



Lion Letter

District 2-E1



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Notes from the Gov

Well, here we are again, another month gone for this Lions year. I have been traveling quite a bit and have really enjoyed getting to see different clubs and the way they work. It is refreshing to hear the plans for service and participation in clubs large and small. One of the things I have been asking the clubs to do is to plant trees. But it hasn't been all fun and joy. I learned that Lion Sam Conway from the Albany Lions Club is having some medical issues. Our own District Secretary Lion George McClain had a stroke last weekend but has made a good recovery and should be home the week of Sep 3rd. PDG Vergie Mitchell suffered the passing of her husband, Bob. Please keep these and other Lions having difficulty in your thoughts and prayers.

If you read your Lions magazine you know that International President Win Kum Tam has challenged the Lions to plant over 1 million trees within his Lions year. When called upon to pledge a number of trees to be planted in our district, I pledged 500. I took into account the number of locations within the district where we can't just plant one and expect it to grow, although I didn't realize at the time that this drought was going to make that situation true in just about the whole state of Texas. I intend to put the planting of trees into the district governor's contest!! I'll go with 1000 points for each club that can plant one tree for every three members, 3,000 points for each club that plants one tree for every two members and 5,000 points for each club that can plant one tree per member. (Editor's note: [I just planted a tree!](#))

Don't despair; you probably won't have to buy a tree to meet most of these goals. If you have a county agent, they are usually more than willing to donate trees for you to plant. A question arose at one club about the shrubs the county agent offered, would they count as a tree. If they county agent says it's a tree, it's a tree! Also, since this is a World Community Project, don't forget to count the hours you expend on the endeavor.

Some of you have noticed that the district directory on the web site is not correct. I take full blame for that but I do have a bit of an explanation. When I pulled down the information from Lions Clubs International's web site, I didn't count on them having two different people putting the data into their system different ways. I extracted the data for the presidents and secretaries, then used my years of computer experience to put them together. Unfortunately, the presidents were listed by club name and the secretaries were listed by club number. Mea Culpa, I forgot to check before I plugged in the names etc. I'll hopefully have that fixed this week. I am also going back through and correcting some of the typing errors made in the process. I noticed very quickly that if the address, email, or phone was wrong in one place, it is probably wrong everywhere your name appears so bear with me as I get that straightened out.

Last but not least, let's talk a little about training (see article on Training in this newsletter). When we had to cancel the training in Wichita Falls I had a chance to talk to some folks about training and why it's needed. We discussed several issues and it was noted that the folks that really need to get the training is those who are in the job and those who are going to be in the job. I remember that Lions Clubs International (LCI) sent me my package with instructions and a manual on how to be a president about five months into my term, and by then I'd already fumbled along by talking to past presidents. Since we know great minds think alike, it was heartening that my thoughts about giving the training to folks BEFORE they take office was echoed by several others. As a result, I am going to ask the Wichita Falls folks to look at March 2012 for offering training to the presidents, secretaries, treasurers, tail twisters, Lion Tamers, and Zone Chairs that will be taking office in June/July 2012. We are still offering training in Abilene on October 22nd for those that don't want to wait, so there are options.

Well, besides the fact that I often feel like I'm chasing my tail, the year is off to a good start.

DG Art

District Cabinet Meeting

Our next District Cabinet meeting is graciously being hosted by the Munday Lions Club on October 6th, 2011. Info will follow shortly.

A LEADER DOG HAPPY ENDING

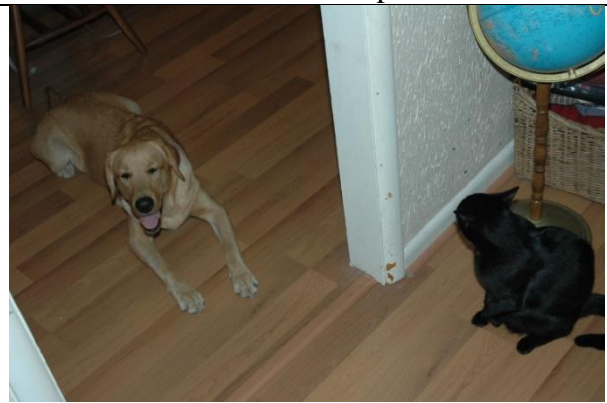
Ivy Green the 11th

Ivy Green the 11th was born on the 1st of July, 2010. They were considered the "Fire Cracker" litter. Half Golden and half Yellow Lab. So beautiful and the most lovable dog I have ever had. She just dished out the affection were others were reserved and wonderful.

One week after Ivy turned just 9 month old she started yelping from discomfort. Within 3 weeks, she was crying day and night, whenever she moved her head. I was doing a program in Stephenville when I received the call from the Vet. Ivy was in extreme pain in the neck, between the 2nd and 3rd vertebra.

Over the following 4 months, she had very heavy medication for a pup and we stopped her training as requested by Leader Dog. Just between 13 and 14 months old, I was instructed by Leader Dog to take Ivy to Dallas to see the specialists. One (1) very expensive MRI and two (2) Spinal Taps later (yes Leader Dog did pay for these medical treatments), we still did not have a clue what was wrong. Hundreds of pictures done by the x-rays had been done and she was still in pain and on the very heavy meds. The only thing of hope was that her Neurologist said that SOME neurological problems can be grown out of. Oh my heavens, this was her only hope. I was devastated.

By the age of 15 month old, Ivy could go 1 or almost 2 weeks without the meds. Even then, her pain was so much less than before. I could not believe the turn around. Even when the need for the meds came, she only needed them for about 3 days. That's all.



I have, just yesterday, driven Ivy to her new home and wonderful family. Ken and his wife have adopted two girls from China, a 3 year old and 8 year old. Next month they return to China to adopt 2 boys, 5 and 6. I could not have designed a family better for Ivy. She adores children and will receive as much love as she gives. And too are two cats and a 13 year old small dog.



Of course I was crying as Hal drove us away. I was so happy for her and loved them for accepting this young pup. I wish much love to them, they already have my heart.

Sandy Griffin
Puppy Raiser

Ivy Green Update

Ivy Green the 12th



Ivy Green (the 12th edition) has arrived in Texas. Ivy is from a litter of 10, which is very good for a first time Mom. Both Mom (Beryl) and Dad (Tigger) are black labs which produced 10 black lab pups; six girls and four boys. She has some great personality traits already. "NO FEAR" pup and she is very inquisitive.

I can't say that the trip home was that great. Ivy was one of five pups in her litter that has diarrhea. Imagine that in a very small Saturn, 3 1/2 days with husband Hal. I have "No Further Comments". "A wife can not testify against her husband....."

Lion Sandy

No Club News - Really???

It is very hard for me to believe that no club did anything in the month of August or doesn't at least have something planned....like planting trees. I would really, really like to have some inputs for next month's newsletter!

Your Sad Newsletter Lady

Training and why you should go!!

We had to cancel the training in Wichita Falls last month due to very few folks signing up. While that is disappointing, it is not unheard of. Many folks have been in their positions for a long time and feel they don't need training. They forget that they could probably participate in the training and help other club or district officers to avoid the mistakes they themselves may have made learning the job.

Training is important enough that it needs to be done on its own, and not at a cabinet meeting. Also, because of the size of our district, we've planned one training session in Wichita Falls and the other in Abilene. That way each club can attend the one closest or most convenient for their members. For the fall, we are going to try again in Abilene on October 22.

The Abilene Cactus club has arranged for us to use some classrooms at McMurry University, which is great. A big THANK YOU is owed to them for their efforts. The person you need to contact to register is: Lion Sandy L. Champion (325) 232-8278, email at sandy.l.champion@gmail.com (the .l is a lower case L, not a one), or her address is 2809 South 38th Street Abilene Texas 796051. I have asked the Wichita Falls Founders club to look at a date in March 2012 for the next offering of district and club or district officer training.

I want to encourage everyone to go to the training for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Zone Chairman, and the rest (Tail Twister, Lion Tamer). If you are a club or district officer, will soon be a club or district officer, or are thinking about being a club or district officer, you'll get information on what is involved and where to find help when you need it. For presidents this includes where to get help on agendas, meeting control, and the manual for presidents, without having to wait for LCI.

For the secretaries, the training will be for current and future secretaries. I know that many of you have been secretaries for a long time, but with Lions Clubs International planning to go to "only online reporting" in the near future we are planning on having a "How To" on the online posting of MMRs and PU101s, as well as how to

get information you need to do your jobs. Treasurers will receive training on how to make sure you keep the operating funds separate from the donated funds and what you can use each type of money for. Zone chairs, I hope to have a little training along with an open discussion on how to be a good zone chair. I have some personal experience with a zone that has “limited” (almost none) participation with the district.

You may have noticed that I said that anyone in the office, soon to be taking office, and even those thinking about taking the office are invited. We don't want to have our officers taking their office without having an idea of what they are getting into. This most assuredly means at least the knowledge of where to go to find help.

One final note, another excellent place to get training, especially for district level officer and chair positions is the Texas Lions Leadership Forum in Austin, Texas. This year it will be March 3-4 at the Airport Hilton. I have been attending for the last seven years and have been amazed at what you can learn, not just about leadership and officer positions, but also about being a Lion!!

DG Art

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 Plaughter, 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

The Year of One Million Trees

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 of 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 SightFirst 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!

Wing-Kun Tam
Lions Clubs International President

Quickies

I dialed a number and got the following recording:

"I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

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**Aspire to inspire before you expire.**

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(I LOVE THIS ONE!)

**My wife and I had words,
but I didn't get to use mine.**

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**Frustration is trying to find your glasses  
without your glasses.**

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**Blessed are those who can give without
remembering
and take without forgetting.**

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**The irony of life is that, by the time  
you're old enough to know your way  
around, you're not going anywhere.**

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**God made man before woman so as to
give him time to think
of an answer for her first question.**

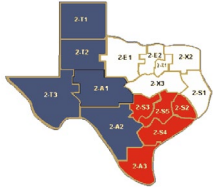
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I was always taught to respect my elders,  
but it keeps getting harder to find one.

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Every morning is the dawn
of a new error.

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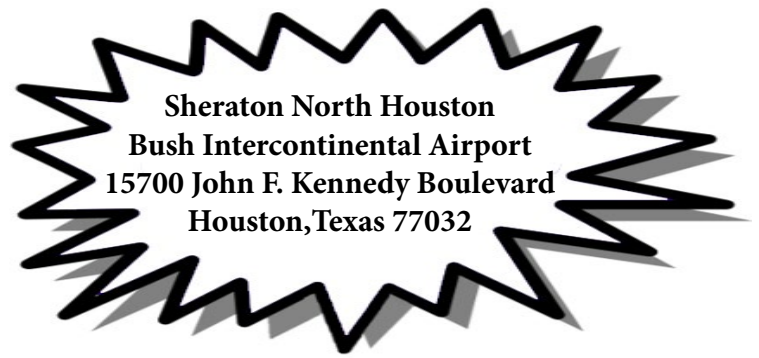


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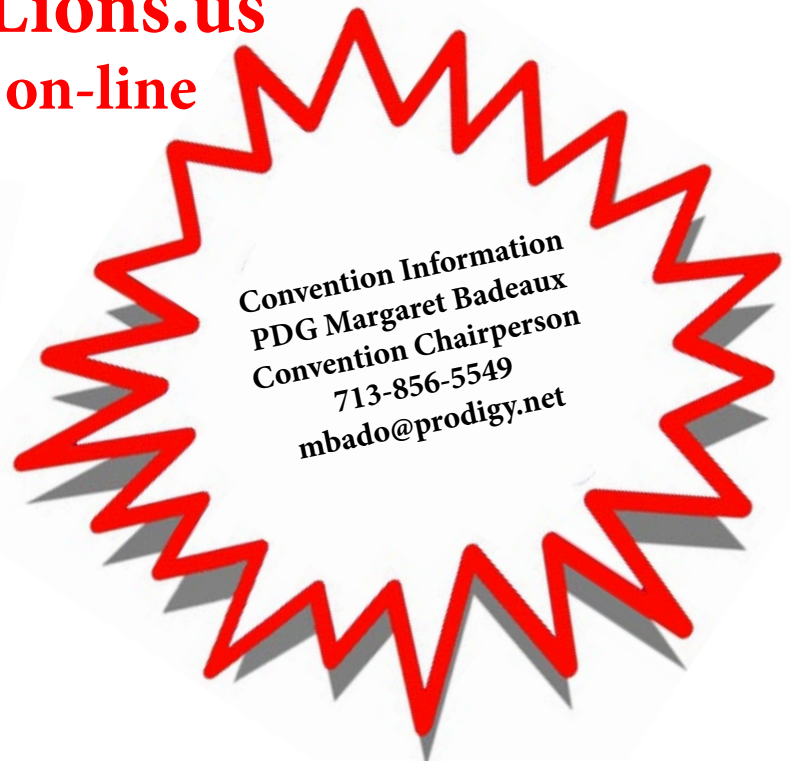
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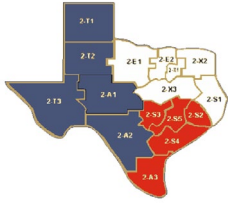
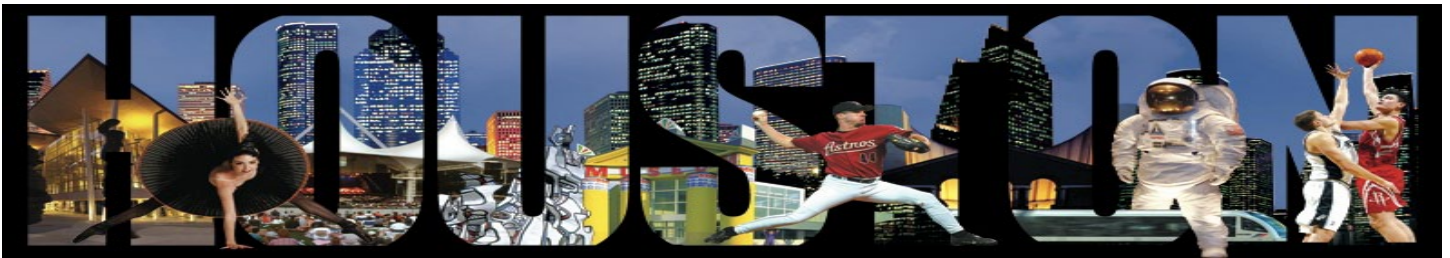
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May 17 - 19, 2012

Sheraton North Houston

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Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate  
YES [ ] NO [ ]

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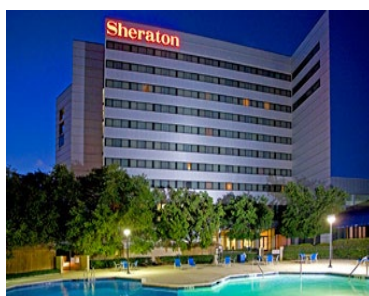
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| DISCOUNT PACKAGE<br>Includes all meals, registration fee and Thursday<br>Evening. Golf not included | \$159                                                | \$169                                           | \$179                                              |                               |            |
| Thursday May 17, 2012<br>Welcome at Hotel                                                           | no charge                                            | no charge                                       | no charge                                          |                               |            |
| Friday May 18, 2012<br>BREAKFAST                                                                    |                                                      | \$24                                            | \$26                                               |                               |            |
| Friday May 18, 2012<br>HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON                                                        |                                                      | \$27                                            | \$29                                               |                               |            |
| Friday May 18, 2012<br>PDG BANQUET                                                                  |                                                      | \$35                                            | \$38                                               |                               |            |
| Saturday May 19, 2012<br>TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST                                           |                                                      | \$25                                            | \$27                                               |                               |            |
| Saturday May 19, 2012<br>YOUTH CONTEST LUNCHEON                                                     |                                                      | \$27                                            | \$29                                               |                               |            |
| Saturday May 19, 2012<br>MD-2 GOVERNORS' BANQUET                                                    |                                                      | \$40                                            | \$45                                               |                               |            |

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## MD-2 TEXAS LIONS 2012 STATE CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 17, 2012

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1st Place: \$100.00 Gift Card to each player

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#### Entry Form

Deadline: May 7, 2012

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Players Name

Day Phone

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| Player(s) | 1. _____ | _____ |
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