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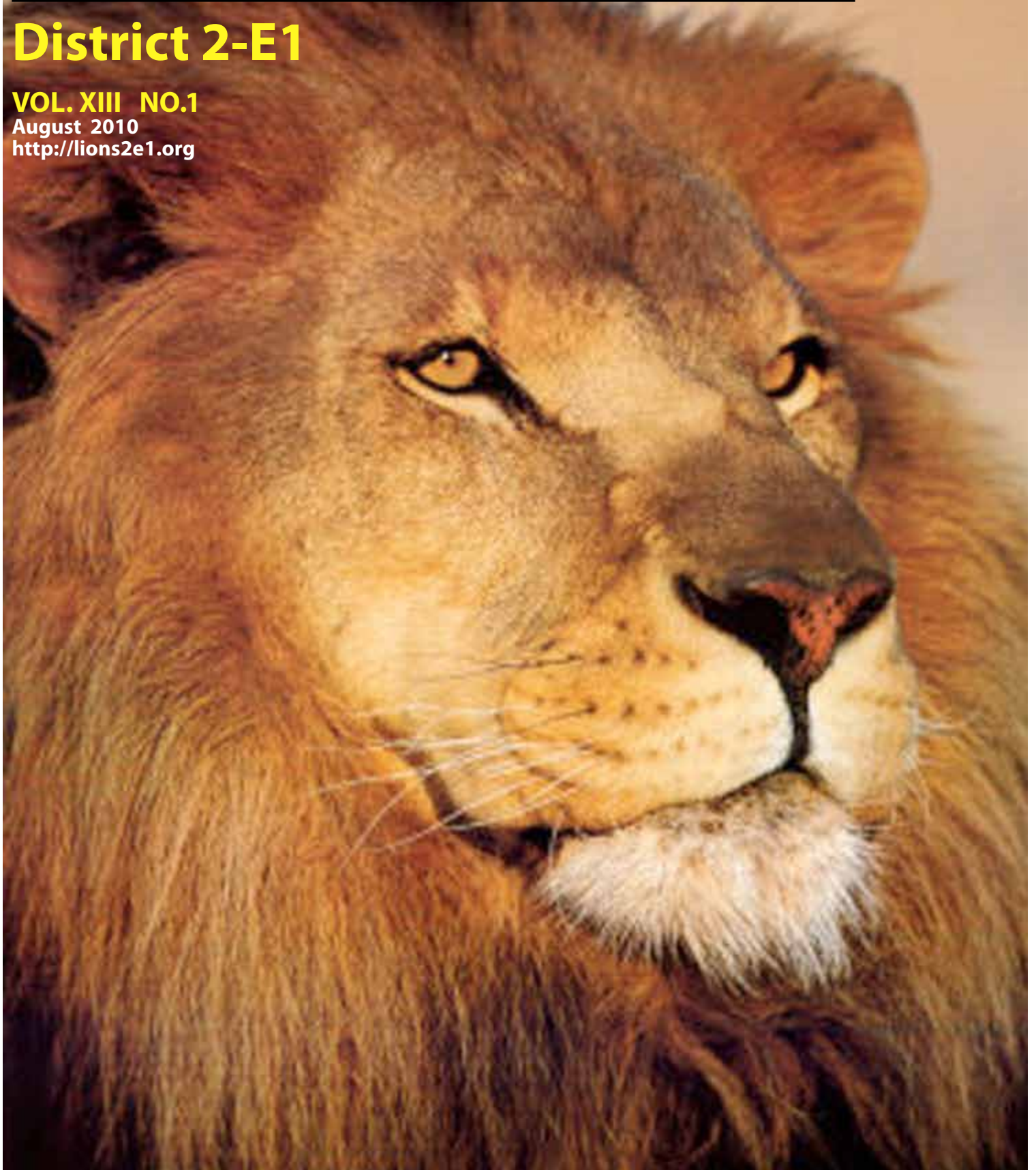


District 2-E1

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The Haskell Lions Club is sponsoring the Warpath 5K, a fun run and walk. The Warpath will be Saturday, September 18, 2010, starting at 8 AM. All funds raised will be used to benefit Lions Club International and local organizations.

33rd Annual Lions Benefit Bowl

The Albany, Cisco, Eastland and Ranger Lions Clubs would like to invite everyone to the 33rd Annual Lions Benefit Bowl. On September 4th, the Cisco College Wranglers will be taking on the Trinity Valley Community College Cardinals at Chesley Field in Cisco. Kickoff is at 7 pm. All proceeds go to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Come out and support the Texas Lions Camp and watch a great college football game!

From the Dining Room Table of the DG

Fellow Lions of District 2E-1,

What a great turnout for the cabinet meeting in Stephenville—72 Lions! Thank you, Thank you. I tried to speak to everyone but I know I missed a few. I am so glad you decided to come. I truly enjoyed visiting with you. Thanks to the Stephenville Lions Club for being great hosts and to the trainers for their good work as well.

Mark your calendar now for October 30, 2010. That is the date for the 2nd cabinet meeting. It will be held in Abilene and is to be hosted by the Abilene Elmwood West Lions Club.

In the last newsletter I told you that IP Scruggs' theme is SERVICE and that he wants all Lions and Lions Clubs to participate in LCI's four special service action campaigns. I also explained the August theme of engaging our youth. Now for the October theme—Sharing the Vision. Since 314 million people worldwide suffer from low vision and blindness, Lions all over the world are challenged to plan vision health projects and to work with the visually impaired. Many Lions already celebrate World Sight Day in October. This service focus reminds us of the opportunities to organize a vision screening, to volunteer at a nearby Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, or to organize an eyeglass collection or any other activity to benefit the visually impaired in our community.

If your club hasn't ordered the Peace Poster Contest Kit, now is the time to do it. With school starting up soon, it is time to talk to an art teacher, a counselor, or a principal for those students who are 11, 12, or 13 years of age as of November 15. Only one kit is needed for each contest. For a little over ten dollars, your club can inspire students in your community to compete with students all over the world. This year's theme is "Vision of Peace." Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple schools and/or youth groups by purchasing more than one kit from the LCI website clubsupplieslionsclubs.org. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored for judging on the district level. These international peace posters should be in my hands by November 11. This is a great way to involve our youth and give visibility to our clubs in our community. I am glad eight clubs participated in this contest last year and hope that more clubs will consider joining their ranks this fall.

For those clubs who are anxious to hear about the topics and guidelines for the youth contests, feel free to check the state website. The new topics should be posted soon. Juniors and seniors are eligible for these contests.

Great news...11 new members and 1 transfer Lion have joined District 2E-1. Remember that many people want to become a Lion and are just waiting for a Lion like you to ask them. Thank you, Sponsoring Lions and New Lions, we are a stronger district thanks to you.

Just a reminder—don't forget to do the Service Activities Report when you send in your club's MMR on the LCI website.

For clubs that have not yet scheduled a date for me to come for a visit to your club, please give me a call. All clubs—be sure to let me know if I can help you or your club in any way.

As we start off another great year in Lionism, let us remember some valuable words of wisdom from the Lions Club International Code of Ethics:

"To be careful with my criticism
and liberal with my praise;
to build up and not destroy."

Thanks to all of you for what you do as Lions.

Yours in Lionism,

Hugh E. Stroud



PDG Tom Isbell expounds on the benefits of Texas Lions Camp during a breakfast Saturday, August 7, 2010.



Governor Hugh Stroud makes a contribution to Texas Lions Camp during the parade of checks during the breakfast Saturday morning, August 7, 2010



Governor Hugh Stroud receives his Oath of Office for his term while serving as District Governor of District 2E-1



PDG Tom Isbell presenting Trish Wilson a Jack Wiech Fellowship during a recent meeting at Texas Lions Camp.

Book of Interest: The recently updated history of Lions Clubs International: Lions Clubs in the 21st Century. The 383-page book, published by the association, is available for US\$29.95 on order from the Club Supplies Sales Department. A handy order form accompanies this letter and appears on the association's Web site. Or it may be purchased by calling Club Supplies at 1-630-571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S. only). The department's e-mail address is Clubsupplies@Lionsclubs.org.

Lions Clubs in the 21st Century, with over 70 photographs, surveys the more than nine decades in which Lions worldwide have been a force for service and good will in their communities, their countries and around the globe. It also tells in detail how Lions Clubs International has grown to be the largest and most active service club organization in the world. Special emphasis is given to the inspiration of Helen Keller in lighting the way for Lions in their dedication to sight conservation and work with the blind. Scores of examples are provided demonstrating how the Lions Clubs International Foundation is generously providing assistance to help Lions around the world meet crucial needs. The pages also look forward to the future to determine how Lions can enhance their commitment to humanitarian and voluntary service and to expand their leadership in the communities in which they work and reside.

Every Lions club will benefit from having a copy for reference and the enjoyment of its members and, ideally, every newly-inducted Lions may be given a copy. Books can also be provided as a way of saying "thank you" to individual members for exceptional service at the end of the year and to guest speakers at club and district events. Public and school libraries would welcome copies for their shelves, with the inscription that it was donated by the local Lions club.

17TH ANNUAL LIONS CAMP WICHERSHAM GOLF TOURNAMENT DISTRICT 2-E1 FINAL RESULTS

Thank you, District 2-E1 for your contribution to the Wichersham Golf Tournament held on August 5, 2010. Our District was fourth in contribution out of 16 Districts. We did great. Following is a list of all who sponsored a hole from our District.

PDG Hal & Lion Sandy Griffin
Anson Lions Club
Graham Noon Lions Club
Shirlee Gates
Lion Sharon Emmons
Lion Marnette Isbell
Bryson Lions Club (2)
Lion David Castleberry
Stephenville Lions Club
PDG Tom Ward
Abilene Cactus Lions Club
Lion Steve Patterson
Lion Dean Baird
DG Hugh & Lion Carolyn Stroud (2)
PDG Virgie and Lion Bob Mitchell
IPDG Tom & Lion Marnette Isbell

PDG Gary & Jana Sult
Vernon Lions Club (2.15)
PDG Luren & Beatt Campbell
PDG Billy Wood
PDG Virgie Mitchell
Lion John Ed Conner
Lion Irene Grant
Munday Lions Club
PDG Doris J. Kendrick (2)
Breckenridge Lions Club (13)
Lion Cindy Watson
Lion Charles E. Graf
Elmwood West Lions Club
PCC C. Lee & Sue Smith (2)
PDG A.C. & Lion Mary Sharp
Lion Sam & Lion Sandi Conway

Federal Tax Issues

Contributions made to Lions Clubs, which are 501(c)(4) organization, are NOT tax deductible to the individual/ company/organization making the contribution. To be eligible for a charitable contribution deduction, the Lions Club must apply for and be approved as a 501(c)(3) organization. This is usually done by creating an organization (foundation) separate from the Lions Club.

The Lion's year that ended June 30, 2008 was the first year that ALL Lions Clubs had a filing requirement with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Clubs that normally had gross receipts under \$25,000 during their fiscal year should have filed the E-Postcard (Form 990-N) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Clubs that had over \$25,000, but less than \$100,000 in gross receipts should have filed form 990-EZ for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Clubs that had over \$100,000 in gross receipts should have filed Form 990 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

The term "GROSS RECEIPTS" is defined by the IRS as the total amount the organization received from all sources during its annual accounting period, without subtracting any costs or expenses.

There have been substantial changes to the required federal tax filings for not-for-profit organizations. It is important that your club have a member in the club, or an outside tax professional, knowledgeable about the tax filing requirements for not-for-profit organizations. This should not be taken lightly. Your club's continued tax-exempt status is at stake!

The following statement comes directly from the IRS website (www.irs.gov): "an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns - Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for

three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year."

The first year ended June 30, 2008. The second year ended June 30, 2009. The third year ended June 30, 2010. The filing due date for the third year will be November 15, 2010.

It is recommended that anyone in the club who will have the responsibility for compiling information necessary to file the required tax return become familiar with the filing requirements.

The best place to start is the IRS website at www.irs.gov. Once in the site there is a tab at the top of the page for "Charities & Non-Profits".

This information was copy from the 2009-2010 Officers & Leadership Training Manual of District 2-X1.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST RULES

A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. Each kit includes a sticker to be placed on the back of the winning poster prior to forwarding it to the next level of judging. Entries not featuring an official sticker on the back or meeting the rules listed below will be disqualified.

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.* Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15. Eligible birthdates can be found under the Contest Rules & Conditions found in the Peace Poster kit.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.

Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.

The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.

Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

23rd Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Vision of Peace



Sponsor a Lions International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's visions of peace with your community.

How the Contest Works

Lions clubs sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2010. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Vision of Peace."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2011.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

Mail or fax your order to: **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
CLUB SUPPLIES SALES DEPARTMENT, 300 W 22ND ST.
OAK BROOK IL 60523-8842 USA; Fax 630-571-0964**

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) _____ Qty. @ US\$9.95/each \$ _____
Language Required _____ Tax \$ _____
(Available in all official languages.) Postage & Handling \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Method of payment (select one):

- A. Club/District Acct. # _____
Lions Club Name _____
Officer's Signature (Required) _____
- B. Visa/Mastercard # _____ Exp. Date _____
Cardholder's Signature (Required) _____

How to Enter

Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$9.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one* school or organized, sponsored youth group:

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.



Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2010.
Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

To order the Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) submit the form below, order through the online Lions Store (Item search: Peace Poster Kit) or call Club Supplies at (630) 571-5466 or (800) 710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

Visit www.lionsclubs.org for more contest information, deadlines, to send a Peace Poster e-card and view past finalists' posters.

Ship order to:

Name _____

Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone # (Required) _____

E-mail Address _____

Postage/handling Charges:

United States - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. An additional charge will be added if second day service is required.

Overseas - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. Additional charges for duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. We are not responsible for any additional charges imposed by customs.

Sales Tax:

We are obligated to charge sales tax in Illinois and Canada.

DISTRICT 2-E1 YOUTH CONTESTS 2010-2011

1. The District Youth Contests for Drug Awareness Speech Contest, The Diabetic Essay, Contest, and The Outstanding Youth Contest will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference in Graham, Texas on January 29, 2011.
2. The MD-2 State Contest Rules are normally published in the early Fall in September or October. The State rules and the District Contest Rules will be distributed soon after the State Rules are finalized.
3. The District 2-E1 Youth Contest Rules will adhere to the MD-2 Rules in order that the Contest Rules for all Districts are consistent.
4. The applications for the three contests listed above are usually standardized for each contest. Supplemental information will vary according the contest requirements, but certain minimum information is always required. The standardized information includes pictures, personal biographical information and the application. Contestants should be informed early in the process of the standard information requirements in order that it will not be necessary to scramble at the last moment to gather pictures, parent signatures, and applications.
5. District Contest Rules for the three contest outlined above will be published shortly after the MD-2 rules have been made available to the Districts. Watch the newsletter for contest rules and information. Information will also be available on the District and Md-2 websites.
6. To the extent possible, District Contest Rules for the three contests will be harmonized so that arrangements, rules, and procedural issues will be consistent for all of the contests.
7. Clubs sponsoring a youth contestant will normally be responsible for certain expenses associated with the District Contests. The expenses cover transportation, hotel if required, and meals for the contestant and a chaperone or parent at the Mid-Winter Conference.
8. Expenses for the State Contest are partially covered by the District, but may involve some expense to the Sponsoring Club.
9. We strongly encourage each club to start early in the school year in the recruitment of youth contestants. Do not wait until the rules are published to contact teachers or school officials about the contest. Contestants as well as teachers or counselors need time to plan and prepare.
10. Scholarships funds are provided for the contest winner, \$1,000.00 and for the runner-up, \$500.
11. Please, please, try to provide contestants to represent your club and your community. Only a few clubs have been providing contestants in the last few years. Do the youth of your community a favor and let them compete for the scholarships. They will not compete if they are not informed of the contests.
12. Please contact the District Contest Chairs listed below if you need information or have a question.

District 2-E1 Youth Contest Coordinator:
Drug Awareness Speech Contest Chair:
PDG Billy Wood
2116 Cherokee Loop
Graham, Texas 76450
Telephone 940-549-3158
bcwrfw@sbcglobal.net

Diabetic Essay Contest Chair:
Lion Shirlee Gates
P.O. Box 991
Jacksboro, Texas 76458
Telephone-940-567-5990
hemminggates@sbcglobal.net

Outstanding Youth Contest Chair:
Lion Bobby Riggs
P.O. Box 112
Jacksboro, Texas 76458.
Telephone 940-567-3938
bobby-riggs@att.net

TLERC: A "Beacon" in Its Simplest Form

Lions International President Sid Scruggs has challenged us all to be "Beacons of Hope" this year. He wants all of us to stay really focused on "Serving". We are surely beacons of hope when we hand out food baskets or provide shoes, coats and blankets to the needy in our community. Maybe it's a special fish fry to raise money for a family who lost its home, providing Drug Awareness programs to our school children, or building a park to keep children off the streets. I could go on as there are thousands of projects Lions do every year to provide the most basic human needs to people and thus give them a ray of hope. However, for millions of those we serve, hope may come in a simpler form: the ability to see. If they could just see, they could start hoping in themselves. If they just had a pair of good glasses or cataract surgery, their hope for finding a job or improving their income heightens.

This is where Lions soar! We are the "Knights of the Blind", the "Beacon of Hope" for the visually impaired! So if you

as Lions are the Beacons, then the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) must be the "lighthouse". We can provide the operations to actually turn on the beam.

This has been a busy summer at TLERC. We applied for and received our 501(C)3 tax status, a status required so donations are tax deductible. We seated our first Board of Directors, which includes one member from each of our Districts. This new Board held its first meeting. PDG Claude Durham from S1 was elected the first Board President and PDG Zac Gray from X2 was elected Vice-President. The Children's Eyeglass Program lab was moved to our new facilities at 2550 Flynt, completing a moving process that started last year. Now all TLERC services are in the same place. Recently we received our first two shipments of glasses (approx 22,000 pairs) from Lions International's partnership with Wal-Mart.

Over the next few months, we plan to send articles to your Newsletter Editor about the various programs at TLERC.

Many of you may not realize that we are one of three Texas State projects. Many think all we do is clean glasses and send them abroad. If that's the case, then over the next few months we hope to show you what we offer that your Club can get involved in. We, not only have the programs, but also can provide the training to make sure you can be successful "Knights of the Blind" and "Beacons of Hope".

Finally, as you plan your year, we ask that your Club consider becoming a Focus Club (you'll like the colorful banner patch). To be a Focus Club requires a \$3/member contribution to TLERC. Being a Focus Club requires just a little more than the \$2 TLERC contribution required to be 100% under the District Charities. Remember, as a State Project, we rely on the MD2 Clubs to keep the "lighthouse" in operation, so we can keep the "beacons" shining.

Lion Tom Blase, 2A1VDG
TLERC Promotions Director