

LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2

Chambers - Harris - Liberty - Montgomery
San Jacinto - Walker - Waller



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	5	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
September	2	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting
October	7	Bob Dowden Dinner
November	4	Presidents & Secretaries Council Meeting

Thoughts from your District Governor

Noah Speer

To members of District 2-S2, "Merry Christmas". I can hear it now "Our DG has flipped". Or "There is a nut loose on his keyboard (not hard to figure out who the nut is)". Why "Merry Christmas?". Well at Christmas time we (our family) make lists –

Lists of food for meals

Lists of presents to give

Lists of parties to attend.....get the picture.

Well since about June 1, I have been making lists for District 2-S2

List of board positions – filled and vacant

List of clubs to visit

List of lions to get my pin

List of club activities to attend

List of Council of Governors Get the picture



It feels like Christmas. Now granted the temperature in Huntsville hit 98 degrees today. There is not even a vision of snow on the front lawn. I see nothing that resembles a Christmas tree and the only box delivered in the past week is one with 125 used eye glasses collected by Lion Marvin Hyvl to be delivered to Tim Cox. I guess that counts as a present. And last night at the annual dinner of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, we heard the personal testimony of a young lady that donated eye tissue of her mother upon her mother's death. That was a present to two people. I heard from another Lion how good it was to hear that our district was going to have three bus trips to TLC for children this year. That could be another present. I inducted 4 new members into the Katy Lions Club last Thursday - now that was a great present!! On Sunday, I picked up 6 couches to be delivered to flood victims. I guess you could count that as 6 presents also. I helped a club get officers listed in LCI. That could be a present because now we can start communicating with that club. So maybe it is Christmas. Whenever we, as Lions, help someone in any way that action of help, generosity, giving could be considered a present.

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I am reminded of the lady who walked the last beam for a 95' foot bridge in the jungles of Honduras for the first time. A group of 6 of us were building the bridge. We still had the decking to nail into place. After she walked that beam, she stopped and turned. Her smile and comment "I'm the first." was like opening a present at Christmas and birthday party all at one time. We were no longer tired and sore. We had received the best present ever.

You know as Lions that is our reward when we see the results of what we do – we get a present. And fellow Lions that makes all we do worthwhile. We have a year ahead to serve at the club level, the district level, the multiple district level and the national level. Don't miss the chance to get a present. Christmas can happen everyday. God bless you all and let's go!

Thought's from the First Vice District Governor ...

Mark Roth

Planning a Great District Convention

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the International Convention in Honolulu the end of June. In addition to meeting Lions and making friends from around the world, I reconnected with many Lions that I have met along my journey in Lionism. IPDG Chris Moorman and DG Noah Speer were really great about giving me pointers about maximizing my experience at the convention, and identifying the great programs to attend. DG Noah suggested that I attend the session on "Putting on a Great Convention". As 1stVDG this year, it will be my task to assemble a great team of Lions to work together and plan our District Convention.

The presenters, a panel of Past International Directors, shared a wealth of experience and introduced the audience to their "Keys" to putting on a great convention they billed as "The 5 P's of a successful convention":

1. People
2. Preparation
3. Program
4. Planning
5. Promotion



First, you have to start with a great planning team. Putting on a convention is not a one-man, or one-woman show. There are so many aspects to consider, it is just too big for one or two people to coordinate. Also, the more people included in the planning, the more likely that others will be drawn in to the excitement and want to attend. Before I get off the topic of the Team, I want to invite Clubs to recommend one of your newer Lions to serve on the Team. What better way to introduce your newer members to the District than connecting them with others serving on a District level.

In preparing for the Convention, we will be doing our homework. We'll be looking back at past years and seeing what worked well, what didn't and what could have worked better had we been a little more focused on execution. Considering the feedback, we will brainstorm together and create a program that takes into consideration the feedback, District goals and objectives.

Look for something fresh in the program. As we learned, speakers can be the key to a memorable experience at the Convention. We will consider looking outside of Lions, perhaps at a celebrity or local public figure to provide an inspirational address to the members. Be prepared to be entertained.

After all the "brain" work creating on paper, at least, an entertaining and exciting program, we will set the planning timeline. This is where we will be putting the details down on paper, coordinating the logistics and creating the delivery dates for work along the way, leading up to the Convention.

The most critical part of putting on a great convention is in how effective you are at promoting it to your members. You could possibly have an award-winning program, but if you don't let the members know about it, the hall could be empty. The promotion step is a very critical piece, and perhaps why it is most important to include many different people on the Team. Executing on each of these "P's" requires specific skill sets. It's really hard to find individuals who have the total package. So, I appeal to each of you to consider participating on the planning team. If you would like to help, please give me a call. I promise to only work you as much as you feel you can commit.

WHO IS DISTRICT 2-S2? EVERY LION WHOSE CLUB IS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF 2-S2

As most of you know, there are two very well kept secrets about Lions. One is that Lions Clubs exist and they serve. Two is that there are 58 clubs in our District (2-S2) and every one of the 58 club members are part of our District. When you refer to the District you are referring to yourself. You may not hold a Cabinet position but you are still part of the District. I would like to encourage each of you to consider coming to the President and Secretary meetings and to the Cabinet meetings. You will learn about what other clubs are doing and you will also learn from people who take positions in the District. You will learn more about being a Lion and other ways of serving.

Just know that the District cannot exist without **YOU**. Our District can be one of the **best** Districts in Texas if we **all** take an interest in not only our clubs but the District as a whole. I would love to see as many as can come to the Cabinet meeting on July 22, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the China Bear on I-45. Let's get this Lions Year off to a great start by showing up and supporting each other.

My next article will be about District positions. Please stay tuned and maybe you will find a position you may be interested in doing. Let's not waste all that talent we have in our District. Remember you are the District.



Our District Had Lions very busy this summer. From traveling to the International Convention to Installing new Officers, and having Fun-raisers, yes i said FUN. Here are just a few pictures of our Lions having FUN.







**New Charter signing for the
Houston Aldine-Spring Area Lions Club**

**Two clubs joining together can still survive and do good things for others
Congratulations**

Lions District 2-S2 Humanitarian Relief Fund Matching Funds Request Form

HRF provides funds for local disaster relief and to aid Lions Clubs in humanitarian efforts that are beyond the resources of the individual club. HRF will match funds (up to \$1,250) raised by clubs to aid their projects.

Once the HRF Request has been approved, the Cabinet Treasurer will issue the check to the service provider.

Lions Club: _____

Other Lions Club assisting in project: _____

Request description: _____

Name and address of service provider (include copy of bill): _____

Person or persons benefiting from project: _____

Is this an emergency situation (Yes) _____ (No) _____ Date funds needed: _____



Club contact person: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact email: _____

Submit requests to Minette Chiu, 13638 La Concha Lane, Houston, TX 77083. Check made out to District 2-S2 HRF for club's portion of request (1/2 of total project cost – maximum \$1,250) must accompany request. Request may be emailed with copy of check being mailed.

HRF Committee Members:

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We would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2015 Fundraiser Drawing. Thank you for your support of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas!

Here are our winners from the July 20, 2015 Drawing. Congratulations!

1st Prize: \$1,000 American Express Gift Card - Mitch Weikert, MD

2nd Prize: 48" LED Smart TV - Marsha Camp

3rd Prize: YETI Cooler Tundra 35 - Dan Lanahan

4th Prize: 19" LED TV - Gomez



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SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday

October 24, 2015

Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club

7th Annual Gala

& Masquerade Ball



LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2 2015-2016

Noah Speer - District Governor

Mark Roth - First Vice District Governor

Betty Ezell - Second Vice District Governor

Scott Perry - 2015-2017 Director Texas Lions Camp

James Gracey - 2015-2017 Director Lions Eye Bank of Texas

Robin Smith - 2015-2017 Director Lighthouse of Houston

Donald Landers - 2015-2018 Director Humanitarian Relief Fund



**The Lions Eye Bank of Texas
has put together a Cookbook with the help of
District 2-S2, 2-S1, 2-S4 and 2-A3
There are over 400 recipes in the loose-leaf binder type cookbook.**

**The Eye Bank will be selling the books to the Clubs for \$15 each.
It is recommended that the clubs sell them for a minimum of \$20.
The club will make \$5 per book sold, by the club.**

**The Cook Book will make perfect gifts
Please help us sell these wonderful Lions Eye Bank Cookbooks,
I want my Living room back**

**Lion Betty Ezell
281-743-0523
bez1texan@sbcglobal.net**

**Darleane Warren,
Lions Coordinator at the Lions Eye Bank of Texas.
Her phone number is 713-798-5545 or email her at darleanw@bcm.edu**



LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2 FACEBOOK CLUBS
(IF YOUR CLUB ISN'T HERE. EMAIL TSLANDERS@COMCAST.NET THE LINK)

Alief Lions Club

Baytown Lions Club

Brookshire-Pattison Lions Club

Conroe Noon Lions Club

Crosby Lions Club

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Dayton Noon Lions Club

Hardin Lions Club

Houston Beltway Lions Club

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

Houston Founder Lions Club

Houston Lady Lions Club

Houston Memorial Lions Club

Houston Millinnum Lions Club

Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club

Houston Spring Branch Lions Club

Houston Sports Lions Club

Houston Sports Lions Club

Houston Vietnamese Lions Club

Huffman Lions Club

Huntsville Lions Club

Katy Lions Club

Kingwood Lions Club

Klein Lions Club

Liberty Lions Club

Magnolia Lions Club

Panorama Lions Club

Riverside Area Lions Clubs

The Woodlands Lions Club

Tomball Lions Club

University of Houston Lions Club

Walker County Lions Club

Waller Lions Club

Lions District 2-S2

Lions Clubs International

Texas Lions Camp

Texas State Lions MD-2

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

Any Club with a classified type ad may advertise their need or project for FREE. All such information must be submitted to Lion Terry Landers by the 10th of the month.
tslanders@comcast.net or calling 281-726-0334

**WHERE LIONS MEET
BE PRESENT LORD.
TO WELD OUR HEARTS IN
ONE ACCORD.
TO DO THY WILL,
LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.**



**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all**
(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)



**Honor the Texas flag.
I Pledge Allegiance to thee.
Texas, One State under God.
One and Indivisible.**

(Face the Texas flag with your right hand over your heart.)

Conroe Noon Lions Club



1939 - Celebrating 76 years of Community Service - 2015

Huntsville Lions Club



**District Governor
Noah Speer**

Liberty Lions Club



**Second Vice District Governor
Betty Ezell**

Houston Heights Lions Club



**First Vice District Governor
Mark Roth**

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Official newsletter of Lions District 2-S2

All Ads and subscriptions need to be renewed at this time.

August - June, 2015-2016

The District Newsletter Advertisements.

These Ad's are busines card size 3 1/4 inches by 1 3/4 inches,

They cost \$100 per ad panel for the year, or \$25 a month.

Double sized ads double the cost.

This is a Way to say Thanks to a Great Lion or to show your Clubs pride.

Subscriptions

\$30 for the year.

Make Checks out to Lions District 2-S2

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Which have been recently updated

www.lions2s2.org

www.texaslions.org

www.lionsclubs.org

PSC Meeting

AUGUST 5, 2015

**** CHINA BEAR ****

15000 I-45 North

Dinner 6:00 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.

CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT

located at 15000 I-45 North

On the northbound feeder road

The cost for the buffet is \$13.00 per person,
including tax and gratuity.

The food is buffet-style, of Chinese,
American and Mexican food.

There are desserts galore
and more than one Ice Cream Machine.



2015-2016 OFFICERS

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District Governor

Mark Roth
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Betty Ezell
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Minette Chiu
Cabinet Secretary

Greg Turner
Cabinet Treasurer

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