

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 2-X1
DISTRICT CONVENTION
APRIL 25-26, 2025



RADHA KAPHLE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
2024-2025

“Serve with Passion, Lead with Action.”

Doubletree by Hilton
4099 Valley View Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75244

**2025 DISTRICT 2-X1 CONVENTION
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**Lion Radha Kaphle
District 2-X1 Governor 2024-2025**

Lion Radha K. Kaphle joined the Dallas Everest Lions Club in 2012 and has since held various leadership roles, including Treasurer, Vice President, and President. Under his leadership, the club earned the prestigious title of District 2-X1 "Club of the Year" and received the LCI Club Excellence Award.

Within District 2-X1, he has served in key positions such as 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor, Region Chair, Zone Chair, and Director of the Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation. As a Lion, he graduated from LCI's Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) in 2022, attended the USA/Canada Lions Forum in 2023 and 2024, earned a Master's Degree from Lions University, and completed the District Governors-Elect seminar in 2024.

Lion Radha is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Certified Guiding Lion, a Life Member of the Texas Lions Camp, and a Founding Member of the T.U. Lions Blood Transfusion & Research Center of Nepal. His commitment to humanitarian service was recognized with the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award (Gold) in 2024.

A distinguished Nepalese lyricist and poet, he has published the Nepali book, Chandani. He previously served as Director of National Broadcasting Services of Nepal (Radio Nepal) and holds an MBA from Tribhuvan University. His outstanding contributions to Lionism have earned him multiple accolades, including LCI's 100% President Award (2017), several LCI Presidential Appreciation Awards, and the third highest Leadership Medal from the International President in 2024. He was sworn in as District Governor of District 2-X1 at the 106th Lions Clubs International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. Additionally, he serves as MD-2 Treasurer for 2024-2025.

Lion Radha lives with his wife, Lion Laxmi, and their family, including three children and five grandchildren. His slogan for the year is:

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday April 25, 2025	Meeting Description	Room
3:00 P. M.	Greet ID Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Convention Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Voting Credentials Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
5:15 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.	Reception and Social time and cash bar	Grand Ballroom Foyer
6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P. M.	Buffett Dinner	South and Central Grand Ballroom
7:30 P.M.	Cultural Attire Fashion Show	Lion Nia MacKay Region East Chair/Dallas Founder Lions Club President
9:15 P.M.	Hospitality room opens	TBA

Music provide by **Lion Jimmy Horiates** of the Carrollton Evening Lions Club

Adjournment to Hospitality Room
TBA

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Morning Agenda

Saturday April 26, 2018	Meeting Description	Room
7:00 A.M.	Breakfast on your own	
7:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.	Voting Certification Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:00 A.M. to 06:00 PM.	Convention Registration (closed for luncheon)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:45 A.M. to 09:45 A.M.	District Business Session 1. Officers and Directors Nominations (see back page for details) 2. Other	North Grand Ballroom
09:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	<u>Seminar Breakout - Session 1</u> Lions Club International Texas Lions Camp Texas Lions Foundation Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	Ebony
09:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	<u>Seminar Breakout - Session 1</u> Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation J. C. Hyer Lions Youth Camp 2-X1 Charities	Teak
10:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.	<u>Seminar Breakout - Session 2</u> Lions Club International Texas Lions Camp Texas Lions Foundation Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	Ebony
10:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.	<u>Seminar Breakout - Session 2</u> Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation J. C. Hyer Lions Youth Camp 2-X1 Charities	Teak
11:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M..	Lions Memorial Service Lion PDG Mark Dean	North Grand Ballroom
12:10 P.M. to 1:45 P.M.	Awards Luncheon	South and Central Grand Ballrooms

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LUNCHEON

12:15 P.M. to 1:45 P.M.

Room
South Grand Ballroom

Call to Order

Lion Bill Smothermon
Past District Governor

Invocation

Lion Mark Dean
2-X1 Chaplain

Pledges

Lion Gary Vineyard
2nd Vice District Governor

Luncheon

Introductions and Special Guests

Lion Kedar Timalisina
1st Vice District 2-X1 Governor

Introduction of International Director

Lion Radha Kaphle
District 2-X1 Governor

Remarks by International

Lion ID Robert 'Ski' Marcinkowski
International Director

Announcement of Youth Contest Winners

Outstanding Youth Award & Speech Contest

Lion Dr. Om Thapa
District 2-X1 Contest Chair;

Student Essay Contest

Lion Gloria Mathur
District 2-X1 Contest Chair

Induction of New Members

Lion ID Robert 'Ski' Marcinkowski
International Director

Special Recognitions

Lion ID Robert 'Ski' Marcinkowski
International Director
Lion Radha Kaphle
District 2-X1 Governor

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Saturday April 25, 2018	Meeting Description	Room
	<u>Afternoon Agenda</u>	
11:10 A.M. to 1:45 P.M.	Awards Luncheon	South and Central Grand Ballrooms
1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Convention Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
1:45 P.M. to 2:05 P.M.	Voting Certification Reopens	Grand Ballroom Foyer
	Voting Certification closes(See back page for details)	
2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.	District voting	Acacia
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	<u>Seminar Breakout</u> Lions Club International Texas Lions Camp Texas Lions Foundation Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	Ebony
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	<u>Seminar Breakout</u> Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation J. C. Hyer Lions Youth Camp 2-X1 Charities, Inc.	Teak
3:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Cookie and Photo Contests	
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Personal time	
5:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	Reception - Cash Bar	Hotel Bar Area
5:30 P.M.	Head Table, Table Host Seating	
5:35 P.M.	Doors open for Grass Roots Banquet	

Hospitality Rooms will be open on Saturday

from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
and
from 9:15 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

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Grass Roots Banquet**

6:00 P.M. to 09:00 P.M.

Room: Ballrooms

Call to order

Lion Joseph Montag
MD-2 Past Council Chairman

Invocation

Lion Mark Dean
District 2-X1 Chaplain/Past District Governor

Pledges

Lion Gary Vineyard
2nd Vice District Governor

Song

Lion Woody Schober
District 2-X1 Song Leader

Introduction of Head Table

Lion Joseph Montag
MD-2 Past Council Chairman

Introductions and Special Guests

Lion Kedar Timalisina
1st Vice District Governor

Dinner

Introduction of Speaker

Lion Bill Smothermon
District 2-X1 Past District Governor

Speaker

Lion ID Robert 'Ski' Marcinkowski
International Director

Announcement of the Election Results

Lion Joseph Montag
Voting Credential Co-Chair/MD-2 Past Council Chairman

District Lion of the Year

Lion Radha Kaphle
District 2-X1 Governor

Dick Self Outstanding Club Award

Special Recognitions

Grass Roots Recipients Introductions

Lion John Eads
MD-2 Past Council Chairman

Grass Roots Recipients Presentations

Lion Radha Kaphle
District 2-X1 Governor
Lion ID Robert 'Ski' Marcinkowski
International Director
Lion Gary Vineyard
2nd Vice District Governor
Grass Root Lion Chair

Governor-Elect's Remarks

Lion Kedar Timalisina
2025-2026 District 2-X1 Governor Elect

Governor's Closing Remarks

Lion Radha Kaphle
District 2-X1 Governor

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**ROBERT 'SKI' MARCINKOWSKI
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski of Fairbanks, Alaska, United States, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association's 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 through June 25, 2024.

Director Marcinkowski is a retired Army aviator and a government civil servant. During his 42 years of service in the United States Army he flew numerous types of helicopters and was the commander of Fort Greely, Alaska. He is currently the director of plans and operations at the Logistics Readiness Center, where he serves as deputy for all installation logistics at Fort Wainwright in Alaska.

Director Marcinkowski is a charter member of the Interior Baseball Lions Club, where he served the baseball community since 2003. He held several offices within the association including club president, club secretary, zone chairperson, district governor, first and second vice district governor, club, district, and multiple district LCIF coordinator and council chairperson, among many other positions.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Marcinkowski received numerous awards, including multiple Lion of the Year Awards, multiple International President Leadership Certificates, multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation and International President's Medals. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lions Legacy Society member.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Marcinkowski served on the Alaska State Veterans Advisory Board, local school board, and local platting board. He is also a member of the Army Aviation Association of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars and coached high school and American Legion baseball teams for 13 years.

Director Marcinkowski and his wife, Janis, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children.

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DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEES**

Convention and Registration Chairs	Lions PCC Joseph Montag and PDG Bill Smothermon
Cabinet Treasurer	Lion Danny Fletcher
Cabinet Secretary	Lion Tami Kraus
Finance Chair	Lion PCC Joseph Montag
Constitution and By-Laws Co-Chairs	Lions PCC John Eads and PCC Joseph Montag
Nomination Chair	Lion PCC John Eads
Election/Voting Chairs	Lions PCC John Eads and PCC Joseph Montag
Credentials Chair	Lion PCC Joseph Montag

CREDENTIALS: Delegates will have their credentials certified by the credentials committee by 11:00 A.M., Saturday, April 26, 2025. Late arriving delegates will be certified prior to 3:00 P.M.

STATE CONVENTION: Pursuant to Section VII of the Texas Multiple District Two Constitution and By-Laws, notice is hereby given that the State Convention will be June 4-7, 2025 in Lubbock, Texas.

DISTRICT AND STATE PINS may be on sale during the convention.

NOMINATING and SECONDDING SPEECHES:

Nominating and seconding speeches shall be limited to one(1) each, which shall be limited to five(5) minutes and three(3) minutes respectively for each candidate or question presented to the convention.

VOTING: Each chartered club in good standing in the District, State and Lions Clubs International shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate, who must be present in person, for each ten members of said Club or major fraction thereof, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five or more members.

ROBERTS RULES of ORDER shall be the parliamentary authority of procedure.

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The Pledge Allegiance to the United States of America Flag

**“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation
under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”**

History of the Pledge



THE original author of the pledge was Francis Bellamy, who was born at Mount Morris, New York, May 18, 1855, and died August 28, 1931. He was ordained in 1879 at the Baptist Church in Little Falls, New York. The pledge he wrote was first used at the dedication of the World's Fair Grounds in Chicago on October 21, 1892, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America, and has been recited from that day to this, with some changes, by school children throughout our land. Reverend Bellamy's original wording was altered slightly by the First and Second National Flag Conferences in 1923 and 1924 and his work was officially designated as the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Public Law 287, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved December 28, 1945. On June 14, 1954, Flag Day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law House Joint Resolution 243, introduced by Representative Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan, which added to the Pledge of

Allegiance the compelling and meaningful words "under God". The song "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag", composed by Irving Caesar, ASCAP, at the request of Representative Louis C. Rabaut, was sung for the first time on the floor of the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, by the official Air Force choral group, the "Singing Sergeants", under the direction of Captain Robert L. Landers, AFRES, in special Flag Day ceremonies.

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The Texas State Pledge of Allegiance

**"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God, one and indivisible."**



According to The Handbook of Texas Online, "In 1933 the legislature passed a law establishing rules for the proper display of the flag and providing for a pledge to the flag: "Honor the Texas Flag of 1836; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible." The pledge erroneously referred to the 1836 national flag, known as David G. Burnet's flag, instead of the Lone Star Flag.

Senator Searcy Bracewell introduced a bill to correct this error in 1951, but the legislature did not delete the words "of 1836" until 1965."

The pledge was again amended by House Bill 1034 during the 80th Legislature with the addition of "one state under God." The revised wording became effective on June 15, 2007.

**Colors in the flags of both the United States and Texas mean
red for courage, white for purity and liberty and blue for loyalty.**

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God Bless America

Song by Kate Smith

**God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night with a light from above**

**From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans white with foam**

**God bless America
My home, sweet home**

**God bless America
Land that I love**

**Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night with a light from above**

**From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans white with foam**

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Songwriters: Irving Berlin, Lucien Jean Boyer, Compte De Reserve. For non-commercial use only.
