# TEXAS LIONS DISTRICT 2- E2 CONVENTION & LEADERSHIP MEETING April 10, 2021

# **Holiday Inn Trophy Club**

- 1. The morning session was called to order at 8:30 AM with a welcome from District Governor Mary Alice Layland.
- 2. Prayer of Invocation Zone 6 Chair, Lion Dennis Hilleren
- 3. National Anthem sung by Ms. Sophia Peay, student at Arlington Classics Academy
- 4. Pledge to the US Flag Springtown Lions Club President Mike Plumlee
- 5. Pledge to the Texas Flag Northwest Tarrant Lions Club President Michelle Greco
- 6. Presentation of Colors Colleyville Lions
- 7. Protocol Established Lion Woody Mathews, Cleburne Lions Club
- Conference Registration Thanks expressed to the Grapevine and Denton Triangle Clubs for handling on-site registration.
- 9. Necrology Service Chaplain PDG Bob Mitchell conducted the Necrology Service and 29 members that were lost in this Lion Year were recognized and remembered in a Power Point Presentation.

# 10. District Awards Presented by DG Mary Alice Layland -

- Lion Karri Hayford, served as Youth Opportunity Chair and managed all Youth
   Contests in the District
- Lion Michelle Greco, NW Tarrant Club President, this year's Peace Poster Chair
- o Lion Pam Eckman for all of the Auction Items set up for the meeting as a fundraiser.
- Cabinet Members
  - PDG Bob Mitchell, Chaplain
  - Lion Sean Bryan, Budget Committee Chair and Diabetes Awareness Chair
  - 11DG Stan Hall
  - 21DG Juneria Berges (in absentia)
  - PDG Suzanne Henderson, Convention Chair,
  - Lion Don Noblit, District Treasurer,
  - Marcia Mathews, District Secretary

### 11. Awards and Special Recognitions presented by PIP Lion Joe Preston -

- Pantego Lions Club's Peace Poster entrant, Nadia Bui, went on to win the State Contest. The Pantego Club had a reproduction of her poster made and framed to present to her as a keepsake. PIP Preston also presented Nadia with a financial award for her amazing talent.
- 2. IPDG Vince "Santa" Rosen International President's Medal
- 3. Lion Deb Cashen International Leadership Medal
- 4. Melvin Jones Fellow Lion Charlie Brown
- 5. LCI Membership Award Universal Key and Medallion (300) PDG Ron Layland
- International President's Certificate of Appreciation Lions Mike Plumlee, Michelle Greco, Denny Hilleren, Debra Lewis, and Don
   Noblit
- 7. MD2 Governor's Recognition Medal

#### **Grass Roots Luncheon**

The Grass Roots Lion of the Year was awarded to **Lion Janice Edwards**, from the Cleburne Lions Club.

# AFTERNOON LEADERSHIP SESSION - Called to Order at 2:00 PM by the DG. There were

12. Cabinet Minutes - Secretary Marcia Mathews submitted minutes from the January 17, 2020 meeting. GST Lion Deb Lewis had one correction which stated the Grass Roots Lion Awards would be announced at the June convention, when in fact they were announced at this April Convention. With that, the motion was made to approve the

- minutes by Treasurer Lion Don Noblit and seconded by TLC Director, Lion Robert Duckworth. The motion passed.
- 13. Treasurer's Report Treasurer Don Noblit submitted the Treasurer's Report after noting a positive balance for the year and in good standing as far as the budget. There were no questions from the floor, and a motion was made to approve the report by PDG Bob Mitchell and seconded by GST Chair Lion Deb Lewis. The motion passed.
- 14. International Convention PDG Tom Hayford reminded all present that the International Convention is going to be a virtual event, LCICON. The cost to attend is \$50.00. He announced that we have a Texas candidate for International Director, Lion T. J. Tijerina and he was set up in the hallway to assist any members who had not registered. If registered, he was happy to help with voting on the computer.
- 15. GMT PDG John Paul Barnett reported that the former UNT Club is still on track to be converted to an Omega Club. The administration at TCU has not yet decided if they will allow the TCU Lions Club to convert to an Omega Club. He also emphasized how much drops in membership at a club affect the whole organization, not just one club.
- **16. NAMI** IPDG Vince Rosen reported that while the District was down in membership, some clubs are starting to meet again. He continues to emphasize how important service is. Service activities are part of what keeps club members engaged.
- 17.GLT Council Chair Elect Suzi Schneider reports that she continues to push virtual training via the lionsdistrict2e21eadership training on You Tube. There is training for secretaries now and she hopes to provide more virtual training on You Tube and in person in the future.
- **18.GST** Deb Lewis reported that even with the struggles due to Covid, the district has surpassed the amount of money raised last year, with three months left to continue to do what they do best.
- 19. Communications/Website Director Deb Cashen continued to emphasize the importance of utilizing her to share club information across the District. She feels that the word still needs to get out to clubs that this is available as a way of sharing the positive impact they are making and ideas for service and fund-raising activities.
- **20. Zone Reports** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Stan Hall called for the Zone Chair reports:

- Zone Chair 1, Charlie Brown Lion Charlie reported that he held a Zone Meeting for his clubs on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral. TLC Director Robert Duckworth provided an update on the improvements to the Texas Lions Camp and the fact that they will be having some in-person camping this summer! All clubs are now meeting, either in person or via Zoom, or some hybrid of the two.
- Zone Chair 2, Elizabeth Dierdorf Argyle, Denton, Denton Triangle, and Sanger Lions. Ar is meeting regularly on Zoom and they have sponsored youth in the Peace Poster Contest and the Speech Contest for youth. They also sponsored PDG John Paul Burnett in the Polar Plunge Challenge to raise funds for the Texas Lions Camp. The club approved a \$500 donation to the "Fill the Wagon campaign benefiting the Pediatric Cancer Department at Cooks Children's Medical Center. Denton made a cash donation to Hearts for Homes and aided with home repairs in homes that had suffered damage during the snow and ice storm. The club continues to work in collecting, sorting, and delivering recycled eyeglasses to the Eyeglass recycling Center. **Denton Trian** continues to put together packages to deliver a clinic that serves needy children. They have scheduled a Club fundraiser for May. Justin has just resumed meetings meeting in person and they are working on a project to honor local veterans. They hope to have a fundraising event in the near future. **Denton <u>Hi-Noon</u>** sponsored a Virtual Eye Screening Event on March 24, 2021. They connected two computers in order to view a visual conference call with "Prevent Blindness". They screened 36 guests and referred 30. Krum continues their "Bags for Benches" project, in which they collect plastic bags to turn in to a company that recycles them to make park benches. They remain active in working at the ERG and recently had a program by "The Master Naturalist" learning more about actively recycling. They will by reviewing scholarship applicants in advance of rewarding their annual college scholarship to a deserving senior at Krum High School.
- Zone Chair 3, Doug Chapman No written report received.

- Zone Chair 4, Mary Green Azle provided \$600 in food for three families and crates of bottles water to three families that suffered loss from storm damage and loss of power. In early April, the club made \$4,862.75 on a raffle for a zero-tum riding mower. No report from the **Boyd** Club. **Decatur** purchased various food items and other relief supplies for 20 families with funds from the District 2E2 Emergency Grant Program. Saginaw Club members came together to purchase food and toiletry items for distribution at two locations that serve the Saginaw area. Additional food items were purchased and distributed to pre-certified families in need at a drive-through event at the Eagles View Church on Boat Club Rd. The **Northwest Tarrant** Club participated in several service activities during the month of March. 50 boxes of groceries to students at the Norris Bible Seminary in White Settlement and 50 boxes to students at Joy James Elementary School in Samson Park. Of the \$1,876 in groceries, \$700.00 came from the 2E2 LCIF Emergency Grant and the remainder was donated by the club. These boxes were to assist to their families, who had struggled due to the impact of the ice storm. NWT Club members visited a rental home in the area after learning the children's bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, and the dining areas of the home had been destroyed by flooding from broken pipes during the ice storm. NW Lions delivered new clothes, new shoes, undergarments, bed linens, bath necessities, kitchen towels and a few toys for the children. The third and last food drive brought 2 large boxes of groceries to 5 Lake Worth families who lost due to extended power outages. Each family received 2 large boxes of groceries, using \$449.82 of the District 2E2 LCIF Emergency Grant.
- Zone Chair 5, Phil Beckman No report
- Zone Chair 6, Denny Hilleren Collevville had to cancel their spring golf tournament due to Covid. Several members are going to Kerrville on May 1<sup>st</sup> for Lions Camp preparations. Ft. Worth Founders Club had to cancel their fundraiser at the Ft. Worth Arts Festival (also canceled). Southlake Centennial Club continues with their monthly Cars and Coffee Car Show. It averages between \$900-\$1,000 in income per month.
  Northeast Richland canceled their annual basketball fundraiser due to Covid, but they

are looking ahead to September for another attempt at the basketball fundraiser. Members are helping at the Hurst Rec Center with COVID vaccinations. The club is looking forward to meeting in person again beginning in May. Mid-Cities Family is still collecting shoes for the needy. They donated to the Wonder Wagon program for the pediatric cancer floor at Cook Children's Hospital. They will begin meeting in person in May. The Grapevine Club hosted a Magic Show in January as a fundraiser. They presented a \$1,000 scholarship to the Boy Scouts there. The club donated \$300 to help individuals in need in their community and \$750 to LCIF. The Keller Lions began planning their annual carnival later this month in connection with their Lions' Pageant. 16 club members went to Texas Lions Camp on March 1<sup>st</sup> to work on camp rebuilding and cleanup projects. Northeast Tarrant Lions continue with their Food Table which is always out for the homeless to help out those affected by the ice storm and COVID. They have been working with nurses on an ongoing vision assistance program. They continue with their commitment to Highway 377 cleanup.

- Zone Chair 7 No report
- Zone Chair 8, Mike Lueckenhoff- Greater Arlington began meeting in person again twice a month in November. They continue to work the at the City Bingo Hall and this is their primary fundraiser. The president, Tom Martin, continues to be involved in Canine Companions. They are holding at 39 members. **Everman** has 8 members and they did meet in person for the first time in January. 2-3 of their members participate in food distribution on the third Thursday of every month at the Tarrant County Food Bank. They will continue to meet on a staggered schedule to accommodate more members. Handley Meadowbrook has been very limited due to COVID, but they are still participating in the scholarship fund at the local high school. FW Riverside has adopted Oakhurst Elementary School, working on the playground, mentoring students, and reading to students as requested. The club meets twice a month. Mansfield Centennial presented a donation to Mansfield Feed the Kids and a donation to Cycles for Life bicycles for special needs children and the club is looking for ways to use the remaining portion of their grant. The club does meet via Zoom. **Pantego** had to cancel their annual Pancake Supper, but they are working with the Arlington Life Shelter to aid with meals.

- Zone Chair 9, Ron Layland -All clubs are still meeting, either in person or via Zoom, regularly. All clubs are still active in their community and current on dues with LCI.
- Zone Chair 10, Woody Mathews <u>Benbrook</u> is beginning to meet again and is still helping with various service projects. <u>River Oaks</u> is not meeting yet but continuing with service projects. <u>Weatherford Evening</u> has started meeting in person again and remains a very viable club. <u>Weatherford Noon</u> is doing well. White <u>Settlement Club</u> is struggling, but Woody and the DG are planning a visit with them soon.

# 21. Entity Reports

Julian C. Hyer Youth Camp- V.P. Woody Mathews reported that due to travel restrictions, the board had cancelled the summer exchange camp this year due to the complications of international travel during COVID. The board is still discussing other ways to utilize those finds to provide a summer experience for kids in the areas.

**Lions Quest** - No report at this time.

**Texas <u>Lions..Camp</u>** - Lion Robert Duckworth announced applications are being received for in-person campers, even though the camping experience will be a little different this year. The camp is grateful for those clubs in the District that have been down or are on the schedule to go down for workdays in preparation of the new season.

**Texas Lions** Camp Director & Bus Chair- PDG John Paul Burnett spoke about the camp schedule and reported that the Polar Plunge Fundraiser that took place in January was the most successful that had ever been held at Mo Ranch in terms of dollars raised.

**LOEB** - Director Elizabeth Dierdorf delivered President Julie Camacho's written report. She reported that the LOEB had provided financial assistance for two individuals so far this year. Screening Events for the past quarter showed 447 children were screened and 86 of them were referred, while 37 adults were screened, 7 of whom were referred.

and club service pictures will be included. DG Layland took a vote and the motion passed.

**DG Layland** - **PDG** John Paul Burnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and that motion was seconded by Lion Don Noblit The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

# MD2 & LCI Awards present by DG Mary Alice Layland & PIP Joe Preston

International Presidents Medal IPDG Vince "Santa" Rosen

International Leadership Metal

Melvin Jones Fellow

Lion Deb Cashen

Lion Charlie Brown

LCI Membership Award Universal Key & Medallion (300)

PDG Ron Layland

International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Lions Mike Plumlee, Michelle

Greco, Denny Hilleren, Debra Lewis & Don Noblit

MD2 Governor's Recognition Medal PDG Charlie Bethards

Respectfully submitted,

**Lion Marcia Mathews, District Secretary** 

NOTE: All reports submitted in writing follow these minutes, in the order listed in the minutes.

# LIONS DISTRICT 2-E2 ZUZU - ZUZI

LIONS DISTRICT 2-E2 03-12-21	BUDGET	BTOTAL	Notes	ACTUAL	A TOTAL	CODE
Reserve	\$22,836		4	\$43,990		9999
District ALERT Fund	\$29,773			\$29,773		9000
Fall Council of Gov. meeting	\$3,000			,		
Conference deposits	\$3,250			\$1,000		8300
Prior Year Scholarships	\$2,000			. ,		7010
Total	\$60,859				\$74,763	0.23
INCOME	\$1,000			\$167		1000
Charity	\$1,000			\$12,739		1100
Ad sales	\$0					1010
Cabinet meals	\$1,100			\$1,740		1012
Fall - Mid-Winter Conf	\$9,000			\$4,436		1015
Conf & Conv Fees	\$11,000			\$1,380		1020
2E2 Dues (1035-1037)	\$32,400		1	\$24,906		1030
Outstanding Youth Entry Fees	\$1,000		2	\$250		1050
Sale of MD2 & 2E2 pins	\$2,000					1060
Tail Twister Activity	\$5,000			\$855		1070
Grass Roots	\$500		9	\$SO		1086
New Club Starts	\$2,000					1088
Income Grand Total		\$66,000			\$4&,523	0.70
OPERATING EXP.ENSES						
Meetings						099-2000
Cabinet meetings	\$1,800			\$4,114		2010
District convention	\$6,550					2020
Fall - Mid-winter conference	\$4,600			\$4,303		2030
Convention expenses	\$3,600					2020-30a
		\$16,550			\$8,417	0.51
District operations						3000
Accounts payable	\$2,000		6	\$570		3005
Awards & gifts	\$3,500			\$1,542		3015
Bank charges	\$50					3020
Benevolent fund	\$300					3025
DG Recognition	\$2,500		10			3040
Directory	\$2,000			\$1,569		3045
Name Badges	\$300					3050
New Club expense - NAMI	\$2,000					3088
Newsletter	\$100			\$403		3055
Photography expense	\$100					3060
PO Box Rental	\$125					3065
Printing & office supplies	\$3,000			\$234		3070
Public relations & Advertising	\$200					3075
Purchase MD2 & 2E2 pins	\$1,000			\$772		3080
Surety Bond	\$100	-				3085
Tail Twister	\$400					3090
Website - ZOOM	\$750		 	\$301		3097
Charitable donations				\$4,839		3098a
		\$18,425			\$10,230	0.56
GMT-GLT						4031
GMT Operating Funds	\$500					4030
GLT Operating Funds	\$500					4040
GST Operating Funds	\$500					4050
ELT/Senior leadership Training	\$500		 			4060
Women/Family/2E2 Cent	\$500					4070
		\$2,500			\$0	0.00

03-12-21	BUDGET	B TDTAL		Notes		ACTUAL	A TOTAL	CODE
Youth Programs								5000
District Youth 2-E2 Scholarships	\$2,000					242		5010
District Youth Contest expenses	\$300							5020
MD-2 Outstanding Youth Expenses	\$400							5030
Outgoing youth exchange/Peace	\$300							5040
		\$3,000					\$242	0.08
REIMBURSED EXPENSES				8				6000
District Governor								
Travel Expenses	\$1,200							6010
Int Conv2021 USA/Canada Foru	\$1,700			10				6020
1st Vice District Governor								
Travel Expenses	\$1,000							6040
Int. Conv2021 USA/Canada Foru	\$825			10				6050
DGE Spouse	\$500							6051
2nd Vice District Governor	*****							
Travel Expenses	\$600							6070
Int. Conv2021 USA/Canada Forum	\$700			10				6080
2nd Vice District Governor-elect								
Int. Conv. Travel Expenses	\$500			7				6085
100% TLC Director(s)	\$1,500							6090
Cabinet Secretary	\$500							3030
Cabinet Treasurer	\$500							3035
TLERC Director	\$500							3041
Total		\$10,025					\$0	0.00
MANDATED EXPENSES		ŕ						
TLC Picnic Expenses	\$0			3				8200
Prior Years Scholarship	\$1,000			5				7010
Total:	7 ,	\$1,DOO					\$0	0.00
Pass Through Funds		,						
MD-2 Admin Dues	\$12,600					\$12,245		1035
Promote Texas Fund	\$900					\$875		1036
MD-2 Convention Fund	\$1,000			4,11		\$3,000		1037
	. ,	\$14,500				. ,	\$16,120	1.11
{Over)/Under		•	\$0				·	
Reserve Carried Forward	\$40,486							
Expense Grand Total:		\$66,000					\$35,009	0.53
Surplus over Budget:							\$11,514	0.17
				4	Convention	n Fund	\$29,858	
				11	Budget su		\$1,000	
Footnotes						-	•	
1-Estimate based on 1800 members and co	nvention f	ees (\$18)						
2-Estimate based on 8 participants @ \$125	entry fee	-						
3-TLC Picnic 14-15-16-17funded								
4-07-01-20 Bal=\$28,858 in 2E2 account MD-	2 Convent	on Fund -	not in rese	rve				
5-Transfer to reserves								
6-An amt to expense uncategorized bills								
7-0nly When 2VDGE attends Int. Covn.								
8-Will follow the rules of audit								
9 - \$25 per awardee								
10 - Paid at end of term for Govs. to attend	Intl. Conv.							
11- Paid 2019-20,21 \$1000 in 1037								

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Cash Basis

# LIONS CLUB DISTRICT Profit & Loss

July 1, 2020 through March 12, 2021

	Jul 1, '20 • Mar 12, 21
Income	
1000 Int Inc	50.00
1001 Charitable Inc	12,739.00
1012 Cabinet meals	1,740.00
1015 Fall - MidWinter	4,436.61
1020 Conf&Conv	1,380.00
1030 2E2 Dues	24,905.50
1050 Outstanding Youth	250.00
1070 Tail Twister Activity	855.00
1086 Grss Roots	50.00
Bank Interest	116.97
Total Income	46,523.08
Gross Profit	46,523.08
Expense	
1035E MD-2 Admin Dues	12,244.75
1036E Promote Texas Fund	874.63
1037 MD-2 Conv Fund	3,000.00
2010 Cabinet Meetings	4,113.64
2030 Fall Con!Exp	4,303.00
3005 Accounts Payable	570.00
3015 Awards And Gifts	1,542.00
3045 Directory	1,569.24
3055 Newsletter	402.96
3070 Printing & Office Supplies	234.13
3080 Purchase MD2 & 2E2 Pins	772.00
3097 Website	301.27
3098 Charitable Donations	4,839.08
5010 District 2 E2 Scholorships	241.85
Misc	0.00
Total Expense	35,008.55
Net Income	11,514.53

# 4<sup>th</sup> District Leadership Meeting April 9-10, 2021

# **GST**

My service activity report ending March 31, 2021:

Number of activities for the District: 511

Number of people served: 57,009

Total Number of Volunteer Hours: 11,608

Funds Donated: \$271,267 Funds Raised: \$280,063

The percentage of clubs reporting has risen to 65%.

This compares to the full year 2019-2020 report as follows:

Number of activities for the District: 673

Number of people served: 134,679

Total Number of Volunteer Hours: 25,969

Funds Donated: \$261,502 Funds Raised: \$252,718

As you can see, given everything with which Clubs had to deal with COVID, our district has exceeded the amount of money both donated and raised over last year! And we still have 3 more months in the year to do more! We have done well!

#### **ZONE 1 REPORT**

A zone meeting was held on March 25, 3021 at the Golden Corral in Sherman. There were 12 present representing 4 of the 5 clubs in the zone. Lion Robert Duckworth gave a condensed report on Texas Lions Camp and the family housing. The following reports were made:

#### **Denison**

This was not from the zone meeting, but from the visit with Gov. Mary Working with the Goodfellows, there was 452 gift cards given out (\$23,120.00) last Christmas. This represented 483 individuals (255 from 2-12 years of age). They sold their old building on Crawford.

They are now meeting every Monday evening at 6:00 PM at Bi-Lo Wholesale.

#### <u>Whitesboro</u>

Meet the 2" and 4th Thursday at the 4u Credit Union building in Collinsville. Random acts of Kindness - Gave Gator Aid to fire dept. Angel Tree - 2 girls
Gave to toy box at Fire Dept.

### Sherman Evening

Meet every Monday at 6:30 PM at Golden Corral, but have been meeting on Zoom for the past month

Held virtual Martyn Lucas concert with the Noon club. Good results.

Gave 11 boxes of food to In Christ Ministries for Christmas

Working with In Christ Ministries, we provided food for 4 families affected by the freeze

#### Sherman Noon

Have began to meet again each Wednesday at the Golden Corral at noon

Provided a week's worth of food for 101 families during their "Food for Families" event this past December. This also included toys for the children. A 25% increase in the number of families.

Gave \$1500 for livestock for kids at the Texoma Livestock Exhibition. Also \$1300 to 4-H.

Preparing for their golf tournament on June 12, 2021

Will be setting up their food trailer for Hot Summer Nights in June and July

#### Gainesville

Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3" Wednesday Donated to the Senior Center, the Flag Program, and Visto Planning "Taco Meal Night" on July 2, 2021.

Lion Charlie Brown Zone 1 Chairman



# Zone 2 Report, April 11, 2021 Lions Club District 2E2 Annual District Convention

### Denton Hi Noon Lions

This club sponsored a Virtual Eye Screening event on March 24, 2021. The event was held at Our Daily Bread, which provides a daily, hot, noon meal and other needed services to Denton's homeless population as well as other people in need. At this location, Denton Hi Noon club hooked two computers up to have a visual conference call with Prevent Blindness. Questions were asked to the people who were being screened. If qualified, vouchers were provided for eye testing and glasses. They screened saw 36 quests and 30 qualified for a voucher. There were 3 Lions present. Hi Noon Lions have resumed their in-person meetings at Smokehouse Restaurant in Denton.

#### **Krum Lions Club**

Krum Lions Club is continuing their Bags for Benches project, in which plastic bags are collected and turned in to be made into park benches. They have also taken on a Random Acts of Kindness activity and established a committee; looking forward to hearing a report from them at this week's meeting. At their last meeting, the program was presented by "The Master Naturalist" and we learned valuable things about recycling. They have a date in June to serve at the eyeglass recycling center, sharing the date with some members of the Sanger Lions who wish to participate, as well. This club will also be accepting, reviewing, and rewarding our annual college scholarship, as well as helping finance scholarships sponsored by three local banks to seniors of Krum High.

#### **Denton Lions Club**

Denton Lions Club made a financial donation to Hearts for Homes. The club continues to collect eyeglasses at several locations. The club members have sorted eyeglasses before taking them to the recycling center. They took up a collection is winter items to donate to the homeless in Denton. Two club members assisted a local organization, Hearts for Homes, by repairing homes and helping take down Christmas decorations for their clients. This club will resume in-person meetings at Smokehouse Restaurant on Monday evenings starting April 12.

# **Denton Triangle Lions Club**

Denton Triangle continues to make packets for needy children to take to a local clinic. They are collecting eyeglasses. They have scheduled a fundraising event in May. It is a movie for local children and their families. Local people buy the tickets and they show a move at Cinemark.

#### **Justin Lions Club**

This club has just resumed meetings. They are working on a project to honor local veterans. They are hoping to have a fundraiser in the near future.

# **Argyle Lions Club**

Argyle Lions sponsored a student for the Outstanding Youth Contest, and their contestant won first place. They sponsored a student for the Drug Awareness Contest. They sponsored PDG John Paul Burnett for the Polar Bear Challenge to help raise money for Texas Lions Camp. In March, they sponsored a Breakfast with the Bunny drive thru and gave away breakfasts, candy, and coffee. They helped sponsor a Welcome Back Seniors Luncheon, with a guest speaker who talked about recognizing internet/email fraud. The approved \$500 to donate to Fill the Wagon for Cooks Children's Hospital.

# **Sanger Lions**

Do not have a report from their club

#### **Mean Green Lions**

The past president reported that they disbanded and are now a Leo club.

Submitted by Lion Elizabeth Dierdorf, Chair, Zone 2



# **ZONE3**

# **McKinney Morning Pride Lions**

- Eye screening held on January 21, screening a total of 38 adults, sending 31 to Americas Best for glasses
- Next eye screening scheduled for April 15, 2-6 PM at Market Street in McKinney.
- Inducted 1 new member and transferred a "new" member
- Preliminary planning for the Second Annual Dove Season Clay Shoot
- Meeting in person/face-to-face but considering doing virtual at the same time in order to touch with more members
- Supported McKinney ISO project graduation by providing 3 scholarships to graduating Seniors (1 to each High School)

# **McKinney Lions Club**

- Meeting regularly in Chestnut Square in downtown McKinney (Country Club is not yet accepting group meetings)
- Planned car show in May
- Magic Show planned in late summer.
- Made a donation to McKinney ISO Project Graduation

# **Princeton Lions Club**

- Holding bi-weekly Face-to-Face meetings
- Fund raising is in progress

# Prosp\_er Lions Club

Unknown

# **The Colony Lions Club**

Unknown

# LIONS District 2-E-3 District Convention April 10, 2021

#### **ZONE CHAIR 4 REPORT**

AZLE - Winter Storm in February - The club purchased \$600.00 for food for three families @ \$200.00 each. The club acquired several crates of water donated from a couple of sources. We were able to give a few cases of water to each family. At the same time we had 50 cases of water the club gave away to the community who needed it, at our Lions Building.

Raffle - Fund Raiser. The Azle club members have been selling tickets for six months for a 42" zero turn mower to be given away on 7 April. A lady in Ft Worth won it. The club cleared \$4,862.75 on it.

BOYD - I haven't received a report from them. I was not able to go visit their club before today.

BRIDGEPORT - Winter Storm in February-They helped with food for "Meals on Wheels" for Runaway Bay area.

-- They are preparing to have a corn throw contest in May. I was able to visit them several weeks ago.

DECATUR -Winter Storm in February- Members of Decatur Lions club purchased various food items and relief goods for Dist. 2-E-2 emergency grant program. Members of the club boxed food and relief items for 20 families who were disaster victims in the Decatur/Wise County area. They did this in a nearby parking lot. I visited their club.

NORTHWEST - Winter Storm in February- See Attached sheet.

SAGINAW-Winter Storm in February-Members of the Saginaw Lions Club went shopping several times to purchase food/toiletries for distribution at two locations that serve the Saginaw area. Initially toiletries such as toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc., were purchased to distribute on the regularly scheduled day that pre-certified community members would be picking up food from the Community Link in Saginaw on March15. Funds were also used to purchase various canned goods, bread, lunchmeat, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, tuna, cookies, fruit, etc. to hand out at Eagles View church on Boat Club Road in Ft Worth on March 23. Forty bags of food were delivered to Saginaw area families as they drove through the church parking lot many vehicles picking up for multiple families. The lion members had a great time volunteering together, and as always loved serving our community especially during these trying times.

# Northwest Tarrant Lions Club

- Friday, March 5th NWT Lions Club members delivered 50 boxes of groceries to students at Norris Bible Seminary in White Settlement, Tx for our "Food Drive Part 1". The students were able to take these groceries home to their families who have been struggling due to the impact from the ice storm and power outages. Lions George and Michelle Greco, Jack Adkison, Rodney Clayton, Kelly Clark, Ron Wooten and Greg Fox attended the event and each shared 2 hours of their morning (14 hrs total). 50 families/250 individuals were served by this grocery delivery.
- Wednesday, March 10th NWT Lions Club members delivered 50 boxes of groceries to Joy James Elementary School students in Sansom Park for our "Food Drive Part 2". Each family was selected by the school and suffered losses during the ice storm and power outages. For "Food Drive Part 1 and Part 2" NWT Lions donated \$1,176 in groceries. \$700 from the LCIF Grant and club members donated the difference. Lions Michelle Greco, Jack Adkison, Rodney and Sue Clayton, Ron Wooten, Jack Allen and David Farmer volunteered 2 hours each at this event. (14 hrs total) 50 families/250 individuals were served.
- Wednesday, March 17th NWT Lions Club members visited the rental home of the Thach family. Their children's bedrooms, baths, kitchen and dining area were destroyed by flooding during the ice storm in Feb.They will not be able to return to their home for a minimum of 4 months. NWT Tarrant Lions delivered new clothes, shoes, undergarments, bed linens, blankets, pillows, bath towels/shower accessories, kitchen towels and a few toys to the family.
  - Lions Michelle Greco and Greg Fox volunteered 4 hours total.
- Thursday, March 18th NWT Lions Club members completed our food drive with "Food Drive Part 3". 5 families in Lake Worth, Tx that were heavily affected by the ice storm in Feb were chosen to receive much needed groceries. These 5 families lost food from the extended power outages as well as personal properties from flooding in their homes. Each family received 2 large boxes of groceries.
  - Lions Michelle Greco and Greg Fox volunteered 4 hours total.
  - \$449.82 of groceries were donated through LCIF grant funds.

Lions Club Zone 5 Report District Convention and Fourth Leadership Meeting April 10, 2021

- Clubs haven't been meeting in person
- Roanoke plans to rebuild
- Few clubs have been meeting on Zoom with little attendance
- Flower Mound New Century Lions Club has been collecting pet food and donating it to Christian Community Action (CCA).

In service,

Phil Beckman

# APRIL 1, 2021 Zone 6 Update

Colleyville-had tocancel the spring golf outing due to covid. Easter Festival held April 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Membership Round Up scheduled for April 24. Will be going to Kerrville May 1<sup>St</sup> for Lions Camp preparation.

Ft. Worth Founders-had to cancel the Ft. Worth Art festival due to Covid. Working on a hybrid format to build membership for the club. Meeting in person beginning in April.

**Grapevine-held** Magic Show in January. Gave \$1000 scholarship to Boy Scouts. Gave \$300 to individuals in need in community. \$750 to LCIF.

Keller-planning on their annual carnival later this month in conjunction with their Lions pageant. 16 members went to Kerrville for Lions camp prep on March 1st.

Mid Cities Family-Still collecting shoes for the needy. Donating to the wonder wagon program for Cooks Children. Will begin meeting in person in May.

**N.E. Richland-had** to cancel basketball fundraiser due to Covid, will try and hold another basketball fundraiser in September. Service hours-members are working at Hurst Center for helping with vaccines. Met virtually during covid. Will be attempting to meet in person in May.

**N.E. Tarrant-** Still have the food table out for the homeless to help out for the people affected by covid and the freeze. Working with nurses on their ongoing vision assistance program. Membership stands at 15.

**Southlake** Centennial-monthly fund raiser with the cars and coffee car show raising \$900-\$1000 per month. Service-clean up hwy. 377.

Overall, 5 of 8 clubs had membership numbers decline, 2 remained the same and 1 club was up 1 member.

# District 2-E2 Zone 8 Update District Convention April 10, 2021

# **Greater Arlington Lions Club**

The Greater Arlington Lions Club continues to participate in Bingo at the city Bingo Hall and it remains its primary money maker. The Club has donated over \$20,000 to 15 different organizations in the past quarter. President Tom Martin remains involved in Canine Companions.

There are currently 36 members which is a net loss of 3 members since the beginning of the year. The Club meets in person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every month.

# **Everman Lions Club**

The Everman Lions Club has 3 members that participate in food distribution for the Tarrant County Food Bank on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. They are currently considering holding an antique car show and a White Cane event in Oct.

The Club currently has 8 members and meets in person on the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

# Mansfield Centennial Lions Club

Mansfield Centennial is continuing to plan for a large Cycles for Life event which they plan to hold in October. They have about 35 bikes to give away.

The Club is holding steady at 15 members and continues to meet only via Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

# Pantego Lions Club

The Pantego Lions Club continues to raise funds from Bingo and have donated over \$50,000 to numerous local charities and the TX Lions camp since January. The Club also provides their building Monday thru Friday for Meals on Wheels and Musical Memories Singers (early Alzheimer's group) every Thursday.

There are currently 29 members which +1. Pantego meets in person twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

Mike Lueckenhoff Zone 8 Chair



April 10. 2021

District 2-E2.,, Zone 9

Zone 9 consist of 8-Clubs in the southern part of our District. Alvarado, Burleson, Cleburne, Crowley, Glen Rose, Godley, Granbury, Grandview

All Clubs are meeting "In-Person".

All Clubs are in Good standing with Lions Clubs International. Financial and Reporting Service!

Zone 9 has a number of Members in attendance today, and they continue to serve their Communities.

Zone 9 Chair,

PDG Ron Layland

### Zone 10 Report

Aledo - Russell Green, new President has taken over early. Not back to meeting full time yet. Hopefully starting next week. New meeting place Aledo Community Center 4" Thursday of the month. They have a project this weekend to clean up the ParkN Ride in Aledo.

Benbrook- starting back to meeting in person April 12", reading list of officers for next election, lost 1 member to Covid, Ron Suma, trying to reschedule fund raiser to the fall.

River Oaks-back to meeting full time since February, did Easter Egg Hunt, handed out water to residents after winter storm.

Weatherford Evening- back to meeting full time, has their fund raiser scheduled for April 28".

Weatherford Noon - still having regular meetings, fund raiser in June.

White Settlement - no contact



# Lions Organ and Eye Bank of District 2-E2



# Leadership Meeting Report 4th Quarter 2020-2021

**Vision Assistance Grants:** The LOEB has funds allocated to provide vision assistance grants throughout the District. We ask that a Club sponsor the grant applicant and coordinate their care.

- The LOEB has provided financial assistance for two individuals this fiscal year. One person was sponsored by Cleburne Lions and LOEB provided a \$3,384 grant and the other was sponsored by the Sherman Evening Lions, and the LOEB provided a \$1,300 grant.
- We have been contacted about several other grant applicants but have not received completed applications on which we can vote.

# Screening Event Totals for the past quarter January 2021-April 2021:

Three events were reported to LOEB. All were vision screening only.

# **Vision Screenings**

Number of children referred  Number of children referred	447 86
Number of adults screened Number of adults referred	37 7

### Reported-

- 1. McKinney Morning Pride, January 21, 2021, Adults screened 37, 7 referred
- 2. Burleson Lions Club, February 2021, children screened 402 with 79 referred.
- 3. Colleyville Lions Club, April 3, 2021, Children screened 45 with 7 referred.

All Clubs and Lions are requested to report to the LOEB any screenings you conduct within the District so that we may compile that information in our District reports.

#### **Events:**

- January 2021 Diabetes Essay Contest was successfully completed.
- The Garden of Life event which was scheduled for April 17, 2020 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden in the memorial Rose Garden has been cancelled by UT Southwestern.

# **Equipment and Training:**

No new screenings currently scheduled with LOEB equipment because of COVID-19. The LOEB made the decision to not to loan vision equipment and to suspend trainings to protect Lions and the community.

- We are <u>bP.ginning</u> to consider requests on a case-by-case basis and can work to coordinate the loan of equipment from a local Lions Club if our equipment is unavailable.
- When things begin to get back to normal, we will be working to schedule vision screening trainings. If your Club is interested, let us know so that we can start to plan how to accomplish the trainings efficiently.



# **Lions Organ and Eye Bank** of **District 2-E2**



# **Meetings:**

The LOEB Board meetings are held once a month via Zoom. Zoom meetings has eliminated the extensive travel required of Board members from the further reaches of our District.

All Llons of District 2-E2 in good standing are members of the Llons Organ and Eye Bank of District 2-E2. *As* such, you are invited to visit the meetings held bythe Board.

# **Board**

The Board is currently composed of Llons from across the District. We have one seat available for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

President	Julie K Camacho	Collevville lions Club
1st Vice President	Bill Cowan. III	FM New Centl 1rv lions Club
2nd Vice President	Philo Waters	Burleson lions Club
Treasurer	Mark Talbert	Co]I,,-,roi lie lions Club
Secretary	Dave Schneider	Fort Worth Southeast lions Club
Vision Assistance Chair	Elizabeth Dierdorf	Denton lions club
Director	Bob Appel	McKinnev Momin" Pride lions Club
Director	BillAvars	Burleson lions Club
Director	AndvKlein	Keller lions Club
Director	Russell Wheeler	Decatur lions Club

Respectfully submitted, April 9, 2021 Julie Camacho



April !O, 2021

Your Foundation continues to serve the needs of Texas, and especially 2-E2

Over½ of our Clubs are a 100% Club, and the next report I'll get is in May.

The number of Clubs, have awarded the "Texas Lions Fellow" to their Members. I expect more before the end of this year.

We are leading the State of Texas in giving, and WE will be the# 1 District again.

Thank You Lions!

Trustee, Ron Layland, PDG

PS: The Grant application for \$5,000.00 was approved by our Foundation. The Wonder Wagons have arrived and we will be able to Change more Lives.

At winter district meeting in January, the DAC held the Drug Awareness poster contest with 24 entries and also held the DAC speech Contest. Although the numbers were down due to the pandemic, we still had an enthusiastic group of students and entries.

Our DAC board is meeting via Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm every month.

At our last meeting we invited MADD representative, Emma Dugas, to speak to our board about their adult and youth educational presentations. We are planning on meeting and giving a joint presentation with MADD at Hope Farms in May. Also, we are doing a pilot program to see what we can do to help with resources toward Prom night with the high school in Saginaw.

# Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Report

Aprl0,2021

# 2-E2 District Cab Mtg

# Holiday Inn, Roanoke

LCIF is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International; whose mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Since 1968 over \$1.1B has been distributed to support Vision, Youth, Disaster relief and Humanitarian Programs. Texas has received \$5.5M and 2E2 has received \$409K. The Pandemic has been addressed by LCIF with 343 grants totaling \$5,187,097, including 70 grants totaling \$856,802 for USA and \$20,000 for Texas.

LCIF is recognized as the number 1 non-governmental charitable organization in the world to partner with (United Nations and Financial Times) and has been awarded 8 consecutive 4-Star ratings by Charity Navigator (<5% get this rating repetitively).

A donation of \$100 to LCIF can provide two cataract surgeries, help buy equipment to diagnose and treat 8 kids with cancer, provide clean water for 14 people, regular food for 14 people, measles vaccinations for 100 kids, immediate relief for 4 victims of a disaster, lions quest for a classroom for 1 year, etc. etc. **All donations go to support causes.** 

Doing the mission, empowering or providing the services requires resources - money etc. Campaign 100, kicked off in 2017, has a goal of raising \$300M and this now ends in June of 2022. To date for Campaign 100; \$197.IM has been raised, with \$1.381M from Texas and \$141.25K from 2E2. Texas has received over \$1M and has donated \$1.087M since campaign 100 started. District 2-E2 recently received a \$10K emergency grant in view of the freeze etc.

The Pandemic has slowed donations to LCIF similar to many other organizations-thus the campaign has been extended another year.

YTD Jan 2020-21 2E2 donations are over \$38K with additional pending, with 35 out of 60 (58%) of clubs participating. Donations are substantially ahead of last YTD. In 2E2 there are 793 Melvin Jones Fellows with 66 Progressives with several more pending. We need to continue to increase donations from 2E2 during the remainder of this and next year.

On the table outside there are pledge cards and ink pens for your use in filling out those cards, or you can send me a check or I can send you a text link for your use in making a donation. I have pins available to recognize those who contribute \$50 or \$100 or \$200 or more. There are many ways in addition to MJF and pins for getting personal or club recognition that are too much to cover today.

Are there any checks for LCIF today?

If you want to learn more about LCIF, I would be happy to provide a program for your club or address any other issue that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,
//Charles Bethards/
LCIF District 2-E2 Coordinator





# LCIF Disaster Grant Report District 2-E2

# A. General Project Information

The grant being reported on here is an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant (EMR), tracking number EMR 19624/2-£2 in the amount of\$10,000. This LCIF grant was granted on February 24, 2021. The LCIF paid the grant money to District 2-E2 on March 1, 2021, and the project was completed on March 23, 2021.

# B. Impact of Grant and Beneficiaries

- The total number of beneficiaries within the district was 1398. This was calculated by adding up the number of citizens who were helped by this grant effort in the 8 Clubs who participated. Each Club reported on their club's projects, providing all the necessary information on impact, beneficiaries, and financial expenditures. There were no indirect beneficiaries identified.
- This entire project is short-term in nature, aiding citizens of our District in dealing with the catastrophic results of Winter Storm Uri.
- Through the efforts of the 8 Lions Clubs who participated in this effort, citizens across North Texas were exposed to the volunteer nature of our Lions and to the work they do in each community. Lions were there to assist them when other avenues were not available. In one case, television coverage was provided for the efforts of the Sherman Evening Lions Club.
- All citizens who were helped expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the time, money, attention and effort put forth by our Lions. Most were unaware that Lions performed these types of humanitarian efforts and were very grateful.

#### C. Narrative Details

- On February 15, *Wmter* Storm Uri devastated Texas and citizens of North Texas were hit hard. Forty percent of Texas power plants went off-line, wind power blades froze, and gas plant lines froze, leaving thousands of Texans with no electricity when temperatures were below zero in many places. On top of that, power was cut to many water plants, creating water shortages that continue to this day. In the face of this devastation, Lions stepped up. With this grant, Lions in District 2-E2 were able to provide food, basic supplies, and water assistance to 1398 individuals across District 2-E2.
- Eight Clubs in District 2-E2 participated in this effort. Below are details from each Club.

  Azle Working with the Azle Independent School District and Nine Mile Ministries, the Azle Lions identified three families who were in immediate need of assistance with groceries and water due to the broken water pipes in their homes. Each family received \$200 in food and water. In addition to this effort, the Azle Lions were able to obtain donated cases of water which was distributed free. Each vehicle was limited to 1 case of water.

**Bridgeport** - Winter Storm Uri created havoc in Wise County, with many losing power and water for multiple days. Runaway Bay was especially hit hard when the power grid went down, with families without power for 2 days and without water for nearly as long. Wise County Meals on Wheels was unable to obtain milk, juice and fruit for their clients because the food banks in Tarrant County, where they obtain their materials, was out of stock. The Bridgeport Lions were able to locally purchase these items for 90 families (100 individuals). We followed the Meals on Wheels volunteers on their rounds in Chico, Bridgeport and Runaway Bay to hand out these items to them along with the hot meals provided by Meals on Wheels.

**Decatur** - On March 1, 2021, Decatur Lions purchased various food items and relief goods for disaster victims. On March 2, Lions boxed food items and goods for 20 families and met in a nearby parking lot to distribute the boxes directly to the 20 families who came by.

Northwest Tarrant - During the period of March 3-10, 2021, Northwest Tarrant Lions shopped for food products to fill 100 boxes. The boxes were purchased from U Haul and on March 3, Club members packed the boxes with food. Food was ordered from Aldi's On-line and delivered to the Lions Club building directly. On March 4, members delivered 50 boxes of food to the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary for students there who were in need. On March 10, more members, along with the local fire and police, delivered another 50 boxes to the Joy James Elementary School for families in need. The next effort took place on March 17, when two members delivered to the Thach family in White Settlement food, clothing, shoes, undergarments, bed linens, blankets, pillows, bath towels/shower accessories, kitchen towels/accessories, and toys. The mother, who is a nurse at the Harris Hospital emergency room, came home from her job to find the pipes in her home burst and the ceilings caved in. The children's rooms were completely destroyed; the kitchen sustained significant damage; and everything they owned was lost. The family is now residing in a rental home. Finally, on March 18, another food drive was held in Lake Worth at the Edge Coffeehouse. Four Lions shopped and packaged groceries and 2 large boxes of groceries was provided to each of 5 families affected by this storm.

River Oaks - Winter Storm Uri caused a great deal of damage in North Texas especially. In the city of River Oaks, with temperatures below zero for an extended period of time, water froze and the city was without water for 2 weeks, followed by another period of time which required residents to boil what water they did have. After the power came back on, it was apparent that citizens of River Oaks would not have water available for some time. The River Oaks Lions did some research and were able to find water at the local Ace hardware store- T&C Hardware. Three hundred thirty six cases of water were obtained from them and was given away at two drive-through events held at the Lions Club building. The first was held on February 27, 2021, and 168 cases of water were given away, one case per car. The second event was held March 13, 2021 and an additional 168 cases of water were provided to those who drove through, again, one case per car. The two events were advertised on the Lions club Facebook page to get maximum exposure to citizens.

Saginaw - Saginaw Lions went to work when Winter Storm Uri struck and this relief effort was begun. Members went shopping to purchase food, toiletries and cleaning supplies for distribution at two locations that serve the Saginaw area. Initially, toiletries such as toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. were purchased to distribute on the regularly scheduled date, March 15, that pre-certified co=unity members would be picking up food from the Co=unity Link in Saginaw. In a second project, funds were used to purchase various canned goods, bread, lunch meat, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, tuna, cookies, fruit, etc. On March 22, volunteers/Lions gathered to assemble the bags of food at the Hafley Development Center; on March 23m it was all loaded and delivered to the Eagles

View Church. Food was distributed, alongside the parishioners, at their facility in Ft. Worth on March 23rd. Forty bags of food were delivered to Saginaw area families in this part of the project.

**Sherman** Evening-Four families were identified for assistance with help from "In Christ Ministries", a non-profit organization that helps families in need. Sherman Evening Lions went shopping on March 7, 2021, purchasing groceries, blankets, cleaning supplies and paper products. Each family was presented with approximately \$125 worth of supplies. The event was covered by Channel 12 news.

**Springtown** - On March 1, 2021, three Lions went shopping for the food and cleaning supplies needed for the families selected for assistance. Forty seven Lions, including 23 children, participated in this effort, providing 11 hours of planning, 3 hours of shopping, 4 hours of assembly, and 3 hours of distribution. There were 23 baskets of food items and cleaning supplies given to these needy families, as well as 44 cases of donated water.

- This project was very successful in the 8 towns and areas where Lions assisted families and individuals in need. Families were very grateful for the food assistance, and water, which was very scarce in the area, was a welcome sight.
- There were several major challenges encountered by our Lions Clubs. First and foremost was identifying those individuals who still needed our help. Many families and individuals had already received the assistance they needed from local religious organizations. And with the supply chains so disrupted, many aid organizations were also unable to obtain needed supplies. Lions were able to local!y source what was needed to assist our citizens.
- A total of 128 Lions throughout the 8 Clubs in District 2-E2 participated in this grant relief effort.

#### **D.** Financial Details

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1	2556	3/12/2021	Azle	\$600.07	Food&water	
2-3	2557	3/12/2021	Bridgeport	\$310.10	Milk, juice, fruit	
4-8	2558	3/12/2021	Decatur	\$730.51	Food & relief supolies	
9-19	2560	3/29/2021	Northwest Tarrant	\$2,254.97	Food, household supplies, clothim,	
20-21	2562	3/29/2021	River Oaks	\$1,146.10	water	
22-25	2561	3/29/2021	Saginaw	\$1,513.42	Food, cleaning supplies, water, toiletries	
26-27	2559	3/12/2021	Sherman Evening	\$624.40	Food, blankets, cleaning suoolies	
28-33	2563	3/29/2021	Springtown	\$699.73	Food, cleaning supplies	
Totals				\$7,879.37		

3/1/2021	LCIF Grant Authorized	\$10,000	
	District 2-E2 Usage	\$7,879.37	
3/30/2021	Amount Returned to LCIF	\$2,120.63	Check#2564

# E. LCIF Identification and Project Promotion

Attached are pictures obtained from each participating Lions Club depicting the efforts of our Lions in giving food and other assistance to needy families in North Texas.

# F. Report Endorsement

The District Cabinet reviewed and approved this final report for our Emergency Disaster Relief Grant at a Cabinet meeting held on April 10, 2021.

Charles Bethards	bethards@sbcglobal.net		
Grant Administrator Signature	Email	Date	
Mary Alice Layland	mary@2laylands.com		
District Governor's Signature	Email	Date	

# World Services for the Blind (WSB) Report Apr 10, 2021 2-E2 District Cab Mtg Holiday Inn, Roanoke

WSB is an organization based in Little Rock, Arkansas that provides "sustainable independence" (Life skills, Job skills, etc.) to low vision or blind clients. The poster child for WSB is their CEO and Pres., Sharon Giovinazzo (in my view).

The pandemic has resulted in Lions donations falling for WSB while services needed have exploded exponentially (for online courses). WSB is the only such facility that has stayed "open" throughout the last year while most others are still shuttered.

The Capital Campaign, build out is continuing.

Due to very large capital campaign donations by PDG Jim Coleman, \$2SK 18-19, \$SOK 19-20, and \$2SK in 20-21, none of which was included in the previous reporting, the reported information was materially inaccurate.

Thus, in 2019-20, **restated**, MD2 contributed \$98,126 (orig. reported as over \$40K) and 2-E2 contributed \$61,479 (orig. reported as \$8,200, over 20% of total). The restated numbers show 2-E2 contributing 63% of the total and are significantly above earlier years. **In 2020-21 YTD**, **MD2 contributed** \$62,973 and 2-E2 contributed \$37,064 or 59% of the total (best estimates).

In the late "freeze" WSB was on the wrong side of frozen sewer systems and had to move the entire population in Little Rock to a local Holiday Inn, which resulted in large increases in costs. WSB, Sharon, continues to pursue grants to help fund WSB and updated programs. Any Lions club donations or personal donations are much appreciated. Pledge cards are available. WSB has a full range of life memberships.

WSB is publishing a newsletter. To sign up for the newsletter go to <a href="https://www.wsblind.org/mediacenter">https://www.wsblind.org/mediacenter</a> and fill outthe registration request. WSB continues to get good press. At the WSB website, "About", "media center" you can find various stories from newspapers and magazines that are complementary to WSB.

As I have stated before and now repeat; 70% of visually impaired are unemployed, 85% ofthose who complete a vocational program at WSB are placed. For the 95 people placed by WSB in the last year the savings in public aid plus taxes paid over a 20-year period is over \$41M.

If you want to learn more about WSB, I would be happy to provide a program for your club. If you have any questions or need help with a lifetime membership or donation I can also help.

Respectfully submitted, /Charles Bethards/
WSB District 2-E2 Chair

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#### **Diabetes Awareness and Action Chair**

#### Report for 4. Leadership Meeting - District 2-E2

# April 10, 2021

- 1. **Striding for Health Living.** The District created awards for the top participants. DG Mary Alice Layland handed some out to the Cleburne club. I handed some out to the Colleyville Club and will award the remainder later this month.
- 2. Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists. I have contacted the North Texas representative of this group to talk about possible opportunities for Lions Clubs in District 2-E2 to provide support or assistance.