



Lions District 8-I Newsletter

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Lions Club International: Celebrating 100 Years of Service

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Save the Dates!

- LA Lions Eye Foundation
August 6-7 Holiday 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 Shreve-
port/Bossier



Our next
District 8-I
Convention will be

Feb 4, 2017

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What club in District 8-I
is the largest in mem-
bership?
What club is the oldest
in District 8-I?
What club is the young-
est in District 8-I?

(answers in the Sep-
tember newsletter)

From our District Governor

July has flown by. One down, eleven to go! So much to do and so little time. I remember when I was young the adults telling me that when I got older time would go much faster. I really didn't know or understand what they were talking about. If you're like me, you heard a similar story. Well, they were right! Time does seem to be flying by. It's not unusual for me to look up at the end of the day and wonder where did the day go and why didn't I accomplish more. District 8-S held their district conference the weekend of July 23rd in Metairie. As your District Governor I am invited to attend all the conferences around the state. This was a unique conference in that our sitting International President Lion Chancel-

lor Bob Corlew was the invited guest. It is the first time that a sitting International President has visited Louisiana. Having the opportunity to be around our President gave me an opportunity to get to know him just a little bit. He is a dedicated Lion that is committed to our mission. Cordial, friendly, interested, passionate are words that come to mind that describe him. His Presidents message is in this edition of the newsletter.

Lions of District 8-I are cordial, friendly, interested and passionate too. Your efforts on behalf of those in need are to be commended. Let's never lose sight (no pun intended!) of our Lions mission of We Serve. There are many clichés that you can read or hear about service. Lions put their money where their

mouth is.

Summer camp at the Louisiana Lions Camp is over for 2016. It's time to begin preparing for 2017. It'll be here before you know it (refer to paragraph one above!) If your club hasn't been involved with the camp in any significant way, now is a great time to start. Look at what your club does financially to support our camp. But also look for those kids in your community that would benefit from a week at summer camp. If you're like me you remember going to a summer camp at some point. Those memories may fade some, but they always remain with you. When a child has been dealt a hand that limits their ability to function, getting to go to summer camp can be the difference between success and failure for that child. Let's do two things this year as Lions of District 8-I for the Louisiana Lions Camp...let's commit to stronger financial support of OUR Lions Camp and let's commit to sending more kids to camp in 2017.

Barry Stevens

District Governor
District 8-I

**Summer Fun
at the
Louisiana
Lions Camp!**





INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT
LION CHANCELLOR
BOB CORLEW

WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION

SINCE 1917



BIRTHDAY CLUB

The Monroe
Downtown Club
was chartered
August 2, 1921.
They celebrate
their 95th Anni-
versary this
month.
Congratulations
Monroe Down-
town Lions!

Message from our International President

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, Leahey 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.

Membership Moment

By DG Lion Barry Stevens

Membership: Retention and Club Growth.

There's lots of talk in Lions today about those two subjects. And there's a good reason. While Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation has lots of money its membership that makes things happen. Boots on the ground, as they say. As

Lions we need to Retain our members while at the same time Growing our membership. What can your club do? Hands on projects help with retention. Lions want to do something. If your club has been doing two hands on projects a year, why not try three this year. Has your club hosted a Membership Growth

Event...ever? Why not try one this year...or two. If you want more information about either Retention or Club Growth, please contact me.

Lions Serve! HELP WANTED!

District 8-I is in need of an Information Technology guru. If you are an IT guy or gal and would be interested in helping with all things IT related (Website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) within our District, please let the District Governor know. The position is available immediately.

LOUISIANA LIONS LEAGUE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN INC.

aka

LOUISIANA LIONS CAMP

As an active Lion you should be aware that the Louisiana Lions Camp, located in Anacoco in Vernon Parish, is one of the two state projects Louisiana Lions support. Your Lions Camp makes it possible for kids around the state to enjoy a week long camp environment that would not normally get that opportunity. These kids either have special needs (mentally or physically challenged), Diabetes or Pulmonary disorders. Your club can sponsor and send a kid to camp for a very minimal charge to the club. It's free for the kids. If you've never been to your Lions Camp you should go. Before you go, check out their website at

<http://www.lionscamp.org/index.html>

There are memberships available to the camp as well. These memberships help make summer camp free for all these kids.

Active Members – members who are in good standing in their Lions Club and are in good standing in Multiple District 8 become active members with just a \$10 per year contribution.

Life Members – Any person, corporation or organization whose interest in the welfare of physically challenged children can become a Life Member for a minimum \$100.00 donation.

Senior Life Members – a Life Member who helps obtain one (1) additional Life Member.

Master Life Members – a Senior Life Member who helps obtain four (4) additional Life Members.

R.R.L. "Dick" Ward Fellow Member – upon acceptance by the Board of Directors and a \$500.00 minimum donation.

Gold Star Award – upon acceptance by the Board of Directors and a \$1,000.00 minimum donation.

Every Multiple District 8 Lions Club in good standing which shall contribute to the camp an Annual sum of \$25.00 PER MEMBER of said club shall be designated as a "100% Participating Club" for that year. I challenge each club in District 8-I to become a 100% Participating Club for 2016-2017. Will you do it?

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that District 8-I has a Facebook page? Here's the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/District-8i-Lions-Club-517110945097389/>

Our monthly newsletter is currently being posted to our Facebook page. Soon we hope to have a District 8-I website up and running and you'll be able to access the newsletter from there also. **If you have anything you'd like included in an upcoming newsletter, please email District Governor Stevens at barry8260@gmail.com and copy newsletter editor Viola Britt at vvbritt@gmail.com.**



TEN BASIC TIPS FOR RECRUITING NEW LIONS IN DISTRICT 8-I

Your Lions Club's commitment to Service can only be as strong as your membership. More members will give you more hands to perform more service! The following tips will help your membership recruiting efforts – If your Lions Club is truly committed to grow & prosper.

KNOW YOUR CLUB: Why would anyone want to join your Lions Club if you can't even explain WHO you are, WHAT you do and WHY you do it? Prepare yourself to answer questions about your Lions Club as well as about the basic concepts of Lionism.

SHARE YOUR STORY: Your OWN story about your commitment to Lionism can become the greatest tool to attract others to join. If you share a true personal passion for service, it'll make a greater impression than just reciting facts & history. Make Lionism about YOU!

ASK, ASK, ASK: What is the #1 reason most people do not become Lions? No one ever asks them to join! That's the simple truth. You'll never know unless you ask. So, ASK!

BE PREPARED: you never know where you might meet a potential new Lion. ALWAYS carry some blank membership forms (and a pen) with you.

NETWORK FOR PROSPECTS: Get out of your social cocoon! Reach beyond your comfort zone and try to recruit new members anywhere & everywhere. Every stranger you meet could become the next great Lion in District 8-I. Don't limit your universe!

SEEING IS BELIEVING: Nothing is more powerful than face-to-face recruiting. And, showing your Lions pride can be even more powerful than words – WEAR YOUR LIONS PIN.

FIND COMMON GROUND: Show prospective members how their commitment to the community is no different than yours. Shared passions for youth projects, the environment, patriotism, or care for the blind & elderly can form immediate bonds.

LISTEN: The best salespeople listen more than they talk. Find out why someone DOESN'T want to become a Lion so you can more easily turn the negatives into positives.

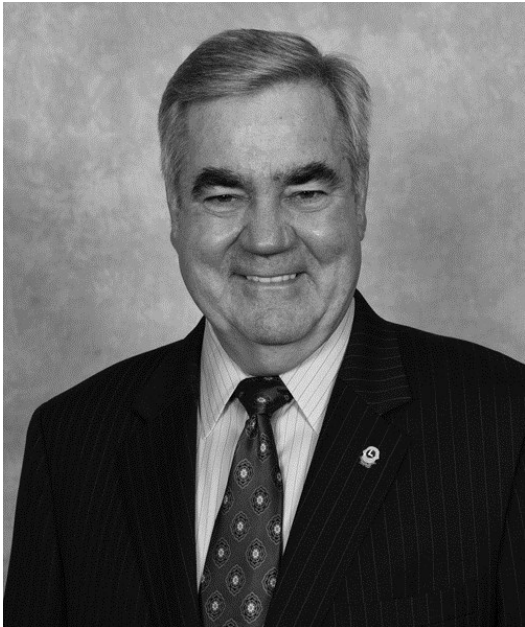
BE PERSISTENT, BUT NOT A JERK: Make your pitch. Be polite. Give it your best shot. But, if they really don't want to become a Lion, respect their answer and let it rest. If you think the recruit is still worth the effort, you can always try again some other time.

HAVE FUN: If you're a happy Lion, the enthusiasm will be contagious. If you're a miserable Lion, it'll be just as evident. Show others that service is fun as well as rewarding.

Mark your calendars!

DISTRICT 8-I CONVENTION

Newly installed in Fukuoka Japan, International Director Sam H. Lindsey, Jr. of Hilltop, Texas will be our guest at the District 8-I Convention scheduled for February 4, 2017 in West Monroe. Mark that date on your calendar so you don't miss a day full of information and good eats. Here's a brief bio of our guest:



Sam H. Lindsey Jr., from Hilltop Lakes, Texas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

A member of the Buffalo Texas Lions Club since 2008, and a Lion since 1972, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, district GMT membership and new club growth team member, district GMT coordinator, district international relations chairperson and region chairperson.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Lindsey has received numerous awards, including the Senior Master Key Award, a Leadership Award, four Extension Awards and an International President's Medal. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Director Lindsey and his wife, Jodye, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and four grandchildren.