Would your club benefit from having an additional ten members? You better believe it! Each new Lion inducted between now and June 30, 2018 will be recognized as a "Centennial Lion" and receive a special Lions pin. Each sponsor of a Centennial Lion will receive a limited edition "Centennial Sponsor" pin. As we continue to celebrate our first 100 years of service, let's strive to raise public awareness of our organization and "Invite for Impact" so we can begin our second century of service with more Lions than we have ever had.

As we continue to increase our service by increasing our membership, it is imperative that we reflect upon not only our current levels of service but also our past accomplishments. Alabama Lions are leaving a tremendous legacy in communities across the state. All Lions clubs are encouraged to conduct a Centennial Community Legacy Project between now and June 30, 2018 to leave a lasting record of our presence and the life-changing services we provided.

In addition to all of this, it is time to have fun and celebrate our many accomplishments. We are a very select group of Lions! Out of all the Lions that have served since 1917 we are the chosen ones to witness the monumental and historical event of bringing one century of service to a close and beginning another. Make plans now to attend the 100th International Convention in Chicago, Illinois June 30 – July 4, 2017. It will be a convention like no other as we embrace and cherish our past, review our recent accomplishments, and dream of the services we will provide in our second century of service.
**ALS Executive Director’s Report**

**Alabama Lions Sight takes major step for the future!**

“It make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”
— Winston Churchill

At the regular scheduled Alabama Lions Sight board meeting on August 26th the board voted and approved two major initiatives concerning the delivery of eye services and treatment over the next 20 to 30 years in Alabama!

Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital is expanding the number of operating rooms from the current number of 9 to 17. The current operating rooms are located on the 2nd floor of the hospital. The additional 8 operating rooms will be located on the 3rd floor. With the aging of the Baby Boomer generation over the next 30 years there will be a wave of over 75 million senior citizens with most of them in need of various forms of eye surgeries and advanced eye care to maintain their sight and independence.

It cost $685,000 to fully outfit each operation room with all of the needed equipment. The hospital asked Alabama Lions Sight for assistance in purchasing $150,000 in operating room equipment and the board approved the request. ALS will be applying for a multiple district grant to the Lions Club International Foundation to cover $75,000 of the equipment request and use on hand funds to cover the balance.

In recognition of Lions support the 2nd floor waiting room will be named and properly signed the Alabama Lions waiting room. Ever since Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital opened in 1964 with support of Alabama Lions and Lions Clubs International Lions have been dedicated to supporting the hospital and the vital work they do in providing world class eye treatment especially through the Lions Eye Clinic.

Our next big announcement is the approval by the board of directors to purchase a large walk-in handicap accessible (wheelchair lift) mobile eye clinic truck fully equipped with one lane of optometry eye care equipment.

Currently Alabama Lions Sight is transporting our eye equipment in a panel van. When we arrive at the location where we will be providing eye exams for the day we have to unload and set up the equipment and at the end of the day breakdown the equipment and re-load onto the van. That is a lot of wear and tear on very delicate equipment and we lose at least one hour a day in clinic time in the loading and unloading of the equipment.

Now, one hour may not sound like a lot but when you multiple that hour per day over a year's time and realize we can see 3 patients in that hour that multiplies out to over 550 additional eye patients Alabama Lions Sight can serve!

As you can see, through the continued support of Alabama Lions, Alabama Lions Sight is working on your behalf to grow our capacity to provide world class eye care well into the future here in Alabama!

As Winston Churchill said, “we make a life by what we give” I ask for your continued support and prayers as Alabama Lions Sight continues our battle against darkness through our mission of serving the poor and needy of Alabama!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Durden

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**Meet our DOCTORS**

- **Peter Daniel, MD**
  2nd year resident
  Medical School of Georgia

- **William Gannon M.D.**
  3rd year resident

*Each month the Lions Club will introduce a doctor.*

**PATIENTS SEEN IN THE LIONS EYE CLINIC**

- 2,782 patients seen year-to-date
- 360 were in the month of August
CONGRATULATIONS!
HURRAH!
THANK YOU!

For all of your work to serve
our communities, state, nation,
and the peoples of the world.
Your efforts ARE making a differ-
ence, 34-A Lions!! You are helping
to make life better for thousands
of fellow humans AND our envi-
ronment!

It was delightful to open a
recent package from Lions Inter-
national. In the package were
awards patches for 19 of the Dis-
trict 34-A clubs---to recognize
Centennial Service Projects dur-
ing the 2015-16 club year! Also in
the special package were awards
patches for four clubs’ Centen-
nial Legacy Projects!

ONE GEM AWARD PATCHES:
• Haleyville, Winfield,
Altoona/Walnut Grove/West End

TWO GEMS AWARD PATCHES:
• Holly Pond, Gurley,
Hartselle

THREE GEMS AWARD PATCH:
• Brilliant

FOUR GEMS AWARD PATCHES:
• Centre, Cullman, Cullman
Community, Florence Downtown,
• Fort Payne, Hokes Bluff,
Hokes Bluff Tawannah, Gunters-
ville, and,
• Huntsville Pacesetters,
Moulton, New Hope, Scottsboro

LEGACY PROJECT PATCHES:
• Cullman, Guntersville, Gur-
ley, Hokes Bluff Tawannah

We hope to see 34-A 100%
in Centennial service AND Legacy
projects when the next awards are
given! More importantly, though,
is the community service provided
by each club!

You are great Lions---thank
you for being special, caring citi-
zens of this great nation and the
planet!

SAVE THE DATES
FUTURE 34-A MEETINGS:
• NOV. 5---Cabinet meet-
ing. Huntsville. Invitations arriving
soon. After the business session
and lunch, there will be a tour of
space-related facilities.
• MARCH 10-11---District
Convention---Cherokee County.
This will be a celebration of the
Lions Centennial! Agenda will
include a Friday evening reception
at a mountaintop mansion ---to
salute the visiting international
director, former and current inter-
national leaders from Alabama,
former and current state and dis-
trict leaders, club presidents.

ALL LIONS ARE INVITED!!!
Saturday schedule will feature a
breakfast at the Cherokee County
Museum, the business meeting
and luncheon in the Cherokee
County Chamber of Commerce
building on the campus of Gadsden
State -Cherokee, a birthday party
with a giant cake at a downtown
historic home, and a dinner with
special performers. (Between the
luncheon and dinner, there will be
tours to Little River Canyon, Orbix
Hot Glass studio, Cherokee Rock
Village. Lions who make contribu-
tions to one of four Lions' projects
will get their names “put into the
hat” for a drawing for a flight over
Little River Canyon).

ATENTION: ALL LIONS CLUBS
Let all the Lions of Alabama know what your club is doing in the near future.
E-Mail, fax or call Doris at 205-933-9288, fax 205-933-9215, E-mail: lionsofalab-
abama@bellsouth.net, and indicate it is for the newsletter. We cannot use
cippings from local newspapers. When you send photos they must be in JPEG
format, and everyone in the photo needs to be identified. These articles will be
used on a first come first serve as space is limited.
As I ride down the highway to visit another club I look up to see Mt. Cheaha off to my right and my thoughts turn to the many mountains the Lions of Alabama have climbed and the many more we will climb as we close out 100 years of service and will continue to serve for the next 100+ years to come. The Lions of Alabama have been instrumental to Lions International in our brief history of over 93 years of service to the people. Roderick Beddow even gave a check to LCI in the amount of $50,000 in 1930 so they would be able to continue as Lions Club International. Your goal is to serve 100 million people worldwide from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018 and if you’ve seen this edition of the Alabama Lions we have already served 99,560,015 people with only about 60% of the clubs reporting, where would we be if all our clubs reported their activities (have you reported yours)? The 100th International Convention is coming up in Chicago Jun 30-July 4 2017 and the goal of MD34 is to have 100 Lions attend, so if you’re interested (and I know you are) go to the LCI web page and on the top look for LCICON and when you open that just scroll down until you find what you need.

The new directory for 34B has been sent to all region and zone chairs. If you want a copy send them an email and they will be more than happy to send you a copy. I know there may be a few mistakes in the directory phone numbers or emails but that is due to some clubs not submitting their PU101 form to LCI. Please report your officer changes right away to LCI. I received 21 Centennial Service Challenge patches and will be presenting them as the VDGs’ and I visit clubs. We have 48 Lions Clubs in 34B and only received 21 patches so we as a district need to report all our centennial activities’ so all our clubs can receive this patch for their banner.

At our last District Cabinet meeting there were less than 30 members present and even though we had a very productive and informative meeting we could have a better meeting if more members had been there. I want to encourage every member in 34B to attend the next meeting on October 29, 2016 (8:30am-3:00pm) at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce located 714 E. Glen Ave. Auburn, AL. District Meetings are required once a quarter (IAW International Bylaws) for all district cabinet members, regions and zones chairs with all members invited to attend so come out and join us, who knows you might enjoy it and learn something in the process. There will be guest speakers, classes for the presidents and secretaries, along with a door prize to be given to a lucky member. We will also be electing a permanent new 2VDG who will continue on to be District Governor in the future. Our 3rd district cabinet meeting will be on January 21, 2017 and will be hosted by the Tuscaloosa Lions. The district convention will be held in Oxford, AL on March 18, 2017 and our quest speaker will be International Director Nicolin Carol Moore from Arima, Trinidad and Tobago. I encourage every member of 34B to attend because this is your district no matter who the DG, you the members are the district.

Well that’s about all I have so my cabinet and I will be visiting your clubs, but in the meantime, if we can be of any help don’t hesitate to get in touch by email or phone.

dkees63042@cableone.net or 256-310-8684.

DG Don Keesler
Fellow Lions, hello!

I have begun my club visitations which in the month of August included Eight Mile, Mobile, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Bay Minette, and Atmore Lions. Every one of the visitations was a learning experience for me, meeting lions and hearing all about each club’s service activities. I wish to extend a special Lion’s Roar to Orange Beach club officers, President Iris Ethridge and Secretary Lionel Epp for their courage and initiative in getting the OB Lions Club active again! They are receiving a lot of support from local lions and the District Leadership Team.

If you haven’t already received a notice from myself as your district governor, or one of our vice district governors, you should anticipate being contacted soon to schedule a governor’s club visitation. Remember, “Where there’s a need, there’s a lion!”

The Enterprise Lions club was presented with the William C. Chandler Membership Growth Award for clubs with 50+ members in MD34. Enterprise Lions achieved a 5% net growth for the Lions year 2015-2016. Just imagine if all clubs in MD34 achieved only half of this growth; Alabama Lions could serve so many more people in need in our community. I encourage all clubs to make membership growth one of their highest priority goals and keep Alabama Lions Moving Forward!

Pictured, at right, from left, are Enterprise Club President Doug Allgood, Membership Director Warren Bowron, and District Governor Daryl McDaniel.

Friday, September 9th, about 75 Alabama Lions attended AIDB’s Lions Appreciation Day. Nine of the 75 were from District 34C. Thank you all for representing our district. A tour of the Equestrian Center was provided, along with a delicious lunch and a tour of the production line followed lunch.

I was especially impressed with the hippo therapy work that is done through the Equestrian Center. Hippo therapy literally means therapy with the help of a horse. This therapy is a goal of the Marianna Greene Henry Special Equestrian Program at AIDB. Students who have been in wheelchairs or on walkers since their earliest years have spent many painful hours of physical therapy on mats. While they accept it, many of them lose motivation for the incremental progress they make. But hippo therapy motivates the movement of tightened or restricted muscles and limbs. One student fought physical therapy on the mat, but would stay on a horse for hours.

If you haven’t made plans already to attend our fall cabinet meeting, Saturday, October 29, I encourage you to do so. The tentative agenda and registration info can be found on our District website, http://alabamalions34c.org.

Pictured, are Orange Beach Lions, prospective members, and neighboring lions from Gulf Shores and the District Leadership Team.

Clubs Corner

The Eight Mile Lions club president Brenda Jackson was innovative in creating an award for the Eight Mile Lions that participated in a recent service project. In light of the Olympics, she created an “Olympic Star Award” for the recipients! Way to go President Brenda!

The Greater Dothan Area Lions held their 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast in partnership with Harley-Davidson of Dothan on Saturday, August 20th. Dothan Harley sponsors its $2 Tutu Ride with donated funds going to support the Wiregrass Children’s Home. They also provide a donation to the GDA Lions that is primarily used to assist those in their community that are in need of an eye exam and eyeglasses. Thank you Harley-Davidson of Dothan for your local lions support!

Clubs that wish to be included in the Lions of Alabama Newsletter, please submit your photos and write-up to me by the 5th of each month. Thank you for your service as it continues to move Alabama Lions forward! Remember, “Where there’s a need, there’s a lion!”

Pictured, from left, are Lion Charles Kirkland, helper Boston MacKenzie, and Lion Debbie Nelson.

REMINDER!!

Next district cabinet meeting:
Saturday, October 29th, Ridgecrest Baptist Church
1231 Fortner Street, Dothan, AL 36301

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Making the LCI the greatest in the service organizations

My learning process in the GLT intricacies program continues. I hope I am not too slow and start making real progress very soon. My 610 miles’ drive to Kingston, NC was not in vain. I learned interesting things I plan to share with you on October 1 in Montgomery, AL.

The workshop begins at 9:30 and it is over by 3:30. Room #3105 in Frazier Methodist Church is the venue. We will have a working lunch and finish on time. The course has limited capacity of 12-15 participants. This small group will help the practical part of the course. Bring laptops.

The importance of good delivery in presentations and speeches is crucial for those aspiring to higher office. It is not just stand up and start speaking, it requires some previous preparation to make it effective and meaningful. Please make your reservations early.

I am excited to provide this opportunity for the Zone Chairs, 1 & 2 VDG, and Lions in general. It will help them tremendously in their future public presentations.

The course will consist in the following topics: 1) Speech writing tips, a) audiences, b) types of speeches most used in our association, c) impromptus speeches. 2) How to make attractive power point, 3) speech delivery and all of its twists, 4) Classroom practice, a) delivery of an impromptus speech with a topic not previously mentioned, b) prepare and deliver a 3-minute speech on a topic announced in the program.

I am very confident that those participants will take home some good techniques to make their speeches memorable. We must grow from the bottom up learning all the things that are necessary to be effective representatives of our leadership.

On a personal note, I make the comment that having the experience acquired in many years of service to the association in Alabama, I feel that my Southern accent still lacks the twist to be a native one, a twist almost impossible to achieve at this time in my life. As it will not change, I can only assure and promise, that whatever I present to better our association has the ultimate and only interest to make LCI the greatest in the service organizations.

Health issues limited my possibility to attend the US-Canada Forum, the place where the learning and fellowship is prevalent. I wish more Alabama Lions will take the opportunity to be exposed to such an event.

The international Convention will be held Chicago this year to commemorate the 100 years of existence. I am investigating the possibility to carry a bus with 50 + Alabama Lions, the Convention Committee will make the final decision of all the plans presented to them. I am very excited about all the new things we might do and the opportunity to shine in the parade. I count with the Alabama pride in our organization and the desire to give the world a visual picture of our southern heritage, humanitarian programs, and our local and international leadership.

If you need more information about the Public speaking workshop on 10/1/16 you may call 334 687 8327 or 34 695 0129. See you there!

PID Yamandu Acosta
Global Leadership Coordinator

Lions of Alabama listen to speaker at Appreciation Day AIDB.

Lions impressed with operations at Alabama Industries for the Blind

Alabama Industries for the Blind welcomed the Lions of Alabama to their annual Lions Appreciation Day on Friday, September 9, 2016. Approximately 70 Lions from around the state made the trip to Talladega this year, and enjoyed a time to “meet and greet” with a cup of coffee prior to a tour of the Equestrian Center during the morning.

And yes, the Montgomery Dixie Lions were there and we all checked out the fence they had previously constructed. I feel certain the Dixie Lions are well into the planning process for their next work day at the Equestrian Center, as they have made it an annual event to conduct a service project at the Center. They have partnered with volunteer students from Vanderbilt University for the past three years, working together to make improvements at the Equestrian Center.

Lion Jerry Martin and his staff were gracious hosts for the day, and after lunch, gave away several prizes to attending Lions who held the winning tickets, followed by group tours of their manufacturing facilities. As a bit of information, all who have served in the US military in recent years, and have worn the dress uniform, your neck tie was made by the employees of AIDB.

I think we all left very impressed with the operations at AIDB. Thank You to all Lions who were able to attend this year’s Lions Appreciation Day, and Thank You to Lion Jerry and staff for your hospitality.

CC George Head
Coastal Camp Seale Harris
Campers - Mobile

The kids of Camp Seale Harris thank each and every Alabama Lions Club that made camp possible this year for kids with diabetes. Over 100 Lions clubs assisted in sponsoring CSH campers - thank you from the bottom of all 600+ campers’ hearts!

Lion Katherine Vives
– Auburn Lions Club
at CSH Senior Week

Several clubs also volunteered as club projects. This was a great way to show their communities and parents of kids with diabetes who Lions are . . . We Serve!

The Auburn Lions Club helped with the brand new 2016 Auburn/Opelika Diabetes WALK for Camp Seale Harris in April. The Club was an official walk sponsor, and Lion John Ramage helped lead a WALK Team raising over $600! The Auburn Lions could be seen at Camp Seale Harris on Lake Martin in June assisting with camper registration, helping children make their own nametags and expertly running the camp store. Lions Don and Katherine Vives, 90 and 91 years old, returned to their post taking camper photos at registration. They helped make our children smile!

Lion Phil Min – Vestavia Lions Club at Birmingham CSH

The Vestavia Lions Club led by Lion Phil Min, formed a team – The Vestavia Mountain Lions – for the Birmingham Diabetes Walk for Camp Seale Harris in April. The club provided the Water/Aid station for families/participants and raised enough money to sponsor a teen from Vestavia High School to attend camp. Lion Phil also represented the club volunteering at the Birmingham Camp Seale Harris this summer.

Mobile Lions “burning burgers” at Coastal CSH

Our Coastal CSH campers enjoyed the service that the Gulf Shores Lions and the Mobile Lions Clubs provided. PDG Gus Gary says the Mobile Club “burned burgers” for all, and Scott Harris and family of the Gulf Shores Lions provided fantastic BBQ!

Lions serve by sponsoring campers in need and by volunteering. The Center Lions Club, led by 1st VDG Anne Shumaker worked with their County School Nurse Supervisor to identify kids with diabetes in their community. They found four students needing scholarships to attend diabetes camp. Centre Lions were able to provide a scholarship and gas money for one child and family, and working with Lion Rhonda at Camp Seale Harris, scholarships were found for the other three children from The Community Foundation of North-east Alabama. Way to go Lion Anne!

Lion Rhonda recently shared photos from Camp Seale Harris, info on diabetes, and thanked the Anniston Lions Club. Led by Lion April Pearson, they were able to sponsor a local 14 year old camper whose single mother said, “I can’t thank the Lions enough for helping my daughter go to camp. For the first time, she is not so unhappy and alone with diabetes.”

Anniston Lions heard all about their sponsored camper at the August club meeting.

To connect your club to service with Camp Seale Harris, contact Lion Rhonda McDavid at 205-402-0415. Lion Rhonda and Lion John Latimer – Camp/Community Director are available to speak to clubs about diabetes and how Lions help children live well.

Thank you!
**The TIME is NOW**

**Is the LIONS CENTENNIAL BAND in YOUR Budget?**

SEND IN YOUR SPONSORSHIPS, PLEDGE or Donations RIGHT NOW

Alabama Lions High School Centennial Star Band - Update

Fellow Lions

I wanted to provide a brief update on our 100 member BAND initiative.

See below for pledged clubs and donations, by district as of this writing. We need 58 more sponsorships ASAP. The cutoff date for sponsoring a band student is the end of March, 2017, however, in order to plan and reserve lodging, events, transportation, etc., we need to know NOW how many students the Lions of Alabama want to send to Chicago.

**WE MUST MAKE reservations NOW.**

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**The time to ACT is NOW. WILL YOUR Club BE NEXT??**

Want to Sponsor?? CALL, EMAIL, Let us KNOW RIGHT AWAY

Need a program?? CALL, EMAIL, Let us KNOW RIGHT AWAY

**Frequently asked questions (FAQ’s)**

- How much does it cost to sponsor a student?
- We are finalizing the amount at this time, but for 100 students, the amount will likely be $900.
- What type of student are we seeking?
- The typical band student is a sophomore or junior, although we occasionally see a senior or freshman. Seniors have already graduated and may not be interested, and freshmen may not be mature enough for this trip.
- How does a student become a member of the Lions Centennial Band?
- Once funds have been received from, or on behalf of a Lions Club, the Club specifies the school the student should be come from. Our Band Director contacts your band for an appropriate student, based upon character, leadership, musical ability and instrumentation needs of the Lions Band.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me via email at: AlaLionsBand@aol.com, or call 205.979.6371.

You may mail all donations, (made out to: Alabama Lions Band) to:

Alabama Lions Band
c/o PCC Ken Vaudo
3337 Shallowford Road
Birmingham, AL 35216

In Lionism,

PCC Ken Vaudo, Chairperson
Alabama Lions Band Committee
WE SERVE

**Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest**

Lions clubs can sponsor this art contest in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. “A Celebration of Peace” is the theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest.

**Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit**

The cost to order is $11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

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