

## Lion Richard J. "Rick" Pressly

2017 SC Lion of the Year

Proudly Nominated by the Abbeville Lions Club



Lion Rick Pressly's signature passion is vision screening, especially for children. He has gone well beyond ordinary commitment to exemplary leadership in finding and correcting visual deficiencies in Abbeville County residents as he has personally conducted thousands of screenings. He has trained other Lions from clubs across Districts 32 A, B, C and D to use the SPOT camera he demonstrated. For Multiple District 32 he facilitated the fund raising and the application for the Matching Grant from LCIF to purchase 11 vision screening cameras. Thanks in large part to his promotion, no person in this part of SC should have a vision-related impediment to realizing full life potential.

As an officer in his Abbeville Club and in District 32D, he has performed his duties and voluntary activities with energy and dedication to such a degree that he rightfully would have already been nominated for Lion of the Year but for exclusion due to his district-level offices.

### Notable Club Activities during Last 18 Months:

- Organized and oversaw SPOT vision screenings in Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, and Saluda Counties, 8,500 screenings in 2015-2016 with a 12% referral rate and 5,800 with a 10% referral rate in 2016-Jan. 2017
- Collected, boxed, and delivered 1005 pairs of glasses to SC Lions Vision Services
- Trained and supervised 15 Lions Club members and others in use of the Spot camera
- Inspired and led the club membership co-chairing the 11th & 12th annual Golf Tournaments raising \$11,200 in cash donations and gifts/ door prizes valued at \$6,200, funding donations to SCLCS (thereby designating 4 Franklin Mason Fellows), LCIF, Leader Dogs of the Blind, Storm Eye Institute, and reimbursing professionals who fitted 47 community residents with glasses
- Organized the Birthday-Anniversary Calendar sales totaling \$1044.00
- Pushed broom and mop sales to \$1690.00 in receipts
- Co-chaired the hosting of a John de la Howe School Christmas benefit at which the membership of four clubs donated over \$2000 to fund student activities
- Co-chaired the hosting of 2 county-wide Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquets
- Served his ninth year as Club Secretary/Treasurer in 22 year membership
- Sponsored 7 new members in the Abbeville club
- Facilitated the Fourth Grade Foresters Service Project on Arbor Day at Westwood Elementary School, planting a tree on school property, demonstrating the process to the students and teachers and providing tree saplings to all students and teachers for the 4th & 5th years
- Initiated service activities for the following: (1) Salvation Army bell ringing (holiday collection), (2) Long Cane Elementary School {reading to primary school classes and distributing new books to second graders}, and (3) SC Highway Department Highway Clean Up (roadside trash pick-up) (4) United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County (food collection)

These are just a few of his accomplishments. Follow link to read the full nomination.

## MD 32 Convention



*Lion Jim Varn of the Camden Lions Club recognized for all the hard work on the Youth Exchange Program*



*Lion Sam Titus had just given special gifts to PID Townsend. Pictures with PID Jay Patel and PID Gene Spiess*



*PID Wives: Lion Kamimi Patel, Lion Donna Townsend and Lion Rita Spiess*



*State Peace Poster winner Neely Albert with 32B DG Pat Friday. Neely was sponsored by Sun City/Okatie Lions Club*





Guest Speaker for the Awards Luncheon was Dr. George Magrath of Storm Eye Institute



River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club makes \$4000 contribution to Storm Eye. Lion President Bessie Meeks



Lion Rita Spiess presenting books for The Lions Den - A children's room at Storm Eye

## College Food Pantry Drive

Thank You! Thank You!



The call went out and as usual the Lions of South Carolina came through. At the State Convention we collected food and monetary donations for our College Food Pantry Drive. I have already sent a box of Food to the College of Charleston through one of our Lions. I was overwhelmed in how you responded on such short notice. We collected \$350.00 at the convention and I had at least 3 people who let me know that they are sending a check. The Chapman High School Leo Club decided to donate what they made as tips at a recent pancake fundraiser. That will add \$125.00 to that. This will go a long way. These Food Pantries get no funding from the school, so this is a blessing. This service Project hits on two of the areas that our current President Bob Corlew, wants us to address - Youth and Hunger.

I would like to suggest that each of the VDGs recommend to their clubs and district that they put this project in their annual budget. Also, it would be great to have a collection table for food and money at each District and the State convention/meeting.

I will be in touch with you again in the near future.

Again, thank you for your quick response and making this service project such a success.

Renee L Pierce  
 Youth Exchange  
 Leo Advisor  
 Inman Vice President

# GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

## SC SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

*On behalf of The Walker Foundation and the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind would like to send our Heartfelt Thank You to ALL of the Lions who attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony. We are so truly honored and blessed to have such an amazing partnership with the Lions and Lions Clubs throughout South Carolina.*

*Ann Akerman  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Walker Foundation  
Supporting the SC School  
For the Deaf and the Blind*





## SCLF Chair Lion Tom Gordon

### Lions Vision Services, A South Carolina Charity

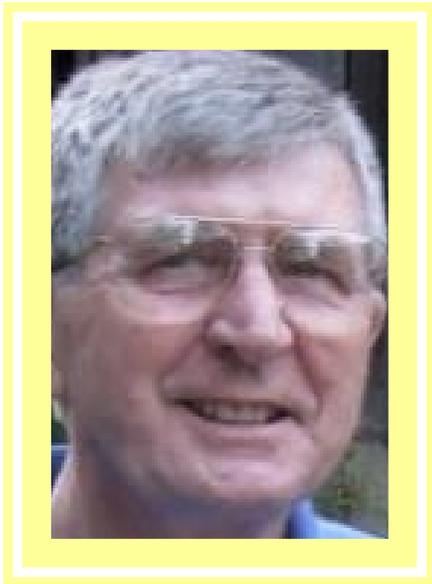
#### 32D Wins Again –Congratulations

DG Paul Dove accepts the trophy for the best District Contribution to LVS this year. Club contributions and Sustaining Member total contributions constitute the measurement and 32D has come out on top for the second year in a row. Thank you 32D and we challenge the other districts to match or beat the commitment. For a complete list of Dr. Franklin Mason Awards see the contributors in The Palmetto Lion. Remember your gift of \$50.00 is accumulative and will add up to a Franklin Mason Award.



Lions Vision Services presented the revised LVS Constitution and By-Laws at the MD32 State Convention and after some discussion, they were approved. These documents go into effect on July 1,2017. Thank you, South Carolina Lions for showing your support. Your leaner and more efficient organization will serve you

more effectively. LVS has completed or scheduled 68 Eye Surgeries and 39 Hearing Aids. We have also completed over 17,000 Screenings this year. There have not been any services delayed because of funding. The South Carolina Lions Foundation funds has grown year over year with the return on investment exceeding 9%. It has been a very good year for LVS after cutting back on expenses and staff. We also sold the pick-up truck. The LVS Board has not drawn any funds from the Foundation. The gifts from Clubs and Sustaining Member program has enabled us to provide the services to underserved South Carolina citizens. Good work SC Lions. Club contributions and Sustaining Member monies are critical to the success of the South Carolina Lions service to the State.



**Tom Gordon  
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If you have not scheduled a LVS Board Member to speak to your club, please do so now. We have a great message to all Lions in South Carolina.

Our goal is to grow SC Lion member contributions from 10% over the past 3 years to 50% within 3 years. If each Lion would contribute \$50.00, we could raise \$175,000. Can you dream of addressing all the needs in South Carolina for the next 2 years? You can help fulfill this dream by simply contributing \$50.00 now. Your contribution is tax deductible. Please consider a contribution this year. Great things happen when small things are done right.

We have many opportunities to give to very worthy causes and we do. However, remember our primary mission as Lions. SIGHT and SIGHT PRESERVATION remains our primary focus. Please consider Lions Vision Services as one of your first contribution because LVS is doing great things in the name of South Carolina Lions.

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



#### Lions Vision Serves a SC Charity Facebook Page

If you a Face Book user, please check out the SC Lions Vision Services site linked below. Please encourage your club members to look at the site and “friend” us. The more the merrier.

## **Club Contribution Awards – Largest Contribution**

District A – Spartanburg Lions  
District B and largest in the state – Midland Valley Lions  
District C – Georgetown Lions  
District D – River Hills

### **100% Sustaining Member clubs 2015-2016**

Aiken Midday  
The Mathews  
Ninety Six  
Midland Valley  
Summerville Evening  
Taylors  
Seneca

### **100% Sustaining Member clubs 2016-17**

Aiken Midday  
The Mathews  
Ninety Six  
Georgetown  
Greenwood

## **Lions Service Areas**



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER RELIEF



PEDIATRIC CANCER



VISION

**Annette Hart**  
**Multiple District 32**  
**Council Chairperson 2016-2017**

I want to say thank you to all Lions who attended the State Convention in Spartanburg. But most of all I want to thank my council and PCC Terry Trnavsky, convention chair. It would not have been possible for everything to have run as smoothly as it did without the help given to me by these lions.

The trip to Spartanburg was amazing starting with the special ground breaking ceremony for the new playground at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. The children who participated all did a wonderful job.

And I am so very proud of all the lions that received special recognition awards and especially the MD Lion of the Year, PDG Rick Pressly who was also voted in as the next VCCE for 2018-19.

At the MD Annual Business Meeting the CBL which was revised by PID Dr. Gene Spiess and PCC Tom Wood who worked diligently on it, and will be effective 2018-19 which gives lions enough time to read and advise them of their concerns.

This is a perfect ending to a perfect year and I thank you—the lions for all of the services you provided in your communities this year as we know Hurricane Matthew added an additional work load and I am so proud of how the lions put troops on the ground to help these individuals in need.

Also, if you are attending the LCI Convention in Chicago, please remember there will be a **Southeastern Breakfast** on Monday, July 3, 7 AM at the Hilton Chicago. The actual cost is \$38, however, the council is discounting the ticket price to \$18. Please mail a check payable to MD 32 to Lion Randy Thomas, Treasurer, 520 Semillon Lane, Moore, SC 29369.

Respectfully,

CC Annette Hart



**Annette Hart**  
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**2016-2017**

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Please note that CC Annette has been in the hospital. Hopefully, by the time I get this out to you, CC Annette will be home recuperating. Our prayers and best wishes go out to her and her family. She would love to hear from you. Send a card to her home:

CC Annette Hart  
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# The Youth Camp and Exchange Program (YCE)

## Creating Global Citizens Across Cultures and Around the World

Dear Fellow Lions and Friends,

It has occurred to me that I chair a lions program that many of you may not have heard about. That program is the Lions Clubs International Youth Camp and Exchange program. Below is a very short description from the LCI website

### Creating Global Citizens Across Cultures and Around the World



The Youth Camp and Exchange Program (YCE) brings the ideals of global citizenship to life. Each year this program gives thousands of young people the opportunity to experience life in other cultures and gain new understanding of the world through travel abroad. Unlike some youth exchange programs, YCE does not involve academic study or employment. Instead, participants are encouraged to use this travel opportunity to represent their home countries and share their own culture while learning about and embracing a new one, forging the way to becoming young ambassadors for peace and international understanding.

Here is how the program works in South Carolina. Each District has the YCE chair appointed by the District Governor. The chair in 32-A is Lion Renee Pierce, 32-B Lion PDG Ned Shows, 32-C Lion PDG Jim Varn, and 32-D Lion Carol Mosser. The YCE chairs coordinate the touring camp activities for their district and also assist in getting host families. I also serve as the Multiple District YCE.

Here is a short overview of the program in South Carolina: The students arrive on July 8th at the Columbia airport. They are picked up at the airport and spend the next 2 weeks with their host family. The general rule is that they treat them as they would their own children. We normally ask host families to host two students. This is for two reasons, it allows the students to know at least one other student and also it allows them to better entertain themselves. This year I have an odd number of girls so I could go with just one girl with a host family. Almost all the students like to shop. The host families will be in contact with their charges at least 30 days prior to arrival so they can ask what kind of things they like to do. I also provide the host family with the full application and host family letter along with photographs of the student and their family. I try to have the arrival flight times close together so the family doesn't have to hang around the airport all day. I will be at the airport before the first student is set to arrive and will stay until the last student is safely in South Carolina. Almost all host families bond very quickly with their students. After a two week stay the host family delivers the students to the School for the Deaf and Blind on July 22nd and picks them up on August 4th at the farewell get-together. They then take them to the airport on August 5th for their flight home.

(I can make arrangements to have them stay with a lion in the Columbia area if need be).



Now, let me fill in some things so you will have a better idea of the scope of the program. **First, who are the students and where do they come?** We have 15 students coming this year: 1. Liana Marie-Austria 2. Vincent-Belgium, 3. Kasper-Denmark, 4. Christopher-England, 5.Noora-Finland, 6. Celia-France, 7. Fabian-Germany, 8. Dori-Hungary, 9. Gali-Israel, 10. Alice-Italy, 11.Dominykas-Lithuania, 12. Karlign-Netherlands, 13. Maksim-Russia, 14. Sofia Oliva-Spain, and 15. Shruti-India.

**Where will they stay?** Here is what I know. 2 boys will stay with DG Paul and Bobbie Dove; 2 Boys will stay with Lion Shirley Ballard and 2 boys will stay with PDG Lion Joyce and Sandy Haskell. Girls: 2 with Lions Bill and Linda Haslett, 3 with Lions Nathan and Betsy Barber, and 2 with Clayton and DeEtte Swalstad. Basic math says our youth exchange program needs at least one additional host family. **I am sure that there is at least one (or maybe 20) families who would like to host 2 girls for the 2 weeks prior to the start of the touring camp. If you are the person I am looking for here is my contact information:**



Lion Jim Varn, 803 432-5093 or 803 424-2908 email: [jimvarn@varnhaus.net](mailto:jimvarn@varnhaus.net)

**How do you select your students?** Simple, really. I accept the first 12 to 16 applications I receive from youth exchange chairs located all over the world. Our rules are simple, the student must be between the ages of 15 and 18 at the time of the camp. I do not make the selection based on gender or race but generally get more female applicants. If an YCE Chair asks for a space I will reserve it for them and expect to receive the application by March 15. Our camp is almost always full by January 30.

**What about SC students going overseas?** This part of the program is something I could really use help on to develop more fully. This year we are sending 2 students to Italy. It would be nice if we could send ten or twenty students overseas. The lions of South Carolina could send more if this part of our program could be publicized more fully and then funded in some way. To fully implement this portion of the program we would need an out-going YEC chair. Any volunteers? Please let me know. (see above) I would be happy to work with anyone who would like to help in this capacity.



To be continued in the June issue of the Palmetto Lion.....

Respectfully Submitted in Friendship and Service

Lion Jim Varn

# **ALERT MINUTE from MARY LOUISE RESCH, MEd, SCGS**

## **District 32D Alert Chair**

### **30 PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR (Fifth of a Series)**

As we've discussed over the past few months, preparing for disaster is something that we all should be aware of each and every day. Continuing along that line, this month's tips concern clothing that should be in your disaster kit, as well as other key items of interest should you ever have to respond in the event of an emergency or disaster.

#### **Preparedness Tip # 18**

Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person in your emergency supply kit. FEMA suggests long pants and long sleeves for additional protection **after a disaster**.

Clothing and Bedding (Essential Items are Marked with an Asterisk \*)

- Sturdy shoes or work boots\*
- Rain gear\*
- Blankets or sleeping bags\*
- Hat and gloves
- Thermal underwear
- Sunglasses

#### **Preparedness Tip #19**

You should also keep a smaller version of your emergency supply kit in your vehicle, in case you are commuting or traveling when disaster strikes.

Emergency Kit For Your Vehicle

- Bottled water and non-perishable high energy foods, such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Blanket
- Booster cables
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit and manual
- Maps
- Shovel
- Tire repair kits and pump
- Flares or other emergency marking devices

#### **Preparedness Tip #20**

Teach children and grandchildren how to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. Review emergency action steps with all family members.

Check the scene and the victim

Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number posted by the telephone

- Care for the victim
- Help your children and grandchildren learn more about emergencies by visiting Red Cross "Masters of Disaster"

#### **Preparedness Tip #21**

Read the information on your city, county and or/state government web sites, including [www.emd.org](http://www.emd.org), [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), or Ready.gov and print emergency preparedness information. Be sure to keep a copy with your disaster supply kits. It can provide telephone numbers, addresses and other information you need when electronic connections are not available for o

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-A GOVERNOR WES CORROTHERS

What a wonderfully, fantastic 93<sup>rd</sup> MD Convention we held in Spartanburg this April! In addition to having an outstandingly inspiring guest speaker - PID Haynes Townsend, and his wife Donna, from Dalton, GA; we also gave an ***honorary surprise*** to a local, long serving couple = PID Gene & Rita Speiss! Our Council Board voted unanimously to surprise them and dedicate this State Convention to their unselfish leadership, service, and giving of themselves to Lionism!

With our ambitious (and naive) planning of this State Convention, the usual 2-day event, quickly became 3 days! That extra day was a Friday morning ceremony at the SC School for the Deaf and Blind. It was the public kick-off or ground breaking ceremony for the **SC Lions Centennial Outdoor Recreation & Learning Park**! That playground became serious reality when all 4 Districts combined raised over \$100,000 –, plus we received another *match from LCI of \$100,000!!!!* The Mayor, and many other local dignitaries were there with their golden shovels ready to get this valuable & unique addition started! The PARK will be an added enrichment, and joy for those children that are sight impaired!

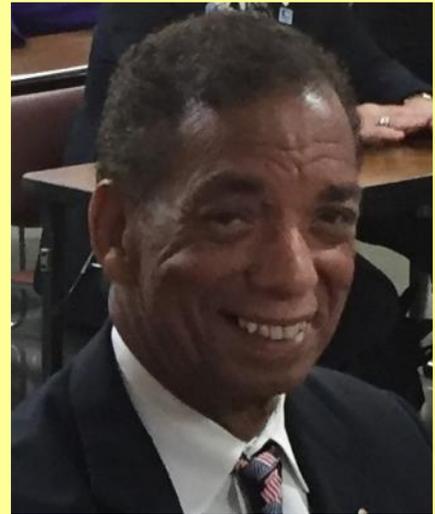
Our **LEO's**, made an impact at our State Convention! They collected food and monetary donations for our College Food Pantry

Drive. Lion **Renee Pierce**, Lions Services for Children, Youth Exchange & Youth Outreach, has already sent a box of Food to the **College of Charleston** through one of our Lions. They collected \$350.00 at the Convention! The **Chapman High School Leo Club** decided to donate what they made as tips at a recent pancake fundraiser. That will add \$125.00 to that. This will all go a long way! These Food Pantries get no funding from the school, so this is a blessing. This service project hits on two of the areas that our current President, Bob Corlew, wants us to address - **Youth and Hunger**.

A special “Thank You” goes to all of those Lions who were either behind the scene ie, PDG Terry Trnavsky & CC Anette Hart, or either Hosted major sessions – our District Governors. Also, to all of our Lions from 32-A and throughout the state that received awards and honorable mentions – again Congratulations!

Finally, we sincerely thank PID Haywood and his wife for bringing an informative, inspiring and entertaining message at our banquet dinner, as our Keynote speaker!

Wesley Corrothers



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# District 32A News

## PID GENE SPIESS AWARDED THE SC ORDER OF THE SILVER CRESCENT

The **Order of the Silver Crescent** is the state's highest civilian award for significant contributions, leadership, volunteerism, and lifelong influence within a region or community. The **Order of the Silver Crescent** is a once in a lifetime achievement.



PID Gene Spiess was presented the Order of the Silver Crescent from

Gov. Haley. It was for his work in renovating 18 properties in Hampton Heights to continue to make this historical neighborhood a better place to live and for the initial renovation project of the Spartanburg Preparatory School along with 3 other investors including Lions Randy Thomas and Tommy Ordoyne.

Representative Mike Forrester and his wife, Cindy, made the presentation.

Lion Rita Spiess receiving the Presidential Award from PID Haynes Townsend at the State Convention in Spartanburg



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## Mauldin welcomes new member

**Welcome,** we are so glad to have you with us.

From Left to right. Our newest member. Lion Kaushalya Alles, Her sponsor Lion Frankie White and Lion Donna Henson from the Taylors Lions Club, who inducted Lion Kaushalya on February 27, 2017.



## Pacolet Lions Club Celebrates 50 Year Anniversary

"Close to everything, far from ordinary", that is the slogan of Pacolet, South Carolina. [ Zip code 29372 ]Its one of those towns that may be a little hard to pronounce and never heard of before. However one can be surprised what can come out of these small communities when people get together and have a vision. The Lions Club of Pacolet is one example of a few people getting together and taking on a task, but not just any task. The vision of the Lions Club is to serve the community in many ways.

A neighboring Lions Club in, Gaffney, South Carolina, about eight miles north east of Pacolet decided to start a Lions Club in Pacolet, after the required preliminaries the twenty nine persons applied and received a charter. The charter was issued on March 9th, 1967.



Audrey Wilson, made this beautiful cake



Lion Jimmy Garner had the honor of cutting the cake



DG Wes Corrothers presenting Charter Member, Lion Jimmy Garner with Melvin Jones Fellowship

The club wishes to extend its gratitude to all who has helped in the past 50 years of serving the community. We pray that our ventures into the next 50 years will be as successful as the past 50 years, and we ask this prayer to all clubs around the world. Together we can make a difference.

Lions work together  
Under one Creed  
We humble ourselves  
Helping others in need

Theodore "Ted" Hemenway  
President, Pacolet Lions Club

[Click here to read more about the Pacolet Lions Club](#)

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-B GOVERNOR PAT FRIDAY

What a busy time we have had these last few weeks. I was so proud to attend, it is shameful to say for the first time but it won't be the last, the Santee Lions Club Blind Fishing Day. It was held on the first weekend in April and yes they know it is Masters Week but most fishermen are not tied to their TV watching the Masters. Speaking of fishermen they could use more boats and especially strong armed men to help with the hand-capped to load and unload. I want to give a special thank you to Orangeburg Club for doing the fish fry on Friday evening. And a very special thank you to the Summerville Evening Club for helping with the serving and cleanup detail on Friday night. And we could not have done it without Lion Tim Hagins and his wife, Melinda who tirelessly worked the entire weekend. Of course, the Santee Lions organized once again a great time for the visually impaired.

I along with other lions from across our state attended the Storm Eye Institute Symposium in Charleston. If you have never gone, it is definitely worth your effort. They are doing amazing research on eye diseases as well as giving treatment to patients.

Our State Convention was quite a success. The Awards Luncheon was wonderful and I was honored to present the Hall of Fame Awards. Lion David Dennis, Moncks Corner Lions Club. Lion David has been a devoted lion not only to his club serving as their secretary for many years but has been faithful to the district as he has attended all cabinet meetings and also has done the audit of our accounts for the past several years. Addi-

tionally, he regularly attends the District and State Conventions. Not to mention all of the service hours he puts into the great work done by his club.



Lion Clauda Mayo who has been treasurer for the Goose Creek Lions Club and travelled with her husband when PDG Jerry did his club visits. Lion Clauda has been active not only with her club and their community service projects but she has attended many cabinet, district and state meetings.

Lion Ron Wilson, Sun City/Okatie Lions Club who was unable to attend the convention has been a very faithful lion wherever he resided. He works to help raise money for Camp Leo which is held for children for one week at Hilton Head Island for one week in July every year. Lion Ron along with his club members as well as the Hilton Head Island Noon Lions works the concession stand at the 13<sup>th</sup> hole for the entire week. These monies help support Camp Leo but there is always a need for additional funds. Lion Ron is the treasurer for Camp Leo Council and monies can be sent to him at 23 Dragonfly Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909-4455. This year the camp will be Sunday, July 16 through July 22. On Wednesday night they would love for you to come and join them for the entertainment by the children and a great BBQ meal. For more information you can email Lion Ron at [trojanron63@gmail.com](mailto:trojanron63@gmail.com).



**Pat Friday**  
**District Governor 32-B**  
**2016-2017**

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Saturday Banquet of the convention I was so pleased to present Presidential Awards to Lions Susan Barnwell, Hilton Head Island Noon Club and Michele Patrick, Aiken Lions Club. Lion Susan has been a very active member of her club and I have been told she is the glue that holds them together. She works tirelessly every year at the Heritage Golf Tournament at the 13<sup>th</sup> Hole Concession stand the entire week. Additionally, Lion Susan served as District 32B as our secretary/treasurer and did one of the best jobs ever.

Lion Michele Patrick is always willing to do whatever is asked of her and always with a huge smile on her face. She has worked on club committees and fulfills her obligations as agreed. Additionally, she has served on the Board of Directors for her club as well as the SCLCS Board. And of course, she did an excellent job as the district convention chairperson this year.

Sun City/Okatie Lions Club has something to celebrate—20 years of service. They are holding the party where they will honor the past and celebrate the future on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 PM Palmetto Electric Community Room, One Cooperative Way, Hardeeville, Bluffton, SC. Should be want to join them in the celebration, please RSVP by May 10 to [Eileenovella@gmail.com](mailto:Eileenovella@gmail.com) or (843) 415-3880.

Our clubs have been working hard to add new members to the rolls. However it is with much sadness that I tell you that most recently Lion Steve Schachte, president of the Charleston Lions Club died suddenly. Also please keep PDG Kathy Brown-Hart in your thoughts and prayers as PDG Jim Hart died. They were members of the North Charleston Lions Club. Our condolences go out to the families of all who have passed away this year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Pat Friday, DG 32B

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# District 32B News

## MONCKS CORNER LIONS CLUB



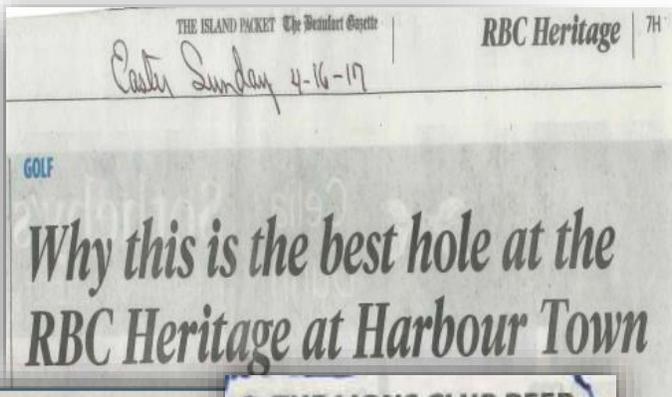
Moncks Corner issued a proclamation in honor of the 100 year anniversary of Lions International and 72 years for the Moncks Corner Lions Club at the April 18, 2017 Moncks Corner Town Council Meeting. MC Lion President Lane Wofford is receiving the proclamation from Lion Mayor Mike Locklear. They are surrounded by other Lions in attendance that included MC Councilmen Lion Jay Law and Lion David Dennis.

**MONCK'S CORNER LIONS CLUB**

Moncks Corner Lions group before the Earth Day litter pick-up in Moncks Corner on Saturday, April 22



**SUN CITY, HILTON HEAD AND HARDEEVILLE LIONS  
HOLD FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP LEO**



*Journalist Wade Livingston ranked the Lions Beer tent number 2 out of 13 reasons he likes No 13 at the RBC Heritage*



**2. THE LIONS CLUB BEER TENT**  
Need a cold one and want to support charity? Look no farther than the pop-up tent staffed by the Sun City, Hilton Head and Hardeeville Lions Clubs. David Cullen of the Sun City Hilton Head group said the tent is their annual fundraiser for Camp Leo — a camp for visually impaired kids — and that the clubs raise “tens of thousands of dollars” for the event. A bonus: The beer tent is complemented by a concessions stand, which is close to ...



DELAYNA EARLEY dearley@islandpacket.com  
The concessions stand run by the Sun City Lions Club is near No. 13 during the RBC Heritage on Friday.

## SUMMERVILLE NOON AND EVENING CLUBS



Lion George Jenkins presenting a check for \$300 to Meals on Wheels from the Summerville Noon Lions Club. In addition to being active Lions, several of our members also volunteer to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels.

The Summerville Noon and Evening clubs worked together to purchase and install and landscape this bench in Azalea Park in Summerville. This will be available for residents' year around and for the 250,000 visitors during the annual Azalea Festival the first weekend of every April.



Summerville Noon Lions  
 Back row: George Jenkins, Bob Guilbert, Ned Shows, Ed Chaplin, John Enright  
 Front row: Dianne Jenkins, Marilyn Guilbert, Elaine Lewis, Dot Enright



Ed Chaplin



Clay Cranford, George Jenkins, Judy Cranford



Dot Enright, Dianne Jenkins



Elaine Lewis and two ladies from Evening club



Marilyn Guilbert

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-C GOVERNOR BONNIE STEPHENSON

### I Love Being A Lion

What a year, it is almost behind me. I love being a lion, someone trying to help those that are in need of a helping hand, I don't have to be the one in charge, but someone who just wants to help in any way I am needed. I have had a lot of wonderful people to help me, to those I want to say Thank you. 🍀

My cabinet has been great. They have made me look good even when I was sick, DGE Cathy has been there for me and hopeful next year I can do the same for her. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Randy Crooms has been there for me this whole year. Thanks Randy!

I am so proud of our Alert Team and the help we gave to Nichols with a \$10,000.00 grant and then our local clubs and others almost gave \$20,000.00 away! Thanks George O'Neill and Sue O'Neill.

People send Thank you notes and stop me on the street to thank the Lions. Today is another day to do good, lots of work to do! Thank you'll for sharing this year with me.

DG Bonnie Stephenson



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## District 32C News



### *Aynor Lions Club* *Food for All*

Club members pictured with food gathered for a local food bank.

## Little River

### *Crossing Boundary with Humanitarian Service*

Handicap ramp built in Calabash NC. Pictured are Lions Randy Edwards, Tom Star-nick, Verne Cappell, Eddie Myers, Cathy Delaney of Calabash Club, Gary Szent-miklosy, Nick Lopano and Bruno Stepanski.



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## North Myrtle Beach



Baby Animal Day at Playcard. Lion Leonardo (Lion Dorothy) is teaching the students sign language while Lion Jeanette Lyon assists.



Lion Priscilla and Lion Pat Sutliff standing outside the trailer ready to conduct eye screenings at Touch-A-Truck event.



Lion Priscilla and Lion Pat Sutliff working the cameras screening at event.

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## South Strand



Club has placed new centennial signs at the Surfside Beach Little League field. They have also painted the dugouts and staff the concession stand during the games.

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 32-D GOVERNOR PAUL DOVE

### Two Sides to Everything

Years ago I remember doing a devotional about every issue having two sides. Later I was reminded that many have more than two angles—yours, mine, and the truth, for example. During these ten months as your district governor, I have seen at least two diverse sides of 32-D Lionism.

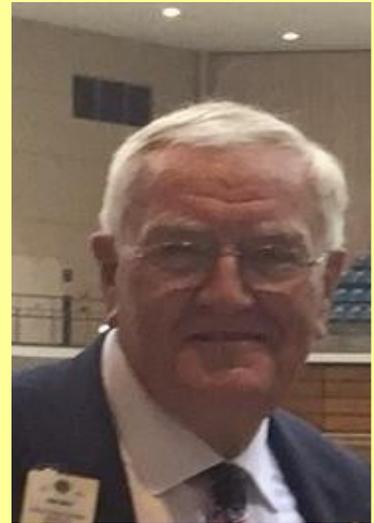
To me the greatest joy this year has been visiting each of our now 35 clubs and learning more about the Lions who comprise those clubs, more about the varied service projects clubs render to their respective communities, and more about what needs to be communicated to our members. It has also been interesting to learn more about how clubs raise funds essential to their service work and about where needs are within our clubs and our district.

Getting to know our dedicated Lions has been inspirational. Seeing all the avenues of service we provide has been rewarding. Making new friends has been enjoyable. Hearing about needs and how clubs address needs has been encouraging. Learning more and more and more about our international organization---and there is plenty to learn---has been challenging but beneficial. Discovering what clubs want to hear or need to hear has been edifying. Visiting strong clubs has been motivational.

Knowing that so many of us take seriously our motto of “We Serve” has been thrilling. Working with a first-class leadership team has been so delightful and fruitful. Having others to guide and assist has been instrumental to progress and development. Identifying Lions to step up to team leadership positions has been important and productive as many have volunteered to assume responsibilities for our manifold functions.

The other side of this coin has been challenging and sometimes discouraging. We have too many weak clubs. We are told that any club with less than fifteen active members is limited in what it can do. Any club with less than ten members is very limited and in imminent danger of dying. A club with five members or less is already dead. Or as ID Jerome Thompson says, small clubs are on life support. Some might as well unplug the cord, I think. DGE Rhett Hair has announced that he plans to focus on the weaker clubs during the early part of his year as district governor. We have been encouraged to do this as the stronger clubs are not as much in need of the training and support available through our many resources.

A pet peeve has been the too many 32-D clubs which never report their monthly service activities, and we have our share of those as do our sister districts. Thus far this year seventy-seven percent of our clubs---twenty-seven-- are reporting some service activities. As good as that is, where are the other eight clubs, or twenty-three percent? Why are they not reporting to International what they are doing each month towards our two hundred million service activities for the Centennial?



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Our district leads our state in many statistics---membership, clubs, service activities, donations to our charities, etc. But there is always room for improvement! There are always training opportunities offered to enhance our abilities to lead; there are innumerable resources designed to foster increased leadership skills and dynamics; there are always roles to fill where various services are not being delivered at the level that ensures we are fulfilling our noble and worthy mission as Lions.

As we consolidate four districts into two over the next two years, we believe there will be expansion in the leadership pool. I hope new leaders will emerge from our redistricted clubs and will step forward to take us to new heights, to new levels of service, and to a higher level of awareness of and desire to better meet community needs.

As the fiscal year winds down, it is easy to look back and think what improvements your district governor could have made in his leadership during the term; on the other hand, while the year has been demanding and exhausting, all of us I believe love having served.

If I had a magic lamp, I would ask the genie to motivate all Lions to be one hundred percent engaged in their clubs' work rather than the proverbial twenty percent who do eighty percent of the work! In which category are you? And how can we involve more effectively those in our clubs who are mainly "meet and eat?"

DG Paul Dove

District 32D

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## CLUB OFFICER and REGION/ZONE CHAIR TRAINING

### Mark the Date Now!

32D Officer and Region/Zone Training

Saturday, May 20, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Carolina School for Inquiry (CSI)

7401 Fairfield Road, Columbia

*(Located north of I-20 on Highway 321/Fairfield Road)*

All Club Officers, Region and Zone Chairs,  
and Interested Lions! Please make plans  
to attend.

The District Training Session for all club officers and region/zone chairs will be held on Saturday, May 20th. Please plan to join us! The Columbia Northwest Lions Club will be hosting our training at the Carolina School for Inquiry (CSI) located at 7405-A Fairfield Rd, Columbia. This is 2.2 miles north of I-20 on Highway 321.

We will start the day with a "Meet and Greet" at 8:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. we kick off the training with DGE Rhett presenting his goals for the new year. Then a combined session for all attendees with DGE Rhett doing a "hands on" MyLCI workshop. Learn how to access this great tool. DGE Rhett will be accompanied by PDG Rick who will talk about activities reporting and how to gather the info so that your club gets credit for ALL you do. Gathering activity numbers is not just the secretary's job -- everyone needs to help gather these important numbers for LCI statistics.

1VDGE LeJune Cantrell will give an overview of the re-districting in South Carolina and where we are with plans for the District A & D merger.

**Lunch will be a cost of \$6.00 per person.** CSI will be having their May Fest event that day and the Parents Group will be serving lunch, so Lions will enjoy lunch at the school and also be helping their fundraising event.

After lunch there will be breakouts:

\*Presidents/Vice Presidents - DG Paul Dove and PDG David Dority presenting

\*Secretary/Treasurers - PDG Rick Pressly and Lion Susan Thomas, presenting

\*Membership Chairs - DGE Rhett Hair

\*Region/Zone Chairs - 1VDGE LeJune Cantrell

\*Directors, Tail Twisters, Lion Tamers - PCC Charlene Frye and PDG Barbara Beckham

Sessions should finish by 2:30. Please plan to join us for a great day of fellowship and preparation for the new Lions Year. **All Lions welcomed!**

Please RSVP to PDG Barbara Beckham at [beckham1953@aol.com](mailto:beckham1953@aol.com) as to who will attend. We will need an estimated count for our CSI lunches.

[Lion Barbara Beckham](#)

# District 32D News

## STATE CONVENTION

From top to bottom:

1st DVGE LeJune Cantrell (Presidential Certificate of Appreciation) and PDG Catherine Young (Presidential Medal)

Lion Melody Hair (received Leadership Medal) with PID Haynes Townsend

Not Pictured: Lion Carol Mosser received the Leadership Medal

Lion Hillard Allen SC Hall of Fame recipient

Lion Joe Bedenbaugh, a SC Hall of Fame recipient with DG Paul and DGE Rhett.

Not pictured: Marilyn Howell and Bobby Cullen (deceased) were also names to the SC Hall of Fame



## Blythewood Leos Club

The Blythewood High School Leo Club held its 2017 Awards Celebration on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Not only were deserving Leos presented awards but this year was extra special as this Leo Club celebrated its five year anniversary.



The Club has been very active over the years with Leos ramping up their service activities in the community and joining with fellow statewide Leos during the annual Leo conference.

District Governor Paul Dove attended and praised the Leos for their service.



The club proudly celebrated their service activities throughout the year by showing a video highlight of their service projects. Ten Leos received *Silver Lions Young Leaders in Service* awards for 50 hours of service. And three Leos received *Gold Lions Young Leaders in Service* awards for 100 hours of service.

Leos of the Year awards were presented to Leos Kristian Hardy and Tavon Frederick. Also, the Leo Club had raised monies and donated funds to S. C. Lions Vision Services, qualifying the club for a Dr. Franklin Mason Fellowship Award. The Fellowship Plaque and pin were presented to a deserving Leo who had provided exceptional support and service throughout the year. This year's recipient was Leo Jaelyn Ellis.

Congratulations to these young people who are serving our community and setting an example for all of us lions to follow.

# Columbia Northwest Lions Club

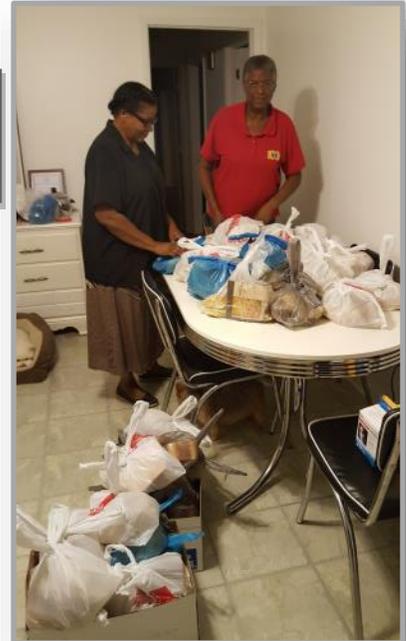
## Dough-nations

Thanks to 2ndVP Lion Pat Hall, the Columbia Northwest Lions Club has been designated to receive excess bread and pastries from a local Panera Bread Shop. The items were repackaged for distribution to two high-rise senior apartments in their service area. On hand for delivery on April 26th to Woods Edge Apartments are Lions Judy Scott, President, Pat Hall 2ndVP, along with Nancy Johnson, MSW at Woods Edge Apartments; Sheriff's Captain Lion Joe Odom, Lion Tamer, Pat Parson LCIF Coordinator; and Leigh Harrell-McGahee at Woods Edge Apartments where 65 bags of bread and pastries were delivered.



Dough \_repackaging breads for distribution to 2 senior apartments in their service area

Dough\_Lions Sheila Campbell, Judy Scott, Pat Hall repackaging breads donated by Panera Breads for distribution to 2 senior apartments



Dough\_ Lions Judy Scott, Pat Hall, Nancy Johnson, MSW at Woods Edge Apart\_ Joe Odom, Pat Parson, and Leigh Harrell-McGahee



CNW Vision Screening Team under their new tent donated by Molina Healthcare at an event sponsored by Molina on April 8, 2017

# THE LEXINGTON LIONS CLUB

## Celebrates 90 Years of Service

April 15, 1927 – April 15, 2017

The Lexington Lions Club proudly held its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the County Club of Lexington. President Bill Barkley was the Master of Ceremonies. The club honors, and wishes to build upon, the long legacy of service given by past Club members.



DGE Rhett, President Bill,  
PID Kembra, DG Paul

President Bill introduced our honored guests: DG Paul Dove, Lion Bobbie Dove, DGE Rhett Hair, Lion Melody Hair, District 87 Representative Todd Atwater, Beth Atwater, and Lexington Mayor Steve MacDougall. Our special featured speaker for the evening was PID Kembra Smith from Georgia.



Members of The Lexington Lions Club

After a delicious meal, Rep Atwater and Mayor MacDougall spoke briefly about the Club and local happenings. We appreciated DG Paul Dove's encouraging words to our Club. As our keynote speaker, PID Kembra Smith gave an interesting view of the history of Lions International being intertwined through the years with the legacy of our Club.



DGE Rhett, DG Paul, Lion Joe

A special honor, the SC Lions Hall of Fame Award for 2017, was presented to Lion Joe Bedenbaugh by DG Paul and DGE Rhett. The Club highly values those 57 years of Joe's faithful and dedicated service.

Lion Philip Flynn was presented with a 10 year monarch award.



PID Kembra Smith

Poster listings of the Past Presidents, The Lion of the Year recipients, Melvin Jones recipients, and the Dr. Franklin Mason recipients were displayed. A copy of the Club's historical "nuggets of information" were also given out.

It was a fantastic evening!

# THE LEXINGTON LIONS CLUB

## Celebrates Completion of a Level 2 Centennial Legacy Project - Restoration of the Lions Club Walking Trail

### March 2017

In the fall of 2015, floodwaters severely damaged the Lions Club Walking Trail in Lexington, SC. One of the two footbridges over Fourteen Mile Creek was not repairable. In addition, the rainwater runoff from 2 intersecting roads was so great that it had washed away the trail head, making it dangerous to walk down the trail. Over the last year and a half, three Boy Scouts, Joseph Henneberry, Richie Cook, and Sean Gearon, collaborated with The Lexington Lions Club to restore the Walking Trail back for safe use. These Scouts used this opportunity to separately complete their needed projects to attain Eagle Scout status. We were honored and proud to have worked with and supported such fine young men in these projects. In March, 2017, the Lexington Lions Club celebrated completion of this Level 2 Centennial Legacy Project by installing a Lions Club Legacy sign at the trail entrance. Included on the sign is a listing of all the Eagle Scouts who have completed their projects on this trail over the years.



Lions: (back) Jim O'Neill, Ken Minier, Eric Easterling, Hugh Ham, Larry Moody, Tom Anderson, Larry Strickland, (front) President Bill Barkley, Jim Satkowski. And Eagle Scout Sean Gearon.



Walking Trail  
Centennial Legacy Sign



**1**  
level

- Raise Your Community Visibility**
- Post new Lions signs
  - Donate a park bench
  - Dedicate a statue
  - Sponsor a fountain in a local park

**2**  
level

- Provide a Community Gift**
- Refurbish a park or playground
  - Build a footbridge over a busy road
  - Fund resources for the visually impaired
  - Donate a vehicle to a community organization

**3**  
level

- Make a Community Impact**
- Build a clinic
  - Expand a library or school
  - Develop a training center
  - Equip an area hospital

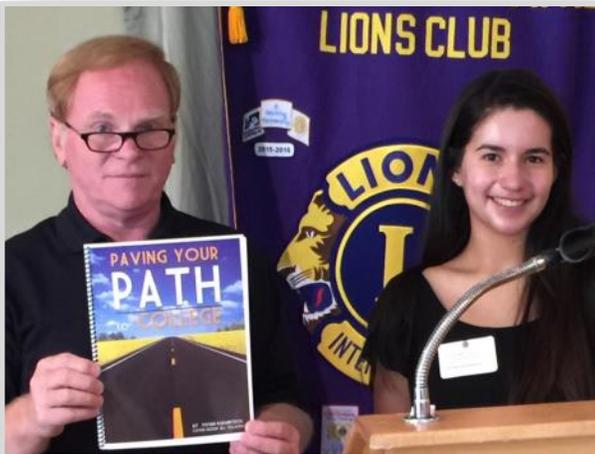
## **River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club**

During their April 15, 2017 monthly breakfast meeting, **River Hills/Lake Wylie LIONS** learned of and celebrated two youthful leadership endeavors reflective of the LIONS WE SERVE spirit!

**LEO Matthew Setzer, 12**, a member of the RH/LWLC sponsored **Clover Lake Wylie LEO Club (LEO=Leadership-Experience-Opportunity)**, recently learned of an opportunity for his LEO Club to complement a Maryland LIONS Club's (page 15 of February 2017 LIONS Magazine) effort to collect used pill vials for overseas distribution as clean, easily portable receptacles for use by destitute people receiving donated medicines. Immediately, with no prior adult guidance or suggestion, LEO Matthew approached a local pharmacy manager to ask for support. The manager donated a box of 325 new pill vials.

LEO Matthew's initiative exemplifies the type of leadership that builds upon an already existing effective solution by adding another beneficial dimension. Upon hearing of LEO Matthew's leadership, the LIONS applause helped LEO Matthew realize the high degree of adult respect his leadership has earned him.

(Photo shows LEO Matthew holding a sample CLW LEO Club created collection box like those placed in each the Clover School District schools to receive donated eyeglasses and pill vials. LION Dr Peter Tucker is holding a copy of the letter from the agency that ships donated pill vials overseas thanking the Clover Lake Wylie LEO Club for the contribution LEO Matthew's leadership initiated.)



**Vivian Karamitos**, a Clover High School junior, in her own words as presented below, exemplifies empowering innovative leadership that invites and provides people experiencing dependency with novel means to move beyond relative helplessness to increasingly experience greater personal independence and, hopefully, the motivation to commit to interdependent collaboration. In short, Vivian service helps open the door to opportunity to people who, easily, through fear, ignorance, inexperience, apathy and or cultural bias could be marginalized. Vivian's forethought, vision and subsequent action are remarkably refreshing for one who is all of 16 years old.\*

Vivian's photo shows her publication, *Paving Your Path to College*, held by RH/LWLC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, LION Dr Peter Tucker. While addressing River Hills/ Lake Wylie LIONS, Vivian's requested that members help her

by expanding awareness of both the challenge she illuminated as well as her attempts to meet that challenge. Lions responded with applause, as well as privately offered suggestions including the possibility of being heard by a group with power to significantly augment the benefit of manual.

Read more about Matthew and Vivian by following this link.

## **Clover Lake Wylie LEOs Support River Hills/Lake Wylie LIONS**

### **“Warm Feet for the Street” Project**

Shown in the photo, during their April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting Clover Lake Wylie LEOs assemble “Warm Feet for the Street” sock packages from materials provided by River Hills/Lake Wylie LIONS. Each package contains, the second sock, as well as small, wrapped soaps, deodorants, band-aids, shampoos and hair conditioners as well as small toothpaste tubes. The 87 sock packages, each labeled as a gift from the River Hills/Lake Wylie LIONS and the Clover Lake Wylie LEOs will be given to Clover School District social workers for distribution among area homeless. Together with collecting used, clean pill vials for use by destitute people in Africa and elsewhere for transporting donated medicines; and collecting used eyeglasses to help overseas people receive the gift of better sight, assembling additional sock packages will remain an ongoing RH/LWLC and CLWLC service venture.



# TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB

As usual the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. We hide (in plain view) 4,250 eggs and 360 children participated in the event.

This years Pancake Breakfast was dedicated to Lion George Sumner (deceased) and was attended by his wife Alice. 225 meals served which equates to approximately 700 Pancakes.



Lion Sue Gulasky and TCWC member Michele McGuire hanging with the Easter bunny (Pres. Lion Jerry





### MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/20	32D Officer Training Carolina School for Inquiry, Columbia, SC
6/30/2017—7/4/2017	<a href="#">International Convention</a> <a href="#">Parade Information</a> <a href="#">Parade Cheer</a> FOOD: Southeastern Breakfast & Hospitality Room Chicago, IL

**We want to hear from everyone!! Make sure to send in your pictures and short articles to your District Palmetto Lion Rep.**

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