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#### Thoughts from the DG ....

I want, first, to thank all of you for your support and expressions of sympathy upon the death of Karen's father, Raymond Kimbrell. Though we feel a great sense of loss, we take comfort in the fact that he no longer suffers and is at home with our Lord.

The holiday season has come and gone ... oh so quickly. I hope you were able to share the joy of the season, and celebrate, with friends and family.

Two events are nearing that you should consider putting on your calendar. The first is our Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference on January 31, 8:00 AM to 12.30 PM at the Tracy Gee Community Center. Visit our website, www.lions2s2.org, for details and registration form. Another event approaching is the Council of Governors and Texas Lions Camp semi-annual Board of Directors meeting. On Friday evening, February 6, between the two meetings, we'll celebrate the sixtieth (yes, the big SIX O) anniversary of the founding of the Texas Lions Camp. It will take place at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville. Again, visit our website for details/registration information.

Thanks to so many Lions who are working hard to help District 2-S2 meet the challenge given the 2008-2009 Council of Governors as we began our year. That challenge was for EVERY District in Texas/MD-2 to charter five new Lions Clubs. We celebrated the formation of the new Barbers Hill Lions Club on January 10. We've received the charter for the new Royal Oaks Lions Club, with the Charter Night pending. And, the application for charter for the new Coldspring Lions Club has been mailed to LCI. It's impossible to name everyone who has had a part in rising to the challenge ... but THANK YOU all. Every success seems to flame the fire among our hard-working Lions to build another club!

We've officially closed our Hurricane Ike relief effort and have reported the results to Lions Clubs International Foundation. District 2-S2 provided direct relief to more than 270 of Ike's victims. We returned unspent grant funds to LCIF and Texas Lions Foundation so that those monies can be made available when future needs arise. Thanks to all of you who helped make life a little better for those in need.

International President Al Brandel recently informed district and club officers of a new partnership. The partnership with Service Nation asks all of us to join with common partners in service by signing a service declaration at <a href="http://www.bethechange.org">http://www.bethechange.org</a> and sign the pledge. This partnership also asks to participate in Martin Luther King Day on January 19th by conducting service projects in support of community food banks.

It remains my great honor and pleasure to serve the Lions of District 2-S2.

# ROAR! WE SERVE.

Lion Barron Cagle District Governor

#### **Thoughts from the Vice District Governor:**

As we enter the second half of our Lions Year, please plan on attending the Mid Winter Conference. PDG Margaret states that there will be a "really good" motivational speaker there. It's easy to register. Visit our web site (www.lions2s2.org) or go to www.golions.us to sign up using a credit card.

Another event that many Lions of our District will want to attend will be the 60th Anniversary dinner for the Texas Lions Camp. It will be held on Friday, February 6. Past Presidents of the Camp (and we have several from our District) will be honored that evening. Tickets for this dinner to be held in Kerrville can be purchased through the Texas Lions Camp web site (www.lionscamp.com) or linked through our District web site.

Lion Sandy and I continue to travel with the District Governor to many of the clubs in our District. Although I have visited many of the clubs during my years as Elected Directors, it still amazes me the diversity of the clubs in our District and the many good things they do for their local community.

I look forward to the District having a very successful second half of the Lions year. Please remember to contact your members that have not been regular attendees to your club meetings or activities and tell them you miss them and encourage them to "come back". Retention is a very important part of our membership goal this year.

Yours in Lionism, Vice District Governor Charles "Chuck" Martin

#### Welcome New Lions

#### **CONROE NOON LIONS CLUB**

Dave Fauver sponsored by Lion Wendell Maxedon Jeanne Frey sponsored by Lion Robert Sherri Ward sponsored by Lion Gail Cain

#### HOUSTON MEMORIAL LIONS CLUB

Fred Raby sponsored by Lion Pat Macken

#### HOUSTON ROYAL OAKS LIONS CLUB

Grace Burgos sponsored by Lion Josier Nisnisan Michael Burgos sponsored by Lion Josier Nisnisan Jeffery Chiu sponsored by Lion Vicky Jugueta Minette Chiu sponsored by Lion Vicky Jugueta Emmanuel, Maria, Nieves and Shella Coca sponsored by Lion Lourdes and Rolando Edralin Niesan Emara

Edwin Espinosa sponsored by Lion Emee Nisnisan

Anita Exconde sponsored by Lion Remedios Kingsbury Ronelio Exconde sponsored by Lion Remedios Kingsbury W. D. Jr. Emmons

Samv Farrugia

Susan Heftie sponsored by Lion James Rodriguez Dennis Heftie sponsored by Lion James Rodriguez Jiten Karnani

Remedios Kingsbury sponsored by Lion Emee Nisnisan

Nanette Lacsamana Carina and Ted Madrinan

Jose Magbag

Napoleon Malimban

Marita Manuel-Men

Ferdie Mendoza

Maria Mendoza

Paul Mendoza

Linda and Oscar Momera

Rupert Patel

Zolio Salud

Dalsay and Pedro Sandea

Joanna and Sohrab Sardual

Lito Tolentino

Beth TY

Stephanie Yulo

#### **NEW WAVERLY LIONS CLUB**

Minnie L. Shropshire

#### **HUMBLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

#### **HUNTSVILLE LIONS CLUB**

Maria Renshaw-Hu sponsored by Lion Marvin Hyvl

#### **WILLIS LIONS CLUB**

Joe Cotton sponsored by Lion Deborah Cotton David Pratt sponsored by Lion Molly Pratt

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

## Around The District

The Conroe Noon Lions Club held its Annual Lions Club Blood Drive, collecting 70 pints of blood. These Lions distributed Christmas Food Baskets to the elderly and shut-ins. Their annual Lucky Derby - truck raffle should net approx. \$35,000. This Club's Annual Club Christmas Social was a great time for 190 Lions and guests in attendance.

On November 22nd, the Cut & Shoot Family Lions hosted their Youth Contests. Choosing to hold all three contests on a Saturday, providing breakfast and lunch for the contestants and their guests, proved to be very successful. They were honored by the attendance of our District 2S-2 Youth Contest Chairperson, Lion Artie Gardner-Onayemi. The students gave terrific presentations, making it hard for us to choose the winners, they were all winners in this Club's opinion. As the "fun" Club of 2-S2, these Lions are always on the lookout for ideas to spice up their meetings. That being said, President Mary Ann Larkin, Lions Rick Reynolds, PDG Harry and Lion Betty Goetzman and Lion Judy Ball made the trip north to retrieve the big ugly traveling gavel from the Sam Houston Campus Club. As of this date no other Club has taken it from them. On December 22, Lions Jennifer and Jimmy Johnston hosted this Club's Christmas Party, cost of admission? Each member brought a bag of dog/cat food which was donated to the Animal Shelter in Conroe....Lion Betty Goetzman was the promoter of this idea. First order of business in 2009 is the Club's "official" District Governor's visit, which was January 8th.

Houston Aldine Lions Club President Gloria Stansky's house was full of Christmas cheer. First, she hosted the annual Christmas Party for Cabin 1 of Boy's and Girl's Country; then she hosted the annual Club Christmas Party. Additionally, holiday efforts included this Club's annual support of Mission Greenspoint. These Lions hosted a membership open house on January 14th.

The Houston Downtown Lions Club recently concluded their 69th Annual Tom Shaw Sportsmanship Awards. They will be holding an event for White Cane Day in the very near future. Lions Clubs International has officially notified this Club that their Lion Karl Adamson has achieved 65 years continuous membership in our organization.

The Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club donated 25 bushel baskets of food, complete with turkey and all the trimmings to 25 needy families in their area. This Club's Venture Crew Scouts helped collect the food and distribute the baskets. These Lions purchased 20 Christmas wreaths and placed them on soldiers' graves at the National Cemetery in Houston. The Venture Scouts assisted them in this project.

The Houston Heights Lions are planning for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Stay tuned for the announcement of the date.

They will also hold a Club Social on Saturday, February 28th at the Hot Dog Shop. These Lions held a Christmas Party for the children of Mission of Yahweh. This is the second year they have hosted a party for these children. Mission of Yahweh is a homeless shelter for single women and their children. Approximately 25 children and their mothers live there. \$300.00 was spent on toys for the children. Additional donations from friends of Lions added enough to spend a total of \$650.00. The children were entertained with games and awarded prizes. District Governor Barron Cagle took the role of "Santa' Each child had his/her picture taken with Santa and that picture was presented to the mother of the pictured child. Singing Christmas Carols ended the party at 3:00PM. A total of 40 people were in attendance including the children, mothers and other single women living at the Mission as well as the Northwest Lions.

The Houston Spring Branch Lions prepared a total of 150 Christmas Bags for the Turning Point Homeless Shelter. They also sold baked briskets and hams for Christmas.

The Houston Westbury Lions Club was able to donate about 70 stuffed animals to needy children for holiday gifts. Some of the stuffed animals were donated to The Speech and Hearing Center as well. This Club ended 2008 with a fabulous holiday party for their members, friends and prospective members. These Lions did quite well selling Entertainment Books for their fundraiser this year.

The New Waverly Lions Club held their Annual Christmas Parade.

#### Items Of Need

Listings of items people need or have to loan

I have a friend whose father is in need of one of those motorized chairs. He can walk but has a lot of trouble if he has to walk any distance. He is not qualified for medicare, too young, I think he is in his early fifties. He does not have any health insurance. He goes to the VA hospital.

I am trying to help find a good used one.

Thanks for your time.

Lion Nancy Roades Houston Space City Lions Club Wk#713-921-8943

Wk e-mail: transcoastal-out@sbcglobal.net Hm#:713-946-1833 (ans.machine pls leave msg)





CUT AND SHOOT FAMILY LIONS CLUB once again shows they are the gavel thieves of the district, I mean the gavel retrieval squad. After Collecting the Ugly gavel Clubs are allowed to attach items that represent their club. (reason it's called the big ugly gavel) Has your club visited a Club holding this prize? Visit with 3 or more lions and be sure to tell them your coming to steal that Big Ugly Gavel...

That Big Ugly Gavel Travels around our District can be seen on line at www.lions2s2.org
Please contact Lion Terry Landers as your club snatchs/steals/liberates the gavel.
tslanders@comcast.net



Texas Lions Camp Dates - 2009

Session 1	May 31 - June 6
Session 2	June 7 - June 13
Session 3	June 14 - June 20
Session 4	June 21- June 27
Session 5	June 28 - July 4
Camp Champions/David	July 5 - July 11
Camp Discovery	July 12 - July 18
Diabetes 1	July 19 - July 25
Diabetes 2	July 26 - August 1

Applications are now Available!
On-line at
www.texaslionscamp.org
or contact your Texas Lions Camp Directors
Lion Betty Geotzman 936-520-0808
Lion Glen Starr 936-441-3692

# BOB DOWDEN DINNER

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2009 CANEY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL 16840 FM 2090 CONROE TEXAS

6:30 PM

# DINNER - POT LUCK BRING A DISH TO PASS AND A DESSERT MEAT ITEMS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

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# REMEMBER AUCTION ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

#### CONTACT LION BETTY GEOTZMAN 936-520-0808 LION EVA THATCHER 936-231-3562

DIRECTIONS - COMING FROM HOUSTON TAKE 45 NORTH EXIT 242 EAST TURN LEFT ON 1485 FOLLOW TO THE CORNER OF 2090

COMING FROM HOUSTON ON 59 TAKE 59 NORTH TO SPLENDORA AND TAKE THE 2090 EXIT WEST PROCEED TO THE CORNER OF 2090 AND 1485

COMING FROM THE NORTH TAKE 105 EAST EXIT AT CONROE TO 1485 TURN RIGHT FOLLOW 1485 TO 2090 SCHOOL IS ON THE CORNER OF 1485 AND 2090

THESE ARE THE EASIEST DIRECTIONS CONSULT YOUR KEY MAP OR GPS FOR ALTERNATE ROUTES



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# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

#### Dear Lions Club Officer,

In September, I announced that Lions Clubs International had joined forces with ServiceNation a coalition of hundreds of organizations from all sectors of America – united with the common goal of meeting the needs of communities through service. Never before have we had an opportunity like this to share the Lions mission with such a large group of kindred partners and demonstrate our commitment to service.

As part of ServiceNation, we are being asked to sign off on a Declaration of Service to state that we believe in the power of service and that we are ready to do our part. I urge Lions to unite and take part in this effort.

Click on http://www.bethechangeaction.org/pledge/sign to read the brief Declaration of Service and to add your name to this very important document.

In addition, as a leading service organization, we've been asked to help organize service projects for Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day, January 19, 2009. This is a great opportunity to come together in shared purpose to tackle the common challenges we face. On this day, I ask that Lions organize service projects such as eye screenings or non-perishable food drives. Visit http://feedingamerica.org/foodbank-results.aspx to locate a food bank through the Feed America network; or, contact local social service agencies to find out where the greatest need is. I know many Lions clubs distribute food directly to needy families, which is another option.

I will get back to you after the New Year with additional information regarding MLK Day. In the meantime, please begin planning your service project for January 19th and circulate the Declaration of Service link to fellow Lions and friends.

Please contact Caryn Adolph, manager of International Activities at Caryn.Adolph@lionsclubs.org with any questions.

Remember, it's the everyday heroes performing miracles through service that make this country great. Thank you for reaching out to help those in need this time of year. Best wishes to you and your family this holiday season and in the New Year!

Sincerely, Al Brandel, President The International Association of Lions Clubs

If you haven't yet, you will soon be receiving a letter about the new LeoMMR. This is another reason you need your Club to submit Form 72.

Every Leo Club President will now report once a month on-line their clubs Monthly Membership Report - including adding members, update existing members information, and generate club roster, attendance sheets, and other reports. Sometime soon, they will be sending every Club President who's club has turned in a form 72, their log-in information.



Last but not least, You need to inform your Leo Clubs that every Leo in this state has been invited to serve on the newly formed TEXAS LEO COUNCIL and all District Leo Chairs or Lions who serve as Leo Advisors may join the TEXAS LEO ADVISORY BOARD.

#### Roth's Ramblings....

Presidents' Day

This is truly an historic year in politics for the United States. The U.S. is preparing for another changing of the guard with the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. It gives all Americans immense pride, satisfaction and a sense of security knowing that, despite our differences, we can unite behind our democratic process. The celebrations do not end with the swearing in ceremony, parade and endless inaugural balls. We will continue to honor our Presidents – past and present – throughout the spring.

Presidents' Day was originally a commemoration of George Washington's birthday. George Washington, our first President, was born on February 22, 1732. After his death, our nation began celebrating his birthday as a way to remember his life and how he contributed to establishing America's independence.

In 1865, the year after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, our nation began celebrating Lincoln's birthday on February 12th. Until 1971, both February 12 and February 22 were observed as federal public holidays. In 1971, President Richard Nixon combined the two holidays into one and ever since we have honored all past presidents on the third Monday of February.

If you're looking for a really special way to celebrate this year, consider a trip up the Potomac River to Washington, DC. February 12, 2009 will mark the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and the Nation's Capitol is planning to celebrate in high style with more than 80 exhibitions, performances, lectures, and guided tours honoring Abraham Lincoln. Beginning January 1 and running through April 30, the nation's capital will offer an impressive lineup of major events and commemorations of one of America's best-loved leaders. Don't forget to stop by the Portrait Gallery if you want to see some of the best paintings of our leaders from Washington to Bush. By the time summer comes around, there will surely be one new portrait added to the collection.



George Washington
John Adams
Thomas Jefferson
James Madison
James Monroe
John Quincy Adams
Andrew Jackson
Martin Van Buren
William Henry Harrison

John Tyler James K. Polk Zachary Taylor Millard Fillmore Franklin Pierce James Buchanan Abraham Lincoln Andrew Johnson Ulysses S. Grant Rutherford B. Hayes James Garfield Chester Arthur Grover Cleveland Benjamin Harrison Grover Cleveland William McKinley Theodore Roosevelt William H. Taft Woodrow Wilson Warren Harding Calvin Coolidge Herbert Hoover Franklin Roosevelt Harry Truman Dwight Eisenhower John Kennedy Lyndon Johnson

Richard Nixon Gerald Ford Jimmy Carter Ronald Reagan George Bush Bill Clinton George W. Bush.

#### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DISTRICT 2-S2

#### Distinguished Achievement Award Application

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Past District Governors District 2-S2 Association Distinguished Achievement Award is to "bestow honor upon those Lions in District 2-S2 who have shown outstanding leadership and service achievement to their Club, Community and District."

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications for the Past District Governors District 2-S2 Distinguished Achievement Award are:

- (a) An active member with at least seven (7) years of service. This award is for living Lions only, unless the honoree passes away after being nominated.
- (b) Outstanding leadership and dedicated service to Club. Community and district.
- (c) Special achievements in, or contributions to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate.
- (d) At the time of the presentation of the award, must NOT be a member of any Lions Hall of Fame.
- (e) At the time of the presentation of the award, must NOT be a District Governor or Past District Governor of any Lions Clubs International District.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

The completed application form(s), will be provided to the Chairman of the District Governor's Honorary Committee. Said application may be made by any Lion in the District that is in good standing. The application(s) are required to be received by February 15th of each year and will be valid for that year only. If an applicant is not selected for that year, a new application must be submitted again to be considered for this award. There is no requirement to induct someone each and every year.

#### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DISTRICT 2-S2 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

Applicant:					
Lions Club(s):					
Offices Held:					
Service to Club:					
Service to Community:					
Service to Lions District:					
Awards & Honors received from the community, non-Lions organizations and/or Lions:					
Other achievements:					
Submitted by:					
Lions Club: Date:					

SEND TO : PDG IRV WISHNOW 5235 BRAESVALLEY DR. HOUSTON, TX 77096

Lions: Several of you have asked whether we are having a MD-2 Texas Lions Environmental Photo contest. The answer is yes. Lion Nick Parker, a very good amateur photographer, has volunteered to conduct the state contest for us. Please send your District entry postmarked no later than February 9, 2009, the Monday after our Third Council meeting in Kerrville, to:

Lion Nick Parker Hugo Reed and Associates, Inc. 1601 Avenue N Lubbock, TX 79401-4943



Lion Nick will hold the judging of the entries at 4pm on Thursday, February 12, 2009. As with the Peace Poster contest, the winning entry will be forwarded on to Lions Clubs International as the entry from MD-2 Texas to meet their March 1, 2009 deadline.

The official rules issued by Lions Club International will be used for the judging. These rules and some photo tips can be found on the Lions Club International web site. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/contest\_official\_rules.pdf

Please contact me or Lion Nick with any other questions. Lion Nick's email address is ni\_parker@yahoo.com

# Lion Mark Roth

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#### **Visit One of the Web Sites**

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### **WE SERVE**

District 2-S2 reported

Eye exams and eye glasses donated: 8

Campbell Soup Labels: 20

Used eyeglasses collected: 909

Hours given towards Lionism: 1656

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# LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 2-S2 ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

THE TIME IS ALMOST HERE TO REGISTER FOR OUR MID-WINTER LIONS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE! AND.....THE COST IS ONLY \$20.00!

Our Conference this year will be held on January 31, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Deadline for registration is January 23.)

\*\*\* ANYONE WHO REGISTERS BY DECEMBER 19, 2008, WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A FREE REGISTRATION TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION TO BE HELD MAY 15 & 16, 2009. WOW! WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!!!

Our program this year promises to be entertaining, educational and motivational. You will leave with lots of new ideas. Our program will pick up your spirits, make you proud to be a Lion and teach you some pointers to spice up your Life.

Here is the schedule of events:

8:00 - 8:30 .... Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 12:30 ....All you ever wanted to learn about feeling good about yourself and others.

12:30 - 1:30 .....Lunch

Immediately after lunch, our Youth Contest Chairman invites you to witness the final judging of the Outstanding Youth, Diabetic Essay and Drug Awareness Speech contest.

The Conference will be held at the Tracey Gee Community Center, 3955 Westcenter, Houston. (Sam Houston Toll road West – exit Richmond Avenue and proceed toward downtown. Turn right at the **first street**...the center will be on your left.)

Need more information or do you wish to register on line and charge your \$20.00 to your credit card? Visit our web site <a href="www.golions.us">www.golions.us</a>.

Or, fill out the registration form below and mail to: PDG Margaret Badeaux, 6819 Oakwood Grove, Houston, TX 77040.

MID-WINTER LIONS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	
*Registrant(s)	
Club Name	Amount Enclosed

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>walk-ins are welcome; however, food will not be available for those who have not pre-registered.

# <u>CLUB CLASSIFIEDS</u>

Any Club with a classified type ad may advertise their need or project for FREE. All such information must be submitted to Lion Judy Champion

by the 10th of the month. jwalley@flash.net or calling 281 442 9707

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ONE ACCORD.
TO DO THY WILL,
LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.

# The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the

United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



"Honor the Texas flag; 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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## Houston East End Lions Club



Home of District Governor Barron Cagle

# Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club



Home of Vice District Governor Charles "Chuck' Martin

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# **BOB DOWDEN DINNER**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2009 CANEY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL 16840 FM 2090 CONROE TEXAS

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

DINNER - POT LUCK BRING A DISH TO PASS AND A DESSERT MEAT ITEMS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

NO ADMISSION CHARGE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

REMEMBER AUCTION ITEMS
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All proceeds go to the Texas Lions Camp



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