



STAYING IN TOUCH

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From Your District Governor:

Greeting Lions of District 34C. Our new year has started out anything but usual. We have been coping with the COVID-19 virus since early this year and it has changed the way we do everything. Our daily lives have been changed with the “Stay At Home” orders. Routines have been changed, the way we socialize, work and worship are totally different than it was earlier this year. The Service Industry is no exception. Our regular meetings have been replaced with emails, text & Virtual meetings (Zoom, GoToMeeting, etc.). We have not been able to meet to have service projects, except in very small groups. We have had to incorporate into our language and actions words such as Social Distancing and quarantine. It is hard to prepare for such times but as Lions we have adapted and are learning to cope.

As your new District Governor for District 34C, I have been preparing to step in after our IPDG Yvonne Burroughs left office on June 30, 2020. In preparation for the position, I have been to numerous meetings: a weekend in January 2020 to go over the district training with PID Jerome Thompson & PCC Ron Seybold, a week in St. Charles, IL in February (cold) with 750 other DGEs to visit the Corporate office and meet my counterparts from all over the planet, 3-4 GoToMeetings/week, and a weekly meeting every Sunday afternoon with the DGEs from District 34A & 34B in Alabama (via GoToMeeting). It may sound like overkill but there is a lot involved with getting up to speed for the District Governor position. I am thankful for it all.

My district cabinet has come together very nicely and I want to introduce you to the following members:

District Secretary/Treasurer – Jeff Slaker – Headland Lions Club
District Administrator – IPDG Yvonne Burroughs – 8 Mile Lions Club

Global Action Team:

GLT – PDG Claudia Wigglesworth – Daleville Lions Club
GST – Jeanne Dugger – Geneva Lions Club
GMT – Jeff Pinegar – Pike Road Lions Club

The Zone Chairs have been selected and they are already off to a running start as they have received Zone Chair training (via GoToMeeting) from GLT Claudia Wigglesworth.

Please check out our Facebook page (Lions of Alabama District 34C) where our GLT has posted bios for our Zone Chairpersons. Club Presidents should be hearing from your Zone Chairpersons very soon if not already.

I have also been working on our MD-34 committees and many of you have agreed to serve on one or more of these committees. Thank you for your help and service. The Multi District couldn't do it without you.

I am currently working on a new club in the Ozark, AL area and if you know someone who needs to be in this club, just let me know. Also, looking for a Guiding Lion for that club. Many Lions have helped get this going and I thank you for your efforts.

I want to thank my 1VDG Charlie Wigglesworth and his wife PDG Claudia Wigglesworth for their help in getting my year off to a great start. They have been and continue to be a great help and inspiration for me. Also, IPDG Yvonne Burroughs has gone above and beyond the call of duty to prep me for everything. Thank you Yvonne for everything, to numerous to go into here.

As “Stay at Home” orders are relaxed, 1VDG Charlie Wigglesworth and I will be on the road to your club very soon. Just let us know if you need a speaker or guest and we will be glad to work with you. I look forward to seeing all of you at your club or if you meet virtually, we can make that.

This year we have the green light to be creative with our Service & Meetings. Let me hear from you on how you are doing things differently. Think outside the box. This is the year for that. **IT IS NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL.** The world needs us now. Its time to **UNLEASH THE KINDNESS**

I have been receiving emails, phone calls and texts from many of you in our district congratulating me on becoming District Governor and its is so humbling & motivating to hear from you. I am very excited to be your District Governor this year and lets make it a year to remember. Thank you so much and I look forward to a great year. Let me know how I can help you, I am your servant.

KINDNESS MATTERS,

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A Brief History of Lionism:

Probable evolution of the Lions emblem

The first idea of a Lions emblem was that of Alan Speed a friend and Mosaic brother of Melvin Jones. It consisted of the Masonic triangle with a gold circle and the letter L in the circle. The logo was probably not adopted because it looked very Masonic the Association would be a new entity with an image of serving the needy. It wanted to attract members who belong to various religious groups and other service communities these members thought that the symbol of a lion should be used because of the positive image is projected. A new emblem a emerged a design by Rosa Bonheur depicting a strong line holding a club between its teeth. Written on the club was the word international.



In the first edition of the Lions clubs magazine in November 1918 this logo was used it is significant that the addition was edited under the personal supervision of Melvin Jones.

Our current logo was designed by another friend of Melvin Jones, Maurice Blink and was presented to the board approval on April 12, 1920 the summer the 31st, 1921; the international Board of Directors approved it.



The circle contained in the “L” was blue with the circle around the “L” being gold the lion head from the second logo by Rosa Bonheur was increased to two which represented looking both into the past and into the future. The letter L in the center stands for: lion, liberty, loyalty, learning and leadership. The gold ring around the center represents the encirclement of the world. The word international from the second logo was maintained in the interior part of the emblem, and the name Lions which did not appear in previous designs was written on the top part of the emblem. The symbol of 1920 was simplified over the years to make it easier for clubs to use it in printing.



There were several other important things it took place during these first three years. In 1917 women were invited into the Lions Club, but in 1918 convention there was a motion made and carried to exclude women from the Association.

The finance committee recommended published in a magazine with all of the associations income above office expenses and the secretary’s salary was to be used for a magazine.

The first issue of the line appeared in November 1918 28 pages plus cover; it summarizes St. Louis convention listed new clubs. No one had envisioned the magazines growth that it was destined to be published in 19 different languages it would come the multilingual vault voice of lionism’s limitless world. By the end of the 1919 convention blending brains and determination in a climate of friendly cooperation, Lionism’s founders fashion a bold blueprint for lives devoted to helping others. The Mold had been set, it was the end of the beginning, but was for start of the largest and most successful service clubs in the world



Club Birthdays:

Club	Date	Years
July		
Ashford	7/28/1937	83
Enterprise	7/7/1944	76
Foley	7/24/1990	30
August		
York	8/1/1939	81

What's Coming Up in the District

What's Happening Around the District?

When you have a service project send the information and pictures to Wayne Key at nananpop13@gmail.com

Gulf Shores:

Chasity Dauyon of the Gulf Shores Lions Club has just had her first book released. "BE YOU BEYOUTHFUL, 3-minute devotions" on Amazon and at Barnes and Nobel's. It is a 31 days of three minute devotions to inspire teens to live up to their potential in life. Chasity is a native of Foley AL. and a member of the Gulf Shores Club.

Bay Minette:

Bay Minette Lions Club planted trees for the new elementary school on this hot Sunday



Pike Road:

On June 11, 2020, the Pike Road Lions Club presented a \$1,200 check to Stacy Dickinson of the Woodland UMC Food Pantry.

The Woodland Food Pantry was selected because they support the entire Pike Road Community, and through them, we can give back to Pike Road. In addition to financial support, throughout the year, we provide non-perishable items that are donated by each member of the Pike Road Lions.

“The Pike Road Lions Club Community Yard Sale had to be cancelled this spring due to Covid-19, we still continue to support our five pillars” said Jimmy Lee, to the reporters.



(L to R) Wendy Blackmon, Jimmy Lee (Chairman of the Hunger Pillar for Pike Road Club) Stacy Dickinson Woodland UMC Food Pantry and Kitty Simpson

Flomaton:



Flomaton donated \$1000 city of Flomaton food bank Lion Wayne Key presents check to Lion Lillian Dean /City Council Woman. The Club also help pass out food on the three give a way.

Enterprise:



pictured left to right: Bob Turner, George Baum, Tim Laster, Sue Baum and Conrad Stempel

The Enterprise Lions Club continues to serve the community. Working with the Coffee County Family Services and the Enterprise City Schools, club members have been helping deliver meals to students in their home. Each week, club members distribute over 75 meals to school children.

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