



# PawPrints

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Top to bottom—that’s how servant leadership works. It means I support my district governors. It means that district governors support their club presidents. It means that club presidents support their members. If we can do this at all level of Lions, I believe that we will see extraordinary results in our membership and leadership.

International President Dr Jungul Choi



## Tony’s Tales

It has been a very busy few weeks. Beginning with the very successful Bob Dowden dinner staged by PDGs Rick Reynolds, Karl Johnson and their teams of volunteers. We now know that \$33,000 was raised that evening so thank you to all the clubs and Lions that supported the dinner.

Then it was off to Amarillo for the Council of Governors quarterly meeting. Among the decisions we took there was the appointment of State Chair New Voices to our own Lucy Gonzalez of Houston Lady Lions Club. We are excited about what she will bring to this new role. We also confirmed plans for the State Convention in Longview May 14 – 16 2020. Please save the date and come and join us for an educational and fun weekend. While on the subject of conventions please register for our Mid-Winter Conference which will at the Hilton Houston North on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be a wonderful opportunity to mix with other Lions in the District, hear from distinguished speakers and also enjoy breakfast and lunch as part of the registration fee \$35. Also at lunch you will hear from the winners of the Opportunites for Youth contests. Please register at the District website <https://www.lions2s2.org>.

Finally at the end of the newsletter I have included a recent note from Past International Director Jerome Thompspon that has some very interesting ideas about how we can use our combined experience as senior Lions for the benefit of children and their parents. Take a read and let me know if you have tried these ideas in the past or plan to now.

Thank you to all of your for staying Connected and exploiting The Power of Giving.

Tony Austin

District Governor

## Coming Soon!!

**Brookshire-Pattison**  
BBQ, Chicken & Rib Sale  
Rescheduled for Friday Nov 15

**Huntsville Club**  
Christmas Parade Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
Come join them in the fun!!!

## Save The Dates

**New**

Bowl-a-thon 2020  
For more info see flyer below  
February 8<sup>th</sup> @12:30pm

## Regional Meeting

December 4<sup>th</sup>

@China Bear (1500 N. Fwy)  
Bring canned foods

## Collecting for Christmas Drive

(flyer below)

**Don't forget to ...**  
Bring Your NEW recruits!!!

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**Lion E.L. "Buddy" Nelson** was honored with receiving Life membership. Congratulations to Lion Nelson!!!

Woodlands Lions Club executed their 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Wildflowers Festival

All of our clubs have hopefully received and critiqued their sponsored high schools essays for our **Diabetic Essay Contest**. Your clubs selected winners will be moving on to the Winter conference where the students will compete for an additional scholarship



## From Lion Bonita Davis

This is such an exciting time to be a Lion! While we stand on the numerous milestones accomplished by our international organization, our home clubs, and even ourselves as Lions, we are grateful. Yet, our friend in the logo has two visages.

-One looking back and the other looking ahead.

As we carry out our various activities, we are continuously preparing for the future. We have a wealth of knowledge about Lion-ism in our District. Please, register for the Mid-Winter Conference on January 25.

The event will last until 1. You will be fed breakfast and lunch. The breakout sessions are topics Lions need to know and ask about frequently.

You may register online on Facebook through Eventbrite. If you have any thought or concerns, please let me know. The planning committee is doing their best to make it a fun learning experience for everyone.

The cost is the same as last year; \$35. I can't wait to see everybody there!

When District 2-S2 moves together, fantastic things happen!

From CyFair club ...

## Mid-Winter Conference

**Plan** to attend our annual District 2-S2 Mid-Winter Conference to be held **Sat. Jan. 25**, 2020 at the Houston Hilton North.

Keynote speaker will be Michael McCulloch, a member of the Heights Lions Club who works as a rocket scientist at NASA, and happens to be blind!!

There will be four wonderful learning opportunities, with breakout sessions on what our annual dues and charitable contributions, rekindling the flame of service, leading volunteers and motivating nonpaid workers, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Service and the tools available.

Plan to attend this wonderful **Mid-Winter Conference** by registering online at [Lions2S2.org](https://Lions2S2.org)

The fee of \$35 includes *breakfast and lunch*, plus the learning sessions, and the keynote speaker. Let's make this the best attended Mid-Winter Conference !!

**Crosby Lions Club** recently lost its oldest member. Helen Hanggee, 107.5 years young, passed away on September 1<sup>st</sup>. She enjoyed being a Lion in Crosby and formerly in Cherokee Village, Arkansas. She attended meetings as long as she was able. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Carol Thompson, President

Crosby Lions Club

[thompsonch42@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonch42@gmail.com)

# 2019

## Christmas Parade

Theme: Patriotic Christmas



Saturday  
December 7, 2019  
Start time 6:30 P.M.



One of Huntsville's largest events is the Christmas parade hosted by the Huntsville Lions Club.

We would like to invite all District 2-S2 Lions to come join us in staging floats and participating in the ride to see thousands of smiles lining the streets.

Saturday, December 7th 3 PM - 6:30 PM  
(Parade starts @ 6:30 PM)

Merry  
Christmas



# ***District 2-S2 Lions Kids Christmas gift drive***

~~PSC meeting Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>~~

**Brandy Brock**

**Community Youth Services**

~~Brandy will be at the PSC meeting November 6<sup>th</sup> with the cards listing gift ideas for you to choose from. All the gifts need to be delivered at the~~

## **PSC meeting December 4th.**

**Brandy Brock and other counselor will be there to greet and collect gifts purchased. Please do not wrap the gifts, if possible please supply gift-wrap paper or gift bags.**

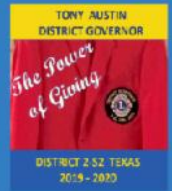
Please make plans on helping this holiday season.



Counselors cannot accept cash or checks. Gift cards are accepted.



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

**HEAR FROM THE WINNERS OF OUR**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH**  
**SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

**Hilton Houston North**  
**Register at [Lions2s2.org](http://Lions2s2.org) \$35**



# Brookshire-Pattison Lions Club BBQ Chicken and Rib Sale

**Rescheduled to  
Friday, November 15, 2019**

**\$10.00 per chicken (serves 2)**

**\$15.00 per full rack of pork baby back ribs (serves 2)**

**To place your order, please contact Heather McConnell at [hamccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:hamccconnell@gmail.com) or (713) 594-9297. Orders can be picked up at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, November 15th beginning at 11:00am.**

**We will have a limited quantity of chickens and ribs available for purchase after 11:30am the day of the cook at the following locations:**

**Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department  
2950 FM 359**

**Brookshire Pattison Library  
3815 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Proceeds help fund scholarships for Royal ISD students. Come get some delicious food and support your local community!**

**Date: October 16, 2019**  
**Contact: Milton L. Dare,**  
**FACHE Director of Development & Major**  
**Gifts**  
[830-896-8500/mdare@lionscamp.com](mailto:mdare@lionscamp.com)



## 26th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament raises more than \$265,000

James Avery Artisan Jewelry presents \$100,000 challenge grant check

*Kerrville, Texas* – Lions of Texas and friends of Texas Lions Camp celebrated raising more than \$265,000 from the 26th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. John McCullough, CEO of James Avery Artisan Jewelry®, participated in the announcement and presented the \$100,000 challenge grant check during the closing Friday Awards Night ceremonies at Texas Lions Camp (TLC) in Kerrville.

“The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament began more than 25 years ago and is a vital part of our annual fundraising program to raise funds to help children with disabilities, vision-hearing impairment, Down syndrome, cancer and Type 1 diabetes attend Texas Lions Camp at no cost to their family,” said TLC President & CEO Stephen Mabry. “TLC is deeply grateful that James Avery Artisan Jewelry agreed to offer a Challenge Grant of \$100,000 which provided an incentive for family, friends and other businesses and corporations to step up and offer pivotal donations of more than \$165,000.”

John McCullough, CEO of *James Avery Artisan Jewelry*® noted, “James Avery was pleased to continue our partnership with Texas Lions Camp by offering the challenge grant in recognition of their 70 years of service and commitment to helping children with special medical conditions throughout Texas.”

According to Mabry, “Reaching this historic milestone of \$265,000 through the Wickersham Golf Tournament was only made possible as a result of the dedicated efforts of Texas Lions and our many friends who made personal commitments while garnering more than 550 donations to the effort. These funds have already been put to work helping Texas children as Texas Lions Camp hosted 1,512 children during the Summer of 2019 at no charge to them or their families.”

**About James Avery Artisan Jewelry**®– James Avery is a vertically integrated, family-owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country and offers finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, gemstones and leather wallets – designed by their own skilled artisans in Kerrville, Texas. The multi-channel retailer has 92 James Avery stores in five states. James Avery jewelry is also available in more than 220 Dillard’s stores in Texas and in 28 additional states, two airport stores in Austin and Houston and nationwide through [JamesAvery.com](http://JamesAvery.com). James Avery crafts jewelry in four Texas workshops— one each in Comfort, Fredericksburg, Hondo and Kerrville. For more information, visit [JamesAvery.com](http://JamesAvery.com) or [facebook.com/JamesAvery](https://facebook.com/JamesAvery).

**About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.** - Texas Lions Camp, Inc. provides, without charge, a camp for children who are physically disabled, have Down syndrome, cancer or Type 1 diabetes from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949 by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating for Accountability and Transparency from Charity Navigator.

More than 74,000 Texas children with special medical conditions have attended the program since TLC was founded more than 70 years ago in 1949. Through this mission, TLC’s goal is to introduce children to the “Can Do” philosophy and position them to step into their calling with maximum personal growth and self-esteem.

To learn more about contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp, please visit [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com) or email Milton L. Dare at [mdare@lionscamp.com](mailto:mdare@lionscamp.com). If preferred, you may also call 830-896-8500 for more information.

# News from the Lions' Den

November 2019



## Service for Lion Dorothy

Houston Cy-Fair Lions stepped up to do what Lion Dorothy would have done: Serve others. After the funeral service for Lion Dorothy, friends and family members were treated to a wonderful spaghetti dinner, complete with a wonderful salad, bread, and many various desserts. The recipe for the spaghetti sauce was none other than Lion Dorothy's. Probably close to 90 people were served. Many thanks for President Becca who organized the meal and prepared the sauce, Lion Julie for preparing the salad and bread, Lions Bob and Merrell for room set up and decorations, Lion Terry for dessert presentation, plus an army of other Lion and non Lion volunteers. I think Lion Dorothy would be proud.



The room was full of guests enjoying the meal.  
Family, friends, and Lions came to honor Lion Dorothy.



The dessert table was well stocked.  
Spaghetti, salad, tea, and desserts were served.



Flowers were displayed.



## Bob Dowden Dinner

Houston Cy-Fair Lions were well represented at the recent Bob Dowden Dinner, a major fund raiser for the Texas Lions Camp. We had 16 Lions from our Club present. Many, many thanks to Lions Chuck, Keith, Julie, Mazher, John, Bob and Merrell for again helping with the overwhelming task of checking everyone out once the bids were tallied and sorted. Thanks for all who donated items to be auctioned.

Lions Julie, Keith, Tony Franco, President Becca.

Lion Stedman and wife Audrey, Lions Bob and Merrell.

Lion Mazher and wife Nahid, President Becca.

Live auction items included these two handmade baby cradles, antique secretary desk, butcher block table, and curio cabinet.

Some of the many silent auction items.

More silent auction items.



## Pill Bottles Donated

Approximately 3000 used but clean pill bottles were donated to The Light of Life Haiti Initiative for use at their newly opened pharmacy in Haiti. Previously, patients were just handed the medication in their hands, or in an envelope. With the donation of the pill bottles, medications can now be properly labeled and safe from spills. Thanks to all Lions and friends for this ongoing project. Six big pretzel boxes plus one small box were full of the used prescription bottles.

## Magic Show

We held our annual Children's Magic Show on Tues. Oct. 22. This was in place of our second regular meeting of the month. Lions Paul Yackley, Becca Franco, Bud Casey, Paul Berry, Chuck and Sandy Martin greeted patrons at the door and took their tickets prior to entrance of the theater. There were fewer patrons this year, only 105 tickets were collected. Everyone had fun, and the children loved the show as usual. It is always fun to watch the children Magician C. J. calls to the stage to help him with the illusions. Thanks for everyone who sold tickets, and to those Lions who helped make our presence known at the event.

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



SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 22ND

AMF DIAMOND LANES  
267 N FOREST BLVD.  
HOUSTON,  
TEXAS 77090  
REGISTRATION  
12:30PM  
BOWLING 1:30PM

FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION,  
CALL  
713-747-5645.



Join us for an afternoon filled  
with bowling, door prizes,  
and LOTS of fun!  
No bowling skill is required.  
Just come out & have fun!



## **The Challenge of Attracting New Younger Members**

This is a pressing Problem throughout North America. However, for a moment reflect on the traditional family unit. Grandparents relate to grandchildren. Hence, the argument that our members do not relate to a younger generation is not true.

Service need not cost anything. In fact, when I think of elementary and middle school students, their greatest need is to be mentored by someone who cares and will spend time with them.

If we want to attract younger members, let's begin to serve their children. While vision screening is the go-to project, it is most likely not going to win the hearts of the parents. May I suggest that every club with an average age over 65 years, should adopt the following motto: **Lions In Our Neighborhood Schools.**

Begin with adopting a kindergarten Classroom. Regularly read to the students. Purchase classroom supplies. Meet the needs of those students who cannot afford a field trip. Become the Grandparent that some of the students need. Purchase books for the students. Be sure that the parents know everyone thing your club is doing for their child.

As we progress toward Middle School, the Lions Quest program becomes an option for increasing service to adolescent students. Maintaining the landscape. Going to sporting events or volunteering to take up tickets, run the concession stand, or usher, puts in front of perspective members, without engaging in back breaking activities which are beyond the capabilities of some of our more seasoned members.

In High School, we can begin LEO clubs. Retired Lions, who have mastered a trade, can volunteer to tutor students who are trying to learn a trade. And the list goes on...when we open our minds and step out of comfort zones.

It is all about proximity. Lions must begin to serve those that they wish to become members of their clubs. Serve a younger generation by impacting the lives of those that they love -their Children.

Service requires time, not money.

**PID Jerome Thompson**