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"Challenge to Change" is the program of new International President Mahendra Amarasuriya of Sri Lanka. What is it that Pres. Amarasuriya wants to change? Certainly it wouldn't be We Serve, or our worldwide program to cure and prevent blindness, or the basic community service projects we hold so dear, well then what is it?? I believe he wants to try to bring Lionism into the 21st century by making Lions Clubs more attractive to younger men and women, by making meetings different, shorter if needed, by asking those younger folks what "works for them". He says there are some clubs that meet "virtually" on the internet and still accomplish service projects, now that's a bit tuff for us older heads to get a handle on.

But, we should target the less than 35 group and then listen to what they have to say, as long as the bottom line is community service it shouldn't matter how we get there.

If we don't start now, inviting and involving that age group, then Lions numbers will continue to decline not only in Texas, but across the country. He has even created a club category for 35 and younger Lions. New clubs should try to organize with at least 30 % women and 30 % young Lions. Pres. Amarasuriya has set as his goal a net increase of 20,000 new members and 1200 new clubs, worldwide. Texas has set a goal of 4 clubs per district or 64 clubs statewide.

So, new clubs are on the agenda for 2007-2008. Is there a community in your area where we might start a new club?? Towns like Silverton, Stinnett, and Farwell come to mind. Does anyone know of others we could take a look at? Does anyone have a contact in those towns mentioned?

I have a DVD on Pres. Amarasuriyas' Challenge to Change program should a club want to have it for a program sometime, it's about 10 minutes long.

I am working on my club visitation list and hope to make most of the clubs by Thanksgiving. There is a new directive from the International Board that club visits should be made by the VDG and the DG should work on building new clubs, or extension. VDG Steve Wiegand and I will both be making visits in a somewhat compliance of the new directive.

Finally, I request that someone in each club periodically check the district website, [www.lionsdistrict2-t1.com](http://www.lionsdistrict2-t1.com), and take a copy to the next club meeting to share any news, information or requests with the members. Webmaster Jim Wilson does a great job and I hope it gets circulated to as many Lions as possible.

DG Bob Langhorne



## **Greetings 2T-1'ers, it is truly great to be a Lion!!**

As of today, August 8<sup>th</sup>, our Summer Camping session has come to a close and the process start immediately in preparing for next year and another successful camping adventure. I am pleased to announce that attendance at this year's camp exceeded 1,500 campers and will be recorded in history as the third largest camp in the 50+ year history of TLC.

All of us in the District should issue a special welcome to our newest Elected Camp Director, from Pampa, Texas Mr. Brad Pingel. Brad, as many of you know is the father of Lauren, one of our Summer Campers, and through his efforts we have enjoyed watching a very special CD of Lauren and her camping experiences. Brad joins Ken Hammons, our second year director, and it is through their efforts that we offer to bring you living programs on TLC

Everyone should know that these two dedicated Lions are asked to call upon, and give camp programs to at least ½ of the district clubs each year. We respectfully ask that you call upon them when needing programs for your club, and it wouldn't hurt any thing to have one of the guys early in the year and the other after the mid-winter conference. Anyhow, Lions, they have signed on for this task and ask that you make their duties easier by inviting them before they have to call and ask for a program time and place.

PLEASE, PLEASE, be on the lookout for kids that should attend TLC. These little people are in every town.....EVERY TOWN!! They must be found and have the camping experience explained to their parents and themselves. The list of Physical Abnormalities is an exceedingly long one, and, in many cases, is NOT obvious to anyone. Hearing, asthma, bows legs, on and on. The diabetic kids must register early for one of their Two weeks because these two sessions fill to capacity early in the year and have waiting lists for camper attendance.

Larissa Hanbury from Dalhart is finishing her life changing experience at TLC as a counselor. We will hear more from this spectacular young woman in future publications, and each of you should be on watch for young, enthusiastic college age kids from your town that would be a camp counselor.

When all else fails, and your program has escaped, know that I will go anywhere, anytime, and talk about TLC.....but call Ken or Brad first.

*Jack King, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Texas Lions Camp.*



# *You Do Make A Difference!*

In 1949, the Lions Clubs of Texas joined forces to respond to the polio epidemic sweeping across the United States. Identifying a need for services for children with polio related physical disabilities, the Lions envisioned a camp where every child could participate. The passion and concern of these Lion leaders resulted in the charter of a tax exempt corporation known simply as Texas Lions Camp.

The mission of the Texas Lions Camp is: "to provide without charge a camp for physically disabled and diabetic children from the State of Texas; regardless of race, religion or national origin."

Since its beginning, Texas Lions Camp has grown into a vital resource on behalf of children with physical disabilities and Type 1 diabetes. Each summer, Texas Lions Camp serves approximately 1,500 children. Children come to camp to make new friends, learn self-care skills and build self-esteem. Throughout the state, there are women and men whose lives were changed as a result of their camping experiences at Texas Lions Camp. Over the camp's history, 50,000 children have benefited from the programs provided by Texas Lions Camp.

Today, the Texas Lions Camp invites you to join its future. Your gift will enable the Texas Lions Camp to serve even more children. Planning for the future will provide for the endurance of a very special tradition—serving children.

*Thank You  
for considering a Gift to Texas Lions Camp.*



## **FROM THE VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR August 2007**

Fellow Lions, it is great to be a LION and able to serve people who are less fortunate than ourselves. The first Cabinet meeting was held on July 28th in Amarillo. I would like to thank each of you who were in attendance. It was a good meeting with a lot of information communicated. Some of the main items included the upcoming State Convention to be held in Amarillo on May 15th - 17th, an update on Campaign SightFirst II, the Eighth Annual Texas Leadership Forum, and current happenings with OUR Texas Lions Camp.

First - the upcoming State Convention. The last time the state convention was held in District 2-T1 was sixteen years ago. This will be a time for the Top of Texas to shine. We are hoping for all clubs in the district to participate in some manner at the state convention. You will not want to miss this opportunity to meet with other Lions from throughout Texas.

As far as Campaign SightFirst II "CSFII", District 2-T1 needs your help. We need to pull together and make a strong showing in the final year of the campaign. Lions "Must Act Now". Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross, from OUR District, is heading up the final year of the CSFII program. His home district should have 100% club participation. Is your club participating? On average, just \$6 can save one person from a life of darkness. How many people's sight will you or your club save? More detailed information is included later in this newsletter. Thanks for your support.

The upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 6th – 8th. It is not too late to make your reservations to attend a great forum to meet with Lions from all over North America and to share in education and friendship. Go to their website at [usacanadalionsforum.org](http://usacanadalionsforum.org) for more information.

If you can not make the trip to Grand Rapids, please consider the upcoming Eighth Annual Texas Forum that will be held in Austin on March 8th and 9th. The meeting begins with a luncheon on Saturday and concludes with a luncheon on Sunday, so you can travel on Saturday and Sunday and only have one nights lodging if you so choose. This will be a great meeting and the registration fee is only \$50 if sent in by December 31st. The registration fee includes lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. There is a special hotel block rate - information is on the registration form which is included in this newsletter.

PDG Jack King was elected as 3rd Vice President at OUR Texas Lions Camp on August 4th. District 2-T1 needs to show our support during his years of service to the camp. District 2-T1 can be a 100% District to the camp in 2007-08. Part of that is a voluntary \$10 per club member to the camp, please consider this as the year goes forward.

In August, I will be off to Little Rock to visit Lions World Services for the Blind. I will give a report in next month's newsletter.

Yours in Lionism,

VDG Steve Wiegand

## GOVERNOR'S 100% VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS



Each District Governor establishes a list of Lions' charities deemed to be worthy of club consideration for contributions. These are voluntary and not considered part of the club dues structure. A club should consider any or all of the recommendations after all local needs have been determined.

At years end all 100% clubs will be awarded a banner patch in recognition of contributions over and above individual club service.



Separate checks should be written for each charity. The checks should be sent to **Lion Kyle Pigman, Treasurer, District 2-T1, PO Box 604, Dalhart, TX 79022.**

Contributions will be recorded and checks forwarded to the respective charities.



<b>CHARITY</b>	<b>Amount per member</b>
Texas Lions Camp	\$10.00
Texas Lions Foundation	2.00
Texas Lions Camp Transportation Fund	3.00
Panhandle Lions Foundation	4.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation	1.00
Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	1.00
Lions World Service for the Blind	1.00
Leader Dog School	1.00

2-T1 Cabinet Meeting  
28 July 2007

A 100% Club will donate \$20.00 per member and must include Texas Lions Camp as part of their donation.

# EIGHTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM and LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**Hilton Austin Airport**

**March 8 (start 11:30 a.m) and 9 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2008 REGISTRATION**

**All who attend must register**

Note: Please include 2<sup>nd</sup> registrant only if the mailing address is the same. If not, please use a separate form.

1<sup>st</sup> registrant  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion  Yes  No

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> registrant  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion  Yes  No

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Lion office held (1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Lion office held (2<sup>nd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

If rooming with another person at the Hilton, in whose name is the reservation?  
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Make checks to: **Texas Lions Leadership Forum**  
Mail to: **Frances Cherry** Phone: **915-584-0130**  
**6216 Caprock** Fax: **915-845-2910**  
**El Paso, TX 79912** **epgrandma@aol.com**

Registration before 12/31/07 # \_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration after 12/31/07 # \_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**No registration after March 1, 2008 or at the site**

Reserve your lodging directly with:  
**Hilton Austin Airport**  
9515 New Airport Dr. (at Bergstrom Intl Airport)  
Austin, TX 78719  
Telephone: **800 – 584 - 5091**  
Rate: **\$89.00** per night, single or double. The reservation deadline at this rate is **February 15**. Reserve and guarantee your room now.

**The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will have their March 8th lodging paid by the Institute.** Even those must make, and guarantee, their reservations with the Hilton Austin Airport. A charge will be made to the credit card of those not attending who do not cancel lodging.

- Each registrant: select six sessions
- 1  Membership
  - Extension
  - Retention by Club Renewal Technology
  - Advanced technology
  - International service programs
  - District structure
  - LCI, MD structure & history
  - Public speaking and communication
  - Protocol / Awards
  - Diversity & inclusion
  - Mentoring
  - Goal setting and planning
  - Future vice governors
  - Club meeting management
  - Team building
  - Service as a district chairperson
  - Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation / Texas Lions Foundation
  - Lions World Services for Blind/ Leaderdog for the Blind
  - Texas Lions Camp / Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling
  - Sight First II / LCI Convention