



District 2X1

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

December 6, 2025
Holiday Celebration, Potluck

December 9, 2025
Spot Vision Screening Training & Certification

January 3–11, 2026
Hunger Service Week (Global Week)

January 17, 2026
Mid-Winter Conference

January 31, 2026
District Social – Epic Waters, Grand Prairie

March 14, 2026
Build Beds for Kids

April 11, 2026
2-X1 Duck Derby Race

April 18–26, 2026
Environment Service Project

April 24–25, 2026
District Convention

May 28–30, 2026
Lions Texas State Convention

2 X1 Marks Midyear With Impactful Service and Holiday Spirit

Lions District 2 X1 entered November and December with inspiring momentum, marking the midpoint of the Lionistic year through vibrant service projects, holiday celebrations, and impactful fundraising efforts. As the festive season arrived, Lions, Leos, Cubs, and community partners embraced the spirit of giving, creating a meaningful blend of joy and service across North Texas. The district's enthusiasm has been visible everywhere, with clubs demonstrating their commitment to helping communities while strengthening unity and fellowship among members.

Health initiatives were a major focus throughout November. On November 15, nearly twelve Lions Clubs united at the United Methodist Church in Irving to conduct a large community Health Camp and Blood Drive, offering essential health screenings and collecting lifesaving blood donations. On the same day, Dallas Filipino Lions Club and Collin Athena Lions Club organized health expos in City of Irving Hall, offering diabetes awareness programs, vision screenings, and general health education.

Fundraising efforts also flourished across the district. Several clubs hosted Pancake Breakfast fundraisers, including the Dallas Trinity Lions Club's successful event on November 15. The Coppell Lions Club received outstanding community support during its Annual Wine Fundraising Event, and the Dallas Founder Lions Club held a festive Christmas fundraiser on December 3. Midlothian Lions Club is preparing for its Christmas Party on December 4 at the Midlothian Civic Center, while the District Holiday Party on December 6 in Red Oak will bring Lions together for celebration and fellowship.

Youth involvement has remained equally strong, with several Leo Clubs conducting service projects, leadership activities, and training programs that empower young people to serve confidently and effectively.

District 2 X1 continues to demonstrate remarkable service impact with 2,293 members, a net growth of 23, contributions of \$36,341 to LCIF, 1,124 completed service activities, 314,313 people served, and 45,149 volunteer hours recorded. The district remains committed to serving with heart and entering the new year with even greater purpose and unity.



TIMALSINA'S OUTLOOK



Happy Holidays, Lions Family!

As we enter this festive season of joy, reflection, and gratitude, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. The holiday season reminds us of the power of togetherness, something our Lions family embodies every single day. As we look back on the year, we celebrate meaningful service, strong membership growth, and the passion that continues to define District 2-X1.

This year has been filled with remarkable achievements. Our district continues to welcome new members, strengthen our existing clubs, and build new ones.

As we prepare for 2026, I encourage every club to take time to evaluate your goals, your membership growth, and your service impact. Our leadership and training teams have outlined important criteria for the Club Excellence Award, including officer training by December 31, service

Our district leaders also emphasize the importance of teamwork through the Global Action Team (GAT). Your Club President, Membership Chair, Service Chair, and LCIF Coordinator play a key role in shaping your club's success. As we reach the mid-year point, this is the perfect time to strengthen collaboration within your club and ensure members feel engaged and heard. I also encourage clubs to conduct a Member Satisfaction Survey a simple step that can make a powerful difference in retention and club culture.

Looking ahead, please begin planning for the Global Week of Service – Hunger, taking place January 3–11, 2026. Let's show our community that District 2-X1 leads with compassion, purpose, and action.

This month also brings an opportunity for fellowship at our District Holiday Celebration Potluck on December 6, from 1–3 PM in Red Oak. Bring your families, your favorite dishes, and let's enjoy time together as one Lions family.



As we close out the year, let us remember the Lions we have lost in 2025. Their service, legacy, and impact continue to inspire us. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your dedication, your leadership, and the heart you put into every act of service. I am honored to serve alongside each one of you. Together, we will continue building a stronger, more inclusive, and more vibrant District 2-X1 in the new year.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a blessed New Year.

reporting during the global service weeks, LCIF contributions, and ongoing member education. Please see the leadership updates in this month's LINK for important deadlines and training opportunities.

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



Club Excellence A Pathway to Stronger and Healthier

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The Club Excellence Award is more than a badge of honor; it is the gold standard for evaluating a club’s overall health, impact, and leadership strength. As Lions Clubs International encourages quality service and sustainable growth, these criteria help guide every club toward meaningful improvement.

To qualify, clubs must show **membership** growth, inducting at least two or 20% new members, or by sponsoring a new Lions Club. **Service** is at the heart of Lionism, and clubs must report at least four service activities, including participation in three International Weeks of Service.

Leadership development remains essential. Clubs must report officers by May 15, ensure 10% of members complete three Lions

Learning Center courses, and maintain a healthy rotation of leadership, limiting the club president to two consecutive terms. At least two officers, including the president, must complete official Club Officer Training between May 1 and December 31.

Additionally, clubs must demonstrate global support by **contributing to LCIF** an amount equal to their previous year’s membership total multiplied by \$20.

This award reflects not just excellence, but overall club vitality. With the support of Cabinet Team, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, GLT, GMT, GST, and GMA teams, many clubs can achieve this milestone, just as we proudly earned the Jesse Robinson Membership Cup last year.

Let’s rise to the challenge once again. Are you ready?

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- 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/>

The Leadership



CANDIDATE

John LANDRUM

for International Director

Proven. Passionate. Ready.

- Consistently active Lion for 41+ years (1984-Present)
- Held multiple offices at Club/District/State levels
- Global Action Team leader • Area 1A
- Board Chair for World Services for the Blind (Board member since 2008)
- Recipient of multiple International recognitions
- Four-time Lion of the Year in two clubs
- Past District Governor/Council Chair/State Convention Chair
- Progressive Melvin Jones/Jack Wiech Fellows
- Texas Lions Foundation/Ebb Grindstaff Fellows
- Numerous committee appointments in Texas
- Proud Marine Corps Veteran
- Ellis County Veterans Celebration Treasurer
- Ellis County Marine Corps League Treasurer

Lion John Landrum is well-qualified and more than ready to become your next International Director from Texas.

John & Hilary Landrum



Lions International

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Scan in your banking app to send money to pay

JOHN LANDRUM FOR ID
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If you would like to support his campaign, scan the QR code.

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Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead



VINEYARD'S VOICE

FVDG - GARY VINEYARD

Club Director/Past
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Midlothian Lions Club
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December - 2025



<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Midlothian-Lions-Club-100066797362815/>

Hello Lion Family!!

November was another great month for 2x1. We continue to add new members across the district and are doing well. A couple of new clubs are still in formations stage and we look forward to chartering them in the near future.

The holiday season is upon us and is a great time to reflect on the year of 2025. Many great things happened, 2x1 received its first ever Jesse Robinson trophy for being the #1 district in club growth and membership. It's very hard to repeat it and we are aiming for this again, but it takes ALL of us to make that happen.

The Council of Governors met in Temple earlier this month to discuss the business of the district. It's always great to be around such a great group of people and leaders for 2x1. I learn something new every time.

As we go into 2026, let us remember those we lost this year. Our Lion family means so much to us all and losing a member is difficult. Please keep the families of those we lost this year in your prayers please.

I want you to start thinking about 2026 and where you are in your club's goals so far. An important achievement in your club is recognition of the club excellence award. The criteria changed so please make sure you are striving to meet these requirements to be recognized at the year end district meeting.

Club Excellence Award criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs and is the foundation for excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons and District Governors.

Membership – Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). This is based on member count as of June 30. OR Sponsor a new club.

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 & Well-being:** October 4–12;

Hunger: January 3–11, 2026; **Environment:** April 18–26, 2026

Leadership - Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year. A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses in the [Lions Learning Center](#). **The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.** The President and two officers (vice president, secretary or treasurer) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between May 1 – December 31.

Donations - [Contributed to LCIF](#) minimum \$20 per member count as of June 30.

If you would like me to speak at your club, please send me an email with the dates your club meets so I can put you on my calendar. I want to visit as many clubs as possible between now and the end of my DG year in 2027.

As always, it is an honor to serve you! Please contact me if I can be of service.

WE SERVE!

Nia's News



A Mid-Year Moment: Strengthening Our Club for the Next Six Months

By Nia MacKay, PhD – 2nd Vice District Governor

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the second Executive Council on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in person or via Zoom. We are delighted to hear about the success of your clubs and are excited to see your continued service. Let's continue this momentum!

As we enter the second half of our Lions service year, this is the perfect time for every club to pause, reflect, and review your progress in both membership growth and service impact. The first six months give us valuable insight into what is working well—and where we can strengthen our efforts to finish the year even stronger.

One of the most effective ways to do this is by fully utilizing your club's Global Action Team (GAT): Club President, Membership Chair, Service Chair, and LCIF Coordinator (if your club has one). This team serves as your club's strategic core. When aligned, they can guide your club to greater success, better organization, and expanded service.

I personally used the GAT structure during both of my terms as Club President, and it played a major role in helping our club not only reach our goals, but exceed them. With coordinated planning, communication, and teamwork, your GAT can do the same for your club during the next six months.

This mid-year period is also the ideal opportunity to conduct a Member Satisfaction Survey. This simple tool provides valuable insight that can help you:

- Strengthen membership retention
- Ensure your club's culture aligns with members' expectations
- Gauge member engagement and participation
- Identify improvements that can make your club even stronger

Listening to your members is one of the most powerful ways to grow and maintain a healthy, thriving club.

As we look forward to 2026, let's also fortify our membership growth efforts. Invite new members to join our mission and help us move closer to Mission 1.5. New members bring diversity, creativity, and renewed energy, helping us build an even stronger and more dynamic club.

And don't forget to begin planning for the Second Global Service Week, focusing on Hunger, January 3–11, 2026. Early planning ensures your club can deliver meaningful service that directly impacts those who need it most.

As we end the year, I wish everyone a warm and joyful Happy Holidays. Our District's Holiday Celebration Potluck is on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 1 to 3 PM at 207 W Red Oak Rd., Red Oak, TX 75154. Enjoy great programs like an exchange gift and an 'ugly sweater contest'. Bring your family and share your favorite dishes.

Thank you for your dedication, your service, and your heart. I look forward to all we will achieve together in the New Year 2026.

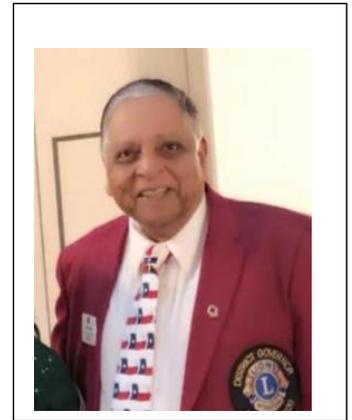


United In Service

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, November 30, 2025

Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead: This is the theme our current International President AP Singh is committed to 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 28 net 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: (November 30, 2025)

Added members.....	155
Dropped Members.....	127
Gain/Loss.....	28
Closing Balance.....	2,298

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 five months, we are on track to accomplish our goals. Dallas Everest has highest net growth with 11 members.

Service: Lions within the district collectively served **over 307,013 people** in the five months. There were 1,083 service activities and 43,836 volunteer hours contributed. Over 59% 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 \$38,241 towards our foundation during this fiscal year.

MD-2 Membership Status
Added members....1,602
Dropped Members...1,154
Closing Balance.....22,147
Net Gain/Loss.....+458

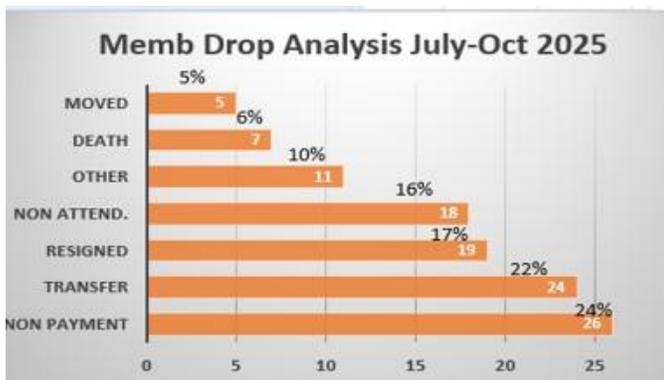


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This is a reminder to all club President's to use the GMA process, have your club goals by now and implementing it with a plan of action. Complete your SWOT analysis to identify your strengths and areas that need improvement. It is critical to understand 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.

Members Drop Analysis

The 2-X1 member drop analysis for the first four months (see chart) indicates we drop more members for non-payment of dues, and members in good standing. We can control this. Club Presidents need to work with members having difficulty to pay dues. Flexible payment schedule has to be considered. Special attention to focus on why members in good standing are leaving. Non- Attendance is not a criteria to drop a member as long as they are paying dues.



Membership Status Comparison from 2024.

The chart shows our membership status a year ago compared to now. In November last year we were at Net Gain of 209 members. We have a lot of catching up to do with our current net gain of 28. Although 2024 was abnormal for membership growth, we can strive to improve our current membership growth status.



Current Clubs Status: 2-X1 currently has 12 clubs with <10 members. They need help from the district to rejuvenate these clubs. We have 36 clubs with no membership activity in the last five months. Need to conduct membership events. There are six clubs on status quo. Zone Chairs need to work with these clubs and help them fulfill their financial obligations. Need to contain the drops in December.

Mission 1.5: Goal is to increase Global Lion's Clubs membership to be 1.5 million by June 2027. This is not just a number. We want to increase our service worldwide and need more hands to serve. Our current membership is about 1.39 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

MD-2 Texas Lions Announce 2026 State Convention in Odessa

The MD-2 Texas Lions have officially announced the 2026 State Convention, scheduled for May 28–30, 2026, in Odessa, Texas. Hosted at the Odessa Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, the convention will include major events such as the Hall of Fame Luncheon, International President's Dinner, and District Governor's Banquet. Lions may choose individual meal events or a complete package.

Early bird registration is available until February 14, 2026, with standard rates through April 14, 2026. Hotel reservations must be made by April 29, 2026. All Lions are encouraged to register early and participate in this statewide gathering of service and leadership. Click here to register: <https://texaslions.org/state-convention/>



FRED'S FINDINGS

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Coppell Lions Club
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December, 2025



District 2-X1 Lions!

Club Officers, please be aware. The 2025-2026 LCI Club Excellence Award's leadership criteria include the following requirements:

- 1) The club President and a minimum of one or more club officer (Vice President, secretary or treasurer) must complete either
 - a) the LCI Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center (inside the Lions Portal) OR an in-person training as reported by the District GLT coordinator before December 31st, 2025.
 - b) Note that having attended the June 2025 District 2-X1 Lions University qualifies.
- 2) A minimum of 10% of the club's members must complete any three courses found in the Lions Learning Center (inside the Lions Portal). There are numerous course options available.

If you or your officers do not meet the noted officer training requirement, they can either do the LCI online training or attend a special December 13th Zoom online training event. No officer qualification training will be offered at the January 17th Mid-Winter Conference. However, there will be learning sessions for officers and Membership and Service Chairs.

Good news. Eleven Lions and leaders attended and completed the Nov 22nd Certified Guiding Lion training. Two were recent repeats but the other nine were new to this certification. CGLs are trained to help newly formed or struggling clubs get going as active and growing Lions clubs.

Note that LCI President A. P. Singh has designated the week of January 3rd thru the 11th one of the three "Weeks of Service". This is the second service week and is designated for clubs to provide a "Hunger" service project which must be reported on the Lion Portal to count towards the 2025-2026 LCI Club Excellence Award.

If your club needs some help in any area, please let DG Kedar know. Either a Certified Guiding Lion, a district leader, or a topic "expert" can assist your club depending on the issue involved.

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!



Lion Bill Smothermon presented a donation check to Lion Joe Kyle for Faith Ministries to help purchase a refrigerated food truck and forklift, serving hundreds of families in the Kaufman and Cedar Creek areas.



Irving Everest Leo Club successfully hosted its 2nd Annual CPR & First Aid Training, empowering youth and families with lifesaving skills. The hands-on session, supported by YMAA and IECLC leaders, drew strong community participation and engagement.

DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULED APRIL 24-25, 2026

District 2-XI is gearing up for its most anticipated event of the year, the District Convention, scheduled for April 24-25, 2026. Bringing together Lions from over 72 clubs, this annual celebration promises a powerful blend of recognitions, networking, entertainment, and district-wide fellowship.

As highlighted in the official flyer, attendees can look forward to exhibitor booths, informative breakout sessions, and the popular cookie contest, along with plenty of opportunities for meaningful chit-chat and collaboration. With so much to experience, Lions are encouraged to register early to save more and ensure their place at this inspiring and unifying district event.

DISTRICT 2-XI CONVENTION



April 24 - 25, 2026



"INCLUSION IN LEADERSHIP
UNITY IN SERVICE"

FRI-SAT

EXHIBITOR BOOTHS

Visit Exhibitor Booths Friday evening and Saturday. Want to have a booth, contact PCC Joe Montag

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Come & find out more about -

LCIF	TLERC
TLF	JC Hyer
TLC	LS&TF
Lions Museum	2-X1 Charities

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COOKIE CONTEST

Important Dates

March 31, 2026
Early Reservations Ends
April 1 - 13, 2026 - Late Reservations
NO MEAL RESERVATIONS AFTER APRIL 13, 2026

Location

Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville
800 North Main St Duncanville Texas 75116
972-283-9777

\$99 + Taxes a night / Includes Breakfast



Hotel Reservations - Deadline April 3, 2026 (no exceptions)
QRC / or call 972-283-9777 / Code Lions Club / Contact PCC Joe Montag



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.

Dr. Vishnu Maya Upadhayay embodies true leadership, guiding her club with vision, serving the community hands-on, advocating for mental health awareness, and donating blood as a powerful act of humanitarian care. A Lion who leads with heart and action.

-Picture by: Rajendra Kunwar

Dallas Filipino Lions Club Receives MD-2 Kindness Matters Service Award

Dallas Filipino Lions Club Receives MD-2 Kindness Matters Service Award The Dallas Filipino Lions Club (DFLC) of District 2-X1 has been honored with the MD-2 Kindness Matters Service Award for its impactful Diabetes Awareness and ellness Now (DAWN) project. This outstanding program promotes overall health and diabetes awareness while providing free health, diabetes, and vision screenings to underprivileged individuals and those without access to adequate healthcare.

MD-2 has nominated the DFLC’s DAWN project to Lions Clubs International (LCI), where 30 Lions clubs from all constitutional areas will be selected to receive the global Kindness Matters Award. Final selections will be made by the Lions International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee, with winners to be announced in January. Award recipients will officially receive their recognition from Lions Clubs International in March.

Congratulations to the Dallas Filipino Lions Club and Lion Gloria Mathur, the Program Coordinator and best of luck as they advance to the international level for the prestigious Kindness Matters Award!

Cedar Creek Area Lions Club Supports Hunger Relief Through Faith at Work Ministries

The Cedar Creek Area Lions Club in Mabank, TX has partnered with the Lions Clubs International Foundation to support Faith at Work Ministries in their ongoing hunger relief efforts. The club has pledged to match \$3 for every \$1 raised through February 28, turning a \$500 sponsorship into \$2,000 in support.

Funds will help purchase a new 53’ refrigerated trailer, along with a forklift and electric pallet jack, to store and transport fresh food for local families in need.



Faith at Work Ministries hosts free food distribution every Sunday from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM at 6004 Ashley Road, Kemp, Texas, and volunteers are warmly welcomed to assist.

Lions Hosted Successful Blood Drive and Health Camp in Irving

Several Clubs of Lions District 2-X1, in partnership with Blood Donors of America Texas Chapter and Carter BloodCare, organized a successful Blood Drive on November 15, 2025, at the United Methodist Church in

Health Camp, where dozens of individuals in need received essential health services. The combined event drew hundreds of Lions, families, donors, and well-wishers from 11 AM to 3 PM.



District Governor Kedar Timalisina, district leaders, and members from nearly 15 Lions Clubs, Dallas Everest, Irving Everest Centennial, Dallas Pokhara, Dallas Buddha, Dallas Health, Dallas Lumbini, Dallas Himalayan Sports, Dallas Himalayan Women’s, Dallas Everest Women’s, Dallas Manakamana, Dallas Gurkha, Dallas Badhimalika participated, showcasing the district’s strong commitment to service, health, and humanitarian support.

The event honored the memory of late Lion Ira Acharya, a devoted volunteer and active blood donor whose legacy of service continues to inspire the Lions community.

Irving. Of the 31 individuals who attempted to donate, 27 donors were able to give blood, contributing to lifesaving efforts in the community.

On the same day and location, Lions also hosted a Lions





**DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS
KIDSIGHT
SPOT for Vision Screening.**

**Training and Certification
(State Certification)**

**Learn how to use SPOT
device and save a child from
Vision Problems and Amblyopia**

*Vision screening is a great service project.
District 2-X1 has Seven Spot devices
for use by its clubs and members .
Reserve your seat*

**Training is free, but seats are limited to 15.
First come first served.**



WHEN: Tuesday Dec 9, 2025, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

WHERE: City of Irving, Georgia Farrow Rec Center
530 Davis Dr
Irving, TX 75061

For Reservation:

CONTACT: Lion Gloria Mathur
gmathur120@gmail.com
972-896-9953

Free SPOT Vision Screening Training

District 2-X1 Lions will host a KidSight SPOT Vision Screening Training and State Certification session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM at the Georgia Farrow Recreation Center, 530 Davis Drive, Irving, Texas. The training aims to equip Lions with the skills to use the SPOT device an essential tool for detecting early vision problems and amblyopia in children.

This free training is limited to 15 participants, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. District 2-X1 currently has seven SPOT devices available for club use, making this an important opportunity to expand service impact through KidSight screenings.

**Free Prostate Cancer Screening on
December 6**

Dallas Everest Lions Club and Dallas Health Lions Club are supporting a free prostate cancer blood screening event for eligible men ages 40–69 in Tarrant or Dallas County. The Moncrief Cancer Institute Mobile Clinic will be at Northgate UMC, 3700 W Northgate Dr., Irving, on Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Men without insurance are encouraged to participate. For appointments, call 800-405-7739 or visit moncrief.com. Early detection saves lives.

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.



Sports Extravaganza -2025

The Annual Sports Extravaganza was held on October 24–25 at Nimitz High School in Irving. On that cool morning, nearly 150 children from various school districts, including those with physical disabilities and visual impairments, gathered to celebrate the joy of sports.

This event provides children with the opportunity to enjoy recreation in a safe, welcoming, and non-competitive environment—where fun and participation take center stage. The fitness, health, and sports needs of children who are blind or visually impaired are the same as those of their

sighted peers, and they deserve equal opportunities to thrive.

Beyond the games, Sports Extravaganza fosters connection and community. It allows children with visual impairments to meet others with similar experiences while also showing the broader community that children with special needs belong out in the world, actively participating and enjoying life.

A heartfelt thanks goes to the DFLC Lions, whose dedication made the event successful. Their support in volunteering, assisting with activities, and presenting awards brought smiles to the proud winners and added to the spirit of celebration.



Immediate Past Club President Chad McCurdy and the Cedar Hill Lions Club for being honored by Lions Clubs International for an outstanding year of service and leadership!

CONGRATULATIONS !





Christy Householter

DISTRICT SERVICE COORDINATOR MESSAGE



December
2025

District 2-X1

WE SERVE



MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT,
AND YOUR SERVICE BE ADMIRABLE AND RIGHT!



...IS IT IMPORTANT TO CAPTURE YOUR SERVICE DATA?

- to enable stronger club communications
- to demonstrate your club's effectiveness
- to provide insight to current and future club leaders
- to serve others and maintain our district epicness!



...DO I INPUT DATA AND DETERMINE AMOUNTS SERVED?

"How many people are served when I donate eyeglasses?"
"Do all clubs enter servicehours when we do joint service projects?"

Do you want answers?????

Q&A for Reporting Lions Service



JANUARY WEEK OF SERVICE

January 3 - 11, 2026

Send pictures and info to Christy to be posted on the district social media!



MIDWINTER CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

After the holidays, food banks are in desperate need for:
Beans, canned protein, feminine supplies, soups, hot chocolate
Please bring these items on 1/17/2025

Christy Householter, GST cradlehouse@gmail.com 214-926-2374

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.



Please refer to the District 2-X1 Directory for all current district and leadership information.

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

Diabetes EXPO, DAWN, Community Health & Wellness Fair

By: Lion Gloria Mathur- DAWN Project Coordinator District 2X1 & MD2 Chair of Diabetes Awareness



“ Nothing liberates our greatness like the desire to serve, the desire to help for those in need ”

In partnership with the DAWN Project, the Diabetes EXPO & Community Health & Wellness Fair was held on November 15, 2025, at the Georgia Farrow Recreation Center in Irving, TX. This event was organized in recognition of World Diabetes Day (November 14) and Diabetes Awareness Month.

The fair was a collaborative effort involving numerous partners, including UT Southwestern Medical Center, the American Diabetes Association, the National Kidney Foundation, Asian Breast Health Outreach, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Parkland Hospital, Dallas Public Health Services (DPHS), the MEED Center, and The Veggie Project, among others.

Our goal is two fold. firstly is to promote diabetes awareness through education, prevention, treatment and access to care . Secondly, to expand access to health and wellness resources and provide free diabetes, health & vision screenings, particularly for individuals living with diabetes, those at risk, those with other diseases including mental health issues and community members facing barriers to care including the uninsured, LMI families, new immigrants and refugees who do not have access to care.



Despite scheduling conflicts with other Lions Clubs events, the Diabetes EXPO and health fair was a resounding success. Attendees benefitted from a wide range of free diabetes & health

Screenings, including A1c test, kidney function test, blood pressure checks, BMI evaluations & vision screenings. The event featured a diverse group of exhibitors offering educational materials, health resources and giveaways. Highlights included, Nutrition exhibits from Parkland, TB screening by DPHS, mental health & diabetes resources from UTSW & ADA Asian Breast Outreach, Methodist RMC National Kidney Foundation, supplemental and wellness booths, arts & crafts, food vendors and food produce distribution.

In total, 242 diabetes & health screenings were conducted, including screenings, 34 vision screenings. Bags of vegetables & fruits were distributed to those screened.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers from DFLC (Lions Shamita, Sailesh, Rajnish, Emma, Arlyn, Huong, Hema, PDG Vinod), Collin Athena LC (Lions Alina, Geeta, Jyoti and Leos) . Your commitment makes our mission possible. Special appreciation also goes to DG Kedar, Lions Indira, Rajendra and to District 2E2 2VDG for their continued support.

Together, we are making a meaningful impact on community health and wellness in our communities..



2026 Lions Opportunity for Youth Quick Reference Sheet

Visit <https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/forms/>

LCI Peace Poster Contest

- Topic: **“Together As One”**
- Qualification: Student, 11–13 years old, as of Nov. 15, 2025
- Artwork poster: 13”x20” to 20”x24”
- Cash Awards: 1st place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2025**, submitted to the District
- **Contact person:**
Lion Karen Murray
(979) 255-8858
gizmo747@yahoo.com

LCI Peace Essay for Visually Impaired

- Topic: **“Together As One”**
- Qualification: Student, 11–13 years old, as of Nov. 15, 2025
- Essay not to exceed 500 words
- Cash Awards: 1st place \$250
- **Deadline entry: Nov. 15, 2025**, submitted to the District
- **Contact person:**
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MD-2 Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest

- Topic: **“Managing Diabetes and the Emotional Impact on Adolescents”**
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school
- Essay not to exceed 1,500 words
- Scholarship Awards: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 7, 2026**, submitted to the district
- **Judging: Saturday, April 4, 2026** via Zoom
- **Presentation (1st Place Winner): Saturday, April 25, 2026** at District Convention
- **Contact person:**
Lion Gloria Mathur
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MD-2 Drug Awareness Speech Contest

- Topic: **“The Impact of Weight Loss Drugs on Adolescents”**
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school
- 5 to 7 minutes speech
- Scholarship Awards: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 7, 2026**, submitted to the district
- **Judging: Saturday, April 4, 2026** via Zoom
- **Presentation (1st Place Winner): Saturday, April 25, 2026** at District Convention
- **Contact person:**
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MD-2 Outstanding Youth Award Contest

- Evaluated based on: high school GPA, 750-1000 word essays on **“Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its Impact on Education”**. Letters of Recommendation, biographical statement, and a personal interview.
- Qualification: Junior and Senior high school student
- Scholarship Awards at District 2-X1: 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$500
- **Deadline entry: March 7, 2026**, submitted to the District
- **Contest Interview/Judging: Saturday, April 4, 2026** via Zoom
- **Presentations (1st Place winner): Saturday, April 25, 2026**, District 2-X1 Convention
- **Contact person:**
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For the contests’ rules, application, and other related forms, please find the appropriate forms at the website page of LOFY, District 2X-1.

District 2-X1 Convention, Saturday, April 25, 2026. Please check for the exact location on a later date.

District’s 1st Place winners will advance to MD-2 Texas Lions Contests, Saturday, May 16, 2026
MD-2 1st Place Winners will present their speech at Texas Lions Convention, Saturday, May 30, 2026



2026 Camp Dates, Plan for Bed Replacement Announced

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

The Texas Lions Camp Executive Committee approved the 2026 Summer Camp schedule at its Nov. 7 meeting, and we are thrilled to be able to offer children with special medical needs the opportunity to experience the “can do” philosophy we follow! Camp kicks off on May 31 for three weeks of residential camp for children ages 7 to 15 with physical disabilities. Those weeks are followed by Camp David, which is open to children with Down syndrome who are ages 12 to 16. Two weeks of camp for Type 1 diabetic children ages 8 to 15 will be offered the weeks of June 28 and July 5. Camp David, for children with cancer or in remission, will be July 12-17. Camp concludes with two sessions of family camp during each of the weeks July 19-25 and July 26-31.

Online registration opens on Jan. 5, and I encourage all Lions to promote the summer schedule and recruit campers! Be sure you post a link to the camp’s website on your club’s website, Facebook and other social media platforms.

If you follow TLC on Facebook or have visited TLC’s website, you know that the demolition of bunkhouses 2,

3, 4 & 5 has reduced TLC’s capacity by 250 beds. However, the Executive Committee has approved an exciting plan that seeks to replace 140 beds. Not only that, these replacements are anticipated to be ready for the summer of 2026!

Our plan seeks to use the footprints from the old bunkhouses, which means the pads are prepped and equipped with utilities. Best of all, our plan is consistent with the Master Plan that was adopted in 2018 and will ultimately result in achieving the third of four planned camping nodes.

These are exciting times for Texas Lions Camp, and I hope you will plan to attend the semi-annual board meeting Feb. 6-7 in Kerrville. President/CEO Stephen Mabry will share more details about our plan for capital expansion and our upcoming summer session. Let’s build on the momentum from last summer when pre-COVID numbers were almost reached!

This year, we must work extra-hard to recruit campers and overcome fears associated with the July 4 th floods in Kerrville. Lions can assure parents that TLC is not on the river, was never in any danger from the July 4 th flood as it is situated safely more than 1,500 feet above the Guadalupe river basin. Safety-related improvements – beyond the American Camp Association’s accreditation requirements which we have followed for decades – are being made to comply with state regulations which are scheduled for release in January.



Reach out to special education teachers, school nurses, pediatricians, children’s hospitals, etc. Let’s spotlight the camper opportunities available at Texas Lions Camp in summer 2026!

Remember to sign up for Work Days – March 7, March 28 and May 2 – and come see all the changes at TLC! Register online at www.lionscamp.com – under Get Involved!

Thanks in advance for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for Texas Lions Camp!

It’s gone! Bunkhouse #3 was one of the first demolished, opening up an incredible view to the southwest toward the Guadalupe River. This clean pad will be the future site of exciting things to come!

Lions District 2-X1 Build Beds for Kids Day!

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026

**Time: Registration/Checkin 8-9 am, Build will start at 9:00 am
and is expected to last until 1:00 pm**

Location: North Davis Church of Christ, 1601 N Davis Dr, Arlington, TX 76012

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ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

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**Lions Clubs
International
District 2-X1**



We need volunteers for Build Beds for Kids Day!

Volunteers from 2-X1, 2-E2, Leos, Lions, Local Companies
and Individuals are welcome to attend.

- All materials/tools will be provided
- Personal Protective Equipment is the responsibility of the volunteer.
- No special skills are needed, there is a job for everyone.
- Please be prepared to volunteer from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm or until finished.
- We will have an orientation before work begins and you will have experienced leadership on the project from SHP representatives wearing red shirts.
- Drinks and Snacks will be provided.
- 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.



QR Code for registering, will
save you time at checkin.

Donations

We need your donations!

Please consider being a 500 club member and
donate for two beds at \$250.00 each.

Receive a banner patch for your clubs donation.

Mail checks to:

Waxahachie Lions Club Foundation

P.O. Box 581

Waxahachie, Texas 78168-0581

Need More information please contact the co-chairs

PCC JOHN EADS TEL. 214-384-9933

PCC JOHN LANDRUM TEL. 214-403-8894



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/>

DISTRICT 2-X1-UPCOMING EVENTS

Lions District 2-X1 Event Calendar (Dec 2025 – May 2026)

Date	Time	Event	Venue
December 6, 2025	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Holiday Celebration, Potluck	207 W. Red Oak Rd, Red Oak, TX 75154
December 9, 2025	10:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Spot Vision Screening Training & Certification	City of Irving, Georgia Farrow Rec Center, 530 Davis Dr, Irving, TX 75061
January 3–11, 2026	All Week	Hunger Service Event (Global Week)	District-wide Lions Clubs Participation
January 17, 2026	8:30 AM	Mid Winter Conference & 3rd Cabinet Meeting	First United Methodist Church, 420 S Hartz Rd, Coppell, TX 75019
January 31, 2026	Time TBD	Polar Plunge	Epic Waters, Grand Prairie, TX
March 14, 2026	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Build Beds for Kids	North Davis Church of Christ, 1601 N Davis Dr, Arlington, TX 76012
April 11, 2026	8:30 AM	2-X1 Duck Derby Race	2970 Epic Place, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
April 18–26, 2026	All Week	Environment Service Project (Global Week)	District-wide Lions Clubs Participation
April 24–25, 2026	April 24: 3 PM onwards; April 25: until 11 PM	District Convention	Hilton Garden Inn, 800 North Main St, Duncanville, TX 75116
May 28–30, 2026	All Day	Lions Texas State Convention	Odessa Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 305 East 5th St, Odessa, TX 79761

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

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

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