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WISHING you ALL the JOYS OF the SEASON AND HAPPINESS
THROUGHOUT the COMING year.

MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>January 18-20, 2019</p>	<p>Lions Learning Retreat - Manchester, Tennessee</p>
<p>January 31, 2019</p>	<p>Last day to submit your nominations for SC Lion of the Year and SC Lions Hall of Fame</p> <p>Link to document</p>
<p>February 8th to 10th, 2019</p>	<p>District 32 C Convention Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort 98 North Ocean Blvd. North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582</p> <p>Link to Registration</p>
<p>February 22-23, 2019</p>	<p>District S Convention Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbia-Greystone 200 Stoneridge Drive Columbia, SC</p> <p>Link to Registration Link to Ad Pricing</p>
<p>April 12 & 13, 2019</p>	<p>State Convention at Hilton in Greenville, SC</p>
<p>May 17, 2019</p>	<p>Lions Vision Services 50th Anniversary Gala Columbia Museum of Art Columbia, SC</p>

SAVE THE DATE

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

<p>Saturday, December 8</p> <p>6:00 pm—12:00 am</p>	<p><i>Spartanburg Southside Lions Club</i> Presents <i>“An Evening Of Elegance”</i> With A Christmas Gala and Silent Auction</p> <p>Downtown Marriott Renaissance Hotel 299 North Church Street Spartanburg, S. C</p> <p>Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Monday, December 17</p> <p>Last day to bid</p>	<p><i>Tega Cay Lions Foundation</i> A Legacy of Hope On-line Action Event</p> <p>Link to Flyer</p> <p>Auction site: www.32auctions.com/tclions</p>

***Deadline for submissions to the November Palmetto Lion is
December 28.***

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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NEWS FROM LCIF—PCC Dianne Pitts'

Belton Lions Club Supports LCIF and Disaster Relief



This last month the Belton Lions Club donated \$500.00 to LCIF for Disaster Relief, as well as contributing to the 32S project to restock the Cheraw Food Bank. Several members have also made a personal commitment to support the Campaign 100 capital campaign. The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) has given out more than one billion dollars in grant in its 50 year history. South Carolina has received around 1.5 million dollars in grants in that time. We receive more from the Foundation than we ever donate. It is time to step up and support our own foundation. For a program on LCIF and Campaign 100, call PDG Cathy Morse, Lion Pat Abercrombie, or PCC Dianne Pitts.

MATERIALS FOR CAMPAIGN 100



[Campaign 100 Brochure](#)



[Campaign 100 Pocket](#)



[Campaign 100 Handout](#)

South Carolina Lions Support 4 Foundations

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Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

History: 50 years old, grants totaling one billion dollars, currently Campaign 100 (capital campaign)

Benefit: Global, partnerships with Gates Foundation, Gavi, and other foundations, SC has received \$1.5 million in grants over time

Honor: Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), Progressive MJF

Learn More: www.lcif.org, www.lionsclubs.org



Lions Vision Services Foundation (LVSF)

History: 50 years old, all monies stay in SC

Benefit: Eye surgeries for qualified applicants, hearing aid procurement, vision screening equipment

Honor: Franklin Mason Fellowship (FMF), Progressive FMF

Learn More: www.sclions.org



Lions Eye Research (Storm Eye Institute/MUSC)

History: Partnership since the 1970's, part of the Medical University of South Carolina campus in Charleston, ranked with other leading institutes in the Southeast, SC Lions added three research floors to the building

Benefit: Groundbreaking research in ophthalmology

Honor: Lions logo on the Storm Eye building

Learn More: www.muschealth.org/eyes (News, Lions)



Friends of the SC School for the Deaf and Blind

History: Relationship since 1930's, serving students from every county in South Carolina

Benefit: Enriches lives of SC students w/vision impairment

Honor: Pins, signage

Learn More: www.scsdbfoundation.org





THE SEASON FOR GIVING

Lions, Friends, and Neighbors: 'Tis the Season! Yes indeed, it is **The Season for Giving!** For me and my family, now is the time we give special thanks for our many blessings, share our blessings with loved ones and those less fortunate, and offer a wish to everyone for a healthy and peaceful new year. At the top of my wish list this year is a request for everyone to give as much financial support as possible to your Lions Vision Services, enabling more underserved and underprivileged SC residents to perhaps enjoy a healthier and thus happier 2019.

Going into this holiday season, Sustaining Membership giving was \$5,000 behind those contributions last year. Yet, LVS has approved sight-restoring surgeries for 35 individuals since the start of this Lions year. In the first four months of this year, LVS has received 55 applications for vision surgical procedures, more than half of the total requests for all of last year. More than 6,000 children have already benefitted from LVS vision-screenings thus far this year. The need for LVS' services continues to grow across our state and is now greater than ever.....yet, individual Sustaining Membership giving is shrinking. Please think about opening your hearts and purses this **Season** to give that little extra that might just provide the LVS support needed to save one more person's vision or hearing!

At the close of 2018, LVS' 3-year vision-service grant from the SC Department of Health and Human Services will end. Loss of the grant's financial support will reduce the availability and resources of LVS' vision screening program. Plans are underway to generate more club involvement to cover the resource deficit and to ensure all areas of SC will have access to equipment required for vision screening services. Additional plans are being developed for LVS to provide high-cost, low-vision equipment in the near future to restore full sight to medically-qualified but underserved residents. These service program changes at LVS present an even greater challenge and need for your financial support. Will you and your Lions Club step up to the challenges of change this **Season**, and help LVS continue its mission of providing costly vision and hearing services in 2019?

In closing, may **The Season for Giving** enable all of us to gather again with family and friends to share in our lives of abundance, to remember and rejoice in many activities and successes of the year ending and of years past, to express our heartfelt gratitude for each other, and to recommit ourselves in the coming New Year to better service to our Maker and less fortunate people all around us.

Be safe, be happy, and be kind to one another.

*PDG Randy Edwards
Chairman, LVS Board of Directors*

Lions Vision Services - a SC Charity Facebook Page
If you a Face Book user, please check out the SC Lions Vision Services



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

LIONS VISION
SERVICES
50th ANNIVERSARY

*May 17, 2019
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Columbia Museum of Art
Columbia, SC*

LET'S CELEBRATE!

MD32 Council Chair, Lion Richard J. "Rick" Pressly



Happy Holidays

Thanksgiving has come and gone again for another Lions year. We all have many things to be thankful for and we pray we have Served as many in our Communities, across the State, and around the World as are possible for Lions to have accomplished. As we look ahead to the celebration of the birth of Christ, we pray that as Lions we will have the "Vision" to find many more ways to serve those in our communities that are less fortunate than ourselves. Perhaps we will have a Food drive and help stock our local Food Pantries. Some of us will ring the bell for the Salvation Army and help raise funds to assist those in need in the coming year. Many of us will provide funds to needy families in our communities with a trip to Wal-Mart or another local department store or a gift certificate to help with those items needed to help provide a gift for the children in the family.

No matter what the Service Project or Fund Donation that is undertaken by your Club or Club members, this Holiday season is a time for all Lions to exercise our motto "We Serve" in an extraordinary way. If your club does not have an event planned, please take it upon yourself to do something nice for someone who is less fortunate than yourself and deserves a Christmas miracle. It may take some fore thought on your part; however, in the words of Helen Keller: "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

We pray that in the years ahead that we have the "VISION" to find any way we can to help those in our Communities, less fortunate than ourselves, to have a better life as a result of our Service.

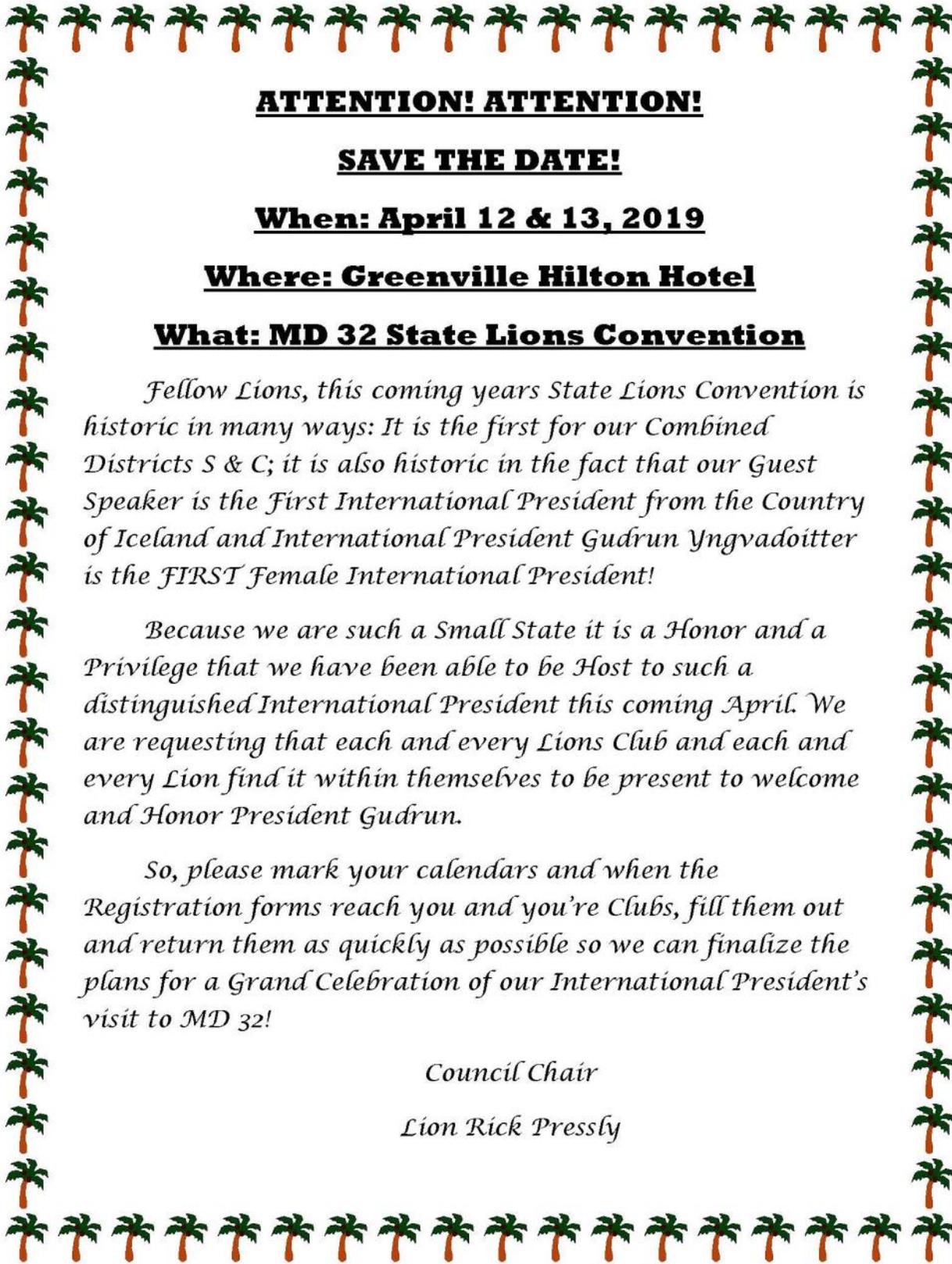
On behalf of the Multiple District Council of Governors and the Global Action Team, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2019!

Your Council Chair Rick Pressly



Lion Rick Pressly
Council Chairperson
2018-2019

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

SAVE THE DATE!

When: April 12 & 13, 2019

Where: Greenville Hilton Hotel

What: MD 32 State Lions Convention

Fellow Lions, this coming years State Lions Convention is historic in many ways: It is the first for our Combined Districts S & C; it is also historic in the fact that our Guest Speaker is the First International President from the Country of Iceland and International President Gudrun Yngvadoitter is the FIRST Female International President!

Because we are such a Small State it is a Honor and a Privilege that we have been able to be Host to such a distinguished International President this coming April. We are requesting that each and every Lions Club and each and every Lion find it within themselves to be present to welcome and Honor President Gudrun.

So, please mark your calendars and when the Registration forms reach you and you're Clubs, fill them out and return them as quickly as possible so we can finalize the plans for a Grand Celebration of our International President's visit to MD 32!

Council Chair

Lion Rick Pressly

**ARTICLE XI
SC LIONS HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE XII
LION-OF-THE-YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE**

[Link to document](#)

Time to start thinking about your **SC Lion of the Year and SC Hall of Fame** nominations. All nominations must be received by the chairperson no later than January 31, 2019. Meanwhile, follow the above link to the Procedures and Guidelines for nomination and selection.

Submit **Lion of the Year** nominations to: IPCC David Dority

Submit **Hall of Fame** nominations to: Lions David Doirty, Morris Herron, Edwina Otto, and Bob Cherinko.



ORDER YOUR 2019 SC MD PINS NOW



Fellow MD 32 Lions:

I hope that your year as a leader in MD 32 is going well and you are looking forward to a great Holiday Season as 2018 comes to an end. As the MD 32 Pin Chairman, I wanted to let each of you know that the 2019 SC MD pins have arrived. I am attaching a copy of the [order form for the pins](#). If you desire to purchase any of these pins, I need for you to let me know as soon as possible as to how many pins you wish to purchase by completing the form and return to me.

We ordered 800 of the Regular pins and 400 of the Mini pins. Last year we ran out of pins before all our members were able to get the pins at MD State Convention in April. There is a good possibility that we could run out again this year, so in order to make sure I have pins at the MD State Convention I need to know how many pins will be needed. To make sure I have pins for you and your Clubs I need to have the order forms completed and returned to me in the coming weeks. If the orders exceed the pins I have left I will need to reorder more pins and that order needs to place in February. Please share and forward this email to your Clubs and Members so that they can plan there order. Please do not send any money, just complete and return the form to me. I will then follow up with the Lions or Clubs as to what needs to be done to fill their order. Please give me a call if you have any questions or need additional information. Thanks

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ALERT MINUTE – December 2018

Decorate Safely for the Holidays

This month's article is a reprint from last year and courtesy of FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Newsletter. - Happy Holidays! MI

Be fire smart as you deck the halls for a festive holiday season with these USFA tips:

- ⇒ Water Christmas trees every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch fire easily.
- ⇒ Make sure Christmas trees are at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure the tree does not block exits.
- ⇒ Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away strands with frayed or pinched wires. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- ⇒ Turn off all holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- ⇒ Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- ⇒ If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where you cannot knock them down.
- ⇒ Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Never leave a burning candle alone in an empty room.

Find more holiday, Christmas tree, and fire safety information on the [USFA Holiday Safety page](#).



2019 YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

The 2019 Youth Exchange program planning is underway and there are going to be some changes in the program this year. The first change is that the age of the students will be 15 and 16 years old. The second change is that we will limit the number of students to 12 unless we get some new host families which could mean we could handle 14 students. The program will start with our students arriving on Saturday, July 13. The reason we are a little later than normal is so it will not conflict with the Lions International Convention. The students arrive at the Columbia, SC (CAE) airport on that Saturday and are met by their host families and myself. On Saturday, July 27, we start the touring portion of the camp. We will travel throughout all portions of the state and show our students some of the wonders of South Carolina, from the mountains to the sea and all there is to see in between. Of course, none of this would be possible without our host families who so graciously open their homes to our students and then all the lions of South Carolina who support us in so many different ways.

I currently have committed to take students from the following countries.

Belgium	Brazil
Canada	Canada
Denmark	Italy
Israel	Mexico
Moldova	Netherlands

Of the 10 spots I have committed to, I have three approved applicants. The other places will be filled in as I receive and approve the students. The two places from Canada I committed to last year. One girl is 16 and the other is 15. The boy from Mexico is 15. The Moldova student may have travel problems so I have not listed him. Right now I have 2 open places which I will fill with the next two Youth Exchange chairs who contact me.

The touring part of the camp has not been finalized yet, but I believe it will be very similar to what we did last year. Here is what we did. We spent the first three nights in the Spartanburg area, the next night in Tega Cay, followed by three nights in Myrtle Beach. The next three nights were spent in the Charleston area and the final three nights in the Batesburg-Leesville area. Last year we enjoyed many meals with various Lions Clubs and surely hope to do the same this year.

To give you an idea of the things we do I have listed, in chronological order, the major activities we did last year.

White water rafting	A day on Lake Jocassee	A day at Carowinds
Three nights at Myrtle Beach	Center for the birds of Prey	Magnolia Plantation
Palmetto Carriage ride	Gibbon monkey tour	Visit the Storm Eye Institute
Tour the Governor's Mansion	Tour the State House	Visit the Riverbanks Zoo
Tour the WP Rawls Farm	SHOP, SHOP, SHOP	EAT, EAT, EAT

The two things I really need help with are host families and students we can send overseas. If you would like to consider being a host family or if you know of a student from South Carolina who would like to be a part of a Youth Exchange Program and travel overseas please contact me.

Sincerely in Friendship and Lions Service,

Lion Jim Varn

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

I am at that age where one has entered their second childhood. December and Christmas is the time of year that excites the child. I have been on cloud nine. I am like my oldest son, Nathan, when he started school. He was excited to have twenty-five new toys (friends). With the redistricting, I have been receiving new gifts every day. Let me share a few with you.

I will start off with your Vice Governors, Marla and Bill. Being a Past Governor from Wisconsin, Marla has shown me some very different approaches to being a Lion leader. I am glad she has moved South. Bill bring fresh ideas from his professional experience. We Lions are reluctant to try new things. VDG Bill has taught this old dog some new tricks. That has surprised more than just me. These two are gifts I am happy to share with all Lions.

When the chevrons arrived from LCI, I found two that really impressed me. They were SEVENTY (70) year chevrons. I will be going to Walterboro to present them to Lions James Skardon and W D D Breland. They have been Lions almost as long as I have been alive. Longer than The Queen has been around. Just image the stories they can tell.

Two clubs with a hundred members each, Moncks Corner and Sun City Okatie. Each club has more members than the total membership of the clubs that have closed this year. They need to tell us their secret. If each remaining club had half their members, our District would have over three thousand (3,000) members.

I have spent seven or eight days in the Aiken area with Club visits, Zone meeting and Peace Poster judging. I have had the opportunity to have two new members from that area added to the Cabinet, Lions Karen Edwards and Betsy Barber. They bring fresh ideas and new energy to the District. Lion James Cosnahan has sponsored sixteen (16) new Lions that are still in the *me tclub*. *That is more Lions than about twenty-five percent of our clubs have. I also met our Peace Poster judges, all world class artists.* They are Lynn Harris Rachal, Drew Murphy and Rich Klein.

Our Board at LVS are still performing miracles. Our service arm is in its best shape since I have been a leader. One of their biggest miracles is having ake part, SUCCESSFULLY, in teleconferences.

The greatest gift has been working with fellow Lions to help over four hundred forty (440) effected by hurricane Florence. Seeing that smile on the face or tear in the eye of someone who feels like they have lost everything makes me proud and happy that over thirty years ago, my priest as me to become a Lion. We have taken part in our own Christmas Miracle.

Beth and I would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, Seasons Greeting and a Happy New Year.

Randy



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District Governor 32-C
2018-2019

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District 32-C News

Aiken Mid-Day Lions Cub



Lions celebrated Fall Fun with the children at the Helping Hands Shelter. Twenty-seven children enjoyed hot dogs with all the trimmings and a game of "What Am I?".



ZC PDG Pat Friday inducted new members Yvonne James and Vicki Burke pictured with their sponsor Lion Bobbie Robinson and Club President Joanne Cadotte. 'Growing the Pride'



Florence Evening Lions Club



West Florence High School Leo Club initiate Hurricane Relief campaign.

Mullins Lions Club



Club disbursed proceeds from 'Run for Sight' to Marion County flood victims at Nebo Church in Gresham. Forty \$50.00 Walmart gift cards were given away. Lions [Daphne Capps](#) and [Vivian Clark](#) at [Nebo Baptist Church](#).



Myrtle Beach Lions Club



Cooking and serving dinner at the Street Reach homeless shelter for men; members participate in the purchasing, prepping, cooking and serving 4 times a year.



Members participating in the annual Garage Sale fundraiser; all proceeds went directly to aid in the local flood relief in our surrounding area.



Presentation of our \$2000 check for flood relief.



North Myrtle Beach Lions Club

Club responded to a request from the NMB Historical Museum to decorate a theme tree to celebrate the Christmas season. Tree was a Lion tribute. Ornaments included eyeglasses, miniature white canes, braille plaques, Strides Walk Lions and Lions Clubs International logo. All done in a proud purple and gold Lions' palette.' Pictured left to right: bottom row: Lions Jane Panerella, Vickie Haynes. Middle row: Lions Dorothy Bam-bach and Suzanne Werner. Top row: Lion President Priscilla

Orangeburg Lions Club



Club held annual Perlo Rice Fund Raiser on October 30.
Over 600 plates were sold.



PDG Calvin Parker was honored and surprised with presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellow during DG Randy's visit. This was made possible by a contribution, in his honor, to LCIF by his family.

Pictured left to right - DG Randy, Club President Lion Melvin Adams, PDG Calvin, and Club Membership Chairperson, Lion Mike Pooser.



Summerville Evening Lions Club

On November 2nd, members cooked up 54 Boston Butts for a funder raiser to help offset costs of the 2019 Blind Fishing Tournament to be held in Santee, SC. The BBQ was a huge success. People came from all over the Low country to buy BBQ dinners, sandwiches and by the pound. We had donations pour in once people learned it was to help fund the Blind Fishing Tournament. Members of the Summerville Evening Club put in over 256 hours collectively cooking and preparing the BBQ for the sale. The dinners were sold in takeout containers and had BBQ, hash with rice, Coleslaw, pickles, bread and desert. A bake sale was also held and this was a hit with the crowd. We had unexpected customers as friends and family gathered on Main St to see the Summerville High School Band off to State competition, this meant a lot of walk up customers.



Summerville Noon Lions Club



IPDG John Enright presents a check for \$2,640.00 to Lion Winn Fitzgerald (LVS Director). This check represents the final donation from MD 32B.



IPDG John Enright presents a Leader Dog Plaque (Silver Level) to Lion Winn Fitzgerald (LVS Director). This plaque represents a donation from MD 32B and will be displayed at LVS.



PCC George Jenkins Screening eyes at Alston-Bailey Elementary School in Summerville



District 32-C Convention

Click the above link for Registration Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS January 24th, 2019

February 8th to 10th, 2019

Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort.

98 North Ocean Blvd. North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Please complete the registration and enclose proper remittance.

FROM THE DESK OF DG LEJUNE CANTRELL of SC DISTRICT 32 S

We are now into the first Holiday Season of District 32S. What do we wish for this Christmas season?? First would be "Peace on Earth". There should be a button that we could push to allow a much safer world for us all to live in. Second, I would wish for a world free of hunger and Disease. We as Lions can help to fight these battles of hunger and Disease by partnering with those companies working with Lions in these arenas. We can help educate the communities about Diabetes. We can help by partnering with backpack programs, soup kitchens, Harvest Hope, etc.

Third, I wish for a greater Club support of the LCIF and the SCLVSF programs. Both of these foundations provide valued services to our communities. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) provides for Disaster funding, matching grants for equipment, redistricting grants, etc. South Carolina Lions Vision Services Foundation (SCLVSF) provides assistance for cataract surgery and other vision surgeries and hearing aides to South Carolina patients who meet the guidelines.

Fourth, I am hoping that all the work that the leadership is doing will continue to produce more new clubs. Each new member that is brought into the district allows the district to serve 77 more individuals. Lets see how many more new members we can add to our district and calculate the number of individuals in the district that can be reached with service!! But lets keep our current members engaged in projects that they enjoy so we do not lose them!!

Fifth, I want to see that all clubs are more diligent in reporting service projects and service hours to Lions Club International. We have some clubs who have not reported in over 2 years or more. We will be working with those clubs to correct those numbers. It is important for those who approach LCI for partnership in grants. Those Partnerships will request to review the hours of service throughout the organization. If the number of hours are not to the satisfaction of the Partnership, the Partnership may withdraw their desire to partner with LCI in certain projects or grants because of the lack of Service hours. This has happened in the past.

I cannot believe that we are now nearing the halfway point of our 2018-2019 year. I will be reviewing our District goals and where we stand in meeting those goals for this year and what do we need to change to meet the goals for the second half of the year? I do look at the goals during each club visit during the year as I present the goals/vision. I have a good sense of where we are with our goals for this year. We are not too far off the mark for some goals. We will start the review in January.



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The District Governors Team still has a few clubs to visit this month and in January and complete the club visits in February before the District Convention. However, there are some of the following that are found:

- 1) Some need Service Chair Person to assist the Secretary with Service hours
- 2) Some did not have a LCIF chairman. This is important with the LCIF campaign for the next 3 years.
- 3) Some have a Secretary without a computer. How do they communicate with LCI??
- 4) Some have a President who has been President for more than 10+ years
- 5) Need a Membership Chair if you are recruiting new member
- 6) Need to come into the 21st Century with your club. (i.e. facebook, website)

These are a few concerns noted. Any of the District Governor's Team or Zone Chair can assist you.

We have a great District. We all want to make it a greater District!! Our Vision this year is:

VISIBILITY IN AND COMMUNICATION TO COMMUNITIES THROUGH SERVICE

Service is the best way to promote your club in the community. Fund Raisers are not Service Projects. Yes, they do get you out into the community and get you recognized. Service is just that.... Serving your community. It could be building a ramp for a handicap person, raking leaves for an elderly person, volunteering at a soup kitchen, writing cards for the troops, reading with a child at school, etc.

I would like for our clubs to focus on the Club Excellence Process for the remainder of the year. The seven requirements are listed on the last page of the District's Directory. Lets see how many of our clubs are eligible for this award this year. We had 5 clubs for the 2017-2018 year to achieve the requirements.

These last few months of the Lions' year are the time we can take to evaluate where we are now. Then we can make plans to move forward to improve our clubs in the remaining months of the Lions' year. The Club can utilize the Club Excellence Process, the My Club My Way process, or any of the other Processes the club chooses to use. We started our year with 1919 members. Currently we have 1910 for a -9 net gain. However, we have 2 new charter clubs in the process of being chartered. One has 24 members but those are not showing in our numbers yet until the club has been approved by LCI. The second club charter was just sent to LCI and will not be complete and fully approved by LCI until after the new year which will provide us with at least another 20 members. We will be seeing a positive membership in the coming months. YEAH!!! However, we cannot sit back and stop recruiting new clubs and new members.

I wish all clubs a Happy and safe Christmas. Please put February 22 and 23 on your calendars for our District Convention. The Registration forms will be coming out very shortly. Watch for them soon. There will be training opportunities at the convention. Looking forward to seeing you there.

District Governor LeJune Cantrell

[2018/2019 District S Convention](#)

Hello Lions:

The convention for District S is right around the corner, and we are excited about this year's format and speaker. We encourage you to start reminding your club members to put the District Convention on their calendars and plan to attend the Convention in **Columbia, South Carolina at Embassy Suites by Hilton,**

200 Stoneridge Drive (that's the Zoo/Greystone Blvd. exit) on **February 22-23, 2019.**

Save this Date
All GREEN Lights
Means GO



Registration Forms are on their way...

Plan to be at this New Format of Convention
Columbia, South Carolina

- Excellent Training Opportunities
 - Exciting Guest Speaker
- Luncheon Awards Banquet – Business Attire
 - Fun with your fellow Lions

There are changes coming this year! To encourage more participation at the convention, the Awards Luncheon and Banquet will become one this year. Once the Awards Banquet is over, the Convention will be completed. Let's all participate in this exciting new format this year!! Business dress is all that is requested. There will still be learning opportunities during the morning hours.

For those staying Friday night, there will be a Fun night.

The [advertising price list](#) is for the convention program. This is a great way to let other Lions know the work your Club is achieving, or a picture of your Lion of the Year or Melvin Jones Fellow in an ad would be a great way to honor them as well.

Art work goes to Lion Jim Reilly, and checks to pay for the ad need to be mailed to our District S Treasurer, PCC Joe Lark. As always, if you have any questions or need clarification, please

contact:

Lion Linda Rumsey, District S Cabinet Secretary, at lindarumsey51@att.net or 864-350-5705.

Hope to see you there February 22 and 23 in Columbia at the Embassy Suites.

LeJune Cantrell
District Governor

December is Here!

By 2VDG Judy Scott

November and December are probably the two busiest months of the year. I am sure many of you are attempting to get everything done before the holiday season and the end of the year.

As we approach the end of the year, I want to express to each of you my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your friendship, your love, your guidance and your faithfulness in serving those in need. Truly you have answered the call to be a Beacon of Hope.

Have a blessed and safe holiday season.



UPSTATE VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Upstate Blind Fishing Tournament team completed another fishing expedition to the INTERNATIONAL VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT in October.

Since 2001, more than 550 Vision Impaired Persons from District 32 S have competed in our local tournament on Lake Keowee, in May. Beginning in 2003, along with about 400 other VIP's, our winners have competed in the International Tournament at the Outer Banks, NC

VIP's are treated to a night of entertainment and sleep over at Camp Rocky Bottom and Fishing the next day on Lake Keowee. Boats and Captains are provided by the Keowee Anglers Club.

Clubs in District 32 S provide support for this worthwhile program. People interested in being involved or clubs providing financial support, please contact PDG Phil Marett at 864 221 2880 or lionmarett@gmail.com

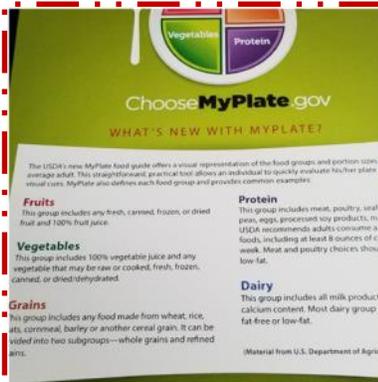
District 32-S News

Columbia Northwest Lions Club

Right: On October 20, 2018, Columbia NW Lions Club held a fundraiser tea party.



Above: The Columbia Northwest Lions Club Vision team (minus a few members) did a vision screening November 1, 2018 at the Carolina School of Inquiry.



Columbia NW Lions Club held a Diabetic Seminar on Food, Fitness and Feet on November 14th, World Diabetes Awareness Day. T.Q. Davis from Palmetto Health Community Outreach spoke about nutrition and fitness, and Joe Cantwell from Certified Pedorthic Orthotics spoke about foot care and shoes.

Due West Lions Grow, Aid Causes, Hear Camp Lions Den Report

The Due West Lions Club increased by five members November 8th and announced \$3,850.00 in contributions to Lions' causes this fiscal year. Members also heard a report from a child they sponsored to Camp Lions Den and laid plans for their Christmas fundraiser and gathering.



Due West Lions Club President Sandra Gettys presided at the meeting where Ashton Van Deusen, Gene and Linda Pruitt, and David Von Collin were inducted and Lion Jean Louis Pretot was re-instated as a member. SC MD 32 Council Chair Rick Pressly of Abbeville sponsored Miss Van Deusen for membership and also presented a certificate to Becky Rich, DWLC Membership Chair, for sponsoring the other three inductees. Mr. Pretot returned to The Renaissance after a short period away from Due West.

Due West Lions Treasurer Gene Judd announced \$3,850 in DWLC donations since July to eleven local, state, and international Lions Club causes. This includes the first \$1,000 of a \$5,000 pledge to the Abbeville Promise program. Helping to make this possible was a net contribution of \$4,012 from club activities at the Due West Fall Festival.

Ten-year-old Chase Rosser reported on his experiences at Camp Lions Den for visually impaired youngsters. He was one of three children the Due West Lions Club sponsored at the camp held this past summer at Clemson University. He and his parents, Sammy and Kason Rosser, described the many "Olympic" activities he enjoyed and the close friendship he formed with a totally blind student at the camp. "He had a wonderful time," his parents reported, "and wants to go back next year."

DWLC Vice President Lee Logan reported that the "Tree for Life" fundraiser is nearing its \$3,000 goal. This program allows people to memorialize and honor loved ones by purchasing "candles, torches, and lighthouses" to light the Due West Christmas Tree on December 7th at a ceremony following the Due West Christmas Parade. The Due West Lions also plan to participate in the Due West Christmas Parade.



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Greer Centennial Lions Club

The Greer Centennial Lions Club recently held a successful bowling tournament which raised nearly \$4,000. These monies will be used for vision vouchers at Chandler Creek Elementary – a partnership that the club recently created. This partnership will allow at-risk students to get vision screenings and glasses for free.

Greer Lions Club

The ladies of the Greer Lions Club met and discussed the many projects available for us to offer assistance for those in need for our New Voice Project. It was agreed we would work with Greenville Hospital System Children's Hospital. After coordinating with the wonderful staff at the Children's Hospital, it was decided we would make blankets for the children in the Cancer/Surgery Section of the hospital and provide them with some craft materials to help entertain the children.



On October 31, 2018, along with our District Governor, LeJune Cantrell, the ladies of the Greer Club were able to gift 22 blankets, two huge boxes of craft supplies, and over 50 bottles of bubbles. The bubbles were provided to the staff to use when they do labs on the children. Lion Martha Bennett and her staff at the Greer Soup Kitchen gathered the craft supplies, Lion Suzanne Traenkle ordered the stuffed Lions, Lion Vicki Kennedy

purchased the materials for the blankets and, along with Lions Karen Kenyon, Carolyn Mohanty and Linda Rumsey, made the blankets.

The Children's Hospital has reverse Halloween which means no candy, so we provided every child in the 82 bed hospital with a stuffed Lion with a t- shirt on it saying "I love Greer Lions". As we passed out the stuffed lion toys, we were able to encourage the children to be like the lion and get well so they could roar through life. It was a blessing to all of us who were able to participate.

Pictured are Lions Karen Kenyon, Suzanne Traenkle, Linda Rumsey, Tom Rumsey, Carolyn Mohanty, Vicki Kennedy, and our District Governor LeJune Cantrell. (not shown Lion Martha Bennett)

Greer Lions Club completed their Legacy Centennial Project in October 2018 with the installation of a park bench in the courtyard of Greer Community Ministries(GCM). The courtyard is used by residents of Greer who are ministered to by GCM.



GCM serves the Greater Greer area with four programs: Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining, Food Pantry, and Sharon's Closet. They are a faith-based organization with the vision that "No elderly, home bound or disadvantaged person in the Greater Greer area will go hungry." Meals on Wheels are delivered each weekday by volunteers to the home bound elderly in the Greater Greer area. Senior Dining is a congregate dining program that offers seniors an opportunity to fellowship with their peers in a warm, loving setting each weekday. These seniors are transported to our center by volunteer van drivers and enjoy a daily program by a different individual, church group, or business. The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet offer emergency food and clothing assistance to individuals in need and clients are welcomed each weekday.

In addition to providing this park bench, Greer Lions Club supports this ministry with members doing volunteer work and also with annual financial support.



Shown in the group photo are Mr. Stephen Smith, GCM Executive Director and Greer Lions Buddy Waters and David O'Shields.

McCormick Lions Club—By the Numbers



In 2017 McCormick Lions celebrated 100 years of Lions clubs along with the other 1.4 million members globally. In November 2018, McCormick Lions celebrated 90 years of serving their local community having received their charter in November 1928. The event was celebrated with a birthday party held at the River Grille in Savannah Lakes Village with 76 members and guests attending, perhaps the biggest number of all

was the presentation of one Melvin Jones award being given to Club President Tom Westgate. Three weeks later, 15 out of 17 new members were inducted



to the club by DG LeJune Cantrell ably assisted by PDG Rick Pressly and Lion Jim Barbare, District S. Global Membership Team. If that was not enough, since July of 2017 to date, McCormick Lions

has increased membership from 28 to 55, an increase of 27 new members. The numbers just keep on coming, such as \$50,000 being donated in the last 5 years with quite a large percentage going to fund the 2 or 3 Eye Clinics that McCormick hold each year. Their Christmas party this year is almost a sell out with over 70 members and guests already signed up not to mention the 25 plus members that will be marching in the McCormick town Christmas Parade.



Mid-Carolina Lions Club

The redeveloping Mid Carolina Lions Club is setting the pace for all clubs as its members conduct service projects, plan fundraisers, and illustrate what all Lions Clubs should model.



Mid Carolina Lions President Douglas Fulmer welcomes just-inducted new Lion Jan Simmons (seated)



CC Rick Pressly serves as a Guiding Lion for the rebuilt Mid Carolina Lions Club. He presented Lion Michelle Baker with a Certificate of Appreciation as she leaves us for the West Coast and her new granddaughter.



VCC Paul Dove, who also serves as a Guiding Lion for the club, presents a "Pillar of Inspiration" certificate to Lion Michelle who has been a staunch and active Lion in the club.

River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club

The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club will sell Christmas trees again this holiday season at the YMCA Camp Thunderbird campground through Tuesday, December 11. Proceeds help fund our donations to more than 30 charities.

More than 40 volunteers showed up at the lot to set up the trees for display. "It was a heck of a party," said Ed Noll, one of the tree captains. "Good companionship, hot coffee and munchies made for an exciting start to the holiday season and the opportunity to get first choice on the best trees to be had."

The Fraser Firs were grown in North Carolina by the same prize-winning tree farmer who delivered this year's "Most Perfect Christmas Tree" to the White House, according to Noll.

Four other tree captains are coordinating jobs at the lot: Hank Gerald, Bob Daley, David Brantley and Mike Heslop.



Father Christmas, Lion Frank Van Leer, praises members of the Clover High School Air Force JROTC for helping to set up trees at the Christmas tree lot.



Peter Tucker, president of the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club, left, assists at the Lions Christmas tree lot.



Salem Lions are "All In"

This past August Salem Lions treasurer Carl Halvorsen wrote and submitted a grant request for \$5,000 from Clemson Coach Dabo Swinney's ALL IN TEAM Foundation. He was informed in October that Salem Lions had been awarded the grant. In fiscal year 2017 we helped 115 needy individuals with eye exams and eyewear at a cost of \$18,000. In fiscal year 2018 we helped 62 at a cost of \$10,000. The grant will cover 33 of the many needy individuals from our vision services program this year. Pictured here are Coach Swinney and Lion Carl at the annual Grant Luncheon held on November 7th at Clemson University.

Spartanburg Lions Club



Lion Bertil (Bert) Rolander was awarded a Franklin Mason Fellow plaque on November 8th by the Spartanburg Lions Club for his many years of devotion and service. Lion Bert has been a member of the Spartanburg Club since 1989. Those presenting the plaque are (l to r): Spartanburg Lions Club President Mark Barry; Lion Bert; Lion Tom Bridgeman; Lion Steve Cannon; and (not pictured) PID Gene Spiess. Congratulations Lion Bert!

Members of the Spartanburg Lions Club did their first vision screening at McCracken Middle School in Spartanburg on November 16th. What an exciting opportunity! The Spartanburg Club was awarded grant monies to purchase a SPOT camera through the Mary Black Foundation. This screening was the first of many for years to come. McCracken school nurse, Ms. Russell, was so excited about the SPOT camera that she plans to ask the Spartanburg Club to come back in the spring so that even more students can be screened.



Lion Paul Lundberg screening a student



Lion Monica Greene; Nurse Russell; Lion Paul Lundberg




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Winnsboro Lions Club



The Winnsboro Lions Club welcomed new member Lion Linda Haslett. VCC Paul Dove inducted Lion Linda into the club. While members had worked for some time to recruit Lion Linda, all it took was one phone call from DG LeJune Cantrell to seal the deal!

Winnsboro Lions have screened six of Fairfield County's seven public schools this fall, providing vision screening for some 1256 students. One public school, the Charter School, and Richard Winn Academy will be screened early in 2019. "We are using the SPOT camera initially assigned to the Lexington Lions Club and greatly appreciate their lending it to us for this important service work. It's great that school nurses now call us to schedule screening dates," stated Lion Bobbie Dove.



News from Lions Club International



Read the December, 2018 edition of “Lion Magazine” here.

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October, 2018 International Calendar

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

December 2018

- December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning Peace Poster to the Public Affairs Division
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January 2019

Hunger Awareness Month

- January 6-12: LCIF Week
- January 11: Last day for early discount on convention registration fees
- January 13: Melvin Jones' birthday
- January 15: Leo Club Program Advisory Panel nominations due
- January 15: Peace Poster Kits go on sale from Club Supplies Sales

NEVER STOP LEARNING (or relearning what we have forgotten)

LCI offers leadership training materials/resources which include a mix of curriculum materials, speaking presentations with notes, and activity guides. Each month The Palmetto Lion will feature a different training opportunity.

Here in the [Lions Learning Center](#) you can learn and practice key leadership skills for your role as a Lions leader and to be successful in all your projects. Courses are categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

If you are new to LLC, you will need to create an account. Please have your Lions Member ID number ready!

In addition to the training materials offered on the [Training Materials/Resources Page](#) check out the learning opportunities through [Lions University](#). Lions University is offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.