

## 2015 SC Lions Youth Exchange Adventures



The 2015 edition of the South Carolina Lions Youth Exchange program has been completed and what a lot of fun and education it was for our students, our host families and our counselors. The students arrived on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia airport, were picked up by their host families and spent the next two weeks learning about life in South Carolina. From the very outset I knew this group would be very special, and they were! Let me stop and introduce you to this year's host families: from North Augusta (32-B) – Linda and Jim Hilliard and Joyce and Sandy Haskell. From Winnsboro (32-D): Bobbie and Paul Dove and Linda and Bill Haslett. From York (32-D) Dona and Frank Van Leer, and from Sharon (32-D) Morgan and Eric Lombardo. I do not overstate my case when I say "without these loyal and dedicated lions there would be no Youth Exchange program." I thank them from the bottom of my heart for what they do! A second group of lions that are indispensable to the program are our counselors who travel with the touring portion of the camp: Lion PDG Ned Shows (Summerville 32-B), Lion Shirley Ballard (32-D Columbia NE), Lion Ann Carr (32-D Winnsboro) and myself (32-C Camden). Again, fellow lions, without you there is no program.

A little something about our students. They are Patricia Buschina - Austria, Caroline Claes - Belgium, Karen Scalon – Brazil, Ilona Haukka – Finland, Carolin Lesch – Germany, Bibiana Jordan – Hungary, Noy Cohen – Israel, Chantal Vannini – Italy, Mantas Leketas – Lithuania, Bishrel Battilga – Mongolia, Dasha Teslenko – Russia, and Atakan Sengor – Turkey. As you can see, it is a very diverse group. It took them about 30 minutes to bond together. (Well, maybe about 45 minutes)

The students arrive at the home of Lions Dale and Barbara Watts of the Tega Cay Lions Club. The group enjoyed an evening of fellowship.

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## Redistricting and New MD Website

Greetings fellow Lions. For the past several years each Council has talked about the need to redistrict. This decision has been postponed as many Lions wanted to make a renewed effort to increase membership instead. According to the MD 32 District Health Assessment from LCI as of August 2015, we have 3,716 members in 142 clubs. In July 2010 we had 4,507 members – a loss of 791 members in 5 years. Minimum district requirements are 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing according to the Constitution and By Laws of Lions Clubs International. None of our four districts have met this requirement in over two years.

On August 22, 2015, the Council after much discussion voted unanimously to redistrict into two districts to be voted on at the 2016 MD Convention in Columbia. If the plan is passed and approved by the Lions Club Board of Directors, it will take effect July 1, 2017. Dis-

tricts 32A and D will be combined with 70 clubs and 2,007 members. Districts 32B and C will be combined with 72 clubs and 1,709 members. This decision was made after careful consideration of our declining membership and discussions with other Lions in SC, surrounding states and throughout the United States. We are the only Southeastern state that has not redistricted at least once.

The District Governor teams will be working on details of the plan and will be discussing it with individual clubs and at Region and Zone Meetings. Additional discussions will be held at each District Mid Winter Convention. Redistricting will provide more resources for each District and place more emphasis on teams and team leadership such as zone and region chairs. It will not impact service to our communities.

Thanks to Lion Ash Little with SCLCS, MD 32 has a new website, <http://www.southcarolinalions.org>. The website is more user friendly and provides access to The Palmetto Lion, SCLCS, SCLF, Camp Leo, Camp Lions Den, and our Youth Exchange Program information. Lion of the Year, SC Lions Hall of Fame, the Council of Governors and contact information is also provided. The new page has a blog where you can email information regarding your service projects to [alittle@sclions.org](mailto:alittle@sclions.org). The current blog features a story on Little River Lions Handicap Ramp Program, SC Lions at the 98<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention, a joint service project of the Columbia and Lexington Lions to provide a Braille writer to a 4 year old girl and other stories. In addition to Lions, the general public can see what we do in our communities.

CC Charlene

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## A New Year Presents New Opportunities

Lions, I hope your summer has been relaxing and you had a chance or two to get away from the daily trappings of life and do whatever it is you like most. Getting away from the daily grind gives us a chance to clear our minds and readies us to go back to work with renewed focus and energy. As hot and humid as September begins you can be assured fall is right around the corner and that means it's time for Lions to get busy!

You should have received your 2015 Sustaining Member/Annual Giving letter by now. I urge you to read the testimony of Cyndee Wilson. Your hard work and your gifts make her story and hundreds of others like her's possible! Please carefully consider your gift to SCLF and return it as soon as possible. All Lions should be giving at a minimum the \$50 Sustaining Member level and that is easier than ever with our new Text to Give program. Just text "Give 50" (or any other amount) to 803-720-5335 and follow the prompts and your Sustaining Member pin is on the way! And remember, *anyone* can be a Sustaining Member of SCLF. You don't have to be a Lion. Please encourage your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us in ridding SC of preventable and reversible blindness.

Getting these funds in quickly has never been more important! We have a challenge grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC. BCBS has issued a grant of \$100,000 to **expand** our surgery program. SCLCS must meet the number of surgeries provided last year by December 31 to qualify for the grant and the grant money can then be used to perform more surgeries. Unfortunately, due to the limited unrestricted contributions from clubs and Lions this year, we have only provided or approved 40 surgeries during the grant period. We need to **fund and perform 100 surgeries by December 31!** Please don't let these 100,000 opportunities to help those in need slip away! Send your gift in today.

Your Board is currently scheduling visits to Lions Clubs across the state. Please welcome them to your club and city as they share with you the great things we've accomplished together and how you can help us achieve even more in the future.

Candy Day is coming in October. I hope each club is planning their Candy Day campaign or another fundraiser to support SCLF. So many of our clubs' generosity year after year keeps our doors open and services rolling. But there are still clubs who for whatever reason are not sending any contribution to SCLF. I urge each club to send in a minimum of \$50 *per club member* to help fund the programs provided to your club **free of charge!**

So Lions...summer is nearing its end. Football, cooler weather and autumn leaves are right around the corner. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend. Rest. Reflect. Recharge. It's time for the Lions to get busy!

Have fun! Be Kind! Do good work!



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## Understanding Our Service

We Serve. That is our Lions motto. Service is the heart and soul of Lionism.

We tell people we are the largest Service organization in the world. We pride ourselves on not being a civic organization or a check writing group, but a Hands on Service organization. Therefore, I am always surprised when I ask Lions members "What are your Service projects?" and the response is: We sell brooms, We do a Barbeque, We have a car show, etc. Those are fundraisers, necessary to support our Service Projects. These fundraisers do get us out in into our communities. They give us an opportunity to share what we really do which is to Serve.

Our International President Yamada is challenging us to make this a year of focusing on the children in need. As District Governor I am challenging you to develop one new Hands on Service project. Look at your community with new eyes. Who could use your Service? A day care or pre-school could use you to read to the kids or collect age appropriate books. Nursing homes need books, puzzles, and games and someone to play those games. The opportunities are endless.

We also need to report these Service hours to Lions International. It is the collecting of all the Service hours from around the world that allows Lions to declare that we are the largest Service Organization in the world.

Did you know that you could report to your secretary the hours you volunteer for your local soup kitchen or adult literacy program or at a nursing home. Those hours count for Lions, too. Help your secretary get those Activity reports in monthly. If you are not comfortable on the computer ask for help. As District Governor I look at those activity reports as a health indicator of your club.

Leviticus 19:4 reads: You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind. Lets not deprive our communities of the Services that we as Lions can provide. We Serve

DG Edwina

## District 32-A Leadership Training

32A held its 1st Annual Leadership training. Pictured is Zone Chair training led by GLT-D Eddie Moncrief. Left to right: Martha Whitlock, Richard Whitlock, Jerry Hatley, Jimmy Chambers, Ensley Feemster, 1VDG Wes Corrothers and PDG Eddie Moncrief

Other sessions included SPOT camera training, membership chair, and new member orientation. Approximately 25 Lions from 10 clubs attended





## VISIT TO LEADER DOG FOR THE BLIND

Last month, the Lions gave me a unique opportunity – to visit and tour the Leader Dog campus in Michigan. There, with a group of about 40 other Lions from around the country, we spent a whole day and learned how these special dogs are trained so that people who are legally blind have their lives changed, for the better!

At 7:15AM we left the hotel, got on the bus and didn't return until 12 hours later. We had a full day of lectures and tours covering Leader Dog's full history, plus new training improvements. Changes in their facilities and technologies are constantly being made to make life better and more independent for the blind. They lectured us on how they breed dogs with certain temperaments, select puppies and train them. They gave us a tour of their new \$14.5 million facility (still under construction) and how it will improve the way they breed, train the dogs and their owners. The Michigan campus also serves as an on-site residence, where new clients can stay during their training.

All programs are offered free-of-charge to the recipients with Leader Dog paying for travel expenses (within North America), room and board, and equipment costs. They are able to provide these programs at no cost due to the generous donations of individuals, foundations, LIONS Clubs, and corporate support. To that point, South Carolina Lions, MD 32, donated over \$26,000 in FY14-15! Furthermore, LCIF gives a matching gift of \$100,000.

It was a wonderful and worthwhile time to see what goes on behind the scenes first hand. It's called the "Blindfold Walk" where you get a chance to see what it is like to walk /TRUST in the guide dog! In the center of the campus, behind the main building, is a large, open-air four-sided structure. Your task is to put on the blindfold, grab hold of the guide dogs harness with your left hand and allow yourself to be guided around the four sides of the structure. Unfortunately, when you put on the blindfold, the big space seems to shrink – in your mind, and the dog harness in your hand seems to be attached a race horse, plus the once flat sidewalk is imaged to be full of cracks and holes!!!! Nevertheless, by time your guide dog skillfully and safely takes you around the four corners, you're mentally exhausted!

They are constantly challenged as to how they can improve services. Primarily, they serve those that are legally blind. However, in 1991 Leader Dog began the groundbreaking service of training guide dogs for people who are both visually AND hearing impaired. Using instructors that are fluent in America Sign Language (ASL), these guide dogs are taught to receive all communication through a series of hand signals! They explained to us that these Leader Dogs are trained solely to guide safely and not to be hearing dogs. Additionally, they provide GPS training! Yes, this revolutionary training teaches the use of a personal GPS device that supplies the user with important information including; what direction they are traveling, what street they are approaching, where they are, and what businesses are in the immediate vicinity. Prior to having a GPS device, they had to rely on other people, often strangers, to help them navigate. The training and GPS device are both free to the user.

Just think, all this was started 76 years ago when 3 Lions started raising and training leader dogs for the blind. So since 1939, with the help of the LIONS, they have changed the lives of more than 14,500 blind individuals, worldwide! By providing these unique services, they have increased their client's personal independence and given them a chance to live their life to its fullest. Now, more than ever, people who are blind are traveling independently for work, family and recreation. They are challenging themselves to help their clients get more out of life and be more active in their communities, which will require more from their Leader Dogs.

Lion Wes Corrothers, 1st VDG



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# District 32-A

## Fun, Fellowship and Fundraisers

### **Westminster Lions Club**

Booth at South Carolina Apple Festival

September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Westminster Lions Club will be selling fried apples, boiled peanuts, brooms, mops and other things.

### **Seneca Lions Club**

Candy Days October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Chicken BBQ October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sight Van Screening at Seneca Middle School November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>

Seneca Christmas Parade – November 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Dacusville Lions Club**

Chinese Auction September 19<sup>th</sup> at Dacusville Lions Club House. Starts at 4pm.

### **Mauldin Lions Club**

On October 12, 2015, we will serve the Miller Oaks Retirement Center dinner and provide entertainment as a World Service Day Project.

Contact Lion PDG David Boalt at 864-963-5422 for more information

### **Berea Lions Club**

BBQ Fundraiser is October 24<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited. Contact any Berea Lions Club Member for more information.

Eagle Scout Project Flag Pole Dedication will be in October.

### **Spartanburg Southside Lions Club**

"Stepping Info Fall With Style" Fashion Show & Silent Auction

September 19, 2015 12:00 – 2:00pm at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 445 South Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29301

### **Taylors Lions Club**

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lion Joe Booker Golf Outing at Pebble Creek Country Club in Taylors, SC

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

11:30am Lunch

12:30pm Putting Contest

1:00pm Tee Off

5:00pm Awards

\$80 per Golfer

Contact Lion Richard Whittock, President at 864-918-7833 or

Contact Lion Tammy Duncan, Chairperson at 864-360-2620

### **Travelers Rest Lions Club**

September 5<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament at Paris Mountain Country Club starting at 9am.

\$100 Hole Sponsor/\$75 per player

Contact Roy Reynolds at 864-420-5345

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Eye Screening at Chili Cook-off at Trailblazer Park in Travelers Rest

Contact Deb Reynolds at 864-430-7026



## The Question is, Service or Fundraising?

Greetings fellow Lions of 32B,

Fall is fast approaching and times will soon be busy. In addition to our personal activities many of us will be involved with service projects and fundraising for our clubs. I encourage everyone to try and add a new service project to their club's calendar. Remember, a service project does not have to be either large or extremely time intense to be useful. Even small projects, like reading to school children, collecting donations for a local shelter, or simply assisting community members with transportation to appointments/shopping are meaningful. Lions, now is the time to remember our motto, "We Serve".

While I'm on the subject of service projects, let me take a moment to mention the difference between service projects and fundraising. When reporting club activities to Lions International the club needs to determine what the purpose of the activity was. To be a service project the purpose must be to directly assist or provide a service in some manner. Now many of you are thinking OK, I just spent the day sharing what Lions do with the local community during our Candy Day, that's service, right. Well no, it's not. While the funds raised do go to SCLCF, and they do many great things with those funds, your involvement in service was indirect, therefore not a service project.

I have been asked, "What can we do for a service project?" One surefire method to find one is for the club to complete the Club Excellence Process. By doing this a community needs assessment will be conducted and the results will provide the club with great deal of information on what they can do to make a positive difference in their community. More information on this can be found at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php>. Another excellent source for ideas is what other clubs are doing. The easiest way to keep up with this is social media. Clubs from all around the world share what they are doing every day on Facebook. I assure you our IP, Dr. Yamada, checks frequently and has noted MD32 postings.

Every club should have plans in place for their annual SCLCF fundraising activity. The date this year is October 9 and 10, they need our support now more than ever. This year the goal is \$50 per club member. I know the clubs of 32B are up to, and willing to meet the challenge. Another approaching deadline is November 15 for submission of peace poster entries. The theme of the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest is "Share Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Information on the contest and how to order entry kits can be found at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/youth/peace-poster-contest/index.php>. There is still time for schools in are to participate, but you need to act fast.

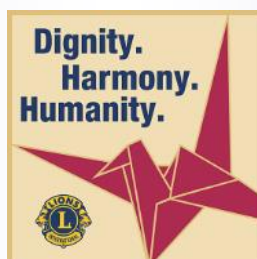
Our next Cabinet Meeting will be on Sunday, October 18, at Cox Industries, Orangeburg. The 32B District Convention will be January 29-30, 2016 at the Quality Inn in Beaufort. Lions please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend.

DG Morris



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## District 32-B News

### Aiken Offers Scholarships to Both Student and his Guide Dog

Ryan Uhle, an Aiken High School graduate will be attending Clemson University in the fall, and will be accompanied by his dog, Kappa. Aiken Mid-Day Lions Club presented Ryan a \$1000.00 scholarship, and his dog Kappa received a \$500 for care and feeding. Pictured from left to right are Chapter President Ellen Heim, SC Lions Club District Governor Morris Herron, Ryan Uhle and Kappa, and Keisha Uhle.



### SPOT Screener put to good use by Aiken Mid-Day Lions

Aiken Mid-Day Lions performed vision screening at Clyburn Health Center's Back to School Health Fair on August 15, 2015. Using the club's SPOT Vision Screener, 171 were screened, mostly children and the youngest being 6 months old. Of the total, 37 were referred for follow-up with eye care professionals. Shown in the picture are Lions Del Sharp and Joanne Cadotte screening a student. Other Lions who assisted but are not pictured were Ellen Heim, Kathy Iwert, and Carol Paramore.





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Come with me now on a fast trip around South Carolina. On July 25<sup>th</sup> we start our touring camp in Spartanburg at the School for the Deaf and Blind and after a kickoff get-together we do what?--- Go shopping for food, etc. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we get up early and ride to Bryson City, NC to go white water rafting. We leave the Nantahala Gorge late and know we are not going to get to the Beacon Restaurant before they close. Already running late, couldn't believe it. Dinner on the road.

July 27<sup>th</sup>: Off to Lake Jocassee for a day of fun: Cliff jumping, pontoon boating, sightseeing and swimming. Dinner with the Berea Lions Club (Thanks, Lion Charles, Deedee and all the lions.) After dinner on to Lion Jim and Hollie Starnes for a pool party. (Again, thanks for the party and the 15 passenger van and the trailer)

July 28<sup>th</sup>: After breakfast compliments of the Boiling Springs Lions Club we head to Carowinds for a day of fun at the park. We show up at the home of Lions Barbara and Dale Watts for a dinner party where we meet our host families for the night. (Thankyou Barbara and Dale and all the Tega Cay Lions for a wonderful evening and accommodations for the night.)



July 29<sup>th</sup>: We leave Tega Cay and head east to Mullins SC. We tour the SC Tobacco Museum and have lunch with the Mullins Lions Club at Webster's. If you haven't visited the Museum and eaten at Webster's you should try it --A real treat! (Thanks to PID Franklin Mason, VDG Bonnie Stephenson and all the Mullins Lions for your hospitality and friendship.) It's on to Myrtle Beach and the Ocean View Retreat where we will spend the next three nights. (Are you getting a little out of breath? Huffing and puffing, I know I am.)

July 30<sup>th</sup>: We are going to have a little recovery time here. We leave the Ocean View to go to lunch with the North Myrtle Beach Lions at Ryan's Buffet, NMB. (Thanks, North Myrtle Beach Lions, you are true friends of the Youth Exchange.) The rest of the day is free time so we hang around the beach and do a little shopping, etc.

July 31<sup>st</sup>: In the morning after a waffle breakfast cooked by Lion Ned we go to Ripley's Aquarium for a visit with sea life in a safe surrounding and then to the Hard Rock Café for lunch. We have more

free time until we meet the Myrtle Beach Lions for dinner at Big D's BBQ Barn. (Thanks to all the Myrtle Beach Lions, we appreciate you so very much) Again, the evening is free time for us to do as we like.

August 1<sup>st</sup>: Up early and on the road again, headed for Charleston. We stop in Georgetown for breakfast with the Georgetown Lions and we were on time! That's a new record for us leaving Myrtle Beach. (Thank you so much Georgetown Lions, as usual the breakfast was very good and the company even better.) It's on to Awendaw and the Center for the Birds of Prey. After a guided tour there we head to Mt Pleasant and lunch at the Yea Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor hosted by the Goose Creek Lions. (Thanks Goose Creek Lions and a special thanks to Lions Claudia and Jerry Mayo for meeting with us. Gosh, it was good seeing you again!) After lunch it's on to Charleston Southern University for the next three nights stay. After checking with the University it's on to dinner hosted by the Summerville Noon Lions Club. (Thank you so much PDG Lion George Jenkins and the Summerville Lions.





August 2<sup>nd</sup>: We're up early, breakfast at the college and leave for Magnolia Gardens. We tour the gardens, including a boat tour, have lunch, and take some pictures and head out for a swim party at Lake Moultrie, hosted by the Moncks Corner Lions Club. While at the lake we have a surprise birthday party for Ilona Haukka who turned 18 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The party was done by our students and was a shock to Ilona. (Special thanks to Lion David Dennis and all the Moncks Corner lions. We had a very nice time and great food.)



August 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Charleston Lions Club treated us to a Carriage Tour of Charleston and we spent the rest of the day shopping. (Thanks Charleston Lions for a great tour!) For dinner we met with the Summerville Evening Lions at the Pan Supper Buffet. (Thank you very much Lions PDG Jim and Paula Strobel and all the other lions for such a nice dinner.) After dinner we head back to CSU to pack and do laundry.



August 4<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at CSU and then a visit to the Storm Eye Institute. After a very nice tour we had lunch at Storm Eye, did a little final shopping in Charleston and left for our stay at the D. Moody Gunter Camp in Batesburg-Leesville. Dinner at The Wiz in Batesburg hosted by the restaurant.

August 5<sup>th</sup>: is a very busy day. We toured the Governor's Mansion and had lunch on the grounds hosted by the Columbia NE Lions Club and Lions Carol and Charlie Mosser. A very nice lunch. (Thanks Lions Carol and Charlie and your club.) We toured the State House in the afternoon and then headed for Tara and Paul Hinson's home for a pool party and supper. (Thank you so much, Lion Paul and Tara, as always it's good to see and visit with you.)

August 6<sup>th</sup>: - We have breakfast at camp and tour the Riverbanks Zoo in the morning. We have lunch with the West Columbia-Cayce Lions while at the zoo. (As always, a very good cookout, Thanks you Lions!) We leave the zoo and head for the State Museum for a tour and learn some things I didn't

know. For the evening we head for Frankie's Fun Park for dinner and recreation. (Thanks to the Columbia Lions Club for a very nice evening.) We head back to the camp for our last night of the touring portion of the camp.

August 7<sup>th</sup>: We are almost finished. On the way back to Columbia we stop by Rawls Farm in Pelion, tour the farm and the processing facility. We have lunch while at the farm, say goodbye to them and head for our final chore before the closing ceremony. (Thanks to Rawl Farms -- you are very good folks!) We go to the laundromat and wash our linens, repack our duffel bags and store them at the SCLCS office. For me the final stop is the Farewell dinner at the Forest Lakes Presbyterian Church hosted by the Blythewood Lions Club and Columbia NE Lions Club. There's good food, good conversations, a reunion with host families by the students for one last night, some tears, some laughter, and many goodbyes. I personally am sorry to see this come to an end but at the same time I am "dog tired". What an experience it is!

As I reflect on this program I think some things are very evident. This program is a group effort of the Lions of South Carolina. Without your help and support our program would not exist. Without host families and counselors it would not exist. Without Lions like Wendy and Greg Bailey, Ned and Nancy Shows, Carol and Charlie Mosser (District Chair persons) our program would fail.



I thank all you lions of South Carolina who do so much for so many and I appreciate that you find time and energy and money to support the Youth Exchange program.

Sincerely and In Service,

Lion Jim Varn



## Educated and Ready to Get Started

Lions of 32C,

First Order of Business is to remind everyone that we will be having an IPDG Roast for Randy Croom. The Roast is scheduled for September 26, 2015 at the School House Restaurant located in Scranton, SC on Hwy 52 from 4 to 6 PM. Try to be there and be prepared to roast IPDG Randy Croom.

We will be having our District Cabinet meeting on October 10, 2015, at the Florence Library on Dargan Street, Florence, SC from 10 am till 12 pm. All District Cabinet members should plan to attend as well as Club Presidents and Treasurers.

Second VDG Cathy Morse, First VDG Bonnie Stephenson and I have been busy visiting District Clubs and attending Council, SCLCS, District Support Team and Zone Meetings as well as installing officers and celebrating club anniversaries. We appreciate the hospitality given to us, the meals and the Lions Friends we have made.

Please remember to support SCLCS thru donations by Clubs and individual Lion Members.

Ask one, have fun and plan a service project to benefit children.

DG Bob Cherinko



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## Little River Lions Help The Environment



Members picked up litter and collected 10 bags for a total of 150 pounds. This makes a grand total of 7,095 pounds since 2007. Left to right are Lions Randy Gorby, Gary Szentmiklosy, Bruno Stepanski, Eddie Myers, Tom Starnick, Ben Burroughs & Bill Watson. PDG's Randy Edwards & Marion Schroll were drivers. Special thanks to Lion Carroll Edwards for picking up and bagging two bags of trash (20 Pounds) after pick-up in the morning.

## District 32-C News

### 75 Years of Service

Manning Lions Club celebrated 75th Charter Anniversary. Local Kevin Johnson was the featured speaker. Lions and guests participated in the evening event which included a number of members receiving recognition for their service. Senator Johnson presented the club with a Senate Proclamation for their 75 years of service to the community. Lion Ray Langston received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation. Local business, Piggly Wiggly, IGA, Manning Restaurant and the Clarendon Eye Center were also recognized for their assistance in the clubs fundraising and service activities.

Pictured: Senator Kevin presenting Senate Proclamation to club president, Lion William Blair.



### Fateful Supporter

Mullins Lions Club and Lion Cissy Drew, President, was host to DG Bob Cherinko and PDG Dr. Louis Drucker. DG Bob was making his official visit and PDG Louis gave an informative and inspirational talk about Candy Days. The club was recognized as having participated in Candy Days every year since it started in 1970.



### Youth Exchange Students Converge on N. Myrtle Beach

North Myrtle Beach Lions Club hosted luncheon for twelve International Exchange Students and escorts. Good times had by all.





## ARE WE WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES?

As Lions we are known for our service. We say, "Where there is a need there is a Lion." We give of our time and our finances, and we work to help others. We strive to be the global leader in communities and humanitarian service.

Included in the Lions Code of Ethics is the phrase, "Always to bear in mind 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." This phrase is followed by the statement, "To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy." When we have extra time or extra finances, it may be easy to do these things. What happens when the funds are low and the schedules are nearly full? The easiness of serving may disappear. To do what is needed or to give more can become a sacrifice. Are we as Lions willing to make sacrifices?

It has been said, "If someone wants something badly enough, they will find a way to get it." Many times people will sacrifice some things for what they want the most. The drug addict or the severe alcoholic will sacrifice nearly everything for that next high or next drink. As Lions we are not faced with such drastic extremes. Yet there are times we need to consider making sacrifices.

Lionism involves commitment. When we become Lion members we agree "to attend all meetings regularly." In reality we know there are times and situations that present us from attending all meetings. However; to be the best Lion we can be we need to support our clubs, our officers, and our other club members by being present at the monthly meetings. This may mean sacrificing an evening at home watching a favorite program or ball game. It may mean going even if you are tired, or going when you are faced with some other fun activity. This can also apply to those region meetings, district events, and state events. We may have to sacrifice more time because of the distance of the drive. Our presence is important, because every Lion is important if we are to continue meeting the needs we face. Are we as Lions willing to make the sacrifice?

When we became Lion members, we agreed "to contribute our fair share." There are many worthwhile charities and causes that seek our help on a regular basis. We face the decisions of how do we mete out our financial aid to accomplish the most. Such decisions are personal. Yet as Lions we realize we have a number of avenues that we support to bring about humanitarian service such as Lions Clubs International Foundation, S.C. Lions Foundation and Charitable Services, Storm Eye Institute, and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Are we willing to go beyond our dues and help these causes, to help people that we may never meet, and meet needs that we may never know? Are we as Lions willing to make the sacrifices?

When we become Lion members we agree to "assist in maintaining, building and strengthening the membership of the club. "We entered into the world of Lionism because someone thought enough of us to invite us. When is the last time you invited someone to become a Lion or just to attend a meeting as a guest, or to be involved in a community service or fundraiser? Every day we interact with numbers of people who would make great Lions. Out of those numbers, some have other commitments, but some have the time and some have the desire to be part of an organization that changes our communities and our world. To bring in new members may require sacrificing our level of comfort to ask someone to a meeting or to consider being a Lion. It may require sacrificing our time to build a relationship that will help someone feel comfortable becoming a member of our Lions Club. It may even require additional time to help them become active members and new leaders within the Lions. Are we as Lions willing to make the sacrifice?

I believe we are!

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## District 32-D News

### LIONS SIGHT NIGHT HELD AT DOKO MANOR

On Sunday evening in Blythewood the Gospel Music flowed throughout Doko Manor as Lions, friends and visitors enjoyed an evening of music, fellowship and fun. Four lions clubs from Blythewood, Columbia Northeast, Irmo and Winnsboro joined together to host the musical event to raise monies for their service work in the communities they represent.

From listening to the inspirational music, to enjoying a snack in the kitchen; to bidding on some great Silent Auction items; and vying for one of the many door

prizes, all who attended had a great time. The evening offered three music performances. God's Tool Box kicked off the event, followed by the duo of Candi Cameron and Ron Wyatt; and last but certainly not least, Doug Hudson wowed the crowd

with his singing and played the saxophone. It was a special treat when all the musicians did some joint selections at the end. Emcee Joe Pinner kept the audience informed and entertained in his usual jovial manner.

The Lions want to thank *Presenting Sponsor* – Wal-Mart and all the businesses and individuals in the Midlands who donated monies; silent auction items; and/or door prizes. Also, a big thank you for those who attended and helped celebrate the event with the Lions. The funds raised will provide dollars for service such as eye exams, needed eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other needs as they arise.



God's Tool Box Performs for a packed house.



Left: Emcee Joe Pinner and Lion Jack Brock of the Greater Irmo Lions share a letter with the crowd.



## More Photos from the Lions Sight Night



Ron Wyatt and Candi Cameron Perform



Lion Bobbie Dove's Italian Cream Cake Brought \$56



A Very Busy Night in the Kitchen for Lions Members.



Lions Susan Titus of Blythwood and Carl Todd of Columbia NE work the registration table.



Lion Rhett Hair with Local TV Personality, Joe Pinner, who served as emcee for the evening

## District 32-D News

### Union Lions Club Growing

During the District Governor's official visit to the Union Lions Club, DG David Dority had the opportunity to induct a new member, Lion Susan Waller. Continued growth is a key component of the Centennial Celebration. Congratulations to the Union Lions for growing their membership!



Also at the meeting Union Lions Club member and Union Mayor, Lion Harold Thompson, presented the Key to the City to District Governor David Dority. The Union Lions Club will celebrate its 80th birthday in August 2016.

### Blythewood Lion Receives Gold Membership Growth Award Pin

As part of the Lions Centennial Celebration, Lions that sponsor a member in both October and April receive the Gold Membership Growth Award Pin. During the August meeting of the Blythewood Lions Club, Lion Bob Cox was recognized with a Gold Membership Growth Award Pin and letter from Immediate Past International President Joe Preston.



Right: Lion Sam Titis, club president, presents Lion Bob with his Gold Pin and letter.



## Youth Exchange Photos Continued



Students arrive at airport



Pool Party at PDG Jim Starnes Home



White water rafting with PCC Paul Hinson



W.P. Rawls Vegetable Farm Visit



Georgetown Lions Visit



Last Night, Closing Ceremony