

From the Dining Room Table of the DG

Fellow Lions of District 2E-1,

I know this is a very busy time of the year for all Lions Clubs—angel trees, food baskets, warm jacket drop-off boxes, blue-jean showers, etc. Helping the needy and making sure children around our district have something under their Christmas trees is an even greater “Beacon of Hope” than ever with our current economy. I know your hearts are warmed by the smiles and thanks you have already received.

Concerning district news, the most important thing for your clubs to remember and for your presidents to announce in every meeting is this:

The Mid-Winter Conference is just around the corner...Saturday, January 29, 2011, in Graham. Let's get those local contests out of the way (or whatever selection process you use in your club) and get your student applications for the District Youth Contests to the proper contest chairpersons *before the deadline* if possible. All contest information and reservation information can be found on the district website: lions2e1.org

If you do not have access to a computer and need a hard copy of this information, please call me at 940.549.7147.

I truly feel in my heart that serving others without expecting anything in return is like planting seeds of hope that Lionism will continue to grow long after we are gone. We may never know the power of a single act of kindness, but we can only hope that those who are touched during the holidays may someday have the joy of giving back to whatever communities in which they will live through a service organization (hopefully Lions).

So wear your Lions shirts, vests, and caps proudly. Display those banners. Take those publicity shots and get them published in your local newspapers. Let the Lions' seeds of hope flourish as we ring out 2010 and bring in 2011.

And now I and my Lion Carolyn “dear”
wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Yours in Lionism,

Hugh E. Stroud