



LIONS DISTRICT 2-A3 LIONS' ROAR

May 2010

We Serve,

We Move,

We Grow

Hope you all are getting the end of the year fever. Lets get this year over with a BANG. We need to make sure all of your Club matters are up to date. DG Elect Todd needs all PU101 so he won't have to leave you out of his District Directory. Please do your best to send it out, if you need help call on your Zone Chairs for help or call me (956)607-6653 I will be glad to help you.

Lions we need to keep on Asking, asking more people if they want to be a Lion we need to increase our District Membership so lets go out there and ask.

You all probably already heard we got two new Clubs , Monte Alto Lions Club and Delta Pride Lions Club. Check elsewhere in Newsletter

for Charter Night invitations. Hope to see you there to show our support to them and welcome them to District 2A3.

It has been a long ten months that I've been your District Governor. Let me tell you all that I have become a better Lion with your help. I have had the pleasure of working with some good Lions that have become better Lions. Lions all it took was working as a Family of Lions as a Team. I got two more months as District Governor I will keep on working as hard as when I started ten months ago. We need to keep on working as a Team so Our District will become a Better District.

One more thing Lions let's make sure your WMMRs are current so you will get Billed correctly next year.

Your Dues should be paid already for this year if not lets do as soon as possible.

Club Presidents if you are not doing it yet download a copy of Newsletter and pass it around to Your Club Membership so



they will read it and find out what's going on.

Lets go Team "We Serve ,We Move ,We Grow"
DG Joe Trevino



Hello Lions of 2-A3.

The 2009-2010 Lions Year is drawing to an end. We have the Council of Governors in two weeks. That will be DG Joe's final Council Meeting. This has been a hectic year but it is not over yet. We have not posted the membership numbers we expected but with everyone's help we can make an improvement.

In my readings, I came across a passage. It states that Lionism exists in the Lions Clubs. Yes there is an International office for the association but that is not Lions. It is merely a business office to conduct the required business. Lionism truly does exist in the club. Most importantly it exists in the Heart of every single Lion. That is what makes us a Lion. This morning my club gathered for a park cleaning. We cleaned two parks that we look after. This doesn't sound like much yet it is just one of the things we do. Lions is a Service Organization. We Serve. We Serve by cleaning parks, building wheel chair ramps, feeding the homeless or elderly and in a myriad of other ways. Most of our Service Projects cost us very little if any thing at all. It is our Service that sets us apart from other organizations. We are committed to helping those less fortunate than we are. We open our hearts, we do good deeds and sometimes open our wallets to help those less fortunate. That was the guiding principle that Melvin Jones used to form Lions as we know it today. Helen Keller defined our purpose in 1925 by challenging us to be "Knights for the Blind". As Lions,

we have accepted that challenge and have made a profound difference in the world. We raised money for projects, Sight First Programs, schools for the blind, and medical research. We continue to do this today. One day hopefully we will never need to devote time, energy and money for causes for the blind, as it may be eradicated. Polio was virtually eradicated. The Texas Lions Camp is a result of that eradication. The Lions of Texas saw an opportunity and re-focused their goals. They went back to that guiding principle of Melvin Jones, to help others less fortunate than us. Now an ex-polio facility has been reborn into a camp for children with handicaps. The original concept of the camp has also been refocused to helping children with Diabetes. My main point is this, we as Lions need to refocus from time to time. We need to remember Melvin Jones guiding principle to help those less fortunate than us. Is your club doing service projects? A clean park enables children that have no place to play and be a child, have a safe place to just be a kid. A wheelchair ramp helps a disabled person to feel sunshine, feeding a homeless or elderly person may let them live another day. Fundraiser's for our charities have their place, but we need to Serve first.

PU-101's are due now. Technically we have until May 15 to get them in. We need to complete them now. If you waited until the last day of a concert to buy tickets, chances are you would be met by long lines and not get a chance to buy a ticket. The same



goes with submitting PU-101's. As the deadline nears many clubs across the world are trying to get in to submit them. As that happens the computer clogs up, slows down and may even quit. I know of 37 clubs in our district that will not face that problem. They have already submitted their PU-101. 26 clubs are nearing the deadline. Last year we had two clubs that did not submit at all. Without timely submission, communication with International and the District grinds to a halt. Get those PU-101's in now.

Thank all of District 2-A3 for choosing me to guide our District for 2010-2011.

DGE Mark Todd

Outstanding PU-101's

Today is May 1 and the clubs listed below have not submitted their PU-101 into International. The deadline is May 15. This is an very important item to complete. President and secretaries information will soon be sent and with no PU-101 on file you will not get the information. The District directory will be printed soon and with no information your club will be left out. Important news is distributed from International and the District all year based on the addresses on the PU-101. PU-101's submitted after May 15 will not guarantee receiving your club correspondence. We have two clubs that did not submit PU-101's for 2009-2010. This is a must. Get them submitted before the deadline.

Missing PU-101's

Alice	Alice Evening
Alton	Benavides
Brownsville Border	Brownsville Downtown
Brownsville Nite Lions	Brownsville Southmost
CC Industrial Noon	Donna Weslaco Evening
Edinburg	Edinburg Evening
Harlingen	Harlingen Dawn Breakers
International	La Feria
Los Fresnos	Lyford
McAllen STC	McAllen Sunset
Odem	Orange Grove
Pharr Downtown	Premont
Raymondville	Rio Grande City
Rockport	Roma
San Benito	San Juan
Santa Rosa	Sharyland
Sinton	Starr County Campus
Weslaco Mid-Valley	Willacy County
Zapata	

ACTIVITY REPORT FROM LIONS EYE BANK OF TEXAS DIRECTOR, SOUTH DISTRICT 2-A3, LION RALPH MUSE

As we conclude this Lions year, and my third year of service as Lions Eye Bank of Texas Director for the southern part of District 2-A3, I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity to serve our district. I have enjoyed visiting the Lions of our district and telling them about the opportunity to donate corneal tissue so that someone can have the gift of sight. I have presented programs to Lions and Leos, encouraged everyone to register as a corneal and other tissue donor and to make monetary donations to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. I have presented programs this year to the following groups: the McAllen Palm City Lions, Mercedes Lions Club; Harlingen Dawn Breakers Lions Club; Rio Hondo Lions Club; Weslaco Lions Club; Weslaco International Lions Club; Edinburg Noon Lions Club; Harlingen Lions Club; Harlingen Sunset Lions Club; Multiple District 2 Leo Clubs of Texas in Dallas, Texas; and the District 2 –A3 Leos Clubs Leadership Forums in Harlingen and in Weslaco. I am scheduled to make another presentation to the McAllen Lions Club on May 7, 2010. I was able to successfully obtain permission from the new manager at Walmart for the Lions clubs in Harlingen to collect donations for White Cane Day again this year. In addition, I was one of the trainers for the new Lions Eye Bank of Texas directors earlier this year at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. I have attended and participated in all of the Region IV, V and VI meetings this year and shared information about the Lions Eye Bank and corneal

tissue donation at the District 2-A3 Cabinet meetings. I also attended the District 2-A3 Convention and two of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas Board of Directors meetings. Unfortunately, health conditions did not allow my attendance at two of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas meetings. It has been a pleasure to be of service to the Lions of District 2-A3.

ACTIVITY REPORT FROM DISTRICT 2-A3 RETENTION CHAIRPERSON, PDG HELEN MUSE

As we conclude this Lions year, it has been my honor to serve as Retention Chairperson for District 2-A3 this Lions' year. Some of my activities this year include the following: participating in the Guiding Lions Program training and completing the required training materials; visiting and offering encouragement and suggestions to the La Joya Lions Club, the Mercedes Lions Club, the Harlingen Lions, the Harlingen Sunset Lions Club and the Weslaco Lions Club; several visits to the Rio Hondo Lions Club and serving as an advisor for the Guiding Lions for that new club; contacting and offering my assistance to the Santa Rosa Lions Club; presenting a Power Point training for Lions Clubs presidents and membership chairpersons of District 2-A3; making presentations at two district Leo Club leadership forums; participation in all of the Regions IV, V and VI meetings this year; participation in all of the District 2-A3 Cabinet meetings and the Convention; monitoring the monthly membership reports from Lions Clubs International; and consulting with the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors and the Zone chairpersons in Regions IV, V and VI. Congratulations to all the Lions Clubs in the District which increased their membership, and also to those who retained their club membership. If I can assist any of the Lions in District 2-A3 with suggestions, conducting a club retreat to explore options for membership retention or problem solving I will be very happy to provide that service. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our district.



Left: Portland Lions Club member and **District Gover-Elect, Lion Mark Todd**, disbursed donations to our local charities, the elementary school PTO's, GP Special Olympics, Connections (an emergency shelter for children), and Friends of the Library, at the Club's last meeting

Below: Portland North Bay Lions Club President **Lion Chuck and son, Lion Travis**, were two of the several Portland North Bay Lions Club members who participated in Portland's Windfest parade. Members carried flags, signs, and handed out helium-filled Lions balloons to the children.



What do nearly 100,000 Lions have in common each year? They become Contributing Members by donating at least US\$20 to LCIF.

The Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of support: US\$20, US\$50 and US\$100. For US\$20, donors receive a Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made. For US\$50, donors receive a pin and a silver wreath. For US\$100, donors receive a pin and a gold wreath. The pin design changes every year. Contributing membership donations are used to support LCIF humanitarian grant programs.

Contributions can be made by completing the Contribution Form/MJF Form and mailing or faxing it to LCIF. Donations can also be made online with a credit card.

Clubs are awarded a 100% Member Support banner patch and chevron for the first year of 100% Contributing Membership. For each subsequent year of 100% Contributing Membership, clubs receive a chevron.

For club Contributing Membership, please accumulate all contributions and send together to LCIF Donor Services. Please remember to include a list of donor names for appropriate recognition.

MD 2-A3 District Convention



Weslaco Lions stuffing the ballot boxes



La Joya President Mari Gonzales receives A Melvin Jones Award



The LEOS have PDG Buz Sawyer hauling air to win with PDG Clayton Roth's encouragement.



Tales from the Pump House- "When I used to fish here, they were all this big."

Kingsville's Fundraising Bike Ride on the King Ranch



It pays to advertise!



Chef's Lions Bettie Bedingfield and Wanda Allday command the Revival Center with Wanda's grandson Chase



Bikers ready for the whistle.



Past Presidents David Standish & Carol Anderson operate the Volunteer table.



Steady traffic at the Registration Tent



Ham Operator Leigh Shuck (L), KE5MBA, checks for traffic during a turn on the time route.