



# PAW PRINTS of 2-S2



Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

DECEMBER

2006

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

November	18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting
December	1	Lighthouse Shop Trip
December	6	PSC meeting
December	25	Christmas
January	20	Mid-Winter Conference

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Although this is the December newsletter, you will be receiving it before Thanksgiving arrives. So I would like to talk about our Lions Thanksgiving this year.

As we enter the half-way mark for this Lions year, we especially have so very much for which to be thankful.

- We have Zone Chairs and Team Leaders who are being very successful in bringing our District closer together.
- We have many clubs who have done a Club Renewal exercise and feel better about how their club is functioning (even if they didn't change a thing).
- We have several clubs who have gained new momentum and they are having fun, doing good things for their community AND experiencing a growth spurt.
- For the first time in several years, we are enjoying a growth in membership. According to LCI we are at a +16 even after the mid-year adjustments that clubs experience because of second-half dues.
- And we are enjoying great attendance at Zone Meetings, P&SC meetings and other District functions.

All of these things make me proud to be a Lion in District 2-S2. I would not have been surprised if our pace slowed down because of the approaching holidays. But as I read the articles/news in this newsletter, I have found that this is not the case. Every club we have heard from this year is busy planning projects to help their community. That is GREAT AND IT PROVES THAT WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THINGS RIGHT!

Let's continue to share our good fortune with those around us who need our help! And let's continue to have fun and enjoy our fellow Lions and all the good things we stand for.

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS ALL LIONS EVERYWHERE!

*District Governor Margaret Badeaux*

Let me take this opportunity, although belated, to wish all the Veterans a Happy Veterans Day. We really appreciate all that you have done for us to keep us free. I know there are a lot of Lions in District 2-S2 who put their lives on the line in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. I also know there are a lot of Lion families who have sons and daughters currently putting themselves in harms way. We wish them all the best of luck and pray that they will return to us in one piece. I, too, am a veteran but thank goodness my 8 years of active duty was during peacetime. (Cold War). Let me also take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. May we all take the time to reflect on all that we are thankful for, health, family and the fact that we are members of the greatest organization in the world, **LIONS**. We Serve, is our motto just as the members of the Armed Services. As Lions you give unselfishly of your time and money to help people less fortunate and this needs to be said. So, Lions, thanks for all you do and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

*Vice District Governor Art Drouin*

## *Welcome New Lions*

The Anahuac Lions Club welcomed Kristi and William Abshier, sponsored by Lions Linda Tinnerman and Paul Rice. The Cleveland Lions Club welcomed Lion Aaron Armstrong, sponsored by Lion Ken Butler. Conroe Noon signed up 8 new members: Kennie Bates sponsored by Past District Governor James Stewart; Joey Dollak, sponsored Lion Tim Cox; Steve Williams sponsored Lion John Hicks; Gus Speary sponsored by Lion Blaine Gary; George Portele sponsored Lion Barbara Portele; Richard Sproba sponsored Lion Phil Pharis; Mark Nichols, MD sponsored by Lion Glen Starr; and Virgil Brasher sponsored Lion Marie Moore. Hardin Lions Club welcomed four new members; Roy Doolen, Linda Doolen, Ronald Cessna and Marcia Cessna. The Houston Copperfield Club welcomed a new member, Bobby Frazier, sponsored by Lion Grace McEwan. Houston Downtown Lions Club was joined by James Sanchez, sponsored by Lion Bill Williams. Kay Horn joined the Houston Heights Lions. She was sponsored by Lion Mark Roth. Lion President Hanh Le sponsored Daniel Castellanos and Tot Kim Le into the Houston Vietnam Lions Club and Secretary Tran Nguyen sponsored Thomas Le. The Katy Lions Club welcomed Don Acord, sponsored by Lion Boyd Baker. Lake Conroe Lions are really "on the grow" with 7 more new members reported this month. Lion Marvin McKenzie sponsored Billy Setliff, Robert Morrison, Gregory Brown, Terry Benson, Chris Zora and William Adair; and Lion New Member Terry Benson sponsored Frankie Myers. Lion James Ullrich sponsored Lion Jeff Ullrich onto the Magnolia Lions Club. Pasadena Lions are proud that Victoria Vanderbrink, sponsored by Lion Daniel Vanderbrink has joined their group. Spring Old Town Lions Club President Sheila Otto sponsored Lions Gail and Robert Schenck as Lions into their club.

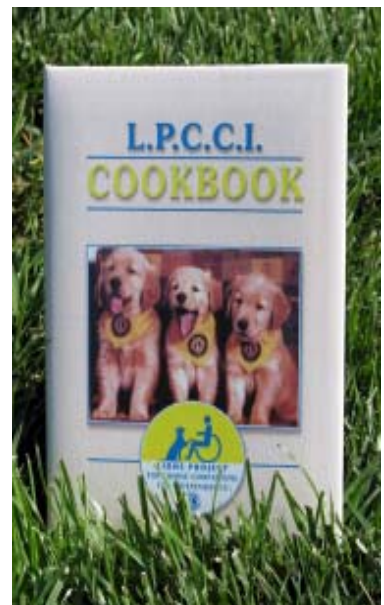
To all of our new Lions, "WELCOME"  
and to their sponsors, "THANK YOU".

### **PARLIAMENTARY POINTS TO PONDER.....**

**It is not necessary to have a motion to approve the minutes of a meeting.  
After calling for corrections; i.e., "are there any corrections to the minutes?"  
The Chair announces: "If not, they stand approved as read."**

We still have a lot of the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence Cookbooks left. At \$15.00 a book this would make a nice Christmas present for someone on your list. For \$2.00 more I can mail them out to the person you wish to receive it and if you include a note or card I will put it with the cookbook as I mail it. Get your orders in early so I can get them mailed in time for Christmas. If you wish to have more than one than the shipping rates go down to a \$1.00 each up to five. So you can receive 5 books for \$6.00 S/H. If you have not seen the cookbooks yet we have a picture of the companion puppies in their CCI scarves. The books are 3 ring hardcover note books, so you can add recipes, with LPCCI printed on the spine. It is a great bargain at \$15.00. I will also have them at the council meeting Saturday and at the PSC meeting at the first of the month. Send check or money order made out to LPCCI with cookbook on the memo to :

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CONROE, TEXAS 77306



# Family Unit Dues Structure

- Approved by the International Convention in July, 2006
- Effects Lions living in the same household and related.
  - List of relationships are available on the website.
  - Unit consists of Head of Household and up to 4 other members.
  - All members must belong to the same Lions Club
- Effects ONLY International Dues, does not affect Club, District, State or Camp Dues.
  - Head of Household pays Full amount of International Dues )\$19.50)
  - All other members of the Family Unit pay one half the International Dues (\$9.75) per member.
- Effective date is January 1, 2007
  - Family Units must be set up and certified by November 30, 2006 to be credited on January 1, 2007.
  - Any Family Unit created or updated after November 30, 2006 will NOT receive Family Unit Dues Rate until July 1, 2007.

## Creating the Family Unit

1. To set up or create a Family Unit the Secretary goes to Online WMMR site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
2. Enter ID and Password
3. Click on Club in the yellow bar across the top
4. Click on Reports
5. Click on Family Units – Create/update
6. First determine the Head of Household
  - 1) Click the Radio button to the left of the member's name.
  - 2) Using the pull down menus on the right complete the four blanks.
7. Go to next family member's name
  - 1) Check the box to the right of the name
  - 2) Using the pull down menus on the right complete the four blanks.
8. Follow Step 7 for each member to be in the Family Unit.
9. Once the Head of Household and Family members are completed for the Family Unit go to bottom of page and click save.
10. Complete Steps 6-9 for each Family Unit you wish to set up.

A hard copy form may be obtained, by going to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and typing into the search engine "family", the form will appear and you can print.

## CLUB CONTEST RESULTS

AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2006

**Category 1 ( 0 - 19 )**      First Place: Lake Conroe South      Second Place: Houston Space City

**Category 2 ( 20 - 29 )**      First Place: Houston Cy-Fair      Second Place: Houston East End

**Category 3 ( 30 - 70 )**      First place: Cut & Shoot Family      Second Place: Huffman

**Category 4 ( 71 & up ) 20,000 Points Reqd**      Conroe Noon has 4175 points towards this goal

Club category is determined by number of members in club as of July 2006  
As reported to Lions Clubs International



## *Around The District*



WOW! The **Bellaire Lions** had over 100 posters in their club's Peace Poster Contest. The posters were displayed in their local public library. Last year, one of the 80 posters in their contest placed at the State-level contest.

**Conroe Noon Lions** have Lucky Derby - Truck Raffle Tickets on sale now. The drawing will be held on December 13th. Their Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for November 30th. The Mobile Blood Unit will be parked at Kroger's on Hwy 105 W. Their Diabetic Essay Contest will be held on November 18th.

The **Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club** held their Fall Auction on November 12th. and their Scrape Metal Drive on October 7 & 14th. Both were very successful. Lions from other clubs were there to support them. They also participated in Trade Day Concessions at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on Oct 1, and helped with the Tour of Champions Golf Tournament on Oct 15th. The Vision Screening crew from their club assisted with Vision Screening on Oct 28th at Southside Baptist Church in Conroe and at a Health Fair on Oct 21st in St. Augustine. Drug Awareness and Peace Poster Contests were held by this club.

The **Hardin Lions Club** has been very busy.....they sponsored a Dog Show, a Pancake Supper and a Blood Drive. On November 11th, they set out flags for Veteran's Day. Now, they are working hard on getting donations for their food baskets to be given to the needy for Thanksgiving. Their plans for next month include assisting Santa Claus to take pictures with children at the Liberty Super Walmart on Saturday & Sunday, December 2 & 3. This project will benefit their club and the Children's Miracle Network.

**Hempstead Lions** just completed their annual Broom and Mop sale. It was very successful.

**Houston Aldine Lions** held a productive Club Renewal exercise. Also, Lion President Gloria Stansky journeyed to Boys and Girls Country to hold the October birthday party for the children in Aldine's sponsored cabin. These Lions are selling pocket calendars as a fund-raiser for Campaign SightFirst II, just in case you need one.

**Houston Copperfield Lions** held their first Golf Tournament at Longwood Golf Club on November 3, 2006.

The **Houston Cy-Fair Lions** have moved into their NEW BUILDING at West Little York and Gessner. It has officially been named the Lions Den. Stay turned—they are planning an Open House and will be inviting all Lions to attend.

Their Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held by the **Houston Heights Lions** on Saturday, December 2nd at the Grace Methodist Church, Heights Blvd @ 13th. The time is 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the tickets are \$6.00. PDG Tony Wenzel and Team Leader Paul Eads will be battling over who makes the best pancake. These Lions are also selling 12-oz bags of delicious chocolate-covered pecans and 16-oz. bags of pecan halves for \$9.00 per bag, as well as entertainment books for \$20.00 each. They just completed a Road Block and a Spaghetti Supper to benefit the Lions Eye Bank Foundation Gala.

The **Houston Millennium Lions** held a successful New Member Orientation for all their new members and invited other clubs to join them.

The **Houston Northwest Lions Club** continues its project of clipping coupons for military families overseas. These Lions will also be collecting and delivering items for Christmas boxes for the Seafarers' Center. A visit to the Telephone Pioneers Eyeglass Recycling Center took place in November and they will man a booth to promote Lionism at the Posada and Snow Fantasy in front of the Walmart Neighborhood Market in Spring Branch on December 14.

**Houston Space City Lions** are selling Entertainment Books and holiday fruit and gift baskets. Their members participated in Vision Screening at the Saint Augustine Health Fair and the Conroe Noon Vision Screening Project. These Lions have also traveled across District 2-S2 to visit the Cut 'n Shoot Family Lions Club and the Conroe Noon Lions Club.

District Governor Margaret and her Counterfeit Cooker Crew joined the **Humble Noon Lions Club** at their Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show. Projects like this one allowed Humble Noon Lions to assist 340 students with eyecare last year.

The **Houston Westbury Lions** have been busy working on many activities: The JCC Book Fair, the 7-Acres Carnival, Special Olympics, eyeglass collections, eye care for students, garage sales, purchasing large print books and supplying food parcels. They have also been having fun at their Club Socials.

Isn't that what Lionism is all about.....making friends, having fun and doing good things for others?



The **Awty International School Leo Club**, sponsored by the Houston Spring Branch Lions, helped with the Houston Blood Drive in October. At the recent Fun Fall Festival, they had their own Leo Booth, where they promoted their Club and passed out information about their projects. Upcoming events include helping with the Angel Tree for the Salvation Army; adopting up to five families from Ridgecrest Elementary School by setting up a wish list and buying Holiday presents for them; and helping the athletes and organizers of Special Olympics at the November 18th Volleyball Games and the December 2nd Bowling Tournament. Also in their future is a used eyeglass drive and a project to help the Ridgecrest Elementary students with tutoring after school, baby-sitting while parents of students are having sessions, being involved in their “graduation”, holding a spelling bee, and having a notebook, uniform and canned-goods drive. An Induction Ceremony for new Leos will be held on December 9th.

The **Caney Creek High School Leos**, sponsored by the Cut & Shoot Lions, have opened their Christmas Store at the Fire Station. This is where children who would not ordinarily have presents under their tree can “come shop” for up-to-three toys. The toys they select will be gift wrapped for them to open on Christmas morning. This club has an official membership of 126 .

The **Cut & Shoot Leos** formed under the auspices of the First Baptist Church of Groceville, and sponsored by the Cut & Shoot Lions Club, will be helping their church with their Community Thanksgiving Dinner held on Thanksgiving Day.

We wish to make a correction to our statement last month that we have 16 Leo Clubs. **CORRECTION! CORRECTION! CORRECTION!** We have 17 Leo Clubs in District 2-S2. A new club was formed recently in the First Baptist Church of Groceville by the Cut & Shoot Lions Club. What a wonderful idea!

Lions and Leos: If you would like to “brag” about your Leo Clubs, please send your information to Cabinet Secretary Judy Champion; [jwalley@flash.net](mailto:jwalley@flash.net).

## Houston Spring Branch Lions Club



Home of District Governor  
Margaret Badeaux

## Cut And Shoot Family Lions Club



Home of Vice District Governor  
Arthur Drouin

## Conroe Noon Lions Club



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Our Environmental Chairman Clifton Heiman writes....

## GO GREEN



It's like opening a bag of potato chips, only better for you. Just as that first salty bite leads to another, your first step toward energy efficiency—such as replacing a standard light bulb with a compact fluorescent lamp that uses 1/3 less electricity — makes so much sense that you'll soon be searching for even more ways to make your home and lifestyle more ecologically friendly.

Econscious living offers financial rewards by building green, and is easier than ever, thanks to gobs of new green products constantly entering the market.

Best of all, the environmentally responsible approach is good for your house, your health and even your heart. With a few new products and simple lifestyle changes, you can

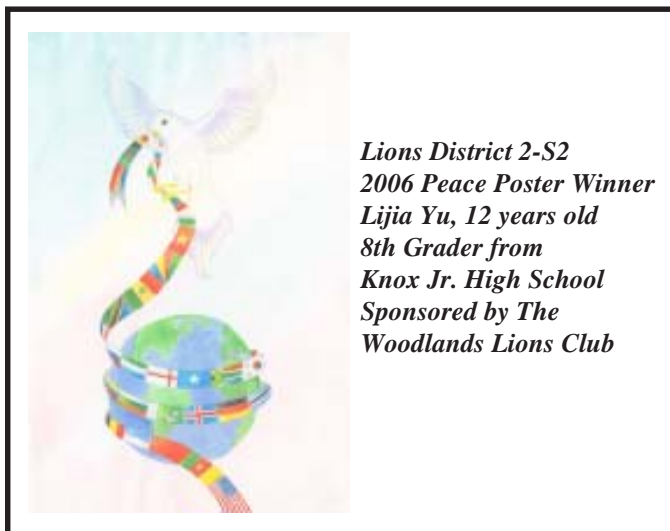
pursue DIY projects without poisoning the water, compromising your wellness or plundering the planet.

You don't have to consider yourself a tree-hugging do-gooder to make a difference in your environment. Interest in building green is growing because of widespread concerns about health and energy bills. Some traditional building materials have been shown to produce asthma-triggering mold and allergy and cancer causing off-gasses. Considering energy costs, who isn't willing to learn about products such as safer insulation and energy efficient windows?

Green building's time has come. Make a change or two and let the green-house effect sweep you away. Before long you may even find yourself shopping for organic all natural potato chips.



At the 3rd Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta held Saturday & Sunday, October 21-22, 2006, Blind Fury, a team of blind and visually impaired participants from the Lighthouse of Houston. The team was coached by Lion Albert Wong of the Houston Chinese Lions Club. The Blind Fury placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Race 13, and 1<sup>st</sup> in DIVISION D FINALS. They all indicated that they had a great time and want to participate in the next dragon boat event in May, 2007, held on Buffalo Bayou, in the downtown area. If there's any future ability for the Lions District 2-S2 to assist with encouragement or funding for their entry fees, etc., would be greatly appreciated by the group.



*Lions District 2-S2  
2006 Peace Poster Winner  
Lijia Yu, 12 years old  
8th Grader from  
Knox Jr. High School  
Sponsored by The  
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Contact Mario  
**281-441-8668**  
Greenspoint Lions Club

# DISTRICT 2-S2 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 20, 2007

Here is the schedule of Mid-Winter Conference

8:00 - 8:30 A.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast



8:30 - 9:15 A.M. Opening Session

Guest Speaker - PDG and International Board Appointee Beverly Stebbins - District 2-E2

9:15 - 9:30 A.M. Break

9:30 - 11:45 A.M. Break-out Sessions 12:00 - 12:45 P.M.



12:45 - 1:00 P.M. Lunch with Kathryn Watson

The Youth Contests (Diabetic Essay, Drug Awareness Speech and Outstanding Youth Speech) will be held immediately following the Conference. Lions are encouraged to attend.

North Harris Community College  
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Houston, TX 77073

You may register by submitting this **REGISTRATION FORM** and enclosing a check for the TOTAL amount and mailing to:



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**Next PSC Meeting**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2006**  
**Ryan's Steakhouse**  
**5601 W. 34th Street**

**Dinner 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.**



***We Serve***

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