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ROARING AROUND MD-2



JASPER LIONS CLUB

CELEBRATED PAST CLUB
PRESIDENT LION STEVE GARCIA
WITH A MELVIN JONES FELLOW
DURING THEIR CLUB MEETING
ON FRIDAY, JULY 10TH.
PICTURED ARE VICE PRESIDENT
LION ROGER WESTBROOK, LION
STEVE GARCIA & LION JERRY
LOOS



WEIMAR ENCORE LIONS CLUB

PRESENTED A DONATION TO
SENIOR CONNECTIONS
DIRECTOR AMANDA KRIDEL.
SENIOR CONNECTIONS
PROVIDES SUPPORT WITH
ACTIVITIES & LUNCH FOR
LOCAL SENIORS.



WEIMAR ENCORE LIONS CLUB

PRESENTED TRAVEL STIPENDS
TO TEXAS LIONS CAMP INTER
COUNSELORS, EMANUEL
MORENO VELASCO, DENIS
CONTRERAS & MARCELA
MURILLO



MD2-X3 LIONS

LIONS FROM ACROSS 2-X3 GATHERED TO BUILD BEDS
FOR SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE ON JULY 11TH IN
WACO





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MD2 LIONS

LIONS FROM ACROSS THE STATE HELPED BUILD BEDS FOR KERRVILLE SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE DURING THE FIRST COG MEETING





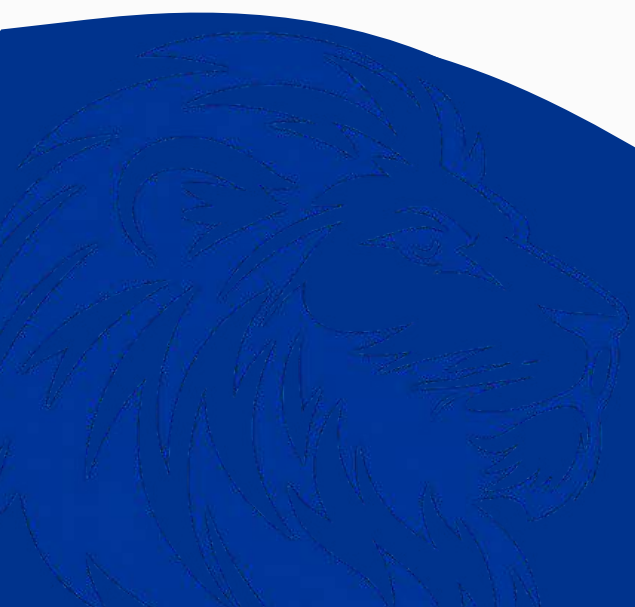
GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM COORDINATOR PDG RONNIE MARTIN

NEW CLUBS, IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO DO.

I TELL PEOPLE TO SPEAK THEIR TRUTH WHEN ASKING SOMEONE TO JOIN LIONS. WHAT, TELL THEM WHY YOU'RE A LION, ASK THEM WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE IN THEIR COMMUNITY TO MAKE IT BETTER. COME AND JOIN US IN STARTING A NEW LIONS CLUB AND HELP SHAPE THE HISTORY OF THIS NEW ADVENTURE IN YOUR TOWN. LAST MONTH I VISITED THE IOWA COLONY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND LET THEM KNOW THAT I WAS STARTING A LION'S CLUB IN THEIR TOWN. I TOLD THEM IT MIGHT TAKE ME A WEEK, A MONTH OR EVEN SIX MONTHS BUT I WAS STARTING A LIONS CLUB THERE, THREE PEOPLE SIGNED UP THAT NIGHT. NEXT, I PUT OUT A FACEBOOK POST IN THEIR TOWN AND ASKED IF PEOPLE WANTED TO BE A PART OF MAKING HISTORY IN IOWA COLONY BY BECOMING PART OF THE FIRST LIONS CLUB IN IOWA COLONY. THE ONLINE RESPONSE WAS SWIFT AND POSITIVE. TWO WEEKS LATER I CALLED A MEETING OF THOSE WHO WAS INTERESTED TO MEET WITH ME AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT IN IOWA COLONY AT 5:30 PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIONS AND TO SIGN UP. I ALSO TOLD THEM IF WE HAD 20 PEOPLE INTERESTED, WE WOULD FORM A NEW CLUB THAT NIGHT. BY 6:30PM WE HAD VOTED ON OFFICERS AND STARTED A NEW LIONS IN IOWA COLONY, TEXAS, AND SO A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF LIONS AND IOWA COLONY BEGINS.

WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS TRY SOMETHING NEW YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

PDG RONNIE MARTIN
MD-2 GET COORDINATOR





GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

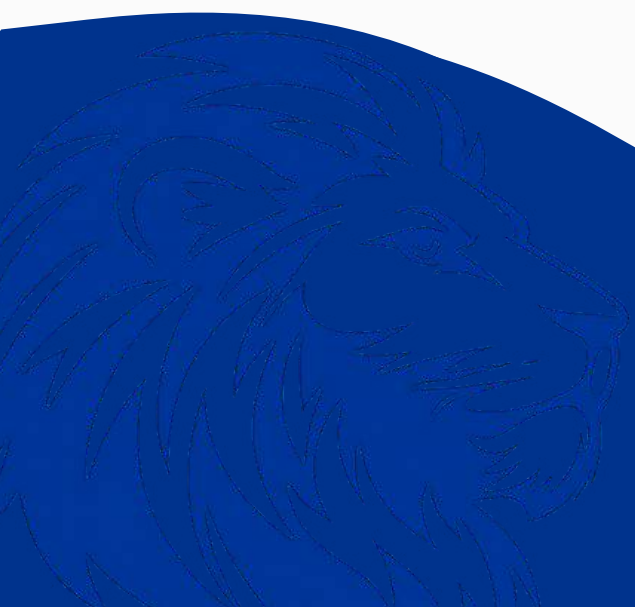
COORDINATOR PDG LISA FREE- MARTIN

HOW TO IDENTIFY A CLUB LEADER

ONE OF THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE AS LIONS IS PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS. STRONG CLUBS DON'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT—THEY GROW BECAUSE SOMEONE RECOGNIZED LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL IN A MEMBER AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP. THE TRUTH IS, LEADERSHIP ISN'T DETERMINED BY HOW LONG SOMEONE HAS BEEN A LION, HOW LOUDLY THEY SPEAK, OR HOW MANY COMMITTEES THEY'VE SERVED ON. LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH ATTITUDE, CHARACTER, AND A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

SO HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY A FUTURE CLUB LEADER? LOOK FOR THE MEMBER WHO CONSISTENTLY SHOWS UP. THEY MAY NOT ALWAYS BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT, BUT THEY ARE DEPENDABLE. THEY VOLUNTEER WHEN HELP IS NEEDED, FOLLOW THROUGH ON COMMITMENTS, AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO FINISH WHAT THEY START. WATCH FOR THE PERSON WHO NATURALLY ENCOURAGES OTHERS. GREAT LEADERS BUILD PEOPLE UP RATHER THAN SEEK RECOGNITION FOR THEMSELVES. THEY WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, LISTEN WITH RESPECT, AND HELP OTHERS SUCCEED.

NOTICE THOSE WHO ASK QUESTIONS. CURIOUS MEMBERS WHO WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THINGS ARE DONE A CERTAIN WAY OFTEN BECOME INNOVATIVE LEADERS. THEY AREN'T TRYING TO CRITICIZE—THEY'RE TRYING TO LEARN AND IMPROVE. SO PAY ATTENTION TO PROBLEM-SOLVERS. EVERY CLUB FACES CHALLENGES. FUTURE LEADERS DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT OBSTACLES; THEY LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS. THEY ASK, "HOW CAN WE MAKE THIS BETTER?" INSTEAD OF "WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE FIX THIS?"





GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

COORDINATOR PDG LISA FREE- MARTIN

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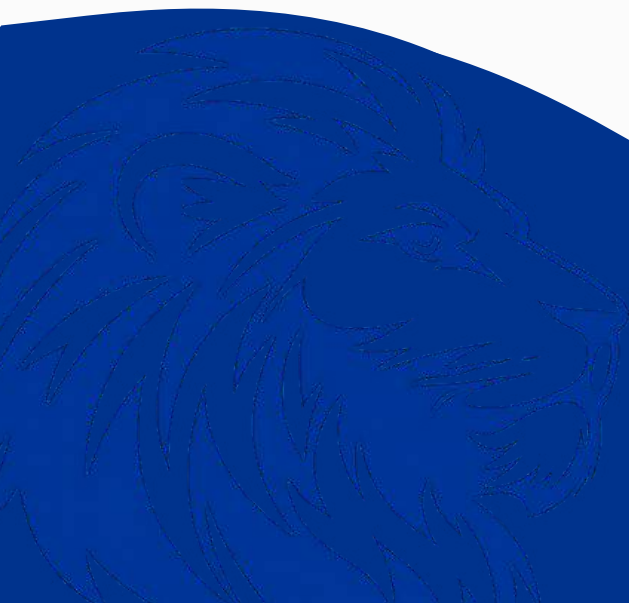
IDENTIFY MEMBERS WHO EMBRACE LEARNING. LEADERSHIP IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION. MEMBERS WHO ATTEND TRAINING, PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT EVENTS, AND SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW ARE INVESTING NOT ONLY IN THEMSELVES BUT IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR CLUB.

PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY IS HUMILITY. THE BEST LEADERS DON'T SEEK THE TITLE—THEY SEEK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT LEADERSHIP IS SERVICE. THEY CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OTHERS AND QUIETLY WORK BEHIND THE SCENES TO ENSURE SUCCESS.

ONCE YOU'VE IDENTIFIED THESE POTENTIAL LEADERS, DON'T WAIT FOR THEM TO VOLUNTEER. INVITE THEM. ENCOURAGE THEM. MENTOR THEM. GIVE THEM MEANINGFUL RESPONSIBILITIES AND LET THEM EXPERIENCE SUCCESS ONE STEP AT A TIME. CONFIDENCE GROWS THROUGH OPPORTUNITY.

REMEMBER, EVERY DISTRICT GOVERNOR, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, AND CLUB PRESIDENT STARTED AS A NEW MEMBER WHO SIMPLY SAID "YES" TO SERVING. SOMEONE SAW POTENTIAL IN THEM BEFORE THEY SAW IT IN THEMSELVES. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO DO THE SAME. PREPARED LIONS BECOME ACTIVE LIONS. ACTIVE LIONS BECOME CONFIDENT LEADERS. AND CONFIDENT LEADERS ENSURE THAT LIONS CONTINUE CHANGING LIVES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

THE NEXT GREAT LEADER IN YOUR CLUB MAY ALREADY BE SITTING AT YOUR MEETING. THE ONLY QUESTION IS: WILL SOMEONE RECOGNIZE THEM AND INVITE THEM TO LEAD?





GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM
COORDINATOR PDG LISA FREE- MARTIN
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Save the Date



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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

COORDINATOR PDG VINOD MATHUR

THE MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM

MD-2 IS STANDING AT A PIVOTAL MOMENT. SOME DISTRICTS ARE GROWING, OTHERS ARE DECLINING. THE FIRST MONTH OF OUR LIONS YEAR BROUGHT BOTH ENCOURAGING MOMENTUM AND IMPORTANT LESSONS. OUR CLUBS COLLECTIVELY RECRUITED 265 NEW MEMBERS, A STRONG INDICATOR THAT LIONS CONTINUE TO INSPIRE SERVICE MINDED PEOPLE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE EXPERIENCED 368 DROPS, RESULTING IN A NET LOSS OF 104 (FIG 2) MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH. TEN DISTRICTS HAD A NET NEGATIVE GROWTH IN THE FIRST THREE WEEKS (FIG 1) WHILE THE NEGATIVE NET BALANCE IS DISAPPOINTING, IT IS NOT DISCOURAGING. IT APPEARS JUNE DROPS ARE NORMALLY REFLECT HOUSEKEEPING, BUT THIS YEAR THEY HAVE EXTENDED INTO THE MONTH OF JULY. WITH AN EARLY INTERVENTION THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

OUR DISTRICTS KNOW HOW TO RECRUIT. WE BRING IN PASSIONATE PEOPLE AND WE OPEN DOORS. BUT WE ALSO FACE A CHALLENGE THAT WE MUST CONFRONT. TOO MANY LIONS LEAVE BEFORE THEY EXPERIENCE THE FULL VALUE OF BELONGING, PURPOSE AND CONNECTION. RETENTION IS THE KEY TO GROWTH. MEMBERSHIP DATA REVEALS THREE PRIMARY REASONS MEMBERS LEAVE: 30% ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, 28% FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES AND 21 % FOR NON-ATTENDANCE. WITH CONSISTENT FOLLOW THROUGH AND RENEWED ENERGY, WE CAN TURN THIS EARLY SETBACK INTO A FOUNDATION FOR **STEADY GROWTH AND STRONGER RETENTION.**

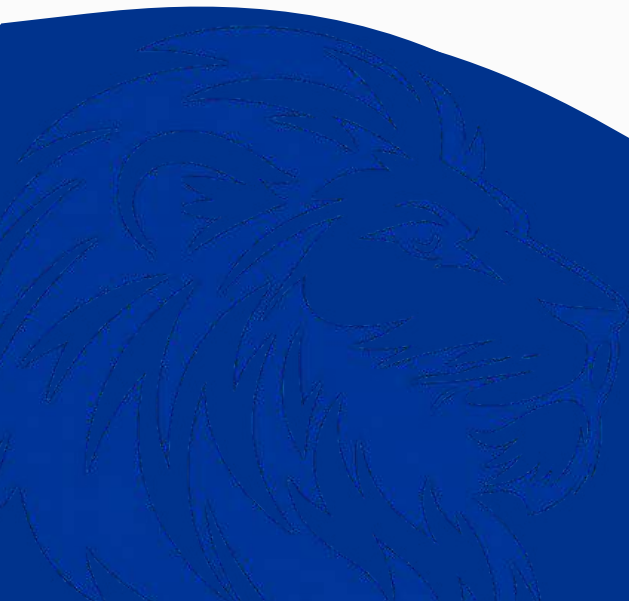




GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM
COORDINATOR PDG VINOD MATHUR
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TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR A YEAR OF GROWTH.
PDG VINOD MATHUR
AREA 1A AND MD-2 GMA AND GMT COORDINATOR





GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

COORDINATOR PDG RENEE LAMSON

PREPARING STUDENTS. SUPPORTING FAMILIES. SERVING COMMUNITIES.

ONE OF THE GREATEST STRENGTHS OF LIONISM IS OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND WHEN OUR COMMUNITIES NEED US MOST.

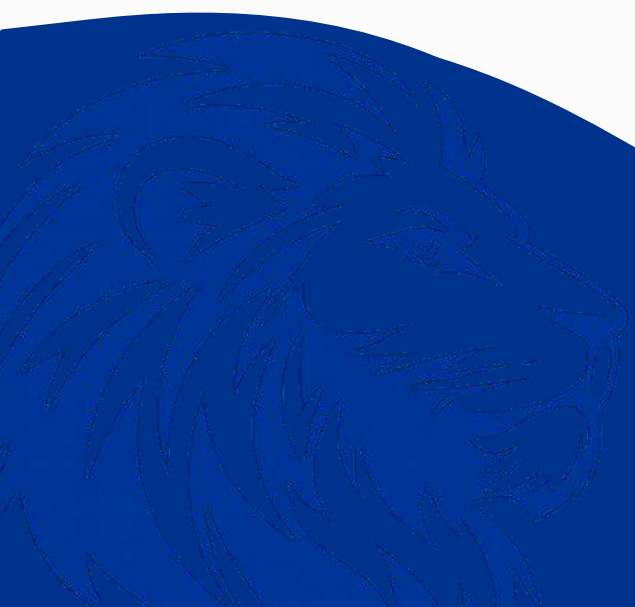
ON JULY 31, DURING THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN KERRVILLE, NEARLY 75 LIONS, LEOS, AND KERRVILLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAME TOGETHER FOR OUR FIRST STATEWIDE SERVICE PROJECT OF THE LIONS YEAR. PARTNERING WITH SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE, VOLUNTEERS BUILT BEDS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED WHILE DEMONSTRATING THE POWER OF SERVICE THROUGH COLLABORATION.

JUST DAYS BEFORE THE BUILD, SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE RECEIVED AN URGENT REQUEST FOR 30 BEDS IN ONLY 48 HOURS FOR CHILDREN IMPACTED BY THE RECENT FLOODING. AN ALL-CALL WAS SENT TO TEXAS LIONS, AND THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR KIM GILES AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR JARED WILSON, THAT NEED WAS MET BEFORE OUR SCHEDULED BUILD. BECAUSE LIONS ANSWERED THE CALL SO QUICKLY, SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE WAS ABLE TO DEDICATE THE JULY 31 BUILD TO HELPING EVEN MORE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECOVERING FROM THE FLOODS.

THE DAY WASN'T JUST ABOUT BUILDING BEDS—IT WAS ABOUT BUILDING HOPE.

IT DEMONSTRATED WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN LIONS, LEOS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS UNITE AROUND A COMMON PURPOSE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED, DONATED, OR SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT. TOGETHER, YOU MADE A LASTING DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN WHO NOW HAVE A SAFE, COMFORTABLE PLACE TO SLEEP.

THIS IS WHAT LIONS DO. WHEN THERE'S A NEED, WE RESPOND.





GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

COORDINATOR PDG RENEE LAMSON

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AS WE TURN THE PAGE TO AUGUST, MANY TEXAS FAMILIES ARE PREPARING FOR THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR. IT IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR LIONS CLUBS TO CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR MONTHLY SERVICE FOCUS.

AUGUST SERVICE FOCUS

THIS MONTH'S FOCUS AREAS ARE:

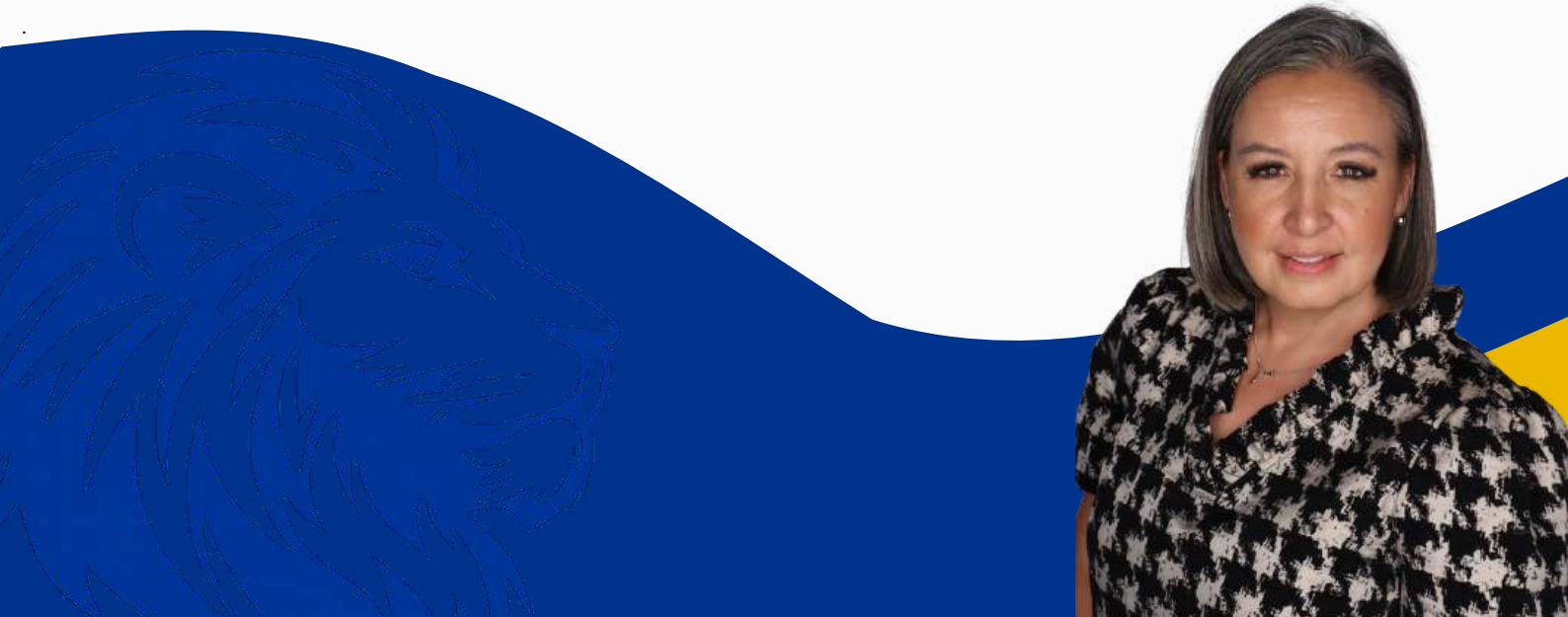
- 🧤 HUMANITARIAN SERVICE
- 🎒 BACK-TO-SCHOOL

OUR MONTHLY SERVICE FOCUS IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE IDEAS AND INSPIRATION—NOT REQUIREMENTS. EVERY COMMUNITY IS DIFFERENT, AND EVERY LIONS CLUB HAS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE. MOST MONTHLY THEMES WILL ALIGN WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL'S GLOBAL CAUSES AND SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES, MAKING IT EASIER FOR CLUBS TO IDENTIFY MEANINGFUL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

WHETHER YOUR CLUB IS PLANNING A LARGE COMMUNITY EVENT OR A SIMPLE HANDS-ON PROJECT, EVERY ACT OF SERVICE HAS THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW IDEAS TO CONSIDER THIS MONTH:

- HOST A BACKPACK OR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE.
- ASSEMBLE HYGIENE KITS FOR STUDENTS.
- COLLECT CLASSROOM SUPPLIES OR CREATE TEACHER APPRECIATION BASKETS.
- PROVIDE CLOTHING OR SHOES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.
- PARTNER WITH LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES OR SHELTERS TO ASSIST FAMILIES PREPARING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- CONDUCT VISION SCREENINGS OR SPONSOR EYEGLASSES FOR STUDENTS.
- VOLUNTEER DURING SCHOOL REGISTRATION OR COMMUNITY BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS.





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COORDINATOR PDG RENEE LAMSON

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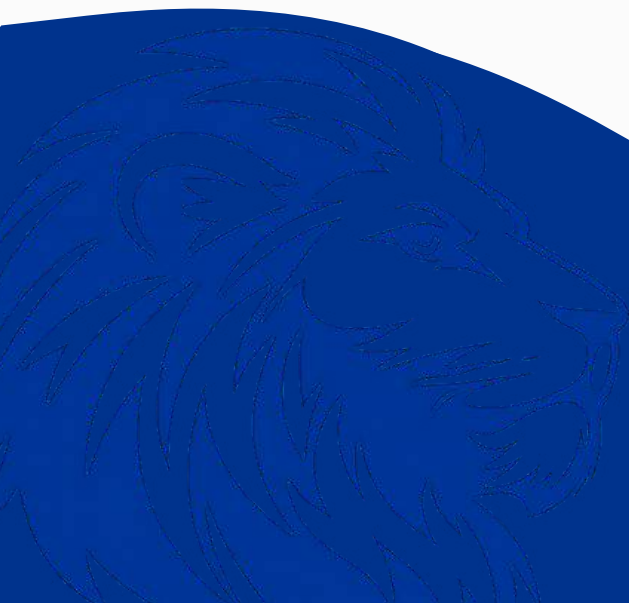
A NEW IDEA TO CONSIDER

MANY CHILDREN LIVING WITH DIABETES RELY ON EMERGENCY SNACKS AND SUPPLIES TO SAFELY MANAGE THEIR CONDITION DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH YOUR LOCAL **SCHOOL NURSE** TO ASK HOW YOUR LIONS CLUB CAN HELP SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH DIABETES. YOUR CLUB MIGHT DONATE:

- JUICE BOXES
- INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED HEALTHY SNACKS
- PEANUT BUTTER OR CHEESE CRACKERS (FOLLOWING SCHOOL GUIDELINES)
- GLUCOSE TABLETS OR GLUCOSE GEL
- SMALL EMERGENCY SUPPLY KITS FOR THE NURSE'S OFFICE
-

A SIMPLE DONATION CAN PROVIDE PEACE OF MIND FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND SCHOOL STAFF WHILE ENSURING CHILDREN HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO REMAIN SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY.





GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

COORDINATOR PDG RENEE LAMSON

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TELL YOUR STORY

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS YOUR CLUB CAN DO AFTER SERVING IS **SHARE YOUR IMPACT**.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR SERVICE IN LION PORTAL AND SHARE YOUR PROJECTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. EVERY SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORTED HELPS TELL THE STORY OF TEXAS LIONISM AND DEMONSTRATES THE INCREDIBLE IMPACT LIONS ARE MAKING THROUGHOUT OUR STATE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

COMING SOON: LION PORTAL GST TRAINING

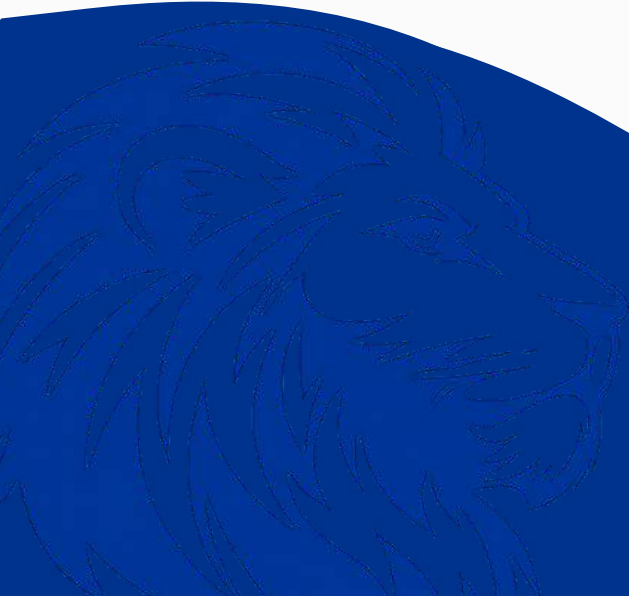
INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT SERVICE REPORTING?

THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2 GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM WILL SOON HOST A ZOOM TRAINING ON LION PORTAL SERVICE REPORTING AND BEST PRACTICES.

THE TRAINING WILL BE OPEN TO ALL TEXAS LIONS, WITH DISTRICT GST COORDINATORS AND CLUB SERVICE CHAIRPERSONS ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED SOON THROUGH THE LIONS OF TEXAS FACEBOOK PAGE, EMAIL, AND THE MD2 NEWSLETTER.

WHETHER YOU'RE ENTERING YOUR FIRST SERVICE PROJECT OR SIMPLY LOOKING FOR TIPS TO MAKE REPORTING EASIER, WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US.





GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

COORDINATOR PDG RENEE LAMSON

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AUGUST CHALLENGE

AS YOUR CLUB PLANS FOR THE MONTH AHEAD, ASK ONE SIMPLE QUESTION:

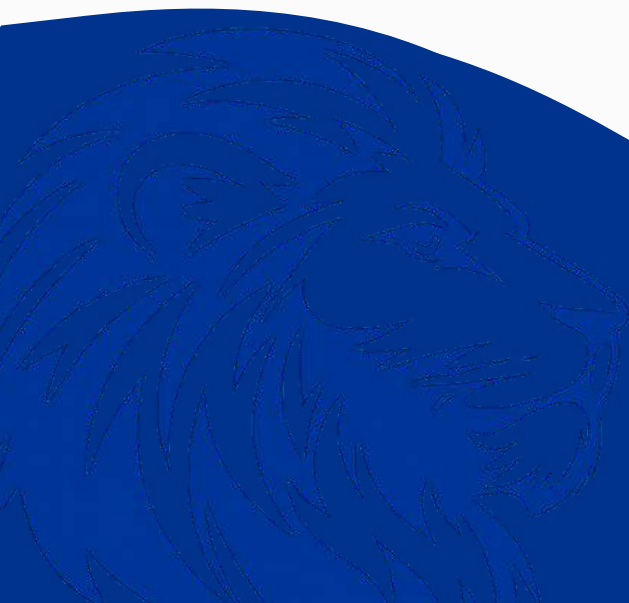
“HOW CAN WE HELP A STUDENT START THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE?”

WHETHER IT'S PROVIDING A BACKPACK, SUPPORTING A SCHOOL NURSE, CONDUCTING A VISION SCREENING, HELPING A FAMILY IN NEED, OR VOLUNTEERING AT A COMMUNITY EVENT, EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS MAKES A LASTING DIFFERENCE.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITIES AND REPRESENT LIONISM WITH COMPASSION, DEDICATION, AND HEART.

TOGETHER, LET'S CONTINUE BUILDING A YEAR OF MEANINGFUL SERVICE—ONE PROJECT, ONE FAMILY, AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.

YOURS IN SERVICE,
PDG RENEE LAMSON
MD-2 GST COORDINATOR





STATE LEO COUNCIL CHAIR LION NANCY SMITH

LEO PRIDE, LION STRENGTH: SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

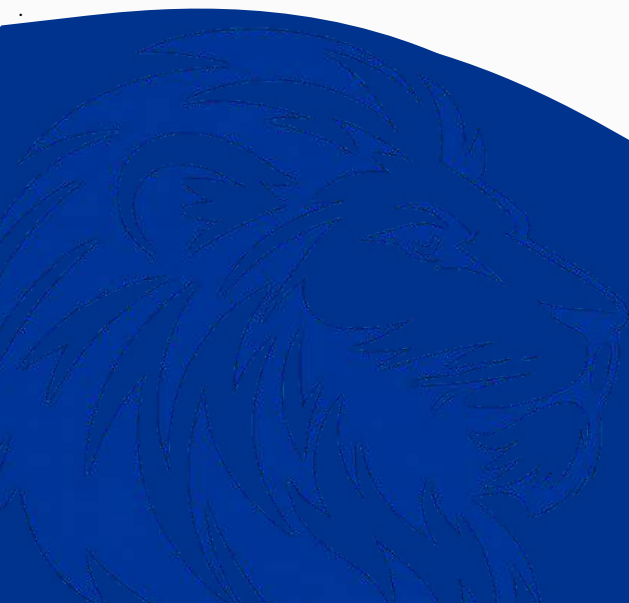
ENTERING MY 4TH YEAR AS THE MD2 (TEXAS) STATE LEO COUNCIL CHAIR IS A POSITION I AM HONORED TO HOLD. STATEWIDE, WE HAVE ADDED 18 NEW LEO CLUBS FOR THE LIONS YEAR 2025-26! THAT IS GIVING MORE LEOS OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LEADERSHIP ABILITIES, SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES, ACCEPTING LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THEIR CLUB, IN THEIR DISTRICT, AND PERHAPS, IN THE STATE, AND CONTINUING TO GROW AS LEOS.

DURING THE LIONS/LEOS STATE CONVENTION OUR OWN LEO FROM SAN MARCOS ACADEMY, LEO BLAIN MONTGOMERY, WAS ELECTED AS THE 2026-2027 MD2 LEO COUNCIL PRESIDENT. HE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE DISTRICT LEO PRESIDENT FOR A THIRD YEAR. HE'S AN AMAZING YOUNG MAN THAT WILL SHOW OUR 3,200+ TEXAS LEOS AN EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP EXAMPLE. THE STATE LEO COUNCIL HAS FOUR EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE LEO OFFICERS WHO ARE READY TO WORK – LEO TAMMY LY, LEO GLORYA STEPHENS, AND LEO KLEO STEPHENS. MORE TO COME ON OUR OFFICERS IN LATER ARTICLES.

WATCH FOR GREAT THINGS TO HAPPEN STARTING IN JULY IN THE TEXAS LEO ORGANIZATION! AND FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS:

- FACEBOOK – [LEOS OF TEXAS](#)
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- WEBSITE – [MD-2 LEO CLUBS OF TEXAS](#)

LION NANCY SMITH
MD-2 STATE LEO COUNCIL CHAIR





TEXAS LIONS CAMP CHAIR PDG KEN JOBE & IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR LION ANN WARD

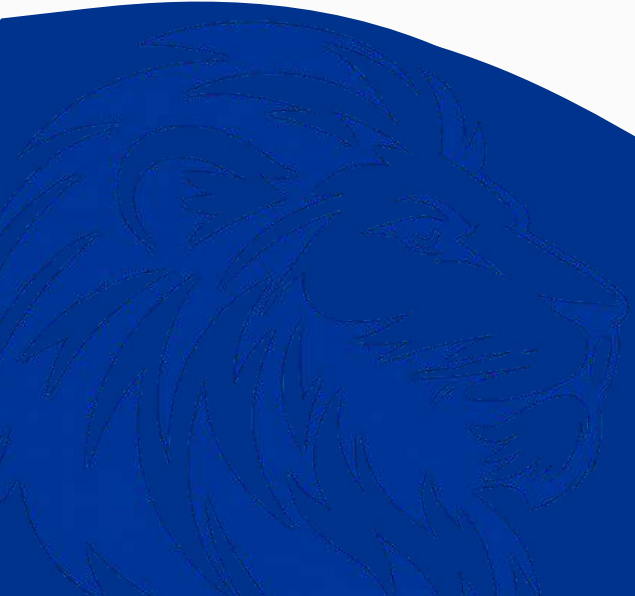
SUMMER CAMP '26 CONCLUDES; GOLF & ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

THE BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE 2025-26 YEAR WAS SIMPLY HAVING RESIDENTIAL YOUTH CAMP. THE DEDICATED TEXAS LIONS CAMP STAFF WORKED TIRELESSLY TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW STATE REGULATIONS, AND TLC RECEIVED ITS 2026 LICENSE IN MAY WITH NO DEFICIENCIES! AT THE SAME TIME, TLC PURCHASED FIVE NEW CABINS, INSTALLED A ROBUST FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM AND BUILT A DEDICATED FIRE LANE TO SERVICE THE CAMPUS. THESE NEW CABINS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS SUPPORT OUR LONG-TERM MASTER PLAN.

TLC SERVED 1,072 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THIS SUMMER! THIS INCLUDED 418 RESIDENTIAL YOUTH CAMPERS, PLUS 289 CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED CONTRACT CAMPS FOR BURN SURVIVORS AND FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER. SOME 365 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN FAMILY CAMP. TLC FOREVER CHANGED THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN, THEIR PARENTS, ALL THE COUNSELORS WHO WORKED WITH CAMPERS THIS SUMMER, AND THE MEDICAL TEAMS THAT CARED FOR THE KIDS.

MORE THAN 43+ CLUBS ACROSS THE STATE HOSTED PICNICS AND WATERMELON PARTIES, WELCOMED CAMPERS AT THE REFRESHMENT STAND ON CHECK-IN DAYS, MANAGED THE LUGGAGE AT REGISTRATION AND CHECK-OUT, AND HOSTED AWARDS NIGHTS FOR CAMPERS THIS SUMMER. IN ADDITION, MEDICAL/NURSING PROFESSIONAL LIONS DONATED THEIR SERVICES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN THIS SUMMER. HUNDREDS OF LIONS PARTICIPATED IN ONE OF THE THREE WORK DAYS IN THE SPRING. THIS SUMMER, LIONS CLUBS PRESENTED \$63,650 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAVEL STIPENDS TO 103 APPRECIATIVE COUNSELORS. THANK YOU TO ALL THE CLUBS WHO PAID YOUR ASSESSMENT AND YOUR 100 PERCENT CONTRIBUTIONS, AND FOR ALL THOSE CLUBS HOSTING FUND-RAISERS FOR TLC!

KUDOS TO THE LIONS OF TEXAS FOR FULFILLING THE MISSION OF TEXAS LIONS CAMP FOR ANOTHER YEAR!





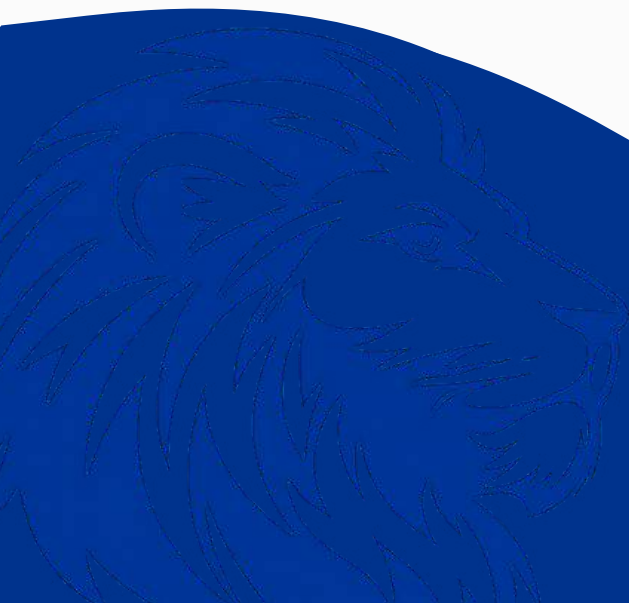
TEXAS LIONS CAMP CHAIR PDG KEN JOBE & IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR LION ANN WARD (CONTINUED)

HARRY WICKERSHAM GOLF TOURNAMENT & ED STEBBINS DINNER

THE 33RD ANNUAL HARRY WICKERSHAM GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS JULY 30 AT LADY BIRD GOLF COURSE IN FREDERICKSBURG. THANK YOU TO THE 27 TEAMS OF GOLFERS WHO PLAYED, AND TO ALL THE CORPORATE AND HOLE SPONSORS, THE GOLF COMMITTEE – CHAIRED BY PDG ANGELA CASES, AND TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS. LION LESTER FRANTZEN, WHO IS STEPPING DOWN AS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AFTER 33 YEARS, OVERSAW ANOTHER STELLAR TOURNAMENT, AND THE FREDERICKSBURG LIONS CLUB MEMBERS PREPARED A DELICIOUS HAMBURGER LUNCH. A WORKGROUP OF PAST CHAIRMEN/GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ PARTICIPANTS HAS 90 DAYS TO PERFORM A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE EVENTS – INCLUDING VENUE, COSTS, COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, ETC. – AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MOVING FORWARD.

PID SAM LINDSEY CHAIRED THE THIRD ANNUAL ED STEBBINS MEMORIAL DINNER JULY 29 AT THE HANGAR HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER. DR. STEPHEN PONDER, WHO HAS BEEN SERVING TEXAS LIONS CAMP FOR 45 YEARS, GAVE A TOUCHING KEYNOTE ADDRESS, TELLING INSPIRATIONAL STORIES OF FORMER AND CURRENT CAMPERS. BEN GARDNER, FATHER OF AIDEN, THIS YEAR'S CAMPER AMBASSADOR FAMILY, SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPACT OF TLC ON HIS SON. STRETCH DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS, AND LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS ADDED TO THE FUN.

WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE LIVE AUCTION AT THE TLC BOARD BREAKFAST ON AUG. 1, THE DINNER AND TOURNAMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES GROSSED ABOUT \$220,000. TLC WILL RECEIVE THE \$50,000 MATCHING GRANT FROM JAMES AVERY ARTISAN JEWELRY! CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICT 2-S4 WHICH EARNED THE "THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET" AWARD AGAIN THIS YEAR, IN MEMORY OF THE LATE LION SUSAN WALLIS, FORMER CHAIR OF THE TLC BOARD.





TEXAS LIONS CAMP CHAIR PDG KEN JOBE & IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR LION ANN WARD (CONTINUED)

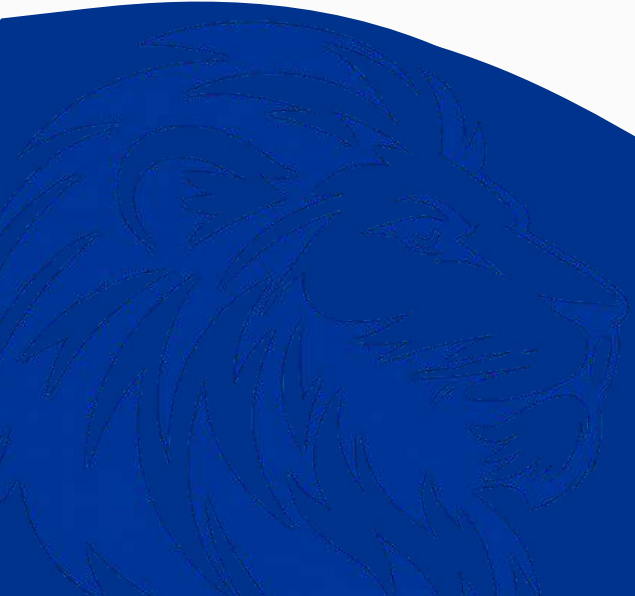
HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING

SOME 350+ LIONS AND GUESTS ENJOYED A DELICIOUS BBQ DINNER AT THE CHAIRMAN'S PICNIC, HOSTED BY DISTRICT 2-S3, AUSTIN FOUNDER LIONS CLUB AND CHAIRMAN ANN WARD. JULY 31 WAS THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF LION ANN'S FATHER'S DEATH, AS WELL AS HIS BIRTHDAY. A PAST GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 2-E1 AND A TLC ELECTED DIRECTOR, ANN'S DAD IS THE REASON SHE BECAME A LION, AND HAS BEEN AROUND TLC FROM A YOUNG AGE. SEEING THE IMPACT OF THE CAMP ON THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN SERVED INSPIRED ANN TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED, AND IS THE REASON SHE CHOSE TO SPEND SEVEN YEARS OF HER LIFE SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND REPRESENTING THE LIONS OF TEXAS AS CHAIRMAN. "WHAT A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT," ANN SAID.

DURING THE BOARD BREAKFAST, A REPORT ON THE 2025-26 GOALS HIGHLIGHTED IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE LIONS OF TEXAS, ENHANCED RELATIONSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH ELECTED DIRECTORS AND PAST PRESIDENTS/CHAIRMEN, AND INCREASES IN PHILANTHROPIC GIVING, INCLUDING A \$500,000 PLEDGE TOWARD A NEW HEALTH CENTER, A \$2 MILLION CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST AND A \$100,000 QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION, ALL SECURED BY PRESIDENT/CEO STEPHEN MABRY.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO DR. STEPHEN PONDER AND TO THE FAMILY OF LION SUSAN WALLIS.

THE BOARD ELECTED PDG VINCE ROSEN OF DENTON, DISTRICT 2-E2, AS SECRETARY FOR 2026-27, AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOVED UP ONE POSITION, WITH CHAIRMAN ANN WARD BECOMING IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN. GOV. KIM GILES OF DISTRICT 2-X3 WILL SERVE AS COG'S REPRESENTATIVE, AND LION STEPHEN KNIPPEL OF DISTRICT 2-S4 WILL REPRESENT THE ELECTED DIRECTORS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.





TEXAS LIONS CAMP CHAIR PDG KEN JOBE & IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR LION ANN WARD (CONTINUED)

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING

PDG KEN JOBE OF CHESTER, DISTRICT 2-S1, WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN FOR 2026-27. KEN WAS GOVERNOR OF HIS DISTRICT FOR 2020-21 AND WAS THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE SERVED AS AN ELECTED DIRECTOR FOR THREE YEARS, INCLUDING ONE YEAR AS THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE SERVED AS A DIRECTOR, SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF HIS LOCAL CLUB, AND WAS THE LEO SPONSOR FOR FIVE YEARS; HE BROUGHT HIS LEOS TO TLC FOR WORK WEEKENDS.

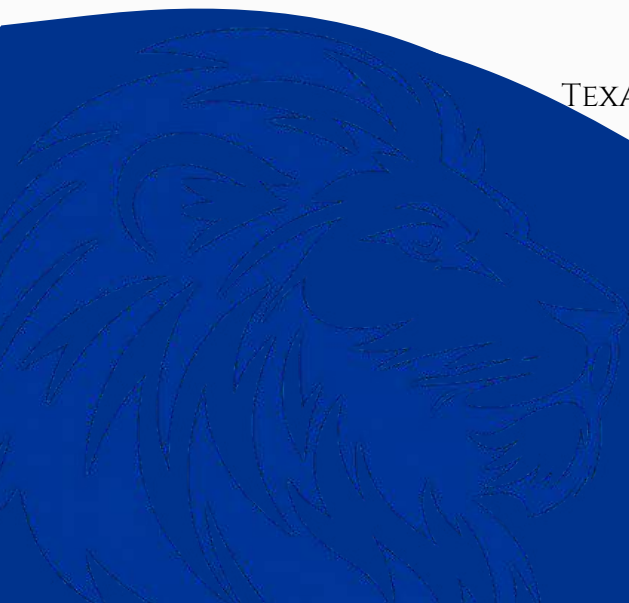
KEN SHARED PRIORITIES FOR HIS LIFE: FAITH, HIS SPOUSE KELLY, HIS TWO CHILDREN AND ONE GRANDCHILD PLUS ONE ON THE WAY, HIS MILITARY SERVICE AND TEXAS LIONS CAMP. KEN SERVED AS A MEDIC AND PARATROOPER IN THE U.S. ARMY, AND HE IS A LICENSED PARAMEDIC. HE WORKED FOR SEVEN YEARS IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF HIS REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL. HE HAS SPENT 19 YEARS OF HIS CAREER IN HEALTH CARE WORKING WITH HOSPITALS IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RISK MANAGEMENT.

KEN'S THEME FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR IS "TEXAS LIONS CAMP – ALL THE WAY." SPECIFIC GOALS FOR 2026-27 INCLUDE:

- INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CAMPERS (WHO ARE FUTURE LIONS);
- ENHANCING THE INVOLVEMENT AND AFFINITY OF TEXAS LIONS FOR TEXAS LIONS CAMP; AND
- INCREASING FUND-RAISING TO FUEL GROWTH AND PROGRESS ON THE MASTER PLAN.

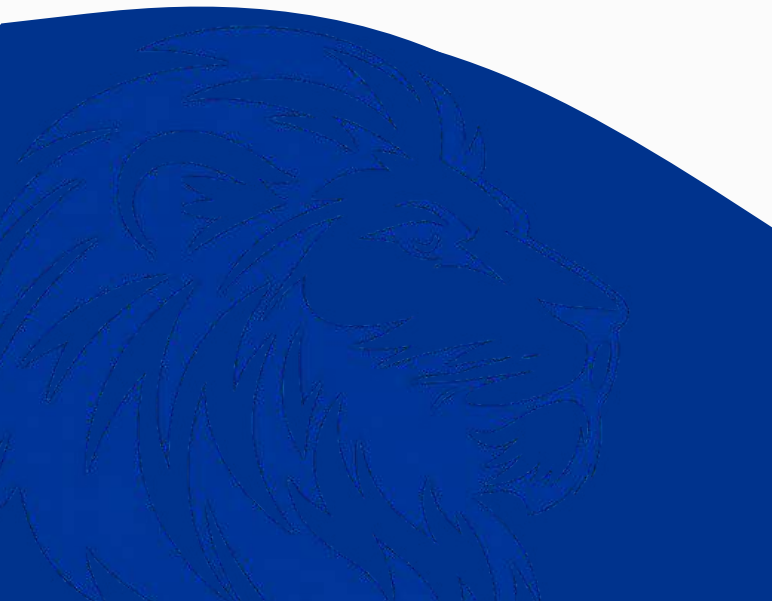
"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU THIS YEAR TO FURTHER TLC'S MISSION AND PROVIDE THE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE OF TLC TO MORE TEXAS CHILDREN," KEN SAID.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP CHAIRMAN PDG KEN JOBE
TEXAS LIONS CAMP IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN LION ANN WARD



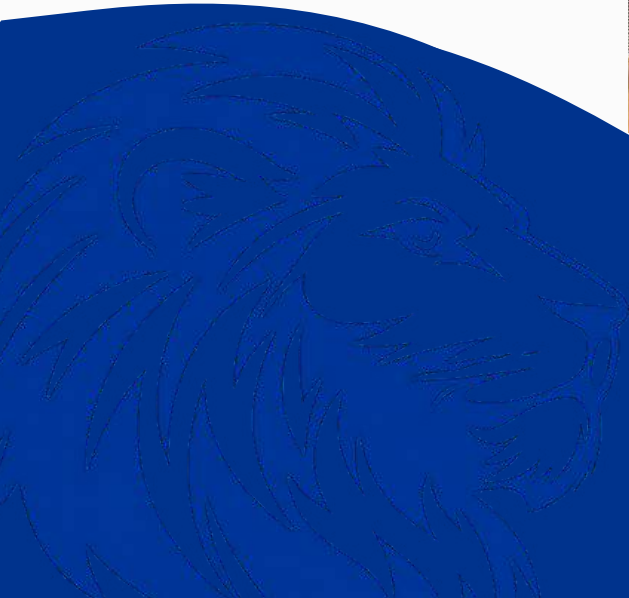


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NEWSLETTER EDITOR & SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR PDG RANDI WILDE

WELCOME BACK TO THE ROAR!

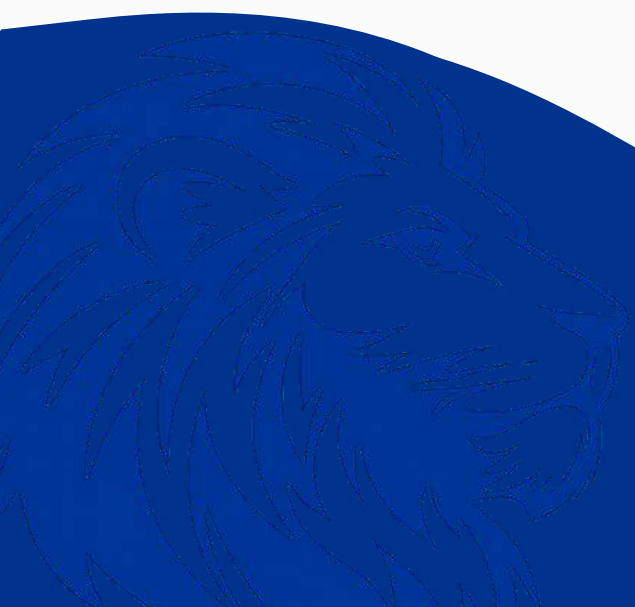
AS ANOTHER MONTH OF SERVICE COMES TO A CLOSE, WE'RE EXCITED TO BRING YOU THE LATEST EDITION OF THE ROAR, YOUR MONTHLY CONNECTION TO THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF LIONS ACROSS TEXAS. EVERY ISSUE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION, COMPASSION, AND LEADERSHIP THAT DEFINE OUR LIONS FAMILY.

ONE OF THE GREATEST STRENGTHS OF LIONISM IS OUR WILLINGNESS TO LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER. WHETHER YOUR CLUB HAS LAUNCHED AN INNOVATIVE SERVICE PROJECT, HOSTED A SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP EVENT, DEVELOPED NEW LEADERS, OR FOUND CREATIVE WAYS TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR STORY HAS THE POWER TO INSPIRE FELLOW LIONS ACROSS THE STATE. BY SHARING IDEAS AND CELEBRATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WE STRENGTHEN OUR CLUBS, OUR DISTRICTS, AND OUR COMMITMENT TO WE SERVE.

WE INVITE EVERY CLUB AND DISTRICT TO HELP MAKE THE ROAR A TRUE REFLECTION OF LIONS IN ACTION THROUGHOUT TEXAS. IF YOU HAVE UPCOMING EVENTS, SERVICE PROJECTS, MILESTONES, AWARDS, OR SUCCESS STORIES YOU'D LIKE FEATURED, PLEASE SEND THEM TO **RANDIWILDE000@GMAIL.COM** BY THE **1ST OF EACH MONTH** FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES. EVERY VOLUNTEER HOUR, EVERY NEW MEMBER, EVERY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY, AND EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS CREATES A LASTING IMPACT. TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE OUR STORIES, CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES, AND LET THE LIONS OF TEXAS ROAR AS WE SERVE WITH COMPASSION, LEAD WITH PURPOSE, AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES ACROSS OUR GREAT STATE.

KEEP THE LIONS OF TEXAS ROARING!
PDG RANDI WILDE
MD-2 NEWSLETTER EDITOR, THE ROAR





GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

LEADER CC CHRIS GUNSTREAM

BE THE KEY!

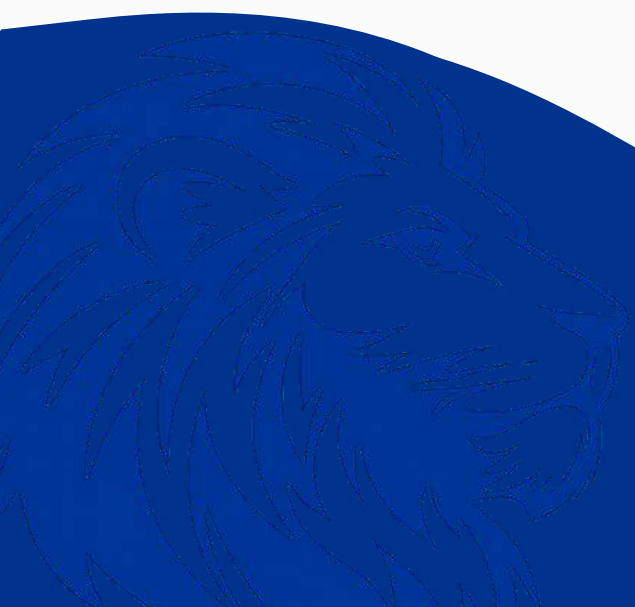
DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CLUB? WELL, YOU ARE! EVERY DAY YOU MEET PEOPLE AND OFFER THEM THE GREATEST SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IN THE WORLD. YOU CAN HELP THEM TO UNLOCK THEIR PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS AND IMPROVING THEIR LIVES. THAT'S RIGHT, YOU HAVE THAT ABILITY; THE ONLY THING HOLDING YOU BACK IS BY NOT SHARING WHY YOU ARE A LION. EVERY LION THAT WAS INVITED TO JOIN A LIONS CLUB, JUST DIDN'T WALK IN ONE DAY AND SAY, "HEY, I WANT TO JOIN."

YOU SEE, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT LIONS, WE THINK ABOUT SERVICE. WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT WE, AS AN ASSOCIATION, NEED TO DELIVER SERVICE? I KNOW THE ANSWER IS SHOCKING... WE NEED MEMBERS. RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS IS NOT HARD, BUT IT DOES TAKE A LITTLE PRACTICE AND A LITTLE SELF-CONFIDENCE. IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO BUILD YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE IS TO REFLECT ON WHY YOU ARE A LION. YES, WE ALL HAVE A DATE THAT SHOWS WHEN WE JOINED LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, BUT WE ALSO HAVE A DATE THAT WE ACTUALLY BECAME A LION. YOU KNOW THAT DAY WE REALIZED WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO BE A LION. THIS IS THE STORY YOU NEED TO PRACTICE AND TELL YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS, AND YOUR ACQUAINTANCES.

WHILE WE CAN TALK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO BE A LION, TAKE THE TIME AND INVITE THEM TO HELP WITH AN UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY FOR SOMEONE TO SEE WHAT WE DO THAN TO HAVE THEM SHARE IN THE EXPERIENCE OF SERVING OTHERS. WHEN TALKING TO PEOPLE, TAKE A MOMENT TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT. SEE IF THEIR PASSION ALIGNS WITH ANY OF YOUR CLUB'S SERVICE PROJECTS. WHO KNOWS, THIS MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CLUB TO ADD A NEW SERVICE PROJECT AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD A NEW MEMBER. THIS IS WHY I SAY SERVICE DRIVES MEMBERSHIP. THE MORE SERVICE WE PROVIDE THE MORE LIKELIHOOD WE HAVE OF ATTRACTING LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SERVE ALONGSIDE US.

SO, HERE IS MY CHALLENGE. I CHALLENGE YOU TO BE THE KEY THAT WILL UNLOCK THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHERS TO EXPERIENCE WHAT IT IS LIKE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES.

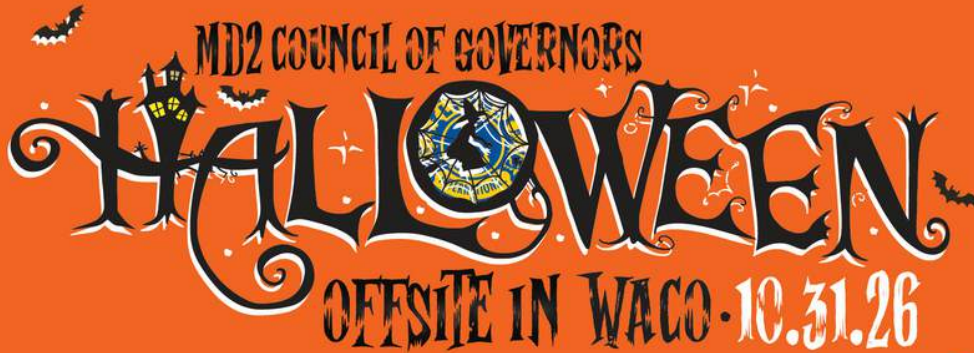
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SECOND COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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