'THE CHALLENGE'

The line in the sand has been drawn. A challenge has been issued to get 100 Lions from each District in Alabama to attend the State Convention May 18 – 21, 2017. Which District will accept the challenge?

The Convention Committee has worked hard to ensure we have a great time. Fellowship with Lions from around the State, share ideas and get the latest news on Lions around the world. Meet International Director Melvyn Bray and Lion Ginny.

The convention will be held at the beautiful Embassy Suites in Hoover. 2960 John Hawkins Parkway, Hoover, AL 35244 Phone: (205) 985-9994

Please join us. The registration form can be downloaded by going to the website at www.alabaalions.org

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Friday night "Fun Night" at Birmingham’s Region Field to watch the Baron's play baseball and good food from Dreamland Bar-B-Que.

1400 1st Avenue, South, Birmingham, AL 35233
“Remember, the measure of your life will not be in what you accumulate, but in what you give away”

— Dr. Wayne Dyer

On Monday, March 6th, Lions of Alabama joined with hospital staff and guest as Callahan Eye Hospital held the ribbon cutting ceremony for 9 new operating theaters on the 3rd floor of the hospital. Lions were instrumental in supporting the purchase of operating room equipment for the expansion with the donation of $150,000 from a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant and matching donations from Lions clubs throughout Alabama!

In recognition and appreciation of Lions longtime support of Callahan, the 2nd floor operating rooms waiting area will be named the “Lions Clubs International / Alabama Lions Sight waiting room”.

The nine new operating rooms will join the 8 operating rooms already in operation on the 2nd floor to make Callahan the largest eye surgery hospital in the United States!

With the large influx of aging Baby Boomers and the eye problems that come with aging, Callahan and Lions realize the need for expanding eye care accessibility at Callahan and throughout Alabama.

With the operating room expansion Lions will be able to almost double our capacity to serve indigent patients through the Lions Eye Clinic from 4 to 5 thousand a year to over 9,000 per year and the hospitals overall operation capacity will go from approx. 22 thousand per year to over 40,000 per year!

Alabama Lions have designated our support of the Callahan operating rooms expansion a “Lions of Alabama Centennial Legacy Project” in recognition and celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs International.

Remembering Helen Keller’s charge to Lions in 1925 to “work to eradicate preventable blindness from the face of the earth”, Lions throughout Alabama should be proud of their combined support and efforts in the operating room expansions at Callahan. We are truly living up to Helen Keller’s charge to Lions everywhere!

Through our new Mobile Eye Clinic we are taking comprehensive eye care to areas of the state that have never had eye care and serving the needs of more Alabamians than ever before. With the operating rooms expansion, our Mobile Eye Clinic will be able to refer and provide transportation to more and more indigent patients for world class eye care through the Lions Eye Clinic at the UAB Callahan Eye Hospital in Birmingham!

Dr. Wayne Dyer reminds all of us that in the end we will be remembered not by what we accumulate, but by what we give.

Thank you Lions for your continued time, talents, resources and prayers in support of Alabama Lions Sight and the people we serve!

It is through your donations that Alabama Lions Sight can continue to provide these services, so please contribute today and remember, I would love to visit your club and give the members an update on all the great things going on at Callahan and throughout the state by YOUR association, Alabama Lions Sight. Call me at 334-306-4904 or email me at durdendean@yahoo.com.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Durden

Meet our DOCTORS

Dr. Cole Gross
1st Year Resident

Each month the Lions Club will introduce a doctor.

PATIENTS SEEN IN THE LIONS EYE CLINIC

- 1058 patients seen year-to-date
- 368 were in the month of March

Demopolis Lions Club makes generous donation to Executive Director Durden Dean for ALS.
2017 DISTRICT CONVENTION REVIEW

Convention hosts: members of the Centre Lions Club were pleased to welcome 62 Lions to the March 10-11 District 34-A convention held at four venues in Cherokee County.

A Friday night reception at The Secret Lodge atop Lookout Mountain in Sand Rock provided a view of Weiss Lake and the surrounding valley—as well as time for food and fellowship before the arrival of the guest International Director Bruce Beck and his wife Erin—who is also a Lion. The Becks traveled from their home in Palsade, Minnesota, to join the 34-A festivities. At the reception, ID Beck was presented keys to the towns of Sand Rock and Leesburg. The Becks and seven other Lions had overnight accommodations at the Lodge.

A Saturday morning breakfast was staged at the Cherokee County Historical Museum. The buffet meal was followed by distribution of copies of HACKSAW RIDGE a book about a late area resident who saved the lives of 75 soldiers during WWI. Door prizes from the Museum were also awarded. Lions then had an opportunity to view the Trail of Tears and cotton exhibits—as well as other displays in the 38-year-old building in downtown Centre.

The business meeting and luncheon were held in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room on the campus of Gadsden State-Cherokee. Reports were presented by chairs of the various district and state committees. Current first vice-governor Mark Stevens was elected as District Governor for 2017-18; current second vice-governor Linda Starr was elected First Vice-Governor. Lions who had stated they were willing to serve as Second VG had asked that their names be withdrawn from the list of candidates. Therefore, the election for 2nd VG will be held during the district cabinet meeting at the state convention in Birmingham in May.

ID Beck shared a positive and challenging multi-media program on Lions’ history, projects, and membership. The DG announced that a $250 donation to LCIF was being made in his ID’s honor. A framed print of a sunset in Sand Rock and Leesburg. The Becks and seven other Lions had overnight accommodations at the Lodge.

The Saturday evening dinner was held at The Judge’s House/The Lindsey House—a 19th century home occupied by several generations of a local family. The meals dessert was a large cake offering four different flavors and decorated with Happy 100th Anniversary Lions, a pair of eyeglasses (to signify the Lions work in vision), and large candles for 100.

A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” goes to PCC Ron Seybold for driving the Becks to Tuscumbia for a visit at Ivy Green, promoting Alabama pins, showing the video of the Helen Keller/Annie Sullivan statue dedication, and emphasizing the Lions’ centennial events. Thanks also to ID Jerome Thompson for extending the district convention invitation to the Becks. Applause, too, to PID Yamandu Acosta for promoting the international convention and for the review of the recent Vision Mission to Mexico; CC George Head for emphasizing the state convention and the Alabama Lions Youth Leadership Forum; PDG Don Moore for district promotion of LCIF work and donations; PDG Don Jarrells for the sale of tickets for the state Lions’ LCIF donations; Museum director Kathy Marko; Chamber of Commerce staff—Theresa Hulgan, Joy Perry, and Barbara Cochran; Kris and Charlie Thomas, for their hospitality at The Secret; State representative Richard Lindsey and Johnna for loaning their house for the dinner; Rep. Lindsey, Jimmy and Carmen Lindsey for house preparation; PCC George Skezas for sharing news of the vision screening machines in the district; PDG Durden Dean for updating the group about Alabama Lions Sight; PCC Ken Vaudo, for Alabama High school band for the international Convention; Pat’s perfection, for reception and dinner foods; Edna Jennings, for the anniversary cake and breakfast; Lanny Starr and Lanny’s staff, for the luncheon; Centre Lions past president Jeff Wolfe for guide service to parks; Days Inn staff, for assistance to Lions staying at their motel; to Fay Pino, 1st VDG Mark Stevens, Zelda Skezas, PCC George Skezas, and 2nd VDG Linda Starr for participating in the flag ceremony; Norbert Falk, for registration and record keeping/bill-paying; Ray and District B 1st VDG Pedro Pino for transporting 1,000 pairs of Centre Lions-collected eyeglasses to the recycling center; Terry Dean for publishing convention photos in the Cherokee newspaper; Al Shumaker, for much use of equipment for duplication of convention papers; Centre City Council member Kay Davis, for presenting the key to the city to the Becks; Melonie Garrett, Sand Rock town clerk, for presenting the key to the town to the Becks.

Hurrah, too, to all the Centre Lions who helped to ready the venues and welcome guests—Lions John L. Ellis, Jr., Gaylon Hammett, Tim Martin, Kevin Turner, Yvonne Salmoni, Tom Salmoni, Ed Allen, Jr., Terry Dean, Norbert Falk, Bill Steele, Ann Carr, Guy Whiddon, Charlie Cooke, Jeff Wolfe, Lanny and Linda Starr, Sarah and Harold Trammell, Mary Dudley Staab, and club president Diane Hardy. (Special appreciation is extended to all of the convention goers who said prayers for Lion Hardy—who suffered a fall just before the dinner and sustained a concussion.)

Hats off to the club representatives (of Ft. Payne, Cullman, Cullman Community, Altoona/Walnut Grove/West End, Hokes Bluff, Hokes Bluff Tawannah, Brilliant, Florence, Centre, Hayden) who shared news of their respective clubs’ Legacy projects. Many great projects by 34-A clubs.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION! We were sooo pleased to have you in Cherokee County and hope that you will return soon.
March, 2017 was a very busy month not only for our district but for the other districts as well and in a true Lionism way each district has pulled together and helped each other to make March a great month to be a Lion.

I want to thank all those who showed up for the 34B District convention at the Oxford Civic Center with Mayor Alton Craft welcoming the Lions of our district and our special guest from Trinidad/Tobago to the city of Oxford, AL. We had over 60 Lions and started off with the Lions Roar song led by PDG Joe Williams so if you weren’t there then you missed a great time. Our guest speaker ID Nicolin Carol Moore and her husband Rudy bragged about the good things our Lions in 34B are doing and what an elegant time they had. ID Moore talked about some of the problems being a district governor from her area, one is that you need a passport because the clubs are on different islands which are also in different countries. She also talked about exceeding the Centennial Goal of 100 million served in the four areas of Youth, Environment, Hunger and Vision by over 300 thousand and about adding two (2) other areas of service next year. There were plenty of door prizes that were given away including the new centennial silver dollar coin (Lion G Browne) and a $100 bill (Lion Jimmy Sparks) the lucky winners. The artist is carving the Helen Keller statue (Lion Craigger Browne) gave ID Moore a heart shape stone carved from the same stone as the statue of Helen Keller. Our new district officers for next year will be DG Pedro Pino (Margaret Lions), 1st VDG Mark Aldridge (Hoover Lions) and Floyd (Bubba) Bingham (Prattville Lions), congratulations I know you’ll do a good job. ID Moore toured the Alabama Industries of the Deaf and Blind and was very impressed with workers and the way they made mops, neckties and cleaning items with little or no eyesight. For lunch, we ate at a roadside BAR-B-Que place and the ID and her Husband (Rudy) ate smoke ribs and fried green tomatoes for the first time so after the convention I took them to Top of the River where they ate cat fish for the first time and they really enjoyed it (now they’re true Alabamians). All in all, our convention was a big success and I want to thank you all for making it so and a special thanks to the Oxford club for helping putting all this together.

Don’t forget clubs need to elect their officers in April with a date set by the board of directors and the results sent to LCI no later than May 15, 2017. In the past, clubs have not sent this information in to LCI and the result is they have not received an updated password for the coming year so LCI cannot make changes in billings, individual awards, club awards or anything else. Clubs have two (2) ways to report their changes in leadership to LCI, one by computer simply scroll down the report section to new incoming officer and post the new names (don’t forget the phone number and email address) then click enter. The other way to report is go online and download a copy of the PU101 and fill out the proper information and send to the address on the bottom of the form. I hope this year every club reports their changes and remember you need to report whether you change officers or not, if you have any questions feel free to call or email the district cabinet for help.

Well that’s about it for now so remember only you can make this district great!!

Serving & Smiling
DG Don
Hello Lions!

Here we are in the home stretch. Our goal is to “finish strong!” Your district leadership team is and will be working diligently to help each club grow in service and membership. One of our membership goals is that each club be “Plus One” as of June 30, 2017. As of April 6, the time of my writing this article, we have eight clubs that are plus one or more: Andalusia, Ashford, Eight Mile, Gulf Shores, Mobile, Orange Beach, Satsuma, and Thomasville. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP

I have set two short term goals for our district to help us finish strong and I need your help at the club level. Goal One: Each club adds at least one new centennial member by June 30, 2017. Goal Two: Charter at least one new club in the district. If your club is struggling to sustain membership, we plan to have teams of lions reach out to your club to offer assistance and resources to help you finish strong. Seventeen clubs have yet to add a centennial member this year. We want to help your club be “Plus One”.

In and Around the District

Our District Governor Elect Claudia Wigglesworth is eager to begin her year as your governor come July 1st, as is 1st VDG Elect Andy Marshal of Headland Lions ready to support her and your club in 2017-2018. We still have the 2nd VDG position open for the coming year, so I ask you to consider any potential leader in your club that is qualified and willing to serve in this capacity and let DGE Claudia know who that special candidate may be.

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CLUB REPORTS

The Montgomery Lions Club has served as Region Chair and at the district level, he has served many years as club secretary, such as your legacy project, so easily by simply posting to our district Facebook page. The page settings allow anyone to post to the page, so I am looking forward to your club’s use of our page.

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CLUB REPORTS

The Montgomery Lions Club hosts an annual Charity Deer Hunt which is the largest of their annual fundraising efforts. Each year, this event generates approximately $40,000 in net proceeds to support our local sight conservation and youth development charities. A flyer is included on our newsletter page regarding the 2018 event.

We Serve!
SightFirst dedicated to providing eye care to underserved communities

Dear Lions,

Imagine the joy of a grandparent who gets to see their grandchild for the first time. Imagine the pain of a father who once provided for his family, but now no longer can because a preventable disease stole his sight. These are the reasons why SightFirst is dedicated to providing eye care to underserved communities and fighting preventable blindness.

One of our key partners in SightFirst is the World Health Organization (WHO). Through our partnership with the WHO, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) receives technical support for SightFirst initiatives as well as three other areas of importance: our Global Childhood Blindness Initiative, our Diabetic Eye Disease Initiative, and eye care initiatives in China.

The results of the partnership are impressive. LCIF has established 45 child-friendly eye care centers in 30 countries, developed a tool to help countries improve upon the measures of diabetes and diabetic retinopathy care, and eliminated trachoma as a public health threat in China. Because of what the WHO makes possible for SightFirst and our other LCIF initiatives, I care, and eliminated trachoma as a public health threat in China. Because of

By Piston Yamando Acosta

Fellow lions, our Centennial celebration is getting closer to the summit! June 30TH will be here before we know it.

Preparations are underway, and for those attending the event, it will be an unforgettable experience. The possibility to take a bus full of Alabamians to Chicago has been derailed due to lack of interest. The idea had some merits, I thought, but it is understandable that each one of us select what is best for ourselves. I do not like driving in the big cities, nor pay for outrageous parking fees, but to be in Chicago during a once in a lifetime event like the Centennial, I pray for endurance and stamina, and off I go.....

This the sharpest parade plans ever, we will be competing delegation. The carriages have been rented, the Alabama lions feather flags have been ordered, the request for antebellum and period costumes have been sent to Atlanta, GA, the polo designed shirt are ready, and the Alabama All Star Band has passed the 75+ members margin.

The ladies and men hats look very smart, please be sure to attend the State Convention on May 18 to pick your hats, there will be a competing delegation. The carriages have been rented, the Alabama lions feather flags have been ordered, the request for antebellum and period costumes have been sent to Atlanta, GA, the polo designed shirt are ready, and the Alabama All Star Band has passed the 75+ members margin.

The ladies and men hats look very smart, please be sure to attend the State Convention on May 18 to pick your hats, polo shirts, and basic instructions for our delegation. Some of you that are registered have not yet purchased the $280.00 ticket for the Southeastern breakfast, the only event when we all eat and fellowship together. There will be not be tickets at the door. Please send your money to Lion Brenda Elliot, Vice-chair - International Convention Committee.

I believe there are not any more rooms in the Chicago Sheraton Hotel, but there are plenty more hotels around the city to accommodate anyone else who would like to attend.

GLT report:

We will have the Leadership Conference Forum in District A next August 12th at the University of North Alabama in Huntsville. The topics will be very relevant and in accordance with the plans of the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Alabama Leadership efforts to make dramatic changes in the operational and functioning of GLT and GMT. The ambitions program has already been drawn and qualified instructors are being selected now.

There will be some administrative changes to GLT from LCI, and I will not entertain the idea of continuing in this job. I play kudos to Anna Hathcock for her long service in this position.

There are definite plans for training Zone Chairs, club officers and Guiding Lions in District A, B and C.

In District C, PCC and DGLT Linda Ziglar will conduct a meeting in Clark Prep School on Grove Hill on May 13 to train club officers, and a special training for Guiding Lions. Moving ahead with the selection of the future leadership for the MD is the responsibility of today’s leaders, so the red carpet of service starts the journey of good will to last another hundred years.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada Chairperson,
Lions Clubs International Foundation
‘A Century of Service’ will be this year’s focus for the ALHSL Forum

The Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum will be held at Troy University June 16-18, 2017, the eight year of the Forum in this current format.

In conjunction with the Centennial Celebration of Lions International, this year’s focus for the Forum will be “A Century of Service.” With 100 years of Lions “serving others,” this will be the area of emphasis to the student delegates as an important aspect of their growth and Leadership development.

Lion Volunteers are a very important part of the Lions High School Leadership Forum. A core group of Lions work throughout the year to plan and prepare for the weekend long event, but without additional support, the Forum would not be possible. A Volunteer can serve in several different roles or areas of responsibility, and differ from Group Leaders who are college students assigned as leaders for the delegates during the weekend.

For complete Forum details view our website: www.alhslf.org. Included is student delegate registration, Butter & Egg Adventures Release, Lion Volunteer Information, opportunities, responsibilities, and registration forms. Please see the “contact” tab to inquire further about this opportunity to serve.

We are counting on the support of your Lions Club by sponsoring one or more high school student delegate this year.

Thank you for your continuing support!

A Billion Dollars in Service

Recently, LCIF marked a milestone, awarding more than US$1 billion in grants since its founding in 1968. Countless individuals and communities have been improved due to Lions and LCIF; including more than 15 million young people who have been exposed to the Lions Quest program.

Lions Quest has taught valuable life lessons to children all over the world. Based on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), Lions Quest is teaching children to understand and manage emotions, achieve goals, show empathy, and create positive relationships. Lions Quest also teaches students how to avoid drugs and alcohol.

Continuing to support LCIF makes milestones like this possible and supports the education of children worldwide. Watch Lions Quest: New Growth, Proven Success to learn more!

ATTENTION 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: lionsofalabama@bellsouth.net, and indicate it is for the newsletter.

We cannot use clippings 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.

Extreme Experience Retreat 2017 scheduled for Sept. 22 through Sept. 27

Extreme Experience Retreat 2017 (E E R) will be held September 22nd (Friday) thru Noon, Wednesday September 27th.

E E R is an intensive learning retreat for adults with low vision and/or blind. It is an all-inclusive package. You can attend all events without spending any more money. However, it will be nice to bring some mad money to better enjoy the different excursions we will be hosting. We offer two packages or just one learning workshops.

• 5 days and 5 nights includes Deep Sea Fishing Trip (only 40 persons get an Early Bird price) plus the E E R workshops. Cost $250 per person.
• E E R Workshops Sunday September 24th 2 pm thru Wednesday, noon September 27th.
  • 4 days and 3 nights only $250 per person.

All classes are taught by someone that is visual impaired. Lions Quest is an intensive learning retreat for adult’s with low vision and/or blind. It is an all-inclusive package. You can attend all events without spending any more money. However, it will be nice to bring some mad money to better enjoy the different excursions we will be hosting. We offer two packages or just one learning workshops.

E-mail me, Wanda or call me to fill out your registration form. This is our 8th annual E E R. It will be held at the Blue Lake Retreat/Camps—blue lake Retreat 8500 Oakwood Lane, Andalusia, Alabama 36420.

This is a lakeside facility with lakeside dining. All classes are taught by someone that is low vision or blind.

All meals are delicious. Wear those comfy shorts and sneakers as things are happening. We call it Blue Lake Time. We do have a rough draft of agenda ready. Just a reminder people and times all will be announced as things are happening. We call it Blue Lake Time Zone. Often times we really get into something and you will want to keep learning and playing.

We are well organized and do have references if needed.

Lions Serving With Perfect Vision,
Lion Wanda Scroggins
& Leader Dog Harley
& Diva Poodle Vojna
(334) 428-3335

Email: wareaglewanda@gmail.com
E E R Coordinator
Covington V I P Lions Club
Vision Rehabilitation Therapist/Consultant/
Christian Counselor
Alabama Lions High School Centennial Star Band - Update April 2017

Your Band Students are being selected RIGHT NOW

If you haven’t sent in your sponsorship funds, please do so as soon as possible

Fellow Lions

By the time you read this, we will be hard at work identifying band members from the Lions Clubs that have sponsored for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. In addition, I have visited all three District conventions in Demopolis, Centre and Oxford. The HEAT IS ON, as you can see below, one district is leading the pack.

On April 1st, we have sent nomination letters to the band directors for every sponsorship received, requesting the names of students along a variety of criteria. In addition, registration and information packets are being sent out the weekend of April 8th for those students already named. Due to privacy rules, these packets are being sent to the sponsored student’s band director, who then must deliver them to the student. The parents will complete the appropriate medical and permission forms and mail those back to OUR band director, Dr. Brad Sargent. As you can imagine this is slowing the process down, but we have no choice.

Please contact your local band director and ask them to expedite this process as much as possible. Get those nominations back to Dr. Sargent, and upon receipt, get those registration packets to the student.

See below for pledged clubs/donations, by district as of this writing.

WE ARE MAKING FINAL reservations and making payments NOW.

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We are in the Home stretch for locating and obtaining students and other funding, including donations for the Alabama Lions Centennial Band. We need your help reaching to those band directors in YOUR community to ask them to please expedite the process. Privacy rules have slowed the selection process down tremendously.

We are in need of a few chaperones as well. If you are interested in being a Chaperone, please email ASAP. You must be able to work long hours and march with the band in a parade that is nearly a mile long.

These are the items to keep in mind

- # of students - We have 75 pledged
- # of adults – driven by the # of students, 1 adult, including music staff, for every 10 students. We will have 4 Band staff, so we will need at least 3-4 more chaperones, and female chaperones are very much in need.

- We have reserved accommodations both for band camp(UAB) and Chicago (Doubletree hotel-Oak Brook).
- We need to plan meals for band camp, so we need a count so we can budget
- We need to order polo shorts (official uniform for the parade for both students and adults), and tee shirts for ALL participants in the appropriate sizes, etc.
- We need time for the mail to go back and forth as noted above.
- Once the above is done, we communicate with the parents; mail forms, gain commitment, get those forms back, etc., etc.
- We MUST DO ALL OF THE FORMS AND APPROVALS BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

I cannot stress enough, we are nearly out of time.

If you have sponsored, please send your funds NOW if possible, we are making payments NOW!!!

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 funds, (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