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Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2



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2009

CALENDER OF EVENTS

March	4	PSC Meeting China Bear
March	7 - 8	Texas Leadership Forum Austin, Texas
April	1	PSC Meeting China Bear
May	6	PSC Meeting China Bear
May	15-16	District Convention Hobby Airport Marriot
June	4-6	State Convention Lubbock, TX

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Thoughts from the DG

Time really flies when one is having so much fun! It is fun, an honor and a privilege to have been chosen as your District Governor for 2008-2009. Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity.

Some really good things are happening in District 2-S2, in spite of the challenges presented us by Hurricane Ike. I see reports of some really great service projects that Clubs in 2-S2 have, or will soon have, completed. I continue to feel energized when I have opportunity to visit with Lions, and Lions Clubs, who have embraced the true Lions' spirit of being of service to those in need. Please do keep those reports coming.

We should all take pride in the fact that, with the latest report from LCI, District 2-S2 leads Multiple District 2 (Texas) in membership growth for the 2008-2009 Lions' year.

Thanks to all you hard-working Lions who have helped to form new Lions Clubs (three with charters in hand and one about to be submitted). Your efforts have resulted in my getting credit for the work you've done. I know the truth. And, I want you to know how thankful I am for your efforts.

The less pleasant news that comes from that report is that we've lost a number of Lions from our existing Clubs this year. Perhaps the time is right to assess the effectiveness of your own Club's programs and projects. Are you meeting the needs of your most important customers, your own Club members? Have you recently asked someone who is not currently a Lion to share the joy that we all feel in our Lions' work? It is absolutely uncommon for "John Q. Public" to come knocking and asking to become a member of a Lions Club. Each of us has an obligation to invite someone we care about to experience those "warm and fuzzies" that we get from being associated with "**the world's greatest service organization**".

To those that have given me opportunity to visit with your Lions Club, thank you. To those that I've not yet had opportunity to visit, I'm looking forward to doing so soon.

Yours in Lionism.



ROAR! WE SERVE.

Lion Barron Cagle District Governor

Thoughts from the Vice District Governor:

I have just returned from the third Council of Governor's meeting in Kerrville. As the current Council continues to make Texas the best District in the world, my Council is preparing to do even better.

Membership continues to be the number one subject in our Council meetings. Extension is the main item that will help each District regain lost membership. Our District has four newly chartered clubs, with a fifth on the way. This will help increase our membership in our District.

Please remember to look at members who may not have been attending your club meetings or activities. These are the members that will help **your** club maintain its membership. Look at your club meetings. Have they gone "stale"?? Are you having interesting programs (both community and Lions)?? If not, then try to "energize" your programs. There are many interesting programs. Please visit the District's web site (www.lions2s2.org). There is a list of community programs (listed under Publications, second down in the right column). Try some of these to add "spice" to your meetings and get everyone enthused. Retention is a major factor in our District's membership goal. Remember, each member that we save is two additional hands for your projects.

As the District Convention draws near, please select your delegates. There will be many items on the election ballot this year. There is even a "contested" election (more than one candidate). I look forward to the candidates "campaigning" at the District Convention for this office. I hope to see you there.

Yours in Lionism,

Vice District Governor Charles "Chuck" Martin

DISTRICT CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

It is almost time for the Hula and Luau.

We now have to start planning and paying for our trip to Hawaii our District Convention and raising funds to get us there and back.

To help defray the cost of the District Convention we sell advertising in the Program Booklet. The Convention Fund is low, the meal and hotel cost are going up each year. Last year we sold just over \$5000 and we need to increase that amount this year to \$6000.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 2-S2

Clubs are asked to do two things to help us meet this level of ad sales.

- Appoint an Ad Sales Chairman for your club and sell ads for the Convention Program Booklet. You can sell ads to members, neighbors, co-workers, business acquaintances, Lions, Non-Lions, campaign for district candidates. Anything that is legal...

- Each club is asked to sell or buy at least one full page ad.

Ad sizes and Cost:

- Full page - \$100.
- Half page - \$75.
- Quarter page - \$50
- Last inside page - \$125.
- Inside front and back covers -\$150.
- Outside back cover - \$200. – already reserved

Send ad copy to: PDG Ronald Landers,
2015 Crestdale
Houston, Texas 77080-5303
or rglanders@comcast.net
by April 25, 2009.

Around The District

The Conroe Noon Lions Club will hold a Skeet Shoot on March 14th, at Creekwood Shooting Range starting at 9am. This Club sponsored three contestants to the District Youth Contests, paid out \$6,500 in scholarships and donated \$300 to Senior Citizens Day at the Fair. These Lions have two campers already for the next camping session.

In its first year of operation, the Crosby Lions Club has worked to provide essential eye care to residents in need as well as provide relief grants to storm victims. The club's goal for its second year will be to increase its membership by recruiting service-minded individuals in their area. Many of their members attended the Third Annual Consumers Expo for Crosby in January.

On Jan. 25th, the Cut 'n Shoot Family Lions Club built a railing on a second story porch at the home of a Senior Citizen. Her great-grand daughter is two-years-old and she was in danger of falling off the porch and getting injured. This Club's semi-annual Auction is set for April 26th at the Cut 'n Shoot Park at Noon. Merchandise is always needed. "Don't throw it away, throw it their way." Contact Lion Judy Ball at 936-231-1406 or PDG Lion Harry Goetzman at 936-524-6631 Their ongoing scrap drive is still in effect.

This Club will donate the Lions banner to the new Cold Springs Lions Club who is holding their charter night March 14th. They will, also, purchase a banner for their sponsored Leo Club.

On Feb. 21st, these Lions will be participating in the GO TEXAN PARADE in Conroe, hoping to win first place in their division as they did last year.

The Houston Aldine Lions Club held a Membership Drive Open House this month and netted 2 new members. This Club would like to thank all those from District 2-S2 who helped make this event successful. Lion President Gloria held a Birthday/Valentines Party at the Club's sponsored cabin at Boy's and Girl's Country.

The girls enjoyed creating their own Valentines with supplies purchased by the Club. 3 contestants for the Youth Contests were sponsored by this Club.

The Houston Downtown Lions will hold a White Cane Day event in March.

Baseball season starts Valentines' Weekend. The Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club will be serving hot dogs, pizza, nachos, pop corn and drinks to lots of hungry and thirsty kids and their parents who visit their concession stand while playing baseball on their fields.

May 13th has been set as the golf tournament date for The Houston Downtown Lions Club. Details and location will be announced later, but mark your calendars now.

The Houston Memorial Lions continue to sponsor bingo at Casino Bingo II on Long Point Road.

A Chicken BarBQ will be held on April 23rd by the Houston Northwest Lions Club. Details are being finalized. They will have a White Cane Day event on Saturday, March 21st at the Wal-Mart store at Westview and Beltway 8. Their Club Social will be Saturday, February 28th from 4 to 6PM at the Hot Dog Shop. Several new members will be inducted.

"Flags Across Huffman" will be an upcoming event for the Huffman Lions Club. Additional activities for these Lions include working the Humble Bike Ride on February 21st, a garage sale on March 14th, hosting the 3rd District Cabinet Meeting on March 21st at Lake Houston United Methodist Church and their Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the May Center on March 28th.

The Big Ugly Gavel

Was last seen lurking around the Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club. The Gavel retrieval Squad claims to have found it. Makes me wonder???

Leo Information

Gosh, another year is almost gone, and what super jobs you've all been doing. I've heard such great things about all of the Leo Clubs and the adult leaders. Please share pictures and reports of the events and activities of your Leo Clubs. Lion Terry Landers has set up a web page for the Leos and we need to get info to him (he has a great imagination, but even he can't imagine all you're doing, so let's get him something to put on the web site.

Now, for another important topic--yes, it's that time again. As you know, the Form Leo 72 is due to Lions International on May 15th, but wouldn't it be great if every Leo Club in our District 2-S2 had theirs in by May 1st??? That would be awesome!!!! And now the Leos can report each month (MMR), just like the Lions, and online, is that convenient or what??? Oh, by the way, don't forget to zip me a copy, either via email or snail mail, hehe

Again, thanks to all of you!! and especially those who sent the Form Leo 72 and membership list to me for 2008-09. Our newly formed State Leo Council Advisor, Lion Daisy appreciates your prompt reporting, since she also needs this info. (I have forwarded many of her emails to keep you updated on the wonderful job the Council and Lion Daisy are doing) Thanks again, and I look forward to serving, and working with you as your District Leo Chair for the next two years.

Eva Thatcher, District 2-S2 Leo Chairperson



33rd Annual
USA/Canada
Lions Leadership Forum
September 24-26, 2009
Memphis, Tennessee

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in PDF Format at

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.html>



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



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Welcome New Lions

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Lion Johnie Berger
Lion Roy Brown
Lion Robert Clark
Lion Connie Dabney
Lion Shirley Elmore
Lion James Elmore
Lion Latoyna Geoffney
Lion Joseph Geoffney
Lion Janie Goodwater
Lion Carolyn Jefferson
Lion Rayfield Jefferson
Lion Craig Kirk
Lion Cindy Manthey
Lion Pam Neely
Lion Roger Neely
Lion David Page
Lion James Polk
Lion Betty Russo
Lion Brian Russo
Lion Shirley Smith
Lion John Smith
Lion Brandon Wigent

CONROE NOON LIONS CLUB

Jim Poinsett sponsored by Lion Steve Scott
Paul Sims sponsored by Lion Kenneth Kreger
Terry Ulery sponsored by Lion Michael Sproba

CUT AND SHOOT FAMILY LIONS CLUB

John Bidgood sponsored by Lion Judy Ball
Nancy L. Gerich sponsored by Lion Eva Thatcher
Lloyd Graham sponsored by Lion Harry Goetzman
Doris Rodriquez sponsored by Lion Betty Goetzman
Susan and Kelly Stout sponsored by Lion James Johnston

DAYTON NOON LIONS CLUB

William E. Fox sponsored by Lion David Douglas

HOUSTON FIL AM LIONS CLUB

Edna Puno sponsored by Lion Lillia Hewlett

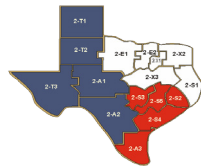
HOUSTON GREENSPOINT LIONS CLUB

John Coleman sponsored by Lion Larry Coleman

MAGNOLIA LIONS CLUB

Tommie Sue Wachob sponsored by Lion Chris Hardee
Howard Pollard sponsored by Lion Chris Hardee

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



Texas Lions Leadership Forum Austin, Texas

NINTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
and

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Hilton Austin Airport

March 7 (start 11:30 a.m.) and 8 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2009

<http://texaslions.org/TLLF2009.pdf>

Roth's Ramblings...



Spring Fling

Spring-cleaning is the period in spring time set aside for cleaning a house, normally applied in climates with a cold winter. The most common usage of spring-cleaning refers to the yearly act of cleaning a house from top to bottom, which would take place in the first warm days of the year typically in spring, hence the name. However it has also come to be synonymous with any kind of heavy duty cleaning or organizing enterprise. A person who gets their affairs in order before an audit or inspection could be said to be doing some spring-cleaning. Take a look inside your closets, now is the time to get ready for some cleaning up and cleaning out. My rule of thumb on clothes is this – “ if I haven’t worn it in a year, I probably will not wear it again.” Toss it!

Spring break for high school kids and college students is a weeklong recess from studying where kids go all out. Common party destinations include beach towns from Fort Lauderdale and Daytona Beach Florida, to foreign hot spots like Cancun, Cabo San Lucas, Jamaica and the Bahamas. What is commonplace nowadays was not possible a few years ago. If I had asked my parents to send me for spring break to Cancun to get drunk with my senior class, I think they would still be laughing!

Spring fever is an interesting phenomenon that occurs every spring when the weather starts to improve. The scientific explanations would blame the occurrence on changes in weather, spring allergies that increase with improved weather and discovering that last year’s clothes no longer fit after holiday eating binges. One remedy for spring fever is spring-cleaning – dump those tight clothes!

Spring forward means Daylight Savings Time in the US. Has there ever been a more ridiculous use of government power? The Feds tell us there are real advantages. They site it as a means of energy conservation and allege that studies show Americans get into fewer traffic-related accidents and claim that the violent crime rate actually goes down. Plausible, yes, but they lose me when they say Americans like Daylight Savings Time and it increases voter turnout. Funny thing is, I never remember voting on anything in the summer months!



LEO NEWS

The Houston Awty International School Leo Club has been hard at work. They have been babysitting after school children and tutoring at Ridgecrest Elementary. Recently, these Leos helped with planting of trees in the Spring Branch area and plan to help with the upcoming Playground Building Project at the Spring Branch Family Development Center They have held several bake sales and other fundraisers. They have designed a t-shirt for this year’s Leo’s. They will be holding elections and installation of new officers in the coming months

The Caney Creek High School Leo Club is participating in the Leos State Council that is being formed.



**MD - 2 TEXAS LIONS
STATE CONVENTION**

June 4 - 6, 2009

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & TOWERS

801 Ave. Q Lubbock, Texas 79401

Reservation cutoff - May 4, 2009

IF FIRST TIME ATTENDEE CHECK HERE _____ YES

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name and Title	Email Address	Club Name	District	Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name and Title	Email Address	Club Name	District	Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address	City	State	Zip	Phone#

**Register by February 7, 2009 w/discount package and save \$20.00 - 38.00.
Registration Fee of \$20.00 must be included with all non-discount packages.
First Time Attendees Pay \$132.00 by April 1, 2009**

MODE OF TRAVEL

Dates and Functions	Early-Early Bird Postmarked by Feb. 7, 2009	Early Registration Postmarked by April 15, 2009	Registration Postmarked after April 15, 2009	Total No. of Tickets	Total Cost
DISCOUNT PACKAGE Includes all Meals, Registration Fee and Thursday Evening. <i>Golf not included</i>	\$132.00	\$152.00	\$170.00		
REGISTRATION FEE All Attendees, including Non-Lions, must be registered.		\$20.00	\$20.00		
Thursday June 4, 2009 Ranching Heritage Center		NC	NC		
Friday June 5, 2009 BREAKFAST		\$17.00	\$20.00		
Friday June 5, 2009 HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON		\$22.00	\$25.00		
Friday June 5, 2009 PDG BANQUET		\$27.00	\$30.00		
Saturday June 6, 2009 TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST		\$17.00	\$20.00		
Saturday June 6, 2009 YOUTH CONTEST LUNCHEON		\$22.00	\$25.00		
Saturday June 6, 2009 MD-2 GOVERNOR'S BANQUET		\$27.00	\$30.00		

Sunday Morning Buffet will be available at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers on June 7, 2009

**Amount
Attached:**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MD-2 STATE CONVENTION 2009

MAIL CHECKS and REGISTRATION
TO:
MD2 State Lions Convention
P. O. Box 16407
Lubbock, Texas 79490-6407

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CANCELLATIONS HONORED UNTIL MAY 4, 2009

Texas Lions Foundation

When Hurricane Ike visited our area and left a mess the Texas Lions Foundation responded with disaster relief grants to the Local Districts (2-S2, 2-S1 and 2-S4) to help defray the cost of helping those in the area that were affected.

The interest earned on the Endowment Fund is the only funds that the TLF can use to help those in need or for operations. The Foundation raises the funds by offering various awards. These awards may be purchased to honor a member or club officer, recognize outstanding service of Lions or others.

Do you need a program for a club meeting?

Contact PDG Ronald Landers at 713-468-1196 or rglanders@comcast.net to schedule a program.

2009-2010 Announced Candidates

2009-2010 District Governor	Charles "Chuck" Martin Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
2009-2010 First Vice District Governor	Glen Starr Conroe Noon Lions Club
2009-2010 Second Vice District Governor	Richard "Rick" Reynolds Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club
2009-2011 Director Texas Lions Camp	Mark Roth Houston Heights Lions Club
2009-2011 Director Lions Eye Bank of Texas	
2009-2011 Director Lighthouse of Houston	
2009-2012 Director Humanitarian Relief Fund	
2011-2012 MD-2 Texas Council Chairman	Margaret Badeaux Houston Spring Branch Lions Club
	Barron W. Cagle Houston East End Lions Club
	Harry Goetzman Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club



IMPORTANT NEWS

There will be several Proposed Amendments to the District 2-S2 Constitution and By-Laws to be voted upon at the District Convention in May. You may view the Proposed Amendments on the District Website www.lions2s2.org look under the News.

Texas Lions MD-2 Video Newscast



The Texas Lions are developing a Texas Lions Video Newscast that will be streamed on the web. What we need is stories, photos and video of what your clubs and districts are doing. You can email stories to us. Photos can be emailed. Photos need to be in jpg 720X480.

Don't blow them up, they need to be 720X480 or larger as the original. Video can also be emailed (if the file ain't too big) and need to be 720X480 mpeg NTSC format. OR you can mail DVD or SVHS or VHS tape to 1910 Ave E, Del Rio, TX 78840.

Tapes and DVDs will be returned.

In a few weeks we'll have a web site where you can upload your photos and videos directly. Photos need to have an word doc with description of what is happening and who is in photo. Same goes for videos. Final format will be cross between Lions Quarterly and the Daily Show. We hope to produce this monthly. Running time of each addition will depend on how much news we get from you. The newscast will be available on-line and on DVD if whoever wants a DVD will pay for postage and cost of DVD and packaging. For an example of stuff we've done in the past check out

<http://tantruminc.com/video.wmv>

Looking forward to your stories, Lion Jim Weed

Lion Mark Roth

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District 2-S2 reported

Eye exams and eye glasses donated: 747

Campbell Soup Labels: 20

Used eyeglasses collected: 1255

Hours given towards Lionism: 2071

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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 nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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



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Next PSC Meeting

March 4, 2009

**** CHINA BEAR ****

15000 I-45 North

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

The President and Secretary Council
meeting is held at the

CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT

located at 15000 I-45 North

On the northbound feeder road, exit Airtex, both
ways.

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

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

There are desserts galore
and more than one ice cream machine.



We Serve

2008-2009 OFFICERS

Barron Cagle
District Governor

Charles "Chuck" Martin
Vice District Governor

PDG Margaret Badeaux
Cabinet Secretary

Paul Eads
Cabinet Treasurer

Terry Landers
Newsletter/WebMaster

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