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

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF

September 30, 2018

Fellow Lions,

As you know, parts of North and South Carolina were devastated by Hurricane Florence. In our state eight counties were declared disaster areas. Initially there was some wind damage in the Grand Strand area; since then, however, the "Border Belt" counties have had record flooding because of the rains in both Carolinas. As of today, PDG George O'Neill, District 32-C Alert Chair, and I are still trying to get a handle on the extent of the damage. Areas in Marion, Horry and Georgetown Counties are still under water. Our contacts with FEMA and the Red Cross have only begun the assessment of the damage. Our assessment is ongoing.

With PDG George's help, I submitted a request from LCIF for an Emergency Disaster grant. The request was approved in the amount of \$10,000.00. This money will be used for \$50.00 vouchers for food and supplies at the local Food Lion and BiLo stores. We will begin the distribution this coming week. I will be in Cheraw and Chesterfield Tuesday and Wednesday to meet with the Clubs in that area. This is the initial part of our relief effort.

We have a two-step plan of attack. The first will be a "self-help" where we will provide individual assistance through vouchers and gift cards. Here the clients can purchase the items that they deem are necessities. Vouchers will provide for 200 households. The gift cards will be purchased with funds donated to the District. The second step will be bulk or mass distribution. This will come from assessments from the local clubs and/or relief agencies. I have been informed that the Cheraw Lions Food Bank was destroyed. Refurbishing the food bank is the type of help we will assist with. This will come from donated money, additional grants, and donations from other agencies.

What I am requesting from all Lions, Lions Clubs and friends of Lions wishing to help would be monetary donations made out to District 32-C Alert Fund. This money should be sent to:

PDG Louis Drucker

111 Buck Strong Rd.

Kingstree, SC 29556

If you have specific questions about our Alert Program, you can contact:

PDG George O'Neill at 843-503-6062.

Thank you in advance.

DG Randy

MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| November 2 | SC Leadership Academy 2nd session - Hampton Inn, Clinton |
| November 10 | District 32-S Cabinet meeting 9am-noon First Baptist Church, Woodruff, 801 Cross Anchor Road |
| November 14, 2018 4:30 pm | SC Lions Vision Services—Board Meeting (Open to all) 421 Zimalcrest Road, Columbia, SC 29210 |
| May 17, 2019 | Lions Vision Services 50th Anniversary Gala Columbia Museum of Art Columbia, SC |
| January 18-20, 2019 | Lions Learning Retreat - Manchester, Tennessee |
| February 22-23, 2019 | District S Convention (site to be announced soon) |
| April 12-14, 2019 | State Convention at Hilton in Greenville, SC |



Deadline for submissions to the November Palmetto Lion is October 31.

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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Campaign 100 is the new capital campaign for Lions Clubs International Foundation. The last campaign was SightFirst2 in the 1990's. As we begin our second century of service, there has been restructuring of the focus of service and the structure of LCIF grants. The goal for South Carolina Lions is to maximize the potential giving by personal donations and increasing the percentage of clubs donating to the Foundation. Presently less than 5% of SC Lions make personal donations. Would each of you consider donating \$100 for each of the next three years? Any donations count toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Electronic drafts can be set up for as little as \$10.00/month. At this time, only 40% of the clubs in South Carolina donate to the Foundation. Please include LCIF in your annual donations. Over the history of LCIF grants, MD32 has received \$1.5 million in grants. The Lions receive more from LCIF than we donate. Join other Lions around the globe in supporting this new initiative.

PCC Dianne J. Pitts, MDLCIF
 PDG Wes Corrothers, 32S LCIF
 IPDG Cathy Morse, 32C LCIF



[Campaign 100 Brochure](#)



[Campaign 100 Pocket Guide](#)



[Campaign 100 Handout](#)

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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





Friends of the South Carolina School for the deaf and the Blind had its first meeting a few weeks ago. Ms. Lou Thompson, principal of the School for the Blind has made a few requests to meet the needs of her students. Please consider personal and/or club support. Gifts in kind are happily accepted, or donations may be made in cash/check to the SCSDB Foundation for purchases. Personal monetary donations of \$100 or more will be acknowledged with a special pin. Club donations of \$500 or more will be acknowledged with a banner patch. The following items are requested by the SC School for the Blind: backpacks (20), umbrellas (24), heavy yellow rain ponchos (50), and books for the Literacy Center (part of the Literacy Initiative at the SCSDB). Braille books are relatively expensive and available through specific sources.

Be a “Knight of the Blind” by supporting the education of South Carolina’s sight-impaired students!



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

The Lions Clubs International Foundation has approved an initial \$10,000 Emergency Grant to District 32C to bring aid to some of the South Carolina people impacted by Hurricane Florence. The LCIF Board has also set aside \$100,000 for relief in North Carolina and Virginia. Be part of this recovery effort by donating directly to LCIF. All donations qualify toward a Melvin Jones.

Lions Vision Services

“Your” South Carolina Charity



Opportunities To Serve

Lions, Friends, and Neighbors! I sincerely hope this note finds you and yours safe and sound after weeks of catastrophic floods have again devastated areas of South Carolina’s low country during September. Now it is time to clear our minds and go to work with renewed focus and energy to help others who were not as fortunate. October is here and it’s time for Lions to ensure that our SC Lions Vision Services is prepared to meet the expected increase in service requests in coming months.

You should have received your 2018 Sustaining Member/Annual Giving letter by now. I urge you to read Catherine’s testimony. Your hard work and your gifts make her story and hundreds of other’s possible! Please carefully consider your gift to LVS and return it as soon as possible. If all SC Lions would give at the minimum \$50 Sustaining Member level, LVS could provide nearly \$1M of vision, hearing and health services to the thousands of Catherine’s throughout our state. Donations may be made via check in the Sustaining Member envelope, a phone call to the LVS office (1-803-796-1304), or online at www.sclions.org. And remember, *anyone* can be a Sustaining Member of LVS. You don’t have to be a Lion. Please encourage your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us in ridding SC of preventable and reversible blindness. Earn and proudly wear a SM pin.

Getting these funds in quickly has never been more important! We expect LVS’ service demand during this year will be to **fund performance of more than 100 eye surgeries and supply as many as 50 hearing aids!** Please don’t let these opportunities to help SC residents in need slip away! Send your personal and club gifts in today.

October means Candy Days for SC Lions. I hope each club is planning their Candy Day campaign or another fundraiser to support LVS. Your clubs’ generosity year after year keeps our doors open and services rolling. But there are still clubs who for whatever reason are not sending a contribution to LVS. I urge each club to send in a minimum of \$50 *per club member* to help fund the programs provided to your club **free of charge!**

Your Board is currently scheduling visits to Lions Clubs across the state. Welcome them to your club and city as they share with you the great things we’ve accomplished together and how you can help us achieve even more in the future. On May 17, 2019, LVS will celebrate 50 years of service to our communities. Make plans now to attend the LVS Anniversary Gala in Columbia and be a part of this historical and commemorative event.

So, Lions...summer 2018 has come to an end. Football is here; cooler weather is coming; and autumn leaves are right around the corner. It’s time for the Lions to get busy and help LVS!

Be safe, and provide random acts of kindness at every opportunity.

Yours in Service,

Lion Randy Edwards

Lions Vision Services - a SC Charity Facebook Page

If you a Face Book user, please check out the SC Lions Vision Services

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

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

A Message from PDG Edwina Otto, MD32 GMT Chair

We Serve. Ask one. Where there's a Need there is a Lion. Just Ask.

These are Lions mottos that we are all familiar with.

The more Service projects we do the more hands we need. The more hands we have the more service projects we can do. Increasing our membership and retaining the members we have must be a vital part of every club and board meeting.

MD 32 currently has 130 clubs with a total of 3443 members. In August we added 25 members, but dropped 65 members. One year ago there were 3560 members in South Carolina. That is a decrease of 117 members. It is imperative that we stop this down turn!

Some clubs are turning the tide by increasing their membership. Congratulations to the following clubs for having a Year to Date net gain in membership

District S

Blue Ridge 15%

Greer 4.55%

Salem 2.94%

Spartanburg South side. 2.82%

Joanna 2.63

Columbia NW 2.36%

Due West. 1.92%

Greenwood. 1.23%

District C

Bethune 5%

Beaufort. 3.45%

Summerville Evening. 3.45%

Hartsville. 2.86%

Florence. 2.22%

My challenge to you and your club is to add your name to the list. Please invite District Membership 32 S Jim Barbare, jimbarbare@gmail.com or District 32 C George Jenkins, georgejenkins9803@comcast.net or myself to a club, board, or zone meeting.

PDG Edwina Otto
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Global Action Team Summit Summary
August 25, 2018

Forty-seven MD32 **Lions** took advantage of the **Global Action Team) Summit** held in West Columbia. Speakers were asked to address covered three areas--- **1) What is my job? 2) How do I fit in? and 3) What's new?**

Constitutional Area 1 Global Action Team Coordinator PID Dr. Eugene Spiess addressed service and made an inspiring talk on Lions opportunities and training. He also updated the group on current LCI workings

Next, Area 1 Global Leadership Team Coordinator PCC David Lloyd led a presentation on multiple district structure, district structure, and club structure under the newly revised and added leadership positions. Using a slide presentation, he emphasized the synergistic relationship of the three areas---leadership, membership, and service, and added the **"New Voices"** initiative introduced by International President Gudrun Yngvadottir as part of her program to involve more women in Lions as well as other "new voices."

He was followed by PCC Dianne Pitts who serves as our MD LCIF Chair. While she announced the new Lions International Foundation's campaign to raise funding for **Campaign 100** and disaster relief and asked that both clubs and individual members consider contributing to this campaign, she also reminded us of our own South Carolina Lions Vision Services and the need to support our local foundation. The LCIF campaign asks Lions to consider a **three-year \$300 pledge** towards this endeavor, and she distributed flyers about the campaign.

CC Rick Pressly called on MD GLT Coordinator and IPDG Rhett Hair to lead a session on global leadership. He was joined by the two district GLT coordinators, Lion Shirley Ballard from District S and IPDG John Enright from District C. The three provided new information, opportunities, and goals for leadership development this fiscal year throughout the multiple district.

Lions then heard from MD GMT Edwina Otto and her district GMT coordinators, PCC George Jenkins (C), and Lion Jim Barbare (S). They provided information regarding membership and challenged the group to focus on retention of existing members as well as recruiting new Lions to reverse the trend we have of decreasing numbers.

Lastly, MD GST Coordinator PCC Bob McCarthy and his global service team comprised of District C GST Lion Cynthia Harrison and District S GST PCC Joe Pitts discussed service activities. They emphasized statistics from last year and opportunities for this year as we strive to increase service to our communities.

PCC Joe Pitts concluded the agenda with a brief review of the three-part **Global Action Team---GLT, GMT, and GST---**and how the three work together to embellish each area and thereby build our clubs, our membership, and our service work. He also discussed ideas from the sessions.

These discussions stressed new information and provided enthusiasm of the team. It was suggested that this format of training be repeated in other areas of the multiple district so that others may benefit from the information shared. Perhaps most impressive was the expertise and commitment of the presenters respective to their various roles as members of the MD and district **Global Action Team**. Audience participation and questions added to the agenda as all looked at the three questions---**What is my job? How do I fit in? What's new?**

It was especially noted that our Multiple District includes a:

Constitutional Area I (US and Caribbean Islands) Global Action Team Leader, Lion Dr. Eugene Spiess, and a CA 1 E (Seven Southeastern US states) Global Action Team Leader, PCC David Lloyd, who added significantly to the day's experiences.

A special thank you is extended to those who led the program and all who attended and participated in this learning and sharing opportunity. Attendees more than once had to be called back to order after breaks as all were totally engaged in Lions' fellowship, sharing, and planning for **improved service, leadership, and membership**.

---submitted by VCC Paul Dove

Lion Richard J. "Rick" Pressly
MD 32 Council Chair
2018-2019

"Lions Leadership or The Lack There Of"

Welcome to October, second quarter of our Lions year. I recently attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and was delighted to be joined there by several of our SC Lions. If you have never been to a Forum, I encourage you to think about attending the 2020 Forum to be held in Louisville, Kentucky or Spokane, Washington, next year.

I would like to share with you some thoughts I have had as your MD 32 Council Chair this year. I am particularly focused on finding new members to replace those dying and leaving. As we grow in our New Multiple District of now just two, S and C, one of our greatest problems we face is the lack of passionate, committed Lions willing to step up to positions of Leadership in our clubs, the District, and even the Multiple District.

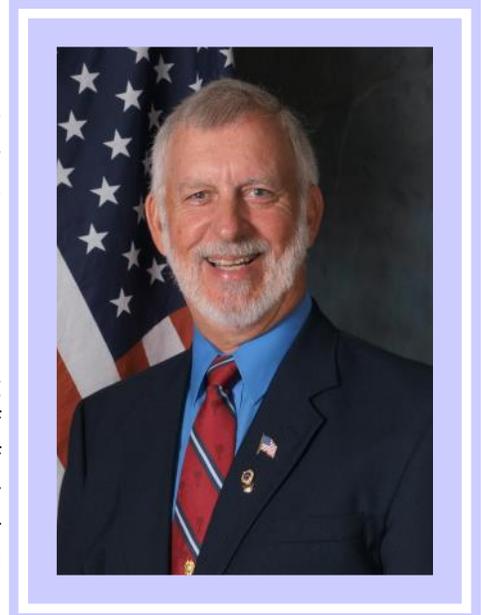
At the club level, without new Leaders, we end up stagnating and doing the same things over and over without the experience of doing new projects and eventually this leads to apathy and the loss of members. (I know, it has happened in my own club.) In addition, if we are not finding new and interesting Service Projects to involve our members, they are going to become disillusioned and resign their memberships. Most passionate people don't join Lions to attend meetings.

At the District and Multiple District level, without New Dynamic Leaders, we continue to do what we have always done and the interest of our Membership in attending Cabinet meetings, District and State Conventions diminishes.

Imagine, if you will, what would happen to the Clemson Tigers or the USC Gamecocks sports programs, if they slowly but surely did away with the Coaching staffs of all the programs. If all they did was sign up the athletes, have them gather together at the start of the season and go out and play the games. Do you think they would be very successful and win many games? I think not! Yet, more and more that is exactly what is happening to Lions Clubs across our State and across North America. We have fewer and fewer Lions willing to step up to Leadership positions (in Abbeville, we currently do not have any Lions that are willing to accept the position of First or Second Vice President) and the result is our Clubs are shrinking in size, disappearing in our communities and thus providing less Service to our Communities all at a time when the need for MORE service is happening. We are dying as the World's Largest Service organization! I, for one, am not willing to see that happen. Are you?

What is the solution? I believe it is very simple; We need more lions to step up, accept positions of Leadership and help Grow Lions Clubs International back into the great organization it has been for the last 101 years! From my own personal experience over the past 24 years as a Lion, I have grown as a person and have developed into much more of a Lion than I ever dreamed possible as the results of serving in major Leadership positions at the Club, District, and Multiple District levels.

I hope that we have more Lions make the commitment to "Step Up" to leadership roles in the months and years ahead.



Lion Rick Pressly
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"Where there is a need, there is a Lion"

MD 32 Council Chair, Rick Pressly

Multiple District 32 News

MD32 South Carolina Lions Endorse PID Dr. Hill



MD32 South Carolina Lions are always proud to be one of the first multiple districts in the U.S. to endorse the 3rd International Vice President of Lions Clubs. It is our honor to proudly support the candidate endorsed by our Executive Officers for the 2019 International Convention in Milan, Italy – PID Dr. Patti Hill of Edmonton, Alberta. PID Dr. Eugene Spiess and CC Rick Pressly present the letter of endorsement to PID Dr. Hill at the USA/Canada Lions Forum in Columbus, OH.

2018 Graduation Ceremony



2018 Graduation Ceremony was held on Thursday, at 3:30 pm, at the Columbus Civic Center during the 2018 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Several South Carolina Lions received degrees:

Bachelor's Degree -

Brenna Abrams - Joanna Lions Club

Randy Culbertson - Greenwood Lions Club

Jennifer Gooden - Columbia Northwest Lions Club

Jim Satkowski - Lexington Lions Club

Bachelor's and Master's Degrees -

Richard Pressly - Abbeville Lions Club

July Scott - Columbia Northwest Lions Club

Doctorate Program -

David Dority - The Mathews Lions Club



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

Fellow Lions, as we all know this has been a year of new experiences. This is primarily because of the new District and our learning process. I have had several new experiences too. For someone who is shy and never at a loss for words, this is the fifth attempt at writing my article. Usually I can sit down and talk to myself and bang it out on the first try. However, this past week as had almost as many changes as our “friends” in Congress have in an election year. Well here goes!!

As you know, we have had devastation from Hurricane Florence striking the Carolinas. The situation has been very fluid, but we are lucky. It could have been worse. We had eight counties declared disaster areas, with the bulk of the damage in Chesterfield, Dillon, Marion, Horry, and Georgetown Counties. As of Tuesday the 2nd, we do not know the extent of the damage. I spent that morning with PDG George O’Neill, our Alert Chair, touring areas in the Longs community. It reminded me of the Hurricane Hugo damage. On the Monday, I spoke with Sandee Rogers from the Town of Nichols and she said the situation was worse than Hurricane Matthew with a foot or two more water. The town has not fully recovered from 2015. However, because of the support the Lions gave two years ago, the towns’ people are faring a little better this time. Disaster relief center are now being set up so a true assessment can take place.

We received a \$10,000 grant from LCIF for \$50.00 vouchers. That is not much but it brings a little financial help along with a great amount of spiritual and emotional help. It is possible we can get more assistance from LCIF. We are also taking monetary donation which will be used for gift cards. This is the seventh disaster our District has had and from our experience we have learned that his is the best way to help.

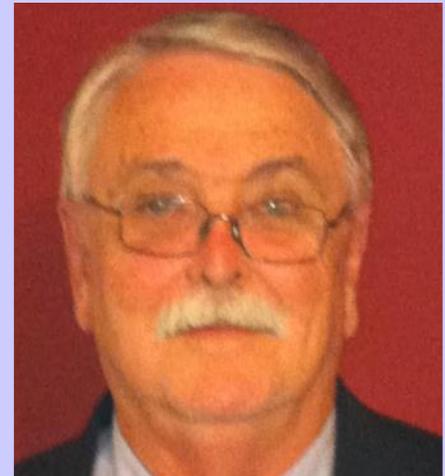
Other “stuff”. We have lost one more club, Santee Lions. Those members have transferred to the Summerville Evening Club. This will enable the members to better serve their community and provide better assistance in their signature project, the Blind Fishing Tournament.

I have begun good visits. By that, I mean my first visits were to those clubs that were closing. I wanted to assure their closing was proper and provide an avenue for the member to transfer when they felt comfortable. One of the good visits was to Sun City/Okatie. It is the second largest club with nearly one hundred (100) member. What really caught my attention was that twenty-five (25) members have sponsored a new member that is still active in the club. If we all did like them, we would not have a membership problem. I want to finish this section by stating that all of the clubs we, VDG Marla and Bill and I, have visited have provided a positive front to us.

IPDG Cathy Morse and I have finalized our Mid-Winter Convention. It will be held at the Ocean Drive Resort in North Myrtle Beach Februa 8-10, 2019. PDG Cathy will be getting additional information out to you very soon.

October is “Membership” Month. I have authorized the District to provide registration and Banquet ticket for two Lions. We will draw the name of a Lion that has sponsored a new member through October 31st. The sponsoring Lion and the “new” Lion will be our guests. Let’s see who they will be.

I’ll shut my mouth, fingers, with a big thank you for what you are doing for Lions and our world.



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2018-2019

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District 32-C News

Aiken Mid-Day Lions Club



Club sponsored four children from Helping Hands Shelter to go to Six Flags. Pictured (l to r) Lion Joanne Cadotte, Lion Anne Talbert, Helping Hands Volunteer Coordinator Geneva Wright, and Lion Bobbie Robinson.



Club did vision screenings for the children at the Nancy Moore Thurmond Boys and Girls Club. A check was presented to go to the educational programs at the club. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a watermelon slicing. Pictured (l to r) Lion Lily Bowser, Lion Joanne Cadotte, Lion Teresa Neely, Samantha Cheatham, Boys and Girls Club, Lt. April Tiller, Aiken Salvation Army, Lion Kathy Klein, Lion Karen Edwards.

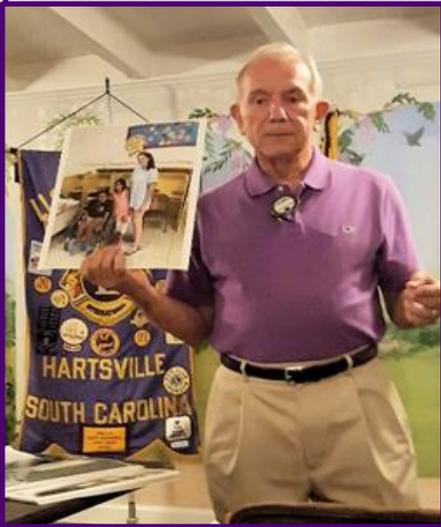


Lions Karen Edwards (far left) and Bobbie Robinson (far right) presented four \$1000 scholarships to USC-Aiken students



Wynn Fitzgerald, Lions Vision Services CEO, spoke at the August meeting and the club presented a check for their sustaining member contribution. This is the 10th consecutive year the club has been a 100% sustaining member club.

Hartsville Lions Club



Lion Dr. Lee Gardner speaks to Club about recent mission trip to Honduras assisting a mission for children with construction, dental, and vision care.

Johnsonville Lions Club



Lions Club Legacy Project - Sponsor local county ball field concession stand and crape myrtle trees



Kingstree Lions Club



Members commemorate victims and first responders 9/11 – Patriot Day

Little River Lions Club



4 members of the Little River Lions club built a Handicap Ramp for a resident of Little River who is disabled and in a wheel chair and would not be able to leave the house without the ramp. Lions who participated are Lion Tom Starnick, Bruno Stepanski, Gary Szentmiklosy and Nick Lopano (Not pictured) and friend of Lions Skip Levenski.

Manning Lions Club



Lion George Calloway awarded the club's first ever Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion George has been a member of the Manning Lions Club for 60 years and honored to receive this recognition.

Orangeburg Lions Club



Club centennial legacy project commemorates 100 years of service with bench and plaque in Edisto Memorial Gardens. Pictured from left to right: PDG Calvin Parker, Mayor Michael Butler, Past Pres. Jamie Kennerly, Pres. Melvin Adams, and Parks & Recreation Supervisor, Jay Hiers.

Pawleys Island Lions Club



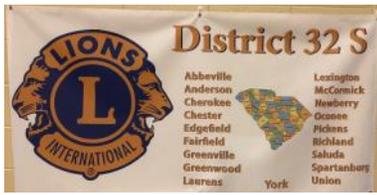
Club donated \$1000 to help St. Christopher's Children of Pawleys Island clothe and improve the health of local children in need. Attorney Bill Hopkins, President of St. Christopher's, accepts check from Lion President, Carla.

Summerville Noon Lions Club

IPDG John Enright in attendance USA/Canada Leadership Forum



School supplies taken to Spann Elementary School in Summerville. Lions Bob and Marilyn Guilbert, PCC George Jenkins, IPDG John Enright, Lions Dianne Jenkins and Dot Enright. Two Guidance Counselors in front.



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

I cannot believe that we have completed the first 90 days of this Lions' year. The time has flown by! However, the GAT has accomplished much in this time frame. The District Governor team has visited a large percentage of our clubs, one cabinet meeting has been held, several from our District attended the USA/Canada Forum, the first state wide Leadership Academy class was held, several zone meetings have been held, some clubs are growing, and some are not, and we survived Tropical Storm Florence in District S. That sounds like a lot to have been accomplished but that is not all.

Our District Membership team has been busy in several areas of our district. There is not a new club chartered yet, but there are promises of clubs in several communities. One would be a noon time club in an area that is a growing area of Greenville county. Another noon time club is a possibility in another county in the upper portion of our District where there is a community which is underserved. We have a Lion which has moved from their current club area which is working with another Lion to start a club in their new community. There is a possibility of a branch club in the Columbia area which could easily be a chartered club. October is membership month. Let's all ASK ONE! If we each had one at the club meeting, hopefully we would at least get 50% to join. That would be an increase from 1898 to approximately 2840 Lions in our District. That means we could serve 66,824 more people within our district. WOW!!!! What amazing figures just in District S. Imagine what we could be doing in our communities. There will be recognition to the club that increases in the most membership for the time period through October! The recognition will be awarded at our next Cabinet meeting on November 10!

As a District Wide service project for the month of October, we are helping Harvest Hope replenish their food banks with food since Hurricane Florence has affected the South Carolina coastal areas and up toward Florence and Columbia areas. As a project for HUNGER, I am requesting each member to donate at least \$1.00/member at your October Club meeting. My goal for the district is \$2000.00 That would provide 10,000 meals because \$1.00 = 5 meals. Monies collected should be mailed to our District Treasurer, PCC Joe Lark, and earmarked for Project Hunger or Food Banks.

Our District will also be collecting gently used shoes to send to Africa. (But with Hurricane Florence, the shoes will stay stateside to help the victims of the Hurricane.) As you begin the cleaning of your closets for the winter season, look at your shoes. We will accept shoes until October 30th. Contact 2nd VDG Judy of the Columbia Northwest Club at 803-397-0621 regarding drop-off and/or pick-up options. Not only do we serve our local communities, but we can also serve those communities in need beyond our borders. We are working with District 31 O in North Carolina for this project.

A number of the Lions from MD 32 attended the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. The Forum provided a wide range of topics for increasing our knowledge base. Anything from hands on projects to GAT seminars. The entertainment at dinner was provided by Ohio State Marching band on Thursday night and by Ohio State School for the Blind marching band on Saturday night. We heard from some nationally known speakers on Thursday and Saturday nights. What an exciting time! If you have never attended a Forum, I strongly recommend it! The 2019 Forum will be held in Spokane, Washington.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Cabinet meeting on November 10 at Woodruff First Baptist Church in Woodruff. Don't forget to notify the District Secretary of your desire to have breakfast. Cost is \$5.00/person. Meeting is 9am-noon. Doors will open at 8am. Wear your favorite team's jersey to the meeting since we will be in the middle of football season!

LeJune Cantrell

District Governor District 32-S



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2018-2019**

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District 32-S

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **November 2** - SC Leadership Academy 2nd session - Hampton Inn, Clinton
- **November 10** -District 32-S Cabinet meeting 9am-noon First Baptist Church, Woodruff, 801 Cross Anchor Road
- **January 18-20, 2019** - Lions Learning Retreat - Manchester, Tennessee
- **February 22-23, 2019** - District Convention (site to be announced soon)
- **April 12-14, 2019** - State Convention at Hilton in Greenville, SC

OCTOBER DISTRICT PROJECT

I am requesting each club to collect at least \$1.00/member at your October Club meeting. Monies collected should be sent in the form of a check to our District Secretary, Joe Lark. The check should be earmarked for Hunger Drive or Food Drive. \$1.00 = 5 meals. That is why we are not requesting canned goods. The donations will help the Harvest Hope Food Banks replenish their shelves after assisting with Hurricane Florence victims. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Zone Chair Mary Jean Lloyd leads her first Zone 4 meeting.

The meeting was very successful as every club in Lion Mary Jean's zone attended except one - and they had their meeting that night. Thanks for putting on a fun and most informative zone meeting Lion Mary Jean!



DG LeJune sports her new Campaign 100 tee shirt from PCC Dianne Pitts. This means that DG LeJune donated \$100 to LCIF's Campaign 100!! Great example for the rest of us DG LeJune!!



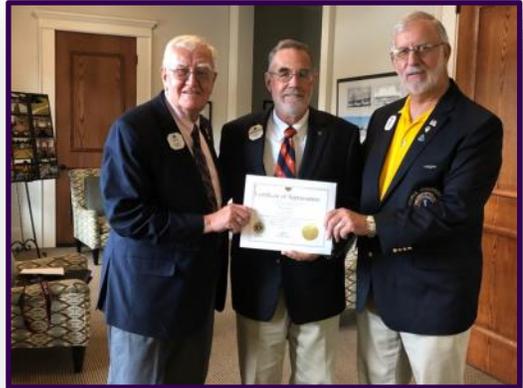
District 32-S News

"Night for Sight" fundraiser sponsored by:

Blythewood, Columbia Northeast, Greater Irmo and Winnsboro Lions Clubs



Lions and guests enjoying the annual "Night for Sight" fundraiser in August.



At the "Night for Sight" event, CC Rick Pressly and VCC Paul Dove awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to IPCC David Dority for his service and leadership as our MD32 Council

Anderson Lions Club

The Anderson Lions Club assisted ANMED Hospital in a Spanish speaking health screening at the South Anderson Catholic Church this past Sunday, Sept. 23rd. We used the PLUSOPTICS camera.



The lady with her back to the camera is a member of the Church and is acting as an interpreter. The Anderson Lions worked 4 hours on setting up and screening. We assisted 28 people and had 9 referrals.

Past President Donna Nelson, Past President Chrys Marett, PCC Philip Marett, Lion James Guggisberg, and Past President Jenny Smith assisted with the vision screening. Lion 1st VP Barbara Beverage took the photo.



Berea Lions Club



Talk about PR (our 'Branding' as it's called now....), the Berea Lions have 4 new billboards around the Berea area to bring attention to their club.



The Berea Lions Club invited Lion Tony Scorsese and Sidney (who had been Chair of the District Leader Dog Committee for years) speak at our club.



The Berea Lions Club's annual BBQ Fundraiser was held on September 22nd. Music was provided by the Royal Blue Band, and food was furnished by Henry's Smokehouse

Boiling Springs Lions Club



- The Boiling Springs Lions Club hosted a breakfast for the International Youth Exchange students at the Grapevine Restaurant on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. This has become an annual event for our club which we thoroughly enjoy as it provides the opportunity to meet the students and provide them a hearty breakfast before they head off to a day of fun at Carowinds Theme Park. Attached is a picture of the students with their sponsors and Lion Louise Rakes on left side and Lions Joe Scherer and Neil Strange on the right from the Boiling Springs Club.
- The Boiling Springs Lions Club had a very successful vision screening at the 9th grade campus of Boiling Springs High School on September 19-20, 2018. We screened 670 students and had 70 referrals for students “out of range “. A report was provided to the school nurse for each student, and a print out from the spot camera was also provided for the referrals. Volunteer Lions from our club did the screening using the district’s camera and printer, and the SC Lions Vision Services provided the forms.
- The Boiling Springs Lions Club will conduct a broom sale on September 29, 2018 at the corner of Highway 9 and Old Furnace Road in Boiling Springs.
- The Boiling Springs Lions Club also sponsored a table at the School Ministries fundraiser banquet held at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church on September 27, 2018.

Columbia Northwest Lions Club

The Columbia Northwest Lions Club had a busy August with vision screenings for back to school. Also, 2VDG Judy Scott, Lions Dianne Barnes and Dee Devlin attended the Storm Eye Institute Symposium.



Columbia Northwest Lions Club President Dianne Barnes and 2VDG Judy Scott volunteered alongside volunteers from AARP to package FoodShare boxes for our neighbors.

FoodShare's goal is to enhance the quality of life in our diverse communities by increasing access to fresh, affordable produce and providing quality cooking skills education. They connect families and communities to fresh fruits and vegetables through its use of the Fresh Food Box.

The Fresh Food Box is filled with 12 to 15 varieties of top quality fruits and vegetables. Unique recipes are also included giving one the opportunity to broaden their taste buds and expand their knowledge of cooking different items. —Judy Scott

Pacolet Lions Club

After 51 years, the Pacolet Lions Club now has its first female Lions member, Lion Karen Painter. She is sponsored by Lion Theodore Hemenway. Lion Ted met Lion Karen when she interviewed him for an article in the Pacolet Community Newsletter regarding his Community service with the litter pick-up. That is when Lion Ted introduced her to Lions. This is an example of using every opportunity provided to you to share the story of Lions.



Pickens Lions Club



Out-going President George Gatlin passes the gavel to new President Brian Siwicki. Brian was sworn in by 1VDG Stacey Beeler on July 19th .

Pickens Lions Brian Siwicki and Gennie Siwicki at the First 32S Cabinet meeting on July 28th. Pictured is 2VDG Judy Scott, 1VDG Stacey Beeler, DG LeJune Cantrell, Gennie Siwicki and Brian Siwicki.



River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club

Roaring Readers book distribution hits 7,000



From left: Sherri Ciurlik, Lea Barrett, media specialist, and Bethany Elementary School Principal Cathy Weathers and Frank Van Leer during River Hills/Lake Wylie book distribution in Clover, S.C.

When six Lions from the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions entered the media center of Bethany Elementary School in Clover this month, chairman of the Roaring Readers, Dona Van Leer, knew that a milestone would be reached. After 10 years, the RHLW Lions Club has distributed more than 7,000 Scholastic books to elementary students in Clover's Title I schools.

"We are so grateful for the River Hills Lions," said Cathy Weathers, principal of Bethany. "And when you read, you lead," she said to the students.

"Whenever you finish a task early, I want you to take out those books and read a page or two. And you shouldn't have to be told to do so."

Katzy Nager started RR 10 years ago and served as the reading specialist, making the selections and reading all of the titles, according to Van Leer. Nager and her husband recently relocated, and she is no longer affiliated with RR.

Lions Ann Jernigan, Frank Van Leer, Harry Delk, Sheri Ciurlik and Bessie Meeks helped distribute books at the school.

Submitted by Bessie Meeks



Background, Frank Van Leer, with wife Dona and Harry Delk during River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Roaring Readers book distribution at Bethany Elementary School in Clover, S.C.

Salem Lions Club

Salem Lions Awarded Grant

Due to the efforts of Senator Thomas Alexander and Charter Communications, the Computers 4 Kids program was given a \$5,000 grant to help provide Oconee County students with a home computer. The program was started in 2004 and has given over 4,200 computers to students since then. Tamassee Salem Elementary hosted the grant presentation on September 18 as part of a community meeting. School parents were given information about internet services available through Charter and wise use of the internet.



Pictured here along with Salem Lions are Senator Alexander, Ray Sharpe of the South Carolina Cable Television Association, and Ben Breazeale from Charter.

Saluda Lions Club

The Saluda Lions Club hosted the 12th Annual Saluda County Cup Golf Tournament at Persimmon Hill Golf Club on 12 Sep 2018.

The tournament was strongly attended by midlands golfers and included the District 32S team of Lions Buddy Cantrell, Rick Pressly, Tommy Tinson and Ryan Wright. The Persimmon Hill Golf Club course was in great condition and the club provided excellent support to include an end of play meal. The open class winning team was led by Tyler Coker, the nephew of deceased Saluda County Council Chair Lion Don Hancock, a founder of the Saluda County Cup. The tournament raised over \$4000 which will be used in support of local and state Lions charities.

Open Class Winner– Team Tyler Coker



From left: Brad Dorn, Tyler Coker, Matt Moore, Jay Jordan

Handicap Class Winner – Team Forrest Haltiwanger

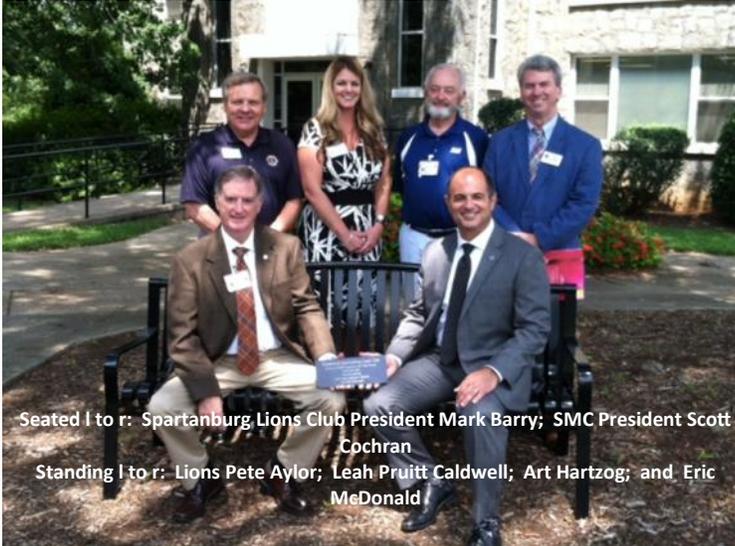


From Left: Steve Owens, Johnny Willis, Forrest Haltiwanger,

Spartanburg Lions Club

Dedicates a Bench at Spartanburg Methodist College

The Spartanburg Lions Club honored its relationship with Spartanburg Methodist College by presenting the College with a bench that will reside outside the library and provide students with a place to congregate. The Spartanburg Lions Club and SMC have shared a long history of working together



Seated l to r: Spartanburg Lions Club President Mark Barry; SMC President Scott Cochran
Standing l to r: Lions Pete Aylor; Leah Pruitt Caldwell; Art Hartzog; and Eric McDonald

to serve the Spartanburg community. The bench was donated to the SMC campus to show appreciation to four Spartanburg Lions who are employed at SMC. Lion Pete Aylor has been with SMC for 35 years and has been a member of the Spartanburg Lions since 1977; Lion Art Hartzog served at SMC as the Dean of Students for many years and has been a member of the Spartanburg Lions Club since 2002; Lion Leah Pruitt Caldwell has worked at SMC for 17 years and has been a member of the Spartanburg Lions Club since 2003; Lion Eric McDonald has worked at SMC for ten years and has been a member of the Spartanburg Lions Club since 2003.

The relationship with the Spartanburg Lions Club and Spartanburg Methodist College has been strong and will remain so. President of SMC, Scott Cochran, has stated, "We are grateful for the service Spartanburg Methodist College employees have given this community through Lionism."

Book Bag Donations

Members of the Spartanburg Lions Club donated book bags to a local elementary school for the third year. This year they donated 107 book bags filled with school supplies for students at Arcadia Elementary.

Some of those pictured are our newest 'Lion Cub' Suzana Pruitt; mom (and Chair of the Book Bag Project) Leah Pruitt Caldwell; PID Gene Spiess; and 1st VDG Stacey Beeler hard at work.



3rd VP Mike White; Lion Grace White; Lion Mike Miller; Arcadia Elementary Admn. Assistant Paige Jordan; Arcadia Elementary Maintenance Coordinator Cortez Earle; Lion Leah Pruitt Caldwell; and Lion Club Suzana Pruitt

The Mathews Lions Club

Members of The Mathews Lions Club packed bags of food for the Salvation Army to distribute to the Greenwood community. Members worked for three hours and packed nearly 700 bags of various foods for the elderly and for those in need. Pictured are some to the Lions that helped pack the food.



Club members bought and collected teacher supplies and donated them to the Pinecrest Elementary School in Greenwood, SC, and the Abbeville High School in Abbeville, SC for their August service project. The photo includes some of the Lions that were involved with the project.



Tega Cay Lions Club



President Lion Hope installing Heather & Brock Mumford flanked by their sponsors Sarah and Gus Matchunis.

Past Council Chair Lion Bob McCarthy presenting Lion Jim MacBride with the International President Gudrun Yngvadottir's Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work and dedication.



News from Lions Club International



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

http://digital.lionmagazine.org/publication/?m=6639&l=1#{%22issue_id%22:528184,%22view%22:%22contentsBrowser%22}

October, 2018 International Calendar

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

Vision Awareness Month

Lions Membership Growth Month

Leo Membership Growth Month

- October 1: Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Contest kits from Club Supplies Sales
- October 9: Application deadline for Matching, Lions Quest and Diabetes grants to be reviewed at the January 2019 board and LAC meetings
- October 11: World Sight Day
- October 12: Application deadline for SightFirst grants to be reviewed at the January 2019 SightFirst Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting
- October 15: International White Cane Safety Day

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.