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Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

FEBRUARY

2008

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Jan	26	Nasa Area Lions Club Charter Night
Jan	31	MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting Kerrville, Texas
Feb	6	Bob Dowden Dinner
Feb	9	Crosby Lions Charter Night
Mar	1	3rd Cabinet Meeting
Mar	5	PSC Meeting
Mar	8 - 9	Texas Leadership Forum
April	3	PSC Meeting
May	2 - 3	District 2-S2 Convention
May	15 - 18	MD-2 State Convention

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Half our Lions year is now behind us and the 2008 Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching. January 19th, this Saturday to be exact. Hopefully, everyone has registered and will be in attendance. We are looking forward to a great and well attended conference.

Please note that immediately following the conference we will have our Youth Contests.

LIONS IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE SELECTING THE WINNERS!

Lion Karina Bloomquist, Houston Downtown, has done a great job this year. The top three contestants from each contest; (Diabetic Essay, Drug Awareness Speech and Outstanding Youth) will be presented to the Lions of District 2-S2 in attendance. You will then vote on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. So please make it a point to stay after the conference to select these winners.

A message from Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, Past International President and Chairperson for Campaign SightFirst II. "Thanks to your efforts in cooperation with Lions throughout the world, CSFII has exceeded \$132 million raised. This is equivalent to saving the sight of more than 22 million people. We are approaching an important milestone in Lions' history. Worldwide Report Day is February 20, 2008 and this may mark the day we surpass our minimum goal of \$150 million!" So, if you haven't made your pledge, now is the time. Remember, for every \$6.00 pledged you will save the sight of one person.

Bob Dowden Dinner, February 6, 2008. All Team Leaders have tickets and I encourage everyone to register and get their tickets. This is always a fun affair and all proceeds go to the Texas Lions Camp. They are also looking for auction items for the event.

As reported in last months message, NASA Lions Charter Night is January 26th and Crosby Lions Charter Night is February 9th. We look forward to seeing you at these important events. Your help is greatly needed to help these clubs succeed.

We still have a few clubs that have not contacted PDG Ron Landers to schedule a governor visit. If you have not scheduled please contact PDG Ron as soon as possible. I look forward to visiting with you.

Thank you for letting me serve you. Until next time – stay tuned for more!

District Governor Art Drouin

Thoughts from the VDG

Our holiday seasons have come and gone. I hope that you all enjoyed the presence of God, family and friends during this most joyous time.

We find ourselves now *more* than halfway through our Lions year. Mid-Winter Conference is rapidly approaching (January 19 at the Humble Civic Center). Have you yet registered for the Conference? Our featured speaker, LCI International Director Leland Kolkmeier, promises to be one you'll not want to miss.

One brief question for District/Zone Chairs, Team Leaders, and Club Presidents ... have you successfully accomplished at least fifty percent of the goals you set for yourself, your team and/or your Club for this Lions year? If not, how might I be able to help you "*catch up*" so that when we close this year you can look back with satisfaction on a *job well done*? We all share in the responsibilities, the failures and the successes of our Clubs and our District. I'd like to encourage each of you to think, act and work as members of a team. Don't allow yourself to become isolated. Working together, the sky is the limit.

It would be remiss of me to fail to remind you of our two new Lions Clubs in District 2-S2. The charter banquet for the NASA Area Lions Club will be January 26. Invitations have been mailed. The charter banquet for the new Crosby Lions Club will be February 9. Any donations you might be able to make for the silent and live auctions at these charter banquets will help to get the new clubs financially grounded and on the way to some great service projects.

Call me, e-mail me, or just speak up anytime you see me. *I want to be your greatest booster and facilitator* in your journeys as Lions.

Lion Barron Cagle

THE BOB DOWDEN MEMORIAL DINNER

It is that time of the year when District 2-S2 rallies our troops in a show of support for our Texas Lions Camp. This dinner/auction/fun evening has long been our District-wide fundraiser for The Camp. Let's all mark our calendars for **Wednesday, February 6th 2008** and have one of the biggest turnouts in the history of this great night.

The fun begins at 6:00 PM at North Harris College, 2700 W.W. Thorne Blvd. with dinner, bake sale, silent auction and live auction. The cost for dinner - \$15.00. You are needed to donate auction items and bake-sale goodies.

Contact Lion Eva Thatcher (936-231-3562, eett2@msn.com) to donate auction items and Lion Gloria Stansky (281-367-4339) is asking all Lions to bring their favorite dessert for the bake sale.

For ticket information, contact:
Lion Glen Starr
936-756-9870
glen.starr@lpl.com
www.golions.us to charge your tickets on line.





Around The District



The Conroe Noon Lions Club is busy forming committees for their New Year activities.....their Spring Membership Drive, the Mid-Winter Conference and the Bob Dowden Dinner. In December, these Lions held their Annual Lions Club Blood Drive, Annual Lucky Derby Truck Raffle, Annual Christmas Social, a Bingo Night and the Annual Christmas Food Basket Deliveries.

The Cut 'n Shoot Family Lions Club is busy assisting with auction items for the Bob Dowden Dinner, **WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS!** This Club completed the Youth Contest with the Outstanding Youths' presentations at their first meeting in December. At a recent service project, Lion Rick Reynolds was the "lead" Lion, but had plenty of help, building a stairway for a lady so she could get into her home. Members traveled to Jasper, TX to participate in a Heath Fair helping with the Vision Screening. Of course, with December comes Christmas parties. Lions PDG Harry and Betty Goetzman hosted the Club's "official" Christmas party at their lovely home, everyone had a great time...it was a family time together. Since Cut 'n Shoot is a "family" Club, when a member has a family event, the Club is included, so several other family fun events were also held. This Club is very excited to welcome back three former Lions to their "family" Lions Gayland Dunn, Carl Bryant and Brenda Oliver.

The Houston Aldine Lions Club sponsored a Christmas Party in Cabin 1 at Boy's and Girl's Country. Their Campaign Sight First II Club Chair was surprised with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. This Club, along with the **Houston Memorial Lions Club**, continues to sponsor bingo at Casino Bingo II on Long Point Road, near Wirt Road.

A Soft Sell Raffle at the regular club meeting on the third Tuesday of each month helps the **Houston Downtown Lions** keep their administrative funds supply healthy. These Lions held their 68th Annual Tom Shaw Sportsmanship Awards Luncheon for Middle and High School students.

With February and baseball season just around the corner **Houston Cy-Fair Lions** will soon be busily at work with their concession stand after a couple of months of rest. In December, they held a Silent Auction/Bar-B-Que dinner with live entertainment and fun. This was a good fund-raiser and plans are in motion to make it an annual affair. Don't miss the next one.

The Houston Heights Lions will host the HISD school nurses from around the Heights area at the first Club meeting of 2008. At this meeting, Lion Florence Hoff will be honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. This Club continues to participate in the First Saturday in the Heights by setting up a display representing the Club and promote club events and activities. They, also, continue to support the Food Pantry at Grace Methodist Church.

The Houston Northwest Lions are making plans for a club social in January or February to which they will invite prospective members. On December 15th, these Lions hosted a Christmas party for the children living at Mission of Yahweh.

Houston Spring Branch Lions presented 150 Gift Bags to the Turning Point Center, a center for homeless Senior Citizens. Besides the Spring Branch Lions, five Leos from the Awty International School Leo Club assisted in preparing the bags. These Lions held a Brisket and Ham Sale on December 14. Both were delicious. It is never too early to order yours for next year. Give a member of this club a call to "get on the list". They presented a check for \$1000 to the Pine Shadows Elementary School Reading Recovery program. This Club continues to sponsor Bingo Games at the VFW Bingo Hall, 9001 Long Point Road.

Humble Noon Lions Club will hold their Annual Golf Tournament in March 2008. Time and place to be determined. They held the Children's Film Festival December 27th and donated \$5000 for a Pavilion at the Handicap Park on Atascocita Road.

The Huntsville Lions annually provide community service by putting on the Christmas parade. You won't believe the size of this parade and also the community support it receives. Next year, pland to attend to enjoy the fellowship and the food!

On January 12th, the **New Waverly Lions Club** held a Pancake Brunch from 9am-1pm in the Community Room at the New Waverly Public Library. This Club's projects include sponsoring the New Waverly Christmas Parade, assisting with eye exams and glasses, assisting the New Waverly Public Library with functions, placing US Flags in New Waverly on appropriate holidays, helping students attend football camp, sponsoring a Halloween party for New Waverly ISD special needs children and publishing a wonderful monthly newsletter for the *entire* community.

The **Spring Houston Lions Club** has voted to help sponsor the Humble Bike Ride with a donation of \$250. These Lions continue to work on this BIKE Ride with several other Clubs. The Ride will be held on February 23rd with funds raised being donated to the Texas Lions Camp. Traditionally, the Ride is sponsored by the following clubs: **Humble Lions Club, Humble Noon Lions Club, Houston East End Lions Club, Huffman Lions Club, Spring Houston Lions Club and Houston Aldine Lions Club.** What a wonderful example of Lions Clubs working together for a common cause.

WE SERVE

We received reports that in December:

District 2-S2 Lions donated 2773 hours of volunteer service.

District 2-S2 Lions collected and donated 441 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

District 2-S2 Lions provided 43 eye exams and eyeglasses to area students.

Did your club report their participation?

Welcome New Lions

Conroe Noon Lions Club

Schalene Overstreet
sponsored by Lion Phyllis Rainey.
Jacqueline Hodges
sponsored by Lion Frances McDougal.

Huntsville Lions Club

John Bilbo
sponsored by Lion Norman Mason
Liesa Hackett
sponsored by Lion Marvin Hyvl
Michael Mixx
sponsored by Lion Larry Graves

District 2-S2 has two new Clubs.

Nasa Area Lions Club
Crosby Lions Club
have been recently chartered.

To all our new Lions, WELCOME and to their sponsors, THANKS A MILLION!



**DISTRICT MD2, TEXAS
CANDIDATE FOR
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

PDG Beverly Stebbins

PDG Bev has been a Lion since 1992. She was involved with Lionism for many years before that because of the involvement of her husband, PDG Ed Stebbins.

PDG Bev and PDG Ed have been married 37 years. They have two children and four grandchildren. When not busy with Lionistic activities, they RV to various places in the US. PDG Bev is a retired public school teacher who taught history for 34 years in Fort Worth and Arlington. She received her B.A in History from Texas Tech in 1962 and a M.A.T. (Master of Arts in teaching) in History from Texas Christian University in 1974.

**Believe in Service
Believe in Lions**

Believe in Bev!



PDG Bev has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of her Arlington Lions Club. She currently is still serving as Treasurer.

She served as Zone and Region Chairman in 2-E2 as well as Lions World Services for the Blind Chairman before becoming Vice District Governor in 1998. She was a 100% District Governor in 1999-2000. Since being District Governor, she has served on the 2-E2 Cabinet in several roles including Cabinet Treasurer and Cabinet Secretary. PDG Bev is currently Environmental Chairperson of 2-E2. She has been a presenter at the Texas Lions Leadership Forum the past five years. She will serve as a Moderator at the 2007 USA/Canada Forum.

Since 2001 Lion Bev has devoted much of her time to serving as the Campaign Chairman for Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross. She served as a Board Appointee on the 2006-2007 Lions International Board of Directors.

PDG Bev is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a Progressive Jack Weich Fellow and a Texas Lions Fellow. She is a Century Club Member of the Texas Lions Camp as well as a Life Member of the Texas Lions Camp, 2-E2 Organ & Eye Bank, Julien C. Hyer Lions Youth Camp and 2-E2 Drug Awareness Council and a Sustaining Member of the Texas Lions Foundation.

Lion Bev has received several International President's Certificates of Appreciation, two International President's Leadership medals and two International President's awards. She recently was awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill Award.



Vote for Bev!

District Governor
Arthur "Art" Drouin

Club Visitation schedule as of 1/1/2008

If your club has not made arrangements please contact:
PDG Ronald Landers District Secretary as soon as possible.
H: 713-468-1196 rglanders@comcast.net

Nasa Area Lions Club	January 26, 2008
Dayton Lions Club	February 6, 2008
Katy Lions Club	February 8, 2008
Crosby Lions Club	February 9, 2008
Bellaire Lions Club	February 12, 2008
Conroe Noon Lions Club	February 13, 2008
Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club	February 21, 2008
Liberty Lions Club	March 31, 2008



Clubs that have not made or had a Governor Visit:

Alief Lions Club, Alief Noon Lions Club, Channelview Lions Club, Conroe Evening Lions Club, Deer Park Lions Club, Houston Beltway Lions Club, Houston Chinese American Lions Club, Houston Copperfield Lions Club, Houston Couples Lions Club, Houston Vietnam Lions Club, Lake Conroe Lions Club, Montgomery County Hispanic Lions Club, Pasadena Lions Club, South Montgomery County Lions Club, Twin City Lions Club, Waller Lions Club.

REPORTING DEADLINES FOR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT (MMR) CHANGING

Beginning in April 2008, there will be a change in the submission dates for clubs to report their monthly membership reports (MMRs). These reporting changes will apply both to clubs that report their membership transactions online (though the online WMMR system) and for clubs that submit paper MMRs to international headquarters.

The overall goals are to (1) enable LCI to produce more timely cumulative monthly membership reports, and (2) provide more consistency and accuracy between the LCI cumulative monthly member report and Club Billing Statements and District Financial Recap reports.

Under the new membership reporting process, which will become effective in April 2008, reports will be released as of the most recent calendar month end. For example, the May report will have transactions that were created from May 1st – May 31st. The report will be generated 5 days after the last day of the month.

The **NEW** due dates for clubs that report online through the WMMR system, must now be entered by the **last day of the current month**. Clubs that file paper MMR reports, they must submit paper MMRs to LCI by the **20th of the current month**.

Club secretaries are required to file monthly reports so that LCI can more accurately reflect membership numbers. Previous month's reporting can no longer be submitted past the month's cutoff date.

Lion Paul Eads

For

Director

Lions Eye Bank of Texas

2008 - 2010

8th Annual Texas Lions

Leadership Forum

March 8-9, 2008

**Hilton Austin Airport
9515 New Airport Drive
Austin, TX**

**Register On-line at:
www.texaslions.org
Leadership**



CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

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I pledge allegiance to thee,
Texas, one state under God,
one and indivisible."*

(Face the Texas flag person's right hand over the heart.)

Conroe Noon Lions Club



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CLUB CONTEST RESULTS

As of January 15, 2008

<u>Category 1 (0 to 19)</u>	First Place - Houston Aldine	Second Place - Houston Space City
<u>Category 2 (20 to 29)</u>	First Place - Cut and Shoot Family	Second Place - Houston Spring Branch
<u>Category 3 (30 to 70)</u>	First Place - Houston Downtown	Second Place - Houston Memorial
<u>Category 4 (71 & up)</u> Minimum 20,000 points	No winner as yet.	

Club category is determined by the number of members in the club as of July 2007
as reported to Lions Clubs International

Cut And Shoot Family Lions Club



Home of District Governor
Arthur Drouin

Houston East End Lions Club



Home of Vice District Governor
Barron Cagle

TEXAS LIONS CAMP 2008

Handicap Sessions

Session 1	June 1	June 7
Session 2	June 8	June 14
Session 3	June 15	June 21
Session 4	June 22	June 28
Session 5	June 29	July 5
Day Camp	July 16, 17, 18	

Diabetic Sessions

Session 1	July 20	July 26
Session 2	July 27	August 2

Camp Cleanup/Work Weekends

March	1 - 2
April	5 - 6
May	3 - 4

TEXAS LIONS CAMP FLYERS

<http://www.lions2s2.org/District 2-S2 2008 TLC Flyer - English.pdf>

<http://www.lions2s2.org/spanish TLC flyer 2008.pdf>

ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

District Governor – 2008-2009

Barron Cagle

Houston East End Lions Club

Vice District Governor – 2008-2009

Charles “Chuck” Martin

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

Director – Texas Lions League for Children – 2008-2010

Elizabeth “Betty” Geotzman

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Director – Lions Eye Bank of Texas – 2008-2010

Paul Eads

Alicia Hernandez

Houston Heights Lions Club

Houston Downtown Lions Club

Trustee – Lighthouse of Houston – 2008-2010

Richard “Rick” Reynolds

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Director - Humanitarian Relief Fund – 2008-2011

Ann Maxwell

Humble Lions Club

International Director from MD-2 Texas

PDG Hal Griffin

PCC Michael Roark

PDG Beverly Stebbins

2-E1

2-A2

2-E2

Next PSC Meeting
FEBRUARY 6, 2008
**** BOB DOWDEN ****
MEMORIAL DINNER

Dinner 6:30 P.M.

North Harris College
2700 WW Thorne Blvd.

Bob Dowden Memorial Dinner is held each year
District wide fundraiser for the
Texas Lions Camp.

Help us support our camp by attending this dinner.

Donating auction items
(live auction and silent auction)

and bringing *Scrumptious Desserts.*



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Vice District Governor

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