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Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

MARCH

2007

CALENDER OF EVENTS

- March 3 3rd Cabinet Meeting
- March 7 PSC meeting
- March 10 Texas Lions Leadership Forum
- March 31 Leo Rally
- April 15 PU-101 Due

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CELEBRATING OUR SERVICE!

As we begin our last trimester of this Lions Year, I am so proud of all the clubs I have visited who are taking their purpose seriously.....they are Serving their Community. No matter the size of the club, they are all performing miracles for their neighbors and friends.

While doing this, at the same time they are contributing their talents to our District and to LCI through monetary donations. That is what being a Lion is all about.

I entered this year with the wish that we celebrate our many accomplishments as Lions.

I also wished that we continue to celebrate by working in our communities and by promoting our motto, "We Serve". By doing this, we are improving the lives of those less fortunate in our communities and around the world.

We will continue the Celebration at our Convention to be held on April 20 and 21. Yes, you asked for it.....a shorter convention at a cheaper price. We will begin on Friday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m. for registration and a casino party beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday morning, we will have our "Way to Early" breakfast at 7:30 a.m. with great entertainment and our Memorial Service between our business meeting and lunch. Our PDG Distinguished Awards will be presented at lunch and our International Director, Ken Schwols will address our banquet. This will conclude our weekend of celebrating. Our shorter convention should help to reduce the cost of registration so that more of our Lions in District 2-S2 can attend. Since plans are just beginning, I don't have the most final information, but stay tuned and mark your calendar now for April 20 – 21, 2007.

District Governor Margaret Badeaux

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CELEBRATION OF OUR SUCCESS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR P&S COUNCIL

**The Bob Dowden Dinner, held on February 7, 2007 raised over \$6,500.00
for the Texas Lions Camp**

**Thank you to all of those Presidents and Secretaries and Lions of
District 2-S2 for your hard work and participation.**

Another month and another message to write. The time is sure flying. The Lions year is half over. Mid-Winter was a great success! Thanks to International Appointee PDG Beverly Stebbins for a wonderful message and to Kathryn Watson for a relaxing lunch. A great big THANK YOU to our presenters: Lion Barron Cagle, Lion Sam Thomas and Lion Ron Kolb for their breakout sessions. Also, a BIG HAND to the Landers family for making sure all the audio/visual equipment, flags, etc. were on hand. They are the unsung heros that seem to go unnoticed. I understand that the Bob Dowden dinner was also a great success. Approximately \$5,000 +/- was raised for the Camp. It was a great turnout for the event and a lot of fun was had by all. Next stop, Austin for the Leadership Forum the weekend of March 9th, 10th and 11th. Yours truly will be one of the presenters at the Forum. Hope to see you there. Until next time.....

Vice District Governor Art Drouin

ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

District Governor – 2007-2008

Art Drouin

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Vice District Governor – 2007-2008

Baron Cagle

Houston East End Lions Club

Director – Texas Lions League for Children – 2007-2009

Glen Starr

Conroe Noon Lions Club

Betty Goetzman

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Director – Lions Eye Bank of Texas – 2007-2009

Eddie Thatcher

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Trustee – Lighthouse of Houston – 2007-2009

Mark Roth

Houston Heights Lions Club

Director - Humanitarian Relief Fund – 2007-2010

Larry Snider

Houston Space City Lions Club

Resolutions of Candidacy must be filed with the Convention Election Committee at least 30 days prior to the District Convention, April 20-21, 2007

Welcome New Lions

A roaring welcome to District 2-S2 new members as reported on Clubs' Monthly Membership Reports: Conroe Noon Lions Club reported four new members: **JoAnn Larson**, sponsored by Lion **Cindy Fisher**; **Wendy Welsh-Goebel**, sponsored by Lion Roy Morton; **Martha Gustavan**, sponsored by Lion Joanne Tuttle and **Peggy Hager**, sponsored by Lion Kathryn Franklin. Lion Judy Ball sponsored **Monte Lane** into the Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club. Deer Park Lion Sandra Gober sponsored **Edith Donaldson** into their Club. **Jill Blankenship** was sponsored into the Humble Lions Club by Lion Robert Blankenship. Huntsville Lions Club was joined by **Joe Bradley**, sponsored by Lion Larry Graves. Two new members joined the Lake Conroe Club. **James Bolt III** was sponsored by Lion James Bolt and **Sam Masiel, Jr.** was sponsored Lion Marvin Mackenzie. Lion James Duke sponsored **Chad Grader** into the Liberty Lions Club. Tomball Lions Club gained two new members: **Mary Perinea**, sponsored by Lion Charles Stilton and **Stanley Robertson**, sponsored by Lion Merle Burgin. Waller Lion James Suggitt sponsored **John Peper** for his Club. Lion President Ray Ready sponsored **Patricia Stems** into the Willis Lions Club.

To all of our new Lions, "WELCOME" and to their sponsors, "THANK YOU".

DISTRICT CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

The Lions District 2-S2 Annual Convention is scheduled for April 20 - 21, 2007. To help defray the cost of the meals and to provide a schedule for the Convention the District produces a Convention Program Booklet. Features of the booklet include the schedule of proceedings, list of Cabinet members, Hall of Fame members, Distinguished Achievement Award Recipients, Convention Committee members and Convention Rules and Guidelines. To cover the cost of the booklet and help keep the price of the meal tickets to a minimum we sell Advertising for the Booklet.

Each Club is requested to appoint an ad salesperson and sell ads for the Booklet. You can Advertise upcoming events for your club, advertise your members' businesses, congratulate members for their service and tenure as Lions, brag on your club and members, sell ads to outside businesses, or campaign for a fellow Lion running for a District Office. These are just a few of the different types of ads that may be placed.

EACH CLUB IS ENCOURAGED TO SELL OR BUY AT LEAST ONE FULL PAGE OF ADS.

Size and Cost

Full page	\$100
Half Page	\$75
Quarter Page	\$50
Inside Front Cover	\$150 – already reserved
Inside Back Cover	\$150 – already reserved
Outside Back Cover	\$200 – already reserved

Ad copy does not need to be finished, just legible. Ad copy must be in PDG Ronald Landers' hands no later than April 1, 2007. Send Ad copy and check to:

PDG Ronald Landers
2015 Crestdale
Houston, Texas 77080-5303

Make checks payable to Lions District 2-S2 or email him at rlanders@houston.rr.com

CLUB CONTEST RESULTS

As of February 16, 2007

<u>Category 1 (0 to 19)</u>	First Place - Lake Conroe	Second Place - Houston Space City
<u>Category 2 (20 to 29)</u>	First Place - Houston Cy-Fair	Second Place - Hardin
<u>Category 3 (30 to 70)</u>	First Place - Cut and Shoot Family	Second Place - Houston Spring Branch
<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 2006
as reported to Lions Clubs International



Around The District



The **Conroe Noon Lions Club** has initiated a new "Community Partners" program for all club events. This fund raiser replaced the rodeo and raised over \$80,000; in its inaugural year. They purchased a new specialized "handicap swing set" for the Lions Park at a cost of a little over \$7,000. So far this year - their Eyeglass Program has paid out over \$8,000 in eye exams and glasses for needy school aged children. These great Lions committed to be a Lions International - SightFirst II - 'Model Club'. By doing so, they have pledged to raise \$120,000 over the next five years. The **Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club** Spring Auction will be held on May 6th at the Cut and Shoot Park on Highway 105-E. The sale will begin at noon. Donations for auction items will be greatly appreciated. This club is selling raffle tickets for a "side of beef" as a fund-raiser. The beef will be freezer- ready. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held at their Fall Auction in November. Other clubs are invited to help them sell tickets for 40% of the gross amount of each ticket. In other words, for every \$5.00 sold, your club keeps \$2.00. All net proceeds will benefit Club charities. Eleven Cut and Shoot Family Lions attended the Mid-Winter Conference where students sponsored by their club were 1st place winners in the Drug Awareness and the Diabetic Essay Youth Contests. **The Hardin Lions** will have a Public Awareness Booth at the Liberty Jubilee on March 24th. This club also sponsored three students in the Youth Contests and they continue to provide eye care for local area students. Military personnel from the Hardin area who came home for a visit recently were honored with flags set out by these Lions. What a wonderful idea and tribute to these deserving young men and women who are serving our country. Lions Dorothy and Weldon Nettles were honored by their fellow Club members with Life Memberships in Lions International. Is your Club looking for the BIG, UGLY TRAVELING GAVEL? After a visit by six members of the Hardin club to the Houston Memorial Lions Club, the Hardin Lions are now in possession of it. The **Huffman Lions Club** was presented a program on LCCPI by Chairman, Lion Judy Ball. This club continues to provide eye exams and glasses for school students.

The **Houston Heights Lions** were out in force at the Lions Eye Bank Foundation Gala on February 17th, where they sponsored several tables. They will participate on March 3rd -in "First Saturday in the Heights" Festival, canvassing the area businesses, promoting Lionism and recruiting new

members (Jimmy Ross' extension style). March 31st , White Cane Day, will see these Lions working a road block on 19th Street and camping out at two Heights-area Krogers, an HEB, and a Food-a-Rama. DON'T FORGET to join them on April 25th for their Spaghetti Supper -\$8.00 adults / \$4.00 children under 8 - 5:30 PM to 7:30 at Grace Methodist Church. Their pecan and entertainment book sales continue.

Like to play BINGO? Join the **Houston Spring Branch, Humble and Houston Sports Lions Club** at their sponsored sessions at the VFW Hall on Long Point and Campbell..... Or join the **Houston Aldine Lions** at their sponsored sessions right down the road at Long Point and Wirt at Casino Bingo II. The **Houston Cy Fair Lions** are looking forward to the beginning to baseball season this month. This club gave out 20 food baskets at Christmas-time and they continue to furnish eye exams and glasses to school children. Houston Cy Fair Lion and Texas Lions Camp Director Chuck Martin spoke to all the nurses in the Cy Fair School District about the Lions Camp. Additionally, he represented the Camp at a recent Health Fair. The **Houston Downtown Lions Club** continues its Soft Sell Raffle at their club meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. They are also selling Entertainment and Gold C Coupon Books. They are also continuing to collect used eyeglasses and to provide eye exams and glasses to area students. They visited the Houston Sports Lions Club recently to garner points for the Club Contest. Putting their charity account to work, the **Houston Sports Lions Club** has donated \$1,000.00 to be used by the Texas Lions Camp Operating Fund in honor of Bob Dowden. They also donated \$500.00 for a Progressive Fellow for Texas Lions Foundation in honor of PDG Lion Ron Landers to thank him for his excellent program and dedication to Lionism. Their club was out in force at the Lions Eye Bank Foundation Gala where they sponsored a table. They also sponsored three contestants in the 2S2 Diabetic Essay, Drug Awareness Speech and Outstanding Youth Contests. They are actively supporting Lion Susan Escareno and her school's requests for eyeglass exams and eyeglasses. Two children will be provided with hearing aids through 2S2 Speech and Hearing Committee, one-half of which will be funded by HSLC totaling \$945.00 (the other half from our 2-S2 Hearing and Speech Committee).

These Lions will also donate \$2,500.00 toward an item on the Texas Lions Camp's Wishlist..... supplying Waterfront Sports Lake Improvements. AND, and will purchase a full-page ad in 2-S2 Convention Program, costing \$100.00. Additionally, they have pledged \$7,300.00 to Campaign Sight First II, allowing them to become a Model Club in this International Committee to cure and prevent blindness and eye diseases around the world. \$4,000.00 of this pledge will be used to purchase four Melvin Jones Awards for members of the Houston Sports Lions Club. The **Houston Spring Branch Lions** have been busy visiting this past month—clubs they have visited include Houston Chinese-American, Houston Sports, Riverside Area and Houston Memorial. Their used eye glass collections continue as does their recycling of newspapers. **Houston Westbury Lions** thank their members, Lions Julian and Vivian Levin for the lovely dinner they hosted in the Oxford Condo Party Room when the District Governor visited their club. The food was as good as the fellowship! This club has a number of fundraisers in the works. Also, they have planned a visit to the Lighthouse of Houston. Lion Jack Kopinsky has made great progress in collecting used eye-glasses for their club. Lion Seth Harwood has collected a \$1000 donation plus another \$150.00 from Michael Richker..great job. White Cane Day is coming as is a visit to the Center for Hearing and Speech.

Mark your calendars the **Tomball Lions Club** Annual Car Show will be held on April 15th at Tomball College. This year, there will be a special event. the “Pinewood Derby”..... where children from Tomball will build a car, have it judged and race it all in one day. These great Lions practice the “We Serve” philosophy....they held a successful Senior Citizens Luncheon in December and donated a computer to a pastor with vision problems in time for Christmas. The **Woodlands Lions Club** has provided 17 eye exams with needed glasses donated by Lens Crafters. They are continuing to work on a project named www.newdanville.org, and to sponsor a great LEO club in their area. They are also preparing a pancake/pasta/spaghetti supper for elderly people.

Braggin' on our LEOS

The **Awty School Leos**, sponsored by the Houston Spring Branch Lions Club, have a very busy schedule that includes Ridgecrest TAKS camp where they help teachers with elementary school kids. They are also helping at the Cy-Fair Lions Club Concession Stand, the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive, where they are teaming up with Channel 13 for a city-wide blood drive.

The **Caney Creek Leos**, sponsored by the Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club, counted and packaged 40,000 plus White Canes for the Lions Eye Bank.

**Houston Spring Branch
Lions Club**



**Home of District Governor
Margaret Badeaux**

**Cut And Shoot Family
Lions Club**



**Home of Vice District Governor
Arthur Drouin**

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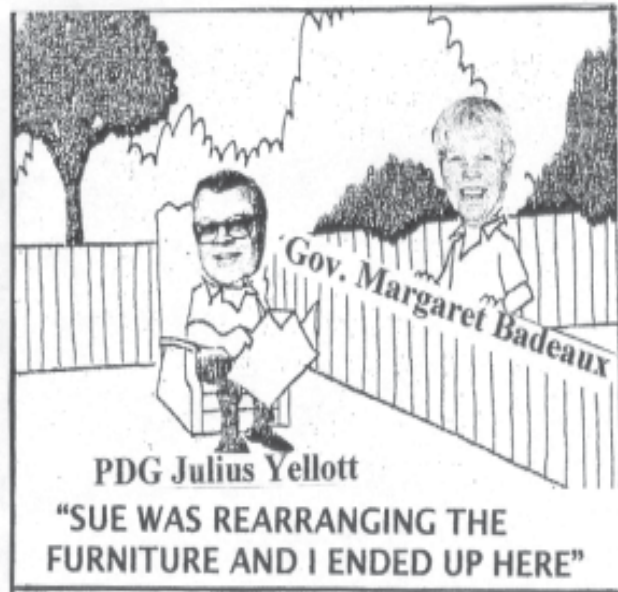
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Our Environmental Chairman Clifton Heiman writes....

MAKE YOUR MOVE



Sue is not the only one changing things around. The Houses of Congress are changing also. Nearly every day you read in the newspaper about global warming. This has the Arctic polar bears on the move.

Al Gore has a CD out on global warming called "An Inconvenient Truth", which may or may not be true.

Scientists have substantial evidence to support the view that humans are warming the planet—as carbon dioxide levels rise, glaciers melt and global temperatures rise. Yet, for predicting the future climate, scientists must rely upon sophisticated — but not perfect — computer models.

One global warming cause is smog produced by nitrogen oxides reacting with other chemicals to create ground level ozone, particularly in the summer months when the sun is hottest and brightest. Other major sources of the pollution are motor vehicle exhaust, gas vapors and chemical solvents.

In the stratosphere, ozone occurs naturally and is a beneficial shield against harmful ultraviolet rays.

It is time we make our move to stop Global Warming.

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Greenspoint Lions Club

**You are cordially invited to attend the District 2-S2 Cabinet Meeting
Saturday March 3, 2007
at the Brand New Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den
West Little York between Gessner and US 290.
Continental breakfast and lunch provided.
Registration: 8:30AM Meeting: 9:00AM**

**From Hwy 290 exit West Little York east bound. Just past the red light, look for baseball fields on the left. Turn left into Bane Park, go to the rear of the parking lot, look for the new brick building.
From the Sam Houston Tollway westbound, exit at West Road. Stay on the service road until Gulf Bank, turn left on Gulf Bank. At the second stop sign at Gessner, turn right. About 1/2 block, turn right into the parking lot, go past the library, look for the new brick building on the right past the baseball field.**



**Texas State Leo Rally
March 30 – April 1, 2007 at Texas Lions Camp**

The Texas Lions Camp is proud to participate in the up-coming State Leo Rally. Information about the rally and forms to attend and be a sponsor can be found at either our District website or the Texas Lions camp website. Links to both are below. Register now space is limited to the first 128.

<http://www.lions2s2.org/leorally2007.htm> www.lionscamp.org

The Woodlands Lions Club writes:

We hope that you have had the opportunity to visit our website www.newdanville.org which features the DVD and the latest details about our Danville Project. Remember that you can win a \$560,000 custom home located in The Woodlands (10 Hillock Woods) if you purchase a \$100-raffle ticket from a member of The Woodlands Lions Club or on-line before April 20th. The drawing will be held on April 21, 2007. We are proud to support the raising of money for the New Danville community, Texas' first master planned community for adults with mental challenges. For more information please call 1-877-777-2440 or contact a member of The Woodlands Lions Club.



**14th Annual Texas Lions Camp
Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament
All proceeds benefit Texas Lions Camp**

AUGUST 2, 2007

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Hole Sponsorship Forms
are available at**

www.lionscamp.com

Sign up today!

Next PSC Meeting
MARCH 7, 2007
Ryan's Steakhouse
5601 W. 34th Street

Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Lions day with the Astros will be the April 29, 2007 at 1:05 PM. The seats are on the mezzanine level, Section 254 to 256. All seats are good. The price is \$18.00, and the Lions get \$9.00 of that for each ticket they sell. I have 600 tickets as available. With 250 spoken for already. Please call 281- 631-0363 or e-mail at rotto4027@aol.com Or just send me a check for the number of tickets you want, and I will mail the tickets back to you. Money has to be in my hands by April 10, 2007.

LION BOB OTTO



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