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Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2



OCTOBER

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2008

CALENDER OF EVENTS

October	1	PSC Meeting
October	11	Second Cabinet Meeting
November	5	PSC Meeting
December	3	PSC Meeting

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Thoughts from the DG

Lions, and our neighbors, in 2-S2 were blessed by Hurricane Gustav's having been a relative "non-event" in our District. Hurricane Ike's visit, on the other hand, certainly was a different experience. Distribution of our "Paw Prints" was even delayed as result of widespread power outages.

Many of our Lions, families and neighbors were temporarily displaced and/or had damage to homes, automobiles and other property. I've asked that our Zone Chairs and Team Leaders call on Club Presidents to report on Lions across the District. Those reports that I have received indicate that most Lions in 2-S2 weathered the storms with only minor damages and inconveniences.

We should all remain alert to opportunities to serve those in need as result of wind and/or water damage caused by either of these two storms. Lions Clubs International Foundation has approved an "Emergency Grant" for District 2-S2. We anticipate those funds arriving on Monday, September 22. Texas Lions Foundation has also made a grant award, with funds received, to District 2-S2. Lions will be in our communities offering assistance to people who remain displaced and in need of immediate assistance.

Were you aware that a number of 2-S2 Lions were at-the-ready should it have become necessary call for "contra flow" evacuation of Galveston, Houston and/or other coastal communities? No less than forty Huntsville, Sam Houston State Campus, Cut and Shoot, and Conroe Noon Lions Clubs members were in stand-by mode to staff rest areas on both the north and south bound lanes of IH-45 just north of Huntsville They would have been working with the Texas Departments of Transportation and Emergency Management to provide water, ice, snacks and comfort to evacuees. This effort was one shared by Lions in District 2-S5 (to our west) for similarly situated rest stops in that District.

Lions in District 2-S2 are working together for the betterment of our communities. Keep up your good works. Make an impact. Share the joy of service with someone who has not yet become a Lion. Our accomplishments can be so much greater with more hands to meet the challenge. And, don't forget to share stories of your "Miracle Through Service". Yours may be recognized as the outstanding project of the quarter.

I'd like to take opportunity to share a bit of a message that I recently received from LCI President Al Brandel: "I am asking you to take one more step toward embracing the communications media of the 21st century. Lions Clubs International has established a presence on YouTube, the popular internet video site. Please subscribe to the LCI site at <http://www.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg> and encourage everyone in your district to do so as well. In the coming months you will be seeing many exciting videos from fellow Lions around the world."

You are my "Everyday Heroes". Don't allow Lions accomplishments to continue to be the world's "best kept secret".

WE SERVE.

Lion Barron Cagle District Governor

PawPrints of 2-S2

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Thoughts from the Vice District Governor:

Another month, another trip!! During late August, Sandy and I traveled to the Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock. Although we had been to LWSB several years ago, we are still impressed by the work that they do there. Do you realize that there currently are six “students” in residence at LWSB from our District?? It is estimated that they will be at LWSB from 10 to 12 months. We were told that the average cost per student per month is approximately \$ 4,100. Some of this cost is covered by grants and funding from various state and federal programs, but the majority is from Lions like us. Based upon the number of Lions in the states that support LWSB, it is estimated that each Lion will need to contribute approximately \$ 5 per year to help support this program. If your club finds it has a few extra dollars left over after all of the other programs that your club funds, please think about sending some of it to LWSB.

DG Barron told the P & S C at the September meeting that there will probably be three new clubs chartered in our District by Christmas. I want to thank everyone who has helped in organizing these clubs. They will be a tremendous help to the District membership increase. Did you know that there is another way to help the District with it’s membership?? It’s called Retention. Please look at the member that your club is thinking about dropping. Try to determine why they want to leave Lionism. Is it because they can’t afford your club’s due structure? If it is, think of some creative ways to allow them to continue their membership and still pay their dues. If it’s due to non-attendance, try to see if they are not coming because of new (or increased) work. If it is, then see if they will be able to help on any of your projects. If it’s because they are “bored”, then find them something to do. Ask them what their “passion” is. They joined Lionism for a reason. Try to rekindle their enthusiasm. Before a member is dropped, please be sure that the Board of Directors of your club has had a chance to review the situation. Maybe there is someone who can save this member. Remember, a member saved is two extra hands to help on your projects.

I look forward to working with all Lions in **our** District in the coming year to accomplish the many things we know we can do.

Together, **We Serve**

Vice District Governor Charles “Chuck” Martin



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Thank You



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On September the 8, 2008 I had the unfortunate pleasure of my Computer crashing. Mother board and processor were laid to rest. I was able to salvage the Hard drive with all the information (Thank God). After agnozing deep thoughts, I contacted a few District Lions about my peril. They found that District 2-S2 and Texas MD-2 needed me up ASAP. Thanks to PDG Clifford Burke, DG Barron Cagle, and CC Bernie Gradel, I am back. I am deeply proud to serve and gratefull to be a Lion.

Lion Terry S. Landers

Around The District

The **Brookshire-Pattison Lions** held their Famous Lions Club Chicken Bar-B-Que on Friday, September 19th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Pattison Library.

On August 17th, using equipment provided by Prevent Blindness, **Cut & Shoot Family Lions** sponsored a Vision Screening for residents of Lake Wildwood. Also assisting was Lions Irma Dowden from Jasper Evening Lions Club (District 2-S1), Larry Snider and George Malone from Houston Space City Lions, as well as Larry Snider III. Cut & Shoot Lions were Eddie and Eva Thatcher, PDG Harry & Betty Goetzman, Mary Ann Larking, Judy Ball, Louis and Patricia Hymel and Rick Reynolds. These Lions screened 34 residents; follow-ups were made to those who were referred to see an optometrist, and vouchers were given to the children that required an exam. Glasses were funded by Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club. A few weeks ago, several Cut & Shoot Family Lions participated with Willis Lions in a golf tournament to raise funds for a cancer patient. Their team consisted of Lion Rick Reynolds, Eddie & Eva Thatcher and Cub Kyle Bigger (10 yr. old grandson of Eddie and Eva). Everyone had a great time. This Club continues to collect scrap metal as an on-going fundraiser. Their Fall Auction will be October 26th at the Cut & Shoot Park, located on Hwy 105 E (6 miles from Conroe on the left, if you're going east on Hwy 105). They always need auction items, let them turn your junk into treasures for someone else. There's something for everyone, so mark your calendar and don't miss this event.

The **Hardin Lions Club** will participate in the TVE Parade in Hardin on October 15th. They will also be helping with the Town project to display Scarecrows during the month of October. Mark your calendars! Their Annual Pancake Supper will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In appreciation of all her efforts toward Lionism and their Club, **the Houston Aldine Lions** honored President Lion Gloria Stansky with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. This Club also purchased a leaf in her name on the DG Pate Memorial Endowment Tree at the Texas Lions Camp. Monthly birthday and holiday parties are continuing for Cabin One at Boy's and Girl's Country. These Lions sponsor bingo as a ongoing fundraiser.

The Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club will host their 9th Annual Bike Ride Sunday Sept. 28, starting at 8AM, at the Montgomery High School Athletic Complex on Hwy 105 West, with four routes of 25, 40, 62, and 100 miles. Full SAG support is available for all routes, with rest stops for snacks and drinks about every 10-12 miles. Registration is available on line through www.houstoncy-fairlions.org, or through their link on the District 2S-2 website..... So grab a bike, a

helmet and a friend and come out for a great bike ride through some of the most beautiful scenery in the area in Montgomery County. Or, if you don't want to ride a bike, come and help with registration, SAG driving (where someone drives around a section of the route helping cyclists who have problems or just run out of energy), sign placement, rest stops, etc. Call Chuck Martin at 281-550-2798 for information and volunteer opportunities. Hope to see you there!!

On September 16th, **the Houston Downtown Lions Club** held the 69th Annual HISD Tom Shaw Sportsmanship Awards Kick-off Luncheon at Delmar Stadium Basketball Court. Recently, these Lions participated in a Health Fair where they promoted membership in Lionism.

A youngster is able to continue with the Sire- horse therapy program because the **Houston East End Lions Club** is paying the fee. This Club will have a Fruit Basket and Turkey sale as a fundraiser. They are planning a Holiday Party together with the **Houston Nasa Lions**.

The **Houston Memorial Lions Club** is selling Entertainment Books. They, too, sponsor bingo as a fundraiser. They are currently preparing for their Holiday Gift Wrap that they do every Holiday Season.

The **Houston Nasa Area Lions** are currently engaged in a blood drive with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. October will find the club having a garage sale fundraiser. Challenged by a local Boy Scout Troop, this Club stepped up and collected 427 pairs of used eyeglasses!

On October 6th, **the Houston Northwest Lions Club** will sponsor a Golf Tournament at Pine Crest Golf Club, 3060 North Gessner. Tee time is 1 PM. These Lions will be supervising a game at the Mission of Yahweh Fund Raiser on October 25th. In November, they will hold a Blood Drive.

Their Hot Dog Eating Contest a huge success that netted some really good publicity.

For this quarter, **the Houston Westbury Lions Club** has concentrated on disbursement of funds. They gave \$1200 to the Speech & Hearing Clinic to buy batteries for hearing aids for children. These Lions gave \$2500 to Meals on Wheels and proudly donated \$4500 to the Texas Lions Camp. \$2500 of the donation was obtained from a grant obtained by Lion Seth Harwood from Wal Mart. The other \$2000 included proceeds from their annual Rummage Sale. They had an outstanding social at Christy's Restaurant and an excellent program meeting held in conjunction with the **Bellaire Lions Club**. Almost 50 people attended the program with Wayne Dolcefino as the speaker. For Community Service,

these Lions participated in the Jerry Lewis Telethon wearing their vests and proudly representing all Lions Clubs. A community yard sale will be held by the **Huffman Lions Club** at the Jack Spence Stadium on October 25th. Your Club can rent booth area to sell your wares and “collectibles” The price is \$15 for one spot, \$25 for two. In August, these Lions held their Annual Pot Luck Dinner and went to the Liberty Opera House. They are selling tickets for a \$300 gasoline card. They will be holding a roadblock fund-raiser on October 11th

The **Humble Noon Lions Club** will hold their Annual Chili Fest & Car Show, Saturday, September 20th, 11:00 to 4:00 at the Humble Civic Center. Their Lauren Daly Golf Tournament will be December 16th at the Kingwood Country Club. A Lauren Daly Benefit will be at the Pirate Cove Car Wash on Northpark Drive in Kingwood. Owner Lamar Berry will donate 10% of his profits to Lauren Daley each Saturday in September.

The **Klein Lions Club** has joined the “Adopt a Mile Program”. Their adopted area is between Stuebner Airline and Champions Forest on Louetta Road. They will be picking up trash on September 13th, 2008 from 7:30am to ????. On October 11, 2008, these Lions will hold a hot dog sale at Walmart, FM 2920 & Kuykendahl from 11am to 2 pm. Come out and support this club by eating a hot dog (or two). These Lions presented their first scholarship to a Klein ISD student.

The **Liberty Lions Club** is once again manning their Concession Stand at the Liberty High School Football Games. They have a large menu which includes “sissy” nachos, their very own “coined” word for nachos without hot peppers. as well as sandwiches, sodas and other delicious items.

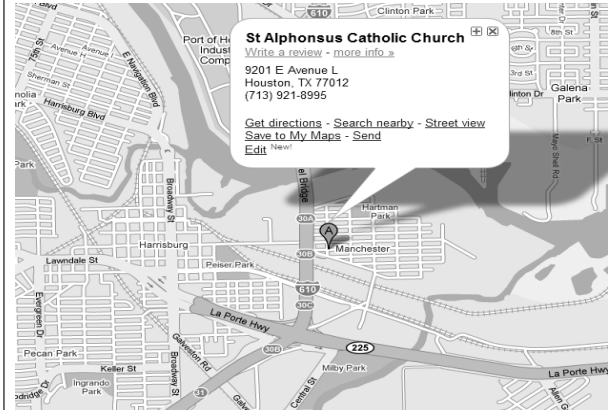
Second Lions District 2-S2 Cabinet Meeting

Houston East Rnd Lions Club

OCTOBER 11, 2008

Registration: 8:00am
Meeting: 9:00am

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Lions Club to form La Porte chapter

Virtually dormant in La Porte since 1997, Lions Club International is hoping for a reawakening. In letters sent out this week to prospective new members this week, District Governor Barron W. Cagle is announcing an organizational meeting in hopes of reforming a La Porte chapter. For more of this story, click on or type the URL below:

http://bayshoresun.com/articles/2008/09/03/community/around_the_town/community01.txt



MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE

From the Cut 'n Shoot Lions Club
Past President Lion Eva Thatcher

On the 3rd of August, a tornado struck Lake Wildwood Subdivision in Montgomery County, every resident was affected, some severely, some just downed limbs, but all without power. Most residents are elderly, disabled or not financially able to hire someone to help them clean up, make repairs and just get back on their feet. Cut & Shoot Family Lions PDG Harry Goetzman and Eva

Thatcher attended a meeting with the Montgomery County United Way to find out "how can we help". A Day of Caring was planned, the target date was August 30th. Although United Way had to postpone their Good Neighbor Day, Cut & Shoot Family Lions followed through with their plans. On Saturday, August 30th, beginning at 7 a.m. our Lions began showing up at Mr. Wayne Lockhart's home. We picked up limbs, mowed, weeded flower beds, restacked lumber torn from his roof, cleared the debris created from three of his storage buildings being damaged by the storms. We furnished our own tools, and PDG Harry and David Ray used their trailers to haul away the limbs and trash. PDG Harry even hauled his scrape metal, sold it and gave the money back to Mr. Lockhart. Mr. Lockhart is 84-years-old, living alone and in bad health. We may have helped him, but we, the Lions, were the ones who received the blessing. We thanked him for letting us come work with him, and almost in tears, he thanked us and stated how surprised he was with the amount of work we did. The Lions who worked on this project were PDG Harry Goetzman, Betty Goetzman, Rick Reynolds, David Ray, Judy Ball, Jimmy Johnston, Mary Ann Larkin, Eddie & Eva Thatcher.

TIP OF THE CAP



An area student was rewarded a first-of-its-kind scholarship after graduattng from high school. Greg Lotte was presented with a \$1,000 college scholarship from the Klein Lions Club. This is the first year the Klein Lions Cub has awarded a scholarship. Lottie is a graduate to the Vistas High School Program, butut his home school is Klein Collins High.

(Arcticle ran in the Klein Sun, July 16, 2008)

This picture is of Klein Lions members, Liz Johnson, Kay Hughes and Betty Keller along with Student Greg Lottie and his mother.

Message from the DG

District Officers, Zone Coordinator Mark Roth, Zone Chairs Glen Starr, Larry Smith, Steve Hand, Larry Snider and Betty Williamson, District 2-S2 Team Leaders and Club Presidents.

Lions Club International Foundation, in recognition of the many losses suffered by citizens in District 2-S2, has approved an "Emergency Grant" that we anticipate receiving within the next two days.

These funds are intended to be distributed by Lions to victims of a natural disaster (Hurricane Ike) in need of immediate relief. Emergency grants funds are limited to the purchase of food, bottled water, clothing, linens, medical supplies and/or cleaning supplies. The funds may not be used to provide shelter, rebuild damaged facilities and homes, replace household and personal belongings lost as result of the natural disaster, nor can funds be handed as cash directly to the victims. The funds **MAY NOT** be handed over to any relief agency or organization.

Lions we've been given the opportunity to be "Everyday Heroes" that LCI President Brandel speaks of regularly, with funds provided by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The funds must be expended promptly, or returned to LCIF.

District 2-S2 officers met Monday evening, September 22, and approved the following plan to distribute these funds quickly to those in need. When the funds are deposited into the District 2-S2 Disaster Relief account, they will be converted, incrementally, into bank/gift cards. We ask that Zone Chairs, Team Leaders and Club Presidents, along with active 2-S2 Lions, begin immediately to identify qualified (see above) victims of Hurricane Ike.

Lions should contact your District Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Governor, Zone Coordinator or Zone Chair when you've identified victims who qualify for relief. Lions will be provided one, or more, of the bank/gift cards that can be used to purchase relief items. A report will be required to the District, and to LCIF, of how the funds are used. A simple form follows that we believe will provide the needed information to account for distributed funds.

This is an opportunity to show the community why we are Lions WE SERVE. We ask that you seek media coverage (press, radio, television) from local, community, county, regional, state or national sources. We need pictures and stories about your service in your community.

This is a "limited time offer". Your prompt distribution to Lions and Lions Clubs across District 2-S2 is critical.

ROAR!!! (*Links for Details and form on-line. www.lions2s2.org*)

As you all know, we adjusted the Certified Guiding Lion Training date from September 13th to November 1st because of Hurricane Ike. The hurricane has passed and some of you along the coast are digging out or helping your friends, families and neighbors. Inland, we are still caring for Evacuees in our local shelters and the Hub Shelters like Port San Antonio. The prayers from those of us who were not in the path of the devastation are with you who were.

November 1st was chosen for the next CGL Training date because that was the next available date for the facilities at Blinn College. I know that's "Opening Day" for you deer hunters, but those deer will still be waiting for you when you get there.

Sometimes we view change as a negative thing. Let's look at this change as an opportunity! Now, because more time is available, we have the opportunity to:

- 1. Target more areas in your district for new clubs*
- 2. Encourage more Lions to participate in the training*

I can order more materials from LCI and the caterer won't mind if we add more plates to the order. Please revitalize your efforts for the CGL Training participation and new club areas. This is an unexpected and wonderful opportunity for your District, MD2 and LCI.

Lion Andy Rodriguez

Hurricane Ike hits the Texas Gulf Coast!!

With Hurricane Ike approaching us in District 2-S2 and our neighbors as the Trustee of the Texas Lions Foundation, I have requested an Emergency Grant from the TLF. This grant is limited to \$2,000 per event per district.

If your club needs assistance in helping our neighbors with food, medicines, minor repairs please contact me. Will try to help as many of those that were affected as possible. Will need receipts and photos of events where we help our neighbors.

DG Cagle has already talked with Lions Club International Foundation about securing an emergency disaster grant from them and is preparing the paperwork.

This event seems to be determined to effect ALL of District 2-S2. May the Lord keep you and your family's safe in this time of turmoil.

PDG Ronald Landers
Trustee - Texas Lions Foundation



Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to provide you with an update on LCIF's response to the recent hurricanes.

This summer there were a great number of hurricanes throughout the Caribbean and U.S. Gulf Coast. The destruction was significant, killing thousands and destroying properties across several countries and states from wind damage to flooding. Similar to past disasters, Lions and LCIF quickly responded to provide immediate relief items and help families to get back on their feet.

Hurricane Gustav caused \$20 billion in damage and caused great flooding damage in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, areas previously hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. LCIF issued five Emergency grants to Lions districts in Mississippi and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 in relief funds. Grants totaling \$15,000 were also awarded to Lions in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

Hurricane Ike, the ninth hurricane of the summer, also hit the Gulf Coast of the U.S., making landfall in Texas and causing destruction along hundreds of miles of coastline. LCIF has issued five Emergency grants to districts in Texas and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 for immediate needs.

LCIF has responded to a number of recent natural disasters around the world. Since July 1, LCIF has issued \$464,000 in Emergency grants. LCIF continues to be in touch with Lions in the affected areas to assess the situation and respond as needed.

Emergency grants and Major Catastrophe grants are funded through LCIF's general humanitarian fund. Donations to support these disasters and future disasters can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate or by calling 630-468-6774. Contact LCIF by e-mail at lcif@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Foundation. As members, we all belong to LCI, but LCIF belongs to us.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



**Speech given by Texas Lions Camp Counselor
At the Spouses Brunch, August 2, 2008**

Hello. My name is Patricia Rodriguez. I am a junior at the University of Texas and this is my second summer working at Texas Lions Camp. I am very honored and excited to be here today to tell you some things you may not know about Texas Lions Camp. You already know that TLC is a summer camp for children ages 7-16 with physical handicaps and diabetes. You already know that we offer this summer service free of charge to the families of our campers. You also already know that we are funded through the hard work and fundraising service of dedicated Lions Clubs around Texas, like you and your families.

You may not know that, every morning, all the campers meet at the flagpole and they get their counselors dirty as a reward for cleaning their cabin the best. You may not know that we have themes every week that have the kids dressed up as aliens, nerds, ghosts and everything in between. You also may not know that we have a campfire every night, when counselors and administrators come to talk to the campers about self-respect, always giving everything your best, and believing in one's self.

All of these things and many, many more make up the experience that everyone involved at Texas Lions Camp tries to give each and every camper. On camp, we emphasize the "can-do" attitude that says there isn't anything that these kids can't do. We teach life skills and independence and offer the opportunity for campers to do things they haven't done before whether it's tying their own shoes for the first time or riding a horse.

I applied to Texas Lions Camp on a whim. I was looking for a summer job so I wouldn't have to go home and work. Before I came here I had never met anyone who was blind or deaf. I had never experienced cerebral palsy and I didn't understand diabetes. I was entirely unprepared for what was about to happen to me. Texas Lions Camp changed my life. This is how a team is supposed to work and how people are supposed to treat each other. This is the attitude that we should all bring to our lives everyday. This is children overcoming adversity and rejection to teach everyone who lives and works at Texas Lions Camp what we are all capable of.

Texas Lions Camp gave me direction. Much to the dismay of my parents I had yet to choose a career path much less a major before I came to TLC. After my first summer, I was living and communicating with a population I never could before. I am now in my second year of sign language classes with plans to attend grad school at a deaf university in Washington, DC. I want to be an interpreter.

Texas Lions Camp gave me a summer, two summers now, that I will never forget. It's the hardest, fastest, most tiring, most amazing work I have ever done in my life. A TLC counselor works 24 hours a day, 6 days a week and every one of us will tell you – it's the most fun we have ever had. We wouldn't beg to return, summer after summer, if it wasn't perfect, complete, sustained happiness, the way these kids can make you feel.

But what camp has given me is nothing compared to what camp can do for these kids. It's hard to believe only hours ago I was walking along side a camper on her first horseback ride. And in that same day, that same camper gave herself her own insulin shot for the first time. It took 2 hours, a lot of pleading and begging and crying (on both our parts) and probably four different staff members, but today that child gets to tell her mom and dad that she can better manage her diabetes. A couple of weeks ago, on our way to the rock wall, a camper said to me that he couldn't climb the rock wall. When I asked him why not he told me, "I just can't." He did. My staff and I watched him climb all the way to the top. Everyday, anywhere you walk on camp there are a thousand of these moments.

This is what I get to do everyday. Help amazing, talented kids find out what they are capable of. And in return, I get to find out what I can do as well. When I return to the real world when summer ends and people ask me what I do, I tell them that kids change my life for a living. It's the most accurate way to describe the miracle of Texas Lions Camp. Someplace where people are challenged and tried and succeed at their most difficult goal, overcoming themselves. I am honored to be a camp counselor at Texas Lions Camp. It is the best thing I have ever done with my life.

Something else you may not know about Texas Lions Camp – tomorrow is our last day. Tomorrow we all have to drive away from camp and return to our schools, jobs, lives and families. But what we are taking with us, campers and counselors alike, is worth the journey. Worth the time and the effort, worth the sweat and tears, worth every second we get to spend with these kids. I am blessed beyond imagination to get to live and work with amazing people and amazing kids. I owe you and your families a great deal of thanks, for your very large part in creating Texas Lions Camp. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart

<p>WE SERVE District 2-S2 reported</p> <p>Eye exams and eye glasses donated: 72</p> <p>Campbell Soup Labels: 22</p> <p>Used eyeglasses collected: 3734</p> <p>Total Hours given towards Lionism: 1150</p>

October is More than Tricks and Treats

When we think of October, images of falling leaves, cooler weather, and, of course, trick-or-treating come to mind from our childhood. Growing up in the 60's, my memories are filled with mostly favorable images of fun costumes and lots of candy. Candy corn was my favorite. Everyone got excited about costume parties at school and haunted houses in the neighborhood. When I was ten, I had a great costume my parents bought at the FAO Schwarz store – originally on Post Oak by the Galleria. It was a great store and a great place to find really cool stuff for Halloween. That year, I was a frog. I had webbed hands and feet, and a really large frog head. I think I “ribbit’ed” to everyone for weeks into November! The dentist neighbor took a Polaroid picture of me and sent it to my parents with the caption “I think your kid is a frog!” Halloween for me was a time to escape and pretend.



Then, something happened to me, and to all of us, on Halloween night in 1974 that would forever changed the holiday. In a shock of horror, the newspaper headline splashed “Candy Man Kills Son” and later, it morphed into “The Candy Man Kills Halloween”. On that night, Deer Park resident, Ronald Clark O’Brien poisoned his son Timothy, with cyanide laced Pixy Sticks. By the time the boy arrived at the hospital, he was lost. His father poisoned him for a \$40,000 insurance policy. In that moment, Halloween died!

Its good to remember that some happy moments can be shared in October, too. Since we celebrate Filipino American History Month in October, grab a Fil-Am Lion and give them a big hug! Make a little local Fil-Am history! October 5th is World Teachers Day. It’s a shame that as important as teachers are, they only get one day of recognition. World Food Day is celebrated on October 16th. We’re supposed to seek opportunities to end hunger and meet food shortages on that day. I’ll probably celebrate by trying out to a new restaurant with some friends. October 21st is Apple Day. Now, that’s a silly reason to celebrate. How many ways can you cook, eat or juice an apple? I’ll probably upgrade my Mac with some fancy new program or peripheral product! United Nations Day is October 24th. That’s the day the UN Charter was approved. In fact, there is even a UN week! Its October 20th – 26th. Lastly, October is Baseball playoff season. I doubt there will be much to celebrate for us in 2-S2 this year. Sorry to deliver the bad news, Lion Bob Otto. We know you still believe!

Welcome New Lions

CONROE NOON LIONS CLUB

Michael Boltz sponsored by Lion Gus A. Speary
Roy Bowers sponsored by Lion Elizabeth Ingram
Darra Eberle sponsored by Lion Karl Johnson
Louis Holub sponsored by Lion Steve Scott
Estela Sosvilla sponsored by Lion R A Giuffre
James Stripling sponsored by Lion Bill Clayton

CROSBY LIONS CLUB

Carol Thompson sponsored by Lion Charles Thompson
Charles Thompson sponsored by Lion Julia Gilbert

HOUSTON ALDINE LIONS CLUB

Shirley Capers sponsored by Lion Thomas Capers

HOUSTON DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

Carlos Cuevas sponsored by Lion Charlie Cuevas
Susan Norman sponsored by Lion Perry Bass

HOUSTON MILLENNIUM LIONS CLUB

Edwin Espinosa sponsored by Lion Emeé Nisnisan
Oscar Flaviano sponsored by Lion Arsenio Zalun
Stella Trimble sponsored by Lion Remedios Kingsbury
Edwin Tubal sponsored by Lion Remedios Kingsbury
Francy Lennis sponsored by Lion Remedios Kingsbury

HOUSTON NORTHWEST LIONS CLUB

Marilyn Kalinec sponsored by Lion Brenda Patrick
Walter Kalinec sponsored by Lion Brenda Patrick
Brooke Mendenhall sponsored by Lion Brenda Patrick
Sam F. Yousef sponsored by Lion Lawrence Kibbey
welcome back, Sam.

HOUSTON WESTBURY LIONS CLUB

Sandi Lenzner sponsored by Lion Richard Lenzner

HUNTSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Amanda Davidson sponsored by Lion Shannon L. Higbie

KATY LIONS CLUB

Kari Harper sponsored by Lion Julia Williams
Angela Spoede sponsored by Lion Julia Williams

LIBERTY LIONS CLUB

Randy Claus sponsored by Lion Mac McDonald
Amy Fowler sponsored by Lion Joe Regen III

PANORAMA LIONS CLUB

Thaddeus Nichols sponsored by Lion Max Martensen

TOMBALL LIONS CLUB

Susan Kramer sponsored by Lion Naomi Kleb

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Dear Campaign SightFirst II District Coordinator,

It is with deep appreciation that we recognize your efforts on behalf of Campaign SightFirst II. Exceeding our US\$200 million challenge goal is one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of Lions Clubs International. Funds raised through this campaign will ensure the great work of our SightFirst program will continue for years to come. Thank you for being an important part of this success.

As the leader of the campaign efforts in your district, you were a critical link to group coordinators, individual Lions and clubs. Your guidance and leadership inspired the commitment of coordinators and enthusiasm of clubs. As a result of your hard work, and that of your fellow CSFII coordinators, nearly 30,000 Lions clubs worldwide participated in CSFII. Most importantly, more than 30 million people worldwide will receive the gift of sight thanks to your dedication. You have truly made miracles happen.

Thank you for serving Lions as a "Knight of the Blind." On behalf of a grateful association and the many whose sight you have saved, we are enclosing a CSFII world globe paperweight and commemorative pin set. Please accept these as a token of our appreciation for your service and display them with pride.

Yours in Lionism,

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
Past International President, LCI
Chairperson, CSFII

J. Frank Moore III
Past International President, LCI
Vice Chairperson and International Coordinator,
CSFII

Lions District 2-S2
Houston, Texas

Thanks to all of district 2-S2 for your support in Sight First II. A special thanks to Lions Betty Goetzman, Judy Champion, Charles Martin, Beverly Kottwitz, James McCune, George Malone, Irv Wishnow and Paul Eads.

This project could not have been possible without each of your leadership. On behalf of Sight First II, I personally thank each of you.

Lion Billy Chiasson
District Chairperson
Sight First II

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I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the
United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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



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

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

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October 1, 2008

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

**The President and Secretary Council
meeting is held at the**

**CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT
located at 15000 I-45 North**

**On the northbound feeder road, exit Airtex, both
ways.**

**The cost for the buffet is \$13.00 per person,
including tax and gratuity.**

**The food is buffet-style, of Chinese, American and
Mexican food.**

**There are desserts galore
and more than one ice cream machine.**



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