

Chambers - Harris - Liberty - Montgomery
San Jacinto - Walker - Waller









CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September October

2 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting

7 Bob Dowden Dinner

November 4 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting

Thoughts from your District Governor

Noah Speer

What is it about a theme that strikes you-all (that includes me)? My theme this year as seen on my governor's pin is "Together we serve". What does it mean? PDG Eddie's theme was "WE can do it". IPDG Chris's them was "Destroy to build".

"We can do it" – we are Lions. The first question to be asked of a service project should be "Should we do it? Is this project one that we as Lions should undertake in order to better service our communities? If the answer is "Yes", then as Lions, "We can do it?" We can raise the money. We can find the resources. Do we know how? – maybe not, but we can learn. We are Lions – "We can do it".

"Destroy to build" – we can evaluate projects and their continued need – and should because societies change. Needs change. Are there abundant needs out there? You bet – but you may have to look for them. We may have to get outside our comfort zone. But we are Lions – "We can do it". Chris challenged us as Lions to step outside our comfort zone and not be afraid to try something new and to drop something that is no longer relevant to our club and our community.

"Together we serve" – we are not alone. We have 55 regular lions clubs, and 3 campus lions clubs in our district. As of the writing of this, we have 1,701 lions as members of the 58 clubs. We also have 18 Leo clubs in our district. Individually as single persons or a single club, we can serve. However our service is limited – though very important. Together as a district, we can accomplish so much. Are we up to the challenge? Sure, because we are lions, "We can do it". We can take on new service projects or new fund raising events. We are Lions.

What do themes do? I hope the trio above excite you as fellow Lions. Does your club have questions on how to find a service project, or grow or learn or get connected with other clubs? My first suggestion is to call myself, 1st VDG Mark Roth, or 2nd VDG Betty Ezell. Our job is to help clubs. Don't be alone.

Do you as a Lion want to help on a District level? We have leadership positions open for Lions that want to help and are willing to make the effort. Come join us and expand the circle experience within Lions that awaits you. Will it take time? Yes. Will it cost you money? Yes. How much? I can't tell you because each position is different? But we are Lions, we can work together to find a solution. Join Mark, Betty and myself.



Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2 SEPTEMBER www.lions2s2.org

First Vice Governors Visit LeaderDogs

Every year, LeaderDogs for the Blind invites First Vice District Governors from around the country to travel to Rochester, Michigan and learn how Lions empower the visually impaired to lead independent lives. In early August, the Lions of Texas sent ten of their sixteen Vice District Governors to LeaderDog School. I'm proud to say that I was able to attend. After a great tour of the new facilities, we had the opportunity to experience a little of the challenge it is to be visually-impaired. I'd heard that the staff blind-fold their visitors and have a leader dog help them walk around a little course on the grounds. When my turn with the leader dog came, I was very apprehensive. I was worried that I'd step on the dog, trip and end up landing on my poor four-legged friend and kill us both! Daisy was a trouper and we both survived. When I got two-thirds around the course, I settled in and began to trust that my dog knew what she was doing. It was impressive seeing the other visitors experience similar challenges.

LeaderDogs for the Blind has operated since 1939. The breeding program produces hundreds of potential guide dogs that receive extensive training in trainers' homes around the country. When the dogs are ready to be placed, the clients travel to the facility for a 26-day residential training program that matches the specific needs of the clients with the skills and expertise of the dogs. Last year, LeaderDogs placed almost 170 dogs. I was surprised to learn that about a quarter of those dogs came to clients in Texas.

For more information on LeaderDogs for the Blind, please follow this link:

http://www.leaderdog.org/







Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor ... Betty Ezell YOUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU AND YOU NEED YOUR DISTRICT.

Your District has jobs that you may be interested in. You will learn a lot about Lionism and meet a lot of nice Lions.

APPOINTED OFFICES - By District Governor

Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer

We have a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer for this year (2015-2016). However, consider these jobs for the future. The Cabinet Secretary takes all the Cabinet minutes and does various jobs assigned by the District Governor. He/she will work very closely with the DG. The Cabinet Treasurer/bookkeeper keeps the books and writes checks when appropriate. He/she will work closely with the DG.

Zone Chair

To qualify for the Zone Chair you must be a past president. The number of Zone Chairs varies from year to year. You will be assigned a number of clubs to work with and you will become like a member of their club because you will be working so close with them. You are the liaison between the club and the District Governor. You can have Zone meetings with all of your clubs or you may wish to visit them one on one. You will collect a lot of good ideas from each of them.

ELECTED OFFICES

Lions Eye Bank of Texas

Nominees for Trustee of Lions Eye Bank of Texas shall have the following qualifications:

- Shall have been a member of a Lions Club for three (3) years;
- Shall have served as President of his or her Club or Club's Committee on Lion Eye Bank of Texas;
- And cooperate with the other trustee in his/her District.

We have two trustees and each one serves a two year term. They go out to clubs, health fairs and other organizations and make presentations for the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. They attend quarterly meetings at Methodist Hospital. Sometimes special meeting are called. At the end of the year they have a banquet for all the Lion Eye Bank of Texas volunteers. I have been a trustee for the Lions Eye Bank of Texas and really enjoyed the work. As a matter of fact, I will be staying on as an appointed trustee.

Texas Lions Camp

Nominees for Texas Lions Camp shall have the following qualifications:

- Shall have been a member of a Lion Club for three (3) years.
- Shall have served as President of his/her club or as Chairman of his/her Club's Camp Committee.
- And cooperate with the other Director in his/her District.

We have two directors and each one serves a two year term. They go out to clubs, health fairs and other organizations and make presentations for the Texas Lions Camp. They must attend two directors meetings (1st Saturday In February and 1st Saturday in August) every year. They must plan and organize and have the Bob Dowden Dinner the first Wednesday of October. I was a director for the Texas Lions Camp and I loved every minute as a director.

Humanitarian Relief Fund

Nominees for Humanitarian Relief Fund shall have the following qualifications:

- Shall have been a member of a Lions Club for three (3) years;
- Shall have served as President of his/her Club or Chairman of his/her Club's Committee on Humanitarian Relief Fund;
- And cooperate with the other Directors in his/her District.

We have three directors and each one serves three year terms. They go out and tell other Lion Clubs about the benefits of the Humanitarian Relief Fund. Requests are submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for review of compliance then he/she sends them out to the committee for approval.

Lighthouse of Houston

Nominees for the Lighthouse of Houston shall have the following qualifications:

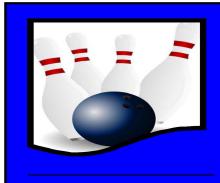
- Shall have been a member or a Lions Club for three (3) years;
- Shall have served as President of his/her club or Chairman of his/her Club's Committee on Lighthouse of Houston
- And cooperate with the other Director in his/her District.

We have two directors and each one serves two year terms. They have quarterly meetings and special meetings may be called at the Lighthouse and the directors should attend.

I did not go into complete detail with every job but this will give you an idea of a job that may interest you. Please feel free to talk to DG Noah, 1st VDG Mark or myself if you are interested in any of these jobs.

Future articles will discuss more available jobs.

DON'T FORGET YOU ARE THE DISTRICT AND THE DISTRICT CAN BE ONLY WHAT THE PEOPLE MAKE IT.



Come enjoy an afternoon filled with bowling, door prizes, silent auction and LOTS of fun!

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016



2016 Lions Eye Bank of Texas District 2-S2 Bowl-A-Thon

> PALACE BOWLING LANES 4191 BELLAIRE BLVD. HOUSTON, TEXAS

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 12:00 PM BOWLING BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

Proceeds benefit the Lions Eye Bank of Texas



8th Annual Houston

VisionWalk

October 3, 2015

Discovery Green Houston, TX



Walk with the Foundation Fighting Blindness & help make the world a brighter place for millions of Americans with retinal diseases

www.FightBlindness.org/HoustonVisionWalk

For more information contact Donna Cohen at 866-782-7330 or DCohen@FightBlindness.org



8th Annual Houston VisionWalk

Discovery Green - Houston, TX Saturday, October 3, 2015

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VisionWalk Foundation Fighting Blindness	
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Santa Monica, CA 90405	
Fax: 310-450-2717	
FOR MORE INFORMATION, P	LEASE CONTACT:
Donna Cohen at 866-782-7330 (
or visit www.FightBlindness.org/H	oustonVisionWalk.

Community Presenting Sponsor \$20,000 Prominent Logo on Event Kick Off Invitations Prominent Logo on Event Brochures & Posters Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirts Logo with Live Link on Local VisionWalk Home Page Prominent Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval Inclusion in VisionWalk Press Release Inclusion in all Pre-Event Eblasts Opportunity for Stage Remarks from Representative Opportunity for Executive to be Honorary Walk Chair Opportunity for In-House Corporate Kick Off Inclusion in Chapter Eblasts Gala or Special Event tickets (select locations) **Community Champion** \$10,000 Prominent Logo on Event Kick Off Invitations Prominent Logo on Event Brochures & Posters Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirts Logo with Live Link on Local VisionWalk Home Page Prominent Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval Inclusion in VisionWalk Press Release Inclusion in 2 Pre-Event Eblasts Opportunity for Stage Remarks from Representative Opportunity for In-House Corporate Kick Off **Community Captain** \$5,000 Logo on Event Kick Off Invitations Logo on Event Brochures & Posters Logo on Event T-Shirts Logo on Local VisionWalk Home Page Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval Inclusion in VisionWalk Press Release Inclusion in 1 Pre-Event Eblasts **Community Leader** \$2,500 Logo on Event Brochures & Posters Logo on Event T-Shirts Logo on Local VisionWalk Home Page Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval **Community Partner** \$1,000 Name on Event Brochures & Posters Name on Event T-Shirts Name on Local VisionWalk Home Page Name on Day of Event Stage Banner **Community Supporter** \$500 Name on Event T-Shirts Name on Day of Event Stage Banner

EVENT CODE: 650072

"From Four to Full Bore" What "re-MEMBER Texas" is all about

By CC Tom Blase

What a fantastic story in the July/August Lion magazine ("From Four to Full Bore", pg.44). "Down to just 4 members, a club in a small North Dakota Town rebounds thanks to Facebook and an old-fashioned, father – and – son chat." This is not just a story of a recruiting drive, taking a Lions Club from near extinction (like many of our own Clubs) to 30 members with an average age of 33 in less than a year. No, this is the story of a club that figured out what it took to attract new members into their old, dying club and reinvented themselves into a vibrant club that is relevant to its community again - rebuilt itself into a club that will retain these new members because the club has a purpose which is meaningful to a younger generation.

So what is "re-MEMBER Texas" and how does it fit into this success story? re-MEMBER Texas is a membership plan put together by your Council of Governors for 2015-16 to help the Clubs of Texas rebuild. re-MEMBER Texas is a battle cry for all Texas clubs, just as remember the Alamo was our Texas battle cry 180 years ago. It is built around three main tenets: Recruit, Retain, & Rebuild. re-MEMBER Texas is a tool box full of ideas to help Club leaders make a plan, involve your members, examine your purpose for existing in your community, and rebuilding your club into something that attracts members.

For years, since Texas membership started sliding from 45,000 members to its 26,000 today, each new group of District Governors, Club Presidents, and other leaders come in and exhort you to get more members and keep the ones you have. How for the most part has been left up to you. This year's Council has the same cry, but wanted to give Club leaders a TOOL BOX (the re-MEMBER Texas Kit) to work with.

Are you a Club president or Membership Chairperson and don't know what I'm talking about? Each District Governor may approach the delivery of this material in a different way, but if you don't have yours yet, there is no need to wait. Get on the NEW rebuilt Texas website (www.texaslions.org) and click on the re-MEMBER Texas button. Open up the re-MEMBER Texas News, a newspaper that will tell you all about re-MEMBER Texas. All items in the kit are explained on page 8, including how you can order them for yourself from LCI. Then call your District Governor and ask him/her when you can get going on the re-MEMBER Texas coin/wooden nickel program. If you need help, set up a date with the DG Team to sit down and help you build a plan.

As with the small club in the story, getting new members will NOT solve your problem by itself. It is the 3 pronged attack of re-MEMBER Texas: recruit the right people and rebuild/reinvent your club with retention of these new members in mind. If you will attack the problem with energy & enthusiasm like they did, making use of the tools in the re-MEMBER Texas Kit and the help of your District Leadership, "Four to Full Bore" will be the success story for hundreds of Texas Lions Clubs this year. Will you be one?

LIONS OF TEXAS

WHAT Social Media Launch

WHERE

Instagram: @txlionspr

Facebook: MD2TexasLions (www.facebook.com/md2texaslions)

Twitter: @txlionspr

WWW.TEXASLIONS.ORG

MOTTO We Serve

MISSION STATEMENT

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

VISION STATEMENT

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

CONTACT US

Submit your photos and event/project details via e-mail to:

texaslionssocialmediateam @outlook.com







KLEIN LIONS CLUB 5th ANNUAL FISH FRY September 19, 2015

Saturday 10:30 am till we run out

Theiss Mail Route/Louetta Road \$10.00 per plate

Fried fish/homemade hush puppies/beans

DRIVE THRU TO PICK UP

Fundraiser for Klein Lions club helping Klein ISD students and community







Houston Cy-Fair Lions Biking for Sight Century

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Sixteenth Annual Biking for Sight Bike Ride

Sunday October 4, 2015 8:00 AM Montgomery, Texas Athletic Complex
Name:
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State: Zip Code:
Emergency Contact: Phone:
City:
T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXLXXXL
\$ 20 Registration fee prior to 8/1/2015
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\$ 35 Registration fee on or after 9/19/15
\$ 40 DAY OF THE RIDE
For more information, please visit our web site at www.houstoncy-fairlions.org
Please make checks payable to the:
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
9018 Bonnyview Drive
Houston, Texas 77095
WAIVER: I fully realize the dangers of participating in a bicycle ride and fully assume the risk associated with such participation, including, by way of example, and not limited to the following: the danger of collision with pedestrians, vehicles, and other riders and fixed or moving objects; the danger arising from surface hazards, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment and weather conditions; and the possibility of serious physical and/or mental trauma or injury associated with athletic participation. I hereby waive, release and discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, signers, successors in interest and all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors of this event, the organizers and any promoting organizations, property owners, law enforcement agencies, all public entities, and special districts, through or by which the event will be held for any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in conjunction with the event, or travel to or return from the event. I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the ride course and special regulations for the event. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the ride which may be beyond the immediate control of the ride officials or organizers, and I must continually ride so as to neither endanger others or myself. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my equipment. I will wear an ANSI approved helmet at all times while riding my bicycle. I have no physical or mental condition, which, to my knowledge, would endanger another or myself if I participate in this event, or would interfere with my ability to participate in this event.
Signed:
Dated:

Parent or Guardian if rider is under 18:__

Lions District 2-S2 Humanitarian Relief Fund Matching Funds Request Form

HRF provides funds for local disaster relief and to aid Lions Clubs in humanitarian efforts that are beyond the resources of the individual club. HRF will match funds (up to \$1,250) raised by clubs to aid their projects.

Once the HRF Request has been approved, the Cabinet Treasurer will issue the check to the service provider.

Lions Club:	
Other Lions Club a	assisting in project:
Request description	on:
Name and address	s of service provider (include copy of bill):
Person or persons	benefiting from project:
Is this an emerger	ncy situation (Yes) (No) Date funds needed:
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Submit requests to Minette Chiu, 13638 La Concha Lane, Houston, TX 77083. Check made out to District 2-S2 HRF for club's portion of request (1/2 of total project cost – maximum \$1,250) must accompany request. Request may be emailed with copy of check being mailed.

HRF Committee Members:

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Revised: July 1, 2015

http://lionsforum.org/index.html

The 2015 USA/Canada Forum will take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, September 17-19.



The forum offers training and fellowship to Lions from across North America. Remember to stop by LCIF's presentation on Friday, September 19, at 2 p.m., and visit the LCIF booth to speak with staff about grants and programs.









Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas

The Lions Eye Bank of Texas
has put together a Cookbook with the help of
District 2-S2, 2-S1, 2-S4 and 2-A3
There are over 400 recipes in the loose-leaf binder type cookbook.

The Eye Bank will be selling the books to the Clubs for \$15 each. It is recommended that the clubs sell them for a minimum of \$20.

The club will make \$5 per book sold, by the club.

The Cook Book will make perfect gifts

Please help us sell these wonderful Lions Eye Bank Cookbooks,

I want my Living room back

Lion Betty Ezell 281-743-0523 bez1texan@sbcglobal.net

Darleane Warren,
Lions Coordinator at the Lions Eye Bank of Texas.
Her phone number is 713-798-5545 or email her at darleanw@bcm.edu



LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2 FACEBOOK CLUBS
(IF YOUR CLUB ISN'T HERE. EMAIL TSLANDERS@COMCAST.NET THE LINK)

Alief Lions Club

Baytown Lions Club

Brookshire-Pattison Lions Club

Conroe Noon Lions Club

Crosby Lions Club

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Dayton Noon Lions Club

Hardin Lions Club

Houston Beltway Lions Club

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

Houston Founder Lions Club

Houston Lady Lions Club

Houston Memorial Lions Club

Houston Millinneum Lions Club

Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club

Houston Spring Branch Lions Club

Houston Sports Lions Club

Houston Sports Lions Club

Huffman Lions Club

Huntsville Lions Club

Katy Lions Club

Kingwood Lions Club

Klein Lions Club

Liberty Lions Club

Magnolia Lions Club

Panorama Lions Club

Riverside Area Lions Clubs

The Woodlands Lions Club

Tomball Lions Club

University of Houston Lions Club

Walker County Lions Club

Waller Lions Club

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Texas Lions Camp

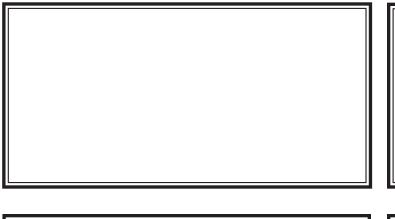
Texas State Lions MD-2

Houston Vietnamese Lions Club

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.

Subsciptions

\$30 for the year.

Make Checks out to Lions District 2-S2

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Visit One of Our Web Sites

Which have been recently updated

www.lions2s2.org

www.texaslions.org

www.lionsclubs.org

PSC Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

** 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.



2015-2016 OFFICERS

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Mark Roth First Vice District Governor

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Cabinet Secretary

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Cabinet Treasurer

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