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Fred's Findings
DG Fred Conger
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This is my last Lions Link article as your District Governor. July will begin DG Elect Prakash Gautam's turn. Let's all get behind him and make his year as Governor a great one!

We plan to have a great time in Boston at the LCI Convention where DGE Prakash will be sworn in as DG. The parade of nations will be a fun event as it was in Montreal last year.

As I write this article, our District Membership "growth" is a - 5. We certainly won't meet the district's goal of gaining 100 this Lion year. Several clubs have made very large member drops that killed that possibility. There is a definite problem when clubs have such massive drop numbers. Many drops should never have been added as Lions in the first place. Several others should have been dropped over previous years. Remember, LCI needs "quality" service minded members in our clubs. Not just warm bodies.

Some good news, last evening we registered 5 new Lions at a club restart meeting of the Allen Lions. Three other Lions were still club members. And there is a potential for up to 4 additional members to join soon. **Allen Lions are back baby!**

LCI has just approved our application for a new District 2-X1 Lions Club the "Plano North Lions Club". We hope to add the 20 required members soon and schedule a charter event in June.

Club leaders, lead your clubs and keep your members happy with service, fun social events, and Lion family comradery. With the



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District's help, it's your responsibility to grow your club's membership, its new leaders, and its service to your community.

I have four club visits scheduled in June but there are 9 clubs that have not offered me a visit. I won't be able to visit all these clubs before July 1.

****All clubs should have already held their officer elections and reported the results to LCI using the MyLCI application. Nine clubs have not yet completed this important task. Even if your officers carry forward another year, they still need to be entered into MyLCI for the 2023-2024 Lion year. If not there will not be any officers listed you're your club July 1. Please do so ASAP!*** The info is needed by LCI and by the district to produce an accurate district directory.

All clubs should update and verify their member and club information on MyLCI right away. Why? LCI is transitioning to a new and improved member interface application "**Lion Portal**" which will combine several current LCI databases into one. This is to make access to club and member information simpler to obtain and easier to maintain. All Lions will find this new portal useful where the current applications are focused on assisting club and district officers. In addition, all club officers and Lions are being asked to have a unique email address so LCI can provide information tailored to every Lion's position. Sharing email addresses for multiple club positions will be a problem.

June is your last chance for individual Lions and clubs to contribute to Lions Clubs International's Foundation for this Lion year. You can't earn LCI's Club Excellence award without a contribution no matter how small or large. Thirty-Six clubs and the district have donated **\$58,209**. This exceeds our goal! But there is a goal of more clubs donating some amount. Go to lionsclubs.org, select LCIF and donate something for your club's participation. Thanks!

Our clubs and district have served **303,365 individuals** so far this Lion year. This number far exceeds the conservative goal of 185,000. Great work Lions!

Don't forget to report your meetings, fundraiser events, service projects and donations on MyLION. Fifty-Two of our clubs (**85%**) have reported something on MyLION. We have the best percentage of the 16 districts in Texas. But EVERY club should report something unless they are totally inactive. We should be in the 90+ percentage.



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The district provided mobile food pantry truck is here and getting its Lion and Metrocrest Service Center wrap before going into service. What a wonderful addition to community service that this will provide to hungry families.

April 30th was the District 2-X1's picnic. The Lions who attended had a great time. The food was good. The day was beautiful. There was fun games, prizes, music, and dancing.

The May 28th through 20th Texas Multiple District 2 Convention in Fort Worth was also fun. Thursday evening was at Billy Bob's. Friday was the Texas Hall of Fame Luncheon and Texas Lions Charities Dinner. Saturday was the Necrology Service Breakfast, Opportunities for Youth Luncheon, and the MD-2 Governor's Banquet. It was an honor to represent 2-X1 at this event. In addition, there was Zone Chair training.

Well, this is DG Fred signing off. I wish you and your clubs the best in the coming Lion year. Keep serving others, touching people's lives, and making the world a better place.

LCI Mission Statement.

"To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding."

" Together We Can! & Together We Will!"



Prakash's View

1st VDG Prakash Gautam

Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club

Greetings to all the District 2-X1 Lions!

We have only a month left to wrap-up the Lions Year 2022-2023 and I am very excited to see the final achievements of this year. Under the effective and efficient leadership of Governor Fred Conger, our District has already achieved several of the 2022-2023 goals; and I am pretty sure that our District will achieve most of the goals by June 30, 2023. I ask all the clubs to add at least one new member, if possible, by June 30, 2023 as a support to achieve the membership goal. And with support of all the District 2-X1 Lions, we shall continue doing better in the new year 2023-2024. Together we can and together we will!

Currently FVDGE Radha and I are working on the 2023-2024 District Directory, and we are still in need of officers' information from a few Clubs. If you have not entered your Club Officers' information into our Lions Portal, please do so at your earliest convenience. Also, please note that Lions Portal is scheduled to change around Mid-June; the new requirement is that all Lions must have a valid email address (cannot be used the same email address by two Lion members) in the portal. Please update your contact information in the portal at your earliest convenience.

Zone Chairs and Region Chairs are the key District Officers that monitor the activities, provide necessary support, and act as liaison between the District and the Clubs in their respective areas. Zone Chairs are the first contact point for any Clubs for any needed support from the District. Therefore, I encourage all Clubs to stay in close contact with their respective Zone Chairs and Region Chairs. We will have three Region Chairs and eleven Zones Chairs, in Lions Year 2023-2024, who will be supporting all the Clubs in their Regions and/or Zones.

Along with other District goals, membership growth is the most important goal of our District in Lions Year 2023-2024, which is also the principal goal of the MD-2. Therefore, I ask all the Clubs to focus on adding new members and prevent dropouts. All Zone Chairs shall closely monitor the membership status of the Clubs in their Zones, on a regular basis, and shall coordinate with the Club President and Membership Chair for any



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needed action to improve the memberships. In case of any decrease in membership (negative membership growth), the Zone Chairs and/or Region Chairs are advised to report it to the District Global Action team (GAT) and seek their support to cure the issue.

The number of Specialty Clubs are on the rise, according to the LCI worldwide database, which proves that a Lions Club that represents the interest of a certain group of people is gaining worldwide popularity. I think that our District, being a densely populated district with demographic diversity, has high possibility of opening a few Specialty Clubs that focus on a specific area like environment, health, education (Student Club), work specific, ethnic, etc. As well, I think opening a new Corporate Lions Club (a Lions Club established within an Office or representing that Office) is highly possible in our District, as there are several big corporate houses in Dallas. If any of you work for a big corporation/entity and would like to establish a new Lions Club in your office, please let us know; our Global Action Team (GAT) will be more than happy to assist you on this. In this context, our Specialty Club Coordinator Lion Thala Raj Panta has notified me that he has a plan to establish a specialty Lions Club that focuses on the Environment in the near future. And I think it is a commendable plan. Let us work together to establish a few clubs in our District.

The District has planned the below two zoom training sessions for the newly elected Club Officers of 2023-2024:

Club President/VP/ LCIF Chairperson : June 17, 2023 (1 pm to 4 pm)

Club Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Chairperson: (9 am to 12 pm)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9904674981?
pwd=c1k5aW1ZMklocVJMY1IUWm03OUhldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9904674981?pwd=c1k5aW1ZMklocVJMY1IUWm03OUhldz09)

Meeting ID: 990 467 4981

Passcode: LU2023

The zoom links was emailed to all Club Presidents and Secretaries on May 3, 2023 to distribute to their new officers. We will send a reminder email in early June, as well. In the near future, we may also do zoom training for Zone Chairs who missed the training at the MD-2 Convention in Fort Worth.



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Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club

At the end, I want to say "Thank you" for what you do for the people in need and advise to keep continuing it. I am very excited and look forward to continue working with you all in Lions Year 2023-2024 with a different role.

With Best Regards,
Lion Prakash Gautam



Radha's Thoughts

2nd VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Greetings fellow Lions,

As we enter the month of June, let us reflect on the fact that we are now in the final month of the Lion Year 2022-2023. This is an opportune time to encourage new individuals to join your club and contribute their skills and efforts to serve the community. Additionally, it is crucial to verify that all the information about your club members in MyLCI is accurate. Take the time to review and update if necessary.

In addition, I encourage you to take the initiative in organizing additional service projects for your community. These projects not only make a positive impact but also provide valuable opportunities for your club members to contribute and serve. Remember to diligently report all club activities on MyLion to ensure accurate documentation of your efforts.

To strive for the "Club Excellence Award", I recommend familiarizing yourself with the requirements outlined in LCI's 2022-2023 Club Excellence Award Application. Take the time to understand what it takes to earn this prestigious award and assess if your club meets the criteria. If your club qualifies, don't hesitate to apply. However, if your club falls short this year, don't be discouraged. Instead, use this as an opportunity to plan and strategize for the next Lion year. Remember, every club has the potential to achieve this recognition, and doing so will not only benefit your own club but also contribute to the overall effectiveness of Lions International, our district 2-X1, and the community as well.

It has come to our attention that a few clubs have yet to report their club officers for the 2023-2024 term on MyLCI. Please note that this information was due on April 15th, 2023. It is crucial for both the District and LCI to have this data to communicate effectively with your club officers and include their contact information in the LY 2023-2024 District Directory. Club Secretaries or Club Presidents should promptly enter the details of the new club officers into MyLCI.

Lastly, let's take a moment to celebrate the success of the MD-2 (State) Convention held from May 18th to 20th, 2023 in Fort Worth, Texas. The event was filled with enjoyment, entertainment, valuable training sessions, and various service activities. Our peers from District 2-x1 and other MD-2 districts participated actively showcasing the spirit of collaboration and fellowship at the convention.



Radha's Thoughts

2nd VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Lions Engagement:

During the MD-2 Texas Convention, held from May 18 to May 20, 2023, I had the opportunity to participate in a three-day training session as a member of the Council of Governors team for 2024-2025. The training session provided valuable insights and knowledge to enhance our roles and responsibilities.

Additionally, I actively contributed to the Texas Lions State Convention Project for Haiti, which involved engaging in a service project aimed at helping and support to the people of Haiti.

Furthermore, I actively took part in the 4th Council of Governors' meeting and the State convention.

Similarly, at the district and club level, I participated in the meetings, which served as a platform for members to discuss ongoing projects, address club-specific matters, and collectively work towards fulfilling our organization's mission.

Announcements:

June 17, 2023, **Training** for the Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Club LCIF Coordinators via Zoom (1-4 pm, different sessions)

June 24, 2023, **Training** for the Club secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairpersons via Zoom (9 am- 12 pm, different sessions)

July 07-11, 2023, **105th LCI International Convention – Boston**

July 22, 2023 – **1st District 2-X1 Cabinet Meeting** 8:30 am – Noon at Northgate United Methodist Church, 3700 W. Northgate Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

Finally, if you have any questions, or concerns about the district activities, upcoming projects and events, and reporting, please feel free to contact me or the concerned officers in the district.

*In service, our fellowship finds its grace,
United in purpose, we embrace.
Hand in hand, we make a difference true,
Fellowship and service, our hearts pursue.*

Yours in service,
SVDG Radha K. Kaphle
Dallas Everest Lions Club

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

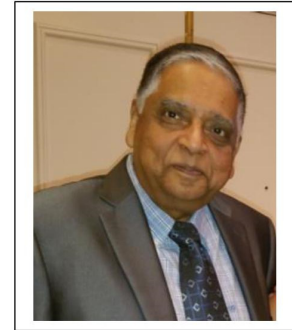
District 2-X1, May 27, 2023

We are on a journey to more service!

District 2-X1 is participating in Global Membership Approach to maximize our membership thereby maximizing our service to the community.

District 2-X1 Goals: Following are the district goals:

- Charter 3 new clubs
- Recruit 400 new members
- Drops to be below 300
- Serve 185,000 needy people in our community
- Net Membership Gain +100



How are we doing ?

District 2-X1 has chartered two clubs. The Lumbini Specialty Club and the Dallas Health Club. The Charter night was held on April 1. 2-X1 has applied for a new club 'Plano North Lions Club'. If approved our district would have chartered 3 new clubs. We have a membership drop of -5

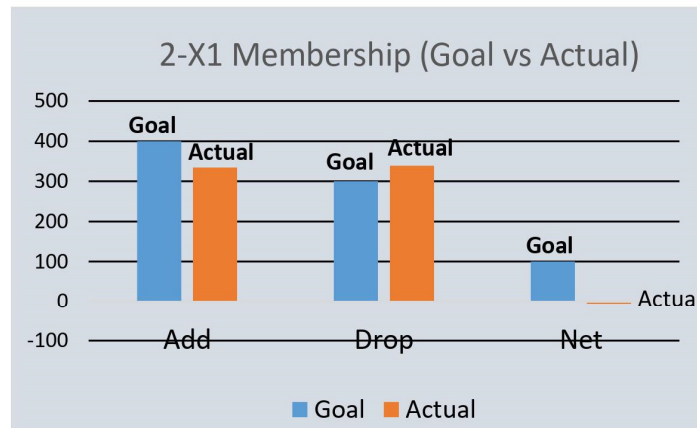
2-X1 Membership Status: (May 27, 2023)

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1808	1819
Added members.....	17	334
Dropped Members.....	11	339
NetGain/Loss	6	-5
Closing Balance.....	1814	1814

MD-2 Membership Status

Added members.....	2805
Dropped Members...	2,915
Closing Balance.....	22,217
Net Gain/Loss.....	-110

We have added 334 members in the eleven months and dropped 339 members. The district goal of +100 may be difficult to meet. But if all clubs can recruit at least one new member in the next two months, we can be closer to achieving our goal. Allen Lions Club has been rejuvenated with the addition of 5 new members. We will end with a positive membership growth. The clubs need better planning when dropping members. Prioritize the members to be dropped gradually depending on the circumstances, instead of mass drops. This creates a big dent on district goals.



Our district needs to contain the drops in the month of June and need to focus on aggressive recruitment campaign to meet our goals.

The incoming Governor and the district team met April 19 to form goals for next year. A SWOT analysis has been conducted to identify the current strengths and areas for improvement. The goals are due to LCI by May 30.

Service: The district has served over 303,365 people, 70,415 volunteer hours, and 2202 projects. 81% of the clubs have reported on MyLion. Let us keep all our members engaged. Kudos to the district for exceeding our goals in service. On February 18 the district project 'Build a Bed' was highly successful with over 200 volunteers help build over 175beds. Great team effort. 50 clubs (81%) have reported their service on MyLion, the best in MD-2.

Leadership Training: Club Officers training was already held at 2-X1 LU in June 2022, with several Lion officers in attendance. Zone Chair training was conducted by GMA during State Convention with 35 Zone Chairs in attendance. As a follow up the ZC training was also held virtually. The goal of the district is to train as many Lions as possible to prepare them to be better Lions and serve the clubs and district in leadership positions. Officers training and new member orientation was also conducted during the Mid-Winter conference on January 21. Incoming officers training is planned for June. A zone chair training for incoming zone chairs was held during the State Convention in May 20, 2023. Several Zone Chairs from 2-X1 took advantage of this training.

LCIF Donations: Total donations from the district amounted to \$57,413. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 and have surpassed it. We have about 36% clubs donating.

What's Next? - We still have several clubs with no membership activity and the need to encourage them to hold membership growth events, with the help of Zone Chairs.

- Provide assistance to the 10 clubs with less than 10 members.
- There are 11 clubs with no membership activity.
- District has several ongoing initiatives. The club rebuilding program PCC John Eads and IPDG Esme are working with Allen High Noon, Dallas Women's, Ferris and Richardson Host. Districtwide service projects have been successful for more membership engagement.
- Clubs to host membership events.
- Several clubs have not reported activities for over 24 months.

PDG Vinod Mathur, 2-X1 GMA Champion, MD-2 North Region Champion

LION SIGHT AND TISSUE FOUNDATION PRESENTS:



SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2023

6:30-10:00PM

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

1800 DOWDY FERRY RD, DALLAS, TX 75217

MUSIC PROVIDED BY DJ TERRY MAY

\$55 PER PERSON (UNRESERVED)

Join us for a night of fun to raise funds for a worthy cause! Evening activities include a **barbecue dinner, wine pull, music, zip-lining (6:30-8:30)**

Sponsorship Available

Denim Sponsor- \$2500 "Lasso" Zip Line Sponsor- \$1500 "Saloon" Cash Bar Sponsor- \$1500

Music Sponsor- \$500

Gold Sponsor- \$400

Above includes an 8 person reserved table and moment of recognition

Ruby Sponsor- \$200: Includes a 4 person reserved table

REQUIRES A PHYSICAL TICKET FOR ENTRY

Sponsorship commitments should be made to Lion Rita Claxton.

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District 2-X1 LOFY Contestant Won Awards at the 2023 MD-2 Texas Lions State Contest

One of our District contestants at the LOFY State Contest, Vinay Upadhyay won 1st Place and in Drug Awareness Speech (DAS) contest and 3rd Place in Outstanding Youth Award (OYA) contest held virtually on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Along with certificate awards, Mr. Upadhyay will receive \$3,000 (1st Place) and \$1,000 (3rd Place) scholarship, payable directly to the university he will attend in 2 years. As 1st Place winner he presented his speech “Fentanyl: Pain Killer or Killer Drug” at the 2023 MD-2 Texas Lions Convention held in Sheraton Downtown Fort Worth, TX, May 18 to 20, 2023.

There were a total of 26 LOFY contestants this year competing at the state level. Six contestants were competing for the DAS, 11 for OYA, and the rest competed in the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest.

Vinay is a member of the Dallas Everest Leo Club and a Junior at Sunnyvale ISD. Leo Vinay have two older sisters, Ekta and Ritu Upadhyay, who were also winners at both the LOFY District’s and State’s level. Since his parents (Lions Vishnu Maya Upadhyay DNP and Bilas Upadhyay) were in Greece, both sisters attended his presentation at the OFY Luncheon on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Leo Vinay was sponsored by Dallas Everest Lions Club.

Congratulations to Leo Vinay, his family, and his sponsoring Club. You have made our District shine!

You can watch Vinay’s full presentation livestream on our Facebook page (“Lions District 2-X1”).



Vinay Upadhyay

Leo Vinay accepting the certificate 1st Place Winner award from Lion Pat Jackson, MD-2 Drug Awareness Speech Contest Coordinator at the OFY Luncheon, MD-2 Texas Lions State Convention, Sat. May 20, 2023.

Nia MacKay, PhD

District 2-X1 LOFY Chairperson



Comedy



Corner!

*Why did Darth Vader turn off
one light?*

He prefers it on the dark side.

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www.lions2-x1.org

Lions Code of Ethics

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.