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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

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Lions Club: Spreading Warmth and Hope in the Winter Months

As the cold months settle in, the biting chill does not just bring discomfort—it exacerbates the struggles of the underprivileged, the homeless, and the elderly. However, in the face of these challenges, the Lions Club stands as a beacon of warmth and compassion, ensuring that no one is left to battle the harsh winter alone.

Across the world, Lions Clubs engage in numerous humanitarian efforts during winter, embodying their motto: We Serve. These initiatives include distributing blankets, warm clothing, and food supplies to those in need. Many clubs also organize free medical camps to address cold-related illnesses and provide shelter assistance for the homeless. Their unwavering dedication makes a profound difference in communities where winter can be a season of hardship.

However, these noble efforts require community support. As winter arrives, it is a call to action for everyone. Donating warm clothes, volunteering in soup kitchens, or simply spreading awareness about these initiatives can amplify the impact of the Lions Club's mission.

Winter is not just a season; it is a test of humanity's willingness to care for one another. With the Lions Club leading the way, we are reminded that service, kindness, and generosity can turn even the coldest months into a time of warmth and hope.



DG Radha's Message

DG Radha K. Kaphle
Dallas Everest

February 2025

Fellow Lions and Leos,

As we reflect on the remarkable Mid-Winter Conference and 3rd Cabinet Meeting held on January 18, 2025, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all participants and volunteers. With over 200 Lions in attendance, the event was a great success thanks to the **Richardson Host Lions Club**, FVDG Kedar Timalsina, PDG Fred Conger, and the entire team. Special recognition goes to **Council Chair Terrell Thompson** for his inspiring speech on the **power of Lions to impact communities**.

Congratulations to all award recipients for your dedication and contributions to your clubs and our district. Your hard work exemplifies the spirit of service that drives us forward.

Membership Growth and Retention:

We've welcomed 411 new members, including 5 new Lions clubs, 3 Leo clubs, and 3 Cub clubs, achieving a net growth of 214 members after accounting for 197 drops. However, 18 clubs are experiencing negative growth. **Membership retention is key—let's engage and support our current members while inviting new ones. For clubs with negative or no growth, there's still time to turn things around!** By focusing on meaningful engagement, you can ensure no one misses out on the opportunity to achieve Club Excellence. **Together, by establishing new clubs and recruiting new members, we want to maintain this momentum at the highest level to meet our membership goals under Mission 1.5.**

If your club needs any support with membership efforts, feel free to reach out to our cabinet team—we are here to help you succeed.

Service and Reporting:

Our district's service activities have impacted **401,207 people**, with **1,849 service projects** and **71,077 volunteer hours logged** so far. **Service reporting stands at 97% with Leo Clubs included, and 100% of Lions Clubs** have submitted their reports. Let's keep up the great work and continue reporting regularly to showcase the full impact of our efforts. **Congratulations to all for your hard work!**

Training and Leadership:

Many club officers and new members took part in training at the Mid-Winter Conference, moving us closer to achieving our training goals. Remember, trained Lions are better Lions—complete your training to qualify for the Club Excellence Award.

LCIF Contributions:

I encourage all clubs and members to contribute generously to support LCIF's global humanitarian efforts and fulfill one of the Club Excellence criteria.

We've raised \$22,432 toward our goal of \$60,000 for LCIF, supported by 25 clubs and 32 individual Lions.

Membership Dues:

The second half (Final) invoices have already been issued by both the district and Lions Clubs International. Please ensure your club pays the of district and LCI dues to maintain good standing. Being in good standing is essential for participating in district activities and for recognition by **Lions Clubs International**.

Major Upcoming Events:

- **New Voice Symposium:** February 22nd, Grand Prairie, TX
- **Build Beds for Kids Project:** March 22nd, Waxahachie, TX
- 4th Cabinet Meeting: March 15th, Duncanville, TX
- **District Convention:** April 25-26, DoubleTree Hotel North Dallas
- **MD2 Council of Governors Meeting:** February 06-08, Kerrville, TX
- **State Convention:** June 5-7, Lubbock, TX

Check the district website and event calendar for updates. Let's continue serving our communities and growing our Lions family.

Finally, remember that kindness is at the heart of all we do. Let's continue to extend that kindness by welcoming new members and supporting those in need through our Lions Clubs.

*In every heart, let kindness grow,
Through hands that serve, the love will show.
Together we lift, with purpose true,
Changing lives in all we do.*

Yours in Service,

DG Radha K. Kaphle

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Dallas Everest Lions Club

Serve with Passion, Lead with Action



Timalsina's Outlook



Dear Fellow Lions and Leos,

I hope this letter finds you in great spirits. Our recent Mid-Winter Conference and 3rd Cabinet Meeting on January 18, 2025 was an incredible success. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to making this event so eventful. Thank you to the entire organizing team. In addition I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to all award recipients! Your dedication and unwavering commitment to service truly embody the spirit of our organization and the mission we uphold.

In addition, as everyone is already aware, training plays a vital role in shaping effective leaders. It is very good that many club officers and new members participated in training sessions during the Mid-Winter Conference. This bringing us closer to our leadership development goals. I encourage all members to complete their training requirements to qualify for the Club Excellence Award. Strong leadership ensures the continued success of our district and your individual

Moreover, I am pleased to share that we have welcomed 411 new members, along with the formation of 5 new Lions clubs, 3 Leo clubs, and 3 Cub clubs. This has resulted in a net membership growth of 214 members, even after accounting for 197 drops. However, 18 clubs are currently experiencing a decline in membership. Retention is very important to the district. For clubs facing challenges in growth we are always here to help. Please feel free to reach out.

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Vineyards Voice
2nd Vice District Governor
Gary Vineyard
Midlothian Lions Club

Hello Lion Family!!

Wow what a whirlwind the month of January has been. We saw a new administration begin, wildfires ravaged the LA area. Lions across the Country have rallied to send aid to the victims of that area. I am so honored to be a Lion and witness all the amazing things we do help our neighbors in need.

Our district 2x1 continues to lead the state and CA1 in membership growth and new clubs. This outstanding performance is a direct result of the hard work by everyone in our district. The spring season has typically been the time for the most growth so don't let up. We need a strong push to finish as the #1 district in Texas and CA1.

Retention is a vital part of maintaining a strong club and allows for them to grow at a stronger pace. If you have a retention team, please plan to meet soon to discuss a plan for 2025. If you don't have this in place, I strongly recommend that you put one in place with a heavy focus on closing the back door.

Whether you are a small club under 20 members, medium club up to 50+ members or a larger club with over 80+ members, there is room for growth everywhere. Now is a great time to evaluate how well your club is doing and areas for improvement, update the club's goals and plan out the rest of this fiscal year.

The mid-winter conference had great attendance with CC Chris Terrell as guest speaker. He gave a great speech. I'm also very excited about the new MMCU to help low-income families with their health concerns.

Grass Roots Lions candidate. These Awards will be presented at the spring conference. Lions who have been members for less than 5 years and have exemplified superior service to the organization over the past year are the best people for this award. Only one per club can be selected for this award and will be presented to them at the spring conference.

LCIF contributions: We remain behind in our goal. While there has been improvement, we still have a long way to go. Please make it a priority for your board to approve a contribution to LCIF this month. Many clubs have fundraisers happening and it's a perfect time to earmark some of this to LCIF. Remember, every 1,000 donation qualifies for your club to name a deserving member as a Melvin Jones Fellow. This a very distinguished honor for any Lion to receive.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY: The Waxahachie Lions Club is celebrating of this achievement on Feb 1.

It is an honor to serve you! Please contact me if I can be of service.

WE SERVE!

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, January 2025

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 Governor and his team, the clubs have made membership growth their top priority and all Lions working towards a common goal of achieving Mission 1.5.



District 2-X1 Goals for 2024-2025: Following are the revised district goals:

- Charter 4 new clubs
- Recruit 400 new members
- Drops to be below 170
- Net membership gains 230
- Serve 200,000 needy people in our community

Our Accomplishments:

Clubs:

Clubs: 2-X1 has chartered Five new clubs 1. 'Dallas Bachimalka' Club. 2. Dallas Himalayan Sports and 3. DFW Cyber Club 4. Dallas Everest Women's Club 5. Dallas Himalayan Women's Club

2-X1 Membership Status: (January 31, 2025)

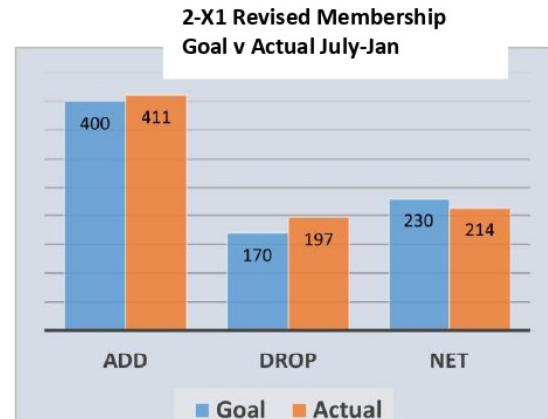
Added members.....	411
Dropped Members.....	197
Gain/Loss.....	214
Closing Balance.....	2,082

MD-2 Membership Status	
Added members.....	2,083
Dropped Members.....	1,954
Closing Balance.....	21,624
Net Gain/Loss.....	+129

2-X1 revised goals for this year is to recruit 400 new members with the drops limited to 170 for a net membership increase of 230.

We have already exceeded the revised new member recruitment to 411. The chart shows we must contain the drops. Our net increase is 214 and we expect to meet the goal of 230. We have done extremely well in new clubs and member recruitment. Congratulations to District 2-X1 for leading in MD-2 with the highest net growth and in CA-1. Following are top five clubs for net membership growth % (Dec 31, 2024)

- Dallas Buddha.55%
- Rowlett.....21%
- UTD Infinity.....20%
- Dallas Everest.....18%
- Dallas Filipino.....16%



Moving forward 2-X1 is on track to accomplish the new revised goals. We still have to contain the drops. The clubs need to have a clear strategy and criteria, if faced with dropping a member. Extended

periods of non- payment of dues and non-participation in service projects should be the determining factor to drop a member. Several members have left in good standing. Getting in touch with them and addressing any issue would help. 2-X1 has 10 clubs with <10 members. These clubs need help to be rejuvenated.

26 clubs with no membership activity through December need to consider holding membership events.

Service: In the last seven months 2-X1 Lions have served over 401,207 people with 1,849 service activities dedicating 71,077 volunteer hours. 97% of the clubs have reported their activities on Lions Portal. 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 for Zone Chairs, Club President, Secretary and Treasurer was offered in June. Club officers training was offered in November. Training was also offered in Mid- Winter Conference in January including New Member Orientation. 67% Club Presidents, 61% Secretary and 50% Treasurers have been trained.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has collected \$22,432 towards our foundation during this fiscal year. Better club participation is needed to meet our goal.

Let the New Year rejuvenate our Clubs and Membership!

PDG Vinod Mathur
2-X1 and MD-2 GMA Coordinator
Area 1A GMA Leader



Fred's Findings
PDG Fred Conger
Coppell Lions Club



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District 2-X1 Lions!

Can you believe it! Only 5 months left in the 2024 – 2025 Lion Year! Just a few months to finish working to achieve LCI's Club Excellence Award. You can find the application form on our District Web Page. Note the requirements and how to submit your club's application to Governor Radha after July 1, 2025.

<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Club-Excellence-Award-2024-2025.pdf>

I hope that you or some of your club members attended the district's Mid-Winter Conference. There was a good crowd, we had good food, we had a great speaker (MD-2 Council Chair PDG Terrell Thompson), and there were several officer and group breakout sessions. And there was a lot of sharing, socialization, and interaction between district Lion attendees.

Note that the "District 2-X1 Lions University" for the 2025-2026 Lion year is scheduled for June 21, 2025. It will be held at the Region 10 Service Center again as the site is awesome for such a training event. *Save the date and plan to get your club's incoming officers there for in-person training.*

One of our 2024-2025 district goals is for 65% of Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, and Club Treasurers to have received training. **As of today, of our 69 clubs, 72.47% of Club Presidents, 62.31% of Club Secretaries, and over 50.0% of Club Treasurers have taken advantage of one of the training opportunities for this Lion year.** Clubs run smoother and have fewer issues if their officers know what they should be doing.

If you have not yet completed your 2024-2025 officer training, go to the following link and complete the required steps outlined for the appropriate club officer position.

<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/lions-2-x1-university-files/>

Need info about Lions? Need help with the Lions Portal? Need an informational presentation or one on one help? Contact me, I will be happy to assist you.

PDG/GLT Fred Conger

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Striding for Healthy Living

Striding for Healthy Living Challenge – November – Dec 31, 2024

By: Lion Gloria Mathur MD-2 & District 2X1 Diabetes Awareness Chair

“On Your Own Stride “ i.e. at your leisure and place, was initiated by MD2 and District 2X1 chair of Diabetes awareness as a Diabetes activity .The purpose is to bring together communities, families and friends to raise awareness and encourage to exercise as a means of creating a healthy living and to keep track of the exercise/s of their choice (ie walk, run, bike etc.). This is a great way to support Diabetes awareness and get the much needed exercise during this pandemic and recruit new members.

There were 4clubs that participated in District 2X1 , (Dallas Filipino , Garland Evening LC, and Dallas Founder LC & Dallas Everest LC).

Winners for District (2x1) are:

Most miles (walk,run bike) Club – 1st place - Dallas Everest (1st place), 2nd place – Dallas Founders LC 3rd placeDallas Filipino LC, Hon. Mention – Garland Evening LC Club

Most Miles (walk/run/bike) per Lion; (overall winner) – Lion Jeet Chhetri (Dallas Everest LC .

Most Miles Walk (Individual)–

1st place - Lion Suresh Basyal (Dallas Everest LC); 2nd place – Lion Ann Badmus (DFCL); 3rd place- Lion Conrad San Diego (GELC) and Lion Felix Gaytan (Dallas Founder LC)

Most miles run (individual)

1st place -Lion Kedar Baral (Dallas Everest LC); 2nd place – Lion Rudra Khatwala (DELC); 3rd place – Lion Nia MacKay (Dallas Founders LC)

Most miles Cycling –

1st place -Lion Jeet Chhetri (Dallas Everest LC); 2nd place – Lion Thala Raj Panta (DELC); 3rd place – Lion Sheryll McKay (Dallas Founders LC)

Most miles other physical activities (gym, Pickle ball, dancing, swimming, weigh lifting) –

1st place Lion Mandip Chhetri (Dallas Everest LC), 2nd place – Suraj Karki (DELC),& Lion Sajan Baral (DELC), 3rd place – Lion Anisa MacKay (Dallas Founders LC).

Winners from District 2X1 in each category will be submitted and entered for the MD-2 stride contest.

Certificates of Participation will be awarded to all the winners. at the 3rd Cabinet meeting in Irving TX .

Congratulations to all the winners !



Diabetes Awareness & Wellness Now (DAWN) COMMUNITY WELLNESS & DIABETES SCREENING

When: Saturday, February 15, 2025

Time : 10 AM—2 PM

Where: City of Irving, Georgia Farrow Rec Center

530 Davis Dr, Irving, TX 75061

FEATURING:

-Free Health Screenings:

- A1c testing
- Blood Pressure
- Kidney Function
- BMI
- Vision Screening

- Free bag of fresh farm produce to those screened .

For more information contact:

Lion Gloria Mathur, Project Coordinator
District 2-X1 972.896.9953



UT Southwestern
Medical Center





LIONS DISTRICT 2-X1



2025 Lions Opportunity for Youth Contest Application Form

Check the contest for which this application is being submitted. It is mandatory to complete the application; **no handwritten applications will be accepted.**

Diabetes Awareness Essay Drug Awareness Speech Outstanding Youth Contest

Full Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ F M

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

School Currently Attending: _____ Jr Sr

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Expected Year of Higher Education Enrollment: _____

Name of University/College You Plan to Attend: _____

Sponsoring Lions Club: _____

Club Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Club Contact Email: _____

Contest Chair: _____ Phone: _____

Contest Chair Email: _____

We certify the statements in this application are correct. We have reviewed a copy of the Policies and Rules for the Contest and promise to comply with them. We consent that all materials, creations, concepts, likeness, designs, posters, ideas, and intellectual rights and property used mentioned, spoken, and written for, or in connection with, this contest are the property of the Lions District 2-X1 and may be published and used for any purpose selected by the Lions District 2-X1. A Chaperone approved by the District (a parent, guardian, or Lion) shall accompany the Contestant during their stay at the event where the contest will be judged. We understand that the contestants are to be available, on request, to participate in District 2-X1 events and activities for the period of one year after the contest.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contest Chair Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Responsibility Check List

- Application fee is \$100.00 for each contest. Make check payable to '2X1 Charities Inc.'
- Complete and sign District 2-X1 Contest application (and MD-2 application when applicable. Leave the District Signature blank.)
- Check and sign all required physical documents (and copies) as listed on each contest rules.
- Complete (check mark all boxes under each contest) and sign the 'Contestant Check List' form.
- Attach this application form to all requested documents and payment check to appropriate Contest Chair.
- One application packet for each contest. Application deadline (postmarked) is **Friday, March 8, 2025**





LIONS DISTRICT 2-X1



2025 Lions Opportunity for Youth Quick Reference Sheet

Visit <https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/forms/>

LCI Peace Poster Contest

- Topic: **"Peace without Limits"**
- Qualification: Student, 11–13 years old, as of Nov. 15, 2024"
- Artwork poster: 13"x20" to 20"x24"
- Cash Awards: 1st place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2024**, 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, 2024"
- Essay not to exceed 500 words
- Cash Awards: 1st place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2024"**, submitted to the District
- **Contact person:**
Lion Karen Murray
(972) 255-8858
gizmo_747@yahoo.com

MD-2 Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest

- Topic: **"Diabetes Medication" and Treatment Advances"**
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school
- Essay not to exceed 1,500 words
- Scholarship Awards: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 8, 2025**, submitted to the district
- **Judging: Saturday, April 5, 2025 via Zoom**
- **Presentation (1st Place Winner): Saturday, April 27, 2025 at District Convention**
- **Contact person:**
Lion Gloria Mathur
972-896-9953
gmathur120@gmail.com

MD-2 Drug Awareness Speech Contest

- Topic: **"Policies for Narcan Use in Schools"**
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school
- 5 to 7 minutes speech
- Scholarship Awards: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 8, 2025**, submitted to the district
- **Judging: Saturday, April 5, 2025 via Zoom**
- **Presentation (1st Place Winner): Saturday, April 27, 2025 at District Convention**
- **Contact person:**
Lion Om Thapa, PhD
(469)797-7474
thapaom@gmail.com

MD-2 Outstanding Youth Award Contest

- Evaluated based on: high school GPA, 750-1000 word essays on **"What are the advantages and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence "A.I."** 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 8, 2025**, submitted to the District
- **Contest Interview/Judging: Saturday, April 5, 2025 via Zoom**
- **Presentations (1st Place winner): Saturday, April 27, 2025, District 2-X1 Convention**
- **Contact person:**
Lion Om Thapa, PhD
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thapaom@gmail.com

For the contests' rules, application, and other related forms, please find the appropriate forms at the website page of LOFY, District 2X-1.

District 2-X1 Convention, Saturday, April 27, 2025. Please check for the exact location on a later date.

District's 1st Place winners will advance to MD-2 Texas Lions Contests, Saturday, May 31, 2025

MD-2 1st Place Winners will present their speech at Texas Lions Convention, Saturday., June 7, 2025 in Lubock, TX

"Lions Opportunity for Youth (LOFY)**District 2-X1****Subject: Participating in the LOFY contests**

Dear Leo Presidents and Secretaries,
Lions Club Presidents and Secretaries

I am writing to remind and invite junior and senior Leos to participate in the various categories of the Lions Opportunity for Youth (LOFY) contests: the Drug Awareness Speech Contest, the Outstanding Youth Award, and the Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest (Lion Gloria Mathur).

These contests offer valuable opportunities for participants to address pressing societal issues while enhancing their knowledge and leadership skills. Your involvement not only empowers you but also inspires others to embrace citizens' responsibility and scholarship opportunities.

To facilitate your participation, please take a moment to review the contest categories, rules, important dates, and guidelines for scholarships through LOFY:

Contest Categories:

- **Drug Awareness Speech Contest Rules**
- **Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest Rules**
- **Outstanding Youth Award Contest Rules**
- **LOFY Contest Application Form**

Links:

- **Drug Awareness Speech Contest Rules**
- **Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest Rules**
- **Outstanding Youth Award Contest Rules**
- **LOFY Contest Application Form**

Steps for applying:

- **Review Contest Rules: Access the Lions District 2-X1 or MD-2 Texas Lions website for application forms and comprehensive guidelines.**

- Complete the Application Form: Provide personal information and articulate your motivations, particularly for the Outstanding Youth Award.
- Prepare Your Entry: Ensure that submissions are well-researched and professionally presented.
- Submit Your Application: Forward completed entries to your local Lions Club or District 2-X1 coordinator by the deadline. Selected candidates may advance to district and state levels for further recognition.

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Remember that your future is not waiting for you to catch up but for you to create it. The world is full of possibilities; do not merely watch it unfold; strive to be the catalyst that brings change.

Should you have any inquiries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Best regards,

LOFY Chair, District 2-X1

Lion Dr. Om Thapa/Call: 469.797.747

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32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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Forging Hope

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July 31, 2025

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course
Fredericksburg, TX

All GIFTS will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000
in 2024-2025 by **James Avery Artisan Jewelry®**
For more information: www.lionscamp.com.

Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs associations & corporations may sponsor a hole(s). All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized on signage and publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website: www.lionscamp.com. Deadline to ensure recognition/publication is July 11, 2025.

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

*Children Can...
With TLC™*

**Come Play and
make a Kid's Day
in 2025!**

For more information or to download
player registration forms go to
www.lionscamp.com

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

Email: _____

Credit Card: MC ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ Amount: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ CVC _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL TO: TEXAS LIONS CAMP
PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029

**James Avery Artisan Jewelry
provides \$50,000 Challenge Grant
Named Title Sponsor for
32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament**

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to honor and support children with special medical conditions and their families attending Summer Camp 2025. Every gift designated for the 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has been named the Title Sponsor for the 2025 Golf tournament.

"Texas Lions Camp (TLC) is thrilled that James Avery Artisan Jewelry has agreed to provide a cornerstone grant and invest in our mission in 2025 by offering this exciting challenge opportunity," said TLC President & CEO, Stephen S. Mabry.

James Avery's Chief Executive Officer John McCullough stated, "Our founder James Avery believed 'giving is what it's all about.' We continue that philosophy today because of his commitment and because it is just the right thing to do. For seven decades, we have forged partnerships with charitable organizations that reflect our core values and enrich lives, which helps make our communities better places to live. James Avery is proud to be involved with the Texas Lions Camp where TLC has introduced more than 84,000 children to the 'CAN DO' philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences for the past 75 years. We are proud to encourage donors across Texas to partner with us in supporting the beauty that Texas Lions Camp offers to children and their families through this unique and educational summer camp experience."

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry®

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry® – James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We offer finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze, and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Kerrville, Comfort, Hondo and Corpus Christi, Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with 130 James Avery stores in four states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, more than 250 Dillard's locations and at Dillards.com and at 37 Von Maur locations and VonMaur.com. You also can find our designs at airport stores in Houston and Nashville, as well as select Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) locations.

Harry Wickersham 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

For 32 years, Texas Lions Camp (TLC) has sponsored an annual golf tournament to help support camp operations. The history of this golf tournament and the Lions that helped make it become a reality may be found on our website (<https://lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html>). The event now raises more than \$175,000 annually and has cumulatively produced more than \$2.1 million over the past 31 years. Special thanks to all who have helped make this fund-raiser such a success. The 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025, and will be hosted once again by the Fredericksburg Lions Club at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Learn about Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Those who are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit www.lionscamp.com or by emailing Milton L. Dare at milton.dare@texaslions.camp. If preferred, you may call 830-896-8500 for more information.



Esmeralda's Express News

PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez

Grand Prairie Host Lions Cub

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Glad to share amazing News! Did you know our that our District 2x1 in Constitutional Area (CA) 1 is in the running for the Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Cup Award!

Here's how it works:

How to win:

- The top district team with the largest membership growth in each constitutional area will earn the honor of being forever memorialized on the inaugural Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Cup. Each constitutional area will have its own cup.

What you get

- Each member of the district team (district governor, immediate past district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor) will have their names engraved on their constitutional area's Jesse Robinson Cup, which will honor their incredible achievements for the year.
- Each member of the district team will also receive a replica cup to recognize their outstanding achievements.

Current Standings in the eight Constitutional Areas (CA):

- CA 1: Districts 4 L3, 2 X1, 12 L
- CA 2: Districts 5M 10, A 711, 5M 11
- CA 3: Districts O2, O 4, M 2
- CA 4: Districts 134, 118 U, 108 IB4
- CA 5: Districts 300C 3, 388, 301 C
- CA 6: Districts 325 E, 325 J, 3232 F1
- CA 7: Districts 307 A1, 307 B1, 307 A2
- CA 8: Districts 404 B2, 403 B3, 416

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However, it is vital that all our clubs to continue to focus on retention, recruitment and extension. This will help our district 2x1 to build on our success with positive membership.

There is a great tool ChatGPT available to help our district and clubs. The link on how to set up ChatGPT and the Apps LionsMap2Grow and LionsMarket2Grow is:

<https://youtu.be/5WFWzYD3S2w>

We will be having our District 2x13rd Round Table Summit on Saturday, March 29th at Seareinas Event Center from 9 am to noon. MD2 GMT Chair Sheila Donnelly is coming to be keynote presenter during summit. DFW Cyber Club President Conrad Alagaban will present on how to do SWOT analysis and market our lions clubs using LionsMap2Grow and LionsMarket2Grow.

Current status of members dropped and recruited per club:

(insert Excel spreadsheet here)

Come join us! We have the New Voices Symposium coming up on February 22nd from 10 am to 2:30 pm at Seareinas Event Center with some great speakers and panelists. Remember to bring your donated items like coloring books, reading books, colors, map pencils, backpacks that will be donated to Childrens Hospital for pediatric cancer patients.

Let's Go, Let's Grow! Let's Share our joy and pride of being a Lion with persons we interact on a daily basis and JUST ASK and invite them to join us to do a service project. Build a Bed district wide service project is coming up on March 22nd in Waxahachie. Plan to join us and take new members to help out.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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.