



## **MD 7 Mid-Winter Leadership Forum**

**January 20, 2024**

**United Methodist Church  
220 North Market Street  
Benton, AR**



## Mission Statement Arkansas Lions Clubs State Projects

### Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service

Mid-South Lions is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, which provides comprehensive sight and hearing care to needy individuals from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee at no charge to the patient. There are no age guidelines to qualify for service, only indigent guidelines established by the federal government. Mid-South treats nearly all types of sight or hearing ailments.

### World Services for the Blind Mission Statement



"To enable people who are blind or visually impaired to function independently and to live full, productive lives with dignity and self-respect, and to promote a positive public awareness of blindness."

### Arkansas Lions Eye Bank Mission Statement



The Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory was finally established in 1986. Its main goal from the beginning has been to provide service for those in need in the state of Arkansas. The eye bank got off to a slow start with little or no assets. The first Executive Director, Ms. Medine Watson, worked long days (and even nights) to get everything in place.

### Liberty Day



Liberty Day is a non-profit, non-partisan volunteer effort to educate Americans about the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Our goal is to come alongside educators, parents, civic organizations, and government officials to provide them with ways to reach our youth with the facts of our founding documents.

# 2023-24 International President

## DR. PATTI HILL

Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention, July 7 through July 11, 2023.



International President Hill is president of a consulting firm. With 30 years of experience as an educator and psychologist, she has mentored graduate students and psychologists in training. She has also championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, International President Hill has held many offices within the association, including district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention, and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally, she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign Sight First II, secretary for the Lions Eye bank (Alberta) Society, Vice President of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter at many forums and conventions. Dr Hill is a founding member of the Lions of Canada Consultative Committee.

In recognition of her service to the association, International President Hill has received numerous awards, including several International President's Awards. She has been honored with the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and recipient of numerous other fellowships.

In addition to her Lions activities, International President Hill is active in numerous professional, human rights, and community organizations. In the past, she served as an executive officer of the Alberta Association of School Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired. International President Hill has also served on the Alberta Premier's Council on Persons with Disabilities.

International President Hill and her husband, Greg Holmes, also a Lion, enjoy time with their family which has grown to include Pieter, Carley and grandson Alexander, Erin, Mike and granddaughter, Violet, and Jessica and Mitch.



Phillip Demond Fletcher  
Founder and Director  
The City of Hope Outreach

Phillip Demond Fletcher is married to Nicolle Fletcher and is the proud dad of Nicollus, Najee and Nichelle. Phillip Fletcher has been a resident of Conway, Arkansas since April 2007.

He is the founder of Arrowmaker, a brand dedicated to the ideas of a personal God, human dignity, freedom, self-determination, and responsibility to advance human flourishing of individuals living in proximity to each other in our world. He is the founder and executive director of The City of Hope Outreach (CoHO), a 501 (c) three non-profit in Conway, Arkansas. The mission of CoHO is to provoke hope in individuals, families, and communities for the glory of God. Through initiatives such as CoHO Academy, Hope Home, Hope Village, and CoHO Cares; CoHO has sought to be a catalyst in promoting the philosophy that people should primarily care for people freely with grace for God's glory.

He seeks to address issues of leadership, the local church and social engagement through the lens of the Gospel. He is the author of the book, *The Excellence of God: Essays on Theology and Doxology* published by Cross books, *Created in Freedom: Poverty and Economics* published by Ingram Spark, and *Angst and Hope: Protest, Pandemic, and Politics* published by Amazon. In 2013, he launched, "Humanity Matters," a podcast to stimulate honest discussions on what it means to be human in a difficult world. In 2015 Governor Asa Hutchinson appointed him to the 20th Judicial District Criminal Detention Facilities Review Committee. In 2016 he hosted the AETN-PBS television program; *A Deeper Look: The Poverty Divide in Arkansas*. In 2017, Mayor Bart Castleberry appointed him to the City of Conway Homeless Task Force. In 2019, he assisted in the launch of the UCA-CoHO Poverty Studies Group which conducts research and experiential learning concerning poverty in the state of Arkansas. In 2021, OArkansas Money and Politics recognized Dr. Fletcher as one of Arkansas' Top Professionals. Finally, he serves as an adjunct professor at Philander Smith College, a Historically Black College located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Phillip Fletcher received his Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies from the University of California at Riverside, his Master of Arts in Theology and Apologetics from Liberty University, and doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Regent University.0



Dr. Allen Hatch

Dr. Allan Hatch has been a cardiovascular disease specialist in central Arkansas for over 20 years. He graduated from East Carolina University and completed Cardiology Fellowship at Baystate Medical Center. In addition to the usual diagnostic cardiovascular testing, he has a strong interest in preventive medicine. He counsels patients extensively on preventive care measures and lifestyle modification that will enable them to enjoy a long healthy life. Dr. Hatch is an avid UNC Tarheels fan, and he enjoys spending time with his family and grandchildren.



Dr. Lauren Price

A little bit about me, Dr. Lauren Price. I was born and raised in Benton, Arkansas. I chose a career in medicine to be able to give back to my community and fulfill my passion of helping as many people as possible. My primary goal is to ensure my patients get back on their feet pain-free and as quickly as possible.

My husband and I are so grateful to be back in our home state and exploring the area again! We love traveling, finding new food spots, and spending time with our new baby girl, pups and family. I am excited to bring my dreams to reality with founding Foot Soul Foot & Ankle and cannot wait to provide the community with advanced health care twisted with compassion and personability.

## Our Code of Ethics

**To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

**To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down others; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

**Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

**To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



## AGENDA

8:00-9:00			Registration
			Continental Breakfast Tarnished Brass-Past District Governor's
9:00			Opening Ceremonies - Travis Burton
			Invocation - Bonda Moyer Color Guard – Benton High School Pledge- Russell Bryan Welcome to Benton-Mayor Honorable Tom Farmer & Chamber of Commerce-Gary James Welcome & Introductions-Roy Patterson Announcement- Art Ritter
9:20			Guest Speaker: Brandon Sims aka Forrest Gump Arkansas Eye Bank- Larry Bauer Liberty Day – Don Freel Melvin Jones Memorial-Wanda Green Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service, Inc.- Brad Baker World Services for the Blind-Eric Yarberry
10:20			<b>Break</b>
10:30			Mission 1.5
11:00			Medical Concerns Childhood Cancer-Phillip Taylor Vision-Dr. Tracy Baltz Diabetes-Dr. Allen Hatch A feet and Circulation-Laura Price
11:45			Lunch and Social Hour
1:00			Motivation Speaker – Dr. Phillip Fletcher Philander Smith University
12:30			Arkansas Leo's Strides Walk for Diabetes and tour Benton Court House
2:00			<b>Break</b>

2:15			Highlights – New Lions International Portal
2:45			LCIF – District Coordinator-Phyliss Fry, Toni Shockey, Bill Johnson & Pat Snodgrass
2:45			“Be Seen, Be Heard, Be Known” Marketing/Branding - Bonda Moyer
2:45			Round Table led by DG’s for VDG’s
2:45			Lions of Arkansas Foundation, Inc. - Cody Snider
2:45			Open Discussion Panel
3:15			Final Remarks – Travis Burton Drawing for the \$100.00 – Art Ritter Door Prizes – Wanda Green Benediction – Glen Beedle
3:30			Council of Governor’s Meeting



## OBJECTS OF LIONISM

TO **CREATE** AND FOSTER A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

TO **PROMOTE** THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP

TO **TAKE** AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND MORAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY

TO **UNITE** THE CLUBS IN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP, GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

TO **PROVIDE** A FORUM FOR THE OPEN DISCUSSION OF ALL MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT PARTISAN POLITICS AND SECTARIAN RELIGION SHALL NOT BE DEBATED BY CLUB MEMBERS

TO **ENCOURAGE** SERVICE-MINDED MEN AND WOMEN TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY WITHOUT PERSONAL FINANCIAL REWARD, AND TO ENCOURAGE EFFICIENCY AND PROMOTE HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONS, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PRIVATE ENDEAVORS.

A big thanks to the Benton Lions Club for being the Host Club and Committee for all their work to make this Forum a success. Art Ritter, Committee Chair, Wanda Green, Don Young, Julie Suhn, Betsy Barnes, and Robert Harty.

And lastly, our special guest speakers: They have given us valuable information to help us as individual Lions and to take to our Clubs to make them become better Lions in service to our communities.

*Thank you for attending this Forum, please travel safely to your homes.*

We look forward to seeing you at our next MD event.

Arkansas Lions State Convention

April 19 – 20, 2024  
Clarksville, Arkansas