



## LIONS DISTRICT 2-A3

# LIONS' ROAR

Sep 2010

Hello Fellow Lions,

I woke up this morning, went outside and it felt like Fall. It didn't last long and it really wasn't Fall. Cooler weather is just around the corner. High School Football has started so it can't be long.

We have had a disaster in the Valley. Due to all of the rain on the upper Rio Grande River, Mexico released water. This resulted in flooding in our area. The flooding was from Falcon Lake to Brownsville. The hardest hit area was around the Rio Grande City area. Our Alert Team kicked it into high gear and was able to help those residents along the river with Flood cleaning kits. A grant was applied for to the Texas Lions Foundation for these kits. The grant was approved and the kits supplied. I am waiting on a final report but I know of 125 families that were able to be helped. Congratulations to the clubs that aided these families. I will have the report published in our newsletter when completed. This is another example of how "We Serve".

The Training Team is putting together our material. IPDG Joe will present the first segment in September to Zone Chairs in the South. Look for his email soon. We will have a session in the North as well.

It is 990 time for ALL clubs. This is the Non-Profit reporting form to the IRS. Your books should be in order now so that the form can be filed with the IRS. There are two types of forms.

There is an electronic e-card that most clubs will do, and then the clubs with larger funding will be required to complete the paper copy. Remember IT IS THE LAW to file with the IRS. They are not fooling around either. I have heard of clubs not filing the proper form and they are paying severe penalties. Immediate Past Presidents this is your last official act. The form is for your year of service and you need to make certain it is done. You will need your Tax ID number that was issued to you when the club was chartered. Go to IRS.gov click on the charitable organizations and read the information if you are not familiar with how to file. Some clubs will need a CPA.

Remember our Contest began in August. Is your club getting all of the available points? Look at the Gavel Travel. They are a lot of fun and everyone has fun getting new ideas. October 23 we will have our cabinet meeting in Rockport. Presidents look out for an e-mail announcement soon. How many new members did your club bring in? We are going to compare the clubs by Zone for the most new members on September 30 to see who gets bragging rights in your Zone.

Our Youth Service Projects should be completed. It is now time to plan our Service Projects focused on Blindness for October. I hope to see a lot of Activity Reports completed so that we can report our projects to LCI. Membership is still on the forefront. Have you asked someone to join Lions



this month? If we don't ask, how will people know about Lions? More members, equals more to SERVE. With cooler weather there is a rejuvenation of our activities. Invite non-members to visit. Show them what we do. Most importantly ask them to join us. There are many people in need of our services. Many more than we can handle at times. New members allow us to Serve more people.

DG Mark

Loving  
Individuals  
Offering  
Needed  
Service

## Greetings Lions of 2-A3!

August 13th I had the opportunity to visit the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester Michigan along with other 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors of Texas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Florida and a few other states. I was able to tour the facility with its state of the art Veterinarian department, breeding department, Training department and Dorms where prospective clients live while undergoing extensive training with their dogs. I had the opportunity to meet Kevin who has had a Leader Dog for twelve years and was able to get a position in the Human Resources Department with Target. Kevin is a fantastic example of how Leader Dogs help the blind function in society at a level most of us takes for granted. When your Club contrib-

utes 100% to the District 2-A3 Charities (formerly known as the Governors Goals) \$1.50 of the \$20 per member goes to the Leader Dog School for the Blind. If your club feels it would like to increase the amount you give there are \$250 & \$500 Commemorative Bricks available. Of course feel free to contact our District Leader Dog Chairs; Winkie Peters in the North and Mary Ellen Beard in the South to learn more. You can also learn more about Leader Dogs at: [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org) I look forward to seeing you at a Zone Meeting in September or at the District Cabinet Meeting in October.

Yours in Lionism,  
1<sup>st</sup> District Governor  
Mark Alvarado



# Donate Pins and Support the Texas Lions Camp?

The Texas Lions Pin Trading Club has undertaken a New project to raise money for the Texas Lions Camp by collecting and selling Lions pins. The Texas Lions Pin Trading Club is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and is made up of Texas Lions and other Lions from around the world. The Texas Lions Pin Traders will gladly receive donations of any Lions pins and will turn them into a contribution to your Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. They will accept any Lions pins you would like to donate and will sell all the pins received. All the proceeds received from the donated pins will be forwarded to the Camp to help them continue to offer their services to the physically challenged children of Texas Free of Charge. If you are interested in donating pins or would like more information concerning this project please contact:

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*"We Serve"*



## Region VI Meeting

For Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers  
and other interested Lions

ZONEs "A", "B", "C" and "D"



Topics:

MMR Reports & Dues

Oct. 23, 2010 Cabinet Mtg.

Recruiting New Members

Info on "Beacon Contest"

Fundraising Projects

Saturday, September 18, 2010

6:00 PM

Host Club: Mission Lions Club

Danny's Restaurant - - 122 W. Tom Landry

(one block WEST of Conway)

In Downtown Mission, Texas

Meal and Raffle Prizes (bring one or two)

For info. Call: Zone Chair Lion Ron D'Andrea 533-5097



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## **MD2 STATE LEO CONFERENCE**

November 12-14, 2010

### **Premier High School of North Austin**

1835-A Kramer Lane  
Austin, Texas

This annual fun, energizing and educational event brings Leos from around the state together to gain leadership skills, network opportunities, share club success stories, enjoy the camaraderie and companionship of Leos and learn how Leos function at the state and international scale.

It also allows Leos to return to their clubs brimming with new service project ideas and fund raising ideas they can use right away. I look forward to seeing your club in November.

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1835-A Kramer Lane  
Austin, Texas

For questions call: 512-203-5972

Lion Liz Bumguardner

The MD 2 TEXAS LEO COUNCIL has planned another exciting and active conference for all Texas LEOS.

The Conference will be held in Austin, Texas on November 12-14, 2010.

There will be Officers, Advisor, & District Chair Training, Team Building Exercises, the latest State and International Leo News, Lions/Leo Charities and Community Service Projects and Fund Raiser Forums. Please complete the enclosed registration form. You may fill out one registration form and attach a list of your participants to include their information requested or complete one for each individual attending.

There is a special early registration package or you can register for individual functions. Sessions on Saturday will be held at Premier High School of North Austin. Registration, Social Activities and Closing Session will be held at the Embassy Suites Austin – Arboretum. Suites have been blocked with special rates for Leos Clubs. All persons attending any portion of the conference must pay the registration fee of \$10.00. This includes Leo Members, Advisors, Lions, and adults chaperoning a group to the conference.

The luncheon on Saturday will be held at Premier High School and will feature a special keynote speaker. Following the Saturday sessions we will meet for dinner and fun at Dave & Busters. Afterwards, everyone will return to the Embassy Suites for a teen dance in the Remington Ballroom, where the youth can get better acquainted. We hope that you will plan to participate in the entire conference.

Please make arrangements as soon as possible so that suites and meal arrangements can be finalized.

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**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND





PDG Leroy Cornelius Installs new Lions Ann richards and Ron Richards into the Portland Lions Club



## 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](http://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](mailto: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!



IPDG Joe Trevino Installs the Willacy County Lions Officers

(L-R) Lion Rudy Garcia,  
IPDG Joe Trevino,  
Lion Cruz Tijerina,  
Lion Zeke Cavazos,  
Lion David Solis,  
Lion Robert Supulver,  
Lion Steve Million,  
and Lion Mario Martinez.