

# Chairman's Report

## MD-2 Information Technology Chair

Lion Bob Nelson

January 18, 2006

Greetings to Council Chair C. Lee Smith, the Council of Governors, Members of the International Family, Past District Governors, Fellow Lions and Guests. Following is my thirteenth report on Information Technology in MD2.

The MD-2 Integrated Website Program is now fully implemented on the Internet. The MD-2 Texas Lions Website is located at: <http://texaslions.org> and is designed to be the central location and focal point for all Texas Lions related information. This State website and the 16 District websites form the MD-2 Texas Lions Integrated Website Program.

Only 15 of the 16 Districts have websites promoting their District's Lions programs and supplementing the MD-2 State Website. Unfortunately District 2-A3 has gone off-line since the Council of Governors Meeting in August. **The District Website should be the on-line version of the Governor's Directory** with pages for the District Officers/Cabinet, District Clubs, and District Calendar information. Other pages can be added to the District websites, such as contests, current events, and District Lions programs to promote Lionism in their Districts.

The current status of the MD-2 Information Technology Program is provided on page 2 of this letter. This status is based on a review on January 18, 2006. The status of each District website is based only on the current year's status and if the site links to the MD-2 website. Information provided on each website is the District Governors option. Suggested website information is provided in the MD-2 Information Technology Checklist on the last page of this report. Fifteen of the 16 Districts have established websites and have appointed Information Technology Officers (Webmasters). One District does not have a website for the 2005-2006 Lions year.

This year has reached its midpoint, and it is time to begin the process of nominating new officers for the 2006-2007 Lions Year. Nomination of Club Officers is scheduled for March of each year with elections being held in April. Clubs need to be reminded to hold their elections and submit their PU-101 Forms in a timely manner to Lions International and their respective Districts. The PU-101 Form is the basic document used to publish the Club's Information in the District Governor's Directory and the District's website. The Vice District Governor should provide the information from the PU-101's and the Cabinet/Committee Officers information to both the Directory Editor and the Information Technology (Webmaster) Officer. The **Information Technology Chair** and the **District Directory Editor** should work as a team to ensure that all District Lions Information is consistent in the directory and on the website.

The 2006-2007 Information Technology Officer and the District Directory Editor should be selected as soon as possible so they can be tasked to publish the district directory and have the 2006-2007 Website placed on-line by July 1, 2006. MD-2 State Chairman and District Committees should be encouraged to promote their programs on their respective websites.

The challenge to the MD-2 District Governors and Information Technology Chairs is to maintain the complete integrated system and provide more Lions information to the Lions of Texas. Current District Information Technology Chairs and websites are listed on page 3 of this document. MD-2 State Chairman and District Committees are encouraged to promote their programs on their respective websites.

Information Technology Goals for the 2002-2006 Lions years are listed on page 4 of this report to assist District Governors and Information Technology Officers.

**MD-2 District's Information Technology Status**  
**2005-2006**  
**Updated 18 January 2006**

Function	Districts															
	T1	T2	T3	E1	E2	X1	X2	X3	A1	A2	A3	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
IT Area																
Information Technology Officer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
District Website	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>N</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Current	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>Y</b>	Y	Y	<b>N</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>Y</b>
Links to MD-2 Website	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Legend: Y = Yes N = No P = Partial L = Link (Bold = Change from last report)**

**Provide updates to [md2lions@texaslions.org](mailto:md2lions@texaslions.org)**

The MD-2 Texas Lions Website and each District's Website addresses need to be promoted more to the Lions of Texas. The Texas Lions MD-2 website is receiving approximately 800 visits per month. If 10% of the Texas Lions population visited the website it could receive 3,100 visits.

District Governors should consider the Information Technology Chair, the District Directory Editor and Newsletter Editor as a team working together to ensure that all District Lions Information is published on the website. The District Directory cover page and the District Newsletter header should list the District's Website and email addresses to promote the website to all Lions. The District Website and the District Newsletter are the primary means of providing information to District Lions, once the District Directory is published. The website is the most economical means of distributing information.

It is very encouraging to see the Internet being used as a communication and information medium by more and more Lions. The integrated MD-2 Texas Lions website system will improve as more Lions information is provided for the MD-2 State Website and District Websites.

Note: For users that can't afford Microsoft Office an excellent choice is OpenOffice: A free open-source replacement for Office. It is available at: <http://www.openoffice.org>. While not as flashy an upgrade as Microsoft Office 2003, v2.0 of OpenOffice.org adds to what was already the best value in Windows software. The free, open-source, Office-compatible word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and drawing combo gets a facelift, a speed bump, and improvements ranging from PDF export to macro recording. A database has been added that is compatible with Microsoft Access.

Respectively submitted,

*Lion Bob Nelson*

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 Information Technology Chair  
 2002-2006

The MD-2 Integrated Website address listing with respective Information Technology Officers (Webmasters) is provided below. (Status July 26, 2005)

**MD-2 Texas Lions**

<http://texaslions.org>  
Lion Bob Nelson - [md2lions@texaslions.org](mailto:md2lions@texaslions.org)

**District 2-T1**

<http://lionsdistrict2-t1.com>  
Lion Jim Wilson- [wilson@wdarchitets.com](mailto:wilson@wdarchitets.com)

**District 2-T2**

<http://www.lions2t2.org>  
PDG Carmon McCain - [info@hpwd.com](mailto:info@hpwd.com)

**District 2-T3**

<http://home.earthlink.net/~district2-t3/district.html>  
PDG Don Peppard - [dpeppard@earthlink.net](mailto:dpeppard@earthlink.net)

**District 2-E1**

<http://lions2e1.org>  
Lion Bob Nelson – [dist2e1@lions2e1.org](mailto:dist2e1@lions2e1.org)

**District 2-E2**

<http://www.lions2e2.com>  
Lion Bill Placek – [admin@lions2e2.com](mailto:admin@lions2e2.com)

**District 2-X1**

<http://lions2-x1.org>  
Lion Dan Busdiecker - [liondan2x1@msn.com](mailto:liondan2x1@msn.com)

**District 2-X2**

<http://www.lions2x2.org>  
Lion Mitchel Whittington - [mitchel@whittington.com](mailto:mitchel@whittington.com)

**District 2-X3**

<http://www.md2-x3.org>  
Lion Karl Craig - [karlwc@swbell.net](mailto:karlwc@swbell.net)

**District 2-A1**

<http://txlionsdistrict2a1.com>  
Lion Ron Downie - [rondow@cox.net](mailto:rondow@cox.net)

**District 2-A2**

<http://www.district2-a2.com/>  
Lion Reginna Kirkpatrick - [reginna@stx.rr.com](mailto:reginna@stx.rr.com)

**District 2-A3**

<http://www.lionsdistrict2a3.org/> (**not on-line  
October 24, 2005**)

Lion Shelly Rozen- [shelly@arfc.com](mailto:shelly@arfc.com)  
Lion Jerry Rozen - [jerry@arfc.com](mailto:jerry@arfc.com)

**District 2-S1**

<http://www.district2s1.org>  
Lion Daniel Shank - [lion@trailride.info](mailto:lion@trailride.info)

**District 2-S2**

<http://www.lions2s2.org>  
Lion Terry Landers - [tlanders@houston.rr.com](mailto:tlanders@houston.rr.com)

**District 2-S3**

<http://www.lionsdistrict2s3.org>  
Lion Robert Spiegel- [Rspiegel@ieee.org](mailto:Rspiegel@ieee.org)

**District 2-S4**

<http://www.district2s4lions.org>  
Lion Jerry Gilbert - [jgilbert@mdanderson.org](mailto:jgilbert@mdanderson.org)

**District 2-S5**

<http://lions2s5.org>  
Lion Jim F. Johnson - [jimfj@satx.rr.com](mailto:jimfj@satx.rr.com)

Promote the Texas Lions Integrated Website Program. Tell your friends, neighbors, other Lions and perspective Lions that the MD-2 Texas Lions website system is the central location for Texas Lions information. When you talk to anyone about Lionism ask him or her to visit the Texas Lions website at **<http://texaslions.org>** and your own District's website for additional information. A visit to any of the websites could result in that person finding just the right information to motivate them to become or remain a Lion.

## **MD-2 Information Technology Goals 2002-2006**

Promote the Internet as both an information and a communications tool.

Email is the communications tool:

Encourage all key Lion Officers to have email addresses.

Encourage all Lions Clubs to have at least one email address.

Websites are the information tool:

The MD-2 Integrated Website System is the central location for all Lions information:

Links to District Websites.

Links to District Club's pages.

Links to District Officer's pages.

Each MD-2 State Officer will have a page.

An approved on-line newspaper "The Texas Lion".

More detailed information on Current Events page.

Each District encouraged to maintain a website:

On-line version of Governor's Directory.

Officer's page.

Club's page.

Calendar page.

Current Events page.

Link to MD-2 Website.

Information provided on each website is the District Governors option.

Each Lions Club encouraged to maintain a website:

Club name, address, City, District, meeting time and location, officer's email addresses.

Listed on LionNet to maximize public relations exposure.

Form a committee of MD-2 District Information Technology Officers:

Establish the MD-2 uniform guidelines for Information Technology in Texas Lionism.

Work together to accomplish the approved guidelines.

Coordinate accomplishment of current goal via email.

Establish calendar of committee meetings and agenda.

Request full support of the Council of Governors and key Lions in Texas:

Promote the MD-2 website as the central location for Lions Information.

Website address: [texaslions.org](http://texaslions.org)

Less than 700 Lions are visiting the MD-2 website every month.

Lions population over 31,000.

Lions of Texas are not aware of the valuable Lions information available on the Net.

## MD-2 Information Technology Checklist

January 9, 2005

The MD-2 Integrated Information Technology (IT) Program consists of the MD-2 Texas Lions website and the 16 District websites. This website system is the central location and focal point for all Texas Lions related information. This check list is a summary of suggested items to consider in the development of the 16 District's websites.

1. Is each key Lions Officer encouraged to have an email address?
2. Is each Lions club encouraged to have at least one email address?
3. Do the Lions Clubs nominate new officers in March and hold elections in April?
4. Do the Lions Clubs submit their PU-101 forms to the District Governor/VDG in a timely manner?
5. Are copies of the PU-101 provided to the District Directory Editor and IT Officer in a timely manner?
6. Is the IT officer appointed early each year to update and maintain the District website?
7. Is the District website updated on July 1, of each year with the current year's information?
8. Is the District Website's address and email address prominently displayed on the DG's Directory?
9. Is the District Website's address and email address prominently displayed in the District newsletter?
10. Is significant Lions information provided to both the IT officer and the newsletter editor?
11. Is the District website an on-line extension of the DG's Directory?
  - a. Is each district officers contact information listed?
  - b. Is each Lions club's directory information listed or available for download?
  - c. Is the District's calendar posted and updated with downloadable event's agenda and registration information?
  - d. Is a link to the MD-2 Texas Lions website and Lions Clubs International website listed?
  - e. Is other significant Lions information provided such as; Youth Outreach Contests, Peace Poster Contest, DG's Contest, District Governor's Directory, District newsletter, District Constitution and By-laws, and etc.