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Together  
we gave.



Thank You...

for all that you do in your communities to  
make change and to inspire greater giving  
around the world.

## Together, we gave sight!

From the entire staff, board, and client community at LVS, **thank you** for your generous outpouring of support yesterday on our Giving Tuesday campaign!

With a grateful heart we are proud to share that 50 individuals gave \$4,620 and surpassed our \$3,000 matching gift goal!

When combined with the matching gift from the Aiken Lions Club, **LVS received \$7,620 for eye surgeries, low vision equipment, hearing aids, and staff support to empower under-served communities across the state.**

Your collective generosity can be leveraged into \$38,100 in services for our clients through the partnerships in our unique Healthcare Provider Network. That's more than 12 people who will see again, because of you!

We simply cannot thank you enough for sharing your generosity with us during the busy holiday season of this tumultuous year. Your support gives our staff daily inspiration as we tackle the challenges before us.

Thank you for the blessing of your gift, and may your holidays be filled with the same joy and hope that you are helping us share with others.

# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## December 2020

### December 1

Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning Peace Poster entry to the multiple district council chairperson and for clubs not belonging to districts and districts not belonging to multiple districts to send one winning Peace Poster entry (per contest sponsored) to the Public Affairs Division

### December 5

International Leo Day

### December 13

CA I & II Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) application due (Toronto, ON, Canada)

### December 15

Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning Peace Poster to the Public Affairs Division

## MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ONGOING	JOANNA LIONS CLUB MASK FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM <a href="#">Link to Order Form</a>
February 5 -7, 2021	SC LIONS DICTRICT 32 C MID-WINTER CONVENTION HILTON GARDEN INN, FLORENCE <a href="#">LINK TO 2021 CONVENTION WEBSITE:</a>
Feb 6, 2021 9:00 AM—10:AM	“COVID-19 MEDICAL UPDATE” SC LIONS DICTRICT 32 C MID-WINTER CONVENTION HILTON GARDEN INN, FLORENCE LINK TO FLYER <a href="#">LINK TO 2021 CONVENTION WEBSITE</a>
Feb 26-27, 2021	SC LIONS DISTRICT 32 S MID-WINTER CONVENTION
April 9—11, 2021	MD 32 STATE CONVENTION 1881 Event Center, Spartanburg



## *A Year Worthy of Celebrating*

In the midst of what can only be called surreal times, I hope you are staying safe and well. It is no surprise that even during a worldwide pandemic, Lions have found a way to continue doing what they do best: Serve.

This year as I've gathered with family and friends to celebrate the holiday season and give thanks, I am reminded of the extraordinary, selfless Lions I have had the honor of meeting and working with over the past decade. You are the heartbeat of our organization.

On behalf of Lions Vision Services, I extend a heartfelt thank you to every Lion and Lions club who has contributed to our efforts of bringing hope to the hopeless and restoring sight to those who would otherwise continue to live in darkness. Your donations, no matter how big or small, have made a huge impact on your communities by helping provide 65 eye surgeries, 10 hearing aids and 3 low vision devices in just six months of our fiscal year. That is worth celebrating!

As we look forward to the New Year, we want to continue to expand our programs and services to meet the rising demand for vision services. Today, will you make a commitment to Lions Vision Services by giving a year-end tax-deductible gift? I promise you: your donation will change a life. What better gift to give this Christmas season than the gift of sight.

*“ Your help impacted my life forever. The surgery was great and now thanks to you I can see great. So I thank God for Lions Vision Services every day. I can't thank you enough. God bless you! ”*

From all of us at Lions Vision Services, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Winn Fitzgerald  
President/CEO

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# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

Submitted by: PCC Dianne Pitts



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## Leaving a Lasting Legacy

### Planned Giving for the Lions Club International Foundation

As this crazy year of 2020 closes, we each have the opportunity to reflect on our lives and our legacy. It has been a sobering time, as we have lost family, friends, and fellow Lions. It is also an opportunity for us to look ahead and plan for our legacy.

Joe and I have taken this time to be more intentional about wishes should something happen to either one of us. We've made sure that our immediate family members are clear about our legal papers, our final wishes, and how we have planned our estate(s).

Take this opportunity to remember Lions Clubs International Foundation or Lions Vision Services in your estate wishes. As Lions, we have the opportunity to serve on in the future. Where there is a need, may there always be a Lion.

If you have questions, contact Atty. Robert Kanonik at 630-468-7061 or ( [rob-ert.kanonik@lionsclubs.org](mailto:robert.kanonik@lionsclubs.org) ). The recommended wording is relatively simple to establish a lasting legacy.





## *MD32 Council Chair Lion Everette (Rhett) Hair*

Greeting all,

Coming off of our Thanksgiving Holiday remember to social distance and wear your masks. It is just as important to protect others as well as yourself. We continue to move forward across the state. Meetings and service projects continue to happen with lots of creativity. Keep preparing and planning.

Lets' talk a little bit about membership. We are almost at our Lions midyear and here are some of our MD numbers from November. We have 128 clubs with 3078 members. We have added 100 new members but have dropped 138. This gives us a negative growth of 1.225. Clubs looking for new ways to retain or recruit members please reach out to your Zone Chairs they have great insight for new ideas.

Service, we still have about 25% of our clubs that are not making reports to LCI. And I know we are all doing something that is called service. Check with your Secretaries to see if they are on top of their game. Support them in any way you can, they cannot report what they do not know.

As we start preparing for our new Lions year (2021 -2022) Wow! It is coming fast. We need to be thinking of Lion of the Year candidates and Hall of Fame nominees. Soon it will be time for our officer elections, then officer training. To best prepare our new leaders we must invest a little time in the near future on getting them trained. All types of Leadership Training is being planned for next year. Keep your Eyes and Ears open for their schedules. If you have someone in your club that has never been to one of these events, take them! Everyone can always use a little Lions battery recharge!

Our Lions Vision Services has opened a new website and domain. Check out this link: [www.lionsvisionservices.org](http://www.lionsvisionservices.org) With this change LVS's website becomes more visible, accessible and adaptable... easier to use... How many Amazon shoppers are out there? Are you using Amazon Smile? If not, log into Amazon, smile.amazon.com, select Lions Vision Services. Doing this, Amazon will donate 0.5% on selected purchases to your charity. Free Money! To LVS. I have been doing this for a couple of years! Join me in the gift of giving sight!

I have rambled long enough. Hope you all have had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Merry Christmas! From Melody and I.

Thank you for what you do!

Rhett Hair

CC MD32



**Everette (Rhett) Hair  
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## MEET YOUR 2020/2021 SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL

We have entered a new Lions year. Our clubs are all facing new challenges that we have never had to deal with. Please welcome them and wish them luck. .

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### MD 32 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

#### 2020-2021

July 2, 2020	Virtual Counsel Meeting via Zoom 10:00am
September 12, 2020	10:00 am Council Meeting with District Cabinets, Medallion Center, Columbia
December 5, 2020	Council meeting Location TBD Probably Orangeburg, FLC
February 6, 2021	Council meeting 32C Convention
February 27, 2021	Council meeting 32S Convention
April 10, 2021	Council meeting MD32 Convention
June 5, 2021	Council Meeting TBD, (Orangeburg FLC)
June 25, 2021	International Convention Montreal Ca.



## New Technology for our Blind Students

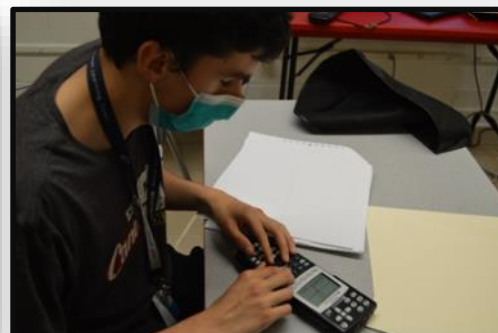
Technology is changing the lives of our students at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. A brief description of some of the new technology is found below.

**Ruby** is an on-the-go video magnifier with a 4.3-inch screen that allows the low vision student to magnify items from 2 to 14 times the original size. The 4.3-inch full color, bright screen makes it outstanding for reading books, bills, checks, etc. It is about the size of a smart phone and can view items and read text in light or dark rooms.



**WeWalk** is an amazing new digital product that combines a traditional white cane with smart phone technology. It can detect obstacles that are above the chest and head levels through its ultrasonic sensor. It can be integrated with a smart phone and is able to receive turn-by-turn Google Maps navigation. It is an open platform, meaning that it will be able to gain new features with integrations such as Uber, Lyft and Amazon Alexa. SCSDB Foundation bought two of them for our Orientation and Mobility team to test and two students have been identified who will receive them once the staff has familiarized themselves with its functions and capabilities.

**The Orion TI-84 Plus Talking Graphing Calculator** consists of a compact accessory that is attached to the top of the TI-84 Plus that enables a visually impaired person the ability to interact with the TI-84 Plus using speech, audio and haptic (vibration) feedback. The high-quality synthesized speech reads out all textual and symbolic information on the LCD screen as well as each key press. It is fully expandable with hardware accessories through a USB port and can print or emboss graphs when connected to a printer or an embosser.



## ***FROM THE DESK OF PCC PAUL DOVE, GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR***

Some of us remember and are more adept with numbers than we are with words. Numbers, figures, statistics, data, units, quantities, symbols, counts, enumerations, metrics, whatever you prefer.

Well, to us as Lions, numbers—or as MyLION calls them, “metrics”—are vital data. Why? Because they tabulate how we serve, especially when those data are reported to and recorded by MyLION. These metrics are shown as raw numbers and in graphs to chart our successes—or lack thereof.

Our service metrics include a) number of people served, b) number of service activities, c) number of volunteers delivering services, and d) number of hours invested in service. We report service activities, meetings, fundraising, and donations.

What counts?

Stay tuned.

Here is the Palmetto State we have 128 Lions clubs, with 3,060 members in total, providing a host of service activities. Remember our motto is “We Serve!”

We Lions in MD 32 deliver hot meals to older or ill neighbors via “Meals on Wheels” and as individuals taking meals to shut-ins, ailing neighbors, and families when there has been the death of a loved one.

We drive home-bound friends and neighbors to medical appointments, and we grocery shop for these and other citizens. We staff food banks, and we conduct food drives. We run soup kitchens and bake cookies for public safety officers and other first responders. We cook hot dogs and hamburgers for civic functions.

We conduct vision screenings for children and adults. One of our stalwarts has personally logged over 45,000 vision screenings, for example. We collect and recycle used eyeglasses. We fund eye exams and glasses for indigent students and adults, and, through our Lions Vision Services of South Carolina, we negotiate and fund eye surgeries for those who cannot afford such treatments.

We recycle glass bottles and jars and aluminum cans and plastic containers and cardboard. We use “best practices” waste management. We do river cleanups. We pick up litter along our highways and streets.

We volunteer at “Blessing Box” distributions, and we help with “Young Lives Matter,” a program for pregnant teenagers. We read to school children. We sponsor a library at the children’s clinic at MUSC’s Storm Eye Institute. We led efforts to build an educational outdoor learning area at our South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. We have provided e-sight equipment for legally blind students and adults. We help with blind fishing tournaments. We help sponsor Leader Dogs for the Blind. We conduct diabetes awareness programs and assist diabetics in various ways. We support Lions International Youth Exchange and serve as host families.

We serve on civic committees, commissions, boards, clubs, and other groups. We lead some of these civic activities. Some of us are elected officials or government program volunteers. We provide a safe Halloween experience for children during “Trunk or Treat” evenings. We plant trees and support other environmental causes. We build ramps for handicapped neighbors and friends and anybody else needing a ramp. We volunteer with “Salkehatchie,” a South Carolina United Methodist home repair program. We work with “Habitat for Humanity.” We volunteer with blood drives.

We call “Home Alone” neighbors to check on them. During this pandemic we call other Lions to ensure they are okay. We hold club meetings via conference call or virtually during the pandemic for those clubs which do not yet wish to meet face-to-face.

And there are literally scores of other service activities our 128 clubs are providing right now.

Why is this important, these “metrics?”

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Club health assessments rely on various reports from club secretaries and club service chairs. When accumulated, these numbers are impressive and document what we as Lions are doing worldwide to help our neighbors and communities. Metrics are lagging at present due to inactivity in clubs and reservations about being out and about delivering our services. Hopefully, your club will identify new service opportunities each quarter as we strive to be there during what has become a time of crisis in too many of our communities. Food banks are stretched to their limits, for example. First responders are pushed to their utmost. We have massive wildfires out west, COVID everywhere and more prevalent, and recurring tropical storms and hurricanes coming ashore in our Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama region, plus civil unrest and political polarization. Some areas are experiencing severe unemployment, leading to myriad problems with supporting their families, buying groceries, paying rent, etc.

We have a unique opportunity to step up and deliver the service for which we are known worldwide. After all, we are the world's largest volunteer service organization. Remember our five primary focus areas are hunger, the environment, vision, childhood cancer, and diabetes. But all service activities can and should be counted.

Please cogitate and collaborate on these opportunities and inspire/lead/activate your club to do everything possible to address present and urgent humanitarian needs out there.

What more appropriate Christmas season gift than a new service project for the needy in your neck of the woods?

Godspeed!

--- Lion Paul Dove, MD 32 GST Coordinator



**WHAT IS YOUR CLUB DOING  
FOR TITLATTING PROGRAMS  
TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERS CHALLENGED?  
ZOOMING, CONFERENCE CALLING,  
OR HOSTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS?  
REGARDLESS, DO YOU NEED PROGRAM IDEAS?  
WORRY NO FURTHER!  
CONTACT GST LION PAUL FOR OUR MULTIPLE DISTRICT'S  
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## ***FROM THE DEST OF PCC Lion Joe Pitts, MD 32 GLT***

**Lions Fellowship Retreat in Florence-** We had 23 Lions at this event. You read some of the comments from that event in the November issue of Palmetto Lion. This was our third Fellowship for the Multiple District. We would like to have one more this Lions year in the West side of the state. Some wanted more pure fellowship. We consider putting feet to the ideas the Lions have the fellowship. Just talking does not get us anywhere. Maybe the focus should be on Retreat instead of Fellowship. Retreats have a guided purpose. Our purpose is to get the great ideas into actual actions. Is there a club on the West side of District S that would like to host a Lions Fellowship Retreat?

**Academy ([Click her for additional information](#)):** Often Lions are hesitant to step up to a position because fear of failure, or not knowing exactly what is expected of them. The Lions Learning Academy is designed to overcome these two obstacles plus others that a Lion might have. The Academy is not designed to take the place of the District and Club Officer Training. It is designed to enhance it. This year will be especially helpful. They can choose an office, or know what office they will be assigned, for the coming Lions year, have the initial training in April before the district training, then the District Training, followed by a session in August to make sure they are on the right track, then another follow-up in October to guide them for the rest of the year.

The dates are April 24, 2021, August 28, 2021, and October 23, 2021. The hours are from 10:00am to 3:30pm with lunch included. The cost will be \$30.00 per Lion (not the \$25.00 as reported in the PL). This covers about a third of the cost for materials and meals. The sessions are planned to be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 2875 Columbia Rd., Orangeburg, SC. Social distancing and mask will still be observed. Please use the Registration Form in the Palmetto Lion to register for the Academy. The cost of on-line registration and payment is more that we would get from having them on-line.

The purpose of the Academy is to develop skills for building more dynamic Lions clubs that better serve our communities. Our target audience include:

- MD Team (CC, MD GLT, MD GST, MD GMT)
- DG Team (DG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, GLT-D, GMT-D, GST-D)
- Zone Chairpersons
- District and Multiple District Committee Chairpersons
- Guiding Lions
- Club Presidents and Vice Presidents, Past and Present
- PDGs, PCCs, PIDs
- Any interested Lion

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**Symposium ([Click her for additional information](#)):** The Purpose of the Symposium is to prepare club members under 5 years in Lions to grow in the three focus areas of Lionism: Service, Membership and Leadership. Some Lions grow in one of these areas, others in two, it is rare that a Lion grows in all three areas. With the lack of growth in membership, and with some clubs the lack of succession, and with other clubs a lack of new service projects, the Multiple District needs a way for all new Lions to grow in all three areas. Some Lions get a wonderful introduction to Lionism with a club orientation, other do not. Our thanks to Lion Bobbie Dove and the others who do such a great job by providing a meaningful orientation. The Symposium will address many topics for the growth of the new Lion in many areas of Lionism.

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**Presenters Workshop:** This will be held at Family Life Center, 2875 Columbia Rd., Orangeburg, SC on May 1, 2021 and will be led by then 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Les Taylor. He has an excellent faculty to make this program a real success. The purpose of this workshop is to help the Leadership Committee spot potential future presenters for some of these workshops, trainings, and Fellowship Retreats we have during the year. We all can talk about Lions, but being a presenter has special requirements. The Presenters Workshop helps us all become better presenters.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Academy, or the Symposium, or the Presenters Workshop. Stay safe and have a great day.

**FROM DG JUDY SCOTT and GAT TEAM  
DISTRICT 32 S**

IN WARM APPRECIATION,  
WE WISH YOU

*Happy Holidays*

AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

District Governor Judy Scott  
And the entire GAT Team!



**FROM THE DESK OF DG JUDY SCOTT  
DISTRICT 32 S**

All the best this  
holiday...

We, the District 32S  
Global Action Team,  
appreciate your  
loyalty and wish you  
and your loved ones  
a happy holiday  
season. Thank you for  
your loyalty to Lions  
and know we wish  
you a season of  
hope, health and  
happiness.

With gratitude,  
District Governor Judy



**Judy Scott  
District Governor 32-S  
2020 - 2021**

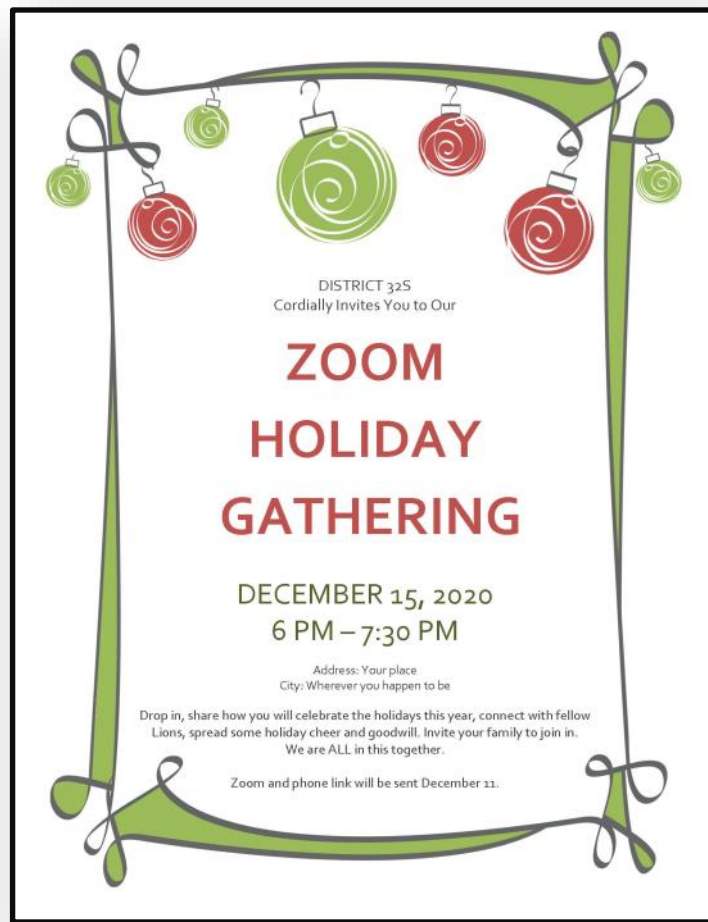
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Join by Skype for Business

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# THOUGHTS FROM 11-17 CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Two Construction ZONE meetings have been held. The topic was membership. These meetings were in person but observed social distancing (except for a brief photo op) and masks required. The meetings were hosted by zone chairs and took place at local church buildings. Thank you to Zone Chairs PDG James Freeman, Gloria Eaves, Norma Hughes-Smith, and Ensley Feemster for working so hard, traveling to planning sessions and meetings, leading group sessions, and contacting clubs who did not attend. Clubs are very blessed to have such wonderful zone chairs working with them.



Thank you for sharing your Tuesday evening with us. Here are some ideas from our meeting:

- \*Keep current members engaged by sending letters, calling on phone
- \*Keep non-attendees involved through social media and giving them a job they can do from home
- \*Use service projects to increase membership
- \*Use service projects to inspire and draw non-members
- \*Bring potential members to service projects
- \*Plan for membership recruitment
- \*Publicize (market) your club and club activities
- \*Use social media
- \*Keep heartstrings open
- \*Listen with open heart when people talk to you
- \*Be welcoming to visitors
- \*Send cards
- \*Recruit members from a variety of ages but don't forget the newly retired who have more time to devote to the club
- \*Start a club branch for a different meeting time or around a shared interest
- \*Advertise LCI humanitarian outreach projects
- \*Provide membership sponsorships to members who might not be able to afford the dues
- \*Pay the membership fee when LCI no longer waives that \$35 entrance fee.

## Thoughts from Membership Main Course Lions Zoom Café

On November 18, eighteen lions from across District 32S met for the 3rd Lions Zoom Cafe meeting at 6 pm. The zoom cafe meetings are brief, casual conversations about membership.



How do we keep members engaged and connected? \*Keep our mission front and center-we serve \*Re-energize clubs who are struggling \*Use zoom or blended meetings for both in-person and virtual options \*Clubs who have managed to re-gather safely are having success \*Provide plenty of opportunities for service like drive by distributions, for example-Due West drive by mask distribution \*Have a call committee or phone buddies to keep in touch with members not attending \*Give non attendees a job to do like keep up with social media or phone calls to seniors or members \*Other ideas for service are collecting books to give, ringing bell for Salvation Army (it's outside), giving gift cards to SCSDB \*Have a food drive and give to a local food bank \*Have a take out only meal fundraiser \*Have fun even on zoom with tail twister jokes \*Find a nearby Lions club to partner with in service or to fill a need in the club or in the community \*Work together \*Support each other \*See the positives \*Concentrate on good news \*21 clubs in district S have added members this year \*District S has had positive net growth the past 2 months \*83 new members have been added to the rolls in 32S since July and even though our net growth is -16 right now, we are seeing the net numbers improve month to month \*Galatians 6:9 Let us not grow weary of doing good for in due season we will reap if we do not give up \* Have a happy, safe holiday season and keep ROARING!

## **Another 1st for District 32S. A ZOOM Convention/Forum.**

Just imagine not needing to get a hotel room, eat in restaurants and travel all the way to Columbia during this pandemic.

Stay at home, feet up, coffee or tea in hand and hear some dynamic presentations from our international guests. You will not want to miss ID Nickell.

**Feb.26-27, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

Saturday evening Guest Speaker: International Director Justice Christopher Shea Nickell from Peducah, KY.

Other Presenters include:

Douglas X. Alexander , International First Vice President

Daniel Marney Elkins - 2nd Vice District Governor 22D, New Club Development Consultant

Jerome Thompson, Past International Director, Global Action Team Constitutional Area 1 Leader

Plus other presenter????

Registration is free, however, we will ask you to let us know you will be attending so we have an idea how many Lions will be either on computer or on the telephone connection. More information is forthcoming.





# District 32-S Club News

## BLUE RIDGE LIONS CLUB



During Thanksgiving, the Blue Ridge Lions Club collected non perishable goods and gift certificates (to purchase turkey or ham) for a needy family to help with their Thanksgiving meal. When the club contacted the local middle school to ask about delivering the box, the counselors responded, yes, we have a needy family but we are having trouble deciding between 2 families, both of whom need help. Word was sent

out to club members and there was enough extra food and certificates donated to fill 3 boxes. Pictured is the food collected and the BRLC secretary delivering the food boxes to Blue Ridge Middle School guidance department.



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## SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB



For about 90 years members of the Spartanburg Lions Club have given presents to the children at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. And this year we were so pleased to have members of the Spartanburg Southside Lions Club join us in this herculean effort!! This project has

had so many positive effects on so many people - both Lions and the students; and, in some cases, children of Lions who used to help with the project. It was

so sad that we weren't able to have the party at the school this year because of covid, but we know the gifts brought great joy to all of the students. Their Christmas party was a little early this year as the students returned home before Thanksgiving and will not be back on campus until after the 1st of the year. Members of the Spartanburg Lions Club and the Southside Lions Club hope that your Christmas is Merry and Bright as well !!!





## TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB

### FOOD DRIVE



Successful food drive orchestrated on November 14 by Lions Hope & Jim, Danny, Ed, Jerry , Gayle and President Christine with kudos to Lion Carmen Miller of Miller Realty and Abbott's Frozen Custard, both of Tega Cay. Both of these businesses were collection points for our food drive. We collected 1638 pounds of food! It filled 3 SUVs, a car trunk, and passenger/back seats. Amazing! Food was delivered to Fort Mill Care Center for those in need during the holidays.



### BAGS TO BENCHES PROGRAM

***We have actually just earned our FOURTH bench!*** During the first month of our latest 6 month challenge our volunteers collected **729 pounds** of plastic bags and film. More than enough for another bench.:-) Due to COVID restrictions it is taking longer for the benches to be delivered so we will probably receive this one towards the end of January. *Special thanks to Lions Gene and Gayle Esarove and Tony Lekich who have been doing the bulk of the collections!*. We now have benches at the Tega Cay croquet court, Lake Ridge Club house and the latest is at the All Play Together Playground at Trail Head Park. Congratulations



## **MORE TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB**

### **EYEGLASSES COLLECTION**

Eyeglasses Collection - this ongoing project is going strong and we've collected and delivered over 2000 pair to Columbia this year!

### **SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS CAKE AND GIFT DISTRIBUTION**

Normally at this time of year Tega Cay Lions Club would be preparing for our annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party. Because of current circumstances we are not able to sponsor this awesome prelude to the holiday season. Although we can't reach everyone we did reach out to York County Council on Aging, the one group whose clients consist of seniors living in their own homes either alone or under the care of relatives. York County Council on Aging would normally send approximately 150 seniors to our annual party. This year Tega Cay Lions Club is working with them to supply approximately 200 gift bags for their clients.

On Wednesday 12/2 we delivered our first load of cakes and gifts to their offices for distribution. A second distribution will happen on Monday. Thank you to Lions Jim, Sue, and Lori for your help.

Lions Lori Young, Hope MacBride and Jim MacBride at York County Council on aging.



### **THE MATHEWS LIONS CLUB (more on next page)**

These photos were made as The Mathews Lions Club collected non-perishable items and donated them to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home pantry.



In photo from left to right: Lions David and Claudia Dority, and Harold Rigdon, Connie Maxwell staff member Jackie Smith, and Lion Sam Keasler.

**More from THE MATHEWS LIONS CLUB**

Filled containers at the Salvation Army headquarters. Six members of The Mathews Lions Club filled 1061 bags of food to be given out by the Salvation Army. Club members filled all of the containers that were available.



Christmas gifts and wrappings donated to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home Christmas Store. Members of The Mathews Lions Club purchased and made gifts for the children to purchase at the Christmas Store for a small amount of money, allowing them to buy gifts for family members and friends.

Lions Claudia and David Dority, and Connie Maxwell staff member Dee Miller.





## Joanna Lions Club Mask Fundraiser Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Line 2 (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONS:**

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Mask comes pre-printed as above with one filter (if available) and will be mailed when completed.

Club Name Mask                      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$10 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name for Masks \_\_\_\_\_

Banner Ad Mask                      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$10 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Joanna Lions Club**

Mail orders and payment to: Eddie Marshall  
 2688 Hwy 308  
 Clinton, SC 29325

For any questions, please email [eddiemarshall@lcsd56g.com](mailto:eddiemarshall@lcsd56g.com).

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WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED !

**Deadline for submissions to the January Palmetto Lion is January 3, 2021**

**We want to hear from everyone!! Make sure to send in your pictures and short articles to your District Palmetto Lion Rep.**

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