



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



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" We are an association made up of a great many diverse individuals, who each constitute a wave of action that combines to form a collection ocean of service."

President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

KARLS KAPERS

Are you Flying?

I hope that this finds you The heart of District 2-S2 well, happy, satisfied with what you have accomplished over the last year. The District has made some significant changes, and advancements. We have secured our 501c3 status, we have adopted Goal Ball as a District service project, we held meetings by conference call instead of driving to meet somewhere, we have added 2 new clubs and have the potential of adding a couple more before the year is over. We are on track to be net positive in growth for the district (fingers crossed!) We are working with Texas Children's Hospital to get them a robotic feeder for those who can't feed themselves, we have taken the directory online and saved the District 2500 in printing costs, and the list goes on.

We had a very enjoyable District convention! PIP Bill Biggs was great! The dueling pianos on Friday were a roaring success! We handed out 5 Presidential certificates, 3 presidential metals (one was for leadership) PIP Biggs gave out 4 Presential banners to clubs that had reported the most service projects. And numerous Governor's awards were awarded. PDG Charles Martin took Lion of the Year! We consolidated the hospitality rooms and had one large one. A BIG thank you to Conroe Noon for heading this up, Fantastic job!

I ask you to attend the June 5th P&S meeting. It will be my last, and we will be voting for a new P&S President... And I heard that there were several clubs that needed to attend and retrieve their gavels... Not sure how they lost them, but there appears to be a correlation to when Tony attends DG visits... (Ed: Hey what!!)

Blessings to All for all you do,

DG Karl

MAY 2019

SAVE THE DATES!

Remember to send in the details of your club events and projects so that we can include them in the newsletter!

SEND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER BY JUNE 8th TO newsletter@lions2s2.org



TONY'S TALES

I have had the pleasure to visit with a lot of the clubs in the past year with DG Karl. It has been very rewarding, and educational, to hear about the work they are doing and the fun they are having. We have clubs with as few as 6 members and as many as 314, but they all share our common purpose – community service. All of our clubs are made up of great people who have given their time and unique talents to benefit those in need. Even with the smaller clubs it is so exciting to hear about the wide range of activities that are tailored to the exact needs of their communities. Our focus on the Global Service Activities also gives us the chance to make difference to the most vulnerable with great help and support from our headquarters' teams. Take some time to review the new LCI website – <https://www.lionsclubs.org> -and you will find that it is now designed to showcase and emphasis our focus areas.

Our District Chair for Opportunities for Youth has been trying to reach clubs to offer a program about the Essay/Speech contests. We are changing the program to make the deadline for submissions to be the end of December and we will get to hear from the entries at our Mid-Winter conference in January. Remember these contests offer great scholarship as well as the opportunity to compete at the State level for more scholarships. Contact Sara at scootsd2s2@gmail.com.

Please take a look at the ad in this newsletter for the James Avery Challenge. The aim is to raise \$100,000 from the Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament. You can donate in many ways to help the cause, and James Avery will match your donation!

Thanks to those who have contacted me about the leadership team for next year and I encourage more of you to please consider taking one of the positions. You will have a lot of fun!!

1st VDG Tony Austin

BONITA'S BULLETIN

Spring definitely sprang in District 2-S2! Our clubs are brimming with activities and new clubs are being added to our family. Governor Elect Tony has asked that Lions look at the cabinet positions available for the incoming year. I urge each of you to do so Step into leadership. You will not regret it! Perhaps you will like it so much that you will want to remain on for 2020-2021.

I appreciate each and every smile and show of support. It is together that we can accomplish so much. We had an amazing time at the District Convention. Hats off to DGE Tony and crew! We are looking forward to even more participation in the coming years. It is great for Lions to celebrate achievements and fellowship.

Please know that I am only a call away. Take me up on that. I truly enjoy taking part in all Lions' activities.

2nd VDG Bonita Davis

PAST INTERATIONAL PRESIDENT WILLIAM 'BILL' BIGGS

We were honored to have PIP Bill and PID Dana as our guests at the Annual Convention. They delighted us with their messages and their interaction with the Lions present. They sent [this note](#) to our leadership team.



**James Avery Artisan Jewelry® offers
\$100,000 Challenge in honor of
70th Anniversary of Texas Lions Camp**

Named Title Sponsor for 26th Annual Harry
Wickersham Golf Tournament

*Kerrville, Texas - James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has issued a \$100,000 challenge grant in honor of the 70th Anniversary year of Texas Lions Camp in 2019 and in support of the 26th Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament to be held in August 2019. Every gift designated for the event will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. With this challenge, James Avery Artisan Jewelry® has also been named the **Title Sponsor** for the 2019 tournament.*

“Texas Lions Camp is honored that *James Avery Artisan Jewelry®* has again honored our organization and mission by offering this challenging and generous opportunity as well as taking a leadership role as the Title Sponsor for this event, said Chief Executive Officer of TLC Stephen S. Mabry, CAE.

President & CEO of *James Avery Artisan Jewelry®* Chris Avery stated, “Texas Lions Camp helps children from across Texas share in a unique summer camp experience where they learn about dealing with their respective disabilities. Our organization is pleased to offer this \$100,000 challenge grant in recognition of the unique work being accomplished which impacts the lives of children with physical disabilities, Down syndrome, cancer and Type 1 diabetes. In addition, it is our hope that this incentive will also encourage Lions, friends of TLC, corporations and foundations to provide charitable support during this anniversary year.”

Mabry added, “For 70 years, the Lions of Texas and TLC have introduced over 74,000 children to the ‘CAN DO’ philosophy and encouraged them to reach for new horizons and celebrate exciting, first-time experiences. Corporate sponsorships with special friends allow us to help some of the most amazing children share in the best summers of their lives.”

About James Avery Artisan Jewelry®– James Avery is a vertically integrated, family owned company located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. The company offers finely crafted jewelry designs for men and women in sterling silver, 14K and 18K gold, gemstones and leather wallets – designed by their own skilled artisans in Kerrville, Texas. They are a multi-channel retailer with more than 80 James Avery stores in five states. Their jewelry is also available in more than 215 Dillard’s stores in Texas and in 28 additional states; and nationwide through JamesAvery.com. James Avery crafts jewelry in four Texas workshops in Comfort, Fredericksburg, Hondo and Kerrville. For more information, visit JamesAvery.com or facebook.com/JamesAvery.

About Texas Lions Camp, Inc.- Texas Lions Camp, Inc., provides, without charge, a camp for children with special medical conditions from the State of Texas, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

The organization was chartered as a nonprofit corporation on April 4, 1949 by the Lions Clubs of Texas and is recognized as a non-profit corporation, under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, the organization is recognized with a Four-Star rating for Accountability and Transparency from Charity Navigator and as a Gold-level participant on GuideStar.

Those who are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to the work of Texas Lions Camp are invited to visit www.lionscamp.com or by emailing Milton L. Dare at mdare@lionscamp.com. If preferred, you may also call 830-896-8500 for more information.