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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

A New Era for District 2X1: Celebrating Growth and Global Camaraderie!

District 2X1 Lions Club is on the brink of an extraordinary milestone, as we prepare to welcome four brand-new clubs into our ever-growing family! This marks a moment of incredible expansion, renewed service, and boundless opportunities for impact. The upcoming charter ceremonies promise to be unforgettable, uniting passionate leaders and dedicated Lions who are ready to make a difference.

Adding to the grandeur of these events, we are honored to host distinguished guests from Lions Clubs International, who will grace the occasion with their presence and words of inspiration. Their participation underscores the global recognition of District 2X1's commitment to service and leadership.

These new clubs bring fresh energy, innovative ideas, and eager volunteers ready to serve their communities. From humanitarian initiatives to local outreach, they will strengthen our mission of "We Serve." This is a time to celebrate, connect, and inspire one another to reach even greater heights. Join us as we usher in a new era of service, fellowship, and growth. The future of District 2X1 is brighter than ever

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DG Radha's Message

DG Radha K. Kaphle
Dallas Everest

March 2025

Fellow Lions and Leos,

As we move into the month of March, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. Your dedication to service and your commitment to our communities have been nothing short of inspiring. Let's continue building on the momentum we've achieved as we work toward our goals for the remainder of the Lion year.

We had a wonderful Third Council of Governors' meeting in Kerrville, Texas, on February 6-8, 2025. Now, we are looking forward to our **District Convention on April 25-26, 2025**, with our Keynote Speaker, International Director Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski, and his spouse, Lion Jenis, from Alaska. Our Convention Chairs, PCC Joe Montag and PDG Bill Smothermon, have already announced all program details, which are posted on our district website. Please register early to secure your spot, and encourage your members to do the same.

On **March 22, 2025**, we will be hosting the **Build Beds for Kids Project** in Waxahachie. Details are available on the website, and you can reach out to PCC John Landrum and PCC John Eads for donations and other information. Be sure to register online if you'd like to volunteer.

Another exciting event is the **joint charter ceremony** for four new clubs, scheduled for **March 23, 2025**, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Valley View Lane, Irving. Our Keynote Speaker will be International 2nd Vice President Mark S. Lyon from Connecticut, USA, and PID Ernesto "TJ" Tejerina will also be joining us. Please mark your calendars for this special occasion.

I am proud to announce that our district has secured one of the top positions in membership growth within Constitutional Area 1. I request all of you to help us take the lead through June 30, 2025, and beyond. This is our opportunity to create a historic legacy for District 2-X1 by becoming the Number 1 District in the area. A huge thank you to all the clubs and the district team for your collective efforts in achieving this success. Let's "Make Our Mark"!

Membership Growth and Retention:

We are facing a recurring issue of retention in some clubs. Out of 69 clubs, 19 are currently experiencing negative growth, 15 have a zero-growth rate, and 15 have less than a net plus of 3 members.

Membership retention is crucial to reversing this trend. Let's focus on engaging and supporting our current members while continuing to invite new ones. Clubs with negative or no growth still have time to turn things around! By emphasizing meaningful engagement and active participation, every club has the opportunity to achieve the Five Star Club Excellence Award or the Club Excellence Award by June 2025. Together, by establishing new clubs and recruiting new members, we can maintain our momentum and meet our membership goals under Mission 1.5.

While we've successfully welcomed 452 new members, achieving a net growth of 233 members after accounting for 219 drops, the main reasons for drops include resignations (53), non-attendance (17), relocations (34), member transfers (22), other personal reasons (24), non-payment (36), and deaths (9). We must address these causes by focusing on engagement and retention efforts, except for unavoidable cases such as death and transfers.

If your club needs any support with membership efforts, don't hesitate to reach out to our Membership Team—we are here to help you succeed!

Service and Reporting:

Our district's service activities have impacted **466105 people**, with **2109 service projects** and **78008 volunteer hours** logged so far. Service reporting stands at **93%** with Leo Clubs included due to 6 inactive Leo Clubs, however, **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:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the officers' and new members' training sessions during this period. For those who were unable to attend, please complete your training online and report to the GLT Coordinator to qualify for the Club Excellence Award. Let's continue working together to ensure that our officers and members are equipped with the training they need to lead their clubs effectively and serve their communities with confidence.

Additionally, it is time to submit nomination letters for district office positions to the District Election Chairs, as required by our bylaws, before the 4th Cabinet Meeting. Please reach out to the Election Chairs for further guidance.

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 **\$43,676** toward our goal of **\$60,000** for LCIF, supported by **29 clubs** and **43 individual Lions**. Let's

continue working toward this goal and make a significant impact through our collective efforts and contact to District LCIF Chair Manuel Palavicini.

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 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:

- **Build Beds for Kids Project:** March 22, Waxahachie, TX
- **4th Cabinet Meeting:** March 15, Duncanville, TX
- **Grand Charter Night Celebration:** March 23, Hilton Garden Inn, Irving, TX
- **District Convention:** April 25-26, DoubleTree Hotel North Dallas
- **State Convention:** June 5-7, Lubbock, TX

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

“Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.”

Tony Robbins

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 am honored to share with you the incredible experience of attending the DGE Seminar in Chicago, held at the prestigious Q Center. This remarkable gathering brought together 700 District Governor-Elects from around the world, all united in our shared mission to advance the goals of Lions International and drive the success of Mission 1.5. During this inspiring event, we had the privilege of learning from our esteemed 1st International Vice President, Lion AP Singh, who emphasized the importance of expanding our reach through more clubs and more service. His words reinforced our commitment to strengthening our communities by engaging new members and enhancing our service impact. One of the most memorable highlights of the seminar was our visit to Lions Clubs International Headquarters, where I had the opportunity to learn more about the rich history of our organization. It was amazing to reflect on the remarkable legacy of Lions who came before us and reaffirm our dedication to carrying their mission forward.

As we step into March, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have achieved together. Your unwavering dedication to service and commitment to our communities continues to be a source of inspiration. Let's build on our momentum and strive to accomplish even more as we move toward the end of this Lion year.

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Yours in Lionism,

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Vineyard's Voice

March 2025

2VDG Gary Vineyard

Hello Lion Family!!

Happy March everyone! Spring is one of my favorite times of the year! I am excited to get out and visit many of your clubs soon. February was a great month and we saw some really great things happening across the district.

Once again, 2x1 continues to lead the state and CA1 in membership growth and new clubs. We have a lot of momentum leading up to now and will continue to grow even more this month. From My experience in years past, March is a great month for new members to join our clubs.

I was thrilled to be a part of the new Leo/Cub charter for Dallas Budha Lions club. Listening to these young officers speak, they did so well and I have no doubt they will do a very good job with serving their community. Congratulations to their club and all who helped make this happen for them. Congratulations to Waxahachie Lions club for 100 years of service. Their banquet was wonderful and was well attended. Proclamations were given by both State House and Senate representatives.

I also attended the council of governor's session in Kerrville, Tx. I learned several great things and was able to visit the Texas Lions Camp and the Texas Lion Museum. If you haven't been to Kerrville to see these in person, I highly recommend it. There are great opportunities to do this over the next 3 months. The first weekend of March, April and May will be work days at the camp. We have to get it ready for the campers that will come this summer. If you would like to schedule a time to visit the camp, please reach out to your TLC coordinator. While I'm on this subject, if your club has a student to send, please get those names approved and sent to TLC as soon as possible to get them registered.

Retention/growth - Retention is a vital part of maintaining a strong club. One thing I learned in Kerrville is many clubs have dropped members for non-attendance, or other. Your retention committee needs to make sure that those with non-attendance concerns have a plan for contact and make sure they are ok. If you don't have a retention committee, please consider creating one to get ahead of your membership. EVERY club is expected to have a positive membership number by June 30. Please do not think that it is ok to wait until June 30 to drop a lot of members, that is no longer an acceptable way of dropping members for 2x1.

4th Cabinet meeting will be held on March 15, in Duncanville, Tx. Please make sure your club officers are in attendance for any final needed training to complete the year.

The final district convention of the year will be on April 25-26 in Richardson, Tx. Registration is open and will be a great event, honoring our Grass roots lions, several district awards, outgoing DG, incoming DG and pass the gavel.

Grass roots winners will be honored at the district convention. Open to Lions members less than 5 years who have exemplified superior service to the organization over the past year are the best people for this award. One Lion per club and please make sure that the club President/designee and others come support your winner. It's very important for them.

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.

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

WE SERVE!

**2VDG Gary Vineyard
Club Director/Past President
Midlothian Lions Club**

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, February 28, 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 411 new members
- Drops to be below 181
- 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: (Feb 28, 2025)

Added members.....	451
Dropped Members.....	219
Gain/Loss.....	232
Closing Balance.....	2,100

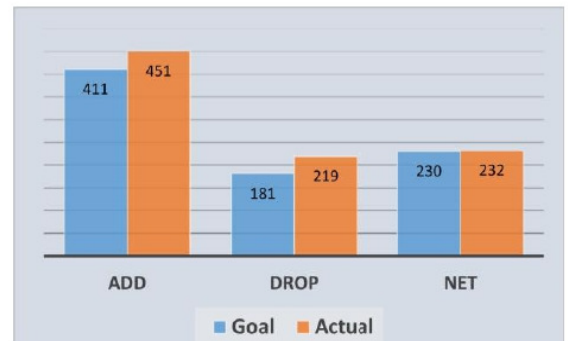
MD-2 Membership Status	
Added members.....	2,370
Dropped Members....	2,153
Closing Balance.....	21,712
Net Gain/Loss.....	+ 217

2-X1 revised goals for this year is to recruit 411 new members with the drops limited to 181 for a net membership increase of 230.

We have already exceeded the revised new member recruitment to 451. The chart shows we must contain the drops. Our net increase is 232 surpassing the revised goal. 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. And 2nd in CA-1 Following are top five clubs for net membership growth % (Feb 28, 2025)

- Dallas Buddha. ...55%
- Dallas Everest.....25%
- Red Oak.....23%
- Dallas Founder.....22%
- UTD Infinity.....20%

2-X1 Revised Membership Goal v Actual July-Feb



Moving forward 2-X1 is on track to accomplish and exceed 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. A membership committee meeting was held to increase net membership in the next four months to become 1st in CA-1. Suggest all 11 zones bringing in net 2 members in each zone. Also, retention is the key for growth. 18 clubs with no membership activity through December need to consider holding membership events and increase by one net member.

Service: In the last eight months 2-X1 Lions have served over 464,964 people with 2076 service activities dedicating 77,813 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 \$43,676 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! Please note that the 4th District Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for March 15th in Duncanville at the First Christian Church, 203 S Main St, Duncanville, TX 75116. The information link is on the District Web Home Page www.lionsdistrict2x1.org. There will be breakouts for Leos, PDGs, Zone & Region Chairs plus a general session about the Lion Portal, how to use the Global Membership Approach in your club, and information about earning LCI's Club Excellence Award.

Clubs keep working to achieve LCI's Club Excellence Award. The 2024-2025 application form is also on our District Web Page. Note the requirements and how to submit your club's application to Governor Radha after July 1, 2025 (July's Cabinet meeting works).

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

Note that the "District 2-X1 Convention" is set for April 25th and 26th. Registration Forms will be available at the Cabinet Meeting and on-line on the District Web Site.

Note also 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.

It's time for clubs to form a nominations committee to prepare a slate of officers for 2025-2026. Elections must be held and the results turned into LCI from your club Secretary by April 15th.

A major 2024-2025 district goal 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.

If you have not yet completed your 2024-2025 officer training, use 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

Mobile Medical Care Unit (MMCU)



Mobile Medical Care Unit (MMCU) in DFW District 2x-1: Promoting Health and Preventing Disease

Access to healthcare remains a significant challenge for many uninsured and underserved populations in the DFW area, especially in District 2x-1. Many individuals in these communities face barriers to care, leading to untreated chronic conditions and preventable health complications. Our mobile medical unit is committed to bridging this gap by providing accessible healthcare directly to these populations.

Our mobile medical unit is driven by the motto: Health Promotion, Disease Prevention. By detecting illnesses in their early stages, we can help improve health outcomes, reduce the risk of severe complications, and ultimately save lives. A cornerstone of our mobile medical unit's work is to provide routine health fairs, where free screenings for chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, and anemia are offered. Timely detection is critical, as conditions like these are leading causes of death. According to the CDC, heart disease, diabetes, and stroke—often linked to these conditions—are among the top ten leading causes of death in the U.S. Early detection through screenings can prevent these diseases from progressing into more serious and complex complications.

At each health fair, attendees receive consultations with medical providers, who can prescribe medications on-site for immediate treatment of acute health issues and others are guided to follow up with free clinics in DFW. This proactive approach reduces the burden on emergency services and ensures that individuals receive the care they need without delay. The success of our health fairs is made possible through the collaboration of local organizations, including Lions Clubs and dedicated volunteers. Their support helps ensure that each event is smoothly executed, reaching as many individuals as possible.

Your Pathways: Preparing for a New Lion Year

With just four months remaining until the start of a new Lions year, our focus must stay on finishing strong and laying the foundation for continued success. Through our unwavering commitment to serving with passion and leading with action, we have shaped District 2-X1 into one of the most vibrant and impactful districts, setting the stage for even greater achievements ahead. With 69 clubs standing strong, we have much to celebrate—and even more to achieve as we look ahead.

Knowledge and presence at upcoming events make you like "AI"

Planning, prioritization, and knowledge are keys to sustained progress. Well-structured plans ensure impactful service projects, and a solid leadership foundation for the upcoming Lions year. Membership Roundtable Summit, The upcoming Last Cabinet Meeting on March 15, 2025, will review our progress and chart the future. The Builds Beds for Kids Program on March 22, 2025, will bring comfort to children in need, while the New Clubs Charter Event on March 23, 2025, will celebrate our district's growth. The District Convention on April 25-26, 2025, will highlight our achievements and set the stage for the next year. A State Convention in Lubbock, TX, from June 5-7, 2025, will provide you with confidence in your leadership abilities. By May 5, 2025, clubs must complete the nominations and elections for new officers and chairs.

Put your focus on action

As Lion Year moves closer, clubs must focus on key responsibilities. Nominating Grassroot Lions—those with less than five years of service who demonstrate exceptional dedication—is essential to recognizing emerging leaders. Completing year-end documentation ensures accountability and smooth handovers to incoming officers. Membership renewal by June 2025 is critical to maintaining a robust Lions presence. Hosting Club Celebrations and Installations will honor outgoing leaders while welcoming new leadership teams.

Clubs must ensure that their members, officers, and district officers' telephone numbers are updated for the new District Directory. Dues for International and District must be paid as early as possible, and members must be encouraged to take on leadership roles. Evaluating this year's successes and setting clear goals will keep the Club and the District on a path of continuous growth.

Strive for excellence and recognition

Striving for excellence remains a top priority. Achieving the Club Excellence Award and Five Star Club Excellence requires supporting LCIF through contributions, training of officers, completing at least three major service projects, and achieving a net membership increase. Recognition is a powerful motivator, and outstanding Lions will be honored with the 100% President, 100% Secretary, and 100% Lions Awards, as outlined in the District Directory (Pages 70-72).

Lion of the Year award honors a member who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication, leadership, and impact. Similarly, the Club of the Year award will celebrate a club that has executed impactful projects, grown its membership, and exemplified the spirit of Lionism. These recognitions inspire others to strive for excellence.

Learning and leadership

Leadership is a continuous growth journey. As Rick Warren said, “If you stop learning, you stop leading.” Engaging with District Lions University, Lions University, and the Lions Portal will enhance your skills and knowledge. By embracing lifelong learning, we strengthen our leadership and amplify our service impact.

Together, let’s finish strong and step confidently into the pathways ahead, ready to serve, lead, and inspire. Our collective efforts today will shape a legacy of compassion, excellence, and progress for generations to come.



Rajendra Kunwar
Irving Everest Centennial Lions Club
Zone -7 Chair
District 2-X1

How Club can get Club Excellence Awards

Criteria	Club Excellence Award Requirements	5 Star Club Excellence Award Requirements
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved a net growth of two members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater) or chartered a new Lions club, in the current Lions year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased membership by 20% (minimum of five (5) members for small clubs) Submitted annual membership report
Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started a new service project — consider one of our global causes • Participated in and listed three service activities that were reported to Lions International 	Submitted annual service report
LCIF Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US \$10 	Donated a minimum of US \$20 per member or US \$1,000 (whichever is less)
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published its service activities through local media and social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published its service activities through local media and social media
Leadership and Organizational Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club is in good standing (not in status quo or financial suspension: district dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more) • Reported club officers to Lions International • Key officers participated in club officer training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District • Multiple District • International • Webinars Lions Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club is in good standing (not in status quo or financial suspension: district dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more) • Reported club officers to Lions International • Key officers participated in club officer training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District • Multiple District • International • Webinars Lions Learning Center

DFW Indonesian Lions Club Branch, the New Dallas Founder Lions Club's Branch

Our club is honored to sponsor the establishment of the 'DFW Indonesian Lions Club Branch,' dedicated to support the Lions Clubs International's mission and to promote and foster Indonesian culture within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area through education, programs, and service activities. The club branch charter was officially established by LCI on February 11, 2025.



The club branch leadership are:

President: Debbie Margaretha

Secretary: Lina Berryhill

Treasurer: Sabriena Duvall

A flyer for a fashion show. At the top, it says 'DFW Indonesian Lions Club Branch Presents:'. Below this is a group of five women in traditional Indonesian batik dresses. To the right, a red circle contains the date '6 March 2025 6:30-9 PM'. Below the group of women is a portrait of Dr. Vishnu Maya Upadhyay, labeled 'Keynote Speaker'. To the right of her portrait is a small image of a 'deluxe' magazine. At the bottom left is the 'SEAREINAS' logo. The word 'FASHION' is written in large, bold, green letters, with 'Show' in a cursive font below it. A QR code is located to the right of the 'FASHION Show' text. At the bottom, it says 'FEATURING DEBYTA COLLECTION' and 'EVENT Join us for a night of glamour and style at our Fashion Show with entertainment, benefitting LCI Global Causes. Raffle prizes including a Segway scooter and Indonesian handcrafts.' Below that, it says 'TICKET IS \$20 use QR code or link below' and 'Seareinas, 1070 Fort Worth St. Ste 300, Grand Prairie, TX'. At the very bottom, it says 'Tap here to pay your ticket'.

The DFW Indonesian Lions Club Branch is pleased to announce its debut fundraiser, a fashion show benefitting LCI Global Causes on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Lion Debbie, an Indonesian designer, will present her couture collection, "Debyta Collection" at this event. She has showcased her collection in Milan, Italy, as well as in New York, and Houston, TX. Lion Debbie uses Indonesian's batik from various clothing materials (from cotton to silk) with modern designs for all ages and occasions. Entertainment including a traditional dance from island of Bali, Tari Pendet, and a martial art from the island of West Java, Pencak Silat. Ticket price is \$20/person, including dinner and entertainment at Seareinas Event Center, 1017 Fort Worth St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050 from 6:30 to 9 PM. Keynote speaker for this event will be Dr Vishnu Maya Upadhyay, DNP, President of Dallas Health Lions Club and proprietor of the Maya Healthcare Clinic and Behavioral Health in Eules, TX.

Your support is greatly appreciated by promoting, attending (purchasing a ticket), or making a donation for this worthy cause. Use the QR code on the flyer or tap [here](#) to purchase a ticket or make donation (or copy paste the link below to your website search). For more information, please contact DFW Indonesian President, Lion Debbie Margaretha at debyta_houston@yahoo.com or Dallas Founder Lions Club President, Lion Nia MacKay, PhD at nia.mackay@icloud.com. Together We Serve.

(Ticket/donation payment link <https://of.deluxe.com/gateway/publish/4of56980-6f47-b3be-39d9-5fe31098e43a>)



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
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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:**
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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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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.



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Fellow lions family we are now in the last quarter of our 2024-2025 lion year! We need our fellow lion leaders to know and start to learn about technological tools available to help our District 2x1 and all our clubs to come up with effective strategies with club extension, recruitment and retention.

WHAT CAN Artificial Intelligence (AI) DO FOR YOUR CLUB?

Go to Lionsvirtual.org to sign up for an account.

You can ask ChatGPT via the Lions Virtual platform to develop a growth plan for our district or club.

Lion Daniel Elkins highlighted in Global Lions Forum: Introducing Lions Virtual "AI Re-Evolution" Training!

Lions Virtual is Lions Helping Lions—and the "AI Re-Evolution" is an innovative training program that dives into two groundbreaking AI-powered apps, designed specifically to help Lions grow, rebuild, and promote their service worldwide.

Here's what you can explore:

LionsMap2Grow:

This powerful tool is your go-to for all things club-related, from chartering new clubs to membership growth, rebuilding existing clubs, creating outreach plans, and crafting marketing strategies. Whether you're starting fresh or building momentum, LionsMap2Grow is here to guide you every step of the way..

LionsMarket2Grow:

Turn your Lions Portal Service Reports into impactful content with just a click! This tool generates press releases, Facebook and Instagram posts, and provides access to local media contacts—so you can easily Make Your Mark just as International President Fabrício Oliveira envisions by promoting your service after you report it.

Simply sign up for a free OpenAI ChatGPT account and start using them today. Note that there are daily usage limits, so we recommend incorporating the cost of the pro plan into your club's or district's membership or marketing budget for full access. The cost is \$20 per month. However, I have been using only the free access and it has worked out for myself at this time. These tools are game-changers for Lions. Take advantage and help your clubs thrive!

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For example, I plugged in the question:

how to grow a lions club in Mesquite, Texas? The information below popped up:

To grow a Lions Club in Mesquite, Texas, you can follow a structured approach using the Global Membership Approach (GMA) and Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) principles. Here's a step-by-step plan:

1. Conduct a Community Assessment

- Identify the needs and interests of the community.
- Use the New Club Community Assessment Guide to evaluate gaps in service and potential partnerships .
- Engage with local nonprofits, schools, businesses, and civic groups.

2. Identify Key Assets and Potential Partners

- Leverage the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) framework .
- List community organizations that align with Lions Club values, such as:
 - Food pantries
 - Health clinics
 - Youth mentorship programs
 - Veterans' support groups
 - Faith-based organizations
- Build relationships with local leaders who can help spread the mission.

3. Develop a S.W.O.T. Analysis for Mesquite

- Strengths: Growing population, strong business community, active service organizations.
- Weaknesses: Need for more civic engagement, potential lack of awareness of Lions Club activities.
- Opportunities: Partnering with local charities, schools, and businesses; tapping into corporate social responsibility programs.
- Threats: Competition with other service organizations, volunteer burnout .

4. Build a Vision and a Team

- Follow the Build a Vision and Build a Team guides from the Global Membership Approach .
- Recruit a core leadership team passionate about service and community growth.

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5. Promote the Club and Recruit Members

- Use social media, community events, and word-of-mouth referrals.
- Organize informational meetings and service projects as a way to engage potential members .
- Target diverse groups (young professionals, retirees, business owners, etc.).

6. Organize Initial Service Projects

- Choose a visible and impactful project (vision screenings, food distribution, community cleanup).
- Collaborate with existing events in Mesquite to maximize exposure

7. Develop an Outreach Plan

- Create a marketing strategy that includes:
 - Flyers and posters at local businesses and community centers.
 - Speaking engagements at schools, churches, and civic meetings.
 - Email and social media campaigns .

8. Charter the New Club

- Once 20+ members commit, submit the necessary charter application.
- Follow the New Club Development Guide to complete the process .

Would you like help drafting outreach letters, planning a recruitment event, or creating a detailed action plan?

You can ask more questions, like, create a Facebook post saying you are looking to grow to serve more, a press release to send to the news paper and radio, a list of the newspapers and radio stations and their addresses, etc., etc.

This is just a hint of things that Artificial Intelligence can do for your club. Need or want more information, go to the LionsVirtual page and click on one of the two circled are LionsMap2Grow or LionsMarket2Grow. (Big Thanks to Lion Daniel Marney Elkins for developing this concept!

Let's go, let's grow!

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Reminder:

a Lion that recruits 10 new Lion members will receive a Lion plaque with gold colored label and a Lion that recruits 5 new members will receive a Lion plaque with silver colored label. A club that recruits two new members or more will receive a certificate of recognition at 4th cabinet meeting. The clubs that have a net growth of two members or more will be presented a growth champion patch during the April district convention.

#WeServe #MakeYourMark #LionsVirtual #AIRevolution #lionsmap2grow #lionsmarket2grow

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Esmeralda Rodriguez



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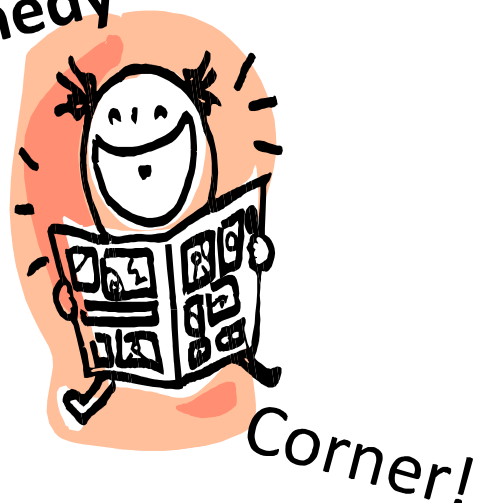
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TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

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.