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

CONVENTION WEB SITE: <https://www.lionsmd32-convention.com/>

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
CC Rhett Hair

Registration-Lion Cindy Taylor

Vendor Coordinator- Lion Hope MacBride

Programs- Lion Melody Hair

Hospitality Room- Lion Hope Barbare

Treasurer- VCC Pat Friday

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

Sponsorship Ads-VCC Pat Friday

Silent Auction- Lion Kim Keener

Friday Night Fun Coordinator-PCC Paul Dove

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

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

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
- Choose Again among the Four Panel Discussions at a Repeat Session
- Enjoy Friday Night Special Entertainment Event, "The Magic of John Tudor"
 - Attend MD Annual Meeting
 - 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!**

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BRIAN E. SHEEHAN
INTERNATIONAL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve as second vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019. Vice President Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including council chairperson, long range planning chairperson, membership chairperson, retention chairperson, women's initiative chairperson, MD convention chairperson, GMT Liaison and GLT area leader. He has also served as the chairperson of the Headquarter Operation & Finance Committee, Lions University coordinator, DGE group leader, and board appointee to several committees including Constitutions and Bylaws, LCIF Executive, LCI Executive, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and the Centennial Action committees. He has been a presenter at numerous Lions events, including many of the Global Forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year; the District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award; the MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award; the MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award; the Founders Membership Growth Award; numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation; International President's Leadership Award; multiple International President's Awards; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Vice President Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters. And in their spare time, they have enjoyed raising many types of exotic animals.

PID JEROME THOMPSON

Global Action Team - CA 1 Leader



Jerome Thompson, from Moulton, Alabama, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015.

Director Thompson is an attorney.

A member of the Moulton Lions Club since 1989, he has held many offices within the association, including club secretary, club treasurer, club membership chairperson, district governor, district public relations & Lions information chairperson, district GMT coordinator and multiple district GMT coordinator.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Thompson has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, three Leadership Awards, two Extension Awards and four International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Thompson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including President of the Lawrence County Alabama Bar Association and member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

Director Thompson has two sons

PROCESS FOR ELECTING VICE COUNCIL CHAIR PERSON

As per Policy Manual of Multiple District 32, the following action has been taken. The State Advisory Board Chairman has appointed the Vice Council Nominating Committee. This Committee is made up of one (1) PDG from each of the 2 Districts in SC and another PDG at-large to serve as Chairman. This Committee will be listed in the Palmetto Lion and will actively search for nominees. This article serves as the official notice to comply with policy outlined above.

We need to have at least 3 nominees to be placed on the ballot. If you desire to serve, or have a nominee for the position of Vice Council Chair, please submit the name(s) to the appropriate District Representative on the Nominating Committee. The Committee members are listed below:

2020-2021 Advisory Board Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Chair:

PCC George Jenkins
843-480-2405
georgejenkins9803@comcast.net

District 32-S

PDG Lanny Balentine
864-444-1325
lbale1010@aol.com

District 32-C

PDG Ned Shows
843-878-0827
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Thanks!!!

George Goings, PDG
Secretary, State Advisory Board of Past District Governors

State Convention Service Panel Discussions

REGISTER FOR YOUR CHOICE OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS

WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE CONVENTION

Our April 9-11 MD 32 State Convention will offer something a bit different as breakout subjects.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in two sessions examining our five service focus areas. The first segment offering four panel discussions will begin Saturday at 9 AM and the second series at 10 AM. Clubs with multiple members attending may wish to divide up to cover all four sessions during the first and then repeat sessions of each.

HUNGER

PCC Eddie Marshall of our Joanna Lions Club, and Lions Wendy Luce (Winnsboro Lions) and Kathy Carroll (Seneca Lions) will lead the sessions each hour on **HUNGER** and service activities in that arena. PCC Eddie is an elementary school principal whose staff feeds over 350 students and faculty each school day. Lion Wendy is the director of the Fairfield Community Food Bank, and Lion Kathy is president of the Seneca Lions Club which received the LCIF grant last year for the big generator for the local food pantry.

VISION

Discussing **VISION** services will be Lions David Allen (River Hills/Lake Wylie) and Hope MacBride (Tega Cay) with DG Bill Hahn (Georgetown Lions). The three have been part of the Lions Vision Screening task force that has formulated a COVID protocol program and then pursued formal relations with school nurses throughout the state. Lions David and Hope are experienced screeners and have been instrumental in the task force's work as visualized and orchestrated by DG Bill.

THE ENVIRONMENT

PDG/Dr. Louis Drucker (Kingstree Lions), and Mr. Aldon Knight (Upstate Forever) will focus on **ENVIRONMENTAL** service opportunities from their experiences. PDG Louis has led the annual Black River Clean Up project for many years; Ms. Ringo is a community action officer; and Mr. Knight is a professional fundraiser for upstate environmental causes.

CHILDHOOD CANCER and DIABETES

Since we only have four breakout rooms for the time slots, the fourth sessions will cover two service focus areas, **CHILDHOOD CANCER** and **DIABETES**. Lions Laura Sharpe-Waites (Mid Carolina Lions), Cynthia Harrison (Myrtle Beach Lions) and Dianne Corlew (Tennessee Lions) will be joined by Ms. Laura Allen of Spartanburg and will comprise the panel to lead us in examining these areas of service possibilities and existing programs. Lion Laura is an Advanced Certified Grief Specialist. Lion Cynthia is a retired nurse. Lion Dianne makes presentations on diabetes and their loss of a son to the disease. Ms. Allen is active with the Children's Cancer Partners of Spartanburg.

Panelists have been asked to explore service opportunities they have performed or are familiar with, and then audience members will have the chance to ask questions and talk BRIEFLY about their club's work in the focus area(s) under discussion. After these motivating sessions, participants should take away new ideas for service projects and inspiration to improve or expand existing service work.

"Lion Bobbie, our convention chair, asked me to put together appropriate breakout sessions for our state convention, and, as Global Service Team (GST) coordinator for our multiple district, I could not think of a more appropriate choice of subjects which to highlight than the five service areas Lions International has been emphasizing for the last several years," Lion Paul Dove said. "We have built four panels of Lions and other seasoned leaders in the five areas, and I believe the tough choice will be deciding which two panel discussions to attend."

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

VISIT THE [SC STATE CONVENTION WEBSITE](#) AND CLICK ON FORMS TAB

Mail has been very slow and unpredictable this year, so online registration will ensure that your registration is received by the deadline. People can also complete the paper registration form, scan it and send it to Cindy Taylor at LT1928@aol.com. This will ensure that you are registered for the program you want, as seating will be limited for some of the breakout sessions.

Only ONE person can be registered online for each form, but the form is easy to complete.

*After receiving notification that an online registration form has been received, an invoice will be sent for the amount due and an email notifying the registrant that their invoice has been sent. Payment can be made using VISA, MasterCard or Discover. We will **NOT** be able to accept American Express.*

WHERE DO WE STAY?

**Hilton Garden Inn Spartanburg
805 Spartan Boulevard; Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301**

Lions Group Rate is \$119.00 plus taxes and fees per night for a king or two queen bed room. This rate includes a complimentary breakfast for those staying at the hotel if COVID restrictions are lifted, otherwise breakfast will be a bagged breakfast. There is no charge for onsite parking.

The deadline to receive this LIONS Group Rate is March 18, 2021.

Cancellations can be made up to 24 hours prior to scheduled check-in.

You can obtain this room rate by calling 864-913-1200; please reference the group reservation name 'South Carolina Lions'. You may also book online using this direct link:

<http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/dkcx9>

The link will be valid until March 18, 2021 or until the block is full, whichever comes first.

HOW CAN MY CLUB HELP?

We are excited to be able to offer the convention in person with all safety protocols in place. We need some help with donations to help make the convention successful. Please look at the needs below, discuss with your club board and members what you might be able to contribute and let us know.

Thank you so much. We serve together and make the world a better place for us all.

1. **Make sure your Registration and Delegate** forms are submitted. Click on [Forms | lionsmd32sc \(lionsmd32-convention.com\)](#) for Registration and Delegate forms.
2. **Items for silent auction.** Please email Kimberlee Keener with questions. KimberleeKeener@yahoo.com
3. **Donations of food items for hospitality room.** Please note that all donations must be individually wrapped due to Covid safety protocols. If your club would rather contribute cash, that is acceptable as well. Clubs donating \$25 will have their club name recognized on the tables and clubs donating \$50 or more may also recognize an individual in honor or memory. Make checks out to Hope Barbare who will then purchase food items in bulk. All donations for the Sweeteasy Hospitality Room should be sent to Hope Barbare. 1721 Groce Meadow Road. Taylors SC. 29687 by March 30. Please include your club name and person to honor or memorialize with your check
4. **Ads for convention program.** Visit [Forms | lionsmd32sc \(lionsmd32-convention.com\)](#) and click on **Program Ad Order Form icon**. Help support **OUR** 97th Multiple District 32 State Convention, by announcing your Club's:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lion of the Year• Melvin Jones Fellow(s)• Franklin Mason Fellow(s)• Special Project Event(s)• SCLVS Sustaining Member(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Members• Recognizing Members Achievements• Remembering Departed Lions• Remember those Businesses that help us each year!
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5. Do you know anyone that might be interested in being a Vendor?

Where: 1881 Event Hall, 805 Spartan Blvd., Spartanburg

When: Friday and Saturday, April 9 & 10 from 8 am to 5 pm

Cost: \$50 (Due to COVID distancing – only one table per vendor)

Set-up: 7 am Friday morning; Tear down 4 pm Saturday

Contact: Lion Hope MacBride; hope.macbride@gmail.com

Visit [Forms | lionsmd32sc \(lionsmd32-convention.com\)](#) and click on **Vendor Table Form icon**.

6. **Are you or your club interested in ordering pins?** 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 \$2.50 for the Regular pin and \$1.50 for the Mini pin. To order pins, complete the order form at [Forms | lionsmd32sc \(lionsmd32-convention.com\)](#) send to me ASAP! **Please do not send payment with the order form.** Bob Walker will calculate the shipping and postage cost and let you know the final amount you will owe.



MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 26-27, 2021	<p>SC LIONS DISTRICT 32 S</p> <p>MID-WINTER VIRTUAL CONVENTION</p> <p>ZOOM MEETING</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p> <p>DELEGATE FORM</p> <p>TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE</p> <p>2ND VDG ELECTION NOTICE</p>
April 9—11, 2021	<p>97th SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32 STATE CONVENTION</p> <p>1881 Event Center, Spartanburg, SC</p> <p>Hilton Garden Inn and Hampton Inn</p> <p>Link to Convention Web Site:</p>



THANKS FOR READING OUR PALMETTO LION
WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED !



Deadline for submissions to the March 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.

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