

District 2A3 Newsletter
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We Serve

Each day, 450 children die around the world because of complications from contracting measles. Every year, 164,000 people, mostly children, succumb to this disease. Approximately 30% of measles victims suffer from a variety of complications, including brain-swelling, blindness and pneumonia. With the help of Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), these children can live and lead full, productive lives.

In October, 2011, Lions received an unprecedented challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. If LCIF is able to raise US\$10 million by June 30, 2012, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match that amount with an additional US\$5 million. This means that for every two dollars raised by Lions, the Gates Foundation will donate an additional dollar. Under the name “One Shot, One Life: The Lions Measles Initiative,” Lions everywhere are responding to this challenge.

For an average cost of US\$1, a child can receive a potentially life-saving vaccination against measles. With the help of our partners in the Measles Initiative (led by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and the American Red Cross) we can save these children and make great strides toward eradicating a devastating disease.

All donations to the Lions Measles Initiative are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credit. To learn more about measles and Lions’ involvement in the Measles Initiative, please watch for the January edition of the LION magazine, or visit <http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian-efforts/measles.php>



HAPPY NEW YEAR Lions!

Hope your past year brought Peace and Happiness to you and your family and that the future is a successful and healthy year.

The TREE PROJECT RAFFLE has ended with Amparo Willingham of Monte Alto winning the Asus Tablet and Shirley Schusseler of Harlingen winning the Kindle. \$2,224.28 was raised for the purchase of trees. Clubs will be reimbursed for up to \$200 for trees that they have purchased for the tree planting project, until the money is gone. Send purchase receipts to District Treasurer, Diana Rosas for the reimbursement.

DISTRICT CONVENTION date has been changed to April 27-29 due to the Blue Angels appearing in Kingsville on the previous date. It will be in Kingsville so mark your calendar now and make plans to attend,

It's a great time to attend the TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM in Austin March 3-4. If you are a first time attendee and one of the first 100 to register your room will be paid for. The low registration fee includes meals during the forum so cost will be low for attending. Up to 30 subjects will be presented and you will have time to attend six of them to learn more about Lions personal development. The site for the registration form is:

<http://texaslions.org/TLLF%20Registration%20Form%202012.pdf>

Three of our Lions recently attended the Lions Training Development session in Brenham. All the Trainers said it was a very worthwhile project, it was very intense, they learned a lot they can use, and they are all glad they attended. There are two future sessions and our district still has two slots for attendees. The only expense for attending is the transportation to get there.

Be sure and bring some canned/non-perishable goods to the MID WINTER Conference in Harlingen on January 21 to support Lions Relieving the Hunger Campaign and so that you will be entered into the special raffle.

ACTIVITY REPORTS- 19 of our 63 clubs submitted 115 activity reports during the past six months. More than half of the reports were submitted by six clubs. That must be why the US Border Patrolman seeing the Lions emblem on my car when going through the checkpoint asks, "What do Lions do?"

District Governor Anse

Kingsville Railroad Depot Museum Docent Pat Allison draws the Tree Projects winning ticket at the museum.

Winner of the Asus tablet was Amparo Willingham of Monte Alto.

Winner of the Kindle was Shirley Schusseler of Harlingen.



Kingsville's Railroad Depot Museum Docent Pat Allison draws the Tree Projects winning ticket at the museum.

Amparo Willingham of Monte Alto won the Asus tablet with dock.

Shirley Schusseler of Harlingen won the Kindle



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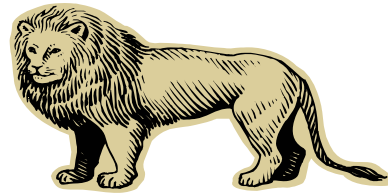
Fellow Lions, as we close year 2011 let us look back and recall our accomplishments as Lions. Let us enjoy the happiness we received in helping others and our communities. Let us welcome the year 2012 with open arms, more enthusiasm, energy, willingness and attitude to do the same and much more for our fellowman.

I will be calling your club for an appointment for a Texas Lions Camp presentation. Applications for campers will be ready to download on Jan. 15, 2012. The first week for camp will be June 3, 2012. We need CAMPERS for this coming year. I ask that you share your success in getting campers with the rest of District 2-A3 so that we can use the same approach and increase the numbers of campers for 2012.



District 2-A3 Mid-Winter Conference will be on Jan. 21, 2012 in Harlingen, Texas. The host club is Harlingen Amigas. Let us offer our help and see how we can assist the Harlingen Amigas. The Registration Form is printed in this newsletter. Please take time and register to attend. We have a good agenda and you will enjoy the conference. Thank you for your efforts and all you do for Lions.

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

Donna Lions Club Choir lead by Santa Claus (Lion Ernie Salinas) and by 1st VDG Lion Cesar Montelongo went Christmas Caroling to San Juan Nursing Center in San Juan, Texas, to Retama Manor Nursing Center and Valley Grande Nursing Center in Weslaco, Texas. The Donna Lions Club have gone Christmas Caroling for about 6 years and really enjoy the happy faces, the smiles, their reactions and Christmas Spirit that we bring to them.





**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

FIGHT HUNGER-SPECIAL DRAWING: Lions are requested to bring canned & non-perishable food to donate to a local charity. All Lions who donate will be entered in a drawing for a special prize.

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)

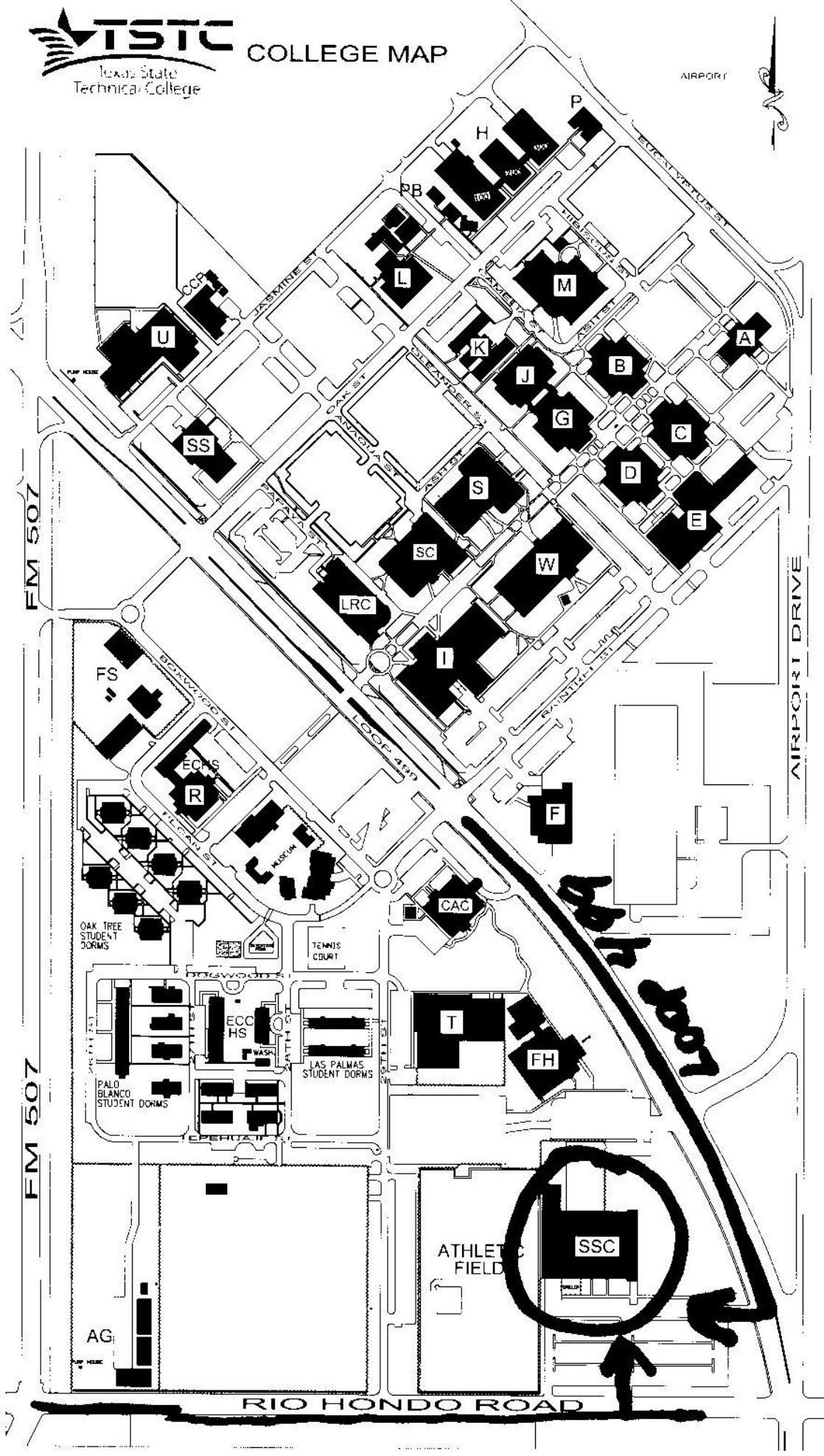
Registration Fee	Lunch	Lion's Name, Title & Lions Club	TOTAL DUE
Early = \$3	Early = \$11		
Late = \$4	Late = \$14		

Please use additional forms if needed.

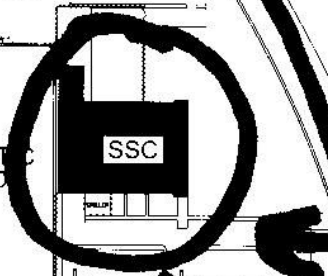


INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
DISTRICT 2-A3 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
DATE: JANUARY 21, 2012
2011-2012 Lions International Theme "I BELIEVE"

- 10:00 a.m. Call Meeting to Order-Lion Yolanda Alexander Brydone, Pres. Harlingen Amigas
Invocation- Lion Ignacio Garcia, Harlingen Dawn Breakers Lions
Pledge of Allegiance- Lion Cesar Morales, Harlingen Dawn Breakers
Songs- Lion Hector Rendon, San Benito Lions Club
Welcome- Lion Yolanda Alexander Brydone
Introduction of Head Table- Lion Yolanda Alexander Brydone
Introduction of DG, 1VDG Cesar Montelongo
Appointment of Parliamentarian and Tail Twister - DG Anse Windham
Minutes of 2nd Cabinet Meeting - Lion Jo Ann Beltran
Treasurer's Report - Lion Diana Rosas
Recognition of Lions Clubs in Attendance District Governor Anse Windham
11:40 Address to Membership District Governor Anse Windham
11:00 Resolutions for Candidates to be on 2-A 3 Convention Election Ballot: DG, 1st VDG, 2nd
VDG, Texas Lions Eye Bank, MD 2 Eyeglasses Recycling Center
11:15 Report About Proposals For MD-2 Constitution Revision Or MD 2 Policies Revision - IPDG
Mark Todd, MD 2 Constitution & By Laws and Policy Manual Committee Chairperson
11:30 Recommendations For 2-A 3 Constitution Revision -PDG Helen Muse,2-A 3 Constitution &
By-Laws Chairperson
Candidates for the Ray Hughston Award - PDG Helen Muse
11:45 Music By Lion Cosme Serda, Harlingen Dawn Breakers
11:55 Prayer Before Lunch -Lion Cesar Morales
Lunch
1:00 Remarks About Experience In CEP- Lion Hector Rendon
1:10 The Process & Timeline for Election of Club Officers-Lion Jessie Rodriguez
1:20 Club Excellence Award Presentations DC Anse Windham
1:30 The "What & How Of Club Reporting"- Lion Carlos Herrera
1:40 LCIF PDG Paul Parr
1:50 Protocol For Lions Club Meetings, Including Visit By The District Governor- Lion David
Christopher
2:00 Parade of Checks- District Governor Anse Windham
2:10 Music By Lion Cosme Serda
2:20 Lions Camp Endowment PDG Joe Trevino
2:30 Presentation By Leo Club Members
2:40 TLF PDG Buz Sawyer
2:50 Reports By Zone Chairpersons
3:00 Raffle For Donors of Non-Perishable and Canned Food
3:10 Drawing For Door Prizes
3:20 Benediction/Adjourn



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RIO HONDO ROAD

**TWELFTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
and
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Hilton Austin Airport
March 3 (start 11:30 a.m) and 4 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2012**

REGISTRATION

All who attend must register

**Registration must be for the event package.
It is not possible to register for individual
meal functions.**

Note: Please include 2nd registrant only if the mailing address is the same. If not, please use a separate form.

1st registrant
 Name: _____ Member # _____ Lion Yes No
 Phone: _____ E-mail _____

2nd registrant
 Name: _____ Member # _____ Lion Yes No
 Phone: _____ E-mail _____
 Address: _____
 City/State _____ Zip code: _____
 Club: _____ District _____
 Highest Lion office held (1st) _____
 Highest Lion office held (2nd) _____
 If rooming with another person at the Hilton, in whose name is the reservation? _____

Make checks to: Texas Lions Leadership Forum Mail to: Frances Cherry Phone: 915-584-0130 6216 Caprock Cell: 915-494-4425 El Paso, TX 79912 pdgscherrys@yahoo.com	Registration before 1/29/12 # ____ @ \$50.00 = ____ Registration after 1/29/12 # ____ @ \$75.00 = ____ No registration after February 19 or at the site
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Reserve your lodging directly with:
Hilton Austin Airport Hotel
 9515 New Airport Dr. (at Bergstrom Intl Airport)
 Austin, TX 78719
 Telephone: **800 – 584 - 5091**
 Rate: **\$99.00** per night, single or double. The
 reservation deadline at this rate is **February 10**.
 Reserve and guarantee your room now.

**The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been
 elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will
 have their March 3rd lodging paid by the Institute.**

Even those must make, and guarantee, their reservations
 with the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel.
 A charge will be made to the credit card of those not
 attending who do not cancel lodging.

- Each registrant: select six sessions
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- Global Leadership Team
 - Global Membership Team
 - Club Excellence Process
 - Mentoring
 - Club Success
 - LCI Website
 - International service programs
 - Structure & Organization
 - LCI, MD history
 - Public speaking
 - Sharing best practices / Local Community Service
 - Diversity & inclusion
 - Zone Chairperson support
 - Goal setting by teamwork
 - Future vice governors
 - Club meeting management
 - Lion fundamentals
 - Motivating club members
 - Personal mission statements
 - Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation
 - Texas Lions Foundation
 - World Services for the Blind
 - Leaderdogs for the Blind
 - Texas Lions Camp
 - Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling
 - Leos—Organization & service

Harlingen High School South assisted the Salvation Army by bellringing at the new Bass Pro Shop on December 17. Helping were HHSS faculty members Danny Martinez, Apolonia Castillo and her daughter Jessica, Sam Ortiz, Leo Club CoAdvisor Joy Arnold, and Lion James Arnold. Shoppers were very generous in giving. Many parents took their children's photos with Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and then helped the children place donations in the Salvation Army kettles.



Harlingen High School South Leo Club members adopted Salvation Army Angel Tree children for the 2011 Christmas Holiday. Justin De Leon, Club President, and Leo Club member Ashley Araiza are shown preparing a package. We gave the children new toys that they had asked for as well as new shoes and clothing.

Rio Reforestation: 650 volunteers, 14.2 acres, 14,000 plants of 21 species. Thanks, all Leos and Lions who participated!

Harlingen High School South Leos and San Benito High School Leos participated in this very worthy effort, held in October 2011. HHSS Leos have made this an annual project for our members to join in along with HHSS Ecology Club. This year HHSS Interact Club joined as well. Lions who supported us were 1VDG Lion Cesar Montelongo, Zone Chairperson Lion Lee Herrera, Lion PDG Helen Muse, Lion Ralph Muse, Lion Hector Rendon, SBHS Advisor Jaclyn Chirinos, and HHSS Advisor Lion Joy Arnold.

