

District 8L Newsletter

October 2020

Message from the District Governor

And just when we thought it was safe to come out (with masks), Laura strikes. She left a path of destruction and devastation through-out the western half of our state.

Primary damage to district O and L and I that no one could have imagined was left. Thus, the District Governors felt it was their duty to call upon LCI for emergency grants. However, district I was without the ability to apply due to power and communications being down to nothing. Immediate Past District Governor Terry Harkey, 2nd Vice District Governor Debbie Schillings, and I



were able to bring a few supplies to Winnfield (district I) for first responders.

When we arrived, it looked like something out of a Sci-fi movie. There were power poles down with wires down in the streets and mass destruction to structures. The National Guard was visible on the ground. It was at that time I realized what a blessing it is to have Lions Clubs and other caring organizations to help with just the basic survival items. We talk a lot about the “what ifs”, but this time we experienced what it was to truly be in need.

Back on the home-front Council Chair Scott Harkey and Lion Brian Ropollo teamed up with Giving Bak to use their culinary skills in order to prepare over 3,500 daily meals to those in need with monies we received through an LCI emergency grant. The meals were delivered to the out-lying areas in need. The importance of the generosity of Lions giving to LCI once again paid off for us. This is the second LCI grant we have received this calendar year. The first was related to Covid-19.

Thanks to all others who participated in one way or another. There were dozens of you who have shown your true colors in this time of need.

You all make me very proud to say I am one of you—I am a Lion.



District Officers 2020-2021

District Governor.....	Tina Hickey
1st Vice District Governor.....	Jerry Madden
2nd Vice District Governor..	Debbie Schillings
District Secretary.....	Ed Ball
District Treasurer.....	Krissy Shelton
Region 1 Zone Chair.....	Debbie Schillings
Region 2 Zone Chair.....	Sherrie McMurray
Region 3 Zone Chair.....	Mimi Stoker
Immediate PDG.....	Terry Harkey

Save the Date

- October 10-11, LLLCC Meeting
- October 24, 8L Workshop— Bossier
- November 7-8, VDG/GAT/ZC training—Anacoco (camp) LA
- November 14, LLEF Board—Lafayette
- November 15, Peace Poster Deadline
- January 23-24, VDG training, LLLCCamp
- February 2-5, DGE training, Oakbrook
- February 6-7, 80 Con, Rayne, LA
- February 25. Leesville Rodeo
- April 9-12, MD 8 State Con—Bossier

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District
e-House





Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation

by LLEF Executive Director/CEO Chris Carlone



Last year, while planning for the year 2020, I was looking forward to a particularly historic one, envisioning it to be a symbolic representation of 20/20 vision. I never expected this year to be such a historically *challenging* one.

The challenges started early with COVID-19 which continues to prevent our Lions from serving others and raising funds in the normal manner. Then recently, a nasty lady named Laura came to visit our State. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have suffered during these trying times.

The good news is that some schools are opening now and we understand that most are extending the required 45-day mandate to screen the children. The bad news is that many children are starting school and doing online learning without being screened. This severely limits parents and teachers from knowing whether or not the children are able to see the material correctly.

We suggest you contact the schools you normally screen to see when they would like to schedule a screening.

Of course, your health and safety are most important for us at LLEF. Please know our CubSight staff is here, ready, and willing when you need us.

CubSight

by CubSight Coordinator Walter Peat

CubSight was heading for a banner year. All of the Clubs performed so well in the first three quarters that it saved the 2019/2020 year. Covid 19 shut down almost all activity for the entire MD-8 Lions, with CubSight receiving very few screenings for the end of the 2019/2020 year. The year-end totals for MD-8 were:

2019/2020 Sessions	640	Screened	28,965	Referred	4,284
2018/2019 Sessions	<u>765</u>	Screened	<u>32,724</u>	Referred	<u>4,503</u>
Difference	-125		-3,759		-219

School openings began in September, and I am glad to report the clubs are taking advantage and are beginning to screen in big numbers. Unofficially 1st quarter numbers are over 1,400 with October at 300 screened. Another 2,000+ are scheduled for later this month.



Hahnville Lions Club screening 150 kids Oct. 1st

CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

Minden Evening

July 14, 1959

Bossier City

September 2, 1927

Natchitoches

October 7, 1943

Shreveport Downtown

October 19, 1917

Minden

October 22, 1925

Simsboro

December 8, 1966

Gibbsland

December 13, 1928

Springhill

December 15, 1927

The first person to read this
and email the editor gets a
special gift.



**Don't forget
to recycle
eyeglasses.**

Global Leadership Chair

IPDG Terry Harkey

WOW. Just. Wow. What a first quarter! Many clubs are meeting, but in some clubs, chaos and disorganization reigns! So... everyone take a deep breath, relax, drop those shoulders, breath out. It is going to be O.K. Sometimes I say this to myself!

As your leadership chair, I'm planning a "Club GAT Summit" very soon—maybe you will have already received the Zoom invitation by now. This summit is very important to the district leadership.

What is GAT? The Global Action Team is chaired by the president. You remember when I visited all your clubs last Lion year that I said the GAT is like a 3-wheeler. The rear wheels are SERVICE and MEMBERSHIP—with the front wheel is LEADERSHIP. A club needs ALL THREE wheels or it becomes unbalanced and can be completely useless. To keep our clubs healthy, we need to elect, train, and maintain the "magnificent seven", i.e. president, 1st vice, secretary, treasurer, membership, service and marketing. It is essential to your club's well-being to have these officers in place. You may also recall I reminded each club that the 1st vice president **IS** the leadership chairperson by default.

Please work towards getting the "magnificent seven" installed into your club. The summit will provide some very helpful tools. Remember: the mark of a good leader is to work himself out of a job by training the next person to do it!

SEE YOU SOON ON ZOOM!!

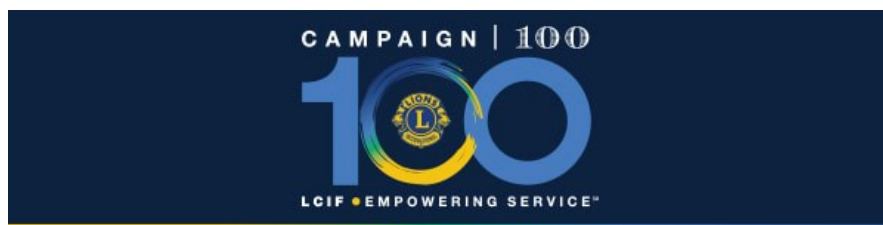


**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Sept 27, 2020

As of this date we have a goal of \$140,000 for Campaign 100.

Our cumulative cash received is \$41,820. Our cumulative pledge balance is \$680.00. Our district has no Model Clubs. The total as of September for the district is \$37.52.T The total state wide is \$250,490. We received a grant for \$10,000 for supplies for frontline workers during the first outbreak of Covid-19. Since few clubs have been meeting there has been no monies taken in since early in 2020.



Global Membership Chair

PDG Mike Trainor

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health. The state GMTs had our first meeting/training session in Marrero. Chris Breaux, state GMT, put on a good workshop where we had a panel of younger Lions and non-Lions. We were able to get ideas and insight of the younger generation. Hopefully we will be able to implement some of the ideas.

Lion Terry Harkey, IPDG, is planning a (virtual) NAMI/Membership Chair Summit for next month. For the remaining of this calendar year (December) LCI has waived the new membership fee of \$35 for any new member signed up. Membership is down all across the state, and we all need to do our part in turning this around. Let's get rid of the old statement that "LIONS IS THE BEST KEPT SECRET".



Karen Tynan, new member of Red River



District 8L NAMI Champion

IPDG Terry Harkey

District Governor Tina designated the 2020-2021 8L NAMI Champion immediately following her district governor training where they rolled out the NAMI program and asked each governor to pick someone who was involved with growth. DG Tina picked me since I started a club last year with 24

members and was familiar with the

incredibly successful pilot program that was conducted last year. NAMI is a blend of membership and leadership skills which create the four cornerstone objectives of the program.

**Rejuvenate
DISTRICTS with
NEW CLUBS**

**Revitalize CLUBS
with NEW
MEMBERS**

**Re-motivate
Members**

**LEADER
SUPPORT**

1. Extend area of Service

2. Increase number of hands
To do service

3. Learn what is their passion

4. Educate Members on
position importance

I am planning a (virtual) NAMI/Membership Chair Summit for next month. We have a wonderful opportunity to get members signed up before December 31st and their entrance fee is waived! A \$35 savings! Please look for email regarding the summit and ATTEND! Let's get our membership numbers growing!

Greetings Fellow Lions!

As your district 8L service chairperson, I wanted to share with everyone what we are doing to promote and encourage service reporting. Reporting your service hours in MYLION is very necessary in order for LCI to know what we Lions on the ground are doing. LCI takes this information to large fortune 500 entities and this helps get grant money for future grants such as disasters, projects, education and etc.



Additionally, we need to get the word out and show others that we are doing something! I know all of our clubs are volunteering and helping others, but I see little of it documented in MYLION. Only a few clubs are putting in their service hours, and I KNOW we are all doing great jobs. Even with COVID, we all kept helping others. organizations and this helps get grant money for future grants

Don't forget our workshop, scheduled for October 24th, will offer training on how to enter service hours in MYLION. Please plan to attend this FREE workshop.

As I make club visits with our district governor, I am handing out information on why reporting service matters. See the attached document that I distribute to the club members.

As always, WE SERVE!!



Louisiana Lions Children's Camp

Camp Director, Ray Cecil

A gift from one of our families to provide a fundraiser for Lions Camp. Click the link and it will take you to the raffle site, get your chances now!

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Raffle will close and winner will be chosen on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 10pm EST.

This year we are supporting the Louisiana Lions Camp, which suffered significant damage to several structures during Hurricane Laura. Louisiana Lions Camp is a nonprofit residential summer camp for youth of Louisiana with respiratory disorders, special needs, juvenile diabetes, and childhood cancer. These programs are provided to the campers at NO charge by the Lions Clubs of Louisiana.

<https://bit.ly/30xOQsg>

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As some of you may know, camp suffered a little damage from Hurricane Laura. In consideration of the possibilities - we were blessed and quite fortunate.

One of the screened cabins was destroyed when 2 very large pine trees fell on it. The bunkbeds inside the cabin were ruined as well. We also have minor roof damage to the girls bathhouse, the sports hut, and the boys bunkhouse. None are leaking.

Lots of trees are down. Everything on main grounds and wilderness has been cut/cleaned up. The rest will be handled during the work weekend which is scheduled for October 19th including repairs to MPB and replacing roofing screws on the infirmary.

Lots of trees in the woods are down as well but not enough to get someone in to salvage.

The just completed fishing dock still stands - unscathed, thank goodness.

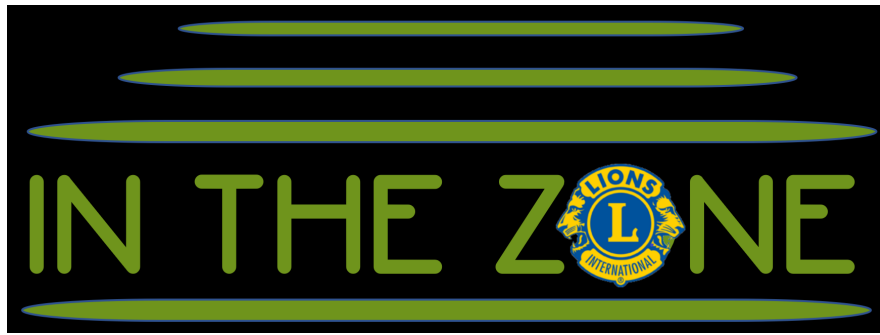
The next Board Meeting is Saturday October 10 here at camp.

Please look on my Facebook page for the raffle that was provided and set up by the Wall family of Madisonville. Their son and daughter both have diabetes and attend camp. They have provided a 23 year old Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon (+- 3K) and set this fundraiser up to help with the camp repairs. Help make this big!



Hurricane Laura
left her
calling card
at our
children's camp!
8/27/2020





Zones 1a/1b—2VDG Debbie Schillings

Bossier City, Bossier Central, LARA, North Shreveport, Shreveport Downtown, Shreveport Red River
Zones 1A and 1B of District 8L met on August 24th. There were 10 Lions in attendance from our different zones in Shreveport-Bossier City. The Focus for this meeting was: SERVICE.

I passed out information from MyLCI entitled: “The Service Journey”, “Why report service”, and “Why service reporting matters”. This can all be found on MyLCI.

I stressed the importance of actually reporting our service hours in MyLion order to let LCI know what we do and to make others aware of our service. We know that EACH club volunteers their time but unless it is documented, others will not know.

We all discussed information from the Lions Camp, LCIF, Lions Eye Foundation, future Cubsight screenings and the need to sign up for this. Information about the upcoming workshop October 24th and our State Convention in April 2021 was distributed.

Zones 1c/2b—Sherrie McMurray

Arcadia, Gibsland, Haynesville, Homer, Minden, Minden Evening, Ruston, Simsboro, Springhill



I have visited with two clubs in Zone 1C, Minden and Minden Evening and two are scheduled with clubs in Zone 2B. The 5th will be Simsboro and the 9th will be Arcadia. Oct 20th I will visit in Haynesville in Zone 1B. Ruston in 2B is not having public meets currently. They will try to schedule a date in November. Homer is 1C is also not meeting and again, they will schedule something in early November.

I have not been able to get a return call from Gibsland at this time but will keep trying. Springhill has a few problems right now so will have to wait and see what happens with that club

Zone 3AB - PDG Mimi Stoker

Anacoco, Florien, Leesville, Many, Mansfield, Natchitoches

Right now Leesville is the only club I know is for sure. That has been meeting. Natchitoches is just now starting back up after six months.

Recently they installed their new officers:

Left to right: PDG Mimi Stoker, Lion Tamer; PCC Don Brown, Secretary; Mary Hooper, Membership Chair; Heather, Treasurer; Sarah Giannone, Vice President; Josh Pierson, President; PCC Michele Waskom, Immediate Past President



PLEASE REGISTER IMMEDIATELY !

8-L BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS

DO NOT MISS THIS CHANCE!! This district wide workshop is **FREE**. Get involved with something new and perhaps take away some ideas to grow your club in service, leadership, and membership! There will be people available to assist you with almost every aspect of Lionism. Do you need to set up your MyLion, MyLCI, or download ZOOM? We have someone here at all times to help you with that. Bring your computer, your notebooks, your smart phones and learn to use them to benefit your club and your community!

Registration for 8-L Workshop on October 24, 2020

Instead of the fall conference, this year we are offering a 1 day workshop to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn located in Bossier City on October 24, 2020. The following is offered:

TIME	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER
9:00	Zoom conference calling	Lion Scott Harkey, CC
9:45	Entering your Service hour	Lion Debbie Schillings, SVG
10:15	Campaign 100	Lion Michelle Waskom, PCC
11:00	Campaign 1250	Lion Phyllis Breaux, DG 8-S
Lunch on your own		
1:00	Leader Dog	Lion Scott Dudley, PDG
1:45	Leadership	Lion Terry Harkey, IPDG
2:30	Using Cub Sight Camera	Walter Peet
3:30	How to measure for glasses	Walter Peet

This is a ONE DAY workshop. IT IS FREE. You will pick your own place to have lunch with whomever you choose. Those who will be traveling and need accommodations can book at the Bossier Hilton Garden Inn 318-759-1950. Location is 2015 Old Minder Rd. in Bossier City.

Please Register at rtnurse@aol.com or 318-393-7870

TRY SOMETHING NEW!



The new state pins are in!! If you would like a pin, you can either fill out the form and email it to District Governor Tina at rtnurse@aol.com OR you can give it to your president and he/she can collect them and give our DG a count before she comes to visit.

2020-2021 Multiple District 8 Pins Order Form



- Pins are available and orders for the 2020-2021 Multiple District 8 pins are being accepted.
- Selling price is:

Louisiana State map pin is \$3.00

Prestige pin is \$3.50.
- Orders will be received on a first come first served basis. Requests for pins must be made on the form below.
- Forms need to be mailed to District Governor _____

All checks need to be made payable to District 8- ... earmarked 2021 MD8 pins.

Club Name -----

Club Contact -----

Address -----

Phone number-----

No of State shape pins @ \$3.00 -----x \$3.00 = -----

No of prestige pins @ \$3.50 -----x \$3.50=-----

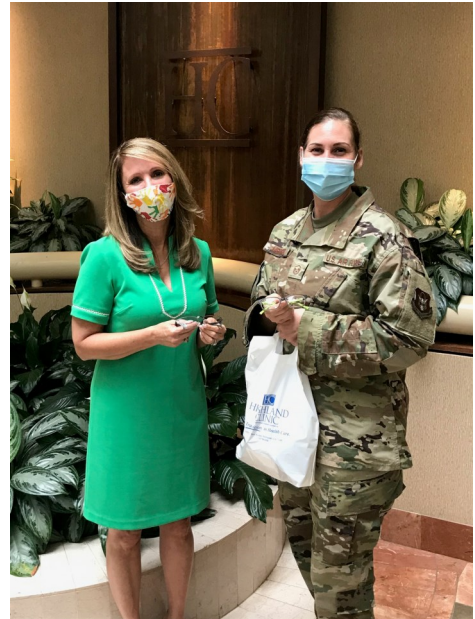
Total amount of check enclosed _____

Thank you

SERVING TOGETHER



NORTH SHREVEPORT end 8 days of triple camera screening to knock out all of the Caddo Parish Head Start Schools! L-R: Trey Gleason, Reed Ebarb, Terry Harkey, Scott Harkey, Helen Mazier and Clay Gilbert



SHREVEPORT RED RIVER
GST Andre receives glasses from Highland Clinic



MINDEN AND MINDEN EVENING
Back in action for CubSightPDG Mike Trainor, Syreeta Jackson (Head Start) , Dru Thomas, FVDG Jerry Madden, & Kevin McCann



MINDEN EVENING
Getting donations of water



Left: NATCHITOCHES

Lions Club President Josh Pierson and club officers Valerie Washington and Susan Hilton bag up over 100 pair of used eye glasses. These glasses will be clean, refurbished and fitted for needed people in Third World countries. The Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation has provided this free service to the visually impaired for almost 80 years. Lions club members collect used eye glasses year round. Contact any member with donations.

Below: BOSSIER CITY CENTRAL

LCIF Coordinator Lion Harriet presents the Melvin Jones Fellowship to clubmate Nancy Huguley



Your District at WORK

District Governor Tina, District Global Membership Team Chair PDG Mike and Second Vice District Governor Debbie attend the Global Membership Summit for our multiple district (MD8) in Marrero.



Both **NORTH SHREVEPORT** and **SHREVEPORT RED RIVER** have made donations to Woody's Home for Veterans. Above North Shreveport delivers one person's donation in a 2 month food drive. On the right, Red River gave a cash donation for the veterans there.



District 8L Service

Through COVID-19 and three hurricanes, our clubs are there to help with whatever was happening.



Above: SVDG Debbie and DG Tina open pasta bags for Giving Bak, who prepare 3500 meals daily; DG Mike from 8I, SVDG Debbie, Winnfield Fire Chief Brian Montgomery, DG Tina and a fire man who came down from Iowa to help.

Below: Minden Lions Club members Tracy Campbell and Dwayne Chapman helped load and deliver goods to Deridder and Leesville; Council Chair Scott prepping for next days cooking at Giving Bak HQ.



BOSSIER²⁰₂₁

MD8 Louisiana Lions State Convention

April 9-11, 2021 • Hilton Garden Inn • Bossier City

For registration see reverse side



Bossier City Boardwalk • American Rose Center • Casinos • Walk of Stars • Barksdale Air Force Base • Bossier East End

AND MUCH MORE!



Louisiana Lions State Convention • April 9-11

REGISTRATION

Hilton Garden Inn
2015 Old Minden Road
Bossier City, Louisiana

A Name/Title _____
B Name/Title _____
 District _____ Club _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
A Email _____ Phone _____
B Email _____ Phone _____

DAY/EVENT (Price shown is per person)	Before January 15	Until March 9	After March 9	TICKETS	TOTAL
REGISTRRTION FEE ONLY (for each Lion/18+)	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00		\$5 X ____ = \$ ____ attendee(s)
COMPLETE PACKAGE PER PERSON (including registration, all meals, and events)	\$115	\$130	\$145		Fee \$ ____ x ____ = \$ ____
CHILDREN AND LEO REGISTRATION	\$65	\$65	\$65		Fee \$ ____ x ____ = \$ ____
FRIDAY, APRIL 9 • NOON Melving Jones Luncheon to benefit LCIF	\$50	\$50	\$60	Circle attendee A and/or B	
FRIDAY, APRIL 9 • 6:30 P.M. Welcome Party, Hospitality/Cash Bar				Circle attendee A and/or B	
SATURDAY, APRIL 10 • NOON Luncheon with Ukelele Gumbo				Circle attendee A and/or B	
SATURDAY, APRIL 10 • 7 P.M. Awards Banquet • Keynote Donna Townsend				Circle attendee A and/or B	
SUNDAY, APRIL 11 • 8:00 A.M. Breakfast • Guest personality Moon Griffon				Circle attendee A and/or B	
TOTAL REGISTRATION					\$

(Make check payable to MD8 State Convention) Or use QR portal below to pay with PayPal

PAYPAL PORTAL (scan with smart phone)

Mail completed form & check to:



MD-8 State Convention
c/o TODD BUFFINGTON
287 Sommersby
Minden, LA 71055

QUESTIONS? Send an email to:
lionsmd8convention@gmail.com
 or call FVDG Jerry Madden (318-401-5421)

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The Last Gong

*These Lions that were lost this quarter.
Please keep their friends, family and club-
mates of your prayers.*



Carlos received his reward in heaven on September 8, 2020 in Minden, Louisiana. He was a courageous fighter, but his soul was longing for rest.

Carlos grew up in the Evergreen Community and in Minden, LA. He graduated Minden High School in 1978 and then attended Louisiana Tech receiving his Masters in Professional Accountancy. He worked for a short time with the Internal Revenue Service in New Orleans and Monroe before moving back home and joining a local public accounting firm founded by Pearce Jamieson. He became a CPA and eventually became part owner in the firm. He currently is a partner with Mike Wise and Kristine Cole in Wise, Martin, & Cole, LLC. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ where he served in many capacities including Elder.



Carlos Martin

Percy Curtis

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Percy Curtis (Minden, Louisiana), born in Many, Louisiana, who passed away on September 13, 2020, at the age of 79, leaving to mourn family and friends. Family and friends can light a candle as a loving gesture for their loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Percy Curtis to show support.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 10th 2020 at the St. John's Episcopal Church (1107 Broadway St, Minden, LA 71055). A burial will be held on Saturday, October 10th 2020 at the Funeral Home Rose-Neath Minden (211 Murrell St, Minden, LA 71055).

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his name may be made to the charity of your choice.

Leland Carroll Scoggins, 87, of Natchitoches, Louisiana, went to be with his beloved Lord Jesus Christ on August 7, 2020. He was a graduate of Anacoco High School and was an FFA Star Farmer. After graduating, Dr. Scoggins attended and graduated LSU with a PhD in Vocational Agriculture. While at LSU, he was an agriculture foreign exchange student in the Middle East. He also served his country in the United States Army and in the Air Force Reserves. He was Lion's Club member, a former District Governor.. Dr. Scoggins spent his life in service of others. He was a high school educator in Vernon Parish, and also served as an assistant and associate county agent in both Natchitoches and Tensas Parishes. Later, he became the county agent for Caddo, Natchitoches, and Sabine Parish. He also served as district agent for LSU Agriculture Extension Program for the Cenla Region until his retirement from LSU in 1988. He was a well-respected Agricultural Specialist for LSU. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Louisiana Lion's Camp for Children in Leesville, La.

Leland Carroll Scoggins

