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**97<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32 STATE CONVENTION  
April 9-11,2021  
1881 Event Center, Spartanburg, S. C.  
Hilton Garden Inn and Hampton Inn**

Welcome S.C. Lions to the S.C. State Convention in Spartanburg, S. C. April 9-11. Our theme is The Roaring 20's and we are going to ROAR. Our committee has been working very hard to make sure this is an event that Lions will hold dear to their hearts. Our gift to you is a healthy, appealing, fun-filled weekend that you won't forget. LET'S CELEBRATE!

Our guest is VP Brian Sheehan from Minnesota. We are also fortunate to have PID Jerome Thompson from Alabama. Don't forget our own PID Gene Spiess and PID Jay Patel.

I am asking each club to sponsor an ad in this year's program which contains information about the convention, participants and proceedings. The program generates income to cover the costs of the Convention. The ads also publicizes club service, fundraisers and information about Lions in our State. We also accept Business Ads of any kind!

Our Convention Team this year is:

*Convention Chairman*-Lion Bobbie Dove

*Treasurer*- VCC Pat Friday

CC Rhett Hair

*Host DGs*- Judy Scott-S / Bill Hahn - C

*Registration*-Lion Cindy Taylor

*Sponsorship*-VCC Pat Friday

*Vendor Coordinator*- Lion Hope MacBride

*Silent Auction*- Lion Kim Keener

*Programs*- Lion Melody Hair

*Friday Night Fun Coordinator*-PCC Paul Dove

*Hospitality Room*- Lion Hope Barbare

I am asking you to go ahead and make reservations for this wonderful weekend. Most of us should have our Covid Vaccines by then . We will be using safety protocol- that means distancing and MASKS!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in April! - Bobbie Dove, Convention Chairman

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# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## February 2021

### Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

#### February 1

- Application deadline for consideration in **May 2021** by the LCIF Board of Trustees for **Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Hunger, and Matching grant**. (Final submission deadline subject to finalization of the board meeting dates. Contact LCIF for confirmation)

#### February 15

- International Childhood Cancer Day

#### February 26

- Last day for early discount on convention registration fees

## March 2021

#### March 1

- Leos of the Year Award nominations due

#### March 15

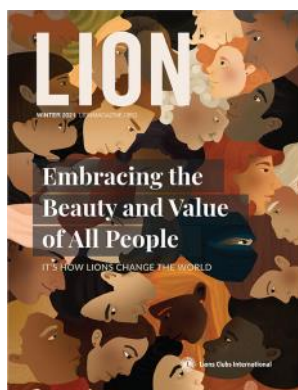
- New Voices nominations due for third quarter recognition

#### March 20

- Lions Day with the United Nations (New York City, USA)

#### March 31

- Last Last day for regular convention registration fees



Read the Lions International current edition of "Lion Magazine" here.

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## Lions Clubs International

### Dear Lion Leader,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LCICon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

# MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ONGOING	<p>JOANNA LIONS CLUB          MASK FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM  <a href="#">Link to Order Form</a></p>
Feb 26-27, 2021	<p>SC LIONS DISTRICT 32 S  <a href="#">MID-WINTER VIRTUAL CONVENTION</a>  <a href="#">ZOOM MEETING</a>  <a href="#">REGISTRATION</a>  <a href="#">DELEGATE FORM</a>  <a href="#">TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE</a>  <a href="#">2ND VDG ELECTION NOTICE</a></p>
April 9—11, 2021	<p>MD 32 STATE CONVENTION          1881 Event Center, Spartanburg</p> <p><a href="#">Registration</a>                      <a href="#">Pin Oder Forms</a>  <a href="#">Delegate Forms</a>                      <a href="#">Silent Auction</a>  <a href="#">Program Ads</a>                      <a href="#">Vendor Registration</a></p>
<p>Saturday          May 8, 2021          2L00 Shotgun Start</p>	<p>SOUTH STRAND LIONS CLUB          14TH Annual "Carl Blake Memorial"          Charity Golf Tournament          The Heritage Plantation Club  <a href="#">LINK TO FLYER</a></p>





Dear Lions,

It is a great privilege to be writing to you in my new role as President & CEO of Lions Vision Services. Fifty-two years ago, our fellow Lions were organizing the MD State Convention that would result in the chartering of LVS: our state Lions charity for sight conservation in South Carolina. We stand on their shoulders and carry their legacy forward in our continued work.

That work is a team effort, and I'm excited to say I am not the only "new" face in a new role that is no stranger to South Carolina Lions. On January 1<sup>st</sup> my nonprofit colleague, Lion Mary Louise Resch, joined the LVS Board as our Secretary, a position that has been vacant since the unexpected and tragic death of Lion Mike Rakes due to COVID-19 last fall.


Mary Louise is a dedicated Lion, an extraordinary fundraiser, and a respected nonprofit leader in South Carolina. She currently serves as the Director of Philanthropy at Central SC Habitat for Humanity. We are incredibly fortunate to have her in a key leadership position on our Board.

The new year marks the midpoint of our fiscal year, one which has been filled with challenges as we respond to a global pandemic and an already growing demand for our vision health services. Addressing those demands requires financial support from our Lions Clubs and Lions Members.

I am pleased to report that as of January 29<sup>th</sup> we have received \$54,520 in Club Contributions to LVS with 30% of Clubs contributing. Supplemental funding from partnerships with the Dorothy D. Smith Charitable Foundation, UnitedHealthcare, Coastal Community Foundation, and others has allowed us to achieve unprecedented levels of service in the first half of our fiscal year.

With the rise in demand for eye surgeries, these sources of funding have been exhausted. We need your help to continue this work. **Even if your Club has been struggling with fundraising this year, we are asking for every Lions Club to make a gift of some amount to LVS by our State Convention in April.** We are also asking every Lions Club member to make one \$50 gift to LVS by June 30, 2021. We have a special online giving day coming on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Your support at any level is crucial to our organization at this time. You enable us to save sight, to take every \$1 donated and provide \$5 in services, to be a beacon of hope to those living on rough seas of life. *Where there's a need, there's a Lion, and we need you now.*

<p>Together In Service,</p>  <p>Lion Daniel J. Prohaska, MA, CFRE Lions Vision Services President &amp; CEO (803) 796-1305 <a href="mailto:Daniel@sightfirst.org">Daniel@sightfirst.org</a></p>	<p><b><u>Give Now:</u></b></p> <p>Text "sightfirst" to 44321</p> <p>Give online at: <a href="http://lionsvisionservices.org">lionsvisionservices.org</a></p> <p>Mail checks to: 234-C Outlet Pointe Blvd. Columbia, SC 29210</p>
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Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION  
(LCIF)**

**Submitted by: PCC Dianne Pitts**

**[PLEDGE DONATION](#)**



Dear Lions,



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As you are probably now aware, due to continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Board of Directors voted to transition the 2021 Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be held entirely online.

For many of us making the financial investment to attend our International Conventions is a source of great pride and faith in our Association. The announcement that the face-to-face Convention has been cancelled will come as a

disappointment because it is an event that we all look forward to with great anticipation to demonstrate our commitment to Lionism. It is this kind of commitment that sustains the vitality of our movement.

Lions everywhere are equally excited about the opportunity to participate in an International Convention without the jet lag and hefty price tag of international travel! This year, the cost is a super-low \$50 if you register by March 31, 2021. For some, this may be the best opportunity to participate in one of our International Conventions!

The final schedule hasn't been published yet, but there are plans for Lions information, education and training to be offered to attendees. As you register to attend, please remember to complete the delegate seating process, if you are selected as one of the club's delegates. Every Lions Club in good standing may seat at least one delegate and one alternate for every 25 members, or major fraction thereof.

Even though we will not be going to Montreal, there continues to be people in need around the world. LCIF can only meet these needs with our help. With this in mind, we have a suggestion that many of you will welcome. We are asking you to consider keeping your commitment alive by contributing to LCIF a portion of the investment you would have made to attend the Convention (great savings on registration, travel, accommodations and meals). We encourage you to see a donation of at least US\$100.00 as a way of keeping alive the pride and faith you take in attending our Convention. Of course, any amount over this will be appreciated. We are asking you to embrace the cancellation of the face-to-face Convention as an opportunity to support the equally worthwhile global causes of the Association by making a gift to the LCIF Campaign 100 from the amounts you had set aside to travel to Montreal.

We thank you for your continuing support to create a sustainable future for our Association.

Together in service,

Dianne J. Pitts

“WE SERVE”

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

Greetings all,

Wow, we are in February! As our Lions year progresses it speeds up.

Elections! Awards! Conventions! Oh my! As this goes to publication, we are preparing for District C's convention which is a blended convention Live/virtual. District S's will be in a couple of weeks, virtual.

The MD convention is coming in April 9, 10 and we continue to make plans for it to be Live. The Roaring 20's will be the theme. It will be in Spartanburg at the 1881 Event Hall with two attached hotels. The Hilton Garden will be the host hotel. More to follow from our Convention Chair Lion Bobbie Dove and the web site.

The Board of Directors for Lions Clubs International has waived the new member fees till June 2021. A great time to recruit new members for clubs, truly a deal.

The International Convention scheduled for Montreal, will now be a virtual convention with speakers and elections. The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically and voting procedures will be forthcoming. I believe you will have to register to vote. This will be important to the Lions of South Carolina because we have our own, PCC Dianne Pitts who is an endorsed candidate for International Director. Please make plans to attend. For more and continuing information go to <https://llicon.lionsclubs.org/> .

The Lions of South Carolina personally make me proud to be a Lion and your Council Chair. I wish to thank you all for what you do!

Continue to use safe practices i.e., masks and sanitizer.

Again thank you for what you do!

We Serve!

Rhett Hair

CC MD32



**Everette (Rhett) Hair  
Council Chairperson  
(2020-2021)**

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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**

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.





## SAVE THE DATE!

### *2021 MD 32 STATE CONVENTION*

*APRIL 9-11*

*The 1881 Event Center*

*Spartanburg, South Carolina*

*THEME: "The Roaring Twenties"*

- *Meet International Vice President Brian Sheehan*
  - *Hear from PID Jerome Thompson*
- *Visit with Past International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne*
- *Choose among Four Service Activities Emphases Panel Discussions*
- *Chose Again among the Four Panel Discussions at a Repeat Session*
  - *Enjoy Friday Night Special Entertainment Event*
    - *Attend MD Annual Meeting*
    - *Attend District S or C Cabinet Meetings*
    - *Hear from LVS and Attend Annual Meeting*
    - *Enjoy Hospitality Suite and Silent Auction*
      - *Help Elect Future District Officers*
    - *Attend the "Celebration of Life" Ceremony*
  - *Attend Past District Governors' Luncheon (PDGs only)*
    - *Attend Annual MD Awards Luncheon*
      - *Attend Annual MD Banquet*
    - *Model Your Favorite 20s' Outfit (1920s!)*
      - *Bid on Silent Auction Goodies*
  - *Socialize at the Six-Foot Distance with Lions Friends*
    - *Wear Your Best Masks for Contest*
    - *Meet Our Next Vice Council Chair-Elect*
    - *Visit Vendors and Purchase Treasures*
  - *Shop and Dine at Spartanburg Malls and Restaurants*
  - *Register and Receive Souvenir Convention Program*
    - *Support Your South Carolina Lions*
  - **Complete and Return Your Registration Form Now!**



Regular Pin



Mini Pin

Fellow MD 32 Lions:

This time last year I was letting you know that I needed you to order your 2020 MD 32 pins. Our concern was that we would sell all the 2020 pins we ordered before our District 32 S and 32 C Winter Conventions and the MD 32 State Convention. I was encouraging you to place your order before these meetings. Little did we know that the Coronavirus would exist. We ended with our Club meetings being cancelled as well as our District and State meetings after February in 2020. Due to the virus we ended up with extra pins. We still have some of the 2020 MD 32 State pins as well as the Special MD 32 LCIF Campaign 100 Project pins and the Special MD 32 Convention pins. Since the Coronavirus still exists and there is a possibility that our District and State Conventions may be cancelled again this year, we did not order that many 2021 MD pins.

In order to make sure all of our MD 32 Lions have an opportunity to purchase the 2021 MD Pins (Regular & Mini), I need your help as a District and Club leader. Please let all Club leaders know that they need to order pins as soon as possible. Our 2021 MD pins is again featuring an Astronaut from S.C. This year we have Charles Duke who walked on the moon. The cost for the pins is the same as last year with \$2.50 for the Regular pin and \$1.50 for the Mini pin. I need each Lion or Club wanting to order pins to complete the attached form and send to me ASAP! **Please do not send payment with the order form.** I will calculate the shipping and postage cost and let you know the final amount you will owe.

Lions wishing to purchase some of the remaining 2020 pins need to send me an email and I will be glad to send an order form. Your support and help as a MD 32 Lion is needed, so please respond today and order your pins.

[LINK TO ORDER FORM](#)

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## **FROM THE DESK OF PCC LION RICK PRESSLY, MD32 GMT**

### **ACCEPTANCE**

The difference in admitting something  
and accepting it --- is that if I admit it,  
I know it exists, and I continue to fight it;  
However, when I accept something,  
I know it exists and there is no longer a desire to  
fight it.

Louise R.

How do you suppose the above message applies to Lions and Membership in Lions Clubs across our Multiple District and perhaps all of North America?

Let me see if I can help relate those words of wisdom to our problem of the diminishing number of Members of our Lions Clubs. First of all: We have known for many years that we have a problem with the continued loss of Membership! So we have admitted that we have a problem and we have continued to do all we can (at least some have) to fight the problem without success in stopping the continued loss of members. So maybe it is time for us to ACCEPT that the problem exists and stop fighting the problem!

Now, if we accept the fact that the problem is going to continue and begin to ask ourselves WHY does it continue to exist, maybe then we will be able to provide a solution to the problem. I think I know what the major problems are and would like to share my thoughts with you this month!

First of all, we have too many Members of our Lions Clubs who are unwilling to "Ask" a friend, family member, or acquaintance if they might be interested in joining us in a Service Project or maybe just come to a meeting and find out what we are doing to Serve our Community as Lions! **The only way to become a member of our Lions Clubs is to be asked to join.**

Secondly, we have too many Members who are not committed to Serving their Community in any way, shape or form! All they are interested in is coming to a meeting and socializing with the other members. Please don't ask them to help with a Service Project, because they are too busy to lend a hand! **Without Lions to help with the Service Projects, the projects do not get done!**

The last thought I would like to share with you is that we have far too many Lions Clubs that do nothing to SERVE their communities other than provide a pair of glasses to a member of the Community and their primary purpose is to find ways to raise funds to pay for the glasses or find a way to donate the money raised for some other Non- Lion project in town. Most of these Clubs would not think twice about making a donation to LCIF, South Carolina Lions Vision Services, Leader Dogs for the Blind, or the Storm Eye Institute and MUSC in Charleston. In addition, most of the members of these clubs seldom ever think of making a personal donation to any of the above Lions Organizations. **Fund raising is NOT Service work! Without Service work in our communities, we have no reason to invite others to join!**

When the above problems are rectified, maybe Lions Clubs International and our Local Lions Clubs will stop losing more members than we find to join and begin to grow into the powerful Pride we were 40 or 50 years ago. In the meantime, the true Lions (Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service) will continue to provide all the Service we are capable of and love every minute we spend providing those services! WE SERVE!

Yours In Lionism! Lion Rick

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

Welcome to the downhill portion of fiscal year 2020-2021. We are a month past the halfway mark. Our District Governors have been running full steam to achieve their goals and keep the locomotive on the tracks and headed towards the station.

Our other leaders, including zone chairs and club presidents, have been exerting their best efforts to achieve the service, membership satisfaction, and club growth goals they set.

Sadly, four of our MD 32 clubs have folded, died, turned in their charters. But we do have one newly chartered club, the South Carolina Lions Cyber Club, which is off and running.

Our NAMI team has followed the team/vision/plan/success process to the letter, and we are not hemorrhaging membership as bloodily as we have in too many of the last thirty years. In fact, the Constitutional Areas One and Two pilot NAMI program is posting sufficient success to garner the attention of other Constitutional Areas worldwide, according to the January 4 NAMI webinar.

PID Gene Spiess told my 2016-2017 class of district governors-elect that, no matter how much preparation and planning and action we have taken, we were already behind, that the year would fly by. Prophets are too often taken for being excessive in their pronouncements; PID Gene was not excessive in preaching this to us.

So, bottom line, what can we do between now and June 30 to facilitate our leaders' hard work and help them reach their ambitious goals? May I recommend the following?

Report you service activities to your club service chair (or secretary if no CSC)

- ⇒ Identify and invite a prospective new club member to visit your meeting, even if your club is only meeting virtually
- ⇒ Canvas your neck of the woods to determine where a new Lions Club could make a difference and identify the mover/shaker who could be the catalyst necessary to make that new club happen
- ⇒ Discuss and follow through on a club branch your club could sponsor which could lead down the road to a new club
- ⇒ Rejuvenate your district with a new club
- ⇒ Revitalize your club through new service projects
- ⇒ Re-motivate your club by engaging members in service work and fundraising and membership recruitment
- ⇒ Identify and recruit and orient your FY 2021-2022 club officers, giving newer members the opportunity to become leaders
- ⇒ Begin planning your FY 2021-2022 club budget and how you will raise funds and how you will use those funds for service work
- ⇒ Register for your district's February convention and the April state convention
- ⇒ Participate in zone and cabinet meetings
- ⇒ If you are or have been a club president, consider volunteering to serve as a zone chair
- ⇒ If you have served as a zone chair, consider a district office—we are always looking for strong, dedicated Lion leaders at all levels. To me, one of the hardest jobs our district governors have is finding Lions willing to step up to the next level and continue to move us forward
- ⇒ Recommend a new service project that you see as a significant community need
- ⇒ Publicize you club, wear your pin, let friends and neighbors and relatives know what you as a Lion stand for and actually do
- ⇒ Thank your leaders for their valiant efforts to keep this train on track and as at full a throttle as possible

During this time of pandemic and national distress, let's focus on what gives us pleasure and boosts our spirits---things like family, faith, health, happiness, and being an MD 32 Lion! Because we serve, we are special. We have much to celebrate and for which to be thankful.

---Lion Paul Dove



“Speakers’ Brochures have been reprinted and are available, thanks to VDG Jim and Lion Hope Bar-bare. Email [peedeejr41@gmail.com](mailto:peedeejr41@gmail.com) for a digital or printed copy.”

## The Seven Types of Lions Memberships

- Active—all rights and privileges of membership and pays dues
- Associate—member who hold primary membership in another club and pays dues
- Affiliate—member not able to participate but desires to support club and its community service and pays dues
- Member-at-Large—Member who has moved from community or no longer able to participate and pays dues

The following categories dues are usually paid by the club, not the individual

- Honorary—non-member who has performed outstanding community service and on whom club wishes to bestow special recognition
- Privileged-- member for 15 or more years who, for personal reasons, must relinquish active status
- Life—member for 20 or more years who has rendered outstanding community services and has applied for Life Membership status

***Note please that LCI is waiving \$35 membership application fee through June 30, 2021 so this winter and spring are excellent opportunities to add new members to our clubs.***

## Camp Leo 2020



**YES! I would personally like to donate to the  
2021 Camp Leo summer camp for  
SC sight-impaired youth.**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

**Dale Larow  
30 Larkspur Lane  
Bluffton, SC 29909**

**Make checks payable to Camp Leo Council.  
Thank you for your tax-deductible gift.**

## ***FROM THE DESK OF PCC LION JOE PITTS, MD 32 GLT***

When Lion Jim Barbare was in his 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE training he made a comment that I should read, *Jesus Did It Anyway* by Kent Keith. I bought and read the book and I think it has a message for us as Lions. We are in a vastly different and difficult time, but we need to continue our service anyway by completing projects and raising funds to meet the needs of our projects. We need to continue to grow our membership by asking our friends and neighbors (and others) to join Lions anyway. We need to continue our progress in leadership training anyway. Where there is a need there is a Lion has not changed.

Some of our clubs have continued to serve in spite of the pandemic. Those I applaud. Some clubs have chosen to be dormant. Those I challenge to continue to serve their communities, to recruit new members and retain the ones we have, and to continue to grow in leadership development.

We have several opportunities for leadership development for the Multiple District coming up:

- New Lion Symposium -
- Lions Learning Academy –
- Advanced Lions Leadership Institute –
- Presenters Workshop –

Registration for the Lions Learning Academy and the New Lion Symposium are in this issue of the Palmetto Lion. Look to your District Leadership Coordinator for opportunities in your District.

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### **Opportunity for new Lions:** New Lions 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. Please use the Registration form found in this issue or in the December issue of the Palmetto Lion.

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 which 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 for the Symposium in the December Palmetto Lion. The cost of on-line registration and payment is more that we would get from having them on-line.

**Opportunity for Leadership Development:** Lions Learning Academy. ([Click her for additional information](#)):

The Lions Learning Academy is designed to overcome the fear of failure and the fear of the unknown 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. Please use the Registration form found in this issue or in the December issue of the Palmetto Lion.

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**Opportunity for Upcoming Leaders:** Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. The new dates are May 14-16, 2021. The new place is Atlanta, GA. This has never been so close. They are only accepting 25 participants instead of the usual 125. Those who have already applied will be given first choice. But there is always a waiting list. Please go to the Lions International home page and type in Advanced Lions Leadership Institute to get the registration form.

**Opportunity for those who want to be faculty at one of our events:** 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.

The Faculty Development Institute sponsored by LCI will be in Los Angeles, California on March 13-15, 2021. They will be accepting 20 participants. Those who have already applied will be given first choice. But there is always a waiting list. Please go to the Lions International home page and type in Faculty Development Institute to get the registration form.



# FROM THE DESK OF DG BILL HAHN of SC DISTRICT 32 C

## Mid-Winter Convention Resolutions

I hope you are planning on attending the 32 C convention in Florence this Month, either in person or virtually with a Zoom registration. We are planning on another “first”; that of having a “COVID Safe Convention” and holding a spectacular Gala Awards Dinner at the new Florence Center on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The mid-winter convention marks the beginning of our second half of our fiscal year and is a time of reflection on the accomplishments of the first half and a time to make goals/” resolutions” for the second half. I would like to congratulate clubs in the district that either added new members or maintained a net zero membership gain so far this year (39 out of 61 clubs or 64%). We have also found ways to provide service to the needy in our communities. However, service reporting can still use some improvement. Only 35 out of 61 clubs reported service or 57%. So, our 1<sup>st</sup> **RESOLUTION** is to improve service reporting by 18+% so that we end the fiscal year with 75+% of our clubs reporting service.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> **RESOLUTION** is to improve the attendance at each and every club in the district. I know that some club presidents have said that the low attendance can be attributed to the District Governor visits at their meetings but I believe there may be other underlying reasons. The first of these is the amount of negative press and fear that the media has generated over the pandemic. Many Lions are unwilling to leave their homes other than for the bare necessities. We must reach out to these Lions and either convince them of the safety record that Lions Club meetings have recorded and/or introduce them to a virtual experience through the use of Zoom in our meetings.

**RESOLUTION #3** It is time to prepare for next year. You should appoint a selection committee this month for your slate of 2021-22 officers and directors of your club. Presentation of the slate is in March and the election is in April. It is very important that you have a smooth and orderly transition of the top positions. This is best accomplished by holding a series of meetings between incoming and outgoing officers to discuss current challenges, budgets, goals, the annual calendar, potential service projects, and fundraising/financial needs.

**Thank you for reading the *Lions Tale* newsletter.**

Lions that communicate better work better together!

DG Bill Hahn



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2020-2021*

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# District 32-C Club News

## AIKEN LIONS CLUB



Lion President Susan present LCI recognition to PDG George Roberts for his 50th year anniversary as a Lion! George and his wife Joanna moved to Aiken from Maine where he served as District Governor in 1979 and 1980.

## LITTLE RIVER LIONS CLUB



Clubs newest Lion inducted into Lionism during the club's first meeting of 2021. L - R are Sponsoring Lion Verne Cappell, new Lion Bill Sullivan, and PDG Randy who performed the ceremony.

## BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB



Club donated Valentine's Day treats and cards to the 29 residents at Morningside Assisted Care Facility.

## NORTH CHARLESTON LIONS CLUB



Club cooked and served 300 people Thanksgiving lunch with volunteers help.

## PAWLEYS LIONS CLUB



Club Services Chairperson, Bill Ofsanik, helps position one of the club's new US Flag Retirement Boxes outside of Hog Heaven BBQ restaurant on US 17, just south of Pawleys Island. This is one of six new eye-catching boxes that Lions will place around the Pawleys area. These sturdy receptacles provide the community with a respectful means of disposing of worn US flags. Deposited flags will be ceremonially retired on Flag Day.



Lion Bill Ofsanik, proudly stands by the club's newest US Flag Retirement Box. A military veteran himself, Bill helps to design, assemble and distribute these boxes throughout the area. Pawleys Lion, Linda Wittig, makes regular rounds among the boxes to pick up the old retired flags for ceremonial disposal. It's all part of Pawleys Island Lions community service efforts.



**The South Strand Lions Club  
14th Annual  
"Carl Blake Memorial"  
Charity Golf Tournament**

Held At

**The Heritage Plantation Club (Pawleys Island)  
Saturday May 8th, 2021**

**2:00 pm Shotgun Start/Best Ball Scramble  
3 Flights**

**Check In 12:00 to 1:30**

*Buffet Lunch & Dinner/2 Drinks/Range Access/Awards*

The field is limited. Register ASAP (Individuals Welcome)

***\$80.00 per person due by 4/25/21, \$90.00 Thereafter***

Make Checks to South Strand Lions Club and mail to:

Ed Wallace  
309 Goddard Lane  
Murrels Inlet, SC 29576  
(Tax ID # 47-525 4932)

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer Name	Captain	Avg. Score/Handicap
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Contact Ed Wallace (484) 919 9904

Email [Edwallace11@gmail.com](mailto:Edwallace11@gmail.com)

## FROM THE DESK OF DG JUDY SCOTT

### DISTRICT 32 S

What time is it? DISTRICT CONVENTION Time! This year's convention will be the first of it's kind in our District and our State. It will be different, exciting, and all virtual. Oh, I almost forgot...it is FREE. No expenses for travel, food, or lodging. It does not get much better than that. You can attend the whole convention via your computer or on the telephone. What a great opportunity for those who have not attended a convention in a long time and for new members to get a feel for the importance of our District meetings. WIN-WIN for all of us during this difficult time in our history.

The election for District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor will be held during the Saturday afternoon District Cabinet Meeting but with a virtual twist. Each club is being notified to submit their delegates to District Secretary, Linda Rumsey. The delegates will be sent an ID Code and Password to use to cast their ballot. PCC Charlene Frye will be monitoring the results. Votes will be tabulated immediately after the close of voting. Voting will begin Friday 2/26 at 6 P.M. and close at 12 noon Saturday 2/27. It is another WIN-WIN for each club. The delegates can cast their ballots from the comfort of wherever they are.

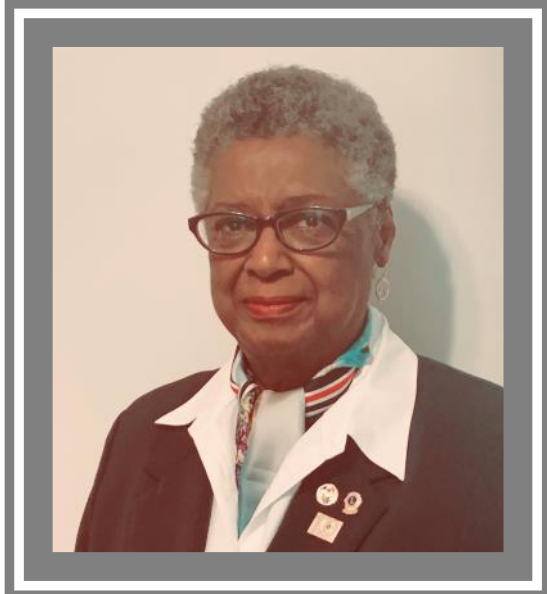
Friday evening will have live (virtual) entertainment as well as an opportunity to see and hear International First Vice President Douglas X. Alexander. The convention will convene at 9 AM sharp Saturday. It will be a Convention that will become part of our District history.

We are blessed to have technology to allow us to safely continue with our Convention. I will miss the hugs and fellowship of being with each of you in person. For now, I want you safe and well.

I believe I speak for the District Cabinet members when I extend a wish for your continued freedom from the Corona Virus. For those families who have had to say goodbye to a loved one, we grieve with you.

Registration is requested so we have an idea of how many members and friends to expect. Thank you for your support! **ROAR LIONS ROAR!**

Create a good day,



Judy Scott  
District Governor 32-S  
2020 - 2021

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**SAVE THE DATE !!**



**DISTRICT 32-S VIRTUAL  
CONVENTION**

**FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2021**

**Guest Speaker**

**International Director, Justice Christopher Shea Nickell**

**Further details will be sent to each Lion. Remember, if you do not have a computer you can join the event via phone. You do not want to miss this historic event.**

***DG Judy Scott is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom district convention.***

***Topic:*** District 32-S Virtual Convention

***Time:*** Feb 26, 2021 06:00 PM Call to Order

Feb 26, 2021 06:00 PM Delegate voting begins. Convention Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Feb 27, 2021 08:15 AM MD-32 Council Meeting. Convention reconvenes at 9:00 AM

Join the Zoom Convention on your PC/MAC/Tablet:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86163082231?  
pwd=L3ZBYzNBS2I2UXk3dVRORzhnL0NDdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86163082231?pwd=L3ZBYzNBS2I2UXk3dVRORzhnL0NDdz09)

Join the Zoom Convention on your mobile phone:

Dial:

+1 646 558 8656, then input Meeting ID and Passcode

Meeting ID: 861 6308 2231

Passcode: 312705

**[REGISTRATION](#)**

**[DELEGATE FORM](#)**

**[TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE](#)**

**[2ND VDG ELECTION NOTICE](#)**

## **Suggestions for Contactless Service**

Submitted by DG Judy

### **Childhood Cancer:**

Post monthly articles about childhood cancer on your club website and social media.  
Give gift cards to identified families in need or a childhood cancer unit at a hospital or Pediatric Oncologist office.  
Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.

### **Diabetes:**

Donate a diabetes magazine subscription or diabetes-related book to your local library.  
After the pandemic, sponsor a child to attend a diabetes camp.  
Post notices on your club website sharing available community resources for people with diabetes or at risk of diabetes.

### **Hunger:**

Support your local food bank by donating equipment and/or food.  
Drop off nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.  
Establish a produce stand in a food desert.

### **Vision:**

Sponsor visually impaired middle school students to enter Lions Club International's annual essay contest.  
Host a drive-through fundraiser to purchase and donate white canes to people who are blind or visually impaired in your community.

### **Environment:**

Challenge club members to add at least one green habit to their daily lives. Inspire others by sharing your actions on the club website.  
Eliminate or limit using paper and Styrofoam products.  
Commit to "Meatless Mondays", or not eating meat one day a week.  
Collect cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.

Ok, that should get you started. Do not forget to share your service project(s) on our District Facebook page (South Carolina Lions MD 32) and submit your success story to the Palmetto Lion and your club website.





## **Lion Eddie Moncrief**

December 24, 1942 - January 2, 2021

Eddie Thomas Moncrief, 78, of 58 Gosnell Avenue, Inman, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021 at Spartanburg Medical Center.

Eddie was born in Anderson on December 24, 1942, a son of the late Sybil Vaughn Moncrief and Tom Moncrief and was the husband of Sue High Moncrief. He was a member of Inman First Baptist Church where he served as Maintenance and Building and Grounds Supervisor 2001-2008, and taught the Goodwill Men's Sunday School Class which he loved. Eddie loved serving the Lord in any capacity that he could. Eddie had graduated from Lavonia High School in 1961, and after working for Owens Corning Fiberglass and United Parcel Service was self employed as an independent truck driver.

Eddie had an extensive history in the Lions Club International; joining Inman Lions Club in 1995, where he served as Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Secretary, President, and numerous committees. He served Lions International as 32A Zone Chairman and Regional Chairman, Certified Guiding Lion, 32A Liaison for SC Lions Charitable Services, International Convention Committee, Resolutions Committee, Vice District Governor, District Governor, 32A Hall of Fame and Lion of the Year, SC Lions Charitable Services Board of Directors, Executive board SCLCS, SC, Lions Foundation Board of Directors where he had served in the capacities as Vice President and President, State Candy Chairman, Upstate Blind Fishing Board of Directors, District Leadership Chairman; served as District Coordinator for Campaign Sight First II, which was the first district in the nation to have 100% of clubs contributing. Eddie received two International President's Appreciation Awards and the International President's Leadership Medal. He received the Cecil Martin Inman Lions Club Lion of the Year, MD 32 Lion of the year, and was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his wife, Sue, Eddie is also survived by a daughter; Tammy Dickson and her husband Mark of Anderson, a son; Blaine Bodie of Wellford, a sister; Cheryl McGill and her husband J.C. of Simpsonville, and his grandchildren whom he loved so much; Blain Bodie and his wife Brittney, Garrett Bodie and his wife Ashley, Preston Dickson and his wife Cathryn and Jessica Dickson. In addition to his parents, Eddie was also predeceased by a son, Timothy Bodie.

Private services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Inman First Baptist Church, 14 N. Howard Street, Inman, SC 29349.

Seawright Funeral Home and Crematory [www.seawright-funeralhome.com](http://www.seawright-funeralhome.com)

# District 32-S Club News

## BEREA LIONS CLUB



Lions Cecil Lowery was presented the Lions Vision Services Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow award on December 13, 2020. Cecil celebrated his 101st birthday this year.

***Although 2020 pandemic slowed activities for Berea Lions Club, we still had some activities.***

Berea Lions Club delivered approximately 80 fruit baskets to our shut in neighbors on December 19, 2020. Twelve members participated



More from Berea Lions Club on next page

More from Berea Lions Club

The Annual BBQ was held on October 17 as a drive through event. Sixteen members served 250 plates of BBQ, slaw, baked beans, bread and tea.



## **MAULDIN LIONS CLUB**



The Mauldin Lions Club collected donations to purchase food for the Messiah Lutheran Food Pantry. Pictured below is Lion President Frankie White and Vice President Anthony White who volunteered to take the donations to the church. The members of the Mauldin Lions are very happy to serve and help give back to the community!

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## **PIEDMONT LIONS CLUB**



Left to right Lion President Marvin Carter presents the Citizen of the Year Award to Rev. Matthew Greer



Piedmont Lions Club welcomed three new members in January. Left to right is Lion President Marvin Carter, New Members, Lion Rev. Michael Hammett, Lion Kevin Clardy, and Lion Tim Suggs.

## **SPARTANBURG LIONS CLUB**

Spartanburg Lions Club President Jan Benjamin prepared PCC David and Lion Mary Jean Lloyd's chili recipe for SCSDB's Annual Chili Cook Off. We didn't 'win' the judging, but we did win by raising almost \$300 for SCSDB's Foundation.



It's been a very trying year for all of us, but the Spartanburg Lions Club has continued to fundraise and have fun since last February. We were so fortunate to have been able to have had our really fun Valentine's Day meeting last February (it was almost too much fun for some of the ladies....); we had our 1st Annual Flag Sale outdoors in June; thanks to a grant awarded to DG Judy, President Jan and several other members took dinner to essential workers at Spartanburg Regional Hospital in August and September; we had our very successful Online Auction in September; President Jan and 2nd VP Jason Seay have sponsored 5 new members as a result of their membership drive in October - and they were all inducted by PID Gene in January; along with the Southside Lions Club, we gave

Christmas gifts to every child at SCSDB in November (for the 86th year!!!); we had a wonderful virtual Christmas sing-along in December; and we've met virtually every Monday regularly scheduled since last March!

It's not easy not being able to meet face-to-face, but it is so important! Hopefully most of us will be getting our vaccines soon so that we can hopefully start meeting face-to-face by this summer. We hope that your club has been able to weather this horrible storm and will continue to serve your community. - Lion Rita Spiess

# WE SERVE

## Joanna Lions Club Mask Fundraiser Order Form

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

**OPTIONS:**

Club Name

Banner Ad



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).

THANKS FOR READING OUR PALMETTO LION  
WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED !



**Deadline for submissions to the February Palmetto Lion is February 28, 2021**  
**We want to hear from everyone!! Make sure to send in your pictures and short articles to your District Palmetto Lion Rep.**

District Rep.	Email
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32 C Matt Jones	<a href="mailto:mjones@sc.rr.com">mjones@sc.rr.com</a>