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Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

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2008

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Hello Lions

Things are starting to slow down. As I write this, we are just 2 ½ weeks away from our District Convention. PDG Tony Braddick has assured me that everything is in place and we will have a great time. I understand that there are still some rooms available but going fast.

Since the last newsletter your governor has had a few "firsts". On March 29th for the first time in 2-S2 history we inducted 35 new members into the first Campus Club at SHSU. I understand that we had well over 70 guests in attendance for Charter Night. This past weekend yours truly had the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at the Astros/Marlins baseball game at Minute Maid Park. It was exciting to say the least. I also had the great pleasure to meet President Bush (41) and his wife Barbara. We had a brief discussion and shook hands. Mrs. Bush first comment was "you're a Lion". Of course I had on my Lions vest so that was a clue. The Astros had roving camera people in the stands looking for other Lions. You can see pictures by going to the website www.astros.com/fanfoto.

I have been told to keep this short this month because of all the other information in the newsletter. So I'll close knowing I will see all of you at the 90th Convention.

Until next time – stay tuned.

District Governor Art Drouin

WE SERVE

We received reports that in April:

District 2-S2 Lions donated 2943 hours of volunteer service.

District 2-S2 Lions collected and donated 1802 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

District 2-S2 Lions provided 334 eye exams and eyeglasses to area students.

Did your club report their participation?



**MD-2 Texas Lions
State Convention
Amarillo, TX
May 15 - 17, 2008**

**Links are on-line:
Registration Form, Hotels, Schedule,
Souvenir Booklet Ads,
CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST,
and Amarillo Video Presentation.**

Thoughts from the VDG

Here we are ... April. Tax time! Proms and final exams are just a whisper away. Summer vacation is just weeks, instead of months, away. We'll have submitted our PU-101's to LCI concurrent with distribution of this newsletter. Our District Convention will be the first weekend in May. (Have you, yet, registered to attend?) We'll be celebrating our successes during the 2007-2008 Lions year. Our Lions' is year virtually over.

Or is it? It may seem so. Circumstances are a bit unusual this year. The LCI International Convention will occur earlier than is typical. We have candidates from Texas who are seeking the office of International Director of LCI. Our (Lions of Texas) candidate must be elected and his/her name submitted to LCI a full month in advance of the International Convention.

My challenge to you, however, is to be mindful of the fact there remains untold opportunities to meet our challenge to serve those in need. We've not yet filled all opportunities for youngsters to attend our Texas Lions Camp. We've not yet provided eye exams and/or eyeglasses for all of those who may not otherwise receive needed attention were it not for Lions. Spring and early summer always are ideal times to join in a number of efforts to address environmental issues. Summer offers the opportunity to expand our cultural experience by hosting a youngster from a foreign country through our Lions exchange programs.

Yes, we all need a break ... a vacation ... an opportunity to recharge the batteries. How better can one gain a feeling of rejuvenation than by doing what we do best? We are Lions, twelve months, every year. **We Serve!** There is no other organization, or association, who does it better

I look forward to seeing you all at our District Convention, May 2-3.

Lion Barron Cagle

Welcome New Lions

ANAHUAC

Russell Ezer sponsored by Lion Paul Rice

CONROE NOON

Shannon Salsbury sponsored by Lion Roxie German
Gail Cain sponsored by Lion Greg Smith

HOUSTON CY-FAIR

Elizabeth Hilbun sponsored by Lion Sandra Burts

HOUSTON NORTHWEST

Johnny Compian sponsored by Lion PDG Cliff Burke
Francisco Hidalgo sponsored by Lion PDG Cliff Burke
Patricia Walters sponsored by Lion Frank Della Sala
Kenneth Westbrook sponsored by Lion Chuck Davidson

HUFFMAN

Jack Padget sponsored by Lion PDG Bud McCune

LIBERTY

Ryan Pitre sponsored by Lion Arnold Zamazal
Leonard Bairn sponsored by Lion R. B. McDonald
James Kerr sponsored by Lion R. B. McDonald
Ronald Mooring sponsored by Lion Raymond Wiggins

MAGNOLIA

David Love sponsored by Lion Travis Whitaker
Chris Hardee sponsored by Lion Don Free

NEW WAVERLY

Carol VanWassehnova sponsored by Lion Frances Groves

WALLER

Robert Cox sponsored by Lion Gary Ferguson
Don Madere sponsored by Lion Gary Ferguson

WILLIS

Guy Locke sponsored by Lion Tim Patton
Bill Chapman sponsored by Lion Tim Patton
Diana Caddell sponsored by Lion Sharon Forester-Stone
David Gindrup sponsored by Lion Sharon Forester-Stone
Jennifer Wragge sponsored by Lion Gwenda Mann

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



Around The District



The **Conroe Evening Lions** will hold their White Cane Day on April 26th. This Club is now a three generation Club- 3 generations of the Brown family are Conroe Evening Lions.

Recent activities of the **Conroe Noon Lions Club** included a White Cane Day event, Texas Lions Camp Work Weekend, their Annual Skeet Shoot fund raiser, Texas Lions Leadership Forum and the Montgomery County Fair Concession Stand.. These Lions contributed to the District Camp Bus, paid spring scholarships and made memorials to the Texas Lions Camp this month..

The Beeping Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the **Deer Park Lions Club** was a huge success! Approximately 100 visually- impaired children attended and everyone had a great time. What a memorable event Lion Lisa Wright put together! Their fundraiser of selling Casa Ole Coupons continues.

Houston Memorial Lions , Houston Aldine Lions, Houston Spring Branch Lions, Houston Sports Lions and Humble Lions all sponsor bingo. Come join the fun and help raise funds for Lions charities.

The **Houston Aldine Lions Club** continues to sponsor activities for their cabin at Boy's and Girl's Country. "Grandma" Gloria (aka Lion President Gloria Stansky) was once again a hit at the Easter Egg and Birthay event in March. These Lions are preparing McGuff puppets for sale to other Lions Clubs.

Baseball is in full swing and the **Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club** can't keep hot dogs, pizza or snow cone from flying out the window! They run their baseball concession stand for regular games and tournaments at their fields.. These Lions have sponsored 7 campers thus far this year.

The **Houston Downtown Lions** carried out a successful two-day White Cane Event this month which netted a nice cash amount for the Lions Eye Bank.

The **Houston Heights Lions Club** held a very successful White Day Event and their First Annual Book Sale. These Lions thank Lion Doc and Linda Bradley for hosting the Book Sale.

The **Houston Northwest Lions** held a White Cane Day event in March and participated in Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA in April. PDG Buzz Goins presented an orientation to new members and inducted two new members. Two more new members were inducted by PDG Cliff Burke at a later date.

The **Houston Space City Lions Club** continues to sell 2008 Entertainment Books and Astros Baseball tickets. They are also, selling advertisements for the District newsletter. Campers applications have been delivered to area school nurses by this club.

Over 550 children attended the **Huffman Lions Club's** Community Easter Egg Hunt in March. Other activities for this Club included serving BarBQue for the Huffman Little League, a workday at the Texas Lions Camp, and a roadblock fund-raiser. Be sure to join in the fun at Kids Fish on May 10th at Indian Shores. For information on how you and your Club can assist in providing a great experience for our area's disabled children, contact Lion G. W Jordan, President, or a Huffman Lion. On May 17th, Huffman Lions will hold a picnic at the IT May Center from 11 AM to 2 PM. One camper has been sponsored by this Club.

The **Humble Lions Club** will host an Appreciation Dinner for all who helped with the annual Humble Bike Ride. It will be held at the Humble Civic Center on April 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. The meal will be provided Bonnie Gardner, Lion and Owner of Top Hat Catering. All of the police officers and other volunteers will be recognized. The mayor of Humble, Mayor D.G. "Donnie" McMannes will be in attendance with his lovely wife Georgia. The City of Humble is very good to the Lions clubs who work so hard to stage this event. This year, over 900 bike riders and over six Lions Clubs participated toward making this a very successful event. All proceeds from this Bike Ride benefit the Texas Lions Camp. It's all about the kids!!!

The **Humble Noon Lions** held their "A for Annual Golf Tournament" on April 28th at the Walden Country Club on Lake Houston. Their Magic Show will take place on Thursday, May 22nd, 7 PM at the Humble Civic Center. Let's all come out to support this club at this show. It is a great one that includes audience participation. These Lions celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a dinner at J. Christopher's on March 11th. Spouses, former Lions and friends of Lion Herb Gordon joined the Humble Lions to honor Lion Herb with a Jack Weich Award for his management of the Car Show during their Chili Cook Off.

*Want to be the
PSC President and Secretary for
2008-2009?*

Mark your calendars to join the **Spring Old Town Lions** at their Spaghetti dinner May 5th at Puffabelly's from 5-8pm. The spaghetti is always delicious, plentiful and goes for a very good cause.

Thanks to all who purchased chances on the "Jacket of Lions Collectible Pins" donated by PDG Bud McCune. All monies collected were donated to the Texas Lions Camp. PDG Tony Braddick.



ALL ABOARD!!!

The Texas Lions Camp Bus from Houston is about to leave.....

Remember that we meet at the Memorial City Mall, corner of Gessner and the I-10 Southeast Feeder Road.

We will be there on the 22nd and 29th of June at 8:00 a.m. to load luggage and campers to head out. If you wanna go, remember to let us know.....(and remember to bring your camera).

If you want to experience.....

a "day in the life of a camper", if you want to experience first-hand the "warm and fuzzy feeling" to get when you see the "kids" we sponsor to the Texas Lions Camp, if you want to share in the joy we, as Lions, are providing for those children who never thought they would be able to go to camp.

Then show up to help register, check for lice, load up the kids, or load up the luggage. You won't believe how exciting and rewarding it is.

If you want to see the camp and help with the campers on the bus, then show up with your sack lunch to ride to Kerrville. Be prepared....it is a long trip.....we leave at 9:00 am and get back to Houston around 8:00 pm....but it is worth every minute of your time!.

Hope you can be there to help us out!!! You will be glad you did!!!

And, remember, if you have any money left over after your "good works" in your community, please share it with our Bus Fund.

Margaret Badeaux, Camper Transportation Committee 713-856-5549

TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION

The Texas Lions Foundation is the Humanitarian Assistance arm of the Lions of Texas. The foundation provides funds in the time of disaster and with large humanitarian relief projects. We raise funds for these grants by requesting donations.

Are you looking for some type of award to recognize deserving members of your club or community? Then the Texas Lions Foundation can help.

Different awards available for recognition of members or service minded friends:

- Texas Lions Foundation Fellow - \$500
- Texas Lions Foundation Award - \$125.
- Cornerstone Club - \$100 or \$10 per month by back draft



We need your assistance. To meet the goal set for Lions District 2-S2 we need to raise another \$3000 from our district by June 30, 2008.

Contact PDG Ronald Landers, 713-468-1196 or rglandes@comcast.net to get information about the Foundation or order the different awards.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

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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Cut And Shoot Family Lions Club



Home of District Governor
Arthur Drouin

Houston East End Lions Club



Home of Vice District Governor
Barron Cagle



8th Annual Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, May 3, 2008

8:30am - 4:30pm

Allen's Landing - Downtown Houston



Welcome to the thrilling sport of dragon boat racing! We are entering our 6th year paddling at the birthplace of Houston – Allen's Landing in downtown.

You can expect over 30 teams racing throughout the day with colorful entertainment, educational cultural booths, delicious cuisine, and fun games for kids and adults alike.

If you are not paddling as part of a team, then you are missing out on a truly wonderful experience. Check our [sponsorship opportunities](#) for how you can get involved.

Maps and parking will be updated closer to the event. We are working with METRO and other parking garages for your convenience.

Space is limited for sponsorship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Note: The park at Allen's Landing does not allow pets (except working dogs), alcohol or glass. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Contact: director@texasdragonboat.com

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**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.**

May is more than Cinco de Mayo

May means a lot more than Cinco de Mayo, or the Fifth of May. Not that Cinco de Mayo isn't important, it is. But, most of us think that this is a day to celebrate all things Mexican – especially, fajitas, enchiladas and Margaritas. Some of us even think Cinco de Mayo is Mexican Independence Day. In truth, Independence Day is celebrated on September 16th.

May Day, or May 1st, brings back memories of scary television images – lots of missiles and goose-stepping soldiers parading past stern Kremlin leaders. School kids think of May first as the start of the home stretch in the academic school year. And, speaking of home stretch, the most famous “non-motorized” race in the world takes place on the first Saturday of May. No, it isn't Blind Fury taking on the Dragon Boat Race challengers – though it would be nice to think everyone knew about it. No, May 3rd is the day when Bourbon flows, mint juleps are sipped and the horses run for the roses at the Kentucky Derby. Later in the month, another world famous race takes place up north. On May 25th, the Sunday before Memorial Day, Indy cars will race in the 92nd running of the Indianapolis 500. This exciting event is celebrated as “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing”.

Many of our Lions remember VE Day. It is celebrated on May 7th, 8th or 9th – depending on the nationality of the celebrant. The military surrender in France was on the 7th. The surrender was signed in Germany on the 8th. The British and Russians recognize the 9th, as it was one minute after midnight when the news hit those home fronts. With such an important event, a three-day celebration seems warranted.

The second Sunday in May, the 11th this year, is always reserved for Mothers Day in the US. Some countries make their moms wait an extra week before being honored. So, I guess if you're a mom, its better to be an American mom.

Lion Mark Roth, Pawprints columnist

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club, Went Go Texan.

One of the goals of the Cut 'n Shoot Lions Club for 2007-08 was to enter a float in the Montgomery County Go Texan Parade, held in Conroe on February 23rd AND what a great time they had. Club members rallied together and decorated the float (making most of the decorations from scratch). They “the gang” met at Lion Rick's on Friday night and worked until late, they were served the best meal (provided by Lion Rick, and cooked by “future” Lion Domiquine and his terrific help). Everyone had a great time, almost as much fun decorating as we did riding on the float. Saturday morning everyone arrived bright eyes and excited, put on the finishing touches and waited for the parade to start. Then here came the parade judges, and when they stopped at our float, and started unwrapping the trophy, holding 1st place signs to be put on our float, things kind of went a little “wild”, Everyone was so excited, even the children on our float knew it had won 1st place. Cut & Shoot Family Lions riding on the float were Lions: Judy Ball, Pat Hymel, Rick Reynolds, Jimmy Johnston, Eddie & Eva Thatcher, Betty Goetzman, Brenda Harmon, DG Art Drouin, “future” Lion James Vanwinkle and of course PDG Harry had the nerve wrecking job of pulling the float. We were honored to have Lion Larry Snider from Houston Space City Lions and Lion Irma Dowden from Jasper Evening Lions as well as many of our children, grandchildren and even some great-grandchildren ride with us on the float. It was truly an exciting day for all, and plans are already being discussed for next year.



Next PSC Meeting

May 7, 2008

**** 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.



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