

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





January 2020 Issue # 1

Lions, you did it!. Together, we helped screen more than one million people around the world for type 2 diabetes! I give you personal thanks for that effort.

International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Tony's Tales

I hope that you all had a great festive season with your family and friends. It was really gratifying to read on Facebook about all the projects completed to serve your communities – truly demonstrating the Power of Giving!

I was particularly pleased to see the pics of 4 of our clubs with trailers entered in their holiday parades — Huntsville, Magnolia, Montgomery and Tomball all did a super job of decorations to promote our causes. This is a really important part of connecting with our communities. I hope that more clubs will investigate joining their local Chamber of Commerce as it is a relatively inexpensive way of networking with potential members and sponsors.

Our District Vison Chair, Paul Moore of The Woodlands Club, announced his candidature for 2nd Vice District Governor last Saturday at the Leadership Team meeting. We are still looking for nominees for Lighthouse of Houston Director, Lions Eye Bank of Texas Trustee and Director of our Humanitarian Relief Fund. Nominations are due 30 days before the Convention so March 25th!!

I look forward to completing my club visits in the next 3 months and the opportunity to hear about more of the great service you provide.

Please remember to send any information about your club and its projects to newsetter@lions2s2.org to be included.

DG Tony

Coming Soon!!

A New Year brings resolutions to better ourselves. Let us continue to do so through Serving!

Mid-Winter Conference

Get Registered today

January 25th

@ Hilton Houston North

12400 Greenspoint Dr. Houston, 77060

Food, Friends and Entertaining Education Don't Wait Register NOW.

Save The Dates

It is NEARLY here Bowl-a-thon 2020

Get in on the Fun!!

For more info see flyer below

February 22nd @12:30pm Support The Eye Bank and enjoy the fellowship

Hempstead Lions

Will be having a Chili Supper with all the fixing, in celebration of their <u>75th Anniversary</u> on Monday, **Feb. 24th**, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, at First Baptist Church, 445 Main St., Hempstead, Texas.

Conroe Noon Lions

Host annual Clay Shoot at Blackwood Gun Club

Regional Meeting

February 5th

@China Bear 7pm (1500 N. Fwy)

Don't forget to ...

Bring Your NEW recruits!!!

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Way To Go for the **Hardin Lions** Club who collected nonperishables from Hardin ISD. Lions contacted needy families, sorted and distributed food to 34 families.

Hardin Lion Richard Ardoin goes to each class to collect food items donated by students.



Conroe Noon Lions Club sponsors the Bee Club which is a reward program at a local elementary school for students who have had outstanding grades and attendance the past nine weeks. This month, on January 17th, CNLC will congratulate these awesome students with goodies and extra recess time.

For our January Service Saturday Project, January 18th, Conroe Noon Lions Club is assisting Meals on Wheels by delivering breakfast bags to the needy in the Conroe area.

Conroe Noon Lions Club joins the Montgomery County Homeless Coalition to provide a free vision screening to eligible participants bi-monthly at the Community Assistance Center in Conroe. The first vision screening of the year is on January 20th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Finally, on March 7th, CNLC will host our annual Clay Shoot at Blackwood Gun Club.



District 2-S2 Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, January 25, 2019

Hilton Houston North

12400 Greenspoint Dr., Houston, Tx 77060

8:00 am-1:00 pm

Guest Breakfast Speaker
Lion Michael McCulloch, founder
of iBUG

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Show me the money! (What our 100% and dues do)

PDG Ronald Landers

Leading volunteers: how to motivate non-paid workers

Paul Moore

Rekindling the flame of service (motivating membership)

PDG Mark Roth

21st Century Service and the tools available

PDG Chris Moorman

HEAR OUR OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH DISTRICT FINALISTS

The contests will take place after breakfast. Winners will present before lunch.

CLICK TO REGISTER

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

With the help of our sponsors and numerous bowlers, our annual Bowl-A-Thon is always a success.

Through fundraisers such as this, the Lions of District 2-S2 are able to support the Lions Eye Bank in its mission to provide educational and community outreach programs along with providing corneas at no charge to indigent patients in need of a transplant.

The 2020 Bowl-A-Thon will be held Saturday, February 22 at AMF Diamond Lanes. It is our goal to surpass the success of past years, a goal which cannot be met without the generosity of our sponsors. By signing on as a Strike Level Sponsor, Spare Level Sponsor, or Pin Level Sponsor, you can ensure the continued success of this fundraiser. The deadline for sponsorship is Friday, January 17, 2020.

- Strike Level Sponsor (\$500)
- Spare Level Sponsor (\$300)
- Pin Level Sponsor (\$200)

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	Fax:	
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Return sponsorship form with payment to: Lions Eye Bank of Texas ATTN: Darleane Warren 6565 Fannin, NC 205 Houston, Texas 77030



EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

Strike Level Sponsor \$500

- Sponsor name/logo listed on LEBT website for lyear
- Sponsor name/logo featured on LEBT Facebook
 page
- Sponsor listed and verbally recognized as a major event sponsor
- Sponsor banner (provided by Sponsor) displayed at event
- Sponsor receives complimentary bowling and shoes for a team of 4
- Top placement on event shirt
- Sponsor bowling team receives 4 shirts
- Name/logo displayed on all eyent materials
- Commemorative team photo to be provided nost event
- Poster sized name/logo placed on easel at the registration table
- Pitcher of soda and one complimentary pizza

Spare Level Sponsor \$300

- Sponsor name/logo listed on LEBT website for 6 months
- Sponsor listed and verbally recognized
- Sponsor receives complimentary bonding and shoes for a team of 4
- Name/logo on eyent shirt
- Sponsor bowling team receives 4 shirts
- Name/logo displayed on all event materials
- Commemorative team photo to be provided post event
- Poster sized name/logo placed on easel at the registration table

Pin Level Sponsor \$200

- Signage on a bowling lane during the event
- Sponsor listed on all event materials



BANK OF TEXAS

BOWL-A-THON





SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2020



AMF DIAMOND LANES 267 N FOREST BLVD. HOUSTON, TEXAS 17090

REGISTRATION 12:36PM BOWLING 1:36PM



BOWL-A-THON 2020

On Saturday, February 22, the 2020 Lians Eye Bank of Texas District 2-S2 Bawl-A-Thon will be held at AMF Diamond Lanes, 267 N Forest Blvd. Registration begins at 12:50PM and bowling starts at 1:50PM.

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 bilindness.

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

Thanks to the Lions' contributions and funds from special fundraising events, the Eye Bank is able to continue its educational and community autreach 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 713-798-5545 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 Llons 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

Drury Hotels
Holiday Inn NRG Area-Med Center
Children's Museum of Houston
Boomer's
Chick-Fil-A
Kolache Factory
Gringo's
Bistro Italiano & Rex Steakhouse



PARTICIPANT WAIVER

This waiver of liability must be signed by all participants. WAIVER: We, the Lians 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 walve 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.



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SHIPT SIZE:S M L XL 2X 3X	
PLAYER 4:	
SIGNATURE:	
SHIPT SIZE:S M L XL 2X 3X	

SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS
MADE PAYABLE TO:
LIBNS EYE BANK OF TEXAS
ATTN: DAPLEANE WARPEN
6565 FANNIN, NC 285
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77038

TYME NAMBER

Houston Spring Branch Lions Club 70th Anniversary Dinner









Lions Clubs International District 2-S2



Greater Houston and Surrounding Areas

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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

Show me the money! What our 100% charitable and annual dues do

Leading volunteers: how to motivate Non-paid workers

Rekindling the flame of service (motivating membership) 21st Century Service and the tools available.

HEAR FROM THE WINNERS OF OUR OPPORTUNTIES FOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Hilton Houston North Register at Lions2s2.org \$35

News from the Lions' Den

January 2020

District Governor Visits



District Governor Tony Austin, 1st Vice District Governor Bonita Davis, and 2nd Vice District Governor Lisa Free-Martin were our guests at our annual Christmas dinner. 1st Vice District Governor Bonita Davis introduced our Governor, and urged all to attend the educational sessions at the Mid Winter Conference held in Jan. Governor Tony explained via a slide presentation the functioning of Lions Clubs International, both globally and locally. The power of giving was expressed by former LCI President Jimmy Ross, a native Texan, "When you give because you can and want to, it will come back to you tenfold." DG Tony invited us to find out more about the Lions in our own Club, and to seek out the "invisible Lions". He said he wasn't sure if Lions are just great people, or if great people become Lions.



Lions circled around the Christmas tree this year.

We had a nice crowd of Lions and family to our dinner.

Thanks to all who came and brought guests.











1st. Vice District Governor Bonita Davis, DG Tony Austin, and 2nd VGG Lisa Free-

Wreaths Across America

Houston Cy Fair Lions sold 161 live wreaths this season to be placed at the Houston National Cemetery.





Boxes of wreaths were placed around the cemetery.





Thousands attended the ceremony

Military presentation of flags.

Each branch of service presented wreaths.

21 gun salute.





The cemetery was beautiful after placement of the live wreaths.



With Sympathy

It is with heartfelt sympathy that I report that Paul Yackley's father in law recently passed away. He had not been well for some time and had been moved to a nursing home after living with them for several years.

Becca Franco's father died just before Christmas after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both Lions and their families.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lion John Binnig of Montgomery Club on the passing hi father, David Raymond.

Cheer Baskets

Houston Cy-Fair Lions provided 100 needy families in the area with food for a complete Christmas dinner, plus lots of kitchen staples. 581 people were served, including 355 children. Each family received a turkey with all the fixings, fresh vegetables and fruits, and a stocking with candy and toothbrushes. Many thanks to the Scouts who conducted the food drives for the canned and non perishable foods. Our Club purchased the turkeys and fresh fruits and veggies. Scouts helped to sort and pack the baskets and bags that each family received. Approximately 413 Lions, Scouts, and family members participated. This was the first year we served 100 families, and all of our tables were loaded with the products of our giving. Thanks to all Lions, Scouts, and friends who then personally delivered the baskets to each family. This is the true meaning of Christmas, giving to those who are in need. Thanks to everyone who assisted in this wonderful service project.



This is the sorting crew the first night of basket stuffing.



These are the completed baskets with stockings, and large reusable bags of food. Plus each family received a frozen turkey and a dozen eggs.

New Member Orientation

From our Zone Chair, Lion Marla Reynolds:

"Coming to you on Monday, January 27th, by request, is our next zone "NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION"!!! I have had numerous club presidents ask me if/when we would be hosting another new member orientation meeting. Well, here it is! Please plan to bring any new Lions you have brought in to your clubs since our last orientation in August. DG Tony, PDG Chris Moorman, PDG Mark Roth and PDG Rick Reynolds will be sharing their wonderful knowledge of Lionism with us. Again, we will meet at McKenzie's Bar-b-que on Frazier Street here in Conroe. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Come join us at 6:00 if you can for dinner and fellowship. Presidents or secretaries, please send me an approximate headcount of the number of new members your club will be bringing, by Monday, January 6th. We need to order New Member booklets, etc." This is a great way to learn all about Lions and what we do and why, the easy way. Please contact Lion Marla at marlayvette@live.com, or call her at 936-494-3813 to confirm.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Jan. 25, 2020, annual District 2-S2 Mid Winter Conference. Keynote 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.

Mon. Jan. 27, 2020, New Member Orientation, hosted by the Cut and Shoot Lions Club, at 6PM at McKenzie's BBQ, 1501 N. Frazier, Conroe, TX

Wed. Feb. 5, 2020 7:00 PM, PSC meeting at China Bear. All are welcome

Sat. Feb. 22, 2020, Lions Eye Bank of Texas annual Bowl-a-Thon at AMF Diamond Lanes, 261 North Forest Blvd, starting at 12:30 PM.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday on Jan. 3 to Lion Kim Fenney, Jan. 10 to Lion Randy Matthews, Jan. 14 to Lion Paul Yackley, Jan. 22 to Lion Jennifer Nguyen, and Jan. 23 to Lion Sherrill Morris.





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 McCullock. 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!!

Lions District 2-S2 Hall of Fame Nomination form

Minimum standards to qualify for the Lions District 2-S2 Hall of Fame are:

PDG Betty Ezell

Club:

7627 ALLEGRO DR

HOUSTON, TX 77040

- An active member with at least five (5) years of service in District 2-S2.
- 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.

bez1texan@sbcglobal.net

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 February 15th.

713-849-0490

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:

Date: