

**Lions District 2-S2**  
**First Cabinet Meeting 2017-2018**  
**Minutes**  
**July 15, 2017**

Those in attendance:

District Governor Betty Ezell  
1st Vice District Governor-Lion Karl Johnson  
2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tony Austin  
IPDG Mark Roth  
Lion Diane Au-Thornton  
PDG Margaret Badeaux  
PDG Bert Baker  
Lion Wayne Bergeron  
Lion Thomas Capers  
Lion James "Bud" Casey  
Lion Ladoris Cates  
Lion Judy Champion  
Lion Minette Chiu  
Lion Bonita Davis  
Lion Stedman Douglas  
Lion Winnie Mae Eads  
Lion Lisa Free-Martin  
Lion Elizabeth "Liza" Garza  
Lion Jan Gloria  
Lion Dr. James Gracey  
Lion Liesa Hackett  
Lion Steve Hand  
Lion Ken Harrison  
Lion Lynn Harrison  
Lion Polo LaCoste, Sr.  
Lion Neil Lander  
Lion Donald Landers  
PDG Ronald Landers  
Lion Terry Landers  
Lion Barbara LeBoff  
Lion Dwayne Litteer  
PDG Charles "Chuck" Martin  
Lion Elizabeth "Liz" Mason  
Lion Paul Moore  
  
PDG Chris Moorman  
  
Lion Emee Nisnisan  
PDG Rick Reynolds  
Lion Marla Reynolds  
Lion Nancy Roades  
Lion John "Tank" Tankersley  
Lion Jerome Teichmiller  
Lion Sam Thomas  
Lion Syd Waldman  
Lion Paul Yackley  
Lion Lucy Gonzales  
Lion Nancy Chesbro

Lion Elizabeth Booth  
PDG Noah Speer  
Lion Jane Johnson  
Lion Linda Bradley  
Lion "Doc" Bradley

The meeting was called to order by Cy Fair Lions Club President Lion Keith Blasie at 9 AM.

District Chaplin Lion Liesa Hackett offered the invocation and IPDG Mark Roth led the Lions in the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Lion Ladoris Cates guided the gathering through singing "God Bless America".

Past District Governor Chuck Martin usurped floor before the meeting got under way. He congratulated Immediate Past District Governor Mark Roth on an outstanding year. He announced IPDG Mark was the first Governor to end the year with an increase since PDG Chuck was in office in 2009-2010. By the slightest margin, more new clubs were, also, formed in IPDG Mark's year. He thanked IPDG Mark for taking steps in growing membership in our District.

Tail Twister Lion Sam Thomas took a minute to start the year off right by raising money through fines from those not attending the International Convention.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Karl Johnson introduced District Governor Betty Ezell.

District Governor Betty began by explaining the "Heart of a Lion" award that she will be presenting throughout the year. The first one has gone to our elder Lion who has done so much for this District, for Lionism and for Lion Betty, herself, as a wonderful mentor and confident. PDG Eddie Munger has been a lion for 67 years is 101 years old and now resides in a nursing home.

With the assistance of a visiting Lion (in the animal vein), DG Betty awarded some Heart of Lion awards.

First, IPDG Mark had to help the Lion "get his head on straight, a great example of how we all should help our fellow Lions get their head on straight upon occasion. Lion Judy Champion was awarded one for her assistance in getting this first cabinet meeting together. IPDG Mark was awarded a Heart of a Lion award for the kindness and inspiration shown to an ailing fellow Lion while the Lion was hospitalized. Not only was his visit appreciated, the pin he placed on the Lion's hospital gown is cherished. This Lion thanks IPDG Mark, as we all do, for reminding us what the spirit of our Lions family should be.

DG Betty asked that when someone would like to nominate someone for a Heart of the Lion award, please email the Lion's name, the club name and the deed.

The DG told a story to remind us that sometimes, in our Lion's family, it is a good thing to slow down, take a breath and take a step back. We need to remind each other to do that. She spoke of bringing back the feeling of being a family to our district, how it will help each of us and help our district grow.

DG Betty introduced Lion Liesa Hackett as our chaplain. Please let Lion Liesa know of any death, illness and hardship in your club so we can let all Lions know that we are family and we care about each other. Zone Chairs need to carry this message to every club. She impressed upon the group that we are her family and that she loves each of us.

The Governor introduced her theme for the year, "Future Difference Makers". She explained the big and small things we do and can do every day to make a difference.

She closed her message by asking that Lion Liesa post PDG Lion Eddie Munger's address on the chaplain's website so that we might all send him a card occasionally. This will make a big difference in the life of a Lion who has given us so much. PDG Eddie and DG Betty will both appreciate this gesture.

Following the guidelines of our District constitution, the Cabinet for the Lions' year 2017-2018 was officially formed according to the procedure outlined in said constitution. This needs to be done but once a year and now we are ready to carry on the business of the District.

Cabinet Secretary Lion Judy Champion confirmed that a quorum had been established. She announced that two corrections had already been made to the minutes as they had been published for review on the District website. PDG Chuck Martin moved the minutes be approved as adjusted. Lion Emee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DG Betty awarded certificates of appointment to each cabinet member as they gave their reports.

Book keeper PDG Chuck Martin presented the year-end financial report as it had been published on the District 2-S2 website. A formal report is attached. Lion Syd Waldman moved the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion was seconded by PDG Ronald Landers. The motion passed.

Treasurer Lion Steve Hand presented the budget and the 100% Charities for this Lion's year. PDG Noah Speer asked for explanation of earmarked funds in the Promote 2-S2 fund. PDG Chuck explained these funds had been requested by PDG Chris Moorman to be earmarked for a celebration to be held in the fall. It was explained where and how to find the financials on our website.

The financials were also presented in the email notice of the Cabinet Meeting, therefore, everyone should make sure that Lion Terry Landers, our webmaster, has your correct email address. Further, it explained that due to cost of printing, everyone is asked to print their own copy if they want one. Motion to approve budget was made by PDG Ronald Lander and seconded by IPDG Mark Roth. Motion carried. Lon Steve presented a resolution to remain at Chase Bank and Capitol One (savings) for our financial institutions and that 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG Tony Austin's name be added to the account as PDG Noah Speer's name is removed. Resolution attached. IPDG Mark Roth moved to accept resolution; PDG Ronald Landers seconded and the motion passed. Lion Steve announced that he had a \$500 check from Anahuac for the camper transportation fund. He commented that the camper transportation went great this year and PDG Chuck announced that we did have the funds to pay for it.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG Karl Johnson began his report by thanking IPDG Mark Roth for a wonderful year last year. He greatly endorses the DG's theme of Future Difference Makers. He pointed out that it is our responsibility to bring the young generation into leadership of our family. So he asks that each of us look for someone younger to mentor to move forward into leadership positions. He shared how he is getting is year started with service.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG Tony Austin reported that he is ready to start learning. He agrees with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG Karl that we need to work with our younger Lions. We need to take a fresh look at who we are and where we want to go.

As DG Betty began to call on her team for their report, she thanked the Lions for the opportunity to serve, thanked IPDG Mark for his wonderful year and pledged to serve this District to the best of her ability.

**Written reports are attached at the end and are to be considered part of these minutes.**

Region One Chair – Lion Syd Waldman reported that all his Zone Chairs were in attendance. They are off to a great start. Some clubs in this zone need some special attention and all are looking forward to getting busy.

Zone L-1 - Lion Elizabeth "Liz" Mason will be meeting with Westbury in August to work on a joint fundraiser. She invited all Lions to join her club in working with Fisher House at the VA hospital.

Zone L-2 - Lion Diane Au-Thornton- no report

Zone L-3 – Lion Minette Chiu – written report

Zone L-4- Lion John "Tank" Tankersley- no report

The DG called on our Chaplain to give her report so that she might leave for a funeral. Two main projects this year will be to see that families of deceased Lions know that the Lion's life and service were appreciated and to make sure those Lions who are ill or just cannot make it to meetings anymore are remembered and appreciated. She shared with the group the resolution to the Burge family on the loss of PDG John Burge.

Region Two Chair – PDG Chuck Martin . It was announced that Lion Donald Landers had accidentally been omitted. PDG Chuck has 4 instead of 3 Zones

Zone I-1 – Lion Paul Yackley

Zone I-2 – Lion Donald Landers- written report

Zone I-3 Lion Thomas Capers

Zone I-4 – Lion Jeffrey Bules

Region Three Chair – Lion Winnie Mae Eads reported one zone chair present.

Zone O-1 – Lion Paul Moore- written report

Zone O-2 – Lion Polo La Coste, Sr.

#### Zone O-3 – vacant

Region Four Chair – Lion Dr. James Gracey will be meeting with zone chairs soon. Their focus will be on membership and retention. He has signed up a member at large from Ireland for his club, the Crosby Lions

Zone N-1 – Lion Bonita Davis has been busy installing officers in clubs in her zone and next she will be meeting with Leos who went to Chicago Herr own club, Hardin, lost several valuable members to death last year; however, the good news is they are up four members- one of which is a young member, her daughter who is 19 years old. She is looking forward to working with the Lions who are her family, also. DG Betty pointed out that Lion Bonita was the first to volunteer to be a zone chair this year.

Zone N-2 – Lion Neil Lander- no report

Zone N-3 – Lion Dwayne Litteer – no report

Zone N-4 – Lion Nancy Roades- written report

#### Texas Lions Camp

Lion Emee Nisnisan introduced our newest camp director Lion Lisa Free-Martin. Her goals for the year include increasing club member's awareness and engagement of the camp's activities and concerns; continue to encourage clubs to appoint club liaisons to the camp; increase the number of century club members, life memberships to the camp and Jack Weich Fellows; increase number of campers by 20 % and to make at least \$20,000 from the Bob Dowdin Event for the camp this year. This event will be held on September the 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Place in the Woodlands. Registration begins at 4pm, dinner and entertainment begins at 5:50 pm. Efforts are being made to keep ticket prices at \$25. All are encouraged to bring silent and live auction items. Directors will be making club meetings to sell tickets.

The directors would like to visit all clubs this year and assist in helping reach this year's goals. Lion Lisa attended the amp VIP weekend and they will be attending another camp event August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Lion Lisa asked that if you have any questions, please reach out by telephone or email. Lion Emee asked that more clubs get involved with the bus camper transportation. It was ascertained that we do not yet have campers numbers for this year. Lion Emee announced that the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament is going to be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. She has forms for donations.

DG Betty added that the camp was underfunded last year and they are asking clubs to contribute. Our District was 100% in contributions again this year.

#### Director for State Museum

PDG Margaret Badeaux – no report

PDG Chuck asked about the method to follow to make historical donations. As there has been no meeting, no guidelines given, he will take to the Council Meeting.

#### Lions Eye Bank

Lion Elizabeth Garza is committing to working hard this year. Her goals include visiting two clubs a month, increasing cornea donor numbers and working the fund raiser bowlathon. Also, Lions can sign up for a program with Randall's for donations to be made to the Eye Bank. Tours can be arranged for Lions and Clubs. A display booth will be manned at the backpack event on August 5<sup>th</sup> as well as at PSC meetings. The Eye Bank first meeting and dinner will be on Monday. Lion Liza also pointed out that Lions are celebrating 30 years of women being in Lionism.

Lion Syd Waldman will be at the dinner Monday night and will have his training in August so that he might serve us well. He turned the floor over to IPDG Mark who told a touching story of eye bank and recovery entities working together to help something meaningful come out of the sad death of a baby by recovering corneas for research into causes of blindness.

#### Lighthouse of Houston

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG Tony Austin reminded us that the Houston Founder Lions Club helped with the original funding for the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse still appreciates Lions' involvement and looks forward to our being a part of their future project

Lion Marla Reynolds is the “newbie” on the block and looking forward getting to work.

#### Honorary

IPDG Mark Roth did some tidying up from last year by presenting some awards lingering from last year including ones to Lion Susan St. Germain, Lion James Gracey, Lion John “Tank” Tankersley, Lion Syd Waldman, Lion Terry Landers. He also awarded a fun award, “The Goat Award” to Lion Joey Nisnisan. IPDG Mark pointed out that G.O.A.T really stands for Greatest of All Time. This was presented because Lion Joey served as Most Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge and needed to put his Lions service second. A new award, Rookie Lion of the Year was awarded to Lion Lucy Gonzalez.

IPDG Mark reported PDG Ronnie Martin has expressed a desire to serve Lions as an International Director. Several other Lions may also be interested in doing so. No action was taken by this cabinet at this time.

#### ALERT

Lion Wayne Bergeron thanked all those clubs that have been distributing emergency preparedness kits and encouraged all Clubs to do so. There will be a Texas Camp for Preparation on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Information Technology & Webmaster

Lion Terry Landers reported that the website is being updated. He, also, reported that we need new batteries for the microphone. He reminded all that although he was being lenient this month, the normal deadline for newsletter submissions is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

#### Constitution /Bylaws & Parliamentarian

PDG Ronald Landers – written report

#### Convention and Mid-Winter Conference Chair

PDG Rick Reynolds & Co-Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tony Austin – The District Convention location will be the same as last year. It will be the first weekend in May. Registrations will be ready by August and IF you register in August or September (paid registration), you get Mid-Winter registration free.

#### District Directory – PDG Ronald Landers- written report

#### State Hall Of Fame – PDG Ronald Landers- written report

#### Lion Tamers – The Landers Family- no report

#### District Newsletter – Lion Terry Landers- already given

#### Opportunities for Youth – Lion Jan Gloria- no report

#### President & Secretary Council

Lion Elizabeth “Liza” Garza is looking forward to the coming year and working with DG Betty  
Lion Jerome Teichmiller- no report

#### Public Relations & Lions Information Lion Donald Landers- written report

#### Tail Twisters

Lion Sam Thomas asked for a motion on where Tail Twister money should be donated. PDG Chuck moved that these funds go to the Texas Lions Camp. Lion Syd Waldham seconded motion. Motion passed.

#### Texas Lions Foundation PDG Ronald Landers is going back on the Board of the Texas Lions Foundation this year.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Karl Johnson called on his team for reports.**

#### Humanitarian Relief Fund

Lion Donald Landers, Lion Bud Casey, Lion Stedman Douglas  
It was reported that two requests have been approved and funded since our last cabinet meeting.

#### Leo Clubs PDG Albert Baker – written report

#### LCI Centennial Celebration

MD-2 Liaison

District Co-Chair PDG Noah Speer reported for PDG Eddie Risha that monies approved last year had been spent on a Lions float in the Houston Rodeo Parade. This float is available for use for three years. Cost for use and transportation for each event is \$3,500. The District is considering using the float in the 2017 Thanksgiving Parade in Houston.

District Co-Chair PDG Chris Moorman reported that the District Centennial Family Picnic was held at the Lighthouse of Houston.

#### GLT District Coordinator

PDG Chris Moorman provided a written report. He announced that an officer training will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. An email about this will be sent.

#### GMT District Coordinator

IPDG Mark Roth will be putting emphasis on getting more Guiding Lions. PDG Chuck pointed out that the Clear Lake City Lions Club that chartered with 20 members is now down to 5. Rebuilding needs to focus on the Clubs in Clear Lake City, the Houston Founder and LaPorte.

#### GST District Chairman

PDG Rick Reynolds reported this is a new position but will be all about what he is about – SERVICE.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Tony Austin called on his Team for reports**

Peace Poster Contest – Lion Barbara LeBoff- written report

Lions Services for Children – Lions Lynn and Ken Harrison- no report

#### Camper Transportation

Lion Melissa Bjorgaard and Lion Lisa Free Martin thanked those who helped this year and asked that more clubs get involved in the future.

Vision Screening Lion Paul Moore – written report

District Chaplain Lion Liesa Hackett – report given earlier in the meeting

District Song Leader Lion Ladoris Cates reported no flat notes.

#### **Old Business**

PDG Chuck Martin reminded all that the Centennial Celebration for Texas committee would like all Texas Lions Districts to participate in a District-wide food drive project. At the September PSC meeting 2-S2 will be taking part in a “fill a car” food drive. PDG Albert Baker will bring his van to be filled with Lions food donations. PDG Chuck will be looking for suggestions for distributions of donations after they have been weighed.

#### **New Business**

IPDG Mark Roth presented a SightFirst II Grant Overview and a Resolution endorsing a grant request in the amount of \$250,000 to provide a “Lions” Legacy Project within the Lighthouse of Houston. This special project will include the expansion of the Lighthouse’s Low Vision Clinic and increase the number of clients served through their expanded health services programs. Written material attached. A motion to endorse the resolution was made by IPDG Mark Roth and seconded by 2nd Vice DG Tony Austin. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Judy Champion

#### **REPORTS**

#### **District 2-S2: Cabinet Meeting of the 2017 - 2018 year**

#### **Banking Board Resolutions:**

Treasurer Steve Hand is making the following motions:

1 Continue our banking relationship with Chase and Capital One for our savings

2 Add signer 2nd VDG Tony Austin

3 Remove signer PDG Noah Spear

This is the normal process of keeping our signers up to date and acknowledging the financial institutions that will be utilized for the new Lion year.

During the 1st month of the Lions 2017-2018 year of District 2S2, I made initial contact with the Presidents of the Houston Millennium, Houston Northwest, and Houston Spring Branch. I contacted via email, an advised them who I will be their Zoneperson this year. I advised that I will be making visits to their clubs and I'm available to help them find answers to any questions they might have. Gave them my Phone # and email address  
Donald Landers

## **1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting**

**July 16, 2017**

## **ZONE L-3 REPORT**

### **HOUSTON FIL-AM LIONS CLUB**

- Currently have 47 members
- Their biggest fundraiser of the year “Mrs. Philippines-Texas 2017” will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- General membership meetings are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

### **HOUSTON LADY LIONS CLUB**

- Currently have 33 members
- Plans are under way for their General Membership Meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>. They have invited International Director Sam Lindsay for their Installation of Officers.
- Their Annual Hats & High Tea Fundraiser is scheduled for October. A casino bus trip and women's conference event is scheduled for fall and early spring. They are still working on their calendar.
- One of their plans for this year involves pediatric cancer.
- They are going to assist Houston Royal Oaks Lions in their upcoming Annual Back to School Health Fair on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **HOUSTON MEMORIAL LIONS CLUB**

- Currently have 18 members
- I emailed their president to introduce myself and let him know that I plan to attend their next general membership meeting.

### **HOUSTON ROYAL OAKS LIONS CLUB**

- Currently have 70 members, 5 signed up as Century Club members
- Their officers just had a successful meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Several Committee chairpersons were appointed. Team leaders were also assigned to motivate and mentor the members who have not been participating in their activities or coming to meetings. Their calendar for the Lion Year has already been set. They are having their major annual fundraising gala event on November 11<sup>th</sup> which benefits the Texas Lions Camp, their signature humanitarian project Mission HOPE, and youth scholarships.

- They are getting very busy with several outreach activities lined up until December which started yesterday setting up the venue for the “Alief Honoring the Veterans Awards Luncheon” scheduled for today from 10 am – 2 pm.
- They have collaborated with Grandma’s Boys for the Annual Fajita Festival on July 22<sup>nd</sup> benefitting Texas Lions Camp.
- They have two (2) health fairs scheduled on the same day and same time on August 5<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Back to School Health & Resources Fair and Alief Back to School Health Fair.
- They are planning to launch their Health, Wellness, & Fitness Challenge as part of their Diabetes program in soon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Minette Chiu

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Donald Landers

## District 2-S 2, Zone O-1

Zone Chair Paul Moore

Report Date July 5, 2017

Clubs:

Conroe Noon Lions Club

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

Montgomery Lions Club

Tomball Lions Club

All clubs are in good standing.

I made an initial email contact with each of the President and Secretary of each club. I plan to attend a meeting of each club this month:

Conroe Noon Lions Club weekly

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club July 27

Montgomery Lions Club July 18

Tomball Lions Club July 28

I have requested each club to attend the PSC meeting each month. I plan to try and have a Zone Social at my house during August as an initial zone meeting for the year. I have suggested that we consider a zone activity during the year. This will be discussed at the social along with Fund Raising and Service Activities.

I followed up with Conroe Noon concerning their missing MMR reports (May and June 2017).

Apparently the 'Over 30 New Members' reports were submitted to the District Governor, as required by LCI, but it has not yet been received by LCI. Conroe Noon contacted Immediate Past District Governor Mark to determine what has become of the reports. This should clear the missing reports for the 2016-2017 Lions year.

Starting the year, the membership is as follows:

Conroe Noon Lions Club 307

Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club 28

Montgomery Lions Club 17

Tomball Lions Club 37

For Lions year 2016-2017 the zone had a net loss of 8 members with Montgomery being the only club to increase membership. I will work with the clubs to see if we cannot improve on those numbers

Lions international District 2S2

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Region 4

Zone N-4

Lion Nancy Roades

Attended Club Officers Training June 24,2AL7.

The training session was lead by PDG Rick Reynolds.

The training was very informative and enjoyable.

I was given a very useful manual.

I will be sending an e-mail to my clubs this week.

I will encourage my clubs to attend the August PSC meeting.

I will visit the clubs in August.

Thank you District Governor Betty Ezell for the opportunity to serve our District in 2017-2018.

Respectfully,

Lion Nancy Roades

Report for First Cabinet Meeting - July 15,2A17

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Plans are to compare the LCI Standard District Constitution and the current Lions District 2-S2 Constitution and merge together. Hopefully bring to the District Convention in May for a vote. This will bring our District up to the minimum standards set by Lions Clubs international.

TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION

Will be attending the first meeting of my term on Friday, August 4. Looking forward to being on that board again.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Plans are to send to the printer on Monday and have ready for the August PSC meeting.

I like to encourage the Zone Chairmen to contact their clubs and have a representative at the August PSC meeting, so that we will not have to mail to the directories. Handed around the Contact list from the directory for the cabinet members to verify the information.

LION TAMER

Realizing there is no budget for these items, I feel that we need to replace the American and Texas Flags, they are showing their age and the finger is getting dirty, even the dry cleaners could not get them looking better. Need new fennel for the Texas flag pole and inset to hold fennel on the Banner pole.

STATE HALL OF FAME

The committee consisting of PDG Irv Wishnow, PDG C. Don Robinson and myself as Chairman will be meeting later this fall to discuss and select our nominee the 2017-18 State hall of Fame. If you have suggestions, please send me a resume of that Lion.

Respectively submitted

- PDG Ronald Landers

Lions Clubs International

District 2 S-2

Leo Club Program

20L7-2018 Budget

To: 20L7-LB District Governor Betty Ezell, and District 2-52 Financial Board Committee

From: PDG Albert Baker, 20L7-L8 District Leo Clubs Chairman

First I would like to say what a pleasure it was to be asked to serve the Lions of District 2 S-2 as your District Leo Clubs Chairman. It has always been a great passion of mine to serve the communities by getting involved with our youth in many programs such as Leos, Cubsgard programs, scholarship programs, Texas Lions Camp, Louisiana Lions Camp and many more throughout the past 22 years as being a Lion.

My 2 year goal for District 2 S-2 Leo Program is to double the amount of Leo clubs in our district from 18 to 35. This goal is doable by getting the word out to all the surrounding ISD's in our 13 county areas.

To achieve my goal I am requesting the following funding from District 2-S2.

Leo Club Program Publications;

Alpha Leo Recruitment Posters

Leo Club Brochures

Alpha Leo Club Program Books

**Total:** \$500

District Leo Club Office Supplies;

Stationery/ Envelopes

Postage

**Total:** \$500

New Leo Club Sponsorships

5100 per New Leo Club reimbursement

(10 new Leo Clubs 2017-2018)

**Total:** \$1000

District Leo Program Budget 2017-18 \$2000  
Respectfully submitted by:  
PDG Albert Baker, District Leo Club Chairman

## GLT District Coordinator Report

July 15, 2017

1. Incoming Club Officer Training was held on June 24 and attended by 30 Lions.
  - a. Thanks to the following Lions who presented; Chuck Martin, Mark Roth, Rick Reynolds, Judy Champion, Betty Ezell, Liesa Hackett and Chris Moorman
  - b. Thanks to the Houston Spring Branch Lions Club for obtaining the training location.
2. A second incoming Club Officer Training session is being planned for later in July.
3. LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) and Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is November 10-13, 2017 in Denver Colorado. ELLI focuses on developing leaders for the club level and ALLI focuses on developing leaders for the Zone, Region and District level. ALLI is available for Lions who have not yet reached the office of First Vice District Governor and ELLI is available for Lions who have not yet reached the office of Club President. The cost for each is \$125 and includes lodging and meals, while the Institute is in session. Transportation to and from the Institute is not covered. This is a tremendous value and I urge clubs with potential candidates to consider paying the fee and\or transportation if club funds are available.

Chris Moorman  
GLT District Coordinator

# District 2-S2

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## *Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Committee*

Chairperson    Paul Moore

Report Date    July 15, 2017

I am working on my goals for the year for this committee. All of these goals are preliminary as I have not discussed the Governor's goals or wishes.

1. Organize Vision Screening Manufacturer's Certification Sessions at least 4 times per year
  - a. Objective: Certify 20 Lions on Plusoptix equipment or Welch Allyn equipment based on the equipment purchased by their club.
  - b. Objective: Certify 20 Lions on Plusoptix equipment for clubs that do not own their own vision screening equipment
2. Organize 2 Texas DSHS State Vision Screening Certification Classes during this Lions Year
  - a. Objective: Have 20 Lions, in District 2-S2, obtain state certification for performing vision screening in Texas Public and Private schools.
3. Assist in organizing 2 District or multi-club vision screenings during the Lions year
  - a. The first of these events will be at the Royal Oaks Lions Backpack distribution.
4. Encourage clubs within our district to make use of the District 2-S2 owned Plusoptix machine to perform screenings in their own communities.
  - a. Objective: Have 6 clubs in the district 'borrow' the district machine to perform local vision screenings.
    - i. The first event will be held Aug 3 by the Montgomery Lions Club
5. Encourage clubs to have a meeting presentation on either Vision Screening, Eye Bank, or Lighthouse for the Blind to spread the word on how Lions are currently making a difference and how we can have a bigger impact on our communities.
  - a. Objective: Schedule 10 club visits during the Lions year 2017-2018
6. Inform clubs, via email to the Presidents and Secretaries, about LCI sponsored dates about Vision issues such as:
  - a. October 9-15: Worldwide Week of Service in Sight
  - b. October 12: World Sight Day
  - c. October 15: International White Cane Day
  - d. November 14: World Diabetes Day
  - e. March 2018: Eye Donor Awareness Month
  - f. June 1: Helen Keller Day

## SightFirst II Grant Overview

(1) The Challenge - We originally looked into submitting an LCIF Standard Operating Grant in the amount of 5250,000 which requires matching funds from the Club(s), District(s) or Multiple District submitting the request. Because of the matching requirement, it was believed that 2-S2 alone would not be able to sustain a commitment to raise 5125,000 to match a potential LCIF grant award. So, we approached the Governors from 2-S1 and 2-S4, Bobbie Fagan and Malaki Gore, respectively. Material was shared with the additional Districts and soft presentations were made hoping to gain interest to consider spreading the \$125,000 matching need among three Lions Districts. Through the Standard Operating grant, each District would be asked to consider matching funds in the amount of approximately 541,700 over a three-year period.

(2) The Opportunity - We were then asked to redirect our grant request through the LCIF SightFirst II Program for three main reasons:

- a. Matching funds are NOT required with SF2 Grant Requests (accepted, yes, but not required)
- b. Awards are greater - limits up to \$750,000 US
- c. The Low Vision Center/Clinic project requested of the Lions is EXACTLY the type of grant that LCIF is looking to award - particularly in the US. (So much of the resources available for awards is directed outside the US that concern has been raised that US opportunities are at a disadvantage) This was shared by the physician who serves the coordinator (gatekeeper) who reviews all of the SF2 grants before their submission to the Board for consideration.

(3) The Lighthouse of Houston primarily serves citizens of the greater Houston and surrounding areas with a client base from the following counties in 2-S4:

- a. Fort Bend County - 309 served
- b. Brazoria / Galveston Counties (shared zip codes) - 175 served
- c. Austin County - 5 served
- d. Colorado County - 3 served
- e. Refugio County - 3 served
- f. \*With the increase in capabilities through the expansion of the Low Vision Center, outreach and access to services should expand across the area, too. The Lighthouse anticipates that there will be a "doubling in the clients served overall" upon completion of the expansion project.

(4) Since the resolution presented for consideration at the 1st Cabinet meeting does not spell out any obligation - financial or otherwise - from any Lion or District, no financial participation is requested or being endorsed by action by the Lions at this time. If, in order to gain consideration by LCIF for final approval through SF2, Lions are asked to develop some type of plan or program to provide financial commitment, then a plan to provide that support would have to be presented to the respective Cabinets at a later date for approval. I suspect that there may be some desire to include a financial participation, so we will be prepared to address that at the appropriate Cabinet meeting(s). A key point to remember is that SF2 grant awards do not mandate a matching element, but it was suggested that a level of Lions participation might favorably influence the outcome of our request.

(5) Approval by the respective Districts at the first Cabinet meetings simply means:

- a. The District(s) endorse(s) the request for SF2 funds, and
- b. The Districts will provide an individual (or individuals) to serve as grant administrator(s) when the grant is approved. The grant administrator(s) is/are responsible to complete the administrative paperwork and adhere to the timelines for reporting progress back to LCIF.

(6) The formal grant proposal is being prepared by Harriet C. Latimer & Associates. Her team has already secured commitments from area foundations for a little under half of the \$11 Million project. Here is a little bio on Harriet:

A graduate of Rice University, Harriet has worked in the field of philanthropy for 30 years. Beginning with her first compensated role as Development Director for the Armand Bayou Nature Center, Harriet has worked with numerous leading nonprofits and

grassroots organizations, compensated and non-compensated, throughout Texas. She is a long-standing member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and a former Board Member and a former Chair of the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon. Focusing primarily on capitol campaigns, endowment funds, and special projects, her clients' fundraising goals have ranged from \$120 million to \$1 million. They include churches, hospitals, theaters, social welfare agencies, parks, and libraries. Her current board memberships include Armand Bayou Nature Center Foundation, Bayou Bend Docent Organization, Bayou Preservation Association, Brazos Presbyterian Homes, Friends of the Fondren Library (Rice University), Harris County Heritage Society, Houston Public Library Foundation, Ideson Preservation Partners, Inprint, and the Women's Fund for Her Foundation. Harriet was the founding Chairman for the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission. Born, raised and currently residing in Houston, she and husband Truett have five children and seven grandchildren .

\* Footnote: The Lighthouse diabetes staff served clients in Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Grimes, Polk, Matagorda, Montgomery, Fort Bend and Harris Counties.



RESOLUTION  
Lions District 2-S2 Cabinet meeting

WHEREAS The Lighthouse of Houston was founded in 1939 as a private, nonprofit education and service center dedicated to assisting blind and visually impaired people to live independently, and

WHEREAS Lions of the Houston Founder Lions Club provided the seed money to purchase the original 1939 facility housing The Lighthouse of Houston to provide expanded services and support to the blind and visually challenged individuals in Houston and its surrounding several counties, and

WHEREAS The Lighthouse of Houston offers a wide variety of educational programs, community services and outpatient rehabilitation for the blind and visually impaired, and

WHEREAS The Lighthouse of Houston established the Center for Education and Adaptive Technology and the Community Services Center and is consolidating those services on one main campus to facilitate easier access to the clients served, and

WHEREAS through the Community Services Center, The Lighthouse of Houston offers Licensed Adult Day Care, Community Independence Programs, Community Education and Outreach, Therapeutic Recreation, Vision Rehabilitation and a Center for Behavioral Health Services to the blind and visually impaired, and

WHEREAS The Lighthouse of Houston operates an Industrial Division to produce disinfectants, detergents, glass cleaners and floor care products, providing gainful employment of blind and visually impaired individuals to fulfill Federal and State contracts thus providing self-confidence and greater independence to the blind and visually impaired, and

WHEREAS The Lighthouse of Houston provides Residential Services for the blind and visually impaired clients at its Living Centers, and

WHEREAS the Vision Rehabilitation Clinic within the Lighthouse of Houston has operated for over twenty-five years providing limited on-site clinical evaluations, professional rehabilitation services and adaptive visual aids to help individuals maximize the vision they have in order to participate in everyday activities, and

WHEREAS The Lighthouse of Houston is consolidating services on one main campus located just west of the Central Business District of Houston, Texas to provide greater access to clients

residing in Houston and the surrounding eight counties from Fort Bend County to Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS Lions Clubs International Foundation's SightFirst II programs' goal is to build eye care systems to fight blindness and vision loss and assist visually impaired individuals, and

WHEREAS SightFirst II supports high-quality, sustainable projects that deliver eye care services, train eye care professionals and management personnel, upgrade the infrastructure of existing eye care systems, improve access to education and training for blind and low vision persons and increase public awareness of the importance of eye care health, and

WHEREAS the Lions of Texas whose communities are served by the Lighthouse of Houston have been requested to support the expansion of services through the development of an expanded, fully-equipped Low Vision Center within the new Education and Health Services Facility on the campus of the Lighthouse of Houston,

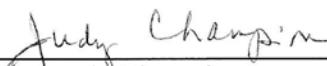
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that District 2-S2 endorses the LCIF SightFirst II Grant Request in the amount of \$250,000 to provide a "Lions" Legacy Project within the Lighthouse of Houston to expand eye care services that will provide additional prevention, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation services for individuals suffering from eye disease and vision loss.

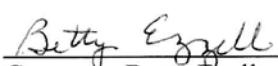
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant award will provide greater access to eye care services for the historically underserved population affected by blindness and low vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant award will be applied toward the training of healthcare providers and the acquisition of equipment to provide fully sustainable eye care services for years to come.

A motion to approve this resolution was made by IPDG Mark Roth and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tony Austin, and was carried at the Cabinet meeting held on July 15, 2017

ATTESTED BY:

  
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Lion Judy Champion  
Cabinet Secretary, District 2-S2

  
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Governor Betty Ezell  
District Governor 2017-2018, 2-S2