

District 8L Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

Message from the District Governor

Last quarter, this column featured a photo of me receiving my Lions University Doctorate from 1st International Vice President Haynes Townsend. How quickly our lives can change in a few moments. Judge Townsend passed away on Tuesday, December 17, leaving a huge hole on the hearts of his friends and family and our organization. He had accepted the invitation to be at our March 2021 State Convention in Bossier City, and sadly most of you will never meet him.



However, our international organization was not left without direction as our Constitution and By-Laws contain strategic planning for such circumstances. Does the 1st International Vice President move up? NO! Most of the people selected as Vice Presidents expect to have a couple of years to work out their calendars, their goals, their theme, and a million other details that would be ravaged by changing when they would assume the presidency. The C & BL's direct the board to select a past international director as a candidate to assume the remainder of the term of office that has been vacated. It's all lined out – no worries!

While we've experienced the horrible loss of a great man, it is comforting to know that our organization will continue to serve without losing a step because of incredible foresight and planning on the part of our forbearers, Melvin Jones being the centerpiece. As we celebrate the 141st anniversary of his birth, we can look to our own clubs to see if we are ready for all situations. Are we prepared? Do we have a 3 to 5 year plan for our leadership? If not, why not? Not being prepared is a recipe for disaster, or at least disruption of service. It takes just a little planning now (and once a year) for a bigger pay off later.

It's getting close to time to nominate and elect officers for next year. At my club, we discuss potentials for our 3rd VP at our February board meeting. Does your club have a plan? Consider having a leadership roundtable night at your club. Discuss how you can enable a few of your members who could be leaders to move up. Training is available by just asking! When someone knows they have 3 years to plan to be president, it isn't so scary as "Hey would you be president in 2 months!"

And once you have the officers for next year lined up, please make sure to report them on MyLCI. If you need ANY help, please feel free to contact me or the district administrator.

WE SERVE

DG Lion Terry

Steps on how to make
the World a better place:

1. Join a Lions Club.
2. Stay in Lions Club.
3. Get others to join Lions Club.



District Officers 2019-2010

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

- Jan 18-19—VDG training, Anacoco
- Feb 8-9—LLEF Board, Shreveport
- March 20-22 State Conv, Baton Rouge
- April 17-19 Regional Lion Leadership Institute—Camp, Anacoco
- April 20-24 —New Club Development Workshop, Shreveport

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On page 3, you see the entire copy of Club Excellence Award Application. There are four areas that you complete to qualify for this award. Let's walk through it and you'll see it is very doable!

First is **MEMBERSHIP**. This is the hardest one, but attainable! Two requirements:

The first requirement is to have the club choose one or more of these options:

- increase membership by a percentage (using the July 1 number as your starting number)
- charter a branch club (5 members)
- charter a LEO club

The second requirement is:

- increase membership satisfaction (increase retention) by outlining a plan

Next is **SERVICE**. Also two requirements:

- start a *new* service. It does not have to be ongoing, it is to try something different

The second requirement is SO EASY.....

- make a donation to LCIF— any kind of donation whether through Melvin Jones Fellowships or Campaign 100, or just call and send \$20.,

Next is **ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE** with three requirements:

- make sure your club is in good standing (dues paid up to date)
- key officers participating on some kind of level such as district, national, or international—it's as simple as having your president and secretary attend a zone meeting or the state convention
- use "Club Quality Initiative" to improve your club's operations

Lastly, **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION** success:

- list the ways you use social media, the press, radio, newspaper....etc., to promote your service.

THAT'S IT! You have 5 months left to get these done and you will not believe what a positive effect it will have on your club! It will bring you all together to get it accomplished and your club will just naturally improve by doing it!

PLEASE attempt to achieve this very satisfying award soon!

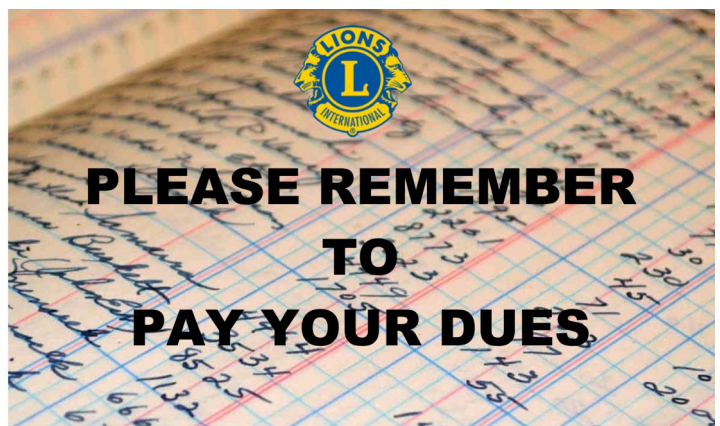


Peace Poster:

FIND A SCHOOL IN YOUR AREA TO PARTICIPATE!

Probably the most fun service project a club can sponsor!! It's SO SIMPLE!! Locate a middle school art teacher who would to promote this contest as part of his/her curriculum. Order the \$12 kit. Give the teacher the information for the project. Notify the district governor of your project! Make a date in October to judge the art

February 15—2020-2021 Kits go on sale. Order your kit!



This is what the Club Excellence Application looks like. Will YOUR club apply?



2019-2020 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date _____

Club Number _____

Club Name _____

Member Number _____

2019-2020 Club President's Name _____

2019-2020 Club President's Email Address _____

<p style="text-align: center;">1. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Achieved a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Name of club, or branch: _____</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction</p> <p>Outline strategy: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><small>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2. SERVICE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Started a new service project. <i>Consider one of our Global Causes!</i></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF</p>																		
<p style="text-align: center;">3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> District</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> International</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Webinars</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.</p> <p>Improvements Include: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District	<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Webinars	<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center		<p style="text-align: center;">4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choose all that apply:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Facebook</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Instagram</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Radio</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Twitter</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Club Website</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Billboards</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Billboards	<input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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Date _____

2019-2020 District Governor's Signature* _____

District _____

Member Number _____

Due by: August 31, 2020

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2020-2021 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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Louisiana Lions Children's Camp

We will be putting camper and staff applications out by mid-January. Still trying to get the online registration up and running. We've communicated with parents regarding and will keep everyone updated.

We are working with a firm in Alexandria to develop a professional website and marketing venture. We should be published in the upcoming near future. We should be finding out results of the giving Tuesday Facebook match within the next few weeks. The lake is on the rise, we will be back in the water this summer. We completed construction of a new and larger fishing dock.



Below: The girls bunkhouse is under renovation, currently our maintenance staff is refurbishing the ceiling and soon we will have brand new tile floors!



Above: Camp is 100% safe from the storms our campgrounds are simply waiting for Heavens Very Special Child!



Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation

by LLEF President PDG Scott Harkey

The year is blowing by. We're already halfway through. Let's look toward 2020 and the service to those in need of vision care. Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation is endeavoring to support your efforts. Executive Director Lion Chris worked hard these past few months promoting the CFP Championship Raffle. Even though we did not have the participation we were hoping for, we still met budget with the fundraiser. Lion District Governor Terry and I made the trip to Metairie for the drawing on live TV at WGNO. See it [here](#)! I contacted the grand prize winner while we were at the studio, and he was flabbergasted he had won.

Plans for a putting the Glaucoma /Diabetic Retinopathy screening unit into operation are progressing. We are changing our policies and procedures to address the needs of older children for CubSight screenings. While our main focus is still 8 – 72 months, sometimes we are asked to screen children outside those parameters. In the past, we were not accepting those referrals for older children. Now we are going to see what your LLEF can do to help these older children get early vision care.

Our most recent installation of the 45th Celebration in Scott, Louisiana was a great success. Thanks to Lions PDG Bob Andrepont and Carrie Martin for providing a delicious tailgate party. Many Lions from around the state came to watch the victory of LSU over Alabama!

You don't want to miss this next party in District 8L. On Saturday, February 8, following the LLEF meeting at the Holiday Inn Express Downtown Shreveport, join us at a Cajun feast and Hockey night at the Hirsch Coliseum. Contact me at 318.458.4691, or jscottharkey@gmail.com if you would like to participate. The food is free, the game is free, but the fun is priceless!

Our final 45th Celebration will be May 2nd and 3rd at the Best Western Plus Executive Residence in Gonzales, LA. Lion Tim LeBlanc is handling things for us there and promises to have great time planned for us all. For more information on the LLEF and our programs, contact Lauren alioneeyes@bellsouth.net or 504-528-7377.

by CubSight Coordinator Walter Peat



bers and processing the screenings have been much easier in these past busy months. We have had great success contacting the schools and the parents as we try to follow-up to ensure the child receives the care needed.

For the first two quarters of this Lion's year, 8-L has screened 3,466 children and referred 465 of them for additional care. You are right on track to match the 5,959 children you screened last year.

I look forward to visiting with everyone at the LLEF quarterly meeting on February 8th and 9th at the Holiday Inn and Suites Downtown Shreveport. PlusOptix has released a new update (7.1.5). I will be happy to update anyone's unit if you bring it to the meeting at that time. Also, if your unit needs new batteries, please bring your unit so we can swap out the batteries and reset your unit at that time.

You may have seen our new CubSight logo, we are very proud of our new Cubby. You can now order new CubSights shirts with the new logo for \$30.00 each. If you are interested send me an email at Cubsight@gmail.com and I will get you an order form.


by Executive Director Chris Carlone

Larry Chaudoir from Mandeville won the Runner Up prize!

The LLEF Board Members and their staff would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year as we enter into the year 2020. This is a great year for anyone in the vision industry as 20/20 vision is what we all strive to achieve. We ask you for your help to make 2020 a year to remember.

Our foundation has been serving the resident of Louisiana for 45 years now. In those 45 years, we have served thousands of patients with vision care and prevented blindness in thousands of children. We are using this special year and the fact that we have existed for 45, to celebrate this milestone. Please join us at one or all of our 2019-2020 LLEF Quarterly Board Meetings as we honor all who have made this foundation a success.

This foundation belongs to ALL Lions of Louisiana and ALL are welcome to attend the meetings. Hope to see you there.

Your Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation is here to serve you...
 ...so you can *serve other*



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



Lainey's Mom: "I am so glad the CubSight Vision Screening came to my daughters school to perform vision screens. Lainey had started complaining of almost daily headaches, and it wasn't until right about the time the CubSight Program came to her school that I realized the headaches may be due to her vision. When she referred on her vision screen, I was quick to make an ophthalmologist appointment where

we found out that she indeed needed glasses. Because of the program recognizing Lainey's impairment, she is now headache free and reports she can see the board in her classroom much better!"

Lainey was screened by the Minden Lions on March 15th.



LAINY'S STORY



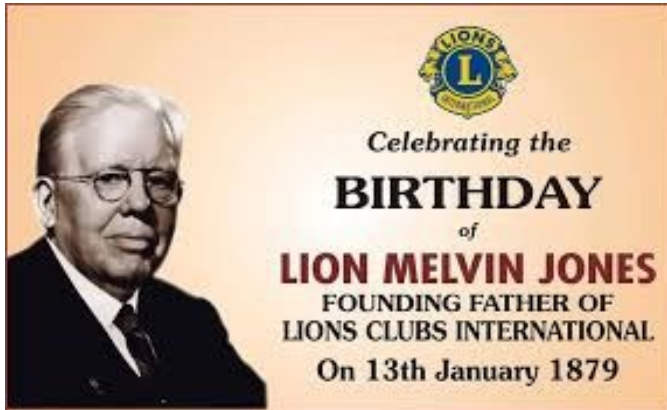
Club Anniversaries

These club celebrated their charter this quarter.

North Shreveport January 10, 1952

Ruston February 22, 1946

Haynesville March, 12, 1926



Club Health Assessment for District 8 L through December 2019

			Status		Membership							Reports				Finance				
Club Number	Club Name	Charter Date		Current Member Count	YTD Members Added	YTD Members Dropped	YTD Net Growth	YTD Net Growth%	Member Count 12 Months Ago	Avg. length of service for dropped members	Months Since Last MMR ***	Yrs. Since Last Officer Report	President Rotation	Vice President Reported	Months Since Last Activity Report ***	Account Balance				
			Number of times on status quo within last two years in brackets	If below 15 members appears in red	If net loss is greater than 20% appears in red					If no report in 3 months appears in red	When more than one year appears in red	Number of repeat terms indicated	Notes the officers that do not have an active Email			If no report in 12 months appears in red				
Clubs more than two years old																				
63015	ANACOCO	04/17/2000	Active	19	0	0	0	0.00%	18		0			N	P,M	24+				
3824	ARCADIA	05/28/1968	Active	27	5	9	-4	-12.90%	31	15	0			N		19				
3826	BOSSIER CITY	09/02/1927	Active	91	0	0	0	0.00%	98		0			N		16				
53142	BOSSIER CITY BOSSIER CENTRAL Exc Award (.06/30/19)	05/22/1992	Active	18	0	0	0	0.00%	17		1			R		6				
3835	FLORIEN	06/28/1960	Active	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10		7		None			N/R				
3836	GIBSLAND	12/13/1928	Active	37	0	1	-1	-2.63%	37	4	1		None	N		24+				
3837	HAYNESVILLE	03/12/1926	Active	24	4	2	2	9.09%	24	7	0		None	N	M	24+				
3839	HOMER	05/28/1926	Active	39	0	0	0	0.00%	42		0		None	N		8				
3841	LEESVILLE	06/17/1942	Active	74	1	4	-3	-3.90%	79	4	0			N		24+				
3843	MANSFIELD	04/19/1940	Active	30	3	1	2	7.14%	30	6	0			N	M	8				
3844	MANY	08/22/1927	Active	22	0	0	0	0.00%	22		0			R		9				
3845	MINDEN Exc Award (.06/30/18)	10/22/1925	Active	108	1	1	0	0.00%	103	6	0			N		24+				
3846	MINDEN EVENING	07/14/1959	Active	11	0	0	0	0.00%	11		0			R		8				
3847	NATCHITOCHES	10/07/1943	Active	64	1	0	1	1.59%	63		0			N		6				
3853	NORTH SHREVEPORT Exc Award (.06/30/18,06/30/19)	01/10/1952	Active	71	6	0	6	9.23%	52		0			N		6				
3849	RUSTON	02/22/1946	Active	28	0	0	0	0.00%	29		2		None	N	M	9				
3852	SHREVEPORT DOWNTOWN	10/19/1917	Active	31	0	1	-1	-3.13%	34	12	3					5				
117113	SHREVEPORT RED RIVER	06/13/2012	Active	15	1	0	1	7.14%	14		0			N		6				
3857	SIMSBORO	12/08/1966	Active	22	0	0	0	0.00%	22		1		None	N		24+				
3858	SPRINGHILL	12/15/1927	Active	14	0	0	0	0.00%	15		1		None	N		24+				
Current Total Clubs Count	YTD New Clubs Count	YTD Cancelled Clubs Count	YTD Net Club Gain	Current Total Members Count	YTD Add	YTD Drop	YTD Net Growth	YTD Net Growth %	Member Count 12 Months Ago	Average Member Count Per Club	% of Clubs with less than 20 members	% No MMR in 3 Months	% No Officer Report in 12 Months	% of Clubs with balance 90+ days	Number of Clubs in Status Quo	% Status Quo Clubs in Financial Suspension	Number of Cancelled Clubs	Average Cancelled Club Age	Members Lost Due to Cancellation	C N
20	0	0	0	755	22	19	3	0.40%	751	38	30%	10%	0%	10%	0	0%	0	0	0	



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

LCIF Coordinator, Harriet Hudson

The first half of our Lions Year is over and LCIF is still needing our help. Let me explain a little about LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.

First of all this is not a separate program we're asking you to donate too. Each year LCIF sets up a new program hoping to inspire us to donate. For the last 2 years and up until 2021 the program is called Campaign 100. The goal of this program is to raise 300 million dollars by the end of 2021 to keep LCIF going for the next 50 years.

LCIF has several ways for us to donate. There is a **one-time donation** for however much you feel you can give. (REMEMBER LCIF never asks you to give more than you can afford.) For clubs there are several ways to. There is of course, **Melvin Jones Fellowship**.

A **Model Club** is one way for \$500 dollars a member you can be a model club, to get the 500 per member it can be through club donations, personal donations, a dedicated fund raiser, community members, and personal contacts. You have until July of 2022 to meet this goal. As a model club you will receive a patch for your banner and your club will be noted at the International Convention in Singapore later this year.

There is also the **100% Club**. To achieve that, the club would pledge to donated the equivalent of \$100 per member.

LCIF reminds us that we don't have to donate all this money ourselves. Ask businesses around your community to help. Remind them that LCIF has send multiple donations to our area for tornadoes, floods, hurricanes.

So far this year 8L has donated approximately \$4,000, with only 5 clubs donating. That is ¼ of our district. We have a very long way to go to make the 300 million dollars. But remember, 8L and the United States are not alone in this, it is a world- wide program. Make a pledge for yourself and your club.



District 8-L Leadership

RLLI—Regional Lions Leadership Institute

RLLI training is an excellent opportunity for new Lions, or those interested in growing in the organization. Cost is \$75 which includes all meals. Lodging at the

Information and Registration on the next 2 pages.



Please Print

NAME: _____

Badge Name (if Different): _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Highest Office Held: _____

Current Office (if any) : _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: Home: ()

Cell: ()

Email: _____

Registration \$75 includes:

- **Lodging Thurs, Fri, Sat**
- **7 meals**
- **Instructional Materials**
- **Time to share ideas and projects with Lions from all over Louisiana**
- **Deadline: April 5th, 2020**
- **Checks Payable to LA Lions MD-8**
Mail: LA Lions MD 8, RLLI

4216 LINDA LANE
Sulphur, LA 70665

Lions Clubs International Multiple District 8 Lions Leadership Institute

Louisiana Lions Camp

Anacoco, LA

APRIL 17th - 19th / 2020

Thursday (evening) April 16, Check-in

Depart Sunday about 2PM

Institute Topics

(LCI Curriculum)

- Working in Teams
- Public Speaking
- Member Motivation
- Lions Fundamentals
- Goal Setting
- Personal Mission Statement
- Time Management
- MORE....

Accommodations

[] Louisiana Lions Camp

Girls Bunkhouse

Guys Bunkhouse

(Bring twin bed linens, pillow, towels, and toiletries.)

[] IF you elect to book other accommodations, at your own expense, Best Western offers a LIONS CAMP rate (around \$69.00 / night) **Address:** 1200 N 6th St, Leesville, LA 71446 **PHONE:** 318-392-1672
Please list any medical conditions or dietary needs on back of form and

Check here: ☐



We Serve

Regional Lion Leadership Institute

April 17, 18, 19, 2020

Louisiana Lions Camp, Anacoco



Designed specifically for club members who would like to develop their personal skills such as improving your communication skills and motivating your club members...

Become the prime motivator and GO-TO person in your club. From setting personal and club goals to working with teams, you will learn time management skills to get more out of life and your service work. You will have a deeper understanding of how to serve in your club.

Registration is \$75; first come— first serve. 8 Meals, Lodging at the Camp and all materials are included. A detailed information packet will be sent to each registrant. Contact your District Governor or Global Action Team Leader today

**or call MD-8 Leadership Coordinator Michael Kennedy 318-209-0616
sportsman64@gmail.com**

Lions Leadership Institute- Louisiana



SERVICE SERVICE SERVICE - CLUB NEWS

Shreveport Red River is possibly one of the most active clubs in our district. From the Left: accepted eyeglasses from non-Lions! Middle: Raised \$ for veterans; Right: brought Christmas to Woody's Veterans home.



A few of the members of the newest club in our district, the **Louisiana Animal Rescue Angels**, pictured at their first very successful fundraiser at W.T. Lewis Elementary School. Prior to chartering, they were a branch club of North Shreveport. With unique and creative ideas to assist abandoned and endangered animals - they serve!



Ruston Lions Club provided food for security and first responders at a Louisiana Tech football game. This is the second year doing this, and it will be an annual event going forward.

Eighteen CubSight team Lions expect to conclude screening efforts for the 2019-2020 school year soon. Over 750 children were screened with approximately 12% referred to an eye care professional for further evaluation. Plans for 2020-2021 are underway to make next school year a successful part of this ongoing program.





Left: The Bossier City Central ladies held their annual Christmas Lunch at TaMolly's Mexican Kitchen.

Below: The Lions of Simsboro stay busy with service but forget to take photos while doing them! However, a very rare slow moment allowed us to grab a shot of their club between meetings.



Members of North Shreveport Lions Club and the Northwood High School LEOs combined forces to prepare and deliver 116 personalized Christmas presents to the residents at Harmony House Nursing Home.

The Last Gong

As Lions, some day we will depart from this life and leaving a large empty spot in our club, having heard the club gong for the last time. Sadly, this quarter several Lions in our district have done so. These Lions, along with other Louisiana Lions who have passed away this year, will be remembered at the state convention, but for now, let us honor their memory with a continued commitment to serving the needs of others.

When someone in your club passes away, please contact your district governor to add them to the memorial list for State Convention.



Cortez W. Bridges 1947-2019

Cortez W. Bridges was a resident of Bossier City for over 72 years. Mr. Bridges retired from the Bossier City Police Department after 25 years of service in September 1996 at the rank of Major. He also retired from the Louisiana National Guard after serving his country for 30 years. He graduated Northwestern State University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

He was a lifetime member of the Bossier City Lions Club where he served on the Board of Directors. He has also served as Lion Tamer, Vice-President and was 1999 Lion of the Year. Mr. Bridges and his wife Billie (Frisky) were married for 46 years, had four children, Ricky Bridges and wife Dana, Cortez (Corky) Bridges, Charles Bridges and wife Cynthia, Kelly Meyer and husband Clay. Seven grandchildren, Kristen, Amy, Brandon, Emory, Macey, Bailey, BoDixie, and seven great grandchildren. Mr. Bridges was and members of the First Methodist Church in Bossier where he served as a member of the Church Council.



Marcus D. Wren, Jr. 1924-2020

A Minden icon passed away Friday. Marcus Dee Wren Jr., a dairyman, tree farmer, and businessman was born Jan. 29, 1924, making him just shy of 96 years old.

Wren's life and family were synonymous with Webster Parish history. His grandfather, G. L. P. Wren, was a second lieutenant in the Louisiana infantry of the Confederate States Army during the American Civil War. Marcus' father, Marcus Sr. represented Minden on the Webster Parish Police Jury from 1920 to 1925.

Marcus was born and raised in Minden. After graduating from Minden High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and placed in the 32nd infantry. He was deployed to the Philippines in 1945 where he spent the next six months fighting Japanese forces.

After Japan signed a peace treaty to end WWII on Sept. 2, 1945, Marcus went to work liberating prisoners in Japan. When he returned home, Marcus returned to school, majoring in dairy manufacturing at Louisiana State University.

After taking over his family's dairy business, Wren's Dairy, for his aging father, Marcus then joined Sanitary Dairy where he served as assistant manager and sales manager, holding that post for 32 years. He was named "Dairyman of the Year" in 1976. Sanitary Dairy was later sold to Beatrice Foods.

In 1980, the Wren family purchased Music Mountain Water, which it still operates today.



Osco "Bryant" Lewis

1935-2019

Osco "Bryant" Lewis was born December 21, 1935 and was called home to be with the Lord on December 17, at age 83. Son of Hugh and Ester Lewis, Bryant was born in Haynesville, Louisiana. Bryant graduated from Haynesville High School and then attended Kilgore Junior College where he was the captain of the football team. He then went to Northwestern State University to play offensive line for the Demons. A 1958 NSU graduate, he was enshrined in the Long Purple Line, the university's Hall of Distinction for former students, in 2007.



Bryant was a successful businessman who owned and operated Magnolia Pulpwood Company along with Timberland Holdings for 50 years. He was active in a number of professional and civic organizations in his community as well as on a statewide and regional basis. He was a generous supporter of Northwestern State University, donating endowed professorships and scholarships. He also served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

He was married to the love of his life, Heloise, for 60 years. They had two children together and his family was his pride and joy. Bryant was a pillar of the community and always lending a helping hand. He was a devoted member of the Haynesville United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and he loved his Golden Tornadoes.

He is survived by his beloved wife Heloise, daughter Brookie White and husband Mike, son Carter Lewis and wife Kim. Grandchildren Rand Hovey and wife Whitney, Jody and Brooklyn White, Justin Cruse and fiancé Halea Humphries. Great grandchildren Cooper and Banks Hovey. He also leaves behind his brother Bob Lewis and wife Betty, sister Betty Phillips and a host of nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.





Louisiana Lions Multiple District 8 2020 State Convention



Friday, March 20, through Sunday March 22, 2020
At the Crowne Plaza Executive Center
4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, La 70808
Tel : 225- 925-2244

Convention Registration Form for the 97th Annual Lions State Convention

Registrant A

Name _____ Title _____
Mailing address _____
E-mail address _____ Phone _____
District 8- _____ Club Name _____
Special meal needed (include allergies) _____

It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal request

Registrant B

Name _____ Title _____
Mailing address _____
E-mail address _____ Phone _____
District 8- _____ Club Name _____
Special meal needed (include allergies) _____

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Registration Fee per attendee:

\$ 100.00 prior to January 15, 2020
\$ 115.00 from January 15 to February 15, 2020
\$ 130.00 after February 15, 2020
Convention book covers 3 meals, draw ones,
Voter's registration & all convention functions

Child registration (10 years and under)

\$ 60.00 prior to January 15, 2020
\$ 65.00 from January 15 to February 15, 2020
\$ 70.00 after February 15, 2020

Please note:

*All refunds must be approved by the Council of Governors.
As per MD8 Constitution and By-Laws, Article XIV of the By-Laws
Section 4 B 2: a and b reads: "All requests for cancellation MUST be
in writing 21 days prior to convention or within 14 days of the close of
the convention for specific reasons."*

Registration Fees

Date _____
Registrations _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

Convention Committee Use only

Date received _____
Amount received _____
Registration # _____
Check # _____

**Make check payable to
MD8 2020 State Convention**
Mail check to MD8 Convention chairperson
PCC Francoise Ratard,
23033 Treacle Lane, Zachary, La 70791
Home: 225-654-6325
E-mail: francoiseratard@att.net

**Make Lodging reservation directly with Crowne Plaza at
1-800-678-4065 or through their website at
www.crowneplaza.com/execcenterbr- Code is LIO**
Group name: Lions Clubs
Function: Lions Club National Conference
**Hotel Group rates are \$102.00 + Tax for standard room
single or double and \$132.00 + tax for Junior Suite-**
Dead line is March 1st, 2020