

District 2-X1 Wins Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Cup



FVDG Gary Vineyard, IPDG Radha K. Kathleen, IP Fabricio Oliveria & DG Kedar Timalšina in the Award Ceremony at LCIcon107, Orlando, Florida. (From left to right)

Lions Clubs International has proudly nominated District 2-X1 for the prestigious 2024–2025 Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Cup, one of the organization's most coveted honors within its eight global Constitutional Areas. The award, named after Jesse Robinson, the first international president from outside the United States, celebrates outstanding membership growth, retention, and visionary leadership.

District 2-X1 earned the nomination after achieving a net growth of 402 new members, surpassing 237 other districts in Constitutional Area 1 (CA1), which includes the United States, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and affiliated territories. This remarkable achievement highlights the district's dedication to sustainable growth and service, further establishing its position as one of the most active and fastest-growing districts in CA1.

Under the exceptional leadership of District Governor Radha K. Kaphle, along with First Vice District Governor Kedar Timalšina, Second Vice District Governor Gary Vineyard, Immediate Past District Governor Prakash Gautam, and the entire 2-X1 team, the district has made a lasting impact on its communities. By July 2025, District 2-X1 will encompass 71 active Lions Clubs, nearly 2,300 Lions, 21 Leo Clubs, and over five Cub Clubs, involving nearly 600 youth members. The district's service efforts extend beyond membership numbers. District 2-X1 has volunteered an impressive 136,198 hours, serving 768,461 people across its areas.

The Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Cup was presented during the 107th Lions Clubs International Convention in Orlando, Florida, from July 13 to July 17, 2025. International President Fabricio Oliveira honored District 2-X1's exceptional growth and service. A delegation of 20 members proudly represented the district at this global celebration of leadership and service.

This prestigious award signifies District 2-X1's global importance in the Lions movement and its role in inspiring service throughout North America and beyond.

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TIMALSINA'S OUTLOOK



Dear Fellow Lions,

What a month it has been! I want to take a moment to share just how grateful and proud I am of the incredible energy and achievements we've already experienced together. Starting the Lions year at the International Convention in Orlando was an unforgettable experience. To be surrounded by Lions from around the world, all united in purpose and service, was truly moving. I can't describe the joy I felt seeing Texas win first place in the Culture Parade! Our colors, music, and spirit lit up the streets of Orlando! I was overwhelmed with pride to see us represent the strength and beauty of our diverse communities.

One of the most powerful moments on that international stage was when District 2-X1 was recognized for Mission Quickstart for opening two new clubs at the very beginning of the year. It is an honor to share that moment with President Pradin Babu Shrestha of the Dallas Gorkha Lions Club and President Batuk Bista of the Dallas Manakamana Lions Club. Your leadership and courage are helping shape a new future for service in our district! And then came the speech from International President AP Singh, what a voice, what a vision! His words reminded us that Lions are not just volunteers; we are change-makers. I left feeling more inspired than ever to lead with compassion and inclusion.

Back here in District 2-X1, we continued that momentum with our first Cabinet Meeting and District Service Project,

a school supply drive to support local students. I was deeply moved by the

generosity I witnessed. To see our Lions come together giving, serving, and showing up was nothing short of beautiful. A huge thank you to our Service Chair, Lion Christy, for leading this effort with heart, and to all the clubs who donated and participated. This is how we lead with action and love for our communities.

I've also had the great pleasure of visiting some of our clubs this month, and I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to the Coppell, DeSoto, Irving Everest Centennial, and Collin Athena Lions Clubs. Your hospitality, your programs, and your commitment to service left me inspired and proud to be your District Governor. Every visit has reminded me that the real magic of Lionism happens at the club level—with hands-on service, strong friendships, and tireless dedication. As we move forward, let's continue to build on this strong foundation. Let's remember that every act of kindness, every new member welcomed, every project completed brings us closer to the kind of world we believe in. Inclusion in Leadership, Unity in Service, this isn't just a theme. It's our mission, our path, and our promise.

**Yours in Lionism,
-Kedar Timalisina
District Governor**



Officially inducted governors of MD-2 at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Orlando, Florida for 2025-2026



The Path to Achieving Mission 1.5

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At the 107th Lions Clubs International Convention on July 17, 2025, International President A.P. Singh presented the theme, "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead." This profound message underscores the significance of effective leadership in driving teams toward success. Within Lionism, leaders across clubs, districts, multiple districts, and at the international level adopt their own themes.

District 2-X1's District Governor's theme, "Inclusion in Leadership," highlights the importance of diverse and inclusive leadership for greater impact. When implemented with discipline, these themes foster goal achievement. Mission 1.5 can only be realized through the core principle of Lionism "We Serve" essential for community leadership and collective success.

Congratulations to the 50,000-plus clubs, districts, multiple, and leaders worldwide for embodying "Lead to Serve, and Serve to Lead."

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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DISTRICT CHARITIES AND HISTORICAL CONVENTION

IPDG Radha K. Kaphle
Dallas Everest



August 2025
Fellow Lions & Leos,
Greetings to all!

We proudly represented District 2-X1 at the Lions Clubs International Convention, held July 13–17, 2025, in Orlando, Florida, with a delegation of 20 dedicated Lions leaders along with my wife, Lion Laxmi. It was a moment of immense pride as our District was honored for achieving the highest membership growth in CA1 (Constitutional Area 1)—a truly historic milestone for District 2-X1!



This outstanding recognition would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication and commitment of every Lion in our District. Thank you, District 2-X1 Family, for your incredible support and service that led us to this achievement. Let's continue that momentum as we step into the Lions Year 2025–2026, supporting our new leadership team with the same passion and drive. Let us focus on service excellence, member retention, and continued growth.

As I transition from my role as District Governor to Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG), I am honored to now serve as the President of District 2-X1 Charities. This new role allows me to stay closely connected with our Lions family and support the meaningful projects that uplift our communities.

What Are District 2-X1 Charities?

District 2-X1 Charities encompass a wide range of initiatives that allow our members—Lions, Leos, and Cubs—to engage in purposeful service. These charities include support at the international, multiple district, and district levels:

International & MD-2 Level:

- LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation): Empowering Lions to respond to global needs.
 - Texas Lions Camp: Serving children with physical disabilities, diabetes, and cancer.
 - Texas Lions Foundation: Offering disaster relief and humanitarian grants across Texas.
 - Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC): Collecting and recycling eyeglasses for those in need.
- #### District Level:
- Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation: Supporting eye surgeries and sight-related services.
 - Julien C. Hyer International Youth Camp: Hosting international youth to promote peace and understanding.
 - Leader Dogs for the Blind: Providing guide dogs and mobility training to the visually impaired.
 - World Services for the Blind: Offering professional development and life skills to blind and visually impaired adults.

- Sports Extravaganza: A day of athletic fun for visually impaired youth.
- Youth Contests Program: Engaging our youth in scholarship contests in areas like speech, diabetes awareness, and art.
- Eye Sight & Kids Program: Delivering vision screenings and eye health education to children.

Each Lions Club in District 2-X1 is encouraged to develop a plan to support these impactful initiatives. These service efforts not only build stronger communities but also bring our members closer to the heart of Lionism.

Application Deadlines & Recognition Opportunities

Clubs that meet the criteria for the Club Excellence Award or Five Star Club Excellence Award, please submit your completed applications to me by August 20, 2025, so I can forward them to LCI before the August 31 deadline.

To all Zone and Region Chairs for the Lions Year 2024–2025—thank you for your outstanding dedication and leadership. Now that the year has concluded, it's time to apply for the recognition you've truly earned. If you believe you've met the criteria, please review the award guidelines carefully, complete the application form, and return it to me as soon as possible.

Let us move forward united in service, committed to growth, and proud of what we've achieved together. I look forward to working with you all in my new capacity

as we continue to expand the impact of District 2-X1 in the year ahead.

With sincere gratitude and pride,
IPDG Radha K. Kaphle
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Dallas Everest Lions Club
Serve with Passion, Lead with Action



Officers, did you
get your
Directory?

Global Youth In Texas



Fifteen youths from 10 countries, including Norway, Denmark, Nigeria, Spain, Germany, Italy, France, Hungary, Mongolia, and Finland, embarked on an enriching five-week journey to Texas. During their visit, they had the chance to immerse themselves in the vibrant spirit of Lions Clubs International. One of the highlights of their trip was attending District 2-X1's 1st Cabinet Meeting on July 26, 2025, where they shared their unique experiences with Lions and Leos in attendance. The event left a lasting

impression on the youths, as they were inspired by the dedication and selfless service of Lions members. This memorable experience helped strengthen their connection to Lions' global mission of community service and leadership.

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



VINEYARD'S VOICE

1VDG Gary Vineyard



Hello Lion Family!!

July was another great month for 2x1. We got started with a big event in Orlando with the LCI International Convention. Lions from across the world came to enjoy the fellowship, parade of nations and the great moments at the different conferences that were offered.

2x1 was given the highest honor of receiving the Jesse Robinson Cup on stage with outgoing International President Fabricio Oliveira. 2x1 was also well represented with 1 on 1 interviews with PDG Radha Kaphle on new club growth and club president of Dallas Founder Jeff Strater who spoke on the success their club had in membership growth. DG Kedar Timalisina was recognized on stage as 1 of only 2 DGE's who chartered at least 2 clubs in the first 2 weeks of the new fiscal year. District 2x1 continues to win win win!

We just got back from our 1st Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville. It was a privilege to meet Past International President Brian Stevenson. He had an amazing speech and thrilled the group.

Past International President Jimmy Ross spoke with us about something he did years back when he was building clubs. Ross Rangers was a training program he created to help grow clubs in cities where there was no club. It was great training, and I personally look forward to putting that to work.

Leading by example - once again, 2x1 leads the state with new club growth. We have chartered 2 new clubs with 2 more quickly forming. One of those clubs is a motorcycle club. What I have learned is specialty clubs are the KEY to getting more new clubs on the ground. Who do you know that has an organized group of people that could benefit from coming under the LCI umbrella?

New International President - A.P. Singh.. Wow what a great opportunity to hear him speak in Orlando. We got a special treat with a video call with him while we were in Kerrville. His motto is Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead. His belief is the more we grow our clubs, the more service we can provide.

Local clubs - As I talk with and meet the different clubs across the district, I'm finding they just can't seem to grow. Not growing your club affects the club's future. Attrition is a part of business cycle of every organization. Replace what you lose is the key to success outside of retention.

Upcoming Events:

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2025 - Atlantic City, NJ Sept 18-20th

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

WE SERVE!

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Zone/Region Meeting Focus:
First Zone Meeting - SERVICE
Second Zone Meeting - MEMBERSHIP
Third Zone Meeting - LEADERSHIP

Nia's News



Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead: A Global Celebration of Lionism!

By Nia MacKay, PhD – 2nd Vice District Governor

As we welcome the 2025–2026 Lion Year, I'm filled with gratitude and energy from an unforgettable experience at the LCI Convention in Orlando. My daughter, Lion Anissa MacKay, and I shared a fantastic mother-daughter journey—marching with the Texas delegation in the Parade of Nations, exchanging pins with Lions from around the world, and learning from inspiring speakers during the Plenary Sessions. We danced the nights away at the International Show and the PIP, PID, and PDG Dinner, and we were honored to attend the Melvin Jones Fellow Award Luncheon—a celebration of global service leadership.



A special highlight: Lion Anissa and I were invited to the Scandinavian Lions Hospitality Reception, hosted by the Lions of Norway (MD 104). It was a full-circle moment, as Anissa had represented our district (and the US) at the Imagine Peace Camp and Exchange in Oslo in the summer of 2023. At this event we were incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to take a picture with Past International President (PIP) and the first female LCI President, Gudrun Yngvadotir (left), and her Partner In Service (PIS), Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson (right, Iceland), Immediate PIP Fabricio Oliveira and PIS Amarilles Oliveira (Brazil).

To top it all off, we were interviewed by LION Magazine for their upcoming promotional video—what a joyful way to spotlight Texas Lions!

The excitement didn't stop at convention. This year's International President, Lion AP Singh (India), has set a bold and timely theme: "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead." His leadership priorities resonate deeply with the direction we're heading as a district:

- Growing clubs and expanding service,
- Empowering service through LCIF support,
- Innovating how we serve our communities,
- Embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion,
- Building networks through interest groups,
- And leveraging AI and digital tools to strengthen our organization's reach.

To make the most of this momentum, now is the perfect time to activate your club's Global Action Team (GAT)—President, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair, Service Chair, and LCIF Coordinator. A strong GAT fosters unity, drives strategic planning, and ensures measurable impact. Don't forget to use the Global Membership Approach (GMA) to support your club's growth.

Let's also keep our members happy and connected. A Membership Satisfaction Survey can give meaningful insights.

Finally, let's carry the spirit of Orlando and President Singh's vision into the year ahead. Let's Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead—with bold plans, joyful hearts, and global pride!

United In Service

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, July 31, 2025



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 year, the focus will be on membership retention as we have exceeded the member drops compared to our goals last year. 2-X1 dropped 26% (92) members who were in good standing, 17% (61) for non-payment of dues and 10% (36) for non-attendance. A better understanding is needed why members in good standing are resigning. Providing help to those unable or having difficulty paying their dues and members non-attendance should not be a criterion for drop as long as they are paying their dues.

2-X1 Goals for year 2025-2026.

- Charter New Clubs....2
- Add New Members...364
- Maximum Drops.....306
- Net New Members....58

Service Goals:

- Since we have set the bar high in service from last year, our goal this year is to serve 500,000 people and at least 80% reporting their service activities.
- LCIF: Raise \$65,000 for our foundation.
- Leadership: All Zone Chairs to undergo training.

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

- Added members..... 91
- Dropped Members..... 66
- Gain/Loss..... 25
- Closing Balance.....2,295

MD-2 Membership Status	
Added members....	427
Dropped Members...	307
Closing Balance.....	21,818
Net Gain/Loss.....	+120

Clubs: 2-X1 has chartered 2 new clubs during the first month. Welcome Dallas Gurkha And Dallas Manakamana. Congratulations, and welcome to our new charter members.

Service: Lions within the district collectively served over 41,000 people this year, in 88 service activities and contributed 3,696 volunteer hours. Over 27% of clubs have reported on their activities.

Leadership Training: Club Officers training for Zone Chairs, Club President, Secretary and Treasurer was offered in June. Another training session was offered during cabinet meeting.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has received \$21,518 towards our foundation during this fiscal year.

PDG Vinod Mathur
2-X1 GMA Coordinator
MD-2 GMT Coordinator

District2-X1 holds First Cabinet Meeting 2025-2026 year

On July 26, 2025, Lions District 2-X1 successfully hosted its first Cabinet Meeting of the 2025-2026 Lionistic year at the United Methodist Church in Irving, Texas. The event, called to order by District Governor Kedar Timalsina, drew nearly 250 Lions, Leos, and their families, with the Dallas Everest Lions Club serving as the host club.

The meeting saw several key highlights, including the recognition of Past District Governor Prakash Gautam with the prestigious Jesse Robinson Membership Cup for District 2-X1's remarkable membership growth in 2024-2025. The district also celebrated the achievements of leaders such as DG Kaphle, DG Timalsina, and First Vice District Governor Gary Vineyard, who were honored at the International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Mission Hero Awards were presented to several Lions leaders, including Dr. Nia MacKay, Esmeralda Rodriguez, and Rajendra Kunwar. Additionally, 15 international youth representatives from ten different countries joined the meeting and shared their experiences, adding a global dimension to the event.

The meeting also featured breakout sessions for club leaders and the induction of new Lions members, marking an exciting start to the new year. The District's service project efforts, including collecting school supplies and eyeglasses, were also highlighted, emphasizing the Lions' ongoing commitment to community service and vision care.



In Cabinet Meeting, PDG Prakash Gautam receiving the Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Cup as he was missed in LCIcon2025 at Orlando Florida.





FRED'S FINDINGS

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District 2-X1 Lions!

I hope that all our district's clubs are utilizing the GMA process to establish their 2025-2026 goals and to define action plans to make sure the goals are achieved. If you need help or have questions, contact me.

Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, who could not or did not attend Lions University on June 21st, can catch up during the upcoming Zoom officer leadership sessions in August. Those three offices must have received leadership training for their club to receive LCI's Club Excellence Award next July. Here are the dates, times, and Zoom links for those sessions. Officers attending will earn credit for being trained in 2025-2026. You can prepare for this training by reviewing the contents at <https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/lions-2-x1-university-files/>

Club Secretaries: August 9th 1:30pm – 4:45pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9904674981?pwd=5dJ6Fql3N9NorMutbjBafcOnt3F5Sd.1&omn=81643875444>

Club Presidents: August 16th 8:45am – Noon
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9904674981?pwd=5dJ6Fql3N9NorMutbjBafcOnt3F5Sd.1&omn=86402195856>

Club Treasurers: August 16th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9904674981?pwd=5dJ6Fql3N9NorMutbjBafcOnt3F5Sd.1&omn=82643667520>

If you want to attend but have a conflict, LET ME KNOW.

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 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.

The Zone Chair and Region Chair workshop will be held on the morning of August 9th from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9904674981?pwd=5dJ6Fql3N9NorMutbjBafcOnt3F5Sd.1&omn=85655928719>

DG Kedar needs to have all ZCs and RCs in this meeting
The better informed we are as Lions, the stronger our clubs and Lions Clubs International, becomes.

We Serve !

Club Secretaries: August 9th 1:30pm – 4:45pm
Club Presidents: August 16th 8:45am – Noon
Club Treasurers: August 16th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Zone Chair and Region Chair workshop August 9th from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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 31, 2025. (Eligibility Criteria Page 69 on on District Directory.)

More info and the application form:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/club-excellence-awards>

DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS LINK



FROM THE DESK OF GET, PDG PRAKASH GAUTAM

Charter President, Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club



Greetings Lions District 2-X1 Family!

Most of you already know that our District was awarded the prestigious Jesse Robinson Award, for adding the highest number of members in CA1, for Lions Year 2024-2025. This cup is awarded to a District that adds the highest number of members in each Consistency Area. Congratulations to the IPDG Radha Kaphle (DG for the Lions Year 2024-2025), his Leadership Team, and entire Lion Family of District 2-X1. My personal congratulations to IPDG Radha, DG Kedar, 1VDG Gary, and PDG Prakash (me) for receiving the Jesse Robinson Replica Cup. Since I could not attend the 107th International Convention in Florida, I will receive my Jesse Robinson replica cup via mail within a few days. Let us all work together to win this cup again this year.

Our District has already chartered two new clubs in the first month of Lion Year 2025-2026; the initial talks about these clubs were started in the past years. Congratulations to the sponsoring

club, Dallas Everest Lions Club, and its Leadership Team for chartering two clubs in the first month.

If you have any ideas or see any potential of opening new clubs in any specific area or in any sector of the community, please let me, or our team, or the District Governor know. Together we can do better and achieve more. Plano Early Lions Club will be organizing an extensive vision screening event on September 27th in Plano; and we plan to have a new club extension booth at the event place. If any of our District Lions Family member would like to volunteer at the new club extension booth, please let me know.

As in the Past, I am optimistic that our District will achieve all the goals and will excel in club extension in year 2025-2026, as well.

Best Regards,
GET Chair, PDG Prakash Gautam



Despite being an experienced Lions volunteer, Past Council Chair John Eads brings the same passion and energy as he did in his twenties.

On September 9, 2023, he worked tirelessly throughout the entire day at the Build Beds for Kids event in Waxahachie, Texas, exemplifying his commitment to service.



**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

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It truly has been an honor and privilege to serve and volunteer for our amazing 2x1 district. I am now looking forward to serving as the MD2 GET chair in collaboration with fellow lions throughout the State of Texas for the 2025-2026 lion year. Great success in MD2 continues! Congratulations to 2X1 IPDG Radhakrishna Kaphle, DG Kedar Timalisina, FVDG Gary Vineyard for being presented the cup at the Lions International Convention. Way to go to all our 2x1 lions family for earning the Jessie Robinson membership growth award for Constitutional Area 1!



Let's Go, Let's Grow! Let's all continue to work stronger together on Mission 1.5 - the drive to reach 1.5 million lion members worldwide by 2027, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities. The 5 P's of Lionism—Passion, Personalized, Proactive, Positive, and Purpose. These 5 P's of Lionism—can serve as a dynamic foundation to grow membership, expand service, enhance leadership, and drive club extension. Here's how each "P" can be applied strategically:

1. **Passion-Strategy:** Fuel member engagement and recruitment by focusing on personal and collective passion for service. Ask potential members what causes they care about most. Align club activities with those causes (e.g., pediatric cancer, diabetes, humanitarian efforts, disaster relief, vision, hunger, youth, environment, emotional well being/mental health). Host passion-driven service events to attract like-minded individuals. Action Tip: Feature member spotlights on social media showcasing why they serve and how they

serve and what being a lions means to them.

2. **Personalized-Strategy:** Tailor the Lions experience to each member's interests and skills. Use asset mapping to understand the talents in your community and among members. Develop flexible service roles and leadership paths for members of varying backgrounds. Follow up with new members personally to ensure they feel connected and valued. Action Tip: Create a "Member Interest Inventory" and match new recruits with a mentor who shares their passions.

3. **Proactive-Strategy:** Take initiative in building connections, planning outreach, and addressing community needs. Apply the Global Membership Approach: Build a Team → Build a Vision → Build a Plan → Build Success. Conduct proactive community assessments using the New Club Development tools. Reach out to organizations before waiting for them to come to you. Action Tip: Schedule quarterly outreach events with nonprofits, schools, or civic groups for service partnerships.

4. **Positive-Strategy:** Promote a positive club culture and community image. Celebrate achievements frequently big and small. Address challenges with optimism and solution-oriented thinking. Highlight stories of impact in your newsletter, website, and events. Action Tip: Launch a "Why I'm a Lion" testimonial campaign with photos and short quotes.

<i>Focus Area</i>	<i>Application of 5 P's</i>
Membership	Passion: Appeal to personal values. Personalized: Offer roles aligned to interests. Proactive: Recruit actively at events. Positive: Share success stories. Purpose: Clarify mission.
Service	Design events driven by members' passions and community needs. Keep service fun, flexible, and frequent.
Leadership	Identify potential leaders early, mentor based on strengths, and encourage with positivity and purpose.
Club Extension	Use asset-based community development (ABCD) to identify where new clubs can thrive. Involve passionate, proactive local champions to lead the effort.

5. Purpose -Strategy: Reinforce the meaningful purpose behind every Lions action. Constantly connect local service projects to the broader Lions mission of humanitarian service. Encourage clubs to link their purpose to sustainable Development Goals (e.g., diabetes, environment, hunger relief, pediatric cancer, vision, humanitarian efforts, disaster relief, mental health). Action Tip: During recruitment, share how Lions are impacting global issues and the local neighborhood.

5 P's of Lionism Applied to Club Extension

1. Passion – Inspire and Activate

Club Extension Strategy: Identify passionate local leaders or influencers in under-served areas who care about making a difference. Use passion-driven causes (e.g., youth empowerment, food insecurity, diabetes education) as a starting point for forming new clubs. Tactics: Host listening sessions in target communities: “What issues do you care about here?” Engage individuals and groups already active in service—parent groups, churches, student groups, or small business networks.

2. Personalized – Tailor the Experience

Club Extension Strategy: Design the new club’s structure and focus around the interests, schedules, and service preferences of the potential members. Offer flexible meeting formats—virtual, hybrid, project-based—to meet the lifestyles of younger professionals, families, and retirees. Tactics: Use the New Club Community Assessment tool to understand community needs and customize club goals. Develop niche clubs (e.g., Young Professionals Lions, Parent Lions Club, Special needs lions club, Virtual lions club, Campus Lions Club, Specialty lions clubs, Cultural/Ethnic/Language-based Clubs).

3. Proactive – Don’t Wait for Them to Come to You

Club Extension Strategy: Actively scout new club opportunities using demographic trends, growth corridors, or under-served areas. Use asset mapping to uncover community partners—nonprofits, schools, and businesses—that can help launch a club. Tactics: Form a Club Extension Team with a clear outreach and meeting schedule. Approach business leaders, chamber of commerce leaders, community leaders, faith leaders, and school officials with a partnership pitch.

4. Positive – Celebrate and Promote Success

Club Extension Strategy: Build a “buzz” around the benefits and accomplishments of Lions through storytelling and social media. Publicly celebrate every

milestone: first interest meeting, first service project, first charter night. Tactics: Create a social media campaign highlighting how starting a club brings community pride. Share testimonials from members of recently chartered clubs on how it changed their lives and community.

5. Purpose – Lead with Why

Club Extension Strategy: Anchor the club’s formation in the why—what problem are we solving, what good are we creating together? Reinforce Lions’ global mission alongside a local impact vision. Tactics: At informational meetings, begin by discussing the community’s potential—not just the club structure. Position Lions as a global movement offering local leadership opportunities and purpose-driven service.

Action Plan Example for Club Extension (Using SMART Goal Format)

Goal Statement:

By December 30, 2025, we will charter two new specialty clubs—one Cultural Lions Club and one Community Lions Club in the Dallas Metroplex area—with at least 25 charter members each.

Club Excellence Award:

The criteria that needs to be met for the club excellence award includes the following are

Action Step	Responsible Party	Resources Needed	Start	Due
Identify and meet with university faculty/staff aligned with student engagement	GMT/GET	University contact list, Lions brochures	Aug 15	Sept 10
Host two "Lions for Lunch" pop-up events at the campus quad	Club Extension Team	Table, food, flyers, event permit	Sept 15	Oct 1
Conduct asset mapping in Eastside neighborhood	Guiding Lions	Mapping tool, community contacts	Oct 1	Nov 1
Partner with Eastside Family Center for outreach	Club Extension Chair	Meeting space, outreach letter	Nov 5	Nov 25
Hold info meetings for both new clubs	Extension Team + DG	Presenters, slide deck, venue/Zoom	Dec 1	Dec. 15
Charter each club and appoint guiding Lions	DG, GMT, Extension Team	Charter kits, applications	Dec. 15	Dec. 30

Membership, Service, Leadership and Donations.

Did you know? In the membership criteria to earn Club Excellence award - sponsoring a new club is one of the criteria! Let us know if your club needs help in sponsoring a new club.

Did you know? In the service area, 4 service activities need to be reported and 3 out of the 4 service projects need to be done in the three international weeks this year. They include:

Mental Health and Well being: October 4-12, 2025

Hunger: January 3-12, 2026

Environment: April 18-26, 2026

Let’s continue with great success in this 2025-2026 lion year!



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.



District 2-X1 Leos capturing a picture after a Cabinet Meeting on July 26, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September, 18-20, 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Atlantic City, NJ
 - October 11, 2025, 8 AM: Build Beds for Kids Day - Ellis County Youth Expo Center, 2300 West Hwy. 287, Waxahachie, TX 75167
 - ~~October~~ October 18, 2025, 8:30 AM, 2nd Cabinet Meeting of District 2-X1 - 3939 Joe Ramsey Blvd. E. Greenville, TX
 - October 24-25, 2025, Sports Extravaganza - Nimitz High School, Irving, Texas.
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- Sep 6, 2025, 6 PM Sachse Lions Club Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser
 - Sep 20, 2025, 6 PM: Dallas Founder Lions Club Fundraiser

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!

Requirements for Articles/News:

- Send News/Article by 25th of each month.
- PDF or Word documents with Times New Roman Font. Font Size 11.
- Send 1 to 3 pictures related to the article/news separately in the attachment.

Articles submitted after the 25th may not be included. Please submit on time to ensure inclusion.

Spotlight on Texas Lions Camp

By Lion Ann Ward
2025-26 Chair, Texas Lions Camp Board

For more than a decade, I have heard that Texas Lions Camp is one of the “best kept secrets,” and as the 2025-26 Chair of the TLC Board, I want to change that!

The July 4th floods in the Kerrville area – and the tragic loss of lives, especially at some of the summer camps for children located on the Guadalupe River – certainly raised the profile of Kerrville and the camps in its proximity. Unfortunately, this likely has made our task of recruiting campers even more difficult because we will have to overcome some parents’ fear of summer camping in Kerrville. Thankfully, TLC was spared, and as Lions, we need to let parents know that our camp is located on high ground, safe from flood-prone areas.

When I think about how to spread the word about TLC, the children’s gospel song, “This Little Light of Mine,” comes to mind. Together, we can spotlight TLC, and “let TLC’s Light Shine” in 2025-26.

The TLC Executive Committee will focus on three areas this year:

-Improve communication with the Lions of Texas and with the general public.

Our purposes are to recruit campers, build brand awareness, strengthen the value of TLC to the Lions of Texas, and to increase philanthropic support. As your TLC chair, I will be providing a monthly article to each District for inclusion in a newsletter, or other distribution.

-Enhance support of our Elected Directors and help amplify their important roles. We are inviting the IPDGs and active past TLC chairmen to join us in building excitement and interest in camp.

-TLC will continue to improve its philanthropic giving programs, to increase foundation grants/bequests/donations, and to prepare for a capital campaign in 2026. With the demolition of several structures in August, we will move forward with completing the bunkhouse quad behind the dining hall with the addition of the remaining two bunkhouses. This continues implementation of the Master Plan to create four camps on one campus.

Our goals are to have next season fully occupied with campers and to have more Texas Lions visit camp throughout the year. Come check out your camp!

I welcome your input and suggestions, and I am available to visit your district. Please contact me at lionannward@gmail.com.



The Leadership

District 2-X1 Endorses John Landrum for International Director

Past Council Chair John Landrum, a dedicated member of the Waxahachie Lions Club for 41 years, served as Council Chair for MD-2 during the 2018-2019 year. He played a key role in revitalizing the Italy Lions Club, increasing membership and community engagement.

Currently, Landrum is a candidate for Lions Clubs International's International Director, endorsed by District 2-X1. His leadership continues to inspire Lions members across Texas, reflecting his unwavering commitment to service and



Lions Clubs International Gears Up to Serve Millions in 2025-2026

Lions Clubs International leaders are ready to serve and lead in the 2025-2026 year, guiding nearly 1.4 million members in approximately 50,000 clubs across 212 countries. With a shared commitment to community service, Lions will continue making a significant impact, serving millions of people worldwide through their collective efforts and leadership.



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International President
Kolkata, India



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Immediate Past
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LCIF Chairperson
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Brookfield,
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Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead





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DISTRICT SERVICE COORDINATOR MESSAGE

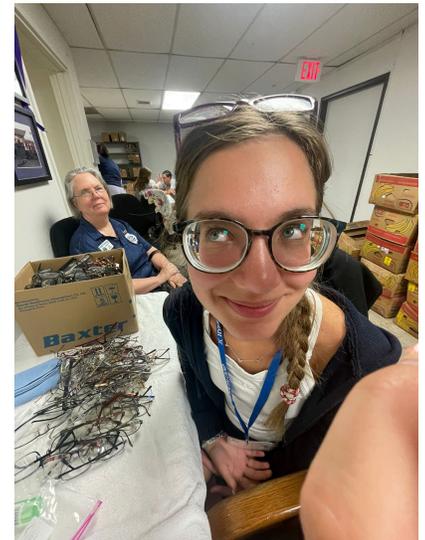


Lions District 2-X1 Collects Supplies and Eyeglasses at Cabinet Meeting



Lions District 2-X1 showcased their commitment to service during the first Cabinet Meeting, collecting over 100

pounds of school supplies and more than 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses. Special thanks to Lion President Basanta Panta and the Dallas Everest Lions Club for hosting and supporting the school supply drive. The eyeglasses were taken to the recycling center by Julian C. Hyer campers, who also, alongside Leos, colored and signed over 40 greeting cards for pediatric cancer patients. This heartwarming effort highlights the Lions' dedication to serving communities.



Dallas Metro Leos Pack Meals for Homeless

The Dallas Metro Leo Club demonstrated true compassion during the SoupMobile Project, where they packaged food sacks for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Dallas area. Each bag was filled with care and purpose, reflecting the Leos' commitment to making a meaningful impact. Through this thoughtful initiative, the Leos worked together to provide nourishment and hope, one meal at a time. Their dedication to service highlights the power of community and the Lions' mission to help those in need.





Lions Clubs International Foundation Donates 100,000 for Kerrville Flood Relief

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has approved a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to support recovery efforts following the devastating flooding in Kerrville, Texas, that occurred over July 4–6, 2025. The catastrophic flash floods along the Guadalupe River resulted in at least 136 fatalities, including 27 campers and counselors from Camp Mystic. The Texas Lions Camp, located in Kerrville, was also affected by the disaster.

In response, LCIF is coordinating with local Lions clubs to provide immediate relief and support long-term recovery efforts. The Kerrville Host Lions Club is actively involved in organizing aid and ensuring that all donated funds are allocated to assist affected families and communities.

LCIF’s grant underscores the Lions' commitment to serving communities in times of crisis, exemplifying the organization's dedication to humanitarian aid and disaster relief



District 2-X1 Participates in Council of Governors Meeting in Kerrville

Lions District 2-X1 was well-represented at the MD-2 Texas Council of Governors Meeting, held from July 31 to August 2, 2025, in Kerrville, Texas. The event, marking the first Council of Governors meeting for the 2025–2026 Lionistic year, was attended by all 16 districts across Texas. Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson served as the chief guest.



District 2-X1 was represented by 26 members, including District Governor Kedar Timalisina, Immediate Past District Governor Radha Kaphle, First Vice District Governor Gary Vineyard, Second Vice District Governor Dr. Nia MacKay, and all three Past Council Chairs. The meeting featured discussions, sessions, and recognitions, further strengthening the Lions’ commitment to service and leadership across the state



Lions Sight & Tissue Foundation

A Division of District 2-X1

Type to enter textDear Lions, Lion Clubs, and Friends,

The Lions Sight & Tissue Foundation would like to express our gratitude for your support of our Kathy Fletcher Denim & Diamonds Gala.

Each contribution will go towards assisting our communities of District 2X-1 with eye clinics, glasses, as well as other medical expenses related to sight.

We look forward to supporting your needs in the future.

Lion Rita Claxton
President of LS&TF

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.



One of the Greatest Service Project of District 2-X1 and beyond coming up in October

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



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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:

PCC JOHN EADS, TEL 214-384-9933
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Benefitting:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace
for Children without a bed
in the DFW Metroplex

District 2-X1 continues its heart-touching service project for the third year. Please sponsor a bed for \$250 or as many as you can.

For payment details, contact PCC John Eads at 214-384-9933 or PCC John Landrum at 214-403-8894.

Your support makes a difference!



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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.



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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