

## TEXAS LIONS HALL OF FAME

The Texas Lions Hall of Fame was created in 1972 to honor those Lions of Texas who have given unselfishly of their time, talent and means to further the cause of international humanitarian service. The memorial plaques are located in an appropriate place at the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children in Kerrville, and a replica is given to inductees (or their next of kin) at the State Convention held the year of their induction. Nominations are rotated among the various districts in accordance with the MD-2 Policy Manual. The next inductee from District 2-E2 will be named at the 2010 Lions State Convention to be held in El Paso, Texas.

Members of the Texas Lions Hall of Fame from District 2-E2 (or 2-E), their highest Lionistic office held, and the year of their induction are:

Julien C. Hyer, International President 1931-1932 .....	1972
Wilford R. McDonald, District Governor 1955-1956 .....	1972
Chartes F. Williams, District Governor 1942-1943 .....	1973
Verne L. Carrington, District Governor 1962-1963 .....	1979
Albert W. Brown, District Governor 1972-1973 .....	1983
Bill Hudson, District Governor 1976-77 .....	1986
Harry Rankin, District Governor 1964-1965 .....	1989
J.T. Hinkle, District Governor 1971-1972 .....	1992
R. Roy Keaton, Director General 1948-1960 .....	1994
Edward G. Stebbins, District Governor 1991-1992 .....	1995
Jack A. Harris, Council Chairman 1990-1991 .....	1998
Otis W. Pharr, District Governor 1977-1978 .....	2001
Jack Adkison, District Governor 1992-1993 .....	2004
Billy Graham, District Governor 1994-1995 .....	2007

The Governor appointed the following individuals to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Chairman	PDG Billy Graham PDG Jack Adkison PDG Ed Stebbins Lynn Dodson Linda Kinnison	Gainesville Lions Club River Oaks Lions Club Arlington Lions Club Mansfield Lions Club Denton Triangle Lions Club
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Their purpose is to review and evaluate all recommendations and select this year's nominee.

Minimum standards to qualify for the Texas Lions Hall of Fame are:

- a. Be an active or deceased Lions Club member with at least fifteen (15) years of service as a Lion.
- b. Having provided outstanding and dedicated service to Lionism beyond the call of duty.
- c. Having provided other than Lionistic service to community, state and nation.
- d. Having accomplished special achievements in, or contributions to, humanitarian service for those less fortunate, and
- e. Not having solicited in any manner this recognition, which will automatically eliminate the soliciting candidate for that year.

A Lions Club in good standing may nominate a member (or deceased member) by submitting a written narrative that recites the individual's achievements. Although no format is specified, Clubs are urged to clearly show the nature of the service by stating the impact of the individual's contribution in recognizable terms (i.e. 1500 pairs of eyeglasses were funded; \$68,000 in contributions were received, etc.) The use of broad and generalized terms and extended adjectival phrases are discouraged.

No more than one recommendation may be submitted by any Club and no individual may be nominated by two or more Clubs. Nominations must be from the Club in which the nominee is a member; or, in the event of posthumous recommendations, the Club in which the nominee was last a member. Verbal recommendations and verbal amendments to submitted recommendations are unacceptable. Recommendations must be signed by the Club president.

To reduce word volume and ease the burden of preparing the recommendation and minimize potential misunderstanding by the reviewers, Clubs are urged to attach a separate, chronological listing of service to the basic letter of recommendation. Similarly, a separate listing of awards and recognitions should be attached.

Holding of high visibility elective or appointive office or participation in certain activities or projects is NOT a requirement for nomination. However, such service may be used to demonstrate the character of the nominee's service.

A recent 3' x 5' photograph of the nominee, of reproducible quality, must be included with the recommendation. Also, each recommendation must be accompanied by a check, payable to MD-2 Lions of Texas, in the amount of \$227.50 to cover the cost of the Hall of Fame medallion and the Hall of Fame plaque which are presented to each nominee.

Club recommendations must be in the hands of the HOF Chairman by Midnight, December 31, 2009. Five sets of the recommendations are to be mailed or hand delivered to: PDG Billy Graham, 2013 Ashland Drive, Gainesville, TX 76240. No extension of this December 31, 2009 deadline will be granted by the committee.

The Hall of Fame Committee shall establish such internal guidelines as it deems necessary to select the best-qualified nominee from all acceptable submissions. Members of the Hall of Fame Committee will not be permitted to discuss the selection process, to discuss any personal information pertaining to any nominee, to reveal any committee decision nor the collective or individual votes of the committee.

The Committee's recommendation will be given to the Governor prior to the close of the 2009-2010 District 2-E2 Mid-Winter Conference. No public identification or announcement of the District's nominee may be made by any individual without the approval of the Governor. The MD-2 Policy Manual provides that solicitation, in any manner, for this recognition automatically eliminates the candidate soliciting for this year only.