

LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

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Thoughts from your District Governor

Season's Greetings

Lion Patti and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I had the pleasure of attending "Smile Day at the Mall" with many Leo Clubs from around the District as they assisted the Lighthouse of Houston clients in a day of Christmas shopping at Deerbrook Mall in Humble. Read about the event here:

http://www.hcnonline.com/kingwood/news/article_af1e3e30-a654-5de9-b0f3-3d2b2442154d.html?mode=story

As of November 30, our district's membership was at a net positive 12 members for the year, a total of 1905 members in the district. We welcome the new members of our two newest Lions Clubs and to all that have joined one of our existing Lions Clubs. Speaking of our newest Lions Clubs, mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Charter Banquets of each.

Southwest Montgomery County Lions Club will celebrate Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Knights of Columbus Hall 2 miles west of I-45 on FM-1488. See registration information elsewhere in this newsletter.

University of Houston Lions Club will celebrate their charter on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Look for more details in the near future for this exciting event.

January is a busy month. Make plans to attend the Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the Hilton Houston North hotel. Please plan to attend this exciting event. The goal of the committee for this event is to make you say, "**Wow! This was worth my time and money.**" by the end of the day for those that attend ... and for those that don't attend the committee is confident you will regret your absence. Paid registrations are discounted through January 9, 2011. You can register on-line and pay with a credit card (if desired) or mail the form in this newsletter with your check to the address noted on the form.

I look forward to visiting all the rest of the Lions Clubs in the District. Please get with Cabinet Secretary Lion Lynn Harrison to schedule a meeting that I may attend. It has been most rewarding as I have learned more about the work that each club does on a local level. Our clubs are truly a **Beacon of Hope** in their communities.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon.
Yours in Lionism,

Let's have a great year!

Glen Starr, District Governor 2010-2011



CALENDER OF EVENTS

January	5	PSC Meeting
January	19	Third Cabinet Meeting
January	22	Mid-Winter 2-S2 Conference
February	2	Bob Dowden Dinner

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Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

WISHING YOU A "HUMANITARIAN" NEW YEAR

As we begin a brand new year (can you believe it's already almost 2011!!!) and look back on the old one, I can't help but think of all the gifts we as Lions have given and the gifts we have been blessed with. Lions throughout our District, State and indeed the World have continued to give the gifts of love and humanitarian relief during the past year. Lions have given the gift of sight to millions around the world. We have purchased innumerable pairs of eyeglasses and recycled and passed along even more. We have helped thousands of students get a jump on higher education with our many scholarship programs. How many sight impaired people have we helped to send to schools like our Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock or given training at institutions like our own Lighthouse of Houston right here at home? How many Leader Dogs have been gifted to those in need at Leader Dog schools throughout the United States and the World?

Right here in our own District we have helped with all of these and even more. We have built handicap ramps and painted houses. We have provided our own scholarships and sent kiddos to the best Lions Camp in the world. We have helped to purchase lift vans and wheelchairs and canes and walkers. We have helped to provide warmth from the cold and comfort from the blazing heat. Lions have helped to purchase a special tricycle for a child and helped to house a family that needed to be close to their injured daughter. Big things and little things, great needs and small needs, Lions have been there and come to rescue after rescue.

And what is our gift you ask? Well, you need not ask if you are a Lion because you already have that special warmth in your heart that will last you not only throughout the New Year, but for a lifetime and for an eternity after that lifetime. That is our gift my Fellow Lions, the old "warm and fuzzies". But we receive so much more than that. We are given the gift of friendship and fellowship from our fellow Lions. We are given lifelong membership into a family of like hearted kindhearted fellow beings. Your club family grows to include the rest of us in the District and even in the State and on throughout the World. WE ARE FAMILY. We are one.

Writing all of this has brought our own District's Humanitarian Relief Fund to mind. As First VDG I have the honor to serve you as chair of the HRF Committee. This seems to be one of the most underused projects we have! We are able to match funds to almost any project that comes to mind. According to our Articles of Incorporation our purpose is **"To promote human welfare by careful application of funds to support humanitarian, disaster and emergency relief for the sick, injured, afflicted, infirm, disabled, or destitute persons."** This is the only rule! We must benefit a person or persons in our own District.

So far this year we have helped to purchase that tricycle, we made sure that the family of the injured child could remain close to her for another couple of months, we have helped to purchase a special device for a sight impaired individual to use in his work, and several more special requests for help. We have also had to turn a few requests down, mostly because the benefit was not directly for a "person or persons". We cannot give to businesses even if that business will be providing a need in the community. We can, however, help a client of an organization that helps the handicapped child or person in need.

All you need to do is get the application filled out (it is on the website!) and send it to Cabinet Secretary Lynn along with your matching funds check! We can approve matching funds up to \$1,250.00. If your club has a project that needs funding and you can't come with even half, how about approaching another club in your zone asking for their help? We are ready and willing to meet as often as we need to distribute our own version of Humanitarian Relief right here in our home District.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM MARLA AND ME!!!



First Vice District Governor Richard "Rick" Reynolds
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Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

Well hello everyone. You DO know what time of the year it is.....???... YOU DON'T???? Boy are you in trouble!!! It's approaching that time when you must declare your RESOLUTIONS! And I'm not talking about nominating someone... It's time for you to promise to do OR not do something for the next year.... ie: NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS. I remember one year that I resolved to stop smoking. The next year I resolved to stop stop smoking. That was years ago when I was younger and stupid.

Have you decided what your new years resolution might be? Well being a Lion, you have quite a selection. You could support the Eye Bank, or promise to support the camp more or raise a puppy for seeing eye dogs or volunteer for a community project or good grief there's hundreds of things associated with the Lions that would make a really good new year's resolution for all of us.

How about all of us trying to help District Gov. Glen increase the number of Lions here in our district? AND HOW IS THAT DONE??? It's easy.... we have got to ask someone to become a Lion. The vast majority of people, when asked why they are not a Lion, respond "No one ever ask me"

Well, it's time for each and every one of us to start asking. Think about your friends and select one you would like to see in your club. ASK! You could even buy his/her lunch at one of your clubs meetings.

If we all did that and only half of us were successful, our members in the district would approach 3000.

Boy! Wouldn't that get LCI's attention? Our district would be the fastest growing district in the world!



LET'S ASK !!!

Second Vice District Governor Paul Eads

If we did all of the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves.

- Thomas A. Edison



If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.



We can do anything we want to if we stick to it long enough.

- Helen Keller



Opportunities are usually disguised by hard work, so most people don't recognize them.

-Ann Landers

(no relation to the editor)

Club meets at Noon on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday at
Autumn Leaves of The Woodlands
10700 Montfair Blvd
Spring, TX 77382

Club Officers

President - Marla Sherrod

Secretary - Bryan Kurtz

Treasurer - Candace Emmerich

Membership Chair - Debra Moyer

Quick Links

- [District 2-S2 Website](#)
- [Lions Clubs International](#)
- [Texas Lions Camp](#)



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Please feel free to forward this
invitation to others via the
"Forward email to a friend link"
below!

[Forward email to a friend](#)



Southwest Montgomery County Lions Club
Charter Night Banquet
Saturday, January 15, 2011
7 pm till ??
Knights of Columbus Hall
2655 FM 1488
Conroe, TX 77384
(2 miles west of I-45)

\$25 per person in advance

Make checks payable to:

Southwest Montgomery County Lions Club
10110 Woodlands Pkwy, Suite 600
The Woodlands, TX 77382
(include your names and club with payment)

-- OR --

payment at the door accepted
(RSVP still required)

Includes dinner, beer, and wine

Silent Auction
Casual Attire

RSVP to Lion Dr. Kendra Pratt by 01/12/2011
281-788-4904

kendraprattds@hotmail.com

PSC Meeting

**Presidents and Secretaries Council meeting
December 1, 2010
Come early to eat, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

**CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT
located at 15000 I-45 North
On the northbound feeder road.**



Hello to everyone. Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

If you can make any of the remaining P & S meetings, the January event, January 5 is the place to be. PDG Joe Al Picone will be our speaker. He is a great speaker, he is running for International Director and he will be speaking about Membership. We need to fill the room—please help and get your friends to the China Bear on I 45N at Airtex, January 5, 2011 at 6pm to eat or 7pm for the meeting.

We had a great meeting in December—Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible. That means YOU for being at the meeting. It was a very festive time.

This will be the first meeting we have not sent out postcards or letters reminding you of the meeting. We CAN make this work if you will help me and come to the meeting and bring someone with you. I really appreciate your efforts to be with us. Maybe you could tie a string around your finger to remind you of the meeting, however don't forget why you tied that string on your finger!

We will have the Bob Dowden Dinner in place of P & S in February. Lions Mark Roth and Chris Moorman are working to make this the best ever. It will be February 2, 2011 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Spring Branch. (7901 Westview Drive at the intersection of Westview and Wirt—North of I-10) The meal is \$15 and includes tea and coffee. Desserts will be \$1.00—I will bring a BIG Banana Pudding. Come hungry and be sure you have purchased your tickets for the Nikon camera (6 for \$5; 13 for \$10; 20 for \$15, 27 for \$20, etc.) It all goes for a good cause—the camp. This will be a fun evening and you can bring guests with you.

Remember the Mid-Winter Conference on January 22, 2011—look for more information in this newsletter.

Please check the P & S website. <http://www.lions2s2.org/PSC.html>

District 2-S2 Humanitarian Relief Fund

Here are a few questions you should ask yourself. How can my club help families in my community that finds themselves in need of a wheelchair ramp? Or, how can the district help my club fund a project to assist my neighbors? Or, does the district have a program that we could use to help get our new members involved?

One answer to these questions is the District 2-S2 Humanitarian Relief Fund. Your H.R. fund is more than just another committee. It's a fund set aside to supplement your clubs community service projects. The H.R.F. is available to give your club another opportunity to get its members involved by helping out your neighbors and a chance to get your new members started off on the right foot. It allows each club to take on larger projects and increases Lions visibility in your community.

Funds are available to every club in the district.

For information on the District 2-S2 Humanitarian Relief Fund or for a club presentation, please contact:

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THE BOB DOWDEN DINNER

BENEFITING THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP

SPONSORED BY THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-S2

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

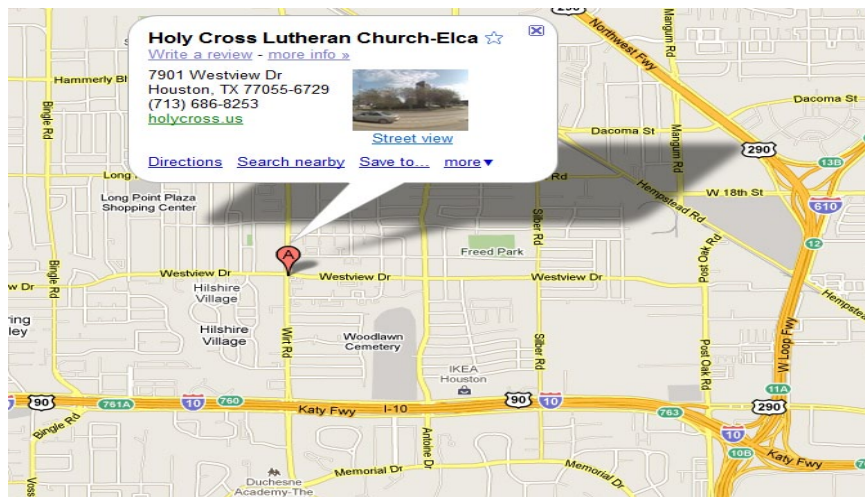
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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING BRANCH AREA

7901 WESTVIEW DR. WESTVIEW & WIRT, NORTH OF I-10 WEST

MEAL \$15.00



Tickets for a Nikon D3000 to be drawn at the Bob Dowden Dinner are for sale.

\$1.00 each or
6 for \$5.00
13 for \$10.00
20 for \$15.00
27 for \$20.00

Tickets will be available at PSC, Mid-Winter Conference, and Bob Dowden Dinner.

Or you can contact Mark or Chris

*Lion Mark Roth at 713-962-4194
Lion Chris Moorman 936-776-3018*





Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference

When: January 22, 2011
8:30 am—1:45 pm
Where: **Hilton Houston North**
2400 Greenspoint Dr.
Houston, TX 77060



Pre-Paid Cost

Students: \$15.00
All Others: \$20.00 before Dec 9, 2010
\$25.00 before Jan 6, 2011
\$30.00 after Jan 6, 2011 and pay at the door

No registrations after the Cabinet meeting on Jan 19, 2011.

Who should attend the Mid-Winter Conference?

Lions, Leos, and guests that wish to experience personal growth, interested in making their Lions Club better, and those that wish to be entertained and motivated — *and those that know a good value when they see one!*

The Mid-Winter Conference will follow the very popular format of multiple break-out sessions styled after the highly successful USA Canada Leadership Forum. Break-out sessions will include topics such as:

- Straight 'A' Campus Clubs
- From Six to Sixty
- Hooked on Lionism
- 'John Hancock' Projects
- Spike the Meetings
- Just for Leos
- Leader Dog Demo

All pre-paid registrations to-date will be entered in a drawing for one of Dr. Alyn's books at the December and January PSC meetings. You must be present to win!



You don't want to miss the entertaining and motivational key-note speaker!

Kimberly Alyn, Ph.D. is a best-selling author and an international professional speaker. She is the author of ten books including the best-seller *How to Deal With Annoying People* (with Bob Phillips, Ph.D.), *Discover your Inner Strength* (with contributors Stephen Covey, Ken Blanchard, and Brian Tracy), and *Men are Slobs, Women are Neat... and other Gender Lies that Damage Relationships* (with Bob Phillips, Ph.D.).

Dr. Alyn has been a contributing author to a variety of magazines and has been quoted in prominent books and publications like *Cosmopolitan*. An advocate of life long learning, Dr. Alyn has her bachelors degree in business management, her masters degree in organizational management, and her doctorate degree in organizational management with a specialty in leadership. Dr. Alyn has over 20 years of experience with speaking, training, educating, and entertaining audiences.

Want a sneak preview of Dr. Alyn? ["Up Time America"](#)

Register on the district web-site at www.lions2s2.org, look for an e-mail invitation, fill-out the form on the next page, or call the Registration Chair:

Lion Cathy Bleakley
281-297-7818 (W) • 832-326-0832 (C)

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am	Welcome
9:00 am	Breakout Sessions
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Key-note Speaker

See refund and cancellation policy on registration form.

On-line Event page and Registration



Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference

Mail-in Registration Form

Pre-Paid Cost

Students: \$15.00
 All Others: \$20.00 until Dec 9, 2010—Early, early bird discount
 \$25.00 until Jan 06, 2011—Early bird discount
 \$30.00 after Jan 06, 2011 (and for all those that wish to pay at the door)

No registrations after Jan 19, 2011 following the Cabinet meeting.

Please indicate →

- Check enclosed
 Pay at door (\$30 ea)

You may use a credit card if you register on-line.

January 22, 2011
 8:30 am—1:45 pm

Hilton Houston North
 12400 Greenspoint Dr.
 Houston, TX 77060

Mail this form with check payable to:

Lions District 2-S2
 c/o Lion Cathy Bleakley
 14 Larksberry
 The Woodlands, TX 77382

Any questions, call or e-mail Lion Cathy Bleakley, Registration Chair:
 281-297-7818 (W) • 832-326-0832 (C)
cathy@bleakleys.org

8:00 am Continental Breakfast
 8:30 am Welcome
 9:00 am Break-out Sessions
 12:30 pm Lunch
 1:00 pm Key-note Speaker,
 Dr. Kimberly Alyn, Ph.D.

Make a copy of this form for your records.

Refund Policy

Full refund until Jan 06, 2011. Fifty percent refund January 7—19, 2011.

To pay at the door, you must also register and unless cancelled per above policy, you will be invoiced.

Name	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Phone	_____
E-mail	_____
Lions Club	_____
Current Office	_____
Highest Office Held	_____
Special Diet Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other—call Registration Chair

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On-line Event page and Registration

Local Leos help LightHouse clients with Christmas shopping



Natalie Miguel, a student at Conroe High School, enjoys lunch with LightHouse client Isaiah Payne during their lunch and shopping outing Dec. 6, 2010

By JENNIFER SUMMER

With a couple of weeks left before the Christmas holidays, several clients with the nonprofit organization The LightHouse of Houston joined in the hustle and bustle of shopping for gifts.

The clients, who are visually impaired or blind, visited several of the different shops at Deerbrook Mall in Humble Dec. 6 after enjoying lunch with volunteers from area high schools who are Leos, the high school equivalent of the Lions Club.

The Leos from Conroe Independent School District, Hardin Independent School District and Huffman Independent School District helped each of the clients navigate through the mall and helped them make their purchases.

"We are always very excited about this event because it allows for our young students who are a part of the Leo organization to volunteer and spend time with our LightHouse clients," Glen Starr, Lions Club district governor, said while the clients were eating lunch.

"As Lions, we are challenged to participate in outreach opportunities in our community which extends to the LightHouse. The local Lions clubs contribute the money that we are able to distribute to our clients so they can shop for the holidays."

The Lions Club was originally founded to help and serve those who are visually impaired as well as others who are in need.

Tony Austin who is a member of the Humble Noon Lions Club was on hand to make sure everything ran smoothly and see that the Leos were matched up with a client.

"The Leos are great with the clients by helping them walk through the mall and helping them to shop. This is a part of what we bring to those in need," Austin said.

This is an annual shopping trip the clients and the high school Leos look forward to every year even though they had to cancel last year's trip because it was snowing.

Even some of the LightHouse clients who are deaf and blind got to enjoy lunch out with their friends and received shopping money to use at a later date.

"We always have a great afternoon and it fulfills our mission as Lions to serve the sight impaired," Starr added.

For more information about the Humble Noon Lions Club or Leos, log on to www.lionsclub.org.

Visit One of Our Web Sites

Which have been recently updated

www.lions2s2.org

www.texaslions.org

www.usacanadalionsforum.org

www.lionsclubs.org

Lions Clubs International Foundation

“The best way to help someone in need is to wipe their tears.”

Lions, we do this every minute of every day! Our hands are helping those in need, and the compassion in our hearts is wiping their tears. One way we are doing this is by improving the health and education of children worldwide.

Did you know that measles is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in children? Over the next three years, 1.7 million children will likely die from this disease, which also causes blindness. Lions, we can and we must stop this!

PIP Eberhard Wirfs & Chairperson, LCIF writes, “At a health center in Imersituska, a rural village in Madagascar, I met Marie Louise Razafindrazanana, who brought her nine-month old son, Patrick, to be vaccinated. She knew all too well the dangers of measles, as she lost her daughter to the disease. I truly felt I was wiping her tears, but she gave me something in return a smile of hope and gratitude. Her story echoes those that I heard in Ethiopia. But these mothers know that we Lions are giving their children hope for a long, healthy life.”

LCIF has joined with the Measles Initiative to launch the Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program in four African countries. LCIF and local Lions are supporting a worldwide effort to protect children from measles and strengthen routine immunization services.

Vaccination campaigns in Nigeria and Mali will take place in January and February, and help even more children.

The program is jointly funded by LCIF and the Bill - Melinda Gates Foundation. Launched in 2001, the Measles Initiative is a partnership – led by the American Red Cross, United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) – committed to reducing measles deaths worldwide. The Initiative is currently focused on supporting the United Nations’ goal of reducing global measles mortality by 90 percent (2000-2010).

Give the Gift of Hope

As we come together with friends and family this holiday season to celebrate, let us not forget those who are not so fortunate. By giving to LCIF, you offer people in need the chance for a better life and hope moving forward. **Give the gift of hope** this holiday season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

PDG Arthur A Drouin Sr.
LCIF Coordinator Ambassador
District 2-S2



The **Conroe Noon Lions Club** is proud of its shining **STARR!**



****Congratulations****

**District Governor
Glen Starr
2010-2011**

Lions Mints

Simple way to raise funds.

Peppermint and Wintergreen Mints

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WE SERVE

District 2-S2 reported

Eye exams and eye glasses donated

Campbell Soup Labels

Used eyeglasses collected

Hours given towards Lionism

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

Any Club with a classified type ad may advertise their need or project for FREE. All such information must be submitted to Lion Terry Landers by the 10th of the month.

tslanders@comcast.net or calling 713-461-7086

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**WHERE LIONS MEET
BE PRESENT LORD.
TO WELD OUR HEARTS IN
ONE ACCORD.
TO DO THY WILL,
LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.**



**Houston Memorial Lions Club
Serving Our Community
Meets at the IHOP on Katy Frwy
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at Noon
Join Us For A Fun Time
713-827-1609**



**"Honor the Texas flag;
I Pledge Allegiance to thee,
Texas, One State under God,
One and Indivisible."**

(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)

Conroe Noon Lions Club



1939 - Celebrating 71 years of Community Service - 2010

Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club



**First Vice District Governor
Richard "Rick" Reynolds**

Conroe Noon Lions Club



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Houston Heights Lions Club



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Next PSC Meeting
JANUARY 5, 2011

**** CHINA BEAR ****

15000 I-45 North

Dinner 6:00 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.

The President and Secretary Council
meeting is held at the
CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT
located at 15000 I-45 North
On the northbound feeder road

The cost for the buffet is \$13.00 per person,
including tax and gratuity.

The food is buffet-style, of Chinese,
American and Mexican food.

There are desserts galore
and more than one Ice Cream Machine.



We Serve

2010-2011 OFFICERS

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Second Vice District Governor

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