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May 2022

AWARDS—AWARDS—AWARDS

If you see any of these fantastic Lions, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done!!!

SC MD32 LION OF THE YEAR

PCC Paul Dove, Winnsboro Lions Club

SC MD32 HALL OF FAME

DISTRICT S

Lion Hal Freese, The Mathews Lions Club Lion Dixie Davis, Joanna Lions Club (Deceased) Lion Bobby Hendrick Fenegan, Lexington Lions Club (Deceased) Lion Christine Lekich, Tega Cay Lions Club Lion Charles Rentz, Saluda Lions Club (Deceased) Lion Phyllis Zuehlke, Greenwood Lions Club

DISTRICT C

Lion Harold Brown, Georgetown Lions Club Lion Karen Edwards, Aiken Mid-Day Lions Club Lion Eugene Failmezger, Summerton Lions Club Lion Cynthia Harrison, Myrtle Beach Lions Club Lion Earl Lee, Cheraw Lions Club Lion Helen McFadden, Kingstree Lions Club Lion Joe McNeil, Manning Lions Club

MORE MD32 AWARDS

Presidential Medal Awardees

DGE Les Taylor, Hilton Head Lions Club Lion Gloria Eaves, Belton Lions Club

Leadership Medal Awardees

PDG Jim Freeman, Berea (This Lion has 61 years of perfect attendance) IPDG Bill Hahn, Georgetown

International President Certificate of Appreciation

Lion John Enright, Summerville Lions Club

Progressive Melvin Jones

Lion John Enright, Summerville Lions Club Lion Dot Enright, Summerville Lions Club

Melvin Jones Awards

Lion Hope Barbare, Blue Ridge Lions Club Lion Kathleen Carroll, Seneca Lions Club Lion Giany Guedjo, Pawleys Island Lions Club Lion Paula Crane, Blue Ridge Lions Club Lion Brenna Abrams, Joanna Lions Club

Progressive Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellows

Personal Donations PCC David Dority, The Mathews Lions Club Lion Claudia Dority, The Mathews Lions Club Lion Bobbie Dove, Winnsboro Lions Club

Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellows

Lion Allen Young, Joanna Lions Club Kathy Iwert, Andrew Kipple

Eclipse Society Inductees

PID Gene Spiess, Spartanburg Lions Club Lion Rita Spiess, Spartanburg Lions Club

A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MD32 LION OF THE YEAR, PCC PAUL DOVE

The Speech He Had Not Prepared

During the banquet at our recent MD 32 Lions' convention in Florence, the undisclosed recipient of the Lion of the Year Award was announced. He always prepares a multiply drafted, carefully edited, and somewhat polished speech, to the best of his limited ability. As this was a surprise, he had no prepared remarks. All he could say was to admit that he had no prepared remarks, and "thank you." A close friend told him afterwards that this was the best speech he had ever made.

It was a surprise. He knew of the criteria for this award, and he had never missed his club's meeting during the year. Thus, realizing that there are so many South Carolina Lions who have set the way and led with distinction, and that his own club had not voted to name him club Lion of the Year, he had dismissed his potential and was eager to hear who the committee would name. When his name was called out, he did not see this coming and was shocked. Later, he learned that the club had named him their Lion of the Year during the one meeting where he was late arriving. Very sneaky of them.

Given the quality of South Carolina Lions, there are so many who, in his opinion, should have been chosen — Lions who have envisioned new ideas, different ways of meeting challenges, literally thinking outside the proverbial box, pulling together coalitions to accomplish noble goals, etc.

Being called out for recognition is indeed humbling. That his home club and then his multiple district singled him out among all the dedicated, industrious, creative, accomplished, and long-serving MD 32 Lions is difficult to fathom. When we accept roles, we pledge, either implicitly or explicitly, to perform those roles to the best of our ability. All he had done was what he thought was expected of him.

The recognition is appreciated. However, in his way of looking at things, every Lion in the room that evening qualified for the recognition. We are in this service organization to serve, and recognition embellishes that commitment to serve. He is grateful, humbled, and still in shock.

"Thank you." ---Lion Paul

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

MAY, 2022

Strengthen Membership Month

JUNE, 2022

June 1

Helen Keller Day

June 24-28

104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal

JULY, 2022

July 7

Lions Clubs International Birthday

July 15

Last day to enter Lion and Leo service activities for the 2021-2022 year



Read the Lions International current edition of "Lion Magazine" here.

https://www.lionmagazine.org/issue/?issue=202201

MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ongoing	SC CYBER LIONS CLUB Purchase Nuts, Snacks, and Chocolates on line LINK TO FLYER	
Ongoing	SENECA LIONS CLUB RADA CUTLERY Fundraising Store https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4648528.97a3e19	
Friday May 20	GREER LIONS CLUB 25th Annual Joe Stewart Memorial Golf Tournament Greer Golf Club LINK TO FLYER	
Friday May 20	GREER CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB Blood Drive 415 W Wade Hampton Blvd Greer, SC 29650 LINK TO FLYER	
Saturday May 21	KINGSTREE LIONS CLUB 7th Annual Black River Cleanup LINK TO FLYER	
Saturday May 21	CAMDEN LIONS CLUB 3rd Annual Camden Golf Tournament Pine Creek Golf Course, 614 Mary Lane, Camden <u>LINK TO GOLF SCREAMBLE</u> <u>LINK TO HOLE SPONSOR</u>	
Saturday May 21	SOUTH STRAND LIONS CLUB 15th "Carl Blake Memorial" Charity Golf Tournament The Heritage Golf Club, Pawleys Island LINK TO FLYER LINK TO SPONSORSHIP	
Saturday June 4	JOANNA LIONS CLUB 3rd Annual Strike Out Diabetes Paradise Lanes 469 E. Blackstock Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29301 <u>LINK TO FLYER</u> <u>LINK TO REGISTRATION</u> <u>LINK TO SHIRT ORDER FORM</u>	
Drawing Monday June 6	SPARTANBRG LIONS CLUB 2022/2023 Week at Edisto Island "Family Tides" Beach House Drawing to be held on June 6,2022 LINK TO FLYER	
Monday June 13 Registration 8:00 am Shotgun Start 9:30 am	PAWLEYS ISLAND LIONS CLUB 25th Annual Don graham Memorial Charity Golf Tournament LINK TO FLYER	

FROM THE DESK OF ID DR. DIANNE PITTS

New experiences can be an inspirational lesson! Our first



convention in April was OH1, held in Findlay, Ohio. The convention weekend had all the necessary business with a distinct twist of fun, including a Euchre tournament.

To me, the most meaningful tradition in the district was the commissioning of the new District Governor Elect. All District Governors were called to line up across the front of the room in the order in which they served. The first Past

District Governor (PDG) in line was PDG Ben Pacey who served as OH1 District Governor in 1961-1962, still active in Lions today. The gavel and a microphone started with PDG Pacey. The subsequent PDGs announced their names and their year(s) of service and passed the gavel on. The District Governor Elect received the gavel to indicate his upcoming leadership, acknowledging Lions leadership is a continuum. Each governor stands on the legacy of those who have served before. Truly we all stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us. What a tribute of service and loyalty to all who participated, as well as a chance for newer Lions to celebrate those who have served in the past!



Dr. Dianne J. Pitts International Director 2021—2023

Greenwood Lions Club

In a more light-hearted manner, there were no tuxedos at the Grand Banquet. All males on the leadership team wore tuxedo t-shirts with boutonnieres. All women on the leadership team wore wrist corsages. Fun "formality"!



OH1 Past District Governors



OH1 DGE Dave Stockum

DOWNLOAD

Camp Leo 2021		
YES! I would personally like to donate to the		
2022 Camp Leo summer camp for		
SC sight-impaired youth.		
Name:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Mail to:		
Lion Dale Larow, President		
Camp Leo Council 30 Larkspur Lane		
Bluffton, SC 29909		
Make checks payable to Camp Leo Council. Thank you for your tax-deductible gift.		
Camp Leo Dates - July 17-23, 2022. St. Andrews By The Sea, United Methodist Church Hilton Head Island		

Rocky Bottom Children and Teen Camp of the Blind Will you Climb with Us! Confidence, Limitless, Independence, Motivation, Brave! By Jennifer Bazer, Director









Since 1979, Rocky bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind, RBRCCB has served as a relaxing getaway for the blind of South Carolina. This retreat and conference center is affiliated with the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina. RBRCCB is the only campus of its kind, owned and operated by the blind. Our campus is supported by rentals and donations.

Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind (RBRCCB) is nestled in the picturesque foothills of Sassafras mountain in northern Pickens county. This 30-acre campus is the perfect setting for recreational and educational activities. Its natural environment is enhanced by two richly flowing creeks which border the property, offering delightful acoustic and scenic beauty. RBRCCB is a perfect destination for anyone who wants to experience the natural beauty of Southern Appalachia with cozy, rustic facilities. This campus consists of five buildings, a children's play area, basketball court, putt-putt course, pool, gazebos, mountain trails, and a fishing pond.

Our campus is located a short drive from Asheville, Brevard, and Pickens, which offer outstanding shopping and dining experiences. For those seeking outdoor adventure, visit nearby Pisgah National Forest, Table Rock State Park, or hike to the summit of Sassafras mountain (The highest point in South Carolina). RBRCCB is the perfect choice for individuals, church groups, scout troops, business conferences, and organizations to work, play, and learn while also enjoying the refreshing mountain atmosphere.

Each summer, camps for blind children and teens are held. Children's camp at Rocky Bottom will be June 11-18 and teen camp will be July 23-30. The camps for blind children and teens provides an opportunity to learn independent living skills like cooking and cleaning, financial management, Braille, assistive technology, and white cane travel. They also enjoy fun activities including swimming, hiking, horseback riding and trips to the Scoop ice cream shop and kayaking at Table Rock State park. The children and teens gain skills in confidence and lifelong friends.

Each week of camp for children and teens costs approximately \$10,000 which includes transportation for the participants to get to camp, food for 30 campers and 20 volunteers, accessible games and equipment, outings for the campers, expenses for nurses and lifeguards, and supplies. The two weeks are funded solely on in-kind and monetary donations.

Some Lions' Clubs have been generous in their contributions to assist in this valuable program and we are so appreciative of your generosity!

Camp Rocky bottom means so much to me. As the current children and teen camp director, I am also blind. I attended camp Rocky Bottom as a young blind girl. I have come full circle as being the camp director for blind children and teens.

If you, someone you know or your club would like to assist in making the two weeks at Rocky Bottom a success for the children and teens through in-kind donations, monetary donations or volunteering your time, please contact me at 803-960-9977 or email me at

<u>Jennifer.h.bazer@gmail.com</u>

Checks can be made to Rocky Bottom Camp of the Blind with children/teen camp in the memo and mailed to:

Jennifer Bazer Children and Teen Camp Director 155 Derby Drive West Columbia, SC 29170

I would love to come speak at Your local club upon the completion of both camps so that you are able to see how your support helped blind children and teens have fun and learn blindness skills at Rocky Bottom. Thank you for your continued support of a camp that means so much to me and so many blind youth in South Carolina.

CAMP LION DEN

Camp Lions Den registration is open and we would love to fill camp in 2022. Our links to the application are below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Camp Lions Den registration is now OPEN! The dates for camp in 2022 are July 10-16. In order to complete your registration, visit <u>https://camplionsden.campbrainregistration.com/</u> and complete the application.

Information you will need to complete your application:

- a. Health History
- b. Medications
- c. Tetanus shot (dated within the past 9 years)
- d. 2022 Permissions and Release of Liability
- e. 2022 Camper Profile

Schedule your campers Medical Exam:

a. Medical exams must have been completed within a year of the last day your camper will be in attendance this coming summer. It must be completed by a Licensed Medical Personnel. Please upload through the parent portal. This is should be submitted by May 1st 2022.

Links you will need:

Click here to access the Parent Portal.

Click here for the Medical Exam Form

Camp is free for all campers thanks to the Anderson Mid-Day Lions Club. We look forward to serving your camper in the 2022 Camp Season.

Camp Lions Den serves any camper with a visual impairment ages 6-13.

Have a wonderful day.

Go Tigers!

Janay Whitesel

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY Reservations Coordinator Outdoor Lab 864.656-9540 www.clemson.edu/outdoorlab

College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences Building People and Communities



Dear Lions,

Thank you for supporting LVS over the past month. The Santee Blind Fishing Event was a huge success, the Annual Meeting was well attended at the State Convention, and our May Giving Day surpassed its goal! Together you are making LVS stronger and more capable than ever.

We would especially like to emphasize our thanks to everyone who made a gift to LVS during our May 3rd Giving Day. Together 64 individuals, Lions Clubs, and philanthropists across the state raised \$41,003 for sight saving services on our May Giving Day yester-day!!

The Union Lions Club, Myrtle Beach Lions Club, and Columbia Northwest Lions Club each made a Club Contribution. District 32-C won the Coastal Carolina National Bank Challenge Gift. A very generous donor also contributed a \$3,000 prize award to our Palmetto Giving Day campaign for participation in community activities on Front Street during our Giving Day.

Thank you to everyone who gave the gift of sight on May 3rd!

Diabetes frequently contributes to and exacerbates vision loss, especially in rural, low-



income communities where making healthy lifestyle choices is difficult due to limited access to resources. Join LVS in promoting awareness, prevention, and management of Diabetes in our 2022 Virtual Event Series!

Our next program features Iris McDuffie, RDN, LD, a Rural Health Extension Agent for Florence and Marion County with Clemson University. Iris will share engaging information on healthy nutrition and lifestyle solutions for those with Diabetes and their caregivers. Iris is a subject matter expert in renal nutrition, electronic health records (EHR)and nutrition education. She received a Biology degree from Elizabeth City State University, a Masters of Science degree from UAMS,

and an M.ED in Science Education from Wake Forest University.

Register online at: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvc-ivpzluE9EEEic6HcgTXgjrexIMHkh</u>

Together In Service,

Lion Daniel J. Prohaska, MA, CFRE Lions Vision Services President & CEO (803) 796-1305 Daniel@sightfirst.org <u>Give Now</u>: Text "sightfirst" to 44321 Give online at: <u>lionsvision-</u> <u>services.org</u> Mail checks to: 234-C Outlet Pointe Blvd. Columbia, SC 29210





The 30th Santee Blind Fishing Event was a tremendous success! Nearly 50 blind and visually impaired people from across the Lowcountry came together and enjoyed a weekend on Lake Marion for the 30th anniversary of this Fishing Tournament.

Busses picked up clients from Charleston and Ladson, bringing guests to the Hampton and Fairfield Inn in Santee. Friday night dinner was held at the Santee Cooper Country Club. On Saturday participants traveled to Lake Vue Landing where more than a dozen boats carried guests to fish in Potato Creek. Some guests opted to stay on the docks and fish from shore.

Chris and Stacey Coker of Lake Vue Landing catered two wonderful meals for guests and sponsored a \$25 cash prize for each of the award recipients. The following awards were given:

Most Number of Catches: Terry Sumter (2 shellcrackers, 2 Bluegills, and 3 Redfin Pickerels)

Most Unique Catch: Christian and Glenda Ladson (Yellow Perch)

Biggest Catch 2nd Place: Theresa Chiarito (14" catfish)

Biggest Catch 1st Place: Lucas Cain (18" catfish)

VIP Fisher of the Year: Rita Williams



As the overall winner of the Tournament, Lucas Cain is the recipient of a sponsorship from LVS to attend the North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament in the fall along the Outer Banks.

It costs roughly **\$250 to sponsor one blind or visually impaired person**'s expenses for the weekend.

The *tentative* dates for the 2023 Santee Blind Fishing Event are April 21-22, 2023.

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A Message from MD32 Council Chair Pat Friday

MESSAGE FROM CC PAT FRIDAY

I am proud to say that I feel we had a very successful MD 32 State Convention celebrating 100 years of service. It was one of the highest numbers in attendance for many years. We had over 50 first timers in attendance and hope they will return again next year. For those who were there, I thank you for taking the time to come and join in the celebration. Those who were not there, here are some of the highlights of the convention.

- For some of us it actually started on Wednesday as ID Michael "Mike" Banks from Stillwater, OK was returning directly to us from LCI Board Meeting in HI (30 hours of travel time). He was greeted by our Host for the weekend, ID Dr. Eugene and Lion Rita Spiess, PCC Paul and Lion Bobbie Dove and myself.
- Thursday morning many of us headed to the State House in Columbia as VDGE Tony Bell made arrangements for the SC Lions to be recognized in the State House. We visited both the Senate and House and were recognized from the floor to those of us in the balcony. We were 42 Lions that very proud to be there.



Pat Friday MD 32 Council Chair 2021—2022 803-645-0606

- Friday was our PDG luncheon where our ID Mike Banks spoke to us briefly while the voting took place for our incoming VCCE.
- All Lions went to the Western Sizzlin Steakhouse for dinner a time to eat and visit with one another. Then we went over to the Florence Center where we continued our celebration and danced to the fine music by Johnny Glenn and his group. Our very own (now) Lion Susan McClary entertained us during a brief break to assist in learning some new dance steps.
- Saturday was a full-packed day starting with our Council Meeting at 7 am until the reception at 6:30 pm through our banquet where we had wonderful dinner music provided by Johnny Glenn.
- We had our usual Annual Meetings where Lion Anne Matoy did a presentation of Energizing the Youth into Lionism and was well received by all, Cabinet Meetings and a Service Project for Mozambique headed up by the Darlington Club. Collecting thousands of used glasses and washing them. As IPDG Bill Hahn said, " how can you have a service convention and not have a service project?" something to think about today.
- One of the many highlights for me at the Awards Luncheon was when our Councilman William Schofield from Florence was there to welcome us to his fine city, told us of his father being a long time Lion. By the time he was done speaking he joined the Florence Lions Club and was inducted right then and there by ID Mike!
- We had several Melvin Jones Fellow, Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, and Eclipse Society which was none other than PID Dr. Eugene and Lion Rita Spiess.

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- The Peace Poster State Winner, Morgan Thomas from the Paul Knox Middle School in North Augusta, sponsored by Aiken Lions Club, with her extended family and art teacher there to witness her recognition. Lion Rita did an excellent introduction for her and the Peace Poster Contest. We also had several Hall of Fame Inductions.
- Saturday banquet was a real thrill as we had our very own PCC Eddie Marshall lead us in the singing of the National Anthem, the W. Florence H.S. Air Force Jr. ROTC to present the colors and to really make it special in addition to the Presidential Medals and Certificates we were thrilled that ID Mike inducted four more new members. That Camden Club is really growing and DG Jay was thrilled that his fun, loving wife, Susan has become a member of the Georgetown Club.
- We had a "speechless acceptance speech" from PCC Lion Paul Dove who was overwhelmed and honored with the SC Lion of the Year Award. A well-deserved recognition!
- It was my pleasure to announce that our incoming VCCE is none other than DG Jim Barbare from the Blue Ridge Lions Club.

None of this would have happened without our great Convention Committee Chairs. Our Hospitality and Silent Auction Rooms were decorated for this Special Occasion, 100 years of Service to the great state of SC. It took IPDG Bill Hahn to head up our many Zoom meetings and keep us on track. A big thank you to all from your Council Chair, Pat Friday now known as "Momma CC"!

We thank all of the lions, clubs and businesses that supported us financially by placing an ad in our Program. The theme, Up Up and Away Looking Into the Future", says it all. We are now looking forward to the next 100 years of lionism in SC.

And then there was my last Council Meeting on Sunday morning. In addition to thanking the best Council I could have asked for, and I handed the gavel to VCC Henry Harrison now your CCE. See photo attached.

A big thank you to the staff at the Hilton Garden Inn as well as the Florence Center, both were excellent.

SC MD32 PEACE POSTER WINNER



I was not only honored to be the CC who was able to be the presenter as Ms. Morgan Thomas from Paul Knox Middle School won for Aiken Lions Club, my club, District 32C and the MD 32 State winner.

Lion Pat Friday CC MD 32 Aiken Lions Club (803) 645-0606



Left to right

Council Chair Pat Friday, Ms. Morgan Thomas and ID Mike Banks our guest speaker from Stillwater, OK standing with Ms. Morgan and her beautiful PEACE Poster who displayed her poster depicting the LCI theme, We Are All Connected".



FROM THE DESK OF HOPE BARBARE

Let's make history!!! Some people make history because they have a negative influence but some people make history for very positive influences. As part of the fabulous Lions Clubs International, I know we are positive influences in areas of need all over the world. I am most thankful to be a part of it.

My Members			
Lion	Leo		
	This Month	This Year	
Opening Balance	3,086	3,030	
Added Members	0	387	
Dropped Members	0	331	
Closing Balance	3,086	3,086	
Net Gain/Loss	0	56	
Worldwide	1,413,50	08	

Right now our MD has an opportunity to make history in a little different "positive" way. If we continue the membership trend in our MD and Constitutional Area One, we will end the year with the first positive membership numbers in 40 years for CA1. That's history we want to be a part of making.

How can we do that? First, look at your current membership roll. Don't drop anyone just because you haven't seen them in a while. Call them. See if they want to keep their

membership current. Maybe they can't come to meetings right now because of health or family or job obligations, but let's not drop them just for non- attendance.

Do you have members who have not paid dues yet? Call them. I recently heard a story of a member who changed jobs and couldn't attend the meetings. She didn't receive a bill for her dues so she didn't pay them and was dropped from the club roll. She didn't want to be dropped so once she contacted the club, they got everything back on track.

At a recent meeting, ID Dianne Pitts talked about membership numbers and suggested that clubs consider waiting until July 1 to drop members who are not paying even if there may be a small cost to the club. If you drop a member in July, there is an entire year to make up the difference. If your club drops members June 30, there is no time to recruit and enter new members before the Lions year ends.

Check your club status for club excellence awards. Many clubs are 0 net growth right now. Can you challenge your club to recruit and enter ONE new member before June 30? We have found that once a club gets the Club Excellence Award in one year, they are eager to continue to strive for excellence the next year. Share with your club membership how many more you need to recruit. Also remember that to attain Club Excellence a club must contribute some amount to LCIF before June 30. If you have any questions, please let me know.

See this banner District S did to honor their Club Excellence Award winners (in the blue and white color)? I have accepted the MD GMT position for an additional year and I plan to "steal" (borrow) that idea for the MD convention next year. Will your club name be here? I'd love to have to buy multiple banners to list all the club names.



Come on, let's make history.

FROM THE DESK OF GLT—PCC RHETT HAIR

Greetings all!

Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner are two of the most respected experts in the field of leadership. Perhaps one of their best known books is titled, The Leadership Challenge. In this particular text, Kouzes and Posner cite the research-based "Five Fundamental Practices of Exemplary Leadership."

Challenge the Process: The ability to look for and accept challenges. Leaders that challenge the process take initiative, find new opportunities, take risks on new and innovative ideas rather than continuing to do things as they have always been done,

Inspire a Shared Vision: Where you can imagine the possibilities and opportunities for the future and have confidence in their abilities to make those possibilities a reality. This also means considering and understanding the needs and dreams of others, and enlisting their support in order to achieve the collective goals of everyone involved.

Enable Others to Act: the ability of a leader to understand that leadership is not an individual endeavor, but that it takes a team of people to ensure success.

Model the Way: Lead by example and understand that a leader's actions must be aligned with his or her values and beliefs. When the leader consistently models these values and beliefs, he or she strengthens the commitment of others and creates momentum toward future projects and endeavors.

Encourage the Heart: The ability to recognize individual efforts and achievements and to celebrate team milestones. These actions demonstrate a genuine appreciation for those that support the leader, and in turn, motivate them to continue to succeed.

Maxwell illustrates that, much like an athlete must train to strengthen his or her skills and technique, a leader must constantly seek opportunities for growth and development of skills and knowledge.

The Leadership Moment.

Communication and Collaboration.

Often, we make the mistake of not sharing the big picture. Successful Collaboration requires excellent communication. Collaboration enables individuals to work together to achieve a defined and common purpose.

With Communication and Collaboration your team can perform at a higher level. Good collaboration is, when someone takes your ideas, tells you you're crazy or impossible, and then works with you to make them better.

Everyone, thank you for what you do! Together we can! WE SERVE!

PCC Rhett Hair

MDGLT

FROM THE DESK OF DG JIM BARBARE—DISTRICT

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACHES LEAD TO NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS

May Membership outreaches lead to new member inductions in June and July. Can you find that special person that needs to be serving the community with your club members? My fellow Lions often remind me, in the recent trainings, "if *it is meant to be, it is up to me*". It's up to me to invite, call, bring to the meeting. Decide now that you will focus on one friend, neighbor, family member in the next 45 days and, with purpose, bring them into Lionism. New members will aid us in service and in making our clubs stronger.

A big thank you for helping our district achieve yet another goal this fiscal year as we aspired to have **222** new members added to our rolls in 2022. Currently our District has added **235 new members** and a positive net growth of 43. With over 40 days left in this fiscal year is it possible that we can break all records <u>with 250</u> <u>new members</u>? Can we? I will do all that I can. Will you?



Jim Barbare District Governor 32-S 2021 - 2022



GREER LIONS CLUB

1st VDGE Linda Rumsey and DG Jim Barbare presenting on behalf of the Greer Lions Club the Leo of the year award Leo Lyndsey Cloninger.



1st Vice Governor Elect Linda Rumsey and District Governor Jim Barbare presented Leo Citizen of the year to Leo Lauren Major on behalf of the Greer Lions Club.

The awards were given the Greer High Awards Service. Along with the award the Greer Lions presented both Leo's with a check for \$250 to help them prepare for their continuing education.

GREER CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB



MATCHING GRANT - We were honored to receive a \$2,500 matching grant from the Countybank Foundation to be used for needs at Chandler Creek and Crestview Elementary. We are currently working to determine the best use of funds at these schools. Thanks to past presidents Jack Lucas and Rudy Painter for helping to secure this funding.

SERVANTS FOR SIGHT – The Greer Centennial Lions were pleased to donate \$1,000 to Servants for Sight in Greenville. Executive Director Amy Evette was recently our guest speaker who talked to the club about the efforts to help disadvantaged people get the eye care they need. Amy says the money will be used towards the cost of a retinal camera they are in the process of purchasing.

PINS FOR EXCELLENCE: Immediate Past President Mia Wade was recently awarded the Club Excellence pin for the club receiving the Club Excellence Award during her time as President. Mia thanked the club for their service and that she was "simply guiding the great ship" and the club did the great work. 1st VP Keith Taylor also received the Membership Key for sponsoring 2 members in the club.



CHARTER CELEBRATION: The Greer Centennial Lions also celebrated 5 years as an official club April 21, 2022. What an amazing 5 years it has been. Thanks to all Lions who helped us get this far!

BLOOD DRIVE: Join us May 20th for a community blood drive in Greer at Benson Automotive from 11 am- 3 pm. For every blood donor, \$20 will be donated back to the Lions Clubs. Please share this event with your clubs and public.

MORE GREER CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB

FISHING SUCCESS - Despite near freezing temps and high winds, the 3rd annual bass fishing tournament on Lake Robinson was a successful one. The club raised more than \$13,000 and gave away donations to Greenville County Litter Ends Here, Keep OneSpartanburg Beautiful and Fishers of Men. Fishermen also took home top prizes for 1-3rd place.











LEXINGTON LIONS CLUB

LEXINGTON LIONS LATINO BRANCH CLUB

On April 26, 2022, the Lexington Lions Club and our Latino Lions Branch Club hosted our annual pancake supper. We typically hold in January each year, but rescheduled due to covid. The volunteer turnout and community support was strong!







LEXINGTON LIONS LATINO BRANCH CLUB



On Saturday, April 30, members of the Lexington Lions Latino Branch Club completed a handicap ramp build. They work with partnership with EmmanuWheels to build rampes for those in need in the community.

SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB



Pictured is Lion Jan Benjamin with just a part of the mounds of the 500 lbs. of plastic collected by the Spartanburg Lions Club members to be shipped to TREX so that a bench can be made. This was a great project that encouraged members to work with some local businesses like PetSmart and Food Lion by asking them if they would save their plastic for our project - it was a 'win-win' for everybody!! The Spartanburg Lions are now working with the Woodruff Lions Club by continuing to collect the plastic for them until we are eligible to start collecting for another bench for our club in September. A special thanks to Greenwood Lions Club member, Jerry Cramer, for providing information about this great recycling project

at one of our club meetings. Helping to save our environment !!!!

TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB

Lion Christine Lekich receiving the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame based on her strong leader-



ship, meaningful actions, and significant impact she has had on the Tega Cay Lions Club, our community, and neighboring organizations. Lion Christine has been a Tega Cay Lion for 11 years.

 Lion Christine Lekich showed exceptional leadership to the Tega Cay Lions Club during what was the most challenging year in many of our lifetimes.

* To ensure that the Lions could continue to serve even in this uncertain environment, she supported ongoing projects, and welcomed and supported new projects proposed by members. She also supports the club's marketing through her communications with the city communica-

tions officer, Facebook postings, and creation of flyers.

- * The Bags-to-Benches program championed by Lion Christine has been amazingly successful and impactful on our community and environment. She and her husband, Lion Tony, are to be commended for their hard work to keep the program running. In Tega Cay, this initiative has kept over 10 tons of plastic out of our lakes and streams and has made citizens aware of the importance of taking care of our planet.
- Regarding new projects, Lion Christine supported Lions as they proposed and researched innovative projects

THE MATHEWS LIONS CLUB

The Mathews Lions Club Supports The Palmetto Boys State

At the March meeting of The Mathews Lions Club, American Legion Representative Gene Pinson and previous Boys State participant Drew Geoly presented a program on The Palmetto Boys State. Mr. Pinson spoke on the process for selecting boys, the requirements of those who attend, and the long term benefits that the boys receive by participating. Mr. Geoly spoke about the experience he had during the week and how it impacted his life. At the conclusion of the program, the club voted to help sponsor two boys for the 2022 Palmetto Boys State that will be conducted June 12-18 at Anderson University.



Club Presents Check to The Palmetto State Boys

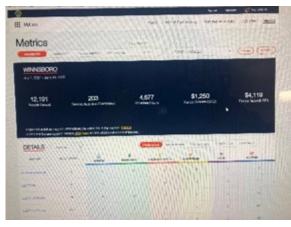
(Left to Right) American Legion Post 20 Representative Gene Pinson, Drew Geoly, Lion Claudia Dority (President of The Mathews Lions Club).

WINNSBORO LIONS CLUB

Fairfield County Council on Aging Director Angie Connor was the featured speaker at Winnsboro Lions Club's April meeting, She spoke on the \$500,000 remodeling of the Council's facilities and how greatly that had enabled them to better serve their clientele. Winnsboro Lions volunteer with the Meals on Wheels program her organization sponsors and assist with other service projects, including the Council's Christmas "Angel Tree" event.



MORE WINNSBORO LIONS CLUB



Each MD 32 club has a "metrics" site on MyLION. Winnsboro Lions post strong service reporting metrics each month. All club reports are uploaded to Lions International's metrics cumulations, so these numbers are constantly updated.

New members Melvin Whittenburg and Julie Reese were inducted into the Winnsboro Lions Club. Their sponsors (extreme left and right, respectively) Lions Michelle Taylor and Melody Hair are shown during the induction ceremony.





PCC Rhett Hair inducts new Winnsboro Lions during a regular club meeting. The club posts several new members and will induct at least two new Lions in May plus add transfers from a closing club. The club has voted to extend the terms of our current officers who have been instrumental in building the club and increasing fund raising and service activities. The officers include Lion Bobbie Dove, president; Lion Gene Holmes, first vice-president; Lion Michelle Taylor, second vice-president; Lion Richard Hodges, secretary, and Lion Cathy Johnson, treasurer.



PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE 25th ANNUAL GREER LIONS CLUB Joe Stewart Memorial GOLF TOURNAMENT May 20, 2022 - at - GREER GOLF CLUB

Company Name and address: (please complete)

Our Company would like to be a HOLE SPONSOR

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A Team for \$360.00 (\$90.00 per player) () Yes () No muligians and Red tees \$5.00 each, limit one each per player

TOTAL TEAM FEE: \$400.00 INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CARTS, RANGE BALLS, RED TEES & MULLIGANS and LUNCH FOR ALL 4 PLAYERS Total Team---- \$400.00

Total Invoice---Team & Hole Sponsor---- \$550.00

<u>MAIL TO:</u> GREER LIONS CLUB Attn: Roger Rainey PO BOX 1985, GREER, SC 29652.

SIGN UP FORMS ARE AVILABLE AT GREER GOLF CLUB, AND YOU CAN EMAIL OR CALL<u>Rarainey@charter.net</u> or call 864-350-2599 TO SIGN UP.

REGISTRATION AT 11:30 AM******LUNCH AND BEVERAGES INCLUDED SHOTGUN START AT 12:30 PM



Spartanburg Lions Club Fundraising Raffle

You could WIN!!!! 2022/2023 Week at Edisto Island "Family Tides" Beach House 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home—sleeps 10 (Any week Nov-Dec 2022 or Jan-Apr 2023 except holiday weeks)





\$10.00 per Ticket—Drawing to be held on June 6, 2022 Thanks to this generous donation, ALL proceeds will benefit community projects and the sight services of Spartanburg Lions Club Foundation a 501 (c)3 Results will be published on our website and Facebook page



3rd Annual Strike Out Diabetes

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

Joanna Lions Club Saturday, June 4, 2022

Paradise Lanes

469 E. Blackstock Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301

4 person teams / \$30 per person (includes t-shirt) Deadline to register is May 19. 2022 to receive a t-shirt. On-site registration available. No Tap Tournament – All ages – Bowling & Non-Bowling Divisions

Top Prizes (1st & 2nd Place Team in each division)

Sponsorships Available Door Prizes and 50/50 Drawing

Tournament Information: Registration starts at 1:00PM Bowling starts at 2:00PM



For more information contact: Eddie Marshall at 864-200-9797 or eddiemarshall@lcsd56g.com

Thank You for Reading the May Edition of the Palmetto Lion We hope you ENJOYED !

We want to hear from everyone!!

Be sure to read the June edition of the Palmetto Lion. We will be hearing from our outgoing officers one last time and meeting our incoming officers. Have your articles and pictures to me by Sunday, June 5

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