



## FEBRUARY IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Article submitted by PCC Charlene Frye



### CHILDHOOD CANCER



“Your child has cancer” is one of the scariest things a parent will ever hear. For most of us that is not something that directly impacts our lives. Childhood cancer happens to other families, not ours. About a month ago, my nephew Jimmy Kyzer and his wife Cheyenne, posted on Facebook that their four year old daughter Brynlee has been diagnosed with cancer. What started out as a pain in her cheek was diagnosed as Ewing’s sarcoma which is in her cheek, skull cavity and lungs. She has had three chemo treatments so far and generally maintains a good attitude. They live in Charleston and she is being treated at MUSC. Brynlee and her father. Jimmy recently shaved their heads together and she now wears a lot of bows. She is making new friends in the hospital and playing with toys when she feels good.

When Lions Clubs International adopted Childhood Cancer as a Global Cause a few years ago, I was somewhat familiar with Children’s Hospital at Palmetto Health now Prisma Health in Columbia. One of my club members is very active in the Festival of Trees holiday fundraiser but the club had never done a service project or fundraiser for childhood cancer. One of the best ways for our Lions Clubs to serve pediatric cancer patients and their families is to contact your local pediatric hospital and ask what you can do to help whether it is a monetary donation or books, toys, or other items. Knowing that people in the community are concerned and want to help, provides comfort to the child and their families and there can never be too many prayers! I hope you and yours have a very Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism.

PCC Charlene Frye

## Clemson resident Ariel Pace receives OrCam camera thanks to Salem Lions Club



The Salem Lions recently coordinated a project involving several area Lions clubs, the Dabo All In Foundation, and the South Carolina Lions Vision Services to purchase and donate an OrCam camera to Clemson resident Ariel Pace. The device is contained in glasses frames that allow her to scan text from items in front of her. It will then read the information to her through an earpiece. The cost of an OrCam is approximately \$4,500 and it is truly a life changing technology.

Ariel was born blind and diagnosed with Septo Optic Dysplasia Adrenaline Insufficiency Hypopituitarism. She has participated in the Special Olympics and summer camps for blind youth. Ariel plans to attend Project Search for job training at Easley Baptist Hospital and apply for admission to the Clemson Life Center to continue her education. The OrCam will be a great benefit for her for the rest of her life.

# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## January 2021

### Hunger Awareness Month

#### January 11

- Executive Committee meeting (Oak Brook, IL, USA) (Virtual)

#### January 13

- Melvin Jones' birthday

#### January 13-21

- LCIF Board of Trustees meeting (Oak Brook, Illinois, USA) (Virtual)

#### January 15

- Peace Poster Kits go on sale in the Lions International Shop
- New Voices nominations due for second quarter recognition

## February 2021

### Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

#### February 1

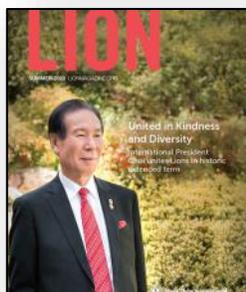
- Application deadline for consideration in **May 2021** by the LCIF Board of Trustees for **Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Hunger, and Matching grant**. (Final submission deadline subject to finalization of the board meeting dates. Contact LCIF for confirmation)

#### February 15

- International Childhood Cancer Day

#### February 26

- Last day for early discount on convention registration fees



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<http://www.lionmagazine.org/latest>

# MD 32 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ONGOING	<p>JOANNA LIONS CLUB            MASK FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM  <a href="#">Link to Order Form</a></p>
<p>Wednesday, January 27, 2021            12:00 - 1:00pm            Zoom</p>	<p>SC LIONS VISION SERVICES            VISION HEALTH IN SC  <a href="#">Register Now</a></p>
<p>January 23, 2021            11:00 AM</p>	<p>32 S CERTIFIED GUIDING LION TRAINING            VENUE: ZOOM            Please send rsvp by January 15th to Lion Shirley Ballard  <a href="mailto:ballardshirley517@gmail.com">(ballardshirley517@gmail.com)</a></p>
<p>January 30, 2021            11:00 AM</p>	<p>32 S NEW MEMBER TRAINING            VENUE: ZOOM            Please send rsvp by January 15th to Lion Shirley Ballard  <a href="mailto:ballardshirley517@gmail.com">(ballardshirley517@gmail.com)</a></p>
<p>January 31, 2021</p>	<p>Last day to submit <a href="#">“SC LION OF THE YEAR”</a>            Lion of the Year; All nominations must be submitted to the Committee Chair,            IPCC Paul Dove (<a href="mailto:peedeejr41@gmail.com">peedeejr41@gmail.com</a>) by 31 January 2021.</p>
<p>January 31, 2021</p>	<p>Last day to submit <a href="#">“SC Hall of Fame”</a>            All nominations to the respective District Chairs. District C, IPDG Marla Suckow  <a href="mailto:today_isa_present@hotmail.com">(today_isa_present@hotmail.com)</a>. District S, IPDG Stacey Beeler,  <a href="mailto:Stacey.beeler@charter.net">(Stacey.beeler@charter.net)</a> with copies to me as Council Chair  <a href="mailto:haireverette@yahoo.com">(haireverette@yahoo.com)</a>.</p>
<p>February 5 -7, 2021</p>	<p>SC LIONS DICTRICT 32 C            MID-WINTER CONVENTION            HILTON GARDEN INN, FLORENCE  <a href="#">LINK TO 2021 CONVENTION WEBSITE:</a>  <a href="#">LINK TO REGISRATION FORM</a></p>
<p>Feb 6, 2021            9:00 AM—10:AM</p>	<p>“COVID-19 MEDICAL UPDATE”            SC LIONS DICTRICT 32 C MID-WINTER CONVENTION            HILTON GARDEN INN, FLORENCE            LINK TO FLYER  <a href="#">LINK TO 2021 CONVENTION WEBSITE</a>  <a href="#">LINK TO REGISRATION FORM</a></p>
<p>Feb 26-27, 2021</p>	<p>SC LIONS DISTRICT 32 S  <a href="#">MID-WINTER CONVENTION</a>            ZOOM MEETING</p>
<p>April 9—11, 2021</p>	<p>MD 32 STATE CONVENTION            1881 Event Center, Spartanburg</p>



## Lions Vision Services Names New CEO and Staff Structure

**Columbia, SC** – The Lions Vision Services Board of Directors has appointed Daniel Prohaska as President and Chief Executive Officer, the fifth and youngest CEO in the organization’s 51-year history, effective January 1, 2021. Former CEO, Winn Fitzgerald, has stepped into the newly defined role of Executive Vice President in an exciting restructuring of LVS which will better harness the unique leadership skills of Senior Management.



Prohaska previously served as Director of Development for LVS beginning in February 2020. With Prohaska’s leadership the organization has seen meaningful growth including the launch of a new statewide collaborative initiative, the Palmetto Vision Alliance, amidst unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In his eight years as a Lions Club member, Prohaska also served on the LVS Board of Directors, including as Chairman, prior to being hired as staff. He holds a Masters Degree in Philanthropy and Development and the CFRE credential.

Fitzgerald has been with the organization since 2011 when she was hired as a Programs Assistant. Rising through the ranks, Fitzgerald was eventually appointed Interim Executive Director in 2016 following a sudden leadership transition and was named President and CEO in 2018. Her leadership has provided invaluable stability during a transitional time for LVS and her new senior role in the organization will preserve her tenure and increase her impact on clients and programs, which remains a primary focus in her career.



In their new roles Prohaska will set and implement the strategic vision for the organization, along with the Board, and lead the organization’s fundraising and external affairs, while Fitzgerald will lead the day-to-day administrative and operational functions of the organization with a focus on client services and programs. The new structure is championed by all as a stronger alignment between the staff’s personal strengths and the organization’s strategic direction.

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## Vision Health in SC

Join Lions Vision Services in exploring vision health in South Carolina and what the prevalence of blindness and vision impairment means for our communities with experts from the field.



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### Event Details

- Wednesday, January 27, 2021
- 12:00 - 1:00pm
- Zoom

This is a free virtual event open to the public. All participants must register to receive the event link and access code.

### Meet Our Panelists



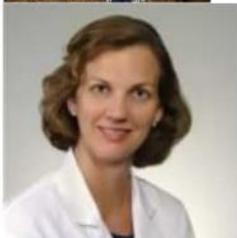
#### **Joshua Nunn, MD**

Dr. Nunn is an ophthalmologist at [Columbia Eye Clinic](#) specializing in Ophthalmic and Cataract Surgery and Comprehensive Ophthalmology with multiple clinical interests including medical management of glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and macular degeneration, among others. He earned an M.D. at University of Virginia, School of Medicine, Charlottesville, VA.



#### **Joseph L. Parisi, MD, FACS**

Dr. Parisi is the medical director and chief ophthalmologist at [Clemson Eye](#). He obtained his medical degree and completed a residency in ophthalmology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He has performed thousands of microsurgical procedures and grown Clemson Eye into an innovative, multi-site business serving the Upstate.



#### **Mae Millicent Winfrey Peterseim, MD**

Dr. Peterseim is a pediatric ophthalmologist and professor at the [Storm Eye Institute at MUSC](#) with a clinical interest in strabismus and international ophthalmology. She earned an M.D. at Washington University Medical School, Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri and works to improve eye care in India, Ethiopia, and Belize through multiple partnerships.

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(LCIF)

Submitted by: PCC Dianne Pitts



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## *MD32 Council Chair Lion Everette (Rhett) Hair*

Greetings all,

Happy New Year! I am glad that 2020 is gone. New things and challenges on the horizon. Finishing up our holiday season remember to continue to social distance and wear your masks. It is just as important to protect others as well as yourself.

As we start our second half of our Lions year there are many things that still need to be accomplished. Some are, Club Officer elections and training. Lion of the year selection. South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame nominations.

Club Elections; your Nominations Committee should form soon, with a club nomination meeting to be held in March and an election meeting in April.

Lion of the Year; All nominations must be submitted to the Committee Chair, IPCC Paul Dove ([peedeejr41@gmail.com](mailto:peedeejr41@gmail.com)) by 31 January 2021. See Lion of the year guidelines in this issue.

Lions Hall of Fame; All nominations to the respective District Chairs. District C, IPDG Marla Suckow ([today\\_isa\\_present@hotmail.com](mailto:today_isa_present@hotmail.com)). District S, IPDG Stacey Beeler, ([Stacey.beeler@charter.net](mailto:Stacey.beeler@charter.net)) with copies to me as Council Chair ([haireverette@yahoo.com](mailto:haireverette@yahoo.com)).

The Guidelines for LOY and HOF are in this months Palmetto Lion Magazine.

I hope you all have had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy New Year! From Melody and I.

Thank you for what you do!

We Serve!  
Rhett Hair  
CC MD32



**Everette (Rhett) Hair  
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## MEET YOUR 2020/2021 SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL

We have entered a new Lions year. Our clubs are all facing new challenges that we have never had to deal with. Please welcome them and wish them luck. .

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### MD 32 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

#### 2020-2021

February 6, 2021	Council meeting 32C Convention
February 27, 2021	Council meeting 32S Convention
April 10, 2021	Council meeting MD32 Convention
June 5, 2021	Council Meeting TBD, (Orangeburg FLC)
June 25, 2021	International Convention Montreal Ca.

## South Carolina Lion of the Year Guidelines

Criteria and rules for LOY are taken from the MD Policy Manual.

All nominations must be received by the chairperson (IPCC Paul Dove) no later than **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**. Nominations received by the chairperson after this date will not be considered.

- a. Each District may nominate one Lion as a candidate for the South Carolina Lion-of-the- Year.
- b. The period of observation for this award shall be over an 18 month span, which shall end in January of each year and will allow observations by two separate groups of club officers, as well as District Officers.
- c. The Immediate Past District Governors, Immediate Past Council Chairperson, sitting District Governors, sitting Vice District Governors, sitting Council Chairperson, sitting Vice Council Chairperson, sitting MD-32 Secretary/Treasurer, and sitting MD-32 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall not be eligible for consideration.
- d. No individual Lion shall be nominated for the South Carolina Lion-of-the-Year and for induction into the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame during the same year.
- e. That the nominating letter and/or enclosures from the individual's Lions Club should be explicit in the accomplishments over the 18 month period. Any nomination should be supportive to the Lion, detailing his present work that has made him/her outstanding in the minds of the ones making the nomination. It is more than being a committee chairperson, cabinet member, but what he/she accomplished. How many new members did he/she sponsor?
  - 1) What community service projects did he/she propose and lead?
  - 2) What were the benefits?
  - 3) Their attendance record at the club level, district affairs, and International affairs, during the period, etc.
- f. Past record in Lionism prior to the 18 months period under consideration. Past offices held (local, District, State, International and dates of each) then a listing of outstanding accomplishments should be listed:
  - 1) List of awards received (Lionism) and dates.
  - 2) Date joined Lionism (including all clubs to which he/she belonged).
  - 3) Attendance record, State Conventions attended; and
  - 4) International Conventions attended.
- g. Current and past Civic, Professional and Religious activities -- dates and length of service.

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## South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame Guidelines

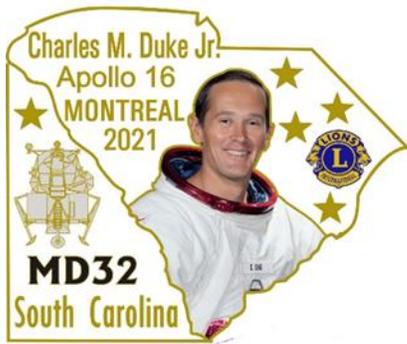
Criteria and rules for Hall of Fame are taken from the MD Policy Manual.

All nominations must be received by the Chairperson/DG no later than **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

Nominations received by the chairperson after this date will not be considered.

- a. The selections shall be made from written nominations received from the clubs of the District
- b. No individual Lion shall be nominated for the South Carolina Lion of the Year and for induction into the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame during the same year.
- c. Any Lion or any deceased Lion, to be proposed for induction into the Hall of Fame shall have a minimum of ten (10) years membership in a Lions Club, the most recent five of which must be as a South Carolina Lion.
- d. It shall not be necessary for a candidate to have held a State, District, or Club office.
- e. Any Lion in South Carolina may nominate a candidate for the Lions Hall of Fame, but the nomination must be endorsed by the candidate's home club.
- f. The proposal shall cover the candidate's accomplishments in Lionism and include his civic, professional, and religious activities.
- g. Selection of inductees into the Lions Hall of Fame shall be based primarily on contributions to Lionism.
- h. Proposals for candidates not selected will be returned, by the Committee Chairperson, to the clubs submitting them, immediately after the MD-32 Convention.
- i. If a Lion is inducted into the Hall of Fame while living, they will not be eligible to be submitted again as a deceased Lion. There is only one Hall of Fame.
- j. A plaque is to be presented to the ones so honored or to a family member. The presentation will take place at the MD-32 Convention.
- k. A permanent book shall be placed in the Lions Building in a place designated as the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame. The book shall contain a picture of the member along with detailed information of his service.

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Regular Pin



Mini Pin

Fellow MD 32 Lions:

This time last year I was letting you know that I needed you to order your 2020 MD 32 pins. Our concern was that we would sell all the 2020 pins we ordered before our District 32 S and 32 C Winter Conventions and the MD 32 State Convention. I was encouraging you to place your order before these meetings. Little did we know that the Coronavirus would exist. We ended with our Club meetings being cancelled as well as our District and State meetings after February in 2020. Due to the virus we ended up with extra pins. We still have some of the 2020 MD 32 State pins as well as the Special MD 32 LCIF Campaign 100 Project pins and the Special MD 32 Convention pins. Since the Coronavirus still exists and there is a possibility that our District and State Conventions may be cancelled again this year, we did not order that many 2021 MD pins.

In order to make sure all of our MD 32 Lions have an opportunity to purchase the 2021 MD Pins (Regular & Mini), I need your help as a District and Club leader. Please let all Club leaders know that they need to order pins as soon as possible. Our 2021 MD pins is again featuring an Astronaut from S.C. This year we have Charles Duke who walked on the moon. The cost for the pins is the same as last year with \$2.50 for the Regular pin and \$1.50 for the Mini pin. I need each Lion or Club wanting to order pins to complete the attached form and send to me ASAP! **Please do not send payment with the order form.** I will calculate the shipping and postage cost and let you know the final amount you will owe.

Lions wishing to purchase some of the remaining 2020 pins need to send me an email and I will be glad to send an order form. Your support and help as a MD 32 Lion is needed, so please respond today and order your pins.

[LINK TO ORDER FORM](#)

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## ***FROM THE DESK OF PCC RICK PRESSLY, GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR***

### **MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP RETENSION**

In the twenty six years that I have been a member of The International Association of Lions Clubs, one of the main messages we have heard each year is: “We need more Members”! We have done very well along those lines! We have added 2,726 New Members in the last Six years and 147 new members just this year. Unfortunately, Our Multiple District 32 has lost 3,134 members as of June 30, 2020. In addition to those numbers, we have already lost 185 members this year!

I am not sure about you; however, these figures (especially the losses) have bothered me for some time. We are not in this fix by ourselves! According to information I obtained from PID Dr. Gene Spiess and Lions Clubs International, we have not had a positive increase in Membership in NORTH AMERICA since 1987!!!! Why do you suppose that has happened, despite the push we have had for at least 26 years?

I would like to share some ideas with you from my perspective! These are not just my personal thoughts, they are based on observation and information gained from my experiences with my Lions Club and having been in the Leadership roles of my District and the Multiple District for the last 15 years.

I believe that one of the main problems we have had for most of the 26 years, is that we have been encouraged to find New Members; however, we have not been encouraged to find New Quality Members (“Members with a Heart Like Ours” as was so aptly pointed out in PIP Joe Preston’s song regarding “Strengthen the Pride”)! This has resulted in each Club having more Members and less Lions with the Heart for Service. 10% of the Members do 90% of the Service! In order to reverse this trend, I recommend that the next time you ask someone to join your Club, first of all find out if they have a Heart for Service! How are they interested in SERVING your community?

Another one of the Main reasons we keep losing even the New Members with a Heart for Service, is the fact that other than some “Fund Raising”, far too many of our Clubs do little (if none at all) Service in their Communities to attract Community members. With No or Little Service, most people are not going to join our Club, just to Socialize with the Membership. Correct me if I am wrong; the last time I checked our Motto is “We Serve” not “We are Great Fundraisers” and write a lot of checks!

In addition, to the above reasoning: I believe that many Club Secretaries and Boards of Directors are not aware of the fact that we have 9 Different Membership Categories that can be utilized to help RETAIN members and not just drop them because they are no longer interested in “Just Meeting” or are unable due to circumstances in their lives that prevent them from attending meetings, yet would still be interested in maintaining their membership in Lions Clubs International and could be placed in another Membership Category!

In closing, I believe we need to do a much better job, than we have been doing, in Recruiting New Members with a Heart for Service and discussing Membership Options with those members that are contemplating resigning from Lions Clubs International completely! Due a Club assessment and decide if your Club is providing Service to the Community or are you just: Good Fund Raisers?

Yours In Service,

PCC Lion Rick Pressly

## **FROM THE DESK OF PCC PAUL DOVE, GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR**



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## **FROM THE DESK OF PCC LION JOE PITTS, MD 32 GLT**

Our endorsed candidate for International Director, Dr. Dianne J. Pitts, has encouraged all Lions to “Take advantage of every opportunity.” Here are some upcoming opportunities for different groups of our Lions organization.

**Opportunity for new Lions:** New Lions Symposium. ([Click her for additional information](#)):

The Purpose of the Symposium is to prepare club members under 5 years in Lions to grow in the three focus areas of Lionism: Service, Membership and Leadership. Some Lions grow in one of these areas, others in two, it is rare that a Lion grows in all three areas. With the lack of growth in membership, and with some clubs the lack of succession, and with other clubs a lack of new service projects, the Multiple District needs a way for all new Lions to grow in all three areas. Please use the Registration form found in this issue or in the December issue of the Palmetto Lion.

The dates are April 24, 2021, August 28, 2021, and October 23, 2021. The hours are from 10:00am to 3:30pm with lunch included. The cost will be \$30.00 per Lion which covers about a third of the cost for materials and meals. The sessions are planned to be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 2875 Columbia Rd., Orangeburg, SC. Social distancing and mask will still be observed. Please use the registration form for the Symposium in the December Palmetto Lion. The cost of on-line registration and payment is more that we would get from having them on-line.

**Opportunity for Leadership Development:** Lions Learning Academy. ([Click her for additional information](#)):

The Lions Learning Academy is designed to overcome the fear of failure and the fear of the unknown plus others that a Lion might have. The Academy is not designed to take the place of the District and Club Officer Training. It is designed to enhance it. This year will be especially helpful. They can choose an office, or know what office they will be assigned, for the coming Lions year, have the initial training in April before the district training, then the District Training, followed by a session in August to make sure they are on the right track, then another follow-up in October to guide them for the rest of the year. Please use the Registration form found in this issue or in the December issue of the Palmetto Lion.

The dates are April 24, 2021, August 28, 2021, and October 23, 2021. The hours are from 10:00am to 3:30pm with lunch included. The cost will be \$30.00 per Lion (not the \$25.00 as reported in the PL). This covers about a third of the cost for materials and meals. The sessions are planned to be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 2875 Columbia Rd., Orangeburg, SC. Social distancing and mask will still be observed. Please use the Registration Form in the Palmetto Lion to register for the Academy. The cost of on-line registration and payment is more that we would get from having them on-line.

**Opportunity for Upcoming Leaders:** Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. The new dates are May 14-16, 2021. The new place is Atlanta, GA. This has never been so close. They are only accepting 25 participants instead of the usual 125. Those who have already applied will be given first choice. But there is always a waiting list. Please go to the Lions International home page and type in Advanced Lions Leadership Institute to get the registration form.

**Opportunity for those who want to be faculty at one of our events:** Presenters Workshop.

This will be held at Family Life Center, 2875 Columbia Rd., Orangeburg, SC on May 1, 2021 and will be led by then 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Les Taylor. He has an excellent faculty to make this program a real success. The purpose of this workshop is to help the Leadership Committee spot potential future presenters for some of these workshops, trainings, and Fellowship Retreats we have during the year. We all can talk about Lions, but being a presenter has special requirements. The Presenters Workshop helps us all become better presenters.

The Faculty Development Institute sponsored by LCI will be in Los Angeles, California on March 13-15, 2021. They will be accepting 20 participants. Those who have already applied will be given first choice. But there is always a waiting list. Please go to the Lions International home page and type in Faculty Development Institute to get the registration form.

# FROM THE DESK OF DG BILL HAHN of SC DISTRICT 32 C

## What Did We Learn in 2020?

I was once told that “Every situation, whether good or bad, is a learning opportunity”. So now, having endured 10 months of a pandemic, like no other before, what have we learned?

We have learned that most Lions Club presidents in District 32 C are very resilient and found a way to have their clubs meet. Some had to use outdoor space, some had to relocate to homes, Churches or Country Clubs. Some adopted new technology and/or use Zoom for their meetings while others were limited to teleconferences.

We learned that we can do hands-on service projects while following State and CDC COVID 19 guidelines. Collecting food for empty food pantries, sewing and distributing masks, planting a garden and donating the crops, and road and river cleanups were all successful in our District.

We were also successful having fundraisers like raffles, golf tournaments, pancake dinners, and online donation campaigns.

We learned that the word “quit” is not in the Lions vocabulary. Lions live by the motto “when the going gets tough, the tough get going”!

We learned that the Pandemic provided us the opportunity to try new things. District leaders were able to spread new technology to all clubs, rewrite and update officer training curriculum, collect district and statewide vision screening data for the first time and write recommended vision screening procedures and COVID 19 protocols that will assist us in getting back into the schools.

We learned that KINDNESS DOES MATTER! In fact, we were able to write a resolution that will provide District 32 C with a Chief Kindness Officer in our District Cabinet.

I’m really proud of what each and every Lion and Lions Club has been able to achieve in the darkest hours since the first Lions Club was chartered in our District ninety-eight years ago.

Have a Happy, Safe, and Successful 2021!

See you at the Mid-Winter Convention!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Bill Hahn



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“Kindness Matters in Service & Membership”



DG Bill Hahn and VDGs Jay McClary and Les Taylor invite you to the

## Lions District 32C Covid-Safe Convention

**Theme: *Knights of the Blind***

FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, DISTRICT BUSINESS AND FUN

February 5-7, 2021

Blended: In person and via ZOOM

Go to the website to review the many Covid-19 safety precautions

[lions32c-convention.org](https://lions32c-convention.org)

**Host Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn**

2671 Hospitality Boulevard  
Florence, SC 29501

hotel details and  
registration link at  
[lions32c-convention.org](https://lions32c-convention.org)

**Saturday Evening  
Gala Awards Dinner:**

**Florence Center**

3300 W. Radio Drive  
Florence, SC 29501

Chief Kindness Officer announced  
Peace Poster Awards  
Helen Keller Speech Reenactment  
Silent Auction  
and more

**Keynote Speaker:**

**International Director**

**Dr. José Marrero**

from Puerto Rico

ID Dr. Marrero's bio can be  
found on the website at  
[lions32c-convention.org](https://lions32c-convention.org)

**4 breakout sessions  
to choose from:**

Lions Vision Services  
COVID Medical Update  
Sight for Mozambique  
Membership Round Table

Go to

[lions32c-convention.org](https://lions32c-convention.org)

**to register and pay online**

Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted

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in a check**

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to download registration forms

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to see sample ads

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Registrar is Lion Cindy Taylor

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One of our convention programs discusses our District Service Project,

## ***“Sight for Mozambique”***



You may have been wondering where all the eyeglasses you and your club have been collecting end up. You will have the opportunity to witness, first-hand, Darlington SC Lion George Chace demonstrate how your eyeglasses are processed, shipped, and distributed to the poor and underserved residents of Mozambique, Africa. Lion George has an amazing story to tell about his and his wife's, Lion Sandra, missionary trips to Africa. They work with local tribes training locals to fit eyeglasses, digging wells for potable drinking water and living in less than desirable conditions.

Sight for Mozambique is a [a 501 (c) (3) Organization;

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# District 32-C Club News

## BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB



Club generously donated Christmas gifts for 29 residents at a senior residential living facility.

President Lion Melinda Hagins with the gift bags.

## FLORENCE LIONS CLUB



Lions Audrey, Deborah and Matt shopped for items of clothing for 17 underprivileged school children. Florence School District 1 nurses made the selection. Christmas Blessings for those deserving individuals.

## LITTLE RIVER LIONS CLUB



For its 2020 Christmas service project, the club collected and donated food to the SC Lowcountry Foodbank. Club members distributed 500 empty collection bags w/flyers around Little River neighborhoods, and later picked up 6540 lbs. of non-perishable food for the Foodbank.

**MULLINS LIONS CLUB**



Proclamation from Governor Henry McMaster presented to club president Lion Benny by PDG Randy.



Lion Ronald Elliott, Branch Manager of Anderson Brothers Bank presents Lion President Benny Johnson a \$2,500.00 donation from ABB.



Guest and club members in attendance on the night.



Club President Benny (r) pictured with VDG Jay, PDG Randy, and DG Bill.

## MYRTLE BEACH LIONS CLUB



Club 'adopted' the Bucksport Senior Center for the second year providing gifts and gift cards to 43 seniors in the Horry County area.



Club assisting the Salvation Army with their annual "bell ringing".



Club holds their annual Christmas dinner/ gift exchange - a fun night for all!!

## **NORTH MYRTLE BEACH LIONS CLUB**



Lions sewed 60 Christmas stockings and collected toys and candy to fill them. They were presented to Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

L to r: Lions Suzanne Warner, Kathleen Renzi, GSRMC child life specialist Taylor Wilson, Lions Barbara Miller and Deb Yocom.

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## **ORANGEBURG LIONS CLUB**



Each year the club donates Christmas gifts to the Orangeburg Mental Health Center. Club president George Brooks presenting gifts to Veronica Murvin of the Center.



Club president George Brooks and VDG Les Taylor presenting Lion James Williams with a plaque recognizing him for his 32 years of service as club secretary-treasurer.

## **PAWLEYS ISLAND LIONS CLUB**



Club President, Pam Ofsanik, center, welcomed *four* new members to the club in December! New Lions with their membership certificates are, from left to right, Jennifer Carter, George Thomason, James Carr and Steve Nimocks.



Club President, Pam Ofsanik, left, presents the club's Lion of the Year award to Lion Cindy Andersen, right. Along with a warm winter throw, appropriately themed on Cindy's club nickname: "Wonder Woman"!



Club President Pam recently performed the first known Lions Club initiation ceremony ever executed in a dental operation room! At its conclusion, she presented membership credentials to Dr. Tyler Perry, right, while he remained safe and secure in his busy operatory. Dr. Perry is a specialist in cosmetic dentistry and works with Family & Cosmetic Dentistry in Pawleys Island. His landmark induction marks the *fifth* new member that Pawleys Island Lions have added to their roster in 2020. Welcome to the pride, doctor!

**SOUTH STRAND LIONS CLUB**



Lions laying wreaths on the veteran's graves at Florence National Cemetery.



Club prepared 75 stockings for Garden City Nursing Home, filled with hygiene items, socks, snacks, toothbrushes/paste, Kleenex, and a hand crocheted coaster for each one (by a great neighbor in Oceanside Village).

## SUMMERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB



Instead of having our Christmas Party (because of COVID-19), we all decided to donate the food we were going to bring for our party to the “Home of Hope” Men’s shelter in Summerville. Lion George, Justin, Lion Sandy R., Lion John, Belle, Lion Sandy G., Lion Martha Sue, Lion Dianne, Lion Marvin and Lion Brandon.



Scarves knitted by Lion Martha Sue to put into “Blessing Boxes”



Food donated to go into Blessing Boxes. (Our entry fee for our Christmas Party was 2 cans of food for the Blessing Boxes). Lions Marvin, Sandra G., Martha Sue, Sandy R. and John.



Club’s Blessing Boxes



THANKS FOR READING OUR PALMETTO LION  
WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED !

**Deadline for submissions to the February Palmetto Lion is January 31, 2021**

**We want to hear from everyone!! Make sure to send in your pictures and short articles to your District Palmetto Lion Rep.**

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