LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2





PAW PRINTS of 2-S2

Thoughts from your District Governor

This Lions year is really moving fast. It is hard to believe that almost three months have passed since our year began. I guess when Lions across the District stay focused and are busy working on projects and community service, the time just flies by. At the beginning of the year, I challenged the district to set some really "stretch" goals for this year. Well, I'm proud to report to you that we have made some really good progress. When you want to build eight new Clubs and grow the membership by 450 new Lions, you can't sit back and wait for it to happen. I can tell you this – Lions have not been sitting back. We've held canvassing drives from Oak Forest to Riverside and Montgomery County.

While we have experienced really great success in our initial canvassing, we still need to follow up in these areas and others. Introducing Lions to these prospects has really been fun. Several of our Lion volunteers have commented, in fact, on how much fun it actually is! We can really use some help, though. Please let me know if you would be able and interested in helping us out. It is a great way to practice inviting people to join the local Lions Club and help build some Clubs' membership rolls back up. The skills you develop canvassing will definitely aide you in your own Clubs' membership development projects, too. We will help you every step of the way. You'll be paired up with Lions who have extension experience so that you can learn all the tricks of promoting Lions membership. You will listen, observe and learn. At first, you'll be the "name taker" and assist the Lions who have more experience at these activities. Soon, you'll advance to "Master Recruiter" status and be leading others in the process. When we canvass, we try to put our best foot forward. So, plan on wearing a jacket and tie; and, of course, your Lions pin. I know that it's hot in August, but people really notice our commitment and our professionalism. Our process has proven results. So, please, if you want to learn something new and help out one of our local Clubs, please let me know and I'll get you hooked up with a great Lion role "canvasser".

Earlier I mentioned the "membership growth" stretch goal – recruiting 450 new Lions this year. I'm so happy to report that we have some Clubs already working hard to build their own Clubs and have recruited a number of new members. The Houston Millennium Lions Club installed six new members in August. Humble Noon Lions signed up four already and has several others who are considering membership. Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club is stretching hard – they plan on installing twenty new members at the Fourth Annual Installation Gala on September 22nd. I know I might be leaving others off, I apologize in advance, but I'll report other club successes as I learn of them. An easy way to give your membership a kick–start is to consider holding a membership drive. Let your District leadership know if you would like some ideas, direction or assistance. We are eager to help!

I want to take a moment to remind you of a resource available to each of our Clubs. LCI has invested a wealth of time and resources developing the Club Excellence Program and training Lion leaders across the globe. At the State level, Lions have invested countless hours training the Leadership in our Districts. We have resources at the District level to assist our Clubs to reevaluate their service areas, train their members and build overall membership. Please look on line to learn more. Our GLT (Leadership) Chairman, Lion Mark Roth, has promised me that he intends to hold at least one Club Excellence training program each quarter this year. We need to take advantage of all that "training" he, and others, have been through and return a value back to our Clubs. One CEP program is already in the planning, so please contact him and get your Club's program scheduled.









CALENDER OF EVENTS

October 3 Bob Dowden Dinner, Shirley Acres November 7 Second Cabinet Meeting

December 5 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting

January 2 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
January 19 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

February 6 Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting February 23 Lions Eyebank Bowl-A-Thon

Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

OCTOBER www.lions2s2.org 2012

Warning: BRAG ALERT

We learned recently that our very own Lions Emee Nisnisan (Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club) has been invited to participate in "Lions Day at the White House" to be held on October 2, 2012. Lions Clubs International is co-hosting the event at the White House for Lions who have been selected as "Champions of Change". Each will be recognized for their service and participate in a panel discussion. The "Champions of Change" will receive a special tour of the White House East Wing and participate in a White House Community Leaders Briefing. Lions will discuss topics such as reading and literacy, health services and more. The event will even be streamed live online! I am SO excited, and I'm not even going! We are so proud of you, Lion Emee. You make us all proud.

Two more items: First, we need Lions to attend the Bob Dowden Dinner on October 3, 2012. So far, our ticket sales have been a bit light. That's too bad. Our TLC Elected Directors, Lion Betty Ezell and Lion Bud Casey, have worked really hard planning this dinner at Shirley Acres and we need to support it. As you know, the Bob Dowden Dinner raises money to support our Texas Lions Camp and helps us serve the special children in all our communities.

Lions Districts 2-S1 and 2-S4 have held golf and bowling fundraisers for the Lions Eye Bank of Texas for years. On February 23, 2013 District 2-S2 will hold its first "event" fundraiser in several years. Lion Agnes Sullivan leads a planning committee of Lions that is working with LEBT's Darleane Warren to plan a Bowl-a-thon to support the eye bank's community awareness activities and gratis tissue program. Please start planning now to put your Club's team together. Let's show up those other Districts!

Please keep PDG Ron Landers and his family in your thoughts and prayers. While PDG Ron waits anxiously on the kidney transplant waiting list, he recently began the difficult process of dialysis. On behalf of the District, Ron, we love you and wish you the best. You are truly a treasure of the District and we cannot wait to see you back to one hundred percent!

Finally, the other night we learned that Lynn Harrison required surgery to remove two blood clots from her hip and leg. The surgery was successful and she is doing well now, but please keep her in your prayers too.



Many of you know Trish Wilson, Development Director for Texas Lions Camp. Several weeks ago she was admitted to the hospital with what has now been diagnosed as a viral infection that attacked her brain. It has affected her motor skills and vision – so that she has trouble walking, maintaining her balance, and focusing her eyes. The good news is that the nerve tissue that was damaged will regenerate and repair. She has returned back to work at Texas Lions Camp on a limited basis as she starts physical therapy to help her regain her motor skills.

I spoke with her yesterday and can say she sounds great and was very thankful for all the support she has received in the past few weeks. It would be best that you not email her as she

has trouble focusing her eyes and it becomes tiring for her to read. And for someone with as much energy and drive that she has, you know that can be very frustrating for her. The Canton Lions Club will send her a get well card after next weeks meeting – that she can read as her condition allows.

In the meantime, it is time to raise up prayer for Trish Wilson for:

Healing of the damaged nerve tissue

Patience during her recovery period (several months minimum)

Her husband, David, who will be absorbing much of the energy Trish generates (that is normally channelled into her work at Texas Lions Camp) during the recovery period

Andy Reese
PAST President Canton Lions Club

Submitted by: Lion Betty Ezell

Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

WE CAN DO IT

"Welcome Fellow Lions, on behalf of myself, officers and membership of the "such & such Lions Club." You have been "INVITED" to become members, we are extremely "PROUD" that you have "ACCEPTED" membership in the such & such Lions Club as it is a "PRIVILEGE". "You have just joined the worlds largest and most active service organization." - - - these are the words you heard when you first became a member. I ask you now to do me a favor. . . go back and really read these words again.

As I get more involved in my position as V.D.G., things come my way that need attention. Makes me wonder why - - - why does anyone join! They don't participate in activities; they complain about fundraisers, they make statements like "Where did they come up with that idea, it ain't going to work!!!" What just happened is the "attitude" of that person just took another member down with them!

This is one reason why nobody wants to be an officer. More & more, you hear, "Well, if nobody else will do it, I guess I will". Then there is no leadership, no goals, no interest in building on the past leaders goals. You should be proud to serve - - for that means the membership is willing to follow you as their leader! They have faith in you!

When officers start bickering and members see this, it brings doubt to them and maybe they don't want to be there. Members start not coming, then they drop out, then they talk to others such as "That Lions Club is blah,blah,blah!"

It sounds like I'm preaching each month when I write my article, but I'm not. I want District 2-S2 to be the finest and best example out of all 16 Districts. We are all volunteers and our only pay is when we stand back and say "We did that". We sent that child to Camp, we got glasses to that child and now they can see, we got that kid his first wheelchair & look at him go!!!!!!

Hey, V.D.G. Eddie, how do you really feel - - - Ask me!!!!!

Till next time,







First Vice District Governor Eddie Risha

Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

The weather is finally starting to turn cool, or at least cooler, and the first quarter of the Lions year is quickly coming to a close. For club officers, this is a great time to take a look at your club and see if it heading in the direction you want it to head. Has the new year started out successfully for your club? Are meetings being held effectively and running in their allotted time? Are service projects being planned and acted on?

As usual, Lions International has excellent resources available online in the resource center to help keep you club on track. The Club Pit Stop Checklist at http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/club-pit-stop-checklist.php is a great checklist to use to stay in the race and on track in our International President Madden's theme "In a World of Service". If you haven't yet, you should consider talking with the club and setting some goals for the club. You should also set some goals for yourself in relation to the club. They can be anything that could help strengthen the club; from inviting guests to the meeting, to developing a new service project or a host of other goals. Once again, Lions International can help out with that. The website mentioned above offers help on setting goals. Our District also has resources available that can be utilized to help your club through the Club Excellence Process. You can contact me or any other District officer if you would like more information on having a CEP workshop for your club.

It is hard to believe the year is almost a quarter of the way over. The rest of the year is going to pass by just as quick. Taking time now to assess your club's health gives you a chance to identify places where you might be able to improve during the remainder of your Lions year and help your club grow

stronger.





Hello everyone,

In order to create 8 new clubs in our district, we will need to have a group of dedicated individuals to canvas the various areas.

I am also offering help to any club in our district that wants to have a membership drive. I visualize that help being assistance in canvasing their area for new members.

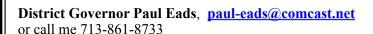
No one will work alone. Our team members will work in pairs... one carrying notepad and applications and the other doing most of the talking.

I know this works because this was done to create the Crosby, Nasa and La Porte clubs.

I know not everyone will be able to assist each time, so I am asking that a pool of individuals be made available that we can call on for each project.

As is stands now, we have three clubs that need us.... the Oak Forest Club, the Montgomery Club and the Riverside Club. All need a membership drive.

For you to be a member of the "Pool", just send me an email with a "yes" reply. I thank each an everyone of you for your service.





The Story about the environmentalist

My humble apology goes out to all lawyers especially those who are members of District 2-S2.

Mr. Tail Twister should this article warrant a fine please send it to www.newscientist.com.









An environmentalist dies and reports to the pearly gates. St. Peter checks his dossier and says, "Ah, you're an environmentalist, you're in the wrong place." Thinking that heaven could never make an error, the environmentalist reports to the gates of hell and is let in. Pretty soon, the environmentalist gets dissatisfied with the environment in hell and starts implementing eco-friendly improvements. After a while, global warming, air and water pollution are under control. The landscape is covered with grass and plants, the food is organic, and the people are happy. The environmentalist has become a pretty popular guy. One day, God calls Satan up on the telephone and says with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there in hell?" Satan replies, "Hey, things are going great. We've got clean air and water, the temperature is better and the food tastes better, and there's no telling what this environmentalist is going to fix next." God replies, "What??? You've got an environmentalist? That's a mistake—he should never have gotten down there; send him up here." Satan says, "No way. I like having an environmentalist on the staff, and I'm keeping him." God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue." Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah, right. And just where are you going to get a lawyer?"

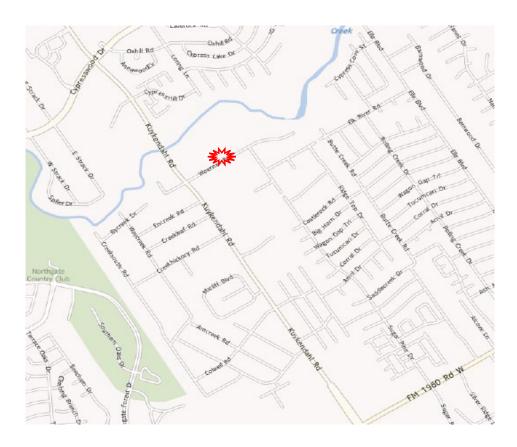
Would you like us to help your club start an Environmental Project? Please send us an email at bun874@gmail.com

Douglas, Stedman. Hugh. Environmental Chairperson District 2-S2



Lions District 2-S2 Bob Dowden Dinner Wednesday October 3 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$15.00





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Lion Bud Casey (713) 598-2457

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Lions District 2-S2

Hall of Fame Nomination form

Minimum standards to qualify for the Lions District 2-S2 Hall of Fame are:

- An active member with at least five (5) years of service.
- Outstanding and dedicated service to Lionism beyond the call of duty.
- Service to the community, district, state and international Lionism.
- Special achievements in, or contributions to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate.
- Solicitation in any way for this recognition will automatically eliminate the candidate for that year.

The following profile may be used to submit information to the Hall of Fame Committee, but this form is not intended to limit what information may be submitted.

Nominations may be made by any Lion who is in good standing in the District.

All nominations should be submitted to the committee in written form and must be received by the chairperson at the below address no later than December 31.

PDG Harry Goetzman 18143 Hwy 75 N Willis, TX 77378 936-520-0808 936-524-6631 goetz@consolidated.net

Name of Nominee:	
Lions Club(s):	
Service to Club:	
Service to District:	
Service to International:	
Awards & Honors received from th	ne community, non Lions organizations and / or Lions:
Submitted by:	
Club:	Date:

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DISTRICT 2-S2

Distinguished Achievement Award Application

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Past District Governors District 2-S2 Association Distinguished Achievement Award is to "bestow honor upon those Lions in District 2-S2 who have shown outstanding leadership and service achievement to their Club, Community and District."

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications for the Past District Governors District 2-S2 Distinguished Achievement Award are:

- (a) An active member with at least seven (7) years of service. This award is for living Lions only, unless the honoree passes away after being nominated.
- (b) Outstanding leadership and dedicated service to Club. Community and district.
- (c) Special achievements in, or contributions to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate.
- (d) At the time of the presentation of the award, must NOT be a District Governor or Past District Governor of any Lions Clubs International District.

NOMINATIONS

The completed application form(s), will be provided to the Chairman of the District Governor's Honorary Committee. Said application may be made by any Lion in the District that is in good standing. The application(s) are required to be received by February 15th of each year and will be valid for that year only. If an applicant is not selected for that year, a new application must be submitted again to be considered for this award. There is no requirement to induct someone each and every year.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DISTRICT 2-S2 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

Applicant:	Year Joined Lions Club:
Lions Club(s):	
Offices Held:	
Service to Club:	L.V.
Service to Community:	
Service to Lions District:	COVERIN
Awards & Honors received from the community, 1	non-Lions organizations and/or Lions:
Other achievements:	
Submitted by:	
Lions Club: Date:	







Capitalize on Membership

MD-2 Lions State Convention Registration Form

May 30 - June 1, 2013 Hilton Austin Airport Hotel

Name	Position	District
Club	Delegate Yes[] No[]	First Time Attendee Yes [] No []
Name	Position	District
Club	Delegate Yes[] No[]	First Time Attendee Yes [] No []
Telephone (E-Mail	
Address	City	State Zip
		Cancellations honored until April 30, 2013

Event and Date	Early Bird Package Postmarked by January 2, 2013	Registration Postmarked after January 2, 2013	Registration Postmarked after April 15, 2013	Number of Tickets	Total
Thursday May 30, 2013 Welcome to 2013 Convention!	Early Bird Package Includes all functions. Golf not included.	\$20	\$25		
Friday May 31, 2013 Breakfast		\$24	\$25		
Friday May 31, 2013 Hall of Fame Luncheon		\$22	\$23		
Friday May 31, 2013 PDG Banquet		\$37	\$38		
Saturday June 1, 2013 Texas Lions Foundation Breakfast		\$24	\$25		
Saturday June 1, 2013 Youth Contest Luncheon		\$22	\$23		
Saturday June 1, 2013 MD-2 Banquet		\$39	\$40		
Registration Fee (Required)		\$20	\$25		
Totals	\$170	\$208	\$224		_

Notes: The PDG Banquet is open to all convention attendees. Dress for the PDG Banquet is business attire. MD-2 Banquet dress will be White Dinner Jackets or business attire. Those attendees with special dietary needs, please inform your server at the meal.

Make Checks Payable to: Texas Lions State Convention Mail Payment and Registration to:

Lion Nancy Handrick, District Secretary, 2-S3

303 Willett Buda, TX 78610 Phone: (512) 295-3158

Email: chandrick@austin.rr.com

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LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2 HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUND MATCHING FUNDS REQUEST FORM

HRF provides funds for local disaster relief and to aid Lions Clubs in humanitarian efforts that are beyond the resources of the individual club. HRF will match funds (up to \$1,250) raised by clubs to aid in their projects. Once the HRF Request has been approved, the Cabinet Treasurer will issue the check to the service provider

Lions Club: Other Lions Clubs: Request Information: Person or Persons Benefiting: Date Funds Needed: Contact Person: Phone: _____ DISTRICT GOVERNOR **SECRETARY CHAIRMAN** FVDG EDDIE RISHA DG PAUL EADS MARK ROTH P.O. Box 2264 H: 713-861-8733 3614 Montrose #207 Willis, TX 77305-2264 paul-eads@comcast.net Houston, TX 77006 C: 713-962-4194 H: 936-672-1532 C: 936-672-1532 W: 713-523-4438 IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR markwroth@aol.com porkyscooking@live.com IPDG Richard "Rick" Reynolds H: 936-494-3813 TREASURER

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Official newsletter of Lions District 2-S2

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ONE ACCORD.
TO DO THY WILL,
LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands.

One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)



Honor the Texas flag.
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One and Indivisible.

(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)

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Second Vice District Governor Chris Moorman

Conroe Noon Lions Club



First Vice District Governor Eddie Risha

Houston Heights Lions Club



District Governor Paul Eads

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OCTOBER 3, 2012

** Shirley Acres **
217 Woerner,

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

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NEED SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



And of course Cookies, Pies and Cakes...



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