



District 2-X1

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A total of 286 Lions, 172 Bachelors, 90 Masters, and 24 Doctorates graduated from Lions University on September 20, 2025, at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Atlantic City, NJ. International President A.P. Singh personally handed certificates to the degree holders.

## 2-X1 Lions Continue “Build Beds for Kids” Project

District 2-X1 Lions are transforming lives through their impactful “Build Beds for Kids” program, led by Past Council Chairs John Eads and John Landrum. Since 2023, Lions, Leos, and volunteers have built approximately 525 beds for children in North Texas, providing comfort and dignity to those who would otherwise sleep on the floor.

Each bed costs \$250 and comes complete with a mattress, bedding, and pillow. As the next Build Day approaches on October 11, 2025, all clubs and individuals are encouraged to volunteer or donate. Every act of service helps change a child’s life.

## 2-X1 Announces 2nd Cabinet Meeting on October 18

Lions District 2-X1 will hold its second Cabinet Meeting of the year on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at **Highland Terrace Baptist Church 3939 Joe Ramsey Blvd E, Greenville, TX 75401.**

As part of the District’s service initiatives, attendees will participate in a non-perishable food drive, a Lions Mental Health & Well-Being session, and create greeting card messages.

## MD-2 2nd Council of Governors Meeting Scheduled November 7-8

The second MD-2 Texas Council of Governors Meeting will be held on November 7–8, 2025, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1749 Scott Blvd, Temple, TX 76504. Lions may register for a \$10 registration fee, or select the full package, including registration, Friday night dinner, and Saturday breakfast buffet, for \$85.

For registration or more information, contact District Governor Stacey Phillips at [staceyphillips68@gmail.com](mailto:staceyphillips68@gmail.com).

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## TIMALSINA'S OUTLOOK



### Greeting Lions,

I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to all of you. As many of you know, I recently experienced the loss of my dear mother. Your kind words, messages, and prayers have been a source of strength to me and my family. Thank you for standing with me during this difficult time. While I was away, I was deeply proud to see our clubs and leaders continuing with events and service as planned. Your commitment to our communities is inspiring and reflects the true spirit of Lions:

### We Serve!

**Zone Chairs** – by now, you should have already held your first zone meetings. These are vital to building connections, sharing ideas, and encouraging one another. If you haven't yet scheduled your first meeting, please do so as soon as possible.

**October is Mental Health Awareness Month** – an important reminder of the role mental health plays in the wellbeing of individuals and families. International President A.P. Singh has made mental health one of his signature service projects this year, and I encourage every club to take part in initiatives that raise awareness, provide support, and serve those in need. Here in District 2-X1, we are hosting several events related to mental health. Please visit our district website for details and opportunities to get involved.

**District Membership Recognition** – I am excited to share that District 2-X1 is among the districts who won personalized plaques from LCI International President A.P. Singh for achieving over 20% new members recruitment goal. Our membership growth goal for the 2025–2026 year is 364 new members, and this recognition is a proud moment for all of us.

**Congratulations to our district and IPDG Radha for this achievement for your membership goal in 2024-2025!**

Additionally, District 2-X1 proudly honors the remarkable achievement of receiving the Presidential Medal, awarded to PDG Bill Smothermon, recognitions from International President A.P. Singh to PDG Prakash Gautam, late Membership Chair Jim Woods, and myself DG Kedar Timalisina.

One specific project I'd like to highlight is Build the Bed, happening on October 11th. This is a wonderful service opportunity that provides beds for children who don't have one of their own. I encourage every Lions Club to get involved and help make a difference in the lives of these children.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming District 2-X1 2nd Cabinet Meeting on:

Saturday, October 18, 2025

8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Highland Terrace Baptist Church 3939 Joe Ramsey Blvd E, Greenville, TX 75401.

Thank you again for all that you do. Every act of service, no matter how big or small, strengthens our communities and shows the world what it means to be a Lion. Together, let us continue leading with compassion, unity, and service.

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

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**



**It's okay to not be okay.**

Seek support  
Raise awareness

### 2nd Leo Council Meeting Scheduled for November 8

Leos from across the district are invited to attend the second Leo Council meeting on November 8, 2025, at the Hilton Garden Inn Temple Medical Center, 1749 Scott Blvd, Temple, TX 76504. The meet-and-greet will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting and leadership training at 9:00 a.m.

Each attendee must pay a \$5 registration fee and be accompanied by a Leo Advisor or parent/guardian. Registration is separate from the Lions Club registration and can be completed online via this link: [Register Here](#). This event provides a great opportunity to grow, connect, and strengthen your service as a Leo.



# Being a Lion Brings Both Service and Rewards

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Joining your local Lions club offers far more than volunteer opportunities. It's a chance to make a meaningful impact in your community while gaining personal, professional, and social growth. With over 48,000 Lions clubs around the world, members unite to serve those in need, collectively creating a global influence through service projects that improve lives.

Lions experience pride and satisfaction by giving their time, sharing talents, and helping communities. Members build strong connections with fellow Lions, local leaders, and Lions across districts and countries, expanding their networks and fostering lifelong friendships. Membership also offers credibility as part of a respected international organization recognized for over a century of humanitarian service.

As a Lion, you can develop leadership skills through our online learning system and practical experience within your club. Members gain hands-on training, mentorship, and the chance to lead initiatives that positively impact communities while enhancing personal and professional growth. Lions are supported globally by volunteers, staff, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which provides funding and resources to strengthen service efforts locally and worldwide.

In addition to the rewards of service, Lions enjoy member benefits and perks, including discounts on hotels, car rentals, flowers, and specialized hearing care through Beltone, with programs often extending to immediate family. These rewards help members save money while supporting Lions' mission at no additional cost.

Serving as a Lion allows you to connect, lead, and make a difference with a group of committed individuals who share your passion for helping others. Become part of a global movement that transforms communities and changes lives.

### Members Perks:-

- 1-800-Flowers.com
- Avis Car Rental
- Beltone
- Budget Rent A Car
- Enterprise/National
- Hotel Storm
- Wyndham Hotel Group
- Popcorn Factory
- Wolferman's
- Cheryl's Cookies
- Harry and David
- Stock Yards

Lean More at [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org).

## 2025-2026 DISTRICT 2-X1 CABINET OFFICERS

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## 2025-2026 REGION & ZONE CHAIRS

East Region: Joseph Kyle  
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West Region: Rajendra Kunwar

- Zone 1: Mario Lucero
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- Zone 3: Venessa Lambright
- Zone 4: Dilip Subedi
- Zone 5: Surya Bhandari
- Zone 6: Meena Chhetry
- Zone 7: Sampurna Ramakrishna
- Zone 8: Debbie Goodwin
- Zone 9: Munesh Kandel
- Zone 10: Valencia Nash
- Zone 11: Larry Eggett
- Zone 12: Kasey Cheshire

<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/>



## Building Momentum: Sports, Charity Supports, and Service Weeks of Service

**-IPDG Radha K. Kaphle**  
Dallas Everest



### Fellow Lions greetings!

As we enter October, our service calendar is filled with opportunities that embody the Lions' spirit of compassion and action. Together, let's continue to amplify our impact across District 2-X1.

#### • Build Beds for Kids – October 11, 2025

District 2-X1 will host the Build Beds for Kids Project on Saturday, October 11, 2025, with registration beginning at 8:00 AM and the service starting at 9:00 AM. This initiative will provide children in need with beds of their own, ensuring they have a safe and comfortable place to sleep. Thank you to all Lions and Leos who will volunteer their time to make this project possible.

#### • Dallas White Cane Day Walk – October 18, 2025

Join us on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 5:00–7:00 PM at the Dallas Zoo for the Dallas White Cane Day Walk. This meaningful event raises awareness and shows support for the blind and visually impaired in our community. Your participation demonstrates our commitment to inclusion and compassion.

#### • Sports Extravaganza – October 24–25, 2025

The celebration begins on Friday, October 24, with goalball games, followed by the full Sports Extravaganza on Saturday, October 25, 2025, where students will compete across multiple events.

Since 1999, this annual event has empowered visually impaired youth through a day of athletic fun and celebration. Students will participate in adapted sports including goalball, the 200- and 400-meter runs, the 25-meter walk, shot-put, tennis ball throw, and the ever-popular beep baseball. Each competition is a powerful reminder that ability, resilience, and inclusion matter far more than limitations.

This event is a 100% District 2-X1 charity project, and every Lions and Leo Club is encouraged to take part. Clubs can support by contributing just \$2 per member to cover

expenses, volunteering on-site to assist with logistics and athlete support, and cheering for the students as they demonstrate courage and determination.

#### • Peace Poster Contest–Judging date November 15, 2025

District 2-X1 will hold the judging and selection for this year's Peace Poster Contest on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Please remember that all club-level entries must be collected and submitted before this date to qualify for district-level judging. Through art, our youth inspire us to

envision a more peaceful and inclusive world. For details, please contact Peace Poster Chair Karen Murray.

#### • District 2-X1 Charities Fundraising Events

District 2-X1 Charities have exciting fundraising events ahead:

• **Duck Derby** – December 6, 2025, at Epic Waters

• **Polar Plunge** – January 31, 2026, also at Epic Waters

• **Carnival at Asian Times Square** – Tentatively scheduled for March 2026

These events not only bring us together but

also raise vital funds for our charitable programs.

On behalf of District 2-X1, I urge all Lions and Leos to stay engaged—whether through service, donations, or event participation. Every hour volunteered and every dollar given helps sustain vital programs like Sports Extravaganza, Diabetes Screenings, Peace Poster Scholarships, Leader Dogs for the Blind, World Services for the Blind, and the Eye Sight & Kids Program.

#### • For details, please check the District Calendar and Directory.

Together, let's build momentum for a stronger, healthier, and more inclusive future.

With appreciation and pride,  
IPDG Radha K. Kaphle  
rkaphle@yahoo.com  
Dallas Everest Lions Club



# VINEYARD'S VOICE

1VDG Gary Vineyard



### Hello Lions!

September was another very strong month for 2x1. Before I go into that, I want to pause for a moment to honor one of our fallen members.



Global Membership Team Chair Jim Woods of the Kaufman Lions Club passed away on September 13th. Lion Jim played a crucial role at the district level and club level. A service to honor him will be held on October 11th. If you are interested in attending, we can get those details out to you.

We also want to honor DG Kedar Timalsina in the passing of his mother earlier this month as well. He traveled to Nepal to attend the family funeral and recently returned back home.

Here at 2x1, the clubs have been very active. I attended several zone chair zoom meetings, The JCH Board meeting and conducted the Executive Cabinet meeting in DG Kedar's absence. Several members have been active in helping to restore struggling clubs in the northern and northeast area of the district.

Special Thanks to PCC John Eads, PCC John Landrum, PDG Esmerelda Rodriguez and 2VDG Nia Mackay for their teamwork. Building clubs is not easy but when you bring energy and passion, great things can happen.

That exactly whats happening with the Midlothian Club. They had their first Leo meeting on Sept 20 with a great turnout. They are their way to establishing that new club. Midlothian also started a second club meeting at Noon. The first meeting was held on Sept 25th with 60 people in attendance, 35 of those attending were new guests. It was an outstanding day.

I am hearing more stories of ideas for new clubs and meetings about to take place for new clubs; its a very exciting time.

Next week Oct 6 will start the Mental Health Week for part of the club excellence award criteria. I have heard and seen several clubs prepared to help their communities take part in this event. The next few events are posted below, and we hope to see there!

### Upcoming Events:

Build A Bed – Hosted by Waxahachie Lions – Oct 11, Registration starts at 8am. the event starts at 9am at the Waxahachie Youth Expo Center.

District Meeting - Hosted by Greenville Lions - Oct 18.

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

WE SERVE!

### FVDG – Gary Vineyard

Club Director/Past President

Midlothian Lions Club

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# Nia's News

Nia MacKay, PhD - Dallas Founder Lions Club,



## Learning, Leading, and Growing at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and The First Service Week Activities

From September 18–20, 2025, I had the privilege of attending my first USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Atlantic City. This gathering provided an exceptional opportunity to learn, to strengthen leadership, and to grow as a Lion committed to service. The sessions were both inspiring and practical, and the exchange of knowledge with fellow Lions from across North America reaffirmed the value of collaboration. The joy of sharing successes and ideas with others is truly priceless.



The Forum also brought moments of great pride for our district. It was an honor to receive multiple recognitions: **CA1-A 2024–2025 New Club Growth Award** from CA1 Leadership for our district and the personalized **Membership Goal Achievement Award** from International President AP Singh, and a **Presidential Medal** for PDG Bill Smothermon.

These awards and medal were not only exhilarating to receive, but also a powerful motivation to continue working diligently to advance our district's goals. They stand as a testament to the collective effort of our Lions, whose commitment and dedication have made such achievements possible.

Looking forward, we now prepare for our district-wide Service Week on Mental Health and WellBeing, scheduled for October 4–12. This important initiative will include:

- **Zoom Presentations:** Lions Vishnu Maya Upadhyay and Ritu Upadhyay on Saturday, October 4 at 10 AM, and Lion Alice Zaccarello on Monday, October 6 at 2 PM.

- **Hands-On Volunteering:** • Serving meals at The Well Community on Thursday, October 9, in Dallas, TX, and at our

- District Signature Project: Build Beds for Kids on Saturday, October 11, in Waxahachie, TX.

This Service Week will allow us to raise awareness, provide education, and engage in meaningful service activities that directly benefit our communities.

I encourage every club and every Lion to participate actively in these programs. Together, let us demonstrate the strength of our district through service, compassion, and leadership—proving once again that when Lions come together, we achieve extraordinary impact.

**United In Service**



# GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, September 30, 2025



**Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead:** This is the theme our current International President AP Singh is expanding our service to grow our membership. This philosophy is rooted in the idea that service and leadership are inextricably linked, each strengthening the other. This dynamic relationship is best captured by the dual principles of "Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead".

District 2-X1 has a good start this year, having chartered two clubs with a net growth of 32 new members. 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: (September 30, 2025)

Added members..... 125  
Dropped Members..... 93  
Gain/Loss..... 32  
Closing Balance.....2,302

**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. At the end of first quarter, we are on track to accomplish our goals.

**Service:** Lions within the district collectively served over 160,620 people in the first quarter. There were 542 service activities and contributed 19,468 volunteer hours. Over 54% 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 \$33,848 towards our foundation during this fiscal year.

This is a reminder to all club President's to have your club goals by now and implementing it with a plan of action. Complete your SWOT analysis to identify your strengths and areas that need improvement. It is critical to understand why we are losing members in good standing. If you need assistance please contact me, I will be glad to give a presentation on the GMA process.

Mission 1.5: Goal is to increase Global Lion's Clubs membership to be 1.5 million. This is not just a number. We want to increase our service worldwide and need more hands to serve. Our current membership is about 1.38 million. We have about one and half years to achieve that goal.

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

Added members....	1,024
Dropped Members...	737
Closing Balance.....	21,986
Net Gain/Loss.....	+287





# ENVIRONMENT



## 2-X1 Lions Join Keep Irving Beautiful 34th Annual Trash Bash

On September 27, 2025, District 2-X1 Lions and Leos actively participated in the City of Irving's Keep Irving Beautiful (KIB) 34th Annual Trash Bash at T.W. Richardson Grove Park in Irving.

Nearly 90 Lions and Leo volunteers represented District 2-X1, including District Governor Kedar Timalsina, Past Region Chair Thala Raj Panta, Region Chair Rajendra Kunwar, Zone Chairs Meena Chhetry, Dilip Subedi, and Surya Bhandari, alongside several club presidents, officers, members, and Leo leaders. Participating clubs included Dallas Everest, Irving Everest Centennial, Dallas Pokhara, Dallas Himalayan Sports, Dallas

Himalayan Women's, Dallas Everest Women's, and Dallas Manakamana Lions Clubs.

According to KIB Coordinator Rick Hose, the volunteers contributed a total of 1,263 service hours,

collecting 2,500 pounds of trash and 320 pounds of recyclables. The signature cleanup event brought together 421 volunteers, including individuals, community groups, and several Lions Clubs, dedicated to

preventing litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

The Lions' teamwork and dedication exemplify their commitment to keeping Irving clean, green, and environmentally responsible.



"INCLUSION IN LEADERSHIP. UNITY IN SERVICE"

## District 2-X1

### SECOND CABINET MEETING

**October 18, 2025, 8:30-Noon**

**All members of Lion and Leo are cordially invited to join.**

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE**

"We Share, We Serve!"  
The food items we collect will be donated to the Hunt County Shared Ministry Food Pantry.

**# Leos/Cubs: Greeting Card Writing Project**

**Suggested Items:**  
Canned beans  
Rice  
Canned vegetables  
Canned meat or fish  
Cooking oil  
Dried pasta/noodles  
Packaged snacks/crackers  
Jarred sauces or preserves  
Canned fruit

**PLEASE BRING BROKEN AND UNUSED OLD GLASSES FOR RECYCLING.**

**HOSTED BY GREENVILLE LC**

Please contact Lion Christy at (214) 926-2374 or [crandlehouse@gmail.com](mailto:crandlehouse@gmail.com) if you have any question

Highland Terrace Baptist Church  
3939 Joe Ramsey Blvd E,  
Greenville, TX 75401

## MD-2 Lions Clubs of Texas

**2026 MD-2 Opportunities for Youth (OFY) Contests**

**Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest**  
"Managing Diabetes and the Emotional Impact on Adolescents"

**Drug Awareness Speech Contest**  
"The Impact of Weight Loss Drugs on Adolescents"

**Outstanding Youth Award Contest**  
"Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Its Impact on Education"

The 2026 Opportunities for Youth (OFY) Contests information and forms are now available at the Texas Lions website. It is time to share this information with your local schools and be a Club Sponsor.

## MD-2 Lions Clubs of Texas



# FRED'S FINDINGS

**PDG/GLT Fred Conger**  
Coppell Lions Club  
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October 2025



## District 2-X1 Lions!

Remind your club Secretary and President that they should attend the upcoming District Cabinet Meeting on October 18th to be held in Greenville at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church (6801 Wesley St.) from 8:30 to Noon. It is also open to any other officer or Lion to attend. Come and learn what's going on! There will be informative breakout sessions for your benefit.

By now your Zone Chairperson should have had their first "Zone Meeting". The first of such meetings deals with Service topics. The second meeting, in November, will focus on Membership topics. While the third meeting, in March, will focus on Leadership development to assist your club in identifying and preparing club members for leadership roles. Club Presidents, Secretaries, Membership Chairs, and Leadership Chairs don't skip these helpful and informative meetings.

Interested in knowing more about Lionism and willing to share that information to support newly formed clubs? "Certified Guiding Lion" training is where that takes place. Lion attendees earn the title of "Certified Guiding Lion". When we identify some candidates a training session will be held.

If your club needs some help in any area, let DG Kedar know. Either a Certified Guiding Lion, a district leader, or an "expert" can assist your club depending on the issue involved. Better yet, become a CGL and take the training to become more knowledgeable about Lionism.

The better informed we are as Lions, the stronger our clubs, Zones, Regions, District and Lions Clubs International will become. Things just run better when

**Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers**, who could did not attend Lions University on June 21st or the August officer leadership sessions on Zoom, I will be posting the videos of those training sessions to the District web site. <https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/lions-2-x1-university-files/>.

If you need help with officer training or have questions regarding the Global Membership Approach to set club goals and implement the necessary action plans, contact me. I'm here to help.

**We Serve!**

## Club Excellence Award

### Club Excellence Award: Service

- ▶ Report a minimum of four service activities to Lions International. Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International Weeks of Service.

**Mental health and well-being**

October 4-12, 2025

**Hunger**

January 3-11, 2026

**Environment**

April 18-26, 2026



## FROM THE DESK OF GET, PDG PRAKASH GAUTAM

Charter President, Plano Collin Nepalese Lions Club



### Greetings Lions District 2-X1 Family!

As you all probably know that our District has already achieved the initial goal of chartering two new clubs in Lions Year 2025-2026. The District Leadership Team is working on a few other new clubs, and I hope the District will be able to charter a couple of new clubs by the end of June 2026.

Our District had a club extension table (booth) at the free vision screening service project, organized by the Plano Early Lions Club in Plano on September 27, 2025. Past Council Chair John Eads, IPDG Radha Kaphle, and I volunteered to collect names and contact information of the attendees at the vision screening event who were interested in joining Lions Club or to start new Lions Club. We collected 16 names, all are from the Ukrainian speaking community, and we are hopeful that we will have a new Lions Club that represents the Ukrainian Community. We plan to meet with these prospective Lions in the coming months. A big Thank You to the

President of the Plano Early Lions Club Lion Mark Snyder and his Team for allowing the District to have a new club booth at their vision screening event. We had an exciting time there!



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.

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 under the candid leadership of Governor Kedar Timalina.

Best Regards,  
GET Chair, PDG Prakash Gautam

## 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

Lion Rita Claxton, President of the Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation, prepares fresh popcorn to serve children at the 2024 Sports Extravaganza held at Nimitz High School in Irving, spreading joy and community spirit.

-Picture by: Rajendra Kunwar



# Esmeralda Express News

**MD2 GET Chair-Lion Esmeralda Rodriguez**  
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## Fellow Lion leaders,

I hope you feel excited and proud like I am to Just Ask and invite a prospective new Lion member to join a lions club and serve in our communities. Secondly, I'd challenge all of us to think about helping with club extension - it is truly an honor to help build a new branch club/specialty lions club and/or a new traditional club! It is awesome to share the gift of being a Lion with others we may frequently interact in our lives. Some possibilities include: colleagues, business associates, faith community, school acquaintances, friends, family, siblings, daughter, son, spouse, neighbor, or any person you interact with on a consistent basis and you observe them to be interested in doing service - JUST ASK!

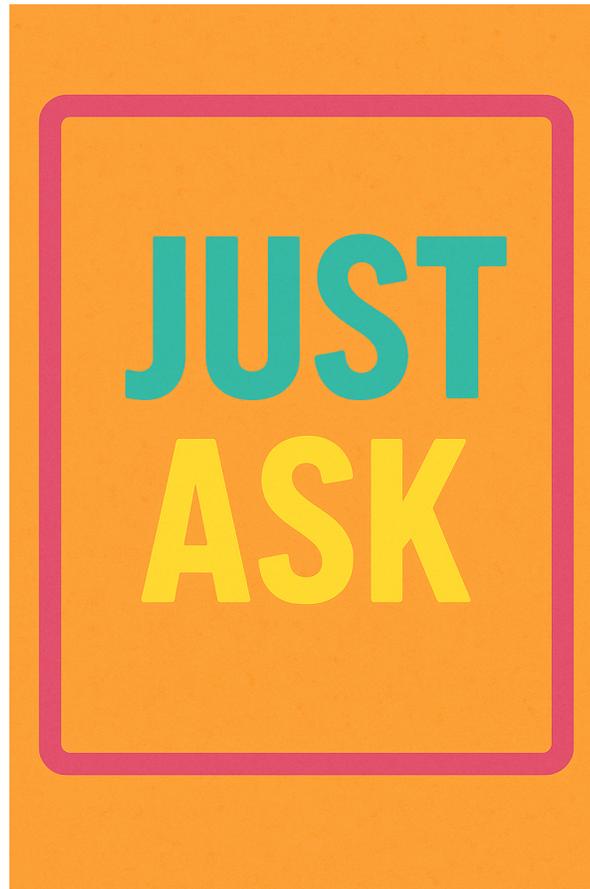
## Let's go, Let's Grow!

Five keys to increase membership and club extension along with five tips to decrease membership drops, based on Lions International's Global Membership Approach and best practices:

### Five Keys to Increase Membership & Club Extension

1. **Build a Strong Team** – Form a motivated membership team that includes Guiding Lions, club officers, and district leaders. This team drives recruitment and ensures sustainability.
2. **Identify Areas of Opportunity** – Use community assessments to find unmet service needs or underserved areas where a new club could thrive.
3. **Engage Community Assets** – Partner with local nonprofits, businesses, chamber of commerce, police departments, libraries, community partners, schools, faith organizations, and civic groups to co-host projects and recruit from their networks.

4. **Promote the Value of Lions Service** – Share impact stories, focus on meaningful projects, and invite prospective members to experience service firsthand before joining.
5. **Create Exciting Entry Points** – Launch specialty clubs (e.g., youth, environmental, cultural affinity groups) or branch clubs to attract people with shared interests.



### Five Tips to Decrease Membership Drops

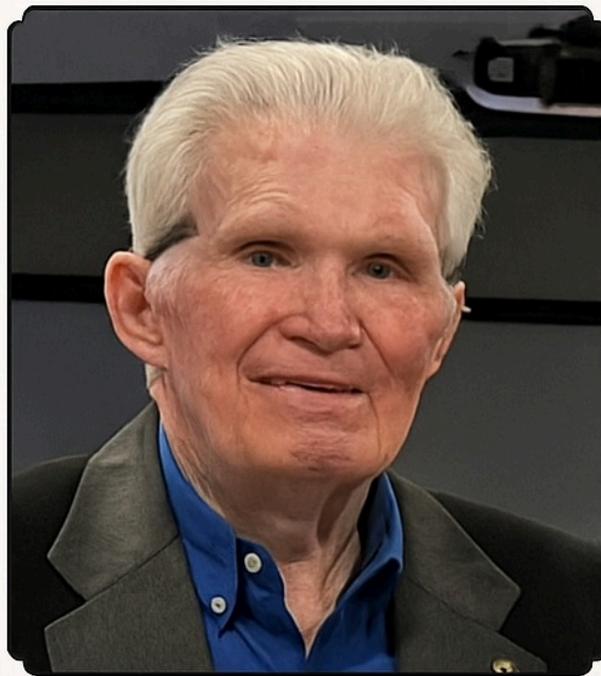
1. **Strengthen Member Onboarding** – Provide orientation, assign mentors, and ensure new members quickly feel engaged in service.
2. **Increase Fellowship & Belonging** – Organize regular social activities, recognition events, and fun traditions that build camaraderie.
3. **Empower Members to Lead Projects** – Allow members to choose and lead service initiatives that align with their passions, increasing ownership and satisfaction.
4. **Communicate Impact Regularly** – Share results of service projects, celebrate successes, do recognitions, and keep members connected to the larger Lions mission.

### 5. Address Conflicts &

**Burnout Early** – Train leaders to listen actively, resolve tensions, and prevent disengagement. Offer flexible involvement options for busy members.  
(Please insert attached MD2 Roundtable Summit group photo  
Let's Go, Let's Grow! )  
Lion Esmeralda Rodriguez

MD2 GET Chair  
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Lions District 2-X1  
deeply saddened by the passing of  
Global Membership Team Leader  
**Lion Jim Woods**  
of the Kaufman Lions Club



September 13, 2025

His sudden departure is a great loss to District 2-X1 and the entire Lions family. His dedication, leadership, and service will always be remembered with gratitude. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go to his family during this difficult time.

District 2-X1 Family



## New GMT Leader

District 2-X1 appointed Lion Suresh Basyal as the Global Membership Team (GMT) Leader after the passing of GMT Jim Woods last month.

Lion Suresh is also a Past Zone Chair of District -2-X1 and Past President of the Dallas Everest Lions Club. He resides in DFW metroplex with his wife, Lion

Anju, and their two daughters. He can be reached [sureshbasyal@gmail.com](mailto:sureshbasyal@gmail.com).



The District 2-X1 team along with First Vice District Governor Gary Vineyard proudly marched in the Texas State Fair Parade on September 26, 2025, representing 2-X1's commitment to community and service.



## **DISTRICT 2-X1-UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 4-12, 2025** — Mental Health and Well-Being

**October 08, 2025** – Executive Committee (DG Team) Meeting, 6:30 PM, Hybrid

**October 11, 2025** – Build Beds For Kids Day, 8:00 AM, Waxahachie, TX

**October 18, 2025** – 2nd Cabinet Meeting, 8:30 AM, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Greenville, TX

**October 18, 2025** - White Cane Day Walk, 5PM-7PM, Dallas Zoo

**October 24–25, 2025** – Sports Extravaganza, All Day, Nimitz High School, Irving, TX

**November 7-8, 2025** - MD2 Council of Governors Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, 1749 Scott Blvd, Temple, TX 76504.

**December 6, 2025** - 2-X1 Duck Derby Race, 8:30AM, 2970 Epic Place, Grand Prairie, 75052

# TLC Golf Tournament a Success!

## Texas Lions Camp Celebrates Record Success at 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Fredericksburg, TX — The Texas Lions Camp Board is proud to announce that the 32nd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament was an outstanding success, raising a record \$245,000 in support of Texas Lions Camp. This achievement includes a \$50,000 matching grant generously provided by James Avery Artisan Jewelry®.

“We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Lions of Texas for your unwavering support,” said Lion Ann Ward, 2025–26 Chair of the Texas Lions Camp Board. “From corporate sponsorships and hole sponsorships to the Ed Stebbins Memorial Dinner auctions and raffles, every effort made a difference. The Fredericksburg Lions Club has managed this event for 32 years with dedication, and Lions volunteers across the state continue to show the true spirit of teamwork.”

The tournament was sold out for the third consecutive year, with Lions volunteers assisting in set-up, clean-up, hole spotting, and sponsorship efforts. All proceeds directly benefit Texas Lions Camp, helping provide life-changing experiences for children.



The next tournament is scheduled for July 30, 2026, at Lady Bird Golf Course in Fredericksburg.

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

## DOING GOOD

-BY PDG Wayne Meachum

There are times when we, as members of the Lions of District 2X-1, need to pause in the hustle and bustle of Lions activities, and think about –and give thanks for – our good fortune in having dedicated servant leaders in our clubs who constantly provide what it takes for a club and a Lions District like ours to do what it does in functioning and serving our community. There are many such members in our clubs but, for now, I want to ask you to focus on Bobby and Sydney Allen of The Oak Cliff Lions Club.

Lion Bobby just completed a very successful year as President of Oak Cliff. Through his leadership and service, he achieved all of the necessary accomplishments to qualify for the 100% President’s Award. Lion Bobby has been a leader in service in Lionism for many years. He is a “graduate” of the Lions Leadership Forum and attends district functions regularly. His commitment to Lionism and to the mission of Lions International is readily apparent and unmistakable. We are fortunate that he is a member of The Oak Cliff Lions Club and District 2X-1.

We have greatly benefitted from the talents and dedication of Lion Sydney for many years (and will continue to do so for decades to come) though many of our newer members might not be aware of it.

When I assumed the presidency of The Oak Cliff Lions Club the first time – back at the turn of the century – one of my top priorities was to establish a website for the Club. The so-called website we had at the time consisted of one page that had “Oak Cliff Lions Club” on it. Lion Sydney volunteered to work with me to construct a website that was representative of the club.

She and I worked together for weeks. I explained the ideas I had and she, with her creativity and technical expertise, designed and constructed a website that is second to none. PDG Bill Melton contributed text for the various pages that Lion Sydney installed on the website and, when all was said and done, we had what was – and still is – an exceptional website.

Within the first year or so after the website was completed, we received a special recognition from Lions Clubs International for having the most outstanding website among the clubs in LCI. We have Lion Sydney and PDG Bill to thank for that.

So, let’s pause – even if only briefly – and be thankful for the talent, the leadership, and the commitment to service that we are so fortunate to have in the Lions Clubs in District 2X-1. I will call your attention to others in the near future.

# The Leadership

## Revitalizing Clubs and Inspiring Lions: John Landrum's Legacy

Past Council Chair Lion John Landrum has devoted over 41 years to Lionism, including 31 years with the Waxahachie Lions Club. He served as District Governor of District 2-X1 in 2011–2012 and as Council Chair for Multiple District 2 in 2018–2019, providing strategic leadership, mentorship, and guidance to Lions across Texas. Renowned for revitalizing clubs like the Italy Lions Club, he has strengthened membership and expanded community service impact.

Lion John Landrum's service is hands-on and heartfelt. From delivering beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, supporting newly chartered clubs, participating

District meetings, to walking for diabetes awareness, he leads by example. His granddaughter's experience at Texas Lions Camp underscores his personal commitment to empowering youth and building strong communities.

Endorsed by District 2-X1, Lion Landrum is running for International Director of Lions Clubs International. With the support of his partner, Lion Hilary Landrum, and his fellow Lions, he exemplifies servant leadership, teamwork, and a vision for global impact. Join us in supporting a leader whose dedication, experience, and heart will inspire Lions worldwide.



Candidate for International Director

PCC John Landrum is in USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2025 in Atlantic City, NJ



Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead





Christy Householter

# DISTRICT SERVICE COORDINATOR MESSAGE



## WE SERVE: DURING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING MONTH



### District 2-X1 October 2025



**SAT  
OCT 4**

**Lions Helping Lions and the Community**  
Presented by Dr. Vishnu Maya Upadhyay  
and Ritu Upadhyay  
10:00 AM-10:45 AM via Zoom Link [HERE](#)



**MON  
OCT 6**

**One Organizations Approach to Helping  
Those with Mental Illness**  
Alice Zaccarello, ED, Well Community  
2:00 pm - 2:45 PM via Zoom link [HERE](#)



**THUR  
OCT 9**

**Hands on Volununteering: Serving  
food at Wells**  
Information and sign up [HERE](#) or scan  
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM



**SAT  
OCT 18**

**District 2-X1 Cabinet Meeting**

- Non-perishable Food Drive
- Lions Mental Health & Well-Being session
- Greeting card messages

For more details and updates about these events, please see the October Lions Link or click  or scan the QR code for detailed information.

Thank you, Lion Christy, GST  
[crandlehouse@gmail.com](mailto:crandlehouse@gmail.com)



### Notice:-

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.**



# January 4, 2026, District 2-X1 Service Project



Every Sunday 11AM-4PM located at 6004 Ashley Rd, Kemp TX Volunteers are welcome to join Faith at Work Ministries distribute food. This is an outdoor event, so dress accordingly. Workers will receive a box of food for themselves or to deliver to a family in need. Also, if you know of anyone in need, please tell them to just pull into line, and they will receive about 75 pounds of food per family, loaded into their vehicle.

**2025 Annual Wine Fundraising Event**

Hosted by The Coppell Lions Club  
Saturday, October 25th, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

 Frontiers of Flight Museum – Love Field  
6911 Lemon Avenue – Dallas, Texas

Enjoy a fun filled night of wine tasting (3 tastings, 2 oz. each), at the famous Frontiers of Flight Museum with lots of great Silent Auction items, Gourmet hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

Proceeds support Lions Charities both in our local community and around the world.

Tickets for a Cork Pull will be available at the event.

Halloween Costumes Encouraged

**HALLOWEEN TASTING EVENT**



**Tickets \$50 Each**

**For Tickets Contact:**  
Fred Conger  
C: 214-274-4490  
E: fred.conger@verizon.net

**FUNDRAISING**

**LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISING FLAG SALES**

**SALES RUN FROM**  
**AUGUST 1, 2025 THRU JULY 31, 2026**

Sell a 3x5 American Flag for only \$5 each

For every flag sold your Lions Club makes \$2

Let us know how many flags you want to sell and we will ship them to you.

For more information contact  
Jim Rodriguez, Founder/President at  
jim@theflagprogram.org or 860.538.2367



# 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:**

PCC JOHN EADS, TEL 214-384-9933  
PCC JOHN LANDRUM, TEL 214-403-8894

### 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!

**Sign up for Volunteer:**



## SCAM ALERT!



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It has come to our attention that some members may be receiving emails from District Governor Kedar Timalsina's email address "[lionsdistrictgovernor2526@gmail.com](mailto:lionsdistrictgovernor2526@gmail.com)". If you receive a message from this address, please **DISREGARD** it immediately. This is a scam email, and it is not affiliated with Lions Clubs International or any official district communications.

# LIONS RESOURCES

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL/LIONS PORTAL:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/>

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/>




**SEAGOVILLE SUNSET LIONS CLUB ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Friday, **OCTOBER 10, 2025**

Start @ 8:30 A. M. SHOTGUN START  
**RUSTED RAIL GOLF CLUB**  
1602 US-175, Crandall

**Come Join Us and Play a Scramble Format**  
LUNCH - GOODY BAGS - CASH TEAM AWARDS  
2 CLOSEST TO THE PIN AWARDS - 2 LONGEST DRIVE AWARDS  
**HOLE in ONE on # 9 2025 SILVERADO 1500**

**GRAND MARSHALL SPONSORS \$1500** - 4 PLAYER TEAM, 4 HOLE SPONSOR, 2 FLAG (S) AND BANNER  
**GRAND SPONSORS \$1000** - 4 PLAYER TEAM, 4 HOLE SPONSOR, FLAG AND BANNER  
**PRESENTER SPONSORS \$800** - 4 PLAYER TEAM, HOLE SPONSOR, & BANNER  
**MAJOR SPONSORS \$650** - 4 PLAYER TEAM, & HOLE SPONSOR  
**GOLF CART SPONSOR \$500** - LOGO ON ALL PLAYER GOLF CARTS  
**PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR \$350** - SIGNAGE ON PUTTING GREEN  
**HOLE SPONSORS - \$100 EACH & SIGNAGE AT TEE BOX**

**\$150.00/PERSON ENTRY FEE**  
**\$600.00/FOURSOME**

ALL REGISTRATIONS TO BE PRE-PAID BY OCTOBER 1, 2025. NO MONIES WILL BE EXCHANGED ON DAY OF TOURNAMENT FOR REGISTRATIONS.  
NOTE: THERE WILL BE A 50/50 RAFFLE. EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A GOODY BAG AND IN ADDITION TO THE MANY ITEMS IN YOUR BAG THERE WILL BE A DRAWING AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT.

**Sponsor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM INFORMATION**  
**Player Name, Phone # & Email**

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Please have sponsorships, entry forms and payment turned in no later than October 1.  
Questions contact: Ralph Page @ 214-717-9119 [rp@pegs2015.com](mailto:rp@pegs2015.com) or Cheri Childress @ 214-632-3294  
[cheri330@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cheri330@sbcglobal.net) or Rita Claxton @ 972-742-3808 [gransplace\\_tx@yahoo.com](mailto:gransplace_tx@yahoo.com)  
Mail your check and form to the Seagoville Sunset Lions Club, P O Box 853, MABANK, TX 75147.

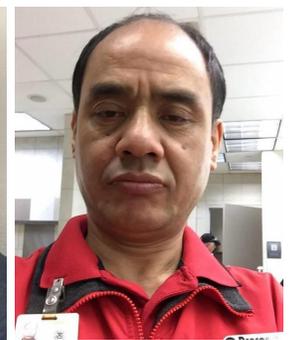
**(We thank you for your continued support of the Seagoville Sunset Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament. Your safety and wellness are our wishes for you and a good time for all those that will be playing.)**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Lions District 2-X1 proudly welcomes two new clubs, Dallas Manakamana and Dallas Gorkha Lions, chartered in July 2025. Congratulations to Charter Presidents Batuk Bista and Pradin Shrestha for leading these exciting new beginnings!



Batuk Bista  
Charter President  
Dallas Manakamana  
Lions Club



Pradin Shrestha  
Charter President  
Dallas Gorkha  
Lions Club

# 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.

All Newsletter materials must be submitted by the 25th of each month to be included in the upcoming edition.  
Email to: [newsletter.2x1@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.2x1@gmail.com)

**Don't Miss the DEADLINE**



-Rajendra Kunwar  
(Lions Link Editor)  
Irving Everest Centennial Lions



-Bilas Upadhayay  
Dallas Health Lions Club