

LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

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PAW PRINTS of 2-S2

Thoughts from your District Governor

For the first time in many many many years, LCI is showing that MD-2 has a positive growth number!!! It is not a really big "plus" number but we can show that positive growth this year if we make an extra effort NOT TO DROP anyone from our rolls. There are several districts that have created so many new clubs that the usual diminishing numbers that occur this time of year are being offset! Congratulation MD-2. Our district is just holding its own and if we don't drop folks, we just might have a positive growth number too. So all you clubs out there....try to help out!

Boy I wish I could tell Cajun jokes like PID Marshall Cooper.... But alasss I can't master the accent. SO, I simply tell the same joke as "red-neck" jokes..... and I just Gotta tell thisun!

It seems that Bubba and Billy Bob visited a candy store. Well, Bubba is not too smart nor too honest. When they left the store Bubba said "Hey Billy Bob lookit chear... I dun stole three chocolate bars and dat owner didn't even see me do it! Billy Bob thunk a minit and said "I can get the owner to give me three chocolate bars an I don't havta steel em. Bubba said I betcha \$5 you cant do that! So they go back into the store and Billy Bob goes up to the owner and ask "You Like Majic?" He says "Sure" So Billy Bob says "give me three chocolate bars and I'll show you some majic." So the owner gives him the three bars and Billy Bob ate them. The owner says "So what so majic about that?" And Billy Bob says "just look in Bubba's pocket!"

I was reviewing some of my old e-mail messages the other day and ran across one from Lion Mark. I think it has been printed several times in our Paw Prints, but it's a good write and I'd like to see it again. It is about our Eye Bank that is supported by four districts here in Texas. Many Lions even now are not aware of what the Bank is nor how it operates. Our eye bank is one of the few charitable organizations that still has "LIONS" in its title. Not only do many Lions not know about the Eye Bank, but they are not aware that the Lions provide research grants to scientists who are working on new techniques used to help the blind and visually impaired. In any case, I want to include Lion Mark's email:

This is what he wrote:

Lions and the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine

The Lions Eye Bank of Texas needs the support of the our Lions now, more than any time in the last two decades. With the competitive challenges facing Baylor College of Medicine today, the Lions support at this point in it's history could have a significant impact on the eye bank's ability to return to a level of service envied among eye banks across the country.

Paul Eads,
District Governor 2012-2013



CALENDER OF EVENTS

May	30	MD-2 State Convention, Austin TX
June	5	Fourth Cabinet Meeting
July	5-9	Lions Clubs International Convention
August	7	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
Septmeber	4	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
September	13-15	USA/Canada Forum Overland Park, Kansas

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Many Lions do not fully understand the organizational structure of our eye bank, or exactly what the Lions do to support it, and how the Lions benefit from that affiliation with Baylor College of Medicine. This statement will help address these issues, and hopefully stimulate more discussion about how we can work to help secure one of our most valuable Lions resources.

Some Lions have the misunderstanding that the Lions own our eye bank, or that the Lions are responsible for financing and operating the eye bank. While that may be true for some Lions eye banks in the country, it is not true for our eye bank. The responsibility for the clinical operations of the eye bank rests with Baylor College of Medicine. The eye bank is an operational unit under the Department of Ophthalmology at Baylor. The other main operational unit is the Alkek Eye Center, the clinical care center for the department. The resources to staff and operate the eye bank are Baylor resources, not Lions resources. The employees of the eye bank are Baylor employees, not Lions employees. The one exception to that is Lions Community Relations Coordinator, Darleane Warren. Her role is to facilitate communication between the eye bank and the 6,600+ Lions across our service area, and to coordinate activities and fundraisers to support the eye bank and the Lions Eye Bank Foundation for Sight. Her position is funded through dues, 100%'s and other charitable donations to the eye bank.

For almost 60 years, the Lions have enjoyed a very unique partnership with Baylor College of Medicine. That relationship exists in the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine. Operationally, the Lions have no responsibility, risk, or potential loss from the affiliation with Baylor. If the eye bank has a difficult year operationally, Baylor makes whatever adjustments to its operations as are necessary. If the eye bank is successful, then resources are available to upgrade equipment and introduce new product lines, such as DSEK (Descemet's Stripping with Endothelial Keratoplasty). Introduced 5 years ago, this procedure utilizes new technology and enable's patient's to achieve a more rapid recovery following a corneal transplant procedure.

The Lions have provided support through the years in various areas, depending on the needs of the time. Twenty years ago, the Lions provided the resources for the build-out of the eye bank's existing clinical space. With these funds, Baylor, with the support of the Lions, enabled our eye bank to become one of the leading eye banks in the country, recovering and transplanting over 2,500 corneas a year. Less than ten years ago, the Lions provided resources to support the development of the Dry Eye Research Center at Baylor. In the center's short existence, it already leads the nation in Limbal stem cell research and has provided relief to thousands suffering from this painful condition.

The benefit to the Lions of an affiliation with Baylor College of Medicine is clear. With the Lions' support of the Gratis Tissue program, indigent individuals can receive sight-restoring corneal transplant surgery. This clearly fulfills our mission of service to the blind, as we were challenged to do so by Helen Keller over 85 years ago. The changing regulatory environment has made it more difficult to provide as many tissues for transplant as we did fifteen or twenty years ago. Still, with over 1,200 transplants a year, and an affiliation with Baylor, the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine remains a clinically superior eye bank and one with few equals in the eye banking world.

At this critical point in our history, the Lions Eye Bank of Texas needs the support of the Lions to continue to reach out to the community and promote the Texas Donor Registry. Lions across our service area are called upon to continue their support for the Lions Eye Bank of Texas and provide assistance to the eye bank staff with securing relationships with hospitals that serve as referral sources for the tissue needed to meet the every-growing demand for sight-restoring transplantation. The bottom line is simple: the Lions' support for the eye bank provides a valuable resource to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine. It also links our mission of service to those less fortunate with Baylor's mission of service, innovation and leadership in all areas of medicine, including vision and sight restoration. Affiliation with the Baylor College of Medicine gives our Lions a highly visible means of demonstrating to our communities that we are partnered with a top medical school in the US, and are equally committed to partnering with others to leverage our service with outstanding organizations equally committed to serving our communities.

Lion Mark Roth

Thank you Lion Mark.... WELL SAID!

Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

WE CAN DO IT

The year is coming to an end, and what a year! Bob Dowden, Midwinter, and the Convention were a great success.

We just have the state Convention and International to go and we get to start again. Some folks might say, Damn, here we go again!!! To me, it's like opening a new door, a new adventure, maybe a new book. It's great to get another chance to win the game.

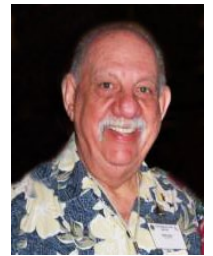
It's all how you personally look at it. Positive or negative; Fun or work; Win or lose. So I ask you all – District 2-S2, how are you going to look at 2013-2014???

I think we have hit the ground running, thanks to Lion Mark Roth, our GLT. We had our first training for Presidents & Secretaries and he plans to have a few more. I believe West will be next.

We will have a Zone & Regional Chair Training on Monday, June 17 at China Bear. We have ordered CD's for all and will give them out at the training.

I would like to thank all the Volunteers for the 2013-2014 Cabinet. We will be a great Team!!

Thanks,



First Vice District Governor Eddie Risha

Texas Lions Camp Summer 2013

Mark your calendars! Summer Camp Schedule for 2013:

Regular Sessions

- Session 1: June 9 - 15: Children with Physical Disabilities
- Session 2: June 16 - 22: Children with Physical Disabilities
- Session 3: June 23 -29: Children with Physical Disabilities
- Session 4: June 30 - July 6: Children with Physical Disabilities
- Session 5: July 7- July 13: Children with Physical Disabilities



Specialty Camps

- Session 6: July 14th – 20th: Texas Burn Survivors Society's Camp David, and Children with Down syndrome
- Session 7: July 21st – 27th: American Cancer Society's Camp Discovery

Camps for Type 1 Diabetes

- Session 8: July 28th – Aug. 3rd : Children with Type 1 Diabetes
- Session 9: Aug 4th – Aug. 10th : Children with Type 1 Diabetes

Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

This past weekend I went and helped my daughter pack up her dorm room and move back home for the summer. Over the long drive home, one thought kept running through my mind. How fast this year has gone by. It seems like just a few months ago that we helped her move in to the dorm. It couldn't have been that long ago that we sat in the bleachers and watched her march in the halftime show of a football game. Well, it was longer than a few months ago. If you are like me, time seems to be going by faster and faster. In my personal life, my professional life and my Lion's life time is just flying by.

Hopefully all of you incoming club officers are prepared for this. It won't be long until you take office and I promise you, time won't slow down for you. There is no reason not to get a head start. Now is a good time to meet with the other incoming officers and map out your plan for the upcoming Lion year. If this will be your first year in your position, try and get as much training and information as possible before the Lion's year start about your new position. Attend any available training sessions. Go the Member Center at the Lions Clubs International website (<http://www.lionsclubs.org>) and get as much information as you can find about your office. While browsing the LCI website, take a look and see what other resources are available. There is a wealth of material online to assist you in managing a club. Talk to other Lions who have held the position before and ask what advice they might have on taking on the job. You don't even have to take their advice, but the more you know the better. Because as G.I. Joe is prone to say, "Knowing is half the battle."

Just as it won't be long until this summer is over and I'm helping move my daughter back to school, it won't be long until we are well in to our new Lion year. In what will seem like a blink of an eye, that year will be done too. The groundwork you lay down now will help you stay on track next year, which is a good thing because you are going to be travelling fast.



Second Vice District Governor Chris Moorman

Fourth Cabint Meeting

MAY 1, 2013

Come early to eat, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT

Located at 15000 I-45 North

On the northbound feeder road.



2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

<p>You might be asking what I learned about the upcoming USA/Canada Forum in Overland Park, KS. Well, I learned that a simple click of my Ruby Red Slippers won't get things done all on their own!</p>	<p>It takes more than JUST brains.</p>	<p>It takes more than JUST heart.</p>	<p>Courage HELPS...</p>
			<p>Many hands make the work lighter! If you are coming to the 2013 USA/Canada Forum, please consider coming as a volunteer as well as an attendee!</p> <p>The path to the Emerald City may be paved with gold, but those bricks were laid by hard-working hands. Please visit the 2013 Forum Website for registration and volunteer information.</p> <p>http://www.overlandparkforum.com/</p> <p>Follow the Yellow Brick road to the 2013 USA/Canada Forum in Overland Park, KS!</p> 
<p>But when we all work together...</p>	<p>The journey to the Emerald City...</p>	<p>Doesn't seem so far.</p>	

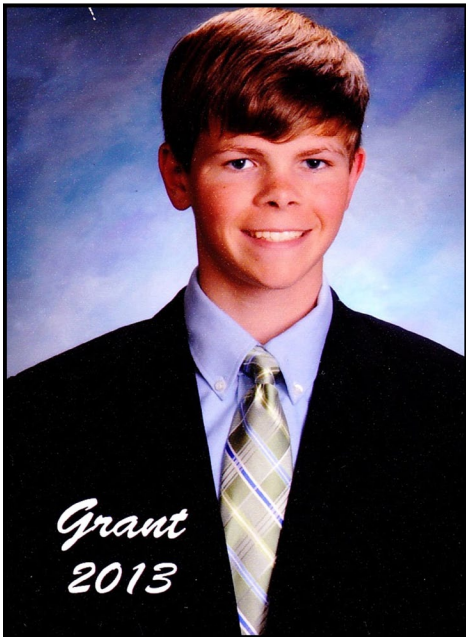
REPORTING OF 2013-2014 CLUB OFFICERS

Each Club should have held their election for the 2013-14 club Officers by now. Lions Clubs Inferential requested that the Club Officers for 2013-2014 be reported by May 15. As of May 21, there is still 31 Clubs that have not reported their Officers for next Lions Year that starts on July 1.

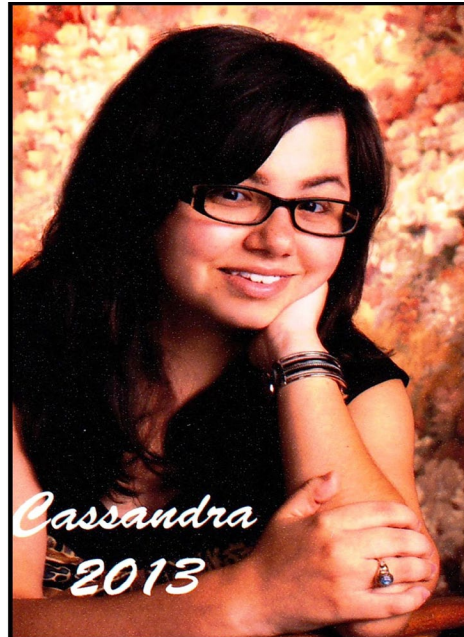
Club Secretaries please go to Lions Clubs Intentional Website www.lionsclubs.org click on Submit Reports on the top of the page and then click on my task to enter the Club Officers. You MUST enter the names, even if they are repeating. Please be sure to verify that the contact information at LCI is correct, if not please update the Members information.

If you need assistance please feel free to call PDG Ronald Landers at 281-520-915 or rglanders@comcast.net.

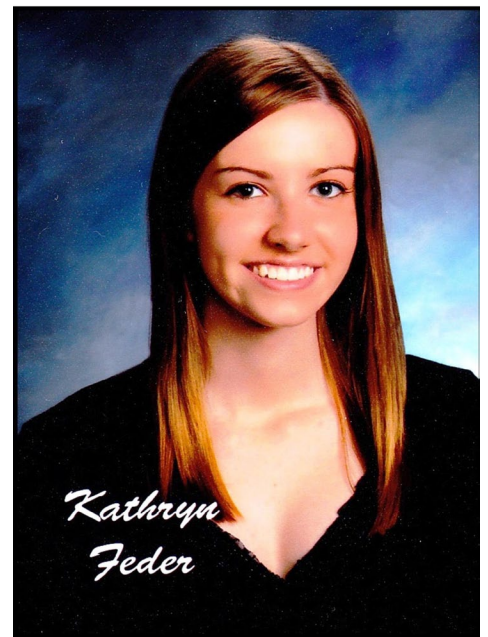
2012-2013 Youth Contest Winners



Grant Marshall Hallbauer
Conroe High School
Diabetes Awareness Essay



Cassandra Renee Knust
Conroe High School
Drug Awareness Speech



Kathryn Elizabeth Feder
Conroe High School
Outstanding Youth Award

Lions Eye Bank of Texas 60th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

To celebrate 60 years of service to the Texas Gulf Coast, the Lions Eye Bank of Texas is publishing a 60th anniversary cookbook and invite all Lions to share your favorite recipes! We would like for each district to submit at least 60 recipes, that is 10 recipes from each category.

Categories include

- Appetizers
- Soups
- Salads
- Casseroles
- Entrees
- Desserts

Please include with your recipe

- Your name and club,
- A list of ingredients with the exact measurements,
- Instructions for pre-heat,
- Instructions for combining items
- Baking time required.



Please type all recipes. Print area will be 4 inches by 7.5 inches. Please use Ariel 12 point font.

You may e-mail recipes to rglanders@comcast.net or mail them to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, 6565 Fannin, NC 205, Houston, Texas 77030. All recipes must be received by June 30, 2013 to be included in the cookbook!



On a different note Earth day was a great success we took 22 students to the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center to help to preserve this habitat. It ended with a program acknowledging Kye'Sha Johnson for the most Environmentally Aware student. Below you find pictures with the team at work.



Stedman Douglas. Environmental Chair District 2-S2

Aeros & Autos at Ellington Airport – May 11, 2013

If you missed the event Saturday immediately past, you really missed an opportunity to share in a great event to support our Texas Lions Camp!!

More than sixty-five Lions and family members from Districts 2-S2 and 2-S4, volunteers with the U.S.O. of Greater Houston, and clients of the Cenikor Foundation in Deer Park shared the opportunity, along with countless staff members of the Houston Airport System, to present the 2013 Aeros & Autos at Ellington Airport. Lions from as distant as Kerrville, Huntsville and Bay City participated in the event.

Aeros & Autos is one of Houston's premier car shows, and offers the opportunity to win one of multiple trophies given to those elite automobiles that enter the show. Registration for the Car Show is only thirty dollars and is due on the day of the show only. Event registration earns entrants a goodie bag, a 4"x6" photo of your ride alongside with a military aircraft, and an event T-shirt.

Included at Aeros & Autos was Houston's premier speed event, the Houston Half Mile Shootout, which is open to all automobile and motorcycle drivers/riders who have the need for speed. The Houston Half Mile event takes place on one of Ellington's runways for a safe and legal space to see what your ride can do. Participants in this year's event had opportunity to witness a female motorcycle rider who topped 212 miles per hour.

The Aeros & Autos at Ellington Airport premiered on Saturday preceding Mothers' Day, 2009 and has been an annual event since.

Thanks to all who worked the event, all who had vehicles on display, and ESPECIALLY the hardworking staff with the Houston Airport System.

PDG Barron Cagle





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August - June, 2012-2013.

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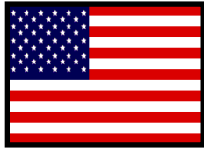
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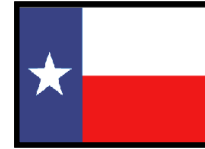
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**WHERE LIONS MEET
BE PRESENT LORD.
TO WELD OUR HEARTS IN
ONE ACCORD.
TO DO THY WILL,
LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.**



**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



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Liberty Lions Club



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Chris Moorman**

Conroe Noon Lions Club



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Houston Heights Lions Club



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Fourth Cabinet Meeting

JUNE 5, 2013

**** CHINA BEAR ****

15000 I-45 North

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

CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT
located at 15000 I-45 North
On the northbound feeder road

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

2012-2013 OFFICERS

Paul Eads
District Governor

Eddie Risha
First Vice District Governor

Chris Moorman
Second Vice District Governor

Mark Roth
Cabinet Secretary

Ronald Landers
Cabinet Treasurer

Terry S. Landers
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