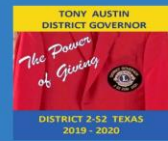




Lions Clubs International
District 2-S2
Greater Houston and Surrounding Areas



PawPrints



You are a motivated person who wants to make a difference in the lives of people who are less fortunate. This is who we are, it's what Lions do. But every now and then, we need something to spark our imagination. **Inspiration!** **Gudrun Yngvadottir** - Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Inspiration....

Some of our best works/achievements in our lives come after we have been inspired. Typically, inspiration is slow to sneak up on us but when it hits...

it is a big "ah ha!" moment. Things seem a little clearer, goals appear to be more attainable or the door you didn't know you were waiting for opens.

Don't be fooled, though. Inspiration is not the end of our journey. It usually happens somewhere in the middle of our path.

There are the lucky people who have gained their inspiration at the beginning of their trek. Then there are those who, like me, are working diligently. still travelling but are seeking for that divine Muse to bless us.

What I mean to share is that Inspiration still means there is work to be done. Work to be shared. This is where the Lions shine! We get inspired to serve others by being around people who are already doing great works. Surround yourselves with people doing what you love. Pretty soon, you realize that you may have been inspired all along!

Brazilian novelist Paulo Coelho said, "When we love, we always strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too." The Alchemist

Love being a Lion, Love what we do. It will inspire those around us to be better.

SEND CONTRIBUTIONS for NEWSLETTER by the 8th each month
newsletter@lions2s2.org
 REMEMBER to send details of Club events to include and share!!!

September 2019

SAVE THE DATES!

Remember to send in the details of your club events and projects so that we can include them in the newsletter!

Do Not forget to reserve your table for the
Bob Bowden Dinner 10/5/19
Raising funds for our beloved Texas Lions Camp

Tomball Lions Club
29th Annual Golf Tournament
Thursday October 17, 2019 11:00 am
 Looking for Teams –
ALG@TomballLions.Org
 Pearl of Wisdom – SVDG Free-Martin
Hardin & Zone E2 Updates

The Woodlands 32nd Annual Wildflower Festival
11/19/19
Lion Jude McNamara –
jmcnamara@woodforest.com

Tony's Tales

We are already 2 ½ months into the Lions year and will soon start think of Fall, holidays and a new calendar year. It has been a very busy few months. After the International Convention in Milan I came back to the first Leadership team meeting followed by the first Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville.

We have had two Presidents & Secretaries Council meetings and both have had record crowds and been a lot of fun. Thanks to Zone Chair Lucy of Houston Lady Lions who has led those with such enthusiasm and energy. She will be tweaking the format to make them even more informative but still giving us all the chance to Get Connected! Remember that, despite the name, these meetings are open to all Lions and guests – the more the merrier. They are on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the China Bear restaurant on I-45 North at Airtex. You can get a buffet dinner, soda and tip for just \$13!! Get there at 6pm to allow time for your meal before the meeting. We skip October because of the Bob Dowden dinner so the next one will be Wednesday November 6th.

PDG Rick and Marla Reynolds of Cut and Shoot Family club put together a wonderful multi-club orientation session that was attended by over 60 Lions and guests and will be following that up with a zone meeting at their house on Saturday September 21st. ZC Lucy Gonzalez has arranged a similar multi-club orientation for her clubs on Saturday August 28th. Contact her for details.

One of the real perks of the District Governors job is the opportunity to meet with so many of our Lions throughout the District during the DG visit to their clubs. I have already met so many great people from a really diverse array of walks of life who are regularly contributing to their communities and to our broader Lions family of projects in so many ways. They demonstrate so forcefully “The Power of Giving” (a phrase I borrowed from Past International President Jimmy Ross) that we all have as Lions. It is that power to identify needs and solutions that allows us to make a difference in the lives of so many people that we may never meet but we know that what we do will have a positive impact on their lives.

This week I will be at the USA/Canada forum in Spokane and hope to get the latest on the issues we have been facing with the reporting of service activities in MyLion. Our Service Chair, Becky Noone of Magnolia club has suggested that we run a special training session for MyLion and I will speak to our Leadership chair, Chris Moorman of Liberty club to see if we can include that in the next Leadership meeting in October.

Please continue to stay **CONNECTED** and remember to tell your friends and neighbors about your **POWER OF GIVING!!**

Keep having fun ... **DG Tony Austin (Humble Noon club)**

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Give feedback to Newsletter2s2.org

From 1VDG Bonita Davis

The **Lions of Hardin** are enthusiastic about serving. August 10, a considerable number of the 2-S2 Lions were in attendance for the installation of our 21 year old President.!! Local media was there as well as many friends and family. Eleven clubs were represented.

By September 10, Hardin held a fiesta at Las Compadres Mexican Restaurant in order to induct 4 new Hardin Lions as well as one Ames Lion.

Please join us in welcoming Hardin Lions **Debbie Adams, Mandi Stuart, Kelly Stuart, and Caleb Stuart** and Ames Lion **Marvin Searles**.

Way to go!!!

It is about making those connections!!

Lion **Debbie** is the Branch Manager of Hardin Bank. Thanks to Dr. Gracie! He has been talking to these ladies for years and then they met FVDG Bonita.!! =)

Pearls of Wisdom from SVDG Lisa Free-Martin...

Grace Murray Hopper was an American computer scientist and United States Navy Rear Admiral. Born in 1906, she became a pioneer in the field of computer programming. She was one of the first programmers of the Harvard Mark I computer and invented one of the first linkers. A linker is a computer utility program that takes one or more object files and combines them into a single executable file, library file, or another 'object' file.

A strong analogy could be formed with Lions Clubs and linkers. Each club is a unique file, so to speak, with very specific purposes and motives. Our district leadership team serves as the linker between the clubs, their members, their activities and their goals to provide an executable and shared file or plan. The linker continues to build and grow at the state and international level, but sometime the individual files need updating to stay current and effective.

One of Rear Admiral Hoppers famous quotes is ***“The most dangerous phrase in the language is “we’ve always done it this way”***. In Lionism, this can be particularly true as our clubs get comfortable with the repeatable events and processes. As you plan to have an extraordinary year, the following 10 statements may be helpful if, and when, you feel stuck or overwhelmed with staying current and effective in your communities.

1. Feeling stuck is a sign that it’s time for a change.
2. Even the tiniest possible step is progress.
3. You don’t have to have it all figured out to move forward.
4. Nothing changes if nothing changes.
5. New beginnings can feel like endings. It’s OK to feel loss.
6. Exciting things happen when you stay positive.
7. Believe in your dreams – not what others say can’t work.
8. Stop overthinking.
9. The right people, the right time, the right place and the right reasons define success.
- 10. The best is yet to come!**



Recently, **Zone E-2** members were found out "Getting Connected", as DG Tony spoke to us about at our PSC meeting at China Bear early in August. We are trying to support the clubs in our zone and district in their endeavors. Huntsville, Cut & Shoot Family, Conroe Noon, The Woodlands and Montgomery Lake Conroe Centennial Club members piled into the Montgomery Community Center to support the Montgomery Lions Club BINGO Night Fundraiser. Fun was had by all! We had 4 big winners that night!





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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

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
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH
SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Hilton Houston North
Register at Lions2s2.org \$35

Bob Dowden Fundraiser Dinner

This is Patti Dugan from the Montgomery Lions Club and Marla Reynolds from the Cut & Shoot Family Lions Club. We are the co-chairs for the Live/Silent Auction Committee. We are hoping that all Lions will help make this the BEST Bob Dowden fundraiser District

2-S2 has ever had, by collecting or donating live and silent auction items.

When you have something to donate, please let one or both of us know so that we can be prepared with bid sheets. You

can call or e-mail us with the information.

marlayvette@live.com (936) 499-8393

pkidugan4@yahoo.com (936) 203-9681

Tomball Lions Club

29th Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday October 17, 2019 11:00
am till 6pm or finished

High Meadow Ranch
37300 Golf Club Trail
Magnolia, Texas 77355

\$125 / player or \$450 / team
Lunch & Dinner Included

**Benefitting Tomball Lions
Club Charities in the
Tomball Community**

Contact Information
Al Gerhardt – 713-410-6542
Golf Sponsor & Team Forms
www.tomballionsclub.org



BOB DOWDEN DINNER

TABLE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP BY PURCHASING A TABLE SPONSORSHIP. 100% OF THE PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE CAMP.

\$1,200 LEADERSHIP LEGACY INSPIRATION

SHOW YOUR **LEADERSHIP**, GIVE THE CAMP A **LEGACY**, **INSPIRE** OTHERS BY DONATING \$1200 TO THE CAMP. THIS SPONSORSHIP COMES WITH A TABLE FOR 10, YOUR OWN DESSERT, RECOGNITION AT THE ENTRANCE, ON THE TABLE, AND FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE EVENING'S EVENTS. ALSO INCLUDES SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION. PLUS **600** EXTRA TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING FOR A JACK WIECH FELLOWSHIP!

\$650 TEXAS LIONS CAMP FOUNDING FATHERS

HONOR THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP BY PURCHASING ONE OF THESE TABLE SPONSORSHIPS. THESE COME WITH 5 RESERVED SEATS, RECOGNITION AT THE ENTRANCE, ON THE TABLE, FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE EVENT, SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION, PLUS **300** EXTRA TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING FOR A JACK WEICH FELLOWSHIP!

\$2,500 (Suggested Amount) CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

SUPPORT THE CAMP'S "CAN DO" PHILOSOPHY WITH THIS TABLE SPONSORSHIP. **CHILDREN CAN.....WITH TLC. GET YOUR BUSINESS OR WORKPLACE TO HELP SPONSOR OUR FUNDRAISER FOR THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP!** INCLUDES A TABLE FOR 10, DESSERT, SPECIAL RECOGNITION THROUGH THE COMING WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT AND THROUGHOUT THE EVENT. ALSO INCLUDES SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION. PLUS **1000** EXTRA TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING FOR A JACK WIECH FELLOWSHIP!

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SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING DIAMOND STUDED GAVEL AND HELP TO SEND DESERVING CHILDREN TO CAMP AND CHANGE THEIR WORLD!

I hope all of you will be attending our annual “Bob Dowden Dinner” benefitting our very own Texas Lions Camp. This year’s event will be bigger and better than ever! Camp Directors PDG Rick and IPDG Karl and their team are working hard to bring you an **ABSOLUTELY AWESOME night of fun and fellowship**. All while raising funds for YOUR camp! The event will be held on Saturday, October 5 starting at 5pm. It will be held at the Houston Marriot North, 255 N Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77060. Tickets will be \$40.00, same as last year. Look in this newsletter for a promotion. Also, you can **register and pay for this event online** soon.

This year we are doing something different for this fundraising event. We have retained “**The Murder Mystery Company**” to provide the fun for our FUNdraiser! We promise a night of fun and entertainment as we raise the finds to support our camp. This company has performed for many large corporations including McDonalds, Coca-Cola, Make A Wish, and Amazon. So get our your best sleuthing costume and join us to help Texas Lions Camp.

As we have in the past years, we are offering **Table Sponsorship** opportunities to further show your support to the Camp. Look for the flyer in this newsletter and in your email. Please contact IPDG Karl to discuss your level of contribution and the benefits of Table Sponsorship. There are a lot of perks that go along with each level, not to mention the recognition. Make **YOUR CLUB stand out, become a Table Sponsor at the Bob Dowden Dinner**.

THANKS and CONGRATUALTIONS to the following clubs who have shown their support to our Texas Lions Camp by committing to a Table Sponsorship.

CONROE NOON LONS CLUB

CUT AND SHOOT FAMILY LIONS CLUB

HUMBLE NOON LIONS CLUB

THE WOODLANDS LIONS CLUB

HUMBLE LIONS CLUB CHARITIES, INC.

TOMBALL LIONS CLUB

MAGNOLIA LIONS CLUB

Coming on board soon (hopefully!): **Klein Lions Club, Houston Sports Lions Club, Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club, Lake Conroe Centennial Lions Club, Baytown Lions Club, and Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. WE HOPE EVERY CLUB WILL JOIN US!**

Let’s show The Texas Lions Camp how much District 2S2 supports our Camp by having EVERY club getting a table sponsorship! Join these clubs and make it happen!

PDG Rick Reynolds
Camp Director, 2018-2020

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 5th, 2019

Texas Lions Camp Fundraiser

Donation Request

Bob Dowden Dinner

My name is _____insert name____. I am a member of the Lions Club, the world's largest service organization.

Our state of Texas is divided into 16 Lions districts. Our district is known as District 2-S2. The district consists of about 60 clubs. We cover an area from Huntsville in the north, to Clear Lake in the south, Waller to the west, and Anahuac to the east. We have around 1500-1600 members in our district.

Every October, the members of our district get together to hold a fundraiser to help support our Texas Lions Camp. The Texas Lions Camp is the Lions of Texas "pride and joy"! It is located in Kerrville, Texas. Every summer, the Lions of Texas send close to special needs children to our camp for a week, at absolutely (ZERO)\$0 cost to the parents!!!

The cost of sending a special needs child for a week to a specialized camp, such as our Lions Camp, with medical staff on site, is over \$2000/ per child. Lions all over Texas fundraise the money to provide this wonderful service for children and parents. With an annual cost for running this camp close to \$3,000,000/yr, we need your help. You can make a difference!!

On Saturday, October 5th, we will host the Bob Dowden Dinner at the Houston Marriot North Hotel from 5-9pm.

At this time, I am asking for you or your business to please make a donation to our silent / live auction. ALL proceeds will go to the camp!!! It would be greatly appreciated by us Lions of District 2-S2 and the children of Texas! Go to www.LionsCamp.com and check out what we do!!!

Thank you,

_____name_____

____position/club name____

(insert contact info)

The Woodlands Lions Club

The Woodlands 32nd Annual Wildflower Festival

Saturday, November 9, 2019 Rob Fleming Park – Creekside, The Woodlands 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Dear Potential Seed Sponsor,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the launch of The Woodlands 32nd Annual Wildflower Festival. This event is one of the longest running in The Woodlands with a focus on the key aspects of our community – nature and family. We would be honored and grateful if you would consider becoming a sponsor in this year's event.

This event is held in partnership with The Woodlands Township all proceeds benefit The Woodlands Lions Club Charities. The charities supported include the Gift of Sight program for local school children and elderly, the Texas Lions Camp for children with Special Medical Needs and Type 1 Diabetes, Lions Club International Foundation for Worldwide Humanitarian projects and many other worthwhile programs.

The highlight of this event is the thousands of wildflower seed packets that are distributed free to the community by our generous Seed Sponsors. The Seed Sponsors are our corporate partners that have helped us underwrite the cost of the seed packets. In addition to the seed packet distribution, the festival has other family friendly activities such as the Blue Bonnet planting ceremony, wildflower crafts, bounce houses, face painting, DJ, food trucks, and more! Friends of the Wildflower Sponsorship Tiers

Seed Sponsor \$1000

o 2,500 prepackaged seed packets with your company logo to distribute. o Two 6 ft. table and four chairs for your staff to display promotional materials and hand out seed packets at assigned location along the "Wildflower Walk". o Your company name will be included on our annual Wildflower Festival Poster.

Seed Sponsor \$500

Seed Sponsor - \$500 o 1,500 prepackaged seed packets with your company logo to distribute. o One 6 ft. table and two chairs for your staff to display promotional materials and hand out seed packets at assigned location along the "Wildflower Walk". o Your company name will be included on our annual Wildflower Festival Poster.

Please help us make this year's event a success for the community and for charity by participating as a Seed Sponsor. To do so, simply complete the attached sponsorship form and return by the Deadline of September 6, 2019. The Woodlands Lions Club PO Box 7592; The Woodlands, TX 77387-7592

Thank you for your support and hope to see you at The Woodlands Wildflower Festival!

**The Woodlands 32nd Annual Wildflower Festival Saturday,
November 9, 2019 Rob Fleming Park – Creekside,
The Woodlands 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**If you have questions or need additional info, please contact:
Lion Jude McNamara – jmcnamara@woodforest.com**