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Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

August 2020



MEET DISTRICT GOVERNOR BONITA LAVERNE DAVIS



Bonita was born in October 1965 in Houston, Texas to James L. Davis and Ruth Louise Davis. Her Father had a long career in Law Enforcement and her Mother was an LVN that became a Special Education Teacher. Both of her parents were active in the community. Bonita is the fifth of 6 children. She has 1 brother and 4 sisters. She is a retired teacher certified in Secondary Education, English (grades 6-12), Speech Communications (grades 6-12) and Elementary Education (grades 1-8 all subjects) with an ESL endorsement. Bonita is currently working on her Masters Degree in Business Management: Public Administration.

Bonita learned to read at an early age and started school early and later graduated from South Park High School in Beaumont, Texas. Throughout her school years, she competed in many UIL (University Interscholastic League) and NFL (National Forensic League) events. She competed in Picture Memory, Spelling, Ready Writing, Storytelling, History, Maps, Graphs, Charts, Poetry, Prose, Debate, Individual

Acting, Duet Acting, Group Acting, One Act play, and Typing. In addition, Bonita won several awards and recognitions while in school. Letter Jacket from Hardin High, Class Favorite, Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Yearbook Staff, Honors English, Student Council Secretary, Magna Cum Laude,

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MEET DISTRICT GOVERNOR BONITA

LAVERNE DAVIS (continued)

Nonverbal Student of The Year 1987, BS Education Lamar University, Teacher of the Year— James Bowie Middle School, 2015—became a writer in The South Liberty County Quarterly, Leadership Southeast Texas Class of 2016 , Woman of the Year— REDM Liberty County, President of Fine Arts Society of Liberty, Texas (FASOLT –2020-2021), 2017— established Ironwood Productions; edited and published, and 2019 published first issue of The View From Here. She is currently editing two books and a game, as well as preparing for the second issue of her magazine.

Bonita is a 20 year Lion and three generations of her family have served as President of her home club—Hardin Lions Club. Her achievements continue in her progression of Lionism: Hardin Lions Club Historian/President for 5 years, District 2S2 Zone Chair, Featured in *The Lion Magazine* regarding her service during Hurricane Harvey, PDG Distinguished Service Award, 2 International Presidents Awards, LCI Presidential Award, Member of KOPE Cyber Lions Club. Bonita's daughter Savannah Ardoin, President of the Hardin Lions Club, is Bonita's Partner in Service.

You may also find DG Bonita networking with Rotarians by attending Guerrero Clinic Missions in the mountains 120 miles outside Chihuahua, Mexico.



Leader Dogs For the Blind

MEET PUPPY #20,000 – LEGACY!

Say hello to Future Leader Dog **Legacy** – the puppy wearing tag #20,000! This adorable Labrador/golden cross



is pictured in the photo album below with his puppy raisers, Erin, Kate and Eric, who are all guide dog mobility instructors at Leader Dog and are team-raising Legacy. Legacy is now at home working on his learning journey.

Follow Legacy's Journey

Stay tuned to all our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn) for updates on Future Leader Dog Legacy over the coming year! Future Leader Dog Legacy also has [his own Instagram account](#). This page will also be updated with photos and info as Legacy grows.

For the whole story, check out <https://www.leaderdog.org/meet-legacy/#>



1st Vice District Governor

Lisa Free Martin

First Vice District Governor Lisa Free-Martin has been a member of the Magnolia Lions Club since 1996 and has served her club as President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director. Whether it's organizing a new project like "Change for Change" to support local residents in need of assistance or exploring additional revenue streams for existing fundraisers or building partnerships with other non-profits, she has always been willing to look outside the box for solutions.

In 1998, she began serving Lions at the District level as the first MD2-S2 Peace Poster Chairman under Past District Governor Bill Hughes. PDG Bill supported and encouraged Lisa to continue to serve and grow in Lionism. Since then, Lisa has served as a Zone Chair as well as the District Elected Director to Texas Lions Camp. One of the accomplishments she is most proud of is being a 100% Director to TLC for two consecutive years sharing the camps story with over 100 clubs and organizations. Texas Lions Camp holds a very special place in her heart, but she realizes that there are so many areas and interests that own the passion of our Lions and she supports those endeavors whole heartedly. Lisa has earned her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Lions University and is a Jack Welch Fellow. She currently serves her Council as Vice Council Chair.

Lisa is not afraid of trying new and creative things. Part of her mantra is that she would rather try something new and fail than not try something because she is fearful of failing. One of her favorite quotes is *"You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do"* by Henry Ford. She enjoys planning and strategy but lives for the action!

Lisa is the daughter of Lion Don Free who is a 50 year Lion with perfect attendance for all 50 years and Lion Mary Ann Free. She is married to her best friend and partner in crime, Lion Hollywood Martin and together they have 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. When not serving with the Lions or spending time with her family, you can find her hunting in West Texas, taking in a football game, cooking up a tasty new recipe or soaking up some rays on a beach with a good book.

Texas Lions Camp
Announces TLC2U

Texas Lions Camp, Inc.
Children Can...With TLC™

If you want to know what Texas Lions Camp did this summer, please watch this video.

We are not making the best of our situation at TLC...we are making history and stepping into our future early.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_4NaRmpeEs

2nd Vice District Governor

Paul S. Moore



Second Vice District Governor Paul S. Moore is a proud member of The Woodlands Lions Club. His Lions journey began, along with his wife Lion Karen, in 2013 with the Round Rock Noon Lions Club, of District 2-S3. Paul and Karen were blessed with great leadership from a strong Lions mentor. Paul quickly found his Lions passion in providing Vision Screening services. He became a part of the District 2-S3 Vision Service committee and later was named First Year Lion of the Year, earning the District 2-S3 Silver Spur award. Paul went on to serve as President of the Round Rock Noon Lions Club.

In 2015-2016, Paul transferred his membership to the Conroe Noon Lions club. Paul, again, was fortunate to be able to learn from and work with many great Lions. Paul served on the Board of Directors and was active in many projects while with Conroe, including working in the Eyeglass Recycle Center. Paul and Lion Karen participate in medical mission trips where Paul works in vision services providing eyeglasses, from Conroe Noon, to people in Guatemala and Puerto Rico.

Lions Education is especially important to Paul. He has attended the Texas Lions Leadership Forum since 2014. Paul has completed the Bachelor and Masters programs at Lions University and attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to receive his diploma and pins. He is working for the Doctorate which ties in with his long-term goal of providing training at all levels of Lions.

Paul changed jobs and joined Lion Karen by transferring his membership to The Woodlands Lions Club in 2019 and is now serving as Club President. Paul is extremely fortunate to have found another great group of Lions with whom to work.

Asked to be the District 2-S2 Chair for Vision Services in 2015-2016, Paul has served in that role for five years. He has provided training to Lions as a certified Welch Allyn trainer and a certified Plus Optix trainer. He is certified for vision screening through KidSight USA and the State of Texas. He helps with vision screenings done by his home club and many others in the district.

Paul served as a Zone Chair, 2017-2018, and as Cabinet Treasurer, 2018-2019 and as President of the President and Secretaries Council, 2018-2019. Paul accepted an appointment as a Trustee of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas in 2018-2019. He has continued that one-year association and is currently serving as the Secretary of the Executive Board of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas. In January 2020, Paul was selected to attend the Lions Faculty Development Institute and is the third FDI graduate in our district. In addition to Second Vice District Governor, Lion Paul is serving the district as the GLT coordinator and Vision Screening Trainer.

Paul's focus is on servant leadership. The Lions Clubs international Mission statement starts with "To empower volunteers to serve their communities". As a member of the District Governor's team, Paul feels his roll is to help the clubs provide the services they identify in their communities. That help may be in the form or training, leadership, or simply working with the club.



District 2-S2 Remembers

Lion and Sheriff

R. Glenn Smith

R. Glenn Smith, age 61 of Hempstead, passed away on August 1, 2020. He is survived by his wife Deedee; children Kevin and wife Jennifer; Baylee and husband Bodie; and his grandchildren Rosalind and Connor.



At 18 years of age Glenn began his criminal justice career as a Correctional Officer with the Texas Department of Corrections. He was promoted to shift supervisor of a department overseeing approximately 25 inmates. At 19 he became the Deputy Sheriff of Grimes County. He served arrest warrants throughout the State of Texas. Glenn then went on to become an agent for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. In 1992 he was a narcotic investigator with the Southeast Texas Narcotic and Intelligence Task Force under the operation of the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. From there he became Chief of Police in Kountze, TX. In 1999 Glenn was a part-time investigator with the Hardin County District Attorney's Office. During this time Glenn was a Commander of the Southeast Texas Narcotic and Intelligence Task Force. He provided oversight of investigations of illegal narcotics in five counties. His cases numbered over 800 a year. He also assisted with the investigation and trial security of a capital murder case in Jasper. In 2000 Glenn became the Deputy Sheriff of Sabine County and a year later was promoted to Chief Deputy Sheriff. The next year he became the Chief of Police of Hempstead until 2008 when he then became the Sheriff of Waller County.

Glenn was a member of the Waller Baptist Church and President of the Hempstead Lion's Club. He was on the Advisory Committee for San Bernard Electric Co-op, HLSR Safety Committee Captain of Investigators, Gideons International, Waller County Fair Association, Waller Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of Sheriffs' Association of Texas, National Sheriffs' Association, Western States Sheriffs' Association, Texas Border Sheriffs' Coalition, and Texas Narcotics Officers Association. Glenn was a Life Member of the NRA, TSRA, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Glenn had received his Master Peace Officer Certification.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Texas Sheriff's Association, Steve Westbrook 512-445-5888 or Starr F.H. (Squeaky) (409) 787 3331.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 11 am at Community of Faith Church 16124 Becker Rd, Hockley, TX with Pastor John Brandt officiating. Interment for the family will be Thursday August 6, 2020 at Hemphill Cemetery in Hemphill, TX.

[Guest Book @ www.canonfuneralhome.com]

"I'm sorry to say the we lost a great man this week, not only the sheriff of Waller County but the president of our Lions Club." Cindy Pearce Secretary of Hempstead Lions



New Voices

Governor's Nominees

Lions Clubs International District 2-S2

New Voices Nominee — Service

Thien-An “Tina” Nguyen

Houston Unity Lions Club

Club President, District Hunger Chairperson

The word service can mean a lot of different things to different people. For religious people, a service means a ceremony of worship. For homeowners, it can be electricity or water as an indication of utility. As Lions, We Serve! To me, that means when you feel more fortunate than others, you give and help those in need through service. It also means to resolve issues with a positive attitude. To be able to aid and support others through any type of means, whether big or small is truly an honor, a privilege, and a blessing. To be of service to a person, a group, a community, a cause and not expecting anything in return.



New Voices Nominee — Membership

Neil Lander

Humble Noon Lions Club

District 2-S2 GMT Coordinator

We have a great Membership Team in District 2 S2 and plan to achieve the objectives established in our NAMLI initiative, which are also DG Bonita's goals for this year. We do face significant challenges going forward in 2020-21. First, our goals will reverse our District's negative trend in membership growth over the past several years. Secondly, our District is centered in a COVID-19 hot spot. This has caused many of our clubs not to meet, even virtually, resulting in 40% not posting their new officers. We have met that hurdle and have most club officers posted. We are also establishing a base line on what our District and club membership parameters are. This is not to restrain our efforts, but to learn and foster our strategies and planning going forward. We also have a presentation, under review, for improving the retention of our members. It offers several focus areas and actions our clubs can consider. Overall, at this point, we are establishing a foundation to spring forward with efforts to grow membership in District 2-S2.



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New Voices Nominee — Leadership

Maria Eme Mendoza Nisnisan

Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club

District 2-S2 GST Coordinator

Not even a pandemic crisis can stop Lion Maria Eme Mendoza- Nisnisan from mobilizing Teams of Lions and volunteers to lead and organize projects like the COVID 19 Relief Efforts adopted by the Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club. The relief effort then became a partnership with the Houston Unity Lions Club and other community organizations to provide the healthcare team and essential workers their needed PPE's, appreciation lunches and snacks plus other acts of kindness in different ways or forms. All that they have undertaken are posted on their club and also posted on her personal face book page. Her busy schedule as a full time Registered Nurse inspired her even more to advocate for fellow healthcare workers.

"It warms my heart that in the midst of economic hardship we are getting the support of small business and restaurant owners who donate their time in cooking, preparing the meals we will deliver to feed the nurses, doctors, healthcare teams in the hospitals treating COVID patients and to the Police Officers who keep ensure the safety of everyone in the community. I feel so honored, truly blessed and thankful for the engagement and support of my fellow Lions not only from HROLCL Lions Family, the Houston Unity Lions Club, Sponsors / Donors, Partner Organizations, District 2-S2 and the grant given by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. That grant really helped us provide the facilities and healthcare Heroes in need of PPE."

Lion Eme has held numerous leadership positions since she became a Lion in 2004. She initiated successful programs and projects such as the Annual Lions Health and Community Resources Fair, Cancer Awareness and Free Mammography Services, Annual flu shot Drive, Leadership Summit, Forums etc. She is a believer that when you have that passion to serve, you can and you will always find ways and means to achieve your goals and make things happen. Her innovative leadership, caring and positive attitude helped inspire more Lions and those around her to step up and accomplish incredible projects. She has dedicated herself to mentoring Lions & Leos to be great Leaders and excel in humanitarian endeavors. She initiated a special program in 2010 known as the Mission HOPE (Helping Other People Excel) in humanitarian and other fields of services. Her active involvement with the



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Emee Nisnisan (continued)

Lions Clubs, the youth, cancer network, civic organizations and professionally earned her numerous Leadership appreciations and awards. To name a few: She was recognized as one of the 30 Most Influential Women of Houston, the Lion "Champion of Change" honored at the White House, Community Angel of Houston, Outstanding Filipino Nurse Award, American Council of Texas Excellence in Community Service Award, Lions Club International Membership Advancement Pin, the Senior and Master Builder Medallions, Lions Clubs International President's Leadership Medals, the LCI President's Appreciation Certificates, Extension Medals for helping charter new Lions and Leo Clubs in the District, Lion of the Year (2) , Progressive Melvin Jones Award, Progressive Jack Wiech's Fellowship Award and more. This year she is the Global Service Team Leader of Lions District 2-S2 and she is ready to lead everyone discover and maximize their Leadership Potential while they enjoy their journey in service.



New Voices Nominee — Marketing

Mark Patterson

Hardin Lions Club

District 2-S2 Technology Chair

Lion Mark Patterson is one of the newest members in our district having joined the Hardin Lions club on July 1, 2020. He has accepted the role as Technology Chair to bring a fresh, modern look to our district website and our social media pages. We look forward to exciting changes in the way the District communicates with Lions and prospective Lions.





The Lions Eye Bank of Texas

We would like to thank Immediate Past President PDG Mark Roth for his leadership through a difficult year. Good luck President PDG Juan Lopez of 2-A3.



We would also like to welcome the newest member of the executive board from District 2-S2 Secretary SVDG Paul S. Moore. He has served on the board for two years and will continue through the executive board. <https://www.lionseyebankoftexas.org/>

Announcement

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the low-ticket sales, the Lions Eye Bank of Texas board of trustees made a difficult decision at the Monday, July 20, 2020 meeting to cancel the 2020 LEBT Fundraiser Drawing and refund the money to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Upcoming KOPE Events

Graduation and Celebration! August 11, 2020

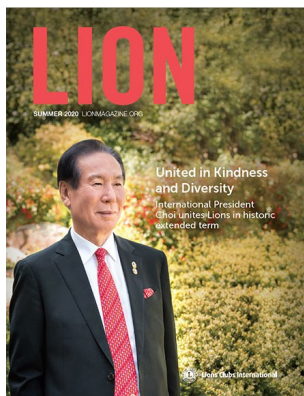
You are cordially invited to attend the KOPE In House Technical Advisors Graduation and Celebration on **August 11, 2020 at 5pm (CST)**.

We will also be inducting our newest KOPE Members, installing our 2020-2021 Officers and recognizing Community and Lion Partnerships.

Please use the following link to RSVP for the event : [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

NOTE: Our own District Governor Bonita Davis will be graduating!

Read about KOPE Cyber Lions in the latest edition of the Lions Magazine



<https://lionmagazine.org/articles/knights-of-prevention-education/>

Upcoming KOPE Events

New Cyber Chat Training Sessions in August!

All are welcome to attend the orientation. We will be offering the orientation and training monthly.

Registration is required.

To register for [ORIENTATION ONLY](#)

Project Orientation- August 12, 2020

11AM - 12:30 PM EST or 5pm-6:30 PM EST

Learn more about the #MakeScreenTimeMatters virtual service project of Prevention and Education Cyber Lions and Family 2 Family Fed

This orientation will give you some foundational information about how Cyber Chat teams are structured and the resources that will be available to Virtual Mentors and their teams for the project. This is a great place to ask those "What's in it for ME?" Questions. We want to make your project successful, and that begins with your vision of how this will work for your group.

[REGISTER for Orientation and TRAINING](#)

2 hour Project Training (Select the date and time that works for you)

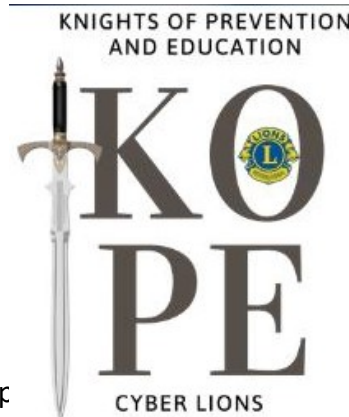
Wednesday August 19th 11AM - 1PM EST

Wednesday August 26th 5PM-7PM EST

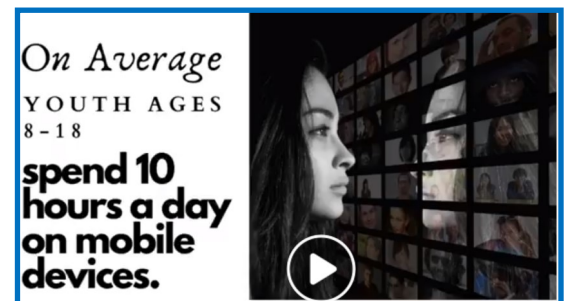
Saturday August 29th 10AM- Noon EST

This training is open to registered participants only. If you would like to recommend someone for the training, please have them complete the entire application ([REGISTER for TRAINING](#)) to receive the invite to the orientation and training sessions. At the end of the training participants will be able to:

1. Apply strategies to create a safe and welcoming digital learning environment
2. Create team tasks that empower group members to learn and practice social and emotional learning skills
3. Identify resources to support social media marketing campaigns



the Knights of Health.



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Guiding Lion Training

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or determined as priority designation. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

The stated purpose of a Guiding Lion is to assist a club to:

- Be successful in its first two years of operation
- Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Locate resources available to assist the club

Guiding Lions are encouraged to complete the Certified Guiding Lion Course to improve their skills in club support. The course is designed to be completed individually or facilitated by an instructor. All Certified Guiding Lions are required to take the Certified Guiding Lion (CGL) every three years.

Guiding Lion Training

Saturday August 29

9:00 AM

Cy-Fair Lions Clubhouse

PDG Chuck Martin Instructor

Contact GLT Paul Moore

512-565-0484

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Lions Officer Training

Plans are still being made to provide Lions training for new officers. The current situation with the COVID-19 disease has made in person training impossible to schedule.

Until in-person training can comfortably be scheduled, I would like for all officers to make use of the Lions Learning Center.

1. Go to www.LionsClubs.org
2. Near the top of the form, under the COVID-19 banner is "MEMBER LOGIN". Click it.
3. If you have not registered, please do so. You will need your Lions Member ID for this.
4. Login with your User ID and Password
5. Select the "Go" button under "Learn"
6. Select the "GO" button for Online Training.
7. Select Content Library in the left hand menu.
8. Select Path for the Officer Training



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Houston Royal Oaks Lions Club Presents

ON-LINE FORUM COVID-19 CRISIS



Dr. Richthofen De Jesus, MA, RPsy, Rpm, CDR
Clinical Psychologist & License Psychometrician
Memory Centers of St. Luke's Medical Center- Global City
& De Los Santos Medical Center



Joy Solomon-Duarte, MSN, RN, PNP
Clinical Improvement Specialist
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Brunswick, NJ



Image obtained from:
<http://www.sactownmag.com/Blog/2020/coronavirus-mental-health->

TOPICS:

- **Understanding transmission of COVID-19 Myths vs Facts**
- **Mental Wellness Amidst COVID-19 Crisis**

To register, please email us at houstonroyaloakslions@gmail.com.
A link will be provided to you.

AUG. 08, 2020 7:00 pm

HOSTED BY: HOUSTON ROYAL OAKS LIONS CLUB



**Lions are ready
whenever & however
our communities
need us.**

Join a Lions Club, help make a difference.

Royal Oaks Lion Emee and LEO's
are included in an official video.
Ctrl+Click the LEO Logo to view



Possible Club Project

Does your club need a project during the pandemic? Blood supplies are running low. Some previous exclusions have been lifted.

Please consider donating blood or arranging a donation site.



We can certainly agree on two things—we love saving lives, and we love Blue Bell. This August, everyone who donates blood will get a coupon for a free pint of ice cream, small and sweet "thank you" for helping us save lives!

<https://www.giveblood.org/>



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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE — September P&S Meeting

Please collect Backpacks, Pencils, Pens, Rulers, Paper, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers, etc. Even if the children do not go back to school, they will need supplies. If our meeting is virtual next month, we will coordinate a pick up of these items collected or a drop off location.

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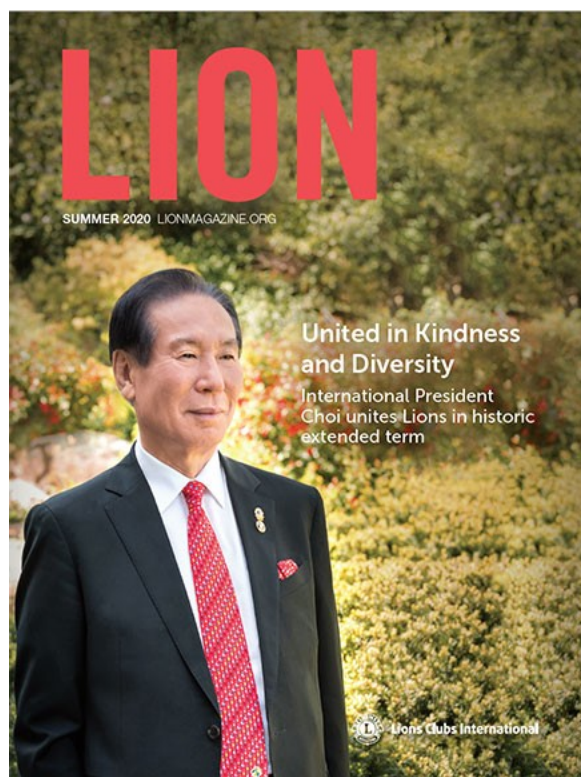
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