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2009

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Thoughts from the DG

I know you've heard, and probably have used, the terms "seems like just yesterday" and/or "in the blink of an eye". Our 2009 District 2-S2 Annual Convention has come and gone. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed the opportunity to share fellowship and address important matters to the conduct of business in our District and Multiple District.

It "seems like just yesterday" that you honored Lion Karen and me by giving us the opportunity to serve as your District Governor and First Lady. A full year has gone by "in the blink of an eye". We've experienced a few challenges during 2008-2009, but many more successes. We've actually grown our numbers of both Clubs and Lions ... all the work of energetic dedicated and determined 2-S2 Lions who embraced the challenge given us at the beginning of our year.

Our By-Laws mandate that I soon pass the gavel on to a successor. Exciting things are in store for District 2-S2. I know of no one who is more qualified and able than Lion "Chuck" Martin to lead us in the coming year. I look forward to helping him further grow our membership, our numbers of Clubs, and our opportunities to provide humanitarian service to those less fortunate.

It can never be said too often. It has been my great privilege to have been given opportunity to serve as your District Governor. **THANK YOU!**

ROAR! WE SERVE.

*Lion Barron Cagle District Governor
2008-2009*



Thought's from the Vice District Governor:

Well, by the time you read this, our District Convention will be over. I hope everyone who attended had a great time. Those of you who witnessed the "Hula" lessons, please discard any photos that may have been taken.

As we near the end of District Governor Barron's year, I want to say thank you to all of the Lions in our District who worked so hard to make his year a great success. As I write this article, our membership has grown by over 100 members in our District. We have chartered five new clubs. This has taken a lot of work by a lot of Lions to make this happen.

Take a brief rest in June. We will start all over again in July. I will need the help of all of the Lions that worked so hard this year, along with many more who will help in the next year to again improve our District. District Governor Barron has set the achievement bar high. I would like to set it even higher during the next Lions year. I know it can be done. There is a lot of enthusiasm in our District. We have the "Can Do" spirit.

The Theme for the 2009 – 2010 Lions Year is "Move to Grow". During incoming International President Eberhard Wirfs year, districts will be encouraged to take action to grow in humanitarian service, leader development, club membership, international social understanding, Leo clubs, Lions Quest, cultural activities and LCIF support. With your support, we will be able to do all of these.

I look forward to serving you in the coming Lions year.

Yours in Lionism,

Vice District Governor Charles "Chuck" Martin

The Houston North West Lions Club

Dear Fellow Lions, Please join us for a evening of great food, fellowship, ceremony, and celebration.
Sincerely, Don Trimper, President Elect, Houston Northwest Lions Club

5th Anniversary & Officer Installation Dinner

Friday, June 26th, 2009 6:30pm

We will be meeting at the Fair Haven United Methodist Church, in the Trinity Center.
1330 Gessner Drive, In the Front Hall



Be sure to bring spouses and significant others.
This is always a fun event, dinner & cake will be served.
Also, any potential new members are welcome to join us.



Dress is Black Tie Formal... just kidding!
But it's always fun to show off some new "fancy duds"!

PLEASE, make sure you R.S.V.P. with
Miss Kay, REAL SOON so we can have enough food from the wonderful caterers!

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Around The District

Houston Memorial Lions, Huffman Lions, Houston Spring Branch Lions and Houston Aldine Lions continue to sponsor bingo as an on-going fundraiser.

Birthdays for children in Cabin 1 at Boy's and Girl's Country were celebrated with the monthly party sponsored by the **Houston Aldine Lions Club** and hosted by Lion President Gloria.

The **Houston Downtown Lions Club** will hold their 30th Annual Golf Tournament on May 21st at the Tour 18 Golf Course. These Lions continue to raise administrative funds with their weekly soft sell at meetings.

The **Houston Northwest Lions Club** will hold a Hot Dog Eating Contest on July 18th at the Hot Dog Shop and a golf tournament on October 4th. The Club's 5th Anniversary, Officer Installation and new member induction will be held at the Trinity Center at the Fair Haven Methodist Church. These Lions had a very successful Chicken BBQ sale in April.

With beautiful weather, the fish were biting on May 2 and fun was had by all at Kids' Fish, sponsored by the **Huffman Lions Club**. Other activities of this Club included a road block on May 9th, a picnic for their Leo Club on May 17th and their Flags Across Huffman program.

OUR LEOS at WORK

The Huffman Leos began the school year by participating in the "Back to School" program at the Lake Houston United Methodist Church. They purchased backpacks and supplies for children in the Huffman School District. In September, they worked to repair and refurbish a bus stop in their community. After many years of neglect, the stop was cleaned, scraped, sealed and made ready for painting in school colors. Fall and Halloween found the Leos working at the Pumpkin Patch at the May Center. Over 300 children attended an event and had a wonderful time playing games with Leo Members and meeting other children from the community. At the November Fun Festival, Leo sold sausage on a stick for raise funds to donate to three families in need and to make a donation to the shopping trip at the Lighthouse of Houston. Bright school colors were painted on the bus stop in December. Now, the old neglected bus stop is one of which to be proud. In December, these Leos were, also, on hand to assist with the Holiday Shopping Trip for clients of the Lighthouse of Houston. Ten Leos paired up with clients for shopping and lunch. The Annual Christmas Open House got lots of Leo help. From making snowmen ornaments, applying Christmas tattoos, donning Winnie the Pooh costumes to cleaning after breakfast with Santa, the Leos helped brighten the holidays for the Huffman children. On December 19th, Leos assisted the Special Olympic organizers with their Annual fundraiser at the local True Value found Leos selling sausage and drinks to raise money to purchase Valentine bears as their next project for the community. Patients at the Pine Shadows Nursing home received 125 Valentine 's Bears as result of this effort. In April, these Leos Took part in the Huffman Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt. From hiding eggs to running six games for the children to play, these Leos were a great asset.



2nd ANNUAL HOT DOG EATING CONTEST

Sponsored by
Houston Northwest Lions Club

Saturday July 18th
The Fun Starts at High Noon
Contest at 1:30pm at



6405 Brittmoore Road
Houston, Texas 77041

*See Website for directions
www.hotdogshop.net

We are challenging All Houston Clubs to Send a Representative to Compete!



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

Move to Grow
Lions Leading Through Service

Registration Form on line
in PDF Format at

<https://usacanalionsforum.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

Roths Ramblings

Perspectives on the Future of Lionism

My nephew, Lion Austin Bigley, joined the Houston Heights Lions Club about a year ago. He has participated in many of the Club's fundraising activities including our White Cane Day for the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. For the last few years, he has helped out with the chaperoning of campers from our District to, or from, the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. He's really a great guy – and much smarter than his uncle, too. In the fall, he will begin his PhD program at the University of Houston. Many of you may recall he worked with me to try and develop a Campus Club at the University of Houston when he was a sophomore. We almost had a club there when many of the students moved on to join the UNICEF club on campus looking for more “hands-on” charitable activities. I found that to be a real surprise, but young people can be much harder to herd than cats.

I have to say that I have really enjoyed seeing our organization through his eyes. He has accompanied me to Kerrville for a Council of Governors' / TLC Board meeting and to various other District meetings. This past weekend, he joined me at the District Convention. I was excited for him to participate so he could learn a little more about Lionism and for him to see how important serving others is to me. I was especially pleased for him to see me reach the single goal I set for myself when I became a Lion over six years ago – to serve as an Elected Director to the Texas Lions Camp. We had many discussions over the weekend about the various races, the ceremonies of our organization and about the future of our group. At only 23 years of age, he has developed a deep sense of caring for others and loves the ideals of service that our organization remains committed to fulfilling.

As our membership ages, we face a serious challenge keeping Lions Clubs relevant to younger audiences. We have to find ways to keep young people interested in the service activities we have spent almost a century developing. Young people look for ways to be included, important and involved. New ideas for service need to be welcomed by our clubs if we want to grow as an organization and be around to see our Centennial.

After thinking I was successful impressing Lion Austin with the ceremonies, activities, people, and getting to wear a tux for the first time, he surprised me Sunday morning when I asked him to tell me what he thought. He acknowledged that Lions are getting older and repeated to me that we need new, younger members if we are going to remain a viable organization. His most profound observation hit me with a little surprise and then with some sadness. He asked, “you're looking for young members, right?” I responded affirmatively. He then told me that as of the Governor's Dinner, everyone had seen him around the convention as he attended each event. He told me he was surprised that considering the fact that he was so obviously the youngest one there, no one he didn't already know stopped to introduce themselves or even inquire who he was. I was seriously taken back and a little embarrassed. I guess I was a little preoccupied too, with the elections and making sure “Undecided” didn't beat me out to notice the oversight.

I'm not validating his observations, nor am I criticizing them. I'm just sharing them so you can think about them. How does your club look to young potential members you may seek to attract. Are there any changes your club might consider to interest and remain attractive to new members? Can these be done without running off any of our long-term members? Just think about it. Consider opening a Club meeting with the questions: “How do others see our Lions Club?” and “Are we attracting the members we need to do to ensure we are around another 100 years?”



**IT'S GREAT
TO BE A LION
"WE SERVE"**



Welcome New Lions

KLEIN LIONS CLUB

Lion William Zychowski Sponsored by Lion Elizabeth Kelle

LAKE CONROE LIONS CLUB

Lion James Allen sponsored by Lion Sally McKenzie
Lions Christopher Douglas sponsored by Lion Robert Morrison
Diana Kimberly sponsored by Lion Robert Morrison
Edward Lopez sponsored by Lion Robert Morrison

PASADENA LIONS CLUB

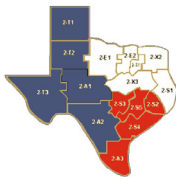
Lion Christopher Harris sponsored by Lion James Vanderbrink
Lion Rosalie Kuntz sponsored by Lion Charles White
Lion Thomas Brian Lawson sponsored by Lion Deborah Salisbury

TOMBALL LIONS CLUB

Lion Tongele Richard sponsored by Lion William Harris

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

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



Past International Director Mike Butler has been approached and he has agreed that, if he is drafted by the Lions of Texas, he will be a candidate for 2nd International Vice President for the year 2010-2011. A Resolution was accepted and approved at the Convention and we Voted on this action, results will be tallied at the State convention.



Distinguished Achievement Awards Presentation
Hosted by the District 2-S2 Past District Governor's Association
2009 Recipients



T.L Capers	Huntsville Lions Club
Pat Mann	Baytown Lions Club
Sandy Martin	Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Lois Rafferty	Hempstead Lions Club
Larry Snider, II	Houston Space City Lions Club
Glen Starr	Conroe Noon Lions Club

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Past District Governors District 2-S2 Association Distinguished Achievement Award is to

“Bestow honor upon those Lions in District 2-S2
who have shown outstanding leadership
and service achievement to their Club,
Community and District.”

“Honoring the Grassroots Lion”

Lion Mark Roth

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Eye exams and eye glasses donated: 1054
Campbell Soup Labels: 31
Used eyeglasses collected: 7685
Hours given towards Lionism: 2802

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

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The Pledge of Allegiance



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.



**“Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee,
Texas, one state under God,
one and indivisible.”**

(Face the Texas flag person's right hand over the heart.)

Conroe Noon Lions Club



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**Home of Vice District Governor
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Next PSC Meeting

JUNE 3, 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

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