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OHAYO GOZAIMASU / KONBANWA from FUKUOKA, JAPAN



Our new DGs and Delegates have returned from the 99th Lions International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan. The festivities kicked off on Saturday with the Parade of Nations with representation from approximately 35,000 Lions from 120 different countries. That evening all were invited to enjoy the International Show, featuring Japanese singer-songwriter Shinji Tanimura accompanied by the Kyushu Symphony Orchestra. There was also a taiko drum show featuring the group Drum Tao.

The first of three plenary sessions featured President Dr. Yamada's Address, Flag Ceremony and a presentation by Keynote Speaker and Nobel Peace prize winner Kailash Satyarthi. A human rights activist, his group, Bachpan Bachao Andolan (known in English as "Save Childhood Movement"), describes itself as "the largest grass-roots movement against child labor, child trafficking and child servitude." His inspirational speech was followed by the international flag presentation. A musical celebration of the Lions' centennial kicked off the final session featuring the Installation of the 2016-2017 International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew Installation of the 2016-2017 District Governors plus the presentation of the 2016 Lions Humanitarian Award to Doctors Without Borders.

The new 2016-2017 Lions International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew is retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law. His theme is "New Mountains to Climb". This Lions year will continue the celebration of The Lions Centennial and the growth of Lions around the world. Let us continue to serve our communities, our state, and the world. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion!"

MD32 DISTRICT GOVERNORS



DG Paul Dove—32D DG Bonnie Stephenson—32C DG Pat Friday—32B DG Wes Corrothers—32A

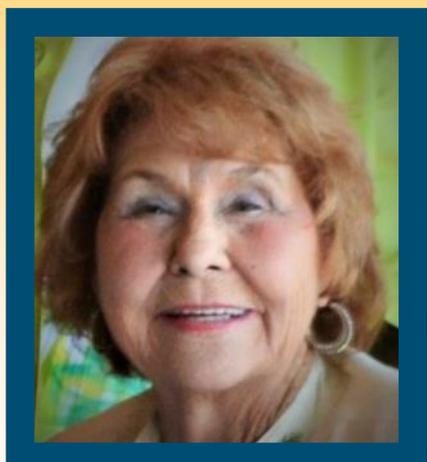
Scenes from Fukuoka,



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Looking Ahead



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It's with a tremendous amount of pleasure that I greet each of you in a new leadership role. Looking forward to the new year is exciting. It will be an adventure for all lions in South Carolina. Changes are coming, but changes that will make us better lions. You have a wonderful leadership team. Your governors, vice governors, leadership and membership teams are ready, willing and able to help you your club and your district. This team is in my opinion, the best we've ever had. They are trained and qualified to give you the help and the courage to make South Carolina grow and prosper as lions. We also have Zone Chairs and Regional Chairs as well as the new leadership in your clubs.

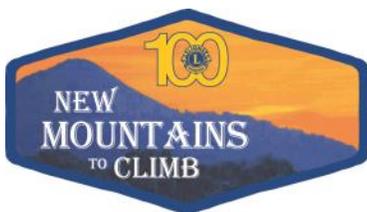
As you start your new year make a commitment to each other and to your club to work hard together. Be a TEAM player. I know we are going to have a great year. We are together going to start new clubs and increase our membership in our existing clubs. We are going to work hard at keeping our lions happy by doing more service. Remember our motto is still "WE SERVE". The more we do the more involved our members will be and will want to stay and help. I am more aware today than ever before that we are working with 4 districts of strong, courageous and determined lions. You are what Everyday Heroes is all about.

I am proud to be a leader on your team. I am proud of the effort you are making. I am proud of your desire to grow and prosper. So while we remember the heroes of the past, let's become the heroes of today, so that the next generation can carry on our proud legacy. We CAN make a difference.

We will always be remembered as the Centennial Council so we must make this the best year ever. 100 years is something to shout about so lets ROAR loud and long.

Thank you for all you do to Serve others.

Annette Hart
Council Chair



As we commence a year of celebrating 100 years of community service – honoring our past and embracing our present – it is our future that we must plan and begin to forge. Our future is bright. But speaking metaphorically, if we are to ascend the next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us; we must mark our trail for future generations of Lions who follow, and preserve our tradition of service. *International President Chancellor Bob Corlew*

READ INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW'S LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL THEME
2016-2017



Changes are underway with South Carolina Lions. The SCLCS\SCLF Board voted to move forward with changes that we believe will make the organization more efficient while still providing the most services with available resources. Our strategic objective remains the same to provide vision and hearing healthcare to underprivileged and underserved residents of South Carolina. The three approved changes: First, covert South Carolina Lions Foundation and South Carolina Lion Charitable Services into one organization under the dissolution clause of SCLCS and SCLF Bylaws to take effect July 1, 2017. Second, at the consolidation and dissolution of the SCLF, a new section will be added to the SCLCS Bylaws to create an Endowment Account which will outline the stewardship of SCLCS monies. Third, the name of the new organization shall be "Lions Vision and Hearing Services: A South Carolina Charity". The organization remains a 501c-3 nonprofit in South Carolina.

Why change? We have done extraordinary things with available funds the past 2 years. Over 200 eye surgeries, 47,000 vision screenings, 171 hearing aids and support of the historical flood in the midlands and low country of the state. However, the resources coming in to support the aggressive programs began to slow down. The Board saw the need to maintain the sustainability of the organization. Staff reductions and tighter budgets were necessary to continue the viability of South Carolina Lions service programs. Vision Screenings will continue under a South Carolina Health and Human Services grant for the next two years. Eye Surgeries and Hearing Aids will only be available with your support and funds. We ask for your support during this transition.

The Board is committed to work for your much needed support in the new year. The Sustaining Member program is absolutely critical at this time. Our goal is to get 50% contributions from the Lions of South Carolina over the next three years. Currently only 10% of our membership contributes to Sustaining Member program. Please do your part in this transition period. Each Board member will be happy to come to your club to outline our needs and opportunities for you to contribute to Lion's service in South Carolina. Sight preservation is up to us for the citizens of South Carolina with vision needs. The opportunity to give comes in multiply forms and we will be eager to outline those opportunities.

Call a Board Member or Director Winn Fitzgerald for more information at (866)325-4667.

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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-A GOVERNOR WES CORROTHERS

We just flew in from Japan, literally! In Fukuoka, Japan where tens of thousands of Lions from all over the world came, please know that South Carolina was well represented! Our connecting flight out of Calgary Canada was cancelled causing us to spend an extra night there. Well we're back, and ready to go as your DG!

So how was it? Great! From the start of our 4 day DGE School, where our own PID Gene Speiss was the 2016 DGE Seminar Chairperson, to the opening ceremony of the 3-day International Convention, it was great!

PID Gene coordinated ALL DGE training! Additionally, PID Gene was one of the opening presenters "live" on stage, along with our new International President Bob Corlew!! Together, they did daily skits that were funny, yet taught us about the importance of our district goals as we go forward before we went to class.

Furthermore, we marched in their international parade, carrying our South Carolina banner proudly. While incoming Council Chair Annette Hart could not make the trip with us, she recommended MDGLT Rick Pressley to join us at the International Convention in her place and also lead us in the parade!

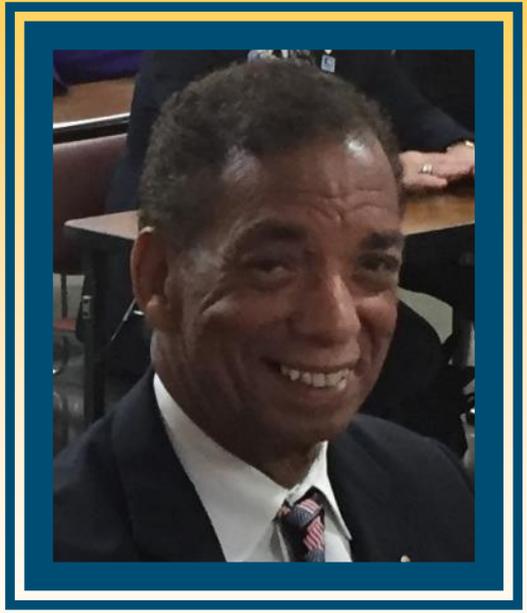
As we enter our 100th year, President Bob Corlew's theme is "New Mountains to Climb!" I'm looking forward to serve 32A as your District Governor this year! We've got an excellent group of District Officers, Chairpersons, as well as Region Chairs and Zone Chairs to further support our clubs and follow through on our goals to serve our communities even better this year.

I look forward to a great year in 32A! Please make a note of our upcoming Cabinet Meeting and our new website!

Important Date: Please mark your calendars' for our 1st Cabinet Meeting on Tuesday, July 26th starting 6:30pm at the Mauldin Cultural Center, 101 E Butler Rd, Mauldin. Also, please check out our NEW website at www.e-district.org/sites/32a! Please use it to promote your club's activities and celebrations!

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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-B GOVERNOR PAT FRIDAY

While I am writing this in anticipation of my trip to Japan to be sworn as your new District Governor, you will in fact be reading it after I returned fully trained, energized and ready to move our district forward.

These last two years have been very busy for me and I hope you are now ready and willing to work with me to make my goals come true which are listed on page 13 of our District Directory.

I have personally spoken with each of our zone and cabinet chairpersons and am looking forward to working with each and every one. It takes a team to make this happen and I am pleased with my team for 2016-17.

Our first Cabinet Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 24, 3 PM at the Cox Building and we will have three guests coming to get us excited.

Lion Bobbie Dove will be coming down from Winnsboro Club, District D to really get us going with regard to our wonderful 100 year celebration in June 24-28, 2017 to be held in Chicago, IL. This is a party you won't miss.

Ann Akerman, South Carolina School for the Deaf & Blind will be coming to showcase their need for support from all Districts in order to obtain a grant from LCI for a state of the art playground for these children. If you haven't ever visited their facility, you are really missing out.

Lion Winn Fitzgerald, SCLCS/SCLF will come to give us an update on what's been happening in **OUR STATE OFFICE.**

Our new year, our new goals, our new leaders are getting ready to make 32-B once more a success. Join me in a year of celebration.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT B ZONE 1

Zone 1 clubs joined forces to help a blind person, who is also disabled, with money to fix his van which was broke down.



District 32B News

AIKEN MID-DAY LIONS CLUB

Aiken Mid-Day Lions Club is helping feed the hungry in our community by arranging pick up and delivery of food donations from some Aiken food establishments. Delivery is made to local organizations such as Salvation Army, ACTS, Helping Hands, Nurture Home, as well as some local outreach programs by area churches. The retail value of these donations is currently totaling at least \$4,000 each month.



Panera Crew and Lions



Little Caesar Manager and Lions

The Salvation Army of Aiken's Family Shelter, Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Thanks to the generosity of the Aiken Mid-Day Lions, yesterday The Salvation Army of Aiken's Family Shelter, Pantry and Soup Kitchen received a "truck load" of much needed cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products and linens.

Pictured here (with just a sampling of our donations) is Shelter Director Rose Mitchell. Lions may remember Rose in her previous role of "fashion model" at the Aiken Mid-Day Lions Spring Fashion Show Luncheon.





MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-C GOVERNOR BONNIE STEPHENSON

Lionism is currently undergoing many changes which will be beneficial in attracting new members, revitalizing current clubs and making advancements that will strengthen and improve our already outstanding international organization. Our International President Bob Corlew wants us to Climb New Mountains.

We must join hands and work together to accomplish and maintain the goals of Lions and continue to serve others who need our help.

You can say it won't work or you can say I'll make it work. Attitude is everything.

I am your DG for this year and working together we can make a difference.

DG Bonnie Stephenson



Bonnie Stephenson
District Governor 32-C
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District 32C News

Kingstree Lions Club Centennial Challenge

Kingstree Lions Club with the help of volunteers from the Black River Beauties, SC Waterfowl Association, and area volunteers to clean a 7.2 mile stretch of the river from Kingstree, SC to Bub's landing off of SC Hwy 377.



Myrtle Beach Lions

Sun Fun Parade



PDG Brian in the parade

North Myrtle Beach Lions

Lions Little Free Library

Lion Jack, left, watches as Lion Dorothy (center) and Lion President Arleen



cut the ribbon on the Lions Little Free Children's Library

On June 10, 2016 at the Movies at McLean Park event, Lion Arleen Lopano, President of the NMB LIONS Club introduced a new addition to the Park: a Little Free Library. According to President Lopano, "Lions all over the world support many different projects in their home communities. One of the projects involves Literacy. In 2013 International Lion President Wayne Madden, a teacher himself, recognized the value of a literacy and adopted it as one of the goals of his term as President. Since 2013, the NMB Lions Club has donated over \$1000

worth of books to three of our city school libraries. This year we made our literacy project accessible to all the children playing at McLean Park."

The Little Free Library is located at the playground area at McLean Park. The unit itself was created by Lion Jack Bambach. It is one of 40,000 like units registered worldwide. Children and their parents are invited to borrow a book, enjoy it and return it for another to use. Children can leave their used books to share with others. The first 75 books placed in the McLean Park Little Library were donated by Bonnie Hewitt, owner of "Bonnie's Books" at the Little River Flea Market.



Children at McLean Park, line up to borrow free book at Lions Little Free Library

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-D GOVERNOR PAUL DOVE

Collaboration, Cooperation, and Communication

To become a district governor you first have to serve as a club president, then as a zone or region chair, then as a second vice district governor, and then as a first vice district governor. In other words, it is a four-year process at minimum. And that does not include multiple training requirements, plus actually being elected or appointed to the various prerequisites.

During our DGE (district governor-elect) training this winter in Atlanta, all candidates from our seven states area spent a weekend learning more about the responsibilities we were accepting. One question we were asked prior to the seminar was "What is your vision for your district?" Being a long-winded guy, I complied a two-page listing of my "vision," only to be told mine was a check-list of things to do, not a concise sentence on my vision. Now that was a challenge. Finally and with considerable assistance I was able to condense this down to a sentence—"To have more collaboration among all the Lions in the district." Okay, off to a start at least!

Then came the leadership and membership goals derived from the vision statement. Even goal-setting was an involved process. First, they had to be SMART goals---specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-bound. And each goal carried How, When, Who, and How Will We Know components. Plus various members of the leadership team had to collaborate on goals as did district, multiple district, and area GMTs and GLTs.

Thus we developed five District 32-D goals for FY 2016-17. Ideally each of these goals supports the continued growth and development of our district and its mission.

Here's what we ended up with:

- 1) Through collaboration to increase mentoring experiences in each club by spring 2017 elections; thus leadership qualities and potential are expanded so that each club elects as least one new officer.
- 2) Implement methods to create a more appealing cabinet meeting format by the first cabinet meeting of the FY.
- 3) By June 2017 to have stimulated collaboration among clubs so as to have completed at least one visible zone or region service project which invigorates interest and thus grows our clubs.
- 4) To increase membership diversity in at least twelve clubs during the fiscal year.
- 5) During FY 2016-17 to reduce our district's five-year average of dropping 177 members per year by 50%, to no more than 89.

In each case under the "Who?" component, addressing the questions to be answered for each goal, my response ended with "All 32-D Lions" for I am convinced that any district-wide goal can only be accomplished when all our members are on board and doing their share of implementing each goal. Recently I heard someone claim that three percent of any organization were the movers and shakers that made things happen; seven percent knew something was happening; and the other ninety percent were unaware of what was happening and probably really did not care. Surely our district Lions do not fit this pessimistic characterization!

As we head too fast towards the new fiscal year for our district, we will have unlimited opportunities to serve, ongoing resources to meet needs, and "New Mountains to Climb." I look forward to these challenges and believe that with your help, through collaboration, cooperation and communication, we will reach even greater levels of service. Together we can post another banner year!

---Paul Dove, DGE, 32-D



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District 32D News

Joint Officer/Region and Zone Chair Training Held

In an effort to create a more collaborative effort among the District Governor's Team and the club leaders, the first *joint training* was held on June 11th in Winnsboro. All club officers along with region and zone chairs were invited to a day of joint learning, sharing and planning for the new Lions Year which begins July 1st. When DGE Paul and Lion Bobbie return from Japan with an arsenal of new ideas and centennial news -- the officers in the district will be ready to run with them!



Thirty-four lions took part in the training opportunity and shared a delicious BBQ lunch provided by Lion

Howard Beckham of the Blythewood Lions Club. A special thank you to all lions who participated, who provided instruction, and those that came to audit the sessions and learn more about stepping up in lions' leadership positions.

****Please note****

For those new officers or current officers who were unable to make the June 11th training – the district will offer a second opportunity for officer training on July 9th, 8:30 to Noon, at the **Glennon Community Center**, 15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC.

Please RSVP to PDG Barbara Beckham by July 1st if you plan to attend. Questions? Or Need Directions? Contact PDG Barbara at (803) 315-9346 or beckham1953@aol.com

Blythewood and Columbia Northeast Lions Clubs induct officers at joint meeting!

New officers for the Blythewood Lions Club and Columbia Northeast Lions Club were inducted at a special joint meeting at Windsor United Methodist Church last week. The Columbia Northeast Lions Club was the sponsoring club when the Blythewood Lions Club was chartered sixteen years ago and traditionally the clubs have always celebrated with a joint induction.

Lion Sam Titus will serve as president of the Blythewood Lions Club and Lion Dr. Shirley Ballard will serve as president of the Columbia Northeast Lions Club. The joint induction is a great time for the two clubs to share fellowship. Both clubs are always looking to grow more hands and hearts to do service in their communities.



Group of officers for both clubs



Lion Dr. Shirley Ballard, incoming president of Columbia Northeast Lions Club, poses with club members, Lions Roberta Daniels and Donna Steele.



New Blythewood Lions Club secretary, Lion Rachel Titus, is pinned by outgoing secretary, Lion Mary Lou Tedder.



Multiple District 32 News

Lion George H. Boucher
April 30, 1913 - June 6, 2016



Our oldest Lion in South Carolina at age 103, Lion George was an active member of the Anderson Lions Club. He participated in Candy Days, broom sales, pancake breakfasts; serving on committees, and was a Tail Twister and Club President several times.

Lion George was an American war hero and Southern Gentleman. A 1934 Clemson University graduate, Boucher fought in Germany in World War II. After the war he came back to teach. He taught at the old Boys High School in Anderson until he was called for active duty when the Korean War started. He taught Military Science and Tactics for a couple years at Clemson University until he was sent to the war front. He retired from the Army in 1966 and taught school at Lakeside Middle School in Anderson.

Please consider a memorial to Wycliffe Bible Translators at P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL or to the Fisher House Foundation at 111 Rockville Pike, Ste. 420, Rockville, MD



D32 Facebook Page

If you a Face Book user, please check out the MD 32 FB site linked below. Please encourage your club members to look at the site and "friend" us. The more the merrier. A special thanks to 1VDG Paul Dove for keeping us informed.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.sclions.org/>