

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-T1



**District Governor
Henry Wyckoff**

***LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-T1
2nd QUARTER 2020-2021
NEWSLETTER***

Hello Lions of District 2-T1,

The second quarter of my 2020-2021 Lions year is soon to arrive. Our second cabinet meeting is set for 9:00 am Saturday October 03, 2020 at the Mulkey Theater 108 Kearney Street in Clarendon, Texas. The Chance Mark Jones Memorial 5K run/walk will also be held that day which is an event that raises funds for kids' projects. You can sign up for the 5K run/walk through a link on the District 2-T1 website on the Calendar of Events page. All District Members are invited to attend.

The Fall Cabinet meeting is being hosted by the Clarendon Lions Club. Special thanks to 2nd VDG Roger Estlack and the Clarendon Lions Club! The registration fee is \$20.00. There will be coffee and doughnuts served during registration 8:00 am to 9:00 am and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Per Governor Abbott's statewide order masks will be required except when eating so please bring a mask as they will not be provided.

Our Lions Alert Committee will be having a BBQ/Car show fundraiser on Saturday October 10, 2020 starting at 5:30 pm at the Vintage Auto Haus & Imports at 8201 W. Amarillo Blvd in Amarillo. There will be a silent & live auction and raffle prizes. BBQ Ribs & Brisket will be served along with potato salad, beans, coleslaw, Texas Bread and cobbler. A cash bar will also be available. The cost is \$25 per person and you can purchase a table for 8 persons to sit together for \$200.00. I would like each club to purchase or sell 5 tickets each. Please attend if you can and purchase/sell tickets early. Tickets and Tables can be purchased on line at Amalions.org. If you need assistance contact District Secretary Robert Taylor at 806-678-4033. **I would like all District Clubs to donate \$300-\$500, or whatever you can, to help fund the event.** Please get these donations to District Treasurer Kevin Cox ASAP at least by September 30, 2020.

I will continue to visit our District Clubs and hope to visit yours soon. I plan to visit all clubs by the end of the year. If you or your club need help from the District leadership, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us. Contact information for our District Leadership is listed on the District 2-T1 website.

We have had two First Responder Appreciation/Lions Awareness

luncheons. One in Canyon at the Cole Community Center where we served over 120 lunches, and one in Amarillo at Maxor Park where we served over 190 lunches. Thanks to all that helped! 1st VDG Jerry Whatley wants to have these First Responder Appreciation/Lions Awareness lunches for each club in our district. I have applied for and received approval for a grant from NAMI to pay for these luncheons. Clubs will be responsible for the preparation of the meals and finding a place to hold the luncheons. Members from other clubs are willing to help you out. Let me or 1st VDG Jerry Whatley know if you need help.

With the help of 1st Vice District Governor Jerry Whatley, PIP PDG Jimmy Ross and others we launched two new cyber clubs last quarter. The two new clubs are the Panhandle Kids Count with 20 new members and Charter Night will be September 26th with location TBA. The second new club is the Lions Alert Club which will charter soon. Welcome to the new clubs! Plans are in the works to form more new clubs.

As a reminder there are many opportunities for us to serve throughout our district and I encourage everyone to Serve! A few examples of how you can serve locally are to partner with the Texas Ramp Project, Local Food Bank, Local Churches, Adopt-a-Highway, Eye Glasses Recycle Program and City Clean-up projects.

Don't forget about the **Council of 2020-2021 Polar Bear Challenge** and the sale of **face masks** to raise money for the Texas Lions Camp. This is a campaign to replace the bunkhouses, care-taker quarters, and basic infrastructure at the camp. See the flyers at the end.

For Club Secretaries don't forget to report club membership and officer positions on the "MyLCI" website as well as your club's activities on the MyLion website under the "Report Past Activity" menu item. This includes all club meetings, services when provided, fund raisers, special projects etc. There are links to these two websites on the District 2-T1 website. If you need help getting started contact District Secretary Robert Taylor for assistance at 806-678-4033. You must be able to sign onto the system before Robert can help you as he cannot sign into your account.

The District website has been revamped and now includes the District Directory. All home addresses of District Club members have been removed from the District's public facing website for security purposes. The District Directory has home addresses listed and you may only view it by signing up for a member account. The members area also contains the past newsletters, District 2-T1's Board Meeting agendas, minutes and financial reports.

During our last meeting the District was approved to purchase a portable PA system for use when we are at venues that do not have a PA system. A motion was also approved to have each District Club appoint a member to reach out to other members who have not recently attended one of their Club meetings.

As part of our participation in the North American Member Initiative all district Clubs need to work on increasing membership to have a positive increase in membership. Also, we need to discover and implement ways to create a desire for people to become Lions club members.

I would like our clubs to do more service projects and attract new members, create follow-up committees or have members assigned to find out why members resign, find ways to retain members and form new clubs.

One of my goals for his term is to bring our district membership to 2000 by adding 5 new clubs and have existing clubs add new members.

In Service,

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IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES

UPCOMING CABINET MEETINGS

- **October 03, 2020** – Fall Cabinet Meeting (Clarendon Lions Club hosting).
- **January 24, 2021** - Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting & District Sweetheart Contest (Amarillo Downtown hosting).
- **April 24-25, 2021** - District 2-T1 Convention (Canyon Lions hosting).

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

***The 1st Council of Governors meeting and the USA/Canada Forum have been cancelled.**

- **Council of Governors Meeting** - November 6-7, 2020
location TBA.
- **Council of Governors Meeting** - February 4-6, 2021 at the
YO Ranch Mountain Home, Texas.
- **State Convention & Council of Governors Meeting** - May
20-22, 2020 in Waco, Texas.
- **International Convention** - June 25-29, 2020 in Montreal,
Quebec.

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

To qualify, the Club must further the objectives of the Association, adhere to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws and Policies, and meet each requirement noted below during the fiscal year.

Submit the following requirements along with the Club name, number, 2016-2017 President's Name, their Member Number, and Zone to the District Governor prior to September 20, 2016.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Club must be in good standing with District, State and Lions Clubs International.
2. Conduct at least three (3) Service Projects. (Please furnish date and activity).
3. Contributions: The Club must have paid the Governor's 100% Voluntary Contributions.
4. Membership: The Club must achieve a net growth in membership of 7 members or 10% whichever is greater. This may include Branch Clubs if applicable. The new members attend an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions Club.
5. Communication: Please explain briefly how the Club service activities were published: Newspaper articles, Public Service Announcements, and other forms of local media.
6. Leadership Development: All officer positions were filled in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws by qualified Lions. A majority of the Club officers Participated in leadership training programs at the Zone, District, State, or International level and Club was represented at Zone meetings.

7. Club Development: The Club has hosted regular and meaningful Club Meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report. The Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU101) **must be submitted in a timely manner.**

8. One shipment of used eyeglasses sent to:

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
2550 Flynt
Midland, TX 79702

9. Three (3) or more members attend two (2) or more District Cabinet Meetings.

10. Club Meetings include at least four (4) Programs on Lions Charities.

GOVERNOR'S 100% VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each District Governor establishes a list of Lions' charities deemed to be worthy of club consideration for contributions. These are voluntary and not considered part of the club dues structure. A club should consider any or all of the recommendations after all local needs have been determined.

At the Lion's years end all 100% clubs will be awarded a banner patch in recognition of their voluntary contributions.

Separate checks should be written to each charity. The checks should be sent to District 2-TI Cabinet Treasurer, Kevin Cox, 1025 Sterling, Amarillo, TX 79110.

Contributions will be recorded and checks forwarded to respective charities.

Charity	Amount Per Member
Leader Dog School	\$1.00
Lions Club International Foundation	\$1.00
Lions Eye Bank of District 2-T1	\$1.00
World Services for the Blind	\$1.00
Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation	\$2.00
Texas Lions Camp	\$10.00
Texas Lions Camp Transportation Fund	\$5.00
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	\$1.00
Texas Lions Foundation	\$2.00
Total	\$24.00

A 100% Club will donate \$24.00 **per member** and must include Texas Lions Camp as a part of their donation.

Clubs that wish to honor individual members, may donate to one or more of these memorial categories in the name of the honoree:

Texas Lions Foundation:

Texas Lions Fellow - \$500

Texas Lions Camp:

Century Club - \$10.00 per month per member.

Life member - \$100.00 per honoree (\$125 with plaque).

Jack Welch Fellow - \$1000.00

Jack King Fellow - \$500.00 or \$600.00 which includes a paving stone. Donations are made through the Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation and proceeds benefit the Texas Lions Camp endowment Fund.

Lions Eye Bank:

Life membership - \$100

Omar Hermesmeier Award - \$250

Century Club - \$10

Lions Club International Foundation:

Melvin Jones Fellow - \$1 ,000

Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation:

Jimmy Ross Fellow - \$500

Lynn Cherry Fellow - \$250

Jack King Fellow - \$500

Jack King Fellow - \$600 (Includes Paving Stone at Texas Lions Camp).



**Lions & Leos &
Bears...BRRRRR!**



In February Texas Lions launched the biggest project at TLC since the inception of the camp – *CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond*, a campaign to replace our bunkhouses, care-taker (summer staff) quarters, and basic infrastructure. This is sorely needed if our camp is going to be relative for another 70 years..... AND to kick things off, the Texas Lions Camp was selected by the **Mo Ranch** in Hunt, TX to be the beneficiary of the 28th **Polar Bear Challenge** on January 1, 2021 at 1PM. We hope you will use this honor given to our camp to help kick off *CAMPaign Vision 2020 & Beyond* with a BIG Splash! All the money raised will go to this **capital building campaign**.

We likely won't get chosen for this honor again for many years, but it gives us a perfect opportunity to get all our Texas Lions & friends thinking about our new "vision" for TLC's future....but to make matters more critical, the spring storms of 2020, destroyed bunkhouse 2, and severely damaged bunkhouse 1, plus summer staff quarters & some other buildings. It has become imperative to start our rebuilding sooner than later, if we want to continue to serve 1500 special kids each summer. Because of the pandemic, however, our Campaign has been virtually shut down so far, making the **Polar Bear Challenge** a timely opportunity to kick off the campaign.

So how does the Polar Bear Plunge Challenge work? Simple: you donate and/or raise money from family, friends, Lions, Lions Clubs and patrons in the name of someone, whom you would really LOVE to see – hopefully **ME** (PCC Tom Blase) take a freezing plunge down a long slide into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River next January 1st. Generally, you might pick one of the Polar Bear Plunge "Court", of which I am a member, to support; but maybe there is a District Governor, Club President or some other poor Lion you might coerce into taking the plunge. If you will go to www.lionscamp.com, click on Media, and then Blog, you will find all of the members of the court on page 2 or 3 of the blogs. You will also find other important information about the Challenge on other blogs nearby.

All checks should be made out to Texas Lions Camp. Generally the checks should be mailed to the **Texas Lions Camp (P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville TX 79029)**, however some District Governors have some special competitions and challenges going, so they prefer you send them through the District. Make sure your checks indicate which Court member you are supporting to make the BIG splash, and your District number.

You can also donate on line at www.lionscamp.com. Click on the big red box **DONATE NOW**, and follow the prompts down the page. When you get to “Donation Categories”, select Polar Bear Plunge Challenge, and a little further down, when it asks if you are a Polar Bear Challenge donor, open it for the names of the Court members to credit the donation.

Anyone is welcome to come and watch on January 1st or better yet, anyone can take the plunge by raising their own funds (or paying \$25). Those brave souls, who wish to do this, can register to make the slide on the camp website. This form should be available soon on our website. On January 1 after the slide, we’re planning on an “After Party” at the camp. If you have questions call, text or email anytime: **Tom Blase 325-315-7060 (tomblasesr@gmail.com)**

Help us start our CAMPAignwith a BIG Splash!

**“Serving God’s Special Children” Lions Camp Face Masks
Special for 2020-2021**

All profits will go to the Texas Lions Camp

_____ **Quantity** (\$10 + \$1.00 Mailing = **\$11 each**)

Total Purchase: \$ _____

Make Checks out to Tom Blase

**Purchaser Name (Please
Print):** _____

**Mailing Address Street
Address:** _____

City, State, Zip:

Mail Order form to: **PCC Tom Blase, 40 Antelope Trail, Kerrville, Tx
78028**

