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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

Welcoming the New District 2X1 Governor: Wishing a Successful Tenure

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome the new District 2X1 Governor of the Lions Club, Radha Krishna Kaphle. As we embark on this new chapter, we are confident that Governor Kaphle's leadership will bring fresh perspectives and renewed energy to our esteemed organization.

With a distinguished track record of service and dedication to the Lions Club's mission, Governor Kaphle is well-prepared to steer our district toward greater achievements. His commitment to community service, coupled with a vision for growth and innovation, promises to elevate our initiatives and broaden our impact.

Under Governor Kaphle's guidance, we look forward to advancing key projects, from supporting the visually impaired and addressing local hunger issues to promoting environmental sustainability. His leadership will undoubtedly inspire and mobilize our members, fostering a spirit of collaboration and volunteerism that is at the heart of the Lions Club.

Let us all extend our warmest wishes to Radha Krishna Kaphle for a successful and impactful tenure. Together, with his leadership, we can look forward to a bright future filled with service, unity, and progress. Here's to a remarkable journey ahead with our new District 2X1 Governor!

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Radha's Thoughts

DG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

Greetings Fellow Lions/Leos,

First of all, I would like to congratulate IPDG Prakash for achieving the 100% goal and making our district proud! Your leadership has set a remarkable example within MD-2, propelling us to become the number one district in meeting our targets. Additionally, securing a top-2 position in CA-1 further highlights our dedication and commitment. Let's continue this momentum of success and deliver impactful services to our community in 2024-2025.

Thanks to the District Lions who encouraged and supported me throughout the past few years while I served our district and Lionism in general. I want to remind everyone that our first Cabinet meeting for the Lion year 2024-2025 will be held on July 20th at 425 S Hertz Rd, Coppell, TX 75019, starting at 8:30 am and concluding at noon. Club Officers, all Zone and Region Chairs, as well as all Cabinet Officers and Chairpersons, should plan to attend. Let's ensure a productive start to our year of service together.

Fellow Lions and Leos,

My theme for the 2024-2025 Lion Year is "Serve with Passion and Lead with Action." This emphasizes the importance of wholehearted service

and proactive leadership within our district. By embodying these values, we can drive meaningful change and impact in our communities.

Our framework for success relies on the idea that service is the heart, leadership is the mind, and membership is the body of our organization. These elements must work in harmony for the betterment of our club, district, and society. When we combine passionate service with effective leadership and a strong membership base, we can achieve extraordinary outcomes.

Our theme is perfectly connected with Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliviera's theme, "Make Your Mark." Each and every Lion and Leo member has unique skills and abilities that contribute to our collective success. By serving with passion and leading with action, we can make a



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

significant and lasting impact, truly making our mark on the world.

President Oliviera's programs and initiatives will focus on four key priorities for Lions International that are critical to our mission of service:

Growing our membership and clubs for greater impact

Becoming stronger together through LCIF support

Taking the next step as Lions and service leaders

Capturing the imagination of our communities through great marketing

In alignment with our district's goals for 2024-2025, here's a summary of our targets and expectations:

Membership:

New Clubs: Minimum 2, Expectation 5

New Members: Minimum 350, Expectation 450

Net Members: Minimum 60, Expectation 180

Service/Reporting:

Serve to 200,000 people (Minimum), 350,000 people (Expectation)

Service Hours: 90,000

Leadership/Trainings:

Club Officers: Minimum 65%, Expectation 80%

Zone Chairs: Minimum 100%, Expectation 100%



Radha's Thoughts

1st VDG Radha Krishna Kaphle

Dallas Everest Lions Club

LCIF Donation:

Clubs: Minimum 40, Expectation 50

Individuals: Minimum 80, Expectation 250

Custom Goals:

Increase Club Excellence Awards by at least 5 clubs

Reduce district clubs with fewer than 10 members by at least one

Encourage the application of the GMA process at the Club level

Charter at least one Leo Club

Let's work together to achieve these goals, planning and working diligently within each club to qualify for the Club Excellence Award from Lions Clubs International. This achievement will make us all proud, including you, our members, and the entire district.

Finally, from June 20-26, 2025, I had the honor of attending the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, accompanied by my wife Laxmi. It was an exceptional event, filled with celebrations and meetings with Lions and Leos from around the globe, engaging in various activities. MD-2 Texas and our district were actively involved, and the Texas Parade was a particularly memorable highlight among the representatives from over 160 countries.

Let's celebrate each and every moment of success in serving those in need.

Yours in service,

DG Radha K. Kaphle





Timalsina's Outlooks

1st VDG Kedar Timalsina

Dallas Everest Lion Club

Greeting Fellow Lions,

As we start the 2024-2025 Lions Year, I want to congratulate and give my best wishes to District Governor Radha Krishna Kaphle who will do a wonderful job in leading this District. I had the privilege of watching him get initiated at the Melbourne International Convention.

In addition, I want to give thanks to IPDG Prakash Gautam who has done an exemplary job this past year as District Governor. He was able to achieve all of these goals and I have had the privilege of learning from him during his tenure.

As we embark on the new year I also want to congratulate all of the newly elected club officers and newly initiated members. Being part of the Lions community means actively participating in service projects and being ready to serve the communities that surround us.

This past week I have been in Melbourne attending the international convention alongside Governor Radha and Lion Nia as well as other MD-2 Lions. In my years of going to the international convention I am always in awe of the amount of members internationally. It is a privilege to be able to meet with Lions and Leo's from all across the world and be able to share ideas and projects. I look forward to implementing some of these ideas in the near future in our district.

It is an honor to be able to serve as your 1st Vice District Governor and represent this great district. I want to thank everyone for their support. I look forward to working with all of you to ensure that we achieve our common goals. One goal I am looking forward to helping achieve is Mission 1.5. In order to achieve our goals for the betterment of our district we need to focus on member retention. As well as work closely with MD-2 and Lions Club International to achieve Mission 1.5 till 2027. I believe that we as a district will be able to help out.

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Kedar Timalsina



Vineyards Voice
2nd Vice District Governor
Gary Vineyard

Hello Lions and welcome to a new year of District Governors.

It is an honor and pleasure to represent district 2x1 and serve as your 2nd vice district Governor. Thank you for the support and encouragement along my journey to reach this point. When I became a Lion, it was an honor and privilege to meet the District Governor and I am very excited to be a part of this.

2023-2024 was a year to remember for District 2X1 as we were #1 in so many categories thanks to the leadership of District Governor Prakash and everyone who supported the mission of making our district #1. They accomplished ALL of their goals and have set the bar high as we start the 2024-2025 Lion year.

During my training at the state convention, I learned the new vision is 1.5 Million members in the United States. Membership is the driver that keeps our clubs strong, thriving and continually helping those in need. We will not only focus on growth but also on retention to keep the great Lions we have in our family. Together, we will succeed in the goals for 24-25.

I look forward to serving and meeting you throughout the year.

Lead well, Serve ALL!

2nd Vice District Governor
Gary Vineyard

Message from Immediate Past District Governor Prakash Gautam



Congratulations District 2-X1 Lions for a Very Successful Lions Year 2023-2024!

IPDG Prakash Gautam

Our District Achieved all the District Goals!

(Based on the LCI report printed at 12:47 pm on July 1, 2024)

- 1. We are Number One in Membership Growth (90 Net Addition) in MD-2.**
- 2. We are Number One in Chartering Clubs (Chartered 4 Clubs) in MD-2.**
- 3. We are Number One in People Served (523K People Served) in MD-2.**
- 4. We are Number One in Service Hours (Volunteered 95K Hours) in MD-2.**
- 5. And Our District is Number Three in Membership Growth (90 Net Addition) in the entire CA1 (America, Bahama, & Bermuda).**

It is because of your commitment and tireless efforts that our District stands tall today. And the Entire Credit Goes to all the District 2-X1 Lions!

Snapshot of Goals and Achievements based on the LCI Report printed at 12 pm on July 1, 2024:

	District Goals (2023-2024)	Achievements (2023-2024)	Goal Achieved Yes/No
Membership Net Gain	51	90	Yes
New Clubs Charter	3	4	Yes
Clubs Reporting Services(Leos/Lions)	72%	79%	Yes
People Served	360K	523K	Yes
Zone Chairperson Trained	83%	100%	Yes
Club Officers Trained	40%	67%	Yes
District Fundraising	48K	104K	Yes

Together we have achieved remarkable milestones, and our collective efforts have made a significant impact on the lives of the people in need. Thank you for standing by my side and for your unwavering support to our shared goals.

Serving as your District Governor in the Year 2023-2024 has been the privilege of a lifetime.

My best wishes to DG Radha and his Team. I am sure, with your support and DG Radha's Leadership, our District will do even better in 2024-2025!

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, June 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.

Here we are at the end of the Lions fiscal year. We had a great year in terms of meeting our goals. We have exceeded our membership goals and club extension, service goals and LCIF donations. 2-X1 was third in membership growth in the CA-1 Credit goes to the District Governor and his team, the clubs that made membership growth their top priority and all Lions working towards a common goal.



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

The Year in Perspective

Overall, our district has surpassed all goals. I suggest 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.

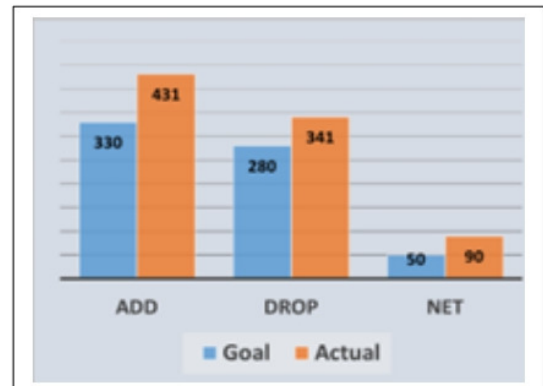
2-X1 Membership Status: (June 30, 2024)

Added members.....	431
Dropped Members.....	341
Net Gain/Loss.....	90
Closing Balance.....	1,848

2-X1 goals for this year was to recruit 330 new members with the drops limited to 280 for a net membership increase of 50., we have surpassed that goal with +90. This year we have dropped more members than planned. We have dropped 341 members (more than our goal) and added 431. The chart shows 2-X1 goals vs actual for 2023-2024.. 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 #3 CA-1

MD-2 Membership Status

Added members.....	3,526
Dropped Members....	3,566
Closing Balance.....	21595
Net Gain/Loss.....	-40



Moving forward for the next year we need to manage member drops. Several members have left in good standing. Clubs need to develop a retention strategy to minimize member drops. This year we chartered four new clubs, a difficult target to follow but can be achieved. 13 clubs showed no membership activity this. Another area to focus on is 2-X1 has 12 clubs with less than 10 members. Develop a strategy on how to rejuvenate these clubs.

Service: This year 2-X1 Lions have served over 513,545 people 2796 service activities with 91,802 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 \$103,987 towards our foundation during this fiscal year. Exceeded our goal of \$68,472.

Enjoy and share our success and continue the momentum into next year!

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



Fred's Findings
PDG Fred Conger
Coppell Lions Club



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Congratulations Immediate Past District Governor Prakash! What a great year!

Welcome District Governor Radha, this is also going to be an awesome Lion year.

The new Lion Portal brought a lot of changes. If you missed the June 8th Lions University leadership event you can join the upcoming Zoom President, Secretary, and Treasurer training sessions. The Portal will be demonstrated in several of the courses.

Check the District web page www.lionsdistrict2x1.org. The dates are July 9th (Treasurer), 10th (President), and the 11th (Secretary). A link will be sent to your incoming officers to join if they didn't attend LU.

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

Upcoming leadership opportunities include Zone Chair Training on Saturday July 13th. There will be learning opportunities at the July 20th Cabinet Meeting at First United Methodist Church Coppell.

All incoming club officers should watch the Training Videos which are found in the Lion Portal. These are very informative on how to use this new interface.

Any questions? Call or email me to assist.

PDG Fred Conger

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Melbourne 2024

106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 21-25 2024 | MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Nia MacKay, PhD

According to Boardroom News, thousands of Lions and Leos gathered in Melbourne, from June 21-25, 2024 for the 2024 Lions International Convention (LCICON 2024). The annual event was held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). The LCICON 2024 brought together over 10,500 participants from 170 countries and delivered substantial social and economic benefits.

Highlights from the 106th Lions International Convention included world-class entertainment from musicians and performers, and a Parade of Nations that celebrated the cultures and diversity of Lions and Leos worldwide (PR Newswire.)

MD-2 Lions of Texas sent over 70 delegates to this convention, 6 of them are from our District: DG Radhakrishna Kaphle and PIS Laxmi Kaphle, FVDG Kedar Timalsina and PIS Indira Timalsina and their daughter Kritika Timalsina, Lions Anthony Kottackal (Dallas Indian LC) and ZC Nia MacKay.

On the last plenary session, LCIF reached almost 145% of it's goal with over \$100 M donations collected in less than 20 minutes! It's a humbling moment when you are surrounded by so many Lions from all over the world and from all walk of life. We are together to serve the world. Check our Facebook page (Lions District 2-X1) for more information and pictures.



At PIP, PID, PDG, DG Banquet, June 24, 2024



At the 3rd Day Plenary Session, June 25, 2024

Esmeralda's Express News

PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez

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I cannot believe this lion year has come to a close already! However, I am looking forward to serve this coming year as Global Membership Chair with Jim Woods as my co-chair and a great district membership team compiled of trained district and club membership team leaders. As some of you may have heard by now, I am planning to finally retire with my husband Israel to our hometown of San Benito. Texas by this time 2025 year. However, our district has been doing a great job of succession planning with implementing a district membership team approach and this year we will be doing additional training starting on July 27th to continue building on the foundation IPDG Prakash Gautham established this year with positive membership! We are looking forward to the 2024-2025 lionistic year!

Some of the main takeaways this year we noticed is that clubs that had success with membership

focused on Global Membership Approach Process and did SWOT analysis with club board. They focused on membership retention by closing the members leaving our organization by building each other up with positive feedback instead of tearing each other down with negativity; the focus was on showing caring, connecting, communicating, collaborating consistently with seasoned and new members; doing orientation with members; doing engaging service and recognizing members either with praise or in written form with a certificate, a note, card, email; or taking time to give them a call; recognizing with medals, plaques, etc. or at least in person saying a thank you! Let's Go, Let's Grow!

2x1 Distrist Recognitions this year will include:

*Traveling Trophies sponsored by PDGs presented at the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Cabinet Meetings to the club for highest percentage increase in membership; to the club for highest service reporting; and to club for highest LCIF monetary donations.

*District 2x1 Growth Champion Certificates of Recognition

Clubs that Get at least 2 new Members presented at 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Cabinet Meetings for increase in membership.

*District 2x1 Growth Champion Banner Patch

Clubs that Get 5 new Members will get banner patch presented at Mid Winter and/or District Convention for increase in membership.

*District 2x1 Growth Champion Lion Head Statue

Members that recruit 10 new members will receive a Lion Head statue at District Mid Winter or District Convention for increase in membership.

Esmeralda's Express News

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Upcoming Membership Training:

*2x1 District Membership Team Training on Saturday, July 27th from 10 am to 1pm for club membership chairs (presidents if you do not have a membership chair) and district membership team leaders at Seareinas located at 1017 Ft.Worth St. Suite 300 , Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Please confirm attendance for food arrangements with PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez at Lionesme01@gmail.com by Wednesday, July 24th at 5:00 pm.

2x1 District Service Projects

2x1 District Service Projects Food Distributions Noon to 4 pm @ 6004 Ashley Rd., Kemp, Texas with Faith at Work Ministries on October 27th and March 23rd

Fellowship Events:

2x1 District Membership Social on Thursday, December 5th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Seareinas event center, 1017 Ft. Worth St. Suite 300, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

2x1 District Picnic Sunday, May 4th

We can continue to build on the momentum of recruiting and retaining lion members in our district with teamwork! Let's continue to JUST ASK persons we interact in our daily lives that have a servant heart to join us to meet the needs in our communities. Remember-We may need to ask them more than one time until they are ready and the time is okay for them and their family to join us and be a part of our amazing lions club organization!

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez, Global Membership Team Chair

Rebuilding Small Clubs - A work In Progress!

- by PCC John Eads

Looking back over the past three years, visiting many of our smaller Clubs, it has been a wonderful experience and quite an education. What a beautiful journey it has been and continues to be. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with so many wonderful and dedicated Lions. Rebuilding a Lions Club can be a challenge from the start and then ends with being so rewarding in knowing you, with the help of other Lions in teamwork, have succeeded in turning a Club around.

The journey began when then Governor Esmeralda Rodriguez asked me to be Committee Chair in her year and challenged me to try to help 9 small Clubs with 10 or less members. It continued in Governor Fred Conger's year with a couple of new Clubs coming on the scene that needed help. And, then, in Governor Prakash Gautam's year, we expanded the small Club coverage to Clubs with 15 or fewer members. Currently, we have identified 14 Clubs in that category. Some need immediate help and some have turned around and are having continued success.

We had some successes and some are still a work in progress. I discovered that dedicated, passionate, service minded, servant type leadership was the first requirement to being a successful Club. I met them at the door...and together we began the journey! Within six months, we were successful with two of the 9 Clubs (Italy and Ferris) and working to help others. Rebuilding is not an overnight process. It takes time and needs to take a specific customized approach to each Club.

At the time I began rebuilding, I laid out my own customized approach to assist a small Club. (At the time, I did not realize that my approach almost mirrored the Global Membership Approach). My approach was simple:

1. Identify the Club leaders that would be involved.
2. Get the Club back in touch with their community by having a meaningful service project and promote it.
3. Use the opportunity of the event to tell the Lion's story...what we do, charities we support, contributions the Club has done in their community and then, "Do the ask" and solicit new members
4. Once the service project has been identified, create the plan to make it successful. We asked for support from Lions in the District to help provide Lion-power and we got it. (This is key for a small Club to be able to have a successful project).
5. We then executed the plan and had a successful service project and even got a few new members in the process.
6. Continue to monitor, be a resource, do periodic visits and stay in touch to help the Club continue their success.

Did I say it was simple? I can tell you the process works. I will say this...I did not nor could not have done this without help from District leadership and other Lions along the way. My thanks to all of you that helped! Could not have done it without you. I specifically want to thank each Governor, PCC John Landrum, PCC Joe Montag, Regional and Zone Chairs and some PDGs for their help. Club Presidents, you are outstanding!

Now that Governor Radha has asked PCC John Landrum and I to stay the rebuilding course in 2024-25...Let's Work Together to Rebuild our Clubs. Time to go to work!



Corner!

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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.