



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



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“New Voices are so important to Lions. Women strengthen our membership, leadership and communities. Let's work together to make sure new voices are heard in Lions International.”

President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

**NOVEMBER
2018**

KARLS KAPERS

Greetings from wait for it.... Conroe!.. Lion Jane and I are back from our mission trips. We did two... first to Belize then on to Fiji.. both were medical mission trips. The first a surgery only, completing 34 cataract surgeries. The second held was surgery and clinic. We saw 823 people, gave out glasses to most of those. We also did 68 surgeries, both cataract and pterygium. Lion Jane worked in pre/post OP in Belize and admitting and sterilization in Fiji. I was the coordinator for Belize and worked in optical in Fiji issuing glasses to those in need. I/we gave out 850 pairs of sunglasses, and about 800 pairs of readers or recycled glasses. We have been doing this now for 5 or 6 years. It is truly a humbling experience, and one of the most gratifying things I have ever done.

Did you go to the P&S meeting? it was one of the best I have been to ever. We held a brief tribute to Lion Sam Thomas, our District Historian, and past Tail Twister. He was in my opinion, the most articulate, Lions history buff, in District 2-S2. He had a passion for Lionism and is fondly remembered for his “Say it Loud, and Say it Proud, I’m a Lion and Proud of it!” And his efforts to raise money for the camp via Tail Twisting. The current Tail Twisters raised over \$700 for a commemorative camp brick for Sam.

We also had speakers on several subjects, the Alert program, Opportunities for Youth, Bob Dowden dinner update, and more. Finally, there was a brief trial for the 7 gavels and one bell that had “run away” from their perspective clubs. It seems that several of the gavels had been in hostile work environments, having been forced to “hit on” the club gongs... twice a meeting. Others complained they did not get prevailing wages, or any vacation time... the bell was a material witness.

Finally, Lion Jane and I have traveled to various clubs, HROLC gala, Willis sausage making fund-raiser, 🍷 the Council of Governors meeting in Temple to name a few, and are having a great time doing it. If we have not been to your club, know that we are looking forward to it! We are also doing “pop in” visits, so please make sure your meeting dates and times are current in the District directory.

Blessings to all for all you do! DG Karl Johnson

SAVE THE DATES!

**Service for the late Sam Thomas
MONDAY NOVEMBER 19
10:00am
Earthman Funeral Home
3919 Garth Rd, Baytown, TX 77521**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5TH
7pm to 8:30pm
President and Secretaries
Council
China Bear Restaurant
15000 North Fwy, Houston, TX 77090**

Don't Forget!!

All the gifts to match the cards collected at November PSC need to be delivered to the **PSC meeting December 5th.**

Brandy Brock and other counselors will be there to greet and collect gifts purchased.

Please do not wrap the gifts. If possible please supply gift wrap paper or gift bags.

Lions Eye Bank Bowl-a-Thon

Saturday February 9th 1:30



TONY'S TALES

I have just returned from the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Winnipeg. I joined 125 Lions from across the Americas, Canada and the Islands for 3 days of intense training to prepare for the year as DG. The quality of the training matched and exceeded anything I experienced in the corporate world. Outstanding trainers, well prepared materials and robust discussion about our organization that will lead to us being better prepared as we tackle the challenges of our second century. My team of 5 included Lions from Trinidad, Virginia, Alberta and California. All were passionate about our ideals and the need to adapt to our changing environment. The fact that we were able to complete 13 sessions for a total of 22 hours of instruction without any signs of fatigue speaks to that passion!

Some highlights from mylci Service Activities:

THE WOODLANDS Annual community wide festival with activities for children, live entertainment and free wildflower seeds for the public provided by sponsoring businesses

TOMBALL - The Tomball Lions Club hosted a very successful 2018 Golf Tournament on October 18th at High Meadow Ranch Golf Club in Magnolia

KATY - Created a cookbook with recipes from Katy Lions members. Selling for \$15 each. Good reception, will sell for next 2 months

CROSBY - Crosby Lions Club and Crosby Leos Club manned two intersections in Newport (Crosby) and collected donations for eye exams and eye glasses for the disadvantaged

BROOKSHIRE-PATTISON - We cooked and sold about 100 chickens and about 50 full racks of ribs. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for Royal High School students

LIBERTY - Running the home side concession stand at the Liberty ISD football stadium, which was built by the Liberty Lions Club in the 1940's as a tribute to the sons of Liberty County who paid the ultimate sacrifice in World Wars I and II

HOUSTON CY-FAIR - Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club was very busy this month. We did KidSight Vision Screening at 14 different pre-schools and day care centers in the Cy-Fair area, screening a total of 688 children, with 100 being referred for complete eye exams. We know that kids who cannot see clearly have more difficulty learning, and our goal is to find these kids and get them on their way to better vision and a better life.

Please remember to enter your activities in mylci.

So far this year the following clubs have entered zero activities!!

Anahuac
Barbers Hill
Baytown
Cypress Centennial Scouting
Hempstead
Houston Fil Am
Houston Greenspoint
Houston Heights
Houston Hobby Airport
Houston Memorial
Houston Metroplex Veterans
Houston Midwest
Houston Northwest
Houston Southwest
Houston Sports
Houston Westbury
Huffman
Humble
Kingwood
La Porte
Nassau Bay 100 Centennial
Panorama L C
Pasadena
Prairie View A & M University
Campus
Sam Houston State University
South Montgomery County L C
Twin City L C
Waller
Willis

Diabetes Facts

Diabetes can lead to serious diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, nerves and teeth. In most high-income countries, diabetes is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation. It is expected to affect 629 million adults by 2045.



Thank you to the Lion volunteers who helped make the Halloween Party at the LOH a smashing success on October 31st! It was a morning of ALL treats and NO tricks! We had bikers, vampires, Minnie Mouse, spiders, Mrs. Easter Bunny, a wizard and more show up! Games were played and lots of chocolate and Halloween candy was collected in trick-or-treat sacks, to be later nibbled on throughout the day!

The next upcoming event at The Lighthouse is the multi-care clients big annual CRAFT SALE! It will be held on **Thursday, December 6th** from **8am – 3pm**. They have been working hard all year long painting and creating masterpieces for this sale. Please stop by and do a little Christmas shopping. For those of you that can't make it to **3602 W. Dallas Street** to shop on Dec. 6th, you are in luck! I will have some pre-view crafts as door prizes at the PSC Meeting at China Bear on Wednesday, Dec. 5th. Buy some tickets and try to win a door prize for yourself or to give as a gift. The monies collected will be used to help buy the multi-care clients Christmas presents.

I am looking for some Lion elves ready to help me spread some Christmas cheer!!! The Christmas Celebration for the multi-care clients will be held at the LOH the morning of **Thursday, December 20th**. I need about 5-6 volunteers. We had so much fun last year! There was Christmas music jingling in the background, singing, cookie decorating, bagpipes playing, a visit from Santa handing out gifts, and much more!!! Please text or e-mail me if you would love to be a part of this very special morning. It will bring **JOY** to your heart!

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LOH Director

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Texas Lions Camp has reached the \$1 million milestone from Net Proceeds for the *Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament* (over 25 years) and was presented with the \$75,000 challenge grant by James Avery Artisan Jewelry at our Friday Awards Night Celebrations.

From left to right: 2nd VDG Bonita Davis, 5KForEvetv founder Danyelle Spencer-Morris and Lion Savannah Ardoin after completing the 5K Race.



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MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 26TH 8AM - 1PM**



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BREAKFAST

Cut Seasonal Fruit and Berries
Scrambled Eggs - Breakfast Potatoes - Chef's Choice of Meat
Selection of Black, Herbal and Green Teas
Freshly Brewed Starbucks Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee

GENERAL SESSION

Call to Order – 1st Vice District Governor Tony Austin
Invocation – District Chaplain Liesa Hackett
Pledges – 2nd Vice District Governor Bonita Davis
Welcome to Guests – 1VDG Tony Austin
Announcements and Housekeeping – 1st Vice District Governor Tony Austin
Introduction of District Governor – 1st Vice District Governor Tony Austin
District Governor Karl Johnson
Introduction of PCC TJ Tijerina - District Governor Karl Johnson
Past Council Chairman TJ Tijerina
Thanks and Presentation – District Governor Karl Johnson
Adjournment – 1st Vice District Governor Tony Austin

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

(see over)

LUNCH

Freshly Baked Breads and Butter
Wedge Salad with Ranch Dressing
Garlic Chicken (Roasted Garlic Chicken Jus Lis)
Green Beans, Roasted Red Potatoes
Chef's Choice of Dessert
Freshly Brewed Starbucks Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee
Selection of Black, Herbal and Green Teas
CABINET MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 1:30

\$25
\$35 after
January 1st

<p>Breakout Session 1 Salon 11 NEW VOICES</p> <p>TALKING ABOUT IP GUDRUN'S NEW VOICES INITIATIVE WITH LOCAL EXAMPLES</p>	<p>Breakout Session 2 Salon 12 TEXAS LIONS CAMP THE STRATEGIC PLAN</p> <p>GIVING AN UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN</p>
<p>Breakout Session 3 Salon 11 TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP</p> <p>DISCUSSING THE VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO LIONS EG. ELLI, ALLI, LIONS UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>Breakout Session 4 Salon 12 FOCUS ON SERVICE</p> <p>DISCUSSING EXAMPLES OF LOCAL FOCUS 5 ACTIVITIES</p>

JOIN US FOR THIS ANNUAL UPDATE WHERE YOU WILL LEARN MUCH MORE ABOUT LIONS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN A FUN ATMOSPHERE. PLUS ENJOY TWO MEALS WITH ENGAGING SPEAKERS!

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NAME _____
CLUB _____
TEL _____ EMAIL _____

CABINET MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 1:30

Timely PSA: From 2-S2 Alert Chair, Leta Massey



- 1.) Depending on your location, you may be required to have snow chains available. Obviously, make sure the tires themselves are serviceable, because worn tires are a hazard regardless of the weather. All wheel drive vehicles are usually exempt from chain requirements but check the state laws.
- 2.) Anti-freeze should be checked, and it is always a good idea to have your system flushed and checked once a year.
- 3.) Have cold weather shoes/boots in the vehicle. You cannot walk on slippery surfaces with high heels and loafers and some people have been stranded, because their footwear would not let them get 10 feet from their vehicle if the ground is slick with ice or snow.
- 4.) Heavy coat, gloves, and hat should be in the vehicle as well as, blankets such as wool and/or Mylar solar blankets. Sleeping bags can also be used.
- 5.) A cell phone charger could be a lifesaver, so make sure you have the right one in the car, and having a spare battery is not a bad idea either. The point is you always need the means to communicate. You cannot let a dead battery come between you and survival. Carrying a CB or Ham radio can help in the event you are stranded or have an emergency.
- 6.) If you get stranded for more than a few hours you will need water for hydration. Have a gallon of fresh water on hand at all times. Break it up into bottles that can be carried with you.
- 7.) Food is important for morale. You won't starve if you go for 24 or 48 hours without any, but you need it to keep your energy levels high, and to keep your spirits up. Food, as it digests, will also help maintain proper core body temperatures.
- 8.) Extra battery/battery pack and cables for jump starting a dead battery. You can jump start your vehicle battery from a spare battery if you have the cables.
- 9.) Basic tool kit and other gear. Duct tape, small battery operated or hand crank radio with a weather station, multi-tool and small tool kit for minor repairs. Make sure you know how to change a flat tire and that the jack and lug wrench are in the car and they match the vehicle. Carry matches, lighters, road flares, and signal flags, along with glow sticks, flashlights and candles in a metal can for emergency heat and light.
- 10.) Do not get in a hurry and stay informed on weather conditions. Leave yourself plenty of time if you are worried about getting to work or to anywhere on time. Pack your patience.



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.