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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

Dear Valued Lions Volunteers,

As we bid farewell to the past and welcome the dawn of a new year, let's take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the heart and soul of our organization – our volunteers. Your unwavering commitment and selfless dedication have illuminated countless lives, creating ripples of positive change that resonate far beyond the realms of possibility. As we embark on another chapter together, let this be a year of collective growth, boundless compassion, and shared accomplishments. Your tireless efforts and boundless energy inspire us all to reach new heights. In 2024, let's continue our journey with renewed vigor, forging connections, breaking barriers, and leaving an indelible mark on the world. Happy New Year, dear volunteers! Your passion fuels our purpose, and together, we shall make this year an extraordinary tapestry of kindness and impact. Cheers to a year filled with meaningful experiences and shared triumphs!

."We Serve." ***-Link Editorial Board***

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



Greetings, fellow Lions!

I know you have been busy attending service projects and spending time with your family and friends celebrating Christmas in December. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season!

I would like to share our District's progress for the first half of the Lion Year 2023-2024 (July to December). I am overly excited and happy with our progress and would like to congratulate you all for the job well done. Here are some of the key achievements:

Membership: Our District has chartered four new clubs with a hundred plus new members. At the time of this write-up, December 26th, our District had added 149 net members over the past six months.

Service: Currently 57 clubs, out of 64 clubs, are reporting in the Lions Portal; overall 87% of the clubs are reporting, which is an exceptionally good percentage. So far 1,455 activities have been completed, 246,159 people have been served, and 47,493 volunteer hours have been used; these are surprisingly good numbers, and our District is doing great in other service areas.

Training: So far 100 percent of the Zone Chairs and 54 percent of the Club Officers in our District have been trained and we are leading the MD-2. Also, a few training sessions for Club Officers are scheduled at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 20th. I am incredibly happy about our achievements.

Donation: The District has appealed to all the Clubs and Individual Lions to donate to LCIF by visiting the LCIF donation link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate> . So far the District's collection for LCIF is \$13,595, which is 28 percent of the goal amount, \$47,592. The District is a little behind in its goal; however, we anticipate that it will speed up in the second half of the year.



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



Based on the past six months' progress status, I am confident that our District will achieve almost all the District Goals of the year 2023-2024. And the credit for this success goes to all the District 2-X1 Lions and Lions Clubs.

We will have our Mid-Winter Conference and 3rd Cabinet Meeting on January 20, 2024. FVDG Radha Kaphle and his team is working hard to make this convention a grand success. Please book the date/time January 20, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, and encourage your club members to attend the Convention. Several training sessions, for the present officers and incoming officers, are planned in the convention; please take advantage of such training sessions.

Two Charter Night Celebrations are planned in January. Grand Prairie Host Family Lions Club will have its Charter Night Celebration on January 12th and Collin Athena Lions Club will have its Charter Night Celebration on January 28th. I encourage all Clubs and Lions in our District to attend the celebration and support the new Clubs. Hope to see you all at the Charter Nights.

As I said earlier, our District is doing great and is leading the MD-2 in several areas and I hope we will keep continuing this in the second half of the Lions year 2023-2024, as well. Thank you to all Clubs and Lions for your commitment and dedication!

I wish you and your loved one an incredibly happy and prosperous 2024!

Best Regards,
Lion Prakash Gautam



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

JANUARY 2024

Wishing you all a Happy New Year 2024! I trust everyone enjoyed a delightful Christmas and holiday season. May the approaching year be filled with success, joy, and numerous meaningful moments in 2024!

Fellow Lions and Leos,

As we approach the midpoint of this Lions year, the commendable results stemming from your dedication and commitment to our shared goals are truly inspiring. We're curious—does your club share similar goals propelling progress within your community? If so, that's wonderful! With your unwavering support, we remain confident in the continued progress that lies ahead. Let's keep advancing together!

Mid-Year Reflection:

Now that we've reached the midpoint of the Lions year 2023/2024, it's a valuable opportunity to reflect on our achievements and shortcomings. Taking stock of our progress allows us to celebrate successes, learn from experiences, and identify areas where we can make improvements. This reflective process enables us to refocus our efforts for the remainder of the year, ensuring that we stay on track to meet our objectives.

Continuous Improvement:

Embracing a mindset of continuous improvement is key to our success. This might involve additional training, better communication, or refining our existing processes. Through a commitment to ongoing improvement, we can adapt to evolving circumstances and work more effectively toward the success of our club and district goals.

3. Zone Chairs/Club Leaders:

Thank you all for your dedication and support. Fellow lions, we must remain actively involved in the ongoing activities of our Lions Club and the district. This involves following up on regular reporting, monitoring monthly memberships, tracking services, and overseeing fundraising activities. Additionally, paying



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Dallas Everest Lions Club

attention to the training needs of our members is crucial for their growth and development within the clubs. And also ensuring the timely payment of Lions Club International (LCI) and district dues. Your continued commitment and focus on these aspects are key to the success and vibrancy of our Lions Club. Thank you for your ongoing efforts.

Quick update:

I wanted to share an example. When I checked the monthly membership report on December 30th, 2023, I noticed that 25 out of 65 clubs hadn't submitted their monthly membership reports for December. The same goes for other areas and criteria for our credits. This means we are missing out on some of the criteria for the club excellence award and recognition. Avoid losing such credits and chances for recognition. Identify where we are missing and work together to bridge those gaps.

Mid-Winter Conference and 3rd District 2-X1 Cabinet Meeting

The Mid-Winter Conference and 3rd District 2-X1 Cabinet Meeting are scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the **Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2505 W. Northgate Dr., Irving, Texas 75062**. Training sessions for club officers, new member orientation, membership and service chairs, Leos, and youth-oriented sessions will be held during the conference hours. Visit the Lions District 2-X1 website for details about the training. Mark your calendar, and plan to attend the conference.

Kindly disregard the District directory address for the Mid-Winter and share the above information with your club members.

Service Project Opportunities at the conference:

In addition to the training sessions and formal meetings, each club has an opportunity to participate in the service project, and the club can report on their service as well. The service project will involve the collection of blankets, jackets, sweaters, and warm clothes for needy people. Please bring and participate in the project.



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1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Lions' Engagements:

On December 17th, 2023, we had the Dallas Denton Nepalese Lions Club celebrate a fantastic Charter Night. Congratulations once again to Chartered President Dr. Rajan Rijal, Sponsoring Club President Surya Nath Bhandari, and all the members who contributed to the success of this event. DG, PCCs, PDGs, other District leaders, clubs' representatives, community leaders, and well-wishers came together and created a memorable night.

On December 10th, 2023, I attended the District Christmas and fellowship party at the Red Oak Lions Club.

Similarly, in December 2023, I actively took part in the MD-2 GMA monthly Round Table, Executive meetings, FVDGs training sessions, and team meetings as well as various clubs' service activities and fundraising events.

Upcoming major events:

Mid-Winter and Cabinet meeting: As previously mentioned.

Grand Prairie Host Family Lions Club's Charter Night Celebration:
Scheduled for January 12th, 2024 (6:30 pm- 9:30 pm)

Collin Athena Lions Club's Charter Night Celebration: Scheduled for
January 28th, 2024, evening.

MD-2 Council of Governors' Meeting in Kerrville, TX will be on February 1-3, 2024.

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Yours in service,

FVDG Radha K. Kaphle

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Dallas Everest

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, December 31, 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 2 new clubs
- Recruit 330 new members
- Drops to be below 280
- Net membership gain 50
- Serve 190,000 needy people in our community



How are we doing ?

Clubs: We have chartered four new clubs ‘Dallas Denton Nepalese’ Club with 20 members, Collin Athena Alliance (31 members) and Irving DFW Independent Campus (24 members), and Grand Prairie Host Family Clubs. Congratulations and welcome to the new club members and club sponsors.

2-X1 Membership Status: (Dec 30, 2023)

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1908	1758
Added members.....	49	282
Dropped Members.....	58	149
NetGain/Loss.....	-9	141
Closing Balance.....	1899	1899

MD-2 Membership Status	
Added members.....	1,888
Dropped Members....	1,729
Closing Balance.....	21,793
Net Gain/Loss.....	159

2-X1 goals for this year, is to recruit 330 new members with the drops limited to 280 for a net membership increase of 50. As we have approached mid-year, we have surpassed that goal with +141.

Let us keep the positive momentum going. The key to growth is member retention and 2-X1 has maintained a modest attrition of members. We have dropped 149 members and added 282. The chart shows 2-X1 goals vs actual. We have done extremely well in new clubs and member recruitment. District 2-X1 is leading in MD-2 with highest net growth.

The clubs focus for the remainder of the second half should be to look at their goals set in the beginning, and devise an action plan on achieving those goals. One way to achieve those goals is by embracing the 4- step GMA process . Please use this useful tool to better understand your club and how to recruit and retain new members. This will serve as a road map for the club. I will be happy to visit your club or zone meeting and go over it in detail. A GMA workshop will be held in January for



Club Presidents. Mission 1.5 is in full swing as the challenge has been accepted by most districts. Let us do our part by chartering new clubs and bringing in new members towards achieving that goal.

Service: In the period July – December, 268,350 people were served in 1,574 service activities with 52,254 volunteer hours. Over 76% of the clubs have reported their activities on MyLion. District 2-X1 is leading in MD-2 with maximum number of people served in our communities. LCI goal is to serve over a Billion people and every service activity needs to be counted to help achieve that goal.

Leadership Training: Club officers training was already held in June, including Zone Chairs and LCIF. Over 80% zone chairs have attended the training. In addition, training is offered for Club President, Secretary and Treasurer. Approximately 50% of club officers have been trained. A trained Lion makes a better Lion. A GMA training session will be organized around MW Conference, especially for Club Presidents and Zone Chairs.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has collected \$11,176 towards our foundation during the six months . Please donate generously so the foundation can help more people around the world.

GMA Round Table is held on last Tuesday of the month from 6-7 PM. The purpose of this is to educate and to make aware to the participants about the GMA process, have an open and engaging discussion and to get input from Lions across MD-2. In November we had PIP Brian Sheehan as our guest speaker who gave an inspiring presentation. There was no Round Table in December because of the holidays. The next Round Table will be held on January 30 with PID TJ Tijerina as our guest speaker.

Happy New Year!

PDG Vinod Mathur, 2-X1 and MD-2 GMA Champion



Fred's Findings
IPDG Fred Conger
Coppell Lions Club



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Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 6 months of the Lion Year are already past. Clubs and the district have been busy with service by serving 262,274 persons so far this Lion year! Wow!

And our Governor has been busy adding new clubs to the district! We now stand at 65 clubs, up from 62! Congratulations DG Prakash!

Even with a few December drops our membership is UP by 144! And clubs and the district have donated \$218,409 to charities! Awesome! Clubs, please work to support our 2023-2024 International President Dr. Patti Hill's "**Mission 1.5**" plan to grow our Lion membership to 1.5 million within three years. "More hands, more Service."

For more information go to:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>

Half of the district's club officers have received training for their positions. **There will be training for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers at Mid-Winter Conference on the morning of Jan. 20th.** If you have not yet trained, please plan to attend. Club President, Secretary and Treasurer training is a requirement for the LCI Club Excellence Award. Other important Lion information will be communicated at this important District event.

Clubs and individual Lions have contributed \$11,176.50 to our LCI Foundation (LCIF) so far this Lion year. Last year we finished with over \$65,000 in donations. Each club and every Lion should feel motivated to support OUR Foundation with a donation. If every one of the 1902 district Lions gave a personal donation of just \$35, we would exceed our 2022-2023 amount! And if every club held a fundraiser for a club LCIF donation that amount would far exceed last year's amount. Remember, every dollar donated to LCIF goes to service both here in District 2-X1, Texas, the US and around the world! "Where there is a need there's a Lion." Please consider your personal contribution and give at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>.



Fred's Findings

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Coppel Lions Club



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Club leaders and Lion Sponsors, watch out for members who are not participating in service or attending club meetings. They may be getting ready to drop out of your club. You CAN intercede and encourage them to remain Lions. Discover the issue and address it. Your club and Lions International needs them to help with our humanitarian service.

If you haven't set your club's goals for this year it isn't too late. Every club should develop SMART goals for this Lion year. They should include the following areas: **Membership Growth, Service Projects, Leadership Development, Financial Support for our foundation LCIF (including both individual and club participation goals) and any other club specific goals.** Your goals can then serve as the starting point for setting your next year's goals.

You also need to develop plans for how to achieve those goals. LCI's Global Membership Approach (GMA) can help. You can find all the information needed on the LCI web site www.lionsclubs.org, select Resources for Members, Global Membership Approach.

If you would like help and a club presentation on GMA or have questions regarding this process you can contact PDG Vinod Mathur or myself. Once established, monitor your club's plans to adjust them as needed. This information will be presented at the Mid-Winter Conference event. As they say, "Failure to Plan is Planning to Fail".

Lions. Thank you and keep serving others, touching people's lives, being a force for good, and making the world a better place for all of us.

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."

"Let's Change the World"



DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS CLUBS



2023-2024 Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest Rules

Essay Subject:

Diabetes is a growing concern in the USA and around the world. One of the reasons why the incidence of diabetes is rising is because of unawareness. As a society, we should promote awareness, and one way to do this is to educate young people about diabetes. What is diabetes, signs, and symptoms, and how can diabetes be prevented and managed?

In this essay, contestants are asked to define and write about the various types of diabetes, identify the symptoms and health issues related to diabetes as well as medical treatments available to people with diabetes. The essay should include information about healthy meals and lifestyle changes that can help individuals manage their diabetes or blood sugar. Contestants are encouraged to interview and include personal stories from individuals with diabetes, medical practitioners or diet nutritionists caring for individuals with diabetes. The essay must be well organized, have good vocabulary and conform to required length.

Basic Rules and Qualifications (Eligibility)

- Contestant **must** be sponsored by a Lions Club from District 2-X1
- A Club may sponsor only one contestant for every contest by submitting contest entry application, associated documents, and the entry fee to the District Contest Chair.
- Application fee is **\$100 per contestant**, provided by the sponsoring Lions Club, payable to '2-x1 Charities Inc.'
- A false statement on the entry application or associated document causes disqualification with the entry fee being forfeited. There shall be no refund on any entry fee.
- A contestant can apply for multiple contests at both District 2X1 and MD-2 state LOFY contest.
- Contestant **must** be Junior or Senior high school enrolled in a secondary educational institution (public or private school) or comparable educational program in District 2X1
- The title of the contestant's essay doesn't have to be the same as the subject for the essay, however, the essay should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem
- The essay should not exceed 1,500 words, exclude cited bibliography.
- Award and monetary award (TBD) will be given to 1st and 2nd place winners .
A Club may sponsor only one contestant for every contest by submitting contest entry application, associated documents, and the entry fee to the District Contest Chair.
- Only the First place winner will advance to participate in the State level competition to be held on line on May 4, 2024.

Responsibility of the Contestants

- Each contestant **shall** submit the following to the sponsoring Lions Club, all in the application packet :- Completed District 2X1 Contest Application , can be found on this link:
<https://lionsdistrict2X1.org/forms/>
 - Four (4) copies of typed, double-spaced essay, including Bibliography. Essay changes are not permitted once received by the District Contest Coordinator
 - Two (2) high quality wallet size/passport photographs , , head and shoulder, glossy and in color. Photos not meeting this requirement will not be included in the contest souvenir booklet.
 - Signed copy of Code of Conduct* and Chaperone Guidelines*.
 - Signed Medical Power of Attorney* designating contestants Chaperones as Primary Responsible Party* and the State Contest chair as the Secondary Responsible Party.
 - Failure to send **ALL** items above will result in **disqualification**
- **All contestants must be able to participate in the contest using online live audio and video communication via ZOOM on Saturday March 23, 2024 starting at 9:00 AM**
- * Copies of State's LOFY contest rules/ forms are available at MD-2 website at :
<https://texaslions.org/diabetesessay-contest/>
- **Prior to the contest, contestants and club sponsors will be provided with additional instruction for the on-line contest to be use by the contest chair on Friday March 15, 2024**

Responsibility of the Sponsoring Club:

- Where do we find contestant(s)?
 - School principals, counselors, and/or Science/English teachers.
 - Youth Groups and Youth Programs.
 - Family, friends or colleague
- Application fee is **\$100 per contestant**, provided by the sponsoring Lions Club, payable to **'2-x1 Charities Inc, attached to application packet.**
- Sponsoring Club must ensure **all** documents listed above (see Responsibility of the Contestant documents) are completed and signed for each contestant to be sent to the Contest Chair listed in the Contest Rules (last Page).
Deadline post mark will be Wednesday Mar. 1, 2024
- Complete the "Contestant Checklist " and place it on top of the completed application packet.
- At the State level contest, chaperone/sponsoring Club must comply with the requirements set forth in the MD-2 Texas Lions LOFY contest Chaperone Guidelines

Contest Rules

- a. The Title of the Contestant's essay is not required to be the same as the Subject for the essay. Contestants should be creative in the selection of an essay title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The essay should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. The topic is broad and allows the contestants considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- d. Creative, innovative, practical and reasonable ideas are welcome.
- e. Each Contestant shall personally research, write and read his/her contest essay.

- f.* Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing physicians, nurses, medical professionals, community organizations and by using the internet and library. *The essay shall be a written article, to be read by the Contestant, to be judged by a panel of judges in competition with other Contestants.*
- g.* The essay shall not exceed 1500 words.
1. All words in the essay are counted including articles, conjunctives and pronouns.
Examples: "I," "a," "the," "and" and "an." Provide word count on last page of essay.
 2. The essay must include a bibliography of alphabetized sources used in its composition.
- Note: the bibliography is not included in the 1500 word count.
3. Essay should be typed in double space format
- h.* All contest must be conducted in English
- i.* Criteria for judging
1. Sixty percent (60%) –based on the authenticity, current information and an application of the assigned essay topic
 2. Twenty five percent (25%) understandability of the essay through presentation techniques
 3. Fifteen percent (15%) grammar, spelling, sentence structure, pronunciation, enunciation, correct word usage and relationship to the assigned essay topic
- j.* All judges should be knowledgeable of the subject

Awards:

- Certificate will be awarded to all participants. Scholarship award (TBD) will be given to 1st and 2nd place winners
- When there is only one applicant , no monetary award will be given , however applicant will be eligible to advance to the State level contest.
- To collect District scholarship award , the contestant winner must send a request to 2X1 Charities Inc. Treasurer via email with proof of registration information from the university/college or educational institution the contestant winner is enrolling along with any supplemental information needed by the institution .
- Contestant winner and/or runner-up must complete the Scholarship Request Form available on our District's website ([https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/ forms/](https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/forms/)) along with proof of registration information from a university, college, junior college, or vocational school. The information should be sent along with any supplemental information needed by the institution (i.e., scholarship forms, etc).
- Send request for payment to: 2-X1 Charity Inc.
Treasurer PDG Keith Murray 8524 Ranchview Dr. #3096 Irving, TX 75063
(979) 492-7310
kd.murray@tx.rr.com
- Scholarship award will be paid by 2X1 Charities Inc, directly to scholarship/financial aid/bursars office of the designated school.
- The scholarship award must be collected no later than two years following the recipients graduation from High school.

ONLINE CONTEST: Basic Guidelines

The following are some basic guidelines for the online contest. Prior to the Contest, Contestants and their Club sponsors will be provided with additional instruction for the online contests to be used by the LOFY Chair.

- i. Contestants must have a computer or access to a computer with a wi-fi connection, video capability (webcam) and microphone to ensure that contestants' gestures and facial expressions will be captured by their camera and their voice will be clearly captured by the microphone while delivering their essay or speech.
- ii. Contestants will be sent an email invitation by the Diabetes Awareness Essay Chair and/or LOFY Chair to participate in the contest and be ready at their designated time.
- iii. Contestants must wear business attire for the online contest.
- iv. Contestants' speaking area must be free of distractions, noise and if necessary, the LOFY Chair will advise contestants on additional lighting needs.
- v. Contestants' speaking area should allow for maximum view of contestants without sacrificing audio quality while presenting his or her essay or speech.
- vi. Once a contestant presents their essay or speech, he or she may be placed in a waiting room until the conclusion of the contest.
- vii. After the conclusion of the contest and the results have been determined, all contestants will be readmitted to rejoin the online contest room, at which time the winners will be announced by the LOFY Contest chairs.
- viii. First Place Winner may be asked to present his or her essay or speech in person at **District 2X1 Convention on Saturday, April 13, 2024** and will advance to the state level contest
- ix. All contestants will be recognized and receive a certificate of participation. In addition to scholarship awards, winning contestants will receive an award and a winner's certificate.
- x. If technology fails during the contest and the LOFY Contest Chair determines that the contest can no longer continue, the LOFY Contest Chair may pause the contest until the technology issue is resolved. A contestant may resume their speech or essay at the point at which the technology failed.
- xi. If the 1st placed winner contestant is unable to participate in the MD-2 Contest, District 2-X1 LOFY Chair-with MD-2 State OFY Contest Chairman approval, will advance the 2nd Place winner to MD-2 Contest instead.
- xii. Contestant who will advance to MD-2 State Contest (as stated in items ix and x above) will be contacted by MD-2 Contest Coordinator regarding detail information for:
 - Virtual Contest Orientation on Saturday, April 27, 2024.
 - Virtual MD-2 State OFY Contest on Saturday, May 4, 2024.
- xiii. Contestant who win 1st Place at State Contest level must agree to attend MD-2 Opportunity for Youth Luncheon, Saturday, May 18, 2024 in Amarillo, TX and participate in Lions of Texas MD-2 events and activities during the period immediately after the contest until the end of the following year's contest. If this contestant is unable to attend, unless there is a medical or family emergency, the State Convention will forfeit their scholarship award. High school graduation or any school trip do not qualify as an emergency.

Important dates:**District 2X1**

- Mar. 1, 2024- Submission deadline for the Essay.
- Mar. 15, 2024- Essays sent to judges
- Mar. 23, 2024– Essay presentation judging done by ZOOM. Winner announcement
- April 13, 2024 – 1st Place winner essay presentation at the District 2-X1 Convention, TBA

MD-2 Lions of Texas

- Deadline to postmark all applications for the State LOFY Contests – April 15, 2024
- Sat. May 4, 2024 – MD -2 LOFY State Contest (On Line)
- Saturday May 18, 2024 Saturday MD-2 Convention – LOFY State first place winners presents winning essay, speech at the LOFY luncheon in Amarillo, TX

For more information please contact: District 2X1 Chair of Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest

**Lion Gloria Mathur
8705 Baltusrol Dr.
Flower Mound, TX 75022**

Email: gmathur120@gmail.com

Ph: (972) 896-9953

Submit completed application, all required documents, and payment (check payable to ‘2X1 Charities’), to Lion Gloria’s address above.

Where there's a need there's a Lion

Lion Nia MacKay

Dallas Founder Lions have been volunteering for the Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation (LSTF) on some of their bus clinic locations around Dallas County. This month we assisted two of their bus clinics at Faith Family



Academy at
300 W. Kiest
Blvd.,
Dallas, TX
75224 on



Wednesday, Dec. 6 and 13, 2023 from 8 AM to 1 PM. On both clinics we examined 61 and 43 students, respectively, between the ages of 4 to 18 years old.

On the other side of Dallas, President PDG Keith Murray delivered a Lions Eyeglasses Collection box Presbyterian Village North Retirement Center at 8600 Skyline Dr., Dallas, TX 75243 on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023. The residents wanted to help others during this holiday center by collecting use eyeglasses to be donated to the Texas Lions Eyeglasses Recycling center in Watauga, TX. (Picture) Lion Keith with one of the residents, Tony Owen, who was a Past District Governor in California.



We are Lions, We Serve whenever and where ever we're needed.

District 2-X1 Holiday Celebration, Membership Drive, and Social Get-Together

PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez, Rajendra Kunwar, Nia MacKay

The District 2-X1 Christmas/Holiday Seasons Celebration, Membership Drive, and Winter Social Get-together potluck were celebrated with wonderful songs, dances, food, and door prizes during the event. Several Lions along with the Zone Chairs (Suresh Basyal, Kedar Timalsina, Joseph Kyle, and Nia MacKay) Region Chairs (George Joseph and Manuel Palavicini), PDGs (Julia Johnson, Esmeralda Rodriguez), SVDG Pamela Baker, FVDG Radha Krishna, and District Governor Prakash Gautam attended the celebration, some with their Partner-In-Service. Four Indonesian guests, including former Lion, Rico Barata, who was a past president in one of the Lions Clubs in Jakarta, Indonesia attended the event.



The event was held at the “Red Oak Lions Club and Senior Activity Center,” at 207 W. Red Oak Rd., Red Oak, TX 75154 from 2 to 5 PM. We are grateful to Red Oak Lions Club, especially Lions Eva and Jessie Richardson, for hosting and organizing such a wonderful event. We also very much appreciated Lions Vanessa Lambright and Sherreen Young, who were not only served as DJ but also provided all the equipment for the event’s entertainment. Huge thanks to Lion Marissa Rodriguez and everyone who donated door prizes for the event; Lion Rajendra Kunwar and ZC Joe Kyle for taking pictures and lifestream videos.



Red Oak Lions Club has been serving the community for 74 years and counting. You can check this event on our District’s Facebook page (‘Lions District 2-X1) [here](#).

Esmeralda's Express News

PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez

Grand Prairie Host Lions Cub

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Happy New Year Lions Family!

I feel so proud and amazed to see the commitment and hard work coming to fruition in our 2x1 clubs district with membership, leadership, service LCIF donations and especially new clubs being added! Congratulations to our District Governor Prakash Gautam and team that have been busy adding new clubs to the district! Yay! We now have 65 clubs! **Let's go, Let's Grow!**

We know member drops are inevitable in December, however our membership is still growing! We are +144 in membership! It is vital that we continue to support our 2023-2024 International President Dr. Patti Hill's "Mission 1.5" plan to grow our Lion membership to 1.5 million within three years. Our district is on track this year with our membership growth.

An important factor for our clubs and our district to continue to build on the strong foundation of increasing membership in our clubs and extension I believe is that we need to share the joy of being a Lion with persons that we interact with in our sphere of influence:

I know we are all super busy during these holiday season, however please remember to take advantage of tools and trainings available in order to be the best lion and officer for our club and district:

(<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>)

We have our Mid-Winter conference and 3rd cabinet meeting coming up on January 20th. It will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2505 W. Northgate Dr. Irving, Texas 75062 from 8:30- am to 2:30 pm with a cost of \$10 registration fee. See form and flyer attached in lions link.

MD2 has the Annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum being held on March 2nd-March 3rd in Temple, Texas this year.

MD2 also has the Council of Governors Meeting coming up on February 1st to February 3rd in Kerrville, Texas at the YO Hotel located at 2033 Sidney Baker Street,

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Club leaders and Lion Sponsors, watch out for members who are not participating in service or attending club meetings. They may be getting ready to drop out of your club. You CAN intercede and encourage them to remain Lions. Discover the issue and address it. Your club and Lions International needs them to help with our humanitarian service.

If you haven't set your club's goals for this year it isn't too late. Every club should develop SMART goals for this Lion year. They should include the following areas: **Membership Growth, Service Projects, Leadership Development, Financial Support for our foundation LCIF (including both individual and club participation goals) and any other club specific goals.** Your goals can then serve as the starting point for setting your next year's goals.

You also need to develop plans for how to achieve those goals. LCI's Global Membership Approach (GMA) can help. You can find all the information needed on the LCI web site www.lionsclubs.org, select Resources for Members, Global Membership Approach.

If you would like help and a club presentation on GMA or have questions regarding this process you can contact PDG Vinod Mathur or myself. Once established, monitor your club's plans to adjust them as needed. This information will be presented at the Mid-Winter Conference event. As they say, "Failure to Plan is Planning to Fail".

Lions. Thank you and keep serving others, touching people's lives, being a force for good, and making the world a better place for all of us.

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."

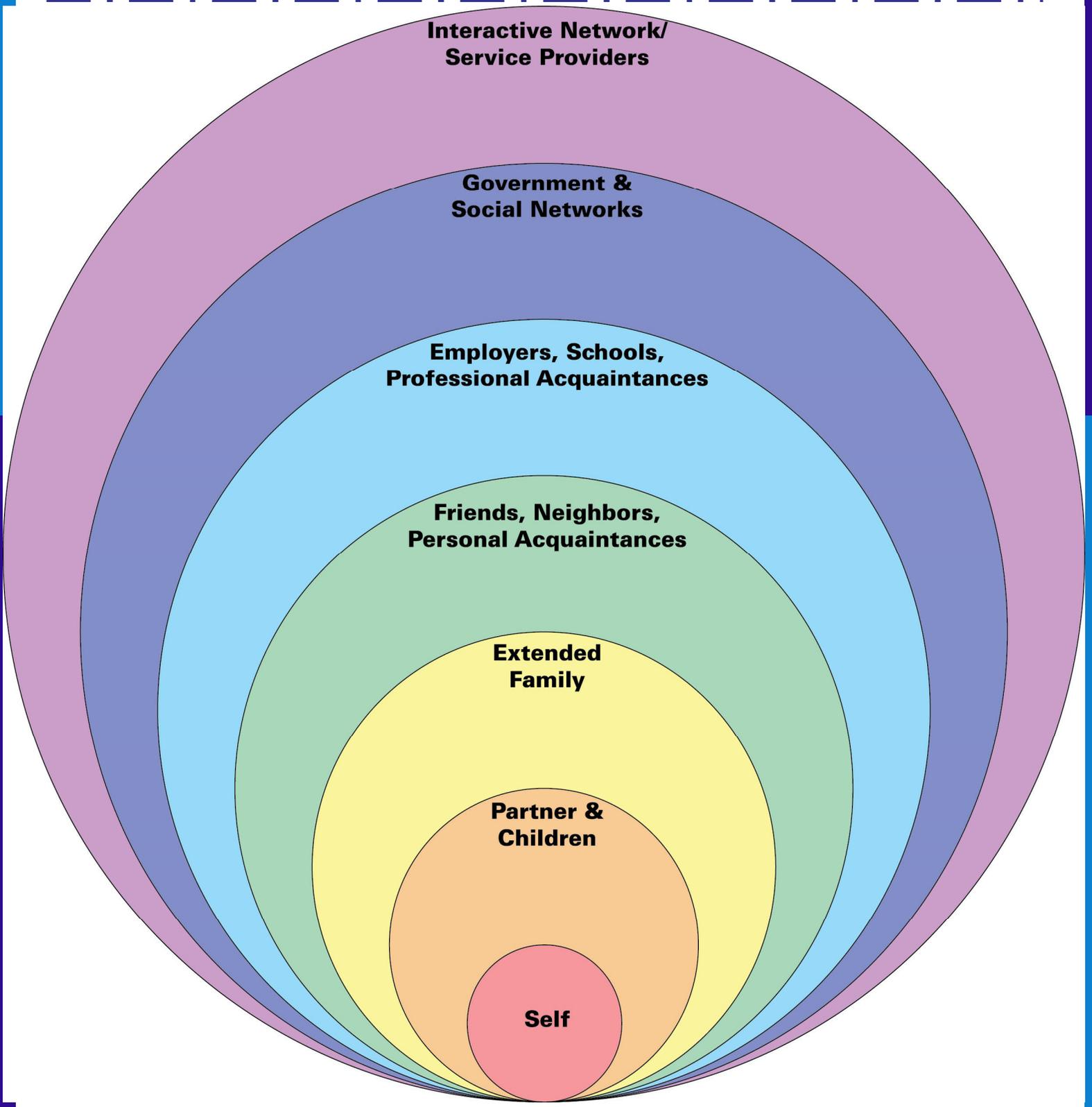
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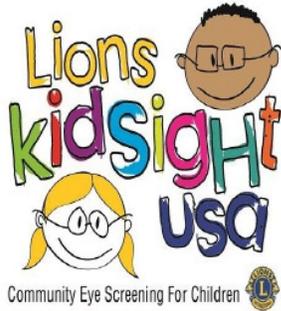
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DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS KIDSIGHT

SPOT for Vision Screening.

Training and Re-Certification (State Certification)

**Learn how to use SPOT
device and save a child from
Vision Problems and Amblyopia**

Vision screening is a great service project.

*District 2-X1 has five Spot devices
for use by its clubs and members .*

Reserve your seat

Training is free, but seats are limited to 20.

First come first served.



WHEN: Friday January 12, 2024, 9:00 AM - 1 PM

WHERE: City of Irving, George Farrow Rec Center

530 Davis Dr

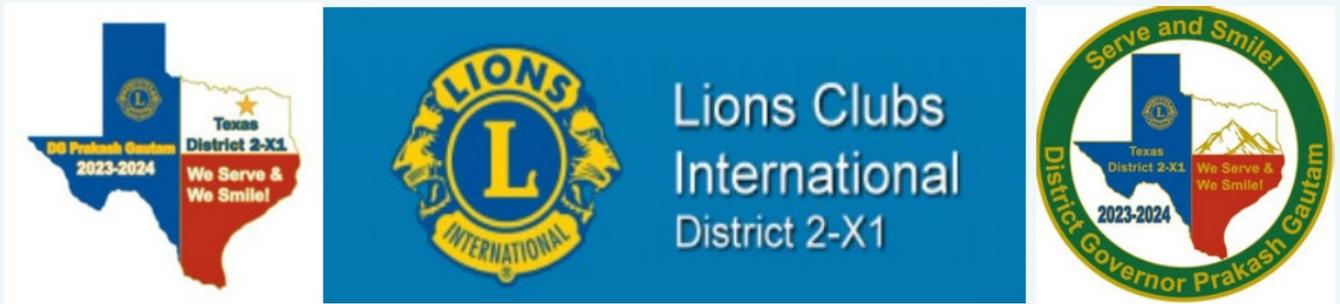
Irving, TX 75061

For Reservation:

CONTACT: Lion Gloria Mathur

gmathur120@gmail.com

972-896-9953



Friday, January 12, 2024; 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

**Canales Special Event Center
2000 E. Abram St., Arlington, TX 76010**

\$50 per person.

[Click this line for GP Host Family Lions Club ticket and sponsor payment](#)



IPID Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina



Club Charter President Isabel Cruz



D Governor Prakash Gautam



PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez

Grand Prairie Host Lions Family Club Charter Night & Celebration Extravaganza Dinner and Dance!

DJ Tres Amigos will be at the event!

For Information, Contact:

President Isabel Cruz

214-725-8984, guadalupeicruz@hotmail.com

PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez

972-8914678, Lionesme01@gmail.com

**You Are
Cordially Invited To The
2x1 Grand Prairie Host Family Lions Club
Charter Night
& Celebration Extravaganza Dinner and Dance**

Date: Friday, January 12th 2024

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Location: Canales Special Event Center

2000 E. Abram St. Arlington, Texas 76010

Chief Guest Speaker: PID Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina

Ticket Pre-Sale Cost: \$50 person or At the Door: \$65 Per person

50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction

DJ Tres Amigos

Dinner/Dance

Cash Bar Will be Available

Ticket and Sponsorship Payment Link: <https://donorbox.org/events/479645>

For Information contact or RSVP:

PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez Lionesme01@gmail.com 972-891-4678

PDG Darla Wisdom Darla2x1@gmail.com 214-763-7004

Charter President Isabel Cruz Gudalupeicruz@hotmail.com 214-725-8984



LIONS DISTRICT 2-X1



2023-2024 Lions Opportunity for Youth Quick Reference Sheet

Visit <https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/forms/> or place your smartphone camera on QR code below

LCI Peace Poster Contest

- Topic: “Dare to Dream”
- Qualification: Student, 11–13 years old, as of Nov. 15, 2023
- Artwork poster: 13”x20” to 20”x24”
- Cash Awards: 1st place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2023**, submitted to the District
- **Contact person: Lion Karen Murray**
(972) 255-8858
gizmo_747@yahoo.com

LCI Peace Essay for Visually Impaired

- Topic: “Dare to Dream”
- Qualification: Student, 11–13 years old, as of Nov. 15, 2023
- Essay not to exceed 500 words
- Cash Awards: 1st place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2023**, submitted to the District
- **Contact person: Lion Karen Murray**
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MD-2 Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest

- Topic: “Knowing Diabetes is Fighting Diabetes”
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school
- Essay not to exceed 1,500 words
- Scholarship Awards: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 1, 2024**, submitted to the District
- **Judging: Saturday, March 23, 2024 via Zoom**
- **Presentation (1st Place winner): Saturday, April 13, 2024 at District 2-X1 Convention*)**
- **Contact person:**
Lion Gloria Mathur
(972) 896-9953
gmathur120@gmail.com

MD-2 Drug Awareness Speech Contest

- Topic: “An ‘Odlie’ Yet New Drug in Town: Xylazine”
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school
- 5 to 7 minutes speech
- Scholarship Awards: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 1, 2024**, submitted to the District
- **Judging: Saturday, March 23, 2024 via Zoom**
- **Presentation (1st Place Winner): Saturday, April 13, 2024 at District 2-X1 Convention*)**
- **Contact person:**
Lion Nia MacKay, PhD
(972) 697-3521
nia.mackay@icloud.com

MD-2 Outstanding Youth Award Contest

- Evaluated based on: high school GPA, 750-1000 word essays on “The Impact of Climate Change: A Complex Issue,” Letters of Recommendation, biographical statement, and a personal interview.
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school student
- Scholarship Awards at District 2-X1: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 1, 2024**, submitted to the District
- **Contest Interview/Judging: Saturday, March 23, 2024 via Zoom**
- **Presentations (1st Place winner): Saturday, April 13, 2024 at District 2-X1 Convention*)**
- **Contact person: Lion Nia MacKay, PhD**
(972) 697-3521
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For contests rules, application, and other related forms, place your camera on top of the QR code above.

*)District 2-X1 Convention, Saturday, April 13, 2023 at Hilton Richardson, 701 E Campbell Rd, Richardson, TX 75081
District’s 1st Place winners will advance to **MD-2 Texas Lions Contests, Saturday, May 4, 2024 (ZOOM)**
MD-2 1st Place Winners will present their speech at Texas Lions Convention, Sat., May 18, 2023 in Amarillo, TX