



# Lions District 8-I Newsletter

Sept-Oct, 2016

*Lions Club International: Celebrating 100 Years of Service*

Volume 1, Issue 3

## From our District Governor



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Convention will be

**Feb 4, 2017**

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### District 8-I Trivia

Last issue we asked:

What club is the largest in membership?  
*Alexandria Lions Club*

What club is the oldest in District 8-I?  
*Downtown Monroe*

What club is the youngest in District 8-I?  
*Rayville Lions Club*

Lions of District 8-I. Have you ever felt like you were meeting yourself coming and going? If you have then you know how I feel at the moment. It's been a whirlwind since the last newsletter in August. As a consequence we missed producing a September edition. Thus the September/October edition of our District 8-I newsletter. Since our last edition I have attended the 8-N and 8-L conferences in Covington and Bossier respectfully; and just returned from the 8-O conference in Lafayette. It has been enjoyable meeting and getting to know other Lions from around the state. District 8-N and 8-O as I'm sure most are aware suffered huge flooding issues and are only now beginning to see the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. They

each received \$10,000 emergency grants from LCIF to assist those in need in their respective districts.

In this newsletter you'll read about our Eye Foundation and Cub-sight program. While attending the different conferences, I slipped in an Eye Foundation board meeting in early August. There are great things taking place with your Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation. At the 8-N conference I had the opportunity to ear Dr. Jayne S. Weiss, Director of the LSU Eye Center of Excellence talk about the research they are doing at the LSU Eye Center in New Orleans. The LSU Eye Center and our Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation work hand in hand to help those in need.

Our second District Cabinet meeting was held

Saturday, October 22 in Alexandria at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant. You can know that your District Cabinet is working hard to make District 8-I the best that it can be.

Remember...send our newsletter editor, Viola Britt, any information and pictures about your club and your clubs activities. We want to make sure others in our District know what you are up to. Until next time...

**Barry Stevens**

District Governor  
District 8-I

Cabinet members at work!





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#### Eye Exams & Issues

YOUR Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation during Lion year 2015-2016 (July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016) served a total of 1,386 individuals for eye exams/issues. Of that 1,386 statewide, 200 came from District 8-I. Here's the breakdown...

District 8-L	201
District 8-I	200
District 8-O	229
District 8-N	323
District 8-S	433

For a total of 1,386.

#### TOTAL District 8-I Lions Clubs

**contributions** to

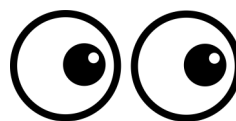
YOUR Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation for 2015-2016 was \$38,000...even. 12 of our 27 clubs contributed in 2015-2016. One club contributed \$22,700 of our total \$38,000.



#### CubSight

YOUR Louisiana Lions CubSight Program in District 8-I screened a total of 3,987 children in 2015-2016. The Greater Ouachita Lions Club, with the Monroe Downtown Clubs, screened a total of 2,254 children. That represents roughly 57% of the total in our District. The Alexandria Lions Club screened more than 800 in fall of 2015 alone. Way to go, Lions! It's great that our Clubs are living up to the motto of

**WE SERVE!**



Check out the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation website at <http://lioneeyes.org/> for more information about YOUR Eye Foundation.

#### Have you heard?

The old Welch-Allyn CubSight screening equipment is being replaced throughout the state as new equipment can be purchased.

The new PlusOptix S12R screens for 6 conditions instead of the 4 that the old machines detected. So the referral rate has increased with the new equipment. Lions are reporting that the new equipment cuts down on the paperwork since the machine gives an immediate pass or refer reading. We also are hearing that, while it takes some training and experience, once you learn the new way, it screens much, much faster. More children can be served in much less time!

Cubsight Training on the new equipment was held in Alexandria. The Winnfield Lions Club joined the Alexandria Lions Club to learn how to work the PlusOptix S12R. The Pineville Lions Club is being trained as well. Isn't it great to see our Clubs working together?



## 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.

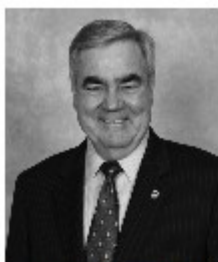
## DID YOU KNOW?

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](mailto:barry8260@gmail.com) and copy newsletter editor Viola Britt at [vvbritt@gmail.com](mailto:vvbritt@gmail.com).**





*International Director Sam H. Lindsey, Jr.*



*District Governor Barry Stevens*

# Lions Clubs International District 8-I Convention

February 3 & 4, 2017

Join us in welcoming International Director Sam H. Lindsey, Jr.  
from Hilltop Lakes, Texas to District 8-I

- Good Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Entertainment
- Nomination, voting & election of District Governor & Vice District Governors
- Learning Sessions
- Prizes and Surprises
- Special Kiroli Park ceremony



*First Vice District Governor Debbie Fitzgerald*

More information  
[barry8260@gmail.com](mailto:barry8260@gmail.com)



*Second Vice District Governor Mike Roark*



Registration Form  
District 8-I Convention  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Hilton Garden Inn  
West Monroe, Louisiana



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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	<u>Before</u> 1/15/17	<u>After</u> 1/15/17		
<u>Full Registration</u> (Includes Friday Night Social)	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday <u>All-Day</u>	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday – <u>Lunch Only</u>	\$ 22.50	\$ 25.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday – <u>Dinner Only</u>	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	X _____	= \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Rooms are blocked at the Hilton Garden Inn; 400 Mane Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291. Call the hotel direct at 318.398.0653 and ask for the *District 8-I Lions Convention* room block. Room rate is \$109.00 plus tax. Deadline for special *District 8-I Lions Convention* rate is January 15, 2017. Book your room early!

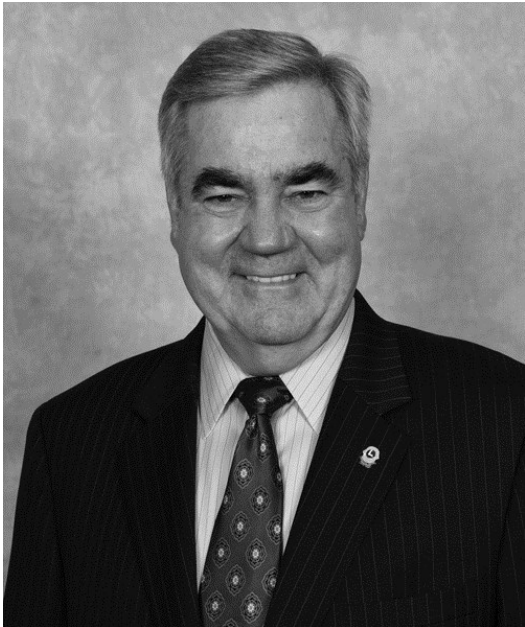
Make checks payable to: District 8-I Convention  
Mail Registrations to: DG Barry Stevens  
2017 8-I Convention  
P O Box 212  
Winnsboro LA 71295

Convention Information:  
[barry8260@gmail.com](mailto:barry8260@gmail.com)

# 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.