

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-T1 July 2020

NEWSLETTER

Hello Lions of District 2-T1,

The first quarter of my 2020-2021 Lions year is upon us. Our first Cabinet meeting is set for Saturday July 25, 2020 at the Cole Community Center 300 16th Street in Canyon, Texas. The meeting is being hosted by the Canyon Lions Club (Thanks!) and the fee is \$15.00. There will be coffee and doughnuts served during registration 8:00 am to 9:00 am and lunch will be served during the Awards luncheon at 12:00 noon. Masks will be required except when eating so please bring a mask as they will not be provided.

As your District Governor, I will be visiting our District Clubs. My goal is to have all club visits completed 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 look forward to this quarter of our 2020-2021 year.

My goals for this quarter are to start two new clubs, have each club in the district show a positive increase in membership and to have a first responders appreciation lunch in as many cities as possible being hosted by the club in that city. Lastly, I would like to have a Lions Alert trailer set up and ready to respond to any disasters in our district or outside if requested.

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.

There will also a **Council of 2020-2021 Polar Bear Challenge** 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 attached flyers.

As a reminder all Lions clubs Secretaries are required to report club membership and officer positions on the "Your Lion Account" website as well as their club's activities on the MyLCI website under the "Report Past Activity" menu item. This includes all club meetings, services when provided, fund raisers, special projects etc. The reporting of past activities is now easier to do on the MyLCI website due to recent revisions on the website. Please take the time to fulfill these duties. 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.

The District website has been revamped. It now includes a draft of the District Directory. I would appreciate it if you could look through the website and especially the directory. If you see any errors or outdated information. Please inform Secretary Robert Taylor via email with the correction or updated information. His email address is: netvista77@msn.com

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 Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation and proceeds benefit the Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund.

Lions Eye Bank:

Life membership - \$100

Omar Hermesmeyer 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).



Council of 2020 -2021 Polar Bear Challenge

Your Council has the honor of kicking off the biggest project at TLC since the inception of the camp – CAMPAign Vision 2020 & Beyond, a campaign to replace our bunkhouses, care-taker 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 **Mo Ranch** to be the beneficiary of the 2021 Polar Bear Challenge on January 1, 2021. We hope you will use this honor given to our camp to make TLC & “CAMPAign Vision 2020 & Beyond” a major part of your District Governor Year.

We likely won't get chosen for this honor again for many years, but it gives us a perfect opportunity to get all our Lions thinking about our new “vision” for TLC's future.

So how does this work? Simple: you raise money from individual Lions, Lions & Leo Clubs, friends and patrons in the name of someone, whom you would really LOVE to see – in this case **ME** – take a freezing plunge down a long slide into the extremely frigid Guadalupe River next January 1st. Even better, since our President & CEO, Stephen Mabry, was kind enough to put me on the Polar Bear Challenge “Royal Court”, I am blessed with the opportunity to win some “awards” (tongue in cheek). For example, if I am the biggest fundraiser, I will be crowned the King --- I think that might mean I have to take the plunge several times!


Anyone is actually able to come and watch on January 1st or better yet, anyone can take the plunge by raising their own funds (or paying \$25). If you put your minds to it, I'm sure the Council of 20-21 can come up with some challenges between the District Governors to make this more interesting – losing Governor to take the plunge in a tutu, or lowest 8 Governors buy steak dinners for the highest 8 Governors.




Usually the Polar Bear Challenge raises \$30 to \$40K because the beneficiaries are more local in reach than TLC. Last year the Hill Country Youth Ranch raised \$70K, which is the best ever. TLC not only has Kerrville, but all the Lions & Leos across Texas. This especially has “Campus Clubs” written all over it. We're shooting for \$250,000!!

Let's start our CAMPAignwith a BANG!



So what's the challenge?

The person on the Polar Bear Challenge Court, who raises the most money, will be crowned KING  for the 2021 plunge into the freezing Guadalupe on January 1st. Money donated to the challenge will go directly to the Camp in the name of the poor Eskimo you'd love to see turned into an ice cube on January 1st. All donations should be clearly marked as Polar Bear Challenge, the District name and the "honoree". I know you'd love to see some hot-headed old PCC/PDG (who would love to tell you "how we did it when I was Governor"), get cooled off in the river. **So, here's the challenge:**

If I am made king of the court , I will add \$500 to the total of the District that had the highest donations in my name. In addition, the District Governor of the District will get to design the costume that I will wear while taking the plunge (as long as they do not include anchors , concrete blocks , or anything else designed to keep a good Lion "down"!

Check out (i.e. Google) **Mo Ranch Polar Bear Challenge**, then click open **Polar Bear Plunge-Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly**. On the right side select "**Check out more photos**" to check out the fun and crazy costumes of past years. Back out of that file and scroll down to **Mo-Ranch names 2021 Polar Bear Challenge Beneficiary** for a great article about Texas Lions Camp and our campaign. Use these articles to help generate interest (and money) for the challenge.


PCC Tom in the river, oh my!....BRRRRRR! 

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center(TLERC)

Platinum Knights are those special donors providing gifts or grants of \$10,000 or greater.

A “Focus Club” is one focused on providing the gift of vision to those in need by supporting TLERC with a contribution of at least \$3 per club member.

The PDG Ike Fitzgerald Gold Vision Fellowship--A gift of \$1,000 or greater recognizing PDG Ike’s passion and determination in taking TLERC from vision to reality.

The PID Marshall Cooper Silver Vision Fellowship —A gift of \$500 recognizing PID Marshall’s tireless effort with the Children’s Vision Program in Texas and around the world.

The Dr. Norman Gould Bronze Vision Fellowship —A gift of \$250 recognizing Lion Gould’s tireless effort and dedication for almost 20 years in developing the optometric programs of TLERC.

Visionary Knights of the Blind provide perpetual help by gifting at least \$100 per year or a monthly contribution of at least \$10 per month.

Life Memberships cost \$100.00.