



## LIONS DISTRICT 2-A3

# LIONS' ROAR

Jan 2011

Happy New Year Lions!!!!

The Holidays are just about over. Most of what is left is College Bowl Games. I know in our house we are glued to the TV watching ALL of the bowl games. It is interesting seeing these young people perform and how they react to winning or losing. I have not seen a single team just absolutely give up. When the score was lopsided, the teams were in there still trying to score up until the very last second. When they win they celebrate. When they lose they plan for next year. Our lives seem to parallel these College Teams. We seek a task and stay until the bitter end no matter what the outcome. When we succeed in our endeavors we celebrate and when we fall short we should look forward to next year. As Lions we must follow this guideline. If our fundraisers meet or exceed expectations we rejoice and pass the money along to our causes. When we fail we pass the money along but we need to rethink what went wrong while it is fresh on our minds. We don't have the luxury of game films for review. While it is still fresh, look into our shortcomings and immediately plan for improvement next time. Our charities depend on our support. We should

strive to support our favorite causes and continue until the day they no longer need our support. Sound farfetched? It isn't really. Although Texas Lions Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions World Services, the Texas Lions Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, and others will always need our support, some of our community charities may not need our continued support. I remember one that our club supported. It was a small charity for autistic children. Through the benevolence of a local attorney they operated a small day care for children with Autism. They developed programs and funded themselves. They sought community support. Needless to say they struggled. Our club chose to support them. It was a small donation, but at the time a little money and supplies went a long way. Over time the group was able to align themselves with a large fundraiser and now receives support in the tens of thousands. Our club is PROUD to say we were there when they began. Our clubs support was greatly appreciated by them and still would be, but we voted to move that support to other causes that are struggling and looking for individual dollars. We began a new project in our community and it has been re-



ceived well. We met our goals. We evaluated and we decided to move on. A new year, a new strategy. Let us review our clubs the same way a college reviews its football season. Did we meet our goals? Could we do better? Do we need to remain with this program or are there other programs that need our support? Whatever the outcome, always re-evaluate. We can always find room for improvement.

Lion Lynde and I hope that the New Year finds you and your family safe and well. We wish you happiness and prosperity in the next year.

DG Mark

**Hello LIONS!**

Hope that you have had a great Christmas and a joyful New Year. May this year be filled with good health and prosperity. Hopefully any resolutions you have made will last longer than the normal two weeks and will contribute to your goals for the year.

Sometimes it is tough to remember that we are members of the largest non-government agency in the world and that we are all volunteers. WE SERVE, we spend our time, energy, and money to help make our world, locally, nationally, and internationally into a better place and it is often hard to juggle the time to meet our daily needs of family, job, friends, and civic duties.

We all have the same amount of time, some just juggle it better. It really helps when you have the opportunity to see some beneficial effect of your effort, like that kid at Lions Camp for his first time at the graduation or the family who finds out at a vision screening that their two year old is blind in one eye. One of those events, as Sue Miller says is, "Like saying Amen to the preacher of Sic 'em to a dog." I can say, "THANKS!" all day and I do but that inner feeling of self worth for doing a good job for others is much more satisfying. I hereby thank all MD2-A3 Lions for their time for the past year!!

There's an improperly word used someplace in this newsletter. The



first person who informs me via email or phone of that error has won a small Lions gift.

Anse Windham

### **RAY HUGHSTON HUMANITARIAN AWARD** **DISTRICT 2-A3**

Applications are being accepted for the RAY HUGHSTON HUMANITARIAN AWARD. This award honors an outstanding Lion of District 2-A3 who has given usefully of their time, talents and means to further the cause of humanitarian service.

Qualifications for this award are:

1. An active member with no less than five (5) years in Lionism and currently a member of District 2-A3.
2. Outstanding and dedicated service to Lionism beyond the call of duty.
3. Other than Lionism, service to Community, State or Nation.
4. Special achievements in or contribution to humanitarian service of the less fortunate.
5. Solicitation in any manner for this recognition will automatically eliminate the candidate for that year.

Applications are to be submitted by District 2-A3 Lions Clubs and mailed to the Committee Chairperson:

Lion Betty Moore  
P.O. Box 669  
Portland, TX 78374

Committee members are past recipients of this award which are published in the District 2-A3 Directory. The application shall be mailed to the Committee Chairperson prior to March 29, 2010.

The recipient for 2010-2011 RAY HUGHSTON HUMANITARIAN AWARD will be honored at the District 2-A3 Convention scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2010 in Corpus Christi, TX.

## Club Election Procedures

### General Procedural Guidelines for Club Elections.

- † Timing: Elections are to be held no later than **April 15** of each year. The club secretary is required, either by mail or by personal delivery, to give notice to each member of the club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date of election. (Standard Form Club By- Laws, Article IV, Section 1.)
- † Nomination Committee: The Club President appoints the nomination committee, which submits the names of candidates for various club offices to the club membership at the nomination meeting. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2.)
- † Nominations: Nominations may be made from the floor of the nomination meeting. Once nominations have been closed, no more nominations may be made. If the nominee/s are unable to serve, and there is no other nominee, the nominating committee may submit, at the election meeting, names of additional nominees for that office. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2 and 3.)
- † Eligibility for Office: To be eligible for club office, the Lion must be an active member in good standing. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article II, Section 2.)
- † General Voting Guidelines: Unless otherwise provided in the respective club constitution and bylaws, the election shall be by ballot by those present and eligible to vote. A plurality vote is necessary to elect.
- † Quorum: The presence in person of a majority of the members in good standing. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article III, Section 5.)
- † Eligibility to vote: Voting privileges are granted to members present who are in good standing and fall into one of the following membership categories: Active, Affiliate, Associate, Life, Member at Large and Privileged. The president is entitled to one vote, so long as he or she is in good standing.
- † Plurality vote: The candidate receiving the largest number of votes has a plurality.
- † Form of Ballot: Unless otherwise provided in the respective club constitution and by-laws, or other adopted rules, in elections, "for" and "against" spaces or boxes should not be used. They are applicable only with respect to votes on motions. An election, in effect, is a vote on filling a blank, and a voter can vote against one candidate only by voting for another who has been nominated or by writing in the name of another candidate

TIMELINE: all items to be conducted on or before the timeline date

- March -- President appoints Nominating Committee.
- March 15 -- Nomination meeting held
- April 1 -- Secretary has mailed letters to non-attending members.
- April 15 -- Elections held
- April 20 -- PU-101 mailed to LCI, DG, 1VDG, 2VDG,

Greetings from **Lions Eye Bank of Texas**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I have a few thoughts about last year. First, thank you for all the monetary and moral support to the **Lions Eye Bank of Texas** for the past year. Next, we as Lions were able to restore the gift of sight this Christmas Season to a man in District 2-S2 along with one this past November in District 2-A3. Additionally, we have had success with the educational aspect. Here in our district the number of donor cards passed out and programs presented has increased from last year at the same time. On a more somber note, several Lions passed away this year and are remembered by having an honorary plaque on the wall at **LEBT** or memorial awards. Finally, I look forward to visiting your clubs after the first of the year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion J. Michael Olszewski

LEBT Elected Trustee

Telephone number: (361)558-4282

E-mail: [lebt2a3@gmail.com](mailto:lebt2a3@gmail.com)

PS. Remember to order your White Cane Day supplies (March 26, 2011) from LEBT. If you need help with this contact the White Cane Day chairs, LEBT or me.

Happiness is not so much in having or sharing. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

--Sir Norman Duckworth Kerr MacEwen,  
British Royal Air Force officer

### LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

100% of every donation to LCIF goes to help those in desperate need worldwide. Since only US\$6 is needed to save someone's sight, every dollar raised is precious. You do not need to be a major donor to be a hero. The Contributing Membership program is a great way to acknowledge and thank almost any undesignated donation to LCIF.

Contributing Membership and the Melvin Jones Fellowship are both recognition programs for unrestricted donations to LCIF. The Contributing Member program is for those donors making smaller, but not less significant, donations. If a donor is planning to give larger donations to LCIF (at least US\$1,000 over the next five years) the Lion donor should be acknowledged through the MJF program. To clarify, contributing member donations do not receive MJF credit and vice versa. If the donor is unsure of the level of funds they will donate, the recognition can be applied at a later date.

There are three types of Contributing Member donation Pins:

- Gold for a US\$100 donation
- Silver for a US\$50 donation
- Bronze for a US\$20 donation



The Contributing Membership program is the perfect way to introduce members to the impact of just US\$20.

PDG Paul Parr

Kingsville Noon Lions Holiday Fun

Right Delivering collected food items to the Good Samaritan Pantry.

L-R Lions Mary Windham, David Standish, Gracelia Salazar, Dwight Thompson, David Christopher, & Arnold Perez delivering collected food items to the Good Samaritan Pantry.



Left Hosting a party for Kingsville MHMR Clients.

L-R Lions Harold Nix, Bettie Bedingfield, Carol Anderson, Mary Windham, Santa, & Jim Kirkpatrick



Right Kingsville Noon Lions President David Standish presents a check for two \$1,000 scholarships to Texas A&M President Dr. Steven Tallant. Funds to be matched by the university.

L-R Lions Gracelia Salazar, Anse Windham, David Christopher, David Standish, Dwight Thompson, Dr. Tallant, and Lion Georgia Thompson, & Mary Windham





LEFT - Portland North Bay Lions rang the bell for Salvation Army on December 4th at Wal-Mart. Pictured left to right are: Lions Laura Cantwell, Travis Cantwell and Karen Hignet.



Above - Lion Robert Moore shows one of the delicious funnel cakes he cooked up. Below - DG Mark Todd got his turn to be cook, and Left - Lion Chuck Cantwell sells one to a young man at the festival.

December 11th the Portland North Bay Lions participated in the Gregory, Tx Spirit Festival serving funnel cakes. The Portland North Bay Lions Club has a trailer that will travel; so if you need funnel cakes at your next function, give us a call!!!



## Delinquent Dues

All dues will soon be due for the second half of the Lions Year Jan 1-Jun 30. Remember dues are assessed by International, State, District and the Texas Lions Camp on members reported by the clubs on the June and December WMMR reports. If your club count is wrong it is due to club reporting. If statements were not received, they were sent to the last known address. Have your club secretary update the information in the WMMR reports and PU-101's. Some clubs have not submitted WMMR's and the membership is based on the last report. Dues are delinquent if not paid by September for the first half and March for the second half. The following clubs have not paid dues for the first half of this Lions year.

Presidents please get these dues remitted as soon as possible.

### UNPAID DUES as of 12-17-2010

Alice Evening	Benavides	Brownsville Southmost
Delta's Pride	Donna Weslaco Evening	Edinburg Evening
Ingleside	La Feria	McAllen South Texas College
McAllen Sunset	Odem	Orange Grove
Premont	Raymondville	San Juan
Sharyland	Sinton	Starr County Campus
Weslaco Mid-Valley	Zapata	

Dues are as follows for 6 months per member

LCI \$19.50    State \$3.75    District 2-A3 \$3.75    TLC \$10.50

Total per member for 6 months \$37.50