



Lions Clubs International
District 2-S2
Greater Houston and Surrounding Areas



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“Clubs need to take very good care of their members. They have so many people of different backgrounds, both genders, different age. Use all their qualities and all their strengths to make the club stronger and have more relevant projects. Be more modern communicating and enjoy life!” –

International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

September 2018

KARLS KAPERS



Greetings Lions,

Are you still flying?

Humble Noon made a trek to Conroe to retrieve it's wayward gavel. Still trying to figure out how it got there..... I heard that Cut and Shoot lost theirs also... Everyone please look for it, and we will try to get it returned at the next PSC!... Funny thing.... I just heard that Houston Royal Oaks gavel has gone missing also!... How is this possible? Me thinks that the next PSC will have some fun times!

I hope this finds you well and happy.. the past month has brought memorable moments. We posted the September PSC meeting Live on Facebook... We are handing out hard copies of clubs email lists asking that they be brought up to date. While we are reaching more people, we are still only reaching 30% of our members... We must do better. Please update your clubs email lists.... If you are not sure how to do that, contact Tony, Bonita, or myself and we will get you help.

The exec board will get an update on Facebook advertising in the coming weeks... Look for information to follow for you to use.

Clubs visitations are going great. Have you scheduled your club's visit? I am always impressed by the work that the clubs do. The service projects that you are doing are heartwarming. Please do not forget to enter them in MyLCI

Did you go to PSC?... if not you missed a great one.. One of the best attended meetings in years. The room was full! Of you have not attended a PSC in a while, please make plans to attend the next one! Which by the way, is in November... Why you ask? Because Bob Dowden dinner is taking its place October 6th 6pm...Please plan to attend and help us raise funds (having fun) for the Texas Lions camp.

PDG Mark, has formed a new club!.. Welcome Klein Phoenix Scouting Club! Prairie View A&M handed out flyers.. 160 students expressed interest.. 37 have committed to signing up!... Way to go Chuck! Bonita has identified an area for a new club out East.. We are looking forward to getting one started there soon!

It is hard for me to express the gratitude that I feel for everyone's efforts. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your efforts. There is a special satisfaction that comes from serving a cause greater than ourselves.

Blessings to all for all you do

DG Karl

SAVE THE DATES!

SEPTEMBER 20TH TO SATURDAY 23RD
USA Canada Forum
Columbus Ohio

WEDNESDAY October 3rd
7pm to 8:30pm
President and Secretaries Council
China Bear Restaurant
15000 North Fwy, Houston, TX 77090

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH
4PM – 5:30PM
2ND Cabinet Meeting
Lone Star Convention Center
9055 Airport Road, Conroe 77303

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH
5PM – 10PM
Bob Dowden Dinner
Lone Star Convention Center
9055 Airport Road, Conroe 77303

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13TH
8th Annual Fish Fry
10AM TO 3:30PM
16823 Theiss Mail Route
at Louetta Rd.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13TH
Hardin Lions & Leos Club
Annual Pancake Supper Fund Raiser
Hardin High School Cafetorium

TONY'S TALES

We are already ¼ way through the year and are beginning to see the positive results of DG Karls reforms. The Presidents and Secretaries Council meeting last Wednesday was very well attended by an enthusiastic group of Lions. Remember this meeting is open to all Lions. It is held first Wednesday every month except October because of the Bob Dowden Dinner (have you bought your tickets – this is a **DON'T MISS EVENT!!** See the article in this newsletter for instructions to get your tickets online.) Incidentally you can view the live stream of most of the meeting on our FaceBook page. <https://www.facebook.com/2s2lions>.

I had the privilege to spend a day with Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan a couple of weeks ago. This is another inspirational organization that we support via our 100% contribution. They provide about 200 dogs a year to their clients, most of whom are blind, at no cost to the client (actual cost around \$8,000). They breed their own dogs and have large group of volunteer Puppy Raisers who look after and train the dogs for the first year of their life. Then the dogs are returned to the Center for further training. Finally, the dogs are paired with their client and go through 28 days of intensive training as a team at the Centers residential unit. We heard from one of their clients and witnessed the incredible work done by them as team. I would be happy to present at your Club if you would like me to. Take a look at their website <https://www.leaderdog.org/>.

We are working with clubs to update our records for communications with members. We have just over 1,000 of our 1,600 members with valid email addresses. We do understand that some members do not have email addresses, but we want to identify those members so that we can try alternative means of communication. We hope that we can reduce the number of members who choose to leave our clubs by letting them know what they will be missing! And giving them the opportunity to come to one of our meetings or projects.

Keep smiling and enjoy life!!

**1st Vice District Governor
Tony Austin**

NOVEMBER 3, 2018 • LIBERTY, TX

5K WALK/RUN BENEFITTING THE REDM IBC FOUNDATION

#5kForEvet

RACE BEGINS AT 8:00AM

\$25 ADULTS
UNTIL OCT. 12
OCT 13-NOV 3 \$30

\$15 CHILDREN
AGES 12
& UNDER

DAY OF RACE - REGISTRATION \$30
(LIMITED T-SHIRT AVAILABILITY)



T-SHIRT INCLUDED WITH ALL
REGISTRATIONS COMPLETED BY OCT. 25

6:30-7:30AM RACE DAY REGISTRATION/
PACKET PICK-UP
7:45AM STRETCH AND WARM-UP
8:00AM 5K STARTS
9:30AM AWARDS & RECOGNITION



RACE START LOCATION:
BEREAN TABERNACLE
405 TX-146
LIBERTY, TX 77575

REGISTER ONLINE AT
REDMFOUNDATION.ORG/5KFOREVETT
OR VISIT WEBSITE FOR FORM PICKUP LOCATIONS

REDMFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM • FACEBOOK.COM/WEFIGHTFORHER

Start Spreading the News

Fellow Lions,
Please click on website address below or copy/paste it into your browser's website address port to bring up the Houston Chronicle's article on our Legacy Bench dedication. The gentleman standing up on the left is Mayor Merle Aaron of Humble.

<https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/humble/news/article/Bench-donated-to-Humble-Civic-Center-holds-deeper-13108485.php>

Neil

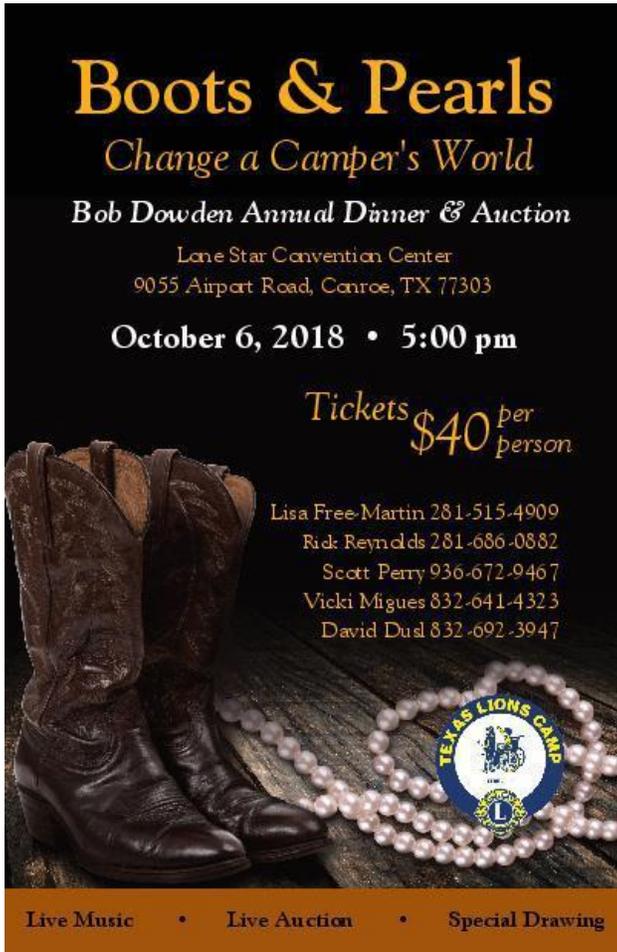
Dear Family, Friends and Colleagues,
The Houston Lady Lions Club 3rd annual Hats & High Tea fundraiser is fast approaching! It will be a lot of fun! Come and join us and bring your friends and family. We'd greatly appreciate if you will share our event in with others. We greatly appreciate your support! To PURCHASE TICKETS there are several options:
1. Check payable to Houston Lady Lions Club no later than Sept. 10th. Mail it to the address:
[3262 Westheimer Rd. #230 Houston, TX 77098](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3262+Westheimer+Rd,+Houston,+TX+77098)

OR

2. Please click on this link: to buy online with a credit card
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hats-high-tea-houston-lady-lions-club-roaring-twenties-masquerade-3rd-annual-tickets-45665088509>

BOOK YOUR SEAT/TABLE TODAY!!

<http://www.lions2s2.org/bobdowden.html>



Boots & Pearls
Change a Camper's World
Bob Dowden Annual Dinner & Auction
Lone Star Convention Center
9055 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77303
October 6, 2018 • 5:00 pm

Tickets **\$40** per person

Lisa Free-Martin 281-515-4909
Rick Reynolds 281-686-0882
Scott Perry 936-672-9467
Vicki Miguez 832-641-4323
David Dush 832-692-3947

Live Music • Live Auction • Special Drawing



BOB DOWDEN DINNER

TABLE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP BY PURCHASING A TABLE SPONSORSHIP. 100% OF THE PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE CAMP.

\$1,000 LEADERSHIP LEGACY INSPIRATION

SHOW YOUR LEADERSHIP, GIVE THE CAMP A LEGACY, INSPIRE OTHERS BY DONATING \$1000 TO THE CAMP. THIS SPONSORSHIP COMES WITH A TABLE FOR 10, YOUR OWN DESERT, RECOGNITION AT THE ENTRANCE, ON THE TABLE, AND FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE EVENING'S EVENTS. ALSO INCLUDES SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION. PLUS 500 EXTRA TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING FOR A JACK WEICH FELLOWSHIP!

\$750 TEXAS LIONS CAMP FOUNDING FATHERS

HONOR THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE TEXAS LIONS CAMP BY PURCHASING ONE OF THESE TABLE SPONSORSHIPS. THESE COME WITH A TABLE FOR 10, RECOGNITION AT THE ENTRANCE, ON THE TABLE, FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE EVENT, SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION, PLUS 300 EXTRA TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING FOR A JACK WEICH FELLOWSHIP!

\$500 "CAN DO" SPONSORSHIP

SUPPORT THE CAMP'S "CAN DO" PHILOSOPHY WITH THIS TABLE SPONSORSHIP. CHILDREN CAN...WITH TLC. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT THE CAMP. RESERVED SEATING FOR 5, RECOGNITION AT THE ENTRANCE AND FROM THE FLOOR, PLUS 100 EXTRA TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING FOR A JACK WEICH FELLOWSHIP!

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*THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO OFFERING A \$2,500 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP.
MAKE THIS 501c3 TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO TEXAS LIONS CAMP
AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!*

Hello Lions!

PUT ON YOUR BOOTS AND SHOW OFF YOUR PEARLS TO CHANGE A CAMPER'S WORLD!

I hope all of you will be attending our annual "Bob Dowden Dinner" benefitting our very own Texas Lions Camp. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever! Camp Director Lisa Free Martin and her team are working hard to bring you an **ABSOLUTELY AWESOME night of fun and fellowship**. All while raising funds for YOUR camp! The event will be held on Saturday, October 6 starting at 5pm. It will be held at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77303. Tickets will be \$40.00. Look in this newsletter for a promotion. Also, you can **register and pay for this event online**.

As we have in the past years, we are offering **Table Sponsorship** opportunities to further show your support to the Camp. Look for the flyer in this newsletter and in your email. Please contact me to discuss your level of contribution and the benefits of Table Sponsorship. There are a lot of perks that go along with each level, not to mention the recognition. Make **YOUR CLUB stand out, become a Table Sponsor at the Bob Dowden Dinner**.

THANKS and CONGRATUALTIONS to the following clubs who have shown their support to our Texas Lions Camp by purchasing a Table Sponsorship.

BAYTOWN LIONS CLUB
CUT AND SHOOT FAMILY LIONS CLUB
HUMBLE NOON LIONS CLUB
THE WOODLANDS LIONS CLUB

CONROE NOON LIONS CLUB
HOUSTON CY-FAIR LIONS CLUB
MAGNOLIA LIONS CLUB

Coming on board soon: **Klein Lions Club, Tomball Lions Club, and Houston Sports Lions Club**

Let's show The Texas Lions Camp how much District 2S2 supports our Camp by having EVERY club getting a table sponsorship! Join these 10 clubs and make it happen!

PDG Rick Reynolds
Camp Director, 2018-2020
Global SERVICE Team, 2S2

My dear fellow 2-S2 Lions,

I am fresh off the airplane from my Guerrero Dental and Vision Clinic in Mexico. I must share a few thoughts. As a teacher, I had my students in every grade memorize excerpts from great historic and humanitarian speeches. One such speech was an oration by a gentleman and statesman who was one of my top favorite American heroes.

The Second Virginia Convention met March 1775 at Richmond. For three days, Patrick Henry listened while his fellow countrymen made every sort of plea for peace. After he had heard all he could stand, he rose and stated his call to action. His words that hot day in the crowded church included the following, "It is in vain, sir to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace, but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

I am not asking Lions to pick up guns. I am asking you to serve humanity like you have never served before. Remember that we are Lions Clubs INTERNATIONAL! Many of you have been going on missions for years. I applaud you and I thank you for leading the way. I know and I was taught that the good book teaches that charity begins at home and spreads abroad. We must never neglect our own communities. But, please, consider those who have so much less.

I witnessed elderly, blind patients being dragged into the Guerrero Clinic by their armpits. They do not have access to even the aluminum walkers! There is no health care for the elderly nor the children in so many countries. Lions are helping the Guerrero Clinic which was started by Rotarians. This is a great network with fellow volunteers. The Crystal Foundation is the non-profit. All donations are tax deductible in the United States. I will be going back next fall. I learned to do ultrasound on eyes. I was able to assist in eye exams and observe the removal of cataracts.

I will return next fall.

Yours in Service,
Bonita Davis



Our campaign 100 is under way as of July 1, 2018. This a three year campaign to raise \$300 million dollars but its impact will last generations. Lions Club International Foundation projects that by year 2021 they will be able to serve more than 200 million people a year through this campaign. These funds will enable LCIF to expand its commitment to communities with a continued focus on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian causes. LCIF is asking Lions or others to pledge \$100.00 per year each for three years and/or for LIONS Clubs to pledge \$250.00 per member total for the three year campaign. A pledge of \$750.00 per member total for the next three years would give the club a Model Club status. A pledge to this campaign would be of great humanitarian service, not only to our local area but to health care, disaster relief and service projects all over the world. Last year Campaign 100 was in its planning stage therefor any donations by individual Lions and/or Clubs made to Campaign 100 during that time will count toward pledges made for the next three years. Any pledge over \$5,000.00 may be paid out over a five year period. Your consideration to pledge to this campaign would be of great humanitarian service. Yours in Lionism,
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Campaign 100 District Coordinator



JOINING FORCES TO FIGHT DIABETES

Diabetes contributes to more than 5 million deaths a year, making it the eighth-leading cause of death in the world. And the numbers are rising. Lions and Leos are confronting this global health emergency by raising awareness of diabetes through Strides events, expanding access to care through screening and treatment programs, and improving quality of life through diabetes camps and community recreational programs. We believe we can help prevent and control this global epidemic by uniting Lions and Leos around this cause.

World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2006 with the passage of United Nation Resolution 61/225. It is marked every year on **14 November**, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.