

District 8L Newsletter

July 2021

Message from the District Governor



I am certainly hoping at the time of this message that you are in good health. If not, we pray for you and those around you that may be suffering in some way.

Packed your bags? Saddled your horse? Get ready to ride this year's adventure journey. We are certainly hoping for trails to ride this year because the pandemic surely put the stop to many of our plans in 2020-2021.

I have spoken to our PDG Tina Hickey and voiced my wish to her that we dedicate, hopefully, all the good we are able to accomplish this year to her groundwork. It was not fair

nor right that the COVID stopped or at least held up some of the projects in D8L that Tina had planned to move forward with. Let's make a concerted effort to make this a banner year for all of us.

To make a visit to all 21 clubs this year, an email or call to me would be appreciated. This way you pick the date that I can visit your club, as not to interrupt maybe someone you have already scheduled to speak. Email: jmadden50@yahoo.com Cell: 318-401-5421.

Both Minden clubs and the Bossier club are very much looking forward to using the new vision screening mobile trailer in their areas this Fall. Events are scheduled and the unit could certainly be used. In fact, all clubs in an area where the unit is located would certainly be welcomed. Fairs, festivals, etc. will be a prime drawing card for use, so get your name on the list. and let's get busy. Last word to me was that the unit may be ready by the end of September. Hope so.

The Camp is getting a new face lift as far as the infirmary is concerned. Work to upgrade this segment of the facility was needed and only the best for the ones who visit there.

District 8S held its Leadership Conference on August 7-8 in NOLA. It was very well received by all present. Fellowship amongst Lions is always an enjoyable event.

The date for our conference has been set for the weekend of October 23-24 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City. Watch for info as it comes available. Covid be gone.

Congrats to our new MD8 Council Chair PDG Mimi Stoker from Natchitoches. She has come out of the gate full throttle, and we are hanging on to keep up with her agenda.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Jerry Madden



District Officers 2020-2021

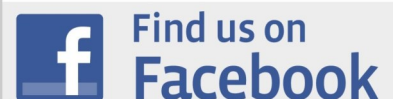
District Governor.....	Jerry Madden
2nd Vice District Governor.....	Todd Buffington
District Secretary.....	Sherrie McMurray
District Treasurer.....	Krissy Shelton
Region 1 Zone Chair	Helen Mazier
Region 2 Zone Chair.....	Jerry Brannen
Region 3 Zone Chair.....	Ray Cecil
8L GMT	Mike Trainor
8L GST.....	Rick Buckner
8L GLT	Terry Harkey
IPDG.....	Tina Hickey
LCIF Coordinator.....	Harriet Hudson

Save the Date

- Sep 18/21—USA/Canada Forum, Des Moines, Iowa
- Sept 18 —MD8 Council Meet 10 a.m. Port Barre
- Sept 19 —8L Cabinet —3 p.m. Natchitoches

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**District
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First Vice District Governor

Terry Harkey

Many of you may recognize the new first vice district governor. She served as governor in 2019-2020. On March 2nd, we received a letter of resignation from Lion Debbie Schillings. At this date, everyone began a search for a member who had the necessary training and requirements to replace her. By June, it was clear that having missed all training for the year that the District Governor would have to appoint a past district governor to fill the spot. In July, District Governor Jerry appointed Lion Terry to serve the remainder of the term left and will be on the ballot in April for district governor.

In March of 2020 when the lockdowns from COVID-19 began, Lion Terry was able to secure an emergency grant from LCIF. Following the completion of that grant, she was forced to sit out the remainder of her term due to lockdowns. Therefore she is very excited to have a second chance to complete plans she had made for our district, even though now the need for rebuilding from two years of inactivity is much greater.



Second Vice District Governor

Todd Buffington

I am very excited about being Second Vice District Governor for District 8-L. I will retire this year and be able to devote more time to Lionism. My wife, Lion Dr. Ashley Buffington and I are looking forward to traveling outside of Louisiana to represent District 8-L.

I have been a member of the Minden Evening Lions Club for 23 years and have held numerous club and district offices including Board President of the Louisiana Lions Eye Bank.

We have much work to do over the next few years to rebuild our membership. The current COVID crisis has affected every part of our lives. Our clubs are suffering from a lack of fundraisers, decreasing membership, and decreasing interaction with our communities.

We must find a way to get back out there and make ourselves relevant in our communities. My goal is to spread this message to each member of each club and rebuild our momentum.





CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

Minden Evening
July 14, 1959

Many
August 22, 1927

Bossier City
September 2, 1927

Natchitoches
October 7, 1943

Shreveport Downtown
October 19, 1917

Minden
October 22,, 1925



Recognize the service
your club achieves by
sending in your pics to
lionsdistrict8L@gmail.com
..and add a note about
what is going on in the
picture. PLEASE!?!?!?

Global Leadership Chair

FVDG Terry Harkey

Recently I attended the MD2 (Texas) State Convention. They have an unbelievably deep leadership pool. First of all, they have 16 districts! This multiple uses a rotation to make sure each district gets a council chair once every 16 years. Each district hosts the state convention every 16 years.... think about that! They do not have the enormous distraction every 5 years to host a convention, as we do, The stress this puts on the district governor for this event is pretty heavy. Each year there seems to be fewer and fewer people willing to step up and help.

What would it take to get you to step forward and take a small role on a committee in our district? If you do not do that, someone else has to. And that someone else probably will have to do another role as well. In fact, most of our "committees" are just the chairperson!

I am posting the list of officers and committee chairs for 2021-2022. You may notice MANY of the positions are empty. Please consider volunteering to serve. Training/information for each position is available if you are interested.

Title	*>3 years total	First Name	Last Name	Club Name
Governor		Jerry	Madden	MINDEN
Immediate Past Governor		Tina	Hickey	SHREVEPORT RED RIVER
First Vice Governor		Terry	Harkey	NORTH SHREVEPORT
Second Vice Governor		Todd	Buffington	MINDEN EVENING
Cabinet Secretary		Sherrie	McMurray	MINDEN EVENING
Cabinet Treasurer		Krissy	Shelton	SHREVEPORT RED RIVER
Newsletter Editor		Terry	Harkey	NORTH SHREVEPORT
Region Zone 1A/1B		Helen	Mazier	NORTH SHREVEPORT
Zone 1C/2B		Jerry	Brannen	MINDEN
Zone 3 AB		Ray	Cecil	LEESVILLE
*GLT Coordinator		Terry	Harkey	NORTH SHREVEPORT
*GMT Coordinator		Mike	Trainor	MINDEN EVENING
*GST Coordinator		Rick	Buckner	MINDEN
*GMT Family & Women's Specialist				
GMA Champion (formerly NAMI)		Terry	Harkey	NORTH SHREVEPORT
Alert				
Convention Chairperson				
Diabetes Chairperson				
Environment Chairperson				
Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action				
Honorary				
Information Technology Chairperson				
International Relations				
*LCIF Coordinator				
Leo Chairperson (3 Year)				
Lions Quest				
Services for Children				
Peace Poster Contest Chairperson		Terry	Harkey	NORTH SHREVEPORT
Public Relations & Lions Information				

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**Don't forget
to recycle**



NEXT TIME:

Douglas X. Alexander is our new international president. His pin (above) represents his theme—Service from the Heart.

Read more about this man in the October 8L Newsletter.



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Title	*>3 years total	First Name	Last Name	Club Name
Reading Action Program Chairperson				
Sight Preservation, Awareness, Action				
Vision Chairperson				
Childhood Cancer				
Youth Camp & Exchange				
Audit for 2022-23				
Audit for 2020-21				
Constitution and ByLaws	Scott	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Credentials	Sherrie	McMurray		MINDEN EVENING
Elections	Tommy	McMurray		MINDEN EVENING
Memorial	Tommy	McMurray		MINDEN EVENING
Nominations	Bud	Byrd		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Parliamentarian	Scott	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Protocol	Logan	Morris		
Resolutions	Scott	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Rules and Regs	Scott	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Sergeant at Arms	Jason	Parker		MINDEN
Tail Twister	Tracy	Campbell		MINDEN
Chaplain	Tommy	McMurray		MINDEN EVENING
Eye Glass Recycling	Bud	Byrd		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Fundraising				
Grievance & Goodwill	Pat	Mosher		BOSSIER CENTRAL
Historian	Bud	Byrd		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Leader Dog	Ashley	Buffington		MINDEN EVENING
World Services for Blind	Mike	Trainor		MINDEN EVENING
Long Range Planning	Scott	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT
MD8 Convention (2026)				
PDG Association	Scott	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT
Photographer	Terry	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT
USA/Canada Forum	Scott	Harkey		NORTH SHREVEPORT

LCIF District Coordinator

Harriet Hudson



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Louisiana Lions Children's Camp

Camp Director, Ray Cecil

Lion Ray has his hands full this month! He is working with many Lions to demolish the old Infirmary—a huge task! of how many will be there. All in all, since there was no camp this year, he has wisely used this time to rebuild and reorganize. There was a “camp” of sorts as he brought in the counselors for a special week. The worry is that with two years of no camp, he will lose his counselor base.

He is also hosting several families from the hurricane evacuation, and still not knowing what the end count will be. Look for his report next time.

CubSight

While the Eye Foundation is seeking a new CubSight Coordinator, all clubs need to be preparing to screen! LLEF is STILL in the business of saving vision. If your club cannot screen, please contact the Eye Foundation and let them know so someone else can step in the gap. Schools have started around the district and it is time to set up your schedules .

Remind schools that we do not come closer than 3 feet to any of the children.

Follow whatever restrictions each school requires.

Get in there and screen those kids!!



Now is the time to get that packet ordered and get a middle school in your area involved!!

It is so easy and so rewarding. Please consider sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in your area next July.

Packets are \$12.00 purchased from LCI Store.
Now available through August



If you would like to have a program on this at your club, just call or email Terry Harkey (318) 458-3779—magnetfencing@gmail.com

MINUTES FROM DISTRICT 8L CABINET MEETING

July 26, 2021 – Minden, LA

Governor Jerry Madden called the meeting to order. Lion Chaplain Tommy McMurray opened with Prayer. Michelle Waskom, Secretary to the Council, led the pledge. Sherrie McMurray, Cabinet Secretary, called the roll of district clubs. Each club represented indicated how many of their club were in attendance. Past District Governors were recognized by year they served.

The minutes of the last Cabinet Meeting reviewed. Mike Trainor, Past District Governor, made a motion to accept minutes as printed, seconded by Lion Tommy McMurray. Motion passed.

Krissy Shelton, District Treasurer, reviewed the treasury report. The balance at this time is \$23,340.53. With no questions, a motion was made by Terry Harkey, Past District Governor, to accept the report as presented, seconded by Tina Hickey, Immediate Past District Governor.

Reports:

Leadership – Terry Harkey, Past District Governor reported the club officer training was completed in June. Since zone chairs had not been selected, that training remains in the future.

Membership – Jerry Madden, District Governor, reported that membership is down by 105 members from last year. North Shreveport and Bossier City clubs have set a goal for getting new members this year.

Service - Lion Jerry Buckner was introduced as the District Service chair this year.

LCIF - Michelle Waskom, LCIF Area Coordinator, reported on grants for District 8L and the need for the district to continue to contribute to LCIF. The Campaign 100 goal of \$3,000,000, has been extended another year due to COVID-19 complications in fundraising. Currently, only \$2,000,000 of that goal has been met. It would be appreciated for all clubs in 8L to make an effort to begin or increase donations.

Zone reports – With one new zone chair attending, no reports were given.

Children's Camp – Mimi Stoker, Council Chair, reported we have not had camp in two years. The concern is for counselors. Camp Director Ray is conducting counselor training for the students who will not work this summer, but this will keep them in the loop. Donations are down. The camp still needs money to keep up with maintenance. A Fundraising Group has been hired to help out in this department. An updated medical care unit is being built at the camp. Infirmaries are regulated, but care units are not. The difference is around \$2,000,000. Work day will be on August 7, 2021. Bossier City Lions are going down to work and help tear down the old infirmary. All Lions were invited to help.

Eye Foundation – Scott Harkey, Past Council Chair, reported that the next meeting will be in New Orleans. The Foundation has a new staff member and two more will be hired. The new Cub Sight Trailer should be ready sometime in August. They are still discussing the wrap on the trailer which is a way to advertise the Cub Sight screenings. Mike Trainor, Past District Governor, reported each club is asked to donate \$100 for the wrap.

USA/Canada Forum – Terry Harkey, Past District Governor, reminded the forum is September 9-11, 2021, in Des Moines, Iowa. All members who have never attended the Forum need to plan to attend at least once.

State Convention – This next Multiple District 8 convention will be Lafayette on April 1st -3rd of 2022. We will hear more on that later.

District Governor Report – The sitting First Vice District Governor withdrew from the position in January, and after an exhaustive search for someone who could step in at that late date, the Governor decided to appoint a past district governor to the position. Terry Harkey, Past District Governor 2019-2020, will be appointed as soon as the appropriate meetings to appoint is finalized. The Fall Conference will be held at the Bossier Hilton Garden Inn October 22-23. We will hear more on this later.

No old business. No new business. Meeting adjourned. Notice will be sent for the next Cabinet Meeting.

Respectfully,

Lion Sherrie McMurray, Cabinet Secretary

IN THE ZONE

MEET THIS YEAR'S ZONE CHAIRS!

Zones 1A/1B— Helen Mazier (North Shreveport)

Bossier
Bossier Central
North Shreveport
Louisiana Animal Rescue Angels
Shreveport Downtown,
Shreveport Red River



Zones 1C/2B— Jerry Brannen (Minden)

Arcadia
Gibbsland
Haynesville
Homer
Minden
Minden Evening
Ruston
Simsboro
Springhill

Zones 3AB— Ray Cecil (Leesville)

Anacoco
Florien
Leesville
Many
Mansfield
Natchitoches



Our Governor at Work!

He is here, he is there, he is EVERYWHERE! Lion District Governor Jerry has not slowed down since he took office!



Wife, Cindy, "pulls the ribbon" for the governor



Collecting used eyeglasses with club mate, Tracy Cambell (Minden)



Attending the funeral of a soldier he had never met, but his belief is "Once you raise your hand, you are all brothers"





Above: Officiating Minden Evening's Installation and inducting new member, Sallie Thomas. Swearing in our newest vice governor.
Below: Hosting a sit down dinner for the first cabinet meeting! Largest cabinet meeting in recent memory!!



SERVING TOGETHER



LEFT: Minden Evening member Dru Thomas Brown delivers food to Mary Seney at United Christians Assistance Program

BELOW: President Sherrie McMurray recognized member accomplishments from Lion year 2020-2021 including FVDG Todd Buffington who received his 23 year pin. Dru got her 1 year pin and Congratulations!!



Left: Minden Evening incoming president Mike Trainor inducted two new members (Jeff Conaster and his son, Chris).

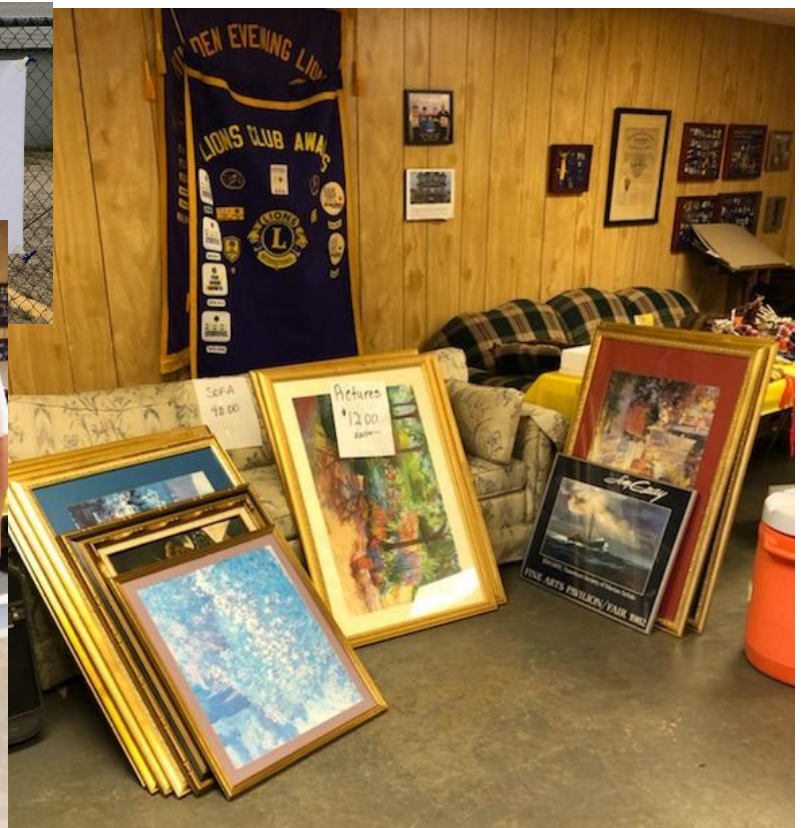


SERVING TOGETHER

For a small club, Minden Evening might just need their own newsletter to keep up with the activities happening in their club. Shortly after the last newsletter in April, They had a “Clean Up Minden” day. Left: Jake Chapman brought two future Lions; Right: part of the crew; l-r: Ronnie Veitch, Tommy Davis, Kyle Robinson and Dewayne Chapman.



Immediately following that, they had a garage sale at their clubhouse, which is located on the fairgrounds. L-R: PDG Mike Trainor, Sherrie McMurray, Arron, Ashley and Todd Buffington and Dru Brown



Despite COVID-19 restrictions and a day of rain (and looking at the photo on the left, members who were otherwise distracted!) the garage sale took in over \$750! Not a bad day's work!



And if that wasn't enough, they spent a few weeks giving their clubhouse a facelift—starting with the floor! PDG Mike doing the prep work. Lion Dru created a beautiful photo gallery from a door! Great job, Minden Evening Lions!



SERVING TOGETHER

Meanwhile in other parts of the district...



The



The newest club in our district held a “Pop-Up Shots” event at the Pet Zone.

The event was designed to get medicines to dogs whose families cannot afford vet care.

More events like this are scheduled as COVID-19 restrictions allow.

Above right: Club President Desiree holds the next customer, a Mexican hairless!

Left: Lion Cheryl administers a shot for parvo to a puppy.

SERVING TOGETHER



Above: COVID did not stop North Shreveport Lion PCC Scott from screening at the Providence House in Shreveport

Below: LLEF Immediate Past President Scott made the trip down to Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation "The Big Raffle" drawing and was allowed to draw the winning ticket for LLEF President Belinda Arceneaux (8-0) and Miranda Trahan (8-5)



SERVING GETHER

Bossier City Lions made the trip down to Anacoco to assist in the demolition of the Louisiana Lions Children's Camp infirmary.



Below:



MINDEN LIONS CLUB presents a check to Lion Secretary/Treasurer Charles Purdy and Lions Ed LaBruyere, Richard Campbell and John Becker, who also represents the Boy Scouts.

**Serving
Together**



Left: District Governor Jerry Madden and President Tracy Campbell collect over 200 pairs of eyeglasses

Bottom left: Lions Richard Campbell and Ed LaBruyere accept Lions Club donations to benefit the Louisiana Boys State and Girls State programs.

Lion Tamer Tommy Davis (right) presents Lion Jake Chapman with the H.O. West Memorial Driving Award for his memorable performance of jackknifing a flatbed trailer during the City-Wide Clean-Up Day.

