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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

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Dear Valued Lions Volunteers,

As winter casts its chilly spell, let us summon the warmth of compassion and community spirit within the Lions Club. Embracing the essence of service, our members possess the power to illuminate the lives of those in need during the colder months. Wintertime brings unique challenges for many, and our collective efforts can make a significant difference. Volunteering during winter not only provides essential assistance to vulnerable individuals but also fosters a sense of unity and purpose among Lions Club members. From organizing coat drives and distributing warm meals to supporting local shelters, our commitment to service becomes a beacon of hope in the frosty darkness. By lending a helping hand, we embody the Lions Club motto of "We Serve," showcasing our dedication to improving lives.

Let the cold weather be a catalyst for compassion, prompting us to extend our reach and impact. Together, let us create a season of warmth, kindness, and selflessness, leaving a lasting imprint on the hearts of those we serve. Winter is the perfect canvas for the Lions Club to paint a picture of compassion, and it is our time to shine brightly in the service of others.

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



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



Greetings, fellow Lions!

We have successfully completed the first seven months of Lions year 2023-2024 and I am satisfied with the progress that we achieved. We chartered four new clubs, achieved a net membership growth of 140 members, served 320K people in need, trained 55 percent of our club officers, and raised \$29K for the LCIF. Just looking at the trend of the past several years, this is very satisfying. The District would not have achieved this without the support of all Clubs and Lions. I am confident of getting such support in the coming months and over the next year during our very energetic upcoming Governor Radha Kaphe's tenure. Please continue your decent work!

In January 2024, I attended two Charter Nights – Grand Prairie Host Family LC and Collin Athena Lions Club. Indeed, attending the celebration and meeting several new Lions was a very pleasing experience. My personal thank you to all Lions who attended the celebration and supported the new Lions Clubs. It was an honor to hear from two legendary Lions IPID Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina and PCC John Eads, as Chief Guest Speakers in those two Charter Nights. Special "thank you" to both of these legendary Lions for supporting our District in every way possible.

We successfully organized our Mid-Winter Conference and Third Cabinet Meeting in January 2024. I was overwhelmingly happy to see and meet such a large number of Lions, over 200 Lions, at the conference; this inspired us to do more for Lionism. I was extremely happy to honor three Lions with the International President Certificate of Appreciation and eleven

Lions with the GAT Certificate of Appreciations. Congratulations to all the award recipients resolute Lions:

International President Certificate of Appreciation Recipients:

Zone Chair and Club President Lion Joseph Kyle, Mabank Cedar Creek Area LC
Club President Lion Surya Bhandari, Dallas Everest LC
Club Membership Chair Lion Jim Woods, Kaufman LC



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



Global Action Team (GAT) Certificate of Appreciation Recipients:

Club President Lion Jennifer Rodriguez, Allen Community LC
Club President Lion Om Thapa, Dallas Buddha LC
Club President Lion Surya Bhandari, Dallas Everest LC
Club Membership Chair Carol Donovan, Dallas Founder LC
Club President Isabel Cruz, Grand Prairie Host Family LC
Club President Rajendra Kunwar, Irving Everest Centennial LC
Club President Chet D. McDonald, Kaufman LC
Club President Valencia Nash, Lancaster New centennial LC
Club President Joseph Kyle, Mabank Cedar Creek Area LC
Club President Lalit Gupta, Plano Collin Nepalese LC
Club President Tony T. Bhuiya, Dallas Bangladeshi LC

Attending meetings, participating in the service projects and a couple of clubs visits were the regular business that I did in January 2024. I will be going to Kerrville, Texas to attend the third Council of Governors meeting in the first week of February.

Finally, the entire DG Team, my spouse Lion Sunita, and I would like to extend our big thank you to each and every one of you for your overwhelming support to make our District a superior District.

I wish you all a very pleasant and memorable February 2024.

Best Regards,
Lion Prakash Gautam



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Greetings Fellow Lions and Leos,

For the past 9 months, we've been working diligently under the leadership of DG Prakash Gautam, achieving significant milestones together. We should maintain our district's leading position within MD2 and Area C1A through our collective achievements. Let's continue striving to meet our goals and sustain our district's success at the same height now and forward.

Self-Evaluation Time:

Now is an opportune moment for self-assessment. Let's reflect on our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to identify areas for improvement within ourselves, the club, and the districts.

If we're already holding key responsibilities, it's essential to evaluate our performance and address any weaknesses or challenges. Recognize that our roles impact each other as part of a team effort. While our situations may vary, making an effort to improve is better than doing nothing. Before assuming leadership positions, it's crucial to consider our family commitments, health issues, and time management. If we feel confident in these aspects, it will be better to take a key leadership role, particularly within the district. Our district leadership team and mentors are available to offer support and guidance, eager to welcome new leaders into the fold.

Embracing New Ideas and Leaders with Respecting experienced:

We actively seek fresh ideas and leadership. Share your interests and plans to enhance our club and the district. Experienced leaders and support teams are prepared to assist you in your journey. Remember, embracing growth starts with you. Respect the wisdom of veteran leaders and seek their guidance before embarking on new tasks.

Club Assessment and Planning:

It's time to implement the Global Membership Approach (GMA) at the club level. Forming a robust team with clear objectives, creating a plan of action, and celebrating and sharing success stories with the entire community are essential steps. Before proceeding, each club needs to complete its SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to identify the right policies and plans.



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Dear Lions,

As we gear up for the 2024-2025 term, I'm excited to announce that we'll soon begin gathering names for next year's leadership team and committee positions based on your interests, experiences, and commitment. Many of our current district officers have graciously agreed to continue in their roles, but if any of you who haven't previously served on district committees are interested, please reach out to us. Our goal is to ensure everyone has a place in Team 2024-2025.

I will soon send you separate dates and times for the **LY 2024-2025 planning meeting** tentatively scheduled for the **third week of April and the second week of May 2024**. But before that, we will collect SMART goals and a summary of the SWOT analysis of your club, if possible. Our Zone Chairs and GMA team will assist you in fulfilling these tasks if needed. After receiving all that information, we will compile it for district analysis.

Thank you all:

The District 2-X1 Mid-Winter Conference and 3rd Cabinet Meeting on January 20th, 2024, was a great success! We had over 200 Lions and Leos in attendance, where we exchanged valuable insights and found inspiration for the upcoming events leading to the District 2-X1 Convention 2024.

Heartfelt thanks to the team of our sponsoring clubs: Irving Everest Centennial, Irving Noon Day, Dallas Frisco, Dallas Everest, Plano Collin Nepalese, Grand Prairie Host, Dallas Pokhara, and Dallas Buddha. Your support made this event truly remarkable.

Special thanks to our District Cabinet Team, Past Council Chairs, PDGs, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, Presidents, and all the Lions and Leo members for your active participation and support. Your dedication and hard work made this conference possible. **Congratulations to all award winners and honorees!**

Thank you all, who collected tons of warm clothes and recyclable eyeglasses, embodying the spirit of service that defines our Lions community. I will hand over the eyeglasses to Kerrville at the time of the CoGs meeting.



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Lions' Engagements:

I have actively participated in various service activities organized by various clubs, attended district meetings, and newly chartered clubs' chartered night ceremonies.

Congratulations to the **Grand Prairie Host Family Club** for their successful chartered night celebrations on January 12th, 2024, and to the **Collin Athena Alliance Lions Club** on January 28th, 2024. Special recognition goes to the sponsoring clubs: Grand Prairie Host and Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club, respectively.

Furthermore, I am looking forward to attending the 3rd CoGs meeting in Kerrville, TX, from February 1st to 3rd, 2024, and a Special Training program scheduled to take place in St. Charles, IL, USA, from February 26th to March 1st, 2024, which is a week-long event.

Upcoming major events:

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

New Voice Symposium 2024 on February 24, 2024, at Herbs Indian Cuisine, Hurst, TX-76054

LOFY Context - Application Due date on March 1st, 2024

Finally,

We deeply grieve the loss of our **SVDG Dr. Pamela Baker**. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Lion Ray Baker and his family during this difficult time. Dr. Pamela Baker was not only a great leader but also a dear friend whose presence will be greatly missed.

"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Yours in service,
FVDG Radha K. Kaphle

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

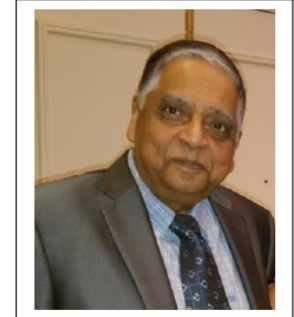
District 2-X1, January 30, 2024

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: (Jan 30, 2024)

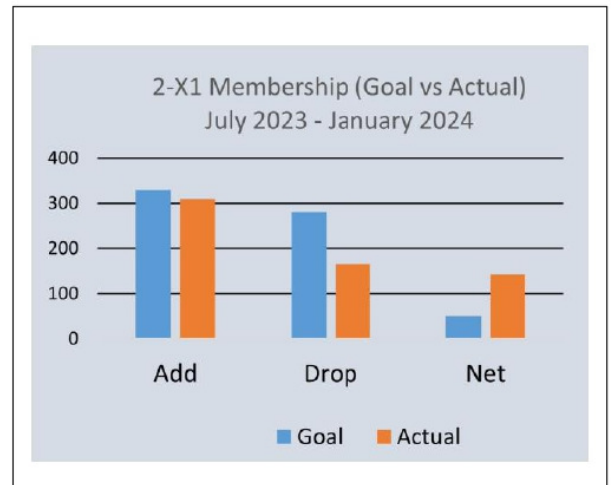
	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,899	1,758
Added members.....	26	309
Dropped Members.....	24	166
NetGain/Loss.....	2	143
Closing Balance.....	1,901	1,901

MD-2 Membership Status	
Added members.....	2,093
Dropped Members....	1,973
Closing Balance.....	21,755
Net Gain/Loss.....	120

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 +143.

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 166 members and added 309. 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 club’s focus for the remainder of the five months 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 was held in January at the



Mid- Winter Conference, which was well attended. Mission 1.5 is in full swing as the challenge has been accepted by most districts. Let us do our part by chartering more new clubs and bringing in new members towards achieving that goal.

Service: In the period July – January, 306,571 people were served in 1,741 service activities with 59,512 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. Training sessions for club officers and zone chairs was also held during MW Conference in January.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has collected \$27,272 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. Round Table was held on Jan 30, with PID TJ Tijerina as the guest speaker with focus on member retention. Next Round Table will be held on Feb 27, 2024 with PIP Joe Preston as our guest speaker. Please mark your calendar, and plan to attend.

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



Fred's Findings
IPDG Fred Conger
Coppell Lions Club



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Hello, District 2-X1 Lions!

As I write this article, I am preparing to attend yet another new club Charter Night! The new Collin Athena Alliance Lions Club. Congratulations DG Prakash! Also, back on the 12th of January the new Grand Prairie Family Lions Club held their charter night event. DG Prakash has helped make our district the leader in membership growth of all the districts in the US and Canada! **Quite a big deal.**

January's Mid-Winter Conference was a fun event (at least for me). It was well attended. We had breakouts for Zone Chairs, PDGs, New Lion Orientation, Leos, Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership/Service chairs. All were well attended. Thank you PDG Esme, PDG Keith, PCC John Eads, Lion Alice Decker, ZC Nia MacKay, Lion Karen Murray, Leo Chair John Wicker for assisting me in facilitating these 8 sessions.

Club President, Secretary and Treasurer training is a requirement to earn LCI's Club Excellence Award. The other requirements include contributing to LCIF, adding new members, performing at least 3 service projects, and publicizing your club's activities (Meetings, Service, Fundraisers, and donations) using various media methods.

I encourage every Lion to go to www.lionsclubs.org, Member Login, and access the LEARN application. There are numerous 1-hour-long beneficial courses available at no cost. If your President, Secretary or Treasurer have not been trained they can take the online classes for their position. But I need to know what courses they took to give them credit.

Clubs, if you haven't yet, prepare a plan to support our 2023-2024 International President Dr. Patti Hill's "**Mission 1.5**" to grow our Lion membership to 1.5 million within three years. For more information go to:

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

There will be Lion learning opportunities at the 4th Cabinet meeting on March 9th and at the District 2-X1 Convention on April 13th. Watch for details and come learn more about your worldwide service organization.

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.

"Let's Change the World"



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Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LCIF FOUNDATION UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2024

Seeing Things Clearly

Vision has been at the forefront of Lions service for more than a century. Though tremendous strides have been made, work must continue.

In the U.S. vision-related issues look like this:

The U.S. is ranked #5 among countries with the highest incidence of visual impairment

Cataracts are the top cause of blindness among older U.S. adults

Vision loss and eye disorders cost more than \$153 billion

Globally, vision challenges look like this:

1 billion people live with vision impairment that could have been either prevented or corrected

\$14.3 billion is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide

Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low and middle-income regions is 4 times higher than in high-income regions

LCIF and Lions are delivering solutions

9.3 million cataract surgeries performed

2.3 million professional eye care and community health workers trained

493 million doses of medicine provided for trachoma and onchocerciasis (river blindness)

River blindness success stories:

LCIF, in partnership with The Carter Center (founded by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and former first lady Rosalynn Carter) has provided \$45 million in grants to combat river blindness.

Great strides have been made in Africa and Latin America. River blindness has been effectively halted in Columbia, Ecuador, Mexico and Guatemala.

WHAT CAN WE DO? As Lions we can continue to support LCIF's World Vision Cause through our club and individual contributions. Use the following link for contributions.

CLUB PROGRAMS: To learn more, contact me to schedule a presentation at one of your club meetings. I look forward to meeting my fellow Lions to discuss LCIF.

DONATIONS: Use the QR code to support our global causes.



LCIF is proud to allocate 100% of your donation to life-changing grants and programs.



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.



District 2-X1 of Lions Clubs International Call for Nomination Letters

If you or a Lion in your club is planning on running for a district office or one of the many affiliated boards, you need to get your [letter of Nomination into District Governor Prakash Gautam, District Secretary Tami Kraus, and District Constitution-By-Laws Chairs PCC Joseph Montag and PCC John Eads](#) before the District Cabinet meeting on **March 09th, 2024**. There are several positions which are elected by the members of the District which require that a nomination letter be received prior to the March cabinet meeting. These include:

2nd Vice District Governor: Term 2024-2025:

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
 - (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - (c) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
- (4) Has not completed a full term or major term portion thereof as district governor.

The elected Lion will start through the process of becoming District Governor. There is one opening for this position

Texas Lions Camp, Elected Director : Term 2024-2026:

The Lion elected to this position serves a two-year term and represents District 2-X1 on the Board of the Texas Lions Camp. There are two elected Directors serving alternating terms so that there is always an experienced Director. The elected Directors are responsible for being sure that Clubs are informed about the Texas Lions Camp and its programs and for assisting Clubs in getting campers accepted to the camp. The elected Directors receive training at the camp in June and work together to make presentations to the various District Clubs on the programs and needs of the Texas Lions Camp. There is one opening for this position

1. Must have been a Lions Club member for three (3) years,
2. Have served as President of his/her club or as chairman of his/her Club's Camp Committee, and
3. Must be willing to attend, unless providentially hindered, the regular and special meetings of the Camp's Board of Directors.

The Elected Director shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.



District 2-X1 of Lions Clubs International Call for Nomination Letters

Texas Lions Camp, Elected Director : Term 2024-2026:

The following District 2-X1 positions the candidate must have;

1. Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
3. The endorsement shall be submitted to the District Governor, and Nominating/Credential Chair not later than (30) thirty days prior to the opening of the District Convention.

Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation: Term 2024-2027 - Lions are elected to a three-year term and serve as Directors of LSTF. The Foundation works with the Clubs and Lions of District 2-X1 to provide vision assistance to the people of North Texas. In addition, the Foundation oversees the Vision Bus Program which operates the mobile vision clinic throughout the District. The LSTF Board meets on the second Thursday of each month. **There are 5 openings for this position.**

Julien C. Hyer Lions Youth Camp: Term 2024-2027 - Lions are elected to a three-year term and serve as Directors of JCH which provides a youth exchange experience for 30 to 35 students from various countries around the world. The experience is a joint project of several Districts within the State of Texas and provides an opportunity for youth from other countries to learn more about the United States, Texas, and Lionism. The JCH Board meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month. **There are three openings for this position.** This organization is in the process of changing their numbers of board numbers.

2-X1 Charities, Inc.: Term 2024-2027 - Lions are elected to a three-year term and serve as Directors of 2-X1 Charities, Inc. which oversees several of the Districts projects including Sports Extravaganza, Camp New Horizons, various youth contests, and other projects. The Board meets quarterly or on an as needed basis. **There are two openings for this position.**

Each of these organizations needs the support of enthusiastic and caring Lions to help fulfill their missions and improve the lives of those we serve. Please get your nomination letters in as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the following;

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District 2-X1 Lions Family:

I truly feel great joy and pride to be a guiding lion for two great new club charter clubs- 1)Grand Prairie Host Family Lions Club sponsored by the Grand Prairie Host Lions Club and 2) Collin Athena Alliance Lions Club sponsored by Collin Plano Nepalese Lions Club. Congratulations DG Prakash for a great job with extension with four new clubs already this 2023-2024 lion year! It is great that our 2x1 district is still the leader in membership growth of all the districts in the US, Bahamas and Canada!

A big thanks to Dr. Nia MacKay, Jim Woods, Joseph Kyle and Dr. Maya for willingness to help out doing a session on membership and service at our 2x1 Mid-Winter Conference. Please remember that there are e-Books available for every club officer position as resources online:

Club Officer e-Books Links to position specific support to help club officers manage their club effectively.

Club President/Vice President e-Book

Club Secretary e-Book

Club Treasurer e-Book

Club Membership Chairperson e-Book

Club Service Chairperson e-Book

Please let us know if you need assistance with extension or membership. Let's Go, Let's Grow! Congratulations to Allen Community Lions Club for being recognized with the 2x1 Traveling Trophy for Membership Growth due to having the most percentage increase in membership this quarter. Way to Go President Jennifer Rodriguez!

Respectfully Submitted, Lion PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez
Together We Can, Together We Will.

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Honoring and Remembering a Father Through Lionism

By Lion Nia MacKay, Dallas Founder Lions Club



Dr. Harryette Ehrhardt, an educator and former Texas State Representative (1995 to 2002), was the first woman to represent House District 107 in Dallas County. She is one of the movers and the shakers in Dallas, TX. Holmes Middle School in Dallas just had their library named in honor of her.

Lion Harryette was born in Hattiesburg, MS. She received BA and MA from SMU. When she taught at SMU, Laura Bush was one of her students.

Dr. Ehrhardt joined the Dallas Founder Lions Club in November 2022. When asked about being a Lion, she stated that her involvement with lions goes back 3 quarters of a century, as her father was a Lion as far back as she could remember. Lion Harryette has attended dinners, listened to addresses, watched lion tamers, gone to the land near Grapevine lake that was a Lion camp (Camp Burnett), gone with her ophthalmologist husband, Dr. Jack Ehrhardt, to Guatemala as a participant in the Lion's Eye Program. There, he operated on scores of natives and fit donated used eyeglasses from Lions to several hundred people. In short--she has been proud of Lionism long before becoming a member. Actually, for most of her life she was not eligible to be a member of the, then, all male organization. So, when Lion Carol Donovan suggested to join the rejuvenated Dallas Founder Lions Club, it was a natural for her (to be a Lion), in honor and remember of her father, George Edward Bushong: "...a Lion Governor, Texas Lions Hall of Fame recipient and extremely devoted LION."

Lion Harryette's father was Past District Governor (1956-1957) George Bushong. He was inducted to the Texas Lions Hall of Fame in 1992. PDG George was the member of the Dallas Park Cities Lions Club (owner of Camp Burnett). You can find his name on the District Directory's list of Past District Governor and Texas Lions Hall of Fame recipients. He passed away in 2002.

Texas Lions Hall of Fame



"Elevation of Lions into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame bestows an honor upon one who has been outstanding in using their time, talents, and resources to further the cause of humanitarian services."

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LIONS DISTRICT 2-X1



2023-2024 Lions Opportunity for Youth Quick Reference Sheet

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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
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MD-2 Outstanding Youth Award Contest

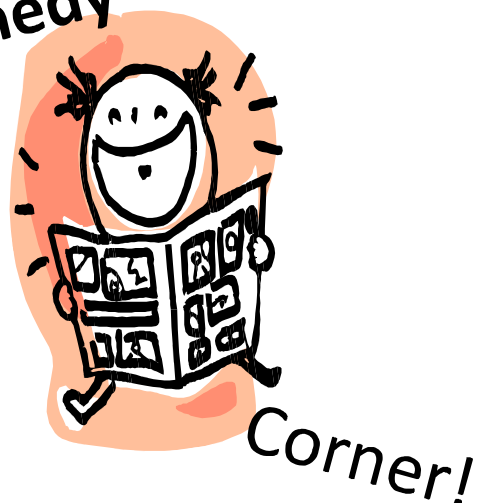
- Evaluated based on: high school GPA, 750-1000 word essays on “The Impact of Climate Change: A Complex Issue,” Letters of Recommendation, biographical statement, and a personal interview.
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school student
- Scholarship Awards at District 2-X1: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **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**
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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

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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.