

#### Thoughts from your District Governor ....

As I sit here writing this article, I realize that my term as your District Governor is half over. Many Past District Governors had told me that the year you are District Governor goes by very quickly. The old adage holds true, "time flies by when you are having fun"!!! And Lion Sandy and I are having fun.

I am wondering if the goals that were set by me at the beginning of my term will be achieved. I believe they will because District 2-S2 has a great group of Lions that work well together and have fun doing it. Zone Chairs, Team Leaders, Club Presidents, how are you doing in terms of meeting or exceeding your personal goals?? No matter what you goals are, have fun obtaining them. Remember, membership is CONTAGIOUS!!!.

As you read this article, hopefully your enthusiasm from the Mid-Winter Conference is still with you. Even if you did not come away from this Conference with any new ideas, hopefully you received a LARGE amount of motivation and enthusiasm from Trish Wilson. She is a dynamic speaker.

The Bob Dowden Dinner is just a few short weeks away. Please be sure to get your tickets from your Camp Directors, Betty Goetzman or Mark Roth. There will be many items to be auctioned that evening. Please look around your house and see if there is anything you would like to donate to the auction. Surely there was something that you received for Christmas that may make its way to the auction block. Remember, the proceeds go to the Texas Lions Camp. Let's make this year's Bob Dowden Dinner the best ever.

Plans are being made for the District Convention. The Blues Brothers are rumored to possibly be in attendance Friday night. Only Second Vice District Governor Rick Reynolds knows their true identity.

As we recover from the holiday season, let us not lose the momentum we generated in the first half of the year. Our Team Leaders should be holding their third Team meeting in February (or sooner). If you have not heard from them about this meeting, please call them. Zone Chairs, please be sure that all of your Team Leaders are working with their respective clubs to make your Zone the best in the District. Team Leaders, will your Team be the best in your Zone??? Remember, the Club Contest will help every club in the District if they will do the various items within the contest.

We still have a few vacancies on the ballot for elected Directors to our Charities. Please be sure to have your resolution ready to be read at the third Cabinet meeting that will be held on February 13th. The Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club will be hosting this Cabinet meeting. You can bet that there will be a good time during this meeting. Please be sure to turn in your registration before

the deadline to ensure you will have food to eat.

I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months. Yours in Lionism,

#### Charles B. "Chuck" Martin District Governor 2009-2010



**FEBRUARY** 

#### **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

February	3	Bob Dowden Dinner
February	13	Third Cabinet Meeting
February	27	Youth Contest
March	3	PSC Meeting

13-14 Texas Leadership March

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#### Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

#### Ask! Just Do It.

I have recently come across a few individuals who were intimately connected with our Texas Lions Camp either as a former camper, former counselor, parent of a former camper or counselor, or some combination of these. There's another thing each of these individuals had in common besides the Texas Lions Camp ... not one of them was ever asked to join a Lions Club. Phenomenal!

In several of these instances the individuals had never given any consideration to joining a Lions Club and in one instance, the individual I met did go seek and join a Lions Club in their hometown after learning the great things the Texas Lions Camp had provided to their child.

Each of these individuals has a great respect and love for the Camp. I bet they will also make great Lions ... and these individuals I have met have just been asked to join a Lions Club. Who have you asked to join your club this month? The number one way to support the Texas Lions Camp is to ask someone to join your Lions Club.

Want more members? Well ask! Just do it!
Want to learn more? See you at the Mid-Winter Conference.

#### First Vice District Governor Glen Starr Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

#### RESOLUTION REVOLUTION

As we move into the second month of the new year and the new decade, let's all take time to review the resolutions we made not only for this new year and decade but also in years past. How many of us make that same resolution each and every year only to forget about it by February or March. I know I am guilty of resolving to "get in shape" every January first but the exercise equipment continues to wait for me, gathering dust and rust while watching me go around the treadmill of life. How many other resolutions have we made that are still waiting to reach their evolution to actuality?

I propose we all make a "resolution revolution" and work on those items that we know will make us healthier, happier and yes, even friendlier. Keep those resolutions that you made this year. Push away that plate if you decided to cut back the calories. Head for the gym if exercise was part of your declaration for self improvement. If keeping a positive attitude was on your list then just do it. Did you resolve to be happier? Keep the song in mind that the "big club" sings every week and remember that if you smile the world will smile with you! Make the move toward that person you have ill feelings toward and let bygones be bygones and get that monkey off your back. All these and an infinite number of other resolutions can become reality if we just do it and make a conscious effort to keep them.

Not only in our personal lives but also in our Lions endeavors. Every Lions year we all make promises to ourselves and our clubs because we are excited about the new year. But as the time continues to slip by the promises made seem to fall further and further from the forefront of our consciousness. Now is the time to renew those promises and resolutions. Now is the time to suggest again to your club to get out and serve the community. Submit that idea about the new project or fundraiser again. Renew your efforts to bring the sunshine back into the darkness if your club seems to be going down that same old path. It is **absolutely amazing** how contagious a smile and a little enthusiasm can be! Bring FUN back to the forefront and watch your club prosper in the coming years and decades! Get out and let the community see your service and you'll never have to worry about membership again. It's true......if you build your club on the basis of WE SERVE (with a smile and a lot of FUN), they will come. They will come to you and say, "How can I be a part of this?"

I hope all of you have made the resolution to come to the District Convention this year. If you have not been to one of our annual end of the year celebrations you don't know what you are missing. If you have attended before, resolve to come back this year and join in the fun. I have resolved to make this year's convention even more fun and exciting than in past years. Come and enjoy some fellowship and camaraderie with your fellow Lions and find out what the Blues Brothers have to do with Lions! I have heard that they are "on a mission from Melvin" and quite possibly will make an appearance on April 30, 2010 at the Westchase Hilton for the District 2-S2 annual convention.

RESOLVE TO BE THERE!

#### Your Hard work Is Showing

Now that we are approaching the second half of the year I must congratulate you all on the work you have done. My committee has had the privilege to visit, and or be aware of the number of environmental projects being undertaken by the clubs. I can say proudly we are doing a tremendous job in this area with projects such as: scrap metal project, recycling eye glasses; recycling plastic bottle, soil conservation to name a few. From the quality of the work I have seen there is no doubt in my mind that you have been working tirelessly with the aim to touch the lives of the less unfortunate, thus creating a more environmentally friendly community and a nation on a whole.

On the other hand, we have some groups that really need some assistance in getting their environmental projects started. I implore some of the stronger clubs who have the knowledge and expertise, to lend a hand to your brothers and sisters, thus rendering altruistic service, this time to one of us - We need your help!. As the old saying goes 'the chain is as strong as its weakest link' so let us maintain, strengthen and mend the broken links.

At this time I would like to invite all clubs that need some assistance with their environmental project to indicate this to the environmental team, and any group that is willing to provide some assistance please also contact the team. Just as a reminded there will be prizes at the end of the District governor's year in this area: — The most improve project and the most helpful among others!!!

Finally, I just want to remind us all how indispensible we are in saving energy and conserving the environment. Let's look on the facts.

#### Did you know?

70% less energy is required to recycle paper compared with making it from raw materials.

Up to 60% of the rubbish that ends up in the dustbin could be recycled.

The unreleased energy contained in the average dustbin each year could power a television for 5,000 hours.

As much as 50% of waste in the average dustbin could be composted.

Recycled paper produces 73% less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials.

It takes 24 trees to make 1 ton of newspaper.

On this note I am eternally grateful for your work.

Douglas Stedman, Environmental Chairperson

#### A Little Help Goes a Long Way

By Maria M.

My child, Emelly, was born with a chromosome disorder that resulted in her being mentally disabled, virtually immobile, and afflicted regularly with seizures. She was unable to sit upright and indicated little, or no, awareness of activity or people.

The nurse of the elementary school in our neighborhood, who happened to be a member of Houston East End Lions Club, became an advocate for Emelly. She directed us to SIRE, Houston's Therapeutic Equestrian Centers, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding and related activities (<a href="http://www.sire-htec.org">http://www.sire-htec.org</a>). She even brought our situation to the attention of the members of her Lions Club. The Lions responded, provided funding, and made it possible for Emelly to participate in the SIRE program in Hockley, TX.

Emelly has, since participating in the therapeutic riding program, developed sufficient strength to sit upright. She is now able to look around and is aware of happenings nearby. Her breathing has improved and the seizures are much less frequent. It really is difficult to describe the benefits of the hippo therapy, but quality of life for Emelly, and for all our family members, has improved so much. We anticipate continued improvement with this invaluable therapy.

We're so grateful to the Houston East End Lions who helped make this program possible for our darling Emelly. I know that Lions do so much to help children. I'm willing to tell anyone, or any group, about the SIRE program and the Houston East End Lions.

Thank you, East End Lions!

#### Roth's Ramblings

Lions Care Reaches Haiti

Lions Clubs around the world are made up of loving, caring, and compassionate men and women who are passionate about serving the needs of those less fortunate. These clubs give service to their neighbors in need in their own communities, as well as to countless people half a world away whom they may never know when a crisis of catastrophic scope occurs affecting millions of people. If you log on to the Lions Club International Foundation's web site, you will learn straight away that our Foundation "responds at times of need to ease pain and suffering and bring healing and hope to people worldwide."

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, a catastrophic earthquake registering 7.0 on the Richter scale hit the poor Caribbean nation of Haiti leaving millions of its citizens homeless. The number of Haitians, and others, who lost their lives is still unknown, but surely will reach into the tens of thousands. As our Club's members read in an email from Past International Lions President Brandel, we learned that our Foundation immediately awarded a \$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to aid the victims of the earthquake's devastation in the early hours following the earthquake. In fact, within the first 24 hours following the initial shock, Lions worldwide pledged \$250,000 to aide in the relief efforts. Your Club can make a pledge, or actually make an immediate donation by logging online at <a href="www.lcif.org/donate">www.lcif.org/donate</a>. Select Disaster and include "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.

Just like other Clubs around the District, and around the world for that matter, our Club voted to send a donation to LICF earmarked for Haitian relief. The images of the devastation so close to home are just too difficult to watch from the sidelines, and not reach out in some way to offer help. Now, our club is not a wealthy one. We do not have big fundraisers or functions that generate big donations to direct to service on a grand scale, but we have a wealth of compassion in our members. Feeling good about our donation, we began to discuss another recent disaster – the tsunami that devastated the Philippines last year and how our club responded when called upon to give. We recalled hearing fellow Lions with family connections to the Philippines address the P&S Council give a passionate plea for assistance. At the time, we elected to make our Club's donation to LCIF without a specific earmark for tsunami disaster relief.

I know that a donation to the Foundation will be put to good use – in this, or any other disaster that strikes. But the question was raised about why there would be a different response to two very similar human catastrophes. One donation was made to LCIF for them to decide how best to distribute assistance. The other was directed to assist in this particular disaster's relief effort. After a healthy discussion among the members, we decided to keep consistent and direct our funds simply to LCIF. I'm not suggesting that other Clubs follow our example and send funds to LCIF for them to determine their best utilization. But I am suggesting that I believe our club grew a little closer today as a result of this discussion. We actually put a lot of thought into our decision to give. It really became a personal decision for each of the members present. In the end, it seemed like we put a lot more of ourselves into act of giving, and that felt mighty good. I'm proud of my Club and proud to serve with other fine Lions across our District.

PDG Bud and Jane McCune
Are moving to the greater San Antonio area.
Long time memebers of the Huffman Lions Club
Bud has had 40 years as a Lion
And will continue to serve even while away
He has sponsored over 50 memebers
Strong supporters of the
Texas Lions Camp and Kid Fish

We need more Lions like Bud and June Have you asked, Just do it!!!

We will miss them





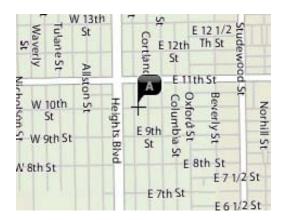
#### THE BOB DOWDEN DINNER

Benefiting the Texas Lions Camp

#### SPONSORED BY THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-S2

# FEBRUARY 3, 2010 7:00 PM ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE HOUSTON HEIGHTS

#### 215 EAST 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT HARVARD



Name(s)	
Club	
Number attending	@ \$15.00 Donation to the Texas Lions Camp Enclosed / At the Door
Please mail reservation l	oy January 25, 2010 to:

Lion Mark Roth 3614 Montrose, #207 Houston, Texas 77006 OR Call Lion Mark Roth at 713-962-4194 to RSVP and pay at the door.

We really need a good head count to order the catering – Spaghetti Western to serve. Your registration must be received by January 28<sup>th</sup> for dinner.

Make check(s) payable to District 2-S2



## CABINET MEETING District 2-S2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting 2009-2010

Saturday February 13, 2010

Security Community Center

18760 Highway 105 East, Cleveland, TX 77327

Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Registration 8:30 a.m. Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

Cost \$15.00 Registration required by February 1, 2010

Regist	ration required by Feb. 1, (if you want to eat)	2010
Name(s)		
Club		
Number attending	_X \$15.00 Total Enclosed	Pay @ Door
Please mail registration to:	Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club P.O. Box 7108	



#### Lion's Club

Youth Scholarship Contest 8:30 a.m. February 27, 2010

Vencenzo Italian Grill

12510 North Freeway Houston, Texas 77060

Contact Persons:

Artie Onayemi (713) 299-7106 Rosa Brown (832) 229-4625 Donna Daniels (281) 935-9471

#### Contest Topics:

- Drug Awareness Speech Contest: "Illegal and Illicit Drugs Legalized – Really?"
- Diabetes: "The Epidemic is Here"
- "Outstanding Youth"

#### Deadline for entry;

January 22, 2010

#### Entrance Fee:

\$100 per Contest per contestant



#### A Little Knowledge Isn't Always Dangerous!

What do an Acuity Chart, a Focometer, Tonometer, Lensometer, an Auto-refractor, a salt box, and a small kit of tools have in common? Well, if you mix them with a little knowledge, and some good old-fashioned "want to", they can help a Lions Club accomplish some pretty great things. With these machines & tools you can help people see! Isn't that what Knights of the Blind are supposed to do?

This equipment is what it takes to put on an adult eye clinic. Adult eye clinics take on many forms. They might be done in your local community, a nearby community in need of help, a church mission, or at a foreign clinic, such as the District 2A1 Lions Clinic in Acuna, Mexico. They might be done by a Lions Club, a church group, a medical team, or a combination of all the above. It might be done in your Lions Club building, a community hall, or a mobile exam unit. Clinics might be held monthly, quarterly, on an annual mission trip, or possibly in conjunction with a health fair or other big community event.

What is an adult eye clinic? Simply put, it is the reason we collect, sort, read, wash, and package millions of glasses. The adult eye clinics are the events where Lions match needy people around the world with the glasses your clubs have worked so hard to collect.

At an adult eye clinic people are screened to see if they possibly need glasses, and if so, checked to determine what strength of glasses might be needed. Glasses can never be prescribed by non-licensed people, and we are careful to explain that it is only a "near" prescription. Then from a full set of glasses (about 7600 pair comprising about 50 of all quarter diopters of single vision and bifocals, near & far-sighted) sent by TLERC to the clinic or mission group, we try to select a pair that is as close as possible to both eyes. Next the glasses are tried on, checked to see if the vision has been improved, and then adjusted.

Next month we'll go into more depth about the training courses we have at TLERC, including the course to help you put on an adult eye clinic in your community or in a foreign mission. In the following month's article we will actually explain how an adult eye clinic really works in practice. Hopefully you'll see that it is something any club could do.

If you think about how much knowledge it takes for Optometrists and Opticians to become licensed and learn their trades, it is almost beyond belief that a single 3 day training class could get your Lions Club into position to help so many in your community. No - a little knowledge isn't always dangerous; in some cases it can be **fantastic!** 

(<u>SPECIAL NOTE:</u> Any time you are sending frames\_and prescriptions to TLERC for the Children's eye-glass program please make sure the envelope is marked "LAB".)

#### 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 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:	Year Joined Lions Club:
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Awards & Honors received from the community	y, non-Lions organizations and/or Lions:
Other achievements:	
Submitted by:	
Lions Club: Date:	

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



#### 17th Annual Texas Lions Camp

#### Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament

#### ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TEXAS LIONS CAMP

TLC is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the I.R.C.—Donations are tax deductible—see your tax professional for details.



#### Logan Rosenquist, Camper 2009 Children Can...With TLC<sup>TM</sup>

# Come Play and Make a Kid's Day!

For more information or to download more player registration forms go to www.lionscamp.com

#### August 5, 2010

8:00 am & 1:00 pm Shotgun Starts

#### **Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course**

Fredericksburg, TX

#### Sponsor One or More Holes

For a one time donation of \$100 per hole, individuals, clubs, associations and corporations may sponsor a hole(s).

All sponsors of the tournament will be recognized in publications on location and on the Texas Lions Camp website.—www.lionscamp.com

Please make checks payable to Texas Lions Camp.

Name	-
Address	_
City / State	-
Zip District	_
Club	_
Credit Card: MC Visa Discover Amount:	
CC#: Expiration: / _	
Signature: Date:	

Mail to: Leon Van Alstine
6645 US Hwy 59N
Marshall, TX 75670



#### MD-2 TEXAS LIONS **STATE CONVENTION**

May 13 - 15, 2010 WYNDHAM HOTEL AIRPORT 2027 Airway Boulevard El Paso, Texas 79925

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES CHECK HERE

Hotel Reservation Cutoff — May 1, 2010

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM								
Name and Title		Club Name			District	Delegate  YES NO		
Name and Title		Club Name			District	Delegate  YES NO		
Address		City		State	Zip	Telephone		
e-mail address:								
Register by January 15, 2010 w/discount pack Registration fee of \$20.00 per attendee must be First-time attendees pay \$135.00 by March 20	e included with		kages.		MODE OF TRANSPORTATION			
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Friday M PDG BANQUET	1ay 14, 2010		\$26.00	\$30.00				
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# NINTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE **Hilton Austin Airport**

March 13 (start 11:30 a.m) and 14 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2010

# All who attend must register REGISTRATION

Registration must be for the event package. <u>It is not possible to register for individual</u>

Note: Please include 2 <sup>nd</sup> registrant only if th	Note: Please include $2^{nd}$ registrant only if the mailing address is the same. If not, please use a separate form.	separate form.
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9515 New Airport Dr. (at Bergstrom Intl Airport) Austin, TX 78719 Rate: \$95.00 per night, single or double. The Telephone: 800 - 584 - 5091 Hilton Austin Airport Reserve and guarantee your room now. reservation deadline at this rate is February 12. Reserve your lodging directly with: elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will attending who do not cancel lodging A charge will be made to the credit card of those not with the Hilton Austin Airport. Even those must make, and guarantee, their reservations have their March 13th lodging paid by the Institute. The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been

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Lions Eyeglass Recycling

Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation

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#### LCIF Responds to Haiti Earthquake

Dear Lions,

A powerful 7.0 earthquake ravished the island nation of Haiti on the evening of Tuesday, January 12. Much of the capital city of Port-au-Prince has been destroyed. It's estimated that 3 million people, nearly one-third of the country's population, has been affected by the earthquake. The casualty numbers are not known at this time, but significant loss of life is feared. Rescue efforts remain ongoing at this time.

LCIF is responding to the Haiti earthquake. We are in contact with Lions leadership in the area to assess the situation and determine immediate relief needs. A US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant has already been awarded to support immediate disaster relief efforts.

When catastrophes occur, LCIF and Lions answer the call for help. I have seen first hand the impact large-scale devastation has on communities. Homes, schools, hospitals are destroyed and lives are often lost. Through our efforts, we are able to bring hope and healing, even if it's just a little bit, to people who are in such desperate need.

I ask that you help support LCIF disaster relief efforts in Haiti by making a contribution. A designated fund, "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief", has been established for donations for this disaster. It's through Lions' commitment to serving those in need that those suffering from the earthquake's devastation will receive some sense of normalcy.

Yours in Lionism.

Al Brandel LCIF Chairperson



Contribute to the LCIF Haiti Earthquake Fund

U.S. donors can:

- Mail a check to LCIF. Make the check payable.
   Send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Services.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express by calling LCIF at 630-571-5466, ext. 517 or 581.
   Call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST.

Donate online at <a href="www.lcif.org/donate">www.lcif.org/donate</a>. Select Disaster and include "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.

Donors outside the United States can:

- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express by faxing to LCIF the name of your credit card, credit card number, expiration date and amount of donation. LCIF's fax number is 630-571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a U.S. dollar check drawn on a U.S. financial institution. Make the check payable to LCIF. Send the check to:
   LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St.
   Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA,
   Attn.: Donor Services.
- Make a direct deposit of local currency into an existing LCI account. Send a copy to LCIF via fax (630-571-5735).

Do a direct wire transfer. For assistance with this option or the other donation options, contact LCIF Donor Assistance at <a href="mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org">donorassistance@lionsclubs.org</a> or by phone at 630-571-5466, ext. 404.

Donate online at <a href="www.lcif.org/donate">www.lcif.org/donate</a>. Select Disaster and include "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.

Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Donations from residents of other countries are tax deductible as permitted by individual countries' tax laws.

For the most up-to-date information about LCIF's ongoing relief efforts in Haiti, please visit www.lcif.org.

#### 2010-2011 Announced Candidates

2010-2011 District Governor Glen Starr Conroe Noon Lions Club

2010-2011 First Vice District Governor Rick Reynolds Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

2010-2011 Second Vice District Governor Paul Eads Houston Hieghts Lions Club

2010-2012 Director Texas Lions Camp

2010-2012 Director Lions Eye Bank of Texas

2010-2012 Director Lighthouse of Houston

2010-2013 Director Humanitarian Relief Fund Wes Carr Conroe Noon

\* HAS ANNOUNCED RESOLUTION AT PSC OR CABINET MEETING, PER DISTRICT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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#### PAUL EADS

FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-2011



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### Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club



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#### **Conroe Noon Lions Club**



First Vice District Governor Glen Starr

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Home of District Governor Charles "Chuck' Martin

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2-S2

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