

Lions District 2-S2



Calendar of Events

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

Oct	1	Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Kits
Oct	2	Bob Dowden Memorial Dinner Shirley Acres - Spring, TX
Oct	10	World Sight Day
Oct	15	Campus Club Dues deadline Int'l White Cane Safety Day
Oct 31-Nov 2		MD-2 Council of Governors Longview, TX
Nov	6	Presidents & Secretaries Council China Bear Restaurant
Nov	11	2nd Cabinet Meeting China Bear Restaurant
Nov	14	Lions World Diabetes Day
Nov	15	IRS Form 990/990EZ/990N due
Dec	31	Request 100% Charities paid

PawPrints



District 2-S2 • October 2013

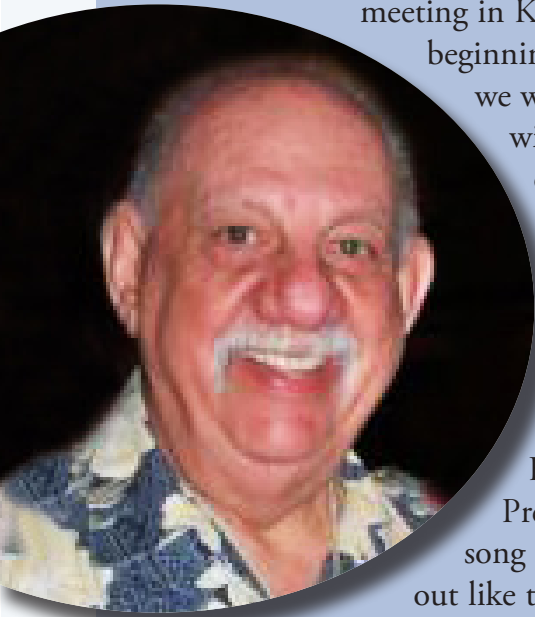


Thoughts from your District Governor ...

2-S2's NEW ROAR: "WE CAN DO IT"

Keep a dream in your pocket and a song in your heart. Keep the lamp of learning shining bright. Keep your eye on the horizon and a smile on your face as you travel down the highway of your life. Don't listen to the voices that say it can't be done. If you follow your dream and you follow it well, it will lead you to a bright sunny day.

We had our first Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville the beginning of August and we were honored with a visit from our International President, Barry Palmer. What a wonderful man with so many



accomplishments. He is a "hands on"

President and the song he chose starts out like the first sentence above. His theme is "Follow Your Dream" and if you really read or listen to the song, you'll understand where he is going. Keep your dream in your pocket and don't listen to those who say it can't be done, and if you follow your dream, it will really make your day bright.

So it's up to you and only you to choose; listen to the "cant's" or follow your dream, "We Can Do It".

Let me start with a few suggestions:

- 1) Work to make your club a family friendly club to attract younger individuals as members; get them involved in club projects and leadership roles right away



2) Ask questions like "what if" or "why not". You may hear "we have always done it this way" or "it will never work". How do you know if you don't try?

3) Retention – about 75% of Lions quit because of problems within their club. There are not enough projects or the meetings are boring.

4) Get help! – look at clubs around you, go visit other clubs.

So don't forget about the visitation contest. Last but not least, you have to have a dream. You have to want to find what is wrong and want to fix it and work to have a bright and successful day. You are not alone in this quest.

We have a club celebrating its 85th anniversary and another celebrating their 75th anniversary. We have the Houston Founder Lions Club in District 2-S2 whose charter is signed by the man himself, Melvin Jones.

You know, I wonder did Mr. Jones have a dream? How about Helen Keller? I'll bet she had a lot of dreams!!

It's never too early to schedule your District Governors visit. Please contact our Cabinet Secretary, Minette Chiu. You can email her at lionminette88@gmail.com. Or give her a call at 713-208-2380.

God bless the dreamers of District 2-S2,

Yours in Lionism,

Eddie Risha

District Governor 2013-2014

" We can do it! "

Thoughts from the 1st Vice District Governor ...

There are many things for my club to be proud of in the work we do as Lions. One of the things that we can be most proud of is our chili dogs. That is right, chili dogs. Our club built the Liberty War Memorial Football Stadium in the years following World War II (another source of pride to our club). Since then we have run the concession stand on the home side. I'm not sure of the exact timeframe when we started making chili dogs or when they started becoming sought after



around Liberty, but they were already a hot commodity by the time I was in middle school. One thing to note, I say chili dog but chili dog and hot dog are used interchangeably at our concession stand. Our hot dogs/chili dogs are like Model T Ford colors; you can get a hot dog/chili dog any way you want it, as long as you want it with a little bit of mustard and a little bit of chili. No substitutions.

With the Thursday and Friday night games, we have about 15 games a year to sell them and the fans look forward to them. Even the visiting fans know about our chili dogs. I've heard multiple times

from visiting fans, that they were looking forward to travelling back to Liberty this year so they could get a Lions Club chili dog. I've even heard them say they wished they played Liberty in Liberty each year so they could get them. We have people who don't come to the game but just drive through the parking lot and pull up to the fence to get some dogs to go, which we gladly run to the fence and sell them. When I say that we are proud of our chili dogs, I mean to say we are PROUD of our chili dogs. I can't say the Liberty Lions Club is the oldest Lions club or the biggest or has the biggest fundraisers or inducted the most new members or many of the other things that clubs can point to as a measure of success and pride (and rightfully so). But I can say unequivocally,

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Thoughts from the 2nd Vice District Governor ...

In the summer of 2003, I led a group of 6 into the La Misquitia region of Honduras to repair bridges damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Mitch. We traveled by canoe – the only method of transportation except by foot – up the Paduca River to the community called Wampercipi. One bridge project was to construct a foot bridge (5' wide) over a creek about 3 miles upstream of Wampercipi.

Our tools consisted of 3 lb. hammers, shovels, 1 post hole digger, and a chainsaw (16" bar). We learned that we could dig post holes in a moving stream. The bridge was 95' in length. The last day we had just laid the first beam (8"x8"x 10') for the last 10' section of the bridge when a woman balancing a pot on her head that contained a portion of freshly killed hog – hair, hide and meat. Normally, she would have had to climb down 8' to the stream bed,



walk across the stream and climb back up the opposite bank. She asked if she could walk the beam to the section completed. We said "yes". When she stood on the finished decking, she smiled and said "I'm the first!"

When we serve, are we the first? – the first to identify a community need and work to address the need.

Every community has a variety of needs. You just have to read the "Lions" magazine to see the vast types of needs and read of all those

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DISTRICT 2-S2 CLUB VISITATION CONTEST

JULY 1, 2013 THRU MARCH 31, 2014

DATE: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

PRESIDENT PLUS 2 OTHER CLUB MEMBERS MUST ATTEND VISITATION TO QUALIFY

PRESIDENT EARNS 100 POINTS, CLUB MEMBERS EARN 25 POINTS EACH

NAME OF CLUB VISITED: _____

DATE OF VISIT: _____

PRESIDENTS NAME:

POINTS EARNED

CLUB MEMBERS NAME:

TOTAL POINTS EARNED FOR THIS VISIT: _____





DISTRICT S-S2 NEW MEMBER CONTEST

JULY 1, 2013 THRU MARCH 31, 2014

MONTH OF:

CLUB NAME:

NEW MEMBER NAME:

DATE:

SPONSOR NAME:

1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

Clubs with a net plus (+) in membership at the end of the contest wins.

Example: If you have 15 members on June 30, 2013 and you add 5 new members but drop 2 members by March 31, 2014 so your MMR shows 18 members, you are at a +3.



Humanitarian Relief Fund Serves District 2S2

By Lion Pat Mann, HRF Elected Director

A little used service of District 2S2 is the Humanitarian Relief Fund (HRF). The low utilization of this resource is because many of our members are not aware of its existence. Up until several years ago, contributions to HRF were required as part of the 100% charities in order to receive a matching grant. As a result of its low utilization, the fund had built up a considerable balance and charitable contributions are not currently required to receive a matching grant. Even now, despite several years with no charitable contributions, the fund balance still stands at \$26,000. Last year District clubs made only **FOUR** requests for matching grants from the Fund, totaling \$4,858.

This Fund is available to all the Clubs in the district, regardless of the size of the Club's membership. Recent grants have gone to the Tomball Lions Club, the Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club, and the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. A joint application from the Houston Sports Lions Club and the Houston Heights Lions Club was also approved. The maximum amount from HRF is \$1,250.00 and must be matched 100% by the requesting Club.

Here is how the process works: A Lions Club has agreed to support a project which is beyond their ability to fund; for the purpose of this explanation we'll assume they need the maximum amount that can be funded through this process - \$2,500.00. A Grant Application Form can be found through the District's Web-site. It

is self-explanatory. The primary requirement is that the Club must have an invoice submitted for the total amount that they wish to spend. The Club submits their application, along with a check for \$1,250.00, payable to District 2S2, and the invoice to the Cabinet Secretary. To expedite the process, the application can be submitted by email, with the telephone assurance that the invoice and the check are in the mail.

The Cabinet Secretary then forwards the application by email to the HRF Committee members for their review. Often their approval is obtained within a day or so. When the application has been approved, the Cabinet Treasurer will issue a check in an amount matching half the submitted invoice cost. The check will be made payable to the entity issuing the invoice.

While the example above is for the maximum amount, some recent grants have been as low as several hundreds of dollars. We need to remember that what seems like a small expenditure to a large club may represent a major part of a Club's annual budget for a small Club. A HRF grant may make the difference in a smaller Club's ability to undertake the small works of charity for which Lions are noted.

The Humanitarian Relief Fund is administered by an elected committee consisting of Pat Mann, Winnie Mae Eads, and Betty Williamson, chaired by First Vice District Governor, Chris Moorman. District Governor Eddie Risha, Immediate Past District Governor Paul Eads, Cabinet Secretary Minette Chiu, and District Treasurer Glen Starr are ex-officio members of the committee.

Feature

Crosby Lions Club sponsored Kaci Lamb to the Texas Lions Camp Diabetic Session this past summer. Kaci prepared a Powerpoint slide show about her experience. Kaci's parents said, *"TLC is a wonderful place, I just can't say enough about it. Kaci can't stop talking about all the fun they had."*

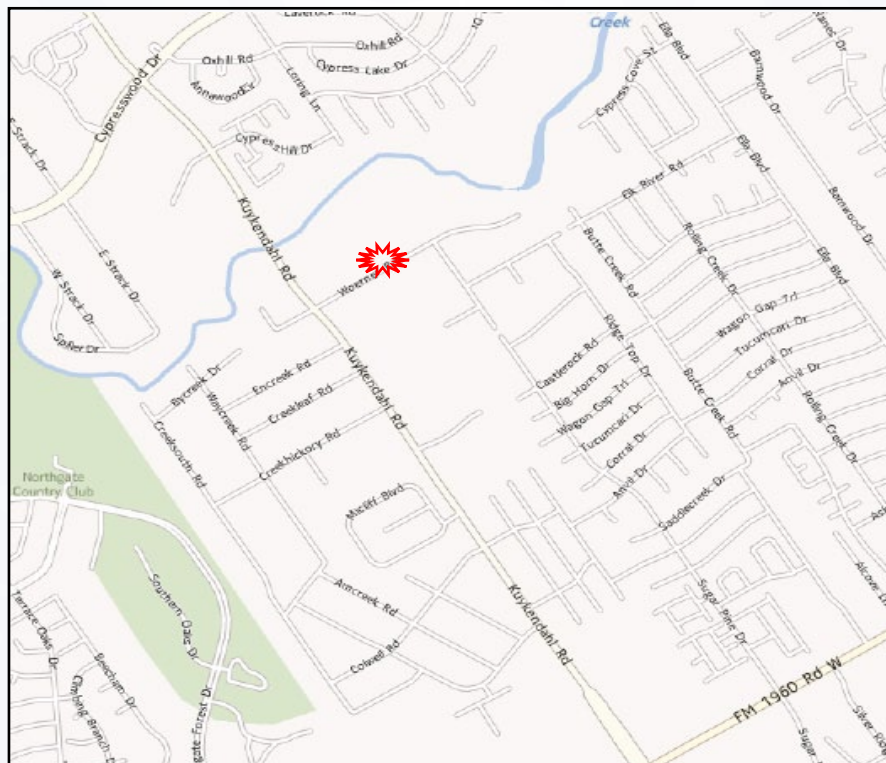


Click picture to see the slide show.





Lions District 2-S2
Bob Dowden Dinner
Wednesday October 2, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Tickets \$15.00



Shirley Acres
217 Woerner
Houston, Texas 77090

We need Silent Auction & Live Auction items
Proceeds to benefit Texas Lions Camp
Directors: Lion Bud Casey 713-598-2457
Lion Ron Chene 281-387-0703

Century Club

Texas Lions Camp • PO Box 290247 • Kerrville, TX • 78029-0247
www.lionscamp.com • (830) 896-8500

The Century Club is an annual opportunity to personally participate in giving to Texas Lions Camp and the programs it has established to provide at no cost a quality summer camp experience for Texas children with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer. An individual, couple, family or business can be a Century Club member by giving annually or monthly at whatever level you desire. Choose the level and how you'd like to make your payments whether lump sum or monthly through automatic draft. Automatic bank draft can be set up simply by filling out the information necessary on the form below and including a voided check. All Century Club members will receive an inscribed plaque, patch and a lapel pin. Each year a new medallion for your plaque will arrive once your annual membership renewal is paid. At the end of 10 years membership, a new plaque will arrive along with your eleventh year medallion. Fill out the form below with the level you'd like to start with and send it with your payment to Texas Lions Camp at the address given above. For any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For: _____
(print name exactly as it should appear on plaque)

All monies from Century Club go to the TLC General Fund.

Donor: _____ **Ship Plaque to:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Email:** _____

Club Name: _____ **Method of payment:** Check Credit Card

District: _____ **Phone:** _____ Automatic Draft

Support Levels

(please check appropriate choice)

- | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------------------------------|----|-------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Level | _____ | Single annual gift of \$100 | or | _____ | \$10 monthly automatic draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level | _____ | Single annual gift of \$250 | or | _____ | \$21 monthly automatic draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level | _____ | Single annual gift of \$500 | or | _____ | \$42 monthly automatic draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Level | _____ | Single annual gift of \$1,000 | or | _____ | \$84 monthly automatic draft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador Level | _____ | Single annual gift of \$5,000 | or | _____ | \$420 monthly automatic draft |

Bank Draft information

Instructions for monthly Automatic Draft: 1. Enter amount of monthly automatic draft below. 2. Sign and date all lines marked with an X. 3. Attach a voided check with this form

The Texas Lions Camp:

I have given order to (Financial Institution): _____ to honor for you as they become due, on my monthly drafts and charge same to my account with this financial institution. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

Amount of monthly automatic draft: \$ _____ Please sign and date below—use signature(s) required on your account:

X _____ X Date ___/___/___
X _____ X Date ___/___/___

Credit Card Payment information MC Visa Discover Amount: \$ _____

CC#: ___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___ Exp.Date: ___/___ Yr ___/___/___

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

In Memory
Passings Since Last District Convention

Houston Beltway

Lettie C. Acupan
Nito P. Acupan

Houston Southwest

Lee Roy Lemons

Houston Spring Branch

Clarence W. "Bill" Sullivan
Julius E. Yellott
Evelyn M. Landers
Winston Keith Lawther

Hardin

Henry Nettles

Houston Hobby

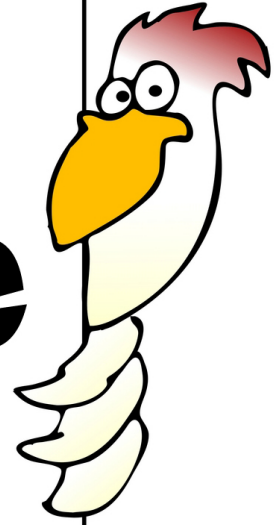
Robert L. Kuchera

Huffman

Jerry Thomas

*A Lion's "dash"
makes an impact
around the world.*

**Eat
MORE
Fish!**



**HOUSTON HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB
FISH FRY**

Grace United Methodist Church – 13th and Heights Blvd.

From 11am to 2pm on **October 19**

Adults: \$10 Kids (12 & under): \$5 Kids under 5: Free



The Conroe Noon Lions Club
Recycling Center is open:

Monday 2 PM - 5 PM
Tuesday 9 AM - 3 PM

Volunteers to help clean, bag,
and categorize used eye glasses
are always welcome.

1106 Wilson Rd.
Conroe, TX 77304

(936) 760-1666

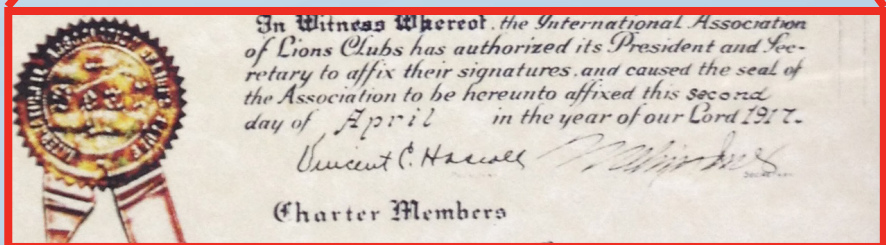
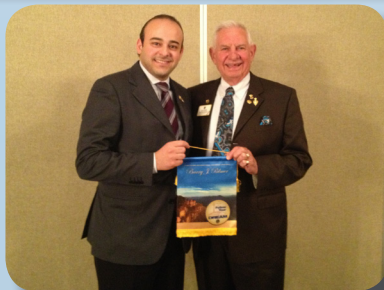
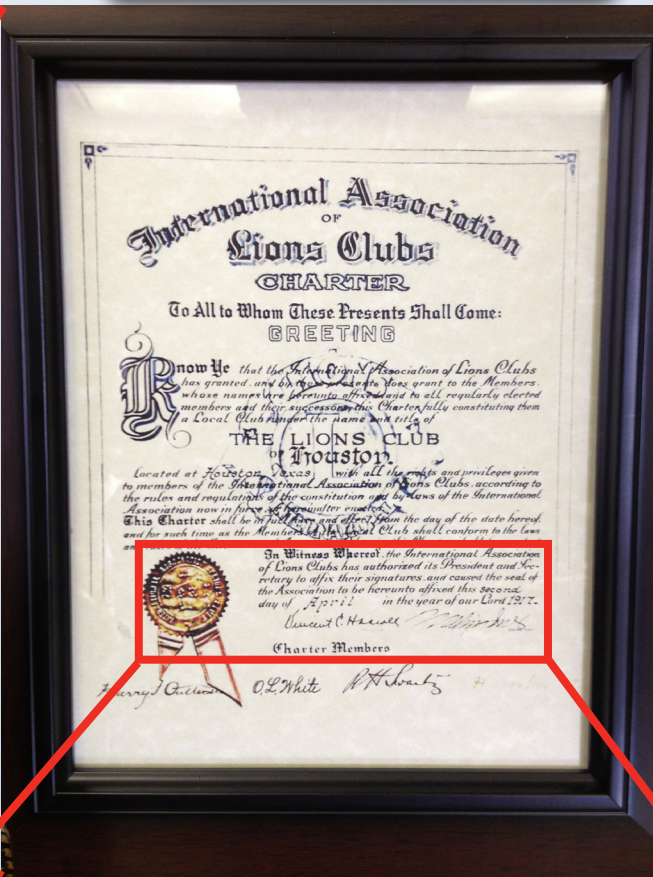
Houston Founder Lions Club

By Lion Talal A. Kayyal, Immediate Past Club President, District 2-S2 West Region Chair

Melvin Jones ... an ordinary man with an extraordinary vision! In 1917, the formerly known “Business Circle” transformed into Lions Clubs, which later became Lions Clubs International after the first Canadian Lions Club was chartered in 1920. Just a little below thirty clubs out of 46,000 Lions clubs in the world are “Founder” clubs. My club was founded on the second of April in 1917 and was known as the “The Central Lions Club of Houston.” In 1995, its name was changed into “Houston Downtown Lions Club” and recently during my presidency in 2012 it was changed for the last time to “Houston Founder Lions Club”. The club’s original charter with Melvin Jones signature on it and having founder in its name indicates the true heritage of this almost 97 years old club.



Recently, International President Lion Barry Palmer visited Kerrville, Texas. I had the privilege to meet him in person and present him with a copy of our club’s original charter signed by Melvin Jones. President Palmer in return presented me with a “Follow Your Dream” flag representing his motto as a gift to our club. I also had the pleasure of meeting International Director Lion Joe Al Picone from Texas. Currently, our Houston Founder Lions Club’s charter is on display at President Palmer’s office in Chicago. We, Lions, should always follow our dreams because this is the only way to make them a reality and hopefully we will continue “To Serve” for many more years to come!



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 75N
Willis, TX 77378

936-856-3782
harry.goetzman@gmail.com

Name of Nominee: _____

Lions Club(s): _____

Office(s) Held: _____

Service to Club: _____

Service to District: _____

Service to State: _____

Service to International: _____

Service to Community: _____

Awards & Honors received from the community, non Lions organizations and / or Lions:

Other Achievements: _____

Submitted by: _____

Club: _____ Date: _____



Presidents and Secretaries Council Meeting

The P&S Council will again sponsor the annual Bob Dowden Memorial Dinner at:

**Shirley Acres
217 Woerner, Spring, TX 77090**

(PSC Meeting is NOT at China Bear in October)

Cost = \$15.00 per person.

Dinner at 6:00 PM and bring desserts (cakes, pies, cookies, etc) to sell.

Silent and live auctions.

PSC President - Ken Harrison
PSC Secretary - Lynn Harrison

Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club 5th Annual Gala



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2013
6:30 PM

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
7611 KATY FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77024

DONATION: \$ 60/adult (\$55 on or before 09/30)
\$ 25/kids 10 & under (\$ 20 on or before 09/30)

ATTIRE: FORMAL

RSVP: Lion Emeé Nienisan 281.788.7654
HROLC@yahoo.com

Dance to the music of DJ John Chen



KLEIN LIONS CLUB FISH FRY September 28, 2013

Saturday
11 am till we run out

Theiss Mail Route/Louetta Road

PICK UP AND GO - DRIVE THRU

\$8.00 per plate

Fried fish/homemade hush puppies/beans



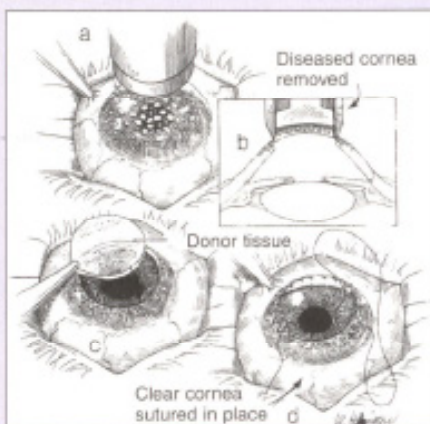
Fundraiser for Klein Lions club helping
Klein ISD students and community

Since 1998, Lions World Sight Day, held annually in October, has focused attention on eliminating preventable blindness and improving sight. Consider donating your corneas after you are finished with them!

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become KNIGHTS FOR THE BLIND. Since that time, Lions have been recognized throughout the world for their service to the blind and visually impaired.”

CORNEAL TRANSPLANT INFORMATION

In a corneal transplant procedure, the donor tissue is measured and cut. Then, a section of the damaged or diseased cornea is removed. The donor tissue is placed into the opening on the surface of the patient's eye. Finally, the surgeon sutures the donor tissue into place. The surgery is completed within one to two hours, and vision restoration begins immediately.



FACTS

- Corneal blindness is a visual impairment that is caused when the cornea becomes clouded or scarred. The condition might be a result of disease, infection, or injury.
- Corneal transplantation is the surgical procedure that replaces the impaired cornea with a new, healthy donor cornea.
- The first successful corneal transplant was reported in 1905.
- Corneal transplantation is one of the most frequently performed human transplant procedures. In 2006, over 33,000 transplants were performed in the United States.
- Since 1961, more than 700,000 people have undergone corneal transplants in this country, according to the Eye Bank Association of America.
- The Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine has provided more than 50,000 corneas to surgeons along the Texas Gulf Coast and around the world.

MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN

- Sign a DONOR card indicating your desire to become an organ and tissue donor. Carry that card in your purse or wallet.
- Apply a DONOR sticker on your driver's license indicating you have chosen to make the donation.
- Above all, tell your loved ones of your decision to become a DONOR, and tell them why donation is important to you.

Uniform Donor Card

I, _____ have spoken to my family about organ and tissue donation. The following people have witnessed my commitment to becoming a donor.

I wish to donate the following:

any needed organs / tissue

only the following organs / tissue _____

Donor Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____

Witness _____

Telephone () _____



BECOMING A DONOR

- Discussing the donation provides an opportunity to talk with your family about responsibility and compassion.
- Donation enables you to restore someone's sight.
- Every year, there are more than 40,000 people in need of corneal transplant surgery in the United States.
- Most religious faiths support the concept of donation since it demonstrates a selfless act of giving from one individual or family to another.

“When the time came for my surgeries, I kept saying to myself, ‘thank you God, thank you donor, thank you doctor for the gift; but they were more than a gift, there were a miracle. Now I can see things so clearly, with corrective lenses I have 20/30 vision. I can work successfully again and can be involved with my church and in my community.”

—Cristina Rosales, 2-time cornea recipient

GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT



Tomball Lions Strokes Helping Folks

Where?

Gleannloch Pines Golf Club
19393 Champion Forest Dr
Spring TX 77379
281-225-1200

When?

Thursday
October 17, 2013

What Time?

11:00am Registration
1:00pm Shotgun Start

Cost?

\$125 per individual
\$450 per team

- Scramble format
- Hole-In-One Chances
- Longest Drive Contest
- Closest to Pin Contest
- Beat the Pro
- Putting Contest
- Straightest Drive

*Golf attire is required.
Collared shirts .
Soft spikes.*



Circle one: Team Individual

Name: _____

Company (if sponsoring a team): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Golfer/Team Information:

Golfer #1: _____

Golfer #2: _____

Golfer #3: _____

Golfer #4: _____

My tournament fees are enclosed. \$ _____

I regret that I cannot participate. My contribution is enclosed. \$ _____

Please fax, mail or e-mail your entry forms to:

timf@tomballford.com or 281.320.6608 Fax

Tomball Lions Club

P. O. Box 34

Tomball, TX 77375

Circle one: Amex, Visa, MasterCard _____

EIN# _____ 3 digit security off back of card

Donation Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS



NEWLY INDUCTED MEMBERS OF HOUSTON MIDWEST LIONS CLUB: From left to right, Dist. Gov. Ed Risha, Ed Bondoc, Rhodes Ramos, Romeo Dezoller, Abigail Dezoller, Venus Bondoc-Llantos, Zenaida Bondoc-Quinty, Mary Jane Gacad Bundrant, Benilda Casingal, Arsenia de Garcia, Jun Quipones Jr., Ferdinand Jacinto, Belinda Jacinto, Adelina Rovillos, Ray Rovillos, Rudy Tobias, Carmen Tobias, Roland Caragay, Cora Riley, Eufrencia Guevarra.

HOUSTON MIDWEST LIONS CLUB (HMLC)

HMLC inducts new officers



NEW OFFICERS OF HOUSTON MIDWEST LIONS CLUB: From left to right, Dist. Gov. Ed Risha, Ed Bondoc (President of HMWLC), Colin Acheson (1st Vice President), Jun Marcella (2nd Vice President), Bob Wilkinson (3rd Vice President), Adelina Rovillos (Tail Tamer), Nick Castillon (Membership Chairperson), Roland Caragay (Director), Faustino B. Quipones, Jr. (Director), Romito Buado Sr. (Director), Romito Buado Jr. (Director). Not in picture: PDG. Melba Buado (Secretary), Cynthia Acheson (Tail Twister)



Ed Bondoc receiving the District Governors Pin



Ed Bondoc with wife Myrna Bondoc receiving the Lion of the Year Award, from Dist. Gov. Ed Risha

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Orientation to Lionism is the Key to a Healthy Club

By Lion Mark Roth, District Global Leadership Team Chair

Every year, the incoming LCI President challenges Districts to charter new clubs. Their experience has taught them that this is the best way to grow Lionism and build membership. While it is important to place new clubs in underserved areas, the real key to reversing the membership decline that we have experienced in recent years, as Governor Eddie Risha challenges us, is to support our existing clubs. In recent years, we have lost several clubs. We are at risk of losing a couple more clubs this year. The question is, “why are we losing our clubs?”

That is not an easy question to answer. Some of our clubs have enjoyed rich histories of service, but now have rosters reduced to less than 20 active members. Certainly there are demographic changes that could account for some of the drop in membership. If our clubs don't develop

recruitment tools to address the changes, this downward trend might continue. Still, year after year, our clubs are really good at signing up new members. So, in this writer's opinion, we are doing a decent job of bringing in new members. But why then, are our rolls diminishing every year? One answer might be that we could do a better job of keeping our members – both new and old – interested in Lionism.

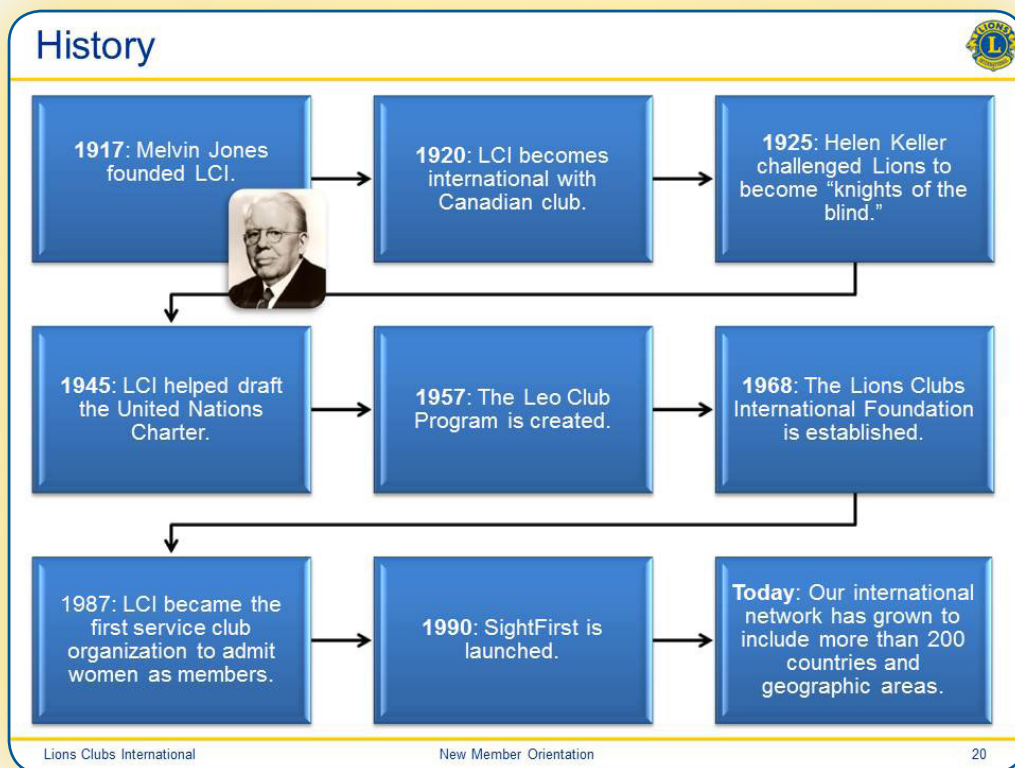
The key to keeping members is to orient them on the front end. Governor Risha has charged his Global Leadership Team with the responsibility of providing orientation for every new Lion this year. To honor the Governor's request, the GLT will coordinate one Lions Orientation workshop every quarter this year. **The first workshop will be held at the China Bear Restaurant on October 12, 2013 at 11:00 am.** We will follow with an overview of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and conclude at 12:30 pm. Lion Sam Thomas will return to the District and serve as the workshop's Trainer. Over the years, Lion

Sam has served the District faithfully in various capacities, but most notably as “Mr. Lion” with his recurring programs on Lions Orientation.

Please encourage all your new members to attend this training.

Remember, orientation is only the first

step. It is arguably one of the most important steps. But, once we orient all our members, we still need to engage them in our clubs' programs, projects and service. Look for opportunities to bring new members into the planning of club events and activities. Help them develop a personal connection with your members and a special connection to the communities you serve.



New Member Orientation:

Saturday October 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM

China Bear Restaurant

15000 I-45 North

Exit Airtex both ways - on northbound feeder road



Peace Poster Contest

An Annual Art Contest for Kids

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For 25 years, more than eight million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2013-14 Peace Poster Contest is “Our World, Our Future.” Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Promoting the Arts

Each year’s art contest for kids consists of an original theme incorporating peace. Participants use a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint, to express the theme. The works created are unique and express the young artists’ life experiences and culture.

Spreading Peace and International Understanding

Twenty-four international Peace Poster entries are selected each year, representing the work of approximately 400,000 young participants worldwide. Posters are shared globally via the Internet, the media and exhibits around the world.

Peace Poster Contest Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

Peace Poster Contest Awards

International winners will be notified on or before February 1.

One international grand prize winner will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change).

Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US\$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Deadline to order Peace Poster Kits from LCI - October 1, 2013

Deadline for Peace Poster Entries to District Chair Eddie Thatcher - ??

Engage Our Youth

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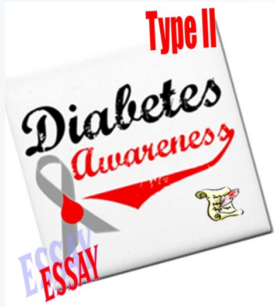


DISTRICT 2-S2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

AWARDS PER CONTEST

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DIABETIC AWARENESS ESSAY

"Control Your Diabetes For Life"

"Control Your Diabetes for Life." Taking action now to manage your diabetes can help you to feel good today and stay healthy in the future. Contestants will research the causes, treatments, side effects and prevention strategies of Type II diabetes and develop an action plan that will help educate and promote the understanding, prevention and treatment of the disease with a particular focus on prevention.

DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH

"PARADISE LOST"

"Paradise Lost." Explore the dramatic and negative effects of abuse of drugs/alcohol in today's society. What are the effects and consequences that face addicts? How does it affect them now and in the future and how can the life examples of those who have "Lost Paradise," or have been dramatically affected by addiction, be used to educate the public and your peers, hopefully preventing an individual from suffering "Lost Paradise."



OUTSTANDING YOUTH

"VOLUNTEERISM & ITS IMPORTANCE"

Contestants are evaluated on high school grade point average, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service, a 750-word essay "Volunteerism & Its Importance", leadership experience/participation and a personal interview.

This contest is open to all high school seniors. Each contestant must be sponsored by a Lions Club in District 2-S2. There is a non-refundable fee of \$100 per entry. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring Lions Club to provide meal and transportation for its representatives to the district contest. Entries must be received by the District no later than December 20, 2013. Contest will be held on January 4, 2014 (time and venue TBA).

For entry forms and complete contest rules, please contact Lion Minette Chiu (District Chairperson) at 713.208.2380 or email lionminette88@gmail.com or visit www.lions2s2.org

For complete contest rules, information, and application forms, please visit the Lions 2S2 website: www.lions2s2.org

First place winners will have the chance to represent District 2-S2 at the MD-2 State Youth Contest on January 31-February 1, 2014 in Kerrville, TX

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOUSTON ROYAL OAKS LIONS (HROLC)

Lions making a difference everyday...everywhere

THE Houston Royal Oaks Lions and Leos roared at the Annual Back to School Event at the PlazAmerica Mall last August 17, 2013, from 7AM to 2 PM. This event benefitted more than 4000 families and students who were pre-selected by the Independent School Districts of Alief and Houston. Some were also chosen by the La Rosa Family Services. Selection was based on their family's economic situation.



Family are hoping that they will be able to continue to uplift more lives and inspire more children to achieve by giving them the gift of education and impart positive attitude through the Leo Club Program. It is very interesting to know that the children of HROLC Lions have been the

winners of the Miss Rizal Contest: the title bestowed upon a young woman who raised the most money to provide scholarships to enable economically challenged youth finish their college education in the Philippines. To date we have: Charter Member of HROLC Leo Club Ms Jesska Chiu, daughter of HROLC co Founder Charter 1st VP Lion Jeff and Charter Secretary Lion Minette Chiu, Year 2009; Charter HROLC Leo President Ms Mary Jocelyn Elyse" Joy " Nisnisan, Year 2010 daughter of HROLC co Founders Charter President Lion Jhoey and Charter Director Lion Emee M. Nisnisan and Ms Diane Madeline Borbon Year 2013 is the daughter of HROLC Heart of the Lion Awardee 2011-2012 Lion Dindo Borbon and wife Mirinda.

According to the Event Chairman Lion Nelvin Adriatico, HROLC Lions played an active part in this undertaking, especially in organizing and expanding the Health and Education Fair aspect of the event. Year after year, with the help from fellow Lions Clubs in District 2-S2 and 2-S4, they have been providing a large number of volunteers to assist us in this huge undertaking.

HROLC Lions Family believes that education is an important tool that will help empower individuals and families. Empowered families will help build their communities and a strong Nation. Many students still needs assistance specially in procuring school supplies for their education. On 2010 under the leadership of Lion Emee Nisnisan, HROLC launched their No Child Left Behind Program. HROLC partnered with the La Rosa Family Services, organizations such as Independent School District of Alief and Houston, the media, business enterprises, government, concerned individuals and organizations to ensure that every child is able to access and enjoy being educated. The Back to School Program is only one of their projects related to Education.

Each year the HROLC Lions Family sponsors the Lions, Leos and the youth to participate in all levels of Leadership opportunities and continues to provide scholarships, service opportunities and experiences that will help them become servant leaders of tomorrow. For the 3 consecutive years our Leos and Lions have been represented at the Lions Clubs International Convention, Texas

The Back to School Planning Committee led by the Event Chairman Lion Nelvin Adriatico appreciates the help and support they got from the Mayor of Houston Ms Anise Parker, the Lions, Councilman Al Hoang who donated 1000 more backpacks with school supplies, Councilman Mike Laster, and former Councilman Gordon Quan who is also the Chairman of the Asian Advisory Committee of HISD, the Houston and Alief Independent School District, La Rosa Family, Telemundo Houston, Raza 98.5 FM, Houston Credit Union, Viva Cinema, Westbound Bank, Graziana's Pizza, Northwest Mall, PlazAmerica Mall, Houston Foodbank, Houston Asian Advisory Committee, Cram Crew, Ricky Guinhawa Photography, all the sponsors, donors, volunteers and friends who made this event possible.

The Lions and Leos of HROLC



Thousands of bags with school supplies ready for distribution at the Back to School Drive Aug 17, 2013



Philippine Nurses Association of Metro Houston officers and Mayor Anise Parker



Back to School Event Team members led by Event Chairman Lion Nelvin Adriatico with Mayor Anise Parker (to his right) Lions 2-S2 District Governor Eddie Risha (to his left).

Rick Guinhawa photography

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Kids being entertained at the Back to School Aug 17 while waiting for their turn to get free back pack with school



HROLC Past President Lion Emeé with other Lions putting more school Supplies in each back pack for distribution at the Aug 17 Back to School Drive



HROLC Lion Myrna doing blood pressure screening at the Back to School Event

Lions State Council Meetings and the Lions 2-S2 undertakings

There is so much to say about the achievements of this very young Lions Club. In the year 2009 HROLC Lions sponsored the Alpha Leo Club for youth group age 13 to 18 years old with Lion Minette Chiu as their Advisor. During their charter year as a club they already received the distinguished Leo Club Excellence Award from Lions Clubs International

for their outstanding achievements. Their Leos have actively participated in the District, State and International Lions Affairs. Ms Jasmine Emara, Charter Secretary served as Secretary of the Texas State Leo Council and represented USA with Leo Jocelyn Nisnisan in Seattle Washington on July 2011. Their Leo Club was given the distinguished Leo Club Excellence Award from the Lions Clubs International for outstanding club accomplishments during their charter year.

Charter Leo President Joy Nisnisan received the Lions Clubs International Plaque of Appreciation for serving as the Keynote Speaker at the International Leo Lion Summit held in Hamburg Germany on July 5, 2013. Year 2011, Ms. Nisnisan won the Lions District 2-S2 Outstanding Youth Contest and the Leo of the Year Award. This young lady was also awarded the distinguished LCI Leadership

Medal given by honorable Lions Clubs International President Wing Kun Tam during the International Leo Lion Summit in Busan Korea in July 2012. There, she served as one of the Youth Panelist. For the first time in the history of Texas Lions, a Texas Leo was appointed to represent USA and Canada in the International Leadership through Ms Joy Nisnisan who served as Constitutional Area I Representative to the Youth Advisory Committee of the Lions Clubs International from year 2010 to 2013.

Last July, Leo Helbert Anderson received the Texas Leo Council Medal for his active participation as representative of District 2-S2 in the State Council LY 2012-2013.

On August 3, HROLC Leos under the leadership of their elected President Mara Nisnisan attended the 1st Texas Leo Council Meeting in YO Ranch Hotel in Kerville, Texas where they met with the new Lions Clubs International President Barry Palmer from Australia and served as greeters during the campers graduation at the Lions Camp on August 2.

Other attendees were: HROLC Officer and District 2-S2 Leo Cabinet VP Iris Lacamana, 2013 Leo representative to the LCI Leo Lion Summit in Hamburg Germany and District 2-S2 Treasurer Leo Zac Wiershem, Leo AJ Adriatico, HROLC President Lion Math Mendoza and District Leo Chairperson Lion Emeé Nisnisan.

In the year 2010, HROLC also sponsored the Houston Baptist University Campus Lions Club. That Campus Lions Club won the title being of the Most Outstanding Campus Organization of the Houston Baptist

University given by the University President Dr Robert Sloan on May of 2011 during their charter year as a club as well. Their Charter President, Ms Marie Jeanne Ellenor Nisnisan became the youngest Lion from around the world to receive the distinguished Leadership Medal from the Lions Clubs International. This award was presented to her by District 2-S2 Governor Lion Glen Starr in one of the District meetings held at the China Bear restaurant in Houston Texas on April 2011.

On October year 2012 HROLC Past President Lion Maria Emeé M, Nisnisan, PMJF was honored at the White House as one of the 11 Lions distinguished as Champions of Change representing the more than 1.2 million Lions around the world. Lion Emeé was honored because of her dedication in serving the community and for her outstanding accomplishments in organizing health and community resources fairs to promote awareness health and other concerns. Here is the link: <http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=138461&p=32>.

These are only few of the HROLC accomplishments since the club was chartered in 2008.

Indeed HROLC Lions and Leos have a way of creating a world of difference, engaging their members, the youth, their families and friends in service helping them excell, achieve, follow their dreams and become successful in any of their undertakings.

Membership to this young Lions Club is still open for anyone who wants to make a difference and have passion to serve. Membership levels: Regular Members from age 30 and above. Alpha Leo (students from 13 years old to 18 years old) Right now we have a community based Leo Club. If you want to charter or start a Leo Club in your respective schools please call 281-7887654. Information on <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/leo-zone/index.php>.

This year they are looking forward to charter the OMEGA LEO Club for youth age 18 to 30 years old. If you have children or know someone going to or studying at the Houston Baptist University and want to be a member of their Campus Lions Club please email the coordinator at hrolc@yahoo.com. We are looking for more leaders and youth to mentor and engage in leadership and in service. HROLC Lions are working hard to expand the scope of their Humanitarian services by providing FREE cataract surgeries in the Philippine Island in the year 2014.

This October 19, 2013 the Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club will celebrate their 5 Year Anniversary, Gala and Awards Night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 7611 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX, 77024 from 6:00 PM to 12:00 MN. The evening will start with a Silent Auction followed by dinner and dancing with lots of fun and surprises. This will be another Masquerade Ball to remember. For Ticket reservation and for more information please email: hrolc@yahoo.com, text or call 281-7887654. Table and other sponsorship opportunities are still available.



The crowd waiting for the door to open for the Back to School Event

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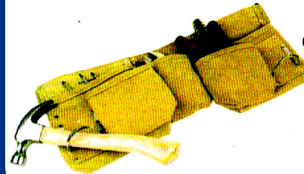
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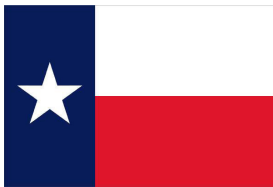
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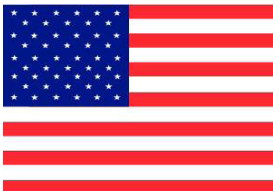
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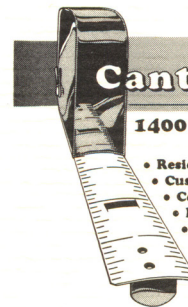
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Lions Weekly Checklist

- Had fun and fellowship.
- Asked someone to join my club this week.
- Performed community service.
- Developed leadership skills in self and others.
- Planned a new or continuing project.
- Reached out to the youth.
- Promoted good government and good citizenship.

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