

# The Lions Den District 2-S3

*"We Serve... Where There's A Need"*



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## GOVERNOR GAYLE'S MESSAGE

### *"Together We Serve"*

Hello Lions of District 2-S3

This 2021-2022 fiscal year is moving along quickly. It will soon be Thanksgiving and then Christmas and we will be half way through the year.

October has been a busy month for our district. We held our cabinet meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Lockhart with 47 Lions in attendance. Our speaker was Lion Whitney Livingston from our Texas Lions Museum in Kerrville. She brought us up to date on the building of the displays in the museum. It was good to see everyone who attended.

During the cabinet meeting it was announced that PDG Gary Cocanougher will be the chairperson of the nominating committee. If you are interested in holding district office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, please contact PDG Gary at (512) 773-3989 or email him at [GaryC@era.com](mailto:GaryC@era.com).

The LEOs of District 2-S3 did Diabetes screening at the cabinet meeting. If you didn't have a chance to have your blood sugar checked they will be at future meetings.



**2S3 District Governor  
Gayle Teggeman Collins**

Thank you LEOs for all you do for Lions.

Our Kidsight program is going strong. We have had many clubs doing SPOT screening in schools, daycares, HeadStart programs and other events. If anyone is interested in learning more about the SPOT screening PDG Gary Fuchs [garyfuchs53@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfuchs53@yahoo.com) will answer questions and if you are interested in being trained to use the machine he will let you know when the next training session will be held.

Our membership at this time is a -7 Lions. October was membership month and we did very well at recruiting members. I would like to

remind each of you that the LCI entrance fee is being waved through the end of the year. Don't stop recruiting. The more Lions we are the more "Service" we can do.

Don't forget about reporting your service projects. Secretaries, Service chairs or Club Administrators can report the service projects in MyLion. If you need help with reporting, please contact me at [1948.gigi.c@gmail.com](mailto:1948.gigi.c@gmail.com).

Thank you for everything you are doing to "Serve" to make our District great.

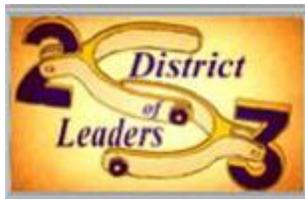


**DISTRICT 2-S3 GLOBAL  
ACTION TEAM  
(GAT)**

**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP  
TEAM (GMT)  
IPDG GARY FUCHS**

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM  
(GLT)  
PDG LARKIN SMITH**

**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM  
(GST)  
PDG MIKE SMITH**



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 29, 2022  
DISTRICT 2-S3 MID-WINTER  
CONFERENCE**

Make Plans to Attend the  
2-S3 District Convention  
**APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**  
In NEW BRAUNFELS

**DISTRICT 2-S3  
LEADERSHIP 2021-2022**



**District  
Governor  
Gayle  
Teggeman  
Collins  
Taylor**



**Immediate Past  
District  
Governor  
Gary Fuchs  
Cameron**



**1st Vice District  
Governor  
Brandon Mund  
New Braunfels  
Noon**



**2nd Vice  
District  
Governor  
Stephen Fuchs  
Cameron**



**Cabinet  
Secretary  
Jill Stermer  
Cameron**



**Cabinet  
Treasurer  
PDG Angela  
Nicholson  
Liberty Hill**

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**



**Lions Clubs  
International  
President  
Douglas X.  
Alexander  
Brooklyn, NY**



**The Lions Den  
November 2021**

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**DISTRICT LEO NEWS**

Hello Lions and Leos of District 2-S3!

Fall is officially here! As you begin to make plans this holiday season, I hope that you will also continue to look for ways to serve in your community. I just wanted to take some time to fill you in on our October Leo meeting and tell you about some upcoming events.

Our October meeting was very productive! As you all remember, the District 2-S3 Leo focus for the 2021-2022 year is diabetes. As mentioned in previous newsletters, our plan was to kick off this year of service with a blood sugar testing clinic. Unfortunately, the Texas State Medical Explorer Omega Leos were unable to make it to perform the testing as we had hoped. Thankfully, Dr. Charles Johnson, the Omega Leos' Sponsor, was able to attend and brought with him all of the necessary equipment for the clinic. While we didn't have Omega Leos, we had a surplus of Alpha Leos ready to serve in their stead. Dr. Johnson took the time to teach all of us how to correctly use the equipment and read the test results. He also showed us how to properly sanitize the tools and our testing area in between patients. I'm proud to share that our clinic was a success! The Alpha Leos had a great time participating and we learned a lot. We were able to provide blood sugar testing, blood pressure reading, and oxygen saturation readings to over a dozen Lions in attendance. Thank you Lions for continuing to show us support in all of the projects we embark on--we truly appreciate you all! I even had the opportunity to have my own blood sugar levels tested by my friend Nmachi Emelogu-Obioma, the President of the San Marcos Academy Leo Club. We are hoping to host a similar clinic at the Midwinter Conference in Hutto in January so that more people can be served.

We also spoke about fundraising for diabetes at the meeting. Many of you all might remember our raffle and live auction items from last year. We are hoping to have a similar fundraiser this year, so keep an eye out for more updates on that in later newsletters.

Don't forget that the State Leo Meeting will take place in College Station on November 13th from 9:30-

noon at the Hilton Hotel College Station and Conference Center. We will be finding out soon if a virtual option will be made available, so continue to check your email for updates. If your club participated in the aluminum pop tab drive for the Ronald McDonald House, the November State Leo Meeting is the place to be. The State Leos will be counting the tabs and awarding a prize to both the club and the district that has collected the most. If you are unable to attend, please count up the total number of pop tabs your club collected, drop them off at a local Ronald McDonald House, and send that information to Lion Darie McCleaves at [darie.mccleaves@gmail.com](mailto:darie.mccleaves@gmail.com) prior to November 13th. The State Leos are also collecting Ronald McDonald House wish list items such as these found on this link <https://rmhc-ctx.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-Family-Room-Wish-List-Q1.pdf>. You can also bring any items from this list to the November State Meeting or to your local Ronald McDonald House. There is still time to participate, so encourage your clubs to collect whatever they can before the cutoff date. This is a very worthy cause as everything that is raised through this collection will be used to benefit the families of children who are struggling with long term illnesses or injuries.

Finally, the moment you have all been waiting for-- your first educational segment on diabetes. As you might remember, the District 2-S3 Leos are going to take turns writing a segment on a different topic pertaining to diabetes each month in an effort to educate and spread awareness about this condition. I'm going to start off this series by talking about the different types of diabetes and what each entails.

The main types of diabetes are Type 1, Type 2, Prediabetes, and Gestational Diabetes. In Type 1 Diabetes, the immune system targets the cells of the pancreas and makes it difficult for the body to produce enough



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### **DISTRICT LEO NEWS CONTINUED**

insulin, a regulating hormone, to survive. Usually Type 1 Diabetes is very aggressive and is caused by genetics. Type 2 Diabetes is the most common form and develops when the body becomes immune to insulin. It is slower and is usually caused by diet, age, and lifestyle choices. Prediabetes describes the condition where the body begins to struggle to use insulin properly. If caught early enough, Prediabetes is reversible with simple changes to one's diet or exercise routine. Finally, Gestational Diabetes is when glucose levels rise during pregnancy as a result of genetics, hormones, diet, and exercise. Usually Gestational Diabetes is only temporary, but because of the fact that it affects 1 out of every 10 pregnant women it is a considerable issue.

We are hopeful that the newsletter will turn out to be a great tool in educating people on diabetes. We are very excited to continue searching for ways to serve in relation to our district focus this year and welcome any suggestions you might have. As always, if you have any comments, questions, suggestions, or just want to introduce yourself, I can be reached by email at [catarinaavazquez@gmail.com](mailto:catarinaavazquez@gmail.com). Have a happy fall!

Sincerely,

*Catarina Vazquez*

### **Alpha Leos Sponsor Blood Testing Clinic at 2-S3 District Cabinet Meeting**



*Alpha Leos performed blood tests under the guidance of Lion Dr. Charles Johnson, Texas State Medical Explorer Omega Leo Advisor. Pictured below is Dr. Johnson with "patient" Garden Ridge Lion Amanda Hagy.*



### **SAN MARCOS ACADEMY LEO CLUB**

#### **San Marcos Academy Leo Club**



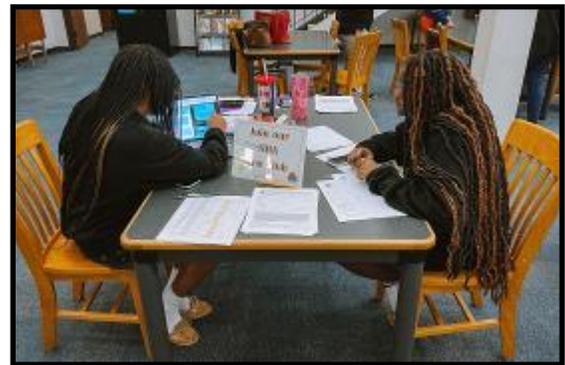
*PDG and EMT Larkin Smith is presenting our SMA Leo Club Program on Emergency Medicine.*



*PDG Larkin Smith is about to demonstrate how an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) works. The AED is a practice unit, not the real thing, and the student is alive and healthy, but agreed to be his "subject".*



*Leo Club President Nmachi Emelogu-Obioma.*



*Left is president Nmachi Emelogu-Obioma and right is Secretary Joyce Njabi, planning the next steps for our future meetings.*



**LCIF DONATION REMINDER**

PDG Shirley Dillman  
 District 2S3 LCIF Ambassador  
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 512-809-4556

It is that time of year to determine how to lower taxes. Many wait until December to donate to the Church or perhaps respond to the many letters received this time of year seeking funds. A few even include a postage stamp, nickel, a sheet of return addresses with your name and address, or even a few greeting cards.

Our Lions Foundation does not waste your donations in that fashion. 100% of your donation goes to the area you select such as: vision, hunger, childhood cancer, diabetes, environment, humanitarian, youth, or disaster. The most common causes marked by Texans are 'area of greatest need' or, 'disaster' as our Gulf coast states are pumelled annually by winds and drenching rainfall costing millions of dollars to rebuild many years after the event. This year, since July 1, (4 months) LCIF has awarded 55 disaster relief-related grants totaling \$1,730,948. These funds are for immediate use and support various stages of disaster relief operations.

You can donate to your Lions Club or visit [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) to donate. Credit will be given to you if you include your name, membership number and club name. All donations are 100% tax write-off and are banked in your name for credit toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque or Progressive pin.

Thank you for considering to help our Foundation to assist others less fortunate.



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

**LCIF - YOUR FOUNDATION INFORMATION**

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 District 2S3 LCIF Ambassador  
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 512-809-4556

It is almost the end of another calendar year and time to consider how or by how much we can lower our taxes for this year. Many organizations are sending invitations for your hard earned dollars, even including a nickel, sheets of return addresses, or a few greeting cards to entice contributions to their causes or foundations.

Have you ever researched how much of your donation is applied to the cause you support?

Our Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is non-profit and doesn't send items worth pennies to encourage us to donate. Instead our Foundations applies 100% of our donations back to the public to aid our battles against: diabetes, hunger, vision, environment, childhood cancer, youth, disaster, and humanitarian services.

With your donation to 'Campaign 100: Empowering Service' this fiscal year you will magnify Lions Club International Foundation's ability to continue rebuilding our Gulf coastline devastated by hurricane after hurricane.



Thank you for donating \$43,000 last fiscal year. Any one of our District Lions Club can now apply up to \$10,000 for Club Community Grant without matching funds.

Donate to your Lions Club to have funds sent to LCIF or go to: [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) and enter your name, membership number and club to receive credit for you, your club, and out District for your donation.

Thank you for 'Empowering Lionism'.

## **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH (GMA)/ GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) NEWS**

### **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH (GMA) FORMERLY NORTH AMERICA MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE**

IPDG GARY FUCHS  
District 2-S3 GMA Champion and District GMT  
[garyfuchs53@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfuchs53@yahoo.com)

#### ***Be Proud***

During the recent past we have encouraged our Lions Clubs to promote themselves and to demonstrate with pride the service they provide to their communities.

One of the ways that many clubs promote their presence in a community is by providing a Lions sign at the entry to their town. As Susan and I travelled the past few weeks in Texas and in the Northeastern part of the United States, we observed the signs that were provided at the entry to the towns we passed through. Our first determination was if there were service club signs present was there a Lions club in the community. The second determination was if there were service club signs, and no Lions sign then why not.

As we travelled, we began to note the condition of the signs on the road. Sadly, many Lions club signs are in poor condition. As I reflected on this item, I was reminded of an article that was written by Mark Smith and published on Limousin365.com that was titled "Be Proud". His thoughts about ranch signs also relate to things we should consider about our Lions club signs. In the remainder of this article, I am going to paraphrase some of his thoughts for you to consider what your road sign might say to new residents of your community and travelers about your club.

- Your sign is your signature as someone enters your town. Your sign is a source of information about the type of club you have, where you meet and when you meet. Keep the information updated and accurate.

- Your sign signifies your presence in the town. It tells visitors and prospective members that the Lions are here.
- Your sign provides a view to visitors or prospective members about your club. This is the first impression that your club makes to people. What does a faded or falling down sign say about your club. "We are here, but we are not fully engaged" might be the impression.

The impression that your road sign leaves can impact your club's ability to attract new members and grow.

I hope we remember that everything we do as a Lions club has an impact on the attitude our fellow citizens and prospective members have about our club. We need to do our best at everything, including providing the good, first impression as people enter our communities.



**[@TEXASTUESDAYCONNECTIONS](https://www.facebook.com/TexasTuesdayConnections)**

**ON FACEBOOK**

**OR**

**[HTTPS://TEXASTUESDAYCONNECTIONS.ORG](https://www.texasTuesdayConnections.org)**

**LIONS DISTRICT 2-S3 KIDSIGHT PROGRAM**

Thank you to each of the clubs that are conducting vision screening programs as a service project this fall. We have added some new clubs to the program and other clubs have increased their service reach this season.

I encourage you to continue to search for opportunities to use this valuable project to assist in the health and learning experience of the young people in your area.

If you have any questions about our program, please contact me at [garyfuchs53@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfuchs53@yahoo.com)

IPDG Gary Fuchs

***18.74% of Screenings Result in a Referral!***



**Lions District 2-S3 KidSight Program  
\*Year-To-Date Screenings and Referrals**

*Number of Events: 76*

*Kids Screened*  
**9,732\***

*Kids Referred*  
**1,824**



***\*Year-To-Date: Lions Year –July 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021***

## Attention District 2-S3 Lions Clubs

Do you need a new project for your club? The answer is to get involved and host an Opportunities for Youth Contest. The contests are open to Juniors and Seniors in high school.

There are three contests: Diabetes Awareness Essay, Drug Awareness Speech and Outstanding Youth Award. The details for these contests are online at [www.lionsdistrict2s3.com](http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.com) or <https://texaslions.org/opportunities-for-youth/>

My Club, the Cameron Lions Club, held a Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest this past year. It was a step for us to get involved in the Opportunities for Youth Contests. We advertised the diabetes awareness contest in our local newspaper and on Facebook. We received a nice welcome from parents that the club was offering this scholarship opportunity. Our judges selected a first-place winner and we submitted that student to the next level of competition, District in January 2021.

This is a great activity for your club and for the youth in your area. Please get involved.

Each club participating must submit the first-place winning essays, speech, and forms by email to Susan Fuchs at [sjw-fuchs@gmail.com](mailto:sjw-fuchs@gmail.com) by **January 10, 2022**. The District 2-S3 contest will be virtual in January, more details to follow.

### ***FROM 2ND VDG STEPHEN FUCHS***

[stephengfuchs@gmail.com](mailto:stephengfuchs@gmail.com)

Welcome to November!

It feels like this Lion year is flying by, this month we are focused on Diabetes Awareness and hunger/holiday related projects.

Diabetes awareness has long been a cause of the Lions in Texas and around the world. However, at the 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Chicago, the only living descendant of Helen Keller rang the same bell Helen Keller rang at the 9<sup>th</sup> Convention calling Lions to action once again for the work of Diabetes Awareness. The number of people with diabetes around the world quadrupled between 1980 and 2014, and in the United States one in three children will have diabetes in their lifetime. Adults with diabetes have a 2-3-fold increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Diabetes is the leading cause of adult blindness. Being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, avoiding alcohol, and eating a healthy diet can help to prevent diabetes. We as Lions have pledged to make a difference by enhancing existing programs or beginning new outreach programs, furthering the Strides program which encourages physical activity, and observing World Diabetes Day November 14<sup>th</sup>. Possible projects include Vision Screenings, educational programs, provision of medication and supplies for those in need, and supporting camps and foundations.

Even though it is officially Diabetes Month, we as Lions almost always think of November and December as food collection months. This is the time of year when we have an opportunity to help families in need with food and toy donations. In many cases families that are having a tough go can help their children to have a wonderful holiday time and make special memories.

Last, I want to encourage you to report your service! Just as a new member is not a member until they have been entered into MyLCI, service is not complete until one of the reporting officers in your club reports the service on MyLion. If you or your club need help contact our District GST PDG Mike Smith, your Zone Chair, or myself.

Thank You for Your Service!



**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.

LIONS Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Other LIONS Club(s) assisting in project:

Request description:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 =====

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: Lion Charles Johnson, 304 Suttles Ave., San Marcos, TX 78666

In an emergency situation, the completed Request Form may be emailed to: Lion Charles Johnson

For questions and further information, contact Lion Charles Johnson, Alert Chair, at Home: 512-396-2729 or Cell: 512-787-3043 or E-mail at: [Charles.Johnson@txstate.edu](mailto:Charles.Johnson@txstate.edu).

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## **TEXAS LIONS CAMP NEWS**

**By Ann Ward**  
**Texas Lions Camp Board Treasurer**

### **Summer Service Opportunities Coming; Mark Your Calendar for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

While the lottery for summer service opportunities was to have occurred this month, Texas Lions Camp has delayed the sign-up. The summer schedule is evolving, and the sign-up for summer service activities, such as picnics or special events, will begin Nov. 15 and close on Jan. 15, 2022. The assignments will be announced soon afterward. Club contributions to finance specific summer camp needs will be another option.

### **Register for Work Days**

By the spring, construction should be really moving along. Go check out the progress, and help prepare camp for the summer of 2022 by participating in Work Days. Dates for 2022 are March 5, April 2 and April 30. Registration is open, and clubs are encouraged to go [online](#) and sign-up. This is a great opportunity to serve TLC and introduce new members of your club to the camp.

### **It's a Party**

On April 4, 2024, Texas Lions Camp will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State of Texas' official recognition of TLC as a Texas Nonprofit Corporation. Since its charter on April 4, 1949, TLC will have served some 80,000 children with special medical needs by 2024.

To mark the event, Texas Lions Camp will host a number of events beginning April 4 and continuing through April 8, 2024, on the spacious Hill Country campus. PCC Tom Blase, third vice president of the TLC Board, and Stephen Mabry, TLC president and CEO, are co-chairing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. A team of TLC staff, Lions and volunteers is being assembled to plan events for each day of the celebration. TLC hopes to bring former campers and counselors to TLC as well as Lions and donors. Every day will have several fun activities, and allow people to reconnect with each other and TLC.

The stars are aligning for this special event – literally! The total eclipse of the sun will occur on April 8, 2024, and TLC is in the center of the solar eclipse path. Kerrville is expecting many visitors so Lions will want to make hotel reservations once the lodging plans are announced. In the meantime, mark your calendars and plan to come to the party in Kerrville in 2024!



## *"Membership Growth" New Members-OCTOBER*

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

### Buda Lions Club

Christopher Calkins sponsored by Gilbert Arizmendez  
Cindy Vanwart sponsored by Carla Woodworth

### Cameron Evening Lions Club

Ruth Canady  
Juan Carlos Perez  
Clementine Ray  
Trish Vargas

### Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Angela Looney sponsored by Kristy Huff

### Cedar Park Longhorn Lions Club

Marion Hurn sponsored by Beverly Cannon

### Georgetown Lions Club

Linda Callahan sponsored by Gloria Deville

### Lago Vista Lions Club

Judith Hunt sponsored by Gage Hunt

### Manor Lions Club

Shanetra Fowler sponsored by Pamela Fowler-Dickerson

### New Braunfels Noon Lions Club

April Bruce sponsored by Jolene Sutton

### Pflugerville Lions Club

David Gillam  
Matt Truxillo sponsored by Thomas Marsh

### Point Venture Lions Club

Nancy Hamilton sponsored by Barry Pasarew  
Linda Tabaska sponsored by Catherine Soukup  
Steve Tabaska sponsored by Thomas Soukup

### Taylor Lions Club

Eric Landrum sponsored by Royal Pore

# 18 NEW MEMBERS!

## *IN MEMORIAM*

### *DISTRICT 2-S3 TRIBUTE*

**Leon W. Childers, Jr.  
Garden Ridge Lions Club**

**Betty P. Nokes  
Lago Vista Lions Club**



## *CLUB NEWS STARTS HERE*

### *AUSTIN CAPITAL CITY*

<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/austincc/>  
[@austincapitalcitylions](#)



### **Austin Capital City Lions Represent at Kealing Middle School Service Day!**

Pictured Above: Lions Bell & Whitley with Principal Wilson

On Saturday, Oct. 9th, Lions Whitley & Bell joined teachers, students, and Principal Wilson for one of their monthly Service Days. That day, we all worked together to revitalize the school's garden, painting a new walkway, trimming bushes, and doing some raking. The garden looks great and I'm so glad we were able to support Kealing Middle School. Looking forward to coming back.

## **BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB**

[www.bluebonnetlions.org](http://www.bluebonnetlions.org)  
[Facebook.com/bluebonnetlions](https://www.facebook.com/bluebonnetlions)



### **Thankful Turkey Mermaid Virtual 5K- Shalana Poole & Trish Wilder, Co-Chairs**

Get ready to walk off that turkey and stuffing on Thanksgiving Day, y'all. This virtual event can be done at anytime before, on or after Thanksgiving Day! Be on the lookout for our mascots, Turmaid and Merkey, as they visit sponsors of our first virtual 5K.

All 5k participants will register at [www.thankfulturkeymermaid.com](http://www.thankfulturkeymermaid.com). This year we are partnering with For the Love of Go and Athlete Guild for our 5K.

We need sponsors! Please talk to your friends, your vet, your dentist, your doctor, the businesses you shop in and your employer to ask for their help. When they sponsor our 5K, they'll be supporting our community and we'll show them off on our Facebook site and our website!

For a copy of our sponsor letter and opportunities letter, please see pages 15 of this newsletter or visit our website at [www.bluebonnetlions.org](http://www.bluebonnetlions.org), our Facebook page or it can be emailed to you or the sponsor.

Our Committee will meet soon so stay tuned.



*Our Thankful Turkey Mermaid Virtual 5K mascots are making their way around San Marcos. Get your picture or a sponsor's picture with our mascots.*

### **Christmas Adopt-a-Family Project- Carol Peters, Chair**

Gracie Sifuentes, Goodnight Parent Liaison, will soon assign a family in need to the San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club. You can help in one of two ways. We will receive the names and ages of the children in the family plus a wish list for each child and clothing sizes. I will contact committee members who want to shop for one of the children. We also will be providing a Christmas meal for the family. You can sign up at the November 16 Club picnic. Committee members will probably be wrapping the gifts before our December 14 Christmas party. If you would like to help but will not be able to attend the meeting, please call Carol at 512-268-2610 or email [capeters12@austin.rr.com](mailto:capeters12@austin.rr.com).

### **Awards Committee–Liz Dobbins, Chair**

Lions of the Month awards are given for outstanding contributions during the month recognized. Lion of the Month-October 2021 was presented to Lion Trish Wilder, for service to marketing of the Pecans and More Nut fundraiser.



**BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB**  
**2021 THANKFUL TURKEY MERMAID 5K VIRTUAL RUN/WALK SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES**

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	PLATINUM \$500	GOLD \$300	SILVER \$200	BRONZE \$100	IN-KIND VALUED AT \$50
LARGE LOGO PROMINENT ON T-SHIRT*/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	✓				
NAME ON EVENT POSTER*	✓				
2 COMPLIMENTARY 5K ENTRIES INCLUDING T-SHIRTS	✓				
LOGO ON T-SHIRT*/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	✓	✓			
FACEBOOK/WEBSITE /VIDEO/PROMOS	✓	✓			
1 COMPLIMENTARY 5K ENTRY INCLUDING T-SHIRT		✓			
NAME ON FLYERS/ADS*	✓	✓	✓	✓	
MEDIA "THANK YOU"	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1 COMPLIMENTARY RUN ENTRY (NO SHIRT)			✓		
NAME ON T-SHIRT*	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NAME ON WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**\*PLEASE NOTE: SOME BENEFITS SUBJECT TO DATE/PRINT DEADLINES**

Please indicate your level of support for the 18th Thankful Turkey Mermaid 5K on November 25, 2021 below (if these sponsor opportunities don't fit with your situation, call us to discuss options!):

Your sponsor level choice:

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**Logo files to be emailed to: [info@flashpointfinancial.com](mailto:info@flashpointfinancial.com) no later than Friday, November 12, 2021**

For more information, contact Event Chairs, Lions Shalana Poole or Trish Wilder at [info@flashpointfinancial.com](mailto:info@flashpointfinancial.com)

Mail to: San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions, P.O. Box 654, San Marcos, TX 78667

**Payment and form must be received no later than Friday, November 12, 2021 to be included on event T-shirt**

## **BLUEBONNET LIONS CLUB**



Dear Celebrated Sponsor:

The Bluebonnet Lions Club is excited to present their 18th Annual *Thankful Turkey Mermaid 5K Run/Walk* on Thursday, November 25, 2021 as a first-ever virtual event. We honor the Mermaid Capital of Texas with the race logo and are welcoming all participants to get off the couch to run/walk off the turkey and stuffing with their families. Race day registration can be done at [thankfulturkeymermaid.com](http://thankfulturkeymermaid.com) as our Club is now partnering with *For the Love of Go* and Athlete Guild.

We hope you will consider sponsoring this year's event. Your support will enable us to "give" all funds raised back to the San Marcos community as grants and scholarships. Please note that we are offering complimentary 5K race packets/entries with a \$500 sponsorship which we hope you will want to take advantage of. These can be gifted to your employees or anyone you choose.

Our Thankful Turkey Mermaid event participants represent a wide range of ages and are from all over Central Texas.

We invite you to review the enclosed sponsorship opportunities as you consider supporting this community event. Annually, the Bluebonnet Lions Club contributes funds and many volunteer hours to a variety of services like our signature project *Reach Out and Read* early literacy program, *Kid-Sight* vision screenings, *Texas Lions Camp* and many other programs. The funds raised will be donated back into the local community such as the Hays County Area Food Bank, CASA, Redwood Community Center, Hands of Hope, Hays County Child Protective Services, School Fuel and many others. We also support local youth by presenting a scholarship to a deserving local High School graduate each year.

We hope you will consider supporting us and we've also made it easier to donate / sponsor through the "Donate" button on our Club's website at [www.bluebonnelions.org](http://www.bluebonnelions.org). You can also visit our Facebook page for more information or updates. If you have any questions regarding the run, feel free to call Shalana Poole or Trish Wilder at 512-822-7524 or email in-[to@flashpointfinancial.com](mailto:to@flashpointfinancial.com) [@flashpointfinancial.com](http://@flashpointfinancial.com).

We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to promoting your business on our event marketing material!

San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions  
Thankful Turkey Mermaid 5K Planning  
Committee

### **CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS**

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#### **Comal ISD Superintendent Guest Speaker**



*Comal ISD Superintendent Andrew Kim (also known as Lion Andrew) talked to a recent Lions Club meeting about the upcoming November 2nd vote on Comal ISD proposition issues.*

#### **26th Semi-Annual Shrimpfest**

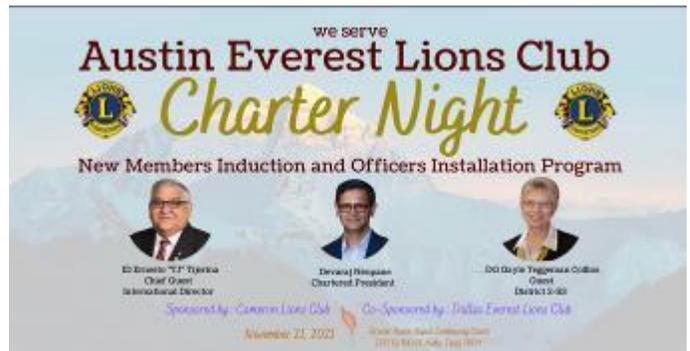


*Noon Lions boiled over 450 pounds of shrimp to serve at the October 16th drive-through Shrimpfest fundraiser in Canyon Lake. Wonderful turnout, beautiful weather! Local Leo Clubs helped.*

### **AUSTIN EVEREST LIONS CLUB**

[https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dallas\\_everest/](https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/dallas_everest/)

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUSTIN EVEREST LIONS CLUB!**

### **ROUND ROCK LIONS CLUB**

[www.roundrocklions.org](http://www.roundrocklions.org)

[@roundrocklions](https://www.instagram.com/roundrocklions)

Round Rock Noon Lions and Round Rock High School LEOs organized a spaghetti pot luck to recruit LEOs. Families were invited and witnessed a few projects LEOs and Lions have accomplished. Several parents expressed an interest 'To Serve' as Lions.

At the spaghetti meal Lion Will Williams arranged for a \$500 gift to the LEO Club.

At the LEO meeting this week they already plan to buy supplies for Thanksgiving and Christmas Service projects. The Club gathered around the check to say,

'Thank you Round Rock Noon Lions.'



***CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—JOIN US!***

# Pancake Breakfast With Santa at North Pole Village



**WHEN: DECEMBER 4, 2021**

**WHERE: NORTH POLE VILLAGE AT CRRC RECREATION  
CENTER, 125 MABEL JONES DR.**

**TIME: 9:00 AM—NOON, \$5.00 PER PERSON—  
18 MONTHS AND UNDER FREE**

**MENU: HOMEMADE PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,  
BEVERAGES**

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WITH SANTA!**



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**CAMERON EVENING LIONS CLUB**<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/camerontx/>[Facebook.com/camerontexaslions](https://www.facebook.com/camerontexaslions)**Vision Screening at National Night Out**

Cameron Evening Lions served their community by performing vision screening at the National Night out on October 5.

**LIBERTY HILL LIONS CLUB**[@libertyhilllionstexas](https://www.facebook.com/libertyhilllionstexas)**Operation Liberty Hill**

When Lions partner with other organizations, they are doubly effective in their service projects. Such was the case when our Liberty Hill Lions Club was contacted by Sarah Hermann, from LCI's Volunteer Engagement & Events, Service Activities Division. Sarah explained that Anthem volunteers in Austin, TX were scheduled to help at Operation Liberty Hill, an organization in our city that helps people with their food pantry and thrift shop. She had spoken with the director there who told her that our Lions Club helped them out at various times of the year. Sarah explained that the volunteers would be working in the garden area of Operation Liberty Hill and that personal items were needed in their food pantry—items such as diapers, toothbrushes, shampoos, etc. We would be able to get a grant to purchase items on their list.

Our club decided that we wanted to do the project and plans were made to conduct this project on October 11, 2021, from 9 a.m. to noon. Before that time, the personal items were purchased and delivered to Operation Liberty Hill with a total of 1250.5 pounds of supplies donated, which would accommodate 4000 people. On Oct. 11th, 6 volunteers from Anthem and 6 Lions gathered at Operation Liberty Hill to work. We unloaded eggs from a delivery, got our job instructions, and began to work on spreading weed-barrier cloth between the garden plots, then covering it with gravel. Others pulled weeds in the plot to prepare them for fall planting. Some also tackled a garden shed that was full of various tools, some in disrepair. Those were discarded, the shed was cleaned and reorganized for better access to the tools.

As always, Lions love to serve, and serving with other volunteers who have that same love of serving makes it more fun. We got to know some fine people from Anthem and enjoyed our time, knowing we were helping those in need.

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***LIBERTY HILL LIONS (CONTINUED)***



**We Serve**

## **AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS CLUB**

[www.austindownlions.org](http://www.austindownlions.org)

[Facebook.com/austinfounderlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/austinfounderlionsclub)

### **DG Visits AFLC; Club Presents Award**

District 2-S3 Gov. Gayle Teggegan Collins of Taylor made her official visit to the Austin Founder Lions Club on Oct. 14. The club met in person at Rudy's BBQ, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share a meal together and socialize.

The governor talked about her family ties to Lions, including that her father was a district governor when she was young. She answered questions about Lions, and talked about the importance of recruiting and retaining members. She provided updated statistics on membership in the District, and encouraged club members to report their service.

Immediate Past President Rudy Munguia presented Lion John Nyfeler with a Jack Wiech Fellowship in recognition of his outstanding services to the club and community. Munguia announced the award in June; however this was the first in-person meeting since the award and pin were received. Nyfeler expressed his appreciation for the honor, and praised the founder of Texas Lions Camp, for whom the award is named, for his vision and the camp's almost 75 years of service to children with special medical needs.



***AFLC President Glenda Summers, left, presented a club banner to District 2-S3 Gov. Gayle Collins, right, during the governor's visit on Oct. 14.***



***Austin Founder Lions Club Immediate Past President Rudy Munguia, left, holds the Jack Wiech Fellowship which he presented to Lion John Nyfeler.***

### **Austin Founder, South Austin Lions Distribute Meals for Delivery**

On Oct. 22, two members of the South Austin Lions Club joined 17 members of the Austin Founder Lions Club to load food for Meals on Wheels clients into other volunteers' cars for delivery. Some 2,500 MOW clients were served, with each client receiving 10 meals, for a total of approximately 25,000 meals delivered.

Austin Founder Lions volunteering for the hunger service event included Lions Gaylord Armstrong, Sally Fly, Alan Ford, Suzy Gallagher, Judy Jones, David Mann, Sandi Mann, Gloria Munguia, Rudy Munguia, John Nyfeler, Suzan Nyfeler, Rachael Reed, Glenda Summers, Greg Thompson, Kit Thompson and Robert Watson. South Austin Lions participating included Liz Bumguardner and Mary LeFebvre.



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**AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS CLUB**  
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**Austin Founder Lions Take Field  
 Trip to Neill-Cochran House Museum**

On Oct. 30, members of Austin Founder Lions Club went on a field trip to the Neill-Cochran House Museum in Austin. After a picnic lunch on the back patio, Lions learned about the history and architecture of the structure from Rowena Houghton Dasch, Ph.D., executive director of the museum. The house was designed and constructed in the Greek Revival style in 1855 by Abner Cook for a young couple, Washington and Mary Hill, who were unable to afford to finish the home.

Dasch explained that in 1856, the mansion became the first location of the Texas State Asylum (school) for the Blind, a newly established state-funded boarding school. Ten years later, it served as a hospital at the end of the Civil War for soldiers suffering from yellow fever and cholera.

Ms. Dasch noted that the house was 20 years old before it welcomed its first owner-occupants, Andrew and Jennie Neill. The Neills were wealthy and came to Austin from the far more sophisticated city of Galveston. The couple hosted lavish parties and were particularly known for their wine cellar. They entertained all of the prominent politicians of the day. The Thomas Cochran family (the couple, three children, and mother and father-in-law) first leased, then purchased the property in 1895 and for the next 65 years continuously occupied the house over four generations. During this time the home saw births, deaths, weddings, World War I, the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression and World War II.



Members of Austin Founder Lions Club listen as Rowena Houghton Dasch, far right, executive director, shared the history of the Neill-Cochran House.

*Rowena Houghton Dasch, center, discussed architectural and design features of the historic Neill-Cochran House.*



Neill-Cochran House Museum



*Rowena Houghton Dasch, center, pointed out the unique construction features of the balcony on the mansion/museum.*

**LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB**  
[Lagolions.org](http://Lagolions.org)  
[Facebook.com/lagolionsclub](https://Facebook.com/lagolionsclub)

## VISION SCREENING CONTINUES

Our team of Lions Mike Beal, Don Johndrow, Pat and Ted Rosen, Ken Johnston, Mike Zaydel, Anita Burke and Pete Pfile continue racking up growing numbers of screenings in area schools. This effort helps prevent permanent vision damage in children when amblyopia (lazy eye) can be detected and treated before the age of eight as well as identifying other vision irregularities that can be corrected with eyeglasses. In October different team members visited three schools in the early morning hours and screened over 1000 children.



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K-Oaks Clubhouse-7000 Bar-K Ranch Road, Lago Vista, TX 78645  
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## Blood Drive Results

The October 16 blood drive featured sunny skies, crisp temperatures, and impressive number of donors. We collected 23 whole-blood donations and two double red-cell blood donations. The Lago Vista Lions' turnout was particularly impressive. Lions who gave blood are Mike Beal, Ken Johnston, Connie Loeschner, Don Loeschner, Pat O'Dea-Rosen, Eric Provost, Ted Rosen, Kevin Sullivan, and Ken Wheeler. In addition, Lion Sara Jane Cantwell's husband Chad donated. Eric Provost, who was donating for the first time, made it look easy.



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***LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB (CONTINUED)***

# OCTOBER 19 MEETING



Our October 19 meeting featured a moving and inspiring presentation by Chaplain Nancy McCranie, Director of Volunteer and Bereavement Services for Austin Hospice. Our "Hat Ladies" have presented a variety of their creations to Austin Hospice and other local hospitals providing services to pediatric cancer patients. Anita Burke showcased some of the hats and introduced some of the ladies responsible for the handiwork.



Photography by Pete Pfile



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# Lifelong Friends Donation



Andrea Phillips gratefully received a \$750 donation from Treasurer Lion Mike, President Lion Ted and Past President Lion Don. Coal, the three-legged dog was happy to add his two bits worth too!



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Lion Anna also did a short video that she will share later.



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### **POINT VENTURE LIONS CLUB**

#### **PV Lions Club Helping Jonestown Community Center**



PV Lions Club continues our ongoing sponsorship of the Jonestown Community Center by collecting much needed toiletries, soaps, toothpaste, detergents, toilet paper, etc. Hoping to include the entire Point Venture Village, we encourage our Village Community to help us with this need by donating any of these items at the Donation Box sitting outside the PV POA office. With the holiday season coming up, it's even more important to aid our most needy community members. Please remember: You Give and We Deliver. No donation is too small. Thank you!

#### **PV LIONS CLUB RECYCLING**

The Point Venture Lions Club continues to collect used glasses and empty ink cartridges to be recycled. These items can be taken to the POA office during business hours and placed in the green topped box. Please help us out and be a part of this great effort. Every donation is a blessing!

#### **POINT VENTURE LIONS HOLD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROAD CLEAN UP EVENT**



On October 16<sup>th</sup> the PV Lions successfully coordinated getting their 4 mile stretch of Lohman's Ford Rd all cleaned up with over 3 huge hauls of trash. While the event took over 5 hours to complete, it was a beautiful Saturday morning, and all who attended had a great time working together. Thank you to all who participated in this important event: PV Lions Wayne and Arlene Kuske, Fred and Fran Pontesso, Tom Soukup, Steve Tabaska, Lance Bass, Angela and Shane Starkweather, Jill Dahmer Love and Brenda Breffle. And a special Thank You to our Lago Vista High School students, Madeline Inman and Makaila Monauni, for donating their own Saturday morning to help us out. This road clean up event wouldn't have been as successful without each one of you. Thank you all!

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***POINT VENTURE LIONS CLUB (CONTINUED)***



**PV LIONS CLUB HOLDS GENERAL MEETING WITH 'SAFE IN AUSTIN' PRESENTATION**

At the PV Lions Club General Meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 'Safe in Austin' gave a wonderful presentation explaining how their amazing Austin Rescue Ranch provides a sanctuary that rescues animals from abuse or neglect. Those sweet animals then provide healing and hope to trauma, as-risk and/or special needs people. Animals like 'Cookie the Goat', who also attended the meeting, triumph and inspire the world. The PV Lions Club presented a \$500.00 donation to this amazing cause. If you want to know more about 'Safe in Austin' and consider donating to their effort, check out their website: <https://www.safeinaustin.org/>

Thank you to 'Safe in Austin' for giving us all a much better understanding of the amazing work y'all do!



**LEND A HELPING ARM.**

**GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE**

On Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, our PV Lions were very busy. In addition to cleaning up trash, they were also working with the Lago Vista Lions Club as they jointly hosted another successful blood drive at the Lago Vista CVS Pharmacy. Working side by side, our neighboring Lion Clubs continue this important effort for the good of all. As before, all donations continue to require prior appointments and We Are Blood is now conducting COVID-19 antibody testing on all donations. Thank you to all who came out to donate the gift of life!