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## *Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter*

### **Promoting Wellness Through Healthy Competition in Lions Clubs International**

*In a world increasingly burdened by chronic diseases and sedentary lifestyles, Lions Clubs International has a golden opportunity to lead by example—not just in service, but in personal health and wellness. One powerful yet underutilized tool is inter-club health competitions.*

*Health competitions among Lions Clubs—whether steps challenges, weight loss goals, or fitness milestones—offer more than just physical rewards. They nurture camaraderie, ignite motivation, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship. Just as Lions rally around service projects, members can also rally around wellness goals, cheering each other on while fostering accountability and perseverance.*

*The benefits ripple outward. Healthier Lions are more energetic, more engaged, and better equipped to serve their communities. A club that prioritizes wellness sets a visible standard, inspiring other organizations and even the communities they serve to adopt healthier habits. Moreover, such initiatives align perfectly with Lions Clubs International's broader mission. Health is service. By investing in their own well-being, members are also ensuring the sustainability and vibrancy of the service they provide. Healthy Lions mean more hands for service, more smiles delivered, and more lives changed.*



## DG Radha's Message

**DG Radha K. Kaphle  
Dallas Everest**

**May, 2025**

### **Greetings Fellow Lions and Leos,**

On behalf of District 2-X1 and myself, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for making our **District Convention on April 25–26, 2025** a truly memorable and inspiring event. The energy, camaraderie, and commitment you demonstrated reminded us why we serve—and why we lead with pride and purpose.

A special salute to our outstanding Convention Co-Chairs, PCC Joseph Montag and PDG Bill Smothermon, for their exceptional leadership. I also deeply appreciate the contributions of PCC John Eads, PCC John Landrum, PDG Fred Conger, PDG Mark Dean, PDG Darla Wisdom, CT Danny Fletcher, CS Tami Kraus, DGE Kedar Timalsina, FVDGE Gary Vineyard, SVDG Elect Nia MacKay, and all our dedicated team members whose tireless efforts brought our convention to life. Special thanks to IPDG Prakash Gautam, and all the PDG team for your supports.

To every volunteer, participant, and attendee—thank you for your great participation. Your Lion spirit shined brightly throughout every session and celebration. Congratulations to all award recipients and our newly elected leaders—your dedication lights the path forward for Lionism.

We were truly honored by the presence of our Chief Guest, International President Robert “Ski” Marcinkowski, and PIS DG Janis Marcinkowski. Their powerful messages of leadership, motivation, and global vision elevated our convention to new heights. Thank you both for your continued support of District 2-X1.

We will feature full details and highlights in our June link

### **Celebrating Growth and Expansion**

We proudly welcomed:

- **Dallas Multi-Cultural Lions Club** – Congratulations and thank you to Charter President Maggie Cathcart and team, also for sponsoring the **Dallas Health Lions Club**.
- **Leo Club of Laliguras** – Sponsored by the Dallas Himalayan Women’s Lions Club. Congratulations to Charter Leo President Tunanza Poudel. We look forward to your leadership in youth service.

### **A Strong Finish—The Final Push for Excellence**

As we enter the final two months of the Lion year, I urge every club to give their best effort toward excellence and achievement. Let’s ensure **every club finishes strong** and fulfills all goals.

#### ◆ **Membership Growth & Retention**

34 clubs are currently at zero or negative growth. Let’s reverse that! Reconnect with dropped members, welcome new members, and engage existing members in meaningful service. **A net-positive growth is within reach.**

#### ◆ **Service Reporting**

Ensure all service activities—past and present—are reported in Lions portal. Every project, no matter the size, matters and contributes to your club’s record and recognition.

#### ◆ **LCIF Contributions –**

So far, **32 clubs and 79 individual Lions** have raised **\$49,678** for LCIF. **Thank you!** However, **36 clubs have not yet participated.** If your club is one of them, this is the time to act. Every dollar supports global humanitarian aid **and helps your club meet the Club Excellence Award (CEA) criteria see district website for the details.** Don’t miss this opportunity to serve and shine.

#### ◆ **2025–2026 Officer Reporting**

Please report your incoming club officers through the **Lions Portal** immediately. This ensures timely recognition, training, and communication.

#### ◆ **Final Zone Meetings**

Zone Chairs—complete your final meetings and reports if you haven’t done yet. These final engagements prepare your clubs for a successful transition and close the year on a strong note.

#### ◆ **Follow-Up on Dues and Status**

**Zone and Region Chairs:** ensure that all clubs in your area are up to date with **LCI and District dues, officer reporting, and club status.** Let’s not leave any club behind in all criteria.

### ◆ Year-End Reports & Publication

Cabinet Officers and Committee Chairs: submit your annual reports by **end of June**. Your summaries of goals, activities, and accomplishments will be featured in our **final year-end publication** and the official District report.

### Progress Snapshot – April 2025

District 2-X1 continues to lead CA1 in both **membership growth** and **service impact**—a testament to your tireless dedication. However, we have also seen a drop of **273 members** across several clubs. Let's work together to **close the back door** by strengthening engagement, retention, and support for all members..

- **Membership:** +299 net growth so far – let's support the remaining 34 clubs to achieve net-positive growth
- **LCIF:** \$49,678 raised by 32 clubs and 79 individuals – 36 clubs still pending
- **Service:** 2,769 projects completed, 108,549 volunteer hours, 622,994 people served – let's aim for 100% reporting
- **Training:** Final sessions for officers and members are in June for upcoming years – complete training to remain CEA-eligible
- Let's work together to turn these numbers into a story of district-wide success.

### Let's Celebrate and Look Ahead

- **District Picnic – May 4th, 2025 | 1–5 PM**  
Join us for an afternoon of **family fun, fellowship, food, and celebration!**
- **Texas State Convention – June 5–7, 2025 | Lubbock, TX**  
**Register now:** [www.texaslionsconvention.org](http://www.texaslionsconvention.org)

Let's finish this year with **unity, pride, and purpose**. Every effort, every report, every donation, and every new member adds to the legacy we are building in **District 2-X1**.

Thank you for your unwavering service, leadership, and Lion heart.

**Yours in Service,**

**DG Radha K. Kaphle**

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Dallas Everest Lions Club

*Serve with Passion, Lead with Action*



## Timalsina's Outlook



Greeting Lions,

What an exciting and fulfilling month we had in April! It has been a joy to see so many of you in action at club events across our vibrant district. One of the highlights was attending our district convention and hearing from PID Mark "Ski." It was a powerful evening celebrating our grassroots champions, honoring our dedicated leaders, and presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to PCC John Eads and PCC Joe Montag—well deserved!

I also want to take a moment to congratulate the 2025-2026 leadership team: 1st Vice District Governor Elect Gary Vineyard and 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Dr. Nia Mackay. I am honored to serve alongside both of you, and I look forward to working together as we shape our district goals in the months ahead.

District 2X1 continues to lead the way in both the state and CA1 with outstanding membership growth and new club development. The energy and momentum are inspiring, and we have even more prospective clubs coming up. We do have a few key district positions open, the most pressing of which is the **Texas Lions Camp Coordinator**. If you're passionate about supporting the life-changing work of the Texas Lions Camp and want to serve, I encourage you to reach out to me directly. In addition, cleanup and workdays in Kerrville are underway. If your club would like to schedule a visit or volunteer time, please coordinate with your TLC contact. This would be a great opportunity to serve the Lions Club. Also, if your club has students to send to the camp, ensure those names are submitted and approved as soon as possible so they can be properly registered.

**Membership retention** continues to be an area of concern across CA1. As you finalize your officer slates, please take retention seriously. If your club doesn't yet have a retention committee, I highly recommend forming one. Every club needs to finish the year with a **positive membership number by June 30**. And remember: dropping members solely for non-attendance when dues are current is not an acceptable practice in 2X1. We will be monitoring this closely.

On the topic of growth: if you're considering launching a **new club or branch**, now is the time! Please connect with me or anyone on the DG team—we'd love to help make it happen. Chartering two or three new clubs before June 30 would be a fantastic way to finish strong.

**Upcoming Events to Remember:**

- **Midlothian Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** – May 10  
7:00–10:30 AM | Midlothian Civic Center  
Tickets: \$5 | Raffle items available
- **MD-2 State Convention** – June 5–7, 2025  
Lubbock, Texas  
[MD-2 State Convention Info](#)
- **District 2X1 Lions University** – June 21, 2025  
Region 10 Center, Richardson, TX  
Officer Training for 2025–2026
- **LCI International Convention** – July 13–17, 2025  
Orlando, Florida  
Join over 30,000 Lions from around the world!  
Bring a Texas straw hat to trade with Lions from other countries.  
[LCI Convention Registration](#)

It is an incredible honor to serve you and to lead this district into the next Lionistic year. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can assist or support you in any way.

Yours in Lionism,

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## Vineyard's Voice

Hello Lion Family!!

Wow what a fantastic month we had in April. I really enjoyed getting out to see the different clubs and events across the district. It was great to meet and hear PID Mark "Ski" at the district convention. What a great night of celebrating our grass roots winners, recognizing our leaders and giving out the newest annual award for lifetime achievement to PCC John Eads & PCC Joe Montag.

Once again, 2x1 continues to lead the state and CA1 in membership growth and new clubs. We continue to make our mark with more potential clubs in the mix and it's a very exciting time for that.

Congratulations to all of those in the cabinet that were elected to their positions that start on July 1. DGE Kedar Timalisina, FDGE Gary Vineyard and 2VDGE Dr. Nia Mackay will lead the DG team for 2025-2026. We will be meeting in the near future to discuss the goals of the district.

We have a couple of open district positions that have not been filled yet. The main one that will require an appointment by DGE Kedar is the Texas Lions Camp Coordinator. If you have a desire to serve in this role, please contact DGE Kedar about this.

The Texas Lions Camp - clean-up/workdays in Kerrville have started. 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.

Club retention – Ca-1 (which covers the United States) has been on a downward trend for many years. Please take this seriously as you form your slate of officers. If you don't have a retention committee, please consider creating one, it's that important. EVERY club needs to have a positive membership number by June 30. Please don't wait until June 30 to drop a lot of members. One thing that stood out was members being dropped for NON-attendance even though their dues were paid. This is no longer an acceptable way of dropping members for 2x1. We will be monitoring this!

Clubs/branch clubs – If you have an idea of creating a new club, PLEASE reach out to me or one of the DG team so we can consider this. Chartering 2 or 3 more clubs by June 30th would be fantastic!

We have important dates to remind you about:



## Vineyard's Voice

### Upcoming Events:

Midlothian Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – May 10th  
 7am-10:30am Midlothian Civic Center, Midlothian Texas  
 Tickets -\$5, several items up for raffle as well.

MD-2 State Convention – June 5-7, 2025 Lubbock, Texas  
 MD-2 LINK

2x1 Lions University – Saturday June 21, 2025 Region 10 Center, Richardson, Tx  
 2025-2026 Officer Training

Registration Form

LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – ORLANDO FLORIDA – JULY 13-17

Come and be a part of the largest convention in United states with over 30,000 Lions from around the world gather here. Take a Texas straw hat and be prepared to trade it with another country.

It will be a great experience for everyone.

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/registration-information/individual-registration/>

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

**WE SERVE!**

FVDG-E Gary Vineyard  
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***Fred's Findings***  
***PDG Fred Conger***  
***Coppell Lions Club***



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District 2-X1 Lions!

Sunday, May 4th (May the Fourth be with you!) is the District 2-X1 family picnic at Ernie Roberts Park in Desoto. It is free! Everyone is invited but you must register so there will be enough food and drinks. Contact 1VDGE Gary Vineyard ([gary\\_vineyard@hotmail.com](mailto:gary_vineyard@hotmail.com)).

I hope that your club has identified your club officers for the 2025-2026 Lion Year. FYI, there are two types of club Officers in the Portal (Local and Official officers). Local officers are positions like "Greeter" that are specific to your club. These titles must be added. Official officers are those recognized by LCI and can be selected from a list. PLEASE DON'T add Presidents or other official titles to the Local list! They won't be seen by LCI and won't count.

I also hope that your club has or will soon establish club goals in support of the district's goals which in turn support LCI's goals. Clubs also need action plans defining how to accomplish and meet those goals. Learn how at Lions University. Need help? Call me at 214-274-4490!

A very important part of preparing your new (or repeating) club officers for the 2025-2026 Lion year is getting them trained in their club position. Training will be on June 21st at LU.

Lions District 2-X1 University - Saturday June 21st:

For all incoming club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership, Service, Marketing, and Leadership Chairs.

Location: Region 10 Service Center. 400 E. Spring Valley Rd. Richardson, TX 75081  
Time 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. See the District 2-X1 Web Page [www.lionsdistrict2x1.org](http://www.lionsdistrict2x1.org) for the Registration Form. Pre-Registration is mandatory. Contact me for help.

The deadline for the \$20 registration fee will be honored until June 14th. After that the fee goes to \$30 with no exceptions. All registrations must be received by June 18th. Certified Guiding Lion training will be held on Saturday May 17th. Lion attendees earn the title of "Certified Guiding Lion". If your club needs some help in any area, let DG Elect Kedar know and a CGL can be assigned to assist your club. Better yet, become a CGL yourself.

The better informed and better trained we are, the stronger our clubs and our Association of Clubs, Lions Clubs International, will become. Together ....

Let's "Make our Mark"

## **Retention of Lions Club Members: It's Easy if You Work at It!**

By PCC John Eads, District 2-X1  
Small Club Rebuilding Coordinator

In Lions Clubs, our greatest strength is *you*—our members. You are the heart and hands of service. Without you, there is no vision and health screening, no food bank restocked, no youth mentored, no park cleans up, and no community uplifted. That's why the most powerful action we can take right now is **retaining our members**.

We say this with urgency and hope: **Don't drop. Don't give up. Don't let go.** Retain your members and make your club stronger. District 2-X1—and all of CA1—depends on your contribution to rise as a beacon of service.

### **Why Retention Matters**

Retention isn't about keeping names on a roster—it's about maintaining the spirit of service, nurturing leadership, and sustaining momentum. When members stay, they grow. When they grow, clubs thrive. When clubs thrive, **we build a better world together**.

Every time we lose a member, we lose experience, relationships, and potential. Often, that loss is preventable. Let's look at what might be driving members away—and how to keep them rooted

### **Are You Losing Members? Ask Why.**

Here are common reasons Lions leave:

- No connection to service that fits their skills.
- Lack of appreciation or recognition.
- Absence of communication.
- Limited opportunities for leadership or input.
- Feeling disconnected or uncared for during life's hardships.
- Club culture that feels stagnant or unwelcoming.
- Scheduling challenges or relocation.

These aren't just checkboxes—they're cries for connection. The truth is: **Most Lions don't want to leave. They just need a reason to stay.** That reason starts with **you**—club leaders, service chairs, mentors, and friends.

### **Build a Club Worth Belonging To**

- **Engage:** Involve every member in meaningful service. Ask about their passions and invite them to lead.
- **Communicate:** Use every tool at your disposal—calls, texts, emails, social media—to stay in touch.
- **Celebrate:** Recognize every contribution, big or small. Applause is free—and priceless.

- **Care:** Check in when someone misses a meeting. Be there in times of need. Your concern builds belonging.
- **Flex:** Adapt meeting times. Offer hybrid options. Serve in new ways. Be as nimble as your members need you to be.

A club that listens, loves, and leads is a club members never want to leave.

## Why This Moment Matters

**District 2-X1 is already #1 in CA1—let's keep it that way.** We've proven what's possible when Lions come together with heart, purpose, and unity. But maintaining that top position takes consistent effort, especially in **member retention**.

Growth begins with honoring the Lions who are already part of our journey. It's not just about bringing in new faces—it's about **valuing every member**, whether they attend every meeting or support quietly from the sidelines.

If a member continues to pay dues and believes in our mission, **they are still part of the pride**. Give them space to serve in ways that work for them. Keep them involved. Show them they matter.

Retention is easy—if you work at it. Make your club a **home**, not just a meeting place. Make service **joyful**, not just dutiful. Make every member feel **seen, appreciated, and essential**.

## Together, We Serve

Lions, we are more than volunteers. We are a family. When one Lion thrives, we all shine. When one Lion is lost, our light dims. So let us commit—today, right now—to hold onto our greatest resource: **each other**.

Let's grow by loving who we already have. Let's rise by lifting one another. Let's prove that District 2-X1 is not only ready to lead but **destined to inspire**.



**Rajendra Kunwar**  
 Irving Everest Cent. Lions Club

### Why LCIF Donations Make a Difference

Have you or your club contributed to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) this year? If not, there is still time until June 30, 2025. In our district, only 33 clubs out of 69 have donated to LCIF as of April 30, 2025. While this reflects a strong core of support, it is always better to join this important movement. Our district has a goal of \$59,000 for the 2024–2025 fiscal year, and we have reached \$49,388.35 as of April 30. We know "Tiny drops fill the bucket". We are so close, but we still need everyone's help to meet and exceed this target. Are you ready?



Remember, contributing to LCIF is one of the major criteria for the Club Excellence Award. Clubs that donate, regardless of the amount, not only demonstrate their commitment to Lions' global service mission but also become eligible for various recognitions, from simple donation appreciation letters to the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship. Your contribution, big or small, has both a local and a global impact.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable branch of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization. Since 1968, LCIF has empowered Lions globally to deliver large-scale humanitarian projects, driven by a mission to provide health, hope, and resilience to communities through service and compassion.

Through strategic grants, LCIF supports Lions-led initiatives in key areas such as vision, youth development, disaster relief, diabetes prevention, hunger alleviation, childhood cancer, and environmental sustainability. These global causes are addressed through sustainable, community-based projects that uplift lives and create long-term impact. Over the past five decades, LCIF has awarded more than \$1.2 billion in grants across more than 200 countries and geographic areas, transforming lives through vital services like mobile health clinics, food distribution, cataract surgery, and post-disaster reconstruction.



**Rajendra Kunwar**  
Irving Everest Cent. Lions Club

What makes LCIF stand out is its financial transparency and trustworthiness. Lions Clubs International covers all administrative costs, which means 100% of every donated dollar goes directly to service projects. As a result, every contribution becomes a powerful investment in humanity. Donating to LCIF is not just about giving; it's about creating measurable change, uplifting communities, and empowering local Lions to respond to urgent needs with the right tools and support.

The scale of global generosity toward LCIF is also impressive. In the current fiscal year alone, LCIF has received nearly \$54 million in donations from Lions and supporters around the world. This global momentum shows what we can accomplish when we act together.

LCIF has introduced tiered recognition levels based on per-member average contributions within a fiscal year. These recognitions highlight not only financial commitment but also the culture of service and generosity embedded within our clubs.

In addition, clubs and individuals may receive the Presidential LCIF Supporter Award, Presidential Club Giving Award, or the LCIF Goal Achievement Award. These awards celebrate those who go the extra mile in supporting LCIF's mission to serve the world. LCIF's impact is felt across continents, from rebuilding schools in earthquake-affected Nepal to providing cataract surgeries in Kenya and India, to food and emergency aid during crises like COVID-19.

So, by contributing to LCIF, you help make a difference in the lives of people around the world. Whether as an individual or a club, your support ensures that when there's a need, there's a Lion—and behind every Lion, there's LCIF.

Recognition Level	Per-Member Contribution (USD)
Bronze Level	\$50 per member
Silver Level	\$100 per member
Gold Level	\$250 per member
Platinum Level	\$500 per member
Diamond Level	\$1000 per member

With Regards:

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## How Club can get Club Excellence Awards

Criteria	Club Excellence Award Re-	5 Star Club Excellence
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased membership by 20% (minimum of five (5) members for small clubs)</li> <li>Submitted annual membership report</li> </ul>
Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Started a new service project — consider one of our global causes</li> <li>Participated in and listed three service activities that were reported to Lions International</li> </ul>	Submitted annual service report
LCIF Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US \$10</li> </ul>	Donated a minimum of US \$20 per member or US \$1,000 (whichever is less)
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published its service activities through local media and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published its service activities through local media and</li> </ul>
Leadership and Organizational Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>Reported club officers to Lions International</li> <li>Key officers participated in club officer training               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District</li> <li>Multiple District</li> <li>International</li> <li>Webinars</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lions Learning Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>Reported club officers to Lions International</li> <li>Key officers participated in club officer training               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District</li> <li>Multiple District</li> <li>International</li> <li>Webinars</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lions Learning Center</li> </ul>

# 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

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## ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



**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](http://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](http://www.lionscamp.com). Deadline to ensure recognition/publication is July 11, 2025.

**Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.**

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

For more information or to download  
player registration forms go to  
[www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit Card: MC \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.lionscamp.com) or by emailing Milton L. Dare at [milton.dare@texaslions.camp](mailto:milton.dare@texaslions.camp). If preferred, you may call 830-896-8500 for more information.



## **Stronger Together: Let's Grow, Retain, and Serve with Purpose**

- PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez

Dear Fellow Lions of District 2-X1,

Lions Clubs around the world are rooted in one profound and unshakable principle: **"We Serve."** Yet behind every act of service, every community project, and every global impact, is something even more vital—**our members.**

To serve more effectively, we must first strengthen our pride—by **retaining our devoted Lions, inviting new voices into the conversation, and preventing the loss of members who simply need support.** The strength of our district lies in the commitment, energy, and unity of its members. That is why now, more than ever, we must recommit ourselves to growing stronger together—with purpose, compassion, and a shared vision for the future.

### **1. Retention: The Heartbeat of a Strong Club**

Retention is not just about numbers—it's about relationships. A Lion who feels **seen, heard, and valued** is a Lion who stays.

Let us take a moment to reach out to those we haven't seen in a while. Life happens—people move, face personal challenges, or feel disconnected. Sometimes, all it takes is a phone call, a warm message, or a simple, heartfelt "we miss you" to rekindle a Lion's spark.

Celebrate birthdays. Recognize years of service. Honor contributions—big and small. These gestures may seem minor, but they form the glue that holds our club family together.

### **2. Recruitment: Every Lion is an Ambassador**

Recruitment is not a job for one or two officers—it's a mission for **all of us.** Each time we share our service stories—at a local event, in our workplace, on social media, or during a casual conversation—we plant a seed.

Don't just talk about membership. **Talk about impact.** Talk about the joy of serving a meal to the hungry, building a bed for a child in need, or organizing a health fair that touches hundreds. When people see the heart of what we do, they'll want to be part of it.

Let's reach out to **young professionals, retirees, families, and community leaders.** Everyone has something to give, and Lions Clubs offer a space where passion meets purpose.

### **3. Preventing Drops: A Second Chance is Sometimes All It Takes**

Before any member is dropped, let's pause and reflect:

- Have we checked in personally?
- Have we offered flexibility or a role that fits their current life?
- Have we made sure they feel their presence matters?

Sometimes a Lion needs a break—but not a goodbye. Let's extend grace, find new ways to engage, and remind them that once a Lion, always a Lion.

### **What You Can Do This Month**

As Lions, action defines us. Here are four simple yet powerful steps every member can take right now:

- **Reconnect:** Reach out to one inactive or disengaged member with a phone call or visit.
- **Invite:** Bring a guest—friend, colleague, or neighbor—to your next club meeting or service project.
- **Recognize:** Nominate someone in your club for a “Lion of the Month” spotlight to honor their efforts.
- **Celebrate:** Use **Lions Portal** to track participation, acknowledge activity, and highlight service stories.

Together, we can foster a culture of **belonging, growth, and lasting impact**. Let's continue to build a club where every member counts, every voice is valued, and every act of service creates ripples of hope.

Let's lead with heart. Let's serve with purpose. Let's grow with intention.

And let's celebrate this proud moment: **District 2-X1 is ranked #1 in both Constitutional Area 1 and MD-2!** Your efforts are not just being noticed—they are making history.

**Let's go. Let's grow. Let's serve—together.**

In service and fellowship,  
**PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez**  
Membership Chair  
Grand Prairie Host Lions Club

Comedy



Corner!

*How does NASA organize a company party? They planet.*

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

**biu101@yahoo.com**

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

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## Lions Code of Ethics

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

**TO SEEK** success and demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**TO REMEMBER** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**WHENEVER** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**TO HOLD** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

**ALWAYS** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

**TO AID** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, my substance to the needy.

**TO BE CAREFUL** with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.



# 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: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2024**, submitted to the District
- **Contact person:**  
Lion Karen Murray  
(972) 255-8858  
[gizmo\\_747@yahoo.com](mailto: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: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2024"**, submitted to the District
- **Contact person:**  
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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**
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