



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



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“TO REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS, WE MUST REACH WITHIN OUR CLUBS, COMMUNITIES AND SELVES.” –

International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

AUGUST 2018

KARLS KAPERS

Are you flying or walking? What do you mean huh? Remember the last District Convention? Right now I am flying... Flying blind but I only have to worry about the mountains!

Las Vegas was a rush. First there were 5 days of intense training, and then 3 days of general sessions. Would you believe Jane and I never left the MGM facility except for the parade, and the DGE banquet.

I never quite understood how the “pulling” of the ribbon worked. Now I do!. As I am sure all of you can imagine, my year has started well. We have held “go to meeting” meetings, my first Cabinet meeting, and I have started doing my DG visits. We held a paintball fight with some of the cabinet members. WE HAD A BLAST! Tank has offered to hold another one for us in the fall or spring.. look forward to it! We are also looking at “retreats”, and cabinet get togethers .. anyone interested in a Wine tasting?

IP Gudren is “Looking beyond the Horizon“. We need to look there also.. we can do that better if we “fly”. If we are motivated and inspired. Think on those moments in Lionism that touched your hearts and share them with new members.

Any ideas on a district service project? I am looking for one. And I am looking for a district fund raiser also.



The cabinet meeting dates have been set. Next one will be October 6th starting at 4 pm Just before the Bob Dowden dinner. Please make plans to attend and see how you can be a part of the Cabinet.

Blessings to All for all you do ... **DG Karl**

SAVE THE DATES!

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

7pm to 8:30pm

President and Secretaries Council

China Bear Restaurant

[15000 North Fwy, Houston, TX 77090](#)

SEPTEMBER 20TH TO SATURDAY 23RD

USA Canada Forum

Columbus Ohio

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

10AM TO 3:30PM



KLEIN LIONS CLUB
16823 Theiss Mail
Route at Louetta Rd

TONY'S TALES

It has been a really busy and productive few months. We have had our District and State Conventions, Council of Governors meetings, Lions Eye Bank and Texas Lions Camp orientations and our first cabinet meeting under Governor Karl.

I have been assisting DG Karl with some of the organizational changes and the transition of the IT and Webmaster duties from Lion Terry Landers who has done such a great job for us for so many years! The changes are taking effect and I believe they will greatly improve our ability as a cabinet to help the clubs prosper and grow and reduce the amount of time wasted in unproductive meetings and activities. As a part of that we will make increasing use of technology tools like GoToMeeting and live streaming to reduce costly and time-consuming travel.

Over the next few months I will be working on our communications strategy to help us better communicate with clubs and members. Our new International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir, has challenged us to explore new horizons and LCI is reshaping our approach to service part of which is the emphasis on 5 new focus areas:



Our primary communication medium is likely to be email and our website and we will be working with Zone Chairpersons and clubs to get the 20% of our members with no email address in mycli updated. Please be sure that your President or Secretary are keeping mycli updated with your membership and service activities.

Some highlights from mycli Service Activities:

- **Diabetes** -Two diabetic campers were sponsored to Texas Lions camp by **Montgomery** club.
- **Environment** – **Katy** club cleaned trash along a 2-mile stretch of Fm2855 while **Klein** regularly collects recycle items from family and friends.
- **Hunger** – no hunger related activities reported!
- **Vision** – **Crosby** and **Humble Noon** both provide eye exams and glasses for the needy. **Houston Cy-Fair, Klein** and **Magnolia** all collect used eyeglasses for the Recycle Center. Houston Cy-Fair had a local optometrist as a guest speaker to talk about the benefits of early eye vision screening.
- **Pediatric Cancer** – **Montgomery** sponsored a cancer victim to Texas Lions Camp and **Houston Royal Oaks** were at the camp graduation for campers with cancer and physical disabilities.

Finally, a shout-out to **Lion Bob Free** of **Magnolia** for 47 years of Perfect Attendance!!

From 2VDG Bonita

Greetings, Fellow Lions!

This is an exciting time in Lionism. We have completed a century plus one year of service and are ready to press forward into the next century with enthusiasm for our vocation. We have been challenged by our International President, Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, to go “beyond the horizon,” with regard to our service opportunities.

District 2-S2 is ready for the challenge! Our District Governor welcomes fresh, innovative ideas from everyone. We will all work together; using our skill sets to enhance District 2-S2 and make it the most superb district in MD2, the USA, and LCI!

During this time, we are all keeping abreast of information and engaging ourselves in every directive from coming from LCI, MD2, and District Governor Karl Johnson and our team. If I may be of service, just contact me.

Yours in Service,

Bonita Davis

2nd Vice District Governor

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Lion Ernesto “T.J.” Tijerina

Your Candidate for International Director



“Team Tijerina”



Leadership Development

- ❖ Empowering Lions and promoting Dynamic Leaders!
- ❖ Develop opportunities for Lions to be Active and Participate!

Membership Growth

- ❖ Adding Helping Hands will promote Lions Programs!
- ❖ Having Fun and Fellowship will lead to Retention of the Lions!

Service

- ❖ Serving Communities with Innovative Programs!
- ❖ Focusing on Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment, and Pediatric Cancer!
- ❖ Changing Lives and improving Communities!



Serving You



Serving the World

With your support for our “Team Tijerina” and your vote for Lion “T.J.”, you are sure to have the strongest and best representation for International Director

Lion “T.J.” is committed to making sure that the future of our International Association remains strong and that the Lions continue to lead the way in our world as the largest and best service organization. With your helping hands together with Lion Juanita, his wife of 45 years, “Team Tijerina” is prepared to serve you, the Lions of Texas and the world as your International Director. Lion “T.J.” can always be counted on to see that any job that is worth doing is “worth doing well” and that it is always done with integrity and compassion.



BOOK YOUR SEAT/TABLE TODAY!!

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



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 DEDUCTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO TEXAS LIONS CAMP
AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!*

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

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Live Music • Live Auction • Special Drawing

Hello Lions!

The new Lions Year is getting into full swing! DG Karl and his Governor's Team of VDG's, Tony and Bonita, have asked me to promote SERVICE throughout district 2S2 and to focus on helping you report your service. This is my responsibility as our District's representative on the Global Service Team. The foundation of our organization is SERVICE. This is where we start to grow our membership and promote leadership. Your district reps for the Global Membership Team, PDG Mark, and the Global Leadership Team, PDG Chris, and I will all be working together to help YOU grow your club and your leadership through SERVICE!

As the year progresses, I plan on focusing each month on how you can make an IMPACT in one of the five areas of service that we should be focusing on. These are DIABETES, ENVIRONMENT, HUNGER RELIEF, PEDIATRIC CANCER AND VISION. We also will be discussing on how important reporting our service is. We will be learning about exciting new service projects and sharing our own service project ideas throughout the year.

So, Fellow Lions Family Members, join with me in the coming year as we strengthen our foundation and build our future through SERVICE. Service is after all what our organization and clubs are meant to do. Our motto, "WE SERVE", says it all, doesn't it? Service is easy, it is what we do. I know I will be "preaching to the choir" most of the year as I promote service but we all can always learn something new. I am looking forward to visiting with you and your clubs to discuss the Future of Lionism Through Service!

PDG Rick Reynolds
Global SERVICE Team, 2S2

Texas Lions Camp – A Tribute



I had to share this. Last week Texas Lions Camp Diabetes Session 2 ended. We are just 49 weeks away until we're back. This message from a mom exemplifies what camp is for many families:

Dr. Ponder,

My daughter asked me to return to camp as soon as I picked her up. I will gladly allow her to go every time because of the care & comfort she received. The week prior to drop off I was a nervous wreck because Shelby is the only child and this is her first time being away for so long. On the way to camp I was holding back the tears, trying to remain strong for her. When we arrived at her dorm I did not want to leave but she was ready for us to go. Kelly on the med staff walked in and spoke to me and advised everything would be okay. She explained to me she has a son with type 1 diabetes, he was there at camp as well. She took the time to explain her story as well as her role at the camp. Once I talked to her my tears went away and I was able to give a sigh of relief. I was able to leave in confidence knowing Shelby was at a great place with people who would take care of her.

I really enjoyed your talk on the last day. You helped me breakthrough the feeling of guilt I have felt since she was diagnosed in 2015. I always put diabetes on me and wondered what I did and how I could have eliminated this. I often felt it was my fault and hesitated having any additional kids for fear of my next child having the same. "This is not your fault", was the most powerful moment of the night for me. THANK YOU, I needed to hear this. It was at this point the heavy weight of guilt was lifted.

When I picked my daughter up, she was a new person. She was confident and excited about all the memories she created during her week at camp. She met lots of friends, they exchanged numbers and have been talking ever since. The entire trip home we heard all about camp from start to finish, she never missed a memory.

One take away from your discussion was when you stated your goal, "just to be normal". This is something my family has also struggled with. We do not know many people with type 1 diabetes but how cool was it for her to spend a week with people like her. Prior to camp she felt like she was not normal and sometimes would have mini breakdowns about not being able to eat like others. Once I picked her up, I noticed the goal was met. The confidence and excitement was not only about all the fun she had but now she was NORMAL like everyone else.

Thank you all for creating a loving environment that allows everyone to feel "normal".

Sheila Greer



Diabetes

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.