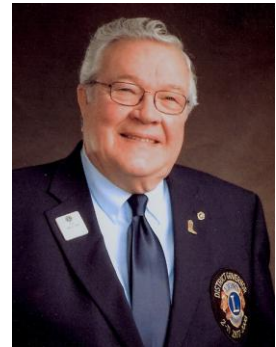




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Fellow Lions, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as District Governor and, with your help, I will do my best to advance Lions causes and projects throughout the district. Volunteerism seems to be waning across the country, younger people are more involved with other activities that don't seem to leave time for community service clubs. We need to reach out to these younger people, male and female, and make our meetings, projects, and service attractive to the under 40 group. That's a part of our new International President Mahendra Amarasuriya's program, Challenge to Change. We look forward to working with the Lions of 2-T1 to figure out better ways to include that age group, and make Lionism stronger.



Cheryle and I have just returned from the International Convention in Chicago where we enjoyed visiting with fellow Lions from around the world, you really do meet people from dozens of countries. We had about four days of district governor training and then four days of convention. We marched in the parade on the 4th of July, toured the Lions Headquarters in Oak Brook, saw the presentation of 200 flags from countries with Lions Clubs (including Iraq for the first time), heard a really good speech from President Jimmie Carter, saw a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and Baltimore Orioles, and ate too much good (and expensive) food.

We hope to get the year kicked off with good attendance at the first District Cabinet meeting in Amarillo at 9AM on Sat. July 28. The meeting will be at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in the main auditorium, registration begins at 8:30AM with coffee and donuts, lunch about noon, the cost is \$10.00. All club presidents and secretaries, all committee chairpersons, Camp Directors, zone chairs and cabinet officers should attend. Any Lion is welcome.

Remember, no one becomes a Lion unless their invited, when's the last time you asked someone to join???

Yours in Lionism,

DG Bob Langhorne



**We Serve**

## FROM THE VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

July 2007



Since I had the honor of being elected Vice District Governor, I have been on the road. First, I attended the State Convention in Arlington and had a fantastic time.

Then it was off to VIP weekend in Kerrville at YOUR Texas Lions Camp. The best thing about that weekend was that the kids from District 2-T1 were down that week so we had the privilege to witness “our” campers graduate on Friday. The campers and counselors were full of energy and each camper had their names cheered as they went forward to receive their awards.

Remember, the camp is YOUR camp and you are welcome to stop in whenever you are in the area. If you have not ever been to the camp and are in the San Antonio area, it is only about an hour to Kerrville and it would be well worth your time. The graduation ceremony is held on Friday night of each camping session - it will truly show you how “We Serve”.

If you have not yet sent in your sponsorship form for the Harry Wickersham Charitable Golf Tournament, please do so as soon as possible. The form can be found on the district website under “Publications”. PDG Jack King is currently on the Board of Directors at the camp and District 2-T1 needs to shine and show our support during his tenure. My goal this year is to have as many clubs to be 100% to the camp as possible so that District 2-T1 can be a 100% District to the camp in 2007-08.

Finally, we made it to Chicago and the 90th International Convention. It was an amazing convention and District 2-T1 was well represented. I would like to thank all of those that made it to Chicago from our district. It was a busy time with many convention activities, plenary sessions, the International Parade, Lions night with the Chicago White Sox, Texas breakfast caucus, voting, and then the passing of the gavel from President Jimmy Ross to the 2007-08 President Mahendra Amarasuriya of Sri Lanka. President Amarasuriya carries a renewed determination to ensure the strength and growth of Lions clubs. His program, centered on the theme “Challenge to Change,” acknowledges the challenges facing Lions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I hope to see each of you at the first District Cabinet meeting in Amarillo. Everyone is invited and if you are a club President, Secretary, Treasurer, or District Committee Chairpersons, Camp Directors, Zone Chairs and Cabinet Officers, you are expected to attend. It will be on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the BSA Hospital.

Yours in Lionism,

VDG Steve Wiegand

# Campaign SightFirst II

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2007-2008

District 2-T1, MD-2 Texas



*Campaign SightFirst II* will enable Lions to expand the extraordinary work of *SightFirst*. The *Campaign SightFirst II* goal is to raise at least \$200 million to continue to prevent blindness and restore sight. As of the June 13, 2007 Worldwide Report Day, a total of \$111 million has been donated or pledged.

Fellow Lions, have you and your club made a donation or pledge? On average, just \$6 can save one person from a life of darkness. How many people's sight will you save?

At this point in time, the SightFirst funds have been depleted. As you can see with the SightFirst accomplishments listed below, the money has been well spent. Simply put, if Lions abandon SightFirst, the world's blind population will double by the year 2020 to 74 million people.

Lions Must Act Now. Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross will be heading up the final year of the *Campaign SightFirst II* program and his home district needs to have 100% club participation. The *Campaign SightFirst II* funds can be used to honor someone with a Melvin Jones Fellow. Pledges from \$1,000 - \$4,999 can be raised over a three year period. Pledges of \$5,000 and over can be raised over a five year period. Texas Lions have set a goal of \$100 per member. To be a Model Club the amount is \$400 per member.

In 1925 Lions accepted the responsibility to be "Knights of the Blind". Having already accepted the responsibility it is time to step up to the plate. It is the RIGHT thing to do.

*SightFirst* has:\* Awarded \$191 million for 792 projects in 89 countries

- \* Restored sight to 7 million with cataracts
- \* Prevented serious vision loss for 20 million
- \* Improved eye care services for hundreds of millions
- \* Provided 70 million treatments for river blindness
- \* Built or expanded 207 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- \* Upgraded 314 eye centers with equipment
- \* Provided management training for 109 facilities
- \* Trained 300,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye care workers and village health workers
- \* Launched world's first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization. Thirty pediatric eye care centers will be established.



# 14th Annual Texas Lions Camp

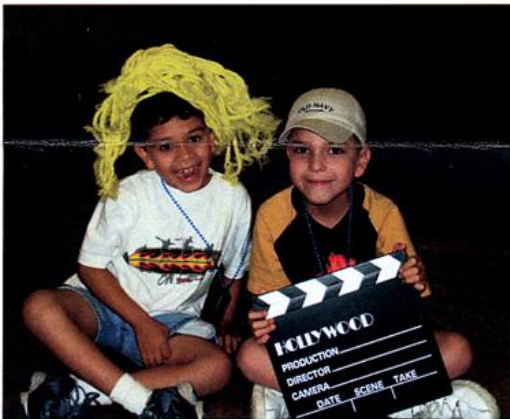
## Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

★ ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP ★

**August 2, 2007**

8:00 am Shotgun Start  
1:00 pm Shotgun Start

**Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course**  
Fredericksburg



**Interested in Playing a Round?**  
Player registration and additional  
hole sponsor forms are available at  
[www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)  
**Sign up today!**

### Sponsor a Hole

For a donation of \$100, individuals, clubs, associations and corporations may sponsor a hole. All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the camp website.

**Please make checks payable to  
Texas Lions Camp.**

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