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Dear Lions,

Here is a short list of do's and don'ts that will help others along the way with the process as it has changed a bit over the years.

- **Do** try and send glasses in boxes. The glasses make their way to several locations and bags easily tear apart. It makes transportation easier if they are in boxes.
- **Don't** send broken glasses, empty frames or loose lenses.
- **Don't** send eyeglass cases. They do not ship these with the glasses overseas. It weighs the boxes down. You may consider donating the cases to your local Goodwill or thrift store.
- **Don't** package the glasses. They just have to be removed, creating a lot of excess trash and a lot of extra work for you that is going to be undone.

Thank you for your help in streamlining the process!



Read the Lions International, June, 2019 edition of "Lion Magazine" here.

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/calendar.php#april>

June 2019

- **June 7** - Lions Clubs International Birthday
- **June 15** - Deadline for submission of pre-certified delegate forms for voting at International Convention

July 2019

- **July 5 thru 9** - 102nd International Convention (Milan, Italy)

MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 8th, 2019 8:30 AM—2:30 Pm	District 32 S—OFFICER TRAINING Lutheran Church of the Redeemer . 1515 Boundary St, Newberry, SC 29108
July 13—July 27 Host Families July 27—August 9 Camp Experience	SC LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE 2019 Youth Exchange Update Letter From Youth Exchange Committee
Saturday July 7, 2019 October 5, 2019 March 7, 2020 9:00 AM—1:00 PM	MD 32 Lions Learning Academy First Baptist Church / Family Life Center, 2875 Columbia Rd., Orangeburg, SC Link to Registration
Saturday August 17 8:00 AM—4:00 PM	New Voices Symposium First Church of the Nazarene, 901 St. Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC Link to Registration Link to Vendor Registration Web site

SAVE THE DATE

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Saturday, June 8 7:30 am	<u><i>Georgetown Lions Club</i></u> 10th Annual Golf Tournament Wedgefield Plantation Country Club Link to Flyer
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LIONS VISION SERVICES 50th ANNIVERSARY

Lions Vision Services wants to extend a special thank you to all of those who helped make our 50 year celebration a memorable occasion. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, entertainment and fun. Not only was it a grand celebration for our past 50 years, we also raised over \$12,000 to go directly to services provided in the coming year.

This celebration was possible because all of the SC Lions clubs and members who have supported this organization since its inception in 1969, allowing Lions Vision Services to bring vital healthcare services to the vision and hearing impaired residents of your communities. Lions are the heart of this organization and we encourage you to continue your support in the years to come.

Thank you again for your service and dedication to helping us provide safe, meaningful and fulfilling lives to those who are less fortunate.

Together in Service,



Lions Vision Serves a SC Charity Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/lionsvisionservices/>

LIONS VISION SERVICES web site
<http://sclions.org/wp2/>



The South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind is so appreciative of the Lions support this school year. Cash donations (from clubs and individuals) and gifts-in-kind have totaled almost \$30,000.00. Early donors were recognized in a brochure distributed at the 2019 Convention Banquet and in the April Palmetto Lion. Since the convention, several other clubs and individuals have made donations. Thank you, Lions!

Clubs

South Strand Lions Club
Inman Lions Club
Lions Club District 32B
Lions Club of Sun City
Taylors Lions Club
Aiken Mid-day Lions Club
Lions Club of Aiken
Midland Valley Lions Club

Individuals

Bobbie Dove
Mike Rakes
Noah Lindermann
Melody and Everette Hair
Eugene and Rita Spiess
John and Dorothy Enright
George and Lucy Marshall
Ronnye Eubanks
Pat Friday
Yvonne James
Bob Walker

MD32 Council Chair, Lion Richard J. "Rick" Pressly
"I Pledge to Give My Fair Share"

Hello My Fellow Lions,

The title of this article is a quote from the oath we all take when we join our Lions Club. I wish to encourage you all to think about that pledge and ask yourselves if you are fulfilling your pledge on an annual basis!

So what does "Giving My Fair Share" entail? Some members of our Clubs believe that is paying our dues, which is not about "giving My Fair Share". We agreed when we joined to pay our dues and that money has nothing to do with GIVING!

What I have understood "Giving My Fair Share" to mean from the beginning is doing what we request from the people in our community, when we ask them to buy or brooms or support any other fund raiser we may have. It means buying those brooms and our calendars (if we do those). It means making a donation when we have Candy Days in the fall. It means making our own contribution to the Belk Charity Day Sale and getting a ticket or two. It means making an annual donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation, to SC Lions Vision Services, to Storm Eye Institute, to Leader Dogs for the Blind, and to SC School for the Deaf and Blind. All of our Lions supported organizations listed above. Now when I encourage you to make a donation, I do not mean large sums (unless you can), I am only suggesting you give what you can afford to "GIVE"! If that means \$10 to each, then so be it. That would be your "Fair Share"! Every little bit makes a difference. It reminds me of those cans we have out in some of our communities that have on them: "A Little Change, Makes a Big Change"! Please think about this and for the coming Lions Year, make sure we all "Give Our Fair Share"!



Lion Rick Pressly
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2018-2019

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With that I will bid fair well to you as your Multiple District Council Chair for 2018-2019. It has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve with District Governor LeJune, District Governor Randy, Vice Council Chair Paul, Council Secretary Bill, Council Treasurer Eddie, and all the Global Action Team Coordinators as well as all the members of the Future Councils. For our first year of "Redistricting", I think we have accomplished a great deal and established a baseline for years to come. We have not completed all of our goals; however, we have done our best to reach those goals.

In regards to my own personal challenge to each and every Lion this year, I say this in closing: "Have you sponsored at least One New Member this year and if not are you going to meet that goal by June 30th?"

Thank you for your Service and let's have a Tremendous 2019-2020 Lions Year! Take it away CCE Paul!

Yours in Service, Council Chair Lion Rick Pressly

Council Chair's Goals for 2019-20

COLLABORATION

1. Foster and develop continued collaboration among Council, Vice Councils, and other MD district leaders/coordinators via email, meetings, or conference calls; lead by example; foster collaboration so that leaders are aware of opportunities within each district, Lions are able to attend events outside respective district, and scheduling conflicts are avoided as much as possible.
2. Collaborate with GAT coordinators on quarterly training events, at least one for each of the three GAT areas---membership, leadership, service, and club development, plus LCIF and Family and Women's Specialist, to be led by respective GAT Coordinators
3. Work with Council Secretary/Treasurer and Council to develop 2019-2020 Council budget by 2019 MD 32 convention and assist said office with his duties as needed
4. By end of first month of FY, ask IPCC and other PCCs to serve as sounding boards and advisors
5. Review Youth Exchange document being compiled by Youth Exchange
6. Plan and host workshop for MD and district GAT coordinators and other Council officers/Chairs by August 31



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COMMUNICATION

1. Plan and share MD 2019-2020 calendar of events before first Council meeting so that members can plan for meetings, etc.
2. Set criteria for MD 32 State Convention organization planning and implementation as per recommendations from PCCs
3. Prepare and publicize Council meeting agendas in advance of Council meetings
4. Provide monthly article for Palmetto Lion
5. Use email to stay in effective contact with Council members, Vice-Council members, and all MD GAT coordinators
6. Use conference calling when feasible to help us stay on the same page

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COOPERATION

1. Attend 2020 districts C and S conventions
2. Attend districts C and S cabinet meetings when possible
3. Attend zone/region meetings if invited and when possible
4. Recruit and nominate, by May 31, 2019, Lion to serve as MD 32 Club Development Chair for 2019-2020
5. Continue to promote new club development with CDC and other GAT Coordinators and club rebuilding with CDC, GAT Coordinators, and IPDGs so that we add at least three new clubs in the MD and identify and help rebuild at least five weak clubs by end of the FY
6. Assist VCCE and his team in beginning to plan for 2021 MD convention so that convention chair can become member of 2020 planning team and thus continue to plan two years in advance for future state conventions

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

1. Use District C and S directories as provided by July 1, 2019, to keep abreast of each district's organizational structure and leadership, scheduled events and visitations, and other data as supplied by the District Governors in their respective directories.
2. Begin first Council Meeting with session on parliamentary procedure
3. Collaborate with MD 32 2019-2020 Council, i.e. DGEs Suckow and Beeler, on certain appointed positions within MD 32 organizational structure
4. Identify and secure location(s) for 2019-2020 Council sessions after collaborating with Council on most convenient time and place.

COUNCIL CHAIR'S CHARGE

Thank you one and all for allowing me to serve as your 2019-2020 Council Chair. The above goals will only be met if every South Carolina Lion remains a strong, vibrant, and engaged member of our MD 32 team.

In formulating these objectives, you may notice certain critical areas are not highlighted. Leadership, membership, service, fundraising, family and women's issues, for example, are not overlooked; we have coordinators for these respective roles, and we will depend mightily on these leaders to address those issues and responsibilities for which he or she has been elected or appointed to provide leadership.

I cannot adequately express gratitude for or sufficiently acknowledge the dedicated teamwork that has undergirded Multiple District 32 since the first South Carolina Lions Club was chartered in 1922. Without this sustained and dedicated teamwork, these goals are but a hollow checklist. Please join your 2019-2020 MD 32 Council in striving to raise the bar even one more notch higher as we continue to honor and maintain the legacy of our Palmetto Lions' successes. As a team, as a family, we can do it!

Yours in service, Lion Paul Dove

MD 32 Training Opportunities

NEWS FROM PCC DR. JOE PITTS

From MD 32 Leadership

The [Lions Learning Academy](#) is a new adventure for our multiple district. New leaders will be taking office. New leaders usually are very willing but maybe not exactly sure of what the new responsibility entails. The Academy is designed to give you support, knowledge, skills, and guidance to help you carry out your responsibilities in such a way so that all Lions can become better influences for good in their communities. Even if you are repeating in your office, innovative ideas, better support, and clear guidance can help you lead all Lions to become a better influence for good in your communities.

The Academy is based on Responsibility Checklists. Each participant will choose a title for which they want to be responsible. For example, Club President, Zone Chair, Club member, or some other specific title. This title should be identified when you register.

On each day we meet, the first part of the morning will be devoted to developing skills, knowledge, and guidance all Lions would benefit from having. You can see the attached schedule for those specific skills. The last hour of the morning you will be given a Responsibility Checklist for your title. For club, district, and multiple district officers your Responsibility Checklist will come from the appropriate constitution. Any Lion can choose Lion Club Member Responsibility Checklist and earn the Certificate of Achievement from the Academy. Of course, all participants will have to meet all requirements for the Certificate of Achievement. See the attached schedule for all requirements. Once you have chosen a Responsibility Checklist you will spend the time between sessions carrying out those responsibilities. This is where the support part comes in.

You will have contact information for each of the faculty members. Also, for those participants who choose to share, contact information will be available. This is the beauty and meaningfulness of the Academy. We are there to help each other learn. That is why we called it the Lions Learning Academy. This program was piloted last year in District S with 22 participants and was very successful.

Should you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact PCC Dr, Joe Pitts. Phone: 864-995-4232. Email: joepitts6@msn.com. Thank you and have an enjoyable day.

2019 YOUTH EXCHANGE

Dear MD 32 Lions:

Our 2019 MD 32 Lions International Youth Exchange Program planning is in the works. We expect to entertain fifteen (15) students from around the world---Canada, Mexico, Mongolia, Turkey, Israel, and European countries.

Our MD Youth Exchange Committee is working closely with the program coordinator, PDG Jim Varn, and his assistant, Lion Betsy Barber, to plan for the two weeks that the students will spend with their host families, and the two weeks they will spend touring the Palmetto state with Lions chaperones.

There are two areas in which we need your assistance. First, we need host families—ideally eight families---to host a student or pair of students into your homes for the first two weeks of this unique experience. It really is a tremendous opportunity for not only the students but the host families too.

This year's program begins Saturday, July 13, and concludes on Saturday, August 9. On Saturday, July 27, students will gather at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind to begin the two week "camp" portion of the experience. Friday evening, August 8, we will gather in Columbia for the closing ceremony before getting each student to the Columbia airport the next day for their trip home, after a wonderful month in South Carolina.

Second, we need local clubs to help with the second portion of the program---the tour. Local clubs around the state have helped entertain, feed, and house our visitors during the July 27-August 8 camp entourage.

For those of us who have hosted these youth, we can attest that it is a great opportunity to show international students our South Carolina culture, society, and family values while expanding our own world awareness.

Contact Lion Betsy Barber (betsy.keenan@gmail.com),

PDG Joyce Haskell (jhaskellphd@yahoo.com),

Lion Linda Haslett (lindahaslett@truvista.com),

Lion Renee Pierce (reeneepierce@bellsouth.com),

or Lion Debra Koger (debrakoger@icloud.com)

to learn more about opportunities or to volunteer to host a student or, preferably, two. Don't delay as our host family roster fills up quickly.

Sincerely, Lions Linda Haslett, Betsy Barber, and PDG Joyce Haskell

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Greetings South Carolina Lions,

As an annual donor to the Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind, the Salem Lions Club would like to make you and your club aware of the benefits provided by this facility. It is our hope to increase support for Rocky Bottom from around the state.

Rocky Bottom is located in the mountains of northern Pickens County en route to the summit of Sasfras Mountain. This 30 acre site is the perfect setting for recreational and educational activities.

More than 1,000 blind persons visit Rocky Bottom annually. Camps for the senior blind and children, a Labor Day Fun Day Festival, seminars, leadership retreats, and year round visits by groups of blind South Carolinians make this the choice destination of the blind.

Funding for Rocky Bottom has been managed by their Board of Directors which is affiliated with the National Federation of the Blind. Unfortunately, the need for upkeep in recent years has far exceeded the funding that has been provided. In an effort to manage some of these repairs locally, the Salem Lions Club with approval from the Rocky Bottom BOD has offered to help with overseeing these repairs.

If you are able to help financially or by doing some of the work it would be greatly appreciated and directly benefit the visually impaired citizens of our state. If you can help, make your donation directly to the Salem Lions Charities and send it to PO Box 210, Salem SC. 100% of the funds will be spent on Rocky Bottom. Listed below are some of the current needs:

- Repair stairs and railings on several buildings and decks
- Replacement of some siding and trim on several buildings
- Replacement of exterior doors on rear of Conference Center
- Clean and chemically treat pool for summer use
- Repair gutters and roof leaks at several locations
- Sealer on chimneys of Osterneck Lodge
- Rebuild gazebo damaged in December storm
- Wood floor in Conference Center needs refinishing
- Pump house needs siding and roof repairs and insulation
- Repainting interior and exterior of most buildings
- Property insurance to help cover future damage that may occur

As you see, it will cost thousands of dollars to bring Rocky Bottom up to good condition and make it sustainable. Our Salem Lions treasurer is a professional accountant with 30+ years of experience and will diligently keep all donors informed of the use of your funds and the progress that is being made.

Sincerely, Ted Brewer
President, Salem Lions Club (tedbrewer@gmail.com)

FROM THE DESK OF DG RANDY CROOM of SC DISTRICT 32 C

How Sweet It Was!!

Here it is. My last Palmetto Lion article. This makes number thirty-six (36). It is time to give you a break from my ramblings. But first a couple of thanks and a few thoughts.

There are too many individuals to mention by name in my thanks. When I first went into school administration, I asked my mentor what I needed to know to be an outstanding administrator. In short Ear Vaughn, I would not be the most important person in the everyday running of the school. I was young, brash and arrogant. I thought he was crazy. I used that principle as District Governor. I was lucky enough to get the best people to serve and smart enough to shut my mouth and let them do their job. Thank you to all of the Lions who made me look better than what I am.

Beth and I have made friends with some of the best people in the world. LIONS. If I were to die today, I can say that I already know many angels. I have been touched by actually meeting the people we serve. All Lions have not had that opportunity. Blind fishing, Leader Dog, Storm Eye clients, The School for the Deaf and Blinds students, hurricane and flood victims. These experiences have shown me how blessed I am.

I have been told that I don't take enough credit for the things I have done. That is true. I also know one person cannot do everything by themselves. However, that one person can screw it up by themselves. One thing I will brag on is that I believe that I am leaving things in better shape. I once heard a politician say that a good legacy is making sure the people following you are better than yourself. If you look at the leadership of 32-C in the next several years, I have been successful.

The one big thank you is to all of the Lions through out our outstanding organization. Our motto is "WE SERVE." We excel with our clients. We also serve and help each other. I have said, that if it were not for the Lions family that were supportive of Beth and me after Momma and especially Josh's deaths, I might not be here to say thank you. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART."

Now it is time for me to pass the pen (typing pecking finger) to Governor Elect Marla. Best of luck.

Thank you again,

Randy



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Ambassador,

Introduction to the South Carolina Lions Ambassador Program

You may have recently received a cover letter and survey introducing you to the new **Ambassador** program. The **Ambassador** Program is designed to assist clubs overcome their challenges by providing a Lion consultant/coach who has the experience and expertise to help you improve club performance. These **Ambassadors** will work closely with club leaders and attend meetings, service activities, membership drives & fundraisers. We hope that they will serve as a friendly and accessible connection between your club members and Lions Leaders in the District, Multiple District, and LCI.

Implementation of the **Ambassador** program consists of five phases: Information gathering (club challenge survey); Identification, Selection & Training of the **Ambassadors**; a Regional Pilot program; Analysis & Enhancement of the program; and then a Rollout throughout the State.

Because of the expected limited number of trained **Ambassadors** available, some clubs may have to wait before being assigned an **Ambassador**.

Please contact your District or Vice District Governor if you are interested in becoming a South Carolina Lions **Ambassador** or wish to have an **Ambassador** connect with your club.

For more information about the Ambassador program or for a copy of the Club Challenge Survey please contact: Bill Hahn, District 32-C VDGE; cell# 732-740-4600 or email: billhahncn@aol.com

District 32-C News

Aiken Lions Club and Aiken Midday Lions Club



Aiken Salvation Army staff and members of Aiken's Lions Club cut the ribbon Wednesday on the newly renovated men's dormitory in the Red Shield Emergency Family Shelter. Salvation Army staff and members of Aiken's Lions Clubs raised the funds for the renovations. Picture, from left, are Lt. April Tiller, who, with her husband, Lt. Randall Tiller, is a commander of the Aiken Salvation Army; Sharon Cowden, the shelter's director; Lion Karen Edwards, club president, and Lion Joanne Caddotte, members of Aiken Midday Lions Club; Lion Adam L. Keller, PDG Pat Friday, and Lion Michele Patrick, members of Aiken Lions Club.

Aynor Lions Club



Club presented a Franklin Mason Fellowship to Lion Gordon Graham (L) Lion President Charles Page made the presentation.



Lion Francis Floyd (L) being presented a Resolution from the SC House of Representatives in recognition of his 100th birthday. The presentation was made by Rep. Jeff Johnson. Lion Floyd has been a loyal member of the Aynor Club for 45 years.

Kingstree Lions Club



Nearly 80 women gathered at Santee Electric Cooperative May 9, for the Professional Women's Organization's first annual Celebration Women of Williamsburg County. The luncheon included guest speaker Dr. Michelle Butterworth who presented a powerful speech about women's issues. Not your typical mom (store bought cupcakes on a fancy plate). Butterworth used each letter of the word "woman" to describe worth, opportunity, mission, action, nurturing.

Two Kingstree Lions club members received special recognition: Retired educator and owner of the education consulting firm, The Gamble Group, Jennifer Gardner Sabb, and former principal and educator and a member of the SC State Board of Education representing the 3rd Judicial Circuit, Janice Gamble.

Little River Lions Club



PDG Randy Edwards presents 2019 SC Lions Hall of Fame Award to PDG Marion Schroll.



Your editor and Lion Jim went to the beach. While there we visited the Blue Crab Festival in Little River and Look who I found! Seated L-R = Paula Fausset, David Fausset Standing L-R= Nick Lopano, Tom Starnick, Gary Szentmiklosy, Richard Hawks, Verne Cappell

Mullins Lions Club



Lion Club President Lisa Elliott Presents a Resolution to the family of PID Dr. Franklin Mason on behalf of Lions Multiple District 32. The Mason family joined the Mullins Lions for annual picnic as Dr. Mason's many accomplishments and service to Lions International were recognized.



Club's newest member Martha McTheny sponsored by PDG Bonnie Stephenson was inducted by Club President Lisa Elliott at our annual picnic.



Club President Lisa and Lion Ron Elliott serving at club's annual picnic.

Murrells Inlet Lions Club



Lions participated in the Blessing of the Inlet at Belin church in Murrells Inlet by greeting people and selling brooms. Pictured are Lions John Mills, Gloria Fafard, and Anne Blake

Myrtle Beach Lions Club

Club members cooking and serving hot dogs at the Miracle League game! Lots of fun helping out the teams!



North Charleston Lions Club



PID Jay Patel receiving residential Medal and International Presidents Friendship Banner.



IPs Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lion Catherine Hanhauser by PID Jay for her service to Storm Eye Institute and SC Lions Eye Research Center. Lion Catherine retires the end of May 2019.



Club made annual donation of \$1,000 to "The Filling Station". This is a group of volunteers that pack backpacks with snacks for students to carry home on the weekends. Without these backpacks, these students would not have food to eat.



Lions George, Shawn, and Frank cooking fish for the 2019 Blind Fishing in Santee for Friday Night Fish Fry.

Orangeburg Lions Club—Continued

Concessions Trailer – Orangeburg Festival of Roses



Lions Nilsa and Angie are ready for a busy weekend at the Orangeburg Festival of Roses.



Lion Henry with a funnel cake hot out of the grease.

District "C" Fundraisers



GEORGETOWN LIONS CLUB
P.O. BOX 378
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29442



**The Georgetown Lions Club is having their
10th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 8, 2019
at Wedgefield Plantation Country Club
129 Club House Ln., Georgetown, SC 29440**

We ask you to participate in helping us reach our goal of providing free eye exams and glasses to those in need in the Georgetown County area, donate to **LEADERDOGS FOR THE BLIND**, MUSC Eye Research, and provide funding to other deserving Georgetown community projects.

As many of you have done in the past, we welcome you to play or participate by being a sponsor. After a hiatus of several years, our tournament is returning to Georgetown to the newly reopened and renovated **Wedgefield Plantation Country Club** of Georgetown.

Please support us by sponsoring either a Tee Box or a Golf Cart (\$100/Tee Box sign, \$50/Golf cart sign). You can also donate for the Silent Auction in the form of a gift certificate or a nice item.

YOUR HELP IS A TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT. WE ARE A 501(c)(4) NON TAX PROFIT CLUB.

**WITH YOUR HELP, WE WILL MEET OUR GOALS!
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

The day includes:

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| 1) 7:30 am – Check-in and Continental Breakfast | 6) Prizes for Players and Guests |
| 2) Visit & bid on Silent Auction Items | 7) Prizes for 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd places |
| 3) 8:30 am – Shotgun Start/Captains Choice Scramble | 8) Prize for Longest Drive (men & women) |
| 4) Free Lunch/with cash bar after Tournament | 9) Prize for Closest to the Hole |
| 5) Free beer and sodas during tournament and lunch | 10) A Few Other Prize Winning Games |

The Hole-In-One prize will be \$1000 Cash.
The entry fee for the event will be \$75 for each player / \$300 per foursome.

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FROM THE DESK OF DG LEJUNE CANTRELL of SC DISTRICT

AN EXCITING YEAR!

I cannot believe that my year as your District Governor is fast coming to an end. It has been an exciting first year for District 32S with many things to celebrate and a few bumps in the road. We have had the first Lions Learning Academy successfully completed with the second one planned to begin on July 27. We had a number of Lions receiving awards throughout the Lions year, at the Cabinet meetings, and the conventions. We had a successful District Diabetes Seminar presented by David Woods.

Generally, December is mainly Lions Christmas parties. However, this year there were two Lions clubs chartered. We welcomed the Cherokee County United Lions Club and the Columbia Veterans Lions Club, the first specialty club, to District 32S. Their Charter nights were held in February and March respectively. In July, we lost two clubs – the Columbia Eastern Lions Club and the Fort Mill Lions Club. The majority of the year we have had at least +1 membership each month. Hopefully we can end the year on a positive note. The Lexington Lions Club has just formed the Lexington Latino Lions branch club with 7 members and more expected before the end of the Lions year.

The conventions were the highlights of the year. The District convention was presented differently this year by having the Awards Luncheon and Banquet rolled into one at the Luncheon. This was done to help reduce costs to the Lion. It eliminated the high cost of the Banquet food. It also eliminated the cost of an extra night at the hotel for most Lions.

We were honored to have the International President Gudrun Yngvadottir as our Guest speaker at the MD 32 convention. Even though she was delayed in her travels from Switzerland, she finally arrived over 24 hours after her intended arrival time with a huge smile on her face. She had a New Voices session where she installed 14 new members to our District. She assisted in awards presentation at the Awards banquet. The banquet was rather unique. The head table was escorted in with bagpipes and had music playing during dinner. We had a total of 366 registrants for the convention.

I want to thank all the Lions of District 32S for the honor to have been your first District Governor. We have set some milestones this first year and set some precedents for futures years. I will cherish the memories and friendships that have been made this year. I look forward to being a contributing member of the District in the coming years. Continue with your "Visibility in and Communication to Communities through Service".



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LeJune Cantrell, District Governor

NEW OFFICER TRAINING

WHEN: Saturday June 8th, 2019
8:30 AM—2:30 pm

WHERE: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer . 1515 Boundary St, Newberry, SC 29108

All new officers as well as potential officers are encouraged to attend. The training will also include presentations on Leadership.



SALEM LIONS CLUB **LOOKING FOR 2 ADDITIONAL CLUBS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING** **SPOT VISION SCREENER**

The Salem Club has put together information regarding Spot Vision Screeners. They are looking for two other Clubs in District S to also purchase a Spot Vision Screener to be able to apply for a grant for a portion of the cost of the screener. If any clubs are interested please contact Ken Luce, 416 Long Reach Drive, Salem, S. C. 29676. His phones are 864-719-0225 (home) and 770-335-4389 (cell) and email is kenyonluce@gmail.com.

[Link to Study](#)

District 32-S News

Abbeville Lions Club

Abbeville Lions Club “Roaring Readers” book giving to the Second Grade Class at Long Cane Primary School, in Abbeville. We provided a book to 120 Second Graders for them to take home as their own. Pictures are Lion Mike Allen, CC Lion Rick Pressly, and Principle Millie Ricketts .



Due West Lions Club

DW Lions Sandra Gettys and Becky Rich Honored at Club Picnic



Sandra L. Gettys, president of the Due West Lions Club for almost two years, received the club’s most prestigious honor, the Fred Bridges Lion of the Year Award, during the club’s annual picnic May 9. Named for the DWLC founder, the Bridges Award honors the Lion contributing most to the club’s service during the year.

Also during the club picnic, Becky B. Rich, Due West Lions Club membership chair, received the Senior Master Key & Medalion from Lions Clubs International for sponsoring 25 new members during her

career as a Lion.



Mrs. Gettys, who assumed the club presidency in 2007 following the death of Jim Rich, has guided the club through its twentieth anniversary celebration and a period in which the club lost several longtime leaders by death and relocation. Under her leadership the club exceeded Jim Rich’s goal for increasing membership and achieved yet another new membership goal this year. Becky Rich was personally responsible for sponsoring many of these new members.

The picnic was held in the Due West Town Park, whose fence was contributed by the Due West Lions Club as part of its Lions Centennial Project. Its entertainment featured the many comedic, singing, and even “turkey calling” talents of Due West Lions.

Belton Lions Club



Lion Rex Maynard received the Melvin Jones Award from District Governor LeJune Cantrell while his wife Weeza looked on. Lion Rex has been a long time member of the Belton Lions club. He also is very active in the South Carolina Tennis Association and directs the Palmetto Championship Tournament annually. Lion Rex continues to be active in his local business and church as well.

Upstate Lions Blind Fishing Tournament

Anderson, Clemson, Easley, Inman, Mauldin and Salem Lions Clubs

The 16th annual Lions Blind Fishing Tournament kicked off on May 17th with a gathering of contestants at the Rocky Bottom Camp hosted by the Easley Lions Club. Then on Saturday morning May 18th under the direction of Phil Marett and Jeff Wolfe, Lions from Anderson, Clemson, Easley, Inman, Mauldin and Salem joined efforts with the Keowee Anglers Club to take these adult VISION IMPAIRED PEOPLE fishing on Lake Keowee.

With perfect weather, a great morning on the lake was had by all twelve fishermen. Two additional VIPs fished off of the dock at High Falls Park. An all the fixins hot dog lunch was provided for all following the fishing event. Lion Eddie Moncrief and the winners for the most fish and longest fish qualified to participate in the International Blind Fishing Tournament held annually in September at Kill Devil Hills on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.



Greenwood Lions Club

54A morning of fun, giggles, balloons, treats, and Miracle League Baseball!

The Greenwood Lions joined other volunteers to celebrate life in the accomplishments of special needs students. The Greenwood Miracle League field at Burton Center is one of 15 in South Carolina, enabling students with mobility issues and in wheelchairs to play baseball! Lions, Lions family members, and others acted as Buddies to the players. Other Lions decorated the field, registered players, sold concessions, and were enthusiastic cheerleaders. We are proud to serve all members of our community!



The Greenwood Lions Club presented High School Service cash awards



Gloria Grace Murray (Greenwood High), Jake McAllister (Greenwood Christian School), and Savannah Steet (Greenwood High) in recognition of their hundreds of hours of

community service during their high school years at a luncheon meeting May 9 at the Greenwood Country Club. Guest speaker Dr. Danny Nicholson, President of Connie Maxwell Children's Home, challenged the honored students to continue a lifetime of service.

The Greenwood Lions Club presented Melvin Jones Fellow to Barry Edwards



The Greenwood Lions Club presented PCC Dianne Pitts with Citizen of the Year



Greer Lions Club



On April 26, 2019 the Greer Lions Club held its 22nd **Annual Lions Club Golf Tournament**, with 68 golfers. We had 15 Greer Lions Club members to help set up, put out hole sponsors, registration, set up all prizes, and stayed from 9:00 AM until 6 PM to help with clean up. We appreciate the 50+ hole sponsors who helped in our fund raising efforts. The rain and thunder storms cleared and the sun came out, but the winds blew 25-35 mph. It was a very challenging day on the golf course, but one filled with fun and fellowship for our players and volunteers.

Our Golf Tournament Chairman is Roger Rainey, and he did an outstanding job organizing and pulling together all the many different areas that make a successful golf tournament. Thank you Roger for all your hard work. We were able to raise over \$10,000.00 that afternoon for the Club. These



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The Greer Lions Club participated in the **annual Greer Family Fest** on the weekend of May 3rd and 4th 2019, which was sponsored this year by Pelham Medical Center. We used our Greer Lions Club trailer to sell brooms and also to talk to friends and interested individuals about our Club and the benefits of being a part of our service club. We handed out brochures focused on the

local and international missions of the Lions Club. Proudly we were able to say "more volunteers in more places than any other service club organization". We rotated shifts of two to four hours to cover the 18 hours of festival time, and had 20 total Lions involved with 70 hours of service time. Club President John Holland did an excellent job at organization and rallying the troops for this fun event.

Picture 1 shows our first customer, Master Dexter Godfrey, and Greer Lions Club's President, John Holland, and Lions Troy Taylor, Jim Brown, and Tom Rampey. Picture 2 are Lions Jack Atkins, Vicki Kennedy, Bruce Arrowood, and Tom Rumsey.



Greer Centennial Lions Club



The Greer Centennial Lions Club recently hosted Attorney General Alan Wilson for a public event in Greer. Wilson brought a crowd and message for all citizens. His topics varied from human trafficking to internet safety for citizens.

The club also partnered with the CenterG streetscape project to host a “Hard Hat Happy Hour” to promote the changes going on in Downtown Greer. The event was held at Blue Ridge Brewing Company with fun construction themed drinks, plastic hard hats and networking. To learn more about the project, visit www.futuregreer.com



Piedmont Lions Club



Keller Sutherland is the grand-daughter of PID Lion Dr. Franklin Mason. She was the speaker at the May 7th meeting of the Piedmont Lions Club. Lion Lanny W. Balentine, PDG presented Keller a campaign hat that he wore at the 1988 Lions International Convention in Denver, CO. Dr. Mason was elected at this convention to serve a two year term as a Lions International Director.



Ella Zelasko painted the winning entry representing the Piedmont Lions Club from Powdersville Middle School in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest! Her outstanding artwork exemplifies the theme “Kindness Matters.”

Piedmont Lions Club—Continued



The Piedmont Lions Club recently recognized Dr. Robert (Robbie) Garrett Jr. as the Lions Club Citizen-of-the-Year for 2019. Robbie Garrett has served several churches as a youth minister, music minister, and senior pastor for a number of years.

He has started recovery programs in churches, has written curriculum for youth discipleship training, planned and lead numerous retreats and conferences for churches and youth groups, and enjoys the challenges for rebuilding ministries in need. Also, he has worked with mission trips in Cuba, Honduras, Turkey, and several states. His wife of 27 years is Pam Garrett.

He is currently the owner of Sweet P's restaurant in Piedmont. Sweet P's provides delicious meals for The Piedmont Lions Club at their regular monthly meetings. The Piedmont Lions club is pleased to recognize Dr. Garrett for his significant contribution to the community.

PCC Lion Phil Marett accepts 2 checks from the Piedmont Lions Club. One check was for Camp Lions Den for \$645.00. This donation will sponsor one camper. The second check was for Lions Blind Fishing for \$100.00. This donation will sponsor one fisherman.



River Hills Lake Wylie Lions Club

River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club provide literature pamphlets at the local Walmart during its Diabetes Awareness educational expo.



Seneca Lions Club

Seneca Lions turned out on the 3rd & 4th of May to add some \$ to our coffer to continue providing Eye exams and glasses to the less fortunate in Seneca. Thanks to to our local Walmart for permitting our fundraiser.



Lion Dan Whitehurst

L: Lion Bob Janvrin, Chairman

R: Lion Ron White, chairman recycled eye glasses picking up glasses from the Walmart collection center.



Spartanburg Lions Club

The Spartanburg Lions Club had a very successful 1st Annual Hanging Basket Mother's Day sale on May 11th. DGE Stacey Beeler brought the idea to our club, and our members really enjoyed this fundraiser. It was a soggy pre-Mother's Day, but it was still lots of fun! All of the monies raised will support the efforts of our Sight Services Committee.



Winnsboro Lions Club



Winnsboro Lions President Bill Haslett presented memorial medallions to members who had served our nation as military veterans



Winnsboro Lions Club members all received Centennial Service Challenge pins for having earned that recognition for service work and reporting.

Well, that's all folks!

THANKS FOR READING

WE HOPE YOU LEARNED SOMETHING NEW!

AND

WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

Deadline for submissions to the July Palmetto Lion is

June 26

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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