



Serving Together

I Believe



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Thoughts From The District Governor *Jimmy Richardson*

This year is chugging right along. Pretty soon it will be fall, or at least that's what they say. While it is 100 degrees or more it is hard to believe. And the drought, I guess God knows how much we can stand. I went out to Kerrville for the last meeting, and they are in worse shape than we are. I saw a picture of a sign the other day that said, "Satan wants his weather back." Enough about the weather, Lets talk about Lionism.

I have begun to make club visits, and attended a couple of zone meetings. I am encouraged in what is going on here in our district. We are losing members, but Lionism is certainly not dead here in 2-S1. I was encouraged to hear of the plans to recruit new members in some of our clubs. I still think that the personal invitation is the most effective way to "win" a Lion. If you establish creditability with a person and you have a good product, then you have a good chance of making a sale. We certainly have a good product. We will have a charter night for a new club in Carthage later this month. This date should be Sept. 26. The name will be Panola County Lions Club. There is more than casual interest in starting a new club in Rusk. One of the goals for this year is to start 4 new clubs. If you see a need for a club in an area near you please let me or our new GMT, Fred Renkema, know about it. I am excited about prospect of starting new clubs. I still have room for more club visits. If you would contact me, I can schedule your club visit.

Our vision screening team has been very busy, and have several screenings scheduled. All three of the screenings are hosted by Jefferson County health Dept. They are,

Sept. 10 - Pct.4 Service Center, 7780 Boyt Rd. Beaumont, Texas

Sept. 17 – Jones Clark Elementary, 3525 Cleveland St. Beaumont, Texas

Sept. 24 – Carl Parker Multipurpose Center at Lamar Pt. Arthur,
1800 Lakeshore Dr. Pt. Arthur, Texas

We are working on a Medical Camp in Kirbyville in Jan. This group deserves a commendation for their work. Lions do make a difference. Until next month just remember that "together we can change the world."

Serving Together

Your District Governor

Jimmy Richardson

THE YEAR OF ONE MILLION TREES

by Wing-Kun Tam President, The International Association of Lions Clubs



We are Lions because we are good-hearted and want to do good. We realize that by joining with like-minded people we can accomplish great things. This year I am asking Lions worldwide to join together on a project that can help save our earth, contribute to people's emotional well-being, solidify our clubs and make Lions clubs more attractive to young people and others.

I am asking Lions to plant 1 million trees this year. We want to wrap the earth in a canopy of greenery. From Argentina to Zambia, we want Lions to put on their work gloves, pick up their shovels and beautify their community.

This will be a great public service. Trees are not just pretty; they are vital to the health of our planet. Trees save soil by reducing erosion, provide habitat for wildlife and, most importantly, take in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. Trees improve our air, protect our water and save energy.

Planting trees is a project that will unite club members in a common purpose. We also can invite members of the community to join us in planting trees. This is an ideal way to become more visible in our communities. We will replenish our membership ranks as we replenish the earth.

Planting trees also is a great tool for partnering with other community groups. We will sow the seeds of success for future collaborations.

We want Lions to rally around our tree project. Each month we will report the number of trees planted on the LCI Web site. Lions can get artwork from LCI headquarters to create buttons that say "I planted a tree" or to design signs and certificates. This will be a fun, rewarding project in which Lions can take great pride.

It's also an entirely achievable project. One million trees is less than one tree per Lion. When we accomplish this goal, it will prove once again that when Lions unite we can do good on a grand scale—as we have done with Sight-First and disaster relief. I believe we can do it. It will take courage, commitment and action. It will take all Lions working together. So, Lions, start planning and start planting!

Chet's Chats from the Patio

1st Vice District Governor

District 2S1

Hello from the Patio, Are you ready to make the District a positive 100% District this year, Well, I am here to tell you, your Officers are going to be trying to do it with you. Ask 2 people each day to join the Lions Club and you will be surprised how many people will say yes. Another program we are asked to do district wide is to plant trees, with all the fires this year, we are going to need as many as we can plant. Club Presidents set a weekend and get out and do a Community Project (plant some trees).

As many of you know, Ben Powell has withdrawn being a District Officer. He has to take care of his wife, please say some prayers for them. With saying this, I am now the Acting 1st Vice District Governor, and also the District Alert Chairman. I will be saying more about the Alert Chairman later.

Hey, Let's all go to Center for the District Cabinet Meeting – If you have never been you are missing a lot. The Club President and Secretary should attend them.

The mosquitoes are starting to bite on the Patio so until next month.

Ask a person to join your club.....

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Monday, September 26, 2011

6:00 PM

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Port Arthur Founders Lions Club



Lioness Wilberta Boulet visited the Port Arthur Founders Lions Club this month. She spoke eloquently about PDG Wilbert's year as Governor of District 2S1 and how proud she was to be able to stand beside him and support him in his year to be a 100% Governor. She helped make sure that reports were in on time - even calling one secretary at 3:00 in the morning with a promise that she would call him again the next night if he didn't get the report in on time! She also told VDG Chet that PDG Wilbert had to step up and take the governorship unexpectedly when the VDG had to step down because his job prevented him from taking on the responsibility of Governor of District 2S1. She presented VDG Chet and his Partner in Service, Lion Joni, with the Boulet's cherished brass lion, "Bullet" and wished him success in his upcoming year. Of course, she also reminded him that she has everything to do the Necrology Service for his convention! -- Such a special lady!



The Port Arthur Founders donated \$1000 to the Port Arthur Salvation Army to help with their food pantry. Pictured Diane Franklin, Social Services Director, and Kathy Boden, Secretary/Bookkeeper, from the Salvation Army and Lion Tom Dunlop.



Lion Gwen Tallant was inducted into the Pt. Arthur Founders Club by PDG Fred Renkema on August 26. She is shown above receiving her Lions pin from her sponsor, Lion Debbie DeLee.



Lion Merila Peloso was inducted into the Pt. Arthur Founders Club by PDG Fred Renkema on August 26. She is shown above receiving her Lions pin from her sponsor (and sister), Lion Dr. Barbara Batty.



PDG Stump Weatherford, outgoing MD-2 Council Chairperson, congratulating PDG Barron Cagle incoming MD-2 Council Chairperson 2011-2012.



PDG Stump Weatherford, MD-2 Council Chairperson, presents State Chair Opportunities for Youth Lion Jake Bentley an International President Certificate of Appreciation Award.



IPDG James Browning taking his position as Secretary of the Texas Lions Camp

1990: Lions Clubs International's Own 9/11!

"Remembering Sept. 11" is the title article of this month's "Lion" magazine. It is the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and people all across America are prayerfully remembering all of those who died in the attack, as well as all the heroes who tried to save them. It was a momentous disaster for Americans and "the" defining moment for the USA since that time. In addition, as the article points out, "Sept. 11 was a defining moment for Lions", as "Lions and LIF aided (the) victims on a massive scale". Not only did we expend millions of dollars from LIF and thousands of man hours from Lions in our Clubs, but many individual Lions (also pointed out in the feature article) were heroes at "ground zero".

However, we have committed millions of dollars and contributed countless hours of manpower in dozens of major disasters around the world since the Lions International Foundation (LIF) was started, and it doesn't matter if the "perpetrator" is a terrorist, a hurricane, a fire, a tornado, or a tsunami, we do it because **that's what Lions do – We Serve!**

Yet, it could be argued, that the launching of Sight First in 1990 was the Lions' own 9/11; a momentous and defining moment that has launched a massive campaign using millions of dollars and volunteer hours to eliminate preventable blindness around the world. Granted the events weren't as singularly large or vicious, they didn't come in a sudden rush, and the terrorists weren't Taliban or Al-Qaida. Rather they were (and are) cataracts, trachoma, river blindness, refractive disorders, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy. So even though we had no sudden event to react to, we finally realized by the International Convention in St. Louis in 1990, that the disaster of preventable blindness, affecting tens of millions around the world, had to be dealt with in a momentous way.

The Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC), a Foundation operated by the Lions of Texas, is a part of Sight First; and those who are involved in this work understand that Lions under Sight First will still be fighting this disaster for decades, long after the wounds of 9/11 have faded or the marks of the tsunami are covered up. More volunteer hours and dollars will be expended on this than on any other disaster LIF has tackled, and **still** we will have sight to save.

Most of those Lions dedicated to eliminating preventable blindness will never be seen as heroes like Lion Ed Plaugher, the Arlington Virginia Fire Chief on 9/11, or Michael Hingson, the Blind hero in Tower One (see both stories and more in the Lion), but nonetheless HEROES they will be.

So where does your Club stand in this fight? Which Lions in your Club will join the ranks of these heroes in the biggest fight our organization has ever taken on? Has your Club, or Zone, or District started an adult clinic to help those in need get recycled glasses? Are you using TLERC's lab to put new glasses on dozens more school children? (If you aren't getting your school children's glasses for \$14-\$18/pair, you are losing money.) Are you gathering used glasses for our missions to countries abroad; or better yet, helping us sort, read & bag them? Has your club set up missions to go abroad and put glasses on those in need? **Help and training for all of these projects and more are available at TLERC. Contact your District TLERC Director for a program or call TLERC at 432-683-3611.**

Finally is your club a Focus Club (150%-\$3/member). Have you purchased fellowships for those special Lions you want to honor (\$1000, \$500, \$250)? Have you made a personal commitment by signing up as a "Visionary Knight of the Blind" (min. \$100/yr or \$10/mo.)? (The form can be found on the state web site.) Whether it is by monetary assistance, volunteer hours, or both all Lions can be heroes in this fight. **Make 2011/12 your 9/11!**

Lion Tom Blase, VDG 2A1

TLERC Promotions Director

Vision Screening

There were two District 2-S1 Vision Screenings during August this year. At the New Greater Bethel Baptist Church in Jasper, nineteen people were screened and nine pairs of glasses were given - a very successful screening. Volunteers included: Lions Billie and Robert Blackburn (Beaumont Breakfast Club); Pat and Jennie Brady (Pt. Arthur Founders); PDG Moe Cully (South County Breakfast); Irma Dowden (Jasper Evening); Miriam Nichol (Bmt South/Forest Park); DG Jimmy Richardson (Kirbyville); PDG Charles Tarver (Silsbee).



The Rusk Lions Club hosted our 2nd screening at the Rusk State Hospital. This screening was a little different than most, but it was a lot of fun and very rewarding. Out of 35 people screened, 30 pairs of glasses and/or readers were given. One young lady didn't know she even needed glasses, but she did have headaches when she read. When she was fitted with glasses, she realized just how much she had been missing and was so happy that she could see so well. Lion Samuel "Sam" Oliver, new 18-year-old Lion from Rusk Club and grandson of PDG Ardys Brown, was trained on the autorefractor and will be a big help when available for future screenings. Other newcomers to screening were Lions Janna and Steve Looney from New Summer-ville Club; Bobby Burch, Lisa Dudley, and Vic Whadford from Rusk. Welcome aboard! Other volunteers included Lions Billie and Robert Blackburn (Bmt Breakfast), Pat and Jennie Brady (Pt. Arthur Founders), PDG Ardys Brown (Rusk Club), PDG James Browning (Carthage), Jayne Brown (Panola County), Irma Dowden (Jasper Evening), Joni and VDG Chester Garner (Pt. Arthur Founders); and Alicia Oliver (Rusk),

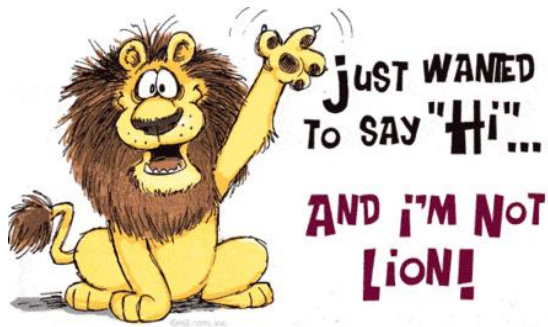


"Lion Sam Oliver from the Rusk Lions Club is trained on the autorefractor."



Zone 2 B Meeting in Trinity





Kirbyville Lions Club

Wishes

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Jimmy Richardson & Betty

1st Vice District Governor

Chester Garner & Joni

2nd Vice District Governor

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1st Vice District Governor Chester Garner
and Partner in Service Joni
2nd Vice District Governor

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Billie Blackburn

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The 9th Annual Charity Bowling Tournament



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Message from LCIF Chairperson, Aug. 2011: Shining a Light on Disaster Relief in 2011 - 2012

Dear Lion,

Judy and I recently returned from visiting our disaster relief project in [Joplin, Missouri, USA](#). I can tell you that the disaster is unlike anything I've ever seen. More than 7,500 homes were destroyed, and 50,000 people remain displaced. Seven Lions were among those who lost everything. In the middle of this disaster the Local Lions' commitment to helping their friends and neighbors is truly inspiring.



With your generous support, Lions Clubs International Foundation, local Lions, and Lions from surrounding States are mobilizing more than US\$140,000. Lions are traveling from near and far to provide first-hand assistance.

We are able to be more effective by leveraging these funds through working with other relief organizations. Working with First Response Team of America, a non-profit organization, the Lions have helped clear debris from 23 home sites. Judy and I helped clear one home site during our visit, and I must tell you this is hard, hot, but rewarding work.

We also took part in a shopping trip at a local grocery store. The Lions bought needed food supplies for Lafayette House, a home for battered women and children, which has seen a 66 percent increase in needed services since the storm. To ensure the school year will begin on time on August 17, the local Lions are providing funds for needed school materials.

These projects are just a few examples of how we are helping Joplin rebuild. Because Lions live in the affected communities, we are committed to help for as long as it takes, even though we know this will take several years. Other organizations come in, make an impact and then leave, but Lions are still there everyday giving their hearts and hands to bring hope to so many in need. You've heard me say that Lions stands for "Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services." I witnessed this in Joplin!

Joplin is not the only place where [our disaster relief efforts](#) remain ongoing. Later this month, Judy and I will travel to Haiti to meet with Lions and other relief organizations. Wherever there is a need, you can be sure Lions will be there!

Lions, we are changing the world at our fingertips. By serving in our communities, we are having an impact around the entire globe.

ORANGE LIONS CLUB 70TH CHARITY CARNIVAL



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District Governor Jimmy Richardson & Wife Betty
1st Vice District Governor Chester Garner & Wife Joni
2nd Vice District Governor

Home Club of
PDG ROBERT "BOB" APPEL
CC L. E. "STUMP" WEATHERFORD
PDG RANDALL MORRIS 2-X1

FALL 2011

October 5, 6, 7 & 8

Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday October 8 - Special Kiddie Day

Gates open 4:00 p.m.

October 12, 13, 14 & 15

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PDG Lion Fred Renkema

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Home Club Of

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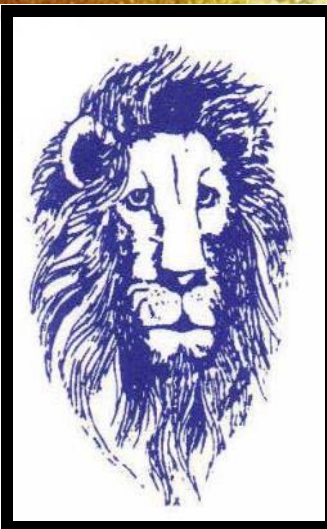
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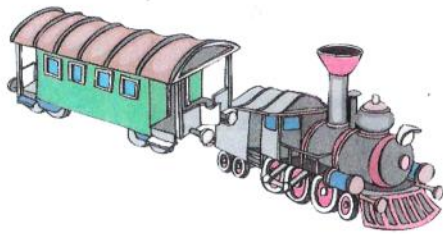


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Home Club: South County Breakfast Lions Club



Alto Lions Club

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Home Club of PDG

David Middleton & (Lion Holly)

Living Lionism Daily

CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS

Beaumont Breakfast Lions Club

Two members attended the vision screening in Jasper at Greater New Bethel Church on the 13th and also the screening in Rusk at the State Hospital on the 20th. We washed, dried, and read glasses that we collected for the Vision Screening Program. We attended a Combined Zone Meeting in Lumberton at Catfish Cabin on August 11th. Zones 3A & 3B held a joint meeting with excellent turnout. We had a total of 48 people and all but three clubs were represented. There were several PDG's and most of the charities had a representative in attendance. PDG Renkema gave us a brief overview of the Lions Camp Endowment and the Global Membership Team.

Garrison Lions Club

Club continues collection of eyeglasses to be recycled and Tabs for Tots (Ronald McDonald House, Houston). A \$300 donation was made to the First United Methodist Church Food Bank. Farmers Market on the Square is over due to the severe drought but will resume next year. Planting of ten trees postponed due to severe drought. Plans for 61st Garrison Lions Club Homecoming (major fund raiser) October 22, well underway.

Kirbyville Lions Club

DG Jimmy Richardson and Lion Diane Smith attended the first Zone meeting. It was held in Lumberton. I do believe everyone there had a good time. We all received good information to take back to our clubs. We have two guns that we will draw for at our Christmas In The Park November 26. If you need any tickets see any member of the Kirbyville Lions Club. Lion Wanda Wellman spoke to us about The Mission of Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital. Lion Bart Reddoch told us about the mission trip he went on to Haiti. Both programs were very good. Lions clubs don't forget about the Peace Poster Contest. If at all possible get your club involved in this great contest. Till next time be safe and remember to watch out for the school children. Go Wildcats!

Lufkin Evening Lions Club

The club sponsored and transported three campers to the second session of diabetic camp at TLCC. We collected 425 pair of eyeglasses this month. The club is engaged in it's two major fund raisers; The Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be held September 6, and we are selling our local discount cards. Three of our members attended the Zone meeting in Trinity.

Nederland Professional Lions Club

The NPL CLUB is so excited about Lionism. We had three meetings and sponsored the Zone meeting on the 8th this month. Budget was approved and Committee Chairs gave their first reports. Pie Fund raiser kicked off. Tickets were handed out for the Education Foundation Breakfast. Lion Linda delivered Peace Poster materials to our schools. Lion Paul and Lion Kittie set up our fund raiser for 3rd Thursdays of Nederland where we will be selling Turkey Legs. Our Tree Planting project is off to a great start. Our sweetheart Meagan will be bringing in the youth from Nederland High to help in our projects. We have Jim and Pat Miller joining our Club in September, their sponsors are Lion Linda and Lion Jack Sedtal. YEA, that will be six new members this year and we are still pounding the streets. We were honored to have Governor Richardson and First Lady Betty speak to us on the 29th and everyone enjoyed them. We welcome them back any time they are in town.

Port Arthur Founders

Good news this month and sad news also. Lion Jim DeLee passed away this month. He will be sorely missed by many. We added another member this month, Lion Gwen Tallant. PDG Fred Renkema inducted Lion Gwen and Lion Merila Peloso (who was added to our membership last month). A one-thousand dollar check was presented to the Salvation Army to help with their food pantry. Founders member Lion Dr. Maureen Lindell, presented an informative program on St. Catherine of Siena School. Two members participated in an eye screening in Jasper at Greater Bethel Baptist Church and four members participated in an eye screening at the Rusk State Hospital. Sixty pair of used glasses were collected. Three adults received eye exams and glasses; one child was given an authorization for eye exam and glasses.

Rusk Lions Club

Rusk Lions sponsored an eye screening on Saturday, August 20, for clients at Rusk State Hospital. 35 clients were screened with 23 pairs of prescription glasses and 9 pairs of readers being dispensed. The clients were very happy, "I can see, I can see!" being repeated over and over again. We appreciate the other Lions who brought the trailer and assisted with this event. The club is selling Rifle Raffle tickets with a chance to win 2 different guns. Funds raised will benefit 3 graduating RHS Seniors next May. We plan to 'man' the Bingo/Domino booth at the Cherokee Co. Fair on Oct. 1st at the Civic Center in Rusk.

Sour Lake Lions Club

We are continuing to plan for a county-wide cleanup day September 17th through an Entergy program called Teamwork Hardin County. Our club was designated to sponsor this event in Sour Lake. The county will be cleaned and then the organization will eventually publish a pamphlet outlining points of interests in each community for tourism. We sponsored one camper for a Texas Lions Camp diabetic session. We plan to have the young man attend one of our future meetings to tell us about his camp experience. Two members attended a combined zone meeting in Lumberton August. 11th. We presented a \$300.00 check to Sour Lake Elementary for school supplies for needy students.