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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Lions of District 2-S3

We have blazed through July and are continuing our journey in August.

With the arrival of August, we have the start of my re-tooled club visit schedule. As your previously scheduled visit date approaches, I will be contacting your club to determine your meeting status and if necessary, work to reschedule the official visit. I look forward to finding a date and a method to meet with each of your clubs.

On July 11 we held the first District Cabinet meeting of 2020-21. While there were a few glitches in the system, we were able to conduct a meeting and accomplish the required business of the District so we could get started on the new year.

Some notes from the meeting include the introduction of our District NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) program by IPDG Larkin Smith, information about the Peace Poster Contest by PDG Angie Nicholson, a discussion about the Envi-

ronmental Photo Contest, an introduction to the Reading Action Program Committee by Judy Aswell and information about the Hearing Awareness and Preservation Committee by Richard Hopkins.

Lion Ann Ward gave us an overview of some Public Relations Committee ideas and a report on the Camp. We were encouraged by Lion Duane Lueders to use our District Technology resources.

PDG J.P. Kirksey reported on the Texas Lions Foundation and reminded us about the importance of supporting our District Charities.

One project that is not included in the 100% Charities but, needs to be considered is the Texas Lions Museum project. PDG Charles Handrick serves on that board and encourages us to remember the opportunity we have to support this project.

The contact information for each of our Committee Chairs is in the District Directory or on the District Website. I encourage you to learn about our commit-

2S3 District Governor Gary Fuchs



tees and the service opportunities that exist within those committees.

I know we struggled to find ways to meet and to serve during the past few months. Please do everything you can to communicate with each other and to find ways to serve your communities.

District 2-S3 is a strong District with a proud history, we will be stronger because of the experience of this year.

Let's work together and serve together so our communities know that the Lions are there!

DG CLUB VISITS**CONFIRMED:****AUGUST**

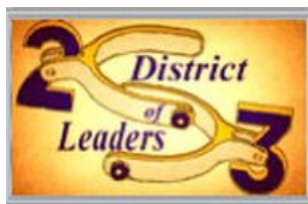
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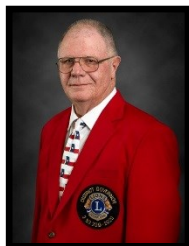
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 9/10 AUSTIN N AUSTIN
 9/12 MARION



We Serve

**DISTRICT 2S-3
 LEADERSHIP 2020-2021**


**District
 Governor
 Gary Fuchs
 Cameron**



**Immediate Past
 District
 Governor
 Larkin Smith
 San Marcos**



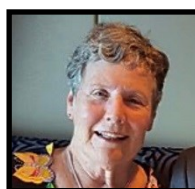
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 Governor
 Gayle Collins
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**2nd Vice District
 Governor
 Brandon Mund
 New Braunfels
 Noon**



**Cabinet
 Secretary
 Jill Stermer
 Cameron**



**Cabinet
 Treasurer
 PDG Angela
 Nicholson
 Liberty Hill**

**Lions Clubs
 International**

**International President
 Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
 Busan, Republic of Korea**



**The Lions Den
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VIRTUAL CABINET MEETING—JULY 11, 2020

DG Gary Fuchs Chaired the first of the 2020 Cabinet Meetings at his home from his laptop. Using GoToMeeting technology, the meeting was called to order, opened with an Invocation and pledges to the flags. Invited guests were able to participate, give reports, make motions, discuss issues, and answer questions as they arose. The meeting was also streamed from the District 2S3 Facebook page.

Please read the meeting minutes on our District 2S3 website at www.lionsdistrict2s3.com.

Right: DG Fuchs Chairs the Cabinet meeting. Pictured also is Cabinet Secretary Jill Stermer.

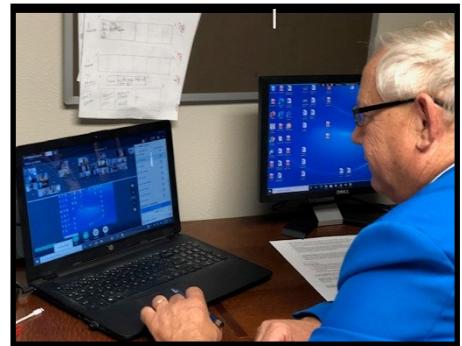
View the July 11, 2020 Cabinet Meeting at:

[GoToMeeting Transcripts](#)

OR

On the Lions 2S3 District Facebook page!

Photos by Lion Susan Fuchs



MD-2 LIONS ORGANIZATIONS DONATION PROCEDURES

From time-to-time, the State Office receives contributions to various Lions organizations. Please inform your district (newsletter, email blast, etc.) the following information:

*Donations to the **Texas Lions Museum Foundation** should be mailed to P.O. Box 294509, Kerrville, Texas 78029*

*Donations to the **Texas Lions Foundation** should be mailed to P.O. Box 64881, Lubbock, Texas 79464*

*Donations to the **Texas Lions Camp** should be mailed to 4100 San Antonio Hwy., Kerrville, Texas 78028*

Thanks to all for supporting whatever organization you may choose.

Lion Sandy Merritt

State Office Administrator
Lions Clubs International MD-2 (Texas)
P.O. Box 294509 / Kerrville TX 78029



FIRST VDG GAYLE TEGGEMAN COLLINS

Growing Our Clubs

Covid-19 and the Pandemic caused by it has created many concerns among our fellow Lions and Lions Clubs. Many clubs have not met face to face since it all began in March. Other clubs have used GoToMeeting or Zoom to communicate and conduct meetings. Some clubs have used a combination of face to face and virtual meetings.

Through a program called **North American Membership Initiative** Lions Clubs International is asking every district to:

- 1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs;
- 2) Revitalize clubs with new members; and
- 3) Re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service. If all these are combined, we will grow our membership.

Some things which can be done to retain members is by making phone calls to other club members to let them know you are thinking of them. Communications are always great public relations! Get the word out that "We are Lions and We are in the Community to Serve". Let the community know what Lions are about. This can easily be done by writing a brief article every month for publishing in the local newspaper or radio station.

"Serving Together" is District Governor Gary Fuchs theme this year. Serving together means we are here to help others, whether it is by members building a ramp for someone in a wheelchair or buying food and delivering it for an elderly person or someone who can't afford to feed their family.

There are many ways to "serve together". Find out what the citizens of the community need. Schedule a Summit and ask your City officials, School board members, Chamber of Commerce board or others to attend. They will be able to tell your club the needs of the community.

This year hasn't begun with the 'bang' ex-

pected but COVID-19 will pass and as Lions we will work through it to make a great year!



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

PDG John Lyon lyonjbiii@gmail.com

With the times the way they are, we need something to bring us together as a club. May I suggest something that the community may need and your club can do. One came from the Lions Hutto Club organizing a food drive for the food banks. Another came from the Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation and another from our own District Governor.

President Robert Sormani of the Hutto Lions organized a food and supplies drive. Robert has gotten local businesses to put out collection barrels and it's helping everyone.

Clubs know their members and what they are capable of achieving. Ever thought of recruiting a member just for their specialty? Certainly a Nurse would be in high demand if you were offering a blood sugar test for diabetes..

Recently clubs from Florida have notified me of a new device by Welch Allyn. The device called RetinaVue tests for damage to the retina however it requires a optometrist or ophthalmologist to read, if any club is interested please contact me.

Our Governor Gary Fuchs has noted that several clubs are not meeting nor running service projects. May I suggest Zoom for meetings or projects. YouTube has a 2:18 Minute video showing how to sign up using an email, Google or Facebook account. Find this video at Zoom Video Conferencing or at Zoom.us.

FROM 2nd VDG BRANDON MUND

Greeting Lions from the great city of New Braunfels. As your new 2nd Vice District Governor, I am working hard to acclimate myself with the needs and wants of the clubs of 2-53. I look forward to meeting with each of our clubs and assisting you whenever possible.

As a Lion, a business owner, a husband, and father I understand how the free time we once all had been something that we do not have nearly as much. We all are involved in numerous activities and organizations as well as our religious affiliations and family commitments but there is one thing that brought us all to become a LION, which is Serving others. The Lions Motto is simply "We Serve", it is not "we make money to donate" which is what a lot of clubs are struggling with currently. We all understand that the ability to donate on behalf of our Lions Club is a great thing, but in these unprecedented times we need to focus simply on our Lions motto of "We Serve".

I believe that we are a society and service organization that will prevail through this pandemic simply by working together. It is understandable that things in our organization are different than we have ever seen and with that we as a District Governor Team are meeting weekly to discuss the issues at hand, so we are ahead of the curve.

So, I encourage you to take the time to stay safe and meet however your club prefers to meet as long as you are SAFE. I also encourage you to **SERVE** and ask yourself each day "How can I Serve?" We are all in this together and will prevail together as LIONS who serve together!

Yours in LIONISM!

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DISTRICT 2S3 WEBSITE

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As the 2S3 District webmaster, it is my belief that the district web site is not being viewed for general information or utilized for reference material as this is the intention of the web site.

Many District Lions have never visited the site and have no idea what information it contains. As the district webmaster and with the approval of the District Governor in the next few months, I will be writing articles focusing on many of the pages and describing what is contained in those pages. Hoping to educate District Cabinet, club officers and district members what is contained on the web site and inspire District Lions to provide an input such as "In Memory" when a Lion is passing, club newsletters and club events and much more. The task of the webmaster is to maintain the web site not to provide information or to ensure that information contained is valid and updated when needed.

Today I will be focusing on two pages "[Did You Know](#)" and "[District Leadership](#)".

"[Did You Know](#)" is designed to be a reference library and is broken down by pertinent information for Clubs, Zones, District, Council, International, LEOS and NAMI. PDG Larkin Smith worked many hours collecting the majority of this information in the past year. Do you have a question about "Code of Conduct for Board Members" or "My Lion" officer reporting it's on the Club reference material page. If a district Lion has information that they think should be included on one of the pages send me the link and what page it should be included and I will research the information and get it on the appropriate page.

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DISTRICT 2S3 WEBSITE CONTINUED:

"District Leadership" and it's associated pages Zone Chairs, Committee Chairs, District Clubs, and District LEO Clubs can answer your question of who do I need to talk to about Diabetes Awareness or what zone is my club in and who is the zone chair? Sometimes because I'm the District IT Lions will contact me about who is responsible for instead of going to the web site and doing their research.

For ease of finding what you're looking for, use the "search" function. The web site has a "search" box on each page and can help in narrowing down where the information you are looking for is located on the site.



**FROM GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM
PAUL DRUSH**

Hello fellow Lions!

I'm pleased to serve as your District GMT again this year. With COVID-19, getting members could be a challenge. One thing we really need to look into is keeping our current members, especially if your club is not meeting regularly. Now it is important to get younger members for new ideas in this new normal we are currently living in. I will know my work schedule for the upcoming school year on August 18th. If you are meeting by way of Zoom or GoTo Meeting right now I can make that work to talk with clubs or for a Zone meeting. I sent out an email already to Zone chairs asking them to get me a list of their club's GMTs.

Thanks!

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**FROM PDG J. P. KIRKSEY
TRUSTEE FOR DISTRICT 2S3**
**Texas Lions Foundation Annual Report for
District 2-S3 — 2019-2020**


As of the most recent report (June 23, 2020) District 2-S3 has contributed \$6,120 to the Texas Lions Foundation. That amount is 7.5 % of the total contributed in the State and placed 2-S3 fourth among 16 Districts—only three Districts contributed more than 2-S3. **THANK YOU** for your continued support of, and dedication to, the Texas Lions Foundation.

At the TLF Board Meeting held Friday, June 26, a Humanitarian Grant request from the Canyon Lake Lions Noon Club was approved in the amount of \$10,000. That grant will assist the Club with necessary funding for installation of a playground shade as part of a children's playground being constructed in Canyon Lake.

Congratulations to IPDG Larkin Smith. Based on his enthusiastic support of the Texas Lions Foundation this past year, PDG Larkin has qualified for the Ed Flood Award presented to District Governors who secure total contributions equal to at least \$2.00 per member from Lions in their District. The award will be presented in August at the Texas Lions Fellowship Banquet in Kerrville.

We look forward to your support in the 2020-2021 year.

DISTRICT 2S3 2020-2021 GOALS

1 ***REJUVENATE OUR DISTRICT WITH NEW CLUBS***

GOAL: ADD TWO NEW CLUBS DURING NEXT YEAR.

We need to identify an area in the suburbs of North Austin to locate a club. It can be any type of club but with the demographics of the area, a specialty club of some type might work best. Equal consideration should be given to areas in the southpart of the District between South Austin and New Braunfels, possibly in the I35 corridor.

Guidance items:

1. Early in the year we will establish a working group with 2 committees. A North committee and a South Committee. These groups will work under and with the Governor team, NAMI Champion and GMT.
2. The committee timelines will be to have possible locations and recommendations ready for leadership by September 1, 2020.
3. Following the receipt of recommendations, the Leadership along with the Committee Chairs will select the focus location, determine the club type and establish a timeline for the formation of new clubs.
4. All information and preparation for the charter should be in place by February 1, 2021. The committee timelines will be to have possible locations and

2 ***REVITALIZE OUR CLUBS WITH NEW MEMBERS***

GOAL: THE ASSIGNED MEMBERSHIP GOAL FOR EVERY DISTRICT IS TO BE +1 FROM THE FINAL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP ON JUNE 30, 2020. THAT GOAL WILL BE THE ONE WE FOLLOW.

Education and promotion will key the goal of new membership in our existing club.

1. The District IT program will emphasize communication of information to encourage and support membership. **A specific goal is to increase the memberships' use of our IT program. The measurement is the report provided by District IT Duane Lueders after each month.**

2. The District IT program and other leadership will encourage clubs to keep club information current on their websites, Facebook, and other social media sites that might be used by clubs .

3. The District IT program with support of a social media specialist will promote the activities of our Lion members on the District Facebook page.

4.. We will promote education through the training provided by our district GLT. **The training goal is to have 60% of the Club Officers in the District trained about their office by October 31, 2020** We will inform members through various message types about the availability of educational material in the Lions Learning center.

5. We will train and support the work of our zone chairs. We will keep the Zone chairs informed about the status of their clubs and the things that are needed to accomplish our membership goal.

6. We must focus on retention. We can emphasize new members but we cannot do things that cause us to lose members that we already have. The specific retention goal is to reduce drops in our District by 5% from the number that were dropped in 2019-2020.

We need to encourage our new member sponsors they need to know their work is not done at the new member initiation. Their work is just beginning. Sponsors need to ensure their new members find a home in the club and find things to do to be involved.

We as club members and club leaders need to be aware of the membership of our clubs. We need to recognize a member that is failing in attendance and participation. We need to make special emphasis to get them involved. Secretaries need to track attendance and participation.

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GOALS (CONTINUED)

Leadership in clubs must let new members or different members take leadership roles in projects, offices, or other things that are part of a club's program.

3 MOTIVATE MEMBERS WITH NEW FELLOWSHIPS AND EXCITING SERVICE

GOAL: 60% OF THE CLUBS IN OUR DISTRICT WILL CONDUCT AND REPORT TO LCI AT LEAST TWO MEANINGFUL SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE AREAS OF LCI GLOBAL CAUSES.

Our clubs need to be aware of new ideas. That is why reporting is such a critical part of the LCI program. Each club's reporting is available to other clubs. Members using the reporting features of our LCI program can help other clubs find ideas for new service projects.

Leaders need to be willing to listen to new members for ideas. This helps with the task of getting new members involved in club activities.

Fellowship is also important. We have at least two avenues of fellowship: our regular meetings and special events.

1. We need to ensure our regular meetings are conducted in an organized and timely way. Organization and order is very good for the morale of the club,

2. We can have special events to stimulate togetherness, recognize members, etc. We need to use these opportunities as club leaders.

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LCI REQUIRED GOAL FOR LCIF

GOAL: THE REQUIRED GOAL IS SIMPLE. IT READS: BY THE END OF THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, MY DISTRICT WILL SUPPORT LCIF IN ITS ENDEAVOR TO ACHIEVE CAMPAIGN 100'S TARGET GOAL OF US \$300 MILLION.

1. We are to support our LCIF Ambassador by giving her opportunity to display and discuss items about the LCIF Campaign.
2. We will encourage support of the Campaign during club visits.
3. We will give the Ambassador the opportunity to recognize those that LCIF has noted.



TEXAS LIONS CAMP NEWS

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Ward Elected TLC Secretary; Awards Presented; Directors Sworn In

During the Texas Lions Camp Annual Meeting on Aug. 1, Lion Ann Ward, District 2-S3 TLC Elected Director from 2016-2020, was elected secretary of the board and will serve a seven-year term on the TLC Executive Committee. Ward is immediate past president of Austin Founder Lions Club. Other officers moved up, with Lion Kent Basinger of Mt. Pleasant becoming Chairman. PDG Gary Linker of Lubbock became immediate past chairman.

New board members were sworn in by PID Sam Lindsey. Lion Connie Zschoche of Lago Vista Lions Club joins the board as the new North Elected Director for District 2-S3. Lion Vanessa Dean of New Braunfels Noon Lions Club joined the board to fill the one-year unexpired term of the South Elected Director for District 2-S3. Both are available to give programs to clubs.

During the meeting, District Director Achievement Awards were presented. Lion Ann Ward received a fourth year tab for her 100 percent Elected Director's pin. 2nd VDG Brandon Mund received the 100 percent Director's pin. Both fulfilled TLC requirements, including participation in TLC board and committee meetings, presentations to clubs in the district and achieving a minimum of 50 percent 100 % Participation by clubs in the district. In addition, they had booths at District events and had campers from the District.

"Brandon and I appreciate the support and involvement of District 2-S3 clubs. I have really enjoyed making camp presentations these past four years, and I know Connie and Vanessa are going to do a great job keeping everyone informed about Texas Lions Camp. I am so honored by the opportunity to continue to serve TLC as a member of the Executive Committee, and I look forward to continuing to work with everyone in District 2-S3," Ward said.



Lion Ann Ward and Susan Wallis at Annual Meeting.



PID Sam Lindsey swore in the newly elected board members, including Connie Zschoche, right, as District 2S3 North Elected Director.



Lion Ann Ward, left, passes the Texas Lions Camp display to Lion Connie Zschoche, who succeeds her as District 2-S3 North Elected Director. Ward was elected secretary of the TLC Board and joins the Executive Committee.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP (CONTINUED)

August 27 Virtual Concert to Benefit TLC

On Aug. 27, Martyn Lucas will live-stream a virtual benefit concert from his Dallas studio to promote Texas Lions Camp and help raise money for the camp's building fund. Donors will be recognized during the concert. "The Show Must Go On" will begin at 5:30 p.m. on YouTube, with the performance starting at 6 p.m.



Martyn was named "World Piano Man" by Sir Elton John. Martyn has performed as the Phantom of the Opera in Covent Gar-

den, London, and has appeared in 195 countries around the world. He sings more than 650 songs in 14 voices and seven languages. His "music for hope" will entertain you.

Visit Martyn's website at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-lions-camp-youtube-concert-fundraiser-world-piano-man-martyn-lucas-tickets-114675062198> to obtain your complimentary ticket, and make a donation.

You also can donate for a **special ticket where you can dedicate a song** during the concert, with some 650 titles to choose from. **A VIP ticket can be obtained for a donation where you can sing with Martyn via a Zoom call. These special tickets must be obtained no later than August 26.**

Registering and making a donation allow you to chat LIVE and make requests in the chat box during the concert.

Learn more at <https://www.martynlucas.com/>, and donate at www.lionscamp.com.

Golf Tournament a Success;

Online Auction Goes through Aug. 31



The 27th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament was held July 30 at Lady Bird Golf Course in Fredericksburg. The event raised more than \$135,000 for Texas Lions Camp from sponsorships, teams and raffles. District 2-S3's IPD Larkin Smith was the lucky winner of the raffle for an entry for four players in the 50th Annual Chet Todd Memorial Golf Tournament, to be held Sept. 17-19, 2021, at Delaware Springs Golf Course in Burnet. Congratulations, Larkin!

The **Silent Auction** usually held at the TLC Annual Meeting breakfast **has moved online!** Now through Aug. 31, you may bid on the **22 items available**, such as hotel stays, restaurant gift certificates, cases of wine, artwork, rounds of golf and wine tastings. **Bids close at 5 p.m. Aug. 31.** Once you bid, you will be notified when someone bids higher than you, so you can check back and keep bidding. Go to <https://birdease.com/13752/auction>. Proceeds from this golf-related activity benefit TLC's CAMPAign Vision 2020 capital building campaign.

According to unaudited golf records, 29 District 2-S3 clubs and individuals contributed \$4,950.00! Thank you to the following District 2-S3 Lions who supported this year's golf tournament:

List of supporters on next page

TOURNAMENT SUPPORTERS:\$1,500+

In Memory of Lion Larry Kunkel
The Larry Kunkel Family

\$500+

Jim Newbold
In Memory of Lion Wib Amacher
New Braunfels Evening Lions Club
In Memory of Lion Carl Feltner
New Braunfels Evening Lions Club
In Memory of Lion Larry Kunkel
New Braunfels Evening Lions Club
In Memory of Lion Carl Lindall Rose
New Braunfels Evening Lions Club
In Memory of Lion Ken Triesch
New Braunfels Evening Lions Club

\$200+

Shirley Dillman
Florence Lions Club

\$100+

Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club
Cameron Lions Club
Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club
Byron Eckols Insurance Agency
James "Happy" Feller
Gary Fuchs
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The Nyfeler Organization, Inc.
John Nyfeler
New Braunfels Evening Lions Club
John & Brenda Pruett
James E. Roberson & Co., PC
South Austin Lions Club
Norman Schaule
Ann Ward
The Willoughby Family

27th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Thursday, July 30, 2020

**Lady Bird Golf Course
Fredericksburg, Texas**

Presented by
Fredericksburg Lions Club

Benefiting



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Year to Plan Your Club's Future By

PDG Michael Smith

District 2S3 GLT

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This pandemic has forced a lot of the clubs to reconsider a lot of what the clubs did service wise, social wise and fundraising. All areas have been affected by the new normal. Masks, hand sanitation and temperature checks are the new normal in the workplace and if your club meets there are 9 counties (in our District) regulating how each meeting or event gathering must comply to meet.

Training this year for all club officers was also affected. Training for this Lions Year will be virtual workshops and or classes presented either by Zoom or Go to Meeting. Both software are available from the District for the use of our clubs should they decide to meet virtual. Training for our club officers was the first test and challenge we had to face from May through the present. If you held the same club officer position last Lions year (2019-2020) that you hold today, you were exempt from training in that position. Training is required for all club officers new to the position that they hold for 2020-2021. As of August 1, 2020, we still need 95 club officers to complete their training. The clubs that achieve 60% or better of their officers completing their specific training will be recognized by the District Governor.

Additionally, since this is a year to plan the club's future the following advanced training has been added and is open to Club Presidents, First Vice Presidents, Membership Chairs, Service Chairs. These officers specifically are called the club's Global Action Team (GAT). There are 4 to 5 workshops planned for this group. Each Club that completes all the workshops and submits to the Zone Chairs and GLT_D their plans, will earn a banner patch for their club this year to be awarded at the District Convention in the Spring of 2021.

If you want specific training, please go to the District website under Global Leadership and contact me direct to be included in some training. I have had a request for Certified Guiding Lion Training, and I will be presenting it once a quarter. "How to Become a District Officer" presentation will be considered for January 2021.

2020-2021 is year of uncertainty and profound change. Your Lions Clubs must meet to plan out the future. Planning is forced on us whether we like it or not. Do not allow this situation to kill your club by not meeting and planning. We (At the District) know there are clubs that are not meeting. We strongly encourage all our clubs to meet at least virtually at first then, as the rules change, back to in person. The situation calls for flexibility to have more than one plan as we have seen in the past three months. All our classes and workshops are recorded and will be available on the [District Training Webpage](#).



ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

District 2-S3 Environmental Chair Report #1

by Lion Jo Anne Smith

(My contact info is lagojas@gmail.com)



Good morning Lions,

My name is Lion Jo Anne Smith, my home club is Lago Vista Lions.

I am your District 2-S3 Environmental Chair for 2020-2021.

- ARE YOU GOING CRAZY WITH THIS COVID-19 VIRUS?
- ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW WAY TO PARTICIPATE BUT ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING OR CATCHING THE VIRUS?
- HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET REACQUAINTED WITH MOTHER NATURE!

IF YOU HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE
DISTRICT 2-S3 ENVIRONMENTAL
PHOTO CONTEST,
HERE IS YOUR CHANCE.

See Photo Contest Rules and Entry Form on the following page.

You can use a previous photo in your collection or take a new photo.

The Annual **District 2-S3 Environmental Photo Contest** will continue to host our own photo contest for our clubs. Entries will go no further. The same rules and themes will apply; Animal Life, Weather Phenomenon, Landscape and Plant Life from any location.

NOTE: One change in the rules this cycle will be one entry per member for more participation; instead of one entry per club.

Photo Contest Rules / Entry form is available on the following page in this newsletter and on the District website at www.lionsdistrict253.com. The deadline is Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The winner will be announced at the District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Hutto.

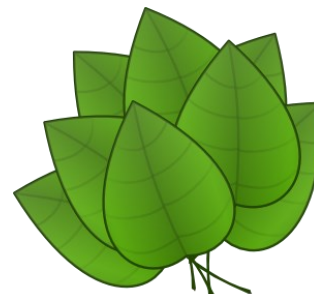
I would love for you to take advantage of this opportunity and participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Jo Anne Smith



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT—
AN LCI GLOBAL CAUSE

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR
OFFICIAL RULES
AND ENTRY FORM**





2020-2021 Environmental Photo Contest Official Rules and Entry Form



- The 2020-2021 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
- All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
- Photos that include people will be disqualified.
- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)
- Photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
- **The deadline must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Please add a note to envelope that reads "DO NOT BEND".**
- Each LIONS CLUB or LEO CLUB are invited to **submit one photo per member** to:

Lion Jo Anne Smith 20609 Oak Ridge Lago Vista, TX 78645
- The three photos receiving the most votes will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. Prizes will be presented to the winning photographers at the District 2-S3 Mid-Winter Conference on January 30, 2021.
- The winning photos will be featured in the District 2-S3 newsletter.
- The contest will end at the District 2-S3 level.
- E-mail contest questions to Lion Jo Anne Smith at e-mail: lagojas@gmail.com.

2020 DISTRICT 2-S3 ENTRY FORM ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

(Please Print)

Photographer Name _____

Photographer Lions Club _____

Photographer Phone Number _____

Photographer E-mail Address _____

2020-2021 Lions International Peace Poster Contest

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

[Click Here to Order Your Kit](#)

To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822

To view the 2019-2020 Contest Winners, go to:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/peace-poster-winners>



Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.



2020-21 Lions International Peace Poster Contest "Peace Through Service"

Important things to remember if your club is conducting a Peace Poster Contest

- Order kits for each contest you conduct before Oct. 1, 2020.
- Take rules to the teacher or group leader, making sure they read the rules of the contest.
- **SIZE DOES MATTER**—check the rules for the minimum and maximum size limit.
- **NO WORDS OR NUMBERS** can be on the front of the poster.
- The contestant must be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15, 2020.
- Standard peace symbols are allowed—peace symbol, 2 fingers up, peace dove, and olive branch.
- **NOTHING CAN BE GLUED OR STAPLED TO THE POSTER**—no glitter glue, no extra paper or objects. It cannot be mounted on anything, and must be able to be rolled into a tube for mailing.
- There must be an official Peace Poster Sticker (that comes in the kit) attached to the **BACK LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER** of the poster. This sticker cannot be photocopied; it must be from a kit. Be sure this is filled out and signed by the parent of the child, as well as your president.
- Be sure that those who are judging your club's contest know the rules and the theme. Entering a poster that will be disqualified in the district contest is unfair to the other contestants in your contest that could have been a winner.
- If you would like a Powerpoint of last year's winners on the International level, send me an email and I will send it to you. angienick1945@gmail.com This could be beneficial to your teacher or leader to show the students what has won in the past.
- Send your winning poster to Angie Nicholson, 100 Cavalier Lane, Liberty Hill, TX 78642 by November 15, 2020. It must be postmarked no later than that date. District contestants must be judged and the winning poster sent to the state chair by December 1, 2020.

INFORMATION ALSO AVAILABLE ON
WWW.LIONSDISTRICT2S3.COM

2020-2021 DISTRICT 2-S3 YOUTH CONTESTS ANNOUNCED

The following provides an overview of the MD-2 Youth Contests. Detailed information, instructions, and due dates are at

WWW.LIONSDISTRICT2S3.COM

The Lions of Texas believe in developing youth as they pursue academic excellence while learning to be of service to others. District 2S3 Lions Clubs are asked to contact local high school counselors and Leo clubs with information about the contests and encourage participation.

Requirements to enter: Students must be juniors or seniors in high school.

- ♦ **DIABETES AWARENESS ESSAY:** Topic: The importance of Diabetes Education in Texas Schools K-12
- ♦ **DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH:** Topic: Juuling and E-Cigarette Epidemic
- ♦ **OUTSTANDING YOUTH ESSAY:** Topic: Innovation and Leading Change Today

There are three levels to the competition:

1. Local Lions club
2. Lions District 2S3
- 3 MD-2 Texas Lions.

Each level of competition carries scholarship awards at all three organizational levels as follows:

1. Local Lions Club—Determined by club
2. Lions District 2S3—\$1,000.00 for first place in each contest and \$500.00 for second place in each contest.
3. MD-2 Texas Lions—\$3,000.00 for first place in each contest; \$2,000.00 for second place,, and \$1,000.00 for third place.

Students entering a local Club contest and are judged first place, **must** be committed to compete in the 2S3 District contest on **January 31, 2021** in Hutto, TX, and, if successful there, compete in the MD-2 contest on **May 30, 2021**, in Waco.

Expenses will be paid by the Lions. MD2 District winners application fees will be paid by the Lions of 2S3. Financial awards are given to the winner only when she/he competes at the next level.

Applications are available on the Texas Lions MD-2 website at texaslions.org

Local Club winning entries must reach District 2S3 Awards Coordinator by January 15, 2021. Please contact DG Gary Fuchs, Garyfuchs53@yahoo.com.

"Serving God's Special Children"
Lions Camp Face Masks
Special for 2020-2021

All profits will go to the Texas Lions Camp

NUMBER: ____ (\$10. + \$1. POSTAGE = \$11.)

INCLUDE YOUR PRINTED NAME, MAILING ADDRESS. CITY, STATE, ZIP

Mail info & check payable to:
PCC Tom Blase, 40 Antelope Trail,
Kerrville, Tx 78028



USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM ANNOUNCES VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE



USA Canada Lions
Virtual Leadership
Experience

July 2020 Newsletter

The USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience is an OPPORTUNITY!

Lions will soon be able to register for this online event to learn from Lions Clubs International Leaders, featured professional speakers and numerous seminars, while still in the safety and convenience of their own homes. Save the date and join the fun!

Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity

September 25-27, 2020

From Our General Chair, PID Harvey Whitley

Over the last four months, we have wrestled with whether we could hold the 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville. We finally had to cancel in mid-June and work through the process of refunding or transferring your registration to 2021 Des Moines. Many of you chose to move your registration to Des Moines and the Forum appreciates that and is looking forward to seeing you there next year in September.

It is a long time until September 2021, so your 2020 Forum Planning Committee gave serious thought as to what we can do in the meantime. Our thought process turned to what can be done virtually, just this one time, to transition until we can meet again physically in Des Moines to not only hold our Forum seminars and programs, but to celebrate being together socially as Lions. We have reorganized our existing Planning Committee into working groups that have begun the process of providing for you a virtual three-day experience to take place on September 25, 26, 27, 2020. The theme will be:

"USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience: *Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity*"

The experience has been set over a three-day period with segments each day. It will feature professional speakers as well as leadership seminars covering a vast array of topics. The registration for the entire experience will be only \$20.

Further experience details and registration instructions will be published soon but I wanted to let you know now so that you can mark your calendars and plan on attending.

As you can see from our theme of "*Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity*", we have tried to weave together our original racing theme from Louisville of "*And We're Off...To Winning Leadership*" along with our international LCI theme of **kindness and diversity**. We will miss going to Louisville this year but that does not mean we cannot continue to hone our leadership skills in order to better be able to work together in delivering the kindness in service that our world needs.

We look forward to sharing this virtual leadership experience with you.

PID Harvey Whitley

Forum General Chairperson



SEE LIONSFORUM.ORG FOR INFORMATION

LIONS District 2-S3 Charitable/Disaster Relief Fund Matching Funds Request Form

The CDRF provides funds for local Disaster Relief and to aid LIONS Clubs
in Charitable efforts that are beyond the resources of the individual club.
The CDRF will match funds up to \$1,000.00 raised by a club to aid in their project

Once the CDRF Request has been approved, the 2-S3 Charities Treasurer will
issue a check payable to the service provider.
Club's matching check for a grant must be made payable to: District 2-S3 Charities

LIONS Club: _____

Other LIONS Club(s) assisting in project _____

Request description: _____

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Name and address of service provider: _____

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Person(s) benefitting from project: _____

Is this an emergency situation: Yes____ No____ Date funds needed: _____

Club contact person: _____

Contact's phone number: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Contact's email: _____

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Submit requests to: PDG Frank Kinald, 604 W Sequoia Spur, Georgetown, TX 78628

In an emergency situation, the completed Request form may be emailed to: PDG Frank Kinald

For questions and further information, contact PDG Frank Kinald, Alert Chair,
Home: 512-868-8021 - Cell: 512-508-4552 - email at: fkinald@msn.com

"Membership Growth" New Members - July

Congratulations to the newest members of District 2-S3 and their sponsors. **District Governor Gary Fuchs**

Austin Founder Lions Club

Gregory Dew sponsored by Robert Thonhoff
Gloria Munguia sponsored by Rudy Munguia

Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Richard Smith sponsored by Paul Drush

New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

Kyle Dicke sponsored by Doreen Fisher

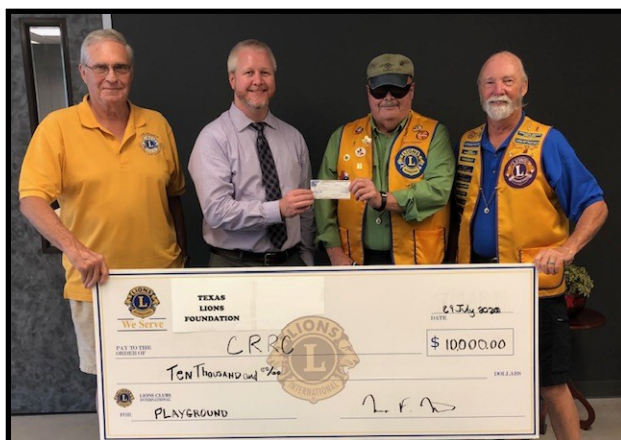
CLUB NEWS STARTS HERE

CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS

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Canyon Lake Noon Lions welcomed new member Richard Smith to the Club on July 16th at an outdoor Board meeting. Lions social distanced and wore masks. Left to right is sponsor Paul Drush, Lion Richard Smith, and Club President Marc Matier.



Canyon Lake Noon Lions presented a \$10,000.00 grant check from Texas Lions Foundation to the Community Resource and Recreation Center (CRRC) Executive Director Jason Derscheid to help fund the Proposed CRRC playground. Left to right: Past District Governor Len Heimer, Director Derscheid, Club President Marc Matier, Lion Tom Meyer.



CLNL donated \$2,000.00 to CRRC Family Fest event which provides school supplies for Canyon Lake students. This annual event, usually held in CRRC Rec Center with local organizations participating, will instead be a drive-through due to COVID-19. Pictured left to right: Past District Governor Len Heimer, Director Derscheid, CLNL President Marc Matier and Lion Tom Meyer.

BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUBwww.bluebonnetlions.org

Community Service –
Bridgette Johnson, Chair

TruChoice (formerly Central Texas Life Care) was so appreciative of our donations we gave in a drive-by Baby Shower Parade!



The board approved the following Community Service Projects:

- ♦ Reach Out and Read-Chair: Judy Aswell
- ♦ LCI Peace Poster Contest-Chair: Maggie Moreno
- ♦ Hands of Hope-Chair: Judy Aswell
- ♦ SM Greenbelt Alliance-Chair: Judy Aswell
- ♦ Eyeglass Recycling-Chair: Patti Blackson
- ♦ School Fuel-Chair: Melesa Yager
- ♦ Library Book Sale-Chair: Linda Alexander
- ♦ Adopt-A-Park-Chair Linda Alexander
- ♦ Blue Santa Gift Wrapping-Chair: Judy Aswell

- ♦ Cottage Kitchen (if reopens)-Chair: Debby Lawrence
- ♦ KidSight SPOT Screening-Chair: Patti Blackson
- ♦ Animal Shelter- Greatest need-Chair: Debby Lawrence
- ♦ Salvation Army Bell Ringing-Chair: Cherry Walts

Right now, some of these are on hold but if we can help, we will! A few others are on a "maybe" list.



The Garden Ridge Lions are staying focused on what we do ... **We Serve.** We are Lions, strong, committed and dedicated. Yes, a lot has

changed, but there's one thing that hasn't changed... **Service To Others.**

Blood Drive

The City of Garden Ridge and the Garden Ridge Lions are co-sponsoring a blood drive August 29th from 9:00am -3:00pm at the Garden Ridge Community and Event Center, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, TX. Because of the impact of coronavirus, there is a threat of the community blood supply collapsing, creating an additional life-threatening medical crisis. Safety protocols will be in place; such as, wearing masks, social distancing, and more. Due to these protocols, it's required that you schedule an appointment to donate. See the Blood Drive link above to sign up for a time slot. If you have any questions, please call **Lion Mark Meyers 210-241-3860.**

Date: August 29

Time: 9 am—3 pm

**Location: Garden Ridge Community & Event Center
 Garden Ridge, TX 78266**

Currently, due to concerns over the Coronavirus, there are no Garden Ridge Lions General Membership meetings scheduled. We will inform all members of the next general membership meeting when the date is confirmed. For additional information, call President Bill Foote 210-651-9236 or email: b1bill@hotmail.com.

CAMERON LIONS CLUB

WWW.CAMERONLIONS.COM ON FB



Cameron Lions Club held their 56th Annual Live Radio Auction in July. They offered over 175 exciting items to bid on!



LONE STAR LIONS EYE BANK

LSLEB.ORG

On Saturday, July 25th the Winner of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Winner's Choice Travel Raffle was drawn. The Winner is:

Lion Dean Vavra, from Colorado.

He gets a choice of:

- ♦ One Week trip for 2 to Hawaii
- ♦ A Mississippi Riverboat Cruise for 2
- ♦ \$9,000 Travel Gift Certificate

NOTE: The 4th choice - Lions Tournament of Roses Parade Adventure for 2 - has been cancelled.

Many thanks to the Lions who sold raffle tickets. The Lone Star Lions Eye Bank netted \$3,515 – which is great in the current situation of travel, Coronavirus and fund-raising events.

MANOR LIONS CLUB

MANORLIONS.COM



Lion Kevin Winslett of the Manor Lions Club draws the winning Lone Star Lions Eye Bank Winning raffle ticket. The winner is Lion Dean Vavra. See LSLEB above.

POINT VENTURE LIONS

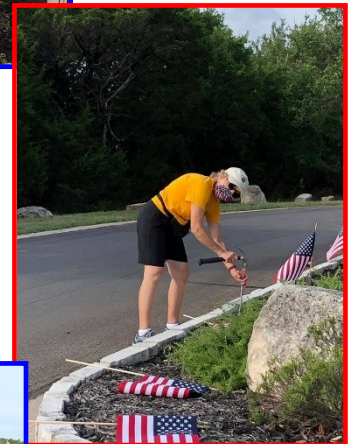
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The July Road Clean-Up was an amazing success due to the amazing club members and a wonderful young group of next generation! Thank you Wayne and Arlene Kuske, coordinators, Fred and Fran Pontesso, Madam President Janice Huling and her children: Kaitlyn and Joseph Fairless, Nancy Hamilton, Laurie Engels, Ron and Jan Gallagher, Tom and Cathy Soukup, Walter and Vicky Lockwood, Eric and Jill Dahmer Love for getting Lohmans Ford Rd all cleaned up! And special thanks to Jackie Lambert and granddaughter Brielle Lambert for taking on our PV Park as well! Great turn out, folks!



POINT VENTURE (CONTINUED)

Thank you for our thoughtful members and their families helping to get our community ready for our July 4th! Even though our annual events are cancelled due to COVID-19, we can still enjoy the spirit of the holiday!



POINT VENTURE (CONTINUED)

POINT VENTURE LIONS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
2020
"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

This year is providing a unique challenge in fundraising. Because the health and safety of our members, supporters and community are paramount in our decision making, we will not be hosting a fundraising event this year.

The economic crisis has made us aware of some very real needs in our community. The Lions Club has decided to focus fundraising on serving those residing on the Northshore. Our main charities this year will be Samaritan Health Ministries, Blue Santa, Broken Hearts and Calloused Hands and LVISD students and programs. We will also continue to support our traditional charities, which include the Lions Camp for Disabled Children, Service Dogs, Inc., the Texas School for the Blind and many others as funds allow. We are also conducting a community wide campaign to collect donations of non-food items for the Jonestown Community Center (Travis County Health & Human Services).

Together we will make a difference.

\$1000

Awards a scholarship to a deserving LVISD senior

\$500

Provides temporary lodging, food, and clothing to a family fleeing physical abuse (Broken Hearts and Calloused Hands)

\$300

Provides families with food for the holidays and Christmas gifts for the children (Blue Santa)

\$150

Means residents of the Northshore without health insurance have access to medications, eye exams, routine health screenings and diabetic testing equipment (Samaritan Health Ministries)

The support you have provided to the Point Venture Lions Club in the past has been amazing and most welcomed. We take the stewardship of your donation very seriously. You can contribute knowing that 100% of your donation will go to charity. Thank you so much. Please be healthy and stay safe.



Mail checks to PV Lions Club
P. O. Box 4724, Point Venture, TX 78645
or contact Debbie Conger at
512-413-4476

Point Venture Lions Club Foundation is a 501©3 Nonprofit Organization

POINT VENTURE (CONTINUED)

Lago Vista Lion Ron Smith, Region 2 Director (2019-2022) Lone Star Lions Eye Bank (LSLEB) District 2-S3 presented an informative program at the Point Venture Lions ZOOM meeting July 14th. Lion Ron is responsible for: Region 2 which includes Zones 2A and 2B. Zone 2A includes Blanco, Dripping Springs, Johnson City, Spicewood, Lake Travis (Bee Caves). Zone 2B includes Cedar Park, Lago Vista, Point Venture, Austin Indian Centennial (realigned in) and Liberty Hill and Austin West Austin.

LAGO VISTA AND POINT VENTURE LIONS CLUBS PARTNER

LIONS CLUBS OF LAGO VISTA
AND POINT VENTURE

Blood Drive

LEND A HELPING ARM

August 15

9 am-3 pm in the CVS Parking Lot

Lend a helping arm and save local lives! On an average day, **We Are Blood** needs to receive at least 200 blood donations in order to maintain an adequate blood supply.

To MAKE AN APPOINTMENT USE LINK BELOW or call (512) 206-1242

Due to the CoronaVirus, no walk-ins are accepted. Wear a face-mask & practice social distancing. Remember to eat a full meal and bring a photo ID.

For More Information, contact Lion Pat O'Dea-Rosen at 512-494-5327 or patodea153@aol.com

AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS CLUB AUSTINDOWNTOWNLIONS.ORG

AFLC HONORS RUIZ WITH JACK WIECH FELLOWSHIP



Austin Founder Lions Club Immediate Past President Ann Ward presented Lion Sam Ruiz with a Jack Wiech Fellowship recently. Ruiz was recognized for his work on vision, which has included forging partnership with the Dell Medical School of Ophthalmology and the Texas Society of Ophthalmologists. Ruiz secured more than 150 vouchers for follow-up vision care and glasses, and he tracks recipients to ensure follow-through. Recently, he worked with Dr. Jack Pierce to obtain pro bono eye surgery for a 38-year-old uninsured man who was going blind.



GEORGETOWN LIONS CLUB [HTTPS://WWW.E-CLUBHOUSE.ORG/SITES/GEORGETOWNTX/](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/georgetowntx/)



The Georgetown Library has 2 cases that are available to local organizations to have displays for the public. This is the Georgetown Lions display.



LAGO VISTA LIONS

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Pictured: LEO Advisor Linda Jameson and LEO Monsie Martinez

The Lago Vista LEO Club is pleased to announce our 2018-20 LEO President Monsie Martinez was awarded:

- Club LEO of The Year
- District 2-S3 LEO of The Year.
- Monsie went on to be awarded the MD2 (State) LEO of The Year with a certificate awarded.
- NOW, the prestigious award of Lions International LEO of The Year 2019-2020 was awarded to LEO Monsie Martinez. This award is only given to a very select few LEOs World wide. Monsie was awarded a beautiful medallion on a white ribbon from Lions Clubs International.

CONGRATULATIONS MONSIE !!!!

Putting this into perspective, there are about 198 countries in the world today and 5800 Leo Clubs in the world and as of January 2020, Lions Club In-

ternational had over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members (Lions & LEO) around the world. Each year, less than 35 Leo's are chosen from all over this world for this very prestigious International Leo of the Year Award! That is something BIG!!!

Prior to LEO Monsie's award, the LCI LEO of The Year medal was awarded to former LEO Lily Jameson in 2016.

Kudos also to Lion Linda Jameson, LEO Advisor; Lion Jo Anne Smith, Asst. LEO Advisor.

The Lago Vista LEO Club is sponsored by The Lions Club of Lago Vista.

Congratulations!

