

# LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

Chambers - Harris - Liberty - Montgomery  
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## Thoughts from your District Governor ....

### By the Numbers\*

The month of September was great, in terms of membership increases, for a few Lions Clubs in the district. Topping the list for new members is Sam Houston State University Lions Club with 15 new members! The challenge with a Lions Club on a school campus is the turnover that is virtually guaranteed to happen each and every year. The SHSU Lions Club has a plan in place to address this issue – they hold a membership drive almost year-round! Next on the list of new members in September was the Magnolia Lions Club. This club also held a membership drive in September and the club’s roster increased by 7. Rounding out the clubs with new members in September was Conroe Noon (3), Houston Downtown and Houston Royal Oaks (2), Baytown, Bellaire, Crosby, and Montgomery (1). We are on the verge of a couple of new clubs chartering in the very near future thanks to the effort of a number of Lions getting out and asking people to join a Lions Club. There are many individuals in our respective communities

who desire to give back and make a difference - a Lions Club is the perfect place to do that! The moral here is membership drives work! I hope every club conducts a membership drive this fall and another next spring. The challenges are still great. Even with the 33 new members in September, the total membership roster for District 2-S2 still declined by a net 7 members for the month.

In the accompanying table to this article are the Lions in District 2-S2 with 50 years or more service to our Association as of September 30. Cumulatively, these Lions represent over 1334 years of service. Awesome! I personally thank each of those on the list for setting the standard and leading the way. Let’s all go out and find someone to join our respective clubs who might be on a list like these 50 years from now.

\* All data obtained from LCI website and compiled from club reports.

| Lion Name                     | Join Date | Current Club        |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| PDG J.L. "Jimmy" McPherson    | 5/1/1945  | Houston Sports      |
| Robert Kenneth "Ken" Whitfill | 4/1/1946  | Houston Downtown    |
| G.B. Williams                 | 7/1/1947  | Conroe Noon         |
| Morris Bateman                | 11/1/1948 | Conroe Noon         |
| Patrick Brown                 | 10/1/1949 | Conroe Evening      |
| E.D. Turner                   | 8/1/1950  | Brookshire Pattison |
| PDG E.H. "Eddie" Munger       | 8/1/1951  | Houston Heights     |
| PDG George Conner             | 5/1/1952  | Houston Sports      |
| Louis B. Hughes               | 7/1/1954  | Baytown             |
| T.L. Capers                   | 9/1/1954  | Huntsville          |
| PID Don A. Buckalew           | 4/1/1956  | Conroe Noon         |
| W. Curtis Herring             | 8/1/1956  | Baytown             |
| PDG C. Don Robinson           | 1/1/1957  | Houston Cy-Fair     |
| Tom O. Miessler               | 8/1/1957  | S Montgomery County |
| Warren B. Steed               | 10/1/1957 | Liberty             |
| Whitson B. Etheridge          | 11/1/1957 | Conroe Evening      |
| R.M. Westmoreland             | 11/1/1957 | Conroe Evening      |
| PDG E. L. "Les" Swanson       | 1/1/1958  | Houston Greenspoint |
| PDG James E. "Doc" Cates      | 2/1/1959  | Conroe Noon         |
| PDG Fred R. Hamilton          | 4/1/1959  | Houston Cy-Fair     |
| Wade E. Bursleson             | 8/1/1959  | Houston Memorial    |
| R.B. "Mac" McDonald           | 10/1/1959 | Liberty             |
| J.C. Showalter                | 10/1/1959 | Liberty             |
| Travis L. Winfree             | 6/1/1960  | Hempstead           |

Let’s have a great year!

**Glen Starr, District Governor 2010-2011**



### CALENDER OF EVENTS

|          |    |                            |
|----------|----|----------------------------|
| November | 3  | PSC Meeting                |
|          |    | Peace Poster deadline      |
| December | 1  | PSC Meeting                |
| December | 6  | Lighthouse Shopping Trip   |
| January  | 19 | Third Cabinet Meeting      |
| January  | 22 | Mid-Winter 2-S2 Conference |

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## **Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:**

### **BEWARE OF THE DARK SIDE**

*(SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: CAUTION!!! Reading this article may cause you to smile or even laugh. If you have been lured to "The Dark Side" and have not smiled in years you should use extreme caution when reading this article. Read only small portions at a time until you are sure you are able to crack that smile without breaking.)*



Ohhhh.....the lure of the Dark Side. We all remember how Luke was drawn to the promises of better things by Darth Vader in the "Star Wars" sagas. It's no different here in Lionville. All of us can have the tendency to think those negative thoughts now and again. There is no way around it. As much as I like to believe it, the sky is not really always blue. You have probably heard me say many times that as a Lion you have to be enthusiastic even when you don't feel enthusiastic. For some of us it's just plain hard to be "bubbly" all the time! But it's really not that hard to put a positive spin on just about anything.

Someone once said, "If you fall into a big ole' mud puddle, check your pockets for fish". You never know what the fates might throw at you. I know you've heard the saying "If life throws you lemons, make lemonade". Well, there are some who will cry "But we don't have any water or sugar". Well...go find some! Take some POSITIVE STEPS!!! The best way I have found to be positive is to always focus on being a problem solver instead of a problem maker. I have actually had a client use those very words to me and my crews on jobs. Instead of trying to pass blame for the project that was not as successful as you would have liked, do something to fix it. Find the silver lining. You know, the silver linings don't just jump out of the clouds, you have to look for them. No matter how dark things seem, you can always find the bright side.

Enthusiasm is contagious! Unfortunately, so is negativity! A big old smile and a hearty laugh and "can do" attitude will light up any room and spark just about any project to success. "CAN DO" is what the campers hear every minute of every day they are at our Texas Lions Camp. Think about that for a second. How many smiles do you see when you go to the camp? I'll answer that for you.....MILLIONS!!! Can you imagine what our camp would be like if we ran it with a negative attitude? BEWARE THE DARK SIDE! All it takes is one "Darth Negative" to wipe out any positive vibes. Did you see the movie "Kelly's Heroes"? Donald Sutherland sitting on the tank and says "What's with the negative vibes, we can't have any negativity" (or something like that). He knows that a positive attitude can make all the difference in success or failure of a project.

If change must happen (it must, it must!), make it POSITIVE changes for POSITIVE reasons.

You CAN turn that water into wine (or soda pop if you are a non drinker).

Throw a little bit of "yes I can" into any endeavor and you are bound to end up looking at blue skies. But always beware of the "Dark Side", it can jump up at any time and put the brakes on any project. Just greet ole' Dark Vader with a great big smile and throw a few blue skies on him and he will fade off into the negative abyss of darkness.

Like the song says,

"SMILE AND THE WORLD SMILES WITH YOU" (It's true, it's true!)

**First Vice District Governor Richard "Rick" Reynolds**

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### **Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:**

We just got back from the USA/Canada Forum in Milwaukee. It is really a big deal! We heard from many really good speakers and you can't help but go away inthooozed! While at the luncheon and dinner, we sat next to a very interesting recipient of the Lions Ambassador of Good Will. I believe her name was Gwen White (not sure because I met over two trillion people)... anyway she gave us many new ideas for fund raisers. An interesting lady. It was amazing how many PID's and Past International Presidents that were at the Forum. And they were never introduced.... They were just Lions that were there. I attended a session for 2nd VDG's and learned I can expect a package from LCI this coming January providing instructions for 2nd VDG's. It is truly encouraging to see the extent of training our governors get. We have four gov's council meetings during the year where we go through training. At the USA/Canada Forum there were training sessions available. I will be attending the "Senior Lions Leadership Institute" in Albuquerque. I'm not sure if the "Senior" is a description of status or a description of age...probably the latter. Now don't get the wrong idea. This is an intense training session. They even provide assignments for me to do prior to going. (homework)

An interesting fact. Winnie Mae and I looked for Lions Signs at the city limits of the towns we drove through on our way to Milwaukee. I saw one sign. It's no wonder why we are an unknown organization. We need to advertise more!!!

Since we drove (I'm tired of flying over beautiful county) and neither of us had seen the Niagara Falls, we spent another couple of days there. It truly is magnificent. I don't know if it was the diuretic pill I take or the psychological suggestion of seeing all that water flowing over a cliff, but you can guess where I spent a lot of time.

Winnie Mae and I have been visiting clubs in our district. Each time we sit with the members of each club, the one thing that really hits home is just how much is going on. Not only fund raisers, but community service programs. The last club we visited was the Crosby Lions. These folks are involved in "rebuilding Houston" where they repair/remodel homes. They partner with Exxon/Mobil who supplies the materials and the Crosby Lions supply the labor. I'm sure they would welcome any help from other clubs who would like to be involved. Give them a call.

Personally, I would like to see an increased effort between all our clubs in the district to join together to work on community projects. I builds friendships and bonds us together as a team.

The Lions are ALIVE and WELL ! KEEP IT UP!



### **Second Vice District Governor Paul Eads**

## **P S C Meeting**

**Please come to the Presidents and Secretaries Council (P S C) meeting  
November 3, 2010  
Come early to eat, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

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

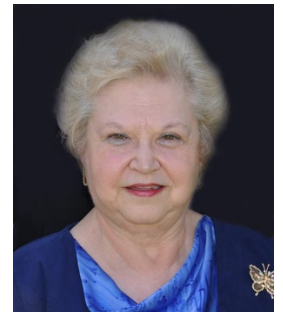
Hello, 2-S2 Presidents and Secretaries. I have an interesting program set for Nov. 3, 2010. PDG Lion Harry Goetzman will speak to us about SIGNATURE LIONS CLUBS. I hope that will spark your interest and you will come and support PDG Harry. He needs no introduction, however, we will not ask him to sing. Ask him what I am talking about.

Also speaking will be a representative from the Rockets Basketball Team.

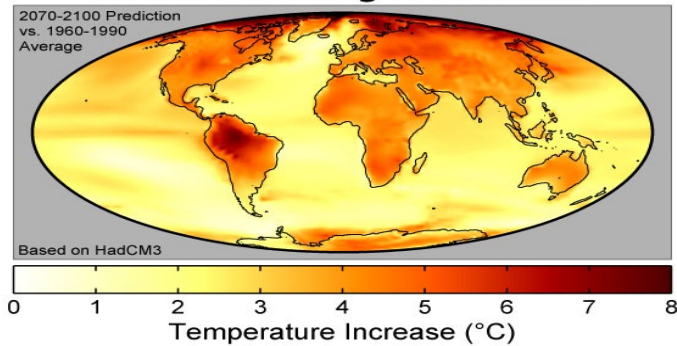
This month, the announcement about the meeting will be going to the Secretaries.  
Please share with your president and club.

Also, please go to [www.lions2s2.org](http://www.lions2s2.org) and click on "News". You will find the P&S blurb there. You can also click on PSC web link and go to the web page specifically for P&S.

**PLEASE.....EVERYONE!!!! IF YOU WILL GET ME YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR YOUR EVENTS, I WILL BE SURE THAT THE INFO GETS POSTED ON THE PSC WEBSITE.....OR.....EVEN BETTER, YOU CAN POST IT THERE.BY SENDING IT TO LION TERRY LANDERS (BE SURE TO MARK IT FOR THE PSC WEBSITE)**



## Global Warming Predictions



### **Effect of Global Warming – What Are We Doing to Resolve These Issues?**

One of the principal hazards for the planet Earth is the potential effect of global warming. Though the hazardous effect seems to be imminent and catastrophic we can start making some simple efforts, so that, we don't be remorseful if the calamity finally descend on us tomorrow. Human induced global warming is basically caused due to a range of human activities, including use of fossil fuels to deforestation. Though the problems may sound to be quite devastating it does not necessarily mean that you as an individual cannot do anything about it. Some simple effort which you can implement to reduce global warming are, walking or cycling instead of using a vehicle, taking shower for a less period, using less electricity, planting trees, switching to alternative fuels which are environment friendly.

These are some of the easiest ways to help to reduce the element of degradation and to ensure a better tomorrow, for the various life forms on the planet earth. What sense does it makes to Identify environmental issues without finding solutions?. It is high time, we stop complaining that authorities are not doing anything, and take the issues in our own hands in a constructive way. The time wherein we kept things for tomorrow is long gone. Now we are left with no option, but to act today, and if we continue to put off the things for tomorrow, you never know, there may not be a tomorrow for us to contemplate the facts – (the imminent catastrophic outcome of global warming).

### **Global Warming Effect on the Environment**

the average temperature of the planet for each year, over the last decade, has been featuring in top 25 high temperatures of all time. In fact, 1998 and 2005 were the hottest years in the history of the Earth. The planet is getting warmer by the day, and just because the change is happening gradually we can't ignore the fact that we are vulnerable to the threat of global warming.

### **Global Warming Effect on Animals**

A large number of animal species will disappear from the planet, owing to the loss of habitat triggered by global warming. There is no doubt that many animals will bear the impact of climate change ignite by global warming. Research has found that global warming will trigger a mass extinction very soon and one-third of the animal species will become extinct by 2050.

### **Global Warming Effect on Weather**

An increase in temperatures will lead to adverse effects on weather as well. Even minor alterations in global temperatures will trigger a series of weather extremities, and alter the climatic patterns of the planet. The number of natural calamities has increased over the period of time. Last three decades have witnessed a rise in number of category 4 and category 5 storms. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change acknowledges the fact that the frequency of intense rains has increased over the last 50 years. On one hand, heating of the ocean due to global warming gives rise to ferocious hurricanes, while more than the normal temperature on land gives rise to intense heat waves. Higher temperature leads to faster evaporation of water and leads to drought in one part, and brings in heavy rain falls and causes flooding in other part of the world. Although we cannot conclude the serious effects of global warming on weather by taking into consideration a single drought year or a single devastating hurricane, the trend of these natural occurrences speak in volumes for themselves.

Let us consider the planet earth as our home, not just a piece of dirt that we step on, let us take more proactive approach in the care of this planet and by so doing will stem the negative effects of global warming.

***Inviromental Chairperson Stedman Douglas***



# THE BOB DOWDEN DINNER

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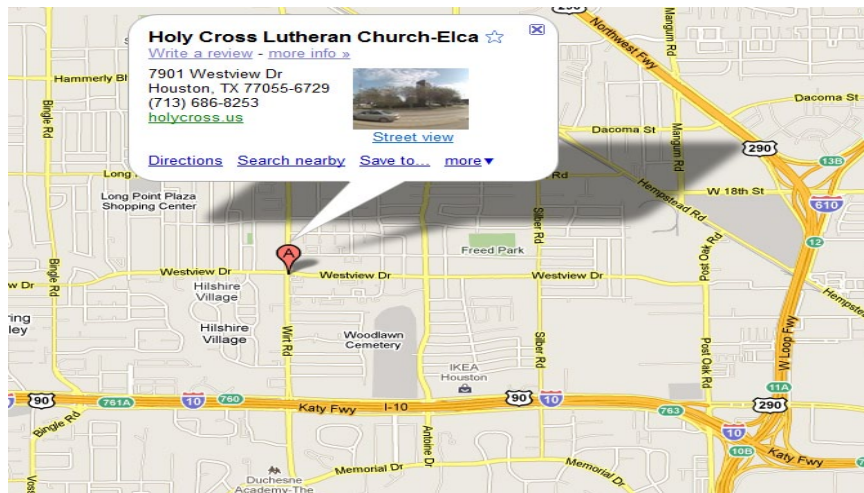
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Tickets will be available at PSC, Mid-Winter Conference, and Bob Dowden Dinner.

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# Visit One of Our Web Sites

Which have been recently updated

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USA/Canada registration

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

LCI Convention Registration

## Peace Posters



Peace Posters are due at the PSC meeting  
on November 3rd.

Please remember to bring them to the  
meeting.

Thank you,  
Lion Gina Brown  
District peace poster chair  
The woodlands lions club  
[gina.brown@amegybank.com](mailto:gina.brown@amegybank.com)

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**District Governor  
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## WE SERVE

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Campbell Soup Labels

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Hours given towards Lionism

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



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

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

## **Conroe Noon Lions Club**



*1939 - Celebrating 71 years of Community Service - 2010*

## **Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club**



**First Vice District Governor**  
**Richard "Rick" Reynolds**

## **Conroe Noon Lions Club**



**District Governor**  
**Glen Starr**

## **Houston Heights Lions Club**



**Second Vice District Governor**  
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**Next PSC Meeting**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2010**

**\*\* CHINA BEAR \*\***

**15000 I-45 North**

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

The President and Secretary Council  
meeting is held at the  
**CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT**  
located at 15000 I-45 North  
On the northbound feeder road

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

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

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



***We Serve***

**2010-2011 OFFICERS**

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District Governor

**Richard "Rick" Reynolds**  
First Vice District Governor

**Paul Eads**  
Second Vice District Governor

**Lynn Harrison**  
Cabinet Secretary

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