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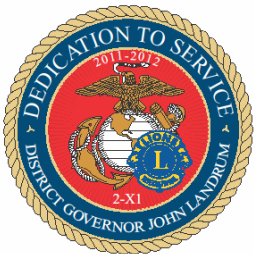


DG John Landrum

Six months have come and gone since this Lion's year began. The time has passed very quickly, as it always seems to when you stay busy. Thank you for the honor to serve as your District Governor. We should all take pride in the good work done so far this year. However, for those who serve the job is never done. There is much to do in the next six months of this year.

Snowball Express activities were held in Dallas from December 9th through the 13th. To all of the Lions who have worked with Snowball Express, from those who were involved with planning and direct contact with the families, to all of the many volunteers who worked the events each of the three years they came to Dallas, I want to congratulate each of you on a job very well done. We owe these families more than we can ever adequately repay. Your efforts in helping Snowball Express achieve their goal of creating hope and new memories for the children and families of our fallen military heroes will not soon be forgotten. The Lions who participated have shown a true dedication to service...service with purpose...service with heart, and I sincerely thank you.

Mid-Winter Conference will be held on **Saturday, January 14, 2012**, in Waxahachie at Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU). I look forward to seeing a great turnout from the Lions of District 2-X1. We are scheduled to have presentations from the State Public Relations Chair Lion Jim Weed. Each Club is encouraged to bring examples of how they promote their Club in the communities they serve. We will also have a presentation from Trish Wilson of the Texas Lions Camp on all of the exciting things happening at the Camp in which all of the Lions in Texas play an important role. Mike Lee will make a presentation about the differences in the generations and the changes that are taking place as the older generations give way to younger generations who often have different ideas and ways of doing things. We will also have training sessions for Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. This will be an abbreviated version of the training we do in June each year, but the presenters will be there to answer questions and provide information that should be useful and of interest to all of the Club officers in the District. We will also have all of the entries sent in for the Peace Poster Contest and the Environmental Photo Contest on display, and will officially announce the District winners of those contests, whose entries have been sent on to the State level contest. The Club level winners of the Student Speech and Outstanding Youth Contests will also compete in the District level contests to be held during the Conference.



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KEN'S KORNER

with 1st VDG Ken Gleason
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I hope that all of the Lions in our district had a wonderful Christmas holiday, and a safe, happy New Year's Eve celebration. As you read this article, we will be starting the second half of this Lion Year.

Many Lions in our district volunteered with the Snowball Express last month, and from all reports the event was a huge success again this year. Congratulations to PDG Carolyn Dorman and PDG Mark Dean for their leadership involving the Lions with Snowball Express.

For those of you that missed the cooking of pancakes at the White Rock Marathon, you missed a really good time. The weather was lousy, but we were under a tent cover and knocked out one big bunch of pancakes. I had the honor of sharing a grill with Lion Darla, and once we got our system down, we were cooking 15 pancakes at a time. DG John Landrum and many other Lions were also cooking. I hope that we're invited back again next year!

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Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

—Helen Keller

Words of Wisdom



by 2nd VDG Darla Wisdom
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Hope everyone in District 2-X1 had a wonderful holiday, with tinsel, lights, good rich food, family, friends and the spirit of generosity. We began the month of December with a call for volunteers to help the Young Lawyers Association flip, cook and serve 80,000 pancakes at Fair Park on a very rainy, cold Sunday at Fair Park in conjunction with the running of the White Rock Marathon. Even though there was no Guinness World Book of Records broken, the event was still a lot of fun for the brave Lions that managed to make it to the event. You came at my request on very short notice and I appreciated your dedication. Even if you volunteered but just couldn't risk injury or sickness to be rained on for hours, I still thank you for signing up. Honestly, I believe this is a record that COULD be broken if we truly set our minds and strong backs to the task, but that's a subject for another day. I would like to give a shout out to the clubs that had participating members: *Dallas Oak Cliff LC, Plano Early LC, Richardson Midday LC and Waxahachie LC*. Other club members that volunteered but chose not to risk life, limb or pneumonia were *Dallas White Rock LC, Lancaster LC, Seagoville Sunset LC, and Plano New Millennium LC*. There may be others I left out because of my early departure brought on by slopping hot-as-fire oil on my thumb. If I accidentally left you off the list, please correct me and I'll do a make-up muster next month.

Less than one week later, we were stuffing goodie bags for the Snowball Express families, checking them into the hotel and showing every child for the last time a big, friendly Dallas. From all accounts, it was a smashing success but I'll let PDG Carolyn Dorman give the details.

After Snowball Express, it seemed every day of the week and weekend were spent having club parties, work celebrations and last-minute shopping. I'm positive there were several clubs in our district that helped out needy families with food, gifts and/or cash during the last few days before Christmas. Please share those with us by e-mailing details and pictures of your favorites to me and I'll share with them with everyone in the next issue of the *Lions Link*.

DON'T FORGET MID-WINTER CONFERENCE – SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012 – THIS MAYBE THE VERY BEST ONE EVER!! REGISTER TODAY WITHOUT DELAY!!

Here's wishing you a Happy, Prosperous & Healthy New Year!

“District Governor remarks” (cont’d from page 1)

The Charter Night for the new Hutchins Lions Club will be held Saturday, January 28th. Past International Director Beverly Stebbins from Arlington will be the guest speaker. Look for the announcement in this issue of the *Lions Link* and sign up to attend as we welcome these new Lions into the District 2-X1 family.

During the month of December, I visited with the members of the Italy Lions Club at their annual pancake breakfast with Santa; worked with a group of cold and wet Lion volunteers at Fair Park during the White Rock Marathon to cook pancakes as part of a fundraising effort for the Scottish Rite Hospital; attended Christmas parties with the board of the District 2-X1 Lions Sight & Tissue Foundation, and members of the Richardson Host, Richardson Midday, and Waxahachie Lions Clubs; worked registration for Snowball Express; made my official visit to the Lancaster Lions Club; and was part of a group of Lions who loaded and delivered a large U-Haul truck load and another trailer full of recycled eyeglasses to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) in Midland.

I enjoy serving with the Lions of District 2-X1 as we work together in our efforts to provide service in the communities in our District. Thank you for a great six months and please continue your “Dedication to Service...Service with Purpose... Service with Heart.”

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

JANUARY 2012

5: Wylie Evening

9: Richardson Host

10: DeSoto

12: Wylie

Caddo Mills (Prospective Club)

**14: Mid-Winter Conference/
3rd Cabinet Meeting**

23: Carrollton Evening

25: Mabank Cedar Creek

28: Hutchins Charter Night

FEBRUARY 2012

**2-4: Council of Governors
Meeting in Kerrville**

13: Dallas White Rock

17: Dallas Founder

“Ken’s Korner” (cont’d from page 2)

I would like to express my appreciation to the Dallas South Lions Club and the Terrell Lions Club for the warm reception both clubs gave to me when I visited. Both of these clubs are busy with several activities.

Moving forward, please plan to attend the District 2-X1 Mid Winter Conference in Waxahachie, TX on **January 14, 2012**. There will be training sessions (refreshers) for club officers, as well as other activities. I understand that there are going to be some surprise announcements as well.

All clubs working on the Club Excellence Process should be finalizing their reports in preparation for the January Executive Council. If you have any questions, there is still time to contact PDG Carolyn Dorman, Lion Kathleen Tyre, or me.

Thank you to all of the Lions that have made this Lion Year such a huge success. Our district is very active, we are growing our membership, and we’re traveling in a direction that will make Lions Clubs International very proud of all of us. I’m sincere when I say that District 2-X1 is way ahead of the other districts in this state!

Isn’t it great to be a Lion?

THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

Lions know how to cook. Lions know how to deliver food boxes or sell raffle tickets. Lions know how to put on a talent show, or paint someone's house, or build a park. Lions know how to organize a trip to Kerrville to deliver children to camp and how to collect glasses (etc. etc. etc.). That's why we can always get a group of Lions together to make all of these wonderful service and fund raising projects happen.

However, although we are Knights of the Blind, most Lions know very little about vision and refractive optometry. That's one major reason why so few clubs or districts are willing to set up regular adult or child eye screenings in their Districts, or set up a sorting and reading (of used glasses) program, or go on a mission to help the Lions Clubs in developing nations set up eye programs. The long and the short of it is that most people don't get involved in something because they fear the unknown. In this case, the long and the short of it is **they don't know the long and the short of it!**

I'll explain that in just a minute.

Not knowing much about how the eye works and, therefore, not understanding refractive optics and the tools/machines used by professionals to determine the refractive status of the eye always caused me a little trepidation about helping someone find a used pair of glasses that was near to their actual need. That's why TLERC offers its monthly "Visual Screening Course" (starts the Thursday before the 3rd Saturday each month in Midland at TLERC). You need to call ahead to get a reservation for the class, but once you and a few of your fellow Lions go through this, you can bring a wonderful service to the poor adults in your community or District.

The course takes you from the basic anatomy and physiology of the eye, to the clinical system used to set up an adult eye screening, to how to use all of the equipment in the screening "lane", to finding a pair that most nearly fits the person's need. The class ends on Saturday with a practical clinical exercise (i.e. the students help TLERC and the Midland area Lions Clubs with their monthly adult clinic on Saturday morning before they head back home). Once I understood how the eye works and what goes wrong that makes things "fuzzy", it was pretty easy for me to understand the refractive optics used in glasses. For example, a camera and the eye are very similar. The light through the lens has to focus on a specific spot or the picture is fuzzy. With the camera when objects are too fuzzy, we can mechanically adjust the focal length of the lens so it focuses on the film. We can't really do much to change the focal length in our eyes, especially as we get older. So if the light coming through our lens falls in front of the retina (called nearsightedness or myopia) or focuses behind the retina (called farsightedness or hyperopia) things are out of focus. This may happen because the eyeball is too **long** (nearsighted) or too **short** (farsighted). So by using different shapes and thicknesses of lenses, a pair of glasses redirects the light so that it focuses further back (correcting nearsightedness) or closer (correcting farsightedness).

This may be oversimplified and not 100% technically accurate, but it sure helps me understand what I am trying to do when pulling glasses, or getting a reading on a lensometer, focometer or autorefractor. If you come to TLERC's classes it will help you "to serve".....**and that's the Long and the Short of it!**

Tom Blase, VDG 2-A1
TLERC Promotions Director



A SNOWBALL EXPRESS THANK YOU!

Snowball Express was a great success again this year! We had 1650 family members of fallen heroes that came to Dallas on American Airlines. All the Snowball kids had so much fun. They were meeting up with old friends and making new ones, too. Everyone who participated had a great and memorable time.

Every Lion volunteer really outdid themselves; Lions know how to get things done! We want to thank each one of you. This has been a great project and one that makes these deserving children so happy. We also want to extend a thank you to each of you who came and stuffed the goodie bags.

Thank you again and we wish each of you a Happy New Year!

PDG Carolyn Dorman and PDG Mark Dean



HUTCHINS LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Join us for Dinner, Silent Auction, and *Fun* !!

Adesa Auto Auction

3501 Lancaster – Hutchins Road

\$15.00 per person (B – B – Q dinner)

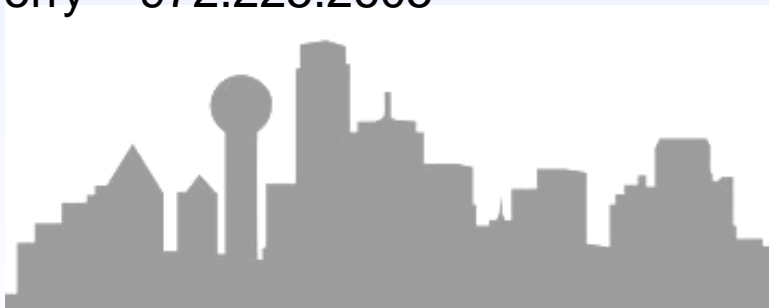
Sponsored tables available at \$150.00
(Includes program recognition)

RSVP by January 25th to: fgmce@yahoo.com

For more information contact:

Lion Frank McElligott – 972.225.3407

Lion Steve Perry – 972.225.2605





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Brodie Zenner, Camper 2011

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August 2, 2012

8:00 am Shotgun Start

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Fredericksburg, TX

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associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s).

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail to: Gary Sult, 2-E1
1424 Highland View Dr.
Stephenville, TX 76401-9676



DISTRICT 2-XI NEW MEMBER ROUND-UP!

Cedar Hill

Constance Ramirez
Casey Stone

Dallas Filipino

Shieryl Bryan

Dallas Indian

Suraj Demla
Satish Shah
Sandeep Srivastava

Ennis Host

Nick Mosley

Ferris

Walter Weiss

Hutchins

Ronald Jenkins
William Patterson
Diana Rose

Palmer

Wesley Seeton

Richardson Midday

Byron Gibbs

Seagoville Sunset

Reggie Clark
Colby Graham





Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2011-12 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- *Protecting our future with trees*: Photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. **January 15, 2012** is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2012** is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org



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District 2-X1 deadline for submitting a photo is **Thursday, January 5th, 2012.** Please mail entries to Lion Kimberley Wheeler.

MAIL:
Royse City Lions
PO BOX 816
Royse City, TX 75189

FedEx/UPS/LoneStar
My Work
Attn: Kimberley
Wheeler
642 US HWY 80 E
Sunnyvale, TX 75189

District 2-X1 Mid-Winter

Conference

Hosted by the
Waxahachie
Lions Club

SAGU—Schaeffer Building
1200 Sycamore
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

January 14, 2012
Starts at 8:00 a.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 8:00-8:30 a.m.** Registration
Breakfast beverages/snacks
Club Public Relations Display Area Opens
- 8:30 a.m.** Call to Order
- 9:00-11:00 a.m.** Public Relations MD-2 State Chair Jim Weed
Global Leadership Team Announcement
"Generations-Are You Ready for the Changes?"
Texas Lions Camp Presentation
- 11:00 a.m.-Noon** Breakout Sessions
—District LEO Program
—World Services for the Blind
—Club Officer Training
—Student Speaker Contest
—Outstanding Youth Contest
- Noon-1:30 p.m.** Lunch in the SAGU Campus Cafeteria
- 1:30-3:30 p.m.** 3rd Cabinet Meeting

REGISTRATION & FEE

\$10.00 Checks payable to: *District 2-X1*
Mail to: Cabinet Secretary Tommie Worthy
P.O. Box 581
Waxahachie, Texas 75168

****Please mail registration before January 6, 2012****

Name of Lions Club: _____

Attendees:

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Besides coffee and snacks, lunch will be served in the SAGU Campus Cafeteria. A variety of food options will be available.

Lions of District 2-X1:

I hope you have signed up to be at the Mid-Winter Conference. There will be an announcement that all Lions will want to be a part of. We would like to encourage every Lion from our district to be in Waxahachie on **January 14, 2012**. Let's make our District Governor proud!

Hope to see you on January 14, 2012 at the SAGU campus in Waxahachie.

PDG Carolyn Dorman
Global Leadership Team Coordinator



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IRVING
NOON DAY
LEND'S A
HAND AT
CHRISTMAS

The Lions of Irving Noon Day Lions Club sponsored two different families in need this Christmas. The first family was a situation where a grandmother has custody of her two grandsons; she is on a limited income with social security. The club members purchased clothing and toys for the children as well as giving the grandmother a gift card to Wal-Mart for other needs. The second family was one that was recommended to the club by the elementary school it sponsors. The picture above is of Lion Gloria Agyemang, also a Wal-Mart employee, helping check out the sponsored family. This family has also benefited from the club's donation of shoes, backpacks and winter coats to the elementary school in the past.

Submitted by Lion Karen Murray

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