



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



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“I’ve learned that the seeds of some of our greatest accomplishments as Lions have been planted during conventions.”

President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

**DECEMBER
2018**

KARLS KAPERS

Hello Fellow Lions!

Are you flying or walking? I am excited about where we as a district are headed. I see more and more enthusiasm as the year goes on. What is scary is... my term is one half over! Which means you still have to put up with me for 6 more months! 😊 talk about time flying.

This month has had some highs and lows. Lion Sam Thomas moved on to his reward for the time he spent on earth. Truly he was a most eloquent speaker and knew Lions history better than anyone else in the district. He will be sorely missed.

Your DG team has been busy visiting clubs, participating in various club fund raisers and events. Tony and I presented a check to a Harvey flood family, that also has an eight-year old daughter with pediatric cancer. We will be following up next month to see the project completed.

On Sunday the 9th the executive Cabinet members are meeting in Plantersville to partake in a team building experience.... At Bernhardt Winery. We are going to use the certificate that I won at the Bob Dowden dinner auction. I feel confident that a good time will be had by all who attend!

I am looking forward to visiting the remaining clubs over the next few months. Please contact me or the District Secretary Lynn Harrison to schedule your annual visit.

Blessings to all for all you do!

DG Karl

SAVE THE DATES!

Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday January 26th

8am to 1pm

Magnolia Annual

Pancake Supper

Saturday February 2nd

5pm to 8pm (see ad)

Lions Eye Bank

Bowl-a-Thon

Saturday February 9th 1:30pm

(see article)

PDG Association

District Achievement Award

Application Due Feb 15th

**SEND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
NEWSLETTER BY JANUARY 8TH
TO newsletter@lions2s2.org**



TONY'S TALES

At this time of year our clubs are getting into top gear to help those who would otherwise have a less happy Christmas. Many will be working with their local welfare groups to support them and also providing food hampers and toys for children. Truly a season where we ramp up our giving.

Thanks to those clubs who continue to report their activities in mylci. A selection from November:

- **Houston Cy-Fair** Lions screened 683 children this month. 64 were referred for complete vision examinations. These screenings were conducted at seven pre schools, and 1 public event.
- **The Woodlands** - Collect used eyeglasses for refurbishing and distribution on mission trips. Collected 1500 pairs of glasses and delivered to the Conroe Noon Lions processing facility.
- **South Montgomery** - 450 pairs of eyeglasses recycled at the Conroe Noon Lions sorting center.
- **The Woodlands** - Donated \$1000 this non-profit Museum that is creating opportunities that Educate, Empower and Excite children and families through play while inspiring a lifelong sense of wonder and discovery.
- **Cinco Ranch** - Lions and family volunteered at the Ballard house for breakfast with Santa and festival of trees
- **Katy** - Nov 23-24, 2018 table was set up at the Katy Festival of Trees to benefit the Ballard House. Sunday Nov 20th the tree was decorated for sale.
- **Tomball** - The Tomball Lions Club participated in the annual Families Feeding Families event which provides a Thanksgiving meal and other necessities for low to moderate income area families and individuals. In addition to volunteering for the event, the Tomball Lions Club performed vision screening for children in attendance. Turkey dinners with all the trimmings were fed to ~1,500+ on site and delivered to another ~400 shut-ins and homeless. Hundreds of volunteers of all ages come out for this event to help make it a special day. Attendees could also pick from numerous piles of donated clothes, obtain flu shots, haircuts, etc. This was the first time our Lions Club has participated in this very worthwhile event and we look forward to again next year.
- **Hardin** - Community and schools donate non-perishables, and Lions add dry goods, bread and turkeys and facilitate distribution of food to needy families. We served 38 families this year. We include families with children as well as the disabled and elderly.
- **Humble Noon** - Thirty brown bags were filled with smoked hams and other Thanksgiving trimmings and delivered to Family Time to be distributed to families in need.
- **Crosby** - Crosby Lions Club collected donations and presented a grandmother and her two children with a Thanksgiving dinner and gift cards for Christmas presents.
- **Baytown** - We installed about 800 flags around town in honor of Veteran's Day.
- **Dayton** - Set out flags for Veteran's Day
- **Hardin** - Flags distributed for Veterans Day at the price of \$35 per flag each year.
- **Montgomery** - Leo Club kickoff meeting with new sponsor, new and returning members. Pizza and fun times planning this next years events.
- **Cleveland** - The Cleveland Lions club participated in the annual eye testing for the Tarkington Elementary school.
- **Klein Phoenix Scouting** - Discussed with BSA leadership about transferring the charter of 2 Cub Scout Packs to the Club. It was agreed, and the Club has submitted required BSA paperwork. Klein Phoenix Lions Club welcomes Pack 1326 from Bernshausen Elementary and Pack 1331 from Benfer Elementary in addition to Pack 300 from Mittelstaedt Elementary which joined the club in October.
- **Cut and Shoot Family** - Challenge Air attended by Lion Joan, Rick & Louie. Donated food for pilots and assisted children on plane rides.

Have a wonderful holiday season. 1st VDG Tony Austin



My dear fellow Lions,

We are knee deep in the holiday season. I have observed the giving hearts of District 2-S2 through the numerous service projects of our clubs during this time. It is a wondrous sight to see people of various faiths working together to provide presents and food for holidays that some do not themselves observe. This is the true spirit of Lionism! I would like to thank you all for your generous works.

As we approach the second half of this rapidly diminishing Lion's fiscal year, let us do so with full vigor. I look forward to a huge turnout at our Mid-Winter Conference on January 26. We all become better, stronger Lions when we educate and enjoy fellowship. I love the camaraderie that we have in our district. Indeed, we are fortunate. We value each and every Lion.

May you and your family have a wonderful holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely

SVDG Bonita Davis



MAGNOLIA LIONS CLUB

presents

Annual Pancake Supper

Magnolia Jr High School Cafeteria

Saturday February 2nd

5pm to 8pm

31138 Nichols Sawmill Rd, Magnolia, TX 77355

Across from Tax Office

All You Can Eat!

Adult Tickets **\$10**

Kids Tickets **\$5**



Pancakes

BACON

Milk

**RAFFLE FOR
FLAT SCREEN TV
(\$5 For Six Tickets)
AND SILENT AUCTION**

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Saturday January 26th

8AM - 1PM

\$25

\$35 after
December 31st

Register at our Website
<http://www.lions2s2.org>



HOWDY!

As 2018 draws to a close, I would like to thank those Lions who helped serve at the Halloween and Christmas parties at The Lighthouse of Houston this year. The multi-care clients and I truly appreciate your involvement!

Maybe you weren't able to help with either of those functions. "Will there be other opportunities to volunteer at the LOH?", you ask! As a matter of fact, there certainly will be! I am going to give you a "heads-up" about a party that our District 2S2 Lions will be hosting and giving the multi-care clients in early 2019. The exact date has not been set, but we will be giving them a "GO TEXAN – RODEO" party. They have never had one. The date will be sometime in late February or early March. Watch your January PAWPRINTS Newsletter or attend the January Presidents/Secretary/Lions Council meeting at China Bear Restaurant to learn more about it. I am going to need a big handful of Lions to help with this endeavor! I look forward to sharing in the fun as we bring a little joy and excitement to the multi-care clients of The Lighthouse!

Until we meet again.....

Marla Reynolds, Director of the LOH

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WHAT IS THE BOWL-A-THON?

It's a party with a purpose! Bowlers raise money to help support the Lions Eye Bank of Texas.

Who Bowls? You don't have to be the world's greatest bowler to participate. Most of the participants are Lions, local business people and volunteers getting together with co-workers, friends and family to have fun and bowl for a great cause-sight restoration and educating our communities on the importance of donation!

How does it work? The team registration fee is \$150, which includes three games and shoe rental for each team member. Teams sign up to bowl, compete to win great prizes, support the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, but also HAVE FUN!

Why Bowl? Lions District 2-S2 Bowl-A-Thon generates financial support required to provide education to the communities we serve and increase donation awareness. The more funds we raise, the more programs we can provide and the more people we reach!



If your Lions club or company chooses not to sponsor a team, you can contribute to the Bowl-A-Thon as a sponsor or by providing door prizes which will be given away throughout the event.

For more information, please contact the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at 713-798-5545 or a committee member.

REMINDER – OUTSTANDING YOUTH ESSAY COMPETITIONS

Contestants of the Diabetes Essay Contest, the Drug awareness Speech, and the Outstanding Youth contest must be submitted to **Sara Coots (scoots@rougeuxpllc.com)** electronically by **March 30th**. Anything received after that date will be disqualified. Our District contest for all three scholarship programs will be held on April 13th, venue to be announced at a later date.




Lions Clubs International
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Past District Governors Association
Distinguished Achievement Award


PURPOSE - The purpose of the Past District Governors District 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 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 member of any Lions Hall of Fame.
- e) 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 must be sent to the Chairman of the District Governor’s Honorary Committee. The application may be made by any Lion in the District that is in good standing. The application is 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 make an award each and every year.

APPLICATION

Nominee:	Lions Club(s):
Offices Held:	
Service to Club:	
Service to Community:	
Service to Lions District:	
Awards & Honors received from the community, non-Lions organizations and/or Lions:	
Other achievements:	
Submitted by:	Lions Club: Date:
SEND TO : PDG IRV WISHNOW 5235 BRAES VALLEY DR. HOUSTON, TX 77096 icwishnow5@gmail.com	