



# Zone 5 Report

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Zone 5 consisting of 5 clubs, Lancaster New Centennial, Dallas White Rock, Greenville, Seagoville Sunset and Mesquite Host are all active. Four of the five Clubs are above 15 members and Lancaster New Centennial has the largest number of members with over 50, with Mesquite Host having less than 15 members. I spoke with the President Gary Danaher who stated that of the 6 members they have only 2 are active. The club continues to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at Golden Corral during lunch. I also spoke with Lion Posch, who stated that new members and younger members were needed and wanted. I recommended that he reach out to the Justice of the Peace, Judge Katina Whitfield, Constable Deanna Hammond, Mesquite Chief of Police, The Mesquite City Council, Mayor City Manager and other governmental leaders as a way to build membership. Lion Terry was receptive of the idea. He will personally reach out to members to see if this recruitment suggestion will yield an increase. All other clubs seem to hold steady in its membership and seem to need no additional support for increases in membership.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM**

Clubs are recommended to report volunteer service hours and keep track of members who are serving in and outside of the club. Lancaster New Centennial has dedicated to volunteer at Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Lancaster St. Paul DeVincent every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month to stock the shelves and assist the food insecure with gathering groceries and placing them in the car. Club has served the homeless within the school district and provided a vision clinic in collaboration with Sight and Tissue Foundation to serve over 30 students with eyeglasses and student with a laptop. Lancaster Lions received an award and were recognized by the Superintendent and School Board at the December meeting.

After speaking with Lion Gerald Meredith, he reported that Dallas White Rock continues its community service with the Nursing home on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. He also reported that Dallas White Rock donated to the Los Angeles fires. Last, Dallas White Rock continues to volunteer with feeding those in the Alcohol Rehabilitation Center.

## **NEEDS**

No clubs reported needing any assistance except Mesquite Host with membership. Briefly spoke with Rita Claxton from Seagoville Sunset who stated that did not have any immediate needs. I will circle back with them and Greenville to determine any activities or dates of upcoming activities.

Lancaster New Centennial expressed interest in starting a Leos Club in collaboration with the school district and charter schools in Lancaster. The plan is to invite leaders to determine necessary steps to form the club.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Lancaster New Centennial will be hosting a Spring Vision Clinic in collaboration with the sight and tissue foundation on February 7, 2025 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mardi Gras in May, Saturday, May 3, 2025. Additional events will be reported after further communications and meetings with Zone 5 Clubs.

