

Chairman's Corner

To My Fellow Lions,

I take this opportunity to write and thank you for having the foresight this past year to vote for and approve overwhelmingly the requested dues increase. By doing so, your decision has given this year's Council of Governors the opportunity to design and implement a number of programs and activities that will expand and improve Lionism and our related services throughout Texas for many years.

As we continue our volunteer effort into a new millennium, we need to have all 33,000+ Lions in Texas well informed about the wide variety of service that the Lions support and provide. It is our belief that through the articles published in "The Texas Lion", we will come to understand more about our services and not only will we foster a better appreciation of all that we are involved in providing, but we will also have the ability to expand the utilization of these services throughout the communities we serve no matter their size or location.

Over the past 83 years, our community needs have changed and grown considerably. Through our strength of working together, we continue to meet the challenges and turn them into opportunities of service which have allowed us to remain the largest service club organization in the world. We ask you to support these larger state programs because they benefit all communities, and by doing so, we can continue to meet the needs that individual clubs, or even districts might not be able to provide by themselves.

By being better informed about our Lions programs and service we hope that it will recreate a new pride of commitment, and understanding for each Lion. If each of us are better prepared to share this feeling with those we come in contact with, we can more clearly encourage them to join with us as fellow members and allow them to feel this same sense of pride in meeting the needs of those less fortunate.

It is my honor to have the opportunity of working with a Council of 16 Governors who are committed to do everything they can to serve you and the best interests of Lionism in Texas. I ask each of you to work actively with your Governor and to support all of our common goals. If you reaffirm this pledge now as you did when you first became a Lion, whether that was

months or years ago, we join with our Governors in this unified effort and as a team, move forward with a renewed confidence into this new century.

By doing this, we keep faith in our past, we strengthen the present and insure the growth and stability of our future.

As I travel to each district this year, I hope to meet each of you and if I can be of service to you, I hope that you give me that opportunity. May God bless you for your Lions service to others and 'til we meet again, I remain,

In Service To You,

Mike

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