

MD 7 Arkansas Lions

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MD7 Council

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District Governor (7-N)

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FROM THE CHAIR

At the Lions State Convention in Clarksville (April 29 & 30, 2016)

District Governor Bill Hankins was elected to hold the position of Chair of the MD 7 Council of Governors for 2016-17 effective July 1, 2016.

Other members of the Council are DG John Collier (Vice Chair) District L, DG Bobby Tucker (Treasurer), District I, DG Bill Levins (Member), District O and DG Barbara Williams (Secretary), District N.

Fellow Lions,

Our new president's message "New Mountains To Climb" could not have come at a more fitting time for Arkansas Lions. This year, 2016-17, is fraught with challenges that will test the mettle of us all.

We have the Lions Centennial Year, we are bringing the idea of Redistricting back to life, as well as all the routine daily events that make us Lions.

We are a NEW council, and it will be our job to learn---- together. There isn't anything we can't accomplish with a lot of hard work, determination and caring. In short, being typical Lions.

The "mountains" we have to climb will be whittled down to size if we can all work together. So if the Council can do anything to help you, you have but to ask. Conversely we expect you to return the favor in the event we need your assistance.

In addition to the council of governors, we have many talented Lions in key positions--state and district-- that are also there for YOU if the need arises.

Looking forward to a GREAT Lions year

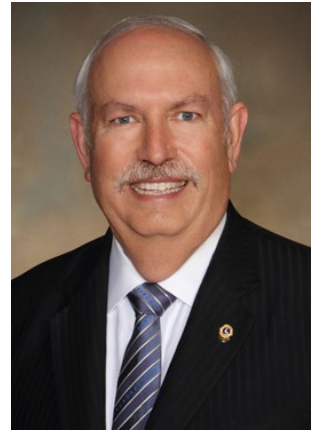
Bill Hankins

Council Chair



**CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE MESSAGE
FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

2017 Party Train Gathers Steam



Kathy Singleton recently emailed Lions Clubs International. When she was a first-grader in Springfield, Missouri, the Lions club bought her first pair of glasses. “I still remember the joy I felt when I was able to distinguish that trees had individual leaves. It excited my heart to learn to see the world in its infinite beauty,” she eloquently wrote us. “I pray y’all continue blessing many other kids like y’all did me.”

Yes, Ms. Singleton, for the next 100 years, we will keep on helping children as well as adults as we have for the past century. In our Centennial year, we want to honor and remember the past as well as move our great Association forward.

During our long history Lions not only reached out to individuals but also often impacted entire communities. After an earthquake and tsunami devastated Afognak, Alaska, in 1964, Lions built a new town for residents. Five years earlier in the tinder-dry cattle country of Texas, their town regularly threatened by prairie fires, Leakey Lions started a fire brigade including a fire truck. Long ago in 1925, alarmed by the inadequacy of schools, York Lions in Pennsylvania began a well-stocked circulating library. The pages of the LION from the last century are filled with tens of thousands of such examples of life-changing and often life-preserving service.

Our Centennial service goal is to serve at least 100 million people by June 2018. We are on pace to shatter that goal. Please have your club “join the party.” Celebrate the Centennial in other ways, too, by inviting family and friends to serve with you and by planning a Legacy Project in your community. Find out how to participate at Lions100.org.

I am honored to serve as your Centennial president. I hope you are just as thrilled to be a Lion at this special moment in our grand history. The service we do today will echo down the decades as we invariably strengthen our Association and leave Lions Clubs in better shape than ever for generations to come.

Chancellor Bob Corlew

Lions Clubs International President

AROUND THE MD, CLUBS ARE WORKING WITH VISION SCREENING

(editors note: I contacted all DG's asking them to send me Information about their District, unfortunately I did not hear from all of them, so this is an incomplete picture)



Hope Lions Club purchased vision screening devices which they presented to the elementary schools

Hot Spring Village is busy with vision screening— I'm not sure which Club or if it is both.

Bella Vista/Bentonville Breakfast Clubs screen throughout the school year— last year more than 1000 students were screened.

Bentonville Noon Club has been screening with an older device (now broken) and have applied for a new vision screening device.

Russellville has a vision screening trailer that is air-conditioned with dark rooms available for screening. They can go to all events and not depend on having a good room available.

Fayetteville has a vision screening team which is very active.

Conway Noon Club has two vision screening devices which keep busy with their screening schedule —320 since July



Pea Ridge has recently received a screening device and are scheduling their screening.

Two clubs in District 7-O are using their SPOT vision machines to check folks ranging in age from 6 months to 96 years of age. The Jonesboro University Heights and Heber Springs Lions Clubs are keeping their vision chairs busy checking eyes from West Memphis to Black Rock. Most of the screenings have been done at locations where local Lions Clubs are holding an activity. The Heber Springs Club has checked eyes at 6 pre-school centers for the last 2 years. In the short time the SPOT machines have been in use, over 3000 folks have been checked

CLUBS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED, PLEASE SEND ME INFO TO PUT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!! mmcgee610@cox.net



**Our 2016-17 District Governors in Japan
DG Bobby Tucker, 7-I; DG Barbra Williams, 7-N;
DG Bill Levins, 7-O; DG John Collier, 7-L**

****RESERVE ON YOUR SCHEDULE NOW****

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

October 7-8, 2016 District 7-O

St. Bernard's Auditorium, Jonesboro

October 14-15, 2016 District 7-L

UACC, Hempstead Hall, Hope

October 21-22 District 7-N

East Union Baptist Church, Little Rock

October 28-29 District 7-I

Antioch Baptist Church, Conway

KUDOS TO PDG STAN McDOUGAL

Congratulations on earning two crane pins during the Lions Dignity Award program!

Completion of the program was no easy task, and I wanted to extend my congratulations and appreciation for your dedication to Lions Clubs International.

Only a small percentage of district governors earned a Lions Dignity Award.

To celebrate your high achievement, your photo will be displayed on the

[Lions Dignity Award](#) page so Lions around the world will know of your accomplishment.

District Governors earning two cranes in the Lions Dignity Award program will receive a Leadership Medal

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Your Immediate Past International President

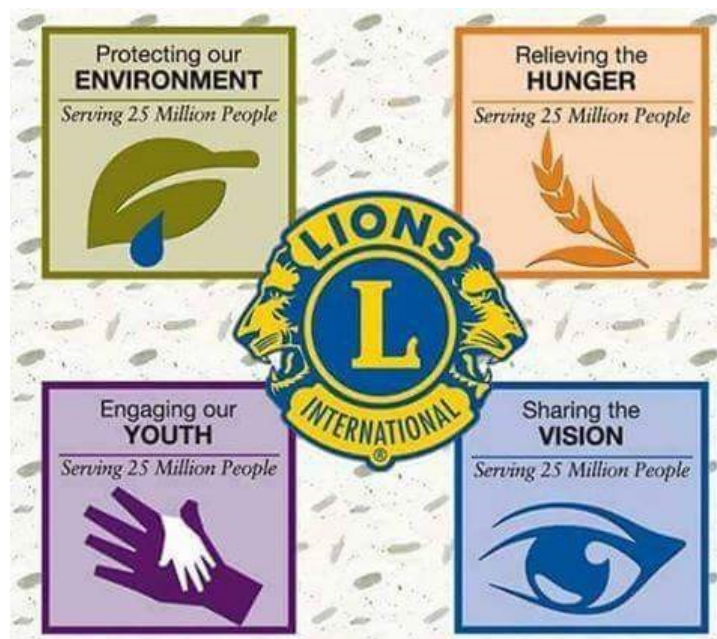
CENTENNIAL PROJECTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Each Club should have appointed a Centennial Chair and/or Committee to keep the Centennial on the minds of our Lions. Please submit activities your Club has used to celebrate the Centennial—and they will be published in the Newsletter.

Your ideas and activities will inspire other Lions to plan their activities.

Also please submit your Legacy projects—pictures would be great to inspire other Lions of Legacy projects their Clubs could do.

Also be sure your Club reports your Centennial activities on MyLCI, so that your Club will qualify for Centennial badges. These activities are things are Clubs currently do, so be sure to report them as Centennial activities!!





98TH ANNUAL MD 7 STATE CONVENTION

was held April 29-30, 2016



at University of the Ozarks/Seay Student Center in Clarksville.

I've heard many favorable comments regarding our MD7 State Convention. Special thanks should be given to PID Brian Sheehan, Clarksville Lions Club, the host club, and the Convention Committee for all the work they put forth to make the convention a great success.

I find these meetings to be very uplifting experiences. Lions are great optimists, with an unshakable belief in the future of our organization.

CONGRATULATIONS FELLOW LIONS:

District Governor Elect **Bill Levins** is the recipient of a Leadership Medal.

Past District Governor **Pat Snodgrass** is the recipient of the Prestigious Edward G. Barry, Sr. Award.

Past District Governor **Phyliss Fry** is the recipient of the John H. Barnett Leadership Award.

Lion **Bill Dickens** is the recipient of the Dr. Jim Fowler Humanitarian Award.

Lions **Philip Taylor** and **Brad Baker** were presented the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

There were 146 registrants, 136 in attendance.

There were no resolutions presented.

Lion Wanda Barnett, PDG

Lions of Arkansas



CONGRATULATIONS

CC Angela Smith and Tim Decker (7-O)

May 14, 2016

Lions Rick Bailey and Sydney Scarbrough (7-I)

August 6, 2016