

Thoughts from your District Governor

Do you ever get the feeling that as much as things change the more they stay the same??? Take for example our District Contest. The entire format was redone this year. It was designed to put some “fun” into your club. Items like club visitations, involving new members, getting and retaining new members, having Lions programs, and serving your community were put into the contest to make it interesting to all members of your club. It was even put on line so you didn’t have to spend \$ 0.44 to send it, or track down the Contest Chair at the P & SC Meeting to hand it to him. Admittedly, the computer end of the process had a “few bugs” to start. I believe these have been “fixed” by our renowned web master Lion Terry and 1st VDG Glen. The divisions were even changed to involve competition within Zones, instead of size of your club. But, to no avail. Very few clubs have entered as of this writing. I truly believe that if your club would try this contest, membership would grow (ask Houston Cy-Fair how they got their new members), and the members would have fun. How many of you have heard of this contest at your club meeting?? If you have not, ask your President or Secretary for a copy of the contest, and see if you can help them get started in the contest. I will allow (executive privilege) your club to go back to August and send in the forms. This “amnesty” will last through the end of November. Please get involved. I know it will help create some fun within your club.

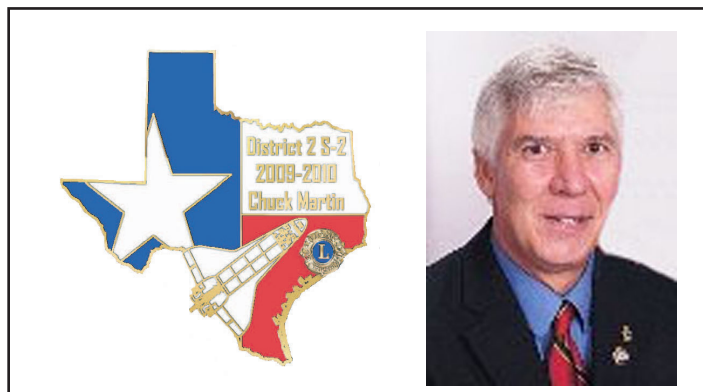
Good news on extension. We have submitted a charter for the University of Houston Campus Lions Club. This charter will be approved during November. The sponsoring club is Houston Downtown. Great work!!!

Have you attended a Team or Zone meeting yet?? If not, please get in touch with your Team leader and find out when the next Team or Zone meeting will take place. I believe that if your club gets involved in the Team concept, it will find new ways to raise funds, and have fun. You might even find a new community service project in which to take part. Try it, I bet you’ll like it.

The Mid Winter Conference is rapidly approaching (January 23, 2010). Information is to be found on our District web site. A great time will be had by all who attend. 2nd VDG Rick and his committee(s) have put together a unique program. It will be modeled after the USA/Canada Forum. There will be twelve (12) different subjects (all listed on the District web site) from which to choose. We will have six (6) of the subjects each hour. We will then repeat the six (6) most requested subjects during the third hour of the program. Even if you don’t want to participate if any of the subjects, please come for lunch. Our keynote speaker will be Trish Wilson from the Texas Lions Camp. She will definitely get you “fired up” about being a Lion. I hope everyone from our District will attend.

I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months.

Charles B. “Chuck” Martin
District Governor 2009-2010



CALENDER OF EVENTS

December	2	PSC Meeting
December	4	LightHouse Shopping Trip
January	6	PSC Meeting
January	23	Mid-Winter Conference
February	3	Bob Dowden Dinner
February	13	Third Cabinet Meeting

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Thought's from the First Vice District Governor:

Lions Club Health

A healthy Lions Club stands ready to serve their communities whenever (and however) needed, but a weak Lions Club may not be so ready. So what does it take for a healthy Lions Club?

There are numerous guides and tools available to clubs on the LCI website pertaining to strengthening your membership, planning service projects, fundraising ideas, managing meetings, managing finances, developing new leaders, recruiting new members, etc. Plus, there are resources in the district. No matter the source of motivation, an active club is a healthy club. I don't believe it's any more complicated than that!

The [Club Resource Center](#) on the LCI website has more information available than one might be able to comprehend in a single Lions year. Regardless whether you believe you have a healthy or a weak Lions Club, find one thing from the Club Resource Center that might improve on what you are already doing or that can be implemented by the end of January 2010. Just like an individual, the exercise will improve your health! Besides, LCI is asking clubs and districts to organize a community service activity (along with some PR) to showcase during the last two weeks of January 2010. Let's get active and do it! [Learn more.](#)

I believe there are many worthy individuals in all of our communities that want to join and work in our Lions Clubs. All we have to do is ask ... that's the easy part! The real work is to retain them! New Lions won't stay if their own needs to contribute and have meaningful involvement (beyond meeting, eating, and fundraisers) are not met. A healthy Lions Club will meet this need ... a weak Lions Club probably will not. Activity and exercise is the key to healthiness.



First Vice District Governor Glen Starr

Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!

(already???)

WOW! Can you believe that the holiday season is already upon us? Time sure flies when you are busy with life and Lions. As I was musing over the seemingly never ending list of chores and projects that need to be completed for the upcoming joyous season, it occurred to me that this is truly the season for Lions. After all, as We Serve those who are less fortunate than ourselves or those who are in need of assistance, remember that as Lions, we really enjoy a year round holiday season. Isn't this called the season of giving? Well, Lions give year round. We don't need a special season to focus on providing meals to those who can't get out or giving toys to children who may not have as much as our own or giving a blanket to a cold soul who has no place to call home. We, as Lions, somehow manage to bring this holiday spirit to those in need all year long! We, as Lions, get to enjoy the gift of giving throughout the entire trip around the sun! What a joy it is to be a Lion! Remember those warm and fuzzies in this time of giving. During this joyous season, take a little time to bask in your accomplishments as Lions during the past year. Remember all the eyeglasses you provided the children, recall the magnitude of our Lions Camp and the joy it brings to the campers *and* the counselors, take a little trip down memory lane and reminisce about the service to the community you provided during the past year. Then, start to refocus on the upcoming season of giving and start to plan for next year's service. Plan now for a community service project in January or February, *conspire to inspire* some students to participate in our youth contests, search for the elderly shut-ins who need their house repaired or maybe just need some company, look for need of any kind because that is what we do as Lions.

WE SERVE. WE GIVE. So enjoy this season of giving and continue your service as Lions during the holidays and throughout the upcoming year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A ROAR, ROAR, ROAR!!!

IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!

Second Vice District Governor Richard "Rick" Reynolds



Around The District

**Our Clubs in District 2-S2 are getting busy preparing for the holiday season....
Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas.**

Here are just a few of the events that are planned:

Many Clubs are participating in the Wreaths Across America program. This is where wreaths are placed at each marker in Veterans Cemeteries across the United States. The event is scheduled for December 12th beginning at 11:00 a.m. Even if your club is not participating monetarily, all Lions in District 2-S2 are welcome to help. A wonderful way to show respect for those who gave their life so we can enjoy our freedom.

The **Bellaire Lions Club** members are still taking orders for Rio Grande Citrus Fruit. They will be delivered on December 10, 11 and 12. They cost \$25 for 40 lbs and can be ordered from any Bellaire Lion.

The **Conroe Noon Lions** held their Annual Family Picnic to kick off the season. Everyone had a good time!

Dayton Lions Club will hold their annual radio auction on November 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. until Noon on November 21. Tune in to KSHN (FM 99.9) to participate in the bidding.

The members of the **Houston Cy-Fair Lions** together with a Boy Scout Troop in their area will be putting together 25-30 Holiday Baskets for needy families again this year. They are also planning a Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner at their Lions Den on Saturday, December 5th. They will have live entertainment and really good food, as well as lots of things to bid on at the suction. Tickets are \$10.

The **Houston Heights Lions** are looking forward to their Holiday Get-Together for December 17th. Remember that this Club is selling those delicious pecans again this year. GREAT presents!

The **Houston Memorial Lions Club** will be beginning soon their project of wrapping Christmas gifts for the needy.

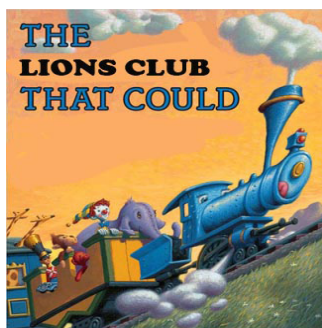
The Lions of **Houston Northwest** are sponsoring a Food Drive for the Pantry at Fair Haven United Methodist Church during the month of November. This Club is also planning to adopt needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The REALLY BIG **Huntsville Lions Club** Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 5. Anyone who gets to watch this parade is in for a TREAT It is a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit.

The **Humble Noon Lions** will hold their Lauren Daly Golf Tournament on December 4 at the Kingwood Golf Club. They are looking for players.

The **Klein Lions** are again assisting their area's needy by purchasing toys. They are inviting all of us to participate. Bring your toys to the December P&SC meeting.

Don't forget to submit your fund-raising events and a service accomplishments to PDG Margaret Badeaux by email: mbado@prodigy.net or by sending a copy of your CAR Report by email or fax at 713-856-5449.





12 GREAT THINGS

Money can't buy

1. Spending time with friends, new or old.
2. Laughing so hard your side hurts.
3. No lines at the supermarket.
4. A good conversation.
5. Finding money in your coat from last winter.
6. Knowing that somebody misses you.
7. Waking up and realizing you still have a couple of hours left to sleep.
8. Accidentally hearing someone say something nice about you.
9. Running into an old friend and realizing that some things (good or bad) never change
10. Getting a hug from someone you care about.
11. Knowing that you've done the right thing, no matter what other people think.
12. Those *warm fuzzes* you get after collecting food for the needy at Christmas time for our Lions Club Community Outreach Project.



2010-2011 Announced Candidates

2010-2011 District Governor	Glen Starr	Conroe Noon Lions Club
2010-2011 First Vice District Governor	Richard "Rick" Reynolds	Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club
2010-2011 Second Vice District Governor	Paul Eads	Houston Hieghts Lions Club *

2010-2012 Director Texas Lions Camp

2010-2012 Director Lions Eye Bank of Texas

2010-2012 Director Lighthouse of Houston

2010-2013 Director Humanitarian Relief Fund

*ANNOUNCED RESOLUTION



The Bob Dowden Dinner

Benefiting the Texas Lions Camp

Sponsored by the Lions of District 2-S2



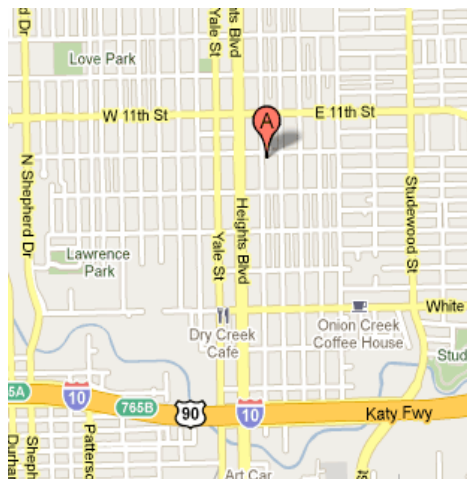
Lion Bob Dowden
LaPorte Lions Club

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

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

All Saints Catholic Church - 201 E. 10th Street @ Harvard

Donation - \$15.00



Catering Provided by The Spaghetti Western – Silent & Live Auctions

Going “Green” Nothing New for TLERC

Lions have been “recycling” glasses and sending them around the world to reuse long before “going green” became fashionable. At TLERC going green is what we are all about. Since we wanted to spend time in the next few newsletters explaining in more detail our operations and programs, what better place for the Texas Lions Eyeglass “**Recycling**” Center to start than our Recycling Operations. We’ll start with what happens after the glasses are sent to our new address (2550 Flynt, Midland, TX 79701) by a Lions Club, District, Church group, individual, etc.

TLERC still receives glasses from around the world, as we were one of the only options for years. Now people/clubs are finding that one of the many other centers that have popped up, are closer. So for the most part, we receive glasses from MD2 and Lions in surrounding states.

Once received, glasses go through our “First Sort”. Since people will not see clearly from severely scratched lenses, these must be sorted out. We also throw out very worn or broken frames, as well as lenses that aren’t in frames. It would take too much time and the effort would likely fail to find a pair of frames that exactly fit a pre-cut pair of lenses or to find a stem to match a specific broken frame. Glasses also have to be removed from glass cases and all but the lightest, soft cases tossed out. While hard cases are nice to have, they are too bulky and heavy to ship, thus increasing the cost of the process.

The rest of the first sort consists of separating glasses: prescription from non-prescription, clear from tinted lenses, baby/small child glasses from adult, and “fancy” frames, as well as those with precious metal in them from normal frames. Apparently there is a market on the West Coast for rhinestones, the old cat eye shaped frames, and other designer type glasses. Wholesalers pay cash for these, which helps us to buy equipment, frames and lenses, etc. to be used in our other programs.

Next the glasses must be cleaned & sanitized, read to determine the prescription in each eye, and put into a clear sleeve with the prescription marked on it. At TLERC most of this work is being done by prisoners in the Big Spring & Eden prisons, although we do have clubs and individuals around the State, who also volunteer their time to do this. Lion Tom Mills, a licensed optician who oversees our lens lab, brings several crates of glasses back and forth from Big Spring (40+ miles one way) almost every week. He has been doing this for over 10 years. Thanks Lion Tom, we owe you a great debt of gratitude for all you do! If your club is interested in learning how to “first sort” and/or how to read and package glasses for TLERC’s recycling program, then contact PDG Dave Hoopman or PDG Bob Edwards at TLERC (432-683-3611).

Finally the glasses are separated by right eye prescription into single vision or bifocal, near or far-sighted, and then quarter diopters (a diopter is a measurement of the lens strength). Each of these sub-divisions is then placed into special boxes holding about 50 glasses of that particular prescription. A completed set of all the combinations ready to ship to a mission or clinic around the world would contain about 7600 pairs of glasses. In the end we might have to sort through 50,000 pair of glasses, just to come up with one complete set of boxes to ship, because some prescriptions are harder to find than others. So please keep on collecting! (If you aren’t into collecting, next month we will share some ideas on how clubs go about getting glasses)

The Huntsville Lions Club has been offered a “Stairway Chair Lift” for individuals that can no longer climb stairs. They are seeking any Lions knowing of a family, club or organization that can use it? They will have to dismantle and remove from the current location ASAP, but no later than the end of the month.



**Thank you
Lion Noah Speers
Huntsville Lions Club**

Several of our Lions Clubs have medical equipment for loan. Wheel chairs, walkers, canes, hospital beds and the like are available.

For equipment near you.
Contact PDG Margaret Badeaux 713-856-5549

Doing It Right

In business as it is with our Lions clubs, the difference between success and failure often rests with the details. It is difficult to fake it through work and have a successful outcome. We know that. But, the same holds true for our clubs. I am amazed when I see a Lions Club struggling with membership challenges, while failing to do anything about it. I am equally amazed when I see smaller clubs doing so many things to build their clubs and increase service to their communities in ways that some larger clubs are unable to do. That's when I decided to take note of the exceptional things I have seen clubs doing while I travel around the district promoting the Texas Lions Camp. I'll start by offering just a few observations.

The Crosby Lions, while one of the newest clubs, and certainly not one of the largest, is building interest in their club through involvement with the school district and development of a Leos Club. It doesn't hurt that they have their club meeting on ISD property, either. Finding the right location is critical - possibly one of the most significant in terms of a club's success. I remember my year as Club president; we moved our meeting location twice!

I've really been impressed by the Tomball Lions. For a mid-size club, they have it going! As you enter their meeting room in one of the area's prominent bank buildings, you are immediately greeted by members eager to learn if you are a new prospect, or a Brother or Sister in Service. Club president, Lion Robert Harris, is a Lion's Lion - and my idea of an effective club president. He always has a well-detailed agenda that keeps the flow moving. He makes it a point to greet everyone as they come in as well. On my first visit, I remember that he made me feel very much welcomed to be there. This club is very visible in their community. They barbeque brisket in their club-owned trailer and promote themselves very effectively. Whether you're into cars or golf, they have a fundraiser that attracts lots of interest and lots of donations.

The Houston Northwest Lions may be a small club in numbers, but they are always promoting charitable activities. I've seen their membership develop in the few years since they were chartered. PDG Cliff Burke and Lion Kay Burke bring experience and provide support that has been crucial to developing their club's membership. Did I say that I loved Frank's hot dogs. Again, a fun place to meet is a big plus.

My own club, the Houston Heights Lions, is trying something fresh this year. We've been holding at 25-30 members for several years and decided that it was time to return the club to a 60-plus membership level. We gathered a group together and held a mini-retreat over lunch and decided we needed to set some specific, obtainable goals. Just taking it day-to-day was something we decided we no longer wanted to do. We're working on a prospect list and plan to invest in mailings and telephone calls to anyone we identify as a potential member. Right away, we decided that we needed to be more visible in our community. So, we decided to don our Lions vests and go to work at a local church-based food pantry - visibility and service. At this point, I think it is safe to say that we are still at the "developing commitment" point in our turn-around. I plan to let you know next year where we are with our "commitment".

DIABETES AND YOU

Have you thought about diabetes lately? Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and its presence cannot be ignored. Some call it the new epidemic. If you are over age 50, over-weight, lead a sedentary lifestyle and have a family history of diabetes, you are at risk of developing diabetes. You may say, "Oh, I am only 39". You are not protected. For those age 20 and over, the risk of developing diabetes is approximately 10%--that goes up to 23% after age 60.

The good news about diabetes is that it can be controlled. Emphasis on life style changes cannot be over-emphasized. Get out of that easy chair and exercise! You can't change your heredity, but you can change your diet. Reduce your carbohydrates, concentrated sweets and find substitutes for all those potatoes, bread and rice.

Uncontrolled diabetes can lead to a long list of complications including heart disease, high blood pressure, nerve damage and kidney failure. Don't wait until you have a problem to fight back.

If you have any risk factors or over age 50, the first and smartest step is to see your physician. Simple tests can be run to find out if you are diabetic or headed in that direction. All our Lions are special and we want to make sure they are in great shape!

Judy Wuensche, RN
Diabetes Chairperson

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 GEORGE CONNER
3607 MERRICK ST.
houston, tx 77025-1945

713-664-4073
gconner@sbcglobal.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 district.
- (c) Special achievements in, or contributions to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate.
- (d) At the time of the presentation of the award, must NOT be a District Governor or Past District Governor of any Lions Clubs International District.

NOMINATIONS

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

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DISTRICT 2-S2
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

Applicant: _____ Year Joined Lions Club: _____

Lions Club(s): _____

Offices Held: _____

Service to Club: _____

Service to Community: _____

Service to Lions District: _____

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

BOB DOWDEN DINNER

Date: Wednesday, February, 3, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: All Saints Catholic Church, 215 E 10th St at Harvard in the Heights

Food: Catering by "Spaghetti Western"

meal to include multiple choices - beef, chicken and vegetarian.



The Annual Bob Dowden Dinner
Hosted By The President's and Secretary's Council of District 2-S2.
Benefits The Texas LIONS Camp.

Live and Silent Auction items needed

HOUSTON HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB

SUPPORTS

PAUL EADS

FOR

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2010-2011



HOUSTON MEMORIAL LIONS CLUB
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
MEETS AT THE IHOP ON KATY FRWY
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LIONS CLUB



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Campbell Soup Labels

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Hours given towards Lionism

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

Any Club with a classified type ad may advertise their need or project for FREE. All such information must be submitted to PDG Margaret Badeaux by the 10th of the month.

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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.**

Texas Lions Camp

Mark W. Roth
2-S2 Elected Director

Call me for a Club presentation

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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 70 years of Community Service - 2009

Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club



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Next PSC Meeting
DECEMBER 2, 2009

**** 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,
exit Airtex, both ways.

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

2009-2010 OFFICERS

Charles B. "Chuck" Martin
District Governor

Glen Starr
First Vice District Governor

Richard "Rick" Reynolds
Second Vice District Governor

Betty Ezell
Cabinet Secretary

Paul Eads
Cabinet Treasurer

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