

LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	7	Bob Dowden Dinner
November	4	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
December	2	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
January	6	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
January	23	Mid-Winter Conference/Cabinet Meeting

Thoughts from your District Governor

Noah Speer

I am traveling to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We stopped for the night at a Red Roof Motel in East Lansing, MI. Awakening early and not wanting to disturb my wife, I went to the motel office to read. The Night Clerk asked why we were in East Lansing. WOW what an opening! Samuel had not heard of Lions Clubs International. Oops. What do you say to that? I spent the next 30 plus minutes talking about Lions. How Melvin Jones, a member of a business club, led the organization of Lions Clubs. That the first convention was in Dallas, Texas. How we became Lions Clubs International when a club in Canada joined. How Helen Keller challenged LCI to be "Knights of the Blind". How 3 lions in Michigan began The Leader Dog for the Blind. How those service dogs change lives. We talked about the river blindness and measles initiatives that have saved sight and/or lives by our organization having partnered with other organizations to provide medicine. We talked about different service projects that clubs I have visited do in their communities - collecting eye glasses, buying glasses for children and adults, providing scholarships, the Texas Lions Camp, Lions Eye Bank of Texas, cutting yards of disabled individuals, health fairs, providing dictionaries, providing school supplies and backpacks, food drives, building wheelchair ramps, home repairs, growing a garden to provide schools with fresh food. We talked about fund raising events - pancake suppers, catfish dinners, fruit sales, flag project, bike rides. Samuel was impressed. I showed him how to look up nearby clubs on the LCI website. He left that morning with a printout showing a club nearby. I hope he is able to join. We had talked about the different ways clubs were structured for dues so that he had an understanding of what he might find. I hope in Samuel's case I planted a seed that will grow. But what about me? As I talked with Samuel and shared with him the Lions' story, I became thrilled. Thrilled at what the organization has done, is doing and has the potential to do! Do you feel that thrill and excitement when you are presented with the opportunity to present our story? I hope so. Have a great day!



**IT'S GREAT
TO BE A LION
"WE SERVE"**

PAWPRINTS

Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

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Leading with Service

Lion Chris: “Our club raises a lot of money for service projects. Most of it is sent to the Eye Bank Foundation for research, to LCIF for disaster relief, or to other charities outside of our community. Here in our town the food bank is unable to keep up with requests, the playgrounds are run down and short on equipment and my next door neighbor who is confined to a wheel chair hasn't been outside of his house in six month. He used to spend a lot of time on the patio but the ramp he used to get from his porch to the patio is no longer safe. I think there are a lot of things we should be doing in our own town.”

Lion Mary: “My grandson is in kindergarten at the elementary school. He told me they did not have a story group like his sister did last year. When I called the school I found out that due to budget cuts they had to eliminate the aides who read to the children in story group but it might start up if some volunteers could be found. I would really like to help out in a project like that. I have talked with a couple of other Lions who have the time to go to the school for a couple of hours each week for a story group. I think that would be a good service project.”

Lion Carlos: “Some time ago we tried to have a major food drive but it never got off the ground. We couldn't decide how much food to collect, never set a start or ending date, and ended up never doing the project. I am sure we could have collected a lot of food, but nobody took ownership of the project and we never had a plan.”

Lion Elizabeth: “The place where I work had a food drive. Our goal was to collect 1,000 cases of food to give to the food bank. When a department collected 50 cases of food the names of the people were put on the electronic sign at the front of the plant with a message thanking them for their donation. When we reached our goal, the owner had a catered lunch for all of the workers. He also invited the television station to film as we filled the truck to send to the food bank. All of my friends told me they had seen me on television. All in all it was a great experience.’

We have all heard stories like these from Lions we meet. The lack of meaningful service projects is the number one cause for Lions leaving our Association. Clubs should prioritize looking for fresh opportunities to provide low-cost, high-visibility community service projects right in their home town or local community. I'll be sharing more examples of service opportunities over the next several months. Here are a few examples of service projects other clubs have done:

Rummage sale – proceeds from the sale of donation clothes go to support local shelter

Adopt-a-Family at Thanksgiving, Christmas or “The Holidays” in general

Senior center holiday celebration, distribution of care packages

Shoe drive for the homeless shelter

Holiday cards for soldiers and veteran hospital visitations

Recycling program

Park or picnic area beautification

Special Olympics celebration for special needs children

Toy drive

Home maintenance for seniors

Holiday hospital visit gift-giving at the local Children's hospital

Health screenings

We all know the meaning of L.I.O.N.S. Here's my offering, revised for our second century of serving: Lions In Our Neighborhoods Serving.



Multiple District 2-S2 Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2016

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Time: 9:00 - 1:30 pm Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Program sessions for Lions, Campus Clubs, and Leo's. Program ideas should be sent to 2nd VDG Betty Ezell - H: 713-849-0490 or C: 281-743-0523, email (bez1texan@sbcglobal.net)

Registration:

Regular club members \$20.

Campus club members \$0 (must register to receive food)

Leo's \$0 (must register to receive food)



District cabinet meeting to follow.



**The Lions Eye Bank of Texas
has put together a Cookbook with the help of
District 2-S2, 2-S1, 2-S4 and 2-A3
There are over 400 recipes in the loose-leaf binder type cookbook.**

**The Eye Bank will be selling the books to the Clubs for \$15 each.
It is recommended that the clubs sell them for a minimum of \$20.**

The club will make \$5 per book sold, by the club.

**The Cook Book will make perfect gifts
Please help us sell these wonderful Lions Eye Bank Cookbooks,
I want my Living room back**

**Lion Betty Ezell
281-743-0523
bez1texan@sbcglobal.net**

**Darleane Warren,
Lions Coordinator at the Lions Eye Bank of Texas.
Her phone number is 713-798-5545 or email her at darleanw@bcm.edu**



Vice District Govrmors goofing around at the USA/CANADA Leadership Forum



Houston Royal Oaks Backpack Project



Houston Spring Branch Lions Club Dictionary Project with Terrace Elementary



Come enjoy an afternoon filled with bowling, door prizes, silent auction and LOTS of fun!

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016



2016 LIONS EYE BANK OF TEXAS DISTRICT 2-S2 BOWL-A-THON

PALACE BOWLING LANES
4191 BELLAIRE BLVD.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 12:00 PM
BOWLING BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

Proceeds benefit the Lions Eye Bank of Texas



THE BOB DOWDEN DINNER

BENEFITING THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP

SPONSORED BY THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-S2

OCTOBER 7TH, 2015

6:00 SOCIAL TIME WITH LIVE MUSIC 7:00 DINNER

THE GRAND PALACE

314A FRUITT ROAD

SPRING TEXAS 77380

281-367-3200

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

MEAL \$25.00



LION BOB DOWDEN
LAPORTE LIONS CLUB

Once upon a time, a group of Lions, under the direction of Lion Bob Dowden, gathered for fellowship and a spirited wild game hunt. The dinner that followed became a tradition in District 2-S2. The tradition continues!

Come join us and support our very own Texas Lions Camp!

For more information, call your elected directors:

Lion Wes Carr 713-703-9210 or Scott Perry 936-672-9467

Start getting your cash together to bid on this, one of a kind, Texas Lions Camp "X's and O's" quilt. It was designed and hand stitched by our very own Lion Sandy Martin. The proceeds go directly to the camp to help children with special needs enjoy a week of summer fun and life experiences!





THE BOB DOWDEN DINNER

BENEFITING THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP
SPONSORED BY THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 2-S2
OCTOBER 7TH, 2015
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR, 7:00 DINNER

SPECIAL DRAWING



Samsung 3D BluRay with 3D glasses and Jurassic Park

Or



Yildiz .410 Shotgun

Tickets \$1.00 Each

6 for \$5.00

13 for \$10.00

20 for \$15.00

26 for \$20.00

40 for \$30.00

55 for \$40.00

70 for \$50.00



Texas Lions Camp
Children Can...With TLC™

Bob Dowden Dinner

Sponsorship Opportunities

Presented by District 2-S2



All proceeds go directly to Texas Lions Camp!



Let's make it happen...

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

September 4, 2015



Dear Supporter:

Established in 1949, the Texas Lions Camp is a summer camping facility dedicated to serving children from the State of Texas with physical disabilities and Type 1 diabetes. The camp's mission is: *"To provide, without charge, a camp for physically disabled, vision/hearing impaired and diabetic children from the State of Texas."* Once again the Lions of District 2-S2 will keep this mission alive by hosting the Annual Bob Dowden Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at the Grand Palace in Spring, TX. All proceeds from the event go directly to Texas Lions Camp to allow children to participate at no charge and experience a week of camp that they will remember for a lifetime.

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

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

Your contribution will no doubt benefit the lives of many children who attend the Texas Lions Camp each year. I hope we can count on your participation in this year's event. For information – please contact Texas Lions Camp - Directors Wes Carr (713/703-9210) or Scott Perry (936/672-9467).

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Wes Carr
District 2-S2 – Camp Director

Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Brief description of item(s) donated: _____

Approximate retail value of item(s) \$ _____

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



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

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

Camp Director, 2-S2: Wes Carr

713-703-9210 (c)

wes.carr@carr-redwine.com

Camp Director, 2-S2: Scott Perry

936-672-9467 (c)

sperry@cityofconroe.org

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP

\$1,000.00

LEGACY

\$1,000.00

INSPIRATION

\$1,000.00

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

Rutherford

\$500.00

Riley

\$500.00

Wiech

\$500.00

Jackson

\$500.00

Smith

\$500.00

Miner

\$500.00

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

"Can Do" Sponsorship

\$300.00

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

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

For more information or to commit to sponsorship, please contact Lions Camp Director Wes Carr (713-703-9210) or Scott Perry (936) 672-9467.



Bob Dowden Dinner Sponsor Information

Name _____ Title _____

Company _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Sponsor's signature _____ Date _____

LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP *(please check appropriate line)*

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

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

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

Make checks to the order of :

Lions District 2-S2 (501c4)

or

Texas Lions Camp (501c3)

Mail payment along with this form to :

Wes Carr
c/o Bob Dowden Dinner
P.O. Box 1135
Conroe, Texas 77305



WE SERVE!



BROOKSHIRE-PATTISON LIONS CLUB BBQ Chicken Sale

Friday, October 9, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department.
2950 Fm 359 North, Pattison, TX 77466



Whole chickens are \$10.



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.

Chairman: DG Eddie Munger

Co-Chairman: PDG Ronald Landers

2815 Teague Rd. 1436

Houston, TX 77080

281-520-9195

rglanders@comcast.net

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: _____

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/or 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
(Please Print/Type name as it is to appear on the Certificate)

Applicant: _____ Year Joined Lions Club: _____

Lions Club(s): _____

Offices Held: _____

Service to Club and/or District: _____

Service to Community: _____

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

Other achievements: _____

Submitted by: _____

Lions Club: Date: _____

SEND TO : PDG IRV WISHNOW, 5235 BRAESVALLEY DR., HOUSTON, TX 77096

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 their projects.

Once the HRF Request has been approved, the Cabinet Treasurer will issue the check to the service provider.

Lions Club: _____

Other Lions Club assisting in project: _____

Request description: _____

Name and address of service provider (include copy of bill): _____

Person or persons benefiting from project: _____

Is this an emergency situation (Yes) _____ (No) _____ Date funds needed: _____



Club contact person: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact email: _____

Submit requests to Minette Chiu, 13638 La Concha Lane, Houston, TX 77083. Check made out to District 2-S2 HRF for club's portion of request (1/2 of total project cost – maximum \$1,250) must accompany request. Request may be emailed with copy of check being mailed.

HRF Committee Members:

Chairman: 1st VDG Mark Roth, (C) 713-962-4194, (W) 713-349-2550 email: markwroth@live.com

Vice Chair: 2nd VDG Betty Ezell, (H) 713-849-0490, (C) 281-743-0523, email: bez1texab@sbcglobal.net

Secretary: Minette Chiu, (C) 713-208-2380, email: lionminette88@gmail.com

Treasurer: Greg Turner, (H) 936-257-8897, (C) 936-776-1334, email: greg.turner46@gmail.com

DG: Noah Speer, (H) 936-291-3045, (C) 936-661-1685 email: noahspeer@sbcglobal.net

IPDG: Chris Moorman, (H) 936-336-5043, (C) 936-776-3018 email: jcmoorman@lonestarcomputing.com

Directors:

Betty Williamson (C) 281-785-0559, email: betwmsn@hotmail.com

Jim Kerr (C) 713-385-7619, (H) 936-334-1672, email: jimakerr@aol.com

Donald Landers (C) 281-520-7418, email: dlanders1484@gmail.com

Revised: July 1, 2015



8th Annual Houston VisionWalk

October 3, 2015

Discovery Green
Houston, TX



Walk with the Foundation Fighting Blindness
& help make the world a brighter place for
millions of Americans with retinal diseases

www.FightBlindness.org/HoustonVisionWalk

For more information contact Donna Cohen at 866-782-7330 or DCohen@FightBlindness.org



8th Annual Houston VisionWalk

Discovery Green - Houston, TX

Saturday, October 3, 2015

COMPANY _____

CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____

YES! WE WOULD LIKE TO FORM A COMPANY TEAM

PLEASE INDICATE PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

CHECK ENCLOSED MASTER CARD VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

AMOUNT \$ _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

CARD NUMBER _____ CVV _____

NAME ON CARD _____

Foundation Fighting Blindness Federal Tax ID: 23-713-5845

Please email logo as high-res JPG, Vector EPS or high-res PDF to Donna Cohen at DCohen@FightBlindness.org.

PLEASE MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

VisionWalk
 Foundation Fighting Blindness
 2800 28th Street, Suite 310
 Santa Monica, CA 90405
 Fax: 310-450-2717

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Donna Cohen at 866-782-7330 or DCohen@FightBlindness.org
 or visit www.FightBlindness.org/HoustonVisionWalk.

EVENT CODE: 650072

Community Presenting Sponsor
\$20,000

- Prominent Logo on Event Kick Off Invitations
- Prominent Logo on Event Brochures & Posters
- Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirts
- Logo with Live Link on Local VisionWalk Home Page
- Prominent Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner
- Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval
- Inclusion in VisionWalk Press Release
- Inclusion in all Pre-Event Eblasts
- Opportunity for Stage Remarks from Representative
- Opportunity for Executive to be Honorary Walk Chair
- Opportunity for In-House Corporate Kick Off
- Inclusion in Chapter Eblasts
- Gala or Special Event tickets (select locations)

Community Champion
\$10,000

- Prominent Logo on Event Kick Off Invitations
- Prominent Logo on Event Brochures & Posters
- Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirts
- Logo with Live Link on Local VisionWalk Home Page
- Prominent Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner
- Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval
- Inclusion in VisionWalk Press Release
- Inclusion in 2 Pre-Event Eblasts
- Opportunity for Stage Remarks from Representative
- Opportunity for In-House Corporate Kick Off

Community Captain
\$5,000

- Logo on Event Kick Off Invitations
- Logo on Event Brochures & Posters
- Logo on Event T-Shirts
- Logo on Local VisionWalk Home Page
- Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner
- Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval
- Inclusion in VisionWalk Press Release
- Inclusion in 1 Pre-Event Eblasts

Community Leader
\$2,500

- Logo on Event Brochures & Posters
- Logo on Event T-Shirts
- Logo on Local VisionWalk Home Page
- Logo on Day of Event Stage Banner
- Event Day Booth with Sampling Upon Approval

Community Partner
\$1,000

- Name on Event Brochures & Posters
- Name on Event T-Shirts
- Name on Local VisionWalk Home Page
- Name on Day of Event Stage Banner

Community Supporter
\$500

- Name on Event T-Shirts
- Name on Day of Event Stage Banner

Fall Auction

Join us for LUNCH



We Serve

It is time once again for the Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club
FALL AUCTION !!!

Location: Cut & Shoot City Park

Dates : Sat Oct 10th all day donations and Sun Oct 11th
donations until 11 am. **AUCTION BEGINS AT 12 pm NOON**

Clean out those attics, closets, garages and sheds. We need
your donations!!!

We provide eyeglasses to 5 different schools, 8 scholarships a
year to the graduating classes, dictionaries to the grade
schools, Lions camp for disabled children in Kerrville, build
handicap ramps, adopted a nursing home etc. etc.

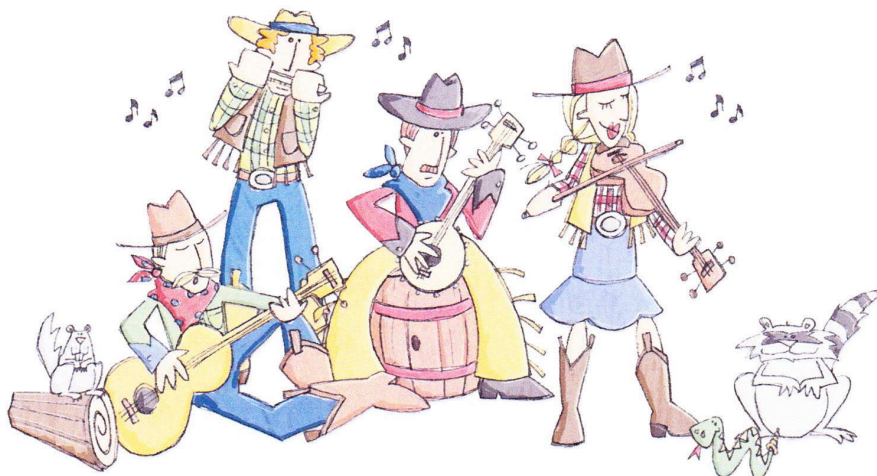
All proceeds goes back to the community

**PLEASE NO !! TVS, MATTRESSES, BOOKS OR
CLOTHS PLEASE !!!!**



We Serve

Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club
presents
2015 COUNTRY HOEDOWN



V.F.W HALL
1303 W. Semands Ave
Conroe, Texas
Off W. Fraizer in Conroe

Live Music, Bar B Que and Sausage Dinner, Drinks, Cash Bar,
Karaoke, Dancing, Live & Silent Auctions, Door Prizes Every 30 min.
and MORE!!

November 7th, 2015 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
\$15.00 Adults 12 & Under FREE
(one per paying adult)



MUST BRING TICKET OR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR

Contact : David Ray @ 713 201-1011



Houston Cy-Fair Lions Biking for Sight Century

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Sixteenth Annual Biking for Sight Bike Ride

Sunday October 4, 2015 8:00 AM Montgomery, Texas Athletic Complex

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Ride Distance: 25 ___ 40 ___ 62 ___ 100 ___ (only if we have 30 riders by 9/19/15)

T-shirt Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL _____

_____ \$ 20 Registration fee prior to 8/1/2015

_____ \$ 25 Registration fee prior to 9/1/2015

_____ \$ 30 Registration fee on or after 9/1/2015

_____ \$ 35 Registration fee on or after 9/19/15

_____ \$ 40 DAY OF THE RIDE

For more information, please visit our web site at www.houstoncy-fairlions.org

Please make checks payable to the:

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

9018 Bonnyview Drive

Houston, Texas 77095

WAIVER:

I fully realize the dangers of participating in a bicycle ride and fully assume the risk associated with such participation, including, by way of example, and not limited to the following: the danger of collision with pedestrians, vehicles, and other riders and fixed or moving objects; the danger arising from surface hazards, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, and weather conditions; and the possibility of serious physical and/or mental trauma or injury associated with athletic participation. I hereby waive, release and discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, signers, successors in interest and all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors of this event, the organizers and any promoting organizations, property owners, law enforcement agencies, all public entities, and special districts, through or by which the event will be held for any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in conjunction with the event, or travel to or return from the event. I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the ride course and special regulations for the event. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the ride which may be beyond the immediate control of the ride officials or organizers, and I must continually ride so as to neither endanger others or myself. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my equipment. I will wear an ANSI approved helmet at all times while riding my bicycle. I have no physical or mental condition, which, to my knowledge, would endanger another or myself if I participate in this event, or would interfere with my ability to participate in this event.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Parent or Guardian if rider is under 18: _____

Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club

cordially invites you

7th Annual Scholarship Gala & Masquerade Ball Fundraiser

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Hilton Houston Southwest

6780 Southwest Fwy

Houston, TX 77074

Registration starts at 6:30 pm

\$55 per person (\$60 after 10/15)

RSVP: 281.788.7654 or 713.208.2380

ATTIRE: FORMAL

*An evening of inspiration & entertainment, fine dining, drawings,
silent auction, dancing & fellowship*

Music by DJ John Chen

Proceeds benefit HROLC's Mission HOPE, Texas Lions Camp,
& other Lions and HROLC charities & scholarships



WE SERVE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

and
LCI REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
 Crowne Plaza North Central
 6121 North I-35 – Austin, Texas
March 5 (start 11:30 a.m) and March 6 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2016

Registration – All who attend must register **Registration must be for the total event package. It is not possible to register for individual meals.**

Separate registration form is required, even if lodging together.

_____ **Please check if you are a first-timer – Never attended this Forum / Institute before.**

Name: _____ Lion Yes No Member # _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip code: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Highest Lion office held _____

Are you staying at the Crowne Plaza? Yes No If yes, name on reservation? _____

Make checks to: **Texas Lions Leadership Forum**
 Mail to: **Frances Cherry** Phone: **915-584-0130**
6216 Caprock Cell: **915-494-4425**
EI Paso, TX 79912
pdascherrvs@yahoo.com

If have not been Vice Governor or above

Forum registration by 2/7/16 # _____ @ \$50.00 = _____

If have been Vice District Governor or above

Forum registration by 2/7/16 # _____ @ \$75.00 = _____

All registrants after 2/7/16 # _____ @ 100.00 - _____

Reserve lodging at the **Crowne Plaza Austin North Central, 6121 North I-35, Austin, TX. The Lions Clubs International rate must be requested.** To reserve telephone **877-227-6963** or telephone the hotel direct at **512-323-5466**. Rate: **\$104** per night, single or double. The reservation deadline at this rate is **February 20**. Reserve and guarantee your room **now**.

The first 100 Lions registering, who have never been elected to a position of Vice Governor or higher, will have their March 5th lodging paid by the Institute. Even those who qualify for this paid lodging must make, and guarantee, their own reservations with the **Crowne Plaza Austin North Central and complete all parts of the Institute evaluation.** A charge will be made to the credit card of those not attending who do not cancel lodging through **Frances Cherry (915)494- 4425 or (915) 584- 0130**

Please select 6 choices.+
 Indication of choices are used for scheduling purposes – Participant may change to other choices.

- COI, Blueprint, Just Ask
 - Local Issues & Opportunities
 - Effective Meeting Management
 - Club Success
 - Member Diversity & Inclusion
 - Future Vice Governors
 - Texas Lion history
 - Leadership fundamentals
 - Lion fundamentals
 - Membership fundamentals
 - Motivating club members
 - Public speaking
 - Set & reach club goals
 - Social media & Lionism
 - Structure & organization
 - Time management
 - Working in teams
- Service entities invited to display only
- Leadersogs for the Blind
 - Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation
 - Texas Lions Camp
 - Lions Eyeglass Recycling
 - Texas Lions Foundation



Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

2015-2016 MD2 ENTRY FORM

(Please Print)

District _____

Club ID _____

Lion Photographer Name _____

Photographer Lions Club _____

Photographer E-mail Address _____

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme: *Dignity, Harmony, humanity; Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.*

Contest rules are posted on the state website.

One 8"x10" printed photo and completed entry form must be received prior to February 4, 2016 in the state office or presented February 4th to PDG Fredda in Kerrville.

NOTE: Multiple district entries will not be accepted, please limit to one photo entry per district.

PDG Fredda Buckner, MD2 Contest Coordinator
Questions? E-mail pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net





Texas Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2015-2016 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme: *Dignity, harmony, humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.*

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one 8" x 10" printed photo to the multiple district prior to **February 4, 2016**. Photos may be mailed to reach the state office prior to this date or delivered to the contest coordinator in Kerrville Thursday, February 4th.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2016** is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

NOTE: Multiple entries will not be accepted, please limit to one photo entry per district.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos must be taken by the submitting Lion and become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

E-mail contest questions to: pdgfredda@sbcglobal.net



District 2S2 Environment Photo Competition

Theme – ‘The ideal environment within the limits of our planet.’

A picture is worth a thousand words

Categories For Submission

- Animal life
- Plant life
- Urban or natural landscape
- Weather phenomenon
- **Special theme:** Dignity, harmony, humanity
Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species
- **Impact of erosion**

Who May Enter

Every Lion from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

How to enter

- An 8*10 hard copy and a electronic copy must be submitted.
- Each Entry consists of an entry form, a single image, and an entry fee. The entry fee is US\$5 per entry. complete an entry form with the required information, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, and photo caption; and submit.
- Photographs must be in digital format. The photograph need not be taken with a digital camera; All digital files must be 20 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or JPG format, Photographs must have been taken within two (2) years before the date of entry and may not previously have won an award in the district 2S2 environmental Competition
- Only minor burning, dodging and/or color correction is acceptable, as is cropping.
- Photographs that include sculptures, statues, paintings, and other works of art will be accepted as long as they do not constitute copyright infringement or fraud; provided entrants must be prepared to provide a release form as described below in "Release." When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's art.
- The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph



MD2 Convention Times

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Progress Causing Upheaval in Downtown Midland Original Convention Venue No Longer Tenable

Major demolition projects by the City of Midland over the next few months will make room for a new Convention Center, more hotels and additional parking in the middle of downtown. The projects are directly across the street and surrounding the original Texas Lions host hotel.

The demolition includes tearing down the current Midland Center, which would have been the site for several of the meals, seminars & workshops of the 2016 MD2 State Convention. In addition to the construction disturbance, the loss of the center would require using other venues some distance away. The original hotel is also using the opportunity to eliminate the majority of its attached parking spaces to make room for a 3 story parking garage. They will make use of the Convention Center parking 2 blocks away, since this will be unused during construction of the new center.

The Convention Committee felt that having to frequently drive to other venues when the parking would be blocks away from the hotel would not make the convention very pleasant. The committee decided to select an alternate site.

The Grand Texan Hotel

Midland, Texas
New Site for 2016 MD2
State Convention



With over 15,000 Square feet of Convention Space, plus 4 large ballrooms, 2 enclosed atriums, indoor pool, miniature golf and workout room, the **Grand Texan Hotel**, located at **4300 W. Wall** in Midland, will have ample room to host all the 2016 MD2 Convention events in one location. The Grand



Texan replaces the Doubletree Hotel in Downtown Midland as the host hotel, because the City of Midland voted to tear down the City Convention Center. The Grand Texan features a Pizza Parlor and Indian Cuisine, as well as a bar. Lions will be given a Convention rate of \$109.99/night.

Directions: Exit I-20 at Midkiff Rd. -go north. Turn left on Wall/ Buss. I-20. After the Thomason light get onto the north access road. Hotel approx. 1/2 miles on right past Ford dealership.



Centrally located in Midland, Grand Texan Hotel & Convention Center is convenient to I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, First American Bank Ballpark & Grande Com. Stadium.

Make yourself at home in one of the 253 individually decorated guestrooms, featuring refrigerators and microwaves. Complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected, and cable programming is available for your entertainment. Bathrooms have complimentary toiletries.

Enjoy a range of recreational amenities, including an indoor pool, a waterslide, an arcade/game room and a spa tub. This hotel also features a 24-hour business center, a computer station, and complimentary newspapers in the lobby. A roundtrip airport shuttle is complimentary (available on request).

For Grand Texan Reservations:

Call: **432-697-3181**

or

E-Mail:

sales@grandtexan.com

(Provide your contact #'s for a return call)

Use block name: **Lions Club -**

District 2A1 (Block closes 5/4/16)

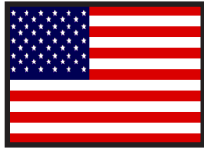
Convention Rate: **\$109.99 King
or 2 Queens**

**Save the Dates
May 19-21, 2016**

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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 281-726-0334

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



**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all**
(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)



**Honor the Texas flag.
I Pledge Allegiance to thee.
Texas, One State under God.
One and Indivisible.**

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

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**First Vice District Governor
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Official newsletter of Lions District 2-S2

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

August - June, 2015-2016

The District Newsletter Advertisements.

These Ad's are busines card size 3 1/4 inches by 1 3/4 inches,

They cost \$100 per ad panel for the year, or \$25 a month.

Double sized ads double the cost.

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Which have been recently updated

www.lions2s2.org

www.texaslions.org

www.lionsclubs.org

Bob Dowden Dinner

OCTOBER 7, 2015

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