



# The Texas Lion

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## Give the Gift of Sight Program

Lions and Sight Chairpersons:

This article contains important information on how Lions can team up with LensCrafters to bring much needed eyeglass and vision assistance to people in our Lions communities:

### Tuesday December 6, 2005 is Hometown Day

- Each first Tuesday of December, LensCrafters stores have Hometown Day. On this day, LensCrafters stores set aside a special morning to provide free eye exams and glasses to local residents in need as pre-determined by Lions and other charitable groups. Contact your store's Gift of Sight Captain or General Manager to see if they still have space to accept referrals for this year.

**Gift of Sight OnSite Vouchers** - Lions clubs and other groups may obtain a limited number of pairs of glasses for people in need free-of-charge. Eye exams are not included.

**Lions Special Price** - Lions clubs are able to purchase an unlimited number of pairs of glasses for needy individuals at a special price of US\$50 per pair in the United States and US\$70 per pair in Canada. Prepaid Lions Special Price vouchers are available in a book of 10. Eye exams are not included. To order a book of 10 vouchers or learn more, click .

Two 40-foot Vision Vans "Seemore" and "Iris," travel North America delivering free eye care and new glasses to disadvantaged children pre-selected by Lions clubs and other local agencies. See if a van is scheduled for your area.

Inquire with the Gift of Sight Captain or General Manager at the LensCrafters store nearest to you on how you can work together on these programs. To locate a LensCrafters store click .

Should you have any questions for LCI, please call 630-571-5466 ext. 315 or e-mail We will be happy to assist you.

Regards,

Margaret Newell  
Manager  
Program Development Department  
Lions Clubs International



## Chairman's Corner - C. Lee Smith;

If you missed the November Council meeting in Brenham you missed a great meeting. Lions of S-5, especially Governor Waldo and Annette Dalcheau, made us all feel at home while we were there. All the hospitality, planning the meals, and the great trip to Blue Bell Creamery were well received by all. Thank you District S-5 Lions. The Council received the various committee reports and the business of MD2 was acted on in a timely manner.

We are now at the halfway mark of the 2005-06 year and it is time to review the goals that were set for the year. Plans for completion of these goals should be made if we are to be successful. I encourage you to consider taking action now! Membership is still an issue that must be dealt with in all of our Districts. Just remember that there is always room for improvement, but it takes work to get the job done.

If you haven't registered for the MD-2 State Convention to be held in Abeline on the 26th & 27th of May 2006, let me encourage you to do so ASAP. Forms can be found on the MD-2 website at <[www.texaslions.org](http://www.texaslions.org)>. We are planning a great convention for you, so don't miss out.

We have a big job to do in Boston where our own 1st VP Jimmy Ross will be installed as President of Lions International, so make your reservations for the International Convention now (forms are also on the state website). We need all the help we can muster so make your commitment now to be a part of this historic event for Texas Lions. It is a big job but I know you Texas Lions can do it because "YOU ARE THE GREATEST!"

## News Release LIONS WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

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November 28, 2005

## Honor a Fellow Lion, Support LWSB

With only six months left in the Lions fiscal year, this is a great time to consider honoring, awarding, or memorializing a Lion who has demonstrated a passion to excel.

By honoring an individual with a donation to Lions World Services for the Blind, you not only recognize a special person, but you help to provide trainees at LWSB with a new life. Lions World Services for the Blind has served over 8,900 people who are blind or visually impaired, from all 50 states and from 57 other countries. None of these individuals would have received the training they needed to become independent without dedicated Lions like you.

There are three ways that you can honor or remember a fellow Lion: The Silver Cane Award, Memorials, and Honorariums.

The Silver Cane Award is a beautiful silver and black plaque that anyone would be proud to display. This is the physical reminder of this award. But the \$500 donation to LWSB is a much more important element of the honor, felt strongly by the trainees who need assistance to receive the training for independence they get at Lions World Services for the Blind.

A Memorial, in any amount, is another special way to remember someone who has made an impact on you, your club, or on LWSB during their lifetime. Your name and the name of the person being memorialized will be published in New Life, the quarterly publication of Lions World Services for the Blind.

And if you know a Lion who has inspired you, a wonderful way to thank them is with an Honorarium. Your name and the person's you are honoring will both appear in New Life.

Lions World Services for the Blind needs your support now more than ever. What better way to honor a special person in your life than to give the gift of support to LWSB. For more information, contact Larry Morgan, Director of Development, at 1-800-248-0734 or [development@lwsb.org](mailto:development@lwsb.org).

To read more about any of LWSB's programs, visit the organization's website at [www.lwsb.org](http://www.lwsb.org). E-mail <[development@lwsb.org](mailto:development@lwsb.org)> OR Fax <501/664-2743>



## PEORIA FORUM A SUCCESS ----- NOW EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS

### IN 2006

2409 Lions attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Peoria, Illinois. This includes 140 Lions Club Members from Texas so we were well represented.

However, now is the time to start making plans to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum which will be held on September 14-16, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio. Over 1300 Lions registered for the 2006 Forum while in Peoria. The theme of the Forum will be "Discover A New World Of Leadership and Service."

The Greater Columbus Convention Center is extremely large and has sufficient capacity to accommodate all of the Forum activities in one building. There are also over 1250 hotel rooms adjacent to the Convention Center so all of the accommodations are great.

Again, we will have four outstanding professional speakers and many seminars. Brochures and registration forms will be available around the first of February, but it is not too early to schedule your vacation to be able to attend this worthwhile Lions Club Sponsored event to improve your Leadership Skills and Know-ledge of Lionism.

Look forward to seeing you as we Experience Columbus together! Anytime I can be of help to you in any way, please call on me.

Yours in Lionism,  
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Texas delegation at the USA?Canada Forum



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Lion Bob Nelson, State Chair  
<http://texaslions.org>

The MD-2 Texas Lions Integrated Website Program continues to expand. This integrated website program is the central location and focal point for all Texas Lions related information. This MD-2 State website and the 16 District websites are the foundation of this program and enhance the capacity for providing Lions information to all the Lions of Texas.

One of the significant problems we face in maintaining this integrated website program is locating Lions with the technical ability to volunteer their services in the spirit of the Lions motto "We Serve" to create and maintain the websites. Unfortunately the District 2-A3 website has gone off-line since the last Council of Governors Meeting in August. District 2-A3 does not have an Information Technology Chairman (Webmaster) and many of the other districts could use additional Lions to support their Internet programs. Lions, if you have the technical ability to work on websites contact you District Governor or Information Technology Chairman and volunteer you services. Contact information for District Governors is located on the MD-2 Website - Officers page and on the Districts/Clubs page for Information Technology Chairman.

Educating/Training Lions is one of the primary concerns facing the Lions of Texas. The MD-2 Integrated Information Technology program consisting of the MD-2 State Website and the 16 District websites is fully operational; however, many Texas Lions are not aware of its full capability and potential.

The following Seminars and work sessions are scheduled to provide training on the use of the Internet:

Texas Lions Leadership Forum in Austin, Texas, March 11-12, 2006. Two Information Technology Seminar(s) are scheduled. The topics for the two IT Forums are: **TECHNOLOGY:** This session discusses "The duties of the Information Technology Officer; The content of District, MD2, and LCI web sites; and Expanded uses for the websites." This is a 'how to use', not a 'how to build' session; and **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY:** This session discusses "The uses of technology to support Lionism. Technology medium available to communicate information; Equipment available to support information technology; Medium formats used/available to communicate information; and computer software to support advanced technology."

MD-2 Texas Lions State Convention, Abilene, Texas; May 25-27, 2006. One Seminar -Workshop session is scheduled. The two hour seminar/workshop will cover the use of and information available on the LCI, MD-2, and District websites. On-line LCI reporting will also be discussed. The Seminar presentation will be projected on a screen from a computer connected to the Internet to provide maximum exposure to the use and content of available Lions information. The session is scheduled for Friday afternoon. The actual times will be confirmed in the convention schedule.

Please provide maximum distribution of this information to the Lions in your districts. Maximum participation at the above seminars will promote the use of the MD-2 Integrated Information Technology Program by Texas Lions.

Promote the Texas Lions Integrated Website Program. Tell your friends, neighbors, other Lions and perspective Lions that the MD-2 Texas Lions website system is the central location for Texas Lions information. When you talk to anyone about Lionism ask him or her to visit the Texas Lions website at <http://texaslions.org> and your own District's website for additional information.

Remember the MD-2 Website is your website so encourage other Lions and possible future Lions to visit the website. A visit to the site could result in that person finding just the right information to motivate them to become or remain a Lion.

Note: For users that can't afford Microsoft Office an excellent choice is OpenOffice: A free open-source replacement for Office. It is available at: <http://www.openoffice.org>. While not as flashy an upgrade as Microsoft Office 2003, v2.0 of OpenOffice.org adds to what was already the best value in Windows software. The free, open-source, Office-compatible word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and drawing combo gets a facelift, a speed bump, and improvements ranging from PDF export to macro recording. A database has been added that is compatible with Microsoft Access.

## Lion World Services for the Blind

PDG Billy Graham

PDG Carolyn Keskitello

As of October 25, 2005, there were 65 trainees at LWSB, nine were from Texas as follows; Districts T-1 Lubbock; X-1 Richardson; X-2 Paris; X-3 - Belton; A-2 - San Antonio; S-1 - Jacksonville; S-2 - Houston; S-4 - Alvin & Dickenson. Three more are scheduled to enter from Texas in November and December.

The following is a true story written by Johnette Weiss, a former trainee and now employee of LWSB.

### A Long Journey

by Johnette Weiss

In 1947, a legally blind lawyer named Roy Kumpe - with the help of Little Rock Lions Club - opened a rehabilitation center for persons who were blind and/or visually impaired. Its goal then, as now, was to enable blind persons to live more independently, to enjoy a full, productive life and to be treated with dignity and respect. The name of the agency which was located in Little Rock, Arkansas was *Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind* (AEB).

As a young 19 year old farm girl from Marked Tree, Arkansas, I (Johnette Barthilomew Weiss) was greatly changed by AEB. I was legally blind due to retinitis pigmentosa, an eye disease that left me with only tunnel vision with which I was able slowly to read print. As a trainee, I began to learn Braille, was introduced to the use of the white cane, and most of all gained some self confidence. At the end of my training, I enrolled at Arkansas State University (ASU) and three years later graduated with a teaching degree.

After my graduation from ASU, I came to work at AEB under the supervision of Billie Elder who was also blind. Mrs. Elder taught me that the trainees were individuals and that they were very important people.

As the center grew in size and prestige, Mr. Kumpe became more well-known and recognized as one of the pioneers in work for the blind in our country and other countries. As Executive Director, Mr. Kumpe worked very hard with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to start training programs. In 1967 the first IRS class was offered and since that time has allowed blind and visually im-

paired a chance to work for the federal government. At the present time, LWSB trains blind persons for three different programs for the IRS.

In 1973, a young man who had graduated from college in Pennsylvania came to AEB for vocational training. His name was Jeff Weiss. After he completed his program, he was hired as a Braille instructor at AEB in 1974. The next year - 30 years ago - Jeff and I were married.

After Mr. Kumpe's retirement, Jim Cordell served as executive director of AEB for many years. During that time AEB became Lions World Services for the Blind. The center continued to grow, and new vocational programs were added, small engine repair and horticulture were two of those programs. Technology - yes the talking calculator, computers with speech and Braille output, and the closed circuit television (CCTV) - ushered in the field of assistive technology.

At the time that Mr. Cordell retired, Ramona Sangalli was named chief executive officer of Lions World Services for the Blind. Ramona's dream is to build a new, larger LWSB with beautiful up-to-date buildings and campus.

From time to time, someone will ask if I enjoy my work at LWSB. I answer that on most days I like it a lot. I feel that I have had the opportunity to meet thousands of people from all over the world and have had a little part in their lives. I hope, with the Lord's help, that it has been a positive part. I feel good when one of the trainees stops by my room to say "hello" or "thanks Johnette."

During the 58 years since LWSB opened in 1947, three leaders - Roy Kumpe, Jim Cordell and Ramona Sengalli - have worked to assist persons who are blind or visually impaired to have a chance at a "new life" as they lead fuller, richer lives with dignity and respect. During that time, more than 8,900 people from all 50 states and 57 foreign countries have been served at LWSB. The trainees have set goals that they want to achieve and the staff has helped them to attain them. That's a pretty good team approach, don't you think?



## MD 2 Committee Chairman Appointments for 2006-07

Anyone interested in being a State Committee Chairperson for 2006-2007 should contact Council Chairman Elect Rick Stoorza as soon as possible, but no later than January 28, 2006. He may be contacted as follows:

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Interviews will be conducted February 3, 2006 in Kerrville, Tx. The following positions will be considered at that time:

- Diabetic Program
- Information Technology
- Leader dog for the Blind
- Leo Program
- Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Lions Youth Exchange
- Texas Lions Newsletter Editor
- USA/Canada Forum
- Financial Advisor
- Legal Advisor
- Lions Youth Outreach
- Lions Outstanding Youth Award Publicity

### JIMMY THE JEEP

The Wheeler Lions Club presented "Jimmy the Jeep" to the citizens of Wheeler during their Centennial Celebration on August 5. Lions Charlie Finsterwald, Dale Garner, and Linda Garner sold almost 40 chances on "Jimmy" during the Celebration activities. Other Wheeler Lions, including Lion Bob Rowley, sold several more chances the following week. The Wheeler Lions are proud to be a part of this District 2-T1 effort on behalf of International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jimmy Ross.



## LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

by Lion Sandy Griffin

Lions, there are currently 70 active Leader Dog teams within our state of Texas. Just since July, we have welcomed home 6 new teams. The following report will indicate where the working teams are:

2-T1 = 4	2-T2 = 2
2-T3 = 1	2-E1 = 1
2-E2 = 4	2-X1 = 6
2-X2 = 2	2-X3 = 3
2-A1 = 3	2-A2 = 15
2-A3 = 7	2-S1 = 1
2-S2 = 6	2-S3 = 9
2-S4 = 4	2-S5 = 3

It is clear that EACH Texas District has a working team and it is essential that your District contributes the amount per member in support of the visually impaired Texans and help make them more mobile.

If you should have a new Leader Dog team, please allow them at least 1 month at home to continue they're bonding before inviting them to your Lions Club for "show and tell".

To show your support or to sponsor any team, your Lions Club, Zone, Region or District can send a check to Leader Dogs for the Blind, in the amount of the air fair, round trip, from the individuals home airport to the Detroit Airport.

Involve yourself, involve your Lions Club, be a Lion that will show support for our visually impaired Texans.

**Sandy Griffin, State Leader Dog  
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## MD-2 MERL Team in Action

by MD-2 MERL Chairpersons

The MD-2 MERL Team is working together to provide training for District MERL Teams so that they, in turn, can work together in supporting club actions. After discussions with the Council of Governors and the Council of Vice Governors, an effort of collaboration has been initiated. Each of the MERL Team entities, Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership, is important in its own endeavors. However, since the success of all four is necessary for the advancement of Lionism, a concerted effort is more likely to multiply the resulting success.

The remainder of the 2005-2006 year provides an opportunity to pilot the state operational plan. The focus will be the provision of training and support for the District MERL Teams to work as combined unit. Initial training has already occurred with Team representatives from six districts. Training with other district teams will occur as schedules are set by District Governors and Vice District governors. In addition, each district is invited to send district MERL Team chairpersons to training in Kerrville on February 3 and 4, 2006. These chairpersons will be the ones newly appointed to serve from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. The Kerrville training will include an opportunity for each district team, and the Vice District Governor, to start planning for 2006-2007.

Even though additional training is planned, to make each District MERL Team more effective, the Teams are in operation now. It is important to be trained and to make plans. That training and planning is of no value unless there is implementation. Implementation can occur only if a club is interested in participating. Club Presidents are urged to contact the Vice District Governor, who is the MERL Team Chairperson, and ask her or him how the Team can support the club's activities. You will find that they are ready to work with your club.

An ideal way for a continuation of each district team's training would be to have them attend the Texas Lions Leadership Forum and L. C. I. Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Austin, March 11 and 12, 2006. Past International Director Al Brandel and his wife, Lion Maureen Murphy, will be the principal speakers. They are long time, dedicated Lions who have a message that our leaders need to hear. There are still some free Saturday night lodging rooms available for participants who have not attained the position of Vice District Governor or higher. They will be claimed soon. District Governors and Vice District Governors are urged to inform the clubs in their districts about the Forum and to remind them that the registration form is on the Web Site.

## Outstanding Youth Contest

PDG Ted Whitley/ State Chm.

Every morning when we wake up we are faced with challenges and changes. We either adapt to these, altho it is sometimes difficult, or we get left behind and miss something important in our lives.

This Lions year the youth contests date has been changed to February 4th, 2006 and will be held at Kerrville. We hope this change will make a difference in the number of young people being available to participate in the contests. As you know the high school graduation really cut into our act this past year.

Clubs should be working on the contests right now so that the districts will have ample time to hold the district contest. Remember, there are no changes in the rules or in the application with the exception that the winners of the contests in Kerrville will be required to attend the State convention in Abilene to be recognized and awarded their scholarship certificate.

The Outstanding Youth contest recognizes the young ladies and young gentlemen who have contributed thier time to community services and have excelled in academic acheivement. Every club and every district should be able to and want to help further the education of these worthy young people. Thank you and always remember We Are Here to Serve.



**We Serve**

## TLC VIP DAY CHANGED

Dear Lion Friends:

In order to accommodate the schedule change of the International Convention, TLC has moved the dates for VIP Day (our annual training for incoming Elected Directors and Vice-District Governor Elects) to July 14-15, 2006.

The event will be held at Texas Lions Camp and will feature an all-new agenda. So those of you who will be attending this invitational event, please mark your calendars and prepare for a fantastic weekend of fellowship and planning for the future!

Yours in Service,

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### Extending the Outstanding Youth

Having served as the State OSY Chairman for the last 4 years and as district and club chairman before that, I have noticed that there seems to be something missing in our attempts to further the education of these young people. I have a plan that will further our organizations ability to help.

I believe that the Outstanding Youth exists in all areas of our great country and therefore if we can form a regional contest whereas the contestants winning a State contest could advance on to the Region contest. Of course this could even go further but let's not get to far advanced at this time.

I envision the region being made up of the States of Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana.

I do not know at this time if these other States have similar contests, however I will be contacting the Council Chairpersons of each of these States with a proposal that we look

at this idea and see if it is feasible. It will take some planning but so did most other programs that we do today.

I welcome your comments.

Past District Governor Ted Whitley

## Chairman's Report MD-2 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PDG Melvin Felch

All the natural disasters that have occurred around the world have stirred LCIF and Lions from around the world to action. The South Asian Lions have embarked on rebuilding in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and India after the tsunami. With the help of Lions around the world, a total of 15 million US dollars has been committed by LCIF. 320 new homes have been built in Indonesia. The Sri Lanka Lions are in the process of building over 300 new homes. Most of these will be completed by December. In Thailand the Lions are building 200 new homes. The Lions in India are also building new homes. Our reconstruction work in South Asia is helping thousands of people with little means get back on their feet and resume their lives.

Hurricane Katrina has destroyed much of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. LCIF awarded a \$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant and several \$10,000 emergency grants. LCIF has focused on short-term relief in three areas: 1.) providing shelters stocked with food, clothing, personal hygiene items and bedding, 2.) offering health services such as eyeglass distribution, and 3.) meeting needs of Lions camps and facilities housing victims of the disaster. The Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Midland helped train the Lions in the Houston to use optical equipment and distribute recycled glasses to the victims of Katrina who were moved to Houston. Many of the Victims were then moved to many different locations throughout the U. S. Lions in these other locations were also quick to help these victims with shelters, clothes, food, and any other needed items. Lions in many of the hardest hit areas were the first to help with shelters and medical assistance for the victims. Many of these Lions had lost everything they had also.

Hurricane Rita struck Southeast Texas three weeks later causing great damage in Beaumont and along the Louisiana border. LCIF was quick with issuing emergency grants again. Again Lions were there to help the victims with shelter, food and medical supplies. The Lake Brownwood Lions Club in District 2-A1 decided that they wanted to do something personal for the victims of Rita. They purchased \$10,000 worth of gift cards from Walmart and traveled to the Silsbee and Koontze area where they found out that the residents there did not qualify for assistance from FEMA, because their zip code was left off the list for assistance. They proceeded to give out the cards to the people in these two communities. They were the first to offer them help.

LCIF has initiated twining between Lions Clubs. Any Lions Club wishing to help other Lions Clubs in the Gulf Coast are requested to contact by email: [jay.copp@lionsclubs.org](mailto:jay.copp@lionsclubs.org). To find out which Lions Clubs are requesting help you may go to: [www.lions-katrina.org/twining-link.php](http://www.lions-katrina.org/twining-link.php). I believe that the Lions of Texas could also apply this idea to help the Lions Clubs in Texas. Working together, Lions are responding to these terrible disasters with untold hours of service and a "Cando Spirit".

Two weeks ago a terrible earthquake struck Pakistan and India killing thousands and devastated the lives of millions of people. LCIF has issued a Major Catastrophe Grant of \$200,000 and several \$10,000 Emergency Grants so Lions in the effected areas can quickly help people get food, water and medicine. LCIF has also created a Pakistan Earthquake Relief fund. Any donations should be sent to LCIF and a notation should be put on the checks for "Pakistan earthquake relief.

Respectively submitted,

PDG Melvin Felch  
LCIF Chairman



**TEXAS LOINS QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER**  
**TEXAS LIONS EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER**  
**MIDLAND, TEXAS DOWNTOW LIONS CLUB**  
**NOV. 26, 2005**

This is the first and second quarter report for the TELRC, in Midland Texas.

The haricane Rita at Houston was a tragedy to many but it gave TELRC of Lions an oppportunity to apply what we are trained and prepare to do. C. W. Goins and Peter Lynch made a request TLRC is shown below

C. W Goins from district S-62 requested Ike Fitzgerald to dispatch trailers and eyeglasses to the Houston area as soon as possible. The intent was to replace broken and lost glasses and attention to other eye problems for the Katrina refugees.

Peter Lynch of LCI advised Ike Fitzgerald there would be 5,000 to 10,000 refuges in the Houston Astrodome. He requested TLRC to help initiate a plan consisting of the requirements to get in the Houston area eyeglasses, instruments to evaluate the need of the refugees and volunteers from TELRC to train locals to recycle used eyeglasses.

Equipment and recycled specials were loaded into vans in Midland, Livingston, and Corpus Christi and driven to both shelters for volunteer orientation and setup. A field hospital was set up on the flour of the Reliant Arena. Students or volunteers from the Lions International signed in the patients and helped them to complete a focused medical history form. This included major diseases, surgeries, medicines, and allergies.

Amy Colburn MD provided a detailed report of the work done and thanking the TELRC for furnishing equipment, recycled glasses, and training volunteers at the Houston facilities to aid the refugees from the haricane.

Marshall Cooper said it should report that PDG Glynn Kaigler had been at the R Brown Convention Center the entire time operating the auto-refractor. He reported he had dome approximately 1000 refractions on his equipment. His work was done with the Lens Crafter crew.

This is just a sampling of what the TELRC Clubs can do when there is and emergency. They have the equipment, hearing aids, spectacles, trained individuals and vans to transport their material directly to the location. The trained individuals can serve as operators of the equipment or more desirably train locals to use the equipment.

The third weekend Saturday of each month we hold an eye clinic for depressed adults. It is this same weekend we will hold a two day, (Thursday & Friday) training and demonstration classes for those interested in recycling glasses.

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Nov.26, 2005



## CAMPUS CLUBS

We have had our second council of governors meeting in brenham and have great expectations for md2. there are now eight verified campus clubs in multiple district 2, with one new club in the plano area that has twelve members signed up. the have three fund raisers on line and we were told that they expect to have 20 members by january of 2006.

District 2-S5 held charter night for the texas lutheran university recently with 25 new members. 2-S5 leads the way with three campus clubs and they are working on their fourth

District 2-S2 is also working on some new campus clubs. they have identified about 15-16 places to set up campus clubs and will be concentrating on five or six during the next few months.

We will be going to 2-A1 in january to see if they can identify and start new campus clubs in their district. remember that campus clubs are full lions clubs with dues paying members, just on a campus setting; they are "**non-traditional**" clubs.

Our goal is to try to start at least one new campus club in each of the sixteen districts, so **let's go get them lions.**

If you need our help, we are able to help with advice, information, and programs.

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERING YOUTH CONTESTS**

**Please take note!** All the Youth contests for 2005/2006 will be held on Saturday Morning at 10AM February 4th, 2006.

The contests will be held in Kerrville at the YO Ranch Hotel (the location in Kerrville is subject to change and you will be notified).

There are no changes in the application or rules of the contests resulting from this date change.

It is really necessary that each district get started immediately on the youth contests.

The Web page will be kept updated for any additional information as necessary.

Submitted by PDG Ted Whitley Chm

Please share this newsletter with fellow lions who do not have computer internet access, give a copy to prospective members so they may learn what Lions in MD-2 are doing and what projects we support.

**YES...**

**It's GREAT to be a LION**