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#### Thoughts from the DG ....

Following are bits of a recent message from LCI President Al Brandel. I feel worthy of sharing with all of you.

"As Lions of the 21st century we must be relevant in all ways, including operations and communications. As part of our effort to leverage the power of technology and new media, LCI has established a presence on Facebook, the social networking Web site that serves more than 150 million people worldwide. Please become a "fan" of the Lions Club page by visiting

(www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/27922222491).

New Lions Clubs International Web Site to Debut in March

As part of a major branding initiative, Lions Clubs International is launching a new Web site. The new Web site will explain who Lions are and what we do. Make it easier to find information – and complete tasks – quickly. And tell the Lions' story clearly and dramatically in pictures and in words. The new site will have familiar sections, including About Lions, The Foundation and News and Events. There will also be new sections, including:

- Our Impact will include stories and photos that show how Lions make a difference. Plus, "Tips and Tools" for Lions projects.
- Member Center will provide operational information that Lions need to do service projects. And manage clubs and districts.
- Online Community will allow you to connect with other Lions on MySpace and Facebook. And share your stories and photos.

To learn more about the new Lions Clubs International Web site, please read the March 2009 edition of LION Magazine."



Lion Barron Cagle District Governor

#### Thoughts from the Vice District Governor:

I have just returned from the ninth annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum in Austin. It is a wonderful opportunity to lean more about Lionism and leadership. I would encourage everyone to attend this forum at least once during your Lions career. I guarantee you will find something there that will help you, either professionally or in Lionism.

Membership continues to be the number one subject in our state. Extension is the main item that will help each District regain lost membership. Our District has four newly charted clubs, with a fifth on the way. As of the end of January, there were three of these clubs counted in our membership totals. With these clubs, OUR District is plus 38 members. Unfortunately, without these new clubs, we would be a NEGATIVE 59. Please look at your club. Have you created a "family" atmosphere that will keep your members coming back?? Do they feel wanted and needed?? Retention should rank as an equal to Extension. Without both, we will not remain positive in membership.

As the District Convention draws near, please select your delegates. There will be many items on the election ballot this year. There is even a "contested" election (more than one candidate). I look forward to the candidates "campaigning" at the District Convention for this office. I hope to see everyone there. It is even rumored that there may be some "Hula" lessons offered.

I recently met with TXU Energy. They are offering a "reward" of \$ 100 per residential customer that switches to TXU. This money will be donated to the Texas Lions Camp. If anyone is interested, please contact me. Please remember to review all of your options with the various electric providers before you make a change. Changing electric providers just for the "reward" may not be in your best interest.

Yours in Lionism,

Vice District Governor Charles "Chuck" Martin

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

have to start planning and paying for our trip level of ad sales. to Hawaii our District Convention and raising funds to get us there and back.

To help defray the cost of the District Convention we sell advertising in the Program Booklet. The Convention Fund is low, the meal and hotel cost are going up each year. Last year we sold just over \$5000 and we need to increase that amount this year to \$6000.

Send ad copy to: PDG Ronald Landers,

2015 Crestdale

Houston, Texas 77080-5303 or rglanders@comcast.net

by April 25, 2009.

It is almost time for the Hula and Luau. We now Clubs are asked to do two things to help us meet this

•Appoint an Ad Sales Chairman for your club and sell ads for the Convention Program Booklet. You can sell ads to members, neighbors, co-workers, business acquaintances, Lions, Non-Lions, campaign for district candidates. Anything that is legal...

•Each club is asked to sell or buy at lest one full page ad.

Ad sizes and Cost:

- •Full page \$100.
- •Half page \$75.
- •Quarter page \$50
- •Last inside page \$125.
- •Inside front and back covers -\$150.
- •Outside back cover \$200. already reserved

#### Around The District

The Crosby Lions Club will serve boiled crawfish at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. These Lions will be going to local merchants in the Crosby area to sell a Flag Project to them. The club will be putting out an American flag in front of places of businesses in the Crosby area seven times per year for a fee of \$30. The flags will be supplied and maintained by the club. They will be having a "can shake" drive to support White Cane Day in March. Funds raised will help to purchase eyeglasses for the community. The Crosby Lions Club has a "Lion of the Month" award given out each month. King Lion Leah Baker awarded Lion Jerry Walter this award for the month of February.

Housrton Aldine Lions Club presented scholarships to students who represented their club in th District Youth Contest. Lion Gwen joined Lion "Grandma Gloria' in making the January/February birthday party at Boy's and Girl's County an huge success. The students there are looking forward to the upcoming party for dyeing Easter Eggs.

Baseball, baseball and more baseball! Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club invite you to come eat their wonderful hotdogs, pizza, nachos, icy cold drinks and snow cones. These Lions will have a table at the Cy-Fair Health Expo held Saturday, May 16th at the Berry Center. Guiding Lions Training was presented by PDG Fred Wuensche of the Huntsville Lions Club was held at their Lions Den recently. A great example of Lions Clubs in our District working together!!!

The 39th Annual Good Guys Golf Tournament will be hosted by the **Houston Downtown Lions Club** at Tour 18 Golf Club on May 21. Contact Lion Steve Simmons if you are interested in playing in this Fun Tournament. We ask for your prayers for Lion Hank Lauchley, long-time Secretary of this Club. He has a mysterious illness that has sapped his strength that began in late December.

Houston Memorial Lions Club and Houston Aldine Lions Club continue to sponsor bingo at Casino Bingo II on Long Point Road.

Upcoming events for the **Houston Northwest Lions Club** include White Cane Day on March 21st and a Chicken Barbecue on April 23rd. Contact Lion Kay Burke at 713--462-0996 to purchase some deliciously cooked chickens for your freezer. At their Club Social on February 28th,

DG Barron inducted two new members. Awards were given to members and helpers at the Christmas Party for the children housed at the Mission of Yahweh.

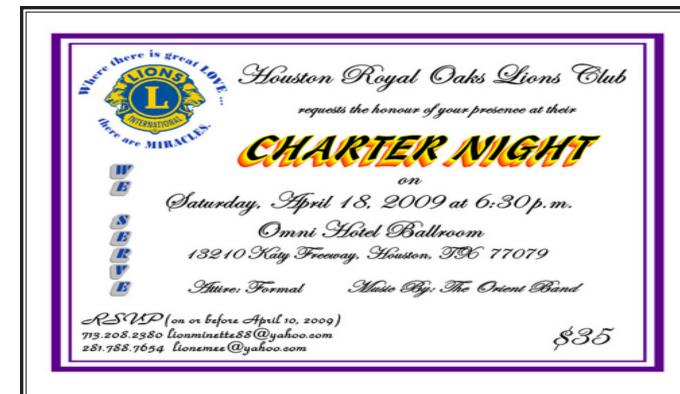
Need a little spice in you life? Visit the Chili Cook off sponsored by the **Humble Noon Lions Club** on March 21st at the Humble Rodeo Pavilion from 11 m to 4 pm. All you can sample chili will be available for a \$5 donation.

MARK THE DATE!!!.....the Annual Kid-Fish sponsored by **Huffman Lions Club** will be held on May 2nd at the Indian Shores Country Club. These busyLions held a garage sale in March and they will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of their community at the May Center on April 14th. Come join the fun from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm..

The **Klein Lions Club** will attend a work day at camp in May and have scheduled an adopt-a-mile pick up day in the future. Their new fun-raiser is helping the Cy-Fair Lions man their concession strand during baseball season. They joined the Humble Lions Bike Ride fund raiser for the Texas Lions Camp in February.

The **Houston Spring Branch Lions Club** continue to provide eye exams and glasses for students in the Spring Branch Independent School District and sponsor Bingo Games at the VFW Bingo Hall on Long Point every Monday and Tuesday from 12 Noon to 1:30 pm. The Club partnered with the Spring Branch Education Foundation to award 3 - \$1000 scholarships to students in Spring Branch "on their side of the freeway". These Lions donated funds for school supplies for needy children and presented the Spring Branch FFA with a check to sponsor members of that organization to attend the FFA Leadership Conference.

COME HEAR THEM ROAR!! The **Tomball** Lions Club will hold their 15th Annual Car Show on April 19h at Lone Star College in Tomball. Gates will open at 8 am. Join them for a day full of cars, crafts, music, food and fun.





33rd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 24-26, 2009 Memphis, Tennessee

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Registration Form on line in PDF Format at

https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.html



Texas Lions Camp Dates - 2009

Session 1	May 31 - June 6
Session 2	June 7 - June 13
Session 3	June 14 - June 20
Session 4	June 21- June 27
Session 5	June 28 - July 4
Camp Champions/David	July 5 - July 11
Camp Discovery	July 12 - July 18
Diabetes 1	July 19 - July 25
Diabetes 2	July 26 - August 1
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Applications are now Available!
On-line at
www.texaslionscamp.org
or contact your Texas Lions Camp Directors
Lion Betty Geotzman 936-520-0808
Lion Glen Starr 936-441-3692

### Lions 2009 District 2-S2 Convention

Hobby Airport Marriott Hotel 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston TX

## Hawaiian Luau Hospitality Books & Tickets

HOSPITALITY BOOKS — includes tickets to ALL events listed below.

No hospitality books sold and NO refunds after Wednesday, May 11, 2009.

Stimulus Package Price	No	@ \$99.00 each Amount \$					
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: Friday, May 15, 2009 Luau featuring Roast Pig & Hawaiia		@ \$40.00 each Amount \$					
Saturday, May 16, 2009 (No tickets for Saturday events will be sold after Friday, May 15th.)							
Way-to-Early Breakfast	No						
PDG Awards Luncheon	No	_ @ \$35.00 each Amount \$					
Governor's Banquet	No	@ \$52.00 each Amount \$					
		Total Enclosed \$					
( Vegetarian: Yes [ ] or No [ ], If not checked it will be assumed it is No )  Names/Individuals: Lions Club: Club Secretary: Phone:							
PDG Margaret Badeaux 6819 Oakwoood Grove Houston, TX 77040-4403 Phone: 713/856-5549							

#### Purchase by Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard) @ www.golions.us

Pick up books and tickets at the registration desk at the convention.

Hotel Information: Recession Priced Room Rates \$79 +tax per night. Must be booked by May 1, 2009. 713-943-7979. Mention Lions 2-S2 Convention. Rates and availability based on market value after May 1 - No Exception



#### **Welcome New Lions**

#### **CLEVELAND LIONS CLUB**

Scott Fels sponsored by Lion Mike Penry Tracey Walters sponsored by Lion John Simpson

#### HOUSTON HOBBY AIRPORT LIONS CLUB

Teresa Dover sponsored by Lion John Dover Mayra Lizcano sponsored by Lion John Dover

#### **HUFFMAN LIONS CLUB**

Douglas Botkin sponsored by Lion Gordon Parker Laura and Neal Lynch David Francis sponsored by Lion Christine Jordan



#### LA PORTE LIONS CLUB

Kenith Adcox sponsored by Lion Gene Remer

Clarence Anderson

Al Anding

Darlene and Ken Bays

April Fox

Brent Heckendom

David Knowles

Becky, Justin and Daryl Leonard

Pamela and Lawrence Mabe

Georgia Malone Mary Ann Malone Jerome McKown

Isela Montes

Gary Rice

Paula Rizzuto

Jeff Suggs

Linda Wadleigh

To all our new Lions, WELCOME and to their sponsors, THANKS A MILLION!

**Welcome New Lions Clubs** 2008-2009

**Barbers Hill Lions Club** La Porte Lions Club **Coldspring Lions Club Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club Houston Baptist University Lions Club** More to come!!!



#### LOOKING FOR THE BIG UGLY TRAVELING GAVEL?

Rumor has it that it is in safe keeping at the Houston Cy- Fair Lions Den! A reward is being offered for its recovery!

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

#### Roth's Ramblings....

April is National Donate Life Month

Phenomenal medical breakthroughs continue every day within the transplant field due to the dedication of transplant professionals and the generosity of donors and their families. National Donate Life Month recognizes and applauds all those who help save and enhance the lives of others through donation.

Even though hundreds of thousands of people have provided the gift of life through a commitment to organ donation, there is still a tremendous need. More than 101,000 people are on the nation's organ transplant waiting list. On average, 17 patients die each day while awaiting an organ.

One of the most important decisions you can make in honor of National Donate Life Month is to become a donor. Your decision will make a difference, as one donor can help more than fifty people. The first step, aside from signing a donor card or indicating organ donor on your driver's license, is to express your decision to be an organ donor with your family.

National Donate Life Month assists in raising public awareness of the critical need for organ, tissue, eye, marrow and blood donation. The transplant community recognizes donor families and their decision to give others the gift of life during National Donate Life Month. Events and ceremonies commemorating the gift of life will be held across the country.

You have the power to Donate Life ~ Be an organ, tissue and eye donor.

www.donatelifetexas.org







Your Texas Leo Council have been working very hard to develop an exciting and informative conference. They now need your assistance to help get their registration forms in the hands of every Leo in Texas.

The Leos who attend will have the unique opportunity to learn and develop core leadership skills such as team building, public speaking, and conflict resolution. There will be officer training. A session with Representatives to teach them all about the different Lions charitable programs. And they will also be discussing and sharing ideas on community service projects and fund-raising projects at the Open Forums.

So please, take a minute of your time, and show your support for the Texas Leo Council and help them get the word out to all the Leo Clubs in Texas. I know this Council will really appreciate your help you may give!



#### Wanted: Your Eyeglass Collection Locations

Did you know... that LCI will include your club's eyeglass collection locations in the "Club Locator" on the association's Web site?

This will make it easier for residents in your community to find your eyeglass collection sites.

We also want to update our district locations.

Please provide the following information:

Name of your club		Club No	
<b>Eyeglass Collection Coord</b>	inator		
Email address			
Phone number		(for LCI's use only)	
Collection Location #1			
Name of organization, com	imunity center or school:		
Address			
City	State/Province		
Postal Code	_		
Collection Location #2			
Name of organization, com	amunity center or school:		
rume of organization, com	initiality center of sensor.		
Address			
City	State/Province		
Postal Code	_		
Collection Location #3			
Name of organization, com	nmunity center or school:		
Address			
City	State/Province		
Postal Code			

Please submit form to:

Lion Terry Landers District 2-S2 Webmaster tslanders@comcast.net

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

and

Lions Clubs International Health and Children's Services Department 300 W 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA

Fax: 630-571-1692

eyeglasses@lionsclubs.org

#### 2009-2010 Announced Candidates

2009-2010 District Governor Charles "Chuck" Martin

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club

2009-2010 First Vice District Governor Glen Starr

Conroe Noon Lions Club

2009-2010 Second Vice District Governor Richard "Rick" Revnolds

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

2009-2011 Director Texas Lions Camp Mark Roth

Houston Heights Lions Club

2009-2011 Director Lions Eye Bank of Texas

2009-2011 Director Lighthouse of Houston Tony Austin

Humble Noon Lions Club

2009-2012 Director Humanitarian Relief Fund Terry Landers

Houston Spring Branch Lions Club

2011-2012 MD-2 Texas Council Chairman Margaret Badeaux

Houston Spring Branch Lions Club

Barron W. Cagle

Houston East End Lions Club

Harry Goetzman

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club





#### **IMPORTANT NEWS**

There will be several Proposed Amendments to the Lions District 2-S2 Constitution and By-Laws as well as

**MD-2 State Constitution and By-Laws** You may view the Proposed Amendments on the District Website.

**Proposed Amendment changes for District 2-S2** 

http://www.lions2s2.org/admendments%2020082009.pdf

**State Constitution Changes Proposition Ballot** 

http://www.texaslions.org/MD2Ballot2009.pdf

**State Ballot Information for voters** 

http://www.texaslions.org/MD2InfoForVoters%203-2-09.pdf

**WHO'S RUNNING** 

http://www.lions2s2.org/who%20is%20RUNNING.htm

**Hospitality Book Form** 

http://www.lions2s2.org/hospitality%20book.pdf

**Delegate/Voter Registration Form** 

http://www.lions2s2.org/delegate%20form%2020082009.pdf

**Jack Rafferty Annual Golf Tournament** 

http://www.lions2s2.org/pdggolf2009.pdf



April 13-17, 20-24, 2009
2009 Houston OneSight Vision Clinic.
We will be giving the gift of sight to approximately
3,000 needy children from the Houston metro area.
2009 OneSight Mission Volunteer Sign Up Form
and Information on duties

http://www.lions2s2.org/OneSight%202009%20Houston.pdf

#### **OneSight Home Page**

http://www.onesight.org/northamerica/na/

## Lion Mark Roth

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#### WE SERVE

District 2-S2 reported

Eye exams and eye glasses donated: 94

Campbell Soup Labels: 25

Used eyeglasses collected: 591

Hours given towards Lionism: 1301

#### **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 Judy Champion

by the 10th of the month. jwalley@flash.net or calling 281 442 9707

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TO WELD OUR HEARTS IN
ONE ACCORD.
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LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.

#### The Pledge of Allegiance

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.



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#### Houston East End Lions Club



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#### **Next PSC Meeting**

# April 1, 2009 \*\* CHINA BEAR \*\* 15000 I-45 North

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.

There are desserts galore and more than one ice cream machine.



Barron Cagle
District Governor

Charles "Chuck" Martin Vice District Governor

PDG Margaret Badeaux Cabinet Secretary

Paul Eads
Cabinet Treasurer

Terry Landers Newsletter/WebMaster

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