

LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

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You Don't Want To Miss This Special Event



*Dinner
& Fun!*

Live & Silent AUCTIONS

Friday - May 6th, 2016

6:30 pm \$30

at THE GRAND PALACE
314-A Pruitt Road, Spring, TX 77380

**SPECIAL
GUEST
SPEAKER**

Mollie Milligan will be joining us for this ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT to share the words of Helen Keller.

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
- Helen Keller*



**Come Join Us and Help Lions Finish the
New Leader Dog Facility in Rochester Hills, MI**

You will receive your charge for The Knights of The Blind

**CONTACT: Larry Smith, Leader Dog 2S2 Chairman
281-731-9573 Pilotsmitty@gmail.com**

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Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

MAY

www.lions2s2.org

2016

By the time you get to read this, we will have had our 2016 District Convention. New leaders will be elected to lead our district into the year 2017. In 2017 we will join as Lions to celebrate our 100th year anniversary as a service organization. Ironically, we will also have experienced, as a district, heavy rains and rising water. Some of our members were flooded by this latter event. Neighbors and localized neighborhoods were involved in the flooding. The challenge presented by this flooding was what can we as Lions of District 2-S2 do. One challenge is to reach out to members of Lions Clubs within our district that had houses and businesses flooded. As a community of Lions, the right course of action is to offer to help those Lions in need. The other challenge is what we do for our communities in which we live, work and/or play. The American Red Cross asked us to find volunteers to man 6 hour shifts at one of their shelters. Emails and calls will have gone out for both of the above services. I hope that you, as Lions of District 2-S2, were able to avail yourself of these challenges.

The other opportunity we have as Lions is to attend the State Convention in Midland on May 19 – 21, 2016. Yes it is a ways off. When I came to Texas in 1972, I discovered that people in Silsbee, TX thought nothing of driving to Houston for lunch or dinner. I didn't think much of it either. However, my impression became that just distance did not matter. The meal, activity or attractions is what drew the people. Well, guess what? Our State Convention is full of events. Go on to the Texas State webpage (texaslions.org) and look up all the activities. If you have never been to a state convention, try this one on for size.

In closing, hope to see you at our District Convention and hope you come to the State Convention.
Noah Speer DG.

Summer Schedule 2016

The Schedule for Summer Camp 2016 was recently set by the Board of Directors.

Regular Sessions

1. Session 1 - June 5 – 11, 2016 (Ages 7-16)
2. Session 2 - June 12 - 18, 2016 (Ages 7-16)
3. Session 3 - June 19 -25, 2016 (Ages 7-16)
4. Session 4 - June 26- July 2, 2016 (Ages 7-16)
5. Session 5 - July 3- July 9, 2016 * Concurrent

Specialty Camps

1. Camp Neuron July 3- July 9, 2016 * Concurrent
2. Session 6 - Camp David - Jul 10 - 16, 2016 * Concurrent
3. Down syndrome - July 10 – 16, 2016 (Ages 12-16) * Concurrent
4. Session 7 - Camp Discovery - July 17 – 23, 2016

Camps for Type 1 Diabetes

1. Session 8 - Diabetic 1 - July 24– Jul 30, 2016 (Ages 8-15)
2. Session 9 - Diabetic 2 - July 31 – Aug. 6, 2016 (Ages 8-15)

Contact our Lions Camp Directors for Information, application form, and Visit to your clubs.

Lions Wes Carr
713-703-9210
wes.carr@carr-redwine.com

Scott Perry
713-205-3476
sperry@cityofconroe.org



Lions are All About Service

Our District Convention is behind us. By all accounts, it was a success – thanks to a lot of great Lions who served on the Committee and everyone who attended to make it a special time. The Lions who attended heard a great keynote message Saturday night from an exciting young Lion. 2nd VDG-Elect Brandon Johnson from District 12-N Tennessee talked with us about reaching out to recruit younger members into our Clubs. He also told us how his Campus club performs more service projects than all the other Clubs in Tennessee. Besides the greater number of service projects his Club performs, they are able to serve others without spending a lot of money to do so. His Club finds partners to front most of the hard costs, and conducts other Club projects that only call for the members' time. What a great way to spread Lionism and serve more people!

Governor Noah asked the Committee to include a service project at our District Convention. The Food Drive we conducted was a great success – even with the flooding that called for a last-minute change in venue. We can thank Lion Wes Carr for stepping in and helping distribute the food to the needy when our arrangements fell-through.

The State Convention is approaching – May 19-20 in Midland. I hear the attendees will be given an opportunity to participate in a couple of Service Projects. One of the projects will be to build a wheelchair ramp. I can't wait to watch, participate and learn. The point here is we are Lions and we do service. Look around your community and look for ways to serve others. Don't get discouraged by price tags. Find opportunities that may take more of your time, and less of your money. We are at the midpoint now of our Centennial Service Challenge. Let's close the year strong.

Clubs that plan and conduct projects serving the CORE areas – Vision, Youth, Hunger and the Environment – can qualify for a special banner patch. For more information, please log on to LCI at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/global-service-action-campaigns/index-print.php>

Good luck, and Serve on!

Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor ...

Betty Ezell

OH MY WHAT A DISTRICT CONVENTION!

As you may know, we were flooded out of our venue and had to find another place. Lion Judy Champion came to the rescue and we were able to move the convention to the Hyatt. Everything turned out great. Thank you Lion Judy and DGE Mark Roth for all the hard work you did for us to have a great District Convention.

We had a fantastic speaker at dinner, 2nd VDG Brandon T. Johnson, from Johnson City, Tennessee. He gave us some good ideas for our approach to bring in new Lions. He is so full of energy and enthusiasm. You just wanted to ask him to move to District 2-S2.

2017, Lions International will celebrate its 100th birthday. Please make plans **NOW** to attend our **2017 District Convention on April 28-29** to celebrate this milestone for Lions. Be sure and put those dates on your calendar **today**. It is so important that we have more Lions from the District attend our District Convention. You need to know what is happening in the District and we all need to get to know each other and build better relationships. After all we are Lions with one thing in common – we serve. Hope to see you there!

I look forward to coming and visiting each of your clubs in the near future. -

Baytown Lions Fish Fry last week
We'd like to thank Lion DG Noah Speer for helping us during the fish fry.
We've been doing Oyster or Fish Fries for over 65 years.











Service in Action that's ...

Texas Brand of Lionism



MD2 Lions State Convention Registration Form May 19-21, 2016 The Grand Texan, Midland Texas

1) Name _____ Position _____ District _____

Club Name _____ First Time Attendee Yes [] No []

E-Mail Address _____ Cell Phone _____

2) Name _____ Position _____ District _____

Club Name _____ First Time Attendee Yes [] No []

E-Mail Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Event & Date	Cost/Person	Number	Total
Registration Fee (see exceptions in notes*)	\$25		
Thursday Evening May 19, 2016 Food, Entertainment, Dancing	N/C		
Friday May 20, 2016 Texas Lions Foundation Breakfast Susan Reeves former TLC Camper	\$18		
Friday May 20, 2016 PDG Memorial Luncheon	\$24		
Friday May 20, 2016 Dinner w/Lion Karen Taylor Good Singer/Song writer/Inspirational Speaker	\$28		
Saturday May 21, 2016 Hall of Fame Breakfast w/ Mollie Milligan as Helen Keller	\$18		
Saturday May 21, 2016 Opportunities for Youth Luncheon	\$24		
Saturday May 21, 2016 MD2 Banquet Past Int'l President Joe Preston	\$35		
Late Fee if applicable (see note*)	(\$20)		
Total (w/o a late fee)	\$172		

***NOTE:** Payment postmarked by 4/15/16 will be as shown in the table for each item. An additional \$20/person charge will be added for all registrations postmarked after that date. Registration Fees are required for everyone attending, **except** non-Lion family members of Hall of Fame Honorees or Opportunities for Youth Contestants attending **just** that specific event.

____ Check here if you are a **non-Lion family member of an honoree or an Opportunity for Youth contestant.**
(Late fees do not apply to these family members)

See Additional Registration pages for the Golf Tournament, Babysitting, Tours, and the 3 Action Projects.

Attendees are invited & welcomed to attend all meals & banquets. The dress code for the Friday Memorial luncheon is business attire. The MD2 banquet attire is white coat OR business attire.

____ Check here & then provide details on the back for special dietary needs.

**Checks should be made payable:
Lions District 2A1 State Convention.
Mail to: Lion Kathy McConnell
307 Thomas, Midland, Texas 79703**

The Grand Texan Hotel 4300 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79703.
Reservations: call **432-697-3181** or E-Mail sales@grandtexan.com (leave contact phone #'s)
Block Name: **Lions Club – District 2A1** (Block closes 5-4-16) **Convention Rate \$109.99**



Service in Action that's ...

Texas Brand of Lionism



Texas Lions State Convention – ACTION Projects Registration

What is Texas Brand of Lionism? First of all, the 2015-16 Council of Governors thinks it means **Texas –sized** service! Secondly, Texas Brand of Lionism also means the leaders of Texas Lionism should make our Convention more meaningful to grassroots Lions and providing avenues of education & experience for those who have no current interest in the business & committee meetings. Combining the two, the 2016 State Convention in Midland will contain 3 Action Projects, giving club leaders, committee chairs, and club members the chance to learn new ways to serve with hands on experience allowing them to go back to their communities and put these new projects into ACTION.

For complete information on the 3 Action projects and how they may benefit your club or zone, go to the Texas Lions website (www.texaslions.org) and read the "MD2 Convention Times (pages 4-6). This newspaper will be found under the Midland Convention tab/button. To register you will need to complete the information below and send it to the person indicated for the selected project. It will not be possible for one Lion to participate in more than one project, thus you may want to split up the courses between others in your club or zone, so you can share ideas when you get home.

Texas Ramp Project

Learn how to build an ADA compliant handicapped ramp for the elderly or disabled, who may be trapped in their homes without one. Using the system and building templates (that can be used for any configuration) of the Texas Ramp Project, you will learn how to take a "pre-vetted" lead in your town, develop a site plan, and then actually build a ramp. The classroom seminar starts Thursday (1 PM) at the hotel. The crew will pre-build and then assemble a ramp on location throughout Friday & Saturday with time allotted to attend the meals and hear the special speakers. Bring work clothes. To register, send this form to **Lion Aubrey Linne, Midland Downtown Lions, 200 Plaza, Midland, Texas 79701 (432-553-5008, aalinne87@yahoo.com)**.

TLERC Used Eyeglass Training Course

Learn how to set up and operate a screening lane to place recycled eyeglasses on those in need. Using the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers' own training course (now used by centers all over the world), the class will learn how to use all of the equipment and then how to find a "near prescription" for the client. All training will be at TLERC in Midland (2550 Flynt) only 5 minutes from the convention hotel. Your class will start Thursday (9AM), will continue on Friday, & culminate Saturday where you will participate in an actual screening & placement. Time will be allotted to attend the meals and hear the special speakers. To register, send this form to **PDG Carolyn Keskitalo, TLERC, 2550 Flynt, Midland, Texas 79701 (432-683-3611; txlerc@gmail.com)**.

Children Vision Screening – "Lions kidsight USA"

Learn how to set up & hold a children's vision screening, including the use of both the "Plus Optix" & "Spot" machines. Manufacturer Reps from both companies will also provide "manufacturer certification classes" (needed to screen in Texas schools). The group will start with a classroom training session on Thursday (1 PM) at the hotel. On Friday you will go to some daycare centers for actual hands on experience screening children. To register, send this form to **Lion Art Laengrich, 7 Lakes Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 (432-559-9226; art.laengrich@att.net)**.

Complete this information and send to the person listed above for the Action Project you have selected:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Lions Club & District: _____



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Texas Lions State Convention — *Childcare Registration*

The Council of Governors for the past several years has attempted to make the State Convention more meaningful and more accessible for our grass roots Lions. Many younger Lions may be unable to attend because of young children. The 2016 State Convention Committee, therefore, has arranged for "onsite" childcare during some of the events during the 2016 convention. **Please be aware these are not licensed or professional daycare providers.** They are simply the same kind of young people that you might have come to your home, while you go out for an evening. For some events, the ladies will be from the local YMCA day care program. For other events a local Girl Scout Troop(s) with adult leaders will provide the care. Meals will be provided where indicated. If special food is required you must provide it. It is suggested you bring any special toys or games the child may prefer. **You may pay at the Convention, but you must register by May 6, so proper sitting arrangements can be finalized.**

Event	Sitting Date/Time	Description	Cost/Child	# of Children	Total Cost
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Lions Feeding Frenzy & Entertainment	Thursday, May 19 From 5:00 PM To 10:00 PM	Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and dinner (\$5). (see note below)	\$20.00		\$
Seminars & Workshops	Friday, May 20 From 1:30 PM To 5:30 PM	Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr). A snack will be provided. (see note below)	\$12.00		\$
Dinner & Entertainment (Karen Taylor-Good)	Friday, May 20 From 6:30 PM To 9:30 PM	Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and dinner (\$5). (see note below)	\$14.00		\$
Opportunity for Youth Luncheon & afternoon seminars.	Saturday, May 21 From 11:30 AM To 5:30 PM	Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and lunch (\$5). A snack will also be provided. (see note below)	\$23.00		\$
District Governor Banquet	Saturday, May 21 From 6:15 PM To 9:15 PM	Package price is for the sitters (\$3/hr) and dinner (\$5). (see note below)	\$14.00		\$

Note: Since we must pre-schedule the sitters for the entire time, we regret we cannot break apart the package for this segment.

I will pay at the Convention. I will pay now. Enclosed is my check.

Total Cost \$

Name _____

Names & Ages of children _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If paying now make check payable to **Lions District 2A1 State Convention.**

Mail the registration form & Check to **Lion Kathy McConnell, 307 Thomas, Midland, Texas 79703**

Must receive form with or without payment by May 6.



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Texas Lions State Convention Excursions

Registration can also be done at the Convention, depending on the availability of space on the buses.
 Registering early helps the Convention committee arrange for enough transportation.

Event	Date/Time	Description	Cost/Person	# attending	Total Cost
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Susie's South 40 Confections: Factory Tour and shopping	Friday, May 20 Leave 9:00AM Return 11:30AM	Take a step back in time, as you tour this world renowned confection factory. Sample some of their famous Texas Trash, Texas Pecan Toffee & more.	\$5.00 (for transportation)		\$
President George W. Bush Child-Home: Tour The Ivy Cottage: shopping	Friday, May 20 Leave 2:00PM Return 5:15PM	Tour the home of 2 Presidents, a first lady and a Governor, as you tour this normal suburban home of the 50's. Then have some fun shopping at Midland's most unique boutique and gift shop.	\$8.00 (includes transportation & admission)		\$
Museum of the Southwest and Farmer's Market: Tour & Shopping	Saturday, May 21 Leave 9:15AM Return 11:15AM	Home to Midland's finest art & sculpture collection, the Fred Turner estate also houses a planetarium. Peruse the farmer's market & craft booths found on the grounds on Saturday mornings in the spring.	\$8.00 (includes transportation & admission)		\$
The Petroleum Museum: Tour	Saturday, May 21 Leave 2:00PM Return 4:45PM	A visit to the Petroleum Museum is a journey through 230 million years from the time of the Permian Sea to today's modern oil production. You will be some of the 1 st to see the totally renovated interactive displays. ***	\$13.00 (includes transportation & admission)		\$

Total Cost \$

*** The Petroleum Museum is offering its special \$8.00 group rate to all Lions attending the convention from Wednesday May 18th through Sunday May 22nd, 2016. You do not have to be on the excursion. Just tell them you are with the Texas Lions Convention.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make check payable to **Lions District 2A1 State Convention**

Mail form & check to **Lion Kathy McConnell, 307 Thomas, Midland, Texas 79703**

Note: The 2016 State Convention Committee reserves the right to cancel any excursion for low participation. If an event is cancelled, you will be refunded any prepaid excursion fee.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MD-2 (TEXAS)
P.O. Box 294509
Kerrville, Texas 78029
830-257-6557
LionsStateOffice@MD2Lions.org

PARADE VEST(s)

All vests are \$60 each with the exception of the 3X which is \$75 each.

SMALL _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ X-LARGE _____ XX-LARGE _____
NUMBER OF VESTS ORDERED _____ @ \$60.00 EACH = \$ _____

XXX-LARGE _____
NUMBER OF VESTS ORDERED _____ @ \$75.00 EACH = \$ _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

Note: Vests may be picked up at the 3rd CoG Meeting in Kerrville.

BOLO(s)

Bolos are currently not in stock – price to be determined.

Number of bolos needed _____ @ \$ _____ each TOTAL

\$ _____

HAT(s)

The western hats are \$20 each. Please indicate size of hat needed. If you do not know your hat measurement, measure with a tape, but indicate that is how you measured.

Size _____ Size _____ Size _____ Size _____ Size _____ Size _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Please include your check with this order form payable to Promote Texas Fund.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ District _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____





**TEXAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION
GOLF TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY MAY 19, 2016
8:30 AM
REGISTRATION FORM**



**RANGLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB
1600 E. WADLEY AVENUE
MIDLAND, TX 79705
(432)683-2041**

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT

Prizes for 1st Place Team – Closest to the Pin - Long Drive
cost includes golf carts and range balls

Individual Cost - \$75

Name, Phone number & e-mail address: _____

Team Cost -\$300

Team Captain Name, Phone number & e-mail address: _____

Team Member Names _____

Registration Form and fees due by May 10, 2016

Send Entry Form & Money to:

**DG Dick Van Hoose
Office of the Superintendent
1441 FM303
Loop, Texas 79342**

Contact *Dick Van Hoose* at (806)487-6412
or dick@mylbk.com for any other information.

CALENDAR

JULY 2015

- 15 1st Cabinet meeting
China Bear Restaurant
- 30-31 MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting
Kerrville, Texas

AUGUST 2015

- 5 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 2 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 15 District, State and Camp dues paid by this date.
(Except for campus clubs)
- 17-19 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Grand Rapids Michigan

OCTOBER 2015

- 1 Last day to purchase Peace Poster Kits
- 7 Bob Dowden Dinner
Grand Palace. Spring, Texas
- 15 Campus Club dues are payable

NOVEMBER 2015

- 4 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 7 MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting
San Antonio Texas
- 14 2nd Cabinet Meeting
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den
- 14 District Environmental Photo Contest
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den
- 14 District Peace Poster judging
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den
- 15 Club IRS forms due to IRS

DECEMBER 2015

- 1 Peace Poster due to State (final day)
- 2 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 31 Clubs requested to pay their 100% contribution
to TLC by this date

JANUARY 2016

- 6 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 23 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 23 3rd Cabinet meeting
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 2016

- 3 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 4-5 MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting
Kerrville, Texas
- 27 District 2-S2 Bowlathon
Palace Bowling Lanes. Bellaire, TX

MARCH 2016

- 2 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 4 Texas Leadership Forum
Austin, Texas
- 15 District, State and Camp dues paid by this date.
(Except for campus clubs)

APRIL 2016

- 6 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 9 District Youth Contests
- 15 Deadline for club elections
- 15 Campus club dues must be paid
- 23 District Convention

MAY 2016

- 4 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 15 Deadline for submission of
2016-2017 club offices report to LCI
- 19-21 MD-2 Texas State Convention
Midland, Texas

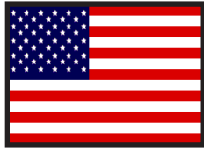
JUNE 2016

- 4 Presidents & Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
- 11 4th cabinet meeting

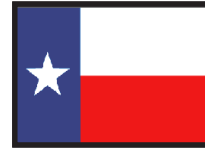
CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

Any Club with a classified type ad may advertise their need or project for FREE. All such information must be submitted to Lion Terry Landers by the 10th of the month.
tslanders@comcast.net or calling 281-726-0334

**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.**



**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**
(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)



**Honor the Texas flag.
I Pledge Allegiance to thee.
Texas, One State under God.
One and Indivisible.**

(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)

Conroe Noon Lions Club



1939 - Celebrating 76 years of Community Service - 2015

Huntsville Lions Club



**District Governor
Noah Speer**

Liberty Lions Club



**Second Vice District Governor
Betty Ezell**

Houston Heights Lions Club



**First Vice District Governor
Mark Roth**

PAWPRINTS of 2-S2

Official newsletter of Lions District 2-S2

All Ads and subscriptions need to be renewed at this time.

August - June, 2015-2016

The District Newsletter Advertisements.

These Ad's are busines card size 3 1/4 inches by 1 3/4 inches,

They cost \$100 per ad panel for the year, or \$25 a month.

Double sized ads double the cost.

This is a Way to say Thanks to a Great Lion or to show your Clubs pride.

Subscriptions

\$30 for the year.

Make Checks out to Lions District 2-S2

Lion Terry Landers 2815 Teague #1443 Houston, TX 77080 tlanders@comcast.net

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Visit One of Our Web Sites

Which have been recently updated

www.lions2s2.org

www.texaslions.org

www.lionsclubs.org

NO PSC MEETING

MAY 4, 2016

instead there will be a

LEADERDOG DINNER FUNDRAISER

May 6 Friday 2016

6:30pm

Grand Palace

314-A Pruitt Road, Spring TX 77380

Leader Dog Chairman

Larry Smith 281-731-9573

pilotsmitty@gmail.com



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