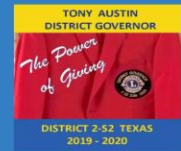




Lions Clubs International
District 2-S2
Greater Houston and Surrounding Areas



PawPrints

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Issue # 4

Your enduring kindness has helped support those in need and comfort those in isolation. I encourage you to continue your good works. And I ask that you continue to take every precaution necessary to serve safely. We will see our communities through this. We are Lions. Lions always find a way.

International President, Dr JungYul Choi

Tony's Tales

As I wrote this note a month ago we were days away from announcing the lock down and now it has become the new normal with all the darkness that comes with it. It's a sad time for so many people including those who have lost family members or friends and those who are having to adapt to new working conditions at a frantic pace. Even those who are not on the front line are adjusting to social distancing and Stay Home protocols. None of these are comfortable for most Americans and we long for some of the old life back again.

But in the midst of the sadness and depressing environment Lions are busy shining their usual bright light on communities throughout the world. Our international foundation, LCIF, has already paid out nearly 2-m in Covid-19 grants including \$10,000 to our district. Locally there have been many club projects that are making a difference – see the Covid-19 article for some of them. We are lucky that our clubs members have widely differing talents that can all be brought to bear on the situations we face. Clubs have adapted their meetings to be able to continue service but still with the scrutiny required when handling public funds. I have been impressed and very pleased with the way in which members are becoming more and more comfortable with using virtual meetings. This is likely to continue for some months still.

Please be sure that you have registered your club voting delegates for the vote on Saturday April 25th. We must receive your delegate information by this **Friday April 17th**.

As you come to the end of your year please take a look at the article on Lions awards that are available as you recognize members of the club, family and friends or local civic officials or service groups. These recognitions are prestigious and also help the institution providing them.

DG Tony

SAVE THE DATE!!

Virtual Regional Meeting

Wednesday May 6th 7pm to 8pm

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/175556493>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212)

Access Code: 175-556-493

Don't forget to ...invite some of your long time members to join the P&S / Regional Meeting
ALL are welcome

COVID-19

Throughout the District clubs are adapting service to meet the new needs!!

Thien An Nguyen, President of our newest club, Houston Unity, has teamed up with **Emee Nisnisan of Houston Royal Oaks, 1st VDG Bonita Davis of Hardin and ZC Lucy Gonzales of Houston Ladies** to provide PPE materials to local first responders. As a result of their work we were successful in getting a \$10,000 grant from LCIF to support their project.



Savannah Ardoin, President of Hardin: Tuesday's Lunch for Liberty County EMS prepared by and picked up using social distancing. Hardin Lions will feed these front-line workers for lunch each Tuesday in April.

Take a look at the **Houston Cy-Fair** newsletter in this newsletter for details of their kids feeding program to ensure that the kids get a meal when they are not in school.

Cut and Shoot gave a generous donation of school supplies at the Monday packet pickup (8am-10am) to those in need! We greatly appreciate your help to make our Mustangs remote learning experience a positive one.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (ON THE BALLOT APRIL 24TH)

2019-2020 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Add the phrase "or Review" next to the word audit in several places in the following:

Article VIII – District Governor's Cabinet

Section 3 – Duties and Responsibilities

Sub-Section (k) – Financial Reports and Audits

Rationale: This would allow the District to have a Review of the Financial Records, instead of a full Audit. Thus, saving time and funds.

(k) Financial Reports and Audits the Cabinet shall receive from the Cabinet Treasurer financial reports at least ten (10) days prior to each Cabinet meeting and shall make provisions for an annual audit or review (more frequently if required) of the books and accounts of the District. Said audit(s) or review(s) shall be made by a competent accountant, who shall have a current permit to practice accounting and shall show all receipts and disbursements made by the District during the fiscal year. A copy of said audit(s) or review(s) shall be furnished to all District Officers, the State Office and Lions International. The Cabinet shall provide for the transfer of all records of the District including canceled checks, bank statements, record book, account book, etc., to the succeeding District Governor and her Cabinet Treasurer at the first Cabinet meeting following the International Convention.

CHOOSING A CLUB AWARD

At this time of year many clubs are deciding how to recognize members or others for their work during the year. Please consider one of these options each of which is prestigious and supports the institution providing it.



LCIF has been very generous to our District this year with two \$10,000 Emergency Grants and they should be at the top of your list! Go to https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_QHkWdKNUqy23.jpg.pdf to get more information and the application form. Melvin Jones Fellowships are given for \$1,000 donations and Progressive MJF Diamonds can be added for existing MJF awards.



Texas Lions Camp has many different levels of donation beginning with a general donation of as little as \$25, a TLC Century Club membership or \$125, Endowment Brick for \$250 up to a Jack Wiech Fellowship for \$1,000.

See the details here

<https://lionscamp.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/81165/Default.aspx>



TEXAS LIONS MUSEUM AND OFFICE FOUNDATION, INC.

Two donations levels are available – Life Membership at \$100 or an Everett J. Grindstaff Award at \$500. Application form here <https://texaslionsmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Everett-J-Grindstaff-Fellow-or-Life-Member-form.pdf>



LIONS EYE BANK OF TEXAS – Awards begin with Life Memberships at \$100 through to Wall of Honor or Eddie H. Munger at \$500. Application form <https://www.lionseyebankoftexas.org/awards/>



TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION – Several awards including Texas Lions Foundation Award at \$125 and Texas Lions Fellow at \$500. <https://texaslions.org/wp-content/uploads/Texas-Lions-Foundation-Awards-Form.pdf>



Dear ALL of my Zone E-2 Lions,

I want you all to know that a day doesn't go by that I don't think of y'all! Every morning and night you are included in my prayers. I pray for your health, safety, and well-being. I miss seeing those of you that I normally see at PSC meetings at China Bear, cabinet meetings, and other Lion functions. I am sad that our annual District Convention will not be held this month for us to attend. It is always so much fun. But....there is still the hope that maybe it can take place at a later time....so that we can honor Governor Tony and many other hard-working Lions. Keep your fingers crossed.

I hope this finds you all doing well and getting ready to celebrate EASTER in whatever joyous way you can. I know there are a lot of sad parents, grandparents, and children that won't be celebrating together or in the normal way they are used to. But....we remember that this is just temporary....and we still have joyous news to celebrate EASTER Sunday.

As always, the Lions of District 2-S2 are busy at work serving and helping during these difficult times. If your club is doing something special, please send me a note and let me know. I am sure you have seen by now, that our District has received a \$10,000 emergency grant from LCIF for personal protection equipment for our frontline medical teams. If you know of a need for this equipment in your club area, please contact Lucy Gonzalez and she will assist you. Thank you ONCE AGAIN, LCIF, for coming to our assistance here! You never let us down.

Hopefully many of your clubs are taking advantage of holding/conducting your meetings through "Go To Meeting" or "ZOOM". If you are interested in using "Go To Meeting", contact DG Tony and he will get you set up. Rick and I have "gone" to meetings using both of them, and both were easy to use. Our club missed two meetings and decided we couldn't miss another one because all of us members missed each other too much. Thursday night we had our first ZOOM meeting and it was fun!

If I can be of any help or assistance to you and your club in any way, please drop me a line or call me. I am here to help and serve! I am going to leave you with this simple ***Jelly Bean Prayer***. Presidents and Secretaries, please send this out to all your club members from me. Love to you all!

Marla Reynolds

Zone E-2 Chair

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Red is for the blood he gave.

Green is for the grass he made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright,

Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins we made.

White is for the grace he gave.

Purple is for his hour of sorrow,

Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jellybeans is yummy to eat.

It's a picture, a promise, a special treat.

To help us remember Jesus' work complete,

Gives us hope beyond any earthly sweet.

NEWS FROM HOUSTON CY-FAIR

News from the Lions' Den

April 2020



Motivational Speaker

Ms. Brandi Bass spoke on Marketing Your Value and Communicating Your Purpose. Marketing promotes products, purpose, price, and plan. She considers Marketing the What and the Why of the product. Communication sends messages about the product and is the How and When of that product or company. Value is how you relate to your work, other people, products, and what is important to you. Purpose encourages people to be intentional and helps to guide decisions. She explained that branding equals the brand plus the marketing and communications and value of each product or company. She discussed various major brands and how they affect us. She explained our individual brand is who we are and how others perceive us.



Annabelle Flores, Brandi Bass, and President Becca.

Office Candidates

Immediate Past President Lion Mazher has come up with a slate of candidates for the 2020-2021 year. Candidates will be presented to the membership at least twice prior to voting in April. Thanks to all Lions who have volunteered to serve their Club in leadership roles.

The slate of officers is:

President: Lion Becca

1st Vice President: Lion Paul Berry

Secretary: Lion Sandy, in the absence of anyone else wanting the job

Treasurer: Lion Chuck, in the absence of anyone else wanting the job

Membership: Lion Julie

Tail Twister: Lion Ted

Lion Tamer: Lion Paul Yackley

LCIF: (Lion Terry has not gotten back to Lion Mazher as of yet)

Continuing as 2nd year Directors: Lion John Peterson and Lion Brad

New Directors for a 2 year term: Lions Randy, Keith, Bud, and Stedman have agreed to serve. (Only two will be elected.)

Service Coordinator: Lion Merrell

District Voting Delegates

Thanks to Lions Bud Casey, Randy Matthews, Mazher Poonawalla, Paul Yackley and Sandy Martin for volunteering to be voting delegates online for our District elections. Voting will be done via special email, and the delegates will receive special instructions as they become available.

Corona Virus disrupts Lions functions

Due to the impact of the very contagious new COV19 virus, many happenings within the District, State, Country, and Nation have been cancelled or postponed.

The scheduled Texas Lions Camp Work Day for April 5 has been cancelled. Thanks to Lion Keith who reserved spots for us, but for which we cannot work. It is unknown if the May Camp Work Day will still be held.

District 2-S2 has cancelled the Convention at the Hilton North at Greenspoint. Instead, there will be an online convention.

The International Lions Club Convention in Seoul, Korea has been cancelled.

The Special Olympics Basketball Tournament to be held at Prairie View A&M University has been cancelled.

All baseball games and tournaments have been cancelled until further notice.

The Beeping Easter Egg Hunt to be held on our Field #3 has been cancelled.

All Lions Club meeting and gatherings of more than 10 people are not permitted. We are to continue social distancing for our safety and the health and safety of others.

Past District Governor's Achievement Award

It is with much pride that we learned that **Lion John Peterson** will be awarded the Past District Governor's Achievement Award. Lion John joined the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club in 2007, and has kept bush since then. : Vice President x 2, President 2008-2009, District Hearing and Speech Chairperson 2009-2011, and 2017-2018, Club Chairperson Wreaths Across America since its inception in 2007, coordinates collection of sponsorships to purchase and lay wreaths on the graves of American Servicemen/women at the Houston National Cemetery, works at the Houston Cy-Fair Concession stand at least weekly during baseball season, assists in purchasing food and supplies for the Houston Cy-Fair Concession stand on a weekly basis, worked for many years at the Houston Cy-Fair Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, worked the Houston Cy-Fair Garage Sale April 2013 benefitting the Texas Lions Camp, has attended several District 2S-2 conventions, helps pack baskets and deliver Christmas food baskets to needy families within the Cy-Fair area.

Although we are not sure how the presentation of this award will play out, with the cancellation of the physical District Convention, we feel honored to have Lion John among those distinguished Lions in our midst. Congratulations Lion John!!

Kids Meals

Our Club has agreed to make 500 healthy bagged lunches for preschool children who do not have access to healthy meals at school. With the ban on groups meeting due to the virus issues, we were not sure how we would accomplish our obligation. It was suggested that we just donate money to Kids Meals. Lion Chuck called and spoke with them and it was explained that they don't have the volunteers available to make up the lunches, and they really preferred that we purchase the foods and assemble the meals. Lion Chuck than had difficulty procuring all the items in the quantity needed. Since there has been some hoarding of items since the virus scare began, some Sam's stores limited purchases to only one case of an item. Not good when we needed 13 cases of some items. Lion Chuck visited several Sam's Clubs in the area, and after several trips, and much perseverance on his part, was able to purchase enough food for the 500 meas.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Lions Julie and Merrell, as well as her "granddaughter" Esmeralda, for the beautifully decorated Kids Meal Bags. Thanks also go to our Zone Chairperson, Lion Marla Reynolds who volunteered to decorate bags when she visited our Club last month. We had over 500 bags beautifully decorated with kid themed decorations. I know the children will love these sweet lunch bags.

Six Lions and 5 friends turned out and make quick business of producing 500 completed meals. Thanks to everyone who helped, whether it was stuffing the bags, decorating, purchasing products, setting up, breaking down boxes for recycle, loading boxes into the SUV, etc. The SUV was packed to the gills, with two boxes on the front passenger seat! Lion Chuck said the staff at Kids Meals was very appreciative of our continued commitment. He also presented to them a very generous check from Lions Bob and Merrell to help them purchase foods to nourish these vulnerable children.



Lions and friends make quick work of assembling the 500 bags



There was very little space left over for Lion Chuck to drive all the boxes to the Kids Meals office!!

Our Lions step up to fulfill District Positions

There were still two unfilled positions for elected trustees on the District Ballot, and Houston Cy-Fair Lions stepped up to run for these offices. Lion Mazher will be on the District Ballot for Trustee for the Eye Bank of Texas, and Lion Becca Franco will run for the Humanitarian Relief Fund. Thanks to these Lions who wish to serve Lionism through these District offices, and thanks to our members who voted to endorse them.

HRF Request Approved

Lion Bud requested our Club help, with a matching donation from the Humanitarian Relief Fund, to assist a young man in the Cypress area help pay for a special service dog. The young man has uncontrollable seizures, and the service dog will alert his mother when a seizure is pending, thus allowing the family to live a more normal lifestyle, and better sleep. Our Club will donate \$1250, which will be matched through the HRF project. Thanks to Lion Bud for reaching out to this young man

A Letter from the Fenney's

We received a letter from Kim and John Fenney explaining their absences to our meetings. I am pleased to share it with you.

March 10, 2020

Hello Fellow Lion's!

I apologize right away for the delay in this email being sent. My intention was to send it over the weekend, however we were gone most of the weekend with our daughter's competition (she is on varsity winter guard) so I am just now sending it out.

John and I wanted to reach out and share with you what has been happening in our family to better help you understand why we have not been present in monthly meeting since August.

As you may already know, our youngest daughter had surgery to repair her ear drum and reconstruct her ear canal due to damage suffered when she was younger. This damage has resulted in permanent hearing loss for her therefore the need for this type of surgery. Her recovery took much longer than anticipated due to the nature and severity of her surgery. During this time, we were also juggling the start of 2 new jobs both for myself and for John along with the start of school for all of the children (we have 4). Our oldest daughter is a freshman at Cy-Woods and is a member of the Woods Colorguard (performs with the marching band) therefore we were traveling with the band/color guard when they traveled out of the city on the weekend for BOA competitions. In addition to those activities and Hannah's (youngest daughter) recovery, our son playing on the middle school football team, participated as a trombone player in the middle school top band and engineering competitions. Our middle daughter also participated in orchestra activities during this time as well. So, as you can see with all the kid's activities and Hannah's recovery taking longer than normal, we were running constantly!!

In addition to all of the above mentioned activities, John and I were also managing our goalball team along with trying to squeeze in graduate school classes for John (he graduates in August 2020)! Literally every Tuesday we have, has a football game, competition, graduate class, orchestra, and band or choir concert for someone! Not that this isn't enough...but to top all of that off, I am visually impaired and unable to drive so John was doing ALL the driving for all of this (not sure how much of this I explained in the past regarding my vision impairment)!

We wanted to share all of this with you to let you know that our original intention was to be an active member and serve in our community as a Lion. Lion's are very near and dear to us as my own parents are both Lion's in another part of the state. We love Lion's and all that LCI stands for! As the school year has progressed on, John and I have come to the realization that we are not superheroes and we cannot do it all!

So, with all of that being said...our intent moving forward is to pay our dues and bring them current. We would like to continue serving as a Lion however if it is imperative that we attend all or most meetings, then we will not be able to continue as active Lion's at this time. We currently support and serve our community through goalball and by promoting Lion's Camp in our school districts (through the departments I supervise and through goalball). We are actually unable to attend tonight's meeting due to John's graduate class from 6:30-8:30pm.

We appreciate your time and patience to read this letter. Please share your thoughts and how we should proceed with our membership.

Thank you in advance for your time!

Kim & John Fenney

Perhaps each of us could send them a note of encouragement.

Lions Helping Bears

Do to the social distancing from the current virus pandemic, we will not be holding our community drive for luggage, back packs, duffle bags, socks, underwear, and toiletries for foster children in April as previously planned. However, we as Lions can bring our own articles to the Lion's Den, where Lions Merrell and Bob will see that it get taken to the BEAR storage for use for children in foster care. We will reschedule the community event later. Thanks. Attached is a list of needed items.

Lions Service Project

Houston Cy-Fair LIONS helping

BEARS (Be a Resource for CPS Kids)

OH MY!

To assist children currently in or going into Child Protective Services, there is a severe need for various items to meet a child's immediate needs.

Service Project: Hold a one day "Spring Clean" community donation event where we collect items for children in, moving around in or going into foster care.

We would be collecting:

- Carry-on, small size duffle bags, suitcases, totes, backpacks. Together we can ensure children have more than just a plastic bag.
- Travel size/small size/full size toiletries; shampoo, conditions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps
- New Clothing, Shoes, Pajamas, Diapers
- New Toys, Stuffed Animals, Blankets
- Full detailed list 2nd page

With LIONS helping BEARS, we can provide hope and help for abused and neglected children and the case workers who protect them within Harris County.

All donations will be delivered to a BEAR room. These BEAR rooms are emergency supply rooms for abused and neglected children in Harris County. Often times children are brought into CPS care with soiled clothing and no

belongings. BEAR rooms are there to respond to those needs. The BEAR staff works to ensure that each room is fully stocked with formula, diapers, shoes, clothing, snacks, toys and stuffed animals to meet a child's immediate needs.

- Collection Date: April 18th 9A-3P Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den 9600 West Little York, Houston Tx 77040 @Banes Park

Needs List from BEAR:

- Unused Hygiene Packs (which include 2-in-1 shampoo, conditioner, bars of soap, individual toothbrushes and toothpaste and deodorant.
- Unused Hair care products (lice shampoo, hair ties, and hair brush/comb)
- New Baby Hygiene Packs (which include baby wash, baby lotion, baby powder, and diaper rash ointment – should you want to assemble your own!) Per the staff at BEAR, they would be thrilled to have the small Hotel bottles of shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.
- Baby wipes
- Formula (all types)
- New Diapers (NB – size 6)
- Baby items (pacifier, bib, receiving blanket, and 'sippy' cup)
- New Clothing of all sizes (NB – juniors)
- New Pajamas of all sizes (NB – juniors)
- New Socks of all sizes (NB – juniors)
- New Shoes of all sizes
- New Underwear of all sizes (child – adult)
- Stuffed animals
- Toys (not board games)
- Books
- Blankets
- Duffle bags/overnight bags **Children sometimes have to use trash-bags to hold their items. Together, we can make sure they have more than just a plastic bag.*
- Household cleaning supplies (Lysol wipes, all-in-one cleaning solution, mops, broom & dustpan set, Fabuloso, laundry detergent, dish-soap, and paper towels)
- **NOTES:** If donating bags, please no bags larger than carry-on/overhead bin size. If the bag has a zipper, the zipper must work. All clothing should be new, clean, untornd, unstained and ready to wear. All toiletries must be unopened/unused.

BEAR is a 501(C)3 public/private partnership that provides emergency goods and services directly to children under the care of Children's Protective Service (CPS) in Harris County. Thanks to the contributions last year, 12,000 abused children received new items from BEAR necessities, include shoes, school uniforms, replacement clothes, diaper, car seats, hygiene items and other essentials.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Chuck on April 24.



Let's all stay safe and healthy out there!!
Avoid people who are sick, wash your hands often, and stay away from crowds.



Join us for a
SPIRIT NIGHT

TO BENEFIT

HOUSTON CY-FAIR LIONS CLUB

WHEN	WHERE
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 ALL DAY	JERSEY VILLAGE LOCATION 17492 Northwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77040

MENTION YOU ARE DINING IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSTON CY-FAIR LIONS CLUB
& WILLIE'S WILL DONATE **15%** OF YOUR CHECK

April 15, 2020

Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries

DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Due to recent events the social activities of the Lions District 2-S2 Annual Convention has been postponed, but we will still have the Voting as scheduled on Saturday, April 25, 2020 via electronic means. Below are the procedures for the voting, please read.

- For a Club's delegates to be certified to vote, dues owed to Lions Club International and Lions District 2-S2 **MUST** be paid before **April 15, 2020**. Clubs still owing either have been or will be notified within the next several days.
- The [Revised Delegate Certification Form](#) is attached. Please note we need their current email address, typed or very legibly printed. **Deadline for receipt is Friday April 17th!!**
- Candidates to be voted on are as follows

2020-2021 District Governor - Bonita Davis - Hardin Lions Club

2020-2021 First Vice District Governor - Lisa Free-Martin - Magnolia Lions Club

2020-2021 Second Vice District Governor - Paul Moore - The Woodlands Lions Club

2020-2022 Director - Texas Lions Camp - Bob Martin - Magnolia Lions Club

2020-2022 Trustee - Lions Eye Bank of Texas - Mazher Poonawala - Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

2020-2023 - Director - Humanitarian Relief Fund - Becca Franco - Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

2020-2022 - Director - Lighthouse of Houston - PDG Eddie Risha - Conroe Noon Lions Club

ELECTRONIC VOTING

We will use a system called Election Runner to process our elections. Clubs will need to advise us of their delegates as in the past and we require that information by **Monday April 17th**. Delegates must have a unique email address.

Delegates will receive an email that will give them a Voter Id, a Voter Key and a link to the ballot paper. On Saturday April 25th between 8am and 6pm they will be able to access the voting system using the link and cast their votes. The vote will be secret as we will not be able to identify a voter and will only get the vote counts.

The link below will show you the voting system. Just enter test as the Voter Id and test as the Voter Key.

<https://vote.electionrunner.com/preview/LOOm4/74tQlzc9KFMYjSyf>