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WHAT'S HAPPENING



May 9, 2026
District Picnic

May 28-30
Lions Texas State
Convention

June 20
2-X1 Lions
University Officers
Training

June 19-21
Mission 1.5
Meeting

July 3-7
Lions Clubs Int'l
Convention
Hongkong

Lions District 2-X1 Concludes Inspiring 2026 Convention in Duncanville

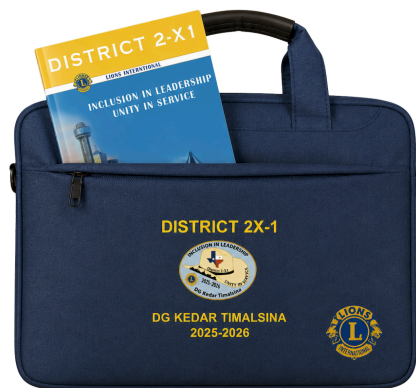
The two-day Lions Clubs International District 2-X1 Convention concluded successfully on April 25, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Duncanville, Texas, bringing together nearly 300 Lions, Leos, and family members for fellowship, leadership, learning, and recognition. The convention featured breakout sessions, memorial services, environmental projects, youth programs, exhibitions, and several recognition ceremonies that made the event inspiring and memorable.

A major highlight of the convention was the leadership election for upcoming year 2026-2027 First Vice District Governor Gary Vineyard elected for upcoming District Governor, who shared his vision focused on unity, membership growth, and stronger community service. Dr. Nia MacKay and Joe

Kyle were elected as First and Second Vice District Governors respectively.

The convention celebrated the successful leadership of DG Kedar Timalisina, whose tenure saw membership growth, increased service activities, strong LCIF contributions, and the chartering of three new Lions Clubs along with several Leo and Cub Clubs. DG Timalisina also presented all registered attendees with the newly published commemorative book

“District 2-X1 History and Happenings” along with specially designed Lions bags. The publication team including Rajendra Kunwar, A.P. Haridas, Suresh Basyal, and Sampoorana Ramakrishna was recognized for their contributions. [Contd. Page 5](#)



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/>

DISTRICT 2-X1-UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 9, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM | District Spring Picnic | 5400 Windhaven Pkwy, Plano, TX 75093 |
| May 28-30, 2026 | All Day | Lions Texas State Convention | Odessa Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Odessa, TX |
| June 19-21, 2026 | All Day | Mission 1.5 Meeting | Atlanta, Georgia |
| June 20, 2026 | Time TBD | 2-X1 Lions University Officers Training | Venue/Location TBD |
| July 3-7, 2026 | All Day | Lions Clubs International Convention | Hong Kong |

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Whats happening in District 2-X1:

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TIMALSINA'S OUTLOOK



Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who attended our District Convention this past weekend. Your presence, energy, and commitment made this event truly special. It was more than just a gathering; it was a celebration of our shared purpose, our friendships, and our dedication to serving others. Throughout the weekend, we had many meaningful opportunities to reconnect with fellow Lions, build new relationships, exchange ideas, and learn more about the incredible work happening across our district. Seeing so many passionate leaders in one place was both inspiring and a powerful reminder of the impact we can create when we come together in service.

I would also like to extend my warmest congratulations to our newly elected leaders: District Governor-Elect Gary Vineyard, First Vice District Governor-Elect Nia McKay, and Second Vice District Governor-Elect Joe Kyle. Your willingness to step forward and lead is deeply appreciated, and I am confident that our district will continue to thrive under your guidance.

It is also my great honor to recognize and congratulate all of our award recipients. Thank you to Lion Tami Kraus (Cabinet Secretary), Lion Christy Householter (Global Service Chair), Lion A.P. Haridas (Convention Team), Lion Karen Murray (Peace Poster and JC Hyer Youth), and PDG Darla Wisdom and Irish Smith for beautifully

decorating the convention hall. Special thanks to the Duncanville Lions Club and Dallas DalCliff-Wynnewood Lions Club teams for registration and volunteer support, along with Lion Jeff Strater, PDG Bill Smothermon, PCC, the coordinator of the convention, Joe Montag, PCC John Eads, and PDG Fred Conger for their dedicated leadership and service. Congratulations also to PDG Mark Dean for receiving the prestigious Presidential Award.

I am proud to acknowledge the recipients of the Leadership Awards from Lions Clubs International: Suresh Basyal, Basanta Panta, Christy Householter, Maria Lucero, and Sampoorna S. Ramakrishna. Additional honors include a Leadership Certificate presented to Fred Conger of Coppell Lions



Club, a Membership Certificate awarded to Jeff Strater of Dallas Founder Lions Club, a Marketing Award presented to Rajendra Kunwar of Irving Everest Centennial Lions Club, and a Service Award given to Joseph Kayal of Mabank Cedar Creek Area Lions Club. As well as the Lifetime Achievement Awards given to PDG Don Johnson and PDG A.K Mago.

We also celebrate our top recognitions of the year.

Congratulations to Lion Basanta Panta, President of the Dallas Everest Lions Club, for being named Lion of the Year, and to the Dallas Trinity Industrial Lions Club for being honored as Best Club of the Year. A very special congratulations to Rajendra Kunwar for receiving the MD-2 Council of Governors Award of Merit, a distinguished honor awarded to only one Lion per district.

As we reflect on a successful and inspiring convention, let us carry this renewed energy and enthusiasm

forward. We still have a couple of months remaining in this Lions year, and there is so much more we can accomplish together. Let us continue to serve with passion, lead with purpose, and support one another as we finish this year strong.

Special thanks to International Director Dave Wineman and Lindy for their inspiring presence and support, which

greatly contributed to the success of the convention.

Thank you again all for your dedication, your leadership, and your unwavering commitment to Lionism. It is truly an honor to serve alongside each of you.

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

Finishing Strong, Planning Stronger



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As the Lions Year 2025-2026 enters its final weeks, Lions District 2-X1 continues to demonstrate the true spirit of service, leadership, fellowship, and unity. With less than seven weeks remaining in this Lions year, clubs across the district remain highly active through impactful community projects, environmental initiatives, youth programs, fundraising events, and leadership development activities.

The recently concluded District Convention in Duncanville reflected the district's strength, diversity, and commitment to service. From leadership elections and recognition ceremonies to environmental cleanup projects and youth leadership speeches, the convention showcased how Lions continue making a positive difference in communities every day.

This is also the time for planning for the next Lions year. It is the time to wrap up this year successfully, reevaluate what we accomplished, and identify what we can do even better next year. Better planning today can create easier and stronger steps toward future success. Membership growth, leadership development, LCIF support, and meaningful service activities all depend on our vision and teamwork.

As we prepare for another exciting Lions year ahead, let us continue serving with dedication and finish this year strong. Are you all excited to energize yourselves again and again? Be a Lion. Serve the community together.

We Serve

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2025-2026 REGION & ZONE CHAIRS

East Region: Joseph Kyle
Central Region: George Joseph
West Region: Rajendra Kunwar

- Zone 1: Mario Lucero
- Zone 2: Sebastian Valiyaparampil
- 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

For more information see the District 2-X1 Directory

<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/>

Dallas Trinity Industrial Lions Club was honored as Club of the Year, while Lion Basanta Panta of Dallas Everest Lions Club received the prestigious Lion of the Year award. Past District Governor Mark Dean was awarded with second highest award Presidential award. Similarly, Past District Governors A.K. Mago and Don Johnson received Lifetime Achievement recognition.

Leadership Medals were presented to Zone Chair Sampurna Ramakrishna, Zone Chair Maria Lucero, GST Christy Householter, GMT Suresh Basyal, and President Basanta Panta. International President's Appreciation Certificates were awarded to PDG Fred Conger for Leadership, Region Chair Rajendra Kunwar for Marketing, Jeff Strater for Membership, and Joe Kyle of Mabank Cedar Creek Area Lions Club for Service Leadership, PDG Bill Smothermon, and A.P. Haridas. The Lions USA Medal was awarded to Specialty Club Coordinator Thala Raj Panta, and the Texas State Council of Governors Award of Merit was



Youth leadership speakers Leo Hilson Kharal, Leo Kasis Panta, Leo Supreme Sharma, Leo Savar Thapa, and Leo Reedipti Sedain were honored with appreciation awards.



presented to Region Chair Rajendra Kunwar.

Build Beds for Kids coordinators PCC John Eads and PCC John Landrum recognized several dedicated Lions including SVDGE Joe Kyle - Top promotor, PDG Bill Smothermon - Top Fundraiser, RC Rajendra Kunwar - Top Videography and Waxahachie Lions Club for Top Sponsor. Clubs contributing more than \$500 to the Build Beds for Kids project received special Lions patches.

During the convention, an environmental cleanup project was organized at Lions Park in Duncanville in observance of Environmental Service Week declared globally by International President A.P. Singh. Several Lions and Leos from different clubs participated in the cleanup effort alongside International Director Dave Wineman, his partner in service Lindy, District Governor Timalsina, and IPDG Radhakrishna Kaphle.

Additionally, 34 Lions received Grassroots Lions Certificates and patches. Several Zone Chairs, charity coordinators, and district committee leaders were also recognized for their dedicated service.



International Director Dave Wineman, the convention guest speaker, encouraged Lions to remain active and continue serving communities with dedication. Nearly a dozen district projects and charities, including Lions Link, Environment, Texas Lions Museum, J.C. Hyer Youth, and Cookie Contest booths, were showcased throughout the convention, making the two-day event highly engaging, educational, and encouraging for

fellowship and networking among attendees.

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

If you would like to support his campaign, scan the QR code.

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MISSION 1.5

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead



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VINEYARD'S VOICE

FVDG - GARY VINEYARD

Club Director/Past
President
Midlothian Lions Club
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May 2026



<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/>

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

Hello Lion Family!!

What a tremendous year we've had so far! New clubs are getting closer to charter, more new members are joining and our service projects are awesome!

I have seen several posts from clubs around the district doing clean up days! That is great work and very inspiring. Reach out to your chamber of commerce, parks depts for the city or simply adopt a street in your city that is in dire need of beautification. Everything we do makes a difference!

How many people in your community know you're a Lion? I ask this question every time I meet a member for the first time. Why is that important? We cannot assume that everyone knows who the Lions are or what we do. Give someone the opportunity to change their lives. It changed mine!

When recruiting for members, keep it simple: We are a local non-profit, helping those in need! Share YOUR story about being a Lion. Sharing your story brings out a genuine passion that people FEEL that. April was a great month for 2X1! We continue to lead with service projects, new members and great excitement. The District Convention was amazing, and I was truly humbled to be recognized as the NEXT DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF 2X1!

Congratulations to FVDG Elect Dr. Nia Mackay and SVDG Elect – Joe Kyle! I know they will be dynamic leaders!!

Congratulations to DFW Trinity for winning the Club of the Year award and all the Grassroots nominees for their contributions to their clubs this year and 2X1 Lion of the year Basanta Panta.

Special Thanks to ID Dave Wineman as our guest speaker for the Grassroots banquet and Governor's Dinner. Several awards were given during the Saturday luncheon as well. We are truly bless to have so many dynamic leaders in our district.

Take some time to learn more about Lions. The LCI and District sites have so much information. Did you know you can earn a Bachelors and Masters degree pins from LCI? Education is Key to growth!

We now set our focus on the MD2 State Convention, May 28-30, 2026 in Odessa. Tickets are still available!!

You are very important to the success and future of District 2X1. We do this together to create a strong bond and that makes us the best district in Texas. It takes every one of us to make a difference in our communities with every single person we help. Share those successes on your social media pages!

We are 60 days away from me being the next District Governor!

As your District Governor, I will listen to your needs and serve you the best way I can. Let's do this together!! If you need me, call me!!

UNITED..WE SERVE!

Nia's News



Strengthening Membership Through Service & Fellowship



Thank you to 2026 District Convention Committee, Duncaville Lions Club, all volunteers and sponsors for the successful event held on Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, 2026 at Garden Hill Hotel By Hilton in Duncannonville, TX. Great job, well done! We express our sincere gratitude to the 2025-2026 district officers and directors, who have so far made us proud to be District 2-X1 Lions. THANK YOU!

Congratulations to all 34 Grassroots Lions Award recipients this year. Your dedication to service has strengthened your clubs and contributed to our district's success. You represent the very best of Lionism and set a powerful example of what it means to be a true Lion. As a fellow award recipient, I encourage you to continue your meaningful service to your clubs and communities.

Congratulations as well to all newly elected district and club officers and directors. Thank you for stepping forward to lead and serve. Your commitment ensures the continued growth and impact of our Lions family. Leadership is not only about guiding others—it is about growing together through service, integrity, and fellowship.

May is recognized worldwide as Strengthen Membership Month, a time to focus on growing membership, increasing service impact, and deepening fellowship. Strong clubs begin with engaged members, and together we can build welcoming environments that inspire others to join our mission.

A key highlight this month is our ***District Annual Spring Picnic at Windhaven Meadow Park, Plano, TX on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 11 AM to 2 PM.***



Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of service and fellowship, featuring:

- Kindness Rock Painting service activity
- Live music by 'The Oakcrest'
- Games and competitions with prizes
- Complimentary food and beverages for Lions, Leos, and their families and friends
- Opportunity to promote the clubs by sponsoring the picnic. (See flyer for sponsorship level and benefits. If you are interested email me at nia.mackay@icloud.com or RC Rajendra Kunwar at jendra972@gmail.com.)



This event is a great opportunity to connect, invite prospective members, and celebrate the joy of serving together. Please remember to **register in advance** so we can plan accordingly. (Scan the QR code above).

Let's use this month to strengthen our membership, uplift one another, and continue making a lasting impact in our communities. We have less than two more months to achieve our goals, so let's make it happen. Together, WE CAN. Together, We Serve!

United n Service and Fellowship

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, April 30, 2026

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 is in a good position, having chartered three clubs with a positive membership. Hard work of all the 2-X1 clubs is very much appreciated.



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: (April 30, 2026)

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| Added members..... | 327 |
| Dropped Members..... | 323 |
| Gain/Loss..... | +4 |
| Closing Balance..... | 2,274 |

2-X1 has dropped 323 members in July-April and added 327 for a net of +4. See chart. We are seeking a net growth of +58 in the two months. It is achievable if we keep our drops to a minimum.

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| MD-2 Membership Status |
| Added members....2,572 |
| Dropped Members...2,404 |
| Closing Balance.....21,866 |
| Net Gain/Loss.....+168 |

Clubs. 2-X1 has chartered 3 new clubs during July-April . Welcome Dallas Gurkha, Dallas Manakamana and Dallas Metro Professional . *Congratulations, and welcome to our new charter members.*

Service: Lions within the district collectively served **over 614,551 people** in ten months. There were 2,407 service activities and 92,486 volunteer hours contributed. Over 75% 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.

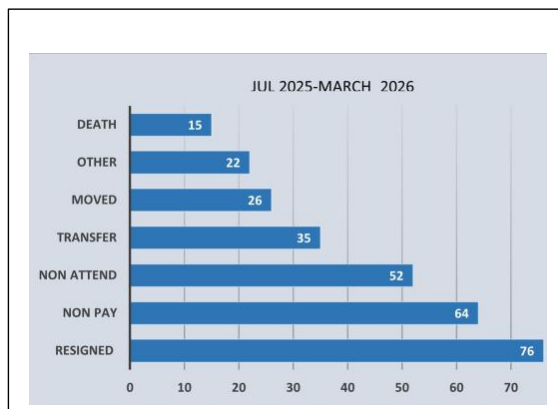


LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has received \$70,210 towards our foundation during this fiscal year and have exceeded the goal for this year.

2-X1 has dropped more members than the goal that was agreed upon. In the next 2 months 2-X1 needs to recruit 80 net new members to meet our goal of 60 net members, that includes a cushion for June drops. Club Presidents are reminded to use all resources to keep the members and not wait till the last day to drop so many members. Retention is a continuous process. 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 or member retention. We need to prepare to minimize more losses during the year end in June. Identify the at-risk members and contact them personally. Flexible payment plans for outstanding dues need to be implemented. .

Members’ Drop Analysis

The 2-X1 member drop analysis for the period July-March 2026 (see chart). More members in good standing have been dropped, for non- payment of dues, followed by non- attendance. We can control this. Club Presidents need to work with members having difficulty to pay dues or members not paying because of dissatisfaction with the clubs. Flexible payment schedule has to be considered. Special attention to focus on why members in good standing are leaving. Non- Attendance is not a criterion to drop a member as long as they are paying dues. We are also dropping members who have been Lions for less than 5 years. Club Presidents need to make them feel welcome, engaged and proper orientation.



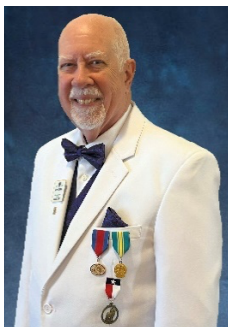
Current Clubs Status: 2-X1 currently has 12 clubs with <10 members. They need help from the district to rejuvenate these clubs. We have 27 clubs with no membership activity (zero growth) in the last ten months. Sincere request to these clubs to recruit at least one new member.

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 1.4 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



A snapshot from the Fundraising Gala Dinner organized by the Dallas Indian Lions Club on April 18, 2026.



FRED'S FINDINGS

PDG/GLT Fred Conger
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May 2026



District 2-X1 Lions! May the 4th be with you and Happy Cinco de Mayo!

2026-2027 Club Officers - *Club Officer training is June 20th.*

To register, print a copy of the Registration Form found on the District Web Page at:
<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/> Scroll to the bottom to locate the file.

One form per registrant is required. Mark the officer position that you will be on July 1st. Choose your preferred lunch choice and email or mail forms to me as indicated on the form. Payment can be made by check, or cash at the door. I will accept registration forms and payment at the District Picnic on May 9th.

I hope your club attended the District 2-X1 Convention in Duncanville last weekend. It was a great success. The "Grass Roots" recipients were honored and cheered on by their club attendees. DG Kedar held a great convention.

Some Important items before June 30th!

1. ***Hold an Installation of Officers Banquet event.*** Duly install your new officers, celebrate your club's 2025-2026 achievements, and provide awards to the Lions who made the year a success.
2. ***Recruit new members!*** Hold an open house and invite your non-Lion friends. Conduct a New Member Orientation soon after they join.
3. ***Encourage a minimum of 10% of the club's members to complete any three courses found in the Lions Learning Center*** ("Learn" is found inside the Lions Portal).
4. ***Donate to LCIF.*** For Club Excellence, clubs must contribute a minimum of \$20 per member. And consider a personal donation toward your own Melvin Jones Fellowship and the club's donation. Need the money? Hold a fund raiser for LCIF and charity.
5. ***Attend the District 2-X1 Picnic May 9th*** – Info is also on <https://lionsdistrict2x1.org>. This is a fun event for all of us to socialize and have a good time.
6. *****Attend the June 20th District 2-X1 Lions University.*** Training is offered for incoming Presidents, First Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership, Service, LCIF, and Marketing chairs. Preparing your club's officers for their term in office is important to the success of your club. So, make sure they are registered and attend LU.

Need training help? Contact me. It's my job to help. **We Serve!**

GLT Lions Link May 2026

Dallas Trinity Industrial Lions Club Named Club of the Year

The Dallas Trinity Industrial Lions Club was proudly recognized as the Club of the Year during the Lions District 2-X1 Convention 2026, highlighting the club's remarkable service, growth, and dedication to Lionism. Established on May 2, 1951, the historic club has demonstrated strong revitalization in recent years, increasing its membership from 19 members last year to 24 members as of May 2026 while maintaining 100% service reporting and organizing several impactful community programs.

The club has also made a significant contribution to humanitarian service through a generous \$6,547 donation to LCIF as of May. Lion Manuel Palavicini, one of the main pillars of the club and currently serving as the District LCIF Ambassador, continues to provide

dedicated leadership and inspiration. Under the leadership of Club President Patrick Palavicini, the



club remains active, united, and committed to serving the community with excellence.

Lion Basanta Panta Named Lion of the Year 2026

Lion Basanta Panta, President of the Dallas Everest Lions Club, was honored as Lion of the Year 2026 during the District 2-X1 Convention on April 25, 2026. The prestigious recognition was presented by International Director and Guest Speaker Dave Wineman in appreciation of Lion Basanta's outstanding dedication, energetic leadership, and remarkable volunteer service.

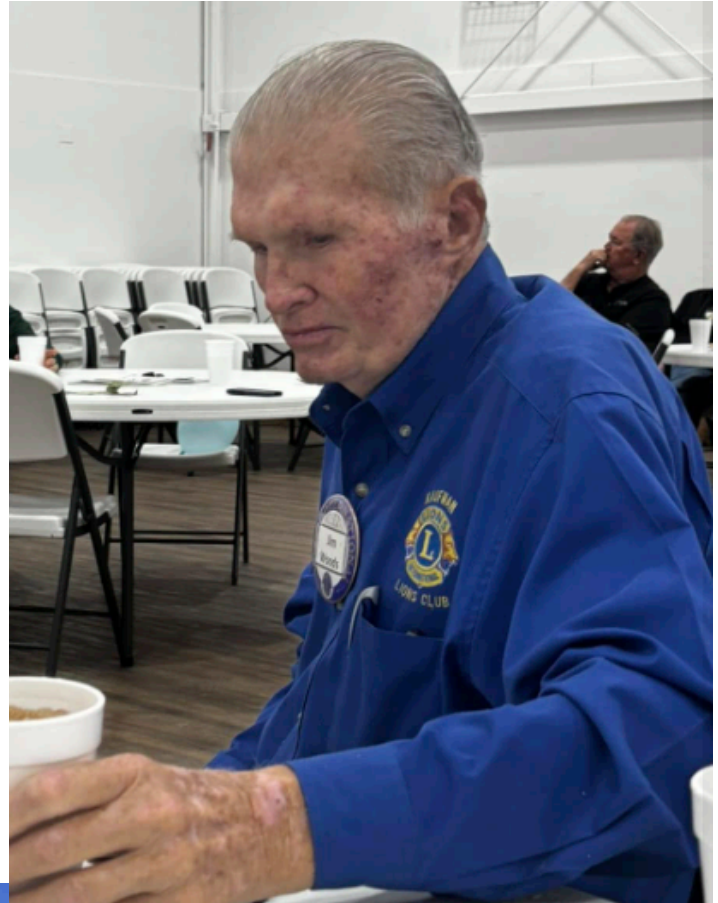
Under his leadership, the Dallas Everest Lions Club continues to be the largest club in District 2-X1, reporting 137 service activities with a membership of 141 members as of May 2026. Established in 2003, the club has produced two District Governors in consecutive years — IPDG Radhakrishna Kaphle and current District Governor Kedar Timalsina. The club has also contributed \$7,245 to LCIF and successfully chartered two new Lions Clubs this year, reflecting strong growth and commitment to service.





Kaufman Lions Club Honors Late Lion Jim Woods Through Build Beds Project

In memory of Late Lion Jim Woods, former Global Membership Team Coordinator and a dedicated active member of the club, the Kaufman Lions Club organized a meaningful Build Beds for Kids project on May 2, 2026, in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. More than 80 volunteers participated in the service project, successfully building 28 beds for children in the DFW area who



do not have beds and often sleep on the floor.

Serving the community for 97 years, the Kaufman Lions Club remains one of the pioneer clubs in Lions District 2-X1 and currently has an impressive membership of 103 members. The project reflected the club's continued commitment to compassionate service while honoring the legacy and dedication of Lion Jim Woods through impactful community action.

District 2-X1 Celebrates Chartering of Three New Lions Clubs in Irving

Lions District 2-X1 proudly celebrated the chartering of three new Lions Clubs today in Irving, Texas. The charter ceremony was led by Past International Director Ken Ibarra marking another important milestone in the district's continued growth and commitment to community service. The newly chartered clubs are Dallas Gorkha Lions Club, Dallas Manakamana Lions Club, and Dallas Metro Professional Lions Club. Dallas Gorkha and Dallas Manakamana Lions Clubs were sponsored by Dallas Everest Lions Club, while Dallas Metro Professional Lions Club was sponsored by Irving Everest Centennial Lions Club.

The newly installed Club Presidents are Pradin Shrestha (Dallas Gorkha Lions Club), Batuk Bista (Dallas Manakamana Lions Club), and Dr. Amit Pokharel (Dallas Metro Professional Lions Club). Sponsoring Club

Presidents Basanta Panta (Dallas Everest Lions Club) and Er. Resh Dahal (Irving Everest Centennial Lions Club) played key roles in guiding and supporting the formation of these new clubs.

Several Lions members and club officers were also formally inducted and installed during the ceremony.

During the program, District Governor Kedar Timalsina recognized several dedicated Lions leaders for their outstanding service and leadership. The ceremony was skillfully conducted by Past Region Chair BN Panta, ensuring a well-organized and memorable event.

At the conclusion of the program, Past Council Chair and candidate for International Director John Landrum and Nepalese Society of Texas President Lion Vijay Bhusal delivered thank-you remarks, appreciating the efforts of organizers, sponsoring clubs, and Lions members for their commitment to service. The addition of these three new clubs further strengthens the mission of Lions District 2-X1, bringing more passionate volunteers together to expand community service and make a greater impact.



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 Joe Kyle, upcoming Second Vice District Governor of District 2-X1, is known for his tireless dedication to social media outreach and community service. He regularly volunteers with Faith at Work Ministries in Kemp, helping distribute groceries to hundreds of people in need each week.



Dallas Everest Lions Club hosts “An Evening in Nepal” Fundraising Gala

The Dallas Everest Lions Club successfully organized its annual fundraising gala, “An Evening in Nepal,” on May 2, 2026, in Coppell, Texas. The cultural program showcased Nepalese heritage, traditions, and community spirit, continuing a tradition the club has proudly maintained for nearly two decades.



Hundreds of Lions, Leos, family members, and community supporters attended the event.



Distinguished guests included Coppell Mayor Wes Mays, District Governor Kedar Timalsina, Past Council Chairs, Past District Governors, and Lions from clubs across District 2-X1. The evening featured cultural performances, fellowship, and fundraising activities, reflecting the club’s commitment to preserving culture while supporting humanitarian and community service initiatives through Lionism.

Midlothian Lions Club to host Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Midlothian Lions Club will organize its Spring 2026 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Midlothian Civic Center, located at 224 South 11th Street, Midlothian, TX 76065. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5. The community event aims to support local Lions service projects while bringing families and community members together for fellowship and a delicious breakfast. Residents are encouraged to attend and support the club’s ongoing community service efforts.

Lion Sight and Tissue Foundation to host Denim & Diamonds Gala

The Lion Sight and Tissue Foundation will present the Danny & Kathy Fletcher Memorial Denim & Diamonds Gala on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM at The Southern Cross, Dallas, Texas. The fundraising event will feature a barbecue dinner, music, line dancing, silent auction, and other fun activities to support a worthy cause. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for individuals and organizations wishing to support the foundation’s humanitarian efforts. The community is encouraged to attend this special evening of fellowship, entertainment, and service.

Dallas Founder Lions Club Donates \$25,000 to Alzheimer’s Research

The Dallas Founder Lions Club proudly presented a \$25,000 donation to the UT Southwestern Center for Alzheimer’s and Neurodegenerative Diseases (CAND), one of the nation’s leading research centers working toward finding a cure for Alzheimer’s and related diseases. More than half of the funds were donated in loving memory of Betty Dodd, honoring her legacy through meaningful community impact.

Following the presentation, Center Director Dr. Marc Diamond provided members with a special tour of the advanced research facility, where scientists are discovering promising new molecules that may improve early detection and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease.

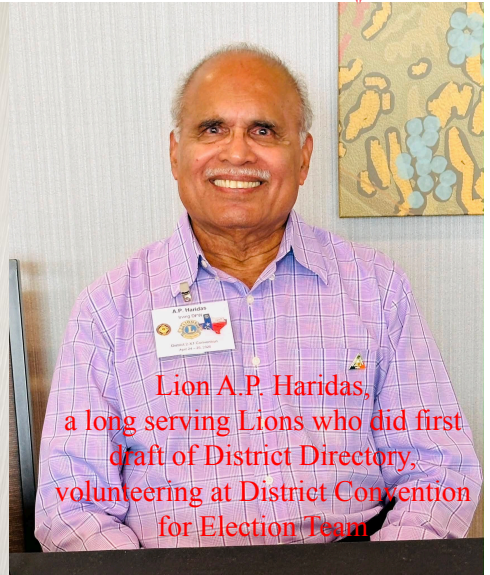
The club also highlighted its growing partnership through the nonprofit FIND



(Fellowship for Insight into Neurodegenerative Diseases), which aims to unite community organizations in supporting ongoing research and awareness efforts.



Lions in action in District Convention



Lion A.P. Haridas, a long serving Lions who did first draft of District Directory, volunteering at District Convention for Election Team



Richardson Midday in their environmental work



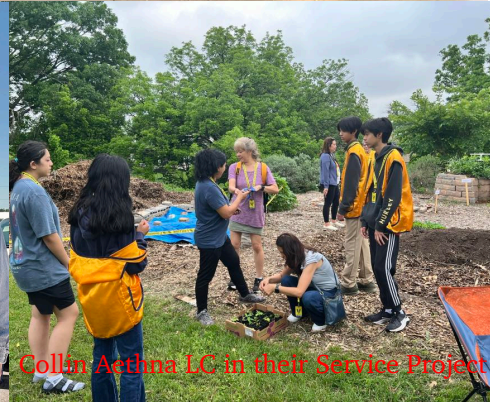
Dallas Himalayan Women's at their fellowship and certification distribution program



Grand Prairie Host in their environmental work



Lions: Tireless in Service, Strong in Leadership



Collin Asthma LC in their Service Project



International Director Dave Wineman is in District Environment Service Project

WHO POSTED ON MARCH? Please share your club's picture to publish in this page.



Christy Householter

DISTRICT SERVICE COORDINATOR MESSAGE



Welcome May

We Serve!

DISTRICT 2-X1 LIONS

Thank you to all lions and clubs for a successful Week of Environmental Service and for working towards the goal of 80% of clubs reporting service-we are almost there!

Please join us at the May 9th District Picnic for one last District Service Project-rock painting, trash pick up and more!

Christy Householter, GST
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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:

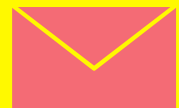
-Send News/Article by 25th of each month.

-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/Hello District 2-X1 Lions!>

TIME FOR FUN



SAVE THE DATE

District Spring Picnic

Saturday, May 9, 2026 Time: 11 AM to 2 PM

Windhaven Meadow Park
5400 Windhaven Pkwy, Plano, TX 75093



All Lions, Leos, and their families and friends are join us for a fun-filled afternoon with fellowship, music, service, and friendly competitions as we come together to celebrate **Lion spirit and community.**

Picnic Program:

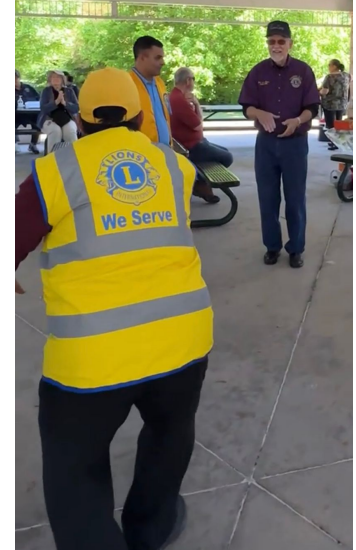
- Live band "The Oakcrest" leads by PDG Fred Conger
- Friendly sport competitions and games:
- cornhole, bingo and **Lions Quiz** with prizes

Sponsorship opportunities available. Support the mission while gaining visibility across the district.



Registration is Required →

For more information, contact **SVDG Nia MacKay** at nia.mackay@icloud.com or **RC Rajendra Kunwar** at jendra972@gmail.com EEU@gmail.com



When posting club activities on Facebook related to District 2-X1, please tag **@Lions District 2-X1** in your page or profile posts. This will ensure your activities appear on the District Facebook page and make it easier to recognize and share your club's service.

Green Today, Better Tomorrow

District 2-X1 Celebrates Environment Week of Service

In observance of the global Environment Week of Service (April 18–26, 2026) announced by Lions Clubs International President A.P. Singh, several Lions Clubs in District 2-X1 organized environmental service projects throughout the week. The district also hosted a community cleanup project on April 26, 2026, at Lions Park in Duncanville, alongside the District Convention



held at the Hilton Hotel Duncanville. More than 50 Lions and Leos participated in the cleanup effort.

International Director Dave Wineman and Lion Lindy from Michigan joined District Governor Kedar Timalsina and local volunteers during the



project. Environmental Coordinator and Zone Chair Surya Bhandari distributed litter pickers to participating clubs. For the first time, an Environmental Booth and recyclable device collection program were also featured during the District Convention.



Count-Down to Summer Camp; Sponsor a Hole at Golf Tournament



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

Texas Lions Camp’s first summer camping session kicks off on May 31! The excitement is building! It’s going to be a photo-finish to have the new cabins placed and connected. But thanks to our amazing staff, things are progressing rapidly!

Camper Registration – Let’s Step It Up!

The whole reason for summer camp is the kids, and we still need more campers, especially in the sessions for those with physical disabilities. While the numbers are increasing, open slots are available and need to be filled. With the end of school quickly approaching, reach out again to school nurses and try to round up some more children who will benefit from learning independence and building self-confidence while having a whole lot of fun! We all are tired of hearing that TLC “is the best kept secret.” Let’s change that! If every Lion puts a spotlight on TLC to a family, a teacher and a medical professional, summer camps will be full. Let’s make it happen! Time is short – act now!

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

Have you made your personal Hole sponsorship for the 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament on July 30 at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course in Fredericksburg? Has your club sponsored a Hole, or become a corporate sponsor? Again this year, **James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has issued a \$50,000 matching grant challenge, and Lions, we need to match it dollar for dollar.** This tournament has become a significant source of operational revenue for TLC, and we are way behind in Hole and Corporate sponsorships! Hole sponsorship is only \$100 per Hole – purchase your sponsorship online at <https://www.lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html>.

The Ed Stebbins Memorial Golf Dinner will precede the tournament on Wednesday, July 29 at the Hangar Hotel & Conference Center in Fredericksburg. If you are playing golf or volunteering to help with the tournament, come – enjoy a tasty meal, fellowship, and more! For ticket and sponsorship information, go to <https://www.lionscamp.com/Wickersham.html> and click on the Stebbins Dinner Brochure.

I’m looking forward to a great summer of service at Texas Lions Camp. I hope you and your fellow club members are too!

30 DAYS LEFT!
Countdown is on!
Get ready for the most awesome summer ever!

- Outdoor Adventures
- Games and Sports
- Arts, Crafts, Creative Fun

Tag a friend who you want to see at camp!

Summer 2026 dates
Residential Youth Camp

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| SESSION 1 | May 31 – June 5, 2026 | CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (AGES 7-16) |
| SESSION 2 | June 7 – June 12, 2026 | CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (AGES 7-16) |
| SESSION 3 | June 14 – June 19, 2026 | CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (AGES 7-16) |
| SESSION 4 | June 21 – June 26, 2026 | CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME (AGES 12-16) |
| SESSION 5 | June 28 – July 3, 2026 | CHILDREN WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES (AGES 8-15) |
| SESSION 6 | July 5 – July 10, 2026 | CHILDREN WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES (AGES 8-15) |
| SESSION 7 | July 12 – July 18, 2026 | CAMP DISCOVERY |
| TLC-4-Families | | |
| SESSION 8 | July 19 – July 21, 2026 | FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS |
| SESSION 9 | July 22 – July 24, 2026 | FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS |
| SESSION 10 | July 26 – July 28, 2026 | FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS |
| SESSION 11 | July 29 – July 31, 2026 | FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS |

Camper Applications Open January 5th after 8AM!

James Avery Artisan Jewelry

provides \$50,000 Challenge Grant to honor children with special medical conditions and their families.

— Named Title Sponsor for 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament —

Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has issued a \$50,000 challenge-matching grant to honor and support children with special medical conditions and their families attending Summer Camp 2026. Every gift designated for the 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. With this challenge, the company has been named the Title Sponsor for the 2026 Golf tournament.

John McCullough, CEO of James Avery Artisan Jewelry® noted, "James Avery is pleased to continue our partnership with Texas Lions Camp by offering this annual challenge grant program. We are proud to encourage donors across Texas to partner with us in supporting the beauty that Texas Lions Camp offers to children and their families through this unique and educational summer camp experience. Our founder, James Avery, believed 'giving is what it's all about.' We continue that philosophy today because of his commitment and because it is just the right thing to do. For seven decades, we have forged partnerships with charitable organizations that reflect our core values and enrich lives, which helps make our communities better places to live."

President & CEO, Stephen Mabry, shared, "For the past seven years, James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has been the cornerstone donor by contributing more than \$425,000 through a challenge grant program which has encouraged Lions across Texas and friends of TLC to help TLC raise more than \$1.6 million. The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament began more than 32 years ago and is a vital part of our annual program to raise funds to help children with disabilities, vision-hearing impairment, Down syndrome, cancer, and Type 1 diabetes attend Texas Lions Camp at no cost to their family."

Mabry added, "Funds raised are put to work each year helping Texas children attend Summer Camp at TLC. In Summer 2025, TLC provided a camp experience for a total of 1,169 campers and camper family members (892 campers/families, 47 campers for Camp David/Texas Burn Survivors, and 230 campers for Camp Discovery/children with cancer) and they originated from 100 counties or nearly 40% of the state's 254 counties."

About James Avery

James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company offering finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, bronze and gemstones. James Avery jewelry is designed in the Texas Hill Country, with more than 90 percent of our pieces crafted in Texas using the finest materials sourced worldwide. We are a multi-channel retailer with over 140 James Avery stores in seven states. Our jewelry is also available at JamesAvery.com, at 284 Dillard's and Von Maur locations across 36 states, Dillards.com, and VonMaur.com. You can also find our designs at airport stores in Houston and Nashville.

Follow us @jamesavery on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and LinkedIn, as well as @jamesaveryjewelry on TikTok and YouTube for new releases, trends and behind the scenes.

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.

Texas Lions Camp, Inc. provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer, or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949, by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating by Charity Navigator and a Bronze Level Seal of Transparency from Candid.

More than 85,000 Texas children with special medical conditions have attended the program since TLC was founded more than 75 years ago in 1949. Through this mission, TLC's goal is to introduce children to the "Can Do" philosophy and position them to step into their calling with maximum personal growth and self-esteem.

To learn more about contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp, please visit www.lionscamp.com or phone 830-896-8500 for more information.



UPCOMING

May 28-30, 2026



HONG KONG 2026
108th Lions International Convention
JULY 3-7, 2026

The poster features a vibrant, abstract background with a purple-to-orange gradient and a collage of images including a city street with Chinese characters, a crowd of people, and various flags. The Lions International logo is prominently displayed on the left.



SAVE THE DATE!
2025-26
Lions Club International President
A.P. Singh
Special Guest of Honor
MAY 28-30, 2026

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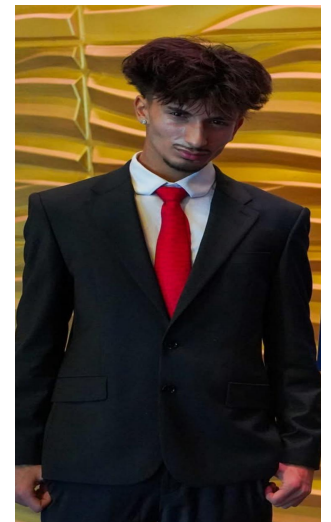
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2026 STATE CONVENTION

REGISTER TODAY!
EARLY BIRD
through Feb 14, 2026



The poster features a circular portrait of A.P. Singh, a man with a grey beard and a black turban, wearing a dark suit and a purple tie. The background is a mix of blue and yellow.

YOUTH



STAY TUNED

LIONS LINK

A monthly newsletter of District 2-X1 serving for 41 years online.

Without communication, the world would be silent, disconnected, and without understanding.



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Lions Link
Rajendra Kunwar

Lions Link station at District Convention 2026

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.

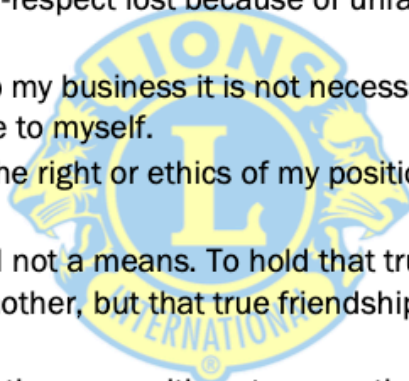
WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

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

Don't Miss the DEADLINE

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