



## THE SECRET OF SERVICE

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Dear Lions,

For my first message to you in LION Magazine, I want to talk about the small things. When Lions Clubs International was started more than 100 years ago, it was founded on the idea that those who can help, *should*. It was that simple.

I grew up with those same values. I was raised in Brooklyn, where most families worked hard and came home tired at the end of the day. But they saw the value in supporting one another. They knew they were stronger together. And they knew that as tired as they were, or as steep as their own struggle seemed, they still had something to give. So, they did.

It's so easy to make a difference. That's the secret that so many Lions already understand and what I wish more people knew. You don't have to end all suffering for humankind—not on your own. But you can ease one person's struggle. You can pick up their bag and carry it for a while. And when you think of service in little moments like this, it becomes easier to see just how many ways there are to give back. And it gets even easier when each one of us invites a new member to join our club. That gives us more helping hands. And more service from the heart.

I know we are all busy, and we all have heavy loads—these days especially. But remember that the small things you do as Lions are as important as the big things. The way you serve may look different than how I serve or how your buddy down the street serves. And that's a good thing. That give us balance and diversity. That makes us Lions.

I am honored to embark on the next year as your International President and look forward to serving from the heart with you.

Sincerely,

*Douglas K. Alexander*

**Douglas X. Alexander**

International President, Lions Clubs International



We Serve.

# MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## A MESSAGE FROM PCC PAUL DOVE

***Hello South Carolina Lions!***

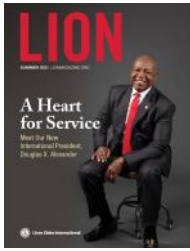
***There may be some miscommunication on my part, for which I apologize, in regards to the upcoming "GAT Summits."***

***The sessions are designed for all Lions, not just the district and multiple district global action team members. Actually, all clubs should have a global action team to forward leadership, membership, and service aspects of our work and purpose.***

***In other words, any Lion is invited to attend either of the sessions, one in District C and one in District S, for convenience, but each is open to all Lions, especially if the session in your district is not possible for you,***

***Attached is the registration form. We need a head count since lunch is involved. Please consider joining us for what we believe will be another enjoyable, information-filled Lions' gather-***

Saturday August 7, 2021 9:30 am—3:30 pm	GAT SUMMIT III (See ABOVE for message from PCC Paul Dove) TBD <a href="#">LINK TO APPLICATION</a>
Saturday August 14, 2021 9:30 am—3:30 pm	GAT SUMMIT III (See ABOVE for message from PCC Paul Dove) TBD <a href="#">LINK TO APPLICATION</a>
Saturday August 21, 2021 Time TBD	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION ZOOM CALL
Sunday August 22, 2021 4:00 pm—8:00 pm	NIGHT FOR SIGHT AND HEARING GOSPEL CONCERT 171 Langford Road Blythwood, SC <a href="#">LINK TO FLYER</a>
Saturday, August 28 Saturday, October 23 10:00 am —3:30 pm	LIONS LEARNING ACADEMY First Baptist Church Family Life Center 2875 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118 <a href="#">LINK TO FLYER</a>
September 9—11	USA CANADIAN FORUM Des Moines, IA <a href="#">LINK TO INFORMATION</a>
Friday September 10, 2021 Lunch—12:00 Noon Tee-off 1:30 pm	SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC Links O Tryon Campobello, SC 29322 <a href="#">LINK TO FLYER</a>
Monday September 13, 2021 Registration: 10:00 am Shotgun Start: 12:00 pm	RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT River Hills Country Club Lake Wylie, SC <a href="#">LINK TO FLYER</a>
Saturday October 9, 2021 10 AM—Shotgun Start	2021 CAMP LEO GOLF BENEFIT Greens Keeper's Revenge Scramble Crescent Point Golf Club <a href="#">LINK TO FLYER</a>



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## FROM THE DESK OF ID DR. DIANNE PITTS

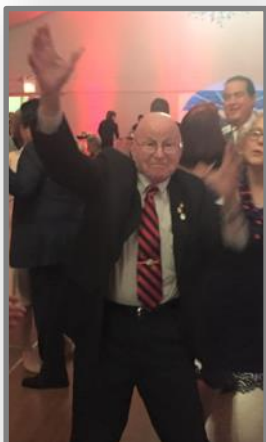
Virtual Convention and In-Person Board Meeting – June 2021

ID Dianne J. Pitts



Joe and I made a whirlwind trip to Oak Brook, IL, to celebrate the 2021 Virtual LCI Convention. After the Third Plenary Session where the election results were announced, there was an in-person Board of Directors Meeting.

I received a Certificate of Election and my Director pin from new International President, Douglas X. Alexander. Six new Directors were elected from Constitutional Area 1: (from to r., top to bottom) John Youney (Maine), Ken Ibarra (California), TJ Tijerina (Texas), Jeff Gans (New Jersey), Debra Weaverling (Kansas), and Dianne Pitts (South Carolina). There were special delegations visiting from Illinois and New York.



The evening completed a full day with a reception and a banquet, complete with a band. Do you recognize PID Jack Weber? He is on the dance floor dancing to “New, York, New York.” PID Jack is one of our snowbirds who has attended several conventions in South Carolina while down at his home on Seabrook Island. PID Jack is a very young 97 years old.

Zoom training for the new Directors will take place July 27 and 29. In the meantime, I am busy learning my information via an ipad and Board Effect. Our first trip as a Director will be to Des Moines, IA, for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in September.

# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

**Submitted by: PDG JOHN ENRIGHT**

Donations from MD32 are presently totaling around \$65,000. This is just short of last year's total just short of \$69,000. That is amazing in this Covid-restricted year. Thank you for your generosity!

A new Emergency Preparedness Grant for \$10,000.00 has just been approved for District 32S. This grant will cover the purchase of an emergency trailer for Lions to use in the event of natural disasters. The program will also include training for volunteers prior to disasters to prepare to assist communities in recovery. Supplies which will be included in the Lions disaster van such as blankets, safety vests, a generator, tools, coolers, tables and chairs, and more. Clubs and individual Lions can commit to donate \$50.00 annually to the 32S Alert Fund to restock and supplement the Alert van's needs. For more information, contact PDG Judy Scott, 32S Alert Chairperson.

Where there is a need, there is a Lion!



**PLEDGE DONATION**



Dear Lions,

I recently had another birthday, and I “grumbled” to my wife that it seems like every time I have one of these milestones my eyesight gets a bit worse. We commiserated on the “difficulties” of having to be more careful driving at night, reading billboards from afar, etc. I’m sure many of you have had similar feelings.

The next day, I learned about a situation that made my “grumbings” feel quite trivial. Mary, a 62-year-old Myrtle Beach resident with advanced glaucoma, needed an emergency shunt operation to avoid full blindness. If she lost her vision, not only would she lose the many things we often take for granted like driving to the store or admiring flowers in someone’s yard, she would lose her ability to support herself. Mary lived below 200% of federal poverty guidelines without insurance, and she supplemented her early social security income by working at a local Food Lion. Losing her sight would mean losing her job.

Fortunately, there is an organization that helps people like Mary – Lions Vision Services (LVS). LVS provides these services thanks to the generous support of Lions and Lions Clubs from across South Carolina. Because of your support, we were able to pay for Mary’s surgery through our network of partners who provide these services at discounted rates. Mary has retained her sight thanks to you!

There are many more stories like this, and there are more people that need these services than we can care for. Over the last year, we have provided 81 surgeries to people like Mary. LVS also provides vision screenings, hearing aids, and low vision equipment to people in need. According to the CDC, there are over 147,000 people in South Carolina with vision difficulties who need services like those provided by LVS. Our staff, volunteers, and board members are working hard each and every day to obtain more funding for our services, expand our network of partners to provide discounted services, and work with individuals in need to allow them to retain the gift of sight.

This is why I am proud to serve as board chair of Lions Visions Services. This organization provides critical services to people truly in need. We can’t do this without the continued generous support from all of you. I am so grateful to all of you that supported us over the last year. I ask you to **consider a stretch gift for your annual Sustaining Member contribution** in the coming days so that we can help people from your community with their vision health needs.

Together In Service,



Jay Odell  
Lions Vision Services  
Board Chair  
(803) 796-1305

**Give Now:**

Text “sightfirst” to 44321

Give online at:  
[lionsvisionservices.org](http://lionsvisionservices.org)

Mail checks to:  
234-C Outlet Pointe Blvd.  
Columbia, SC 29210



## 2021/2022 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

*Submitted by Lion Rita Spiess*



Lion Club Presidents: I hope the beginning of your year as your club's President has gotten off to a great start. If your club has never been a sponsor of a school in your community for the Peace Poster Contest, I'd like to challenge you to consider getting involved !! Ask one of your members to be the Peace Poster Chair and work with the art teacher in the local middle school in your community. I love this contest because it gives your club the opportunity to work with your local school, and it gives the opportunity for some of the art students at these schools to be recognized for their talent. This year's beautiful theme is "**We Are All Connected**". A perfect theme for all that we have been through since covid attacked our world. The Peace Poster kits are only \$11.95 - quite the bargain for such a great opportunity for your club!! The kits should be ordered through LCI's Club Supplies. The only additional cost for your club

for this opportunity is for whatever prize you want to award the artist who wins the contest (or maybe for the top 2 artists, like \$75 for 1st prize and \$50 for 2nd prize - or whatever you want to award). It's just such a great opportunity to work with your local school and get some publicity for your club. If you have any questions, please contact me at 864-316-5134 or email me at [rita.spiess49@gmail.com](mailto:rita.spiess49@gmail.com).'. I do hope that you'll take this opportunity to involve your club in this fantastic contest!!!

Rita Spiess

32S Peace Poster Co-Chair

## *MD32 Council Chair Pat Friday*

Well the starting gate has certainly opened. I really don't know where my days go but they are flying by and it is time for another Palmetto Lion Newsletter article.

Please mark your calendar for our State Convention that will start on **Friday, April 29, 2022** with registration and the Past District Governor's Luncheon when we will vote for our next Vice Council Chair.

At this time the contract has not officially been signed but I'm assured that we have the Florence Center for our dining events, including the PDG Luncheon, Awards Luncheon, Reception with a cash bar, and Banquet. Registration will be at the Hilton Garden Inn. A block of rooms will be available for our guests and there will be many other activities there. Lion Cindy Taylor will be our registrar. Please realize she is also the registrar for the District C's Convention. Patience and that is for me to remember!

I am very excited about this convention since we will be celebrating five Centennial Clubs, Anderson, Columbia, Greenville, Orangeburg and Spartanburg. We sincerely hope all of the Centennial Clubs will be participating in the convention as it will be all about their years of service!

PDG Bob Walker, our Lions pin specialist has already designed a beautiful pin including all five of the clubs on it.

At this time we are happy that the Districts are busy planning their individual District Conventions. I'm sure you will learn more from them, but please know this is a great time to get to fellowship with your fellow Lions. I have many fond memories of attending many of the District Conventions as well as the MD Conventions.

When you are reading this I will have attended District S and C's Cabinet Meetings. These are very important not just for the president and secretary but for all Lions in your District to learn from one another at every opportunity.

I as always, enjoyed attending Camp Leo's BBQ-Talent Show. We were so glad they could hold the event this year. Camp Director, Ben Sneed made sure it was COVID safe for the campers, chaperones, as well as the Lions. Since the Lions Clubs support this camp, this enjoyable evening is on our behalf. If you have never attended, please consider doing it. It really brings joy to your heart. And please remember them in your budget for this year.

We have many charitable organizations but none are more important than those that are actually benefitting the blind and deaf.

Using the theme from our International President, Douglas Alexander please remember "Service from the Heart"

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**2021—2022**  
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## FROM THE DESK OF GMT HOPE BARBARE



The slide is titled "Growing & Strengthening Clubs" and is part of a presentation from Lions Clubs International. It lists characteristics of a strong club, including being service-minded, having good communications, a strong membership plan, a good retention program, and effective operations. The slide also includes the Lions Clubs International logo and the name "David Rose" in the bottom right corner.

- 'My Ideal Club' ... What is it all about?
- May be better calling it 'Your Ideal Club'
- A strong club is one that has the following characteristics:
  - Service Minded
  - Good Communications
  - **Strong & Consistent Membership plan**
  - **Good Retention Programme**
  - Effective Club Operations

### ***A Living Legacy with a Pedigree***

Often some may equate a legacy with money or property passed from one generation to another, but a personal legacy is far more enduring and influential than cash or property. The path we Lions forge shines the light for those who come after us. As I begin this year in a new role for me, I want to thank PCC Rick Pressly for his valuable legacy of service to MD32.

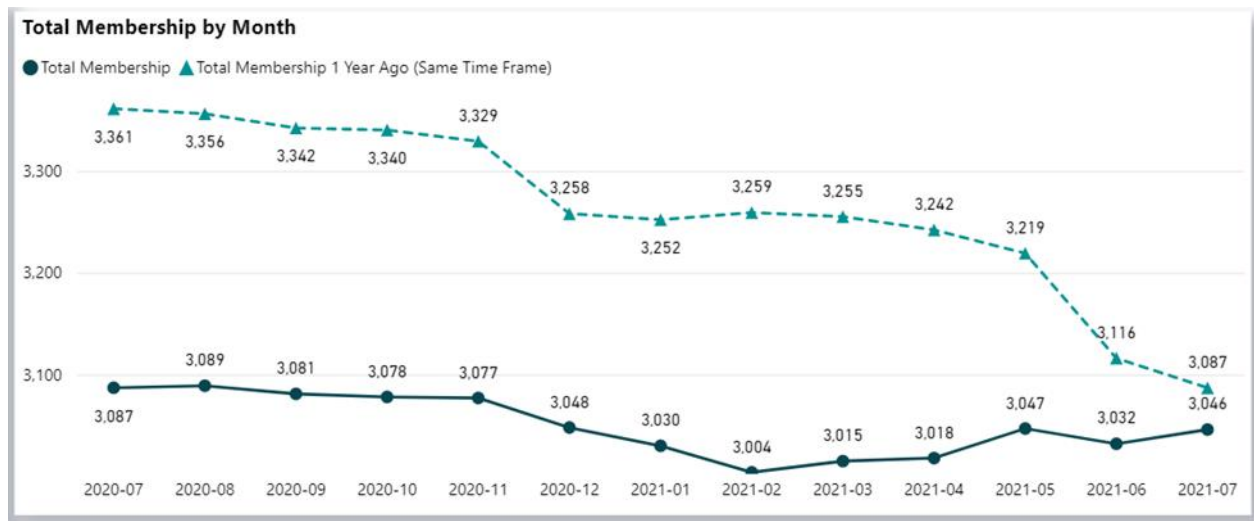
I will never have the pedigree to accompany my service as you do, PCC Rick – years of membership, club officer titles galore, PDG, PCC, district, and multiple district roles, but I hope I will be able to follow the path of service you have laid down for us all. In my short time as a Lion and in my role this past year as district GMT coordinator, I've called on you for help, advice, and support materials. You ordered the materials I needed, met me halfway between Abbeville and Greenville to deliver the materials, gave me numerous words of encouragement, and offered help throughout the year. I've seen you hit the road with the spot camera at short notice and spend hours and days assisting clubs with vision screening. Oh, I guess I need to add, "Mr. Spot" to your pedigree as you affectionately became known for your work with the spot vision camera. Don't get too comfortable in your new role though. I'll be calling!

As we begin our 2021-2022 Lions year, what will each of us leave as our legacy for the younger generation? Stronger clubs in our communities with vibrant membership, service, and diversity? Yes, please.

The data for membership the past year for MD32 is actually quite good even though we did have an overall negative net growth. I've included a graph in my report and would like to highlight some things from the graph.

Graph and Observations follow on next page:





This is the graph for MD32, not individual districts. It shows how we did as a team, across the state.

- The top line, dotted (and green if in color) is for the year 2019-2020.
- The bottom line, solid, is for the year 2020-2021.
- For the year 2020-2021 we began with 3,087 members and ended in June with 3032 members. Quite a remarkable feat during the time of the pandemic.
- We don't see months of deep drops in this year and the positive thing is that we actually see an upward trend after February with only a slight drop at the end of June as is always the case. The numbers added in the month of July already have erased that drop.
- We are poised to move into the 2021-2022 with a renewed interest and vigor to strengthen and grow service with strong membership numbers.
- We have a LONG way to go to erase the decline in membership we experienced during the time the pandemic was new and raging but I think the numbers and trends show us we can do it.

**What would I like to do in the coming year during my time as MD GMT?**

- ◆ Build relationships with clubs, especially with membership chairs and District GMT coordinators PDG Randy Croom and Lion Jan Benjamin.
- ◆ Communicate, communicate, communicate. Lions need to see what other clubs are doing and what the graphs show us. How will we do that? Visit, meet, converse, share (with emails, newsletters, zoom, etc),
- ◆ Affirm, affirm, affirm. What does that mean? Honesty about the numbers but concentration on positive ideas and strategies that are working.
- ◆ I would also like to work with District GMTs to collect information as to why some of our people are leaving lions and work to reverse that trend.

## ***FROM THE DESK OF GST PAUL DOVE***

### **Kudos and Thanks and Exclamations!**

Congratulations MD 32 Lions!

The metrics are in for FY 2020-2021 service activities, and our two districts posted phenomenal statistics.

Records show that we reported serving 396,869 people across our Palmetto State last year. **That averages out to having served 130 people per MD 32 Lion.** Using an average monthly membership of 3,056 (high of 3,087 to low of 3,024). Wow! We impacted that many lives last year, thanks to your service and service reporting!

**The record says we provided 3,602 service activities, for an average of 1.2 service acts per Lion in our state.** Of course, some Lions reported high numbers of service activities, and then we had those Lions and Lions clubs reporting zero.

**South Carolina Lions reported 54,335 hours given to delivering service throughout our state, and that averages 17.8 hours of service reported per Lion.**

While we know that some of our great clubs fail to report their service activities, those that do post impressive service work. We commend all who served last year, and we especially commend and thank those Lions and their clubs who reported service activities to MyLion.

On Saturday, August 7 in Orangeburg (First Baptist Family Life Center) and again on August 14 (Hurricane Baptist Church, Joanna/Clinton), your GAT (Global Action Team) will host GAT Summits for the third time. Registration forms were in your July Palmetto Lion email me for form, if necessary, . The Summits are open to all Lions wishing to expand knowledge of and solutions to address 1) leadership, 2) membership, and 3) service. Each Summit starts at 9:45 AM and concludes around 3:30 PM. Each Summit includes breaks with refreshments and a catered lunch. We have secured an outstanding array of presenters and panelists to address the topics and know that, when we gather and discuss priority items, we make progress towards expanding the synergy of our primary tenets.

Please pat yourselves on each other's back for the excellent metrics we posted last fiscal year, and please consider participating in either of the Summits. Each Summit was designed to be convenient for each district. However, crossing district lines and collaborating is CC Pat's emphasis, so feel free to attend whichever Summit works for you. Well, actually, feel free but send in your registration and \$15 fee, please.

Keep up the great work, and I look forward to seeing you on August 7 or 14. Or both, if you are so inclined, although the programs should be identical. But who knows where the panelists will go at each session, given audience participation?

---Lion Paul Dove, MD 32 GST



Submitted by: Lion Hope MacBride, District S Vision '22 Coordinator

Because of COVID, many of our clubs lost a complete year of vision screening in our schools and our pre schools. Even more important our children have been a complete year with delayed vision screening or trips to an eye doctor.

According to the article “How the COVID-19 Lockdown Changed Children’s Eyes,” written by Reena Mukamal for American Academy of Ophthalmology, “Some ophthalmologists around the country are noticing a spike in children’s vision problems as Americans emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic...Many children use devices around the clock for both school and play. This, combined with [delayed vision screenings](#) during the pandemic, has created a heap of issues for children’s eyesight.”

Common problems eye doctors are reporting are:

- “Uptick in new cases of nearsightedness or Myopia and worsening vision at a faster-than-expected rate of those already nearsighted.” According to the article, “preventing or keeping myopia from progressing is important because the condition can lead to more serious eye problems later in life, such as [cataracts](#) and [glaucoma](#).”<sup>1</sup>
- Many children stopped wearing eyeglasses during COVID-19. “[Early childhood](#) is the most critical time for a [child's vision development](#). Blurry vision can prevent the visual system from developing properly, leading to permanent problems later in life. That’s why it’s essential that children get back on track with their glasses.”<sup>1</sup>
- “Some children with [lazy eye, or amblyopia](#), stopped using their eye patches or special eyeglasses during COVID-19. As the pandemic wore on, many families missed appointments.”<sup>1</sup>
- Some Eyes Lost Alignment<sup>1</sup>

The **SC Lions Vision '22** committee headed by PDG William Hahn, has been working to make it easier for you to reenter the vision screening environment. Over the past few months, a group of interested SC Lions have been partnering with State Teachers Association to increase the number of Lions Clubs, schools and children conducting and receiving vision screenings. We have put together some procedures and protocols based on input from our experienced clubs. Keep in mind we understand that every situation is different, and the published procedures and protocols are guidelines for you. Watch for updates on SC Vision '22.

**Lions Kidsight USA Foundation-** <https://lionskidsightusa.org/>. <https://www.facebook.com/lksusaf/posts/4681352048565973> They have some great training and certification materials as well as a lot of good information. Watch for Project See Clearly '21 of Lions KidSight, an initiative to help you get back into the schools.

I hope by now your clubs are getting your volunteers together, scheduling review/training sessions, and scheduling your school screenings. If you need help, are able to help other clubs or have not done vision screening in the past and are interested in getting started, please get in touch with one of the below coordinators. We are here to help.

PDG William Hahn	MD 32 - Vision '22 Coordinator	<a href="mailto:bhahn@sciencebranding.com">bhahn@sciencebranding.com</a>
Lion Hope MacBride	District S – Vision '22 Coordinator	<a href="mailto:hope.macbride@gmail.com">hope.macbride@gmail.com</a>
Lion Melinda Hagins	District C-Vision '22 Coordinator	<a href="mailto:melindahagins@yahoo.com">melindahagins@yahoo.com</a>

<sup>1</sup>Reena Mukamal, “How the COVID-19 Lockdown Changed Children’s Eyes,” www.AAO.org, American Academy of Ophthalmology, July 02, 2021 (<https://www.aao.org/eye-health/tips-prevention/covid19-pandemic-myopia-children-eyes>)

**CAMP LEO – BBQ/TALENT SHOW**



## FROM THE DESK OF DG JAY MCCLARY of SC DISTRICT 32 C

### “WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR

This year has started off like a whirlwind. July is a very busy month for all clubs and the district. We have started a new year with new opportunities and getting started with new leaders can be a challenge. We are up to the challenge. Even with COVID the needs in our communities did not stop, they became greater. Now that we have some solutions for serving safely even with COVID still around we have to ask ourselves “what are we waiting for?” The work is great and the workers are few but the workers are Lions, so we will get the work done.

This year will go quickly so we must not waste time. We have a lot to do. From vision screening to food collection for feeding the hungry, we can't delay. Our communities need our services. As the old saying goes, let's pull up our boot straps and get to work. Work is a satisfaction that soothes our hearts. Think of the children that we can help with our vision screening, think of the people that we help with eye glasses, and think of the environment being cleaned up by us. These are just a few of the great things we do in our communities. Service is what we do and lives are changed every day because we serve from the heart. What are you waiting for?

This year brings great promises and opportunities to us. COVID raised the awareness of the need for service. Many who sheltered in place are now ready to make a difference in the lives of others. I really believe we have a greater opportunity for growth than we have had for years. We have to get busy inviting them into the greatest service club in the world. They are out there and are now looking for ways to help others. We just have to find them and ask them to join. Tell them your story of being a Lion and how it helps to fulfill your life. This is a prime time to grow your club. Look at the growth we had last year, 141 new members in our district. This growth can continue and will continue with all of us being involved. So many are thankful for the help they received during the pandemic that they want to serve others in need. I believe that thankful people want to return blessings to others. Let's give them the opportunity to serve others with blessings. Why are you waiting? It's time to invite others to be Lions!

This year brings new opportunities to nurture and train new leaders. As Lions we should always be looking for new leaders with the skills to lead us into the future. Our future is only as bright as the new leaders we choose. It's up to us to plan for the future and that includes great leadership. Are you that new leader we need? When you see the talents and abilities demonstrated in a lion that makes a good leader please let us know. Support and encourage our fellow lions to step up into leadership roles. The future is bright for Lions and for the people we serve. Step up and be a leader, don't wait.

Thank you again for your service. As Lions we appreciate your contribution to our service. Please remember to record your services. Every hour you give the Lions is a hour we would not have without you and for your hours of service we say thank you. So please, when you hear the words what are you waiting for, proudly say I am not waiting because I am a Lion with “A HEART FOR SERVICE.”

Yours in Lionism,

DG Jay McClary



**Jay McClary**  
**District Governor 32-C**  
**2021—2022**

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# District 32-C Club News

## AYNOR LIONS CLUB



Lion Page Ambrose presenting a check to the winner of Club Scholarship Award for 2021. The winner is Callie Prosser received a check for \$1,000 to help with educational expenses.

## MYRTLE BEACH LIONS CLUB



Lions participating in the SunFun Parade held in June.



Lion Drew Binowski receiving Lion of the Year from President Renaldo Angelini.



Jay Odell, Vice Chairman of the Lions Vision Services Board of Directors with President Lion Renaldo Angelini.



Mark Kruea, Public Information Director for Myrtle Beach with President Lion Renaldo Angelini

**NORTH CHARLESTON LIONS CLUB**

International Board of Directors Meeting - Atlanta



PID Jay Patel receives President Medal from then IP Choi.



## **NORTH MYRTLE BEACH LIONS CLUB**



PDG Randy Edwards conducted Installation of Officers' Ceremony for the club. The Club meets twice monthly at Boulineau's community room in Cherry Grove Beach and invites visitors and locals to attend a meeting. FMI: 843-281-9508. Pictured at left is Lion President Nils Regnell being congratulated by PDG Randy Edwards for beginning his second year.



Officers and board members , left to right, Lions Nils Regnel, Mike Walters, Jeanette Lyon, Sandy Boggs, Kathleen Renzi and PDG Randy.



Lion Club Secretary Sandy Boggs received the Club President's Award for her consistent contribution of time and effort.



Lion Suzanne Werner received the Lion of the Year award for her selfless dedication to aid in all club projects.



President Nils Regnell welcomed Ms. Marsha Wilmot, Chapter Vice Chairperson of SCORE Grand Strand to the recent meeting. Wilmot explained the many ways in which retired business personnel can use their expertise to help local start-ups be successful.



**SUMMERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**



Lions Bill, Bob and George putting flags out on July 5 (July 4th observed).



Lion President Marvin welcomes 1st VDG Les to our meeting



1st VDG Les Taylor made his Official visit to our club.



Lions John and Dot delivered checks to Lion Dale Larow at Camp Leo.



Lions Sandy G., Dianne and George working the Farmer's Market. Lions work the market EVERY Saturday from April thru November, selling mops, brooms, crafts and Beanie Babies.



Lions held Adopt A Highway Pictured Lions Brandon, Bob Ned, Marvin, Sandy R. and Elaine. (Photographer, Lion Thionna)

# 2021 Camp Leo Golf Benefit

## Summer Camp for SC Sight Impaired Children

Saturday, October 9th --- 10am Shotgun Start  
Greens Keeper's Revenge Scramble  
Crescent Pointe Golf Club

Entrance Fee: \$100 Individual/\$400Team

Raffle Grand Prize: Set of Wilson Pro Staff Irons!!

Entry fee includes golf, cart, range balls, on course lunch and beverages



To sign up your group contact Dale Larow at [dlarow@sc.rr.com](mailto:dlarow@sc.rr.com) or (843) 707-9004

**Co-Sponsored by the Lions Club and the local Ophthalmology Community:**



*Honorary Chairmen in recognition of years of dedication to Camp Leo: Alan Arseneau and Grover Cleaveland*

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# FROM THE DESK OF DG JIM BARBARE

## DISTRICT 32 S

Fresh from the kick-off campaign at our recent District Cabinet meeting in Clinton, our Lions are off and running to get back to serving and meeting the needs in our communities. An overflow crowd attended the Cabinet meeting and cheered our Zone Chairs on as we rallied to show our support for them and our other GAT members. District Governors challenged clubs to participate in a canned food drive which will culminate by the first of November and be reported at our second Cabinet meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Each Lion in



32S is asked to bring to their club meeting 4 lbs of canned foods. Clubs are encouraged to make photos of the cans, send the total weight of their collection drive to DG Jim Barbare. To add a little variety to the campaign, the clubs may choose to make their canned food photo

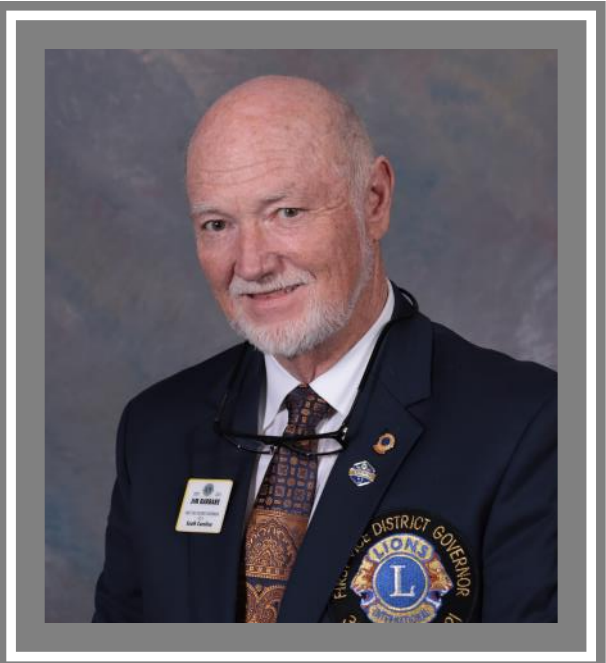
at a place of prominence in their community. For example, Blue Ridge Lions Club will have a photo at a local lake with the Blue Ridge Mountains in the background. The photos from clubs will be used in our social media outlets and in our great Palmetto Lion

Magazine. To date every club that has been asked at a District Governor Club visit has almost immediately endorsed the idea and accepted the challenge. Union L C has pledged to exceed the 4 lb amount per member to coincide with their 85 Charter anniversary celebration in August. Each Lions Club will donate their own community food bank or pantry to help with hunger issues in their town or city. The Governors asked:

***“CAN we reach this goal in 90+ days?”***

The response so far is:

***“Yes we CAN !”***



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District Governor 32-S  
2021 - 2022**

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ZONE CHAIRS AT CABINET MEETING



At the recent cabinet meeting in Clinton, hosted by Joanna Lions Club, Spartanburg Southside Lions Club Immediate Past President Earlene Corrothers accepted the Governor's Cup awarded to the club with the most members added in a lions year. Spartanburg Southside added 38 new members in 2020-2021. Also pictured are members of the Spartanburg Southside Lions Club in attendance. Congratulations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—UPCOMING TRAINING FOR DISTRICT 32-S**

**Certified Guided Lion**—October 16, 2021-Zoom  
January 29, 2022- TBD

**New Member Orientation**—August 21, 2021- Zoom  
February 26, 2021 -TBD

# District 32-S Club News

## BLUE RIDGE LIONS CLUB

Blue Ridge Lions Club assembled birthday cake kits as part of their service project during their five year anniversary celebration in June. Each kit contained one box of cake mix, one container of icing, one box of candles, and one birthday card. Each was placed in a cake pan and shrink wrapped. The 25 kits will be donated to a local food bank so parents will be able to provide their children with a birthday cake on their special day.



At the July meeting of the Blue Ridge Lions Club, members packed backpacks for teens who are taken into emergency care by DSS. Each backpack contained gift certificate for lunches, playing cards, crosswords, books, personal hygiene products including toothpaste, brush, and floss donated by Family Dental Health. Packs also contained socks, hairbrush or comb and personal notes of encouragement written by club members.



## **RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS CLUB**

[LINK TO RH/LW LIONS CLUB NEWS BRIEFS](#)

### **Service dollars used to enhance assistance in Clover region**

Richard Ellington, president of the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club, presented a check to Karen Van Vierssen, executive director of the Clover Area Assistance Center, during a recent visit.

The RHLW Lions Club is one of the co-founders of CAAC, a service organization launched to provide assistance when area textile mills shuttered in the early 1980s, according to CAAC's website.

### **RHLW Lions Club continues to give back to area**



Lion RJ Phillips and Richard Ellington, president of the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club, presented several donation checks to local organizations this month. Phillips presented a donation to Emily Parrish, executive director of the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill.

Photo to left: Club President Ellington presented a check to Camp Thunderbird in Lake Wylie during a recent visit with its executive director, Kimberly Conroy.

### **Clover High School Student receives two scholarship awards from RHLW Lions Club**

Alina K. Tomko won the Harold M. Breitman Memorial Scholarship Award. She will receive \$2,000 per year for four years. In addition, the Clover High School graduate will receive a \$1,000 scholarship this year in memory of Martin Lewis, a longtime member of the RHLW Lions who passed away this year.

The daughter of Michael and Melissa Tomko, Alina plans to attend the University of South Carolina—Aiken. Her career goal is to major in Industrial Process Engineering and work for Boeing.



## **SALEM LIONS CLUB**



The Salem Lions recently made a \$5,000 donation toward upgrading the auditorium at the Next Eagle Ridge School in Salem. This auditorium previously could not be used by the school for any assemblies or graduation because it did not conform to the guidelines set by the American Disabilities Act (ADA). When renovations are complete, the auditorium will be available for school and community activities. Pictured are long time Salem Lion George Blanchard presenting the check to Lynn Martin who is chair of the Restoration Committee. The Lions concentrate their efforts in three major areas, Vision Assistance, Education and Community.

## **SC CYBER LIONS CLUB**

SC Cyber Lions Club members of Georgia donated products to NE Veterans Homeless Shelter.



## SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB



The Spartanburg Lions Club was delighted to have DG Jim Barbare make his first presentation as District Governor for 32S at our club meeting on July 19th. DG Jim shared his goals and vision for 32S. We were excited to share his enthusiasm and accept his challenges as we move forward in 2021-22. Congratulations and best wishes DG Jim !!

DG Jim Barbare inducted the first new member of the Spartanburg Lions Club for 2021-22. We are delighted to welcome the new President of the SC School for the Deaf and Blind to our club, Lion Jolene Madison. We look forward to working with Lion Jolene.



The Spartanburg Lions Club officers for 2020-21 'passed the torch' on June 28th. Immediate Past President Jan Benjamin handed the gavel over to President Mike White. We are so excited for President Mike as he will be leading the way as the Spartanburg Lions Club prepares to celebrate their 100th Charter Anniversary in May 2022 !!! What an exciting time, and we are looking forward to the celebration



Lion Jan Benjamin presents the gavel to incoming President Mike White.



Lions Richard Davenport, Ron Evans, Gary Kirkland, Mark Barry, 3rd VP Weslie Higdon, 1st VP Jason, President Mike White, IPP Jan Benjamin, and David Lloyd.



## More Spartanburg Lions Club

Members of the Spartanburg Lions Club were excited to complete their 6th Annual Book Bag Drive in July. For the last 2 years we have worked with the great local non-profit 'P.S. I Love You'. This agency provides assistance for families who foster children in the Spartanburg area. I am sad to say that foster families of approximately 400 children have been helped just since January 2021 - what a sad statistic but what a wonderful agency that does such incredible work in Spartanburg! We packed and donated 25 book bags filled with school supplies and provided additional book bags and extra supplies for the children. This is a project that just fills our heart every year!!



Since DG Jim was our speaker for the meeting when we packed the backpacks, Lion Hope decided to pitch in to help as well !



I to r: Spartanburg Lions Club President Mike White; Lion Weslie Higdon who was the project director this year; staff members at 'P.S. I Love You', Ashley Reynolds, Martha Timmons, and Cindy Foster.



## **TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB**

Lions, family and friends worked hard at the annual fish fry! The Lions have been hosting this event for well over 40 years, and yesterday was another success.

Thank you to the many people who made it happen. We appreciate the #Lions leadership, including the outgoing president, Christine Lekich, and incoming president, Ed Best. We are grateful for our partnership with the City of Tega Cay, as we celebrate our city's birthday, and the nation's Independence Day, at this annual event. And big thanks to the Shore Club staff, who were a pleasure to work with. We appreciated the Tega Cay Women's Club stepping up to help. How about Barbie Staples, Lion Hope MacBride and Michele McGuire for their emergency run for more potato salad!? And how refreshing to have Whits Frozen Custard on hand serving dessert to our guests.



A budding young star, Gabby Knight, sing the national anthem.



President Ed Best awarding Citizen of the Year to Ms. Kristy Sprears



## **MORE TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB**

Tega Cay Lions Club participated in the annual 4th of July parade.



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## **WINNSBORO LIONS CLUB**

Winnsboro Lions continue to volunteer each week for the Fairfield County Council on Aging's "Meals on Wheels" program. Club President Lion Bobbie Dove carries out hot food to be delivered to the 19 clients on one of the six routes served five days each week.



Winnsboro Lions assisted with a church project to repair four mobile homes needing major roof repairs and other work



## **MORE WINNSBORO LIONS CLUB**

### **Winnsboro Lion Wendy Luce Receives Lions International Presidential Citation for Service**



Winnsboro Lion Wendy Luce was presented with a Lions International Presidential Citation for service by Immediate Past Council Chair Lion Rhett Hair during a recent meeting of the Winnsboro Lions Club. The Presidential Citation, signed by Lions International President Jung Yul Choi (2020-2021), recognizes Lion Wendy's service as director of our Fairfield Community Food Bank and the many other service activities in which she is involved. A Presidential Citation is the fourth highest recognition awarded by Lions International and is one of only nine that were awarded in Lions District 32-S this year.

### **Winnsboro Inducts Three New Members**

During its July 13 meeting, the Winnsboro Lions Club inducted three new members. The club welcomed the Rev. Mr. Steve Elkins, Mrs. Stephanie Elkins, and Dr. Sarah Bryant as new Lions. Immediate Past Council Chair Lion Rhett Hair conducted the induction ceremony and gave a brief history of Lions International and the organization's service focus. Founded in 1917, Lions now are found in over two hundred nations, in over forty-nine thousand clubs, with almost 1.4 million members worldwide. Five clubs here in South Carolina, including Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, Orangeburg, and Anderson Lions Clubs, were founded in 1922 and will thus celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries this year. The Winnsboro Lions Club was chartered in 1935 and reached its 86<sup>th</sup> birthday this past May. Lions International is the world's largest volunteer service organization.



# District 32-S Fundraisers

## Night for Sight and Hearing Gospel Concert



*Tickets available through your local Lions. For more information call: 803-718-0701*

**Doko Manor**  
171 Langford Road, Blythewood, SC  
Sunday, August 22nd, 2021  
From 4:00-8:00pm

**Tickets: \$8.00**

**Proudly presenting: God's Toolbox Quartet,  
Award-winning fiddler Jim Graddick, and  
multi-talented Doug Hudson with sax.**



***Come join us for some good ole  
fashioned gospel music, food,  
door prizes  
and a Silent Auction.***



***Sponsored by the Lions Clubs of  
Blythewood, Greater Irmo, and  
Winnsboro. All funds raised will  
benefit the clubs' sight and  
hearing services.***

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### Team Information

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Form return information on the back.

Registration Form and payment must be received no later than **August 27, 2021.**

Forms may be filled out and payment made online at [www.scsdbfoundation.org](http://www.scsdbfoundation.org), returned by email to

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The Spartanburg Lions Club Charity Golf Classic  
Attn: SCsDB Foundation  
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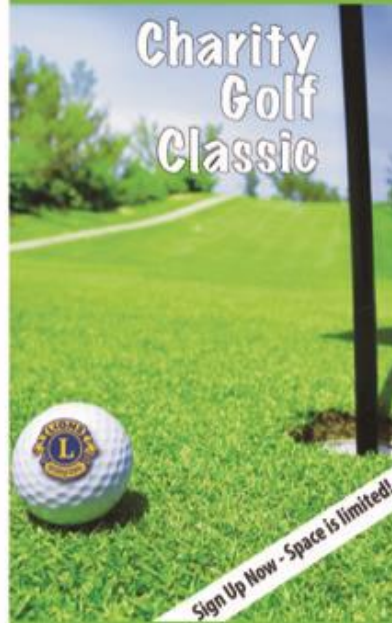
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All proceeds to benefit the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind in Spartanburg, SC and are tax deductible.

## Spartanburg Lions Club

### Charity Golf Classic



Friday, September 10, 2021  
Lunch: 12 Noon • Tee-off: 1:30 pm  
Links o' Tryon  
Campobello, SC 29322

### SC School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation

provides critical resources to help the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind keep pace with the specific educational needs of children with hearing and visual impairments.

The Foundation supports programs such as:



#### ACADEMICS -

Educational programming designed specifically for our students using state-of-the-art technology

#### ARTS -

Incorporating the arts in our basic curriculum allows our students to participate in music, theatre, chorus & dance

#### ATHLETICS -

Our student athletes play football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, bocce, track & field, cheerleading, and goalball

#### LIFE SKILLS TRAINING -

Programming that teaches our students how to live independently and become self-sufficient

#### STEM INITIATIVES -

Innovative learning that helps our students explore the world through Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

#### CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION -

Provides our students with the training necessary to succeed in future careers



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### Title Sponsor: \$1,000

Large logo placement on all pre and post event publicity; full page program acknowledgment; large logo placement on event banner and promotional material

### Gold Supporting Sponsor: \$500

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### Silver Supporting Sponsor: \$250

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### Hole Sponsor: \$100

Logo placement on "tee signs"

### Individual Teams:

**\$60.00** per golfer    **\$240.00** per team

### Links o' Tryon

11250 New Cut Road  
Campobello, SC 29322

Registration, Range Balls and Lunch  
12:00 Noon

Tournament begins at 1:30 p.m.  
Shotgun start

Awards Presentation to follow  
Captain and Crew Format



Our number one priority for this year's tournament is the health and safety of our sponsors, players, and volunteers. There will be heightened cleaning practices for golf carts, coolers, registration area, etc.

# SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

## RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the annual River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Charity Golf Tournament. We will have a great day of golf at the beautiful River Hills Country Club in Lake Wylie, SC.

**Meet Celebrity, Scott Rohrer, Special Olympics 2-Time World Gold Medalist.** Gain an advantage on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole by letting Scott hit your drive off the tee box. All proceeds from the 10<sup>th</sup> hole will be donated to Special Olympics.

This Captain's Choice event includes:

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning teams - 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250.

*River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Charities is a 501 (c)3. Tax ID #57-1037559.*



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Individual Golfer \$150  
Foursome \$600

Entry Fees include:  
FREE contests on every hole, Hole-in-One Contests, Green Fees, Cart, Driving Range, Lunch, Beer, Soft Drinks, Water, Contest Prizes, Door Prizes, Awards Dinner

Registration: 10:00 am  
Shotgun Start: 12:00 pm

All Tournament Proceeds Benefit Local & National Charities

**Sponsorships Available**

For more information or to register and pay:

[www.rhlwlions.org/](http://www.rhlwlions.org/)

[rhlwlionspublicity@gmail.com](mailto:rhlwlionspublicity@gmail.com)

Tentative rain date is September 20

THANKS FOR READING OUR PALMETTO LION  
WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED !



**Thank you for reading the August edition of the Palmetto Lion.**

**We want to hear from everyone!! Please have your articles and pictures to your reps by August 31, 2021 for inclusion in the September edition.**

**SERVICE FROM THE HEART**

“It’s so easy to make a difference. That’s the secret that so many Lions already understand and what I wish more people knew. You don’t have to end all suffering for humankind—not on your own. But you can ease one person’s struggle. You can pick up their bag and carry it for a while. And when you think of service in little moments like this, it becomes easier to see just how many ways there are to give back.” President Douglas X. Alexander, Lions Clubs International

Put your thinking caps on. The October edition is going to be all about service.. Big and Small. Clubs and Individuals. Let us know how your club members have given back and about your service goals for the Lions Year.

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