



LIONS DISTRICT 2-A3

LIONS' ROAR

Oct 2010

Hello Fellow Lions,

It has been three months since the new Lions Year has begun. The past three months has been a whirlwind of excitement. Clubs are reporting new members and the excitement continues to build. There were 15 new members added for September. As I visit clubs one can feel the excitement. One club Membership Chair pledged 15 new members for the Lions Year. One club President showed me the clubs goals, budgets and meeting plans for the year. His comment was that he was having fun. His fun is carrying over to the club as well. As I visit before and after the meetings I hear of the good that Lions and Clubs are doing. Let us keep the ball rolling and continue to bring in new members.

Did you know that our Alert Team organized and provided cleaning kits for 300 families flooded by the Rio Grande river? The Team sent out a call and clubs responded. A \$2,000.00 grant was applied for and received from the Texas Lions Foundation. Supplies were purchased and Lions got together to

provide these clean up kits. There be will more about this at the Cabinet Meeting.

As we bring in new members it is important to provide an orientation so that they will understand Lions and what we do. Mentoring is an excellent way to continue to support our new Lions. Being a Mentor is fulfilling as well as fun. A Mentor oversees the development of a new member. As a Mentor you may be developing a future District Governor or even a future International President. Wouldn't it be great to see a Lion that you Mentored become an International President?

Here is a FUN idea. Go on a Gavel Travel. Get three club members together and visit another club. See how other clubs function. Pass along ideas. You may find an idea that your club may want to try. If nothing else you will get to visit and have fun with other Lions.

Here is that dirty word again, reports. We are not 100% yet but improving. MMR's are the membership report to LCI and the Club Activity Report lets LCI know what you are doing. I have heard of the difficulty in



filing the "new" Activity Report. Please bear with it and get the information into LCI.

Keep up the great work in revitalizing our clubs and adding members. Let us develop 2-A3 into the "Beacon of Hope" for the state of Texas.

I wish to thank everyone for their cards, letters, flowers and calls in the recent passing of my brother. Your caring and support means a lot to me and my family. With your support our family was able to get through a difficult time.

Thank You Lions of 2-A3

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Lion Ralph and PDG Helen Muse at Texas Lions Camp



PDG Joe Trevino and wife Mari at TLC



Graduation night at Texas Lions Camp



Page 2 Kingsville Noon Lions taking a break after feeding 200 TAMUK athletes fried catfish.



Kingsville Noon Lions Mary Windham mixing coleslaw supervised by Lions Pat Neher & Ken Oliver

**LEGAL OPINION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FUNDS RAISED FROM ACTIVITIES**

QUESTION: May funds raised from the public be used for administrative or other non-public purposes?

OPINION: No. The Articles of Incorporation of The International Association of Lions Clubs state that the association is organized, among other things, "to govern all such chartered clubs so that they shall be nonpolitical, nonsectarian, not for profit of the individual club or its individual members."

Therefore, the Articles of Incorporation of The International Association of Lions Clubs expressly forbid that any part of the net earnings from activities shall inure to the benefit of any individual Lion or Lions club. Since districts are created by the association to facilitate its administration of individual Lions and Lions clubs, this proscription, by implication, runs to district administrative expenses as well.

The wisdom of this proscription is clear. To finance and fulfill their basic function of service, Lions clubs ask the public to patronize fairs, circuses, raffles, show and the like, and to purchase products infinite in variety. This public support is sought, and given, on the mutual understanding that the net funds raised thereby will go to finance some community need. Consequently, any diversion of such funds to other purposes constitutes a breach of faith with the contributing public. The proscription in the article quoted exists to prevent any such breach and to protect and preserve the image of Lions Clubs International. Therefore, the use of any such funds to finance convention trips, politics or candidates, or administration dues, deficits or expenses at the club, district, or international level is a breach of faith and an express violation of the basic document of the association.

This opinion shall be interpreted to mean that there shall be no public solicitation of funds to defray administrative expenses of a Lions club.

District Governor Mark Todd
applies a 55 year pin to
Lion Harrel Nix vest. 2VDG
Anse Windham supervises.





Lions Serve at Texas Lions Camp

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all the Lions of Texas that came to serve at one of our picnics the fantastic children that attended the 2010 Summer Sessions of Texas Lions Camp. You will never know how much it means to the campers and staff to have such a supportive and generous group of people behind them.

We are at the end of camp and looking even now into the future at summer 2011. If your club would like to participate in a Sunday refreshment stand during registration, a Sunday night picnic dinner, a Friday lunch picnic, watermelon party on Friday afternoons, Friday night dinner picnic or even as an Awards Ceremony sponsor, we would love for you to get involved.

The Summer Camp Schedule once officially set will be posted on our website, by Sept 1, 2011: www.lionscamp.com. Get with your club and find a few dates that will suit your schedules and then email Trish Wilson at twilson@lionscamp.com on and not before October 1, with the following information:

1. Club name (and other clubs involved if a district or area project)
2. Contact person(s); address; phone # (cell phone preferred)
3. First, second, and third choices of Picnic projects and Date
4. Number of members that will be attending, including other clubs that might serve along with yours.

The picnics are on a first come and first serve status and the sooner your club can make plans to attend and register on Oct 1, the more likely you will be to get the date that you really want. You will be contacted on Oct 1 as to the status of your request, so that your members can plan. If you would like more information don't hesitate to contact Trish Wilson at 830-896-8500 x 243 and she'll be glad to help in anyway possible. Thanks again for all the 2010 Summer Lions and here's looking forward to your club being involved during summer 2011!



Portland North Bay Lions Club GAME NIGHT.
 It was printed in the Lions Magazine that the clubs that have fun have been very successful in gaining in membership. Portland North Bay Lions have had two game nights a year for over 10 years. This is a great time to invite guests, install new members, and just relax and have fun.



PORTLAND NORTH BAY LIONS

PDG Leroy "Atta-Boy" Cornelius installing the new members along with their sponsors. Left to right are: Lion Teri Owen and new member, June Merrell, Lion Jennifer Hay and new member, Becky Lutzke.

Kingsville Noon Lions presented dictionaries to all third graders in Kleberg and Kenedy counties. All adults in photo are Lions except for K.I.S.D. Trustee Melissa Windham, far left.





We Are All Challenged

For some it is our job and for others it is a family challenge. It may be a relationship or financial challenge. For many it is a health or physical challenge but

.**we are Lions and we are all challenged in a different and special way. We are challenged “to serve”. We are specifically challenged by Helen Keller to be “Knights of the Blind”!**

It is because of that challenge that Lions International undertook Sight First I & II. It is because of that challenge that the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) was born, and it took many Texas Lions with great “vision”, who accepted that challenge, to make it happen.

The problem with this kind of challenge is that while we have the “vision” to make it happen, many times we are not visionaries. In other words, we don’t look to the future to assure we keep meeting the challenge.

That is why TLERC created its “**Visionary Knights of the Blind**” program – to assure a continuing flow of income to make sure we can keep sending millions of recycled glasses abroad, to make sure we can keep making new glasses in our lab, to make sure we can replace equipment when needed, and to make sure we can continue to train Lions inside or outside of the US to help the visually impaired.

If you are a Club President, invite your TLERC District Director to give your members a program. Our Directors have a slide show which they can present. Many of them have actually travelled abroad on our mission trips and have some really great stories to tell. Some are heart-warming, some are heart-wrenching, but all are stories of people whose lives were profoundly changed by Lions. If you don’t know who your TLERC Director is, ask your District Governor or call our office (432-683-3611).

If you are a Lion, please look into your heart – right now – today – and become a “**Visionary Knight of the Blind**”. If there is no enrollment form in this newsletter, you can get one off the Texas Lions State website, from your TLERC District Director, or call our office and we will send you one.

It’s as little as \$100/year (or \$10/month on bank draft) or you can pick any higher amount you wish. We are currently designing a special medallion for those who become **Visionary Knights**. Our goal is 25 “**Visionary Knights of the Blind**” from every MD2 District by June 30, 2011 and everyone who joins by that date will be considered a Charter Member.

Please be a visionary. Please accept the challenge today!!

Lion Tom Blase, TLERC Promotions Director

**Second Cabinet Meeting
October 23, 2010
Agenda (Tentative)**

- 10:00 Call to order
Prayer
Pledge
Song
Introductions
- 10:15 Minutes of First Cabinet Meeting
Treasurers Report
- 10:30 "The Job's not completed until the paper work is done"
Why do we have reports?
- 10:45 "The Role of a Zone Chair"
- 11:15 Dues, Governors Goals Reports, Contest Standings
Governors Input
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Club Revitalization
"Why Revitalize?"
- 2:15 Membership
"How do we get new members?"
- 3:00 Alert Report Rio Grande Flood
- 3:15 Charities
White Cane Day, Texas Lions Camp, Texas Lions
Foundation, LWSB, Alert, Leader Dogs for the Blind
- 3:45 Draw for Door Prizes
- 4:00 Adjourn