

District 8L Newsletter

EXTRA EDITION

Message from the District Governor



Who is that masked stranger you ask? Why it is your old outgoing district governor! What a time we are experiencing! I actually did get permission from LCIF to use their logo on a home made mask with the purpose of identifying who was genuinely responsible for the incredible outpouring of donations to our state. Caddo-Bossier was one of the areas that received an emergency grant of \$10,000 to purchase masks and needed medical supplies for the coronavirus that ravaged this area during the months of March and April. With the help of your incoming district governor, vice district governors including the second vice-district governor-elect, and PDG Scott Harkey, we were able to buy 1000 KN95 masks (same as N95) and much needed medical equipment for LSU Health Science Center's brand new Emerging Viral Threat Lab. (see photo on the services page). This equipment enables the EVTL to test both for the virus itself (active) and the antibodies. Dr. Andrew Yurochko spear-headed this unit which (cont'd on page 7)



District Officers 2019-2020

District Governor.....	Terry Harkey
1st Vice District Governor.....	Tina Hickey
2nd Vice District Governor.....	Jerry Madden
District Secretary.....	Sherrie McMurray
District Treasurer.....	Krissy Shelton
Region 1 Zone Chair.....	Debbie Schilling
Region 2 Zone Chair.....	Alan Brown
Region 3 Zone Chair.....	Ray Cecil

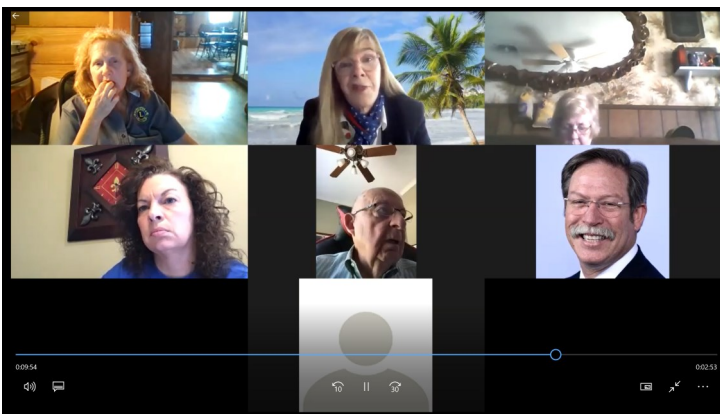
Save the Date

- July 18— LLLCC Board Meeting— Children's Camp, Anacoco
- August 8-9 —LLEF Board Meeting— Lions Eye Building, New Orleans

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LION LEADERSHIP IS ZOOM-ing!



Second International Vice-President Brian Sheehan, in a recent virtual symposium, estimated that the COVID-19 pandemic has had the effect of moving our organization ahead by 7-10 years! How many of the clubs boards in our district

met by some digital means? We also conducted an 8L cabinet meeting via Zoom. One club in Wisconsin had a virtual Cocktail Party and other themed events every Saturday evening for anyone who wanted to attend! Several had over a hundred people attending—many of them from other parts of the world! So, use this new technology to allow those members who cannot attend in person to at least hear what's going on. There are multiple training and leadership sessions available at LCI for almost any topic you can imagine. Take a look at the virtual events that are available both live and later as an on-demand option to view.

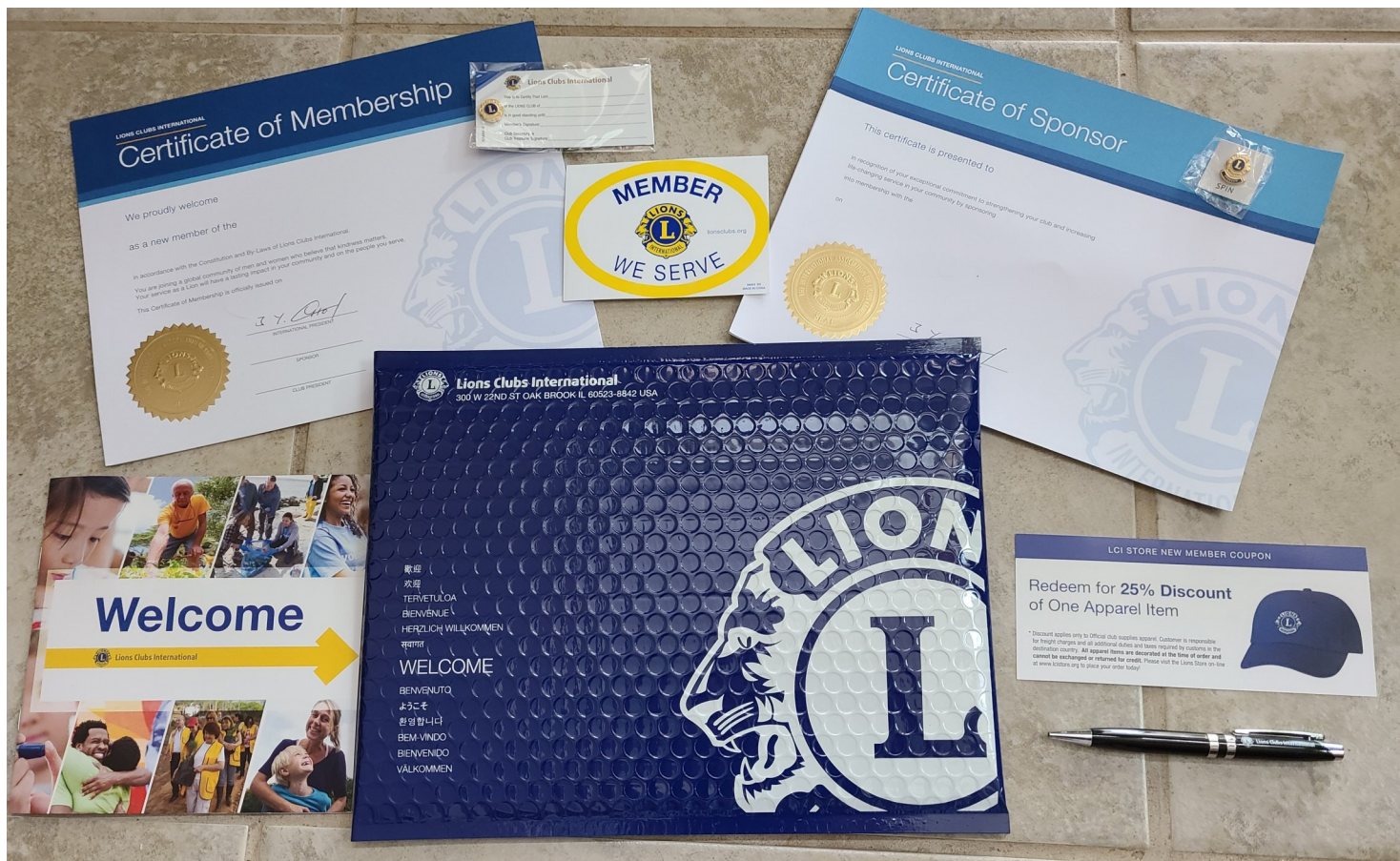
<https://lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center>

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LET'S GROW!



This is a new member kit. Have you seen these? They contain a certificate for both the new member and the sponsor, a lapel pin for both, a ball point pin, a sticker for your car, a welcome brochure, and a 20% discount for one item at the Lion's Store.

Now is the time (well ALL the time is the time) to get out and find new members. I suggest each club issue a challenge or a contest to see who can get the most members before December 31st.

Why that date? Well, International President Choi and the International Board of Directors voted to waive ALL entrance and charter fees from July 1– December 31st. Can you believe it? Additionally, they will not suspend any clubs for late payment of dues through December 31st. If you need these kits, they are FREE, so please let me know if you have new members so I can get this kit to you.



Louisiana Lions Children's Camp

Cancelled for 2020



We will be ready to start screening as soon as the schools allow us to, keep track of the child care centers to find out when they will reopen and start making appointments! We are not quite 6 feet away from the children, but we definitely don't touch them! So be prepared to begin screenings.



The May board meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will be August 8-9 in New Orleans. New officers will take their posts. If you are not usually present at the meetings, this is the time to come down and take a tour of the facility and meet those who run the day to day operations. This is YOUR state project. YOUR contains both OUR and YOU, so let's get those two words together! Please attend if at all possible as there is much to do this year.



***Peace Poster Kits are available now
from the Lion Store. The theme is
"Peace through Service"
GET YOURS NOW***

CALLING ALL VICE PRESIDENTS!!

LCI suggests that the 1st vice president of each club be the leadership chairperson. July 1, PDG Terry will take the Global Leadership Team chair and is looking for you to help organize a team in your club and work to build leaders. Be looking for further information in your email.





The 2021 8L Conference is **FREE**

All Day Workshop on October 24, 2020

In lieu 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 an itinerary of information that will be offered:

Time	Presentation	Presenter
9:00	Zoom conference calling	Lion Scott Harkey, PDG
9:45	Entering your Service hour	Lion Debbie Schillings, 1 st VG
10:15	Campaign 100	Lion Michelle Waskom, PDG
11:00	Campaign 1250	Lion Phyllis Breaux 8-S
<i>Lunch on your own</i>		
1:00	Leader Dog	Lion Scott Dudley,
1:45	Leadership	Lion Terry Harkey, PDG
2:30	Using Cub Sight Camera	Walter Peet
3:30	How to measure for glasses	Walter Peet

This is a ONE DAY workshop. However, if you will be traveling, accommodations can be booked at the Bossier Hilton Garden Inn by dialing 318-759-1950. It is located on 2015 Old Minder Rd. in Bossier City.

Please Register at 318-393-7870



Club Anniversaries

These club celebrate their charter this quarter.

JUNE 13, 2012—Shreveport Red River

JUNE 17, 1942—Leesville

JUNE 28, 1960—Florien

JULY 14, 1959—Minden



SERVICE SERVICE SERVICE - CLUB NEWS



Top: LSU Press Conference for presentation from our district which was provided by LCIF. Left to right: Dr. Chris Kevil; DG Terry, North Shreveport; 2VDGE Debbie Schillings, Shreveport Red River; PDG Scott, North Shreveport; and Lisa Babin. Bottom Left: Masks donated to VOA (Volunteers of America) Bottom Right: Masks donated to Bossier Parish Sheriff Julian Whittington

SERVICE SERVICE SERVICE - CLUB NEWS



Minden Evening Lions Club did not meet from March through May, but that didn't mean they weren't serving their community! *Pictured above left:* Brookshire's store manager and cashier with Lions Dru Thomas and Sherrie McMurray and Kevin McCann of United Christian Assistance Program. Through Brookshire's "Spirit of Giving" the club purchased over \$400 worth of canned food item which they donated to UCAP. *On the right:* Lions Dur Thomas and Sherrie McMurray with Kevin McCann of UCAP.

MEET THE COUNCIL FOR 2020-2021

Multiple District 8 Governors

(left to right) **8L**—Tina Hickey, Shreveport Red River; **8N**—PDG Melvin Abbott, Brusly; **8S**—Phyllis Breaux, Luling Boutte; **8O**—Gerard Credeur, Rayne; **8I**—PCC Michael Kennedy, Winnfield



Council Chair

PDG Scott Harkey,
North Shreveport



Secretary to the Council

PCC Michele Waskom
Natchitoches



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began operations April 13. The lab was processing between 20-50 per day and now is running 500-600 and anticipating around 8000 per day eventually.

But for this emergency, it was literally a life saver to many under-served groups in our area—especially nursing homes, who are now being routinely tested twice weekly.

The 1000 masks arrived 3.5 weeks after ordered, and while I thought—well, that was stupid, the whole thing will be over—that was not the case! As it turned out, with the area beginning to open up, the emergency services needed MORE masks, so it was just the right time. Masks were delivered to LSU Health Science Center, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, Volunteers of America, and Holy Angels.






Your district governor—no matter what year—has the capability of writing for this emergency grant, as well as matching grants, to assist us in serving our world. If more than 100 people have been affected by some kind of disaster, it is almost a sure thing you will be able to get help, but you MUST ask.

PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS PUBLICATION ABOUT ALL THE 8L LIONS!!

If your club completed service during this past quarter and your service did not appear in this newsletter it is completely YOUR FAULT. If you would like to see your events added to this quarterly publication, send the information and include photos if possible to your district governor or publication editor (see front page).



THE FOLLOWING CLUBS GREW THEIR MEMBERSHIP!

-  **FLORIEN—30%**
-  **HAYNESVILLE—4.55%**
-  **MANSFIELD—7.14%**
-  **MINDEN EVENING—9.09**
-  **SHREVEPORT RED RIVER—7.14%**

PLEASE REPORT YOUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS ASAP

Deadline for reporting PU101s to LCI is extended to JUNE 15! Since LCI is the source of our club information for the directory, if your club has not reported officers for 2020-2021, your club's information may not be accurate. It takes a good deal of time to put the directory together. Your 8L Directory depends your club reporting new officers to the district secretary no later than June 30. It is hoped every year to have all the information in by July 1 and therefore available at the first cabinet meeting, however that almost never happens. Please, please, please work with your club mates to get the elections executed and reported