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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

The status of philanthropic organizations in the United States is a subject of considerable significance, particularly given their integral role in addressing pressing societal issues. These entities, ranging from venerable foundations to emerging grassroots initiatives, constitute a critical component of the nation's civil society. However, their current standing is characterized by both opportunities and substantial challenges that merit careful consideration.

On one hand, the philanthropic sector continues to demonstrate resilience and adaptability. Contributions from individuals, corporations, and high-net-worth donors have not only sustained but, in some cases, increased, reflecting a continued commitment to societal betterment. Moreover, there is a discernible shift toward prioritizing equity and inclusion, with a growing number of organizations directing their efforts toward addressing systemic inequalities and supporting underrepresented communities.

Nevertheless, these organizations face significant legal and operational challenges. Economic volatility and increasing political polarization have introduced uncertainties that impact both funding and public trust.

In this complex landscape, philanthropic organizations must exercise diligent governance, ensuring compliance with evolving legal standards while remaining steadfastly focused on their missions. Only through such vigilance and strategic adaptation can they continue to effectively serve the public good

- Editorial

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DG Radha's Message

DG Radha K. Kaphle

Dallas Everest

September 2024

Greetings Fellow Lions and Leos,

As we begin the third month of this Lion year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our progress and the tasks ahead. As you know, we are all part of the Mission 1.5 initiative by Lions Clubs International, which aims to grow our membership and expand our service impact. Our collective efforts are crucial to the success of this mission.

Mission 1.5 Summit and Our Revised Goal

The District 2-X1 Team, including myself, IPDG/GET Coordinator Prakash Gautam, and PDG/GMT Coordinator Esmeralda Rodriguez, participated in the Mission 1.5 Summit in Orlando, Florida. Over 300 Lions leaders gathered to discuss and finalize strategies to achieve 1.5 million members through our services. At the summit, **International President Fabricio Oliveira emphasized**, *“Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. We make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve, and the world we share.”*

At the end of the summit, we revised our goals for this year. We have committed to chartering at least four new clubs and sponsoring over 500 new members for this year. This is our minimum goal, but we aim to surpass it.

I'm proud to share that our district is one of the tops in membership growth and service in the USA and the CA-1 area. This is a remarkable achievement, but our work is not done yet. We need to continue growing to achieve even greater success.

To maintain this momentum, I kindly ask for your continued support in the following areas:

1. Membership Growth and Retention:

- Focus on recruiting new members to ensure positive membership growth in your club.
- Consider sponsoring a new club or establishing a branch (e.g., family club, cyber club, professional club).
- Work closely with your team to identify strong recruiters, such as your Membership Chair and a membership team.
- Recently, some members were dropped from clubs without reasonable causes, leading to negative net growth. Let's work together to reverse this trend by focusing on retention.
- We have chartered a new club, and one sports club is almost ready to apply for approval. Another club is in the formation process this month. This progress is possible due to your support and enthusiasm.
- As of today, we have a net positive growth of 87 members, which is a good start. I encourage you all to continue working to attract new members and engage existing ones.

Here is a useful link to help start a new club.

- **Starting a New:**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/start-a-new-club>

2. Service/Reporting:

- Thank you to club Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, and other district leaders for your support in service reporting. We currently have a 77% reporting rate, including Leo clubs, which is the highest in the CA-1 area. Let's aim for 100% reporting with everyone's support.
- Ensure all your activities are consistently reported, including meetings, service projects, fundraisers, and donations.

Here is a link to help plan service projects:

- Service Project Planners

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-journey/service-project-planners>

3. Leadership/Training:

- The GLT Coordinator and team had conducted various training sessions, but some club officers have missed these opportunities. Please attend the next available training session. The GLT Coordinator will announce the next training session soon, so don't miss out.

4. LCIF Participation/Donation:

- LCIF records have been updated in the Lions portal, allowing each member and club to donate directly. Your donations support humanitarian causes worldwide. Here is the link to donate to LCIF directly:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

5. Marketing/Visibility:

- Marketing can help raise your club's visibility, attract new members, and make your service more effective. Use social media, local newspapers, online media, and publications to promote your club's activities.

Finally, be prepared to achieve the Club Excellence Award for the year 2024-2025 by understanding the criteria and fulfilling the requirements.

August involvements:

- August was a busy month, including the 1st Council of Governors meeting, Mission 1.5 Membership Summit, club visits, installation and induction ceremonies, and a Leo club chartering ceremony. I also participated in Executive Committee, Executive Council, and Zone 6 & 7 meetings. I attended installations and inductions at various clubs, including Dallas Buddha, Irving Everest Leo Club, Dallas Everest Leo and Lions Clubs, Dallas

Everest Cub Club, and Irving DFW Independent Campus Lions Club. Coordinating new club formations was also a significant part of my month.

Upcoming Events:

- **2nd Cabinet Meeting:** *Our second cabinet meeting will be on October 19, 2024, at 401 S Jackson St., Kaufman, TX 75142 (8 am - 12 pm), including two service projects.*
- **Desoto Lions Club's 75th Anniversary:** *Congratulations to Desoto Lions Club on its 75th anniversary on September 21, 2024! Well done on reaching this milestone, and here's to many more years of service. change it starting it*
- **September 27 - State Fair Parade** - 9:30 AM setup - in Fair Park, Coordinator-PDG Darla
- **Please check the district website for detailed information on upcoming events: District 2-X1 Website**

<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/>.

Overall, July and August have been very successful months. I want to thank all Lions and Leos for your great support and service to the community. I wish you all a happy and productive September 2024.

Yours in service,

DG Radha K. Kaphle

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“Serve with Passion, and Lead with Action”



Timalsina's Outlook

Greeting Lions,

It has been two months since the 2024-2025 Lion Year has started and I am incredibly proud of the progress this district has made. Not only are we number one in membership for MD-2, we are also number one in service. I want to congratulate all of the clubs for your efforts to make our district such an awesome district. I hope you are all proud of yourselves and your efforts. Let us keep this momentum going!

In order for us to keep the momentum going, I want to encourage every club to keep bringing in more membership. Another great option is to charter a new Lions or Leo's club. Furthermore, it is also vital for our district to support our smaller clubs so I want to push all clubs to create joint projects that will help lift the smaller clubs. Clubs can also help out smaller clubs by participating in their membership drives. This is a great way to build community and strengthen our district!

I had the incredible opportunity to attend the Council of Governors in August, where International President Fabrício Oliveira encouraged the message of Mission 1.5 so I want to share his message with everyone. In addition, I have had the privilege of attending several installations, club meetings and zone meetings and I am very delighted with the invitations. Keep up the good work.

Lastly, please make sure all clubs are up-to date with their reports. The reports give us a good insight on the strengths of our district and any problems clubs may be having. Therefore it is very integral for the district and MD-2 that all clubs are reporting on-time and properly.

Yours in Lionism,

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Helpful Links

“We all play a role in Mission 1.5”: A message by International President Fabrício Oliveir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRtP-eSilEw>

REPORTING SERVICE IN THE LION PORTAL

1. Go to the LCI Website - If you are not registered for the Lion Portal you will need to register first.
2. Click entering service activities
3. Select SERVICE on the Navigation bar
4. Click on light blue box “Create Service Activity”
5. Select “From my specific area”
6. Select your club
7. Name the service activity (example Vision Clinic)
8. Select “Service activity type”
9. Select “Cause”
10. Select “Project type
11. Write a short description of the activity
12. Signature Activity – check box if this is a regular activity of your club
13. Check box if the activity was funded by an LCIF grant
14. Complete “Additional Details” if you want to document the location
15. Go back to the top and check box for “Report Complete”
16. SAVE (at bottom of page)

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1 Aug 30, 2024

We are on a Mission to Grow....Mission 1.5

District 2-X1 is participating in Global Membership Approach to maximize our membership thereby maximizing our service to the community.

We had a great last 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



District 2-X1 Goals for 2024-2025: Following are the district goals at the start of the year.

- Charter 2 new clubs
- Recruit 300 new members
- Drops to be below 240
- Net membership gain 60
- Serve 200,000 needy people in our community

The Current Status

Clubs: 2-X1 has chartered one new club ‘Dallas Bachimalka’ Club with 20 members. Our goal for this year is to charter 2 new clubs This is a good start

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

Added members.....	141
Dropped Members.....	54
Gain/Loss.....	+87
Closing Balance.....	1,956

MD-2 Membership Status
Added members..... 655
Dropped Members...529
Closing Balance.....21,615
Net Gain/Loss..... +126

2-X1 goals for this year is to recruit 300 new members with the drops limited to 240 for a net membership increase of 60. We have made good progress in two months towards achieving that goal.

Moving forward for the remaining 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. Another area to focus on is 2-X1 has 12 clubs with less than 10 members. Need to develop a strategy to rejuvenate these clubs.

Service: In the first two months 2-X1 has served 126,552 needy people during 473 activities contributing 17,853 volunteer hours. 77% of clubs have reported service activity.

Leadership Training: Club officers training was already held in June, including Zone Chairs. The sessions were well attended.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has collected \$1,492 towards our foundation during first two months..

PDG Vinod Mathur

2-X1 and MD-2 GMA Coordinator, Area 1A GMA Leader



Fred's Findings
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Need info about Lions? Need help with the Lions Portal? Contact me or contact your Zone Chair for assistance.

FYI, all current club officers should watch the "Training Videos" found on the Lion Portal home page. They are very informative regarding the use of the new interface. And plan to attend the October 19th Cabinet Meeting in Kaufman at the Landmark Church of Christ 401 S. Jackson St. to see a Lions Portal demo and get answers to your questions.

Need some LCI documents? All of the Lion materials used at the June 8th Lions University and also in the July President, Secretary, and Treasurer online training sessions are located on the "District 2-X1 Lions University 2024-2025 Officer Files" link on the District 2-X1 web page www.lionsdistrict2x1.org. Copy them if you wish, or just refer to them when you need.

Want your club to earn LCI's Club Excellence Award? Every club should. To be eligible, your current club President, Secretary, and Treasurer must have received officer training this Lion Year. If they have missed the previous training sessions, they can take the specific courses at the following link <https://lionsuniversity.org/bachelors/> plus they need to review the assigned materials found on the District 2-X1 Lions University page noted below. Then scan the bachelor's course completion certificates and email the scanned cert(s) to me along with stating that they reviewed the appropriate District posted documents found on the www.lionsdistrict2x1.org web site.

Presidents: Complete Lions University courses 104, 121, 125, and 131 and print your certificates. Then review the Club President and First Vice President e-book, the DA-MCS Standard Club Structure, the Board Policy Manual Section A Obligations of Chartered Clubs, and LA-2 By-Laws Article III Duties of Officers sections 1,3, and 4 found on the district 2-X1 LU page.

Secretaries: Complete Lions University courses 122, 125, and 126 and print your certificates. Then review the Club Secretary e-book, the DA-MCS Standard Club Structure, the Board Policy Manual Section A Obligations of Chartered Clubs, and LA-2 By-Laws Article III Duties of Officers section 5 found on the district 2-X1 LU page.



Fred's Findings
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Treasurers: Complete Lions University course 123 and print your certificate. Then review the Club Treasurer e-book, the Treasurer PowerPoint Presentation, the Club Treasurer Basics, DA-MCS Standard Club Structure, the Board Policy Manual Section A Obligations of Chartered Clubs, and LA-2 By-Laws Article III Duties of Officers section 6, Dues Structure LCI & District, Best Practices for Financial Transparency found on the district 2-X1 LU page.

Planning a club or zone event? First check the district web site www.lionsdistrict2x1.org for the district events calendar to hopefully minimize conflicting events. Send your club event flyers to the district webmaster and the district Link newsletter editor to gain exposure to the district Lions who might attend.

I hope that your club has or is establishing club goals that support the district's goals (which in turn support LCI's goals). But you need more than goals. Action plans must be developed and implemented to accomplish and meet those goals successfully. Use the club Global Action Team (Club President, Club Leadership Chair, Club Membership Chair, Club Service Chair, and the Club LCIF Coordinator) to help develop and monitor the action plan results throughout the year and make any adjustments necessary (which possibly might require modifications to the club goals). Remember they say, "Failure to Plan is a Plan to Fail". Simply stating some goals is not a plan. Defining action plans to achieve the club's goals is necessary. And the plan's actions must be assigned to those Lions responsible for implementing the plan.

Any questions? Call or email me. I will be happy to assist.

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Esmeralda's Express News

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It sure has been a busy August Month with participation in Installation of Leos and Lions Officers and Induction of new members, facilitating board retreat for Irving New Centennial Lions Club and membership recruitment activities for a new cyber club being sponsored by Grand Prairie Host Lions Club and Grand Prairie Family Host Lions Club. This specialty club will focus on increasing awareness on Lions International eight global causes and focus on the areas of mental health, financial literacy, helping veterans, children and adults with disabilities to have access to resources and opportunities to have productive lives. I enjoyed TEEJ celebrations. I had a great time helping at an indoor garage sale fundraising event and learned this is the way to go with selling used items instead of the usual outside garage sale since we got to be in an air conditioned event center! It was cool, comfortable and a great success to reach out to the community and recruit new members!

Did you know we have Membership Reports Toolbox Available:

[District Goals / MISSION 1.5 Targets](#): Provides a PDF copy of submitted district goals and action plans and *MISSION 1.5* district targets per respective Lion year.

[5 Year Trend Report](#): Provides a 5-year gain/loss analysis of clubs and members per district.

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Club/District Health Assessments: Tracks membership growth, financial health, reporting trends, club officer vacancies, LCIF donations and the overall health of the clubs in your district.

Cumulative Report: Cumulative membership and club summary report fiscal year -to-date.

Membership Register Report: Shows club lists and status, membership count and last membership reporting date.

Summary of Membership: Detailed district monthly report of membership types and gender by club (includes breakdown of family unit, student, Leo-Lion and young adult membership).

Leos Aging Up Report: Provides quarterly information about clubs containing Leos whose records will be closed due to age at the end of the fiscal year.

Missing Club Officers: Monthly report of missing club officers by District (only President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair).

Specialty Clubs Report: Monthly report of all specialty clubs and their category designation.

Insights: A dynamic real-time dashboard available through the Lion Portal that provides statistics based on the users' highest title and area of responsibility. Information includes but is not limited to club and membership trends, donations statistics, as well as service impact.

GMT Membership Resources/Tools Available:

[Membership Growth Event Presentation for Lions](#)

[Membership Satisfaction Guide](#)

[Club Quality Initiative \(CQI\)](#)

[Plan for Your Club's Success](#)

[Your Club, Your Way](#)

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Material

[Membership Growth Event Checklist](#)

[Proposed Agenda for Membership Growth Event](#)

[Template Invitation Letter](#)

[Membership Event Master Database](#)

[Points of Follow-Up Responses for Prospective Members](#)

[Membership 101](#)

Videos

[We Serve PSA](#)

[Sutton Racing Lions Club](#)

[More Videos on LCI YouTube Channel](#)

Please remember that Lions International has membership key awards for members recruited. (Please see handout attached).

Please contact me at 972-891-4678 or Lionesme

[01@gmail.com](mailto:Lionesme01@gmail.com) if you need help with membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Esmeralda Rodriguez

Congratulations 2-X1 ANOTHER RECORD

Congratulations to all the Lions of District 2-X1 for a record-breaking year. Lead by Dallas Indian Lions and Coppell Lions Club District 2-X1 had a record-breaking year contributing more than \$100,000 to Lions Club International Foundation. These contributions enabled LCIF to make grants to provide humanitarian and emergency grants not only to our District but also to support Lions across Texas, the USA and around the world.

District 2-X1 received grants to help:

- Build Beds for children that did not have a bed to sleep in,
- Purchase trucks to expand the Food Ministry carried on by Mabank/Cedar Creek Lions and their partners at Faith Works.
- Provide beds to the Texas Lions Camp to furnish the new bunkhouses.

In Addition:

- Grants to the Lions in the Texas Panhandle to provide support and supplies due to the wildfires.
- Hurricane and flood relief supplies to clubs in South Texas
- Food and medical supplies for areas around the world as Lions give meaning to "Where There is a Need There is a Lion."

Clubs and the District should be receiving notification within the next week about the amount of available DCG money that they have available to use on special projects. If you have any questions, please give Manuel or Bill a call or email.

We would appreciate the opportunity to present to your Club or Zone the many ways that LCIF is making a difference and how YOUR FOUNDATION can help you do more service. Contact us today!!!

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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!

Lion Christine Le Bihan and Her Lions Club's Project on Alzheimer's

Nia MacKay, PhD

On Friday Aug. 9, 2024, the Dallas Founder Lions Club invited Lion Christine Le Bihan, a member of the Paris Seyssel Lions Club's Alzheimer Universal Branch Club, to a 'Meet and Greet' program for her to share her club's projects on Alzheimer's with us.

Lion Christine, a notary who lives in Paris, France, was in Dallas with her son from Aug. 8 to 11, 2024 to support her cousin, Sophie Martin— a voice actress who was nominated for the One Voice Award at its gala in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, DFW Airport. Lion Le Bihan had been a Lions for about 6 years before she was recruited to join a branch club of the Paris Seyssel Lions Club, the Alzheimer Universal Club. Her current club is a club established to support Alzheimer's patients in home care as well as fundraisers for Alzheimer's research through CERMAID (Center of Excellence for Research on Alzheimer and Degenerative Diseases).



The Alzheimer Clubs' missions are to support families of those who have Alzheimer, facilitate proper functioning of Alzheimer's care centers, promote awareness of Alzheimer's/cognitive illnesses, support research through donation and in-kind services, and encourage people to use their skills to help the Alzheimer's community as much as they can in many different ways. Lion Christine hopes that by promoting the awareness of Alzheimer's and supporting research in this field, the affected people and their families as well will gain access a cure for this disease.

Many thanks to Lion Carol Donovan, who graciously offered to host the meeting at her residence in Dallas, TX. We are grateful for Lion Christine's visit and the opportunity to start a new endeavor with her club to fight Alzheimer's.



COPPELL LIONS CLUB VISION SCREENING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

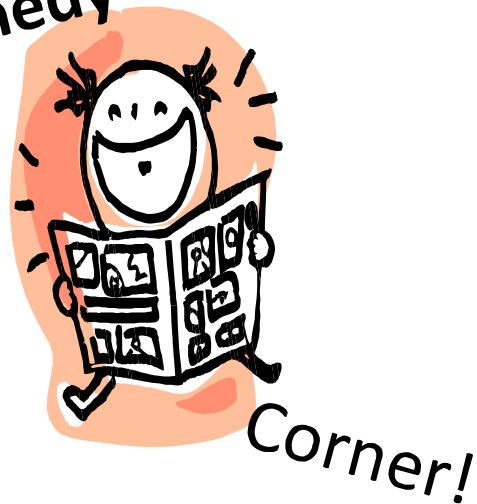
Coppell Lions Club were at the Back to School Fair at Irving Bible Church conducting Spot Vision Screening with the club's Vision Screening Team led by Lions Tim Decker, Alice Decker, Ron Harrison, Kim Taylor, Kris Pollard, Margaret Meek, Scott Murdock and Debbie Goodwin. Great service project for the Lions. Students received uniforms, backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, Vision Screening, medical assessments and snacks.



Welcome to Coppell Lions Club.

Proud of our three new members who were inducted by District Governor Radha R. Kaphle at the recent Lions District 2X-1 Cabinet Meeting . Congratulations Lion Joshua Rodriguez, (with Sponsor Lion Bill Smothermon) and Lion Richard Heyse and Lion Lisa Heyse (withSponsor Lions Tim Decker and Lion Alice Decker)!

Comedy



How does NASA organize a company party? They planet.

If you have an item for the *Lions Link*, please email it to:

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**no later than 20th of the month
inclusion in the next edition!**

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www.lions2-x1.org

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.