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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

The Inspiring Era of Service with a Smile

In a world that often feels overwhelmed by challenges, the arrival of a new district governor Prakash Gautam brings renewed hope and inspiration. As Lions Club District 2x-1 welcomes its incoming leader, there is an air of excitement and anticipation for the journey ahead. With the theme "Serve with Smile," this dynamic individual is poised to leave an indelible mark on the community.

A smile has the power to transcend language barriers, melt away tensions, and bridge the gaps between diverse communities. It brings warmth, comfort, and reassurance to those facing adversity. The incoming district governor understands this profound impact and embraces the incredible potential of a simple smile.

Under his stewardship, District 2x-1 is poised to become a beacon of hope, shining brightly as a testament to the transformative power of service with a smile. By fostering a culture of empathy, inclusivity, and kindness, DG Gautam aims to empower Lions Club members to create lasting change in their communities.

As we embark on this new chapter under the leadership of our incoming district governor, let us embrace the theme of "Serve with Smile" wholeheartedly. Together, let's stand united, motivated, and ready to make a lasting impact in the lives of those who need it most. With every act of service, let our smiles be a testament to our unwavering dedication to the Lions Club motto: "We Serve." **-Link Editorial Board**

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Prakash's View
DG Prakash Gautam
Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club



Greetings, fellow Lions!

I am honored and proud to have the opportunity to lead our vibrant District in Lions Year 2023-2024. My sincere THANKS to each and every Lions who have supported, guided, and placed their faith in me. With more than 1,700 members, Lions District 2-X1 is a strong and much needed association for the benefit of the community and for people in need. With the efficient and effective leadership of District Governor Fred Conger, our District has achieved several of the goals that include service goals and LCIF contribution goals in the year 2022-2023. Overall, our District performed well in 2022-2023 and my congratulations to IPDG Fred Conger and his entire team members. I had a fantastic opportunity of learning, working as Vice Governor for IPDG Fred Conger and PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez, for the past two years. It was wonderful serving the community under your leadership, Governors!

Change is a continuing process and I believe in change for improvement. In this context, Zone Chairs and Region Chairs are empowered with added authority and responsibilities to further support our Clubs in the year 2023-2024. This year our District will primarily focus on membership growth and LCIF contributions. Here are some of the major goals for the year 2023-2024:

1. Charter at least two new Clubs.
2. Increase Lion members by at least 50 members.
3. Increase individual participations to LCIF donation by twenty-five percent and Club participation by ten percent.
4. Exceed eighty percent (49 Clubs) of Club reporting in Lions Portal.
5. Serve at least 190,000 people.
6. Ensure ninety percent of the Zone Chairs and 55 percent of the club officers are trained.



Prakash's View
DG Prakash Gautam
Plano Collin Nepalese Lions
Club



I am positive and overly optimistic that with the help of our resolute Lions, District Cabinet Team, Governor's Advisory Team, and most importantly Club Leadership Team, we will be able to achieve all the goals. Let us work together and meet or exceed our expectations!

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. I ask all the Zone Chairs to closely monitor the membership status of the Clubs in their Zones, on a regular basis, and to coordinate with the Club President and Membership Chair for any 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 on a regular basis.

In Lions year 2022-2023, our District received three times more, from the LCIF, than what we had donated to the LCIF. This is a great motivating factor; let us continue donating, individually and at club level, to the LCIF. You can donate any amount by visiting the link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

In Lions year 2022-2023, our District's goal was to serve 185,000 people. However, 61 Clubs in the District served over 300,000 people - well above the target. Kudos to all Servicing Clubs, District Service Chairperson, and of course District Governor Fred Conger and his team! Lions, please continue servicing the people in need; I am positive that we can set another record this year. All Clubs, please report your service activities on a timely basis. The District Team is always there if you need any help – just contact us!



Prakash's View
DG Prakash Gautam
Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club



We had an incredibly good attendance at the New Club Officers' Trainings that were held on June 17th and June 24th, 2023. Thank you to all who attended. Also, my sincere thanks to all the Instructors, who conducted the sessions – Governor Fred Conger, SVDG Pamela Baker, LCIF Ambassador PCT Walter (Tom) Garriss and PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez.

We have a plan to distribute the new District Directory at the First Cabinet Meeting on July 22, 2023; please do not miss attending the Cabinet Meeting and receive your and your Club's District Directory.

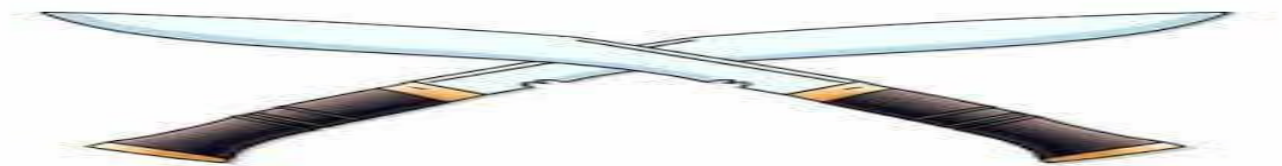
One more thing I would like to add is that Leos will have a breakout session at the Cabinet Meeting on July 22, 2023. Therefore, I request to all Lions Clubs Presidents and Leo Clubs Advisors to encourage your Leos to attend the Leo breakout session at the Cabinet meeting. Please contact District Leo Chair PCT John Wicker (Cell: 214-837-2859, email: drwick518@gmail.com), if you need more information.

I will be leaving for Boston on July 6 to attend the Lions International Convention. I will be officially inducted there as Governor of District 2-X1 and will return on July 13th.

Finally, I am overly excited to collaborate with you all; let us work together and make a successful Lions Year 2023-2024.

See you all at the District Cabinet Meeting on July 22, 2023.

Best Regards,
Lion Prakash Gautam





Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Greetings, Fellow Lions,

As we embark on the Lions Year 2023-2024, I extend my **best wishes to Governor Prakash Gautam**, who leads District 2-X1 in the Lions year of 2023-2024. It is an honor to be a part of his team. Lions' members exemplify the slogan of DG Prakash, **"Serve and smile"** as they selflessly dedicate their time and effort to serving their communities with a genuine and joyful spirit.

Furthermore, I would like to extend my **congratulations to IPDG Fred Conger** for his outstanding accomplishments as the Governor of District 2-X1 during the remarkable year of 2022-2023. Under his exceptional leadership, our District achieved numerous goals, including service-oriented objectives, leadership development, club development and rebuilding the small club, contributions to LCIF, and the successful acquisition of LCIF grants for major projects. It is evident that our District thrived during this period, exemplifying the theme of **"Developing Leaders for Amazing Services."**

I had the privilege of working closely with IPDG Fred Conger and the exceptional team of District 2-X1, which allowed me to gain invaluable knowledge and experience throughout 2022-2023. I am immensely grateful for this opportunity.

Congratulations to all the **new club officers** who have accepted the responsibility to lead the clubs and serve their community in the Lions Year 2023-2024. It is crucial for each club to have a well-defined plan, specific goals, and a clear action plan for this year. To achieve these goals, it is essential for the club to assign dedicated project coordinators, chairs, and a cohesive team that includes all officer roles. Additionally, proper installation of the officers is of utmost importance. This will ensure that the team is well-prepared to assume their responsibilities smoothly and effectively.

Fellow Lions, several officers have already received leadership training and refreshed their responsibilities through the recent training, which will undoubtedly contribute to a successful start to the Lions year 2023-2024.



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Membership Retention:

Dear Fellow Lions,

As we reflect on our district's goals, let us remember that they were the result of our collective team efforts, support, and shared responsibilities. One area that requires our immediate attention is membership retention. I kindly request all club officers for this year to prioritize and actively work towards improving our membership retention. By acknowledging our challenges and committing to rectifying them, we can make significant strides in the present and learn from our past experiences.

Participation:

From June 16-18, 2023, I had the privilege of attending the special VIP Day sessions at the Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville, Texas. Accompanied by Lion Laxmi, we were joined by Lion Joseph Kyle, a representative of the TLC board of directors from our district. These sessions proved to be incredibly valuable, providing us with useful information, delicious food, and entertaining experiences. It was a truly memorable and fulfilling time at TLC.

Upcoming event:

Please plan to participate at the **1st District 2-X1 Cabinet Meeting** 8:30 am–Noon at Northgate United Methodist Church, 3700 W. Northgate Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have placed their trust in me as 1VDG for the Lions Year 2023-2024. I will make every effort to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my abilities.

Together, let us renew our dedication to serving our communities and strengthening our Lions family.

In-Service,

1VDG Radha K. Kaphle

Dallas Everest

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Pamela's Pulse



2nd VDG Lion Pamela Baker

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Big Greetings to all of the 2-X1 Lions!

First of all, I want to thank you for electing me Second Vice District Governor (2VDG). This was a big step for me and this quote says it perfectly after I was encouraged, prayed, and thought about the position. "When your footsteps and thoughts carry you down the same path your heart and soul are directing you, you will know without a doubt that you are headed in the right direction."— Molly Friedenfeld

Each year becomes more awesome and it is all because of the leadership and everyone working as a team. This past year's theme "Developing Leaders for Amazing Service" was successful because of you. We may not have reached all of our goals but we made progress. The number of club officers that attended the online Lions University training on June 17th and 24th not only increases leadership knowledge but also ensures a smooth transition to each leadership position.

This year's theme from our DG Lion Prakash is "We Serve and We Smile". This year's most important goal is membership growth. PDG Lion Esme reminded us of the Just Ask Guide! <https://temp.lionsclubs.org/EN/pdfs/me302.pdf>
Have fun! Gavel Travel: Gavel Travel to be passed on to another club by making a club visit with no less than two members.

Mark Your Calendar

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

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

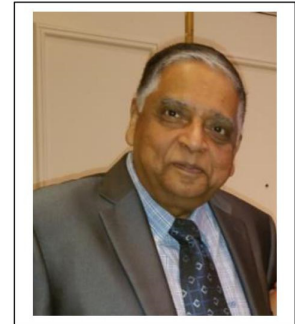
District 2-X1, June 28, 2023

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 newclubs. The Lumbini Specialty Club and the Dallas Health Club. The Charter night was held on April 1.

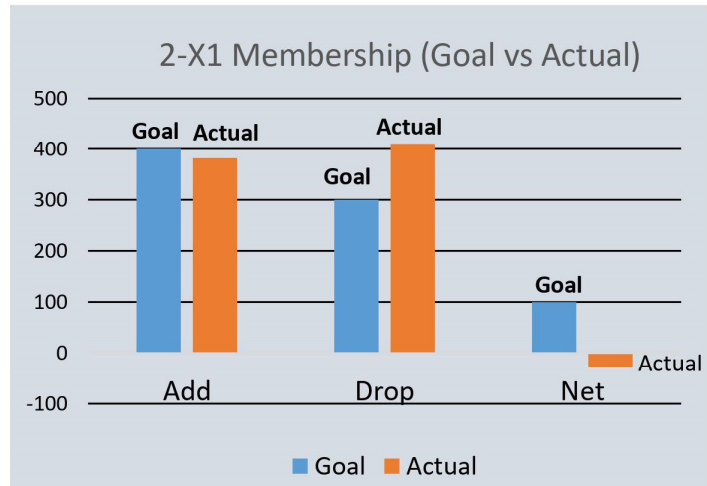
2-X1 Membership Status: (June 27, 2023)

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1805	1819
Added members.....	47	382
Dropped Members.....	62	411
NetGain/Loss	-15	-29
Closing Balance.....	1790	1790

MD-2 Membership Status

Added members.....	3224
Dropped Members.....	3633
Closing Balance.....	21,918
Net Gain/Loss.....	-409

At the end of the year, we have added 382 members and dropped 411 members. The district goal of +100 will not be met this year. The reason being, we have exceeded the drops by 111 to 411. We have a negative growth of -29 as of June 27. The clubs need better planning when dropping members. Prioritize the members to be dropped gradually depending on the circumstances, instead of mass drops. This has created a big dent on district 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 now available at LCI website.

Service: The district has served over 349,000 people, 77,415 volunteer hours, and 2524 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 was held on June 24 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 \$61,251. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 and have surpassed it. We have about 36% clubs donating.

Overall, the District 2-X1 had a great and successful Year!

What's Next? - Goals and Action plans for next year are in place.

- Monitor the drops, not to exceed the projected goal.
- Provide assistance to the 10 clubs with less than 10 members.
- There are 11 clubs with no membership activity.
- Clubs to host membership events.
- Encourage clubs to report service activities.
- Provide training as changes to LCI website will take effect July 15.

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

A VERY HAPPY NEW
Lionistic Year
2023-24





Fred's Findings
IPDG Fred Conger
Coppell Lions Club



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Congratulations to District Governor Prakash Gautam!

Let's all get behind him and make his year as Governor a great one! Together we can!

We will soon be off to Boston for the 2023-2024 LCI Convention where Lion Prakash will officially be sworn in as our District Governor. I'm also looking forward to the parade of nations and hoping the temperature will be reasonable. Everyone from other nations wants to have a selfie or picture taken with the Texas Lions in our cowboy hats.

As one of my final Governor actions, I was blessed to help obtain a \$75,000 LCIF grant for the Mabank Lions Club to provide the "Faith at Work Ministries" with a new refrigerated truck to assist them with their weekly food distribution. Mabank Lions received an awesome 3 for 1 LCIF matching grant. LCIF's mission is to strengthen and support the service and capabilities of Lions clubs and districts.

Thirty-Six clubs, the district, and several individual Lions have donated \$62,000 to LCIF the 2022-2023 Lion year. This was great. However, the district goal was to have more clubs donating some amount. Go to lionsclubs.org, select LCIF and donate something for your club's participation in 2023-2024. EVERY Lion and every club should provide some financial support to this important part of our International Association.

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. The last two years District 2-X1 has given \$126,000 to LCIF. But we have received over \$199,000. LCIF has really supported our clubs and district allowing us to do service unattainable without their help.

Allen High Noon Lions Club has officially been renamed Allen Community Lions Club. They are rebuilding their membership and are meeting again, reporting their Membership and Activities to LCI, and planning their service projects. Wish them good luck in growing their club in support of their Allen community.

We should be proud! Our clubs and the district served over **349,363 individuals**. This number far exceeds the district goal of 185,000. We also donated \$867,813 to charities and persons in need. **Great work Lions!**



Fred's Findings
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Coppell Lions Club



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I finished my Governor year having visited 53 of our 61 clubs. It is Lion club protocol to invite the Governor to make a club visit and to be the meeting's program. Not every club seemed to understand that expectation.

The district added two new clubs in 2022-2023. Another is in process which we hope will soon become a reality during DG Prakash's year.

If you are submitting the 2022-2023 Club Excellence Award application to me (available on the district's web site lionsdistrict2x1.org) you need had to have had your President, Secretary and Treasurer take Lion Officer Training at either Lions University in June 2022, Mid-Winter Conference in Jan. 2023, or completed the LCI respective officer training on the LEARN application or reviewed the appropriate officer position e-book information and notified me. Also, your club or an individual in your club must have contributed to Lions Clubs International's Foundation for the Lion year. You are disqualified from LCI's Club Excellence award without a contribution no matter how small or large.

Clubs don't forget to report your meetings, fundraiser events, service projects and donations on MyLION each month. Fifty-four of our clubs (**88.5%**) reported something on MyLION in 2022-2023. We have the best percentage of the 16 districts in Texas. But EVERY club should report something in all four categories unless they are totally inactive.

Our District Membership "growth" was a -41. We added 383 new Lions! But we dropped 424 others. We six clubs dropped 192 members which more than sank our goal of 100 growth. With fewer drops we might have made our goal. It was mostly a timing thing. Some drops were due to not making necessary drops in previous years for various reasons.

But the major reason was that of large (and some small) clubs not staying in contact and building **RELATIONSHIPS** among their members. Relationships are the number one motivator of the top 10 motivators as to why people join and stay with an organization. Without that personal friendly connection and the feeling of belonging, members drift away. *"The lesson here is to keep your club members involved and having fun together doing service and activities that they enjoy."* Get your Lions to know each other and become a Lion family of friends. In other words, Mentor your Lions, old and new.



Fred's Findings
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Some of our district's drops probably should not have been added as Lions in the first place. LCI needs "quality" service minded members in clubs. Not just warm bodies. Members need to "fit" with your club's members and mesh with your club family. Don't let members be forgotten if they start to miss club events. Personally contact them and make sure they feel needed and an important part of the club.

Club leaders, lead your clubs and keep your members happy with service, fun social events, interesting programs, and Lion family comradery. With the Districcommunity and your responsibility to grow your club's membership, develop new club leaders, grow your service to your community, and support your Association and International Foundation.

Get ready for the new and improved member interface application "Lion Portal" which will combine several current LCI databases into one. All clubs should immediately update and verify their members and club information on MyLCI. The new Portal should 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.

Well, this is now Immediate Past District Governor 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!"

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH... IT WORKS!

By PCC John Eads, New Member (Small Clubs) Development (GMA) Chair

After two years of working on small Clubs for our District, I can enthusiastically say... Yes, It Works! It is a process. What I learned from my activities in dealing with smaller Clubs is the first thing I had to do is identify a leader in the Club. There had to be a Lion in the Club willing to take charge, who wanted their Club to survive, provide service in their community and allow me, along with other Lions, to help them institute the GMA process.

Thankfully, I found leaders like President Flossie Gowin, Italy; then Treasurer Jim Swafford and now President, Secretary Kay Huff and PCC John Landrum, Ferris; President Gary Danaher, Mesquite Host; President Patrick Sinclair, Secretary Collen Sinclair, Treasure Diane True, and PDG Julia Johnson, Crandall Combine; PCS Danny Fletcher, PCC Joe Montag and PDG Keith Murray, Dallas Founders; President Manuel Palavicini, Dallas Trinity Industrial; Past President David Lentz and President Conrad San Diego, Garland Evening; President Adele Mooney, Maypearl; President Eva Richardson, Red Oak; President Christine Harvey, ZC Nia McKay, and PDG Billy Ketner, Royse City; and President Karen Johnson, GLT Pamela Baker and PDG Billy Ketner, Wylie. Thank you, Lions!! These were the leaders in the respective Clubs that had the passionate Lions service, leadership and "never give up attitude" to keep their small Clubs alive. Because, you see, without their leadership, the Club will die. Almost four Clubs did. I don't want to forget Governors Esmeralda Rodriguez and Fred Conger I served under and their Governor Teams for helping us work on these Clubs. They were always informed and involved.

If you fall in the category of Lions Clubs with 15 and under members in 2023-24, are you the leader we are looking for? The team is coming...we will be in contact.

Thanks to all those Lions mentioned and others I may have inadvertently not included for being there...being the leader that you are and helping to try to bring your Lions Club back to life. Note there are other Lions involved that are not members of the respective Club. It's because we Lions in District 2-X1 are a big family...we are in this heartfelt organization called Lions Clubs International to do service to others. We do our service TOGETHER! WE SERVE BETTER TOGETHER!

(After you identify the leader(s) you need, you then begin to implement the GMA. In our next article in the Link, we will discuss the tenants of the Global Membership Approach).

Lions District 2-X1 Build Beds for Kids Day!

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Time: flexible - 9 am to 5 pm. You chose your time.

Location : Lions Park, 2303 Howard Rd. (FM877), Waxahachie, TX 75165.



A joint project of:



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District 2-X1 Lions, Lions from other Districts and non-Lion volunteers will build 175 beds benefiting SHP.

We need volunteers for Build Beds for Kids Day!

- All materials/tools will be provided.
- No special skills are needed, there is a job for everyone.
- You do not have to volunteer for the entire day; if you can give an hour or two that would be great and appreciated.
- We will have an orientation before work begins and you will have experienced leadership on the project from SHP representatives.
- Food and drinks will be provided for you.
- Parking is easy, lots of space.
- Please wear your Lions vest so we can see all the Club volunteers represented. This service event will be filmed, and pictures will be taken.
- This is a Lions Service Project, so keep up with your hours of service and report it to your Club Secretary.



**THANKS, LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON
THE BUILD DAY!**

**For more information and
if you would like to DONATE, please contact:**

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Benefitting:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace
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1st Cabinet Meeting: July 22, 2023

8:30 am to Noon (PLEASE SAVE THE DATE)

Northgate United Methodist Church, 3700 W. Northgate Dr., Irving,

Meeting will be Hosted by the West Region Zones and Clubs

West Region Chairperson Lion Manuel Palavicini

Zone 8: West Region - Zone Chair **Meena Chhetry**

*Dallas Oak Cliff
Dallas Pokhara
Dallas South
Dallas Women's
Duncanville Noon
Irving Everest C*

Zone 9: West Region - Zone Chair **Suresh Basyal**

*Cedar Hill
Desoto
Ferris
Lancaster New Cent.
Red Oak*

Zone 10: West Region - Zone Chair **Khem Raj Bastola**

*Dallas Dacliff-W
Dallas Health
Dalas Lumbi
Irving Noon Day
Plano Collin Nepalese*

Zone 11: West Region - Zone Chair **Kedar Timalsina**

*Dallas Ace
Dallas Everest
Dallas Filipino
Dallas Trinity Ind.
Grand Prairie Host*

Highlights

- District Officers Installation
- * District Leos Introduction
- Welcome JCH Youth Camp Students

Please Bring Used Eyeglasses

- * District Goals Presentation
 - Awards
 - LCIF Presentation

Don't Forget to Pick-Up Your Club's District Directories

- * Build Beds for Kids Project
- * State Fair Parade Information
 - * Membership Tips
 - * Breakout Sessions

And OTHER REGULAR BUSINESS

***Continental Breakfast
will be served.***



Editorial

Lion Dr. Om Thapa

President-Dallas Buddha Lions Club

Guiding Lion- Dallas Health Lions Club

Lions Link- Co-coordinator

Change: Serving Locally & Globally through Leadership

Fellowship. Leadership. Services

I have been directly and indirectly involved in serving community for a long time. Time goes back to my 20s when I was working voluntarily with older people in a school setting. I figured out one thing about leaders who do not do different things but they do differently. Fellowship, leadership, and service are an integral part of change. Change is a continuous process that supersedes human pains while maximizing the community power.

In today's diverse society, we come from various cultural and religious backgrounds. It is crucial for each of us to acknowledge and respect the role of each other in shaping individuals' identities and values. By embracing diversity, we create a space that not only supports our growth but also nurtures the holistic development of ourselves and community.

We must be a force for change which offers a unique opportunity to delve into the multifaceted dimensions of our services within the principles of Lions Club International. By incorporating moral values and serving to smile, we can foster a sense of belonging, respect, and empathy among us. One of the key aspects of change we should explore on our own is how we perceive a change as it provides a foundation for ethical, moral development, and character garnishing fun, fellowship, leadership, and services.

Additionally, change mindset can serve as a source of inspiration, motivation, and purpose. By acknowledging the core principles of Lions Club International, we can connect our unconditional pursuits of community services to our personal values and beliefs. Literally, this would be a big change in ourselves! The integration of community services can bring a sense of fulfillment to our efforts in empowering the club and community members as a pathway to Melvin Jones's mission of service. Change is constant.

If the concept of CHANGE was not adopted as a process and product (LCIF/Fund Raise) in service areas of the Lions Clubs, bigger chances of fellowship, Leadership, and impactful community services to population of needs would have grappled at a worse stage now. The change DG 2023-24 has anticipated has a significant value to introspect the types of changes each club and leader will set for. Change is a compound effect of proper uses of supporting resources, planned execution of leadership skills to meet the goal. Furthermore, the change is also to start smaller and “win” to go much bigger, focus on creating a new trajectory, and shape a new can-do narrative.

To my little knowledge, all IPDGs and PDGs including any subordinating vertical and horizontal leadership in structures have had been very impactful in disseminating information, developing leaders for amazing services, and approached each club as much as possible. It seems that we can set our service barometer higher if we tend to prepare even better in connecting the rhythm of change with our experts or attend any lions educational trainings. Without our active engagement to acquiring the knowledge and skills to serve our community, the changes we want to see happen may in jeopardy. Again, change is possible when we work together with communities to marshal collective talents, and skills to address tough even challenges being hunger, child cancer, environment issues, diabetic, Respond to disaster strikes, and vision, etc.

Before I conclude, allow me to quote Buddha, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Melvin Johns about “We Serve” motto:

Buddha: “If you knew what I know about the power of giving, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.:

“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.”

Melvin Jones:

“You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.” It was upon that principle that our motto “We Serve” emerged.

In summary, we all strive to embracing a culture of resilience and adaptability to create an enabling environment for change. Change in a community tends to emerge over time. It is a matter of collective seeing, Learning, and Innovating. Consistency of member mentoring and cohesive team to effectively execute responsibilities assumed to lead clubs and serve and smile with an ultimate goal of developing leaders for amazing services! Change is in our door step!

Impact of DAWN Project on Health, Wellness & Welfare in our Communities

By: Lion Gloria Mathur, District 2X1 Chair of Diabetes Awareness
DAWN Project Coordinator

The DAWN project (Diabetes Screening & Community Wellness) was again requested to participate with Baylor Scott & White Health & Wellness Center at the Community Men's Health Expo event , last Saturday, June 24th. Representing the Lions DAWN project were PDG Vinod Mathur, Lion Gloria Mathur of the Dallas Filipino LC, and Lion Dub Guthrie of the Duncanville LC.

The event was hosted by the City of Dallas & RMT Cancer Network, to raise public awareness and celebrate men's health. It was held at the Hiawatha Recreation Center in Dallas from 10am- 3p.m., with over 300 people in attendance. The DAWN project was able to provide Diabetes Screenings together with BSWHWC.

Lions & DAWN project continues to gain visibility & credibility throughout our communities in the District. We are ***seen, heard and recognized of what we do.*** WE are making impact on health, wellness and welfare in our communities





Diversity and District Strength and Service

Lion Nia MacKay, PhD

Past International President Jung-Yul Choi believes the necessity of diversity in service so much that he made it as his message for his original and extended presidential term: “United In Kindness and Diversity.” He further stated that it’s due to our great diversity that enabled us to do our exceptional service. PIP Gudrun Yngvadotir said that when we embrace diversity, we strengthen our membership, our leadership, our community and our world, because ‘service has no gender, no color, nor religion.’

July 2022 census report stated that the City of Dallas population of 1.3 million people is about 42% composed of immigrants, and 25% of those are foreign born. Dallas ranks 4th on the most diverse city in Texas. The incredible perspective, culture, and life experiences which were brought to this world from this population are one of the greatest strength we could use to benefit our District, whether in recruiting new members, establishing a new club, and/or developing and executing our service activities.

Our District has established several diverse clubs. Let’s continue to support our District efforts in increasing our strengths and presence, by embracing and utilizing our diversity to expand our services in the community. Your Club can help realize this objectives by sponsoring a new club.

We Serve.

Sources:

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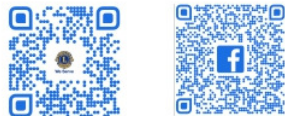
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Last February the Dallas Founder Lions Club has new venue for its Club Meeting's: Celebration Restaurant at 4503 W Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75209. This move was taken as the Club's members growth exponentially since October 2022. Last month DG Fred Conger inducted 15 brand new members to the Club and installed 2023-2024 officers.

New service activities have also being created, from inviting various speakers for the Club Meetings, eye refractor screenings to two Dallas elementary schools, the establishment of 'Free Little Lion Library', and volunteer services to two food pantries. DFLC also continues their collaborative events, District wide and at large such as Challenge Air for Kids, Friends Fly Day, Build Beds for Kids, Passport To Wonder (with Dallas White Rock LC), Kids and Kite Festival, and the latest one, Kids and Fish Festival.

DFLC has built a website (www.DallasFounderLions.org) and a Facebook page ('Dallas Founder Lions Club'), as well as published biweekly newsletter for their member. In lieu of Dallas Founder's 104 charter anniversary, they will hold a banquet on September 30th, 2023 and has reserved a Past International President as keynote speaker. Stay tune for the and program will be announced. We are continue to grow and expand our service. We Serve.

To visit our website and Facebook page, place your smartphone camera on these QR codes.



DG Fred Conger and Lion Kerry Goodwin (far left) and some of the new inducted members: Crystal Hamilton, Hon. Harryette Ehrhardt, Baldwin Hamilton, and Hon. David Griggs at DFLC 'new dig' Celebration Restaurant, Dallas, TX.

3rd Annual Kids and Fish Festival

Lion Nia MacKay

Third Annual Fish and Kids Festival was held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Blair Pond at the William Blair Jr Park, 3000 Rochester St, Dallas, TX 75215. This annual festival is sponsored by Dallas Founder Lions Club, the office of Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Dallas Police Department and Dallas Police Department Equestrian Team, as well as the US Fish and Wildlife Services.

This is a 'Texas Free Fishing Day and Fun' event. For this event, the Blair Pond had been filled with 2,500 catfish so all attendee could fish all morning. Those who wanted to fish were recommended to bring their own fishing poles, however, if they don't have one, loaner fishing poles were provided during the event. The TPWD certified Angler Education Instructors gave a free lesson to angler, and taught kids to ID fish and other fish's fun facts. The event was entertained by a professional DJ and line dance lessons.

Over 300 kids and adults attended this event. Lunch was served by DPD 'Cook Team.' They cooked fried cats fish (Southern style) and French fries, served with bread, chips, and water for all. Attendees received ditty bags, and children who were attending and fishing got raffle tickets. At the end of the event Congresswoman Crockett gave her speech about the important of community engagement, wildlife in general the enjoyment of fishing for kids.

It's a good day to be Lions. Together We Can.



Lion Kerry Goodwin (blue polo) and Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett (to his left, black T-shirt) with children, parents and volunteers.



A child who caught a fish



Congresswoman Crockett and a fish taxiderm

Esmeralda's Express News

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As my year as IPDG comes to an end, I am looking forward to being a PDG -Past District Governor-to mentor, support, guide as needed and serve as 2x1 membership chair for 2023-2024 with a great team focusing on increasing our membership and building on our foundation of membership, service, leadership, LCIF, fun and fellowship! My hope this year was to help our DG Fred Conger and our district 2x1 to be positive in membership again this year, however our goals of retention and adding members fell short. However, I know that all of us together can change this with a focus on Global Membership Approach at the club, zone and district level. I am looking forward to the 2023-2024 lion year. In spite of this past year being filled with challenges, struggles, joys and tears and loss of loved ones for many of us personally, professionally and as lions. I know we're stronger together and we are all proud to be lions and are ready to step up to serve and help in our communities! A few things I have learned this year are:

1. Even though we cannot help everyone, let's try to help at least one person at a time when we can.
2. As lions we are not only there for the community when there is a need, however we are a big part of our communities and make a difference as we serve.
3. Showing kindness by our actions and words to fellow lions and others is vital to building, connecting and keeping relationships.
4. Do not sweat the small stuff and remember to have fun while you do service.
5. Do family friendly meetings and activities to welcome all.
6. Remember - do not get complacent and remind yourself that -All community outreach gives hope to someone and impacts a life! -ie, school supplies, food delivery, bag of food, eye-glasses.
7. Community Partnerships and Collaboration is key to success and growing our lions' outreach. Partner with churches, districts, chamber, business, and your Leos with planning and serving.
8. Share your lions stories with everyone, anywhere, every way possible! Ask your Leos to help with social media. Share your Proud to be a Lion!
9. Be strong and dare to make a change in yourself and your club to promote goodness and unity in your communities.
10. Never Quit, Keep Trying, Rebuilding and Growing is an on-going process and takes time and all of us! Better, Stronger Together! Let's Go, Let's Grow this coming year!

I want to challenge each individual lion-just ask and invite one lion to join; each club to recruit five new members; each zone/region to add a new club; district to retain our members and add members this year by keeping in mind fun, fellowship, relationship and service.

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG Lion Esmeralda Rodriguez

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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.