District 2-X1 LIONS LINK

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Lions Build 105 Beds in 3.5 Hours, Bringing Hope to Children in Need

On October 3, 2026, Lions Districts 2-X1 and 2-E2, in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) and with support from Lowe's Home Improvement and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), successfully built 105 beds in just 3.5 hours in Irving, Texas, demonstrating the remarkable power of community service, collaboration, and teamwork.

According to Project Coordinator PCC John Eads, 339 volunteers registered and 366 participated, despite rainy weather. Participants included Lions, families, community organizations, and more than 100 youth volunteers, including Leos, Cubs, high school students, and JROTC members from Midlothian, DeSoto, and Irving.

The initiative began on February 18, 2023, in Waxahachie, Texas. Through six successful bed-building projects, Lions and community partners have now built 825 beds for children in need, making it one of the district's major humanitarian service initiatives.

According to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, nearly 60,000 children in the Dallas–Fort Worth area sleep on the floor without a bed. The project addresses this need by providing not only wooden bed frames but complete bedding sets, including mattresses, bedsheets, pillows, and blankets. A dedicated delivery team schedules home deliveries, assembles the beds, and prepares them for children.

Lion Curtis Green of the Waxahachie Lions Club, serving as Delivery Vice President for the DFW area, plays an important role in coordinating deliveries and supporting this growing initiative.

The project is coordinated by PCC John Eads and PCC John Landrum, District 2-X1's endorsed candidate for International Director 2027–2028. Their leadership and collaboration with community partners have helped expand similar service efforts into other Lions districts across Texas.

Individuals, Lions Clubs, businesses, and organizations can sponsor a complete bed for $250.

The next Build Beds for Kids project is tentatively scheduled for March 2027, continuing the Lions' commitment to providing children with comfort, dignity, and a better night's sleep.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 8-18
Vision Service Week

October 17
2nd Cabinet Meeting

October 30-31
2nd Council of Governors Meeting

VINEYARD'S VOICE

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - GARY VINEYARD
Club Director/Past President
Midlothian Lions Club
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October 2026

https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/

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

Hello Lion Family!!

WOW! The first quarter of my DG year is done. I've visited so many clubs over the past 3 months and it has been SO MUCH FUN!! I LOVE MEETING OUR NEW MEMBERS. They are so excited to meet the District Governor lol.

I had the unique privilege of visiting a few clubs with milestone Anniversaries this month:

Dallas Founders – started in 1916 – celebrating 110 years! WOW
Dallas Filipino – started 1986 – celebrating 40 years!
Irving DFW Indian – started 1996 – celebrating – 30 years!

I was honored to meet original charter members from Dallas Filipino and Irving DFW Indian!

As we close the door on the 1st quarter, I want to thank the following clubs for their commitment to bringing in new members:

Dallas Founder – 12 new members – Outstanding work!
Dallas Manakamana – 6 new members
Duncanville Noon – 5 new members
DFW Cyber – 4 new members

The following clubs have added at least 2 new members this quarter:
Collin Athena Alliance - 3 new members
Dallas Cyber Rescue – 3 new members
Plano Collin Nepalese – 3 new members
Cedar Hill – 2 new members
Dallas Buddha – 2 new members
Dallas Dalcliff Wynnewood – 2 new members
Dallas Trinity Industrial – 2 new members
Grand Prairie Host – 2 new members
Irving Everest Centennial – 2 new members
Rowlett – 2 new members
Terrell – 2 new members

19 clubs sponsored 1 new member;

44 clubs did not have any new members for the 1st quarter. WE MUST DO A BETTER JOB HERE!

The next cabinet meeting is October 17th so have 2+ weeks to add some new members and compete for one of the top 5 spots! There's still time and still a chance!! If each club member finds just 1 person, imagine what that will do for your club!!!

GET ME ON YOUR CALENDER FOR A CLUB VISIT!! I WANT TO SEE YOU!!!

PLEASE KNOW, I AM HERE FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I AM ONLY A PHONE CALL WAY!

UNITED..WE SERVE!

Nia's News



🦁Leading Through Learning, Serving Through Vision

October offers new opportunities for District 2-X1 to transform learning into impactful service. My September visits with fellow Lions highlighted the benefits of collaboration, idea sharing, and firsthand impact.

I attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, Tennessee, with Lions Mickey and Anissa MacKay. Their first forum, it provided valuable ideas, including one from the Red Cross. Congratulations to the Lions who earned degrees through the program! Their leadership growth will strengthen our clubs' service.

I joined over 50 Lions for Leader Dogs for the Blind's Summer Session 2 in Rochester Hills, Michigan. We learned to use white canes, walked with a Leader Dog blindfolded, and even dined in the dark. We witnessed dog training, learned about client programs, and appreciated Leader Dogs' role in empowering individuals with visual impairments. MD-2 has elevated Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) to a leading program, alongside the World Service for the Blinds. I hope LDB will be a significant part of our district's supported charities.

October Is a Month to Put Vision Into Action

We have several opportunities to learn and serve together. The first Texas Lions Leadership Forum takes place October 3–4 in Temple, Texas. On Saturday, October 3, we will also hold our first Build Beds for Kids event of this Lion year at Lowe's in Irving.

Our first Week of Service, October 8–18, focuses on Vision. Encourage clubs to plan a community service project, such as vision screenings, collecting used eyeglasses, sharing vision health information, or participating in Envision's White Cane Day "Walk at the Zoo" on October 17, from 5–7 p.m. Visit Envision's website for event and registration details. A Vision project can contribute to Club Excellence when reported with other service.

Please join us for the **second Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, October 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon** at Envision Dallas, 1801 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. We will have an early Halloween costume contest, so come dressed up! Winners will be chosen for the scariest, funniest, and most artistic costumes.

Several clubs have welcomed new members this Lion year. Let's keep inviting others to serve and give every new Lion a chance to take part. When we grow our membership, we grow the number of hands and hearts ready to help our communities.

Together, we learn. Together, we serve. Together, we help our communities see a brighter future.

UNITED IN SERVICE—ONE DISTRICT. ONE MISSION. UNLIMITED IMPACT.

Every Member Matters, Every Club Counts, Every Service Inspires

EDITORIAL



Members are the heartbeat of Lionism. Every new member brings fresh energy, every engaged member strengthens our clubs, and every united club expands our ability to serve. Our greatest power has always been our people.

What Melvin Jones envisioned 109 years ago has grown into one of the world's largest service organizations, uniting approximately 1.40 million members across 50,526 clubs. Together, Lions are transforming communities, supporting those in need, and bringing hope to millions.

District 2-X1 understands the power of membership. Just two years ago, our district proudly earned the Jesse Robinson Membership Growth Award in Constitutional Area 1. Today, however, we face a challenging reality. Our latest membership report shows 2,233 members, 92 additions, and 195 drops, resulting in a net loss of 103 members, or 4.61%. These figures demand serious attention. What are we missing? Are we welcoming new members, listening to their concerns, and providing meaningful opportunities to serve, lead, and belong?

Service is our greatest strength and most powerful tool for membership growth. Let us use it regularly and visibly. Meaningful service attracts new people, inspires existing members, strengthens teamwork, and demonstrates the true spirit of Lionism. When communities witness Lions serving, they discover a reason to join.

As we enter the second quarter, every Lion should invite prospective members, while clubs prioritize orientation, mentorship, recognition, retention, and reconnecting with inactive members.

Communication is equally essential. Club meetings, newsletters, social media, and regular conversations keep members informed, appreciated, and connected. Without effective communication, even dedicated members may feel disconnected. Membership growth is every Lion's responsibility. District leadership can guide and inspire, but lasting progress begins within each club.

Let us ask ourselves: What can I do today to strengthen my club? Engaged members build stronger clubs, stronger clubs build a thriving district, and together, we expand our power to serve.

2026-2027
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2026-2027
REGION & ZONE CHAIRS

Region Chair 1: Meena Chhetry
Region Chair 2: George Joseph
Region Chair 3: Sampoorna Ramakrishna
Region Chair 4: John Wicker

Zone 1: Tami Kraus
Zone 2: John Walker
Zone 3: Larry Eggett
Zone 4: Rajesh Adhikari
Zone 5: Sebastian Valiyaparampil
Zone 6: Kamal KC
Zone 7: Matthew Ittoop
Zone 8: Srijana Baral
Zone 9: Alina Karmacharya
Zone 10: Basanta Panta
Zone 11: PDG Wayne Meachum
Zone 12: Jerry Boyd
Zone 13: Judge Valencia Nash
Zone 14: Kasev Cheshier

For more information see the District 2-X! Directory

https://lionsdistrict2x1.org/

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH GMA

District 2-X1, September 30, 2026



District 2-X1 has a reason to celebrate as we have exceeded our goals for the year 2025-2026. ***Hard work of all the 2-X1 clubs and members is very much appreciated. We will continue the momentum in 2026-2027***

2-X1 Goals for year 2026-2027.
Charter New Clubs….4
Add New Members…400
Maximum Drops…….290
Net New Members…+ 110

Service Goals:
Since we have set the bar high in service from last year, our goal this year is to serve 600,000 people and at least 80% reporting their service activities.
LCIF: Raise $70,000 for our foundation.
Leadership: All Zone Chairs to undergo training.

MD-2 Membership Status
Added members….915
Dropped Members…894
Closing Balance……21,758
Net Gain/Loss……+21

2-X1 Membership Status: (Sep 30, 2026)
Added members…… 87

Dropped Members…… 183
Gain/Loss…… -96
Closing Balance……2,242
2-X1 has dropped 183 members in July-Sep and added 87 for a net 0f -96 This is an unusually high drop for July/Aug. Retention is an issue for our district and is being addressed. Look into the possibility of reinstating members that were dropped for non-attendance. Last year at this time we were +32 and have a lot to catch up for the losses.

Clubs:. 2-X1 is looking into several possibilities for chartering new clubs.

Service: Lions within the district collectively served **over 70,979 people** July-Sep.. There were 334 service activities and 12,922 volunteer hours contributed. Over 46% of clubs have reported their service 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. LU for the new officers and members was held on June 20 and well attended

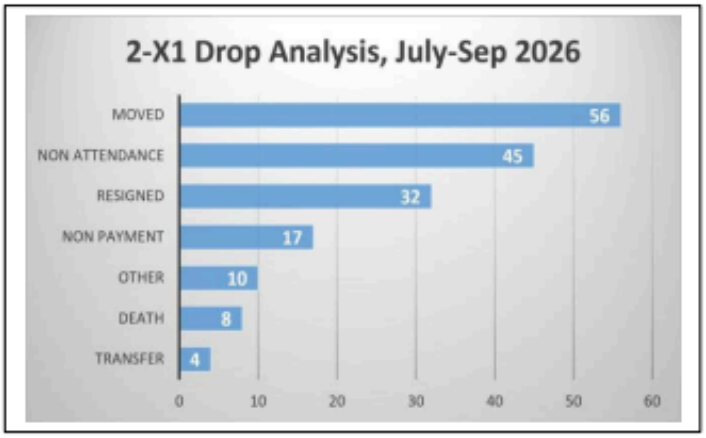
LCIF Contributions: District 2-X1 has received $32,124 towards our foundation during this fiscal year

Moving Forward: 2-X1 dropped 183 members during the 1st Qtr, an unusually high number as a result of carry over drops from 2025-2026. Now that is behind us and need to move forward to the second quarter which offers a valuable window for membership growth. It is the ideal time for clubs to strengthen their numbers and build a momentum. 2-X1 still has over 40

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clubs that had no membership activity during the 1st Qtr. Now is the time to organize membership events to recruit new members.

2-X1 Membership Drop Analysis: Member drop analysis indicates the highest drops (56) were due to Moves. Are the clubs keeping track of where they are moving to or join other clubs. Some moves are also attributed to Campus clubs a and they have difficulty keeping track once they leave. But the other clubs need to keep track of the member's moves. The next highest drops were due to Non-attendance (45). This should not happen if they have paid their dues. Members in good standing (32) were also dropped and for non-payment (17). Club Presidents are encouraged to develop personal contacts and resolve issues and help retain members in good standing.

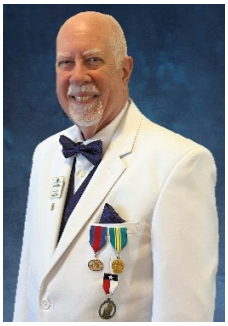


Let the 2nd Qtr be a period of Growth.

Vinod Mathur
Area 1A and MD-2 GMT Coordinator
2-X1 GMA Coordinator
Past District Governor







FRED'S FINDINGS

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October 2026

District 2-X1 Lions!

This is the *LAST* month for club officers (President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) to receive or take advantage of officer training for it to count towards LCI's Lion Leadership portion of the Club Excellence Award for this Lion Year.

So far 53.69% of these four club officer positions have received training. That is a good number but still short of District Governor Gary's goal of 75%.

This week, I will be announcing ways in which clubs and officers that have not met this award requirement can complete it before LCI's Oct. 31st deadline. *I will notify the clubs and officers by email who missed the three previous leadership opportunities.*

On another Lion Leadership note. The 2026 Texas Lions Leadership Forum is scheduled for October 3rd and 4th in Temple, Texas. This is a great opportunity for those who have registered to increase their knowledge regarding Lionism and Leadership. If you missed it this year, plan to register when announced the next Lion year. We need a better representation from 2-X1 next year. These forums are exceptional opportunities to meet Lions from all over Texas and attend advanced leadership classes. I will be leading the "President Boot Camp" session on Saturday the 3rd. These forums have limited attendee seats available. So, look for information in July or August of next year and get someone from your club to attend.

And finally, an important reminder for **Club Secretaries, Service Chairs, and Presidents.**

"Keep your Lion Portal entries up to date by entering all your club's meetings, fundraisers, donations and service projects." LCI pulls club the report information to compile the numbers for the entire Association.

Initial planning is beginning for the 2027 District 2-X1 Lions University officer training and leadership event on June 12th. Make sure your 2027-2028 club officers are aware.

And watch your emails for upcoming officer training opportunities. These may include Membership Chair and Service Chair training.

Need training help? Need a club meeting "Leadership" program? Contact me. It's my job to address the training needs of the district's clubs. **We Serve!**

GLT Lions Link October 2026

LIONS RESOURCES

Lions International / Lions Portal
www.lionsclubs.org

District 2-X1
lionsdistrict2x1.org

Lions Link Newsletters
lionsdistrict2x1.org/link-newsletter

District Directory
lionsdistrict2x1.org/flipbook-directory

District Events
lionsdistrict2x1.org/events

Lions Clubs of Texas (MD-2)
texaslions.org

Texas Lions Camp
www.lionscamp.com

Lions University
lionsuniversity.org

Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation
lstf.org

District Facebook Page
facebook.com/LionsDistrict2X1

LIONS LINK

A monthly newsletter of Lions District 2-X1

Lions International Launches Week of Vision Service

October 8, 2026, Lions International officially launched its Week of Vision Service, running from October 8–18, 2026, as part of International President Mark S. Lyon's global service initiative.

Lions worldwide are encouraged to organize vision screenings, promote access to eye care, support individuals experiencing vision loss, and raise awareness about preventable blindness. This initiative reinforces Lions' commitment to protecting eyesight, empowering communities, and creating brighter futures through meaningful humanitarian service.





Second Cabinet Meeting Set for October 17

Lions Clubs International District 2-X1 invites all Lions, Leos, club officers, district leaders, and guests to attend the Second Cabinet Meeting of the 2026–2027 Lions Year, hosted by the Dallas Founder Lions Club, on Saturday, October 17, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Envision, 1800 Valley View Rd., Farmers Branch.

Quarterly Cabinet Meetings are an important opportunity to receive District updates, learn about upcoming activities and service projects, share ideas, and strengthen fellowship and networking. The District Cabinet Team encourages all Lions and Leos to attend and actively participate.

The meeting will also feature a Halloween Costume Contest. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Hunt County Shared Ministry Food Pantry and broken, unused, or old eyeglasses for recycling.

Address: Envision, 1800 Valley View Rd., Farmers Branch.







LET YOUR LENS HIGHLIGHT THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

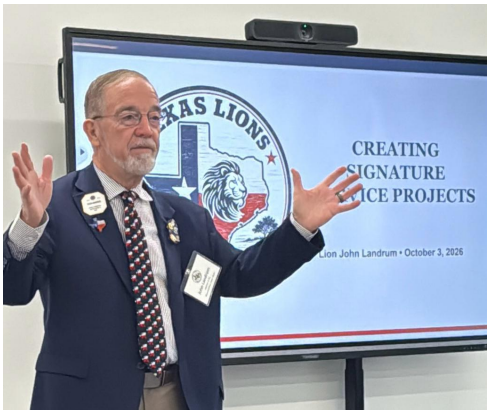
Share an impactful photo captured by you during any Lions activity and receive a special **GIFT** *from District 2-X1.*

PDG Fred Conger is a true Lion in every sense: a leader, GLT Chair, educator, singer, and keyboard player. Whether equipped with a microphone, speaker, musical instrument, or teaching materials, he is always ready to educate, inspire, and entertain fellow Lions. A Lion who truly makes learning fun!

-Picture by: Rajendra Kunwar

District 2-X1 Leaders attend Texas Lions Leadership Forum in Temple

Temple, Texas, Leaders from Lions District 2-X1 joined fellow Lions from across Texas at the Texas Lions Leadership Forum, held October 3–4, 2026, in Temple. The Forum brought together approximately 100 Lions for leadership development, service, teamwork, networking, and inspiration.



Representing District 2-X1 were PCC John Landrum, candidate for International Director 2027–2028; 1VDG Dr. Nia MacKay; PDG Fred Conger; Lion Judy Conger; GMT Chair Rajendra Kunwar; Region Chair Meena Chhetry; and Dallas Filipino Lions Club President Emma Ramos. Former District 2-X1 Governor Esmeralda Rodriguez, now with District 2-A3, also attended.

The two-day Forum provided opportunities to strengthen leadership skills, exchange ideas, build connections, and inspire greater service.

The event carried the powerful message: "You Don't Just Join Lions. You Lead the Way."

Texas Lions Council of Governors Offsite Meeting set for Waco

The MD2 Texas Lions Council of Governors will hold its upcoming Council of Governors Offsite Meeting in Waco, Texas, October 30 through 31, 2026. Lions leaders from across Texas are encouraged to mark their calendars and participate in this important gathering.

Along with meetings and leadership discussions, the event will feature a reception, fellowship, networking opportunities, great information, and a Halloween Costume Contest with prizes. The Waco gathering promises to combine Lions leadership and fellowship with a fun Halloween atmosphere.

2-X1 Lions join Texas State Fair Parade

Dallas, Texas, Lions District 2-X1 proudly participated in the Texas State Fair Opening Day Parade on Friday, September 25, 2026, at historic Fair Park in Dallas.

Several Lions, led by District Governor Gary Vineyard, First Vice District Governor Dr. Nia MacKay, and Past District Governor Darla Wisdom, joined the celebration, showcasing Lions' spirit of service, leadership, and community involvement.



The State Fair of Texas, a tradition dating back to 1886, runs for 24 days through Sunday, October 18, 2026, featuring cultural celebrations, agricultural exhibits, entertainment, and family activities.

Irving DFW Indian Lions Club to host Charity Night

Irving DFW Indian Lions Club will host Charity Night 2026 on Saturday, October 10, at 5:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church Ministry Center Auditorium, 420 S. Heartz Road, Coppell.

The fundraising event will feature live music, cultural dances, magic performances, and dinner. A $50 donation per person will support heart attack awareness, Primary Care Clinic of Texas, and local community health and wellness initiatives. Lions and community supporters are invited to participate.

GLT Chair Announces Zoom Officer Training Sessions



Lions District 2-X1 Global Leadership Team (GLT) Chair, Past District Governor Fred Conger, has scheduled three Zoom training sessions for club officers in October 2026.

The sessions will be held on October 13 for Club Secretaries, October 15 for Club Presidents, and October 20 for Club Treasurers. Officers who have not yet completed their required training are encouraged to attend these Zoom sessions or complete the Officer Learning Paths courses available through LEARN in the Lions Portal before the October 31 deadline.

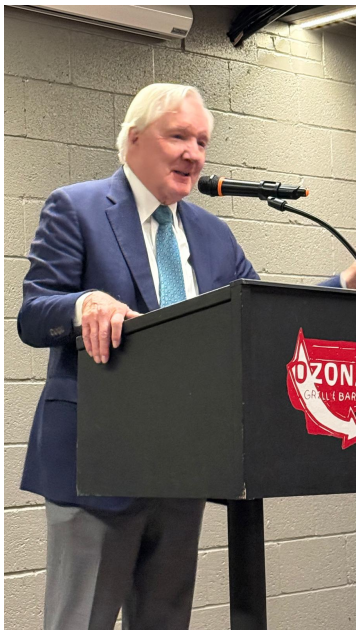
These training opportunities aim to strengthen leadership skills, improve club administration, and prepare officers to serve their clubs and communities effectively.

Dallas Founder Lions Club Celebrates 110 Years of Service

Dallas Founder Lions Club proudly celebrated its 110th anniversary on September 22, 2026, at Ozona Bar & Grill, honoring more than a century of leadership, fellowship, and dedicated community service.



Texas State Representative John Bryant, House District 114, delivered the keynote address. District Governor Gary Vineyard, Past Council Chairs John Eads and John Landrum, First Vice District Governor Dr. Nia MacKay, Second Vice District Governor Joseph Kyle, several Past District Governors, and fellow Lions attended the historic celebration.



Serving the Dallas community for 110 remarkable years, the club continues to grow rapidly in membership and service activities, strengthening its legacy of compassion, leadership, and community impact for future generations.

Lions and their Youth Wings join Keep Irving Beautiful Trash Bash

Lions District 2-X1, Dallas Everest Lions Club, Irving Everest Centennial Lions Club, its Leo Club, Cub Club members participated in the City of Irving's Annual Trash Bash, organized by Keep Irving Beautiful (KIB) at T.W. Richardson Grove Park.

Lions District 2-X1 Global Membership Team Chair Rajendra Kunwar, Past District Environment Chair Surya Bhandari, along with several Lions, Leos, Cubs, and their families, joined the community cleanup effort.

Volunteers collected trash and recyclable materials, demonstrating teamwork, youth engagement, and a shared commitment to environmental protection, one of Lions International's eight global causes, while helping keep Irving clean, green, and beautiful.



Lions deliver 224 Pounds of Eyeglasses to Texas Recycling Center

Lion Lilia Caswell and a fellow Lion delivered 224 pounds of used eyeglasses to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in



Midland on Wednesday. The SUV was packed with donated glasses, mostly sorted into single vision, sunglasses, bifocals, and broken eyeglasses.

As Lions International's Vision Service Week begins October 8–18, 2026, Lions are launching eyeglass collection efforts to promote vision care and help provide the gift of sight to people in need around the world.

Wylie Lions and Leos Unite for National Night Out

Wylie Evening Lions Club and Wylie East Leo Club joined together at National Night Out at Olde City Park, celebrating community spirit, fellowship, and service. Lions and Leos enjoyed connecting with local residents while demonstrating their commitment to serving the community. Special thanks to the Wylie Police Department for organizing this wonderful event and bringing the community together.



Lions, Leos, Cubs and Community Volunteers at Build Beds in Irving





















- 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



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District 2-X1

OCTOBER 2026

WEEK OF VISION!
HOW ARE YOU ADRESSING VISION IN YOUR CLUB?

BRING YOUR EYEGLASSES TO THE CABINET MEETING AND MAKE SURE YOU COUNT THAT AS A SERVICE PROJECT TO GET CREDIT!

District Service Calendar:

- October 8: VISION week
- October 17: Cabinet Mtg

Club of the Month:
Wylie Lions and Leos!
For their work addressing Environment



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2-X1 Encourages Youth Participation in Peace Poster Contest

Lions District 2-X1 encourages all Lions clubs to engage local schools and young artists in the 2026–2027 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, themed "Harmony in Humanity."

This annual competition invites children ages 11–13 to express their vision of peace through creative artwork while promoting friendship, understanding, and global harmony.

Participating clubs must submit their winning posters to the District Governor by November 15, 2026. The international grand prize winner receives $5,000, while 23 merit award winners receive $500 each.

Lions to celebrate LCIF support for Hunger Relief on October 18

October 18, 2026, will be a special day of appreciation at Faith at Work Ministries, recognizing the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for its generous financial support toward purchasing a new refrigerated trailer and forklift to strengthen local hunger relief efforts.



Lions District 2-X1 leadership team is planning to participate and volunteer in this special service event on October 18, demonstrating its continued commitment to fighting hunger and supporting families in need.

Faith at Work Ministries serves families every Sunday from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM at 6004 Ashley Road, Kemp, Texas. Community members and Lions volunteers help prepare and distribute food boxes, providing essential assistance to neighbors facing food insecurity.

Coppell Lions Club to host Halloween-Themed Charity Fundraiser

Coppell Lions Club will host its exciting "Boo-quet of Wines" Charity Fundraiser on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Frontier of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas.

The Halloween-themed evening will feature wine tastings, festive entertainment, and community fellowship, bringing supporters together for a meaningful cause.

Tickets are $50 per person, with proceeds supporting Coppell Lions Club's charitable initiatives and community service projects. Lions, friends, and community members are invited to enjoy a spooky evening while making a positive difference.

Century Club: Your Very Personal Connection to TLC

From groceries and gasoline to insurance and utilities, everything seems to cost more these days! Those rising costs impact individuals and families, as well as organizations like Texas Lions Camp. While interest earned off the camp's endowment and trust funds help pay for operations, those monies also are used to finance new construction and repay the loans.

Individual Lions support TLC through the voluntary dues clubs choose to pay, and many clubs also contribute to TLC through their districts' 100 percent charities. This support is greatly appreciated, and vital to the camp's finances.

Individual Lions can go "all in" for TLC by participating in the Century Club, which exclusively supports camp operations, helping to offset the ever-increasing cost of operations.



To coincide with the camp's 75th anniversary in 2024, then Chairman Tom Blase created a campaign to encourage Lions to become Century Club members. He asked Lions to consider signing up – the Bronze entry level costs $100 per year. For those Century Club members who had experienced a lapse in support, he asked them to "catch up" by making additional contributions to cover the time period(s) they had missed. And, he encouraged all Century Club members to considering stepping up to the next level of contributions. For example, Bronze members could increase their contribution to $250 per year and become Silver members. Gold is a $500 annual contribution; Diamond, $1,000; and Ambassador, $5,000.

TLC currently has 703 Century Club members, while Texas has 21,000 Lions. **Less than 3.5 percent of Texas Lions are Century Club members**, and more than half of them contribute at the Bronze Level. Texas Lions, can't we do better?

Individuals can make one-time contributions to Century Club by check or online using a credit card. Although TLC no longer is able to initiate monthly bank drafts, you can work with your bank to set up a monthly or quarterly payment to TLC from your bank account. Alternatively, you can set up a recurring payment to TLC on your personal credit card. This approach protects your confidential bank and credit card information while making it easy to give to TLC.

For those Lions who must take a Required Minimum Distribution from retirement accounts once they reach a certain age, a Qualified Charitable Distribution is a way to transfer money from an Individual Retirement Account to an eligible charity without the distribution counting as taxable income. You can designate that TLC use your QCD for a Century Club membership at any level. A QCD counts dollar-for-dollar toward satisfying your RMD, lowering your taxable income.

We want to encourage you to sign up for Century Club if you aren't already a member. If your membership lapsed at some point, please "catch up." And, please consider "stepping up" to the next level, perhaps using a Qualified Charitable Distribution as the financing mechanism.

As TLC ramps up for a robust 2027 camping season, we know costs will have increased. Century Club is a great way for Lions to help TLC ensure that our special children have an awesome camping experience. Let's get more Lions going "all the way" for Texas Lions Camp and the children we serve!

This column is being provided monthly by Chairman Ken Jobe and Immediate Past Chairman Ann Ward.

**New clubs chartered after January 1, 2027, are not eligible for the award.*

Club Excellence Award criteria

Membership:

- Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members, whichever is greater. (Reinstated members and charter members above the minimum 20 members will qualify.)
  OR
- Sponsored a new Lions club or Club Branch

Service:

- Report a minimum of four (4) service activities.
  (Three (3) must align with our Global Causes around Youth, Vision and Environment (one in each Global Cause) these service projects can be completed throughout the 2026-2027 Lion year.)

Leadership & Organizational Excellence:

- Clubs in Good Standing: not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. Club dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US$50 outstanding 90 days or more.
- Report newly elected club officers for the 2027-2028 Lions year in the Lion Portal by May 15, 2027, of the current Lions year.
- Club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) to attend instructor-led club officer training (in person or virtual), organized and reported in Learn by GLT coordinator, between March 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served in that role more than two consecutive years.
- 10% of the club's members complete any three (3) courses in the Lions Learning Center.

LCIF:

Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total at the start of the 2026-2027 Lion year multiplied by US$20.

District, Region and Zone criteria

For the District, Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson, 50% of the clubs must earn the club excellence award for them to receive this award.

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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.



