

Volume 47: Issue 5 Editor: Lion Hope MacBride December, 2019

#### Truly a Miracle!

Recently, Lions Vision Services was able to assist Mr. Dressler of Simpsonville with life changing surgeries. He first had a retina procedure, then months later was able to receive cataract surgery on each eye. He wanted to share the message below with all of you.



I just wanted to write a few lines and tell you how thankful I am for your help and all those that donate and work for the Lions Vision Services.

Thank you so much for paying for my three surgeries. It kept my left eye from going blind. Also my left eye was 20/2200 and now is corrected to 20/60. My right eye was 20/1200 and now it is corrected to better than 20/15!!

I'm a person who since birth could only see clearly 6 inches in front of my face... everything past 6 inches was a blur... and I had

to use what they call "Coke bottle" lenses all of my life.

It's truly a miracle that I can see without glasses. I only use regular reading glasses off the shelf from the drugstore to read the fine print ....everything else is crystal clear.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I can never thank you guys enough. You have truly given me the gift of sight. Thank God for using your organization.

Again thank you, Brian Dressler

#### SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT LEADS TO NEW LION



About seven years ago, the Joanna Lions Club, Lions Vision Services and several other clubs in South Carolina worked together to get Anel Gonzalez to Florida to have an experimental treatment to possibly keep her from going blind. Anel called PCC Eddie Marshall in early October and told him of the success of the treatment and how far she has come. She attended the November meeting of the Joanna Lions Club to thank the club and to share the success of the treatment. She received word in January that the treatment was a success. She is now married, driving, and working on getting a job. None of this was possible without the help of the Lions. She is now ready to give back and is going to become a member of the Joanna Lions Club. Anel is why we are Lions! We make a difference and we need to tell people we know these stories and ask them to become a part of our organization and help us make a difference for others like Anel. Pictured above from left to right are Anel Gonzalez and PCC Eddie Marshall.

#### LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/calendar.php#april)

#### November, 2019

**Diabetes Awareness Month** 

• November 14 - World Diabetes Day

December, 2019

• December 5—International Leo's Day

#### **MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

ASAP	2020 MD32 PIN ORDER FORM	
Saturday January 11, 2020 9:00 AM—1:00 PM	MD 32 Lions Learning Academy First Baptist Church / Family Life Center, 2875 Columbia Rd., Orangeburg, SC	
Friday and Saturday January 31—February 1, 2020	DISTRICT C CONVENTION Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport-Convention Center 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418 Link to Registration Link to Club Ad Order Form Link to Business Ad Order Form	
Saturday May, 2 2020 9:00 am—1:00 pm	May, 2 2020 2875 Columbia Road,	

# FUNDRAISING EVENTS & SERVICE PROJECTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Saturday December 14, 2019 6:00 PM—10:00 PM	CAMDEN LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS GALA Camden American Legion Post 1133 Chesnut Ferry Rd Camden, SC 29020 Link to Flyer
Saturday February 15, 2020 Check In: 8:30—9:30 am Shotgun Start 10:00 am	The South Strand Lions Club 13th Annual "Carl Blake Memorial" Charity Golf Tournament Link to Registration

## MD32 Council Chair Lion Paul Dove

## An "Ah Ha' Experience

Recently our Sunday School teacher spoke on Nicodemus's life turning-point moment with Jesus. She handed out a sheet with possible effects of this life-altering event and asked us to tell which one most applied to us. Since I usually talk too much wherever, I kept silent. However, the whole lesson brought to mind what we in Lions call the "Ah Ha" moment.

Perhaps you remember---I really hope so---the time and place where you morphed from a "I'll join that club so my friend will leave me alone" to "Wow. This is what Lions and service are all about."

Lion Bobbie and I remember vividly the Toronto International Convention when Alabama Lion Wanda Scroggins mounted the stage and introduced us to Leader Dog Harley. As she told about her life, the sudden onset of blindness, and how that had affected her life, we were absorbed in her narration. Then she talked about Harley and how he had changed her dealing with blindness. We gave her a standing ovation, as well as I remember--at least those of us who could dry our eyes quickly enough to get on our feet. Imagine, speaking in front of maybe twenty thousand Lions and having such a powerful testimony of how we serve. That converted us then and there.

Have you had such an "Ah Ha" experience? PCC Rick Pressly talks about his and how that changed his appreciation for and awareness of what real Lions do, feel, and promote. It seems that I recall a session where the audience was given the oppor-

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tunity to explain their "Ah Ha" time and how that had moved them to a life of dedicated service to their communities and the world.

Our teacher compared Nicodemus's experience and how that was like our approaching the swinging bridge at Grandfather Mountain. If we had had that opportunity, did we immediately venture forth or did we hesitate and grab the side rails as if our very lives depended on the security of those side rails?

So, hopefully each of our MD 32 faithful Lions has had an "Ah Ha" moment, coming into appreciating how vast and needed and resource-sufficient our largest worldwide volunteer service organization is. And each of us has stepped up to lend our time, talents, resources, and endorsement of the potential we have as members of this great group of servant leaders.

Thank you, Lion Wanda Scroggins, for waking us up, for bringing us more fully into the fold, for making us even more dedicated to what Lions was founded to do and what, here one hundred and two years later, we still find so very important and needed.

If you have yet to experience an "Ah Ha" moment, please look for that life-altering opportunity to step us and commit yourself to the cause. How?

- ⇒ Attend zone and district meetings.
- ⇒ Go to your district and state conventions.
- ⇒ Attend an International Convention---2021 is set for Montreal
- ⇒ Sign up for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.
- ⇒ Sign up for the North Carolina International VIP (Visually Impaired Persons) annual fishing tournament on the Outer Banks
- ⇒ Sign up for your district's fishing tournament
- ⇒ Visit Camp Leo or Camp Lions' Den
- ⇒ Look into the various Lions International training opportunities, including on-site and online.
- ⇒ Visit other clubs to "borrow" their successful service projects and fundraising stories.
- $\Rightarrow$  Move up in your own club.
- ⇒ Volunteer for a club office or at least a committee chair opportunity.
- ⇒ OPEN AND READ THE PALMETTO LION.
- ⇒ Submit club photos and short activity/fundraising success stories to your district Palmetto Lion coordinator.
- ⇒ Talk to your district governor and his/her leadership team.
- ⇒ Learn about our GAT (Global Action Team).
- ⇒ Invite an MD or district committee chairperson to speak to your club about LCIF, or SCLVS, or Leader Dog, or Storm Eye, or SC School for the Deaf and Blind, or New Voices, or a thousand other pertinent topics.

As the Christmas season is upon us, find an individual or family who is not as fortunate as you are and do something for that person or family. Make their Christmas better however you are able. Share your blessings.

Thanks, PCC Joe Pitts, for the Zone 11 session discussion about how we can learn more about Lions, as I plagiarized much of this checklist from your zone meeting ideas

And, like Nicodemus, find someone who is even more involved in Lions than you are and question him or her about his or her "Ah Ha" moment and what Lions' service is all about. Their "Ah Ha' moment may be infectious.

---Lion Paul Dove, CC

## Tribute to a Dedicated Lady Lion



Olive Turner Holland, 1928 - 2019

Earlier this year, South Carolina Lions lost a stellar Lion. Olive Holland of the Hilton Head Lions Club was a dynamic, powerful Lion. For years, she and Manuel were always present at state meetings and conventions. Olive served as District Governor of 32B in 1992-1994, the first woman governor of her district and in South Carolina. She served as Council Chairperson for MD32 in 1997-1998, the first woman in South Carolina to serve in that office. PCC Olive was inducted into the SC Lions Hall of Fame in 1999. She served as the President of the South Carolina Lions Foundation beginning in 2001, following PCC Glenn Flack (the initial President of the SC Lions Foundation).

Olive Holland was "New Voices" before there was a "New Voices" initiative. She chaired meetings efficiently in a room full of male Lions. She was the beginning of

gender parody in our state. She was respected for her knowledge and integrity. Olive and Manuel were joint chairpersons of Candy Day for several years. Their collection of signed Peace Posters includes one from every year since its inception. It has been shared at Lions conventions and in their community.

PCC Olive Holland will be remembered for her dedication to the Lions of South Carolina and her adherence to the Lions Code of Ethics.

[Olive's Memorial Service was held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Lowcountry on October 6 in Bluffton.]

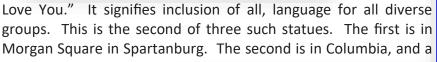
# MD 32 News

## I LOVE YOU STATUE



"I Love You" statue is unveiled and dedicated in the Vista area of Columbia downtown. This beautiful metal artwork is created out of traced handprints of students of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. Students helped cut the handprints

out of sheet metal with artist Bob Doster. The design of the statue is American Sign Language for "I



third statue is planned for





#### **NEW VOICES**

## **Telling Your Story to Enhance Membership**

#### Submitted by FVDG Judy Scott

#### MD New Voices Coordinator

Pixar, Disney, Paramount all give us stories, adventures and entertainment that keeps us captivated, wanting to see more and more. Acclaimed Pixar Director, Pete Doctor put it perfectly:

"What you're trying to do, when you tell a story, is to write about an event in your life that made you feel some particular way. And what you're trying to do, when you tell a story, is to get the audience to have that same feeling."

Lions have some of the best feel AWESOME stories in the world, yet we are many times hesitant to share our stories to others. How can we learn from the greats like Pixar and begin to effectively share our personal Lions stories to enhance our club's membership, leadership, and service to our communities locally and worldwide. Pixar believes:

Great stories are universal.

Great stories have a clear structure and purpose.

Great stories have a character to root for (an underdog).

Great stories appeal to our deepest emotions.

Great stories are surprising and unexpected.

Great stories are simple and focused.

With a little bit of thought all our Lions stories can fit this framework.

To transition your story into membership, just ask the person you tell the story too, to visit your club and join or direct them to a club near them to visit. Not all people you talk with will be interested, but if you tell your story enough times, you will begin to connect with others.

**NEW VOICES** is looking for Lions from MD32 to share this Lions story. Hearing other Lions stories will help us all begin to realize we each have a story to share.

Last year, our own District 32S New Voices Nominee for Service **Lion Rita Spiess** from Spartanburg Lions Club submitted her story of service. Subsequently, she was selected as a runner-up for the International New Voices Nominee for Service. We are extremely proud of her accomplishments providing services to her community and beyond.

Please contact FVDG Judy Scott at <a href="musulei1@gmail.com">musulei1@gmail.com</a> to get your Lions story published in the Palmetto Lion. We are looking to help enhance club membership with new energy whether it be a woman, man, younger or seasoned new member. All membership counts

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#### **LIONS AT ALLI**





## Lions Certified Instructor Program 2019, Calgary

Twenty Lions from Constitutional Area 1 (USA) and Constitutional Area 2 (Canada) were chosen to participate in the Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) training in October in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Two SC Lions were there. Vice Council Chairperson Rhett Hair of the Winnsboro Lions as a participant, and PCC Dr. Dianne J. Pitts as faculty. Several days of active, but intensive classes were followed by 60-minute presentations by the participants. Those participants are observed by two independent observers and scored on detailed rubric (scoring guide). Those who score at a high level are certified by LCI. Presently there are 45 certified instructors in the US; and 12, in Canada. The purpose of the program is to assure qualified instructors and trainers for the international association. An LCIP Program is scheduled for the different Constitutional Areas around the globe.







#### ORDER YOUR ASTRONAUT PINS NOW

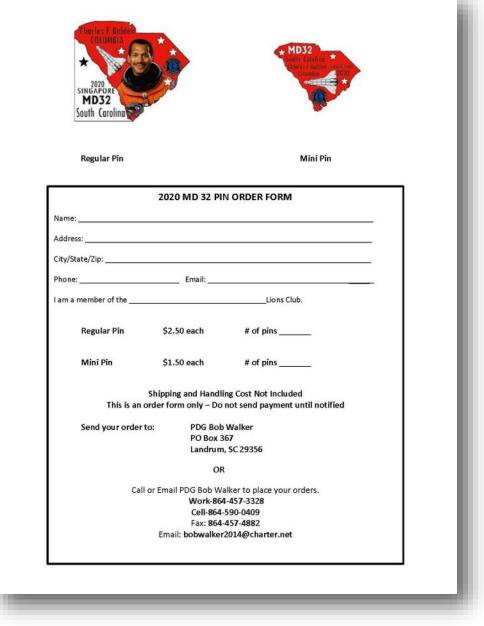
#### Link to Order Form

We are again having a Regular and a Mini pin as last year and it is our 2nd Astronaut pins. The pins have arrived and we are ready to start the process of ordering.

- Completed the below form with the number of pins needed.
- Do not send any payment until I can process the order.
- I will process order and send instructions as to how they need to pay for the pins so that I can fill the orders.
- If anyone has any questions they can contact me.

Thanks for your help.

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#### FROM THE DESK OF MARLA J. SUCKOW of SC DISTRICT 32 C

#### TIS THE SEASON....

"HOW CAN I HELP YOU?" the five words that our International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi asks us to repeat often!! And what a better time than during the holidays.

"TOUCHING LIVES – SECURING FUTURES" my theme for this year resonates deeply right now. There is magic in the air for most children. I say most because that is not true for all. This is a great time to show love and concern for families that are struggling. A visit or small gift to a child in the hospital or a gas gift card for the parents would mean so much to the whole family. Let us Lions be mindful, positive, loving and helpful right now. Let us make a difference.

Some deadlines I'd like to remind you of:

- ⇒ December 1 Postmark deadline for DG to mail winning District Peace Poster to Council Chair Paul Dove.
- ⇒ December 10 Nomination form and endorsement letter for District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor candidates due to DG.
- ⇒ December 24 DG's nominations for the International Presidential and Leadership Awards due to PID Gene Spiess.
- ⇒ December 27 Ads for District Convention ad booklet must be submitted to scottstamp@coastalmarketingservices.com.



Marla J. Suckow
District Governor 32-C
2019-2020

Hilton Head Island Noon Lions Club 715-904-1150 (Cell) today\_isa\_present@hotmail.com

- ⇒ December 31 Submit photos and commentaries to DG, today isa present@hotmail.com, on what your club has done for "Touching Lives-Securing Futures" for display at the Convention.
- ⇒ January 10 Convention registration deadline.
- ⇒ Look for information on **Lion of the Year and Hall of Fame** nomination deadlines in this newsletter.

Visit the Convention Website at: <a href="https://www.lions32c-convention.org">www.lions32c-convention.org</a>.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Georgetown, Hartsville, Society Hill and Summerville Evening Lions Clubs on their 2018-19 Club Excellence Awards. Thank you for all that you do!!

Strive to be the very best you can be! May your blessings be many during the holidays and every day. It is a pleasure to serve as your District Governor and you are one of my most treasured blessings.

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

#### **Lions District 32-C Convention News**

by Convention Chair Mark Suckow

Soon it will be Lions District 32-C Convention time. The convention is the weekend of Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in North Charleston, SC. At the convention, we come together to show who we are, what we do and to be proud of our accomplishments. It is also a time to hear about "what's the latest" going on in the district and to meet and make old and new Lions friends.

If you're thinking of attending, we encourage you to "get on board" now. There is a first time ever convention website at <a href="https://www.lions32c-convention.org">https://www.lions32c-convention.org</a>. Convention information and updates will be posted periodically on the website. There is a link to the Registration Form which can be filled out on-line, printed and mailed in. There are links to the <a href="https://club.com/c

- ⇒ ID Mark Lyon, a second-year International Director from Brookfield, Connecticut, will be the Convention's honored guest and speaker at the Saturday Banquet.
- ⇒ Lion Willie Jeffries, a member of the Elloree Lions Club and College Football Hall of Fame inductee will be the Tailgate Party featured speaker.
- ⇒ At the Awards Luncheon, Lion Dr. Mary Sedgwick, will relate her experiences with the challenges of going from sighted to profoundly visually impaired, her introduction to the break-through eSight technology and her return to an active, fulfilled life.
- ⇒ Saturday's Opening Session will include "what's going on" in South Carolina Lions with presentations on LCFI 100, New Voices, Ambassador Program, Blind Fishing, Camp Leo, and more.
- ⇒ As always, the Silent Auction and Hospitality Room will be an enjoyable feature. Each Club in the District is encouraged to submit items for the Silent Auction and treats for the Hospitality Room.

A great convention is being planned and we hope to have a Super Bowl level of attendance. For those who cannot attend all the activities, perhaps participating in the Saturday events which are the real "meat and potatoes" of the convention would fit the schedule. We hope to see you there.

## **District 32C Convention**

# January 31 - February 1, 2020

Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport-Convention Center 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd North Charleston, SC 29418

Let's join together at your 2020 District Convention for fellowship, education district business and fun. It's Super Bowl weekend and we'll be celebrating with a Tallgate Party on Friday evening so dress to show your team pride. Bring something for the silent auction or bid on that special item you just HAVE to take home when you leave.

Snack contributions to keep the hospitality suite stocked will be welcomed.

# Registration Form



(Click Icon To Open Form)

Please complete the registration form and mail with payment to the registrar by January 10, 2020:

Cindy Taylor

11 Fishermans Bend Court Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-2652

**Registration Order Form** (Click To Open Form)

Club Ad Order Form (Click To Open Form)

**Business Ad Order Form** (Click Open Form)

# **District 32-C News**

#### **DISTRICT 32 C PEACE POSTER WINNER**



The winning Peace Poster was made by Lillian Hilogado Palm of the North Myrtle Beach Middle School, sponsored by the North Myrtle Beach Lions Club. She describes her poster as 'showing travel through peace because it shows the sacrifices people in our country make to provide freedom and peace for our people. The dove in the middle represents the travel of that peace.'

Our judges are all artists and art teachers and they are (I to r) Jennifer Rocco Stone, Sari Kandel, and Kim France. They were very impressed by all the posters. We had 14 posters entered from 11 clubs: Kingstree, Sun City/Okatie, No. Myrtle

Beach, Aiken Mid-Day, Myrtle Beach, Summerville Noon, Goose Creek, South Strand, Beaufort, Aiken and Society Hill. Thank you to all who participated!



# **District 32-C News**

#### **BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB**





Members playing bingo with the seniors in a residential facility.



Simulation of blind at ABLA



Club provided items for Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Penn Center for 10 identified needy families on St. Helena Island.

#### **FLORENCE LIONS CLUB**

West Florence High School Leos acts as host/chaperones BLLISS Ball. The ball is a prom type event for children and adults with Special Needs in the local community.





#### LITTLE RIVER LIONS CLUB





Veterans Day – "On Veterans Day, fourteen (14) Little River Lions honored all military veterans by waving the U.S. Flag on a public highway. Passersby acknowledged with many salutes and honks!" Schools Vision Screening – "On November 4-5, twelve (12) Little River Lions screened the vision and hearing acuity of 789 children at local elementary and middle schools. We Serve!"



"Little River Lions showed appreciation and support to our first responders who will not be at home with their loved ones at Thanksgiving. Made possible by the Lions COPS (Cherish Our Public Safety) Program and SOH (Spokes of Hope), the Club furnished turkeys, hams, rolls, fixings, deserts and iced tea. These Heroes will on duty protecting our businesses, homes, and our families throughout the holiday season. Shown (L - R) are: Mike LaCoy (SOH), Lion George O'Neill, Lion Vern Cappell, Shane Zaccoli (SOH), Lion Judy Wallace, and 4 members of Horry County Fire/Rescue."

#### NORTH MYRTLE BEACH LIONS CLUB



ZC Bonnie Stevenson (c) presented check for \$500 by Club President Priscilla Wrobel (l). Also pictured, Lion Dorothy Bambach, member of Friends of the SC School for the Deaf and Blind.



NMB Lions led visitors on a blindfold walk to provide an awareness experience. Also pictured is Leonardo, who prove very popular with the youngsters.



Lions Sandy Boggs and Jim Mcnutt shows pamphlet to shopper. Club conducted an educational outreach program. x Lions distributed LCI pamphlets, "It's not too late to prevent Diabetes" to shoppers It has been estimated that South Carolina has the 5th highest rate of diabetes in the US with 13.4%...



Peace Poster Contest Winner, Lillian Hilgado Palm



L to R President Priscilla Wrobel, 1st place, Lillian Hilgado Palm, 3rd place Gabby Haskins, 2nd place Katie Wu, Zone Chairperson, PDG Bonnie Stephenson.

#### PAWLEYS ISLAND LIONS CLUB



President Pam Ofsanik, left, recently presented an \$800 check in support of Miss Ruby's Kids of Georgetown. Accepting the donation for Miss Ruby's Kids is Lisa Haas, right. Miss Ruby's Kids is dedicated to improving the academic performance for less fortunate students.

#### **SOUTH STRAND LIONS CLUB**



Club collected nonperishable items to be distributed by Surfside Beach Police Department.



Vision screenings over two days of 617 children, in Child Development through third grade at St. James and Seaside Elementary Schools

#### SUMMERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB



DG Marla official visit to Summerville Noon Lions Club meeting.



IPDG Randy presented Lion Dot with a medal at Zone Meeting.

Dear Fellow Lions,

The Camden Lions Club is hosting it's first annual Christmas Gala on December 14, 2019 from 6:00 -10:00 PM at Camden American Legion Post 1133 Chestnut Ferry Road Camden, SC 29020. We are throwing this as a celebration for the club's support of our 75<sup>th</sup> club anniversary. Our charter meeting was held on September 4<sup>th</sup> of 1945. Tickets for the Christmas Gala are on sale now for \$15.00 for one or \$25.00 for two. Please see the attached poster as we would love to see as many Lions there as possible to have a great time and support our club. We look forward to getting to know more extended lions club members on a personal level at this event. Whether you are able to attend or not, we want to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely in Lions Service and Friendship, Camden Lions Club Roar Lions Roar Lions Roar Link to Flyer

#### The South Strand Lions Club 13th Annual "Carl Blake Memorial" Charity Golf Tournament

Held At

The Heritage Plantation Club (Pawleys Island) Saturday Februray 15, 2020 10:00 am Shotgun Start/Texas Scramble 3 Flights

Check in 8:30 to 9:30

Buffet Breakfast & Lunch/2 Drinks/Range Access/Awards

The field is limited. Register ASAP (Individuals Welcome)

\$75.00 per person due by 1/31, \$80.00 Thereafter

Make Checks to South Strand Lions Club and mail to:
Ed Wallace
309 Goddard Lane
Murrels Inlet, SC 29576
(Tax ID # 47-525 4932)

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Contact	Ed Wallace	(484) 919 9904

Link to South Strand Lions Club Golf Tournament



Have you ever considered presenting at Lions meeting, workshop, or training session?

Learn how to give effective, interesting presentations at the Presenter's Workshop to be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center

2875 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118

On May 2, 2020, from 9 AM – 1 PM See attached registration form



Are you a committee chair or club officer who needs improved presentation skills?

Register for the Presenter's Workshop

9 AM to 1 PM

First Baptist Church

Family Life Center 2855 Columbia Road

Orangeburg, SC 29116

This workshop is necessary for any Lion who presents reports in front of the club. You will learn to deliver focused presentations, involve the audience, and conclude the presentation with the audience wanting more.

Any Lion wishing to present for Lions Learning Academy or other State or District Lions Workshops are invited to attend.

The cost is \$15.00 (includes meeting room rental and materials)

Mail checks to PCC Eddie Marshall, 2688 HWY 308, Clinton, SC 29325

Last day to register is April 18, 2020

Link to Presenters Workshop

#### FROM THE DESK OF STACEY BEELER of SC DISTRICT 32 S

We live in a fast-paced world. Thanksgiving Day is now in our rear-view mirror and Christmas is fast coming down the highway of life.

As I reflect back over the last couple of weeks there are a couple of things I wanted to share with each of you. I was a pallbearer the week before Thanksgiving for a dear friend and thoughts flooded my mind of missed opportunities, to have been more connected with him. I also spent the week of Thanksgiving with family and friends as I am sure many of you did as well. Both of these events brought people together but for extremely different reasons. Both of these events allowed me to connect or reconnect. Each one an opportunity to make sure that life doesn't pass by without enjoying and seizing every moment to leave your mark on this incredible journey.

As LIONS we gather for may different reasons. To help with a fundraiser. To help with a service project. Our reasons allow us to connect, reconnect: to leave our footprint as a LION. To SERVE!

The lesson is that ONE is better than one, meaning that ONE team of LIONS is better than one LION. It is universally different from five or six people versus one person. A team of five or six LIONS can accomplish more than one

Stacey Beeler District Governor 32-S 2019 - 2020

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LION alone, but it's when that group of LIONS work together as a team that the magic happens. No matter what the size of your club, YOUR team of LIONS can do great things and you are! Our team of LIONS can do great things. We have and we will continue!

Every day I give thanks with a grateful heart. To ROAR like a LION and be mindful of the many blessings that have been bestowed upon me. To be certain of the responsibilities that are mine and yours to make a difference in the lives of others. A shared mindset. A spirit of UNITY.

My wish this holiday season is that each of you have a blessed and very Merry Christmas. Take time to enjoy one another. Connect or Reconnect. Either way, let others see your footprints as a reminder that you are here and as a pathway that they may follow.

They say we can't stop what's coming! Nor should we because the best is yet to come.

ROAR!

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Thank you for your support of LCIF Campaign 100!



#### **DISTRICT 32 S PEACH POSTER WINNER**



District S Winner is Makayla Brown, a 13 year old from Summit Parkway Middle School. Art Teacher is Talbert Glover. Makaylas' quote about her artwork is, "Let Art Piece the World Together."

Summit Parkway Middle School is one of the 7 Richland County 2 School Districts schools that participates in Peace Poster. This is the 28th year that these 7 schools have participated in Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. The school district holds a reception for the winning student of each of their schools. This year the School Superintendent, as well as all Art Teachers and Principals of each school with the exception of one school attended the reception. Each winning student receives a 100.00 check and certificate of achievement from the sponsoring Lions Club, which this year, Blythewood Lions Club sponsored all 7,

with monetary help from the Winnsboro Lions Club and the District S Council. Each student also receives a huge candy bar wrapped in their winning poster picture. This, courtesy of the school district.

As Co-Chair of the Peace Poster Program, I can only hope that other school districts would take up this initiative. These kids do such awesome work, and the advantages they receive is pretty awesome as well. We would love to see every middle school in the state involved in this program.

Well done, and Congratulations from Lions Rita Spiess and Melody Hair to all who participated in this fabulous Peace Poster program, and Congratulations to SC Lions District S winner Makayla Brown.

# **District 32-S News**

# ABBEVILLE AND BELTON LIONS CLUBS SPOT VISION SCREENING



In the photo is (L to R): Lion Gloria Eves (Belton Lions), Nurse Tanya Dickerson (doing the screening with SPOT), a Fifth Grade Student, and Lion Rick Pressly (Abbeville Lions). My first experience with having one of the Nurses agree to operate SPOT. Nurse Tanya loved the SPOT and the opportunity to actually use one.

Lion Rick

#### **GREER CENTENIAL LIONS CLUB**

The Greer Centennial Lions have been on the prowl the past month. Here are a few things the club has participated in.



Lion Eugenia Bentley organized a food drive with multiple agencies to benefit Greer Relief where Greer Centennial Lions President Caroline Robertson works.



The Greer Centennial Lions donated \$500 to Make-A-Wish South Carolina and heard from a Wish dad and the impact receiving a Wish had on his family.



Greer Centennial Lions screened 45 people at Greer Community Ministries BIG Thursday event. It was a wonderful time to talk about our mission.



\$5,200+ was raised from the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual bowling FUN-raiser at Peach Bowl Lanes. All proceeds will help further the Lions Club mission of helping the Greer community.



Greer Centennial Lions recently signed Christmas cards that will be used for the Meals on Wheels seniors at Greer Community Ministries.

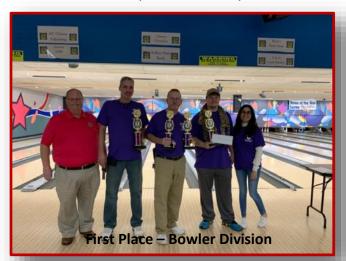
Greer Centennial Lions participated in Halloween Hoopla at Greer City Park. We handed out hundreds of pieces of candy and enjoyed being involved in this community event.

#### JOANNA LIONS CLUB



The Joanna Lions Club held it's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Strikes for Sight on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Star Lanes in Spartanburg. There were 12 teams participating in the event, six bowler teams and six non-bowler teams. The event was done in honor of Anel Gonzalez, a recipient of the help of the Lions of South Carolina. Everyone has a great time enjoying food, fellowship and fun. The club would like to thank the more than 30 sponsors of the event, as well as, those that came out to participate. This has become an event that everyone looks forward to each year because they are making a difference in the lives of others while having fun. The club would also like

to thank Star Lanes for hosting the event each year and to the many Lions that helped get door prizes and sponsorships. We hope that more people will come out to our Strike Out Diabetes Tournament at Golden Lanes in Simpsonville in May and then our Strikes for Sight Tournament next November.









#### MC CORMICK LIONS CLUB

#### **Eye Screening at the McCormick Schools**

Over a period of two days at the end of October, ten members of McCormick Lions Club completed 367 eye screenings on selected year grades at the McCormick School complex. Of the students tested, 53 of them were found to have vision issues and deemed to need a further optical examination. The School Nurse Margie Batchelor, who was a great help scheduling all of the students, will follow up with these referrals. The eye examinations were carried out over the two day period by Lions: Debbie and Ed Flagg, Shirley Branson, Don Moninger, Mary Ruth Haworth, Greg Martin, Pam Walz, Russ Verrell and Jenny Walker. This "Pride of Lions" was led by Bet Dombrowski, the club's Vision Coordinator and was assisted by Rick Pressley from Abbeville Lions Club who instructed in the use of the screening equipment. The actual eye screening test is conducted using a SPOT Vision Screener. The Vision Screener is a hand held, or desk top device designed to quickly and easily detect vision issues with patients as young as six months through adult.

#### "Don't fall for Drugs" Festival



McCormick Lions Club Cornerstone "Don't Fall for Drugs Festival" had to be postponed due to bad weather but not so on Saturday November 2nd which was a bright and sunny day, although a little on the cool side. This did not deter the children from dressing up and putting on their Halloween costumes once again. The Sheriffs office was represented as well as a static exhibition of fire fighting equipment put on by the Sandy Branch Volunteer Fire Department. Numerous games were

available along with a huge "bouncy castle". Many staffers from Cornerstone were working hard, face painting, serving pizza, soda, popcorn and my favorite, blue cotton candy. To top off the event, McCormick Lions Club presented a check for \$1000 to cover the cost of the event and to support the many programs that Cornerstone provide as part of their Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco abuse awareness. This is an annual event and it is hoped that the weather will be more cooperative next year.

Two weeks later, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November, McCormick Lions will be holding their annual Christmas collection at the entrance to the Food Lion store. All the money collected will be donated in McCormick where there is a need. None of what the Lions do here in McCormick could happen without your help, so please support us where you can. Thank you.

#### MID CAROLINA LIONS CLUB



Mid Carolina proudly posed for their new banner after the original banner was nowhere to be found. The banner was donated by the Winnsboro Lions Club and Lions Bobbie and Paul Dove.

#### PIEDMONT LIONS CLUB

#### **Piedmont Lions Club Donates to Upstate Blind Fishing**

The Piedmont Lions Club recently donated \$300.00 to Upstate Blind Fishing. The money will be used to sponsor 3 Blind Fisherman to attend the International Blind Fishing Tournament that is held each year at the Outer Banks in North Carolina.



#### DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB (SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB)



Members of the Dorman High School Leo Club worked at their booth at Dorman High's 'Farmers' Day'. What a great bunch of young Leos! They sold sodas, water, and chocolate bars to generate some much needed revenue, and they signed up a few new members as well. At this point, the Dorman Leo Club now has over 60 members!! They are so fortunate to have a very dedicated faculty advisor, Stephan Vernet! Mr. Vernet keeps these Leos busy serving their community.

Thank you Mr. Vernet!

#### SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB



DG Stacey sponsored new member, Stephanie Haje, into the Spartanburg Lions Club. Thank you DG Stacey!

The busy fall season for the Spartanburg Lions Club's fundraising!! We manned our fair booth at the Piedmont Interstate Fair which we've been doing for decades; we hosted the Classic Charity Golf Tournament for the SC School for the Deaf and Blind at Village Green; and lastly our fun and super cute Halloween Pancake Breakfast at Fatz in Boiling Springs. A lot of hard work, but what fun we had! An interesting note: we ask students from Upstate, SMC and the Dorman Leos to help us at the fair. Honestly, we couldn't man the booth for a week without the help of these great students! Thanks to the dedicated Chairs of these committees! And thanks to all of the members of the Spartanburg Lions Club for once again dedicating themselves to service for the Spartanburg Community.

#### **Piedmont Interstate Fair**

Lions Hoyt Bynum, Don Christian and Pete Aylor – hardly working?? Lions Weslie Higdon, Sam Hook, Shirley Moore-Tipi and Chair Mike White Lion Mary Jean Lloyd with 2 of the USC Upstate students who helped.









Lion Mike White with 2 of the SMC students who always help!



Three of the USC Upstate students who helped.



Lion Weslie Higdon with 2 of the SMC students who always help!

# Classic Charity Golf Tournament for the SC School for the Deaf and Blind - Spartanburg Lions Club



Lions Paul Lundberg, Randy Thomas, Sam Hook, Weslie Higdon and Tom Bridgeman.



Thanks to all of the golfers who came out to play golf and support

#### Halloween Breakfast



Lion Mike White, Lion Louis Martin (Chair of the Pancake Breakfast) Two cutest Lions!! Lions Mike White and Monica Greene and son Ligon with Merlin the Magician (aka Lion Art Hartzog) and DG Stacey in the background.



Lion Mary Jean Lloyd is keeping the children busy with fun activities in 'Merlin' entertaining the children. the "Children's Corner. L to R: Lion Mary Jean Lloyd; Suzana Pruitt; Elaina and Dalton Martin; and Ryan and Meg Mayley.

#### The Mathews Lions Club



Lion Robert Abercrombie, member of The Mathews Lions Club, was recently honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow. At the September 23 club meeting, District-S Governor Stacey Beeler spoke to club members and made the formal presentation to Lion Robert. The Melvin Jones Fellowship was given by The Mathews Club for Lion Robert's dedicated humanitarian service and his commitment to serving others.

For the fourth consecutive year, The Mathews Lions Club has participated with the Connie Maxwell Children's Home in a Christmas project. The club members made, purchased, and delivered gifts for the Children's Home Christmas Store. This project allows the children on campus to purchase Christmas gifts for their family and friends at greatly reduced prices. From Left to Right: Lions David and Claudia Dority, and Katie Troutman with Connie Maxwell.



#### **TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB**

**Peace Poster**—Ms. Phoenix Zhao (Gold Hill Middle School) and Ms. Delaney Vickery (Springfield Middle School). There entries were sent to the District for the next judging Level. Congratulations!



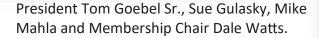


#### **Tega Cay New Member Inductions:**

Please welcome our newest Lions – Catherine & Mike Tullos, sponsored by Sarah & Gus Matchunis and Mike Mahla, sponsored by Sue Gulasky.



President Tom Goebel Sr., Sarah Matchunis, Catherine Tullos, Gus Matchunis, Mike Tullos and Membership Chair, Dale Watts.





Senior Citizen Christmas Party—Tega Cay Lions Club held their 45 annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party on Monday 12/2 and Tuesday 12/3. With the help of the Women's Club, Moms Club, Beta Club, Grace Presbyterian Church and of course our TC Lions we were able to host approximately 250 Senior Citizens from around York County senior facilities. Many of these Seniors tell us that this is the only Christmas they have. All went home with an individual homemade bread, a gift and a goody bag.



#### WINNSBORO LIONS CLUB



Winnsboro Lions delivered 499 items to the Fairfield Community Food Bank from goods donated by an area church which was closing their food collection program



Winnsboro Lion Donnie Laird operates SPOT vison screening camera to check elementary school student.



32-S Zone 11 meeting in Columbia, Lion Lexa Hartwell, zone 11 chair, Winnsboro Lions



VCC Lion Rhett Hair peddles brooms during annual "Big Grab" yard sale



Lions enjoy seated dinner from Veterans Club Charter Night live auction bidding. L to R: VCC Rhett Hair, Lion Melody Hair, PCC Dianne Pitts, PCC Joe Pitts, PIP Bob Corlew, PID Gene Spiess, Lion Rita Spiess, and Lion Bobbie



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#### WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE PALMETTO LION!

# THAT IS ALL FOR 2019, SEE YOU 1/2020 BEE JON 1/3030 HVJ 18 WELLOW 5018

Deadline for submissions to the Janury Palmetto Lion is

December 29

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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