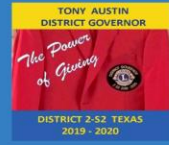




**Lions Clubs International**  
**District 2-S2**  
**Greater Houston and Surrounding Areas**



# PawPrints

**May 2020**

“COVID-19 has affected all of us in so many ways. Lions are showing the world, that despite the challenges we face, we still believe that kindness matters. And now is the time that our kindness matters most.”  
**International President, Dr JungYul Choi**

## Tony's Tales

One of the greatest disappointments for me is not being able to complete my club visits for the year. I have really enjoyed every single meeting that I have attended with our inspiring Lions! I was constantly amazed at the breadth and depth of the service being given to communities throughout our District and am so sorry that so many of them remain unseen by the rest of our membership. Please be sure to send details and pics to [newsletter@lions2s2.org](mailto:newsletter@lions2s2.org) or post them on your Facebook page.

Another reminder is to please update the LCI website with your **new officers** as we need that information to be able to maintain communications with the clubs. The website is <https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/>. If you have any trouble doing that please just send the officers names to me at [tonyaust2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyaust2000@yahoo.com) and I will post them on the website. Thank you for your support.

I am working with the Leadership team to have our year-end transition event on Saturday Jun 13<sup>th</sup>. Right now we are hoping that we can have a lunchtime event in person but, if necessary, we will switch to a virtual event. More details later this week.

Thank you again for all that you are doing to support your communities.

**DG Tony**

**SAVE THE DATES!!**

**Wednesday June 3rd**  
**7pm to 8pm**

**Virtual Regional Meeting**

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289438333>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(312\) 757-3121](tel:+13127573121)

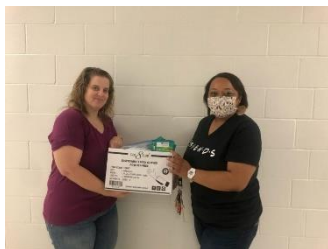
**Access Code: 289-438-333**

**ALL are welcome**

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Year-End Transition Event**  
**Details to Follow**

# COVID-19 UPDATE

Throughout the District, clubs continue to adapt their services to meet the new needs!!



**Hardin Lions Club** President Savannah Ardoin delivers some PPE for front line workers to Crista Adams, Coordinator of Liberty County Office Of Emergency Management. The supplies are part of a package shared by the 7 counties in Texas Lions District 2-S2; purchased with Covid-19 Response Grant funds from LCIF. More supplies are on the way as they have become available for purchase and shipments are expected. Thanks LCIF, for always coming through for Southeast Texas during disaster!

**The Tomball Lions Club** Treasurer was very happy to receive Medical Supplies (KN95 & Cloth Masks and Gloves) from Lions Club International Foundation. District 2-S2 Medical Supplies Task Force was responsible for the distribution to the clubs in the District. Magnolia Lions Club President Bob “Hollywood” Martin & 1st Vice District Governor Lisa Free Martin presented the supplies to Tomball Lions Club Treasurer Al Gerhardt.



**(From Magnolia Fire Dept Facebook Page)**

Our very own **Magnolia Lions Club**, as part of District 2-S2 provided a supply of disposable N95 masks and gloves to the Magnolia Fire Department to assist in their efforts as they engage with the Magnolia community. In addition, other community organizations such as The Society of Samaritans and TOMAGWA were also supported by our local Lions Club with PPE from the generous grant provided by Lions Club international foundation.



When the @therickydavislegacyfoundation reached out for help packing 1,500 boxes of dried goods, the **Houston Lady Lions** stepped up in force! I am thankful and proud of all my Lion sisters that were able to join us as we volunteered today! We came together and did what we do best, we served!



Nora’s Home offers transplant patients and their families an affordable place to stay where they can find support and share experiences with others, in the comfort of a home-like environment. Today Marshall Machine Inc and the **Houston Lady Lions** proudly partnered with LifeGift’s PDG Mark Roth and the **Houston Heights Lions** to support Nora’s Home by providing much needed groceries to their facility.



Every day, all nurses show courage on the front line in the fight against [#coronavirus](#). They took great care and worked very hard to keep us healthy. Please join **Houston Unity Lions** in celebrating the unsung heroes of the medical community. Thank you to all nurses. We are grateful for all you do. Happy National Nurses Appreciation Day!



Even during lockdowns and quarantine, the **Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club** is staying active. Our latest service project is to help the families whose homes were destroyed by the devastating tornado that hit Onalaska, Texas last week. We worked with Teresa Herod of the Willis ISD Parent Support Center to help provide much needed items for the victims of this tornado.



COVID-19 FRONTLINE RELIEF  
UPDATE

**166 LCIF  
GRANTS  
AWARDED  
TOTALING  
US\$3,208,655**

[lionsclubs.org/lcif-response](https://lionsclubs.org/lcif-response)



## 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](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/Evertt-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>



## *New Club Officers*

We had our annual election of new Club officers earlier in April. Thanks to all who agreed to further serve their Club in these capacities. Officers for the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club for 2020-2021 are:

President: Becca Franco

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Paul Berry

Secretary: Sandy Martin

Treasurer: Chuck Martin

Tail Twister Ted Mellen

Lion Tamer: Paul Yackley

Membership: Julie Blaies

Service Coordinator: Merrell Greene

LCIF Coordinator: Terry Peterson

Continuing their second year as Directors are John Peterson and Brad Grisham.

New 2 year Directors: Lions Bud Casey and Keith Blaies

Congratulations to all these Lions. We actually had four volunteers for the new 2 year directors, and an online vote was needed for those positions.

## **Non District Convention**

Due to the COVID19 pandemic restrictions, the District 2-S2 Convention was cancelled. However, we did have elections to elect our new officers and directors of our many charities. District elections were held online, with delegates from each Club certified, and given directions on how to connect to cast their ballots. Lion Bonita Davis from the Hardin Lions Club was elected as Incoming District Governor, Lion Lisa Free-Martin from the Magnolia Lions Club as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, and Lion Paul Moore from The Woodlands Lions Club as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. Lion Bob Martin of Magnolia Lions Club was elected as Director to the Texas Lions Camp, PDG Eddie Risha of Conroe Noon Lions Club as Director to the Lighthouse of Houston, and our own Lion Becca Franco for the Humanitarian Relief Fund, and Mazher Poonawala was elected as a Trustee of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. Congratulations to all of these Lions for continuing their service to our District. Also voted on were changes to the District Constitution wording, which passed.

## **Texas Lions Camp Work Day**

Because of the COVID19 pandemic, the April and May scheduled work days at the Texas Lions Camp have been cancelled. Thanks to Lion Keith for again scheduling us for the April 4<sup>th</sup> date. Because of the uncertainty of the virus, it is unsure if Texas Lions Camp will even open this year. Applications have been fewer this year. We will be sure to let you know whenever we hear more about the Camps summer plans.

## **HRF Request**

At our Last meeting, Lion Kim Fenney informed us of an 8 year old boy in need of prosthetic eyes. A few years ago he had one eye removed due to Retinoblastoma, cancer of the eye. He was doing well in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, learning Braille and keeping up with this school work. Recently he had to have the other eye removed for the same reason. He needs the two prosthetic eyes to keep the shapes of the eye sockets to prevent deformity of his face, and for him to appear

more normal. The child is undergoing chemotherapy, and is quite sick at present. We will offer to send him to Texas Lions Camp next year. Lion Chuck has submitted the necessary paperwork to the Humanitarian Relief Fund for \$2000, which we will pay \$ 1000. Please keep this young man and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Spirit Night at Texas Road House

We will have another Spirit Night at Texas Road House, 13345 Fm 1960 Rd on Tues. May 5.

Phone: (832) 237-3015. Lion Julie has said that we need to present a copy of the Roadhouse Spirit Night Flyer for our food order to be counted towards our spirit night funding. Please be sure to send this to your friends and family members, and stress they need to take the flyer with them. Flyer is attached as a separate document for your ease of printing

## Upcoming Events

Tues. May 5, Spirit Night at Texas Road House. You **MUST** take a copy of the flyer with you.

Wed. May 6, 7 PM, on line PSC meeting. If you would like to connect to be a part of this meeting, and all Lions are certainly invited, please contact Lion Chuck at 281-685-6322 and he will send you the log on instructions.

Tues. May 12, 6:45 PM, on line Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club meeting. Speaker will be Merri Hann, from BEAR/CPS.

Tues. May 26, regular Lions Club meeting (at this time we are not sure if it will be an actual meeting or on line meeting). Lion Sara Coots will discuss the Opportunities for Youth contests and scholarships.

Texas Lions State Convention has been moved to June 23-27 at Holiday Inn Infinity Event Center, 300 Tuttle Circle, Longview, TX 75605.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Lion Stedman on May 25. Happy Anniversary to President Becca and husband Tony on May 26, and Happy Anniversary to Lions Chuck and Sandy May 31.

Congrats



## Food Drive

Katy Christian Ministries will accept non perishable food items, personal necessities, and cash/gift cards.

Ex:

- ★ Flour
- ★ Canned foods
- ★ Single Serve Kids Meals



Please donate food for the Katy Christian Ministries. They are in desperate need of food and personal necessities.

Saturday May 23 - Sunday May 24  
Donations will be accepted from 9-3  
Donation Sites:

- HCESD 48 Station 5 on 21201 Morton Rd
- HCESD 48 Station 4 on 22855 Franz Rd

