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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

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Roar Into Action: Volunteer with Lions This Summer!

This summer, seize the opportunity to make a real impact in your community by joining the Lions Club's volunteering initiatives. As the sun shines brighter and the days grow longer, there's no better time to roll up your sleeves and contribute to meaningful causes.

Lions Club, renowned for its dedication to service, is calling on compassionate individuals to support their diverse projects. Whether you're passionate about environmental conservation, supporting the visually impaired, or combating hunger, there's a project that needs your enthusiasm and skills. Volunteering with Lions is not just about giving back—it's about growing personally, connecting with like-minded individuals, and gaining invaluable experiences.

Imagine spending your summer days planting trees, organizing food drives, or assisting in vision screening programs. These activities do more than benefit those in need; they enrich your own life, fostering a sense of fulfillment and purpose. Plus, you'll be part of a global network, making local efforts with a worldwide impact.

Don't let this summer pass you by without making a difference. Join the Lions Club, and let your actions resonate with the club's motto: "We Serve." Together, we can create a brighter future for everyone. Step up, volunteer, and roar into action!- Editorial



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



Greetings Lions District 2-X1 Family!

Effective July 1, 2024, my title will be changed, and I will serve in the capacity of Past District Governor of this wonderful District; therefore, this is my last message as the District Governor in the Lions Link. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to have served as your District Governor for the last eleven months, and one more month to go. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and grateful for the support I received during my tenure as District Governor. Each of you have given me the opportunity to become a better Lions leader.

Together, we have accomplished so much. We have transformed ideas into actions, challenges into opportunities, and setbacks into steps towards progress. So far, our collective efforts have not only met all the District Goals and set a new standard but have also set shining examples to remember forever. And the entire credit goes to we all – all the over 1,900 Lions of District 2-X1. We all deserve a pat on the back! Since we still have one more month (June) to go, I request all the clubs to concentrate on recruiting new members and stopping dropouts.

It is my hope that my departure on July 1, 2024 from my current position provides the District an opportunity to reset, refocus, and transition to the incoming District Governor, a very meticulous and competent DGE Radha Kaphle, and his team. I am sure that the DG Team 2024-2025 shall continue to move the District forward and take it to the next level.

During this transition, I am committed to collaborating with you all, my fellow Lions, to ensure the continuity of programs, projects, and services to the community.

As this will be my last message, as your Governor, in the Lions Link, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you for your hard work, your dedication, and your unwavering support throughout my tenure. It is because of your commitment and tireless efforts that our District stands tall today.

Thank you once again for the honor of serving as your District Governor. It has been the privilege of a lifetime.

Best Regards,



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Greetings Fellow Lions!

As the 1st VDG, it has been a pleasure serving alongside DG Prakash's team. We have had a tremendously successful year. Our State Convention in Amarillo on May 16-18, 2024, was a great event. DG Prakash was honored with the LCI Presidential Award, and other leaders and Leos from our district were recognized for their significant achievements. It was a proud moment for all of us, reflecting our collective efforts and dedication. Congratulations, DG Prakash, and all District 2-X1 Lions and Leos. Let's keep up the enthusiasm and momentum for the betterment of our district.

On June 12th, I will be flying to Australia to attend the Lions Clubs International Convention. I plan to visit my family and relatives in Australia and New Zealand before the convention. During this event, I will complete my training for District Governor and transition from DG Elect to DG. I want to express my gratitude to all the District Lions who have supported and encouraged me over the past years in various roles.

2024-2025 Lion Year Focus:

I am excited about the upcoming 2024-2025 Lion year with a great team. We will continue to focus on LCI Mission 1.5, aligning with LCI goals for another successful year. I request all club officers to create yearly and monthly plans, goals, and action plans that align with the district goals and LCI initiatives. Focus areas include membership growth, retention policies, service activities, leadership development, and LCIF support.

Our service unites us all and engages the community, attracting new members. Always focus on the "Stars of Services" – Vision, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, and your choice of community services. Be prepared for crisis management and support LCIF in humanitarian and disaster efforts. If you have a great plan and actions you want to share, please send an email to us, and we will try to incorporate it.



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Training Opportunities:

I urge all club officers and fellow Lions to join Lions University on June 8th, 2024. Trained and prepared leaders are essential for membership growth, effective community service and fulfill your roles effectively.

This training is also crucial due to the new Lions Portal, which presents challenges in timely report submissions and accessing materials. Please send your registration forms or names to IPDG Fred before the registration closes, the training event will be held on June 8th, 2024. Details are available on the district website.

District Directory and Club Officers' Report:

Club Secretaries, ensure your club's 2024-2025 officer information is filed online in the Lions Portal. This information is vital for the district and our association.

We are working on the 2024-2025 District Directory and still need officers' information from a few clubs. If you haven't entered your Club Officers' information into the Lions Portal, you risk losing all your information and communication channels with the district and LCI.

Save the Dates for 2024-2025:

- 1st Cabinet Meeting: July 20th, 2024, in Coppell, Texas.
- 2nd Cabinet Meeting: October 19th, 2024, in Kaufman, Texas.
- Mid-Winter Conference and 3rd Cabinet Meeting: January 18th, 2025, in Region 10, Richardson.
- 4th Cabinet Meeting: March 8th, 2025 (Venue TBD).

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. For those stepping into new roles in the coming year, let's strive to make a significant impact and enhance our district's success.



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Finally,

Lions of District 2-X1, let's June be filled with greatness for you all. Let's keep our Lions actively involved in service, ensuring we close the back door while opening the front door wide to welcome new members into our pride.

I hope to see you at Lions University on June 8th. Together, let's strive for greatness in the year ahead.

Yours in service,

DGE Radha K. Kaphle

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, May30, 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 ?

The current year 2023-2024 will end in another month. This is a good time to evaluate our district and clubs and remind ourselves of the SMART Goals we made at the beginning of the year. Have we achieved those goals, if not, what adjustments we have to make to accomplish those goals in a short time period. Overall, our district has surpassed all goals, individual clubs need to check their goals if they have achieved them.

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: (May 30, 2024)

Added members.....	402
Dropped Members.....	246
Net Gain/Loss.....	156
Closing Balance.....	1,914

MD-2 Membership Status

Added members.....	3,224
Dropped Members...	2,966
Closing Balance.....	21,893
Net Gain/Loss.....	+258

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. In the eleven months, we have surpassed that goal with +156. 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 246 members and added 402. 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 and are competing for #1 spot in CA-1



The club's focus for the remainder of the month should be to look at their goals set in the beginning and devise an action plan for achieving those goals. Member Retention is the key to growth. Drops should be kept to a minimum, especially during the month of June. Non-attendance is not a criterion for dropping a member. Find innovative ways to help with dues payments. Embrace the 4- step GMA process. Please use this useful tool to better understand your club and how to recruit and retain new members. Several areas of improvement and member retention were identified with action plans. Zone Chairs will be discussing this with clubs during zone meetings. The District Goal setting meeting was held on April 27, and goals for next year have been set.

Service: In the period July – May, 495,405 people were served in 2570 service activities with 88,078 volunteer hours. 84% 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 60% 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. Some training sessions were also offered during the District Convention.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has collected \$58,340 towards our foundation during the eleven 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 April 30 with ID Marie Cuning from Arizona as Guest Speaker. The Round Table was held on May 28, 2024 with CCEEE Chris Gunstream as the Speaker.

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



Fred's Findings
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Coppell Lions Club



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District 2-X1 Lions!

Another Lion Year will soon end, and we will embark on the new year July 1. Let's finish the year strong for DG Prakash this June. Then let's do our best to support our incoming Governor Radha and make his year a great success as was DG Prakash's year. But first, let's get ready for the new Lion year.

I hope that your club has identified your club officers for the 2024-2025 Lion Year. The new Lion Portal replaced MyLCI and MyLION and there are a lot of changes as to its operation. So come and learn about the new system at Lions University on June 8th. There are still issues with the Portal but LCI is making Updates to fix issues. Using the Portal will be demonstrated in several of the courses.

I also hope that your club has or will soon establish club goals in support of the district's goals which in turn support LCI's goals. Clubs also need action plans defining how to accomplish and meet those goals. Learn how at Lions University.

A very important part of preparing your new (or repeating) club officers and board members for the upcoming Lion year is getting them trained with respect to their club position. Also, your new Lion members need to learn about Lionism. All of this will be available on June 8th at LU.

Lions District 2-X1 University - Saturday June 8th:

For all club officers and Lion members.

Location Region 10 Service Center. 400 E. Spring Valley Rd. Richardson, TX 75081

Time 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. See the District 2-X1 Web Page www.lionsdistrict2x1.org for the Registration Form. Pre-Registration is mandatory. Contact me.

The deadline for the \$20 registration fee has passed but will be honored until June 4th. After that the fee goes to \$30 with no exceptions. All registrations must be received by June 5th.

A Certified Guiding Lion training was held on Saturday May 11th. Fourteen Lion attendees earned the title of "Certified Guiding Lion". If your club needs some help in any area, let DG Elect Radha know and a CGL can be assigned to assist your club.

The better informed and better trained we as Lions are, the stronger our clubs and our Association of Clubs, Lions Clubs International, will become. Together

"Let's Change the World"

The Texas Lions Convention 2024

The Texas Lions Convention was successfully held on May 16-18 in Amarillo, Texas, with IPID Brian Sihan as the Guest speaker. The event featured insightful training sessions, a COGs meeting, and a variety of fun and service activities.

District 2-X1 had significant participation and notable achievements. Congratulations to DG Prakash Gautam for being awarded the second highest honor of the LCI Presidential Medal. Additionally, DELC Leo Vinay Upadhyay won the Outstanding Youth Contest, and LCIF Area Leader PDG Billy Smothermoon received special recognition from the LCIF chair, Brian. Kudos

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By: Lion Gloria Mathur, MD-2 OFY, Outstanding Youth Award Program Coordinator

Congratulations to the Champions.....

Lions Opportunities for Youth Contests first place winners of the annual competition on Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest, Drug Speech Contest and Outstanding Youth Award delivered their winning essays at the state convention in Amarillo, TX, May 18, 2024. These contests allows the participants to apply for the Texas Lions Scholarships. The scholarship awards for these contests are \$3000 for the 1st place, \$2000 for the 2nd place and \$1000 for the 3rd place.

Outstanding Youth Award contest –Topic – **“IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE: A COMPLEX ISSUE”** contestants are evaluated on high school GPA, a 750-word essay, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service, leadership experience/participation and a personal interview. Contestants were asked to write an essay about climate change impacts that are seen throughout every aspect of the world we live in. The essay should reflect on different environmental issues, what’s causing these issues and what solutions are the experts recommending limiting the negative outcomes of climate change.

Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest – Topic : **“Knowing Diabetes is Fighting Diabetes”**. Contestants were asked to define the various types of diabetes, symptoms and health issues related to diabetes, as well as identifying medical treatments, provide information about healthy meals and lifestyle changes helpful to people with diabetes.

Drug Speech Contest – Topic: **“AN OLDIE YET NEW DRUG IN TOWN : XYLANE”**. Contestants were asked to write about the drug, how it is prepared, the side effects and prolonged effects once it is ingested and to include treatments and solutions to prevents peers from using this drug

Diabetes Awareness Essay	Drug Awareness Speech	Outstanding Youth Award
1 st Lillie Pietsch (2S5)	1 st Sophie Grace Martinez (2S5)	1 st Vinay Upadhyay (2X1)
2 nd Vinay Upadhyay (2X1)	2 nd Maya Grace Holquin (2T3)	2 nd Reese Oliver Cromwell (2S3)
3 rd Hattie Suzanna Lord (2S3)	3 rd Vida Celeste Mora (2T2)	3 rd Seth Matthew Rosser (2E2)



MD-2 LOFY Committee- PDG Juan Lopez, Chair, Lions Gloria Mathur and Pat Jackson. PDG Cesar Montelongo absent



Winners with the Committee Members

**Submitted by Lion Gloria Mathur,
Outstanding Youth Program Coordinator**



Youth Award Winners
Lilly Pietsch, Vinay Upadhyay and
Sophie Martinez

District's 2024 LOFY Contestant Won Two Contests at State's Level

Nia MacKay, PhD, LOFY Chairperson

Leo Vinay Upadhyay, a Senior at Sunnyvale ISD High School, won 1st Place for the Outstanding Youth Award and 2nd Place for the Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest at the MD-2 LOFY Contest judging on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Leo Vinay presented his winning Outstanding Youth Award essay, "Climate Change: A Complex Issue," and received the award certificate and scholarship (\$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively) at the Opportunity for Youth Luncheon on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at noon at the MD-2 State Convention in Amarillo, TX.

This year, a total of 30 junior and senior high school students from 12 districts in the MD-2 Texas competed at the LOFY State levels. Eleven students competed in the Diabetes Awareness Essay, nine in the Drug Awareness Speech, and 10 for the Outstanding Youth Award.

At District level this year, Leo Vinay won 1st Place in the Diabetes Awareness Essay contest and was the only contestant who automatically advanced to the State's LOFY contests in both the Drug Awareness Speech and the Outstanding Youth Award. Leo Vinay plans to attend UT Austin this Fall, majoring in Accounting/Business Administration. He was sponsored by the Dallas Everest Lions Club.

Congratulation to Leo Vinay Upadhyay, his parents, and the sponsoring club. We wish him all the best for his future endeavors.



(L-R) Pat Jackson (MD-2 Contest Coordinator), PCC Joe Montag, Gloria Mathur (MD-2 and District Contest Coordinator), Vishnu Maya Upadhyay DNP, Laxmi Kaphle, Vinay Upadhyay (1st Place Outstanding Youth Award), Lillie Pietsch (1st Place winner Diabetes Awareness Essay), Sophie Martinez (1st Place Drug Awareness Speech), DG Elect Radha Kaphle, Bilas Upadhyay, FVDG Elect Kendra Timalsina, Nia MacKay, PDG Jose Lopez (MD-2 LOFY Chairman), and PDG Vinod Mathur.



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**
(972) 255-8858
gizmo_747@yahoo.com

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
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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