

# LION LETTER



**District 2-E1**

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**Happy August!**

***Make A Note!***  
Charter Night for the new Campus Club  
at Hardin-Simmons on Saturday evening,  
September 19. See page 7 for invita-  
tion. Past International President  
Jimmy Ross will be speaker.



Lion Sam  
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the Albany  
Lions Club is  
the District  
Pin Chair.  
Pins may  
be ordered  
through  
him at [sconway1@suddenlink.net](mailto:sconway1@suddenlink.net)  
or by sending  
requests  
to him at P.O.  
Box 633 in  
Albany, TX  
76430. The  
pins are \$4.00  
each, or \$7.00  
for a set.



## From the Dining Room Table of the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG

What a great turnout for DG Tom's first cabinet meeting! There were seventy-three Lions who RSVP'd and sixty-six Lions who made it to the cabinet meeting.

**Club Presidents**, it is time to sit down and look at your club. You know where your club has been, but do you know where it is going? Take a look at the club's history and make a list of all the service projects the club has done over the past years. Ask your members to add to your list. It will no doubt surprise you and your members when you realize what all your club has done to serve the community, the state, the nation, and the world. But don't stop there. Next think about what is going to happen in your club's future.

Will your club "move to grow" or will it become stagnant? Make a list of potential service projects that might be tackled over the next year and even the next five years, if you really want to think ahead. Ask your members to make a list too. It is great to watch people piggyback on each others' ideas and come up with projects they would have never thought of on their own. Then let your club pick out at least one new service project for the 2009-2010 year from the list of ideas. If even half of the clubs in the district did this, just think how many more people's lives would be touched by this time next year.

**Club Secretaries**, please do not forget to send in your monthly membership report to Lions International and to your District Governor. It can be done in five minutes on the internet. By now, you should have received your password from Lions Club International. If you have not received the password, contact the English Dept. at Lions Club International by calling 630-571-5466.

If your club needs a program on the Texas Lions Camp, be sure to contact me at 940-549-7147 or Camp Director Charles Graf at 940-553-1281. One of us will be glad to visit your club. Beginning in September '09, I will be working during the daytime on Mondays and during the evening on Tuesdays. That means that starting in September, I will be available for Tuesday noon meetings and all day on Wednesdays through Saturdays.

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Hugh

Albany, Cisco, Eastland, Gordon, Ranger and Strawn will be hosting the Lions Benefit Bowl at Cisco College on September 27th at 7:00 p.m. Fellow Lions come and join the fun of the game between Trinity College and Cisco College. Admission is \$5.00 Adults and \$4.00 Children. College Students with their ID's will be admitted free. All the proceeds will be sent to the Texas Lions Camp.

# FROM YOUR DG



What a powerful presentation by Lion Jim Weed as he told his personal story of his involvement with Lions during lunch at the Cabinet Meeting in Graham on July 18. Lion Weed is one of the co-chairs of the MD-2 Texas Lions Public Relations team. He told how he grew up in Lubbock, Texas with a knowledge of the work done by Lions Clubs. As a result of Lubbock Lions providing emergency service to Lubbock following the damaging tornado that struck Lubbock in 1970, Lion Jim had a burning desire to become a Lion. But it was nine years before he could get invited to become a Lion. His story included mention of his favorite Lion, a man who did not get asked to join a Lions Club until late in life. In a powerful and emotional story, Lion Jim Weed reminded all in attendance at the cabinet meeting of how important an invitation to become a Lion can be. Lion Jim Weed's story is a reminder that we should all invite everyone we meet to become a Lion.

By coincidence, the Lubbock Lions Club which Lion Jim Weed referenced in his presentation celebrated its 80th anniversary on Wednesday, July 29. Lion Marnette and I were fortunate in that we were able to attend that celebration. The Lubbock Lions Club is the largest Lions Club in North America, and they had quiet a celebration.

A highlight of our district convention in Eastland in April was the presentation to me by IPDG Dean Vernon of the Melvin Jones Fellow (see picture). IPDG Vernon set a very good example for me to follow, and I was touched by the award. Thank you, IPDG Vernon.

DG Tom

## FINALLY!

Dear Governor Isbell,

The English Language Department is pleased to inform you that the association has accepted the district's recommendation that Lion Art Dearing serve as second vice district governor for the fiscal year 2009-2010. The association's records will reflect him as second vice district governor of District 2-E1.

Please share this good news with other members of the district cabinet and Lion Dearing.

We do appreciate your efforts in guiding the district through the process of filling the vacancy in the position of second vice district governor.

Sincerely,

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# 2009 International Lions Convention



Thanks to Ted Peterson, a newsletter reader and fellow Lion from Minnesota for sending the pictures.

## News from the Abilene Founder Lions Club Abilene, Texas

The Abilene Founder Lions Club put out flags on July 4th. There were ten Lions and three guests that helped with this project. They were Lion Preston Parker, Dennis Bruno, John Sanders, Grady Dorsett, Bob Hatcher, Tim Renfro, Jack Darnell, Annette Evatt, Dick Evatt, Sheri Garrett, and Sheri's husband Larry and children Seth Easton, and Sarah Garrett.

Lions PDG A.C. Sharp and Mary Beth attended the District Cabinet meeting in Graham. The club voted to adopt Lee Elementary School again this year and will be purchasing school supplies for the children. The Lion of the Month for June was Lion Brendan Messenger. Brendan is a hard worker and helps with all Lion projects. The Founder Lions Club has begun a new Lion year and have several projects planned for the year. Our club is looking forward to a great year.

Secretary---Mary Beth Sharp



*Abilene Founder Lions Club - Dick Evatt, Preston Parker, A. C. Sharp, John Roohms, Dennis Bruno, and John Sanders.*



*Abilene Founder Lions Club - Annette Evatt, A. C. Sharp, Grady Dorsett, and Bob Hatcher.*

# CHILLICOTHE LIONS CLUB

Our club has had a busy year under the leadership of Lion Howard Tooley. We always begin our year with our annual skeet shoot in August.

Free hamburgers were fed to all that

participated.

We supported the Chillicothe schools by providing prizes to the home-

coming 2 floats, bicycle contest and cleaned the town for homecoming weekend. Chillicothe Lions gave prizes to the top Peace Posters drawn by students.

In November we decorated the park for Christmas and in December sponsored a community visit with Santa and a bake sale. The New Year brought programs from various community organizations and FHA members. We took pictures

and fingerprints at the Chillicothe school open house. A big brisket lunch was our big fund raiser in April along with the broom sale.

We stuffed Easter eggs for the annual hunt and supported Project Celebration. We started delivering Meals on Wheels one week a month in May. Coda Stone received our

WE SERVE scholarship this year based on his community service hours. Lion Nancy Berngen received our 2009 Lion of the Year award. We are very proud of our

busy club and we are looking forward to this next year under the leadership of Lion Robby Young. Submitted by Lion Dianne Phillips.



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Website: <http://www.lions2e1.org> Email: [dist2e1@lions2e1.org](mailto:dist2e1@lions2e1.org)

## New District 2009-2010 Directories Available on Web District 2-E1 Website Update

**District 2-E1 2009-2010  
Directory Changes  
Updated July 26, 2009**

Provide corrections to email address: [dist2e1@lions2e1.org](mailto:dist2e1@lions2e1.org). This document will be placed on the District website - Newsletter page in PDF format for download. This document will be provided to Lion Callie Sherman so monthly corrections can be listed in the newsletter.

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**Region 6 Chair – Change**

to:

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**Abilene Evening – Change**

Meeting Location:

Tye Economic & Industrial  
Development Corp, 103A  
Scott, Tye, TX. 325-692-  
7479

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**Cisco Lions – Change**

Website:

<http://lions2e1.org/cisco-lions.html>

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**Hardin-Simmons Lions –**

Add Website:

<http://lions2e1.org/hard-Simlions.html>

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**Mid-Western State Univ**

– Change Website:

<http://lions2e1.org/mw-sulions.html>

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**Olney Lions – Change**

Website:

<http://lions2e1.org/olnyli-ons.html>

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**Stamford Lions – Add**

Website:

<http://lions2e1.org/st-flions.html>

You are Cordially Invited to our

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Charter Night Celebration  
Hardin-Simmons Lions Club



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Johnson Building  
HSU Campus  
Abilene Texas

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Saturday, September 19, 2009

6:30 PM

\$15.00 per person

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R.S.V.P. by September 12th to

Hardin-Simmons Lions Club

HSU Box 15251

Abilene, TX 79698

Club President Jodie Stewart

[Jodilee\\_2008@hotmail.com](mailto:Jodilee_2008@hotmail.com)

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Speaker: PIP Jimmy Ross



# New Lions Version of

## Matthew 25: 34-40

Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a handicapped child and you made me feel like all the other children, I needed eyeglasses and you provided some so that I could see clearly, I had river blindness and you provided medicine to save my sight, I had cataracts and you provided surgery to restore my sight, I was affected by natural disaster and you came to my aid.

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a handicapped child and invite you to a camp, or needing eyeglasses and fit you with a pair? When did we see you with river blindness or cataracts and restore your sight? When did we see you suffering natural calamity and come to your aid?"

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

# Peace Poster Contest

The theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest is "The Power of Peace." Students who are ages 11, 12, or 13 on November 15 are eligible to participate.

This contest promotes the arts and consists of an original theme incorporating peace. Participants use a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint to express their theme. The work expresses the artists' life experiences and culture. Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Lions Clubs should contact the art department at their school to solicit participants. Additional information about the Peace Poster Contest is available at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or by contacting DG Tom Isbell.

Entries need to be submitted to the local Lions Club not later than November 15. Each local Lions Club may offer cash awards or other prizes for each contestant from their community. The local Lions Club selects the three best posters and forwards them to DG Tom Isbell in Anson.



# South Taylor Lions Update

Those South Taylor Lions cranked up the fish fryers again to entertain members, their families, and their friends from around the District. We were honored with the presence of DG Tom Isbell of Anson and 1st VDG

Hugh and spouse, Carolyn Stroud of Graham. Other guests attending in addition to our own families and spouses were PCC C. Lee and Sue Smith of Clyde, PDG Luren and Beatt Campbell of Olney, PDG James and Reba Wheeler of Abilene, PDG Billy and Rose Wood of Graham, PDG A. C. and Mary Beth Sharp of Abilene, PDG Hal and Sandy Griffin along with Leader Dog in Training, Ivy Green, and the Owner and Publisher of the Jim Ned Journal with his family.



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members and guests attending the event held at the "Bird Observation House" at the Cedar Gap Farm. Located in the hills of the Callahan Divide overlooking the Jim Ned Vally just 9 miles south of Abilene, the facility offers nature trails, native vegetation, and other native wildlife in addition to about 80 varieties of birds during the year; some who "pass thru" to cooler climates and many who "stay" for the enjoyment of local bird watchers.





# Sight: What Better Gift?

## Club Gifts to TLERC

**Focus Club** – Almost from our inception, Lions Clubs have been challenged to fight blindness. A "Focus Club" is one focused on providing the gift of vision to those in need, by supporting TLERC with at least a **\$3 per member** gift.

## Individual Gifts to TLERC

**Visionary Knights of the Blind** – All Lions have been challenged by Helen Keller to be "Knights of the Blind". A "Visionary" recognizes that this fight is never ending. Thus, Visionary Knights of the Blind provide perpetual help by gifting at least **\$100/year**. This can be done by personal check or bank draft (minimum \$10/month).

**The PDG O. Ike Fitzgerald Gold Vision Fellowship** – A **\$1,000 or greater** gift recognizing PDG Ike's passion and determination for almost 20 years in taking TLERC from vision to reality.

**The Lion George Miles Silver Vision Fellowship** – A **\$500** gift recognizing the hard work of Lion George Miles in setting up and running the TLERC recycling warehouse.

**The Doctor Norman S. Gould Bronze Vision Fellowship** – A **\$250** gift recognizing Lion Gould's tireless effort and dedication for almost 20 years in developing the optometric programs of TLERC.

*TLERC is now a standalone Foundation under the Lions of Texas. TLERC joins the Texas Lions Camp and the Texas Lions Foundation as one of 3 that all Lions Clubs of the State of Texas have taken on the responsibility to maintain and support. 501 (c)(3) status is now pending with the IRS. If tax deductibility is an issue, please contact TLERC at 432-983-3811.*

# Stephenville Lions Club Annual Day Camp



The day was finally here, one that the Stephenville Lions looks forward to every year. As the Lions endured the heat, 103 to be exact, their hearts were filled with overwhelming joy! On June 27<sup>th</sup> the Stephenville Lions Club gathered at the Tarleton State University's Equine Center to start off the day camp with horse riding. This year 20 Lions hosted 7 campers to a day filled with activities and loads of fun. Even though these children are confined to wheelchairs or mental handicaps it is the expression on their faces and the look in their eyes that keeps these Lions hosting this event year after year. Lion Wayne Cooper who works

with these children on a daily basis does a wonderful job of inviting the children and organizing the activities.

After visiting the equine center the campers moved onto the Tarleton Challenge, a ropes course facility.

Here the campers started out on the lower level activities to build trust and teamwork. Then after a hot dog luncheon and lots of liquids they advanced onto the higher level activities. At this point the campers could either be belayed or climb up a 50 ft wall. Once at the top they just have to take one step to start the journey down the zip line. Everyone looks forward to this activity all day. Most are nervous at first but once they take that leap of faith it is a ride they do not forget and long to do again the following year. Even a few Lions took a trip down the zip line for the first time. Lions Bill Rountree (92 years old) and Roy Carpenter (87 years old) both showed the younger Lions how the zip line should be done.



To finish off the day both Lions and campers took a swim in the pool to cool off after a long day in the heat. The day was a huge success, one that everyone involved will not forget, because the memories live in our hearts.



# Stephenville Lions T-Ball Game

Each Spring and Fall the Stephenville Lions Club co-sponsors a t-ball league for our local children with special needs. We co-sponsor this league with the local Optimist Club and the league is known locally as the All Stars. Approximately 30 children participate in this event each season and a lot of fun is had by all.



*Lion Leo mascot, shown with two long-time players. He often shows up for the games and the players just love him. The mascot is actually Lion Shannon Prescott.*

There are also various organizations in the area that provide additional support in the form of assistants to the young athletes. This allows their parents to have a rare opportunity to sit “on the sidelines” and watch their children have a great time. To date, it is uncertain who has more fun, the kids or the ones that are there to help them. Each season lasts approximately 6 weeks with a game being played each Tuesday night. On the final night of the league, there is a great pizza party and each player is awarded a medal for their efforts. Each player also receives a team shirt. Lion Wayne Cooper from Stephenville was instrumental in organizing the league and the Stephenville Lions Club is very grateful for the opportunity to assist.



# MORE STEPHENVILLE LIONS NEWS.....

The Stephenville Lions Club sent a delegation of 16 members and guests to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville on June 12. The club toured the camp and were responsible for hosting that evening's awards

ceremony. The club greeted guests at the ceremony, handing out programs and providing assistance where needed. They were also responsible for manning the new concession stand and for greeting the

campers as they came into the amphitheater. A great time was had by all that made the trip. Hosting the awards ceremony was very rewarding and we hope to perform this service again.



## RSVP

Under the heading, state that a workshop is being planned for presidents, secretaries, and directors in Clyde on Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in attending the workshop please RSVP DG Tom Isbell at [taxisbell@aol.com](mailto:taxisbell@aol.com) or P. O. Box 586, Anson TX 79501. DG Tom can then supply each person interested in attending the workshop the details about where in Clyde the workshop will be held. If interested, but will be unable to attend, please send your regrets as well so that a potential need for additional workshops can be determined.

# What I Learned at District Cabinet Meeting

We had a wonderful turnout for DG Tom's first cabinet meeting. The meeting was started the usual way with all the pledges, prayers, and introductions of dignitaries. DG Tom told us that there have been 100 Lions Clubs established in China, but here in the States where it all started we keep seeing our numbers fall. He challenged each and every one of us to become involved and go out and get some new Lions. If you don't invite them, they won't come.

PDG Dean gave out the Governors Awards for last year. Abilene Cactus and Breckenridge Noon took first and second in the small club area. From the large clubs Graham Noon got first place, Abilene Founder came in second, and Wichita Falls was a proud third. Then he gave me my Lions' Camp plaque for being newsletter editor and I also got a gorgeous necklace which also keeps me from having to pay tail twister fines at any District meeting as long as I'm wearing the necklace. If I happen to do something deemed "really bad", then they can fine Lions Art. Wow, what a gift! Tail Twister PDG Gary was already figuring a way to get around my prize, so stay tuned.

Lion Jim Week told us that Lions will have to change to live. We also have to know what we are selling. Advertising just gets people in the door. We all have to do our part as salesmen to make the sale – or get the member. What do we sell? We sell "warm fuzzies." People will be impressed when we give them a list of all the wonderful things we do as Lions, but what gets and keeps a Lion in the club is the warm feeling they get when they are involved in doing these good things.

The Youth Contests were discussed. Lions – we each need to have a person from our club who will be the designated go-between with our high schools and get more students involved in this

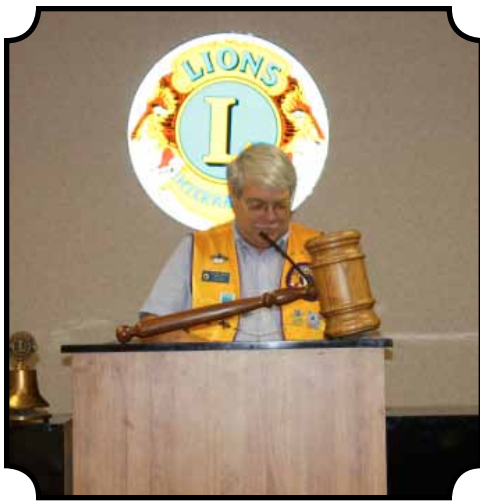
scholarship making, interest building, recruiting program. When we contact the school, we are letting people know we are here – faculty, staff, and students. Let's use this opportunity to allow others to have the same warm feeling we have from helping others. Get in touch with DG Tom to find out what you need to do or who you need to contact to get this program going in your town.

We had a very interesting talk from Lion John Landrum on the Lions World Services for the Blind. I am all geared up to visit the school. It sounds amazing. Every Club needs to make a concerted effort to collect used eye glasses in their area so that we can help more people.

District 2E-1 did a wonderful job this year supporting the Lions Camp. We had 11 new life members, and 43 clubs were 100% contributors. Yeah us!!!

Lion Jim Weed impressed on the group how important it is to wear our Lions pins and vests every day – it's amazing what an impact on small act of kindness a Lion can have on someone on a daily basis. Be proud to be a Lion and share the experience with everyone your talk to. You never know when you'll find a person looking for a worthy cause to champion!

Jodie Dearing  
Not the Newsletter Lady Anymore



Lion  
Jim Weed



These are our two District Tail Twisters, PDG Dean Vernon and PDG Gary Sult. Here's the caption that was suggested: "Tail Twisters – The long and the short of it."



Long time Newsletter Editor Jodie Dearing getting her necklace.

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# Second Cabinet Meeting.

Attention also needs to be called to the next district cabinet meeting to be held in Seymour on Saturday, October 17. The second cabinet meeting will begin with registration and fellowship at 9:00 a.m., with the day's activities beginning at 9:30 a.m. Trish Wilson, Development Director at Texas Lions Camp, a highly motivational speaker, will be the noon speaker. Other programs, such as the Lions Quest program and a program on Scrapbooking will be emphasized during the morning session. The afternoon session will be devoted to an extension workshop in which members will receive training on how to attract new members and new clubs.

Lion Sandy Griffin, the state chair for leader-dog training, recently received an message over her cell phone that she had a message. When she approached Lion Bob Nelson for assistance in getting the message, he was able to assist Lion Sandy in getting the message. The message was from a young woman in Mexico who had teamed with one of the leader-dogs that Sandy had trained. Lion Sandy names each dog Ivy Green in honor of the name of the plantation where Helen Keller grew up. She has trained nine Ivy Greens. In the message transmitted via cell phone, the young woman was shown approaching a train on her way to work, being led by one of the Ivy Greens trained by Lion Sandy. The film showed the young woman approaching and getting onto a train in a busy metropolitan area in Mexico. There is no sound except for the immense sounds of traffic. The filmed story also showed the young woman exiting the train on her way to work. An interesting way for someone in Mexico to tell Lion Sandy how much she appreciated the new life she enjoyed because of the training of her leader-dog provided by Lion Sandy.

