



January is “Hunger Awareness Month”

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/hunger>

We serve to improve human flourishing. We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities, and believe true community improvement depends on the thriving of its members.

- 1 in 9 people is (are) chronically hungry.
- Chances of food insecurity ~10% higher for women.
- At least 50% of children under age 5 have hidden hunger--lack of essential nutrients.
- 2 billion people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food.
- 25% of children are stunted due to lack of nutritious food.

Sources: [World Health Organization](#), [WhyHunger](#), [UNICEF](#), [United Nations](#)



February is “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/childhood-cancer>

Globally, childhood cancer looks like this:*

400,000

children diagnosed

9 in 10

diagnosed children live
in low- and middle-income
countries (LMICs)

<30%

of children with cancer in
LMICs survive, compared to
≥80% in high-income countries

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

January 2023

Hunger Awareness Month

January 15 Peace Poster Kits go on sale

January 13-16

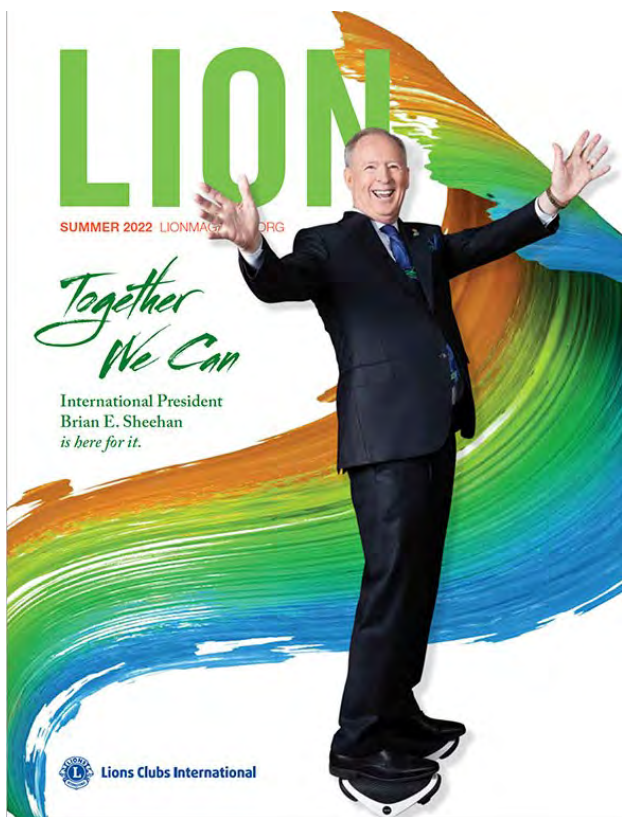
Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) for CA I & II in Charlotte, NC, USA

February 2023

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

March 2023

March 3 Lions Day with the United Nations (New York City, NY, USA)



[Link to current Lions International Magazine](#)

LINK TO: [POLICY MANUAL](#)
[SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS](#)
[MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32](#)

MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ONGOING

SC CYBER LIONS CLUB Purchase Nuts, Snacks, and Chocolates online		LINK TO FLYER
SENECA LIONS CLUB RADA CUTLERY Fundraising Store		LINK
CAMP LEO 2022 Donations to 2023 Camp Leo Summer Camp		LINK
SC CYBER LIONS CLUB Collecting used, washed, see-through empty prescription bottles with child-safety lids. Contact PDG Judy Scott at 803-397-0621		LINK

2023 JANUARY

FRIDAY—SUNDAY 1/20—1/22	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) Columbia, SC	LINK TO REGISTRATION
1/31	LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR: SC Lion of the Year and Lions Hall of Fame	LINK TO GUIDELINES

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY—SATURDAY 2/3—2/4	MD 32 C CONVENTION 2023 Crown Plaza N. Charleston, SC	LINK TO CONVENTION WEB
MONDAY 2/6	WINNSBORO LIONS CLUB 2023 Rann Foster Annual Pancake Supper Barn Express	LINK TO FLYER

MARCH

MARCH 1	DISTRICT S FOOD DRIVE Collect the food at your club, make pictures, then donate to a charity of your choice. Please send your pictures and report to DG Randy Culbertson	50randyculbertson@gmail.com
FRIDAY—SUNDAY 3/3—3/5	MD 32S CONVENTION 1881 Event Center Spartanburg, SC	LINK TO CONVENTION WEB LINK TO AD ORDER FORM LINK TO BLOOD DRIVE

APRIL

FRIDAY—SATURDAY 4/21—4/22	LIONS VISION SERVICES Santee Blind Fishing Event Florence, SC	LINK TO EVENT WEB
FRIDAY—SATURDAY 4/28—4/30	MD 32 CONVENTION Hilton Garden Inn/Florence Center Florence, SC	LINK TO CONVENTION WEB Link to Pin Order Form
SATURDAY 4/29	LIONS VISION SERVICES Annual Meeting at the MD32 State Convention	
SATURDAY 4/29	GREER CENTENIAL LIONS CLUB Bass fishing tournament	MORE TO COME

MAY

TUESDAY 5/2	LIONS VISION SERVICES Giving Day	
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FROM THE DESK OF ID DR. DIANNE PITTS

Where Do You Fit In?

Pandemic! Triple-demic!

Our world has changed in unexpected ways in the last few years!

However; the Lions International mission has remained to serve those in need around the world. Dynamics, communication, and membership have been refined to better serve our association.

One of the newer decisions by the International Lions Board was to mobilize Past District Governors. In order to tap into their experience and to build on the investment that Lions International has invested in leadership, read-only access to certain information portals have been granted to all PDGs. As experienced Lion leaders know, all needs cannot be met through the annual leadership team. “It takes a village to raise a child.”



Although each club and district operate somewhat independently, each committed Lion leader must be aware of needs perceived and or demonstrated. Each Lion can be part of the solution for a challenge. If you choose not to be part of the solution or resolution of a challenge—then you may be part of the problem. Apathy from Lion leaders presents a negative scenario.

I challenge all Lions who are actively serving, all experienced Lion leaders, and all future leaders—continue to invest your time and efforts into strengthening our association. Help identify potential future leaders for Lions.

[Attached is a letter to all PDGs that was sent out from LCI in October.](#) If you did not receive it, your correct email address is not in the files at LCI. I am attaching a copy of the letter to this article. Take advantage of learning experiences; keep others informed. Whether you currently hold a title or not, be proactive in your community, your district, and in Lions International.

Continue to grow throughout your Lions career! Support other Lions leaders! Be a proactive team member!



Dr. Dianne J. Pitts
International Director
2021—2023



Lions Clubs International

[Link to attachment](#)

LCIF



MD32 Lions,

Happy 2023 – I wish the very best for all of you and your families – Your donations for the first 6 month, of this Lions year, have been great. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. Here are the figures so far:

	Clubs	Amount
October	33	\$45,557.00
November	37	\$56,589.00
December	42	\$62,208.00

As you can see, we are continuing to make steady progress towards our LCIF goals. Let us continue with our club fund raising and our personal donations.

Unfortunately, there will always be those in need. Fortunately, there will always be Lions. **“We Serve”**

What a \$100 Donation Will Do

Vision – 2 Cataract Surgeries

Diabetes – Screenings for 18 at-risk people

Hunger – Access to food for 14 chronically hungry people

Childhood Cancer – Equipment treating 8 young cancer patients

Environment – Access to clean water for 14 people

Youth – Lions Quest curriculum for an entire classroom for 1 year

Disaster Relief – Immediate relief for 4 victims of a natural disaster

Humanitarian Efforts – Measles vaccination for 100 children

PDG John Enright

MD32 LCIF Chair



Dear Lions,

This month I am taking a more personal tone to our LVS update, but I think you will come to see why and will still find it uniquely insightful to our work of ending blindness in poverty. This article is a bit longer than my usual 1-page piece, but I hope you will find it worthwhile nonetheless.

I am excited to share with the Lions community that I will be seeking the office of Second Vice District Governor at the 32-C District Convention this year!

This campaign is an exciting capstone to my first decade in Lions, an anniversary that I celebrated last November. At a time when the needs in our community have seemingly never been greater, the prevalence of blindness and vision loss is on the rise, and membership in our Clubs has struggled to holistically engage the Millennial and Gen Z generations, I can think of no better time to seek this office. I cannot promise solutions to all those challenges, but I can promise heartfelt dedication to working with you on each of them.

Seeking this office also reminds me of the special relationship Lions Vision Services has with South Carolina Lions, and the important distinctions each entity possesses. LVS is the result of the visionary ambition of SC Lions, yet it remains an independent 501(c)3 organization which each local Club and each Lions member must personally consider supporting each year. Likewise, Lions have greater autonomy to pursue more varied charitable interests besides vision.

These distinctions needn't be divisive, but rather clarifying in the way Lions and LVS choose to work together in our unique and impactful capacities to create better communities for all.

In seeking the office of 2VDG I am committed in totality to my dual responsibilities of leading LVS as CEO and leading Lions as a future District Governor. I am especially committed to ensuring those roles do not compete with one another. In my role as CEO of LVS I am fairly compensated for my professional expertise in fundraising and nonprofit management. In my role as 2VDG I am volunteering my time to serve South Carolina Lions.

Let me be crystal clear: if elected, I will never utilize one cent of my compensation as an LVS employee for a volunteer role in District leadership.

I will have boundaries in place to allow me to ethically fulfill both obligations to LVS and SC Lions. I believe the results will speak for themselves, and you can hold me accountable for that. Follow our progress and see for yourself the difference we will make.

What will those results look like? We will not relent in our pursuit to expand LVS's reach into every community across South Carolina.

- My travels will allow me to see more of our Lions community and connect with more of our non-Lions charitable partners.
 - ◊ Our fundraising to secure these services for the blind will not cease.
 - ◊ We have recently been awarded grants from Lexington Medical Center, Community Foundation for the Central Savannah River Area, Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation, United Way of Horry County, Coastal Community Foundation of SC, the SC Port Authority, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of SC, the Employees Community Fund of Boeing, The Joanna Foundation, The Post & Courier Foundation, and Thompson Funeral Homes.

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- ◇ We recently received a major gift from the Greenville Lions Club to establish a special endowed fund for LVS services to Greenville County residents.
- ◇ We are beginning the second year of a three-year grant from the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation.
- ◇ Our success rate for grant writing continues to increase annually.
- We continue to expand the Santee Blind Fishing Event to make it better each and every year, including extending our participation to the NC V.I.P. International Tournament.
- Our monthly communications and our regular social media updates continue.
- Our service partners and nonprofit partners expand every year.
- Our sustainability will continue to increase as we maintain operating reserves to weather future times of uncertainty like the COVID-19 pandemic and look to strategically expand our staff in slow but measured ways that will elevate our overall impact.
- Our transparency in our financial statements and annual audit will continue with regular updates posted on our website and on Candid.

In short, I am confident that our successes at LVS will continue to provide assurances to our donors and patrons throughout the year that your gifts are not being used to underwrite volunteer time but rather are being wisely invested in services that are ending blindness in poverty.

On the South Carolina Lions side of the equation, I see a great opportunity to expand our service through the Club Excellence Process. I will focus on increasing the number of Clubs recognized with the Club Excellence Award; building a pipeline of equipped future leaders; increasing membership in key metropolitan areas like Charleston, Florence, Beaufort, Aiken, and Myrtle Beach; increasing the visibility of Lions Clubs throughout South Carolina; and elevating South Carolina's profile on the international stage as a sought-after destination for service excellence.

If elected, I will continue to serve LVS and South Carolina Lions faithfully and wholeheartedly in each capacity. If my campaign is unsuccessful, I will remain just as committed to LVS as ever.

I am excited by the opportunities this VDG role presents, and I am excited for the future of LVS. We will continue our pursuit of service and excellence together. I welcome your feedback and look forward to seeing you in person soon!

Together In Service,



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CFRE
Lions Vision Services
President & CEO
(803) 796-1305
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Text "sightfirst" to 44321
Give online at:

lionsvisionservices.org

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



A Message from MD32 CC Henry Harrison

2023 is here!

Christmas is past and we have added 210 new Lions this year. We are -35 for the year but we are on course to rectify that. We have a new club, the Bluffton SC Lions Club.

With our Districts and Multiple District planning their conventions it is a very busy time. Lions are never happier than when they are busy. Have you volunteered to help with our conventions? We have dynamic speakers scheduled for all three events so don't miss out, make your plans now. Please be aware that all Lions are welcome at all conventions, why not visit the other District as well as your own.

[District C Convention](#) February 3 - 5, 2023 Crowne Plaza, Charleston.

[District S](#) Convention March 3 – 5, 1881 Event Center, Spartanburg

[Multiple District Convention](#) April 28-30, 2023, Hilton Garden Inn and Florence Convention Center

The 105th Lions Clubs International Convention July 7 to 11, Boston, Massachusetts

Don't forget to submit nominations for the SC Lions Hall of Fame and the SC Lion of the Year both due by January 31, 2023.



In December we selected our Multiple District Peace Poster winner. We were excited to have some of the staff and artist of the Burroughs Chapin Art Museum of Myrtle Beach do the judging. They studied all of our rules and made their choice which was the entry from District C. You will see this poster at the District and Multiple District Conventions,

I was pleased to present the award certificates to the student contestants of the first annual Myrtle Beach Lions speech contest. Competition was close and we had great support from the local schools and parents and judges. Cash awards enhanced their pleasure.

Our Multiple District Convention theme is "On to the next 100 years". I am confident that this will be a reality looking at those who serve now.



Henry Harrison
MD 32 Council Chair
2022—2023
Myrtle Beach Lions Club



Together We Can!

Henry Harrison Council Chair MD 32 South Carolina

South Carolina Lion of the Year Guidelines and Notice

Criteria and rules for LOY are taken from the MD Policy Manual.

All nominations must be received by the chairperson (IPCC Pat Friday)

(pfriday42@gmail.com) no later than **January 31st 2023**. Nominations received by the chairperson after this date will not be considered.

- a. Each District may nominate one Lion as a candidate for the South Carolina Lion-of-the-Year.
- b. The period of observation for this award shall be over an 18 month span, which shall end in January of each year and will allow observations by two separate groups of club officers, as well as District Officers.
- c. The Immediate Past District Governors, Immediate Past Council Chairperson, sitting District Governors, sitting Vice District Governors, sitting Council Chairperson, sitting Vice Council Chairperson, sitting MD-32 Secretary/Treasurer, and sitting MD-32 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall not be eligible for consideration.
- d. No individual Lion shall be nominated for the South Carolina Lion-of-the-Year and for induction into the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame during the same year.

That the nominating letter and/or enclosures from the individual's Lions Club should be explicit in the accomplishments over the 18 month period. Any nomination should be supportive to the Lion, detailing his present work that has made him/her outstanding in the minds of the ones making the nomination. It is more than being a committee chairperson, cabinet member, but what he/she accomplished. How many new members did he/she sponsor?

- a. What community service projects did he/she propose and lead?
- b. What were the benefits?
- c. Their attendance record at the club level, district affairs, and International affairs, during the period, etc.

Past record in Lionism prior to the 18 months period under consideration. Past offices held (local, District, State, International and dates of each) then a listing of outstanding accomplishments should be listed:

- a. List of awards received (Lionism) and dates.
- b. Date joined Lionism (including all clubs to which he/she belonged).
- c. Attendance record, State Conventions attended; and
- d. International Conventions attended.
- e. Current and past Civic, Professional and Religious activities -- dates and length of service.

South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame Guidelines and Notice

Criteria and rules for Hall of Fame are taken from the MD Policy Manual.

All nominations must be received by the District PDG/Chair no later than **January 31st, 2023**. Nominations received by the chairperson after this date will not be considered.

Please send your nominations to the below Chairs

32C Chair PDG Marla Suckow, [today isa present@hotmail.com](mailto:today_isa_present@hotmail.com)

32S Chair PDG Stacey Beeler, stacey.beeler@charter.net

- The selections shall be made from written nominations received from the clubs of the District.
- No individual Lion shall be nominated for the South Carolina Lion of the Year and for induction into the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame during the same year.
- Any Lion or any deceased Lion, to be proposed for induction into the Hall of Fame shall have a minimum of ten (10) years membership in a Lions Club, the most recent five of which must be as a South Carolina Lion.
- It shall not be necessary for a candidate to have held a State, District, or Club office.
- Any Lion in South Carolina may nominate a candidate for the Lions Hall of Fame, but the nomination must be endorsed by the candidate's home club.
- The proposal shall cover the candidate's accomplishments in Lionism and include his civic, professional, and religious activities.
- Selection of inductees into the Lions Hall of Fame shall be based primarily on contributions to Lionism.
- Proposals for candidates not selected will be returned, by the Committee Chairperson, to the clubs submitting them, immediately after the MD-32 Convention.
- If a Lion is inducted into the Hall of Fame while living, they will not be eligible to be submitted again as a deceased Lion. There is only one Hall of Fame.
- A plaque is to be presented to the ones so honored or to a family member. The presentation will take place at the MD-32 Convention.
- A permanent book shall be placed in the Lions Building in a place designated as the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame. The book shall contain a picture of the member along with detailed information of his/her service.

MORE THAT JUST THE BIG THREE

Helping Your District through Financial Assistance

Happy New Year! And welcome to the second half of our Lions' fiscal year! While we continue to focus on leadership, membership, and service—our synergistic model for progress-- there are several other areas that fit into this threesome. I am talking about **meetings, donations, and fund-raising**. All three of these are listed under MyLION service reporting options and should be reported each month.

Hopefully, every club is now meeting in spite of scattered COVID, flu, and RSV considerations. The pandemic certainly affected us and all other organizations, and we must return to some form of normalcy, especially in our club life. And our meetings qualify and should be included in our MyLION reporting.

Fundraising is certainly tantamount to club success, and it is impressive to see the different ways we raise financial resources to undergird our volunteer work. Every broom we sell, for example, should be reported as a fundraising activity.

Lastly, donations sustain our principal South Carolina and International Lions' service work. Thankfully, many clubs provide their fair share of donations and do report their charitable support. Without our club and individual donations, our South Carolina Lions Vision Services, Storm Eye Institute, and School for the Deaf and Blind would not be able to provide the wonderful services they do. We also donate to our Lions Clubs International Foundation, which, in turn, makes substantial grants back to us here in MD 32. And we have more than a dozen leader dogs here in our state, partially funded by our donations to Leader Dog.

For clubs which have commendable fundraising successes and therefore have very healthy treasuries, there is one other way we can financially support our work. We have not increased district dues, to my knowledge, in many years, and we all realize that inflation has hit all hard, to the tune of over eight percent this year. My recommendation is that we also support our districts by making donations to underwrite all we do there. This includes supporting leadership, membership, and service.

Conventions are very expensive events, and it is held that those are the main tangible recognition and reward we receive for what we Lions do. I know our last 32-S convention, for example, was costly, and my own 2017 district convention was slightly over budget or produced less income than we needed.

Submitting an advertisement for your district convention program substantially undergirds convention expenses while also publicizing your club and the service you render to your community.

If your club is sitting on substantial amounts of funding in either of your charitable or administrative accounts, please let me encourage you to consider a donation to your district treasury. I am sure funds donated to our district support will be appreciated and well allocated to convention expenses (which have certainly more than kept pace with inflation due to the pandemic effects especially) and other costs. Even postage rates are increasing soon!

Clubs paying district dues in a timely manner are recognized with deep appreciation as our expenses continue all year, and treasurers (and district governors) get anxious when bank balances drop precariously low, which they do especially mid-fiscal year.

So, especially since it is impossible to justify clubs sitting on big bank accounts, or even moderate ones, let me re-emphasize that district treasuries donations are an excellent way to help sustain the work we do and the leadership and service we perform. Every dollar helps, so please consider a convention program ad or a donation or both to your district and its financial needs. And get off that nest egg that is impossible to justify!

Again, Happy 2023!

---Lion Paul

FROM THE DESK OF HOPE BARBARE, GMT



Today, we might title this post, the MIDNIGHT Monday Membership Moment. I am now in full Mimi mode taking care of a little 3 month old so sometimes the busy-ness of this season means I have to put off a little later some of the things I usually get accomplished earlier in the day.

Seeing my little grandson Rowan growing and learning makes me think of our next generation. When thinking about Lions, are we training our next generation well? Where will our Lions be in 20 years? I know we've talked about this issue before so I want to share a post from a little more than a year ago about Leo Clubs and families in Lions and then share a few new tidbits about Leo Clubs.

Leo members don't raise our district membership numbers the way regular members do but we are making an investment in the future of Lions when we sponsor a Leo Club at a local high school. Of course the most important aspect of a Leo Club is the sponsoring faculty member at the

school. Lion Stephan Vernet, who has since retired from the school, had a great club at Dorman High School. Below is a reprint of an earlier post about the Dorman Leos.:

When Lion Stephan took over the leadership of the club, there were 12 members. They now have 165 applications for membership. Applicants must earn the right to become a Leo by accumulating points. They then progress within the club by earning additional points. Points are earned from meeting attendance, club-sponsored events, and service projects. [I have attached Lion Stephan's spreadsheet which shows his system for awarding points.](#) There are 3 levels or tiers in the system. Tier one is 75 points with a certificate and pin signifying official membership in the club. Tier 2 is 125 points and earns a "super cute small stuffed lion" and Tier 3 is 175 points earning a "awesomely cute large stuffed lion." Lion Stephan granted permission for me to share his chart without last names, of course.

I'd also like to share PCC Eddie Marshall's comments from that same post over a year ago

Wanted to share this picture of my PRIDE! My entire family is now Lions, that Kate is finally 18. It is so important to get families involved. This is a great way to get younger members in our club. Let the children come too. My girls have come to my meetings since they were tiny tots. We are now working on our little grand cub. Just wanted to share.



Gratefully yours,

Hope Barbare

FROM THE DESK OF RHETT HAIR, GLT

Greetings all!

Lions Leadership Development and Succession

There are many avenues for leadership development. But the most important part is identifying potential. Identifying potential leaders is a must for successful succession. Here are a few ways to help you identify Lions with potential.

- ⇒ Lions that are engaged in their club and its activities. They ask questions and make suggestions.
- ⇒ They see failure as an opportunity.
- ⇒ They communicate well and they listen well.
- ⇒ Humble, and motivate others to achieve success.

After identifying Lions with potential, you will need to get them involved. Do they have a leadership position within their club? Have they had proper orientation or reorientation?

- ⇒ Introduce them to the Lions Learning Center. There are many courses available to help and guide Lions leaders. Take them to District Meetings, i.e., Zone and Cabinet.
- ⇒ Take them outside the district, MD conventions, International Conventions.
- ⇒ Have them attend one or more Lions Institutes, ELLI, RLLI, ALLI. Just to name a few.

There will be an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) in Columbia, SC , January 20-22, 2023. Help a new Lion boost their Leadership Potential. For further information contact me fffiremedic19@yahoo.com or DG Les Taylor lct299296@gmail.com .

Thank you for what you do!

WE SERVE!

PCC Rhett Hair

MDGLT

Application for Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI)

Have You Ordered Your 2023 SC MD 32 Pins



Prestige Pin



Regular Pin



Mini Pin

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am a member of the _____ Lions Club.

Prestige Pin **\$3.00 each** **# of pins** _____

Regular Pin **\$2.00 each** **# of pins** _____

Mini Pin **\$1.50 each** **# of pins** _____

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 Landrum, SC 29356

VISION—SC

HELPFUL LINKS

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Vision-SC email address: visionscreening@sclions.org

MD Vision Chair PDG Bill Hahn

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District 32 C Vision Chair Lion Melinda Hagins

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Web QR



The below are the metrics taken from our KidSight database as of December 31, 2022. Most of us have completed or nearly completed our school screenings for this Lions year. Is the hard work your club put in over the past six months represented? Contact Lion Hope MacBride (District S) or Lion Melinda Hagins (District C) if you need help entering your metrics, have any questions, or need help.

USER REPORT							
JULY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022							
SUMMARY OF CLUBS REPORTING							
	% Clubs Reporting	Number of Events	# Screened	# Ref	% Ref	# New Units	
DISTRICT S	17%	59	20,341	3,147	15.47%	3	
DISTRICT C	43%	90	29,698	5,281	17.78%		
TOTAL MD 32	33%	149	50039	8428	16.84%		
District S				District C			
Club Name	Screening	Referrals	% Ref.				
ABBEVILLE				Aiken County Area	10750	2001	18.61%
BEREA				Lions			
Blue Ridge				AIKEN			
BOILING SPRINGS L C				AIKEN MID-DAY			
Columbia Northwest				BEAUFORT	2176	557	25.60%
DUE WEST				FLORENCE EVENING			
GREENWOOD				GEORGETOWN	180	106	58.89%
GREER				HARTSVILLE	4396	909	20.68%
HICKORY TAVERN				Hilton Head Island	882	129	14.63%
INMAN				KINGSTREE			
LANDRUM				Lee County			
MC CORMICK				MANNING			
NINETY SIX				MIDLAND VALLEY			
PICKENS				MULLINS			
RIVER HILLS LAKE WYLIE	11024	1640	14.88%	MYRTLE BEACH	2907	433	14.90%
SALEM				North Augusta	29	5	17.24%
				NORTH CHARLESTON			
				OLANTA			
SPARTANBURG				PAWLEYS ISLAND			
SPARTANBURG SOUTHSIDE	367	92	25.07%	WACCAMAW NECK			
TAYLORS				SUMMERVILLE EVENING			
TEGA CAY	6865	960	13.98%	SUMMERVILLE NOON	8378	1141	13.62%
UNION	2085	455	21.82%	SUMMERVILLE NOON			
WESTMINSTER							
WINNSBORO							

FROM THE DESK OF DG LES TAYLOR of SC DISTRICT 32 C

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season to visit with family and friends. Remember these times because you never know what the future may bring. Some experienced a loss this past year and my thoughts and prayers are with you. It's hard to believe that 2022 is behind us and the Lions Year is half over. As I have said before we can't change the past but we can mold the future. We are achieving our goals, but some work still needs to be done. We added 75 new members but lost 66, 54% of clubs are reporting service and \$14,916 has been donated to LCIF by clubs and individuals. We have had a good first half of the Lions year and now is the time to accelerate for even a better second half.

Please don't forget to register for the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) in Columbia January 20-22, 2023. See flyer for details.

The District 32C Convention is right around the corner at the Crowne Plaza in N. Charleston February 3-5, 2023. The convention web site is <https://www.lionsd32c-convention.org>. We are seeking Business, Club, and Individual ads for the program book as well as donations to the Silent Auction; the deadline to place your ads is 01/23/23. This helps keep the cost down. This is YOUR convention and a time to celebrate our accomplishments with fellow Lions of District 32C. We can all share in recognizing those Lions and Lions Clubs that have been excelling in our district. You will have an opportunity to enjoy a Friday night fun night with magician Ed Ellis providing our entertainment, an awards Luncheon on Saturday and a Gala Banquet on Saturday night. In addition, we will offer an innovative way to share ideas regarding service as well as an opportunity for you to have a hands-on learning session for service and membership reporting. Please plan to attend the cabinet meeting and elections on Saturday afternoon, and have your delegates registered so your club can vote.

Monthly Lion Recognition Corner: Submit your recommendation about a Lion who deserves recognition to my email (LCT29926@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

This month's recognition goes to Lions Bill Arnold, Mandy Arnold, Norm Collins and Carole Collins of the Hilton Head Island Noon Lions Club.

These four lions have been instrumental in the organization and recruiting efforts for the formation of a New Lions Club. As of this writing, Bluffton SC Lions Club is awaiting final LCI approval to be chartered. The club will charter with over 20 members and already are expecting more to join. This major feat was accomplished in only four months!



Les Taylor
District Governor 32C
2022-2023

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"Together We Can – Together We Will"

DG Les Taylor

District 32-C Club News

AIKEN LIONS CLUB

Strom Thurmond High School Leo Club



Nearly 100 Strom Thurmond High School (STHS) students and faculty members representing seven clubs and organizations joined with the Aiken Lions Club on Monday afternoon, November 14, 2022, which is World Diabetes Day, for the Lions Strides Walk to raise awareness of the dangers of Diabetes. The walk was led by student members of the STHS Leo Club behind a beautiful banner sponsored by Aikens Lions Club.



IPCC Lion Pat Friday, club president and Lion Art Lader, Leo Club Advisor, spoke with the Public Information Office on the importance of raising diabetes awareness. Prior to the Lions Strides Walk, NJROTC instructor Charles Bayorek, who is also a retired Navy nurse, spoke about why Diabetes is such a health crisis, especially in the Western Hemisphere.

Pictured below are Leos assisting the club with bell ringing for Salvation Army.



Lion Art Lader

CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB



Club members completed local service project to repair all the picnic tables at Page Park.

FLORENCE EVENING LIONS CLUB

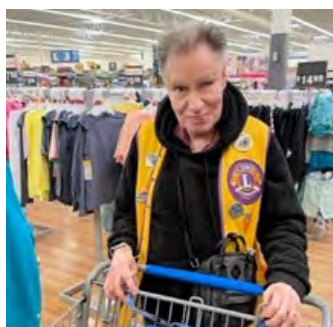
Club members shopping for clothing items and shoes for needy and underprivileged children.



Lion Shirley



Lion Audrey



Lion Harry



Lion Deborah

MORE FLORENCE EVENING **LIONS CLUB**

BUNDLES OF NEED DELIVERED



LANCASTER **LIONS CLUB**



Lion Robbie Mungo is recognized for 40 years of service to our community. He joined the Lancaster Lions in 1982 and has multiple times served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer. He is invaluable to our club and community. Thank you, Lion Robbie!

Club celebrate Christmas with special musical guests Rhett and Tracey Wilson. The event was organized by Lion Robbie Mungo, and it was a wonderful time with beautiful music by the Wilsons.



LEE COUNTY **LIONS CLUB**



Lions purchased and distributed 250 throws to three retirement communities in Lee County for Christmas. Lions Margaret Copeland (pictured above) and George Roberts distributed to two of the facilities on Christmas Eve.

MANNING **LIONS CLUB**



Club held its Christmas Party/Meeting at Lion Joe McNeil's house. Lion Bill Cone was awarded the Lion Key pin for his significant efforts in increasing the Club's membership. Lion Joe prepared a delicious meal – charcuterie board, wedge salad with a balsamic reduction and bleu cheese, veggie casserole, fruit salad, followed by blueberry and cherry cheesecake cups. Many of our members' significant others were able to join us and all enjoyed the meeting, the meal and the gift exchange.

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH **LIONS CLUB**



Lions President Nils Regnell presents Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Jim McNutt with gratitude for his generosity and dedication to community service.



Club presented awards to students at NMB Middle School in recognition of their artistic posters symbolizing world peace. Pictured left to right: Club president Nils Regnell, art teacher Amy McGhee, second place winner Aleidy Lopez and first place winner, Julia Schimdt.



Lions participate in the annual Christmas parade and distributed candy to the excited children. Left to right: Lions Debbie Yocom, Tom Haynes, Palma Harbin, Vicki Haynes, Leonardo (Lion Jack Bambach), Dorothy Bambach President Nils Regnell

Club members recently donated and assembled Santa buckets for more than 50 Atlantic Beach children.



Left to right Lions Palma Harbin, Suzanner Werner, John Racz, Vicki Haynes and Mike Walters preparing Santa Buckets for distribution.



President Nils Regnell presents gifts to Atlantic Beach representative Kim Munjas, Clerk.

ORANGEBURG LIONS CLUB

Year-end Donations



Orangeburg County Council on Aging \$500



Local Salvation Army \$1000



The Filling Station (Nonprofit that packs snacks for school children for the week-ends) \$1000



The Samaritan House (Local homeless shelter) \$500



Annual gifts to the local Mental Health Center (Donated by individual club members)

SOUTH STRAND LIONS CLUB



Lions participated in Wreaths Across America at Florence National Cemetery.



Lions enjoyed participating in the Surfside Beach parade.

SUMMERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB



Adopt a Highway included Boy Scouts as our helpers!



Supplies delivered to Dorchester Seniors!

MORE SUMMERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB



PCC George inducting new Lions Susan and Fred.



Lion Dot (Susan's Sponsor), Lions Susan, Fred (PDG Ned sponsor), PCC George.

Christmas Luncheon



Christmas Luncheon - Lion Suzanne leading the way!
YUM, YUM!



Lions Martha Sue and Marvin



Lion Dane playing the piano and Lion John leading the Christmas songs.



Lions Sandy R., Bob, Marilyn, John, Anna, Susan, George, Jim, Dave, Fred and Suzanne
Sitting: Lions Tawnya, Linda, Dianne and Elaine.

MORE SUMMERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB



Lions John, George, Clay and Dianne ready for the Parade!

Summerville is Noon and Evening Lions ready for the Parade!



Christmas Parade using Lion Ned's "Popemobile" and Lion George's truck!

It's all about the E's!

ENCOURAGE, ENLIST, EXCITE and ENERGY

Three powerful words that can make a big difference in our lives as Lions. As a result, these three words can have a tremendous impact on our clubs and our communities.

When we **ENCOURAGE** each other, we bring about positive attitudes. Positive attitudes lead to increased participation and greater impact in our communities. An encouraging atmosphere brings joy to members and helps with member retention. Encouragement is also an important tool in developing new leaders

When we actively **ENLIST**, we increase the number of hands that will serve our communities. Enlisting new members can also bring in new ideas and give clubs new direction and **ENERGY**.

The best way to **EXCITE** members is to get them involved. Members who are involved feel valued and they are more likely to remain a part of your club. **Excited** members have a multiplication effect on the club's **ENERGY** level too.

In the words of Helen Keller- "alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much". This is especially true when it comes to the health and effectiveness of our clubs.

Plan ahead!

Our District Convention will be March 3 & 4, 2023 in Spartanburg. Here is link to our convention website where you can register and find helpful information about the convention. I look forward to seeing you there!

<https://sites.google.com/view/workingcopyof2023district32s/home>

If you know someone who does not use computers or have online access, please print out the mail-in registration form for them. The mail-in form can be found under the 'Registration' tab.



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Let's Convene!

January and February District food drive

District goal is 7,000 pounds, or 4 1/2 pounds per member, of non-perishable food items. Collect the food at your club, make pictures, then donate to a charity of your choice. Please send your pictures and report to me by March 1, 2023

We Serve!

District 32-S Club News

EASLEY LIONS CLUB



The Easley Lions Club held their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, December 3rd at Applebee's in Easley. Despite the rainy weather, 243 people came by for a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Our thanks go to the citizens of Pickens County for supporting the Easley Lions Club. Also, to Applebee's Restaurant and The Sentinel- Progress for teaming up with us to help make this fundraiser a success. The proceeds for this event will be used to help those in the community that cannot afford proper eye care. The Easley Lions Club has held this fundraiser for over 40 years



Pictured is Easley Lions Club President Scott Atkins pinning Lion Phil Smith with the Senior Builder's Award Pin for his sponsoring 15 new club members. Congratulations Phil!!

The Easley Lions Club collected 163 pounds of food for the district 32S food drive. On Friday, January 13th, Easley Lion President Scott Adkins and Lion Bill Whitlock (see picture) delivered the food to Melanie Johnson , Executive Director of UCM and Lacie Brown of UCM.



EASLEY LIONS CLUB

Pictured below: Bob Obergas, Vice President; LaNeisha Kelly, recipient; Don Moninger, President.



The McCormick Lions Club recently awarded LaNeisha Kelly, a Landers University student, a scholarship to assist with her remaining semesters. LaNeisha's determination and sunny disposition led the local Lions Club to help her attain her dream of teaching.



Ms. Kelly, a graduate of McCormick High School, is a single mom pursuing her dream with determination. She worked at McCormick Head Start and part time at Savannah Lakes Village Food and Beverage. She now is full time at Savannah Lakes Village while finishing her education. "It's been my dream to return to McCormick and teach", says LaNeisha. "I am modeling to my children to 'finish what you start'. She anticipates graduating in May of 2024.

McCormick Lions Club, which numbers nearly 70 Lions, strives to support the local community. In addition to scholarships, the local Lions contribute to McCormick County 1st Steps, Food Pantry, Burton Center Foundation, Lincoln County Food Pantry, Vision Services and many more. If interested in the local Lions club, contact Jim Kinsler at pastorjfk@gmail.com

RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS CLUB

Lions award \$20K to River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS

The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club is proud to announce a \$20,000 award for the River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS. The funding was derived from a raffle ticket drive by Club members this year.



SALEM LIONS CLUB



Each year, members of the Salem Lions Club purchase toys to be donated to Angel Tree Children, sponsored by the Salvation Army of Oconee County. Pictured above are members of the SLC at their November 14th meeting and the toys that will be donated this year.

TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB



It is always so gratifying when local publications recognize the work our club is doing.

Saturday, November 5 found Tega Cay Lions roasting Zweigles hot dogs at Abbott's of Tega Cay semi annual Western New York get together. Abbott's donated 40% of the profits from the sale of hot dogs to Tega Cay Lions Club. If you happen to be from Western New York and need your Zweigles, beef on wick, salt potato's, and/or Genny fix, join us on May 13 for our next function. You just might meet an old neighbor or school buddy.



MORE TEGA CAY LIONS CLUB



Saturday, November 12 found us at our first Road Rally and Scavenger Hunt w/Silent Auction—Car lovers were able to drive to local businesses while completing a fun search. They were then able to bid on silent auction items donated by local business. A fun time was had by all.



December 5 and 6 – Senior Citizen Christmas Party. Served about 225 seniors over the two days. They enjoyed the Copycats stage show, cookies, cakes, bingo and gifts. The local elementary schools made Christmas cards. Of course a visit by Santa and the Grinch made it all complete! We had the seniors literally dancing in the aisles and singing tunes on their way out the door. A great time was had by all.



WINNSBORO LIONS CLUB



Winnsboro Lions collected over 125 items at its November meeting for the Fairfield Community Food Bank

Peace Poster Winner

Fairfield Middle School student Chloe Young was the winner for our 2022 Peace Poster Contest. Her artwork was entered in the 32-S District contest for consideration as the District 32-S award-ee. In addition to the check of \$100 presented to the winner, Miss Young received a certificate of congratulations from the club.



***Thank You for Reading the January—February
Edition of the Palmetto Lion
We hope you ENJOYED !***

We want to hear from everyone!!

Submit your articles and pictures by Tuesday February 28, 2023 for inclusion in the March edition of the Palmetto Lion

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