





# PAW PRINTS of 2-S2

#### Thoughts from your District Governor ....

After many hours of flying, we have returned from the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. It was a wonderful experience for my wife and I. Many things were learned and I have so much interesting news to pass on. I am very anxious to see everyone at our First Cabinet Meeting on July 22, 2013 and to share our experience with you.

Competition – what is it, what does it mean. Competition is without a doubt the oldest activity in the world and it was started by god himself. After all, he and the devil have been in competition for our souls since adam and eve.

Sometimes I think the devil is winning in this day and age. But I feel that competition inspires people to do the very best they can. So with that said, I will start or I should say, bring back a little competition to District 2-S2. This will run from July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. It consists of 2 Categories. Number One is Club Visitation and Number Two is Membership. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each category will be part of the District Convention next year. So the more Clubs you can visit and the more points you acquire for new members will win!!!

So, where will you end up???

The following is a brief explanation of the contests:

#1 – Club Visitation: the President and at least Two other Club Members must accompany him to count as an official visit. The President gets 100 points and 25 points per each member that attends. So, if 5 members so that's 100 + 125 for a total of 225 points

#2 – Membership: your Club starts out with 20 members according to their mmr as of June 30, 2013 and on March 31, 2014 your MMR is 24, you are +4, and so on and so on. Of course, we do expect MMR's to be turned in every month in order to track the points

If your club is a plus next year, we all win!!!

So district 2-S2, are you up to the challenge??

#### "We can do it"



Eddie Risha, District Governor 2013-2014

**AUGUST** 



#### **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

August 1-2 MD-2 Council Of Governors, Kerrville TX
August 7 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
Septmeber 4 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting

September 19-21 USA/Canada Forum Overland Park, Kansas October 2 Bob Dowden Dinner, Shirley Acres

November 6 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting

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www.lions2s2.org 2013

#### Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

Wow! Last year sure went by fast. I'm sure this year will slow down though. Yes, that was being sarcastic. Time keeps on marching by and as I mentioned in a previous article it always seems to be speeding up. This can cause havoc if you are like me and have a lot of things to do and what seems like not a lot of time to do them. Because the future gets here mighty fast and sometime you end up pushing the schedule back and not necessarily on the right things. "I really wanted to but there is no time right now for a vacation this summer, we can take one later" can turn in to missed years and missed opportunities of bonding and memory making with the family. "I need to take the car to the mechanic to have that Check Engine light looked at, but I'm too busy with a project now. I'll try to take it next week." That might be able to be pushed to next week, it might also result in you pushing your car down the street in this heat.



"We need more members in my club, but we are too busy with our service projects and fundraisers to have a membership drive now, maybe we can have one later this fall or next spring." Yeah, because you probably won't be any busier then.... More members in your club now, means more hands working on the service projects and helping with the fundraising. In most cases, more is a good thing. To aid in this, LCI has released a new member recruiting guide named "Just Ask!" It is available for download at <a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf">http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf</a> or by using the Search tool on the website and entering Just Ask. The guide has steps for preparing the club, creating a growth plan, implementing the growth plan and welcoming new members. While the concept of "Just Ask" is simple, it has been shown to work. Recently I read a book where a group of churches used the same approach and saw a continued increase in their attendance by Just Asking people to join them. Please review the Just Ask guide and see if your club can implement it or a piece of it now. So we aren't looking back several years from now, thinking about how time has flown by and one of these days we need to have that membership drive we've been planning to have.





First Vice District Governor Chris Moorman

#### Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

Happy New Year – for us in Lions Clubs International, this is the start of a new year. At the District Convention, members of District 2-S2 saw fit to elect me as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for this year. That is quite an honor. One which I had never expected to be given. SO – let me share with you some of my life and thoughts about service. For after all, our motto is "We Serve". In 1984, I was asked by Lion Glen Oliver, member of the Huntsville Lions Club and a ophthalmologist to go to Haiti as part of a team to set up a clinic/operating theater for vision screening and eye surgery. That was the beginning of 20 plus years of International and National service as either a member of or leader of medical and construction mission trips that took me to Haiti, Belize, Costa Rico, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Mexico, and the states of Washington, Montana, Alabama and Texas as well as many projects in my community

First, I think that God calls us to serve others. I believe that service is a way of life. It is hard to give of ourselves, our time and talents. But it is the giving of our time and talents that results in the greatest satisfaction personally and the development of relationships that produces a lasting result. At the end of the day, you may be tired (and sore), but when you give of your time and talents, you feel a great sense of accomplishment (once the aches and pain are treated). Let me give you an example if I may. Back in 2004, the south Alabama coast was hit with Hurricane Ivan. The destruction was horrendous. I lead a crew of 5 over to Orange Park, Alabama to cut trees for a week. Four of us ran chainsaws for 5 days 8 – 9 hours a day. On one of the days, we were sent to the home of an older man, living alone, at which we found trees all around his house either fallen or leaning precariously. When we arrived, He met us at the door with the comment "I don't know what to do". He realized that the area was a mess and dangerous, but he didn't know what to do or where to start and felt very much alone. Part of any service project is to do the "work", the other part is to lift up others. We cut trees all day long, but what has stayed with me was the simple direction we gave by our example "pick up a limb and make a pile". The first limb in the pile is important. When we left at the end of the day, he had a direction to go 'make a pile' and a sense that he had not been forgotten.

So as we go into this year, let's serve our communities by projects that lift up our communities and lift up people. Our motto is "We Serve". The theme of the Huntsville Lions Club this year is "Roaring to Serve". Let's roar together – in all kinds of weather.

Thanks for the opportunity to Serve.





Second Vice District Governor Noah Speer

# **PSC Meeting**

August 7, 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.

The Speaker will be Harris County Commissioners Pct 4, Jack Cagle. He has spent more than 20 years working with and serving the citizens of Harris County Precinct 4





## Overland Park, Kansas September 19-21, 2013

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Road to your Dreams



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Come and see why Overland Park is the perfect location for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Come and be the light you wish to see in others.

#### An Inspirational Champion ... Still Swinging For Life's Fences!

Our Thursday Evening Speaker, Ed Hearn fulfilled his childhood dream as a member of the World Champion New York Mets in 1986. The following year with the Kansas City Royals, he was set to make those big "million dollar bank deposits" today's professional athletes are accustomed to, when suddenly, a serious shoulder injury brought a premature end to a very promising and brilliant career.

Less than six months after his baseball career ended, he was diagnosed with three potentially life threatening health conditions. Once a strong, vibrant professional athlete, he was reduced to a man who could barely care for himself. Ed hung on, though, and used these physical challenges to make the most incredible comeback of his life. To read more click here





#### Dayna Steele, Serial Entrepreneur

Our Friday Luncheon Speaker, Dayna Steele is a success speaker, business author, serial entrepreneur, and a social media evangelist as well as a Hall of Fame radio personality, FastCompany.com Expert Perspective blogger, business advisor, and nationally recognized media personality. She is the author of 101 Ways to Rock Your World: Everyday Activities for Success Every Day and Rock to the Top: What I Learned about Success from the World's Greatest Rock Stars.

On a stage speaking to and inspiring people since she was a teenager, Dayna shows individuals and companies how to succeed using her Rock Star Principles of Success. To read more <u>click here</u>

#### Patrick Henry Hughes, Musician, Student and Public Speaker

Our Saturday Evening Speaker/Performer, Patrick Henry Hughes is a remarkable young man who was born without eyes and without the ability to fully straighten his arms and legs, making him unable to walk. Additionally, two steel rods were surgically attached to Patrick's spine to correct scoliosis.

Despite circumstances that may seem overwhelming, Patrick has overcome these physical issues to excel as a musician, student, performer and public speaker. Patrick started playing the piano at the age of only nine months, and also plays the trumpet and sings. He even participated in the University of Louisville Marching Band for five seasons with help from his father, Patrick John Hughes, who tirelessly maneuvered his wheel chair through the formations with the other 220+ members of the Cardinal Marching Band. To read more click here



# **Bob Dowden Dinner** (no PSC Meeting)

**OCTOBER 2, 2013** 

\*\* Shirley Acres \*\*
217 Woerner,

Houston, TX 77090 Dinner 6:00 P.M.

**N**EED LIVE AUCTION ITEMS



NEED SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



And of course Cookies, Pies and Cakes...



**Information - Map Flyer** 







#### LIONS MINTS PROGRAM

Has come to a close.
The District has 13 cases,
which it will make available to the clubs at
Half price (\$35.00)
at the August and September PSC Meeting.
Please contact
PDG Ronald Landers
at rglanders@comcast.net
or 281-520-915
If our club wishes to purchase
one of the last cases available.



# 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

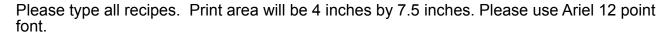
#### Categories include

- 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.



You may e-mail recipes to <a href="mailto:relation-recipes">relation-recipes</a> to <a href="mailto:recipes">recipes</a> 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!



# **DISTRICT 2-S2 CLUB VISITATION CONTEST**

JULY 1, 2013 THRU MARCH 31, 2014

DATE:		
CLUB NAME:		
	JB MEMBERS MUST ATTEND VISITATION TO QUAL S, CLUB MEMBERS EARN 25 POINTS EACH	IFY
DATE OF VISIT:		
PRESIDENTS NAME:		POINTS EARNED
CLUB MEMBERS NAME:		
	TOTAL POINTS EARNED FOR THIS VISIT:	



#### **DISTRICT S-S2 NEW MEMBER CONTEST**

JULY 1, 2013 THRU MARCH 31, 2014

MONTH OF:  CLUB NAME:				
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Clubs with a plus (+) in the new member category at the end of the contest wins.

Example: If you have 15 members on July and you add 5 new members by March 31 and your MMR shows 18 members, you are at a +2.



#### Making Your Best Better. Thank You.

According to our international President Barry Palmer - everyone should have a dream

I too have a dream, a dream that is unique, but a determination that is, a determination to create a change in the minds, in the action of each individual in the relation to their responsibilities to the environment. I implore that each and everyone to be more conservative. I know you are trying your best but can you make your best better? Be more involve in reducing, reusing and recycling.

#### Here are some ideas:

<b>Environmental Improvement Activities</b>	<b>Environmental Education Activities</b>	Environmental Mentoring
Fund a local contest to develop community environ- mental projects. Award equipment or environmental expertise from your business to help with implemen- tation	Work with local businesses or neighborhood environmental group(s) to hold an environmental Awareness day at a local school.	Organize a Community Advisory Panel in the community to discuss environmental and health and safety issues at your facility
Sponsor a neighborhood beautification project. Plant trees and flowers and pick-up trash. Coordinate and work with community or local non-profit volunteers to get the job done.	Hold an environmental seminar on pollution prevention, water protection, and air or water quality standards for science teachers from local schools.	Attend County Commission meetings and provide updates or lead discussions regarding community environmental activities.
Sponsor the beautification of a local park with a local community group. Organize a picnic and promote activities that cleanup and beautify the park.	Provide educational information to students. G.O's and N.G.O's on the value of wetlands	Provide environmental assistance to local government officials. Provide assistance with environmental regulation and applying for grants.
Purchase and donate recycling equipment (i.e., shredder) to a nonprofit agency working with physically or mentally-challenged individuals. Transport appropriate recyclables to Agency, providing employment for clients and income for the Agency.	Participate in exchange and recycling programs with area schools	Hold an open house for neighbors and neighboring businesses to demonstrate processes and environmental systems.
Sponsor and conduct a water sampling event with local middle school students. Work together to craft a plan for water improvements for the community.	Partner with high schools to offer science majors the opportunity to job-shadow with environmental staff at your facility.	Donate your location for an informal get-together for local businesses interested in learning more about environmental issues.

Create a plan of action to get the job done. Do you have a plan to make the environment a better place? I have and I am here and willing to share.

I can be reached at bun874@gmail.com

#### **Environmental Joke!**

If you live in an igloo, what is the worst thing about global warming?



Answer: No privacy.

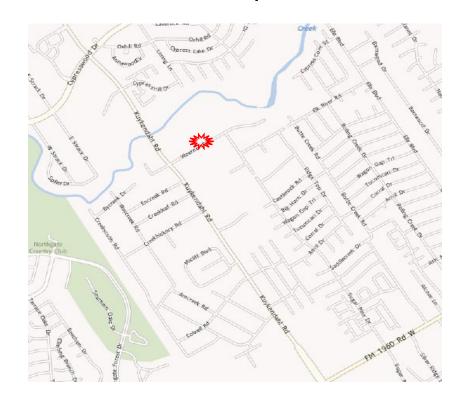
S. H Douglas. District Environment Chair

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# Lions District 2-S2 Bob Dowden Dinner Wednesday October 2, 2013 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$15.00





Shirley Acres 217 Woerner Houston, Texas 77090

We need Silent Auction & Live Auction items.

Proceeds to benefit Texas Lions Camp
Directors: Lion Bud Casey 713-598-2457
Lion Ron Chene 281-367-0703

#### **PAWPRINTS of 2-S2**

#### Official newsletter of Lions District 2-S2

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

August - June, 2013-2014.

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.

**Subsciptions** 

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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**



First Vice District Governor Chris Moorman

#### **Conroe Noon Lions Club**



District Governor Eddie Risha

# Houston Heights Lions Club



Second Vice District Governor Noah Speer Lions District 2-S2 Lion Terry Landers Editor 2815 Teague #1436 Houston, TX 77080 tslanders@comcast.net

# **PSC Meeting**

# **August 7, 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.



### **2013-2014 OFFICERS**

Eddie Risha District Governor

Chris Moorman
First Vice District Governor

Noah Speer Second Vice District Governor

Minnette Chiu Cabinet Secretary

Glen Starr Cabinet Treasurer

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