



Lions District 8-I Newsletter

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Lions Club International: Celebrating 100 Years of Service

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Save the Dates!

- July 23
District 8-S Conference
504.808.9500
- LA Lions Eye Founda-
tion August 6-7 Holi-
day Inn, Metairie
- District 8-N Conference
August 20, Clarion
Hotel, Covington
- USA/Canada Forum
Sept 15-17, Omaha
- District 8-L Conference
September 24 in
Shreveport/Bossier



District Governor Lion Barry Stevens (right) is pictured with International President Lion Bob Corlew (center) and Lion Dianne Corlew.

Watch this space!

Our next District
Convention will be

Feb 4, 2017

From our District Governor

Greetings Lions of District 8-I. Honestly, it is hard to believe that the Lions year 2016-2017 has started. Having just recently returned from the 99th Annual Lions Clubs International convention in Fukuoka Japan, I'm anxious to get the year started. My fellow governors from the other districts around the state all agree that this year will fly by. So with that said, there's work to be done and we better get started.

It was an eye opening experience to travel to Fukuoka and spend ten days there. I must say that the people of Fukuoka were some of the nicest people I've ever met: gracious and accommodating; eager to help. I told several people that I have a new found appreciation for visitors to the United States

who don't speak our language. When you are in a foreign country and can't read or understand the language it makes you feel... different. But I found that people are people. There's no doubt the Japanese have different customs and habits, but at the end of the day they're not much different from those of us that live in Delhi or Bunkie or Monroe or Pineville. The trip was truly a trip of a lifetime and I encourage you if you ever get the chance to go to Japan, go.

In addition to meeting and interacting with the people of Fukuoka, I had the privilege of meeting and visiting with Lions from literally around the world. In my District Governor Elect training classes, I met and worked

with Lions from Australia, India, Uganda and Kenya, not to mention Tennessee, Colorado and Oregon, many of whom I will be friends with forever. Outside of the classroom setting I was able to visit with Lions from Iceland, Norway, Malaysia, as well as Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New Mexico, California, Ohio, New York and several other states. It is an overwhelming experience to visit with Lions from around the country and the world. All were striving to live up to our motto "We Serve".

I look forward to visiting each of your clubs during the upcoming year and getting to know you better.

Thank you for what you do for your communities and for Lions!

Barry Stevens

District Governor
District 8-I

First Cabinet Meeting gets year off to great start!

The first district cabinet meeting was held Saturday, July 9th in Monroe. We had good attendance, but it would be great to see more of our district Lions come to those types of meetings. You learn so much about what else is going on in Lions outside of your club. The next

cabinet meeting will be held in the southern part of the district sometime in October. Stay tuned for more information on that front. Included in this newsletter is information about goals I set for our district for the upcoming year. Officers of

our district clubs should have already received information from our DG regarding these goals. Look forward to updates throughout the year as we work to make District 8-I the BEST district in the State of Louisiana.

Great minds at work!

Lions James Ballard, Bob Fitzgerald, Debbie Fitzgerald, and Bob Hollingworth attend-



ed the recent District Cabinet meeting in Monroe.

Our District 8-1

Goals for the

2016-2017

Lions Year

Leadership

Development

Membership Growth

Mentoring



District Sec/Treasurer Lion Ed Frost presents the financial report at the first Cabinet meeting.

Lions District 8-1

The Celebration has begun! 100 years of Service through Lionism

Our Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service.

Starting with the kickoff in July 2014 and ending in June 2018, Lions in clubs around the world will join in the celebration by expanding our community project work and inspiring others to join us in service.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. Let's celebrate together!

YOU can help by volunteering to serve as the District 8-1 Centennial Cele-

bration Coordinator .

Lead through Service

Organize Centennial Service Challenge projects to benefit youth, vision, hunger, and the environment. Share your successes with your local media and on MyLCI.

Invite for Impact

Participate in the Centennial Membership Awards by inviting new members and sponsoring a new club. Encourage your new members to participate in Centennial service projects.

Goals for the coming year

By DG Lion Barry Stevens

My first goal for our district is the development of future District leadership. If we can identify 5-10 Lions within our District who haven't been previously involved at the district level but who wish to learn more about it, I feel like we will have made progress.

My second goal for the district involves membership. We hear this year in and year out, but it is

a very important piece of the Lions puzzle. Without members, we cannot serve. There are 2 pieces to the membership equation....Recruitment and Retention. As our new International President Lion Bob Corlew indicated, we need good members who understand and believe in our mission. Retention is crucial. Our district lost a net of 37 members last year. We must not only

Connect with Community

Identify needs in your community and plan a Centennial Community Legacy Project to make a lasting local impact. Share your Centennial projects through social media with the #LIONS100 hashtag

Visit Lions100.org for centennial resources and media for your celebration



gain new members, we must keep our current members.

One last piece of the puzzle is learning WHY someone is leaving your club. All club secretaries will be receiving a Dropped Member Survey to try and answer this question. We need to know why people leave. Knowledge is power.

The third goal is mentoring. Let's teach our new Lions what it means to be a Lion.

LA Lions Camp filled with excited, happy campers!

The camping season is approximately halfway through, To remind yourself of just WHY "we serve" go to the camp website at

www.lionscamp.org

Or arrange for your club to attend a closing ceremony.



Each District is divided into Zones so that Clubs can meet and share ideas. Here are the Zones for District 8-I

1-A Zone Chair Debra Fitzgerald

BASTROP 3866
FARMERVILLE 3874
MER ROUGE 3881
OAK GROVE 3885

1-B Zone Chair Wink Alison

COLUMBIA 3871
DELHI 3872
WINNSBORO 3895
Rayville 127413

1-C Zone Chair Robert Fitzgerald

MONROE DOWNTOWN 3882
GREATER OUACHITA 3883
SWARTZ 3889
MONROE PACESETTER 37312
Sterlington 124154

Club Presidents and Secretaries will hear from their zone chair about scheduled meetings.

2-A Zone Chair C.C.Prudhomme

ALEXANDRIA 3863
ALEXANDRIA BOLTON AVENUE 3864
ALEXANDRIA MAC ARTHUR DRIVE 3865
PINEVILLE 3887

2-B Zone Chair James Ballard

COLFAX 3870
WINNFIELD 3894
ALEXANDRIA RAPIDES METRO 47400
ALEXANDRIA HEART CITY PACESETTERS 52813

2-C Zone Chair Herbert Thevenot

BUNKIE 3869
MANSURA 3879
MARKSVILLE 3880
COTTONPORT BAYOU ROUGE 58070

2-D Zone Chair Robert Hollingsworth

JONESVILLE 3875
VIDALIA 3891
JENA 62643



Here are a few more pictures from the Cabinet meeting on July 9.

Top left: Lion Bob Fitzgerald, PDG

Bottom left: Lion James Ballard, PDG

Upper right: Lion CC Prudhomme and Lion Pam Wunderlick



Seen Around the District.....



At the Marksville Lions Club Installation



Send us pictures from your activities—share with District 8-I

Cabinet Meetings can be lots of fun!



The Alexandria Lions Club enjoyed
their Installation Banquet