Lions District 2-S2



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Calendar of Events

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March - Eye Donor Awareness Month

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May

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- 1 Texas Lions Leadership Forum Austin, TX
- 5 President & Secretaries Council China Bear Restaurant
- 15 Deadline for District, State, & Camp dues (except Campus Clubs)
- 24 3rd Cabinet Meeting
 China Bear Restaurant

April - Leo Club Awareness Month

- 7 President & Secretaries Council China Bear Restaurant
- 15 Deadline for Campus Club dues pmt

May - Recycle for Sight Month

- 2-3 District 2-S2 Convention
 Hilton Houston North
 12400 Greenspoint Dr
 - 15 Deadline to file Office Reporting Form PU101 or Leo-72



District 2-S2 • March 2014





Thoughts from your District Governor ...

Hello Fellow Lions,

Here we are going into March already. Where has the time gone?? Most of the clubs have been visited but we still have a few to go.

The Bob Dowden Memorial Dinner and Mid-Winter Conference are on

I'm proud to say that both were successful.

We only have
4 months
to put the
District on
the + plus side
in membership.
It's really not
hard, just ASK.

I know you hear it over and over but without growth you wither and die.

Look at some of the clubs that I won't name, but they have been around a long, long time. This is a perfect example of how important a ZONE Chair is to the District. Their job is to keep in touch with their clubs and know their strengths or weaknesses and then let the District know so that if help is needed we will be

informed and can assist before it is too late. Out of the eleven Zone Chairs we have this year, I have received

reports from only 3. It's really hard to know what is going on all around the District without this assistance.

Sometimes you don't see
eye to eye with one another
but you can't let that get in the
way of the whole big picture. You make
the effort to get along and support
the District because every person has
different feelings and ideas. Leaders
come and they go, but I hope the
District and Lionism is here to stay!

It's hard to believe the Lions will be celebrating 100 years in 2017. I look forward to that day and I want District 2-S2 to be there in all it's glory.

Yours in faithful Lionism,

2-S2'S NEW ROAR: "WE CAN DO IT"

DG EDDIE RISHA

Eddie Risha District Governor 2013-2014



Thoughts from the 1st Vice District Governor ...

I'm not sure about you, but the weather getting warmer has been noticeable to me lately. I'm starting to see birds migrate back through Liberty on their trek north. Short sleeved shirts are even starting to be taken out of the closet and worn again. I'm sure another cold snap will hit sometime soon, if for no other reason than to remind us that Texas weather is still in effect. Hopefully this warm

weather will last for a while before the hot weather gets here. If you are looking for a fun way to enjoy the weather and do the work of Lions, consider helping out with one of the work weekend coming up at the Texas Lions Camp. The work weekends are used to help get the camp in shape for the upcoming summer camp season. The work weekends this year are March 1, April 5 and May

3. A registration form is available at www.lionscamp.com. Work will be available for all skill levels and group sizes. A trip to a work weekend is a fun outing for a Lions Club.

Another way we can help the camp, is by sponsoring children and getting them there. We can get them there on our district bus.

Our district's bus is going to be running for sessions 4 and 5 of the camp (June 29- July 5, 2014 and July 6- July 12, 2014). The cost of the bus for 4 trips to Kerrville is quite large and any money

you club can raise to get the campers there will be put to good use. So please talk to your club and see if there is any money that can be earmarked for the bus. Other than money, you can also help out with the bus by signing up to be a chaperone on one of the trips. If you would like to help out on the bus, please talk with one of our Elected Camp Directors.

Other than the camp and the bus, there are most likely many ways you and your club can help your community this year. Talk to community leaders, talk to other service clubs, consider using the Lions Community Needs Assessment and continue to do the good work that Lions do. We Serve.

Chris Moorman
1st Vice District Governor

Thoughts from the 2nd Vice District Governor ...

Snippets from 2nd VDG Noah Speer: a snippet, by my definition, is a bit of information. So tonight, from Whitefish, Montana I send you snippets. Last week Prairie View A&M University Lions Club inducted new members. Eddie inducted 3 new members and a passel (more than one) of recent semi-inducted members. PDG Chuck Martin wanted them to experience a genuine DG new member induction. Impressive club. Our Lions Club International Annual Convention this year is in Toronto, Canada. Of note is that we, the Lions of Texas, have a candidate running for the office of 2nd VP of Lions Club International. His name is

PID Mike Butler, a very knowledgeable lion. My club, Huntsville Lions Club, has a Butler Backer patch for when he was running for International Director many years ago. If you are inclined to go to the

International Convention, you get the opportunity to vote for Mike. It would be great to have a good turnout. You 'all come. I will be there. On-line registration for Texas Lions Camp campers is now open. Camper families can go to the website — lionscamp.

com – and begin the process. As of Feb 1, over 400 applications had been made with 79 being assigned. Talking about campers –

our district will have a bus to

deliver campers (and return them to Houston) for the 4th and 5th sessions (June 29 – July 5, July 6 – July 12). Easy way to get campers to camp. Did you know that last month out of 1,489 emails announcing the February PawPrints, in the first 48 hours only 344 persons opened the PawPrints? That is 23%. Sobering. March 1-2 is the Texas Lions Leadership Forum in Austin, TX. I hope that every

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club has a member in attendance.



Official Call to Lions District 2-S2 Convention

In accordance with ARTICLE IX, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws of Lions District 2-S2, I, N.E. "Eddie" Risha, District Governor, do hereby issue the OFFICIAL Call to Convention for the 96th Annual Convention of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2. Said Convention will be held at the Hilton Houston North Hotel, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas. The dates will be May 2-3, 2014. The purpose of the Convention is to conduct business of Lions District 2-S2. Said business is to include election of Officers and Directors for the District and its charities.

Eddie Risha

Eddie Risha 2013-2014 District Governor

DISTRICT 2-S2 2014 CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

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.

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 lest one full page ad

Ad Sizes and Cost:

Full page: \$100. Half page: \$75. Quarter page: \$50

Last inside page \$125. Already reserved - First Vice District Governor

Inside front cover: \$150. Already reserved - District Governor

Inside back cover: \$150. Already reserved - Second Vice District Governor

Outside back cover: \$200. Already reserved

Send ad copy to:

PDG Ronald Landers 2815 Teague Rd. # 1438 Houston, Texas 77080 rglanders@comcast.net by April 15, 2014



Lions District 2-S2 2014 Delegate Cetification Form

The Following From	Lions Club plan to
attend the 2013 - 2014 District 2-S2 Co Please type or print names; make sure to	onvention at the Hilton Houston North on May 2-3, 2014.
Delegates: Each Lions Club is entitled or major fraction thereof. The District (to one delegate and one alternate for every ten members Governor, Past International Directors and Past District Clubs, in good standing, in the district are entitled to vote in
Delegates	PDGs & PIDs
	Alternate Delegates
to Lions Clu	e the club must not owe more then \$50. ubs International, or District 2-S2. ues must be paid to date.
Request for certification of delegates an	nd alternates:(Signature of Club President or Club Secretary)
PLEASE: Mail the completed	and signed form NO later than Friday. April 25, 2014.
Mail to:	PDG Ronald G. Landers 2815 Teague Rd. # 1438 Houston, TX 77080 rglanders@comcast.net 281-520-9195

Presidents and Secretaries Council Meeting



China Bear Restaurant

15000 I-45 North (northbound feeder road)

Airtex exit (both ways)

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

Buffet-style Chinese, American, and Mexican food.

Desserts galore and more than one ice-cream machine.

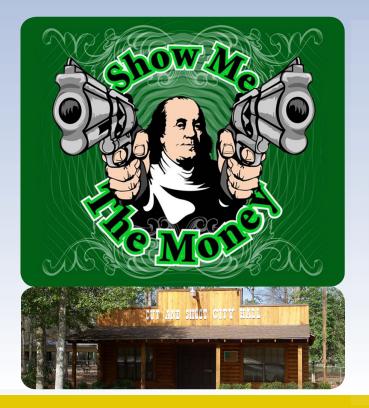
Come early to eat - meeting starts at 7:00 pm

PSC President - Ken Harrison PSC Secretary - Lynn Harrison

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If not, why not. Do you know what Lions does best? We develop leaders – in industry, community organizations and families. We do it through fund raising and service projects. I have heard Lion Ken Harrison, President of our District's President and Secretary Council say more than once that being a Lions taught him how to make presentations and is the direct cause of his being where he is in business. Think about it. What does it take to put on either of the mentioned projects - a leader. Leaders are not born, they are developed. Work with the District Governor's Team - let's build leaders and tell the world about Lionism. All from the snowy north – stay warm

Noah Speer 2nd Vice District Governor



District and State Dues

The due date for 2nd-half dues is March 10, except for campus clubs which is April 15. Any dues not paid by the due date means the club is NOT in good standing and club members are ineligible to hold office until payment is resolved.

Note: Delinquent clubs might have to deal with the notorious Gavel Recovery & Collection Gang from the Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club now deputized for dues collection, too. No tellin', a club could experience how the town of Cut and Shoot came to be named, so, best not be late y'all!

100% Charities

We ask that clubs send in their 100% charity donation as soon as possible, particularly the 100% contribution for the Texas Lions Camp. Thanks.

Humanitarian Relief Fund Serves District 2S2

By Lion Pat Mann, HRF Elected Director

A little used service of District 2S2 is the Humanitarian Relief Fund (HRF). The low utilization of this resource is because many of our members are not aware of its existence. Up until several years ago, contributions to HRF were required as part of the 100% charities in order to receive a matching grant. As a result of its low utilization, the fund had built up a considerable balance and charitable contributions are not currently required to receive a matching grant. Even now, despite several years with no charitable contributions, the fund balance still stands at \$26,000. Last year District clubs made

only FOUR requests for matching grants from the Fund, totaling \$4,858.

This Fund is available to all the Clubs in the district, regardless of the size of the Club's membership. Recent grants have gone to the Tomball Lions Club, the Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club, and the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. A joint application from the

For everything you've done...
for being the special people
that you are...
thank you so very much.
Thank You so much for the compute
and low vision aids. They have been
very helpful with school and
reading. They have allowed me to do
more things on my own. Thank
you for your generosity and
help it means alot to me.

The Conroe Noon Lions Club with matching HRF funds joined together with the Conroe Firefighter's Association in Dec 2013 to provide a special computer and other low vision aids for local student.

Houston Sports Lions Club and the Houston Heights Lions Club was also approved. The maximum amount from HRF is \$1,250.00 and must be matched 100% by the requesting Club.

Here is how the process works: A Lions Club has agreed to support a project which is beyond their ability to fund; for the purpose of this explanation we'll assume they need the maximum amount that can be funded through this process - \$2,500.00. A Grant Application Form can be found through the District's Web-site. It is self-explanatory. The primary requirement is that the Club must have an invoice submitted for the total

amount that they wish to spend. The Club submits their application, along with a check for \$1,250.00, payable to District 2S2, and the invoice to the Cabinet Secretary. To expedite the process, the application can be submitted by email, with the telephone assurance that the invoice and the check are in the mail.

The Cabinet Secretary then forwards the application by email to the HRF Committee members for their review. Often their approval is obtained with in a day or so. When the application has been approved, the Cabinet Treasurer will issue a check in an amount matching half the submitted invoice cost. The check will be made payable to the entity issuing the invoice.

While the example above is for the maximum amount, some recent grants have been as low as several hundreds of dollars. We need to remember that what seems like a small expenditure to a large club may represent a major part of a Club's annual budget for a small Club. A HRF grant may make the difference in a smaller Club's

ability to undertake the small works of charity for which Lions are noted.

The Humanitarian Relief Fund is administered by an elected committee consisting of Pat Mann, Winnie Mae Eads, and Betty Williamson, chaired by First Vice District Governor, Chris Moorman. District Governor Eddie Risha, Immediate Past District Governor Paul Eads, Cabinet Secretary Minette Chiu, and District Treasurer Glen Starr are ex-officio members of the committee.



Baytown

Rosa M. Johnson

Conroe Noon

Margaret Alexander T.J. Cromeens Melvin Douglas Paul "Randy" Tinsley

Hardin

Henry Nettles

Houston Beltway

Lettie C. Acupan Nito P. Acupan

Houston Chinese American

George Gee

Houston Cy-Fair

A.E. "Al" Lindow

Houston Hobby

Robert L. Kuchera

Houston Southwest

Lee Roy Lemons

Houston Sports

J.L. "Jimmy" McPherson

Houston Spring Branch

Clarence W. "Bill" Sullivan Julius E. Yellott Evelyn M. Landers Winston Keith Lawther Edward Fountain Nye

Huffman

Jerry Thomas

Humble

Allen Lee

A Lion's "dash" makes an impact around the world.

PCC Sir Paul Louie Fletcher, Sr. passed away in 2013 and was a cherished member of the Klein Lions Club. Lion Ying-Lun Fletcher has made a \$10,000 donation to the Klein Lions Club to honor her husband through the Texas Lion Camp by purchasing an Endowment Boulder cast in bronze.

PCC Sir Paul Louie Fletcher, Sr. was inducted as a Lion April 1, 1966 while in Military Service and served for 47 spectacular years.

Clubs and Offices:

- N.Y. Chinatown Lions Club 1975 President and all club offices
- N.Y. Chinese American Lions Club 1978-1980, Charter President
- Zone and Region Chairman
- Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer District 20-R2, New York-Bermuda
- District Governor, NY-Bermuda (1982-1983)
- Council Chairman (twice) 1982-1983, MD 20-R2

Spring Houston Lions ClubKlein Lions Club

Awards:

- Key of Nations for 130 members
- Ambassador Key Award, 158 new members now more than 180
- Extended 31 New Clubs in New York, New Jersey and Texas with 7 in District 2-S2
- Jack Wiech Fellow 2
- LCIF Awards -3
- Melvin Jones Fellow Award
- Melvin Jones Membership Award
 - International Hearing and Speech Award
- The Year of the Child Award

PCC Paul was also a Staff Sergeant US Air

Force, Knighted by Sovereign Military Dynasty Order of St. George

- Deputy Commander and served his Church faithfully.

Submitted by Lion Lynn Harrison, Klein Lions Club

Make Plans Now for April

April Is Family and Friends Month!

Invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club in April. Organize a service project, plan an open house or host a lunch or picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

Here are some great ways to make your Family and Friends Month a success:

- Plan an Open House. Invite family and friends to learn more about your club and the difference you are making in the community.
- Organize a service project. Let your family and friends feel the satisfaction of service by involving them in a project for the environment, literacy, or a cause that's important to your club.
- Host a Picnic or Barbecue. Celebrate with family and friends so they can get to know your club.

Find more information and resources for Family and Friends Month and the Lions World Lunch Relay at lionsclubs.org.

Family Members Receive a Special Membership Discount

Encourage family members to join your club! They'll receive a special discount on membership dues when they join the same club through our Family Membership Program!

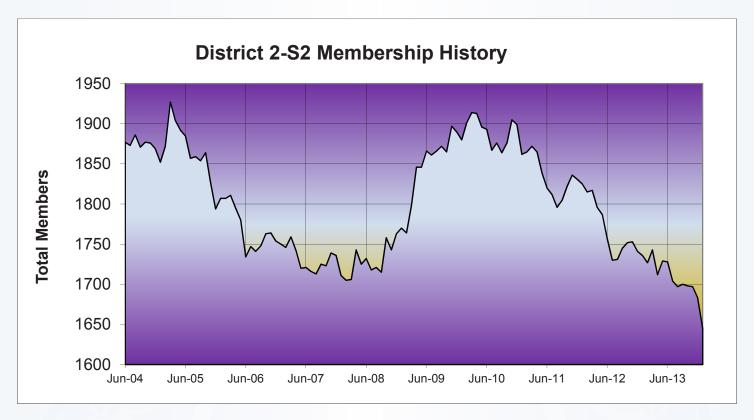
Special Event!

Join the Lions World Lunch
Relay on April 4th!
The Lions World Lunch
Relay is a 24-hour
international event that
brings families and friends of
Lions together in their local
communities with families
and friends of Lions around
the world. Start planning
your lunch event today!

Share the day, share the fun, and share the dream of serving with family and friends in April!



Who Do You Know to Ask to Join Your Lions Club?



Membership Recruitment

Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals for their community. Jsut as important, new members provide clubs with fresh ideas, new projects, and additional ways to make a difference in the community. Every club should name a club membership chairperson to organize membership growth efforts and ensure the goals are being met.

Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs

This step-by-step guide is designed to direct your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth.

The concept is really that simple - Just Ask! - and the guide will help your cluib prepare an effective outreach plan through a four-step process for recruiting new members;

- 1. Preparing your club
- 2. Creating your club's growth plan
- 3. Implementing your club's growth plan
- 4. Welcoming and involving your new members

Membership Recruiting Strategies

- Open House/Lions Pride Night
- Booth at Special Event
- PSAs on radio and cable
- Provide info to new homeowners
- Group presentations (PTA, etc)
- · Personal contact

• Membership drive/contest

Just Ask!

- Letter writing
- Relatives of charter members

These are just a few ideas that can be initiated throughout the year to continually work on your club's membership. Let's reverse the trend in the membership graph above in District 2-S2. Invite others to share your Lions pride and to share in the joys and rewards we know through community service. Don't keep your service a secret!

Texas Lions Camp

Summer Schedule 2014

Regular Sessions

Session 1 - June 8 – 14, 2014

Session 2 - June 15 - 21, 2014

Session 3 - June 22-28, 2014

Session 4 - June 29- July 5, 2014

Session 5 - July 6- July 12, 2014 * Concurrent

Specialty Camps

Camp Neuron July 6- July 12, 2014 * Concurrent Camp David/ Down syndrome - July 13 – 19, 2014 Camp Discovery - July 20 – 26, 2014

Camps for Type 1 Diabetes

Diabetic 1 - July 27– Aug. 2, 2014 Diabetic 2 - Aug 3 – Aug. 9, 2014





The Conroe Noon Lions Club Recycling Center is open:

Monday 2 PM - 5 PM Tuesday 9 AM - 3 PM

Volunteers to help clean, bag, and categorize used eye glasses are always welcome.

> 1106 Wilson Rd. Conroe, TX 77304

(936) 760-1666

2014-15 Peace Poster Contest

"Peace, Love and Understanding" is the theme of the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor this art contest for kids in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can <u>NOW</u> order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is \$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:



2-2013 "Imagine Peac Jenny Park California, USA

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

A club may submit an ad for their project or need for FREE. Submit your written information to the newsletter editor by the 10th of the month.

Conroe Noon Lions Club



District Governor Eddie Risha

Liberty Lions Club



First Vice District Governor Chris Moorman

Huntsville Lions Club

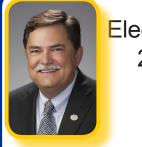


Second Vice District Governor Noah Speer

Conroe Noon Lions Club



1939 - Celebrating 75 years of Community Service - 2014



Elect Lion Mark Roth 2nd Vice District Governor



Houston Heights Lions Club

on Heights Lions Club

Your Club or Candidate
Ad Here





www.lions2s2.org www.texaslions.org www.lionsclubs.org www.lionscamp.com

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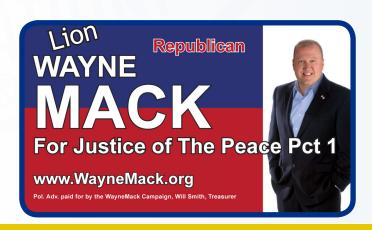












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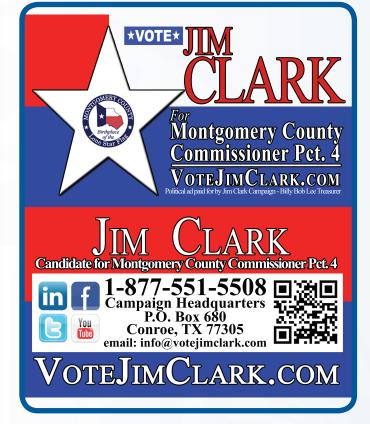
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I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Where Lions Meet 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.

Seek a Lion when you need to do business!

CONROE: 936-756-8181

CELL: 713-857-9100

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

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District Officers

Eddie Risha - Conroe Noon District Governor

Chris Moorman - Liberty 1st Vice District Governor

Noah Speer - Huntsville 2nd Vice District Governor

Paul Eads - Houston Heights Immediate Past District Governor

Minette Chiu - Houston Royal Oaks Cabinet Secretary

Glen Starr - Conroe Noon

Rick Reynolds - Cut and Shoot Family North Region Chair

Talal Kayyal - Houston Founder West Region Chair

Ron Chene - Tomball South Region Chair

Albert Baker - Crosby East Region Chair

Brian Blalock - Huntsville

Max Martensen - Panorama Zone I-2 Chair

Karl Johnson - Conroe Noon Zone Ľ-3 Chair

Chuck Martin - Houston Cy-Fair

Arlita Pang - Houston Millenium

Donald Landers - Houston Spring Branch

John Peterson - Houston Cy-Fair

Steve Hand - Houston Sports Zone O-2 Chair

Syd Waldman - Bellaire Zone N-1 Chair

George Malone - Houston Space City Zone N-2 Chair

Mike Penry - Cleveland Zone S-1 Chair

Ed Stuckey - Cut and Shoot Family

Chris Moorman - Liberty Zone S-3 Chair

James "Bud" Casey - Houston Cy-Fair Ron Chene - Tomball Texas Lions Camp Elected Directors

Donald Landers - Houston Spring Branch Betty Ezell - Houston Spring Branch Lions Eye Bank of Texas Elected Truste

Andrew Trevino - Houston Heights George Shackelford - Tomball Lighthouse of Houston Elected Directors

Pat Mann - Baytown Winnie Mae Eads - Houston Heights Betty Williamson - Dayton Noon Humanitarian Relief Fund Elected Directors



Lions Weekly Checklist

Had fun and fellowship.

Asked someone to join my club this week.

Performed community service.

Developed leadership skills in self and others.

Planned a new or continuing project.

Reached out to the youth.

Promoted good government and good citizenship.

PawPrints of District 2-S2

PawPrints is the official publication of Lions District 2-S2, which encompasses Chambers, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Walker, and Waller counties in Lions Multiple District 2, Texas. As of publication date, District 2-S2 has 63 Lions Clubs serving their communities throughout the District.

All ads and hard-copy subscriptions run August - June each Lions year. Hard-copy (B&W only) subscriptions available for \$50 per year. Business card ad (3 ½ x 2) is \$100 per year, quarter page ad \$200 per year, half page ad is \$300 per year, full page ad is \$400 per year. Ad for club project FREE for one month. Make checks payable to Lions District 2-S2 and send to District Treasurer.

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District 2-S2 Membership

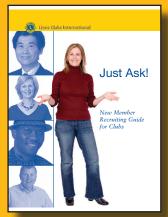
As of January 31, 2014

1645 Total (43 Students)

2013-2014 Net -83

What is the secret to getting new members? Just Ask!





Download the new member recruiting guide!

We can do it!

