

# MD7 NEWS

A Compendium of Notes & Comments  
For Arkansas Lions  
June 2021 -- No. 13



## 103<sup>rd</sup> CONVENTION A BIG SUCCESS!

The 103rd annual Arkansas Lions State Convention, the first state event in well over a year, has been considered a great success. Members attending the event in Little Rock nearly doubled expectations of the planning committees.

Both convention key speakers made their presentation using Zoom. Past International President Bill Biggs spoke about the importance of our state projects, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing, World Services for the Blind and the Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory. He spoke of their great service and their need for continued Lions support.

Past District Governor Chris Gunstream (DG of one of the few districts to test the NAMI programs in 2019) discussed their success and how they used the NAMI program to build their vision to achieve increased membership.

Although this was the 103rd convention, Past Council Chair Tracy Price talked about the achievements of 2019-20 in a short presentation he called the 102nd annual convention. He also presented awards that would have been presented at his convention, had it not been canceled because of Covid.

One of the most moving moments of the event was Conway Evening President and Methodist Minister Bonda Moyer read scripture and offered comments as part of the Celebration of Life Memorial Service for members we've lost in the last two years. Her husband, PDG Norm Moyer was among those lost.

As part of the convention, there was a Council of Governors meeting and convention business meeting. See separate reports of those proceedings as well as a list of award winners elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks to Betsy Barnes, Bill Johnson and Little Rock Founders Club as Host Committee, to Claudia Griffith and the Special Events Planning Committee and to Norman Dickson, Pat Snodgrass and the IT team for a job well done.



# THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL...

Comments From Brad Baker, Council Chair

Fellow Lions, as we race toward the end of this Lions year, I would like to reflect on the past 12 months. It has been a year of extraordinary challenges and has included a multitude of changes in how we meet, how we serve and how we live.

While Lions Clubs are service organizations, we are also a social institution. We require interaction and personal contact to raise funds and to provide services. Personal contact during the past year has definitely been the most perplexing task ever. Truly EVER. In retrospect, ZOOM may have been the one thing that saved Lionism in Arkansas. Many clubs hung on by a thread because they had meetings via ZOOM. Without it, our job would have been nearly impossible. Without meetings of any kind and without contact with the public of any kind, how would our clubs have survived. Most would not have made it.

Usually, I am an incredibly positive person. Lionism and my job at Mid-South Lions allows me to be positive because I actually see first-hand the results of what Lions are doing to help their communities. So, as we close this most difficult 2020-2021 Lions year, let's look at some of the positives.

First and most importantly, we did not lose many clubs and our membership remained reasonably stable throughout the year. We were able to find some innovative ways to serve the community through backpack programs, trash pickups, disaster relief, legacy projects, the new Peace Essay Contest, providing personal protection equipment to front-line workers, manning vaccination stations, and encouraging good citizenship. And some of our old stand-by projects like the Peace Poster Contest and eyeglasses collection thrived during the year.

The bottom line is that Lions will continue to be of prime importance to their communities during good and bad times, because of YOUR dedication to service. Think about your community without a Lions Club. Now, think about your community with a rededicated, vibrant and energetic Lions Club providing needed services in every community in Arkansas. We can do that, but only with your help.

Sometimes we lose our enthusiasm because we lose sight of the mission. Helping people, I believe, is a core need for every person. It just makes a person feel better when they are doing good for their fellow man. Let's give everyone...yes, everyone a chance to feel better by giving them an opportunity to join us in serving.

At our state convention, which was our first in-person meeting since February 2020 and attended by about 100 Lions and guests (thanks to the Special Events Planning Committee, the Council and the Little Rock Founders Club and Host Committee) were urged to revitalize our Clubs by Past Inter-

national President Bill Biggs who recognized all the great service Arkansas Lions are known for worldwide. Past District Governor Chris Gunstream from Texas gave us a lesson on HOW our members can recruit and retain Lions. In an unprecedented presentation, all four of our District Governors were honored by the President of Lions Clubs International, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, with medals recognizing their outstanding leadership. PDGs Leanna Rich and Matt Webber were honored by President Choi with his Presidential Medal acknowledging their lifelong dedication to service. We are still Lions.

We are still serving. I genuinely believe the light at the end of the tunnel is US. It is Lionism. We are providing light for those in darkness in many ways. My request as your outgoing Council Chair is that you keep striving to serve in every way you can and that you share our service with everyone. I am confident that Council Chair-Elect Jeremy Kimble and our incoming Council of Governors will lead us to new and greater levels of service.

Personally, a special thanks to my wife of 41 years, Mona. She is my best friend and partner in service. Without her blessing and support, and that of my family, I would be lost. To the Lions of Arkansas: Thank you for allowing me to be your Council Chair. I consider it a high honor. It has been a pleasure and a privilege working with DG Ethan, DG Jeff, DG Jeremy and DG Cleon. They are outstanding community leaders, great Lions and very, very good men.

And even as this "pandemic" year comes to a close, I look forward to many more years of serving with you, my friends and fellow Lions. God bless you. God bless the great State of Arkansas, and God bless these United States of America.



2020-2021 Council of Governors

From Left: Cleon Rogers (N), Jeremy Kimble (O)  
CC Brad Baker, Jeff Davis (I), Ethan Dunbar (L)



CC Brad and Lion Mona Baker





**7-1 CAROL ALLEN**  
Russellville Lions

DGE Carol Allen was born in Russellville, but lived most of her childhood in Pottsville, Arkansas. She moved to Texas in the late 70s where she lived for about 25 years. While in Texas, she attended college and received her Registered Nurse degree. She began her nursing career in neonatal intensive care and finished in hospice care. Of all her jobs, DGE Allen is most proud

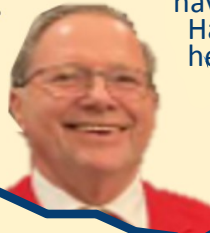
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**7-0 ROY PATTERSON**  
Jonesboro Nettleton Lions

Born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, DGE Patterson graduated from Nettleton High School and married his high School Sweetheart, Martha. They have been married for 47 years and have three children: Jessica, Shannon, and Roy (Bubba). They also have three grandchildren: Hannah, Emilylynn (in heaven) and Logan.

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**7-N DON YOUNG**  
Carlisle Lions

DGE Don Young was born and raised in Carlisle. He traveled to Colorado to attend the US Air Force Academy, becoming a Second Lieutenant with a degree in Civil Engineering. He has continued his education earning a Masters in Systems Management from the University of Arkansas and an Associates in Culinary Arts from Pulaski Tech. He is a chef.

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**7-L RENE' ROBERTS**  
Mina Lioness

René Roberts, District Governor Elect for district 7 L has been a Lion since 2004 when her Lioness club chose to become a Lions club. She is currently treasurer of her club. She has also been club president

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Introducing  
The  
2021-22  
**Council  
of  
Governors**

**JEREMY KIMBLE**  
Weiner Lions  
**2021-22 COUNCIL CHAIR**

Council Chair Elect Jeremy Kimble was born and raised in Northeast Arkansas. He graduated from Harrisburg High School and lives in Weiner. He worked through different vocations before landing as a mechanic at John Deere and then, service manager. He left there and started his own Equipment repair service.

He has been a member of the Weiner Lions Club for 5 -years, where he served as President and Club Director.

The Council Chair elect has two children Brayden and Gavin. His wife Kelli is also a Lion.

CCE Kimble also serves on the city council in Weiner, is president of the Arkansas Rice Festival, and a active member of the Weiner Fire department.



**RENE' ROBERTS**

Secretary. She has served six years as zone chair as well as other multiple district appointments and loves the opportunities to help others through Lionism.

The DGE would like to see District 7L clubs be able to get back to meeting and supporting the work of the Lions with fundraisers and making their presence known in each community.

DGE Roberts is a life-long resident of Mena Arkansas, where her father was the local veterinarian, and has been married to her best friend, Gene, for 44 years. They have two children, Josh (Abby) and Andi (Marty) along with our "adopted" son Zach. They have been blessed with four beautiful and energetic grandchildren, Lilly, Maci & Mary (twins), and Ayden.

An accountant, DGE Roberts has owned and operated Roberts Tax & Bookkeeping Service for the last 40 years. She has been a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer for 15 years where she has advocated for more than 25 children. Also, she is a member of the Mena First United Methodist Church, Mena FFA Alumni and Eastern Star.

As District Governor, she wants to navigate this new way of meeting and achieving the business of Lions, meet with each club in this district and encourage each club to reach out to their members and past members. The DGE would like to see every club support all the Lions initiatives by donating to each, no matter the dollar amount

We are in this together and together we can accomplish a lot!

**CAROL ALLEN**

of being a wife, mother and nurse.

DGE Allen became interested in Lions when a couple of Lions came by her work recruiting members. When they explained their roll in vision care, she knew the Lions were for her, since she has two daughters legally blind without their glasses. The DGE has helped conduct vision screenings ever since.

DGE Allen has served as board member at large, first, second and third vice president and president of the Russellville Lions Club. She has also been a Zone Chair.

In addition to the Lions Club, the DGE is involved with the backpack program through her church as well as being on call to assist with her grandchildren and her great niece.

**ROY PATTERSON**

The DGE worked at Gladiolus farms through high school and then at FMC where he was a certified welder on farm equipment. He also worked at Dana Corporation as a CNC machine setup and machine operator making gear blanks and cut gears.

When Dana shut down, he decided to go to Midsouth Community College to continue his education in diesel technology, inspection and maintenance.

After graduating from Midsouth Community College, he worked at Frito-Lay Corporation becoming certified to work on Volvo Trucks, CNG Engines and tank inspection.

DGE Patterson has been a Lion for 27 years and indicates it has been an Honor to Serve.

**DON YOUNG**

During his twenty year career in the Air Force, He piloted rescue helicopters and T-37 jet trainers as an instructor pilot. Other assignments included Rescue Coordinator at Sondrestrom AB, Greenland and Civil Engineer Officer at Little Rock AFB in Arkansas. After Air Force retirement, he worked at the Arkansas Department of Transportation as a Field Engineer and Section Head, retiring after twenty-five years.

As a young boy, DGE Young achieved the rank of Eagle Scout (as all three of his sons have done). His family now includes his wife Becky of over 45 years, his sons, their wives and seven granddaughters.

He began his service to the Lions as a young lad helping his dad get ready for Carlisle Lions Club fish fries. His dad was a charter member of the Carlisle club and he often attended meetings with his dad. After his father passed away, he joined the club in 1994, serving as president, secretary and a host of other jobs. Presently, he cooks for their meetings.

**ARKANSAS MD-7 COMMITTEES**

Wanda Green—State Secretary

**International Convention**

- 7-L—Travis Burton, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG
- 7-I— Dean Rowland, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG
- 7-O— Kim Earles, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG
- 7-N /Chair— Wanda Green, PDG

**Global Action Team**

- Global Action Team Chair — CC Jeremy Kimble
- MD GLT Coordinator — Leanna Rich, PDG
- MD GMT Family & Women's — Myrna McGee, PCC
- MD GMT Coordinator — Tracy Price, PCC
- MD GST Coordinator — Jeff Davis, PDG

**STATE CHAIRS**

- MD Administrator Coordinator — Wanda Green, PDG
- MD Diabetes Chair — Kelli Kimble
- MD Financial/Audit Chair — Libby Davenport
- MD International Relations — Bill Heaston, PCC
- MD IT Chairperson — Jennifer Carey, PCC & Fran Walker
- MD LCIF Coordinator — Mike Benefield, PDG
- MD Lions Alert — Don Ellis
- MD Lions State Pins — Wanda Green, PDG
- MD Peace Poster — Jeremy Kimble, CC
- MD Protocol Chairman — Pat Snodgrass, PDG
- MD Newsletter Editor — Jeff Davis, PDG
- MD Sergeant of Arms Chair — Pat Snodgrass, PDG
- MD State Events Committee — Jeremy Kimble, CC
- 7-I — Philip Taylor (2021)
- 7-O — Pat Snodgrass, PDG (2022)
- 7-N — Gloria Montgomery, PDG (2021)
- State Convention — Jonesboro
- Host Chair — Pat Snodgrass, PDG
- MD Strategic Plan — Rich Fischer, PDG
- MD Vision Chairperson — Sharon Giovinazzo

# STATE NEWS

## CONVENTION BUSINESS AND AWARDS

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

The Council held it forth quarter meeting on the Friday preceding Saturday's convention in Little Rock. All members of the council attended in person.

Aside from presenting previous meeting minutes and the MD7 financial report for approval, all other committee reports were accepted as submitted ahead of time.

Council Chair Brad Baker spoke about Tennessee, Missouri and Mississippi's plan to support a bid by Memphis to host the 2025 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The Arkansas Lions have been asked to join in the effort to bring the forum to Memphis. After it was pointed out there would be no commitment of financial support for several years, the council agreed to support the bid. The USA/Canada Forum is a great leadership development event that draws several thousand Lions each year.

Past District Governor Kandy Cayce submitted information about the newly acquired male Lion at the Little Rock Zoo and for financial support related to its transportation to the zoo. PDG Cayce would like to see individual clubs join in on an effort to recycle Christmas lights in an effort to raise funds. The council encouraged past district governor to reach out to the clubs, as she had requested.

The council agreed to accept Jonesboro's bid to host the 2022 state convention. No club has yet asked to host the next Mid-Winter forum, although Fayetteville is considering the possibility.

The current council members along with our district governors elect held the election for council chair. District 7-0 Governor Jeremy Kimble will be the 2021-22 Council Chair.

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### COUNCIL ELECT MEETS

After the final council meeting of the year, the incoming council members met to elect council officers and approve committee chair positions.

Council Chair Elect Jeremy Kimble was elected earlier in the day in a joint meeting of current and incoming council members. Elected at this meeting were Roy Patterson, Vice Council Chair; Carol Allen, Council Secretary and Don Young Council Treasurer.

Other business included accepting a bid for our new state pins and deciding that again this year, the state directory would be an on-line version only.

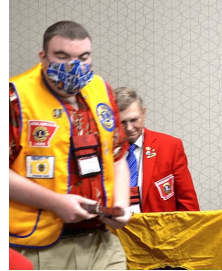
Committee chairs for the upcoming year were

See the list of committee chairs on previous page

There was no actual business before the membership, but the council chair did review and ask approval for the multi-district's support of Memphis' bid for the 2025 USA/Canada Forum and Jonesboro's bid for the next state convention.

Along with the many state-wide members making outstanding contributions to the Lions this year, CC Baker described the effort, success and valuable support of State Secretary Wanda Green.

PCC Tracy Price recapped Lions accomplishments during his term as council chair and presented the following awards:



#### 2019-20 Awards

**Dr. Jim Fowler Award** – Sharon Giovinnazzo  
**John Barnett Award** – Brandon Sims  
**Ed Barry Award** – Rita Price  
**District Governor Plaques** – Claudia Griffin, Kevin Baskin, Brad Baker and Kandy Cayce

CC Baker followed announcing this year's award winners:

#### 2020-21 Awards

**Dr. Jim Fowler** – Angela Smith Decker  
**John Barnett Award** – Tracy Price  
**Ed Barry Award** – Stan McDougal  
**Leadership medals and District Governor Plaques** – Ethan Dunbar, Jeff Davis, Jeremy Kimble and Cleon Rogers.  
**Presidential Medal** – Leanna Rich  
**Past Council Chair Plaque** – Tracy Price

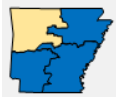
The district governors led by CCE Jeremy Kimble presented Brad Baker with his Council Chair Plaque.

Citations of Appreciation were also presented to the Little Rock Founders Club and the State Events Planning Committee.

Following the award presentations Council Chair Baker and Council Chair Elect Kimble made a few closing remarks.



# CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE



## Fort Smith

Lion Marty Houston reporting

The Fort Smith Lions Club sold a total of 324 orders of ribs and could have sold many more, but we kept it capped as close to 300 as possible for the Fort Smith Rib Society, who helped cook.

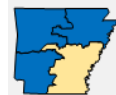


Volunteers met the day before cooking for the rib rub. We had customers remain in their car, allowing club members to meet them car side and collect money and deliver the ribs in order to keep this event with limited to no contact as possible.



The club recently volunteered to cook and serve hot dogs and drinks for Sutherlands Spring Fling as a fund raiser. For their help, they received a check of \$250 from Sutherlands and reported they also collected \$238 in tips for the day.

Our club has made arrangements to send 1,500 pair of glasses to Midland, Texas to a processing facility operated by Lions International with Lion Carolyn taking them to Dallas for transport. The members also like the idea of sending future glasses to the optometry school in Oklahoma is a good option.



## Stuttgart

Lion Elizabeth Melson reporting

The Stuttgart Lions club held their annual Spring Cajun Shrimp Boil on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We served over 700 dinners. Funds raised go towards scholarships for high school seniors.

May 5th we held a luncheon for our high school scholarship recipients. We gave out 7 scholarships.

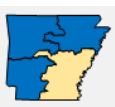
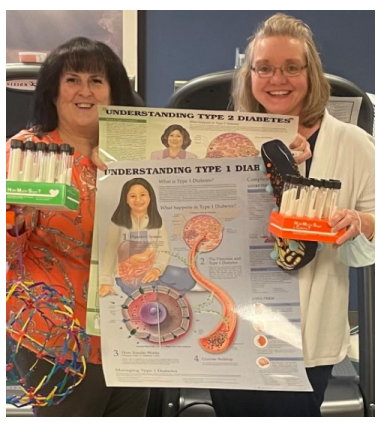


## Heber Springs

Lion Angela Smith Decker reporting

Heber Springs donated art/craft items to Arkansas Children's Hospital Oncology reward closet in honor of a youngster who was diagnosed with stage 4 high risk Neuroblastoma June 14, 2019. He was just over 2 and a half years old.

Heber Springs donated diabetes education materials to Baptist Health Diabetes Educator in memory of Dr Michael Barnett who taught classes for several years. He died in January 2021



## Warren

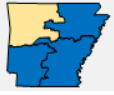
Lion Tim Kessler reporting

The Lisebmy Family performed Wednesday evening, June 9, during the 2021 Warren Lions Club Gospel Jamboree held at Immanuel Baptist Church in Warren. Around 100 people were in attendance. The event was free but attendees were invited to make a donation to Warren Lions Club.



*Pictured, from left, are Dr. J. Ricky Lisebmy, April Joy-Noel Lisebmy, Brooklyn Joelle Lisebmy, Melody Lauren Lisebmy, Joy Lynn (Guilotte) Lisebmy, Dr. Joel K. Lisebmy, Jamie Victori-Hope Lisebmy, Mercy Sue Lynn Lisebmy and Warren Lions Club President Tim Kessler.*





## Gravette

Lion Jeff Davis reporting

The Gravette Lions Club has been meeting with Zoom since last April, but with the re-opening of the Senior Activity Center, we are able to start regular meetings again. For years, we have partnered with the public library to provide weekly book-mobile service to the center, and have resumed that now that they are once again open. Our monthly health checks at the center, provided by sisters who are both Lions and nurses, will start again soon.



Always before Memorial Day, we hold our semi-annual cemetery workday at a planting/sitting area there. This year, we removed and re-set the pavers making them level once again. This fall, we will re-finish the four benches.



our centennial project, but never got around to mounting our Lions plaque. Our newest member, Roger Efram, jumped right in and got it done for us.

Our collection of eye glasses for recycling has continued throughout the pandemic, but for the first time in over a year, we were able to sort and prepare the glasses for shipment to the recycling center in Texas. We are sending them 674 pairs.

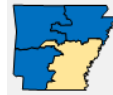
Three years ago, we built a human foosball court as



## District 7-0

Lion Pat Snodgrass reporting

DG Jeremy Kimble and PDG Pat Snodgrass delivered a "few" glasses that the district had collected to the Southern School of Optometry in Memphis. The glasses were collected by a number of different clubs. The school is still taking glasses and ladies in the picture said they were glad to get them. There were two carts of glasses.

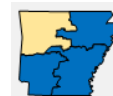


## Des Arc

Lion Cleon Rogers reporting



Members of the Des Arc Lions are shown making their annual contribution to the local Boys and Girls Club. In the past, the Lions have sponsored two Boys and Girls Club participants to attend Boys State and Girls State events. This year they have increased their donations allowing three youth to attend the event.



## Elkins

Lion Dean Rowland reporting

The Elkins Lions Club has started selling Pecans as a fund raiser. President Chris Smiley, Past President Dean Rowland, Treasurer Robert Harty and Lion Carol Heyms-field set up at the Elkins Farmer's Market.

This is one of our first fund raisers since the pandemic. We have started meeting in person again and are looking forward to getting back to normal as soon as we can.



## Cherokee Village

Lion Emmett Griffith reporting

The Cherokee Village Lions recently placed a granite bench in a garden spot near the village's town center.

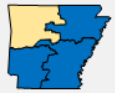
In February, we recycled 100 pairs of glasses.

We also sponsored scholarships at both the Highland and the Cave City high schools.

The club will again have a booth at the Sharp County Fair.







## Fayetteville

Lion Ruth Cohoon reporting

The Fayetteville Lions Club has resumed in-person club meetings, and on Saturday, May 22, installed new Lions Club officers.

New officers for 2021-2022 are pictured left to right: 1st Vice President Rick McKinney, Treasurer Aaron Andrews, President Andrew Aldridge, Secretary Rick Bailey, Director Sydney Bailey, Past President Danny Walters, Directors Bill Shackelford, Mary Tomilson and David Parish. Not picture is 2nd Vice President John Colbert.

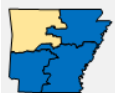


The Fayetteville Lions Club SILVER CANE awards were presented posthumously to Lt. Col Steve Gray (Ret.) and 2nd Lt. John Russo (Ret).

The Silver Cane award originated with the Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock (now know as World Services for the Blind). The award is presented in the name of a Lion or other person chosen for their work or efforts in providing aid or assistance to blind or visually hindered individuals.



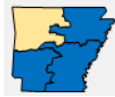
Shown are family members of Lion Steve Gray accepting the award from Lion Danny Walters and Lion John Russo's family accepting the award from Lions Walters and Ruth Cohoon.



## Conway Evening

Lion Basil Julian reporting

The Conway Evening Lions recently donated student dictionaries to all of the third grade students in the Enola-Mount Vernon School District. Shown Lion Basil Julian, Counselor Sarah Franklin and Principal Joyce Lee.



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### Conway Noon

Lion Phyliss Fry reporting



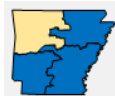
The Conway Noon Lions Club was honored to have Johnathan and Sarah Flowers from the Salvation Army as our guest speakers. Their presentation was impressive. Better yet, they both are joining the club!



## Clarksville

Lion Rita Price reporting

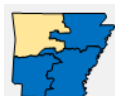
Mid-South CEO & Council Chair Brad Baker and members of the Clarksville Lions Club had the pleasure of presenting Lion Jim Graham with the Ed Dalstrom Award, the highest award given by Mid-South Sight and Hearing!



## Russellville

Lion Carol Allen reporting

Russellville Lions had a yard sale and proud to say have made over \$2000. Lions members and non Lions volunteers put in over 100 hours putting it together.



## Mountain Home

Lion Keith Sharp reporting

New officers have been elected and are excited to start a new Lions Year. Plans are already underway for this year's auction.

The club has continued their vision programs and recently helped a young girl get the help she needed for her vision problems.

In March, the Mountain Home Lions Club made a \$2000 donation to World Services for the Blind.



# Lions Clubs International Convention Goes Virtual—June 25—June 29, 2021

The 103 annual Lions Club convention, originally scheduled for Montreal, will be strictly a virtual event. Last year's Singapore convention and elections were canceled because of the world-wide pandemic. Since not all Lions Club nations are recovered to the degree that others have, LCI has decided to cancel the live event, holding it virtually instead. Elections will be completed virtually also.

There is a slight cost and you must register to attend any of the online events. You must also be appointed or elected as your club's voting delegate if you wish to participate in the elections.

Below is the published list of convention events. Links to any of the events or for voting information will be sent to those that have registered.

Plan now to participate in the events and learn more about our Lions Club nationally and internationally.



Friday, June 25

## FVDG/DGE Seminar (DGEs and Group Leaders) Exhibit Hall Opens

- Visit the virtual Exhibit Hall featuring booths from Lions International divisions, interact with headquarters' staff, learn about new programs and access great resources.

## Lions Shop Opens

Purchase all your convention gear in the [Lions Shop](#). Can't wait? Some merchandise will be available for purchase beginning in early May.

## Nominating Committee Meeting

- Hear from candidates for third vice president and international director who will seek election at a future convention and will withdraw their nomination for the 2021 international convention.

## Seminars: Achieving Lions Excellence

- Participate in a wide variety of learning sessions that will help make your club more successful and enhance your members' experience.

## Service Project Showcase Opens

- See dynamic videos created by Lions and Leos from around the world showcasing their most successful service projects—all on the big stage.

## Networking

- Meet and greet your fellow Lions and Leos in the virtual hallways. Share stories, gain insights and grow your global Lions family!

Saturday, June 26

## Parade of Nations

- This exciting time-honored tradition will feature the powerful message of United in Kindness and Diversity as we showcase the vibrant diversity of Lions clubs delegations from around the world, united in one colorful, joyous celebration.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

[103rd Lions Clubs International Convention \(mcisemi.com\)](#)

## INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A VOTING DELEGATE

[Voting – Virtual LCICon 2021 \(lionsclubs.org\)](#)

## LIONS SHOP

[Convention Commemoratives - Lions Clubs International \(myshopify.com\)](#)

## Business Session and Candidate Speeches

- Learn more about the certified candidates for international president, first vice president and second vice president, and hear from certified candidates for third vice president and international director. Watch as they formally announce their intentions to seek election at the 2021 international convention as well as see candidate demonstrations for third vice president. Listen to the Nominating Committee report and hear the proposed amendments to be voted on by delegates.

## Exhibit Hall

- Take a virtual stroll through our Exhibit Hall and visit our booths to interact with Lions headquarters' staff, learn about new programs and access great resources.

## Lions Shop

You'll find everything you need to serve in the [Lions Shop](#), including convention merchandise, safety gear and colorful apparel.

## Seminars: Achieving Lions Excellence

- Join Lions and Leos from all over the world in unique learning sessions that will sharpen your skills and give you the tools and strategies to take your club to the next level of excellence.

## Service Project Showcase

- Get service project ideas as you watch video stories from the frontlines of Lions service created by Lions and Leos from all four corners of the world showcasing their most successful service projects.

Sunday, June 27

## Voting opens at 8:00 a.m. CDT

### Opening Plenary Session

- You'll have the best seat in the house as you watch the sensational Lions International Flag Ceremony that celebrates our countries coming together in friendship, global goodwill and the spirit of service. Listen to our international president's message and to the introduction of past international presidents, and learn who the Peace Poster Contest winners are.

## Exhibit Hall

- Stop by the virtual Exhibit Hall to meet Lions headquarters' staff, learn about new programs and access great resources.

## Seminars: Achieving Lions Excellence

- Plan to attend these engaging seminars that will equip you with new tools and training to bring innovation to your service projects and inspiration to your club experience.

## Lions Shop

Stock up on convention merchandise in the [Lions Shop](#).

## Service Project Showcase

- Pull up a chair and watch inspirational videos created by your fellow Lions and Leos from

around the world showcasing their most successful service projects.

## Foundation Celebration: Magnifying Our Good

- Don't miss the premier of this exciting new event featuring grant beneficiary stories, entertainment groups, updates on LCI's impact and a message from Chairperson Gudrun. The celebration will also recognize Campaign 100's generous donors!

Monday, June 28

## Voting Open All Day Second Plenary Session

- Be inspired by our keynote speaker, Nobel Peace Laureate Malala Yousafzai, and enjoy exhilarating entertainment performances. You'll also hear a presentation from our Foundation and take a moving look back at the many years of Lions' service and kindness.

## Exhibit Hall

- There's so much to see in the virtual Exhibit Hall so don't miss this opportunity to visit our booths, interact with Lions headquarters' staff, learn about new programs and access great resources.

## Seminars: Achieving Lions Excellence

- You'll learn so much at these dynamic seminars, which will provide you with ideas to take your club to the next level of excellence.

## Lions Shop

Stop in the [Lions Shop](#) and stock up on colorful convention merchandise and other items so you can wear your Lions pride proudly.

## Service Project Showcase

- Lions and Leos around the world share their most successful service projects in these inspirational videos.

## Hear Our Roar Reception

- You are in for a very special treat as we present an exciting program of videos, live entertainment, the history of Lions, speeches, election results and the winner of the 2021 Humanitarian Award.

Tuesday, June 29

## Voting Closes at 8:00 a.m. CDT Final Plenary Session

- Get election results and a Campaign 100 update, and see the International President Oath of Office and demonstration and the DGE Oath of Office.

## Exhibit Hall

- This is your final opportunity to spend some time in the virtual Exhibit Hall and meet Lions headquarters' staff, learn about new programs and access great resources.

## Lions Shop

# From the UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTER



If you have been reading, you will know these facts about our new Council of Governors. (Answers on next page)



DGE Roy Patterson



DGE Carol Allen



DGE Don Young



DGE Rene Roberts



CCE Jeremy Kimble

1. Who is an RN?
2. Who piloted jets?
3. Who worked for a potato chip company?
4. Who belongs to the Mena Lioness?
5. Who grew up in Pottsville?
6. Who worked for John Deer?
7. Who is an Eagle Scout?
8. Who is in the tax business?
9. Who has twin granddaughters?
10. Who is a fireman?
11. Who advocates for children?
12. Who Cooks for his club?
13. Who graduated for Nettleton High School?
14. Who lived in Texas for 25-years?
15. Who is a certified welder?
16. Who is on their city council?

# SECOND ARKANSAS LANDMARK PIN ANNOUNCED

The second in a series of MD7 state pins featuring Arkansas Landmarks has been approved for production, as has the new Arkansas prestige pin. The pins are the official 2021-22 Arkansas pins and were approved by the incoming district governors.

Council Chair Brad Baker for a long time has taken responsibility for designing our pins, and this year's pins are again, an excellent representation of our state.



ARKANSAS LANDMARKS  
CRYSTAL BRIDGES  
BENTONVILLE

Last year's pin showed our state capital in Little Rock, while this year's pin celebrates Cristal Bridges Museum in Bentonville.

The prestige pin always represents Arkansas' participation in the Lions Club International annual convention. The 2022 convention is slated to be in New Deli, India next June.



MD-7 ARKANSAS  
NEW DELHI 2022

Our 2020 pin representation the Singapore convention and the 2021 pin for the Montreal convention are still available, but neither of those conventions were held because of Covid.

Pin trading and collecting among many Lions is serious endeavor. Many love to display them

on their vests while others find other ways to show off their collection.

District governors from around the world take handfuls of their state or country's prestige pins to the international conventions as a way of meeting and getting to know members from around the world.

At just about every international Lions event, special rooms are set up for those who wish to collect, buy or sell pins. Smaller collections have been know to show up for bid at the silent auction that is usually a part of our state events.

Price for this year's prestige pin is \$6 and the state landmark pin will sell for \$2. The pins are available for purchase at all state events and district conventions.



**Don't Forget our Arkansas Lions State Projects.**

They Serve, and they need our continuing support.

**Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing**

**Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory**

**World Services for the Blind**

**Leader Dogs For the Blind**



**Lions of Arkansas Foundation**

**LOAF**

Matching grants up to \$1,000 will be awarded to Arkansas Lions Clubs based on the following criteria:

- For purchasing equipment or facilities that will be used to directly provide services for Sight, Hearing and/or Youth Programs.
- For purchasing equipment or facilities that will be used to generate funds to provide services for Sight, Hearing and/or Youth Programs.
- All grant requests will be reviewed by the Lions of Arkansas Board of Trustees.

The maximum amount of grants is \$1,000.00. Matching funds are recommended, but not required. Applications to the Foundation may be submitted by a Lions Club at any time. Proposals will be reviewed for funding at each of the Foundation's quarterly meetings.


Twenty-five percent of the funds requested will be released at the time the grant is approved. Additional funds will be paid on a reimbursable basis when the project is completed and proof of expenditures and a final report have been received. The reports must be received within 30 days of the project completion. If the project is long-term, over six months, funds may be reimbursed more often. A project period may be extended upon justification received by the Foundation.

One copy of the grant application must be submitted to the Lions of Arkansas Foundation through any of the trustees listed below.

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Foundation.

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| <b>District L</b><br>Joanne Curry<br>Carla Mosley<br>James Griffin | <b>District I</b><br>Bill Mattler<br>Rhonda Horton<br>Ritchie Howell | <b>District O</b><br>Peggy Tiffany<br>Lisa Holsapple<br>Jeremy Kimble | <b>District N</b><br>Cody Snider<br>Don Young<br>Jacob Box |
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**Question.**  
How many TVs are there in each room at the Embassy Suites at the ASU campus in Jonesboro where the 104th annual Arkansas convention will be held in the spring of 2022 ?



**MEET AMBOSELI:**  
By PDG Kandy Cayce


Efforts are moving forward to bring a new lion to the Little Rock Zoo after the passing of the former lion. What would our zoo be without a lion?

Little Rock Founders Lions Club discussed and agreed to help with this effort. Perhaps with the "Lights for Lions" recycling of used Christmas lights in the late fall. This would be modeled after the zoo in New Orleans which recycles the copper from lights to keep them out of landfills and raise awareness of the population decline of lions. The Little Rock Zoo Foundation may also need assistance with costs of transporting the lion or other things.

The zoo will put out a news release soon. Amboseli, the four-year old lion will go through quarantine and then be slowly introduced to the female lions. Nowadays, zoos share lions to avoid inbreeding and have stronger gene pools. Amboseli will be here at least several years.

The LR Zoo will keep any female cubs produced and the male cubs will go to other zoos.


(PDG Cayce will be providing additional information to clubs about participating in the recycling of Christmas lights.)



**Unknown Tail Twister Answers:**

1. Allen 2. Young 3. Patterson
4. Roberts 5. Allen 6. Kimble
7. Young 8. Roberts 9. Roberts
10. Kimble 11. Roberts 12. Young
13. Patterson 14. Allen 15. Patterson
16. Kimble

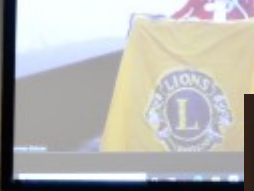
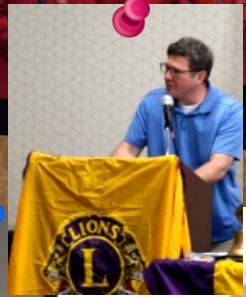
**Two\* TVs are in each room-- Hard to believe!**



\*according to Lion Snodgrass



# PHOTOS



*State Secretary Wanda always has the answer, even if it's just where does my new patch go—*

