



# Lions District 2A-1 Newsletter June 2011



**Governor Al Owen**—In due time all good things must come to an end. That is the way it is with my year as your District Governor. This year has been an unusual and fascinating one. Unusual because I had to step in at the last minuet to take over the leadership in the district. Fascinating because of all the problems, or opportunities, I had to work through this year. We had a good district (I still think we are the A1 district in Texas.), but some of

our clubs need to follow the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws more closely. The Monthly Membership Reports and the Service Activity Reports are the two most important methods of telling LCI how healthy our clubs are. Your District Governor depends on these two reports to tell how well your membership and service programs are performing. Without these reports, there is a good chance you are not living up to our motto of “We Serve.”

It is with great sadness that two of our new clubs in the district disbanded and turned in their Charter. The Ozona Lions Club and the San Saba County Lions Club could not sustain their membership and voted to disband. That leaves a void in those two communities of help for those in need. It is a terrible thing when a child goes through school not being able to see clearly. Either that will be the case for children in these two areas or another Lions Club from another town will have to provide the help which puts an additional burden on the club that comes to help.

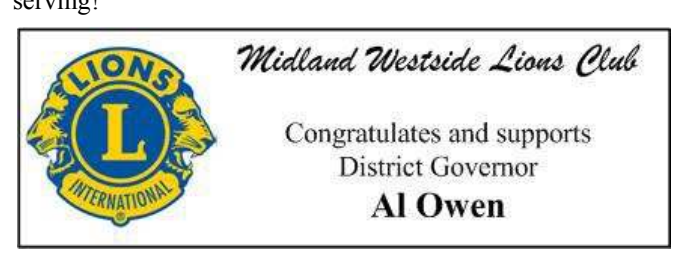
It is truly amazing what some of our smaller (8 to 12 active member) clubs do for their communities. It doesn't require large clubs (40, 60, or 100 members) to perform service projects. It only takes a few well organized and committed members to see the need, plan the project, and perform miracles in people's lives. Two clubs in San Angelo were so small, the same people were having to serve in the same office year after year. They came together and decided to merge the two clubs with about 25 members. They are now the “North by Northwest Lions Club,” which will bring the total clubs in the district to 51.

I am still visiting clubs this month as time permits. The Lion State Convention in Beaumont, June 4 – 6, is the first priority this month. We have the honor of having three of our Lions or Lion supporters in prominent rolls during the convention. First, PDG Joyce Downie will be inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame and it will be my honor to read here recommendation during the Hall of Fame luncheon. Second and third, we have two young people competing for a state award. Cassidy Mayfield, sponsored by the San Angelo Downtown Lion Club, will be competing for the Diabetes Awareness Essay award. Jared Capps, sponsored by the Concho County Lions Club, will be competing for the Outstanding Youth award. We wish them both well.

In one short month District Governor Elect Lee Sigler will take the leadership of the district. I urge you all to support him and the International President's emphasis to grow our association. We are not going to be a plus in membership this year, like last year, because we lost two new clubs. However, with a clean slate ahead of us, we have an excellent chance to get back on the plus side and grow considerably. There are a couple of new places for new Lions Clubs which would help greatly. However, our experience with new clubs this past year, tells us to stay very close to any new club and try to eliminate trouble before it becomes unmanageable. Lion Lee will need all the help he can get to keep our clubs strong.

The first part of July, Lion Billie and I will be going to Seattle for the International Convention. Unfortunately there will be a dues increase on the ballot. I'm afraid it will pass because it only takes a simple majority to pass instead of a 2/3 majority, due to the vote in Sidney last year. We will elect an International Director from Texas, Lion Joe Al Picone. He will serve a two year term. The international parade should be exciting. Ten years ago, when I was governor, it rained on our parade and it was cancelled soon after it started due to lightening strikes in the area. I hope this is not a repeat of that show, although there is a good chance it will rain in Seattle. That will be a welcome change to this 100 degree dry heat we are having.

If per chance you may not have liked the way I governed this year, don't worry because there will absolutely be no chance in x@# of a three-peat for this PDG. Take care and keep serving!



**2000 Eyes of Texas Smiling Upon You** - *Lion Tom Blase, 2A1 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, TLERC Promotions Director* -When the dust settles at the end of the school year, it looks like TLERC will surpass 1000 new pair of glasses made in our lab for Lions Clubs. That's 2000 eyes smiling because of you, the Lions of Texas. But we are TEXAS LIONS; the eyes of Texas are ALWAYS upon us. The Children's program is starting to build month by month, as more Clubs see how many more children they can serve for \$14-18/pair.

As we wind up the Lion's and TLERC's fiscal year, we want to take this opportunity to thank those Clubs that supported TLERC as a 100% or Focus Club, and to thank those Clubs and Individuals that purchased Fellowships. Any Club still needing to honor a special "Knight of the Blind" in their Club might contact us. We might still be able to get one done before your awards banquets.

Most importantly we want to thank those individuals, who joined as Charter Members of the "Visionary Knights of the Blind" program: Those special Lions with the vision to understand that helping people see is never ending. No, we did not even come close to our goal of 25/District, but we have a good start.

**Anyone else, who wants to receive a Charter Member Desk Medallion, can still join through June 30.** You can find the "Visionary Knight of the Blind" enrollment form on the MD2 web site.

These gifts are what keep us going, recycling and sending glasses on missions all over the world, giving those in need the gift of sight. Because of you, TLERC continues to process and send hundreds of thousands of glasses every year.

Because of you there aren't just 2000 Texas eyes, there are **millions of global eyes smiling on Texas Lions.** Thanks for your continued support.

**Lions District 2-A1 Cabinet meetings**

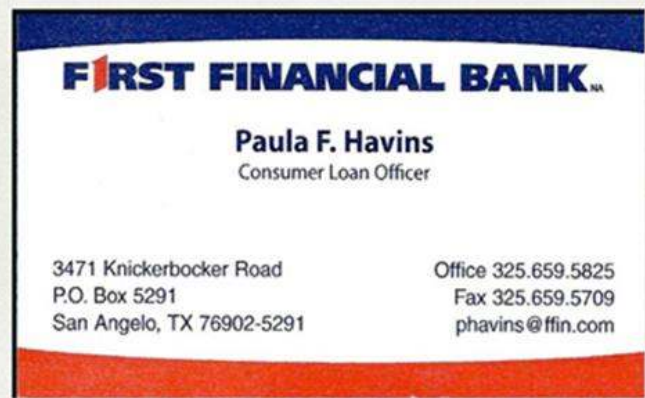
The dates and cities for the 2011/2012 cabinet meetings and convention are as follows:

1st cabinet Meeting - July 23, 2011, Midland

2nd cabinet Meeting - Oct 22, 2011, Sonora

Mid-Winter Conference - Jan 14, 2012, Sweetwater

District Convention - Apr 13-14, 2012, Brownwood.



# Final Notice

Fellow Lions of District 2A-1,

This is to provide notice to all Lions of District 2A-1 that I am looking for advertisers for the district newsletter and directory for the upcoming Lion year 2011-2012. The advertising space rates are as follows:

- Business card size -----\$ 30.00
- Quarter page ----- \$ 50.00
- Half page ----- \$75.00
- Full page ----- \$100.00

The advertising will be in both the district directory and the monthly newsletter. The district newsletter is sent to all District 2A-1 members. There will also be 300 district directories printed.

Please send your advertisement and payment to:

DGE Lee Sigler  
 126 Allen Drive  
 Early, Texas 76802

Make checks payable to District 2A-1.

Thanks for all the dedication and support that all of you have given to DG Al Owen this past year. Your continued support will be definitely appreciated by the incoming governor and cabinet.

Lee Sigler  
 DGE, District 2A-1  
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**BROWN COUNTY**  
**LIONS CLUB**  
 Supports  
 District Governor  
**Al Owen**

**2A1 Cabinet Meeting – July 23, 2011  
Midland, Texas**

**Agenda**

Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm to ? : Michael’s Charcoal Grill, 723 W. Wadley - **Dutch Treat Dinner**  
(On your own: Rockhounds Baseball, Summer Mummies, & American Legion Bingo)

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> **Cabinet Meeting:** Clay Desta Towers, 10 Desta Dr., NE doors between “twin“ towers

7:30AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 – PDG Meeting

9:00 – Cabinet Meeting

9:50 - Go to break out sessions

10:00 – Part 1 of Break Out session (Separate training sessions for Zone Chairs, Club

Presidents, and Secretaries & Treasurers. Informational Program for other Lions.

10:45 – Break

11:00 - Part 2 of break out session (Same groups as Part 1)

11:45 – Conclude Training Sessions

12:00 – Lunch

1:00PM – Continue Cabinet Meeting

2:00 - Adjourn

**Hotels Near to Meeting Site**

Plaza Inn – 4108 N. Big Spring St – 432-686-8733 (approx. 1 mile)

Fairfield Inn – 2300 Faulkner – 432-570-7155 (approx. 3 miles)

Comfort Suites – 4706 N. Garfield – 432-620-9191 (approx. 3 miles)

Hampton Inn – 5011 W Loop 250N – 432-520-4935 (approx. 5 miles)

Holiday Inn Express – 5309 W Loop 250N – 432-520-3600 (approx. 5 miles)

La Quinta – 2606 N Loop 250W – 432-694- 1200 (approx. 7 miles)

**Registration**

**Pre-Register by July 15<sup>th</sup>. After this date add \$5 per registrant.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Club Office Held** (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Club Office Held** (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$15.00 per person** (includes registration, continental breakfast, & lunch)

**Total Check: # of people** \_\_\_\_ **X \$15.00= \$** \_\_\_\_\_

(Cut off this Registration section and mail with check to): **Westside Lions Club, P.O. Box 5536, Midland, Texas 79704**




**Lion Dwayne Welch**  
San Angelo Downtown Lions Club

Supports Lionism  
and  
**District 2-A1 Governor**  
**Al Owen**



Past District Governor

*David Hoopman*

offers Best Wishes

and a successful year to

**District 2-A1 Governor Al Owen**



**PARADE OF CHECKS FOR CHARITIES THAT THE DISTRICT SUPPORTS.**

- Mason Lions Club 100% to all 8 charities
- San Angelo North Angelo 200% to the Texas Lions Camp and LWSB, 100% to 6 charities
- Midland Westside 1000% to all 8 charities
- Lake Brownwood 100 % to all 8 charities
- San Angelo Concho Pearls 100% to all 8 charities
- Stanton Lions 100% to all 8 charities
- Kingsland Lions 100% to Texas Lions Camp, WTLEBA, LCIF, TLF, Leader Dog and Acuna Eye Clinic
- Llano Lions 100% to all 8 charities
- Sweetwater Lions 100% to all 8 charities
- Midland Northside 100% to TLERC
- Midland Downtown 100% to Texas Lions Camp, Leader Dog and Acuna Eye Clinic
- Junction 100% to all 8 charities
- Midland Suburban 500% to Texas Lions Camp, 100% to WTLEBA, LCIF, TLF, Leader Dog, TLERC, and Acuna Eye Clinic
- Colorado City 100% to Texas Lions Camp, WTLEBA, LCIF, TLF, Leader Dog and Acuna Eye Clinic
- San Angelo Westside 100% to all 8 charities
- San Angelo East Anger 100% to all 8 charities
- Ballinger Breakfast 100% to LWSB

Thank you for your support of these charities as they all need our help. - PDG Joyce Downie, District 2-A1 Treasurer

*San Angelo  
North Angelo Lions Club*


**enthusiastically supports**

**District 2-A1 Governor  
Al Owen  
for 2010-2011**

**"WE SERVE"**  
**Kingsland Lions Club**  
 Kingsland, Texas




**IPDG Roy Landry and Lion Shirley  
Supports 2-A1  
District Governor  
Alvin Owen & Billie  
2010/2011**



**The Midland  
Downtown Lions Club  
and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor  
Tom Blase, Sr.  
Support  
District Governor  
Al Owen**

**HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OR JUST HAVEN'T GOTTEN AROUND TO IT?  
PLEASE CHECK OVER THIS LIST AND SEE IF YOUR CLUBS NAME IS ON IT!**

The following Clubs have not filed online a PU101 listing the new officers for 2011-1012 to Lions Clubs International and the incoming District Governor Lee Sigler.

Bronte Evening, Coahoma, Coleman Noon, Coleman Evening, Concho County, Goldthwaite, Mereta, Miles Reagan County, Robert Lee-Silver, Sonora Westside, Sterling City, Sweetwater, Wingate


All Clubs should have had the Club elections by now and should file online with LCI. If you do not file online you will not receive a password to go online to file your MMR's.

If you do not know how to do this please contact PDG Joyce Downie or another club near you to find out how to file. You will need your membership number and a password from LCI in order to file online. Please help your incoming District Governor by filing the PU101 so the District Directory will be correct. If no PU101 received, last year's officers will be listed or left blank in the District Directory.

The following clubs have not filed a Monthly Membership Report online:

Coleman Evening since December 2008, Goldthwaite since April 2009, Sterling City since March 2010 Rowena since June 2010, Sonora Westside since July 2010, Junction since December 2010 Winters since January 2011, Blanket since March 2011, Coahoma since February 2011

PDG Joyce Downie, 325-651-8894, Joyced2@suddenlink.net



***We Serve***

The Officers and Members of the  
*Colorado City Lions Club*  
Support  
District 2-A1 Governor  
Al Owen



***We Serve***

**San Angelo Downtown  
Lions Club**  
supports our own  
District 2-A1 Governor  
Al Owen

Meets each Thursday at Noon  
Rio Concho Manor  
401 Rio Concho Drive

*San Angelo*  
*West Side Lions Club*  
Supports Lionism  
and  
District Governor  
Al Owen




**Let's Get HUMMMMMMMMMMING!-Lion Tom Blase, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG**

As I sit here trying to figure out how to approach my topic this month, as usual my mind begins to wander and my eyes leave the keyboard and look to the outdoors; where this diligent pair of hummingbirds keeps coming back tirelessly to visit the hummingbird feeder. They zip in like jets and blast off a few seconds later like missiles, loaded with the sweet nectar carefully formulated by Lion Sherrilyn. Somewhere nearby they are raising their nest of fledgling chicks, which will grow and become strong due the dedication of these parents.

Then it struck me that we, the District Cabinet members and the Club Officers & Directors, are like the hummingbird parents. It is our job to periodically go to the "feeder" to bring back information that will help our Clubs "grow and become stronger" in SERVICE to our communities.

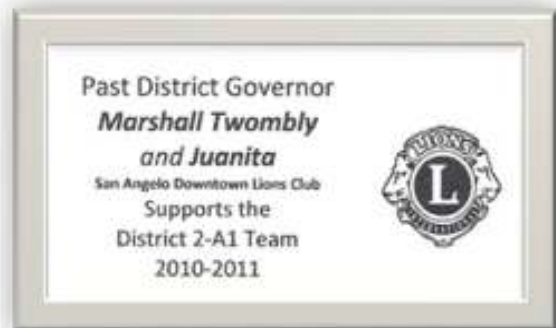
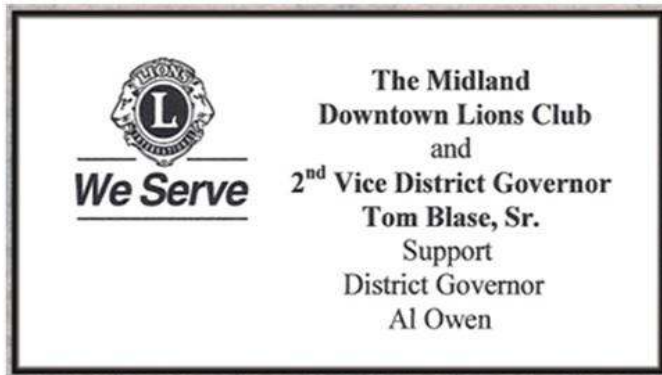
The "feeders" are the District Cabinet Meeting, Conferences, and Conventions; as well as the Texas Leadership and USA/Canada Forums. The nectar is not only the information that can be brought back about the programs available to your Clubs through Lions International and the Texas Lions; but also the leadership training you can receive to help you be a better leader.

The first opportunity to come to the "feeder" is coming quickly. The first Cabinet Meeting will be held in Midland on **JULY 23 from 9:00am until 2pm**. Most importantly is that this will be **more about training** and information and less about "meeting". This will be about helping Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Zone Chairs do a better job. You'll learn what GLT & GMT are all about. For the non- Officer Lions, there will be informational sessions about all the State Lions Projects, which will provide plenty of great ideas for your Club's programs & projects in 2011-2012.

The Information/Pre Registration Form, along with a map will be included in this Newsletter, as well as on our Website. It's only \$15 for Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch. Some nearby hotels are listed for those coming in Friday evening, and the District Governor, as well as, the Midland Lions look forward to visiting with you on Friday at Michael's Charcoal Grill.

Every Lions Club in District 2A1 needs to have their Officers (especially your President, Secretary & Treasurer) attend this short, but oh so sweet (nectar, remember) training session, and help insure your Club will grow & prosper this year. Get your forms in early & mark your calendars.

So if you want to get your Club **Hummmmmmmmmmming** , get yourselves **commmmmmmmmmmming** to the 2A1 Cabinet Meeting!



This will be my last time of publishing the District Newsletter. I hope you enjoyed it. Jim Hartle, hartle1@suddenlink.net