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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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Lions Clubs Int'l Convention Hongkong

July 25
2X1 1st Cabinet Meeting

October 3
Build Beds for Kids Day

New Leadership Team getting ready for Lions Year 2026–2027

District Governor-Elect Gary Vineyard of the Midlothian Lions Club is preparing to attend the 108th Lions Clubs International Convention in Hong Kong from July 3–7, 2026, where he will officially begin his leadership journey as District Governor for the 2026–2027 Lions year.

A dedicated and experienced Lion leader, Gary Vineyard has already served as Second Vice District Governor and First Vice District Governor while helping lead one of the historic districts in Constitutional Area 1. DGE Gary also recently attended the MD-2 Texas State Convention held in Odessa, Texas, from May 28–30, 2026, representing District 2-X1 leadership and fellowship.

Similarly, First Vice District Governor-Elect Dr. Nia MacKay and Second Vice District Governor-Elect Joseph (Joe) Kyle are also part of DGE

Gary's leadership team and are expected to continue the district's strong legacy of service, leadership, and membership growth.

Under the leadership of DG Radhakrishna Kaphle in 2024–2025, District 2-X1 earned the prestigious Jesse Robinson Membership Award. The district has continued its strong momentum this year under District Governor Kedar Timalisina through positive membership growth, chartering of three new Lions Clubs, excellent LCIF support, and over 80% service reporting.

The District Convention held April 24–25, 2026, reflected the district's strength and unity with overwhelming participation from Lions and Leos. District 2-X1 is excited to welcome Gary Vineyard and his leadership team for another successful year of growth, fellowship, and humanitarian service.

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/>

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

District 2-X1

Serving the community

WE SERVE

VISION ENVIRONMENT HUNGER CHILDHOOD CANCER DIABETES

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

LIONS LINK

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

Whats happening in District 2-X1:

Read Lions Link and District Facebook Page



TIMALSINA'S OUTLOOK



Dear Fellow Lions,

Last weekend, Lions from across Texas gathered in Odessa for the Texas State Convention. It was an outstanding event filled with fellowship, learning, and celebration of the incredible service being performed throughout our state. We were honored to hear from International President A.P. Singh and to connect with Lions leaders from across Texas as we begin wrapping up another successful Lions year.

The convention provided an

that continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our district theme, "**Inclusion in Leadership, Unity in Service,**" has been brought to life through the dedication of our clubs and members. We have also been inspired by International President A.P. Singh's message, "**Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead.**" Together, these principles have guided our work and helped us achieve meaningful growth and service throughout the year.

As we enter the final weeks of the

● Ensure all district, state, and international dues are paid and current.

● Consider making a contribution to LCIF and Lions charities before the end of the year.

● Invite one or two new members to join your club and help us reach our membership goals.

● Continue reporting your service activities and celebrating your club's impact in the community.

One of the most important tasks before us is preparing the next generation of leaders. Entering your club officers into the Lions Portal now helps ensure a smooth transition into the new Lions year and provides the foundation for continued success. Strong clubs depend on strong leadership, and leadership begins with preparation.

The State Convention was also a proud moment for our district as PCC John Landrum was announced as a candidate for International Director. This is an exciting opportunity for our district and for Texas Lions, and I encourage all clubs to unite in support of his campaign. We have accomplished much this year, but our work is not finished. Let us use these final weeks to strengthen our clubs, support our foundations, grow our membership, and prepare our future leaders. Together, we can finish this Lions year with strength, unity, and pride.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Lionism and for your commitment to serving others.

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



opportunity to reflect on all that we have accomplished together as a district. This year, we chartered three new Lions clubs, three new Leo clubs, and welcomed more than 300 new Lions into our Lions family. Most importantly, we have strengthened our communities through countless service projects and acts of kindness

2025-2026 Lions year, I encourage every club to focus on finishing strong.

Our Priorities Before Year-End

● Complete and submit your 2026-2027 club officer information through the Lions Portal as soon as possible.

Let's Wrap up this Lions Year with pride and purpose



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June is one of the most important and meaningful months in Lionism as it marks the closing chapter of the Lions year before the new leadership term officially begins on July 1. Across Lions Clubs worldwide, members focus on completing service projects, finalizing LCIF contributions, submitting service reports, recognizing volunteers, and reviewing membership growth and club achievements. It is truly a month of reflection, appreciation, leadership transition, and preparation for another year of humanitarian service.

This is the ideal time for every club and officer to reevaluate goals and accomplishments. Did your club update officer information in the Lions Portal? Did you verify all information that will appear in the upcoming District Directory? Have you planned your club installation event and year-end recognition programs? Did your club complete LCIF contributions and report all service projects

performed throughout the year? How is your membership growth, retention, and overall club health?

June is also a season for leadership development and fellowship. Lions are encouraged to register for the District 2-X1 Lions University scheduled for June 20, 2026, and prepare for the first Cabinet Meeting of the 2026-2027 Lions year on July 25, 2026, in Waxahachie, Texas. Effective communication and sharing information with officers, board members, Leos, and club members are key responsibilities of successful leadership.

As we close another impactful Lions year, let us continue serving with dedication, celebrate achievements together, and energize ourselves and our Lions families for another successful year of service, leadership, fellowship, and growth in Lionism.

We Serve !!

2025-2026 DISTRICT 2-X1 CABINET OFFICERS

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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/>



RADHA'S THOUGHT

-IPDG Radha K. Kaphle
Dallas Everest



IPDG Radha's Thought – June 2026

As we conclude another successful Lion year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Lions, Leos, and Cubs of District 2-X1 for your dedication, service, and commitment to our communities.

Throughout the year, our District Charities have continued to make a meaningful impact through your generous support. These contributions strengthen programs at the district, multiple district, and international levels, allowing us to serve those in need more effectively.

As June marks the final month of the 2025-2026 Lion year, I encourage clubs that have not yet completed their charitable commitments to do so before June 30, 2026. Participation in our District Charities helps clubs qualify for the 100% Club, President, and Secretary Awards. If your club has not yet participated, this is the final opportunity to do so this Lion year.

Recommended Charity Contributions:

International & MD-2 Level:

-Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – As per LCIF guidelines (\$20 per member) or your choice

-Texas Lions Camp – \$10 per member

-Texas Lions Foundation – \$2 per member

-Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center – \$3 per member

District-Level Programs

-Lions Sight & Tissue Foundation – \$2 per member

-Julien C. Hyer Youth Camp – \$2 per member

-Leader Dogs for the Blind – \$2 per member

-World Services for the Blind – \$2 per member

-Sports Extravaganza (or similar service projects) – \$2 per member

For LCIF contributions, I strongly encourage clubs to submit them as soon as possible, as it takes time for donations to be processed and updated in the system before the close of the Lion year.

Duck Derby Fundraiser

Our Duck Derby Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. I encourage all Lions, Leos, Cubs, family members, and friends to join us and support this important fundraising event. Please refer to the attached flyer for details.

We recently had a wonderful Texas Lions State Convention in Odessa, Texas, with the participation of



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International President A.P. Singh, members of the International Family, and Lions and Leos from across Texas and beyond. It was a great opportunity for learning, fellowship, and celebrating our service accomplishments.

As we prepare to close the 2025-2026 Lion year, let us focus on finishing strong. I encourage every club to complete its membership goals, service activities, reporting requirements, and other Club Excellence criteria. Together, we can end this year on a high note and build an even stronger foundation for the future.

Thank you for your friendship, support, and commitment to Lionism. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer and continued success in all your endeavors.

With appreciation and pride,
Lion Radha K. Kaphle, IPDG

District 2-X1

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Dallas Everest Lions Club

Serve with Passion, Lead with Action

VINEYARD'S VOICE

District Governor Elect -
GARY VINEYARD

Club Director/Past
President
Midlothian Lions Club
469-471-2133

June 2026



<https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/>

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

Hello Lion Family!!

It is almost GO TIME!! Just a few more weeks and your new District Governor is in the house!!

Are you excited?? I most certainly am and my team is EAGER to get started. We have some GREAT things in store for you to start off the 2026-2027 year with a bang!

I will be discussing the goals and plans for the upcoming year at Lions University on June 20th. You do not want to miss this event! If you are a new club officer, Region Chair or Zone Chair, this event was created specifically with you in mind.

I'm going to let out a little secret about the event! SOMEONE IS WALKING AWAY WITH \$100 cash! That's right! 1 lucky Lion member will win \$100 and you must be present to win!

I have been getting requests to visit clubs and install officers and have several visits planned leading up to Lions University! IF YOU WANT ME TO COME VISIT YOUR CLUB, GET ME ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

The state convention in Odessa, Tx was amazing. I was able to get a little personal time with International President A.P. Singh and he gave some great advice. I have also had the privilege of meeting Incoming International President Mark Lyon. He will be a great leader for Lions Club International and look forward to getting installed with him in Hong Kong, China in July.

That being said, I will not be in the United States when July 1, 2026 arrives. However, I need ALL of you to be ready to hit the ground running on July 1! We have big goals and we will hit all of them!

2X1 is the big dog of Texas (MD2) and Texas is a big dog for the United States. We want to be the TOP DOG for Texas and the United States and we have the people to make that happen!

You are very important to the success and future of District 2X1. We will do this together to and make us the best district in Texas and the United States! 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!

As your District Governor, I will listen to your needs and serve you the best way I can.



UNITED..WE SERVE!

Lions District 2-X1



2x1 Duck Derby Race

Benefitting: 2x1 Charities & PlayGrand Adventures

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2026;

TIME: 8:00AM CHECK IN, 9:00 AM RACE BEGINS

2970 EPIC PLACE, GRAND PRAIRIE 75052

Ticket Costs:

1 duck chance for \$5
3 duck chances for \$10
6 duck chances for \$20
40 duck chances for \$100

Prizes:

1st prize: living room set or \$500 cash - donated by Rooms to Go

2nd prize: 5 piece dining set or \$400 cash – donated by Canales Furniture

3rd prize: \$300 cash

4th prize: family pack of Epic Wa-

Sponsorship levels:

Venue sponsor - Epic Waters

Platinum-\$1,000

Gold-\$750

Silver-\$500

Bronze-\$300

Lion- -\$200

Heart-\$100



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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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JOHN LANDRUM FOR ID
at lionbillsmo@gmail.com

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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Nia's News



June 2026 Membership & Leadership Update

As we enter the final month of the Lion year, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make our **District 2-X1 Spring Picnic** a tremendous success. Despite having a shorter picnic timeline, the event brought together Lions, Leos, families, and friends for a wonderful day of fellowship, service, and fun. Thank you to our planning committee, generous donors, sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who attended. Your support, dedication, and teamwork made this event possible and demonstrated the true spirit of Lionism.



An important reminder: **Club Officer Reporting on Lion Portal was due on April 15.** Unfortunately, we still have a number of clubs that have not submitted their incoming officers and directors for the 2026-2027 Lion year. This information is critical to both LCI and our district to ensure that we have accurate contact information and that club leaders receive important communications, training opportunities, and resources. If your club has not yet completed its officer report (repeating and/or newly appointed), please do so **immediately**. If you need help or have any questions, please contact directly GLT Chair, PDG Fred Conger (fred.conger@verizon.net), as soon as possible. Also, to prepare your officers for their roles, please ask them to register for the Officers Training on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Region 10 Spring Valley Campus in Richardson, TX.

Many of us had the privilege of attending the **MD-2 Lions of Texas State Convention in Odessa**, May 29 to 30, 2026 where we had the opportunity to meet personally with International President **A.P. Singh**. His message was both encouraging and inspiring: **there is still time to grow**. He emphasized that clubs can continue recruiting new members and even charter new clubs before the end of this Lion year. **Growth remains possible when we remain focused, positive, and committed to sharing the Lions experience with others.**

June is also a significant month for leadership development and global membership growth initiatives. LCI will host numerous regional training and leadership events around the world, including the **Mission 1.5 Summit for Constitutional Area 1 (United States and Affiliates, Bahamas, and Bermuda)** on June 19 to 21, 2026, in Atlanta, Georgia. Some of our district leaders will attend this event. to reflect on our unwavering commitment to strengthening clubs, developing leaders, and achieving our global membership goals.

Let's make membership growth our **Number One Mission** during these final weeks of the Lion year. Imagine the impact if every club in our district recruited just **one new member this month**. We would not only surpass our district goal significantly, but we may also qualify for special **recognition** at the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong this July.

Continue using the proven **DNA Method – Database, Networking, and Ask**. Reach out to people you know, share your Lions story, invite them to serve, and most importantly, **don't give up**. Many of us became Lions years after we were first invited. Sometimes it takes time, but **every invitation plants a seed**.

As PDG Esmeralda Rodriguez often reminds us: **“Let's Go, Let's Grow!”** Together, we can finish this Lion year strong and leave a lasting impact on our communities and our district.

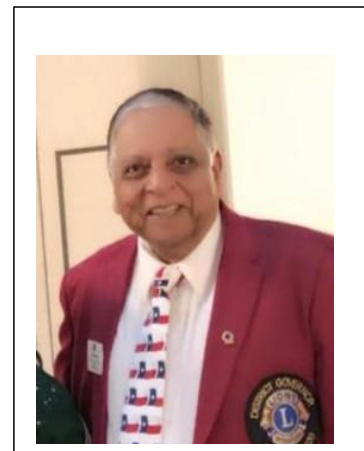
United in Service, United in Leadership, United in Fellowship.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, May 31, 2026

An Appeal: to 2-X1 Clubs: As we enter the month of June, clubs start to make a list of members to be dropped. Instead find ways to retain those members by contacting them personally or making alternate arrangements to pay their dues. Also, celebrate the accomplishments of the clubs during the year and not dropping members.

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: (May 31, 2026)

Added members.....	355
Dropped Members.....	332
Gain/Loss.....	+23
Closing Balance.....	2,293

2-X1 has dropped 332 members in July-May and added 355 for a net of +23. See chart. We are seeking a net growth of +65 in the next month. It is achievable if we keep our drops to a minimum.

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 663,754 people** in eleven months. There were 2,604 service activities and 98,215 volunteer hours contributed. Over 80% of clubs have reported on their activities.

MD-2 Membership Status	
Added members....	3,128
Dropped Members...	2,911
Closing Balance.....	21,916
Net Gain/Loss.....	+217



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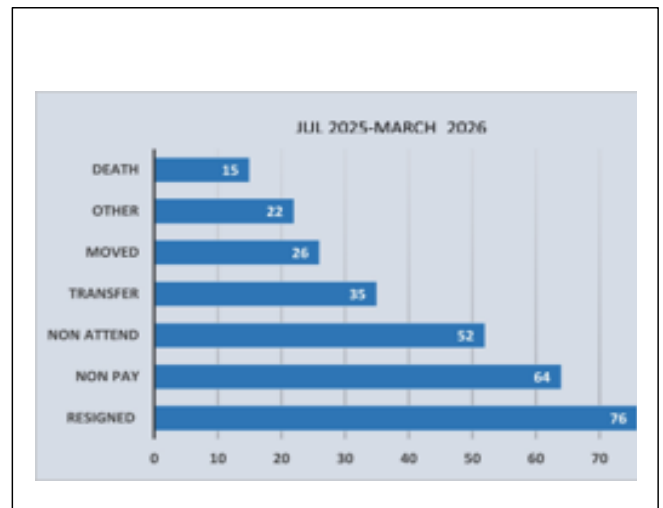
Leadership Training: Club Officers training for Zone Chairs, Club President, Secretary and Treasurer was offered in June. Another training session was offered during cabinet meeting. LU for the new officers and members will be held on June 20.

LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has received \$81,230 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 final month of June at least 65 new members need to be recruited to accomplish its goal of 58 for the year. Historically we lose about 30 members, and we need additional members as a cushion to offset the losses. 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. 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 (76) have been dropped, for non- payment of dues (64), followed by non- attendance (52). 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.



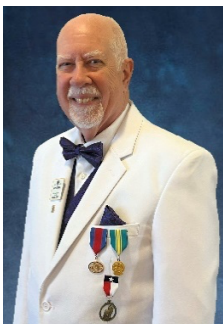
Current Clubs Status: 2-X1 currently has 12 clubs with <10 members. They need help from the district to rejuvenate these clubs. We have 27 clubs with no membership activity (zero growth) in the last eleven months. Sincere request to these clubs to recruit at least one new member.

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.

Let us Finish the Year Stronger!

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





FRED'S FINDINGS

PDG/GLT Fred Conger

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June 2026



District 2-X1 Lions!

2026-2027 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 down to locate the District 2-X1 Lions University registration file.

One form per registrant. Check the officer position box that you will be on **July 1st**. Choose your preferred lunch choice and email or mail forms to me as indicated on the form to me by **June 15th**. Payment can be made by check, or by check or cash at the door.

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 District 2-X1 Lions University on June 20th.*** 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.

Interested in becoming a Certified Guiding Lion? They support resources for new and rebuilding clubs. It's a great way to learn more about lionism. Training is TBD but soon.

I will hold Zone & Region Chair Training on Saturday June 27th.

Need training help? Contact me. It's my job to help and address the training needs of the district's clubs. **We Serve!**

GLT Lions Link June 2026

Lions 2-X1 University Ready to Build Future Leaders

Global Leadership Team Leader and Past District Governor Fred Conger has announced the upcoming Lions 2-X1 University, scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Region 10 Educational Service Center in Richardson, Texas. This important leadership training event is designed to prepare incoming club officers and Lions leaders for the 2026–2027 Lions year.

The university will provide valuable leadership education, networking opportunities, and officer training for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Service Chairs, LCIF Chairs, Marketing Communication Chairs, and New Lions.

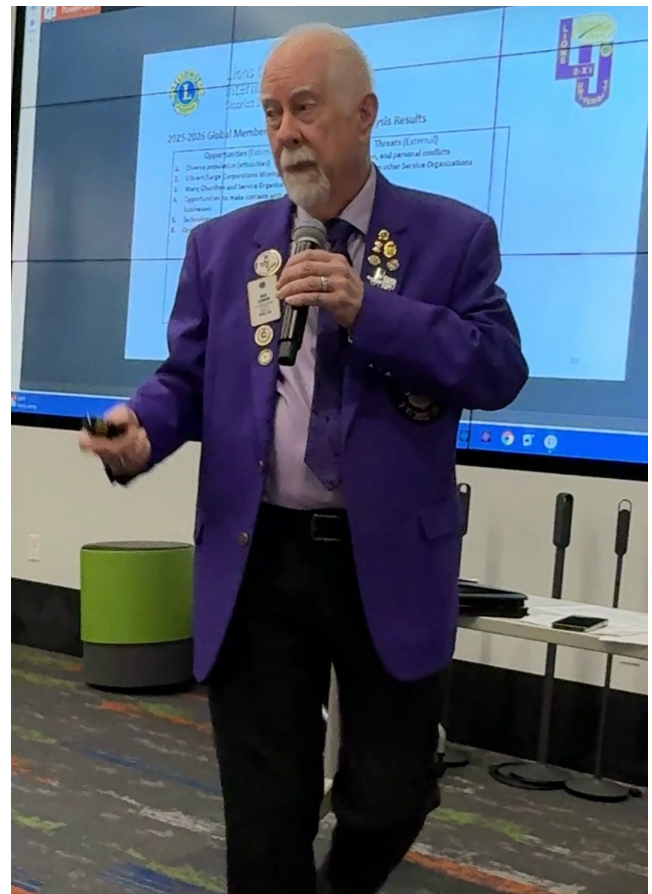
Registration and lite breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM, followed by university sessions from 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM. The registration fee is \$25 before June 15 and \$35

Saturday, June 20, 2026,
Region 10 Educational Service Center
Richardson, Texas.
Time: 9AM-2:45PM

after June 15, 2026.

The registration package includes leadership courses, online materials, breakfast, lunch, and an LU Certificate for pre-registered participants.

All Lions are encouraged to participate in this educational and motivational event to strengthen



leadership skills and prepare for another successful year of service.

Lions Clubs International Convention 2026 Set for Hong Kong

The 108th Lions Clubs International Convention (LionsCon 2026) will be held from July 3–7, 2026, in Hong Kong, China, bringing together thousands of Lions, Leos, and guests from around the world for one of the largest international service gatherings. The main convention activities and exhibitions will take place at the AsiaWorld-Expo on Lantau Island near Hong Kong International Airport, while the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong will serve as the headquarters hotel.



Major highlights of the convention will include inspiring Plenary Sessions, the colorful Parade of Nations, leadership seminars, networking opportunities, and the International Exhibit Hall showcasing global Lions humanitarian projects and programs.

During the convention, International President A.P. Singh will complete his successful 2025–2026 Lions year leadership, and Mark Lyon will officially assume office as the new International President for the 2026–2027 Lions year.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Kicks off Sep 3

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held September 3–5, 2026, in Memphis, Tennessee, bringing together hundreds of Lions and Leos for leadership, learning, fellowship, and inspiration. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Forum, Thursday evening will feature live entertainment by the Emerald Empire Band along with food and fellowship.

A special Friday luncheon will highlight the important topic of human trafficking with speakers Stephanie

Krieger Graef, founder of s7 Consulting, and Leslie F. King, a survivor of human trafficking and founder of Sacred Beginnings.

On Saturday evening, 2026–2027 International President Mark S. Lyon will share his vision, goals, and leadership message for Lions worldwide. The three-day forum will also feature dozens of leadership trainings, seminars, and meetings, while hundreds of Lions are expected to graduate from Lions University.

District 2-X1 Team attends MD-2 State Convention in Odessa

Several Lions and Leos from Lions District 2-X1 proudly attended the MD-2 Texas State Convention held in Odessa, Texas, from May 28–30, 2026. District Governor Kedar Timalsina, District Governor-Elect Gary Vineyard, First Vice District Governor-Elect Dr. Nia MacKay, Second Vice District Governor-Elect Joe Kyle, International Director

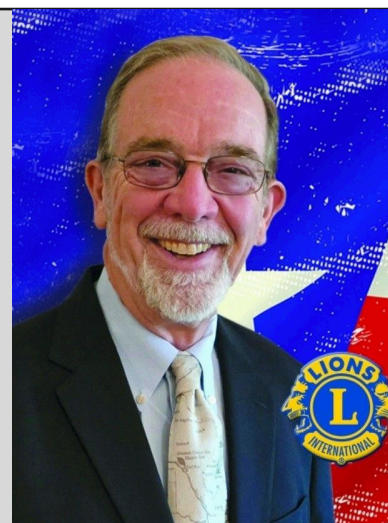


Candidate PCC John Landrum, PCC John Eads, PCC Joe Montag, and IPDG Radha Krishna Kaphle were among the district leaders attending the convention.

During the MD-2 Convention, Past Council Chair John Landrum was officially endorsed for International Director, marking an important milestone for District 2-X1. State Leo



Chair Sajjan Baral and District Leo Chair Hilson Kharal also represented the youth leadership of the district. During the three-day convention, Lions Clubs International President A.P. Singh served as the guest speaker, sharing his inspiring vision for global Lionism. The District 2-X1 team also had the opportunity to personally meet and interact with International President Singh during the convention.



Past Council Chair and International Director Candidate John Landrum shared that he had a wonderful and inspiring evening at the MD-2 State Convention in Odessa, Texas, reconnecting with Lions friends from across the state and celebrating the outstanding service being performed in communities. One of the major highlights of the convention was hearing Lions Clubs International President A.P.

Singh share his inspiring vision for the future of Lionism, emphasizing service, leadership, unity, and compassion.



Sachse Lions Club Garden Continues to Flourish

The Sachse Lions Club community garden, led by Garden Chair Beckie Forsyth, continues to flourish thanks to recent rainfall and dedicated volunteer care. Members are encouraged to monitor soil moisture carefully to maintain healthy plant growth while avoiding overwatering.

The club invites community members and volunteers to join the upcoming Garden Work/Play Day on Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 AM. Volunteers of all physical ability levels are welcome to help with weeding,



moving mulch, and enjoying fellowship with fellow garden supporters. Participants are encouraged to bring gloves, hats, water, and wheelbarrows if available.

Midlothian Lions Club to host Awards & Installation Banquet

The Midlothian Lions Club will host its annual Lions Awards & Installation Banquet on Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 PM. The special evening will include the installation of officers for the upcoming Lions Year 2026–2027 along with recognition of several outstanding Lions through awards and honors.

The banquet promises a fun and memorable evening filled with fellowship, celebration, and community spirit. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn more about local Lions service projects and explore membership opportunities within the club.

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.

Newly Elected SVDG Joe Kyle Attends MD-2 State Convention in Odessa

Lions Clubs International President A.P. Singh addressed hundreds of Texas Lions during the Texas Lions State Convention held in Odessa, Texas, inspiring attendees with his message of service and leadership. During the convention, Cedar Creek Area Lions Club and Faith at Work Ministries were recognized for their outstanding food ministry service project, serving more than 9,000 people every week.

Newly elected Second Vice District Governor for 2026–2027, Lion Joe Kyle - a never-tired and true leader, along with Lion Fay King (Parter -in-Service), attended the convention and represented the impactful community service efforts of the Cedar Creek Area Lions Club.



Dallas Indian Lions Club (DILC) - A Year of Service, Impact, and Compassion

For over four decades, the Dallas Indian Lions Club (DILC) Charities Inc. has stood as a pillar of service in North Texas, driven by a steadfast commitment to “We Serve.” Since its inception, the club has contributed over \$1.3 million toward impactful causes spanning education, healthcare, hunger relief, vision care, and global humanitarian efforts.

What distinguishes DILC is not just its financial contributions, but its holistic approach to service—combining strategic giving with hands-on volunteerism. From organizing vision camps and food drives to supporting long-term initiatives like scholarship endowments, the club continues to create sustainable and meaningful change in the communities it serves.

During the current reporting period, the club has contributed over **\$70,000** toward community and global causes, with additional initiatives planned in the coming months.

I. Education & Workforce Development

The Dallas Indian Lions Club (DILC) approaches education not just as a charitable contribution, but as a strategic investment designed to maximize long-term impact. Every dollar contributed toward scholarships is structured to create significantly higher value for students, institutions, and the broader community.

Total Contributions made to three Public Universities by DILC this year are \$30,000.

DILC has also established an endowment at UT Dallas, and its **current Value of Endowment is: \$234,906.98**. Income from this endowment will be sufficient to provide a \$1000 scholarship to ten students every year in perpetuity.

We plan to continue contributing additional funds to this endowment for the foreseeable future. This will increase the size of the endowment and enable even more students to benefit from these scholarships.

This endowment reflects DILC’s commitment to creating a lasting educational legacy, ensuring scholarships are awarded year after year. This is not just charity—it is a high-impact investment in the future.

II. Healthcare, Vision & Special Needs Support

DILC supports organizations that provide essential healthcare services and improve the quality of life.



Primary Care Clinic of North Texas – \$5,000

Provides holistic medical services to uninsured and underinsured patients across multiple DFW locations. **Impact:** 150–200 patients served

Sankara Eye Foundation – \$5,000

A global partnership focused on treating preventable

blindness through surgical intervention and resource sharing. Supports cataract surgeries to eliminate preventable blindness. **Impact:** 40–50 surgeries restoring vision

Lions Sight & Tissue Foundation – \$5,000

Facilitating free vision clinics, providing eye exams, and prescription Eyeglasses to the people in need. **Impact:** 100–150 individuals served. In addition to the donation made to LSTF, DILC members actively organize and participate in vision clinics and outreach programs. Also collected 200+ eyeglasses and distributed them for refurbishing.

Texas Lions Camp (Kerrville) – \$5,000

Provides free residential camp experiences for children with disabilities and medical conditions. **Impact:** 15–20 children sponsored

Texas Pediatric Oncology-Planned Contribution: \$5,000

Will support children undergoing cancer treatment and their families. **Projected Impact:** 10–15 children and families supported

III. Hunger Relief & Community Outreach

DILC addresses food insecurity through funding and volunteer-driven service at various food pantries.

Feed My Starving Children – \$2,000

Providing nutrition-packed meals to underserved regions to combat infant and child malnutrition. DILC members actively volunteer in food packing and distribution drives. These drives provide 8,000–10,000 meals.

God's Pantry (Plano) – \$2,000

Supporting the local food pantry in Plano to serve our immediate neighbors.

Impact: 120–150 families supported

LovePacs – \$2,000

Supporting a social outreach program where school-aged students pack essential supplies and food for families. **Impact:** 100–150 families supported

Soup Kitchen Support – \$450

Impact: 200–300 meals served

- **The Wells Community - \$300**
Is a homeless shelter. **Impact:** 50 meals served

IV. Other Community Initiatives

- **Voice of Specially Abled Persons – \$1,000**
- **GDAS and Other Contributions – \$1,000**

V. Our youth leadership

The Dallas Indian Lions Club takes immense pride in having chartered and mentored the Dallas Metro Leo Club, our youth leadership arm, for the last 5 years. Our Leos actively support key initiatives such as food packing drives,

vision camps, and community outreach programs, bringing energy, innovation, and compassion to every effort. This strong partnership ensures that the spirit of service continues across generations, shaping future leaders who are deeply committed to giving back.

A Legacy of Service, A Future of Commitment

The Dallas Indian Lions Club Charities Inc. continues to exemplify how decades of commitment, strategic giving, and active service can create lasting change.

As the year progresses, with additional service projects and contributions planned, DILC remains steadfast in its mission to:

- Support education and workforce development
- Provide healthcare and vision services
- Fight hunger and uplift communities
- Care for vulnerable children and families
- Supported mental health awareness programs
- Participated in Blood Drive
- Environmental cleanup projects.

“We Serve.”

Together, we continue to build a stronger, healthier, and more compassionate community—locally and globally.

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

Dallas Founder Lions Club, one of the oldest Lions Clubs in MD-2, proudly presented a \$25,000 donation to the Center for Alzheimer’s and Neurodegenerative Diseases (CAND) at UT Southwestern Medical Center. The generous contribution will support ongoing research and advancements in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease and related neurological conditions.

More than half of the funds raised were donated in loving memory of Betty Dodd, making the contribution especially meaningful to club members and families connected to this important cause. The club’s continued dedication to humanitarian service reflects the true spirit of Lionism through compassion, community support, and commitment to improving lives through research and care.





MD -2 All Sixteen District Governors of Lion Year 2025-2026 in the picture.

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.



With a cold bottle of water in her hand and eyes focused on her certificate, dedicated Lion Christy Householter, Global Service Team Chair, reflects the true spirit of Lionism. Always attentive, focused, and eager to learn, she continues serving the community with honesty, passion, and commitment.

-Picture by: Rajendra Kunwar



Christy Householter

DISTRICT SERVICE COORDINATOR MESSAGE



Congratulations

June 2026



Goal:
500,000 people served
Today:
694,737

Goal:
80% clubs report service
Today: 80%!

District 2-X1

You did it!

**You accomplished District
Governor Kedar Timalisina's
SERVICE GOALS!**

Thank You!!!

cradlehouse@gmail.com

Notice:-

Please send articles, notices, or service-related photos by the **25th of each month** to be included in the next issue.

Clubs or individuals interested in supporting the district or promoting their business can contact us at newsletter.2x1@gmail.com.

Our newsletter reaches nearly **7,000 readers** monthly!

Requirements for Articles/ News:

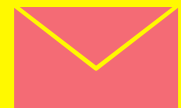
-Send News/Article by 25th of each month.

-PDF or Word documents with Times New Roman Font. Font Size 11.

-Send 1 to 3 pictures related to the article/news separately in the attachment.

Articles submitted after the 25th may not be included.

Please submit on time to ensure inclusion.



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!](https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/flipbook-directory>Hello%20District%202-X1%20Lions!)

Texas Lions Camp Summer Camp Kicked off May 31

This year's Summer Camp at Texas Lions Camp just started on May 31, 2026. It continues the long-standing mission of changing children's lives through care, confidence, and compassion. Texas Lions Camp is truly a life-changing camp for children ages 7-16 with special needs including Down syndrome, cancer, Type 1 diabetes, physical disabilities, and other medical conditions. The camp is offered completely free of charge with on-site medical support, giving children a safe and encouraging environment to grow, learn, and enjoy unforgettable experiences.

Founded in 1949 by Texas

designed to build confidence, friendship, and



Lions, the camp is located in Kerrville, Texas, on more than 500 acres of beautiful Hill Country campgrounds. Campers enjoy adapted activities such as swimming, horseback riding, rope courses, outdoor adventures, and peer-support programs

independence.

Every time a Lion, Lions Club, or supporter makes a donation to Texas Lions Camp, you are enriching a child's life and teaching them they "Can Do" many things they never imagined possible. Your support helps create hope, confidence, and lasting memories for children and families across Texas.



Your support can help transform a child's life by making a donation at lionscamp.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.

Good News: Camp Opens! Golf Tournament Sponsors Needed



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

I am thrilled to report that Texas Lions Camp received its 2026 license and welcomed its first campers on May 31! Texas Lions Camp is blessed with an incredible leadership team and staff – who submitted all the paperwork and met all the new state regulations.

It isn't too late to recruit campers. Applications can be made until the Monday of the week preceding Sunday check-in. Thank you to every Lion and club that recruited campers! Registration for residential youth camp is only 15 campers less than 2025! We're going to have a great summer.

The five new cabins are on the campus, and getting everything hooked up/operational is the priority. If the weather will cooperate, our amazing staff and contractors will get the job done.

Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

The 33rd Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament is **July 30** at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course in Fredericksburg. Have you made your personal Hole sponsorship? Has your club sponsored a Hole, or become a corporate sponsor? Each District has a goal of raising \$6,250.00 and securing one corporate sponsor at the \$500 level or above.

Currently, District 2-T3 is leading the competition, having raised \$13,029.00. District 2-S5 is in second place with \$8,875.00. Third place is currently held by District 2-S2 with \$4,660.00. Please send in your donations today. Which District will go home with the prestigious award and hold bragging rights for the next year?

As you know, **James Avery Artisan Jewelry® 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. Dr. Stephen Ponder, medical director of the camp, will be our keynote speaker – and he will inspire you with his stories from 30 years of taking care of campers! 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.

Friday Nights

All Lions are invited to attend a Friday night awards ceremony, beginning June 5 and continuing each Friday through July 10. The ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. This is a great way to introduce new Lions to the Texas Lions Camp. Come see how the campus has changed and get your Lions spirit fired up! I look forward to seeing you in Kerrville!

For artwork, I am providing a photo of the first new cabin being delivered to TLC on May 22, and the flyer inviting Lions and others to attend the Friday Night Awards ceremonies.

★ You're Invited! ★

As a cherished friend of TLC,
we invite you to be our
Honored Guest
this summer at

Friday Awards Nights

June 5th • June 12th
June 19th • June 26th
July 3rd • July 10th

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

TLC Amphitheater

4000 Highway 27
Kerrville, Texas 78028
830-896-8500



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Texas Lions Camp: The first Cabin arrives

Lions Districts 2-E2 & 2-X1 Build Beds for Kids Day!

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026

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

Location: Lowe's Outlet Store, 3500 W Airport Fwy, Irving, TX 75062

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project of*



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

&



**Lions Clubs
International
Districts 2-E2 & 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.
- 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

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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.

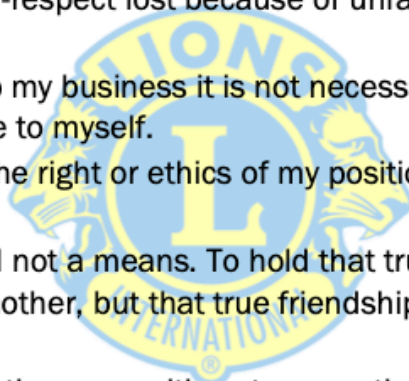
WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

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.

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