

BEACON



From Governor John Cole

As the Lions year comes to an end Pat and I had the honor of attending the Edgewood Lions Club installation dinner on June 16th. While PCC Michael Rourke was the



inducting office I had the honor of sitting beside the District Queen during dinner. She is a very interesting young lady and I'm sure she



will represent our district well. I also had the privilege of inducting their newest Lion Joe Pena (seated with his sponsor Lion Mickey

Warner). IPDG Glenn and wife Donna were



attended and the Governor gave his end of the year report. CEO of the LSRF Lion Jim Wheeler presented a



LSRF fellowship to 2nd VDG Richard Keilholz Queen Angelek Marler thanked the Edgewood



Lions along with the Lions of the District for



2-A2 District Governor Lion John Cole and his Partner in Service Lion Pat

holding the Queens contest. She went on to tell what winning the



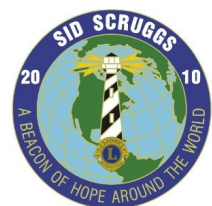
contest meant to her and encouraged us to continue with this con-

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From Governor John Cole

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test. June 19th we attended our home club installations with PDG James Long as the installing offi-



cer. As he installed the new board he challenged them to continue the outstanding work that the Del Rio Host Lions Club



is known for. PDG's James Long, Manny Carrillo and I were honored by our club with a Cornerstone Club membership in the Texas Lions Foundation. Outgoing President Glenn Purvis selected Lion Todd Townsend as



Lion of the year. Lion Todd is a very hard working Lion and well deserves the award. But I have to ask, who selects a **Tail Twister** for this award? Pat Cole was chosen as Cub of the Year. Incoming

President John Hyten congratulates outgoing President Glenn



Purvis on the completion of his

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From Governor John Cole

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year. June 21st we attended the Del Rio Pride Leo's installation and June 22nd we left for training and the International convention in Sydney Australia.

As we start a new Lions year we need to work hard to turn the membership program around. We ended last year in the minus even with all the work Governor Glenn did to try and prevent it. Membership should be a concern of all Lions of the district. Retention also needs to be a big part of the membership program. We need to work to keep the Lions we have as we bring new Lions in. We can start 10 new clubs with 20 members each but if we don't retain the members we already have and lose

250 of our current members we will end up with a minus again. This year I am not setting any membership goal for the clubs of the district but will set a goal for the district to be at 2000 members by this time next year and be on way back to over 3000 Lions in the District. With the help of all Lions we can meet this goal. It sounds like a large number, but we were at 1762 the end of May and 12 months prior to that we were at 1816. If we can bring in 238 new lions while retaining the current membership we will make the 2000 member mark. The 238 number breaks down to approximate 4 new members per club. I believe that there are four prospective new members in every community in our district and if we work together we will achieve this goal. I have asked

PDG **Ernesto** "TJ" Tijerina to head our extension and retention committee. We will be looking at forming new clubs in Boerne, Comstock, Camp Wood, Rocksprings and UTAHSC, while bringing Bandera back. PDG **Ernesto** also has some others in mind he will share with you later. If you know of an area that would be good to form a new club please let PDG TJ or myself know. We will be glad to work with you to make it happen. Pat and I will return from Australia July 4th let the fireworks begin. I will be available to visit clubs after that. Please let me know if there is a date you would like for me to visit.

- Governor John Cole

*Make plans now to attend the
First Cabinet Meeting in
Kerrville July 17.*

*Bring all interested
Lions, and don't forget to...*



From First Vice District Governor Howie Marbach

The new Lions year is already upon us, and we want to congratulate Governor Glenn and his partner-in-service Donna, along with all those Lions that helped them make it such a great year.

We know that the end of one thing, regardless of how good it was, also, brings the beginning of something new; and District Governor John has provided us with three MERLOT Leadership Training opportunities on April 10, May 29, and June 26 (in San Antonio, Helotes, and Uvalde) to help us all to become better Lions and Leaders. There will be another on July 17, 2010 in Kerrville at 8:30 to 11:00 AM,

before the first District 2-A2 Cabinet Meeting for 2010-2011. These meetings are open to all who wish to learn more about Lionism and sharpen their leadership skills. Remember the attendance at the MERLOT Leadership training is one of the requirements for the coveted "Club President's Excellent Award" and the "100% Club Secretary District Award".

Also, we had the opportunity to attend the Texas Lions Camp VIP Weekend on June 18 and 19, 2010. The attendance of this terrific meeting, presented by Stephen Mabry and his great staff, again reminded us why it is called the "Jewel of Texas Lionism". We had some great experi-

ences we would like to share with you when we see you.

This is all for now, but if we can be of any help, whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do whatever I can. Remember we are part of a great big Lions Team, because Together - Everyone - Achieves - More.

If you have any suggestions on how the District can better serve/help every Lion and each club, please contact us. I look forward to seeing you at the first District Cabinet meeting in Kerrville.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Howie

Reasons to Attend the Lions Clubs International Convention

- Meet and network with Lions from around the globe – an opportunity not fully provided by multiple district conventions and regional forums
- Explore a different city and/or country to learn about its people, traditions and culture
- Enjoy exciting plenary sessions and entertainment with a universal appeal
- Attend educational seminars addressing a variety of issues concerning Lions and service
- Visit with old friends and make new ones
- Voice your opinions on the future of the association by voting for officers, directors and changes to the constitution and by-laws

The 2011 Lions Clubs International Convention will take place in [Seattle, Washington, USA](#). Located in the northwest corner of the continental United States, the city of Seattle is world renowned for many things from Starbucks to Microsoft. Nestled between the Olympic and Cascade mountains, and Mt. Rainier, Seattle is known for its breathtaking scenery.

District 2-A2 Cabinet Meeting Agenda

July 17, 2010

TEXAS LIONS CAMP, KERRVILLE

FRIENDSHIP FELLOWSHIP SERVICE *A BEACON of Hope*

08:30-1030	MERLOT training	Rec. Hall
10:00-1100	Registration	Picnic Area
11:00-12:00	Bar-B-Q Lunch (Park @ Rec. Hall)	Picnic Area
	Blessing	District Chaplain Blankenship
	Recreation Hall	
12:00-12:10	Opening and Welcome	DG John Cole
	Pledge	2 nd VDG Richard Keilholz
	Opening song	Region VII Chair Nancy Hosek
	Invocation	Chaplin Blankenship
12:10-12:20	Introduction of Guest	VDG Howie Marbach
12:20-12:30	Final Reports	IPDG Glenn Burns
12:30-12:35	District Convention Minutes	Lion Alice Lopez
12:35-12:40	Financial Report (2009-2010)	Lion Marilyn Weed
12:40- 1:00	Cabinet Installation (2010-2011)	PCC Mike Rourke
1:00 - 1:10	BREAK	
1:10 - 1:15	Governors' Acceptance and Goals	DG John Cole
1:15 - 1:20	Cabinet Secretary Comments	Lion LaJuana Newman-Leus
1:20 - 1:25	Budget and Depository	Lion Marilyn Weed
1:25 - 1:35	Retention and Extension	PDG TJ Tijerina
1:35 - 1:40	Texas Lions Foundation	PDG Dr. John Seale
1:40 - 1:45	District Youth Contest	PDG Raymond H. Conner Jr.
1:45 - 1:50	Texas Lions Camp	Lion Trish Wilson
1:50 - 2:00	Tail Twisters and Pin Sales	Lions Wendy, Harry and Dave
2:00 - 2:10	BREAK	
2:10 - 2:15	Sight Research Foundation Report	Chairman Lion Jim Weed
2:15 - 2:20	District Web-Master	Lion Jim Weed
2:20 - 2:25	District Newsletter	Lion Wendy Van Winkle
2:25 - 2:30	Announcements	DG John Cole
2:30 - 2:35	Benediction and Adjourn	Chaplain Blankenship
2:35 - 3:00	PDG Meeting	Location TBA

In an effort to help the camp, when the business meeting is over, please place any trash in the provided containers and return your chair to the chair racks.

Till We Meet at Northside October 2, 2010

From Second Vice District Governor Richard Keilholz

It has now been three months since our District Convention in San Antonio, and this is my first opportunity to thank you. First of all, I would like to thank my Home Club, the Edgewood Lions, for their sponsorship and support as well as all of the other Lions Clubs for your support and encouragement in my new role as Second Vice District Governor. Since being elected Second Vice District Governor, I have visited several Clubs. I have attended the Leaky Lions Club Installation Ceremony, the Sabinal Lions Club Installation Ceremony and the Buffalo Valley Lions Club Installation Ceremony and New Member Induction. I've enjoyed my visits and most importantly, their fellowship. As I begin my visits for the year, I am seeing new leadership developing within these clubs and this is a sign that the club is healthy and continuing to serve. Each Club is unique in the way you serve your community. As your Second Vice District Governor, I give you my full support and encouragement and will work with you to see that all of your goals are realized. I want to know how I can help you build and continue to be successful and I ask that you call on me to assist you and your club.

As Co-chair with First Vice District Governor, Lion Howie Marbach, I attended my first LSRF Board meeting. We are looking at exciting and new possibilities with the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas and also re-energizing the "Stride for Sight" project. Thanks to the efforts of Lion Sam Pantusa, we are hoping to have a unified "Stride for Sight" Walk at our next "It's Kinda Like a County Fair" to be held on March 26, 2011, at Comanche Park in San Antonio. You will hear more on this at our first Cabinet Meeting for 2010-2011 scheduled to take place on July 17, 2010, at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville.

As Membership Chair, I am advocating for Governor John Cole and his challenge to each Club to recruit at least four new members this year. As you recruit your new member, it is critical that you retain the membership that you now have. Governor Cole is trying to be realistic and achieve something that will work for each Club. Again, whatever I can do to assist you in this regard, please let me know. Along with the MERLOT Team, we have provided training at various locations. So far, we have conducted a MERLOT Training in Helotes and one in Uvalde during the month of June. A third training session is scheduled for July to take place immediately prior



*Second Vice District Governor
Lion Richard J. Keilholz*

to the first Cabinet Meeting. For those that may not know, MERLOT stands for Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership, Orientation and Technology. These training sessions are open to any Lion member that would like to attend, not only the new officers. We want to continue to develop new leadership and fellowship with our District.

As your Second Vice District Governor, I hope to continue to provide the support and encouragement in your successful endeavors.

Yours in Service,

Richard J. Keilholz

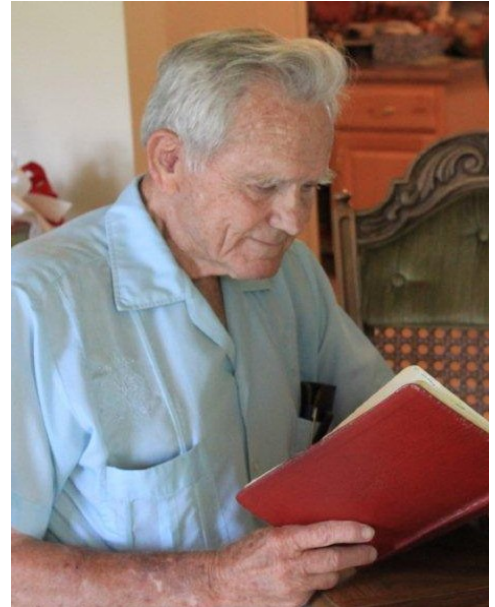
From District Chaplain PDG Lytle Blankenship

I'm Lion Lytle Blankenship and at Governor John Cole's request I will be serving as the Chaplain for District 2-A2 this year (2010-2011). Besides posting information in the monthly District Newsletter, "The Beacon," and being in charge of invocations and benedictions at the District Meetings, one of my major responsibilities will be to develop and provide a Memorial Service in honor of all deceased Lions at the Annual District Meeting in April 2011. I will need the cooperation of each Club in 2-A2 in order for this to be a meaningful and commendable recognition for those Lions who will have served along with you during the year.

I will be providing each Club as needed a form to complete with certain information about each

deceased Lion from your Club. There will also be a request for a photograph, preferably a digital one, and a request that someone will be present to participate in that Memorial Service. I will also need the same information about those Lions who have died since the last Memorial Service which was held in April 2010. One year, 365 days, seems a long way off; however, the time is actually short, especially if we wait until the last minute to start accumulating the information. Consequently, although we will regret the loss of any Lion, as soon as one of your member passes on to future rewards, please start gathering the information and pass it on to me.

May God Bless each of you this year as we serve the one who



*District Chaplain
PDG Lion Lytle Blankenship, Ph.D.*

was the greatest Servant of all.

PDG Lytle

From San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club



On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the San Antonio First Ladies Lions Club volunteered at the San Antonio Fire Museum Society fundraiser BBQ. Pictured (left to right) are Liz Chavez, Isabelle Cortes, Gloria Hernandez, Frances Lopez, Alice Lopez, Tomasa Moreno and Connie Lopez.

Open Dates for the Mobile Eye Screening Unit

These dates reflect only Saturdays as of 06-28-2010, dates are subject to change without notice.

July-December 2010

July: 3rd; Aug: None; Sep:25th;Oct:None; Nov; None; Dec: None

Looking for another date? Contact MESU Manager PDG Chris LLoyd

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MESU RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

Sponsor must be a Lions Club in District 2-A2

Print in block letters or type only, please.

Date Submitted _____

Lions Club _____

Event _____

Event Date _____ Start time _____ End time _____

Location _____

Event Chairperson Details

Event Chairperson _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

This form must be accompanied by a deposit check payable to, & mailed to:

Lions Sight Research Foundation

3201 Cherry Ridge C-324

San Antonio, TX. 78230

BELOW FOR FOUNDATION USE ONLY

Confirmation sent _____

Received deposit _____

Sponsored

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
 DISTRICT 2-A2 – STATE OF TEXAS
 SEMI-ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

(Dues Statements are sent to all Clubs Semi-annually)
 (July 2010 and January 2011)

The semi-annual Club’s dues statement is for District 2-A2 only which includes MD-2 State Dues and does not include International dues covering the period July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. This Statement is based upon your club’s membership recorded at Lions Clubs International as of June 30, 2010. I can’t make any changes in your club membership. These changes must be made and reported on your MMR (Monthly Membership Report).

All dues are payable and due to the District Treasurer no later than September 15, 2010

Please do not wait until the deadline has expired to pay I have a deadline of **30 September 2010** to pay our state dues which is part of the District Administrative Dues. If your club is having a problem paying dues, please contact either DG John Cole at 830-703-9656 or District Treasurer Marilyn Weed at 830-775-0408. Don’t let your club go Status Quo.

This dues statement **DOES NOT INCLUDE** the Governor’s 100% Club Participation Program.
 DG 100% is on separate document.

Please make six individual checks payable to the following Organizations:

PAYEE	MEMBERS		DUES		Check Amount
*District 2-A2 Administrative Dues	#	X	\$ 6.75	=	\$
*State Convention Fund	#	X	\$ 0.50	=	\$
Texas Lions Camp	#	X	\$10.50	=	\$
District 2-A2 Hearing Board	#	X	\$ 0.50	=	\$
District 2-A2 Human Needs Board	#	X	\$ 0.50	=	\$
District 2-A2 Sight Research Foundation	#	X	\$ 0.50	=	\$

Total Per Club Member Semi-Annual Dues	\$19.25	(\$38.50 ANNUALLY)
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The *District 2-A2 Administrative and *State Convention Fund Dues must come from the Club’s ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT. The remaining checks may come from either the Administrative Account or your Activity Account. Please have your Club Secretary/Treasurer write **SIX (6) SEPARATE CHECKS** and mail them to the address printed below.

If you have any questions concerning this statement, please e-mail me at ducky1969@gmail.com or call me at 830-775-0408. Thank you for supporting your District.

Lion MARILYN WEED
District Cabinet Treasurer
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July 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28 <u>International Convention, Sydney Australia</u> <u>Visit the Online Convention</u>	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Merlot Training First Cabinet Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <u>MMR's Due</u>

Upcoming Events

- July 17th Merlot Training, Texas Lions Camp 8:30A: M-10:30 A: M
Lunch 11:00 A: M- Noon
- July 17th 1st Cabinet Meeting and installation of 2010-2011 cabinet 12 noon @ TLC
- Aug. 4th Wickersham Golf tournament Fredericksburg 8A:M-1P:M
- Aug. 4th -7th 1st Council of Governors, Kerrville
- Sept. 23rd-25th USA/CANADA forum, Milwaukee WS.
- Oct 2nd. 2nd Cabinet Meeting, Northside Lions Club. Time and place TBA
- Jan 7th -8th Mid-winter conference, Helotes Lions Club. Time and place TBA
- April 1st -2nd District Convention, Del Rio TX.
- June 2nd -4th State Convention, Beaumont TX. Details to follow later.
- July 4th-8th International Convention, Seattle WA.



Do you have a suggestion or submission for the The Beacon? Club news, photos and schedules of events for your club are all welcome. Deadline is the 21st of each month. Send to dvanwinkle@stx.rr.com or snail-mail to:

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