

2023 CONVENTION

APRIL 28-30, 2023 | HOLIDAY INN BY THE BAY

Meet our Guest ID ERNESTO “TJ” TIJERINA

Ernesto “TJ” Tijerina, from San Antonio, Texas, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.



ID TJ and his wife,
Lion Juanita

Director Tijerina has worked for 47 years as a professional educator and in school administration. His experience in, and out of the classroom as a teacher and superintendent has earned him several awards including Education Service Center Region 20 Superintendent of the Year and Texas Association of School Boards Regional Superintendent of the Year.

He became a Lion in 1977 after joining the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club and continues to serve with them to this day. He has held a number of offices with the association including district governor, district campus club chairperson and district GMT membership and new club growth team member. He has also been invited several times to participate on the LCI Advocacy Committee to represent Lions at Lions Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President’s Awards and International President’s Certificates of Appreciation. He has also been awarded the Lions Clubs International Foundation Helping Hands Award. Director Tijerina is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Tijerina is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including the Texas Association of Elementary Principals and Supervisors, the Texas Association of School Administrators, and the Texas Charter Schools Association.

Director Tijerina and his wife, Juanita, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for 48 years and have three children and four grandchildren.



DG Sally & ID TJ

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FRIDAY SERVICE PROJECT



Kick off convention with a service project! Lion Mary Mace will be leading us in the creation of May Baskets Friday afternoon! Project starts at 2pm.

SATURDAY CARD CLASS

REMINDER! DG Sally's Cards for a Cause Class on Saturday will be **limited to 15** people. The **cost of the class is \$10** and must be paid at the time of signup, when you check in at Convention.

If you are planning on signing up for the class, please bring the following with you: a small bottle of liquid glue, a bone folder (or a plastic knife) - for smooth folds on the cards and envelopes, and craft tweezers if you have them.

DAY-TRIPPERS

Not staying overnight? No problem, we love day-trippers! Even if you're just coming for the day, **PLEASE** be sure to register so we can make sure to have a nametag and registration bag prepared for you!



Don't forget to
bring items for
the silent auction!

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Spending Money!

We'll have Dinner with the Governor raffle tickets, Leaves for the Family Tree, 50/50 Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction items all available for purchase.



Club Banners

Bring your club banners to convention! All club banners brought to convention will be displayed throughout our convention space!



"THINKING OF YOU" DONATIONS

To help further support Make A Wish (MAW) and all that they do, we will be collecting donations at this year's convention of small "quiet" gifts.

MAW sends gifts periodically to let the child know they haven't been forgotten and that MAW is still working on their wish. Gift ideas include puzzles, word searches, coloring books, etc.

All donations will be collected at Convention at the Registration Desk



Have you reserved your vendor table?
If not, please contact PDG Lion Bunny,
liontbunny@gmail.com or
207-685-3444 to reserve your spot!

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Event Schedule

Friday, April 28, 2023

- 12:00pm | Silent Auction Opens
- 2:00pm | Service Project | May Baskets
- 3:00pm | Registration Opens

Friday Night Theme: Lions Family Reunion

- 5:30pm | Meet & Greet Happy Hour
- 6:30pm | Meet & Greet Dinner
- 7:30pm | Meet & Greet Activities & Networking
 - Make-a-wish Wish Reveals - 4 Wishes!!
 - Karaoke
 - Giant Jenga
 - Cornhole
 - Photo Area
- 10:00pm | Hospitality Suite Opens

Saturday, April 29, 2023

- 8:00am | Registration Opens
- 8:00am | 9:30pm - Silent Auction Open
- 9:00am | Official Convention Opening
- 9:15am | 10:15am - Sessions
 - Trex Recycling Program | VDG Deb Maddox
 - Cards for a Cause (hands on) | DG Sally Iverson
 - Lions Orientation | Marge McHugh, PCS
- 10:15am | Coffee Break

Saturday, April 29, 2023 Continued

- 10:30am - 11:30am | Sessions
 - Make a Wish | Nichole Rutherford, Director of Development, Make-a-Wish Maine
 - Grant Writing | Lion Colette Howe & Lion Teresa Rael
 - Leo Clubs | Lion Karen Martin
- 1:15pm - 2:30pm | Speakout Contest
- 3:00pm - 4:30 | Cabinet Meeting
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm | VIP Reception
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm | International Banquet Happy Hour - cash bar
- 7:00pm - 10:00pm | International Banquet
- 10:00pm | Hospitality Suite Opens

Sunday, April 30, 2023

- 8:00am | Registration Opens
- 9:00am - 10:00am | Necrology
- 10:00am | Coffee Break
- 10:10am - 10:50am | Sessions
 - Vision Screening Training | PDG Harvey Buzzell
 - Fidelco | Fidelco Representative
 - My Two Sons & the Iris Network | Nikki Strout
- 11:00am | Voting
- 12:00pm-1:30pm | New Officer Luncheon
- 1:30pm | Convention Close

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Below are some tips on convention attire:

Friday Meet & Greet: This year's Friday Night theme is "We're Family - Lions Family Reunion". Themed attire is encouraged, but not required.

Meetings, Programs, Seminars: Business casual slacks/skirt, dress, sport coat, Lions vest.

Saturday Banquet:

District Governors and PDG's - White dinner attire. All others - Business or formal attire.

Incoming Officers' and Awards Luncheon:

District Governor, District Governor Elect and Vice District Governors, Vice District Governors Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Past District Governors – green or navy blazer, gray, khaki or black trousers or skirts, or business attire. All others - casual slacks/skirt, dress, sport coat, or Lions vest.

- **Hotel Guests** - Parking available underneath the hotel. \$10/day, with in & out privileges
- **Day Visitors** - Garage next door to hotel - \$5/day, does NOT include in & out privileges. Additional Parking Options: bit.ly/PortlandDowntownParking

Note for Day Visitors: Please be aware there is a large event (9,000-12,000 people) happening the same weekend at the Cross Insurance Arena across the street. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to find parking and carpool whenever possible.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Convention Chair, Amanda Stevens, at amandamstevens207@gmail.com or 207-423-5823.