



Houston Royal Oaks receive commendation from Lions Club International

THE Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club received the Family Membership Banner Patch from the Lions Club International with a letter of commendation from Immediate Past President of LCI, Lion Al Brandel. The banner patch was awarded by Lion Sam Thomas, Membership Recruitment Chairman of Lions District 2-S2 to Lion Josier M Nisnisan MD, HROLC Charter President, during the HROLC Family and Friends "Get Together and Volunteer Appreciation Night" held on August 28, 2009 at the West Houston Hospital Professional Bldg, Ste 201, Houston, Texas 77082.

Lion Sam Thomas read the letter to the officers and members of HROLC. He commended HROLC Lions for all their outstanding accomplishments specially in involving their families, service partners and friends in all their undertakings. He applauded HROLC for embracing the Family Membership Initiative for fiscal year 2008-2009 and for offering excellent opportunities for families to become involved "together" in community service. He also gave a talk about his experiences, being a Lion for 38 years. He stressed that Lions are able to do what they do, giving service to those who need them most because of their passion "to serve." In doing so, he emphasized the importance of having fun as they learn and as they serve. On behalf of Lions Club, Lion Sam expressed his heartfelt thanks to HROLC Lions for all their efforts in bringing younger and quality members to the Lions Family. Right now District 2S2 is ranked no 1 in the entire State of Texas for membership growth.

HROLC is still welcoming family groups

to become a part of their organization. This new concept allows families to spend quality time together volunteering on community projects as members of the largest service organization in the world...known as the Lions Clubs International.

The HROLC Lions have made changes in its meeting structure and club activities to encourage family involvement. "We're very excited about the opportunity for more families to become involved in our club," said Lion Josier M. Nisnisan. "Research shows that families that volunteer together have stronger family bonds, and organizations such as ours benefit from creating a legacy of service beginning with the younger generation," he added.

As part of its commitment to Youth Development, HROLC sponsored the Houston Baptist University Campus Lions Club, chartered on April 6, 2009. Their Charter Night Celebration will be held on October 3, 2009 at the HBU Campus.

Guiding Lion Minette Chiu also announced that the HROLC LEO CLUB will be chartered very soon. This new club is composed of children ages 11 up to 19 years old. Charter Members' names and other details will follow on the next issue.

HROLC Lions have been serving the community even before the club was chartered on Dec 16, 2008. Most of them are also officers and members of other professional and civic organizations. They are actively involved in various charitable programs such as the Texas Lions Camp which provides children with disabilities and Insulin Dependent Diabetes, a week of uplifting and worthwhile experiences at the Camp in Kerville, Texas. This camp is

FREE of charge to these kids and is offered every summer continuously from the last week of May till the last week of July. This camp, with the support of Lions, has already served more than 60,000 children since it opened 60 years ago. HROLC proudly hosted the graduation of the last batch of campers on July 30, 2009. Twenty seven members of HROLC, together with the Houston Baptist University Campus Lions Club, went to serve and share their joys, hopes, and dreams with the campers and their families in the camp.

HROLC Lions served at the Autos and Aeros Fund Raising Event for the Texas Lions Camp. Lions Jeff Chiu, Minette Chiu, Josier and Emee Nisnisan have completed the Guiding Lions Training at Brenham Texas. HROLC were represented at the State Leadership Summit in Austin Texas by Lions Jhoey and Emee Nisnisan together with Marie Jeanne Ellenor M. Nisnisan, Mary Jaemee Elaine Nisnisan, Christopher Cao and Minh Huynh of HBU Campus Lions Club. HROLC organized and hosted the 1st ever Lions Worldwide Induction Day Celebration for District 2-S2 on February 25, 2009 and was also well represented at the Lions Mid Winter Conference held in Houston on January of 2009 and more.

According to Lion Mike Burgos, HROLC Community Outreach Director, HROLC Lions are having fun serving at the Houston Food Bank and Project Cure on a regular basis. They have partnered with the National Breast Cancer Network of Strength to be able to provide Free Breast Health Education, Breast Cancer Screenings and Mammography to the underserved, uninsured and underinsured women. As part of their service initiative, they are collecting used eyeglasses for those in need in developing countries. They are working with the Lions Vision Screening Team, the Eye Doctors, Optometrist and other Eye Institutions to provide education, training, vision and glaucoma screenings. They have been assisting other organizations, churches, temples and schools in organizing health and community resources fairs. HROLC Lions are actively involved in their children's school and extra-curricular and spiritual activities. They assist the children

in developing projects and programs that will benefit the students, the school and the community they serve. Each members' service initiatives are encouraged and supported by the board and the general membership.

They have created task force committees like the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief Task Force headed by Lion Maria Theresa Mendoza BSN RN CCRN to educate, prepare and enable fellow Lions and the community on effective ways and means to respond to calamity and disaster. HROLC Education Committee under Lion Sohrab Sardual, provides continuous Leadership Trainings, Exposure Trips to the different charities they support and invites speakers every 4th Fridays of the month to discuss topics of interest as identified by the general membership. HROLC Finance and Resource Development Committee headed by Guiding Lion Jeff Chiu will be launching the 1st Annual Lions Search for Singing Talent of the Year 2010 very soon. This is also a fund raising event to benefit the Texas Lions Camp. Through music we also would like to develop among the contestants the value of service and the joy of giving and sharing their talents to give hope to the needy and underprivileged members of our society, he added.

"These are just some of the accomplishments of HROLC in 7 months after we were chartered. I am proud of what we do for the community and the opportunities we share to everyone especially to all the Lions and our own families," said Lion Edwin Espinosa, HROLC Membership Director for the year 2009-2010. For more information regarding family membership please call 281-7887654. "If service is your passion, come join the Lions," he added. Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club meets every 2nd Saturday (3pm to 4:30pm) and 4th Fridays of the month (from 7pm to 8:30pm) at West Houston Medical Center Professional Bldg, 12121 Richmond Ave, Ste 201, Houston Texas 77082.

For more information about LIONS please go to www.lionsclubs.org. Membership applications can be requested by calling (713) 208 2380 or e-mail edwin.espinosa@wellfitrgoadvisors.com.



THE FAMILY THAT VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER: Research shows that families that volunteer together develop stronger bonds, and organizations such as the Lions Club benefit from creating a legacy of service that begins with the younger generation