



# LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

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



## New Club Development & Club Rejuvenation Training/Orientation Meeting



**Sunday, September 4, 2016  
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

At

The Office of LifeGift Organ Donation Center  
2510 Westridge Street  
Houston, TX 77054  
(Across Kirby from Reliant Stadium)

Please join us and learn how YOU can help the District grow and spread service to those in need across our community.

**The week following training, local Lions will work to build new Clubs in the Clear Lake and Near Town areas. LCI New Club Consultants will lead the training.**

For More Information Contact DG Mark Roth (713) 962-4194

# PAWPRINTS

Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

SEPTEMBER

[www.lions2s2.org](http://www.lions2s2.org)

2016

Being Your District Governor is the Best Thing – EVER!

What can I say – this year is going by WAY too fast. I’ve already had some great opportunities to serve in the first couple of months that remind me why I’m so proud to be a Lion and so grateful to the Lions of our District for this opportunity to continue to serve others.

Let me share just a few of the pieces of Lions business that have crossed my desk and called me to action in last couple of weeks. First, I am working with a couple of LCI Club Consultants and believe that we will have a couple of new Lions Clubs ready to finalize paperwork to charter new Clubs sometime in September. One Club will be in the Clear Lake area, and another will be on the far west end of the District. We are planning a workshop for Club Membership Chairs, Zone Chairs, Club Presidents and others to work on recruiting skills to start new Lions Clubs, as well as train on skill-building to use to strengthen our existing Clubs. This training meeting will take place on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. The specific meeting details will be provided as finalized.

IPDG Noah Speer petitioned LCIF for grant support for the “Back to School – Back Pack” Program that has been one of the Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club’s service projects for the last several years. I got to finalize the paperwork and receive the grant funds from LCIF totaling \$8,000. Those resources were used to purchase supplies to stuff the thousands of back packs that were donated to the project. Together with various health and vision screening services, thousands of our neighbors were touched by the generosity of Lions and others.

Last week, the Humanitarian Relief Fund (HRF) Committee approved a request for matching funds to support a Tomball-area family with financial assistance to help with mounting medical expenses for a young boy recovering at Texas Childrens’ Hospital.

This week I met with a young doctoral candidate finalizing her PhD in Informatics from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Several months ago she wrote Dr. Yamada and asked for assistance replacing her ten-plus year-old Braille writer that was rapidly wearing out from extensive use. As all service really takes place on the local level, Immediate Past International President Dr. Yamada directed her to our District. We will be working with local clubs on supplemental gifts, in combination with the District HRF fund grant, to purchase a new Braille writer so she may complete her dissertation this fall. The new unit will cost around \$5,400 after discounts. Lions, please be prepared when a fellow Lion calls with an opportunity to assist with this worth-while project.

No one said that being District Governor would be boring. No one said it would be a breeze. Everyone said I would learn a lot and everyone said I would be challenged. I can say they were all right, and I am loving every minute of this ride. I can’t wait for the next email for assistance, or telephone call to help. That’s what we do. We are Lions and “We Serve”.



Hello Lion Family

I have been thinking about our past. Our first club was chartered on April 2, 1917, and it was called The Central Lions Club. How many of you remember that night? I don't but wish I had been there celebrating with them. They were born within the first eighteen months of Lionism. I don't have a lot of information on them but I know they had a lot of members.

Then at some point they decided to change their name to The Downtown Lions Club. I can remember that name because I attended some of their meetings. They had a rather large membership and did some really good things in the community. They had some outstanding leaders in their club and our District.

In 2013-2014 they changed their name to Houston Founder Lions Club. They have 20 members but not all are active. Since this was the first club established in our District, we need help in building this club back up. I am very proud of having a Founder Club in our District and I want to see it become strong again. Will you join me and help me build this club to be what it was, again?

Lions Clubs International  
District 2-S2  
District Directory and Information Correction Form  
Please email to: [rglanders@comcast.net](mailto:rglanders@comcast.net)

Club Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: H: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_

W: \_\_\_\_\_ F: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

District Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Charter Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Hello fellow Lions!

Have you heard? Texas Lions held their 1st Council of Governors meeting, the first week of August! AND our International President was there!

I am sure that by the time you have read our fabulous District Governor's letter, and our fantastic 1st Vice District Governor's letter... That news is old hat.

I had the pleasure of meeting Bob Corlew (our International President) several times throughout the different meetings that I attended. He is so nice,..... He could be a Texan!

I attended the Cleveland club with our "Mark" (our DG) this week, and am looking forward to seeing him again, and a whole bunch of new faces throughout the coming weeks at various club meetings.

Anyone going to Omaha for the USA/Canada forum? If you are I will see you there.

I want to give a hats off to Wes Carr of Conroe Noon. He was elected to the Camp board at the last camp meeting. And he was also awarded a Jack Weich award from the outgoing Camp President. In the past president's comments when awarding the Jack Weich, he said that Wes had done more for the camp while off the board than most had done while on the board. Pretty powerful statement.

Blessings to all of you for what you do,



# 2016 BOB DOWDEN DINNER



BENEFITING TEXAS LIONS CAMP



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00PM/ DINNER SERVED AT 5:30PM

*Enjoy dinner, music, drinks, silent/ live auctions, a special prize drawing and presentations from Texas Lions Camp.*

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## THE GRAND PALACE

314A PRUITT ROAD  
SPRING, TEXAS 77380  
281-367-3200

I-45 NORTH AND THE TOLL ROAD (SAWDUST RD EXIT)  
(BEHIND PAPA'S ICE HOUSE)

**TICKETS: \$25.00**

Texas Lions Camp provides week long summer camp opportunities to children with physical disabilities, Down Syndrome and Type I Diabetes. Years ago, Lion Bob Dowden of the LaPorte Lions Club, organized a fellowship and a spirited wild game hunt, and the dinner that followed became a tradition in Lion's District 2-S2. The proceeds from the dinner have gone directly to Texas Lions Camp since the first event, and supports nearly 1,500 children that attend each summer at no charge to their families.

Over the last two years, nearly \$20,000.00 has been raised on behalf of District 2S2! Help keep the tradition going and use this year's Bob Dowden Dinner as an opportunity for you to impact the life of children by allowing them the opportunity to attend Texas Lions Camp!

**For more information, call your elected directors:**

**Lion Scott Perry 936-672-9467 or Lion Emea Nisnisan 281-788-7654**



August 1, 2016

Dear Supporter:

Established in 1949, the Texas Lions Camp is a summer camping facility dedicated to serving children from the State of Texas with physical disabilities and Type 1 diabetes. The camp's mission is: *'To provide, without charge, a camp for physically disabled, vision/hearing impaired and diabetic children from the State of Texas.'* Once again the Lions of District 2-S2 will keep this mission alive by hosting the Annual Bob Dowden Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2016 at the Grand Palace in Spring, TX. All proceeds from the event go directly to Texas Lions Camp to allow children to participate at no charge and experience a week of camp that they will remember for a lifetime.

The Lions of Texas and District 2-S2 (greater Houston area) rely on community support. Through this fund raiser we are able to provide campers a chance to try new activities and create life-long friendships, develop self-esteem and independence; all while empowering them with a "Can Do" philosophy. Over 1,500 special needs children and their families are touched by TLC each year, and without these funds, most could not attend a summer camp.

We are requesting a contribution for the Bob Dowden Dinner in the form of products, service, gift certificates or cash to be used as an auction item for the event. With this contribution you (or your company) will be recognized as a camp supporter at the dinner.

Your contribution will no doubt benefit the lives of many children who attend the Texas Lions Camp each year. I hope we can count on your participation in this year's event. For information – please contact Texas Lions Camp - Director Scott Perry (936/672-9467).

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Scott Perry  
District 2-S2 – Camp Director

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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of item(s) donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate retail value of item(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(The Texas Lions Camp is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code #74-1189679; Contributions may be tax deductible. If needed please retain a copy of this letter for your records.)*



**Texas Lions Camp**  
*Children Can...With TLC™*

# Bob Dowden Dinner

## *Sponsorship Opportunities*

Presented by District 2-S2



All proceeds go directly to Texas Lions Camp!



***Let's make it happen...***

**Help touch the families of over 1,500 children with special needs that attend our Texas Lions Camp.**



Texas Lions Camp's mission is: "To provide, without charge, a camp for physically disabled, vision/hearing impaired and diabetic children from the State of Texas." Established in 1949, it is a summer camping facility dedicated to serving children from the State of Texas with physical disabilities and Type I diabetes. The camp is located on over 500 acres of hills and woodlands in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Programs at Texas Lions Camp offer campers a chance to try new activities and create life-long friendships, while developing greater self-esteem and independence. The Bob Dowden Dinner is presented by District 2-S2 in an effort to raise funds that allow children to attend camp at no charge. The dinner is scheduled for October 1, 2014 at the Grand Palace in Spring. The event will bring together over 150 Lions and their guests!

Sponsoring the Bob Dowden Dinner is an ideal way to profile your organization and more importantly allows you to touch the families of over 1,500 children with special needs that attend our Texas Lions Camp each summer. We are sure that you will find a package that is perfect fit for your organization. Contact us today to discuss sponsorship opportunities that are available to fit your budget!

**Camp Director, 2-S2: Scott Perry**

**936-672-9467 (c)**

**[sperry@cityofconroe.org](mailto:sperry@cityofconroe.org)**

**Camp Director, 2-S2: Emee Nisnisan**

**281-788-7654 (c)**

**[Nisisan.emee@gmail.com](mailto:Nisisan.emee@gmail.com)**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**LEADERSHIP**

**\$1,000.00**

**LEGACY**

**\$1,000.00**

**INSPIRATION**

**\$1,000.00**

Named in honor of the lasting impression that Texas Lions Camp has on children with disabilities across the state each summer, these sponsorships include: Your own table and dinner for 10; your very own, delicious, homemade desert; sponsor recognition at the entrance, on the table and from the floor during the evening's events; and 20 extra tickets for our special prize drawings.

**Rutherford**

**\$500.00**

**Riley**

**\$500.00**

**Wiech**

**\$500.00**

**Jackson**

**\$500.00**

**Smith**

**\$500.00**

**Miner**

**\$500.00**

Named in honor of the six District Governors that signed the original charter for Texas Lions Camp, each of these sponsorships includes: Your own table and dinner for 10; Sponsor recognition at the entrance and from the floor during the evening's events; and 10 extra tickets for our special prize drawings.

**"Can Do" Sponsorship**

**\$300.00**

Named for the "Can Do" Philosophy at Texas Lions Camp. Children Can...with TLC, and so can you! Each of these sponsorships includes: Reserved sitting and dinner for 5 at a shared table; Sponsor recognition at the entrance and from the floor during the evening's events; and 5 extra tickets for our special prize drawings.

**Items for auction are also being accepted! Please take the opportunity to support Texas Lions Camp and also promote your group, club or business.**

*For more information or to commit to sponsorship, please contact Lions Camp Director Scott Perry (936) 672-9467 or Emee Nisnisan (281)788-7654*





## **Bob Dowden Dinner Sponsor Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Club/ Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP** *(please check appropriate line)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$1,000.00 (Leadership, Legacy, Inspiration)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$500.00 (Rutherford, Riley, Wiech, Jackson, Smith, Minear)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$300.00 ("Can Do" Sponsorship)**

**Make checks to the order of :**

Lions District 2-S2 (501c4)

or

Texas Lions Camp (501c3)

**Mail payment along with this form to :**

Scott Perry  
c/o Bob Dowden Dinner  
P.O. Box 1135  
Conroe, Texas 77305



**WE SERVE!**

# Bob Dowden Dinner Reservation



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of everyone included on this RSVP. If you or your guests reservation fee is covered by sponsorship, please indicate beside each name.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ x 25.00  Included in sponsorship

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_ x 25.00  Included in sponsorship

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_ x 25.00  Included in sponsorship

Guest 3: \_\_\_\_\_ x 25.00  Included in sponsorship

Guest 4: \_\_\_\_\_ x 25.00  Included in sponsorship

**TOTAL amount due** = \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you will be paying at the door

RSVP's prior to September 23 are appreciated in order to assist with food and seating accommodations.

Payment may be made at the door, but RSVP must be made in advance.

**Make checks to the order of :**

Lions District 2-S2 (501c4)

or

Texas Lions Camp (501c3)



**Mail payment along with this form to :**

Scott Perry

c/o Bob Dowden Dinner

P.O. Box 1135

Conroe, Texas 77305

# 2016 BOB DOWDEN DINNER

BENEFITING THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP  
SPONSORED BY THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-S2

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2016

DOORS OPEN 4:00 PM / DINNER 5:30 PM



## SPECIAL DRAWING



Samsung - 4 Series 500W 5.1-Ch. 3D / Smart Blu-ray Home Theater System

OR



Yildiz .410 Shotgun

### TICKETS:

*\$1.00 Each*

*26 for \$20.00*

*6 for \$5.00*

*40 for \$30.00*

*13 for \$10.00*

*55 for \$40.00*

*20 for \$15.00*

*70 for \$50.00*

# 29th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

## A Celebration of Peace



Sponsor a Lions International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's visions of peace with your community.

### How the Contest Works

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2016. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "A Celebration of Peace."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

### Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to an award ceremony where he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

### How to Enter

Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$11.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one\* school or organized, sponsored youth group:

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

\*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.

The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is also included in this kit and on the LCI website.

**Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2016.**

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.



To order Peace Poster Contest kits (PPK 1), submit this form to the Club Supplies Sales Department at Lions Clubs International at clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org; call (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only) or fax this form to (630) 571-0964. Note: All credit card orders must be placed online.

Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) [search: Peace Poster]. For more contest information, deadlines, to download a video and view past finalists' posters.

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) \_\_\_\_\_ Qty. @ US\$11.95/each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Language Required \_\_\_\_\_ Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Available in all official languages.) Postage & Handling \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of payment

Club/District Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Lions Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer's Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

The protection of your payment data is important to us. Your credit card\* purchases of Lions merchandise must be made directly online at [www.lcistore.org](http://www.lcistore.org). Please do not include your credit card number in any written communication or correspondence. \*Visa, MasterCard, Discover.

### Ship order to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (No P.O. Boxes) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone # (Required) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Postage/handling Charges:

United States/Canada - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. An additional charge will be added if second day service is required.

Overseas - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. Duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for payment of these duties or taxes.

### Sales Tax:

We are obligated to charge sales tax in Illinois and Canada.



Guava Lamp  
be sexy...be fabulous



# LIONS CLUB

GOES

## HOLLYWOOD!

★ CELEBRITY LOOK A-LIKE ★

TALENT SEARCH COMPETITION

**August 27th, 8pm @ Guava Lamp**

578 Waugh Dr., Houston, TX 77019

**Registration: \$25**

Cash Prizes and Trophy and get a chance to compete and perform at the Finale... red carpet style!!!

Finale to be held @ Texas Safari, **October 29th, 2016 @ 6:30pm**

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL:

Ricky Gonzalez: [ricardogonzalezrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:ricardogonzalezrealtor@gmail.com)

Tabitha Smith: [tabitharaesmith@gmail.com](mailto:tabitharaesmith@gmail.com)

Nelvin Adriatico: [njadriatico@gmail.com](mailto:njadriatico@gmail.com)

# STEP OUT | WALK TO STOP DIABETES®

 American Diabetes Association.

Dear Lions of District 2-S2

Our LIONS family is walking in Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes on September 10, 2016 at NRG Stadium, 8400 Kirby Dr, Houston, Tx 77054. We're excited to be walking together in support of the American Diabetes Association's movement to Stop Diabetes®.

District 2-S2 Lions is walking in celebration of all the LIONS CAMPERS, who are living with type1/type 2/gestational diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes.

We want to help, and I'm asking you to help, too. Together we can do so much more. When you support the District 2-S2 Lions Team in Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes, you make a difference in the lives of 25.8 million American children and adults and their families.

I want to invite you to walk with me on Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes day. Maybe you can ask your friends and family to do the same? You can all join the team from [diabetes.org/stepout](http://diabetes.org/stepout).

If you can't make it on Walk day, you can still join our team as a Virtual Walker and help raise funds to reach our goal of \$ 2,000. Use your credit card — it's easy and secure. Any amount you can give will make a big difference.

If you want to learn more about Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes and the Association, there's great information on [diabetes.org/stepout](http://diabetes.org/stepout) and [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

Registration will start at 6:30 am. The 5k start at 9:00 am and the 3k starts at 9:15 am.

Thank you so much!

Lions Ken and Lynn Harrison  
Klein Lions Club  
District 2-S2  
[Ldmh2005@yahoo.com](mailto:Ldmh2005@yahoo.com)



**Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club**

**Sponsors**

# **Children's Magic Festival**

**With Magician C. J. Johnson**

**Monday Sept. 12, 2016**

**7PM at the Berry Center**

**Tickets are \$11 per person**

**This is a very KID FRIENDLY show.**

**Kids are invited to the stage to "help" with the tricks.**

**Tickets can be purchased at the door the evening of the show,  
or by contacting any member of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club,**

**or Secretary Sandy Martin, 281-550-2798**

# KLEIN LIONS CLUB

6<sup>th</sup> annual



*Saturday*

*September 17, 2016*

**10:30 am till 3pm or we run out**

**16823 Theiss Mail Route at Louetta Road**

**\$10.00 per plate**

**Fried fish/homemade hush puppies/beans**

**DRIVE THRU only 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 2, 2016 8:00 AM Montgomery, Texas Athletic Complex

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ride Distance: 25 \_\_ 40 \_\_ 62 \_\_ 100 \_\_ (only if we have 30 riders by 9/19/16)

T-shirt Size: S \_\_ M \_\_ L \_\_ XL \_\_ XXL \_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20 Registration fee postmarked prior to 8/1/2016

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 Registration fee postmarked prior to 9/1/2016

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 30 Registration fee postmarked on or after 9/1/2016

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 35 Registration fee postmarked on or after 9/19/16

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 40 DAY OF THE RIDE

For more information, please visit our web site at [www.houstoncy-fairlions.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

# IRS

It's that time of year when the IRS is expecting your club's Form 990. Every club in the District should already have their Tax Identification Number (TIN or EIN) that can be easily obtained through the IRS website. You need this in order to claim to be a 501 (c) 4 (nonprofit organization). Once you have that number, the IRS expects you to turn into them a Form 990 every year. The Form 990 is due in their office by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month after the close of your fiscal year. Since our fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, that would mean that the Form 990 is due in their office no later than November 15, unless that day falls on a weekend.

For most clubs in our District, it is a very simple task. If your club takes in less than \$ 50,000 (all revenue generated from the public and from your members combined) during your fiscal year, then you can file a Form 990 N (which is a simple online version that requires several clicks to questions on their website). If your club makes between \$ 50,000 and \$ 200,000 (or have less than \$ 500,000 of total assets), then you get to do the Form 990 EZ. It's not too bad, several hours of work and then you're done. If you make more than \$ 200,000 or have more than \$ 500,000 in assets, then you need to fill out the full Form 990. This will take some extra time. But in any case, there is no tax due the IRS. They only want to keep track of all of the non profits.

However, if you have failed to file your Form 990 (whichever version you need to file) for three consecutive years, then the IRS takes a dim view of your club and revokes your nonprofit status. That means you may now be liable to pay taxes on your club's income. You can check to see if your club is on this "naughty" list by going to the IRS website and doing a search for your Tax Identification number. If it comes up on the revoked list, there is still a way to get your nonprofit status back. You will need to complete a Form 1023, write a letter of explanation as to why your club didn't file the required returns, and then pay a fine (the amount depends upon the amount of money your club has received over the last three fiscal years). This is a little more difficult, but can be accomplished. (I have helped several clubs already).

If you have any questions, please contact me and I will try to help you out.

PDG Chuck Martin  
District Bookkeeper

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual**



is designed for every Lion!

It's your opportunity to learn,  
grow and develop your  
leadership skills... Leadership  
in a world of service and in  
your community.

Visit: [lionsforum.org](http://lionsforum.org)



**USA/Canada**  
**LIONS**  
**LEADERSHIP FORUM**

**September 15-17, 2016**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**

For details & registration, visit: [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org)

**OMAHA** **Leadership**  
for **Service**

# Thousands Turned for “Annual Back to School”

By Nelvin Joseph Adriatico

Henry Ford once said “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” .... those are the exact words uttered by **Mr. Nelvin Joseph Adriatico**, Chairman of the “Annual Back to School” during his remarks on **August 13 held @ PlazAmericas** (formerly known as Sharpstown Mall). The program started @ 9am and was attended by thousands of people from different backgrounds and communities including our very own **Texas State Rep Gene Wu, Councilmembers Mike Laster & Stephen Le, HISD Board Trustee Michael Lunceford**, and Representatives from the Lions Club International Foundation, **2S2 District Governor Mark Roth and Past District Governor Chuck Martin** along with the **President and CEO of Houston Metropolitan Credit Union, Mr. Malcolm Rene , Texas GAWAD Kalinga Director Ms. Carol Talud and Executive Director of La Rosa MultiFamily Services, Ms. Theresa Gutierrez**. The event was made possible thru the sponsorship and generosity of **PlazAmerica Mall, Houston Credit Union and Lions Club International Foundation**.

Boy Scout of America opened the program by marching the American Flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then an invocation from Tabitha Gonzalez from Hope City Church. The Nisnisan Sisters (Joy & Mara) impressively performed and sang the National Anthem. The program was hosted by the Chairman of the Annual Back to School **Mr. Nelvin Joseph Adriatico**.

State Rep. Gene Wu, opened the program thanking all the sponsors and volunteers for their dedication in serving the community. A Proclamation was given to 3 major sponsors namely, Plazamericas, Lions Club International Foundation and Houston Credit Union for their tireless support to the program. It was followed by a special message from the Presenting sponsors, Mr. Malcolm Rene and from both Councilmembers Mike Laster and Stephen Le. The program ended with a dance performance by the Cinco Ranch Junior High Cheerleader Squad and a Zumba dance headed by Lion Minette Chui.

La Rosa Family Services was the major proponent of this project, a 501(c)(3) that is dedicated to find solutions to domestic violence and to educate the affected individuals, as well as improving their areas of concern. La Rosa Family Services tries to give back to the community by starting families off to a fresh start for the school year. Given that the high school dropout rate in Texas is 32%, La Rosa finds it imperative to start encouraging kids with their education from the start including raise awareness of a problem that continues to affect our society. The organization has been around since 1995. The mission is to assist victims of domestic violence and abuse. From 1995 through 2006, La Rosa has served an average of 128 family members per week and, over the last 12 months, an average of over 180 per week.

Domestic violence continues to haunt the lives of its victims, especially the children, the silent victims that are too scared to talk, too scared to reach out, and too scared to cry. Instead, they speak through their actions and behaviors of their daily lives; some even speak through their grades and it manifests the way they interact in schools. Unfortunately, some families of domestic violence experience additional stressors like *poverty*. And still, while the parent focuses on improving their financial situation, the child is still left to suffer by not having enough of their basic necessities including school supplies, uniforms and other items needed to start the year right. And for these reasons, Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club (HROLC) and La Rosa Family Services pulled their resources together and reach out to the community asking for help and support to make a difference to the lives of families and children benefiting this program.

In response to “**No child left behind**” program focusing on “**Education**”, **La Rosa Family Services** for the past 8 years has been organizing and coordinating projects to help less fortunate families by providing school supplies, school bags, uniforms, food and other essential needs. And on its 8<sup>rd</sup> Year, the “**Annual Back to School**” became the **biggest ever yet**, with **thousands** registered students from **40 Schools** chosen by the **School District from HISD and Alief**, the program was able to service more than **7000 people** and touched **12000 lives year after year**.

**Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club** (HROLC) headed by the incoming President, Lion Nelvin Adriatico and Lion Maria Eme Nisnisan, spearheaded and administered the **Health Fair** and **Community Service** event as part of the free service for this year's Back to School program. Several Non-Profit Organizations and Medical Professionals including **Freedom Lodge 1461** collaborated with **CHI St. Lukes** organized a **"Give Blood Save Life"** drive. Several Lion members in partnership with **Lions Eye Bank** provided a "vision screening". Texas Children Hospital and UT Physicians provided free services and public information to help the families and children with community public resources and free check- up. A total of 40 vendors and Health Providers supported the event.... *"I was not expecting this much of attendees and a huge crowd, all my materials and information were gone in just 2 hours"...*said "Nathan from **Home Depot**", a new vendor who participated this year..."*now at least I know how much to bring next year"...*he added. Other Community partners include: Mayor's Advisory for International Communities; Texas Gawad Kaling; HISD Asian Advisory Board; FYP Houston; Filipino American Caucus for Empowerment (FACE); Hope City Missions;The National Home Based Business and Texas Lions Camp; Media partners include: Telemundo Houston; La Raza; Filipino PH TV; 104.1 KRBE; Mega TV 101; Adversavvy; El Norte 107.9; and ONE Philippines.

According to Adriatico..."*Seeing several organizations and individuals **working together, was one of the highlight of the event**"... It only shows that anyone can help, participate and contribute; regardless of race, religion, color, sexual orientation, national origin, age or ethnicity. Everyone can stop domestic violence and abuse, prevent future abuse, and promote a healthy and safety environment for children by raising community awareness, empowering individuals, and offering positive alternatives to families but First, **we all have to care** and secondly, **we have to educate ourselves**. .... "We can accomplish more that benefits the entire community if we all work together and what a better way to accomplish this other than supporting education, schools, children, families and the community we all serve?"...he added.*

The people started lining up @ 6:30am and by @ 8:00am, the registration begun. The crowd was overwhelming and cannot be contained. **PlazAmericas** hired extra securities and with the help from the **Houston Police Department**, they were able to appease and control the crowd. The volunteers were beyond belief because they were not anticipating the magnitude of the event. Thousands and thousands of people had to line-up outside because the Mall became jam packed and overcrowded and not enough room to accommodate everyone.

*"We can predict our country's tomorrow by how the young act today"....the school provides... "Education"...but it's only a support system..... the foundation and the nurturing starts within... 'The Family'... a final message that echoed in the building right after the Event Chair delivered his message....the audience roared and appluaded in recognition of the success of the event and "for a job well done"!!!*

August 13,2016,Back to School-by Nelvin Joseph Adriatico





A BIG "thank you" to our partners in service from Cy Fair Lions Club: PDG Charles "Chuck" Martin, Lion Sandy and TEAM for doing the vision screening during the event. Out of 292 screened 71 were referred for further eye exam and evaluation.





**100th  
International Convention  
Chicago, Illinois  
June 30-July 4, 2017**







**100<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Clubs International Convention**  
**Friday, June 30 – Tuesday, July 4, 2017 • Chicago, Illinois, USA**  
**Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form**

**Deadlines**

- **May 1, 2017:** Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Registrations after this date will be processed in Chicago
- **May 1, 2017:** Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

**REGISTRANT INFORMATION** *Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge/Call Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Lion  Lioness  Omega Leo **Club No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership No.** \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANION: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge/Call Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion  Lioness  Omega Leo  Guest **Club No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership No.** \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  Alpha Leo  
 CHILD: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family (Last) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  Alpha Leo

This is my/our first LCI convention.  Not my first convention, I've attended \_\_\_\_\_  
 Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]  
 The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation. Will you require a headset?  No  Yes

**PACKAGE A:** *Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.*

Before January 13, 2017: Reservation in delegation hotel  
 After January 13, 2017:  I prefer my delegation hotel  if my delegation hotel is not available, next choice/preference \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prefer hotel based on:  room rate of \_\_\_\_\_  location near convention center

Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests in Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Beds Needed  1  2

Special Requirements:  Non-smoking  Wheelchair Accessible  Other \_\_\_\_\_

*\* The Hotel deposit is US\$200 for a standard room and US\$350 for a suite. The hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. **One hotel deposit per room, not per person** Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.*

**PACKAGE B:**  **NO ROOM REQUIRED** (Registration only for each person listed above.)

**OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS** *I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)*

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 3/ 13:30-15:00	US \$75	_____	\$ _____
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 3/ 20:00-22:00	US \$125	_____	\$ _____

**PAYMENT:** Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.

- Only Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.
- Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES	Adult	Child (17 and under)	Alpha Leo	Omega Leo
Early (before January 13, 2017)	US\$130	US\$10	US\$10	US\$60
Regular (January 14 through March 31, 2017)	US\$180	US\$10	US\$10	US\$60
Late (April 1, 2017 – onsite)	US\$200	US\$10	US\$10	US\$60

<b>Package A:</b>		<b>Package B:</b>
Registrations: US\$ _____		Registrations: US\$ _____
Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	<b>OR</b>	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
Hotel Deposit: US\$ 200.00		
<b>Total Due:</b> US\$ _____		<b>Total Due:</b> US\$ _____

Check  Wire transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form)  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  
 Your name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card **must** be in the name of the registrant.  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code (3 digits) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form and payment to: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.**

**Credit Card and Wire Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (1-630) 571-1689 (If you fax, please do not mail original)**

**Questions? Email us: [registration@lionsclubs.org](mailto:registration@lionsclubs.org) . Please note:** Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation *may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.*

# CALENDAR

## JULY 2016

16 1st Cabinet meeting  
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den

## AUGUST 2016

3 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

4-5 MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting  
Kerrville, Texas

6 Texas Lions Camp  
Board & Committee Meeting  
Kerrville, Texas

## SEPTEMBER 2016

7 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

15 District, State and Camp dues paid by this date.  
(Except for campus clubs)

15-17 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
Omaha, Nebraska

## OCTOBER 2016

1 Last day to purchase Peace Poster Kits

1 Bob Dowden Dinner  
(In lieu of PSC meeting)

6 MD-2 Centennial Celebration  
Richardson, TX

15 2nd Cabinet Meeting  
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den

15 Campus Club dues are payable

28-29 MD-2 Council of Governors Meeting  
Waco, TX

## NOVEMBER 2016

2 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

15 Club IRS forms due to IRS

## DECEMBER 2016

3 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

31 Clubs requested to pay their 100% contribution  
to TLC by this date

## JANUARY 2017

4 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

21 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference  
and 3rd Cabinet meeting

## FEBRUARY 2017

1 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

2-3 MD-2 Council of Governors Meetings  
Kerrville, Texas

4 TLC Board and Committee Meetings  
Kerrville, Texas

## MARCH 2017

1 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

4-5 MD-2 Leadership Institute  
Austin, Texas

15 District, State and Camp dues paid by this date.  
(Except for campus clubs)

25 District 2-S2 Bowlathon  
Benefiting the Lions Eye Bank of Texas  
Bowling on Bellaire  
Bellaire, TX

## APRIL 2017

5 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

15 Deadline for club elections

15 Campus club dues must be paid

28-29 District 2-S2 99th District Convention

## MAY 2017

3 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

5 Deadline to submit results of club and  
officer contests

15 Deadline for submission of  
2017-18 Club Officers Report to LCI

19-20 4th Council of Governors Meeting  
San Antonio, TX

## JUNE 2017

7 Presidents & Secretaries Council  
China Bear Restaurant

10 4th Cabinet Meeting  
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den

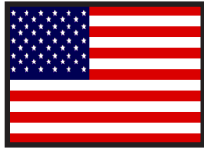
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Lions Clubs International  
100th Convention  
Chicago, IL



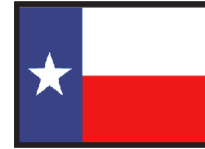
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tslanders@comcast.net or calling 281-726-0334

**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 77 years of Community Service - 2016*

## **Houston Heights Lions Club**



**District Governor  
Mark Roth**

## **Houston Spring Branch Lions Club**



**First Vice District Governor  
Betty Ezell**

## **Conroe Noon Lions Club**



**First Vice District Governor  
Karl Johnson**

## **PAWPRINTS of 2-S2**

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

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

August - June, 2016-2017

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.

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Subscriptions

\$30 for the year.

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### **PSC MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

**\*\* 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



### **2016-2017 OFFICERS**

**Mark Roth**  
District Governor

**Betty Ezell**  
First Vice District Governor

**Karl Johnson**  
Second Vice District Governor

**Judy Champion**  
Cabinet Secretary

**Steve Hand**  
Cabinet Treasurer

**Terry S. Landers**  
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