

LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 2-T1

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Hello Lions of District 2-T1,

The first quarter of my 2019-2020 Lions year has really sped by. As your District Governor, I have been visiting my district clubs and still have several left to go. My goal is to have all club visits completed by Thanksgiving. It has been fun to see the different character and characters in each club.

If you or your club needs help from the district leadership, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us. We look forward to this quarter of our 2019-2020 year.

My focus for this quarter is the Texas Foundation, Panhandle Foundation, and Lions Cub International Foundation. As Lions, we have been challenged by LCIF to raise \$300 million over 3 years. LCIF has completed year one of the campaign and met their \$100 million goal plus more. Each Lion has been asked to consider giving \$100 per year for 3 years to meet this goal. Your donation can be paid monthly, quarterly, or annually for 3 years or as a one-time payment of \$300. If each Lion commits, this goal is easily reachable. Please give this challenge serious consideration. Forms are available on-line at Lions International or by calling PDG Ryan Hodge, PDG Don Max Vars, or myself.

There are many opportunities for service this quarter with all of the activities planned. Yesterday, we held the Fall Cabinet Meeting in Canadian. **Thanks, again, Canadian Lions for hosting this event! Great Job!** Rapidly approaching is the Centennial Celebration for the Downtown Amarillo Lions Club which will be held on November 1st. See the district website for more information and to register. Without a doubt, it will be a fun evening!

On November 1st & 2nd our district is hosting the State Fall Council of Governors Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Amarillo. The Council of Governors, along with the individual councils and various committees, will meet during the day on Friday. Saturday morning is the Council Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending by 11:00 a.m. or so, and all Lions are welcome to attend.

The week of November 3rd-8th Nancy VanAlstine will be leading a New Club Build in the NE Heights area of Amarillo. If you are able to assist with this incredible opportunity, come on and have some fun as we build a new club.

On Sunday afternoon, November 10th at 1:30 p.m., we will hold our Annual Coat & Shoe Project at Kohl's in Amarillo. **Come out and shop with the kids from Boys Ranch. Only with our Lion and Leo volunteer shoppers is this project successful!** Listed below are more dates that you may want to put in your calendar.

I have talked with many individuals and clubs about hosting vision screenings for your communities and/or schools. If you would like to schedule a date for someone to come to your town, go to the district website at lionsdistrict2-t1.com for contact numbers of eyebank board members. They will be happy to serve alongside their fellow Lions!

I have one other special request that needs your urgent attention. As you know, last year we had many communities in South Texas who received flood damage to homes and businesses. During that time, at least 4 of our districts received grants from LCIF and the Texas Foundation to help flood victims. With the recent storms in South Texas, I currently have 2 District Governors whose communities have been flooded again. Many people who had just returned to their homes have been displaced again. Both of these District Governors will be in Amarillo attending the Council of Governors Meeting on November 1-2. I would be honored to present each of them with a check from our district members. Specifically, I am asking each club/member in my district to give \$10 or more per member for us to share with our Lion communities in South Texas. Our district has a big heart! I know this is short notice, but I also know this gift will be greatly appreciated. We Serve!

In Service,

Dan Shuman
District Governor of "The Top District in Texas"

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IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES

UPCOMING CABINET MEETINGS

- **January 24, 2020** – Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting & District Sweetheart Contest (Amarillo Downtown hosting)
- **April 24-25, 2020** – District 2-T1 Convention (Canyon Lions hosting)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- **Fall MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting** – November 1-2, 2019 at Embassy Suites in Amarillo
- **Amarillo Downtown Centennial Celebration Steakout** – November 1, 2019 in Amarillo
- **1st New Club Build Week** – November 3-8, 2019
- **District Coat & Shoe Project** – November 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at Kohl's
- **2nd New Club Build Week** – January 12-17, 2020
- **State Convention** – May 14-16, 2020 in Longview
- **International Convention** – June 26-30, 2020 in Singapore

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

To qualify, the Club must further the objectives of the Association, adhere to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws and Policies, and meet each requirement noted below during the fiscal year.

Submit the following requirements along with the Club name, number, 2019-2020 President's Name, their Member Number, and Zone to the District Governor prior to September 1, 2020.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Club must be in good standing with District, State and Lions Clubs International.
2. Conduct at least three (3) Service Projects. (Please furnish date and activity.)
3. Contributions: The Club must have paid the Governor's 100% Voluntary Contributions.
4. Membership: The Club must achieve a net growth in membership of 7 members or 10%, whichever is greater. This may include Branch Clubs if applicable. The new members attend an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions Club.
5. Communication: Please explain briefly how the Club service activities were published: Newspaper articles, Public Service Announcements, and other forms of local media.
6. Leadership Development: All officer positions were filled in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws by qualified Lions. A majority of the Club officers Participated in leadership training programs at the Zone, District, State, or International level and Club was represented at Zone meetings.
7. Club Development: The Club has hosted regular and meaningful Club Meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report. The Service Activity Report and the Club Officer Report (PU101) must be submitted in a timely manner.
8. One shipment of used eyeglasses sent to:
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, 2550 Flynt, Midland, TX 79702
9. Three (3) or more members attend two (2) or more District Cabinet Meetings.
10. Club Meetings include at least four (4) Programs on Lions Charities.

GOVERNOR'S 100% VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each District Governor establishes a list of Lions charities deemed to be worthy of club consideration for contributions. These are voluntary and not considered part of the club dues structure. A club should consider any or all of the recommendations after all local needs have been determined.

At the Lions' year end, all 100% clubs will be awarded a banner patch in recognition of their voluntary contributions.

Separate checks should be written to each charity. The checks should be sent to District 2-T1 Cabinet Treasurer, Kevin Cox, 1025 Sterling, Amarillo, TX 79110 or presented at a district cabinet meeting or convention.

Contributions will be recorded and checks forwarded to respective charities.

| <u>Charity</u> | <u>Amount Per Member</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Leader Dog School | \$1.00 |
| Lions Club International Foundation | \$1.00 |
| Lions Eye Bank of District 2-T1 | \$1.00 |
| World Services for the Blind | \$1.00 |
| Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation | \$2.00 |
| Texas Lions Camp | \$10.00 |
| Texas Lions Camp Transportation Fund | \$5.00 |
| Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center | \$1.00 |
| Texas Lions Foundation | <u>\$2.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$24.00 |

A 100% Club will donate \$24.00 per member and must include Texas Lions Camp as a part of their donation.

Clubs which wish to honor individual members may donate to one or more of these memorial categories in the name of the honoree:

Texas Lions Foundation:

Texas Lions Fellow - \$500

Texas Lions Camp:

Century Club - \$10 per month per member

Life Membership - \$100 per honoree (\$125 with plaque)

Jack Welch Fellow - \$1,000

Jack King Fellow - Donation made through Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation
(Proceeds benefit Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund)

Lions Eye Bank:

Life Membership - \$100

Omar Hermesmeier Award - \$250

Century Club - \$10

Lions Club International Foundation:

Melvin Jones Fellow - \$1,000

Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation:

Jimmy Ross Fellow - \$500

Lynn Cherry Fellow - \$250

Jack King Fellow - \$500

Jack King Fellow - \$600 (Includes Paving Stone at Texas Lions Camp)