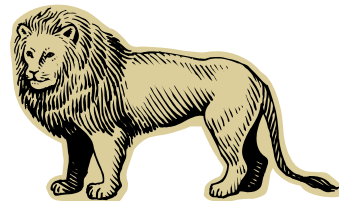
As I visit Lions Clubs in 2-A3 and see your efforts and planning projects to help and to better our Schools, our communities and our fellowman it gives me a lot of energy and makes me proud to be part of you. THANK YOU



My family and I wish you and yours a

*MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR*

Please call me anytime if I can be of help.
YOURS IN LIONISM
LION CESAR MONTELONGO - 1ST VDG
P.O. BOX 562
DONNA, TEXAS 78537
956-460-7801
montelongcesar@sbcglobal.net



Club Funds in LCIF available for Melvin Jones Fellow Awards

On the next page you will see a report of clubs that have an amount of funds at LCIF. If a club has \$600.00 listed as "Unnamed" installment, they can send in \$400.00, a "Single Donor Contribution Form" can be downloaded from LCIF, and receive a Melvin Jones Fellow award for one of their members. When the amount is over \$1000.00, all they have to do is send in the form. When a members name is listed, the additional money sent in needs to be sent in that person's name.

For more information please contact:
PDG Paul N. Parr
LCIF District 2-A3 Coordinator
361-855-3664

LCIF DONOR SERVICES

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District 2 A3

ALICE

Unnamed \$187.00

ALICE EVENING

Unnamed \$1,744.00

ALTON

Unnamed \$14.00

ARANSAS PASS

ENID HERNANDEZ

Unnamed \$1,833.00

BISHOP

Unnamed \$273.63

BROWNSVILLE BORDER

Unnamed \$263.00

BROWNSVILLE DOWNTOWN

HOWARD L. MILLER

RAY HUGHSTON

Unnamed \$16,451.46

BROWNSVILLE NITE LIONS

Unnamed \$151.00

BROWNSVILLE SOUTHMOST Status Quo

Unnamed \$29.00

BROWNSVILLE WEST BROWNSVILLE

Unnamed \$298.00

CORPUS CHRISTI DOWNTOWN

Unnamed \$8.00

CORPUS CHRISTI INDUSTRIAL

Unnamed \$522.29

CORPUS CHRISTI INDUSTRIAL NOON

Unnamed \$626.28

CORPUS CHRISTI PADRE ISLAND

Pat Viles

Unnamed \$140.00

CORPUS CHRISTI SOUTHSIDE

PAUL N PARR

Unnamed \$87.00

DONNA

Unnamed \$179.67

DONNA WESLACO EVENING

JOSE ERNEST LUGO SR

Unnamed \$25.00

EDINBURG

Unnamed \$112.00

EDINBURG EARLY RISERS

Unnamed \$813.00

HARLINGEN

C DE LA GARZA

CHARLEY G KIDDER JR

DAVID LUNA

DAVID V DAY

ELENA GARZA

GARY MEADE

LISA DE LA GARZA

MIA DE LA GARZA FIELDS

MIGUEL LLANA

MONICA B SOLOMON

PATTI SCOTT

Unnamed \$40.00

HARLINGEN AMIGAS

Helen Muse

Unnamed \$1.00

HARLINGEN DAWN BREAKERS

Unnamed \$105.00

HARLINGEN SUNSET

Unnamed \$434.00

HIDALGO

Unnamed \$267.00

INGLESIDE

Unnamed \$684.00

INTERNATIONAL

Unnamed \$119.00

KINGSVILLE

Unnamed \$93.63

LA FERIA

Unnamed \$460.00

LA JOYA

Unnamed \$2,884.00

LOS FRESNOS

Unnamed \$4,125.00

LYFORD

Unnamed \$50.00

MC ALLEN

Unnamed \$4,499.00

MC ALLEN EVENING

Unnamed \$2,102.00

MC ALLEN PALM CITY

Unnamed \$204.00

MC ALLEN SUNSET Status Quo

Unnamed \$42.00

MERCEDES

Unnamed \$659.00

MISSION

Unnamed \$1,399.10

PHARR DOWNTOWN

Unnamed \$10.00

PORTLAND

Unnamed \$301.00

PORTLAND NORTH BAY

Unnamed \$352.62

PREMONT

Unnamed \$54.00

RAYMONDVILLE

Unnamed \$144.00

RIO GRANDE CITY

Unnamed \$53.00

ROMA

Unnamed \$26.00

SAN BENITO

Unnamed \$89.00

SAN JUAN

Unnamed \$82.00

SINTON

Unnamed \$364.79

SINTON NITE

Unnamed \$220.50

'tis the season!

It is **THE** season. It is the season to be jolly. It is the season to celebrate and to party. It is the season to give thanks for all of our many blessings. It is the season to share our blessings with our family & friends. Most importantly, it is the season to give to those less fortunate and in need.

And what better gift could you give than the gift of SIGHT?

Through TLERC that's the gift you and all of the Lions of MD2 give all year long. It's the gift we will keep on giving as long as we have the continued support (monetary & physical) of the Lions of Texas. This Christmas, as people continue to struggle in a failing economy, providing glasses for those in need is even more important.

So as you decide how to share your many blessings this year, consider becoming a TLERC "**Visionary Knight of the Blind**" (min \$100/year or \$10/mo bank draft). Our initial goal is to have 400 Visionary Knights (25/District), although we have a very long way to go.

If a copy of the enrollment form is not in this newsletter, you can obtain one by contacting your TLERC District Director, calling TLERC (432-683-3611), or from the Texas State website. Santa has just delivered a new load of the beautiful Visionary Knights of the Blind medallions with their oak desk stands that you will receive after signing up. So join this special group of Lions, and **keep giving sight all year long!**

From all of the volunteers and staff at the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center may all of you have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Lion Tom Blase, 2A1 VDG
TLERC Promotions Director

Sight: What Better Gift?

Club Gifts to TLERC

Focus Club – Almost from our inception, Lions Clubs have been challenged to fight blindness. A "Focus Club" is one focused on providing the gift of vision to those in need, by supporting TLERC with at least a **\$3 per member** gift.

Individual Gifts to TLERC

Visionary Knights of the Blind – All Lions have been challenged by Helen Keller to be "Knights of the Blind". A "Visionary" recognizes that this fight is never ending. Thus, Visionary Knights of the Blind provide perpetual help by gifting at least **\$100/year**. This can be done by personal check or bank draft (min. \$10/mo).

The PDG O. Ike Fitzgerald Gold Vision Fellowship – A **\$1,000 or greater** gift recognizing PDG Ike's passion and determination in taking TLERC from vision to reality.

The Lion George Miles Silver Vision Fellowship – A **\$500** gift recognizing the hard work of Lion George Miles in setting up and operating the TLERC recycling warehouse.

The Doctor Norman S. Gould Bronze Vision Fellowship – A **\$250** gift recognizing Lion Gould's tireless effort and dedication in developing the optometric programs of TLERC.

TLERC is a standalone 501(c)3 Foundation under the Lions of Texas. All deductions are tax deductible as allowed by U.S. tax law. TLERC joins the Texas Lions Camp and the Texas Lions Foundation as one of 3 that all Lions Clubs of the State of Texas have taken on the responsibility to maintain and support.

“McAllen Lions Forest”

Three Lions Clubs of McAllen Donated 650 Trees to the City of McAllen Composting Facility



McAllen, TX, October 22, 2011 ~ In an effort to preserve and enhance McAllen’s natural beauty several organizations including The McAllen Lions Club, Palm City Lions Club, McAllen Evening Lions Club and Keep McAllen Beautiful (KMB) came together and planted 650 Rio Grande Valley native trees at the City of McAllen Compost Facility. The trees were donated by the three McAllen Lions Clubs as part of the Lions Clubs International Million Tree Planting Campaign, a global campaign taking place from July 2011 to June 2012 that focuses on caring for the environment and our communities through tree planting. KMB recruited volunteers from BETO House, Target & UTPA Upward Bound Program, a program that prepares high school students for college. In a matter of three hours the volunteers planted all 650 seedlings.

“Lions Clubs from around the world have been committed to protecting the environment for several decades and we understand that every small effort makes a big difference. That’s why we are doing our part to reach our goal of planting 1 million trees,” said Cecilia Guillot, Immediate Past President of the McAllen Lions Club.

At the event the City Foresters of the Cities of McAllen and Edinburg, the Regional Urban Forester from the Texas Forest Service along with the City of McAllen Parks Department and Quinta Mazatlan taught students why trees are important and how to plant them. The City of McAllen Recycling Center also gave the students a tour of the Compost Facility where organic compost is made and sold. City of McAllen’s recycling mascot P.A.C.O., which stands for Paper, Aluminum, Cardboard, and other recyclables also visited and encouraged students to recycle. On behalf of Keep McAllen Beautiful, City of McAllen Public Works - Recycling Center we thank the McAllen Lions Clubs for your thoughtful and generous donation.

For Immediate Release



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
DISTRICT 2-A3 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2012

LOCATION: TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
SERVICE SUPPORT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
1902 NORTH LOOP 499 HARLINGEN, TEXAS 78550
(A map is attached. Look for the wind turbines near the parking lot)

REGISTRATION: Please register early. Early Registration Ends January 9, 2012
Please make checks payable to: **Harlingen Amigas Lions Club**
Please mail registration form and checks to:
PDG Lion Helen Muse
P. O. Box 877
La Feria, TX 78559

Late Registration: 9:00 AM- Coffee and Pan Dulce will be provided

LUNCH: Bar-B-Que brisket and sausage, pickles, onions, jalapeños, rice, beans, bread, peach cobbler and tea. Catered by Ram's Bar-B-Que

HOTELS: **Hampton Inn & Suites** 1201 N. Ed Carey Dr. Hgn. TX
Phone: 956- 428-9800 or 1-866-539-0036 (3.8 mi. from TSTC & airport)
Courtyard by Marriott 1725 W. Filmore St. Hgn. TX
Phone: 956-412-7200 or 1-800-992-2694 (4.1 mi. from TSTC & airport)
Best Western Casa Villa Suites 4317 S. Expressway 83 Hgn. TX
Phone: 1-800-780-7234 (4.5 mi. from TSTC & airport)

Registration Fee	Lunch	Lion's Name, Title & Lions Club	TOTAL DUE
Early = \$3	Early = \$11		
Late = \$4	Late = \$14		

Please use additional forms if needed.



PORTLAND NORTH BAY LIONS CLUB'S *BOWLARAMA!!*

January 28, 2012
Sully's Bowling Lanes
2285 W. Wheeler Avenue
Aransas Pass, Texas

Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Bowling: 10:30 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$100 per team (4 bowlers) or \$35 per individual (you will be placed on a team), includes 3 games, shoe rental, and 1 raffle ticket (drawings held throughout the day); snacks available for purchase at bowling alley snack bar; silent auction

Please return registration form and payment to: Portland North Bay Lions Club, P. O. Box 669, Portland, Texas 78374

Team Name: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Bowlers' names & ages [applies to children]: _____

Contact Name & Telephone Number: _____

All proceeds go to help fund our *many* charitable donations, including, **LOCALLY:** Christmas dinners for senior citizens; parties for assisted living residents; GP Scholarships, and donations to GP Special Olympics, GP Operation Graduation, Connections, Friends of the Library, and dictionaries purchased for GP 6th graders; **STATEWIDE:** Texas Lions Camp for handicapped and diabetic children, Texas Lions Foundation, Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Eyeglass Recycling Centers and Texas Sight Fund; **WORLDWIDE:** Lions Clubs International Foundation, Leader Dog for the Blind, Lions world Services for the Blind.