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JOIN US!

**South Carolina Lions MD 32
2019 State Convention
April 12-14, 2019 @ Greenville Hilton Hotel**

Join fellow Lions from across the state to celebrate SC Lions and all that you do to serve and improve our communities.

Celebrations and Meetings happening Friday - Sunday
Room Rate: \$129 & \$139/night (Includes Breakfast Buffet)
See links in the Events Section for more details.



Special guest:
Gudrun Yngvadottir,
International President
Lions Clubs International



[SC Lions MD 32 State Convention Agenda](#)

[Convention Hotel Information](#)

[Convention Registration Form](#) (Print, complete & return with check payment)

Convention Registration ONLINE (use if paying with a credit card)

<https://form.iotform.com/83614344830152>

[Program Guide Advertising Prices](#)

PROCESS FOR ELECTING VICE COUNCIL PERSON

As per Policy Manual of Multiple District 32, the following action has been taken. The State Advisory Board Chairman has appointed the Vice Council Nominating Committee. This Committee is made up of one PDG from each of the 2 Districts in SC and another PDG at-large to serve as Chairman. This Committee will be listed in the Palmetto Lion and will actively search for nominees. This article serves as the official notice to comply with policy outlined above.

We need to have at least 3 nominees to be placed on the ballot, If you desire to serve, or have a nominee for the position of Vice Council Chair, please submit these names to the appropriate District Representative on the Nominating Committee. The Committee members are listed below.

2018-2019 Advisory Board Nominating Committee

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Thanks!!!!

George Goings, PDG

Secretary, Advisory Board of Past District Governors

ORDER YOUR MD SC 32 PINS NOW

PDG Bob Walker and he would like you to have your Cabinet Secretaries send out a reminder to all clubs that he will need our Pin orders from out Clubs no later than the second week in February so he can get the order in and have them back by State Convention. Please take care of this matter. [order form for the pins](#)



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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MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 8 th to 10 th , 2019	District 32 C Convention Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort 98 North Ocean Blvd. North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 Link to Registration
February 22-23, 2019	District S Convention Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbia-Greystone 200 Stoneridge Drive Columbia, SC Link to Registration Link to Ad Pricing
April 12 & 13, 2019	95th SC LIONS MD 32 STATE CONVENTION Greenville Hilton Hotel 45 W Orchard Park Dr, Greenville, SC 29615 SC Lions MD 32 State Convention Agenda Convention Hotel Information Convention Registration Form (Print, complete & return with check payment) Convention Registration ONLINE (use if paying with a credit card) https://form.jotform.com/83614344830152 Program Guide Advertising Prices
May 17, 2019	Lions Vision Services 50th Anniversary Gala Columbia Museum of Art Columbia, SC

Deadline for submissions to the March Palmetto Lion is

February 28.

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

District Rep.	Email
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32 C Matt Jones	mjones@sc.rr.com

SAVE THE DATE

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

<p>Tuesday, February 5 5:30 pm—7:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Winnsboro Lions Club</i></u> Winnsboro Lions Club Rann Foster Pancake Supper Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Saturday, March 9 Check in and Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 Texas Shootout Shotgun Start at 9:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>South Strand Lions Club</i></u> 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Monday, March 11 4:30 pm—7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Salem Lions club</i></u> Annual BBQ and Raffle Keowee Key Bistro and Event Center Contact John Gerhart at 864-719-0237 for tickets</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 12 Noon—2:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Myrtle Beach Lions Club</i></u> Charity Luncheon and Silent Auction Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Thursday, March 14 3:00 pm—6:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>McBee Lions Club</i></u> 26th Annual Pancake Supper Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Friday, March 15 11:00 am—3:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Greater Lake City Lions Club</i></u> Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Saturday, March 23 Noon—6:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Tega Cay Lions Club</i></u> Annual Low Country Shrimp Boil Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Saturday, April 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Greer Centennial Lion Club</i></u> Bass Tournament Link to Brochure</p>
<p>Saturday, April 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Spartanburg Lions Club</i></u> A Week at Edisto Island!!! Link to Flyer</p>
<p>Thursday, April 18 7:00 pm</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sounds of the Heart WITH MANDY HARVEY</p> <p><u><i>In Support of SC School for the Deaf and Blind Foundation</i></u> Link to Mandy Harvey Media Kit Link to Mandy Harvey "BeASponsor" For Tickets: https://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/1812790</p> </div>

NEWS FROM LCIF—PCC Diane Pitts

Training for LCIF Club Coordinators

Special training for LCIF Club Coordinators will be offered at both district conventions in February 2019. Save the date. If your club does not have a designated LCIF Club Coordinator, please designate a Lion and have your secretary enter the name as a club officer on MyLCI. The training will cover the Lions Clubs International as well as Campaign 100.

To arrange for a program at your club, contact Lion Pat Abercrombie (District S) or IPDG Cathy Morse (District C).

Included in this issue of The Palmetto Lion is a Campaign 100 Pledge Card. Almost half of the Lions Clubs in South Carolina do not presently contribute to the international foundation, although South Carolina has received over \$1.5 million in grants since its creation. Make a pledge for the club to be part of this powerful organization. As part of Campaign 100 consider making a personal pledge. LCIF has a capital campaign about every 20 years. The last one was SightFirst 2. Could you pledge \$100/year for three years? The Foundation accepts donations by check, online, and by monthly draft. All donations qualify to count toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Update on Donations

- MD32 LCIF Donations - \$37,744.56 (as of end of December 2018)
- Club Participation 32S 42.45% (29 of 68) \$22,950.56
- 32C 26.98% (17 of 63) 9,710.00
- MD32 35.11% (46 of 131)

Training for LCIF Club Coordinators

- Training for LCIF Club Coordinators is being held at both district conventions.
- 36 clubs in 32S have not named an LCIF Coordinator.
- 24 clubs in 32C have not named an LCIF Coordinator.
- Future materials will be sent to the President or Immediate Past President in each club, until an LCIF Club Coordinator is listed online by the Secretary.

MATERIALS FOR CAMPAIGN 100

[Campaign 100 Pledge Form](#)



[Campaign 100 Brochure](#)



[Campaign 100 Pocket](#)



[Campaign 100 Handout](#)



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!



Sounds of the Heart

WITH MANDY HARVEY

APRIL 18, 2019 • 7:00 PM • CHARLESTON MUSIC HALL

"**Sounds of the Heart with Mandy Harvey**" is a concert scheduled for April 18, 2019 at the **Charleston Music Hall** to benefit the [South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind \(SCSDB\) Foundation](#). Mandy Harvey, deaf vocalist and former America's Got Talent finalist will headline the event with performances by the SCSDB chorus, and **Mayor John Tecklenburg** will emcee the concert.

[Link to Mandy Harvey Media Kit](#)

[Link to Mandy Harvey "BeASponsor"](#)

For Tickets:

<https://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/1812790>

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

SERVICE = MEMBERSHIP = LEADERSHIP

So Fellow Lions, how do you think we are doing in regards to the equation above as a Multiple District here in South Carolina? One would hope that we are doing really well and making progress on a daily basis given the fact we redistricted this year and we have all the tools that Lions Clubs International has provided to assist in each of these areas. If that is what you are thinking, I am here to tell you we are NOT!

Yours truly and many other Lion Leaders across the Multiple District are very frustrated and disappointed in the fact that we are not and let me explain why we are presently feeling this way>

SERVICE

In the area of SERVICE, only about half of our clubs across the Multiple District have reported Service Activities and half of those Clubs reporting, have reported fewer than 25 Service Activities for the year. Service work and activities are what attracts New Members to want to become Lions. Meals and attending meetings is NOT what being a Lion is all about. "We Serve" is!

Over the last eight to ten years, when I really woke up to recruiting and sponsoring new Lions, when I approach a perspective Lion and "Ask" if they would be interested in joining, part of our conversation centers around what the individual is already doing to SERVE in their community. Then I let them know that attending meetings is not the most important thing about being a Lion, it is what we are doing to SERVE our communities. I believe that unless you focus your recruiting pitch on SERVICE, chances are you will not be successful in getting that person interested in becoming a Lion. Unfortunately, most of our current Members do not think along these lines. Please start!

MEMBERSHIP

In the area of MEMBERSHIP, we have been declining each year for many years. The last positive increase in North America (that includes Canada and the US) was 1987. When I served as the District Governor for 32D, we had 1024 members in the District. This year when we redistricted from two to one District we started the year with 1,919 in District 32S and 1,580 in District 32C. I think you can see we are not growing our Membership, it is declining. Currently we are -20 in total membership for MD32. Our theme this year has been "Reverse the Curse" and if IT was not for Chartering three new clubs in 32S, our Membership numbers would be much worse than what you see. I believe there are two reasons for this decline: First of all not many of our Lions realize that in order to become a Lion, you have to be ASKED to join. If even half of the 3,499 members in our MD would have recruited just one new Member this year, I doubt that the current total would be a negative number. At every meeting this year, that I have attended, I have challenged each and every Lion present, to join me in the goal of recruiting one New Lion with a heart for Service and help "Reverse the Curse". So far I don't think that many have accomplished the goal. I have personally sponsored two new members in the last year and I am working on three to five more. How have you done? The Second reason I believe that we continue to decline in Membership is we fail to utilize the Tools, like the GAT Coordinator positions, we have been encouraged to appoint across the Multiple District right down to the Club level. If we continue to ignore the need for education of our Clubs and Members, how can we expect them to know about all the Tools we have been provided. I believe that here again, more than half of our Club Officers have never heard of who is the Global Action Team for their club.



Lion Rick Pressly
Council Chairperson
2018-2019

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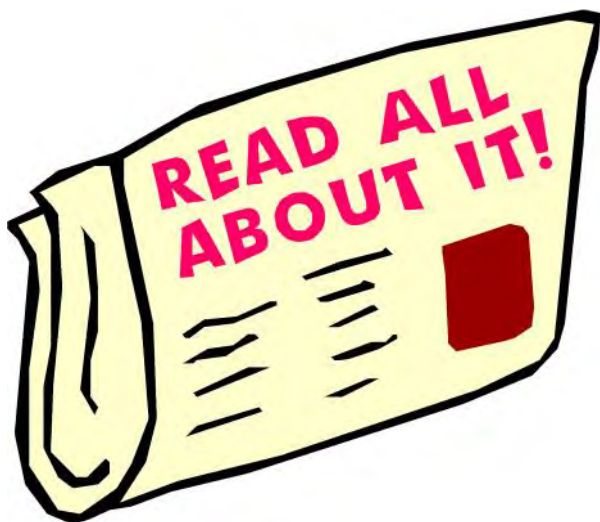
LEADERSHIP

Sadly, based on what I am observing, Leadership is not a position that too many of our Members are willing to take on and I will give you two prime examples of this area of focus. First of all, in my own Club, here in Abbeville, we currently have no members that are willing to fill the positions of First and Second Vice Presidents. As a result we are once again (yes, I said once again, it has happened too many times in my 25 years in the club) faced with the possibility of no one to serve as President in the next Lions year. The other example I will share with you occurred recently. As your MD Council Chair for the year, it is my role to be a Mentor and Guide for the District Governors and as such, I recently contacted DG Randy Croom in 32C and inquired about the candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor to be elected at the 32C District Convention in February. DG Randy's reply was: "We do not have any at this time and MAYBE we will have one in April"! I find that hard to believe that in a District that recently combined two into one, that not even one Lion out of 1,580 Members, would be interested in stepping up to Lead their District two years down the road.

My Fellow Lions, I firmly believe, that if this trend continues, we the Lions of Multiple District 32 will be reduced to One District in not too many years. The lack of Service to our Communities will result in the continued decline in our Membership and the decline in our Membership will result in the decline in quality Leadership in our Districts. I personally do not desire to see the decline continue and assure you that I will do everything in my power to "Reverse the Curse" and continue to provide Service to my Community and every Community that I can. As my Mentor and Friend Past Council Chair Joe Pitts encouraged me to understand nearly 10 years ago now: **"If it is meant to be, It is up to Me!"** I hope you will join us in doing anything and everything in our power to fulfill our motto, "We Serve" and grow our Multiple District back to three or four Districts once again!

Your Multiple District Council Chair,

Club Newsletters



Newsletters are excellent ways to collaborate with other Lions around the state. If your club or zone or district publishes a print or digital newsletter--- or other means of communicating with Lions, please contact Lion Paul Dove soon as he would like to highlight newsletters from all over our Multiple District. Even if you already share your newsletters with Lion Paul, please contact him anyway to ensure he has your club on his master list. Many thanks!

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ALERT Minute by Lion Mary Louise Resch

A Different Type of Disaster – Dealing with the Federal Government Shutdown

As the partial shutdown of the Federal Government comes to a temporary end, I wanted to take a few minutes to focus on the corollary between the natural disasters we've dealt with in the past and this latest man-made disaster event. Much like what communities did during Hurricane Florence and other weather events in the past, this shutdown has brought out the best in South Carolinians. The following are but a few examples of how South Carolina "talks the talk AND walks the walk."

- ⇒ The Politics of Disaster: Just like during last fall's hurricane, elected officials play a key role in how a disaster is handled. But, when it comes to serving those in need, there were no Republicans, no Democrats, nor any other party, just a group of caring individuals who had the welfare of furloughed employees on their minds and hearts for over one month.
- ⇒ Everyday Heroes: When it comes to serving those in need, no one steps up to serve like South Carolina Lions. As soon as clubs were aware of needed services, my phone began to ring. From offers of cash, to food drives, to diaper collections, MD-32 Lions were second to none.
- ⇒ We're All in This Together: During the shutdown, like many other disasters we've responded to in the past, it never fails to amaze me how grateful people who receive our support are for any level of assistance. Last Friday night, at Columbia Metropolitan Airport, we were doing a distribution with FAA Air Traffic Controllers, Technicians, and administrative staff, where something simple as a pack of diapers for the father of a newborn baby made all the difference in the world to that family.

All of this is to say that, just like every other disaster in the past few years, I am so proud of the response and generosity of the Lions of South Carolina. I am grateful for your continued service and on behalf of the over 550 Federal employees you helped serve, a hearty THANK YOU and ROAR!

2019 YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

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

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

THE END OF AN ERA

As most of us know, last month PID Dr. Franklin Mason of Mullins passed away. The Lions and the people of South Carolina lost a great person. Those many Lions who attended his funeral heard many humorous and interesting stories about his 94 years on this earth. As a point of interest, it seemed as though half of those present were Lions from throughout the state.

I'll share a few of my Dr. Mason memories. I'll have to start with the fact that my father, who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery is my number one hero. I compare everyone to him. The last time as Governor, I started a "Pillar of Inspiration" Award. It was given to those that I felt came close to Daddy. The first presentation was to Dr. Mason.

I first met, or saw, Dr. Mason at cabinet meeting long before I became Governor. I did not really know him that well. I remember him making a report in which he would smile and quite often mention "Miss Lucy." He was always polite, prim and proper. A Southern Gentleman.

The first time I saw a different Doc was at PDG Matt Jones' fun night in Sumter. The theme was "Tramps and Hobos."

Doc and Daphne were there in fancy attire. Doc was dressed in his fanciest distinguished Clemson grad clothing, brogans, plaid shirt, straw hat and over(h)alls. He participated in the "spoon relay" in which you tied a 20-foot string on a wooden spoon and in teams of 10 brave souls you put the spoon down your shirt and pants then pass it to the next person behind you and they do the same until it gets to the end. Everything went great. His team had a big lead. The next phase was to start pulling the string and spoon back to the front. The first spoon back was the winner. His team was still in the lead until it got back to Doc. It had slowed down to a near crawl. Suddenly, Doc said, "Daphne, come here. The spoon is caught in my underwear. I need help." Daphne disappeared and the crowd broke up. This prom and proper gentleman was laughing and having the time of his life. I got to see the real Franklin Mason. The next day he came up to me and said, "Governor, about the Friday night next year." I thought oh no am I in real trouble. Doc finished, "You had better have one of these. That is what the Lions need."



Randy Croom
District Governor 32-C
2018-2019

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Doc liked me, which is a little surprising because “I was too well off to not wear socks” or “my legs were too ugly to wear that summer uniform.” He loved to pick on me as much as I would pick on him.

I used to run some a while back and I am in awe of Doc and his marathons. About four years ago after visiting the club at the Nursing Home, Doc said the wanted to talk with me and could I walk with him to his car. As we started to cross the street, he asked me to help him with something. When I said yes, he grabbed hold to my arm for support. Momma had just died. He and Momma were the same age. I realized then that my hero was mortal. I realized it was not just a great admiration that I had for him, it was a true love the man. It was then that I truly appreciated that he liked me.

The last time I ran for Governor, I asked him to nominate me. He said he would on one condition. I asked what it was. His answer surprised me. He said he wanted me to consider running for International Director. I told him I did not know. I was still having a hard time dealing with my son Josh’s death and I felt it was affecting my performance as Governor. I asked him why he felt I should run, and he said, “Because it is in your nature.” I don’t quite understand what he meant but I feel he was saying I would be a good ID in spite of my doubts. I said yes. If I am fortunate to be elected, I have one hell of a role model to follow.

Yes, we lost a friend and great Lion. I also lost a true hero. I hope that I never grow too old to have HEROES.

Randy

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.](#)

District 32-C News

OFFICER TRAINING

PDG John Enright and PCC George Jenkins held Lion's Officer Training on Saturday, January 19th at Grace Lutheran Church in Summerville from 9:00 to 2:30. The Power Point included 72 slides and covered the duties of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair. Following the Power-Point there was a review of the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws. They closed with a look at MyLCI and MyLion.



Aynor Lions Club



Club donated \$200 to 'Wreaths across America' to help with wreaths in Arlington National Cemetery.



Club recently did a food drive to help a local Food Bank and also donated \$100 to the group.

Greater Lake City Lions Club

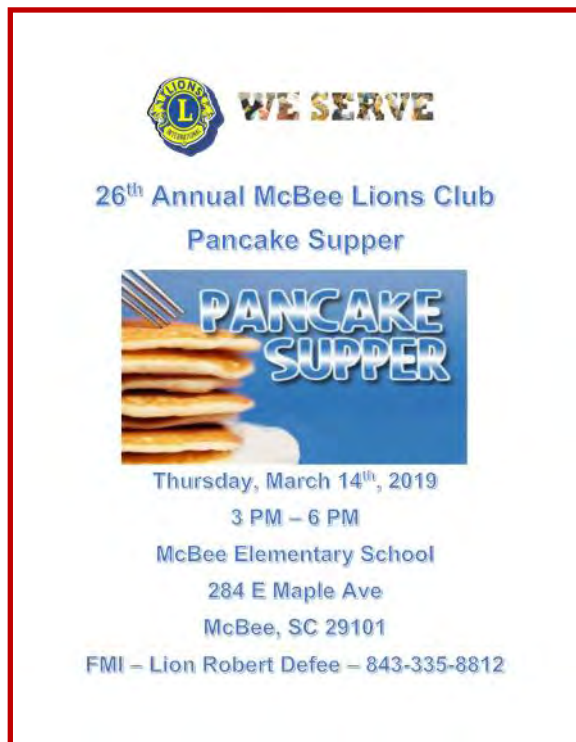


Manning Lions Club



Lions participating in the Matchless Volunteer Fair for volunteer organizations in Clarendon County. Lions George and Nancy Fix greeting residents interested in volunteering

McBee Lions Club



Midland Valley Lions Club



Club participated in the Graniteville Christmas Parade; Theme was 'Christmas Around the World.'



AED Device purchased and donated to the Midland Valley Fire Department.



Food collected for Gloverville Elementary School Backpack Program during the Christmas period.

Myrtle Beach Lions Club

The Lions Club of Myrtle Beach
Invites You to Join Us for a

Charity Luncheon and Silent Auction

Tuesday: March 12, 2019
Lunch: 12:00 Noon to 2 pm

CARRABBA'S
ITALIAN GRILL

6803 North Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach

Meal Choices are: 1. Chicken Marsala
2. Mezzaluna
3. Grilled Chicken Caesar

Tickets \$15

Served with Minestrone Soup plus Non-alcoholic Beverage and Dessert

For Tickets or Information:
Lion Liz Bernaski:
484-767-0636 or e-mail: ebnaski@gmail.com
Lion Brian P'Pool:
843-444-4081 or e-mail: bppool@sc.rr.com
Take Out Menu: Chicken Marsala

100% of the money raised will be used to fund community projects such as:

- Glasses / hearing aids for needy children and adults
- Grand Strand Miracle League
- Scholarships for high school students
- Vision screening / surgeries

Updated 23 Jan 2019

Pawleys Island Lions Club



Lions helped the Salvation Army's bell-ringing and collection efforts this past Christmas season. From left to right, club President Carla Mellins, club Secretary Linda Wittig, and Lion Pam Ofsanik.

South Strand Lions Club



12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Hosted By
The South Strand Lions Club
(A Tax Exempt 501(c)3 Entity)

To Benefit
Lions Club Community Charities

Saturday March 9, 2019
Wachesaw Plantation East
Check in and Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30
Texas Shootout
Shotgun Start at 9:00

\$80 Per Person / \$320 Per Team

Breakfast, Catered Lunch, Round of Golf
Gift Bag, Awards & Raffle Prizes

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IT IS FOR US TO PRAY NOT
FOR TASKS EQUAL TO OUR
POWERS, BUT FOR POWERS
EQUAL TO OUR TASKS, TO
GO FORWARD WITH A GREAT
DESIRE FOREVER BEATING AT
THE DOOR OF OUR HEARTS
AS WE TRAVEL TOWARD
OUR DISTANT GOAL.

HELEN KELLER

Sun City Lions Club



Club inducts eight new members. ROAR LIONS!

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

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

February is known as the month of LOVE. St. Valentine's Day is the day in which the birds return in very early spring and choose their mates. (Spring was thought to begin in mid- February in 14th Century Europe.) The history of Valentine's Day and the story of its patron saint is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. Americans began trading hand-made cards in the early 1700s. Today the Greeting Card Association estimates 1 billion cards are purchased and sent on this holiday alone.

You have heard the Phrase "LOVING INDIVIDUALS OFFERING NEEDED SERVICES" (LIONS). We are Loving Individuals that are offering needed services to the TSA workers and other Federal and State workers who are working without a paycheck. I am requesting that those attending our District S convention to bring one or more of the following items to the Convention : **DIAPERS, BABY FORMULA, CANNED FOOD, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS**. There will be an area designated for the items to be deposited. The collected items will be taken to Harvest Hope to be distributed to the workers. Lets keep LOVE IN THE AIR!!

On January 24, 2019, a group of District S Lions' clubs collectively provided lunch to the TSA workers and Air Traffic Controllers at Greenville Spartanburg Airport. The meal was provided and served by Mutts' Barbecue from Greer. Again, Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services. Thank you PDG Jim Starnes for coordinating this event!

On January 11 South Carolina lost one of our loving individuals – PID Dr. Franklin Mason. His Funeral was held fittingly on Melvin Jones' birthday, January 13. PID Dr. Mason was well loved not only in the state of SC but also throughout the United States. He was a Lions' Lion. We send our condolences to his family. He is gone but will never be forgotten.

As we continue to move closer to our District Convention, remember that we are closer to the hotel registration deadlines (February 1) and the convention registration deadlines (February 1). The outline of the convention happenings is included in this Palmetto Lion. You will not want to miss the new format for this convention. You will not be disappointed! Don't delay to register! Clubs don't forget to elect your club delegates for voting at the Cabinet meeting on February 23 at 10:00am. Clubs must be in good standing at least 15 days prior to the start of the Convention. We still need Ads for the Convention Program Booklet from clubs! Those are needed by February 4.

Lets all gather at the Embassy Suites on February 22 at 5:30 in the Atrium and get to know each other as this is the first District S Convention. Will see you there.

District Governor LeJune Cantrell, District S



LeJune Canrell
District Governor 32-S
2018-2019

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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**.

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!! 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

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL BREAKOUT SESSION AT THE DISTRICT S CONVENTION !!

The leadership of District S is excited to host their first District Convention as a new district on February 22-23, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbia-Greystone (200 Stoneridge Drive). We hope that you will not only be able to attend the convention, but also please plan to attend one of the breakout sessions listed below. We look forward to seeing you there!

8:00 am – 8:45 am - "Club Service Chair Training" - presented by PCC Dr. Joe Pitts
"Growing As A Lion" - presented by Dr. Shirley Ballard

9:00 am – 9:45 am - "Club LCIF Coordinator Training" - presented by Lion Pat Abercrombie
and PCC Dr. Dianne Pitts
"Peace Poster Contest" - Lions Rita Spiess and Melody Hair

Convention Links:

[Link to Registration](#)

[Link to Ad Pricing](#)

District 32-S News

Anderson Lions Club

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION!!

Lion Phil Cahalay, member of the Anderson Lions Club and Chairperson of the Camp Lions Den Project, has a BMW that he is going to sell via an online auction soon



Monies raised from this auction will go to Camp Lions Den. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Lion Phil Marett spoke to the Anderson Women's Club on January 14th about the great projects that the Anderson Lions Club is involved in.

Blue Ridge Lions Club



The Blue Ridge Lions Club celebrated awards earned by members and the club during their monthly January meeting. Pictured are Lions Phil Bowers, Jud Blackwell, and (not pictured) Jim Barbare, District S GMT Membership Coordinator who each received a Gold Centennial award for recruiting and retaining new Lions during the centennial year. The club also received the Premier Centennial Lions Club Award and the Club Excellence Award.



Blue Ridge Lions Club members Hope Barbare, President, and Jim Barbare, District S GMT Membership Coordinator, assisted the newly chartered Cherokee County United Lions Club in their first ever Lions Eye Screening Event in Gaffney on Thursday, January 24th. Pictured with Lion Jim are Cherokee County

United Lions Wayne Graves and Janice Graves; Lions Noah Lindemann, Libby Cheek, and Mary Phillips are also pictured with Janett Littlejohn assisting with the outreach event. Dr. Gena Poovey is club president.



Columbia Northwest Lions Club

On January 16th, five Columbia Northwest Lions Club members delivered previously packaged boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables to 24 elderly/disabled recipients from four Palmetto SeniorCare

Centers in Richland and Lexington Counties. Deliveries extended from Gilbert, Eastover, Hopkins, Southeast, Northwest, North to Northeast Columbia. Each Lion reported how much gratitude was displayed by the recipients upon receiving the food-filled boxes. Deliveries will continue throughout the year as a result of a grant VDG Judy Scott acquired in her role as an AARP-SC Executive Council member. AARP-SC was eager to partner with the Columbia Northwest Lions Club in order to address food insecurity among the elderly/disabled.



Pictured left to right: Lions Sandra Carroll, VDG Judy Scott, Sheila Campbell. Not pictured: Lion President Dianne Barnes and Lion Beverly Brooks.

Greenwood Lions Club

A Lions display greets every person who enters the main branch of the Greenwood County Library. Different layouts represent Lions International, the Lions International Foundation, as well as local and state Lions projects. Lions brochures are available to interested parties.



Greer Centennial Lions Club



“We are looking for participants and/or sponsorships.”

[Link to Brochure](#)

McCormick Lions Club

Lions Bring Christmas Gifts to Low Income Families

Working with the McCormick First Steps Group, the McCormick Lions Club gave a \$150 Walmart gift card to each of fifteen low income families. This is the second year that the club has funded their Christmas program and they were able to increase their donation from ten families at \$100 per family in 2017 to fifteen families at \$150 per family in 2018. The club insisted that the staff of First Steps chose the families and that the family names should remain anonymous. Having read all the letters and cards of thanks received, it makes us all proud to be Lions.

Lion David Merrills

LEXINGTON LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

Our annual pancake supper was quite successful again this year. Over 300 hearty souls braved the cold and windy weather and were served delicious pancake dinners, with many getting with seconds and thirds! We thank the Lexington Community for their support.



Cooking crew hard at work!

Jim Raymond, Bob Fennegan, Larry Moody



Lion Roy Payton at entrance of
St Stephens Lutheran Church

Salem Lions Club

**Annual BBQ and Raffle
Monday, March 11th
4:30—7 PM**

**Keowee Key Bistro and Event Center
Contact John Gerhart at 864-719-0237 for tickets**



Besides great pulled pork BBQ and all the familiar sides, there will be a dessert bar as well. Our local bakeries outdo themselves with donations of delicious cakes and cookies, along with our members contribution of family favorites. This event brings out a large crowd each year for a great community dinner and a fabulous raffle!



Recently the Salem Lions Club was called upon by the Rocky Bottom Conference Center for the Blind to help in an emergency situation. The recent storms this month knocked over trees that fell on buildings which damaged roofs and interiors. One tree fell on an A/C unit, destroying it. Salem Lions have gone up twice to do some repairs and have hired a professional tree company to cut and remove trees; and a roofer was hired to temporarily repair the roof structure. There is a lot more to



do --- much more than Salem Lions can afford to do alone. So, we are asking all other Lions clubs to help in paying for the future repairs needed (e.g., removing at-risk trees, permanently repair damage, replace the A/C unit, etc).



Please send your donations to:
Carl Halvorsen, Treasurer
Salem Lions Club
Box 210
Salem, SC 29676

And be sure to put in the memo line that the contribution is for Rocky Bottom Conference Center. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated!

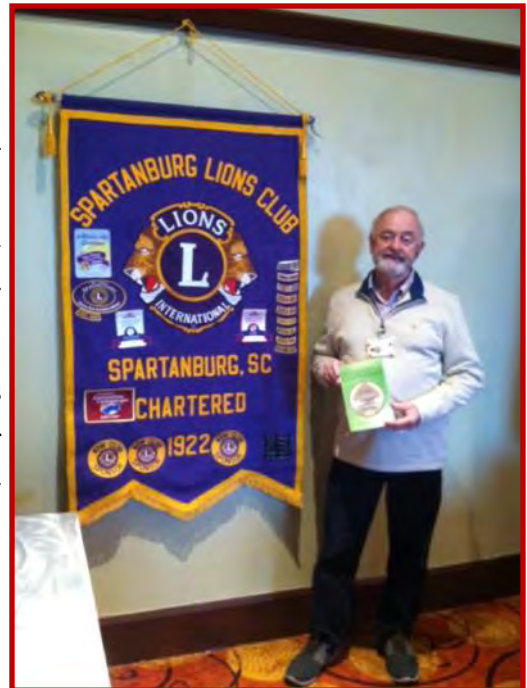
If your club would also like to physically help at the center, please **contact Lion President Ted Brewer at 770-560-0251**, and we will organize a work day.

Spartanburg Lions Club



Tyler Barrett (center with his adorable daughter Penelope), one of the owners of The Indoor Speed Karting Factory in downtown Spartanburg, presented a check for \$100 to Lion Paul Lundberg (on the left) and club President Mark Barry (on the right). Lions Paul and Mark met one of the owners while they were working at our fair booth during Fair Week, and he said that all we had to do was to have customers mention the Spartanburg Lions Club when they came in on a particular day and our club would be given a percentage of the fee – what an easy fundraiser! Apparently Lion Monica Greene became so enthused, she and some of her relatives went to the Speed Factory over the holidays to have lots of fun kart racing..... She's challenging others to race her!

Lion Art Hartzog, a member of the Spartanburg Lions Club, announced that his new book, "Tree-Dimensional Leadership", has been published and will soon be available for sale online or at your nearest bookstore! Who knew the Spartanburg Club had such an accomplished writer in their midst?! The book offers a unique approach to understanding ourselves and others but is not a 'scholarly study' and is not a typical self-help book. It provides a simple model for viewing and understanding leadership that can be used by anyone. What a great helpful tool for all of us Lions as we strive to learn how we can become the best that we can be.





Immediate Past President of the Spartanburg Lions Club Paul Lundberg presents Lion Haskell (Hack) Cook a Franklin Mason Award. Lion Hack has been an active member of our club since 1990 and is a faithful member of the Sight Services Committee. Thank you for your service Lion Hack!



Lion Mark Barry, President of the Spartanburg Lions Club, presented Lion Steve Cannon with a Franklin Mason Award for his faithful service to the Spartanburg Club since 1984. Lion Steve is also the long-time secretary of the club. Thank you for your service Lion Steve!



Members of the Spartanburg Lions Club and employees at Lowe's in Gaffney coordinated to donate school supplies to the students at the SC School for the Deaf and Blind. The supplies will be available for the children as they need them over the remainder of the school year. Above is a picture of the donated school supplies, but it does not really capture the total donation. In addition, they received three cases of back packs. Lion Sam Hook, Executive Director of SCSDb Foundation stated, "We are so very grateful for this gift and it will make a difference in the lives of our students and teachers. We are so honored to receive such a generous gift. Thank you so much."

Spartanburg Lions Club

A WEEK AT

EDISTO ISLAND !!!



The Spartanburg Lions Club will once again be raffling a week at Edisto Island!!!

For just \$10.00/ticket, enjoy a week at "Family Tides", a beautiful 4 bedroom 2 ½ bath home at Edisto Island, SC that **sleeps 10**. It is available for any week between January-April or November-December (**except** Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's). The drawing will be held at 8:00 PM on April 13, 2019 at the State Convention and will be published on the Spartanburg Lions Club e-clubhouse website: <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/spartanburg/>

Please contact any member of the Spartanburg Lions Club to purchase a ticket, and they will also be available for sale at the convention. It's a win-win....you get a week in a beautiful house at the beach, and the Spartanburg Lions Club can even better serve their community with the monies raised!

Proceeds benefit the Spartanburg Lions Club Foundation to provide eye exams and glasses to those that can't afford them.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!

Tega Cay Lions Club



Tega Cay Lions Annual Low Country Shrimp Boil

Low Country Boil is a wonderful "old-timey" recipe including:

*Fresh Shrimp *Potatoes *Corn *Sausage *Special Spices

Saturday, March 23, 2019

12 Noon—6:00 PM

Tega Cay Fire Department on Tega Cay Drive

Take Out or Drive—Thru Only

Reservations or Pre-purchase requested

Large Portion: \$15.00 (14 jumbo shrimp)

Small Portion: \$8.00 (7 jumbo shrimp)

Contact any TC Lion for tickets or Call 803-369-3013 for information

Purchase On-line at tegacaylions.wix.com/tegacaylions

Make checks payable to Tega Cay Lions Foundation



Funds Raised Support Programs such as:

SPOT Vision Screening in Schools & Daycares

Reading Action Program in Tega Cay and Gold Hill Elementary Schools

College Scholarships



Taylors Lions Club

Thank you PDG Jim Starnes

for spearheading this project that involved the following Lions clubs:

Berea, Blue Ridge, Greer Centennial, Greer, Inman, Mauldin, Piedmont, Simpsonville Centennial, Slater Marietta, Spartanburg, Spartanburg Evening, and Taylors.

On Thursday, January 24th, the Taylors Lions Club spearheaded a service project to bring lunch to all of the furloughed employees at the Greenville/Spartanburg Airport. What a great opportunity it was to help these tireless workers who show up for work to keep our airport running – but they are not being paid. They enjoyed a great meal from Mutt's BBQ in Greer with all the fixin's. The Lions that went to the airport to take the food were PID Gene Spiess and Lion Rita; PDG Joe Dill; PDG Richard Whitlock and Lion Martha; Lion Jerry Hatley; and Lion Jim Barbare. Channel 7 WSPA news team was also there to film the occasion.



PID Eugene Spiess, PDG Richard Whitlock, Lion Jerry Hatley

Winnsboro Lions Club



The Winnsboro Lions Club smoked hams as a Christmas fundraiser which netted \$600 for their various charity support work. Service, service, service!!!

Winnsboro Lions Club members volunteer with a local ministry, The Blessing Box, that provides cleaning supplies to 79 families each month



Winnsboro Lions Wendy Luce and Michelle Taylor screened 172 Midlands STEM School students for vision testing



News from Lions Club International



Read the February, 2019 edition of “Lion Magazine” here.

http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?m=6639&l=1#{%22issue_id%22:560008,%22view%22:%22contentsBrowser%22}

International Calendar

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

February 2019

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

- **February 1:** International Peace Poster contest winners will be notified on or before this date
- **February 12-14:** First Vice District Governor/District Governor-elect Seminar (Days 1-3)
- **February 15:** International Childhood Cancer Day

March 2019

Eye Donor Awareness Month

- March 9: 41st Annual Lions Day with the United Nations (New York City, USA)
- March 31: Last day for regular convention registration fees

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.