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The rhythm of service unites us. Through our diversity, we have harmony. We serve to the beat of humanity. #WeServe

Dr Jung-jul Choi International President

Tony's Tales

Hard to believe that we are already halfway through the Lions year and I seemed to have got so little done off my to-do list. Fortunately, that does not apply to the clubs we have who continued to get amazing workloads completed. I thank our leadership team including the club presidents who have sacrificed so much to help their communities. I am constantly amazed at the diversity and scale of the projects completed or in progress.

The Power of Giving is beginning to resonate through our District as members realize what enormous power that gives them and their communities. There is not a lot we can't get done with the cooperation of our members and community partners.

Our International President, Dr Jung-jul Choi of South Korea has urged us to build on the immense amount of goodwill that exists at this time of the year to build our resources as we enter the New Year. Remember that the need of people at this time of the year does not disappear as we get into January. Follow up with those groups or individuals and see if you can create a lasting partnership.

I hope that you will enjoy this special holiday season and spend time with your family and friends.

DG Tony

Coming Soon!!

Enjoy your family and friends
during the holidays!!

Save The Dates

Updated Info

Bowl-a-thon 2020

For more info see flyer below

February 22nd @12:30pm

(in previous edition I mentioned an incorrect date- So Fix those Calendars!!!)

Leadership Meeting January 11th

Regional Meeting

January 8th

@China Bear (1500 N. Fwy)

Don't forget to ...

Bring Your NEW recruits!!!

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Congratulations to our October 2019 Lion of the Month, Lion Sarah McClure, for her efforts and dedication to the Conroe High School Leo Club.

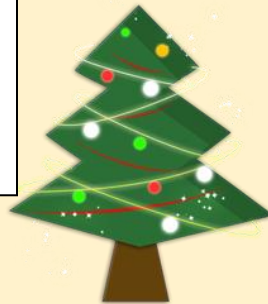
Keep up the great work, Sarah!



Houston Springs Branch Lions Club

70th ANNIVERSARY AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT

We will be celebrated our 70th Anniversary and District Governor visit this December at Fratelli's Restaurant.



Here is fellow District 2-S1 December 2019 Newsletter
Wishing all of you a very safe and healthy Merry Christmas
and a wonderful and blessed Happy New Year!

<https://www.district2s1.org/info/newsletter/>

Merry Christmas



BOWL-A-THON 2020

On Saturday, February 22, the 2020 Lions Eye Bank of Texas District 2-52 Bowl-A-Thon will be held at AMF Diamond Lanes, 267 N Forest Blvd. Registration begins at 12:30PM and bowling starts at 1:30PM.

Proceeds from the Bowl-A-Thon benefit the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, which exists to promote the work of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine, and in particular, provide community education about the need for donation, vision safety and prevention for the causes of preventable corneal blindness.

The Lions Eye Bank of Texas services the entire Texas Gulf Coast and parts of East Texas. In 2018, the Eye Bank distributed over 1,400 donor corneas for transplant.

Thanks to the Lions' contributions and funds from special fundraising events, the Eye Bank is able to continue its educational and community outreach programs along with providing corneas at no charge to indigent patients in need of a transplant.

REGISTRATION

Teams of 4 bowlers can register for the Bowl-A-Thon by filling out a registration form and returning it with \$160 by mail to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. Checks should be made payable to the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. Each person will bowl three games. No one will be allowed to bowl until the participant waiver is signed. Bowlers may also register on the event date, but is subject to lane availability. Individuals will be assigned to teams of 4 and can participate for \$40 each. No more than 4 bowlers per team.

PRIZES

Participants have a chance to win prizes for the highest team score and the highest individual score. Door prizes will also be given away throughout the event. Registration and payment must be received by February 7, 2020 to guarantee a t-shirt for the event. For registrations received after February 7, t-shirts will be available on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last.

For more information, please contact Darleane Warren at 713-796-5545 or a LEBT Bowl-A-Thon Committee Member.

SPECIAL THANKS

to our 2019 Sponsors:

First Community Credit Union
Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Houston Sports Lions Club
Houston Spring Branch Lions Club
Tomball Lions Club
ABF Printing
Dennis & Karen Fletcher
Houston Aldine & Spring Area Lions Club
Pasadena Lions Club
Panera Bread
Drury Hotels
Holiday Inn NRG Area-Med Center
Children's Museum of Houston
Boomer's
Chick-Fil-A
Kalache Factory
Gringo's
Bistro Italiano & Rex Steakhouse



PARTICIPANT WAIVER

This waiver of liability must be signed by all participants.

WAIVER: We, the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Baylor College of Medicine, Lions Club International, its local chapters, and all undersigned, understand the sponsors, other organizations and persons connected with the Bowl-A-Thon are to be released and hereby held harmless for injuries or accidents which we may suffer while taking part in this event or as a result thereof. We hereby waive any claims for damages to any person or property for ourselves, our administrators, our heirs and assigns. We hereby grant full permission for any publicity and/or promotional purposes without obligation or liability to us.



LIONS CLUB: _____

PLAYER 1: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL 2X 3X

PLAYER 2: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL 2X 3X

PLAYER 3: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL 2X 3X

PLAYER 4: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL 2X 3X

SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS

MADE PAYABLE TO:

LIONS EYE BANK OF TEXAS
ATTN: DARLEANE WARREN
6565 FANNIN, WC 205
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77030

____ LANE NUMBER

**2020 LIONS EYE
BANK OF TEXAS
DISTRICT 2-S2
BOWL-A-THON**



**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2020**



**AMF DIAMOND LANES
267 N FOREST BLVD.
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77090**



**REGISTRATION 12:30PM
BOWLING 1:30PM**





Lions Clubs International
District 2-S2
 Greater Houston and Surrounding Areas



2-S2 CONNECT

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday January 25th 2020

Mid Winter Conference

Special Guest Speaker
Michael McCulloch



Blind rocket scientist with NASA, member of Heights Lions Club, co-founder of iBug (internet blind user group), and recently completed a personal challenge - to hike the Inca Trail up to Machu Picchu. He has an inspiring message that perseverance, determination and attitude can overcome any challenge.

Four Compelling Seminars

<p>Show me the money! What our 100% charitable and annual dues do</p>	<p>Leading volunteers: how to motivate Non-paid workers</p>
<p>Rekindling the flame of service (motivating membership)</p>	<p>21st Century Service and the tools available.</p>

HEAR FROM THE WINNERS OF OUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Hilton Houston North

Register at Lions2s2.org \$35

GETTING CONNECTED

ZONE E-2 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

1) WILLIS LIONS CLUB

- Willis Lions are collecting toys to donate to the Willis ISD Parent Support Center to be donated to children in Willis ISD that would otherwise not have Christmas.
- The Willis Lions can be found working together with their Boy Scout Troop 161 (which they chartered), putting together stockings to give to the residents of the Willis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Way to GO Lions and Scouts – TEAMWORK!!!

2) MAGNOLIA LIONS CLUB

- The Magnolia Lions can be found focusing this month on a local family that has been dealt a very difficult hand. With the help of the Lions, this family's Christmas will be made a lot brighter, while they receive some much needed assistance. Thank you for playing Santa for this family, Magnolia Lions!

3) THE WOODLANDS LIONS CLUB

- The Woodlands Lions Club is collecting toys for Interfaith of the Woodlands Holiday Giving Toy Drive. This drive provides new toys for children and teens that will be distributed during the holiday season in Montgomery County. Thank you, Woodlands Lions, for putting smiles on the faces of many MoCo children Christmas morning!

4) TOMBALL LIONS CLUB

- The Tomball Lions are providing \$1000 each to the Tomball Fire Department and the Tomball Police Department to purchase toys and other needed items for children in the Tomball community.
- Tomball Lions are continuing contact with students at Lone Star College-Tomball Campus who have shown interest in establishing either a Campus Lions Club or Branch Lions Club. Thank you, Lions for working with these young people in the hopes of establishing a new club!

5) KLEIN LIONS CLUB

- The Klein Lions host their District Governor and Vice District Governor visit at their annual Christmas Dinner this month at Giuseppe's Restaurant. They will be inducting two new members into the club that night. Way to "GROW" Klein Lions!

6) HOUSTON CY-FAIR LIONS CLUB

- On Saturday, December 14th, the Cy-Fair Lions will help lay live pine wreaths on the graves of our Fallen Heroes at the Houston National Cemetery. Thank you, Lions, for serving those who first served us!
- This month the Cy-Fair Lions will deliver over 500 packed lunch bags to the Kids Meals Headquarters. These are for distribution to needy preschool children who do not have access to free breakfast and lunch like their school age peers.

7) PANORAMA LIONS CLUB

- The Panorama Lions Club is hosting their annual Christmas party at the Panorama Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 10th. Enjoy a buffet dinner featuring chicken cordon bleu, salad, rolls and dessert. Come for social hour at 5:00pm and dinner is served at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. Go to www.panoramalions.com to buy online. There are opportunities to win great Christmas gifts from their raffle items. Tickets may be purchased that evening. Entertainment for the evening is provided by the Willis High School Jazz Band playing holiday music and big band sounds. (The jazz band is great! We have had them play before at our Lions District 2-S2 convention!) All proceeds from the evening go to their Lions Club Charities: TLC, N. Montgomery County Fire Dept., Montgomery County Food Bank, Willis ISD Student Eyeglass Program, College Scholarships, Lions World Services for the Blind, Hurricane Relief, Crime Stoppers. Come join the Panorama Lions for an evening of fun, fellowship, comraderie and service!

8) CUT & SHOOT FAMILY LIONS CLUB

- The Cut & Shoot Family Lions provided Christmas for children whose names were drawn at last month's PSC meeting. Thank you, Cut & Shoot, for putting a smile on these children's' faces!
- Members of the Cut & Shoot Club could also be found volunteering at the law enforcement's BLUE ELF program.

News from the Lions' Den

December 2019



Lions Leadership Training Speaker

PDG Chris Moorman of the Liberty Lions Club spoke to us about all of the various leadership training available to Lions, both in person in the District, State, USA-Canada Forum, and International Conferences, as well as training available on line. Many of these programs are the same ones taught by big corporations at a cost, but are free to Lions. The on line Lions University has many classes that enhance your skills at managing people and becoming an effective leader. Through the Lions University, you can earn Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degrees. PDG Chris is one of two Lions in our District who has completed his Doctorate at Lions University. He is not only our State Leadership Chairperson, but is certified to train incoming District Governors. He gave us a wonderful hand out of all the leadership opportunities available to Lions.

Wreaths Across America

Our Club has helped with the sale and placement of live pine wreaths on the graves of our Fallen Soldiers at the Houston National Cemetery. Wreaths are still only \$15 each. Forms are available for wreath sales. The actual placement of the wreaths at the Houston National Cemetery will take place after the special memorial service at the hemisphere at the cemetery, which starts at 11 AM on Sat. Dec. 14. Wreaths are presented by each of our Nation's Military branches. A flyover of special aircraft takes place. Afterwards, the public is invited to solemnly lay the wreaths on the 85,000 graves of the men and women who served our Country to keep us safe. Scouts, service organizations, and citizens participate. Parking is available at the Greenspoint Mall at the South entrance, with free bus transportation to and from the cemetery. Wreath forms and monies need to be turned into Lion Chuck by Dec. 7.



The cemetery looks beautiful with all the wreaths at the graves.

New Member

Houston Cy-Fair Lions is proud to introduce its latest Lion, Ted Mellen. He has worked our concession stand on several occasions, attended the PSC meeting, and regular meetings. Thanks to Lion Bud Casey for sponsoring Lion Ted. Please welcome him into our Club.

New member Ted Mellen



Caught!!

Lion John Peterson swears he does NOT like to eat sweets. Yet, he was caught actually eating dessert at a meeting last month. Amazing!!



Kids Meals

Instead of having a speaker at our last meeting, we stuffed lunch bags with nutritious foods for Kids Meals organization. These lunch bags will be taken to the Kids Meals Headquarters in Houston, where a fresh meat and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwich will be added. Over 500 bags were packed by our dutiful dozen Lions. Each bag contains a small can of Vienna Sausage (proteins), applesauce (fruit), 100% juice box drink (fruit), pudding cup (milk), and a small bag of animal crackers for fun. Kids Meals will then add a fresh meat and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwich to each bag prior to delivering to the children's homes. Also in the bags we included a coloring page and a crayon, because we believe that kids minds as well as their stomach need fed. Bags were decorated by Lions prior to the filling. Lion Chuck, with the assistance others, will deliver the boxes of completed bags Mon. Dec. 2 for distribution to needy preschool children who do not have access to free breakfast and lunch like their school age peers. Thanks to all Lions who helped on this very worthwhile project.



Lions packed the bags assembly line style.



A coloring sheet and crayon were added to each bag.



The filled boxes of over 500 completed lunch bags await transportation to Kids Meals Headquarters.

Kids Christmas Wish Assistance

Houston Cy-Fair Lions again stepped up in the spirit of giving and Christmas to help 13 needy children. Names and gift wishes were picked up at the PSC meeting in Nov. Lions then purchased gifts to fulfill the wishes of children who otherwise might not have gifts at Christmas. Thanks to all who participated in this wonderful giving project. As you can see, the children will be very happy with their presents.



2019 Children's Christmas Assistance gifts

Eyeglasses collected

12 boxes of used eyeglasses will be delivered to the Conroe Noon Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center at the next PSC meeting.

Mid Winter Conference

Remember when PDG Chris Moorman spoke to us about all the wonderful learning opportunities available to Lions? Here is your chance to join other Lions and learn important things you've always wanted to know, like what does our 100% charities monies and dues do? How do you motivate and lead volunteers/ non paid workers? How do you rekindle the flame of Lions service and recruit new members? What 21st century tools are available to us? These will be the four breakout sessions at the Mid Winter Conference to be held Sat. Jan. 25, 2020 from 9AM to 1:30 PM at . **Hilton Houston North**, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX 77060. For only \$35 per person, you receive breakfast, lunch, these wonderful breakout sessions, plus you get to hear a very unique speaker, Mr. Michael McCulloch. He works as a rocket scientist at NASA, and who is blind. Let's have Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club have the highest percentage of members present at this wonderful learning experience. You can register on line at www.lions2s2.org. Just click on the link down on the left side of the page. Hope to see everyone there!!

Become an Election Clerk

Lion Bob has challenged us to come out and work as an election clerk in the upcoming runoff elections to be held Sat. Dec. 14. You just need to be a Harris County resident, provide proof of residency, and take a short instructional course. You will get paid \$10/hr for your services, which Lions Bob and Merrell plan to then donate to the Texas Lions Camp. This is a great way to learn more about our election process, and help the Camp if you so choose. Contact Lion Bob at 713-476-1908 or rrugur@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Dec. 14, Wreaths Across America. Park in the south parking lot of the Greenspoint Mall off I-45 and the Beltway, and catch a free shuttle to the Houston National Cemetery. Shuttle service begins at 9:30AM with the ceremony starting at 11AM.

Sat. Dec. 14, become an Election Worker. Contact Lion Bob Rugur.

Wed. Dec. 18 and Thurs. Dec. 19, 7 PM, sorting food and packing baskets for Christmas Cheer Baskets project. COOKIE SWAP, bring your favorite Christmas treats to share.

Sat. Dec. 21, 2019, 9 AM, instructions and maps given out to teams for Christmas Cheer basket delivery. Bring SUV or large vehicle to carry the large baskets, bags, turkeys, etc for each family.

There will not be a meeting Dec. 24, 2019.

Tues. Jan. 14, 2020, 7 PM, regular Lions Club meeting.

Sat. Jan. 25, 2020, annual District 2-S2 Mid Winter Conference. Key note speaker will be a blind rocket scientist with NASA. This is a great meeting to meet other Lions in the District, and learn more about what goes on in our Lions area.

Tues. Jan. 28, regular Lions Club meeting.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday on Dec. 4 to Lion John Fenney, and Dec. 13 to Lion Merrell Greene. Remember, birthdays are good. The more you have, the older you get.

