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Insights Unveiled: Exploring the World Within Our Newsletter

Editorial: The Heartbeat of Service – Lions Link
For 40 years, Lions Link has served as more than just a newspaper — it has been the voice and heartbeat of our Lions community. Across generations, it has connected members, celebrated service, and reminded us of the purpose that unites us all: to serve with compassion, dignity, and unwavering dedication.
Each issue tells a story — of food drives, vision screenings, disaster relief, eyeglass donations, community events, and so much more. It captures the energy of our Lions and Leos who give their time and talents to make the world a better place. It uplifts unsung heroes and encourages others to step forward and join the mission.
In a fast-paced, digital world, Lions Link provides something timeless: a space for reflection, celebration, and connection. As we mark 40 years of this publication, we also honor the thousands of hands and hearts behind it — from editors and writers to every Lion whose story has filled its pages.
But this isn't just about the past. It's a call to action for the future. Let's continue to share, to serve, and to lead — together.

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DG Radha's Message

**DG Radha K. Kaphee
Dallas Everest**

June, 2025

**Fellow Lions & Leos
Greetings to all!**

We are making our mark—and making history!

I'm proud to share that our District was selected by the International President Fabricio Oliveira as a *Model District in the USA!* I had the distinct honor of being interviewed by him—what an unforgettable moment for all of us in District 2-X1!

We are currently **#1 in both membership growth and service in the entire CA-1 area**. On behalf of our leadership team, I encourage every Lion, every club, and every well-wisher to help us maintain this momentum through June—so we can make history together by bringing home the prestigious **Jessie Robinson Award**.

We've almost achieved our District goals—and I am now fully confident that, with all of your support, we can meet the District Target set by Lions Clubs International for 2024–2025 within this month. That would be another historic milestone for MD-2 Texas as well!

So, let's keep pushing: **don't lose members, welcome a few more, support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and our District Charities**. Let your club qualify for the **Club Excellence Award (CEA)** and earn special recognition.

A Heartfelt Farewell and a Grateful Reflection

As we step into June—the final month of the 2024–2025 Lionistic year—I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared.

What a privilege and honor it has been to serve this remarkable District. Over the past eleven months, we have not only worked as a team—we have grown into a family. I am deeply grateful for your trust, your partnership, and the energy you brought to every project. You helped transform goals into achievements and dreams into service.

Together, we:

- Chartered 6 new Lions Clubs, 5 Leo Clubs, 3 CUB Clubs, and 1 Branch Club
- Welcomed hundreds of new members
- Re-energized our Leo and CUB programs
- Empowered women and youth
- Served all five global causes and other humanitarian projects
- And stood strong—with over 2,150 Lions—whenever our communities needed us

This journey as District Governor has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. I had the honor of visiting many clubs, working beside passionate leaders, and witnessing the incredible spirit of service that defines District 2-X1. From international engagements to grassroots impact, I step down with a heart full of gratitude and lifelong memories.

As we close out this Lion year, I urge every club to make June count:

One more Lion. One more project. One more smile—it still matters. Let's finish strong.

While my title will soon change, my commitment to District 2-X1 will not. I will continue to serve, support, and mentor wherever needed. I have full confidence in our incoming leadership—led by the passionate and capable DGE Kedar Timalsina and his team. I know the momentum we've built will carry on under his guidance.

From the bottom of my heart—thank you.

Thank you for believing in the power of service. Thank you for believing in me.

Serving as your District Governor has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life.

Dear Club Presidents/Team,

What Needs to Be Completed in June?

Let's Finish the Lion Year Strong!

We're in the final month—our last opportunity to meet every goal and secure your club's recognition. Review the checklist below and take action now:

Club Excellence Award (CEA): Are You On Track?

- Confirm your club meets all CEA criteria
- Visit the District website or contact the CEA committee to ensure everything is completed by June 30th
- For LCIF contributions, contact LCIF District Ambassador Lion Manuel Palavicini or donate online.

District Charities Contributions

- Be part of District 2-X1's legacy
- Every club is encouraged to contribute their share before year-end
- Send check to PDG Keith Murray for Charities
- Your contribution supports our Club Excellence Award goals and strengthens our collective impact, and eligible for the 100% club contribution, President & Secretary Award

Membership Growth & Retention

- 31 clubs still have zero or negative growth
- Let's change that! Stop drops, welcome back past members, and bring in new ones
- Even one more Lion can help us hit our net-positive goal

Service Reporting

- Report all service activities—past and present—in the Lions Portal
- Aim for 100% service reporting. Every act counts

LCIF Contributions

- So far, nearly 75% of clubs and over 100 individual Lions have raised more than \$57,000—thank you!
- 25% of clubs are still pending. Please complete your LCIF donations today
- Every dollar supports humanitarian work—and helps qualify your club for CEA

2025–2026 Officer Reporting

- Enter your incoming club officers in Lions Portal immediately if you haven't done yet
- This ensures your club receives proper training, recognition, and communication in the new year

Strong Finish, #1 Achievement!

District 2-X1 leads CA-1 in membership and service.

Let's finish strong, stay on top, and proudly earn the **Jessie Robinson Award**—together!

Let's Celebrate and Look Ahead

- Texas State Convention | June 5–7, 2025 | Lubbock, TX
- District Lions University | June 21, 2025, Saturday
 - ▶ Please Registered and Save the Date!

Let's make June meaningful and memorable.

Let's finish strong—for our clubs, our communities, and our legacy.

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,

As we enter the final month of the 2024–2025 Lionistic year, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your unwavering service, dedication, and leadership. I wish to express my deepest appreciation to District Governor Radha Kaphe for his exceptional leadership and historic accomplishments. Under his guidance, we chartered new clubs, empowered youth and women, expanded service, and strengthened our foundation.

Thanks to the collective efforts of all clubs, District 2-X1 has been recognized as a Model District by Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira. This remarkable honor reflects our shared commitment to growth and service. We currently lead Constitutional Area 1 (CA-1) in both membership and service a position we can proudly maintain if we close out June with unity and action. As I prepare to serve you as District Governor for the 2025–2026 year, I do so with humility, optimism, and a steadfast commitment to inclusion, leadership development, and community impact. I am confident that together, we will carry forward the momentum and elevate District 2-X1 to even greater heights. Let us make June count, for our members, our communities, and our legacy.

Final Month Action Steps

1. Report 2025–2026 Club Officers

Please ensure your club's new officers are entered in the Lions Portal. This is essential for communications, recognition, and participation in upcoming training.

2. Strengthen Membership

Every club must strive for **net-positive membership growth**. Reconnect with former members, welcome new Lions, and avoid unnecessary drops. Each additional Lion strengthens our service.

3. Report Service Activities

Let no act of kindness go unrecognized. All service activities must be reported in the Lions Portal. Our goal is full transparency and 100% reporting district-wide.

4. Contribute to LCIF & District Charities

Support our global and district humanitarian efforts. Contributions also count toward the **Club Excellence Award**. For LCIF, contact Lion Manuel Palavicini; for District Charities, please coordinate with PDG Keith Murray.

5. Apply for the Club Excellence Award (CEA)

Ensure your club has met the criteria and submit all documentation by **June 30**. The CEA is a symbol of your club's impact, excellence, and legacy.

Officer Training: Lions University

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Region 10 Service Center, 400 E. Spring Valley Rd., Richardson, TX 75081

Who Should Attend: Incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership, Service, Marketing, and Leadership Chairs

Pre-Registration Required: [Register at www.lionsdistrict2x1.org](http://www.lionsdistrict2x1.org)

Fee: \$20 by June 14; \$30 thereafter. Final deadline: June 18.

Walk-ins will not receive certification.

Training opportunities such as **Certified Guiding Lion** are also available for those who wish to deepen their understanding of Lionism and support club success.

Upcoming Events

- **MD-2 Texas State Convention:** June 5–7, 2025 | Lubbock, TX
- **Lions Clubs International Convention:** July 13–17, 2025 | Orlando, FL

Yours in Lionism,

DGE Kedar Timalsina
Dallas Everest Lion Club
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Vineyard's Voice

June 2025

FVDG-E Gary Vineyard

Hello Lion Family!!

May was a fun month filled with many activities across the district. I had the privilege of being a special guest at the district 2E2 convention and met 2nd year International Director Maria Cuning from Arizona. She had a great speech and was very inspiring.

2x1 is in the final stretch and leads CA1 in membership growth and new clubs. Our success has recognized by International President Fabricio Oliveira in a one-on-one interview with our very own DG Rhadha Kaphle. What a special moment for him and the accomplishments this year.

Last week the DG team discussed the new goals for the 2025-2026 District year. We feel very confident that we are poised for another great year for 2x1 and are excited to get started.

Club retention/membership – As we wind down the last 30 days of the 24-25 district year, we CANNOT take our foot off the gas! It is vital we grow as much as possible these next couple of weeks to end with a record-breaking increase. EVERY club needs to have a positive membership number by June 30 and please don't wait until June 30 to drop your members. NO club should be dropping members NON-attendance when their dues are current.

Clubs/branch clubs – If you have an idea of creating a new club, PLEASE reach out to one of the DG team so we can consider this. Specialty clubs are becoming very popular and successful, think of something that might benefit your community for a specialty club and bring it to life!

Upcoming Events:

MD-2 State Convention – June 5-7, 2025 Lubbock, Texas [MD-2 LINK](#)

2x1 Lions University – Saturday June 21, 2025 2025-2026 Officer Training [Registration Form](#)

LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – ORLANDO FLORIDA – JULY 13-17

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

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

FVDG-E GARY VINEYARD - Club Director/Past President -Midlothian Lions Club – 469-471-2133



Fred's Findings
PDG Fred Conger
Coppell Lions Club



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District 2-X1 Lions!

We are entering the last month of this Lion Year. June is Lions University Officer training month! Register your club officers right away! Walk-ins will not receive a completion certificate. A very important part of preparing your new (or repeating) club officers for a successful 2025-2026 Lion year is getting them trained for their club position.

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

For incoming club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership, Service, Marketing, and Leadership Chairs *whether new or repeating*.

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 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.**

Note: All clubs should have identified their officers for the 2025-2026 Lion Year and entered them into LCI's database. There are two types of club Officers in the Portal (Local and Official). Local officers are positions like "Greeter" or "Sunshine Chair" that are local and specific to your club. These titles must be added.

Official officers are those recognized by LCI and can be selected from a list. Secretaries, **PLEASE DON'T** add Presidents or other LCI official titles to the Local list! They won't be seen by LCI and won't count toward completing your club's officer information entries.

Clubs also need to set goals and create action plans defining how to accomplish and meet those goals. If you need help with this, **Learn how at Lions University.**

Interested in knowing more about Lionism? "Certified Guiding Lion" training will be held soon. 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 or take the training to become more knowledgeable about Lionism.

We know that 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"

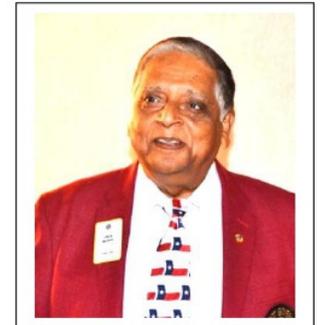
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, May 31, 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 Six 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, 6. Dallas Multi Cultural

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

Added members.....	608
Dropped Members.....	296
Gain/Loss.....	312
Closing Balance.....	2,180

MD-2 Membership Status

Added members.....	3,429
Dropped Members...	2932
Closing Balance.....	21,992
Net Gain/Loss.....	+497

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 608. The chart shows we must contain the drops, as we have exceeded the goal to contain drops to 181. Our net increase is 312 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 four clubs for net membership growth (April 30, 2025)

- Dallas Everest.....28
- Dallas Founder.....20
- Dallas Buddha.....16
- Irving Everest Centennial....12



Let us Finish Strong: 2-X1 is on track and has accomplished and exceeded the new revised goals. But we have dropped 296 members exceeding our goal. We need to contain end of year 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 11 clubs with <10 members. These clubs need help to be rejuvenated. A membership summit meeting was held to increase net membership in the next two 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. 17 clubs with no membership activity through May need to consider holding membership events and increase by one net member. The Month of June is notorious for member drops. If members have submitted resignation, it is advisable for club Presidents to talk to them personally and make them feel important and not left out.

Service: In the last eleven months 2-X1 Lions have served over 684,141 people with 2,956 service activities dedicating 117,894 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. 2-X1 Lion University will be held on June 21.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has received \$57,162 towards our foundation during this fiscal year. Better club participation is needed to meet our goal.

We are #1, Let's finish the Year Strong!!

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

Nia's News: Thank You for Your Confidence In Me

Fellow Lions of District 2-X1,

I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected as your 2nd Vice District Governor for the Lions Year 2025-2026. This milestone would not have been possible without the steadfast support, encouragement, and belief from so many of you across our great district.

To everyone who supported our campaign—whether through your vote, your words of encouragement, your time, or your prayers—I offer my heartfelt thanks. Your trust in me is a powerful reminder of the strength and unity that define our Lions community.



I want to especially recognize our campaign team and volunteers who stood by me with tireless dedication and enthusiasm. Your efforts embody the spirit of service that moves us forward.

To my fellow Lions leaders, I am grateful for your example and your partnership. Our shared commitment to serving others makes us stronger together. Thank you once again for this incredible honor. I am excited for the journey ahead and the opportunity to serve alongside each of you.

As I step into this new role, I carry with me the vision and purpose behind our campaign motto: 'United In Service.' This guiding principle will continue to shape every step we take as we work hand in hand to uplift our communities and strengthen our district. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful impact.

Let us move forward with unity, purpose, and the heart to serve.

United In Service,
Lion Nia MacKay, PhD
2nd Vice District Governor Elect District 2-X1
President Dallas Founder Lions Club (ca 1916)

Summer is just around the corner, and for Lions, that means the start of a new Lion year. I've always loved this season—the warmth, the time spent outdoors with family and friends, outdoor music concerts and festivals. Life never seems to slow down, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

As I begin my third year as Cabinet Secretary for District 2-X1, I couldn't be more excited. This role has brought me immense joy and deepened my understanding of both the Lions organization and the incredible community it fosters. Over the years, I've had the privilege of serving in many positions within my club—Club President, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, and now Membership Chair—as well as District roles like Zone and Region Chair.

One thing I've learned is that our District thrives when members come together. That's why I encourage you to attend District events—your presence makes a difference!

Why you as a Lion should attend 2-X1 District events -

With over 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries, Lions are tackling big challenges—from vision care and hunger to disaster relief and youth empowerment.

But here's something not everyone realizes:

The real energy of Lions doesn't just come from international programs—it's powered by local clubs, and more importantly, by the district events that connect them.

So, What Are 2-X1 District Events?

- District Convention

- Lions University

- Collaborative service projects (think Build-A-Bed)

- Cabinet Meetings (only 4 a year)

They're essential for keeping clubs informed, inspired, and united.

Why Do These Events Matter So Much?

Here are five reasons district events are a vital part of what makes District 2-X1 thrive:

1. Leadership Development

District events are where future leaders are trained and mentored. New club officers learn how to run meetings, manage service projects, and inspire volunteers. It's about building skills—and confidence—that last far beyond the event itself.

2. Sharing Info & Aligning Strategy

From updates on global service initiatives to local action plans, district events are the best way to keep everyone on the same page. It's where clubs learn what's working, share best practices, and make sure their efforts align with bigger goals.

3. Collaboration & Connection

Lions from different towns, backgrounds, and clubs meet at these events—and magic happens. New partnerships form, project ideas spark, and friendships begin. This networking isn't just nice to have—it's how strong, sustainable service grows.

4. Recognition & Motivation

Every volunteer appreciates a “thank you.” District events celebrate hard work and highlight success stories. Whether it’s a plaque, a certificate, or a standing ovation—these moments matter. They re-energize members and remind them why they serve.

5. Tackling Bigger Problems Together

Some issues need all hands on deck. Think: regional food drives, health screenings, or environmental campaigns. District events make it easier to coordinate large-scale service projects that no single club could do alone.

It's All About the Ripple Effect

When Lions come together at the district level, they don’t just walk away with to-do lists—they leave with inspiration, direction, and momentum. And when local clubs thrive, entire communities benefit.

Make it a goal this next Lion’s year to make district events a priority. They’re where leadership grows, ideas flourish, and communities win.

CS Tami

And...The CA1 Membership Race To The Finish Line Is On!

By PCC John Eads

We, all of us hard working Lions in District 2-X1, are on the cusp of being honored as being the Number 1 District out of all Districts in the United States and Bermuda! This is like a once in a lifetime honor that is not achieved without all of the Lions members, Clubs and District Leadership in our District working very hard to meet this honor. It is like the Kentucky Derby. We are in the race and at the last turn before crossing the finish line. Will it happen? I believe so. It is up to us as a team to be a winner and cross this magical finish line as #1!

So, what can we as a team do? Push hard toward that finish line. Here are some suggestions:

1. Get 'Em! Every one of us can pledge to bring in a new member and report them to LCI before June 15, if possible. Just Ask!
2. Keep 'Em! Every Club can work toward not having to drop any members by making extra efforts to make our members feel good about being a Lion and doing what we do best— "We Serve." Communicate to each member what your Club has accomplished in service and how each of them has been an integral part of your Club's success and how important their Involvement, no matter how small, has been to that service. Give your members an Annual Report to date on what they have accomplished.
3. Remember, non-attendance to your meetings is not a reason for dropping a member. Find out why! Make personal contact. Likewise, if a member is not current with their dues, make personal contact. They may need temporary financial help! Keeping our members is every Club member's responsibility. Afterall, We Are Family!

Lastly, a BIG THANK YOU for all you have accomplished this year in service to others!



Lions Clubs International Lions of Texas District 2-X1



Guest Speaker
PCC John Eads
Lions District 2-X1



District Governor
DG Radha K. Kaphe
Lions District 2-X1



Charter Coordinator
RC Thala'Raj Panta
Lions District 2-X1

Dallas Multi-Cultural Lions Club

Charter Ceremony and

Award Appreciation!!

Please come in formal attire!

See you on June 14, 2025

Saturday @12:00 noon

Venue: 9319 LBJ, Dallas, TX 75243

Make a difference today!

Your contribution of \$25 is greatly
appreciated!

RSVP:

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Lion Maggie Cathcart

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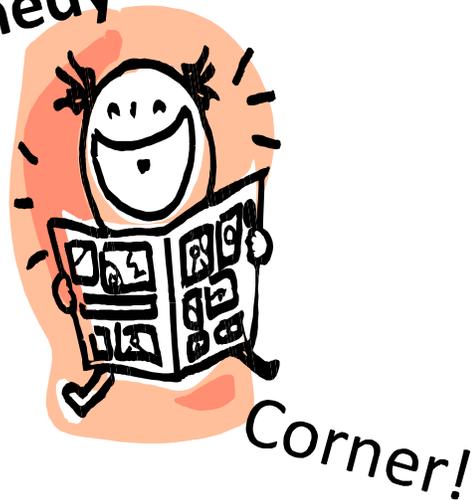
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Lion Club

Sponsor Club: Dallas Health Lions Club
Co-sponsor Club: Dallas Everest Lions Club

Comedy



How does NASA organize a company party? They planet.

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

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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.