

*Finishing Strong and Beginning the new journey with **EXCITEMENT***



Outgoing District Governor Radha K. Kaphle(Left) and Incoming District Governor Kedar Timalisina(Right)

As the Lions New Year 2025-2026 begins on July 1, District 2-X1 proudly concludes an exceptional year, ranking #1 in CA1 (USA, Bahamas, and Bermuda) for both membership growth and service reporting.

Under the visionary leadership of District Governor Radha K. Kaphle, the district achieved historic milestones; chartering 7 new Lions Clubs, 5 Leo Clubs, 3 Cub Clubs, and 1 Branch Club, along with welcoming 350 new Lions members and 81 Leo members. With significant progress in leadership development and service reporting, the district now boasts 71 active clubs, up from 64.

As we celebrate this remarkable success, incoming District Governor Kedar Timilsina, First Vice District Governor Gary Vineyard, and Second Vice District Governor Dr. Nia MacKay are set to lead District 2-X1 to even greater heights.

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TIMALSINA'S OUTLOOK



Greeting Lions!

As we embark on the 2025-2026 Lions year, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Radha K. Kaphle for his inspiring leadership and dedicated service to District 2-X1. His tireless efforts have strengthened our foundation and propelled us forward. Thank you, PDG Radha, for your vision, passion, and enduring commitment to Lionism.

This year, our theme is **“Inclusion in Leadership... Unity in Service.”**

Inclusion in Leadership means recognizing that leadership belongs to every Lion. Regardless of background, age, gender, culture, or experience, every member has the ability to lead, share ideas, and contribute to our mission. By welcoming diverse voices and creating opportunities for growth, we foster stronger clubs and a vibrant, inclusive leadership culture that reflects the richness of our communities.

Unity in Service reminds us that our strength lies in our shared purpose. When we serve together – with respect, collaboration, and harmony – we multiply our impact. United in service, we demonstrate the very heart of our motto: “We Serve”.

Building on these principles, District 2-X1 has established ambitious but achievable goals for 2025-2026:

1. Service Activities

- Serve at least 500,000 people by year-end.
- Increase the impact and relevance of our service to attract prospective members.
- Ensure that 80% of Lions and Leo clubs report service activities, focusing especially on

Diabetes and Environment, two of our key global causes.

2. Membership Development

- Charter at least 2 new Lions clubs.
- Induct 364 new members across existing and new clubs.
- Limit dropped members to no more than 306, achieving a net growth of at least 58 members.

3. Leadership Development

- Achieve 100% participation of Zone Chairpersons in Zone Chair training.

- Ensure at least 75% of club officers (presidents, secretaries, and treasurers) attend officer training.

4. LCIF Support

- Increase individual Lion participation in

LCIF donations by 8%.

- Increase club participation in LCIF donations by 5%.
- Raise at least \$65,000 in total district donations to support LCIF’s global humanitarian efforts.

These SMART (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, Time-Bound) goals are designed to help us deliver maximum impact while growing and strengthening our district.

I invite each of you to embrace this year’s theme with passion. Let us lift up new leaders, unite in service, and continue the legacy of making a meaningful difference in the lives we touch. Together, we will demonstrate the true power of Lionism.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Kedar Timalisina
District Governor, 2025-2026
Lions District 2-X1
Dallas, Texas





Creating Impact Through Inclusion and Unity

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In Lionism, guided by our timeless motto “We Serve,” we have been making a global impact through the pillars of Service, Fellowship, and Leadership. Across decades and continents, Lions have uplifted communities driven by vision, careful planning, dedication, and most importantly, leadership. At the heart of every successful mission lies one key element: Discipline.

It is through discipline and leadership that thousands of Lions have brought hope to those affected by poverty, disasters, and lack of opportunity creating a lasting impact to the community because of Lionism. Today, we continue this noble tradition under the dynamic leadership of Lions District 2-X1 District Governor Kedar Timalsina, whose theme, “Inclusion in Leadership... Unity in Service” embodies our shared purpose to empower every Lion to lead with intent and serve with heart.

The mindset that we can always do better than before, along with discipline, unity, and SMART goals, will allow us to make our District even more historic by reaching the District Governor's 2025-2026 goals of serving 500,000 people, creating 2 new clubs, attracting 364 new members, training 75% of officers, and achieving \$65,000 in LCIF support with 80% service reporting—all while strongly supporting Mission 1.5, our global membership growth initiative.

Together, let's lead boldly and serve united.

Our new team has put together this edition of the District Newsletter in a short time. We may have missed some events or updates, and we appreciate your understanding. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with this monthly publication. Please send articles, notices, or service-related photos by the **25th of each month** to be included in the next issue.

Clubs or individuals interested in supporting the district or promoting their business can contact us at **newsletter.2x1@gmail.com**. Our newsletter reaches nearly **7,000 readers** monthly!

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A NOTE OF THANKS

IPDG Radha K. Kaphle
Dallas Everest



July, 2025

Fellow Lions & Leos, Greetings to all!

As we close the chapter on this remarkable Lionistic year 2024-2025, I stand before you with a heart full of gratitude and pride. What a journey it has been—one of purpose, unity, and shared achievement.

Thank you to every Lion, Leo, and club across our District. Thank you to our exceptional Cabinet Team—your commitment fueled every success. I had the privilege of visiting most clubs, and I hope to personally thank those I missed soon. Your passion, hospitality, and service will always stay in my heart.

This past year brought us more than achievements—it brought us **lifetime memories, unshakable friendships, and a shared spirit of service** that defines our Lions family.

Together, we fulfilled our goals, surpassed our Mission 1.5 target, contributed significantly to LCIF, and proudly led the CA-1 area in both service and membership. Most notably, we are likely the only district in CA-1 to have fulfilled all goals—including the stretch goals—thanks to your combined dedication and service. Our collective efforts turned vision into reality and service into legacy.

As of **July 1, 2025**, I humbly and proudly accept the role of **Immediate Past District Governor**, with deep affection and continued commitment to serve, support, and mentor wherever needed.

Congratulations to **District Governor Kedar Timalsina** and the entire team, including **First Vice District Governor Gary Vineyard** and **Second Vice District Governor Nia MacKay**, as you begin a **new Lionistic year**. I wish you continued success in building on this momentum and taking District 2-X1 to even greater heights!

Achievements at a Glance LY 2024-2025: "We Make Our Mark"

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1. New Club Development:

Our initial target was to charter 2 new clubs (later revised to 4). Remarkably, we **chartered 7 new Lions Clubs**, 5 Leo Clubs, 3 CUB Clubs, and 1 Branch Club—an incredible expansion of Lionism!

2. Membership Growth:

Our original net membership target was **+58**, with a **stretch goal of +159**. We far surpassed both, achieving over 350 net positive members—the highest in CA-1! Our Leo clubs also experienced outstanding growth, adding 81 new members, a

25.23% increase— setting a new district record.

3. Service Reporting Excellence:

100% of Lions clubs and **73% of active Leo clubs (all 16)** reported service. **Together, this results in an outstanding 93% cumulative reporting rate.** We served **over 733,000 people**, contributed **130,000+ volunteer hours**, and conducted nearly **3,300 service activities**— solidifying District 2-X1's leadership in CA-1.

4. Leadership Development:

We **exceeded all training and development goals**, equipping both current and emerging leaders across the district.

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5. LCIF Support – Stretch Goal Fulfilled:

We contributed over \$67,000 to LCIF, with 100% club participation and more than 180 individual donors, a powerful display of our shared compassion.

As of June 29, with two days still remaining in the Lionistic year, I am confident that District 2-X1 is fully eligible to claim the highest recognition offered to any district. What a proud legacy we've built—together.

Final Requests & Reflections

To all clubs that meet the criteria for the Club Excellence Award or Five Stars Club Excellence, please send your completed applications to me by August 20, 2025, so I can forward them to LCI ahead of the August 31 deadline. Let's ensure your excellence is properly recognized.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to our District Team, MD2 Council, and every Lion and Leo. My deepest gratitude also goes to my loving wife, Laxmi Kaphle, whose unconditional love and support made this journey not only possible—but joyful.

Let me leave you with the words of Mother Teresa:

“Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”

– Mother Teresa

With sincere gratitude and pride,

IPDG Radha K. Kaphle

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Dallas Everest Lions Club

Serve with Passion, Lead with Action

Julien C. Hyer Lions International Youth Camp Welcomes Global Youth to Texas



The Julien C. Hyer Lions International Youth Camp kicked off its annual five-week program on June 28, 2025, welcoming 15 international youth for a unique cultural exchange experience across Texas. Running through August 2, the camp is jointly hosted by Lions Districts 2-X1 and 2-E2 and aims to promote peace and global understanding through immersive cultural learning.

The program includes stays in Dallas, Lake Texoma, Wimberley, and Lubbock, offering participants a diverse and enriching view of life in Texas. This year, the Oak Cliff Lions Club is recognized as the largest contributing club.

The camp is led by a dedicated board and supported by six host families. Karen Murray serves as President, with John Bealle as Secretary and PDG Woody Matthews as Treasurer. According to Application Coordinator Erica Bailey of the Dallas Park Cities Lions Club, host families come from several clubs, including Oak Cliff, Dallas Park

Cities, and Richardson Midway. John Bealle and Erica Bailey from Dallas Park Cities are working diligently to ensure the program's success this year. In addition, the Dallas Park Cities Lions Club has organized a special “Welcome Lunch” event to welcome the campers on July 1, 2025.

Listed among the 123 official Youth Exchange Camps on the LCI website, the Julien C. Hyer Camp is the only Lions Youth Exchange Camp in Texas, offering youth aged 17-19 from around the world—and locally—a chance to explore Texas culture, improve their English, and build lasting international friendships.

For more information, contact President Karen Murray of Julien C. Hyer Lions Youth Camp, Inc.



VINEYARD'S VOICE

1VVG Gary Vineyard



Hello Lion Family!!

Wow June was a great and busy month for Lions. I enjoyed getting out to see the different clubs and events across the district. It was great to meet and speak with PID Dr. Patty Hill at the state convention. What a great night of recognizing our leaders, receiving the International Presidents certificate and seeing our district 2x1 win several awards for the accomplishments made over the year. We truly have a year to be proud of and I am honored to be a part of it.

Once again, 2x1 continues to lead the state and CA1 in membership growth and new clubs. We finished the year with 7 new clubs, 5 leo clubs, 1 cub club and 1 branch club. No other district in Texas did more in growth than our district 2x1! What an outstanding achievement. We now have 3 Cyber clubs with more that will come for the 25-26 year.

Special welcome to DG Kedar Timalsina, and 2VVG Dr. Nia Mackay along with me to lead the DG team for 2025-2026. We have discussed the goals for the district and are excited to get started!

PLEASE make sure your club officer's information is correct and has been sent to the DG team for it to be posted correctly in the 25-26 District Directory.

Now we begin a new district year! We plan to hit the ground running and hope you are ready to run with us. We have big goals and want to help every club in the district attain yours and together we will do that.

Club retention - As I talk with and meet the different clubs across the district. I am getting a common response. We have the same members and just can't seem to grow. I hear you! We are here to help you, if you want help. Some clubs are comfortable where they are. While that seems acceptable, the truth is, if your club isn't growing, then it's diminishing

because you are not replacing those you lose. The secret is a strong retention effort. My home club just had a workshop about this, and many ideas came up to help minimize the club losses. If you don't have a retention committee, then your board of directors can do this. One of your club goals each month is to end with a positive membership #. Even 1 is a good #; over a year that's 12 members.

Clubs/branch clubs - If you have an idea of creating a new club or specialty club like a cycling club or runners club, etc. These are great groups to talk with about joining our cause and give them a way to not only enjoy their interest but give back to the community in a humanitarian way.

Upcoming Events:

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!

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Nia's News

*Nia MacKay, PhD - Dallas Founder Lions Club,
2nd Vice District Governor*



Kicking Off Lion Year 2025-2026: Plan Boldly, Serve Joyfully!

As we step into the new Lion Year, it's time to lead with strategy, unity, and heart. One of the best ways to position your club for success is by forming your Global Action Team (GAT)—including your President, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair, Service Chair, and LCIF Coordinator. This core team plays a vital role in planning impactful service and aligning club goals. PDG Fred Conger explained the GAT function at our recent Leadership Training in Region 10.

Another helpful tool is the Global Membership Approach (GMA). PDG Vinod Mathur highlighted the value of using a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) to better understand your club's position and plan more effectively. You can use the GMA Process handout Lion Vinod created and distributed at previous cabinet meetings and district convention. If you don't have one, you can ask for the copy by email to vrmathur@gmail.com. Have a meeting with your officers and directors, or your members, build a team, build a vision, build a plan, then build success and celebrate!

I've seen how these strategies make a difference. During my 2021-2022 term as President of the Dallas Oak Cliff Lions Club, our commitment to

strategic services earned the club the District 2-X1 Club Excellence Award. This past year as President of the Dallas Founder Lions Club, we achieved #1 in service reporting and ranked #2 in net membership growth in the district. These successes were made possible because we had a strong GAT and followed the GMA process.



Let's not forget the significance of keeping members engaged—one of the key efforts in membership retention. Consider doing a Membership Satisfaction Survey twice a year—once in December and again in June. Listening to members helps us serve them better—and happy members are more likely to stay and serve! You can use the survey template provided in the 'Membership Satisfaction Guide' at LionsClubs.org, or customize it to suit your club's specific needs.

Lastly, marketing matters. Our club's consistent efforts across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X, and our website have not only raised awareness but helped recruit new members. We're proud to share that the Dallas Founder Lions Club will be featured in the August edition of LION Magazine—a great honor that shows what strong marketing can do.

Let's start 2025-2026 with focus, energy, and excitement. Together, let's make it our best year!

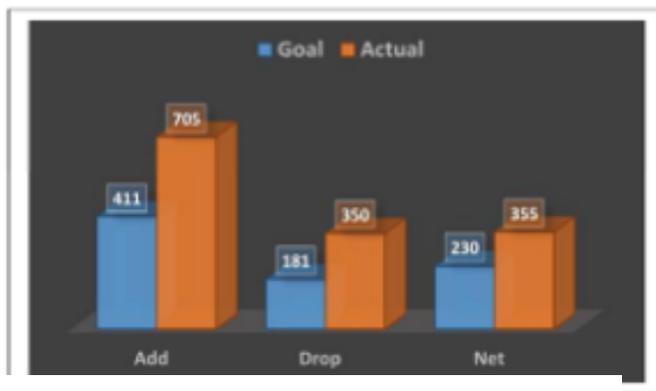
United In Service.



District 2-X1 Celebrates a Banner Year of Growth and Service

District 2-X1 is proud to announce an exceptionally successful year, marked by remarkable achievements in membership growth and community service. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of its members, the district has truly excelled, securing top rankings within the Multiple District and across the CA-1 .

Membership: This past year, District 2-X1 welcomed over 703 new members, exceeding our goal, a testament to its vibrant clubs and compelling commitment to community betterment. This significant expansion in membership strengthens the district's capacity to serve and makes a tangible difference in more lives. Next year, the focus will be on membership retention as we have exceeded the member drops compared to our goals. See chart below:



**2-X1 X1 Membership
July 2024—June 2025
Goal vs Actual**

2-X1 Membership status: (June 30, 2025)

Added Members	747
Dropped Members	367
Gain/Loss.....	380
Closing Balance	2270

MD-2 Membership Status	
Added members.....	3,792
Dropped Members.....	3493
Closing Balance.....	21,794
Net Gain/Loss.....	+299

Clubs: Further demonstrating its dynamic growth, District 2-X1 successfully chartered 7 new Lions Clubs. Each new club represents a new hub of service, bringing the Lions' mission to more neighborhoods and empowering more individuals to contribute to their local communities.
 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 7. Plano Cyber Club
 Congratulations and welcome to our new charter members.

Service: Beyond membership, the impact of District 2-X1's service initiatives has been truly inspiring. Lions within the district collectively served over 731,683 people this year, in 3,246 service activities and contributed 127,636 volunteer hours. From diabetes, health and wellness programs, feed the hungry programs to supporting those in need, these efforts underscore the profound reach and positive influence of Lions in our communities. Over 97% of clubs have reported on their activities.

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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. A trained Lion makes a better Lion!

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has received \$62,797 towards our foundation during this fiscal year. We have met our goal of contributions for this year.

Congratulations 2-X1. Let's keep the Momentum going next year !

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

District 2-X1 Hosts Successful Officers Training for 2025–2026

Lions District 2-X1 held a highly successful Officers Training for the upcoming 2025–2026 Lionistic Year in Richardson, Texas, with 144 Lions from 35 clubs in enthusiastic attendance.

The event featured an inspiring keynote address by Past District Governor Paul Moore from District 2-E2, who emphasized the importance of visionary leadership and sustainable club growth. The training included seven focused sessions aimed at enhancing club operations and leadership skills. These sessions covered key officer roles, including Club President/1st Vice President/Leadership Chair, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club Service Chair, Membership Chair,

Marketing & Communications Chair, and LCIF Coordinator.

The training was led by GLT/PGD Fred Conger, who serves as the chief trainer for District 2-X1. He has been instrumental in facilitating both in-person and virtual trainings, ensuring that all officers are well-equipped to serve effectively.

This training is mandatory for club officers as part of the requirements to achieve the Club Excellence Award, reinforcing District 2-X1's strong commitment to leadership development and service excellence.



Officers while in 2-X1 Lions University Training on June 21, 2025



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District 2-X1 Lions!

Happy New Year! A new Lion Year starts July 1st . A new year to take our service to a new level in a world with increased needs. Let's do what we can to serve our fellow men and women in this world.

A BIG thank you to the Lions who attended and to those who helped facilitate the 2025 District 2-X1 Lions University June 21st! A lot of time and work went into this event. An important takeaway was the work session on setting SMART club goals and beginning to work on the action plans to achieve those goals.

Those Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers who could not or just did not attend LU can catch up during the upcoming Zoom officer leadership sessions. Those three offices must have received leadership training for their club to receive LCI's Club Excellence Award next July.

Information regarding these training courses will be coming soon.

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 to the local positions.

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.

All clubs need to set goals and create action plans defining how to accomplish those goals. If you need help with this, contact me and I'll help get you started.

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

Let's "Make our Mark"

Club Excellence Award

Excellence Award

Club Excellence Award

Pin & Patch 5-Star Pin & Patch

District Excellence Award

Governor & Additional Lion Medal 5 Star Governor & Additional Lion Medal

If your club is eligible to meet the club excellence, please submit the application form July to before August 20, 2025. (Eligibility Criteria Page 69 on on District Directory.)

- District Governor's 100% President Award
- District Governor's 100% Secretary Award
- District Governor's 100% Lion Award

(Detailed information is on pages 70-72 inthe District Directory 2024-2025)



FROM THE DESK OF GET, PDG PRAKASH GAUTAM

Charter President, Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club



Greetings Lions District 2-X1 Family!

Lion Year 2024-2025 was a wonderful year for our District as the District was able to establish seven new clubs - a great achievement. Congratulations to DG Radha, his entire leadership team, and all the District Lions for achieving all the District Goals. I am hopeful that our District will win the prestigious Robinson Award in CA1 in 2024-2025. In Lion Year 2025-2026, I will continue working as Global Extension Team Chairperson. My responsibility will be to help the District in establishing new clubs, and I hope I will have support from each one of you and your Clubs!

In the Lion Year 2025-2026, the District Goal is to establish at least 3 new clubs; but I am confident that the District will be able to start more than 3 clubs. We started the initial

planning and preliminary works to start a couple of clubs in the past year, and we hope we can complete the process and have these clubs in existence in this year, 2025-2026.

We plan to submit one new club application soon, within a few days of the start of the new Lion Year, to LCI; and the entire Leadership Team is overly excited about it.

If you have any idea or see any potential of opening a new club in any area or in any sector of the community, please let me or the District Governor know. Together we can do better!

I once again congratulate IPDG Radha and his team for a highly successful Lion Year 2024-2025 and extend my best wishes to DG Kedar and his team for a smooth and even better Lion Year 2025-2026.

*Best Regards,
GET Chair, PDG Prakash Gautam*



"True service comes not from obligation, but from the heart and soul. It's the quiet strength behind every act of kindness."

In this picture Lion Judy Conger partner-in-service of PDG Fred Conger volunteering at DeSoto Lions Club's 75th Anniversary 2024.

LET YOUR LENS HIGHLIGHT THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE!

Share an impactful photo captured by you during any Lions activity and receive a special GIFT from District 2-X1.

Esmeralda Express News



Reflecting Forward: Membership Momentum in District 2-X1

By Lion Esmeralda Rodriquez

As we close out another impactful Lion Year, it's with deep pride and gratitude that we reflect on the progress made in membership growth, retention, and club engagement throughout District 2-X1. Together, we've embraced change, celebrated leadership, LCIF donations, membership, service, and stayed rooted in our mission – to serve.

clubs, proving that our legacy lives on when we renew our connections.

Leadership Development Focus

New Member Orientation, Lions University Training, Membership Roundtable Summits, Guiding Lion Training, Region and Zone Chair Training, Certification Training, and Mentorship



This Year's Membership Highlights:

Improved Member Retention

Through targeted communication and meaningful engagement, we increased our member retention rate showing that when Lions feel valued and connected, they stay committed to service.

Welcoming New Lions

District 2-X1 welcomed over 500 new Lion members, including young professionals, families, and retirees – each bringing fresh energy and skills to our clubs.

Reactivation of Clubs and Members

We successfully re-engaged previously inactive members and supported the revitalization of

programs helped prepare Our Lion members and officers with leadership skills and strengthened our clubs and district foundation for years to come. Emphasizing Training at club level to utilize Global Membership Process was vital to clubs having a successful Year and our district 2x1 adding new clubs and Leo clubs.

Celebrating Club Diversity

This year, we saw greater representation of cultural backgrounds, ages, gender, and professions across clubs, enriching our service impact and visibility in the community.

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Top 5 Keys to Building a Stronger Foundation for 2025-2026

1. Create a "First 90 Days" Plan for New

Members Make every new Lion feel like family. Pair them with mentors, invite them to serve immediately, and highlight their value from day one.



2. Reignite Passion with Purpose-Driven Projects

Service inspires retention. Align projects with causes that personally matter to members – youth, hunger, environment, etc.

3. Invest in Club Culture

Positive, welcoming clubs are thriving clubs. Host

social gatherings, recognize milestones, and celebrate small wins together.

4. Use Technology to Stay Connected

Leverage WhatsApp, email newsletters, Facebook groups, or apps like MyLion to keep communication flowing and members engaged.

5. Spot and Grow Leaders

Early Leadership is a growth journey. Encourage Lions to take on small roles, then nurture them into larger responsibilities with support and training.

As Membership Chair, it has truly been an honor and privilege to watch our wonderful District 2-X1 thrive. But the real work never stops. Let's keep growing stronger, serving boldly, and making room at the table for every Lion ready to change the world. Here's to another year of growth, unity, and Lion-hearted service.

Yours in Service,

Lion Esmeralda Rodriguez, PDG 2021-2022
Membership Chair, District 2-X1

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Jul 26, 2025: 1st Cabinet Meeting**
- **July 13-17, 2025: LCI International Convention, Orlando, Florida**
- **Aug 1-4, 2025: 1st Council of Governor's Meeting**
- **Oct 11, 2025: Build Beds for Kids Day - Ellis County Youth Expo Center. 2300 West Hwy 287, Waxahachie, TX 75167**

Our new team has put together this edition of the District Newsletter in a short time. We may have missed some events or updates, and we appreciate your understanding. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with this monthly publication. Please send articles, notices, or service-related photos by the **25th of each month** to be included in the next issue.

Clubs or individuals interested in supporting the district or promoting their business can contact us at newsletter.2x1@gmail.com. Our newsletter reaches nearly **7,000 readers** monthly!

LY 2024-2025 Top in Number

Highest Number of Service Reporter, Dallas Founder - 478

SerCompanyName	Clubs Reporting in FY	Overall Activity Count in FY	Overall Activity Count in Previous FY
DALLAS FOUNDER	0%	0	478
COPPELL	0%	0	239
DALLAS EVEREST	0%	0	229

Highest Number of LCIF Contributor, Cedar Creek Area LC \$10,705.00

1	MABANK CEDAR CREEK AREA	\$10,705.00
2	COPPELL	\$10,013.52
3	DALLAS TRINITY INDUSTRIAL	\$6,896.38

Highest Number of Member add Dallas Everest - 27

Club Name	Membership in Fiscal Year	Membership in Previous Fiscal Year	Members Added in Fiscal Year	Drops in Fiscal Year	Gain or Loss in Fiscal Year
DALLAS EVEREST	130	103	31	4	27
DALLAS FOUNDER	73	50	36	13	23
Dallas Buddha	45	29	18	2	16

3 Year New Member Retention Rate 100%

SN	Club Name	Membership in Fiscal Year	Membership in Previous Fiscal Year	Members Added in Fiscal Year	Drops in Fiscal Year	Gain or Loss in Fiscal Year	Three Year New Member Retention Rate
1	COPPELL	48	44	10	6	4	100%
2	DE SOTO	30	25	13	8	5	100%
3	Irving Everest Centennial	58	46	18	6	12	100%
4	ENNIS HOST	38	54	4	20	-16	100%
5	ROWLETT	17	14	3	0	3	100%



Lions Sight & Tissue Foundation

A Division of District 2-X1

Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation Continues to Serve Thousands Across District 2-X1

The Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation of District 2-X1 Inc. (LS&TF), one of the major charities of Lions District 2-X1, has continued its mission of service, positively impacting communities throughout the region.

Established in 1956, the Foundation began as an eye bank focused on cataract surgery and cornea transplantation. Today, its mission has expanded to provide eyeglasses and medical assistance for vision-

Lions interested in hosting an eye clinic can refer to the updated calendar on the Foundation's website or contact Lion Mike Rogers or any board member listed in the directory.

Board meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday at Charco Boiler Steak House at 6:45 p.m., and the new Board of Directors will be inducted on July 10 at Campisi's on Mockingbird, Dallas.

Special thanks go to all Lions and Lions Clubs in District 2-X1 for their ongoing support of the



related issues across District 2-X1, which includes the counties of Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, and parts of Collin.

According to Foundation President Rita Claxton, as of June 30, 2025, the Foundation has completed 95 eye clinics, distributing approximately 3,500 pairs of glasses, logging over 1,045 volunteer hours, and serving 3,725 individuals. An additional 27 clinics are already scheduled through December 12, 2025.

Foundation's annual gala, now renamed in honor of PDG Kathy Fletcher, in recognition of her remarkable legacy of service.

Reminder: Submit your club news, events, and photos to newsletter.2x1@gmail.com by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming News Link.

GROWTH THOUGHT OF A NEW WAY

By Jim Woods, District GMT

To effectively address recruiting and retention from day one for leaders and members of Lions Clubs, it's important to focus on strategies that engage new members and sustain their interest. Here are some key points and resources that might help:



File Photo at Christmas Parade in Wylie, TX

We need to emphasize the importance of new members and the role they play in our club's future and communities needs.

We all know that if a club is not growing it most likely is on its deathbed (dying). If our Lions Club dies who replaces us in the survival of all who we support.

Day One begins the retention of new members.

- Warm Welcome : Ensure new members feel valued and part of the team.
- Orientation: Provide a comprehensive introduction to the club's mission, values, and activities.
- Mentorship: Pair new members with experienced mentors to guide them. (Most likely their sponsor).
- Engaging New Members

- Involvement : Encourage participation in club activities and committees.
- Feedback: Regularly ask for input and suggestions from new members.
- Recognition : Celebrate achievements and contributions, no matter how small.

Retention Strategies

- Continuous Learning : Offer opportunities for personal and professional development.
- Social Connections: Foster a sense of community through social events and networking.
- Clear Pathways : Provide clear pathways for leadership and involvement in club projects.
- Call to Action : I encourage both leaders and members to actively participate in recruitment and retention efforts.
- Vision for the Future : Share the club's vision and how new members contribute to achieving the needs of the club and community.



Christy Householter

DISTRICT SERVICE COORDINATOR MESSAGE



District 2-X1 Launches Year with Powerful Cabinet Meeting Focused on Service

District 2-X1 is set to hold its first Cabinet Meeting for the 2025-2026 Lions year on July 26, 2025, with a strong focus on hands-on service under the inspiring themes: *We See, We Serve - We Care, We Serve - We Learn, We Serve!*

The newly appointed District Service Project Coordinator, Lion Christy Householter, is leading one of the most effective and engaging service initiatives to kick off the year, inviting all Lions to take part in meaningful projects that reflect the heart of Lionism.

We See, We Serve! Julien C. Hyer Exchange Youth will attend the meeting and then travel to Wataga to volunteer at the eyeglasses recycling center. Lions are encouraged to bring all collected eyeglasses, which the exchange students will help deliver—promoting global vision through youth-led service.

We Care, We Serve!

A special project to support children with cancer will be held at the meeting. Members can write heartfelt greeting cards using the provided supplies. These cards will offer hope and brighten the day of young patients who need encouragement and love.



We Learn, We Serve!

To help preschoolers in Irving ISD, school supplies will be collected. Lions may bring items to the meeting or order directly through the District 2-X1 School Supply Wish List on Amazon, with deliveries going straight to the service chair. Items needed include:

- 12-count crayons
- Box of tissues
- 10-12 count markers
- Quart and gallon Ziploc bags
- Hand sanitizer
- Construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Regular-size backpacks (15 inches)
- 4-pack Playdough

SURYA'S ENVIRONMENT VISION



🌱 District 2-X1 Environmental Vision - 2025

Support Governor Kedar's Goals Through Environmental Service

Dear Fellow Lions,

This year, we're calling on all clubs in District 2-X1 to step up for our environment and help drive District Governor Kedar's goals of increasing service hours and recruiting new members. By participating in environmental service activities, your club can make a lasting impact—both in our communities and our organization.

🌱 GET INVOLVED: CHOOSE AN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AREA

🌳 Tree Planting & Tree Care

Plant native trees in your community to improve air quality and create healthier, greener neighborhoods.

🧹 Environmental Cleanup & Restoration

Organize cleanups to remove debris, restore habitats, and protect local ecosystems and marine life.

♻️ Recycling & Waste Management

Host recycling drives and promote waste reduction to conserve resources and support sustainability.

📣 Awareness, Education & Advocacy

Educate the public on environmental protection, organize school events, and lead awareness campaigns.

💧 Clean Water & Sanitation

Support access to clean water and sanitation, improving health and quality of life in underserved areas.

🧑🏫 Want to Learn More?

We are happy to present these topics in more detail at your club or zone meetings. Just let our Environment team know.

📣 Zone & Region Chairs: We Need Your Help

Please share this initiative with your clubs and designate a representative from your zone to join the District Environmental Team.

📱 Stay Connected

Feel free to reach out via Facebook, Messenger, Twitter, Instagram, email, or text. Your direct, indirect, and moral support is deeply appreciated.

Together, let's serve with purpose and protect our environment for future generations.

Surya Bhandari

Past President/Marketing Chair
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District Environment Chairperson/
Zone Chair
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DELCL Hosts Historic Annual Celebration and Officer Installation



One of the largest clubs in Lions District 2-X1, the Dallas Everest Lions Club, hosted its Annual Celebration and Officer Installation on June 29, 2025, marking a historic evening for the Lions community. For the first time, all four wings of the club—Irving DFW Independent Campus

Lions Club, Dallas Everest Leo Club, and Dallas Everest Cub Club—conducted their 2025-2026

Officer and Director Installations together in a joint ceremony.

The program, filled with enthusiasm and fellowship, was officiated by District Governor Radha Krishna Kaphle, who installed all officers during the event. Basanta Panta took the oath as the new President of Dallas Everest Lions Club, joined by Leo President Kasis Panta, Irving DFW Campus Club President Vibhuti Panta, and Cub Club officers.

The club, led this past year by President Kedar Baral, was honored as Club of the

Year. The newly installed President, Basanta Panta, announced the formation of two new clubs: Dallas Manakamana Lions Club and Dallas Gurkha Lions Club, expanding the Everest Lions legacy.

Remarkably, the club has produced two consecutive District Governors, Lion Radha Krishna Kaphle (2024-2025) and Lion Kedar Timalisina (2025-2026) in the top-ranked District in CA1 for both membership growth and service achievements.

IECLC Hosts Women’s Leadership Program

The Irving Everest Centennial Lions Club organized a Women’s Leadership and Community Engagement program on June 22 at CTK Healthcare and Career Institute, emphasizing Lions International’s core pillars: Fellowship, Leadership, and Service.

The event featured inspiring speeches by Dr. Toshima Karki, Member of Parliament, renowned surgeon, and social activist in Nepal; Texas State Representative Terry Meza; and Professor Dr. Shilu Neupane. Dr. Karki and Terry Meza are also Lion members. Dr. Karki, a young and dynamic leader, stood out as a powerful role model for women, showing how courage and commitment can lead to meaningful community impact.

The program was supported by Dallas Himalayan Women’s Lions Club and Dallas Everest Women’s Lions Club. Lions members, Leo Club of Irving Everest, volunteers, and community leaders attended in strong numbers. The speakers highlighted that leadership is a daily practice, key to leading your home, community, and career with purpose and confidence.

Dallas Multicultural Celebrates Charter Ceremony

Dallas, TX - The Charter Ceremony of the newly established Lions Club Dallas Multicultural took place on June 14, 2025, in Dallas, Texas. Led by Charter President Lion Maggie Cathcart and supported by 30 dedicated members, the club becomes the sixth new addition to Lions District 2-X1 this year, showcasing the district’s continued growth and commitment to service and diversity.

On the occasion, Past Council Chair John Eads installed the club officers and inducted the new members. District Governor Radha Krishna Kaphle honored several Guiding Lions, presented Club Extension pins, and awarded outstanding members in recognition of their exceptional contributions.

Did you know that we can earn the prestigious Lions Head Recognition simply by adding new members throughout the year? It's not just about numbers — it's about growing our impact, our ideas, and our ability to serve. Every new member brings fresh energy, new skills, and a bigger heart to our mission.



Dallas Founder Lions Club is serving the community since 1916. This Club played a significant role in the formation of Lions Clubs International in 1917.

CONGRATULATIONS HILSON KHARAL

District 2-X1 LEO Chair

2025-2026



Lions District 2-X1 Build Beds for Kids Day!

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025. Time: Registration 8-9 am;
build begins at 9 am. Location : Indoor Facility - Ellis County
Youth Expo Center, 2300 West Hwy. 287, Waxahachie, TX 75167



*A joint
project of*



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*District 2-X1 Lions, Lions from other Districts, and
non-Lion volunteers will build 100 beds
benefiting SHP.*

We need volunteers for Build Beds for Kids Day!

- *All materials/tools will be provided.*
- *No special skills are needed, there is a job for everyone.*
- *You do not have to volunteer for the entire day; if you can give an hour or two that would be great and appreciated.*
- *We will have an orientation before work begins and you will have experienced leadership on the project from SHP representatives.*
- *Food and drinks will be provided for you.*
- *Parking is easy, lots of space.*
- *Please wear your Lions vest so we can see all the Club volunteers represented. This service event will be filmed, and pictures will be taken.*
- *This is a Lions Service Project, so keep up with your hours of service and report it to your Club Secretary.*



**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON
THE BUILD DAY!**

**For more information and
if you would like to DONATE, please contact:**

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LIONS RESOURCES

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL/LIONS PORTAL:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

DISTRICT 2-X1
<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/>

LIONS LINK NEWSLETTERS:
<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/link-newsletter/>

DISTRICT DIRECTORY:
<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/flipbook-directory/>

DISTRICT EVENTS:
<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/events/>

LIONS CLUBS OF TEXAS (MD-2):
<https://texaslions.org/>

TEXAS LIONS CAMP:
<https://www.lionscamp.com/>

LIONS UNIVERSITY:
<https://lionsuniversity.org/>

LIONS SIGHT AND TISSUE FOUNDATION
<https://lstf.org/>

TEXAS PRIDE - TEXAS LIONS CAMP



The graphic features a young child on the left, a circular logo for Texas Lions Camp in the center, and the text 'CAMP IS LOVE!' and 'Learn More..Click' on the right. The logo includes the text 'TEXAS LIONS CAMP', 'KERRVILLE', and the Lions International 'L' emblem. The background is split into blue and yellow sections.



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.

NEWSLETTER

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