

Thoughts from your District Governor

Season's greetings to everyone from Lion Sandy and me. We want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Our recently scheduled "Smile Day at the Mall" was cancelled by of all things – SNOW. It's not supposed to snow in Houston!!! We were not able to reschedule the shopping trip due to transportation problems, so we are planning a luncheon for the clients.

I am proud of all of the service our District does for their local communities. Congratulations to all!!! Keep up the good work.

Believe it or not, our Lions year is almost half over. We are a fourth of the way to our goal of having 2,010 members in 2010. November was a good month with an increase of 32 members during the month. Remember, membership in contagious.

Please remember that during the last two weeks of January, each Lions Club is requested to do a service project where your club is visible in the community. Please look at this web site and see what other clubs throughout the world are doing (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/lions-in-sight.php) a list of projects within our District.

I am looking forward to our Mid-Winter Conference to be held on January 23rd at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We will have a lot of fun, food and knowledge. Please plan on attending. I even hear that there are discounts being offered. Please visit our survey that is on Surveymonkey.com. We will use this to determine which six breakout sessions will be repeated in the third hour.

I look forward to visiting with every club that I haven't visited with yet during the second half of our Lions year. Please contact District Secretary Betty Ezell to be put on the schedule.

I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months.



Charles B. "Chuck" Martin District Governor 2009-2010



JANUARY

CALENDER OF EVENTS

| January | 6 | PSC Meeting |
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| January | 23 | Mid-Winter Conference |
| February | 3 | Bob Dowden Dinner |
| February | 13 | Third Cabinet Meeting |
| February | 27 | Youth Contest |
| March | 3 | PSC Meeting |

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Official Newsletter of Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

Ethics, Integrity, and Conflicts of Interest

Lions Clubs are an association based upon service, and the manner in which the service is rendered is fully as important as the service itself. Lions Clubs, and any other charitable organizations, can be subject to intense public scrutiny. Our communities expect honest and ethical conduct from each of us every day. No act on the part of any member, officer, staff, board of directors, or a club can justify the breach of this principle. These are our ethics!

Lions Clubs International insists on the highest standards of personal and professional conduct. We must honor our commitments and take individual responsibility for all actions and outcomes ... within and apart from our Lions activities. We must always do the right thing even when nobody is looking. This is our integrity!

What happens when unavoidable conflicts of interest occurs, e.g. where an individuals' obligation to further the organization's charitable purposes is at odds with their own financial interests? We have to look no further than our Lions Code of Ethics for guidance. One of our codes states:

"WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or actions towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself."

Re-read the entire Lions Code of Ethics often!

Also, the Internal Revenue Service provides some guidance that will help "... avoid the appearance or actuality of private benefit to individuals who are in a position of substantial authority." A Conflict of Interest Policy is strongly suggested by the IRS for all charitable organizations. One such policy that might be adopted by our Lions Clubs could read:

The (name) Lions Club shall not enter into any transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of any officer or director of this club, that violates the conflicts of interest policies of Lions Clubs International or that, violates any other applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest application to nonprofit and charitable organizations. The board of directors shall adopt policies and procedures as appropriate and necessary to ensure the club operates in a manner consistent with its charitable purpose and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, if applicable.

Our best judgment is essential in doing the "right" thing at all times. Thank you for continuing our Lions Clubs' tradition of honest and ethical practices in serving millions of people in need.



First Vice District Governor Glen Starr

A copy of the Districts Lions Code of Ethics and a New Conflict of Inerest Policy for the District are on the Districts Webpage under Publications.

http://www.lions2s2.org/PUBLICATIONS.htm



Thought's from the Second Vice District Governor:

OUR FAMILY IS GROWING!

It was my pleasure to be able to attend the charter night banquet for the NEW Walker County Lions Club. The enthusiasm and excitement shown by these new Lions gave all of us "old" Lions who attended a chance to reflect on what made us (and makes us) Lions to begin with and gives us a glimpse of what is sure to be an exciting future.

Although our district was not as well represented as we would have liked, we had a fair turnout of Lions from as far away as Baytown. We all were proud to be able to witness the birth of a new branch of our Lions Family, one that is sure to grow stronger as time marches on. This new family of Lions is excited about getting out into the community and providing the services that we all do as Lions.

Just as the birth of a new child in your personal family gives you renewed hope for the future, so the birth of a new Lions Club gives us all a fresh outlook on the destiny of our organization. How exciting it is to watch twenty one new Lions "ROAR" their oath to provide service to those in need. How stirring it is to watch these young Lions promise to be a part of their new family and to join our extended family.

We all need to remember what we felt when we first took that oath "TO SERVE". Let's take a little time to reflect on the promises we made and the promises we kept. Remember how excited you were to stand up in front of your fellow Lions and pledge

TO SERVE your community and those in need? Recall all of those warm and fuzzy feelings you get in the pit of your stomach and the depths of your heart when you are able to go out into your community and serve. Reminisce on all of the eyeglasses and scholarships and camp funds and sponsorship funds and services for the blind and services for the deaf and the deaf-blind and well......you get the picture. Renew those feelings in your heart.

Use those memories and the birth of a new Lions Family to re-invigorate your own spirit and enthusiasm for Lions. Be proud and excited to be a LION!!! Keep that feeling close to your heart at all times and use it to bring service to all of those who are in need of your help. Make your club grow by keeping this spirit alive. Make your club grow by getting out into your local community and showing them that there really are people out there who are willing to lend a helping hand. Show the world one community at a time that the human spirit of helping one another is alive and well in our LIONS Family.

Thank you to all who were involved in bringing this latest addition to our family to a roaring start and an exciting beginning. We all are looking forward to many more additions to our tribe in the coming months and years and to the feelings of joy and wonderment and jubilation we get as we are reminded of our own service to others by these new additions. Remember our First Vice District Governor Glen and our MERL Team's pledge to grow our district to 2010 members for 2010. Lets all use these feelings to help our district grow to that number and beyond in the coming months and years!

Keep the ROAR alive!!!







Lions and Community Service

We Lions love to speak about all the great things Lions do. So many times, we promote Lions membership to others by speaking about all the great things we do around the world. Through our LCI Foundation, we are eradicating many forms of preventable blindness in underdeveloped nations that we will likely never ever visit ourselves. This is no small accomplishment. I can tell you it makes me so proud to be part of an organization with such a far-reaching mission.

Being a former employee of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, I can tell you of my personal experiences observing Lions helping to restore the vision of a small child in the Rio Grande Valley whose family could not afford basic medical care, much less a sight-restoring corneal transplant, or the sight of a father of three who had never seen any of his children. We did this – you and me. Through the stewardship and leadership of the Board and staff at the eye bank, these and many other miracles are accomplished every day.

I hear Lions in Texas tell others that while they may have been a Lion for years, they truly became a red-blooded Lion after their first trip to the Texas Lions Camp. It really is one of our greatest undertakings. Leader Dogs and other Lions charities around the country provide other opportunities for our outreach and compassionate service to others.

As I speak with members of Lions Clubs around our District, I am beginning to hear a common concern. Though we are actively engaged with service to others, a great deal of that service is outside our own communities. Our challenge today is to find opportunities in our respective communities to provide Lions service. With the current economic environment, there is no shortage of need right in our own back yards. I hear Clubs express how they have chosen to redirect their focus on serving individual families and organizations they know personally. Many clubs are refocusing on their local schools, providing renewed efforts on providing eyeglasses to needy children. Other clubs have done service by building ramps to provide wheelchair access at the homes of families with newly disabled people. While these projects may be less "newsworthy", or seem less fulfilling than a summer camp experience, they provide a valuable side effect for our Clubs. They provide visibility right in our own communities. If we are fortunate enough to get some form of public notice for our service, we will reap benefits well beyond the recognition by our State and District leaders. We will gain the notice of the very pool of potential members we seek to reach with an opportunity; an opportunity to become part of a worldwide service organization with a community focus. This will attract others to our charge, and lead to growing our clubs. Please join me in diligently seeking opportunities to serve others right in our own communities.



LIONS DISTRICT 2-S2 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 23, 2010

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH CORNER OF WIRT RD. AND WESTVIEW HOUSTON, TEXAS \$20.00 Registration Fee (includes Breakfast and Lunch)

This year's Mid-Winter Conference will be based on the format used by the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forums. Seminar topics will include Texas Lions Camp, Retention, Leo Clubs, How to Make a Club Website, Grow Your Club, Community Service, Fundraisers, Guiding Lions and New Clubs, LCIF, USA/Canada Forum, Orientation and Club and District Officers (select three).

SCHEDULE

| | 7:30 - 8:30 | Continental Breakfast and Social |
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| | 8:30 - 9:15 | Opening Ceremony and Meeting |
| | 9:30 - 10:15 | Seminar Sessions #1 |
| | 10:30 - 11:15 | Seminar Sessions #2 |
| | 11:30 - 12:15 | Seminar Sessions #3 |
| | 12:30 - 1:45 | Lunch and Keynote Speaker |
| | | Trish Wilson, Texas Lions Camp |
| | 1:45 - 2:00 | Closing Ceremony |
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The Bob Dowden Dinner Benefiting the Texas Lions Camp Sponsored by the Lions of District 2-S2



Lion Bob Dowden LaPorte Lions Club

Once upon a time, a group of Lions under the direction of Lion Bob Dowden, gathered for fellowship and a spirited game hunt. The dinner that followed became a tradition in District 2-S2. The tradition continues.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

All Saints Catholic Church – 201 E. 10th Street @ Harvard

Donation – \$15.00



Catering Provided by The Spaghetti Western – Silent & Live Auctions

Tickets can be purchased from Texas Lions Camp Directors or at the PSC Meeting in January



Lion's Club

Youth Scholarship Contest 8:30 a.m. February 27, 2010

Vencenzo Italian Grill

12510 North Freeway Houston, Texas 77060

Contact Persons:

Artie Onayemi (713) 299-7106 Rosa Brown (832) 229-4625 Donna Daniels (281) 935-9471

Contest Topics:

- Drug Awareness Speech Contest: "Illegal and Illicit Drugs Legalized – Really?"
- Diabetes: "The Epidemic is Here"
- "Outstanding Youth"

Deadline for entry;

January 22, 2010

Entrance Fee:

\$100 per Contest per contestant

TLERC

As most of you are already aware, TLERC (Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) has become one of three projects sponsored by MD2. Texas Lions also sponsor the Texas Lions Camp and Texas Lions Foundation. To make this happen, TLERC has been set up as a separate and distinct foundation with its own set of By-Laws.

These By-Laws require the current appointed Board (PID Marshall Cooper, PDG lke Fitzgerald, Lion Francis McDonald) to appoint one representative/director from each of the 16 Lions' Districts in MD2, who will take us to the beginning of the next Lions year (7-1-2010). These appointments will be made and announced in the near future. The By-Laws state that these will be appointed from those Directors currently serving, at least in those Districts, who have either elected or appointed a TLERC representative this year.

The by-laws then state that "subsequent Directors shall be elected in the same manner as is the Vice-Governor of each Sub-District of MD2". Subsequent Directors means those that will be selected for the first terms starting 7-1-2010.

We bring this up now for 2 reasons. First of all, to allow each District time to review their District By-Laws and amend them, if needed, to allow for this new, elected position.

Secondly, to **start looking for interested Lions in your District to run for this office at your 2010 District Convention**. At the first meeting of this first elected group, lots will be drawn to determine the length of each District's 1st term. Four districts will have 1 year terms, four 2 year terms, four 3 year terms and four 4 year terms. Once this is decided and a 1st term is drawn for each District, subsequent terms in all Districts will be 4 years in length.

Attached is an article (Taking Care of Business) for your Lions Clubs to review, that **we hope you will place in your next newsletter**. I will forward a copy of this attachment to your Newsletter Editor.

Thanks for your assistance. Tom Blase, TLERC Promotions

One Man's Junk - TRULY another Man's Treasure

I never gave it a second thought from the age of ten, but without my glasses I would not have been able to succeed in school or sports. They are now, after 50 years, just a part of my face - something I never even think about. Yet without them I could not have held the jobs I had, nor succeeded in my chosen career. If they are so important to me, common sense says they are just as important to everyone else. Still millions of people, just toss them out when they get a new pair, while some man in Kenya or some woman in Mexico can't hold a job in a factory, because they can't see their work. Enter the Knights of the Blind.... Lions International, TLERC, Lions of MD2, Lions all over your District, and hopefully the Lions in your Club!

Last month we explained what TLERC (Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) does with the "junk" glasses we collect, to get them into the hands of those that see them as a "treasure". This month we promised to give you some ideas (that other Clubs have used & still use successfully) to collect used glasses before they are tossed in the trash. If your Club is not sending used glasses to TLERC (2550 Flynt, Midland, Texas 79701), maybe one of these ideas will get you started:

- 1) Decorate a large trash can or metal drum for used glasses, and always have it at your fund raising events, like pancake dinners, etc. Over time people will learn to expect it & will bring their used glasses to your event.
- 2) With permission of course, set out small collection boxes at local retailers. Especially productive are pharmacies, eye doctor or optical shops, funeral homes, Church offices or vestibules, & local hospitals. Look for places (like Wal-Mart or grocery stores) where people go repeatedly. Once they spot the box over time, they will eventually remember to dig those old pairs out of the nightstand. Remember to run your route regularly, since retailers do not want overflowing boxes that make their store look messy. Many clubs make their own wooden boxes, and cardboard boxes with graphics can be found through Lions International. Oh by the way, if the managers of these retailers are not members, this is the time to ASK them to become a LION!
- 3) Funeral homes may not be willing to put out a box, but if you talk directly to the Funeral Director, they may be willing to delicately ask the family for the deceased's eyeglasses. It is comforting to know that their loved one can help another person even after death. Oh by the way, if the Funeral Director is not a Lion, you got it –ask him or her to join!
- 4) Talk your Post Master out of any old mail boxes they may have stuck in a warehouse or use any other weather protected container you can find or make. Paint it Lions' colors and paint on some graphics. If you have a clubhouse, put one out in front of it. Also, you might find a mall or strip shopping center that would allow you to place it on the corner of the parking lot. Look for the malls that already allow collection boxes (like Goodwill). Again make sure you run your route regularly, so they don't overflow or become trashy.
- 5) If you still have a door to door project like selling brooms, light bulbs, poinsettias, etc., then make it part of the pitch at every home to ask for used glasses. In fact, one club I've heard of, makes it their project just to go door to door to collect used glasses they aren't selling anything. Oh by the way, if the person at the door isn't in their Club, they invite them to a meeting!

These are just a few easy ideas to get you started, and once you get into collecting, contact TLERC, so we can provide you <u>training</u> to go the next step (the "first sort" discussed in detail last month) for TLERC. This saves us time and you money, because it reduces the shipping weight. Maybe then you will progress to the next step. Through TLERC we can train your Club (or District) how to use a lensometer to read the prescriptions of the glasses you collected, then to sanitize and bag them. Learning these <u>basics</u> about prescriptions is the beginning of what you need to know to set up an adult eye clinic, which just happens to be next month's topic.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DISTRICT 2-S2

Distinguished Achievement Award Application

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Past District Governors District 2-S2 Association Distinguished Achievement Award is to "bestow honor upon those Lions in District 2-S2 who have shown outstanding leadership and service achievement to their Club, Community and District."

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications for the Past District Governors District 2-S2 Distinguished Achievement Award are:

- (a) An active member with at least seven (7) years of service. This award is for living Lions only, unless the honoree passes away after being nominated.
- (b) Outstanding leadership and dedicated service to Club. Community and district.
- (c) Special achievements in, or contributions to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate.
- (d) At the time of the presentation of the award, must NOT be a District Governor or Past District Governor of any Lions Clubs International District.

NOMINATIONS

The completed application form(s), will be provided to the Chairman of the District Governor's Honorary Committee. Said application may be made by any Lion in the District that is in good standing. The application(s) are required to be received by February 15th of each year and will be valid for that year only. If an applicant is not selected for that year, a new application must be submitted again to be considered for this award. There is no requirement to induct someone each and every year.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS DISTRICT 2-S2 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

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| Lions Club: Date: | |

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Sponsor One or More Holes

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MD-2 TEXAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

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| Friday May 14, 1 PDG BANQUET | 2010 | \$26.00 | \$30.00 | | |
| Saturday May 15,1 FEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST | 2010 | \$17.00 | \$19.00 | | |
| Saturday May 15,: YOUTH CONTEST LUNCHEON | 2010 | \$22.00 | \$24.00 | | |
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NINTH ANNUAL TEXAS LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Hilton Austin Airport

March 13 (start 11:30 a.m) and 14 (end 2:15 p.m.), 2010

All who attend must register REGISTRATION

<u>It is not possible to register for individual</u> Registration must be for the event package.

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Good will in Texas, USA

Emelly was born with a chromosome disorder that resulted in her being intellectually disabled, unable to move and afflicted regular with seizures, she was unable to sit upright and indicated little, or no, awareness of activity or people.

With grant funding made possible from LCIF, Emelly attended a program at the Houston Therapeutic Equestrian Centers, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding and related activities.

Since participating in the therapeutic riding program, Emelly has developed sufficient strength to sit upright. Her breathing has improved and the seizures are much less frequent.

"We're so grateful to the Houston East End Lions in Texas who helped make this program possible for our darling Emelly. I know that Lions do so much to help children," said Maria, Emelly's mother. "It really is difficult to describe the benefits of the therapy, but quality of life for Emelly and all our family members, has improved so much. We anticipate continued improvement with this invaluable therapy."

Give the Greatest Gift This Year

This holiday season you can give the greatest gift of all-the gift of sight. A donation of US\$1 will provide river blindness medication, US\$15 cataract surgery or US\$50 low vision adaptive devices. Please help us help more people in the coming year. I hope you'll also consider sharing this video on the impact of our SightFirst Program with your friends and family. After they see all we've accomplished and that there is still a great need, I know they'll want to support the work we're doing together.

LCIF in the News

A short story and advertisement encouraging readers to support the SightFirst Program with a donation will be included in a special Vision Care insert in December 5 editions of the Wall Street Journal in the eastern part of the U.S. This insert section is also available online at www.lcif.org.

Learn More about LCIF

I often get asked a number of questions about LCIF. Make a resolution this year to learn more about the great work of your Foundation. You may be aware of the recently created LCIF District Coordinator position. This individual in your district has been trained on the types of grants and programs available as well as how to submit funds or Melvin Jones Fellowship applications. Please invite them to your club meeting or district convention to educate others about LCIF. E-mail the LCIF Development Department with the date of the event, and they will help put you in contact with your local coordinator.

I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to all of you who help LCIF make miracles happen every day. Its through the generous support of Lions like each of you that Emelly and her family have found a sense of hope for the future. She is just one of the millions of people LCIF helped this past year. Cataract surgery helped Huang in China to see his 14-year old grandson for the first time. Yanatou in Cameroon will not go blind from river blindness like her parents due to receiving bi-annual medication. Mikael in Norway learned to say no to drugs through Lions Quest. You have the power to help us help many more people this coming year.

In appreciation of the holiday spirit, Maureen and I are making a personal contribution to LCIF to help those in need worldwide. We ask that each of you consider helping someone during this season of giving, as many of you have done before.

On behalf of everyone at LCIF, Maureen and I wish you much joy this holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support.

Al Brandel LCIF Chairperson



2010-2011 Announced Candidates

2010-2011 District Governor Glen Starr Conroe Noon Lions Club

2010-2011 First Vice District Governor Richard "Rick" Reynolds Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

2010-2011 Second Vice District Governor Paul Eads Houston Hieghts Lions Club *

2010-2012 Director Texas Lions Camp

2010-2012 Director Lions Eye Bank of Texas

2010-2012 Director Lighthouse of Houston

2010-2013 Director Humanitarian Relief Fund

* HAS ANNOUNCED RESOLUTION AT PSC OR CABINET MEETING, PER DISTRICT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS



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FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-2011



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

The President and Secretary Council meeting is held at the CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT located at 15000 I-45 North On the northbound feeder road, exit Airtex, both ways.

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.

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