

COMMITTEE REPORT ON STATUS OF NEW MEMBER (SMALL CLUBS) DEVELOPMENT (GMA)

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The charge I was given by Governor Prakash Gautam at the beginning of the year was to help develop new members in all our smaller Clubs with 15 members or less in District 2-X1 and continue working with them in applying the Global Membership Approach to doing service, being visible in their community, raising funds and gains in membership with new Lions. On June 30, 2023, we had 17 Clubs with 15 or less members.

As in the past, we are not spending time on the following Clubs: Plano Evening (2 members), UTD Infinity, (10 members), Balch Springs (9 members), Dallas Women's (3 members), and Garland Evening (6 members). I have worked these Clubs for Governor Esme Rodriguez and Governor Fred Conger for two years. Principally, they are not responsive to any assistance. One of the Clubs, Garland Evening, does not want to grow, but is very active in service. UTD Infinity was worked last year heavily by Zone Chairman Kedar Timalisina. It is a Dallas University Club and membership is tenuous due to student graduations and cost of dues.

Allen Lions Club is getting much better due to the efforts of PDG Fred Conger, who recruited his daughter to be a new President and has been mentoring the Club. Thank you, PDG Fred. Dallas Bangladeshi is being assisted and mentored by PDG Vinod Mathur and Lions Gloria Mathur. I have continued working on Clubs that I have worked on to rebuild for the past years. These Clubs are Crandall Combine, Dallas South, Dallas Trinity Industrial, Ferris, Italy, Mesquite Host, Royce City, and Wylie Evening. 2nd VDG Pamela was assigned to assist in rebuilding membership in Wylie last year and hopefully is continuing to make progress. Region Chair Manuel Palavicini is assisting in Dallas Trinity Industrial. I am being assisted by Zone Chair Joe Kyle with Crandall Combine to help them obtain more members and do an eye clinic. PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez and I are both working on Mesquite Host. We have met with the Mesquite City Manager and have an appointment to meet with the marketing team of the City of Mesquite.

I am making plans to make my first visit with Dallas Ace and Dallas Frisco Indian Centennial before the holidays. In addition, I will again visit all the other Clubs as my schedule will permit. I am in touch with their President by phone often.

I have been very busy since July 1 making Governor's official visits at his request with 13 Clubs. Some of them are Clubs we are working on as indicated in the previous paragraph. This gave me an opportunity to discuss the GMA process and ways to obtain new members. I discussed each of the District goals with these Clubs also. These Clubs are Dallas South, Balch Springs (unable to connect after 3 attempts), Dallas White Rock, Waxahachie, Ferris, Duncanville Noon, Crandall Combine, Cedar Hill, Seagoville, Terrell, Midlothian, Italy, and Kaufman.

I have been asked by Governor Prakash to spearhead a team to put together a Ukrainian Club in our District. I have solicited and so far, have Tom Seibert, President of Plano Early and PCS Tom Garriss, Plano

Early and Alan Kuebler, Plano Early. They have already made good contact with the Ukrainian community in providing the LSTF bus and doing a screening with interpreters. Governor Prakash has provided me the names of two Ukrainians that speak English, and I will be pursuing them in the very near term to start a dialogue about a potential Lions Club. Please see my separate email sent to President Tom Seibert and copied to Governor Prakash that addresses some of the issues we are facing in formation of this Club. It will take time and patients. We will get it done!

One of the main blessings we have experienced thus far this year and in the past two years is the willingness of the Lions from throughout the District, when requested by the Governor, to come and assist these Clubs at the time they do a service project. As a small Club, they need manpower. This act of volunteering from these Lions has made a number of these Clubs have success at their events. Of course, we have a membership recruitment table at each of these events too.