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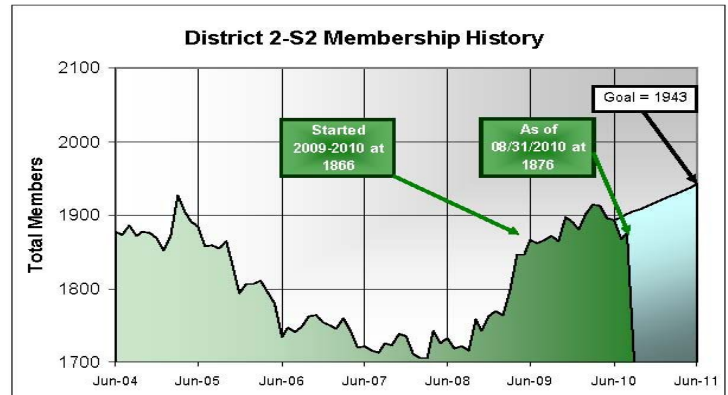


Thoughts from your District Governor

It's been fun and informative visiting the numerous Lions Clubs the past couple of months and learning more about the local community service delivered and how the clubs are making a difference in their community. In virtually every club, I hear there is never enough help for the work that is done. I have been able to share a secret that will help solve the problem in most every situation and I look forward to sharing that same secret when I visit other clubs!

October 7, 2010 is World Sight Day. October is also the month Lions Clubs International President Sid Scruggs has asked our Lions Clubs to focus on vision related service projects. I encourage all Lions Clubs to embody Helen Keller's challenge to be "...knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness" ([read the entire speech here](#)) and showcase the work in sight conservation that all Lions Clubs do. A list of 20 possible vision related projects can be found [here on the LCI website](#). Let's do it!

Has your club planned its fall membership drive? Will you be a participating Lion or just an on-looker? There are many worthy men and women in our communities that want to be a part of a prestigious organization so they too can make a difference. Try to find some! Your Lions Club is the perfect fit and the guidance that allows us to come together to accomplish much more together than we might do as individuals.



I want to welcome all the new members so far this year and recognize those clubs in the district with a net positive membership as of the August 31, 2010 [LCI Membership Register](#)(click to see the report) :

- Anahuac +1
- Conroe Noon +11
- Hardin +3
- Houston Space City +1
- Liberty +1
- Magnolia +1
- Humble Noon +1
- Dayton Noon +2
- Houston Sports +4
- Klein +1
- Walker County +1
- Houston Midwest +1

Let's have a great year!

Glen Starr, District Governor 2010-2011



CALENDER OF EVENTS

October	6	PSC Meeting
October	20	Second Cabinet Meeting
November	3	PSC Meeting
		Peace Poster deadline
December	1	PSC Meeting

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Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

EXTENDING EXTENSION

The “E” in MERL stands for EXTENSION. Extension goes way beyond simply starting new clubs. You have heard me say many times in the past months and years that the MOST IMPORTANT aspect of MERL is RETENTION and I believe that to be more true every day. What good is it bringing in new members if existing members are slipping out the back door? But....when that door gets nailed shut and new Lions begin to become seasoned Lions..... EXTENSION comes to the forefront. PDG Bert Baker (your retention chair) is working hard to slam that proverbial back door and we are beginning to see the exodus start to slow. Extension is about getting out and spreading the word about Lionism and asking others to be a part of OUR FAMILY of SERVICE.

A new Lions Club can serve areas that are not currently being served or can provide a meeting time or place that may be more conducive to potential Lions in the area. Such was the case this past week when I had the pleasure of working with Extension Chair PDG Art, DG Glen, and PDG Melba in the Magnolia Parkway area. While this area is close to existing clubs such as the Magnolia Lions Club among others, it is mainly made up of businesses and the hope is that a noon or even a breakfast club will take root and add even more of that special service we do as Lions to the area. What a joy it is to go out and meet potential Lions and EXTEND a hand to them and ask them to be a part of our Family of Service. We are the “Beacon of Hope” after all!

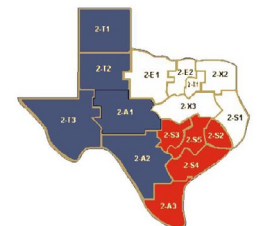
Of course, sustaining and increasing membership is not always about numbers. It is not always about how LARGE we can get. It is also about how much service we can do. It is about becoming re-committed and re-energized as Lions. Remember always the reasons you are a Lion. Remember the “warm and fuzzy” feelings you get when you are able to help those who are truly in need and you see the thankful look in their eyes or the simple nod of thanks you sometimes get or the thank you letter from the school child for the new glasses or the playground equipment. These are the reasons we MUST keep our clubs healthy and strong. “Little but Loud”, as you have heard DG Glen say, is great but there is strength in numbers and every new Lion brings two helping hands along with him or her.

Who among us could not use some more “helping hands of service” in our club? As I have traveled the district with DG Glen and visited many clubs already, I have heard a lot of talk about having a REAL PUSH for new members this year. Remember to hold a membership drive this fall and another one in the spring. Let me take this opportunity to remind you the MERL TEAM is always ready to help your club grow. While it is not our job to tell you what to do to increase and retain membership, we will work FOR YOU. It is our job to help you form a plan and carry out that plan for new members and to help educate you in ways to energize existing members. Just as YOU SERVE your community, we serve YOU.

As always, THANK YOU for allowing me to serve you and for being a part of our Lions Family. I look forward to continued service to you in the coming years.



First Vice District Governor Richard “Rick” Reynolds



**The MD-2 Council of Governors for 2010-2011
will endorse a candidate from Texas
who has been properly elected by the Lions of Texas
for the position of International Director
at the Seattle Convention in 2011.
Any Lions in good standing wishing to be a candidate
must submit their resolution to the MD-2 Lions State Office
by Monday, November 1, 2010.**

Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

Hello everyone....

Winnie Mae and I have been busy visiting clubs in our district. So far, we have visited Downtown, Baytown, Anahuac, Northwest, Westbury, Tomball, East End, Royal Oaks and Heights (naturally). It has really been fun. We hope to be able to visit many more clubs in the near future. It is a learning experience. It seems that each club we visit has specific projects that are interesting. At our visit with Downtown, we learned that the club has been a sponsor with HISD for a project promoting good sportsmanship for the past 50 or more years. It is really a neat project and other clubs having schools in the HISD should get involved as well. I'm sure the Downtown club would welcome any participation...

The Tomball club is planning a really big golf tournament. They are lining up sponsors and are in the preliminary planning stages. Northwest is also planning a golf tournament. Houston Heights is working on a membership drive where they are having a free pancake breakfast where those visiting will be exposed to the wonders of the Lions charities. The Royal Oaks just got through with a project where they provided 3500 "see-through" back-packs (with school supplies) for school kids.

It is really exciting travelling around and listening to the projects in each of the clubs. You attend your own club and know of what's going on, but until you visit four or five clubs in one week you can't appreciate just how extensive the Lions projects are.

We are busy!

We are doing good.

We are making a difference.

LET'S KEEP IT UP!!!

Second Vice District Governor Paul Eads



P S C Meeting

**Please come to the Presidents and Secretaries Council (P S C) meeting
October 6, 2010
Come early to eat, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

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

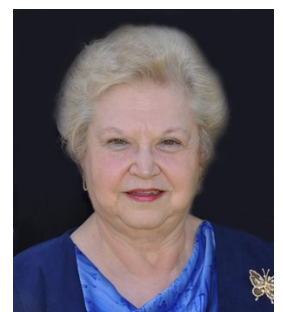


I hope you have reserved Oct. 6 for the Presidents and Secretaries Meeting. I appreciate all of you coming to the first two meetings and I promise to keep the ball rolling.

"Someone who's life has personally been touched by organ donation" will speak about the Texas Donor Registry. This will be linked to our eye bank as well.

Any President or Secretary bringing 3 guests with you to the meeting will be included in a drawing for 2 free meals at the meeting Oct. 6.

Remember, Oct. 6, China Bear, 15000 North Freeway at Airtex--North bound feeder side. Meeting will begin at 7pm. Thank you for supporting our District.



Water A Renewable Resource,-Then Why Should We Conserve It?

Water is considered renewable yet one of the most critical resources. Even though the same amount of water is on the earth today, as there was when the earth was formed, only 3% is actually in a useable state. Owing to the misconception about the availability of this resource, there is a complete disregard for its conservation. It widespread misuses the degree to which it is polluted and the tremendous growth of the world's population complicates and makes the problem a more devastating one. As the population increases, more water is used and wasted. Water is becoming our most precious and most wasted resource. Research has found that by 2030 about 47% of the world population will be living in areas of severe water stress.

Water Pollution

The ill effect of contamination reduces the usefulness of water to human and other organisms. These unfriendly environmental practices make their way into the water supply, thus becoming a major threat to life forms. The scientific consensus is that the current population expansion reflects an increase in usage of water allowing ground water to plummet and rivers to be overstressed. It is hard to imagine that one person can make a difference in protecting and conserving fresh water supplies on this planet, but each individual can help to conserve this essential commodity.

How Can We Be A Part Of The Populace That Conserve Water

Changing what you use and what you do can make a significant impact in the environment. For example implement and practice more efficient water saving mechanism in your homes and other facilities, use environmental friendly chemicals when necessary. Other measure are; planting native plants and practicing organic farming to avoid the use of hazardous chemicals, , practice proper garbage disposals, do not leave water running when washing or taking a bath.

Most of the damage on the environment cause by human expansion has a long lasting effect, some maybe permanent; however, exercising the above mentioned practices will help in conserving what is now becoming a scarce commodity and limit the predicted effect by the year 2030.



Environmental Services

Inviromental Chairperson Stedman Douglas

Beacon of Hope

Attention all Lions, The President's International Theme "A Beacon of Hope" is brought to life through this inspiring video program. This video is an excellent choice for club meetings and to share with prospective members.

The video file is available for download from our website, <http://www.lions2s2.org/NEWS.html>



A Beacon Of Hope

Video file is large, (65.7mb).

Right click logo, and "save target as" to your desktop, then open with Media Player

HOUSTON DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB



ANNUAL CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

to be held at
THE DOWNTOWN CLUB AT THE MET
340 West Dallas
Houston, Texas 77002

Sunday, October 24th, 2010
1.00 P.M.



RSVP:

John Foster 832-623-0994 or
Steve Simmons 832-526-5645
littlestevie@cyberfix.com

Houston Northwest Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Arnold Palmer's Bear Creek Masters Golf Course

16001 Clay Road
(Just east of Highway 6)

Tee Off Time: 1:30P.M.

Cost: \$85.00 per player

**Includes Box Lunch and Catered Dinner
2 Golfers Cart and Green Fees**

**\$10,000 Hole In One 50% to the Player and 50% to Lions
Charities.**

**Additional Hole In One prizes will be available on other
holes.**

Call or E-Mail to register or for additional information.

PDG Cliff Burke: 713-462-0996; cbpdg@sbcglobal.net

PDG Buzz Goins: 713-299-5941: cgoins@sbcglobal.net

**TOMBALL LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF HANDICAPPED CLASSIC**



October 7, 2010
Gleannloch Pines
19393 Champion Forest Drive
Spring, Texas 77379.



Contact Crystal Sulzer, 832-202-6752

District Youth Contest

**Lions District 2-S2
Youth Contest Coordinator**

**STEVE SIMMONS
832-526-5645
littlestevie@cyberfix.com**

***“I got my glasses from Lions”
So What’s NEW?***



The cover picture and lead story (‘I got my glasses from Lions’) in the September “Lion” could not have been more perfect for this month’s TLERC newsletter topic. Read the story (pgs14-19) about the young boy on the cover, who received a new pair of glasses 46 years ago; or read how Lion George Walter received new glasses from a Lions club 56 years ago. If you read the stories about how Lions have been making such a huge difference in people’s lives for decades, you have almost no choice but to ask: How can our Club help MORE children to see? I hope the answer is below.

“What is a Lions Club, if it’s not somehow working on vision care? . . . And what Club doesn’t somehow work on projects involving children? If you’re like most Clubs, you do both. Personally, I’ve been involved with 3 clubs over 37 years that have literally spent hundreds of thousands of dollars putting new eyeglasses on children. Yet we didn’t make a dent in the number of children who needed help. At anywhere from \$75 - \$125 for an exam, frames, & lenses, we just ran out of budgeted money too quickly. Frustrating? . . . You bet! Enter TLERC’s (Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) lens laboratory and the new “Children’s Eyeglass Program” that is available to any Lions Club. How does a brand new pair of glasses for \$14 sound? With a grant from Sight First II, TLERC now has state of the art computerized lens cutting equipment that is capable of producing prescription lenses at a rapid pace. (Note: some specialty lenses are more costly, but glasses should range from \$14 - \$18/pair.)”

This is how I start a program when I am asked to present one to a District or Club, and the paragraph above is exactly what I put in last September’s newsletter. However, the message in this paragraph is so important that it doesn’t hurt to repeat it. Fellow Lions, if you are paying more than \$14 -\$18 for a pair of glasses, you are probably “under serving” your community. All Clubs have budget limitations, and if you are even paying as little as \$35 - \$40 for a pair of glasses, you COULD have “served” two or three times as many children.

If you already have the screening programs and doctor examination processes in place, you are ready to get started with TLERC’s Children’s Program; but if you do not, let TLERC help you get started. (Just give us a call.) However, after the initial screenings and exams are done, the problem has been the cost of having to buy the glasses. While many optometrists, opticians, and optical shops are doing a great service by discounting glasses for Lions Club projects, because of overhead they can only go so far. With the TLERC program we will send you a supply of new frames for boys and girls, prior to your eye exam session with the eye doctor. Those children needing prescription glasses then select a frame. The Club sends the frame to TLERC with the prescription attached. TLERC’s volunteer staff will send them back as quickly as possible with the prescribed lenses in the frames. That’s it!

Don’t wait. School has started and now is when the need for glasses really surfaces. If your Club or District wants to be “Beacons of Hope” to more children, please contact PDG Dave Hoopman (COO) or PDG Bob Edwards at our offices (2550 Flynt, Midland, TX 79701 – 432-683-3611). Don’t forget to send all of your collected/used eyeglasses, prescriptions and frames for children’s glasses, and regular correspondence to this address, and please consider becoming one of our “Visionary Knights of the Blind”. Please contact your TLERC District Director or our offices for more information.

Lion Tom Blase, TLERC Promotions Director

Texas Lions Camp 2011 Summer Picnic Schedule Registration Begins October 1!

If your club would like to participate in a Sunday refreshment stand during registration, a Sunday night picnic dinner, a Friday lunch picnic, Friday afternoon watermelon party, Friday night dinner picnic or even as an Awards Ceremony sponsor, we would love for you to get involved. We have definite descriptions and requirements for each of the activities to be considered before signing up. Please read each activity and help us by taking on what your group can handle. If your club is small, connect with another club in your area and band together to take part in one of these special events. The number of Lions listed is the minimum required.

Sunday Refreshment Stand: (4+ Lions needed) Handicap weeks 1:30-5 pm, Diabetic Weeks 12:30-4pm (around a \$100 investment for the club in expenses)

Sunday Dinner Picnic: (12+ Lions needed for 2 serving lines) Served at 6 pm all weeks (whatever expenses to fix food or purchase in town and served by Lions) (Special Menu requirements for Diabetic Weeks that must be followed – contact camp for details)

Friday Lunch Picnic: (12+Lions needed for 2 serving lines) Served at 12 noon during Handicap weeks (whatever expenses to fix food or purchase in town and served Lions)

Friday Watermelon Picnic: (8+ Lions needed for 2 serving lines) Served at 3 pm during Handicap weeks (whatever expenses to bring melons or have the camp order produce and then invoice the club)

Friday Camper Dinner Picnic: (12+ Lions needed for 2 serving lines) Served at 5 pm every week (whatever expenses to fix food or purchase in town and served by Lions) (Special Menu requirements for Diabetic Weeks that must be followed – contact camp for details)

Friday Parent Dinner: (10+ Lions needed for 2 serving lines) Served at 5 pm in the Dining Hall for Diabetic Weeks only (whatever expenses to fix food or purchase in town and serve by Lions)

Friday Awards Night: (8+ Lions needed) must be at camp by 6:30 pm and stay through Awards which end around 9 pm (no expenses known)

The Summer Camp Schedule is officially set and is posted below. The weeks are marked handicapped (H1, H2, etc) and diabetic (D1 and D2). We also have a pilot program week with Down Syndrome Campers (Downs). Get with your club members and find a few dates that will suit your schedules and then **email Trish Wilson at twilson@lionscamp.com on and not before October 1, with the following information:**

- 1. Club name (and other clubs involved if a district or area project)**
- 2. Contact person(s); address; phone # (cell phone preferred)**
- 3. First, second, and third choices of Picnic projects and Date**
- 4. Number of members that will be attending, including other clubs that might serve along with yours.**

The picnics are on a first come and first serve status and the sooner your club can make plans to attend and register on Oct 1, the more likely you will be to get the date that you really want. Your registration confirmation will be sent ASAP so that your group will know how to plan. If you would like more information don't hesitate to contact Trish Wilson at 830-896-8500 x 243 and she'll be glad to help in anyway possible. We'll see you soon!

Summer 2011 Schedule

H1	June 5 - Sunday	1:30pm	Refreshment Stand	H5	July 3 – Sunday	1:30pm	Refreshment Stand
		6:00pm	Dinner Picnic			6:00pm	Dinner Picnic
	June 10 - Friday	12 noon	Lunch Picnic		July 8 - Friday	12 noon	Lunch Picnic
		3:00pm	Watermelon Picnic			3:00pm	Watermelon Picnic
		5:00pm	Dinner Picnic			5:00pm	Dinner Picnic
		6:30pm	Awards			6:30pm	Awards
H2	June 12 - Sunday	1:30pm	Refreshment Stand	Downs	July 22 - Friday	12 noon	Lunch Picnic
		6:00pm	Dinner Picnic			3:00pm	Watermelon Picnic
	June 17 - Friday	12 noon	Lunch Picnic			5:00pm	Dinner Picnic
		3:00pm	Watermelon Picnic			6:30pm	Awards
		5:00pm	Dinner Picnic	D1	July 24 - Sunday	1:30pm	Refreshment Stand
		6:30pm	Awards			6:00pm	Dinner Picnic
					July 29 - Friday	5:00pm	Camper Picnic
						5:00pm	Parent Dinner
						6:30pm	Awards
H3	June 19 – Sunday	1:30pm	Refreshment Stand	D2	July 31 – Sunday	1:30pm	Refreshment Stand
		6:00pm	Dinner Picnic			6:00pm	Dinner Picnic
	June 24 – Friday	12 noon	Lunch Picnic		August 5 - Friday	5:00pm	Camper Picnic
		3:00pm	Watermelon Picnic			5:00pm	Parent Dinner
		5:00pm	Dinner Picnic			6:30pm	Awards
		6:30pm	Awards				
H4	June 26 – Sunday	1:30pm	Refreshment Stand				
		6:00pm	Dinner Picnic				
	July 1 - Friday	12 noon	Lunch Picnic				
		3:00pm	Watermelon Picnic				
		5:00pm	Dinner Picnic				
		6:30pm	Awards				

CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT

PLEASE **PRINT** OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION
THIS FORM MUST BE SENT IN BEFORE THE 10th OF EACH MONTH.

CLUB NAME:

CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF:

UP COMING SERVICE PROJECTS:
(INCLUDE INFORMATION, DATES, TIME AND LOCATION)

UP COMING FUNDRAISERS:
(INCLUDE INFORMATION, DATES, TIME AND LOCATION)

OTHER UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:
(INCLUDE INFORMATION, DATES, TIME AND LOCATION)

RECENT CLUB EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
(PICTURES OF EVENT MAKE BETTER ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER)

EYE EXAMS AND EYE GLASSES DONATED:

USED EYE GLASSES COLLECTED:

LIONS CLUBS YOUR MEMBERS VISITED:
(Did your club Obtain the "Big Ugly Traveling Gavel")

TEXAS LIONS CAMPER APPLICATIONS:

TOTAL HOURS GIVEN TOWARDS LIONISM:

Information obtained from this form is used to let the district know of your events and community service. Please fill out and send to:
Terry Landers 2015 Crestdale, Houston TX 77080 tslanders@comcast.net

Visit One of Our Web Sites

Which have been recently updated

www.lions2s2.org

CAR Form

Hall of Fame Form

PDG Distinguished Achievement Award Form

HRF request Form

www.texaslions.org

State Convention Registration

www.usacandalionsforum.org

USA/Canada registration

www.lionsclubs.org

LCI Convention Registration

Second Cabinet meeting 2010-2011!

6:59 pm.

October 20, 2010

China Bear Restaurant
15000 I-45 North
Houston, TX 77090

Come early to eat!

The **Conroe Noon Lions Club**
is proud of its shining **STARR!**

****Congratulations****



**District Governor
Glen Starr
2010-2011**

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WE SERVE

District 2-S2 reported

Eye exams and eye glasses donated

Campbell Soup Labels

Used eyeglasses collected

Hours given towards Lionism

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 713-461-7086

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



**Houston Memorial Lions Club
Serving Our Community
Meets at the IHOP on Katy Frwy
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at Noon
Join Us For A Fun Time
713-827-1609**



**"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 71 years of Community Service - 2010

Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club



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Next PSC Meeting
OCTOBER 6, 2010

**** CHINA BEAR ****

15000 I-45 North

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

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

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

There are desserts galore
and more than one Ice Cream Machine.



We Serve

2010-2011 OFFICERS

Glen Starr
District Governor

Richard "Rick" Reynolds
First Vice District Governor

Paul Eads
Second Vice District Governor

Lynn Harrison
Cabinet Secretary

Larry Smith
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