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Start with lots of good food!



DG Linda Starr and Lion Lanny Starr



ALS Executive Director Barry Elliott



PDG Mary Turner

Add music!



Music by Tony Bowers  
This recipe guarantees a fun time!



Do the hula - well just dance!



Above, from left, Lion Barbara Brown, ID Gary Brown and 2nd VDG Robert Thompson.

Below, Lion Barbara, ID Gary, 2nd VDG Robert, 1st VDG Larry Bagley and 2nd VDG Tim Sosebee.

Dress for the occasion!

Above, from left, 2nd VDG Robert Thompson, ID Gary Brown and PCC Ron Seybold.



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# VISIONS

Barry Elliott



## ALS Executive Director's Report

*"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision" — Helen Keller*

The Lions of Alabama for the past 74 years have displayed a vision of bringing vision care to many Alabamians. The inspiration Lions have received through the years from a blind Helen Keller has given vision to many Lion leaders but also has literally brought physical sight to hundreds of thousands just within our state alone. Our illustrious past is not only a source of pride for us, but to countless thousands, it has been a life changing event!

The Board of Directors of Alabama Lions Sight have issued a vision of even greater service that together we can do so much more in the conservation of sight. The partnership that the Lions sustain with UAB Callahan Eye Hospital allows the Lions to provide the opportunity for the underserved and indigent Alabamians to receive from one of the most advanced and highly ranked eye care hospitals in the nation! The process for Lions Clubs to recommend patients to the hospital have been mailed to each club and sight chair in all three districts. Almost every county in Alabama sends patients to the Lions Clinic in the hospital. This letter should be a help to each club to understand the process.

Alabama Lions Sight has a strong start in its quest to request state funding to screen students in every public school in Alabama. The process isn't quick, as most would understand in Alabama, to get the legislature to act on anyone's request! I can say we have been met with optimism and a plan to move forward in the process. While I have met with several legislators, the quest will require us to keep up the pace and get a quick start on next year's budget. Lions have the state of the art equipment to provide vision screening. The important thing to keep in mind is that we do not want our children to lack for the opportunity to succeed because of vision impairments when it is so easily preventable. What a great investment that can be made in the future of young Alabamians!

The amount of success of our Mobile Eye Clinic is beyond all expectations. This is a major endeavor for the Lions of Alabama! The cost is a heavy one, that is gladly accepted, because the result cannot be measured monetarily. For example, last week the MEC had an occasionally slow day at clinic seeing only five patients. Cost wise for that day equals a red-letter day. However, Dr. Daum saw two of those patients that are suffering from severe glaucoma. Neither one knew why their vision was deteriorating as they have been without vision care in a rural county that without the MEC they would have lost their sight within months! The MEC saved their sight that day! Truthfully, Lions can say that they are saving someone's sight every day and changing lives! Currently, the future possibilities for the MEC are beginning to mount. Our six month grant project with the Department of Public health will end in July. I have already signed an agreement to extend our partnership for another 8 clinics with the possibility of even more to come. Lions roar loud and proud!

Those attending the MD 34 Convention in Orange Beach saw first-hand the MEC in action. What a great sight project to bring the MEC to give complete dilated eye exams to residents of two assisted living facilities and to provide the same for Lions on Saturday at the convention! Lions you are providing great service! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this great service.



### PATIENTS SEEN IN THE LIONS EYE CLINIC

- 4,025 patients seen year-to-date
- 300 were seen in the month of April





# DISTRICT 34-A

DG  
Linda  
Starr



## In and Around the District

### From the Lion's Den of District Governor Linda A. Starr

Just ringing my bell, calling all Lions in District 34-A! Can you Roar rrr like a Lion?

You never know what you can do until you just "do it"! I never thought that I would ever be President of a club, that was not my comfort zone. I was always comfortable being secretary. "I served as President of the Centre Lions club in 2015-16 because I was asked, and I enjoyed every minute of serving in that role. I certainly never planned to be a District Governor. I just didn't think I could do it, but I did! I served as your District Governor because I was asked and I believed I could, so I did. I have had so much fun learning and serving with you awesome Lions, it brings tears to my eyes to know that I have limited days left.

It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit.  
- Anonymous

As my year end as District Governor 34-A, it is with joy that I say "thank you Lions" for a great, enjoyable year serving as DG for such "Awesome Lions" in 34-A. Thanks to all 1,107 awesome Lions in the 46 clubs that make up District 34-A and to those who served on the 2018-19 Cabinet. I have enjoyed working with each of you this past year and I look forward to working with you in a different role in 2019-2020.

This year, Lion Lanny and I experienced many enjoyable times during club visits and events. We were welcomed with warm hearts and open arms as we strolled across the district visiting clubs, ringing the bell for service, membership and leadership as we enjoyed fun and fellowship with Lions. Lions continue to serve your communities to make people's lives better. Can you imagine what your community would be like if it was not for your Lions club? Think about it. No eye screening & exams for our young children to prevent small eye problems from being large major problems, children & families would be hungry, children would not enjoy toys & clothes at Christmas, no clean roadways, no high school scholarships for seniors that need that extra push, and no camp for diabetic children to learn how to take care of themselves.

Thanks to those who have stepped up to serve in leadership

roles for the 2019-2020 year. I strongly recommend that all of us consider taking on leadership roles in our clubs, district and state levels, it is rewarding in more than one way.

It is great to be a Lion in District 34-A and Lions International communities.



### Welcome NEW District Governor 2019-2020 - Lion Larry Bagley

Lion Larry Bagley has served five terms as Guntersville Lions President and served on the board of directors for eight years. He and wife Donna live in Grant, AL. They are active members of the Grant First Baptist Church. Lion Larry is active in other areas of the community and has served on the board of Mountain Lakes Tourism representing the Marshall Co. Commission. He also served on the Lake Guntersville Water-Environment-Tourism board. He served four years on the Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum board. Lion Larry is currently on the board of Alabama Lions Sight at Callahan Eye Center in Birmingham and on the Diabetes Advisory Board at Marshall Medical.

Lion Larry served the Lions as State Technology Chairman, State Convention Chairman, District LCIF chairman, District Centennial Chairman, Global Leadership chairman and Global Service Team Leader. He also serves as a Certified Guiding Lion.

In recognition of his service he has received numerous awards. He is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He has received International President Certificate, Leadership ribbon and District Lion of the Year. He also received the 100-year diamond award.

He retired from banking after working 28 years as bank operations officer and Vice President at SunTrust Banks (now Wells Fargo).



Unclaimed Baggage is thanked for their support in eyeglass donations to Scottsboro Lion Ted Corona presenting the award to Brand Ambassador Brenda Cantrell.

He then concluded his working career outside banking in marketing and sales where he was the Operations Director reporting to the president.

He graduated from Truett McConnell College in Cleveland GA with a degree in computer science and from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain GA with a BS in organizational behavior. He also completed some master work in Industrial Physiology from Tusculum College in Knoxville TN. He is also an honor graduate from the BAI School of Bank Operations at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

### WELCOME NEW LIONS:

Athens Lions welcomes Redus Dwight and Margaret Carol

McNatt, sponsored by Lion Sara Provines. Central Blount County Lions welcomes Beth Freeman. Eva Lions welcomes Bernard A. Kurecki, sponsored by Lion Krel Buckelew. Guntersville Lions welcomes Sharon McClendon Price, sponsored by Lion Brian Bright. Gurley Lions welcomes Jeremy H. Bradley, sponsored by Lion James Michael Bradley. Hokes Bluff Tawannah Lions welcomes Tina Bryant, sponsored by Lion Tina Sewell.

Lions Sara, Krel, Brian, James Michael, and Tina "ASKED", and Redus, Margaret Beth, Bernard, Sharon, Jeremy, and Tina said "YES!"

Welcome new Lions to District 34A! Thank you, Lions who

sponsored these new Lions, and to the clubs for accepting them into your Lion family. Congratulations to all the clubs that have sponsored Lions for your club this year.

**IN SORROW:** Lion Lanny and I would like to say that our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Lions who have lost loved ones this month. Please keep all Lions and their families in your daily prayers.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Please continue to reach out to our Lions who are recovering from illnesses, surgeries, in hospital, or just not feeling well. Give them a call, send a card, or drop in to visit. Spread a little "sunshine" to make someone's day brighter.



PID Lowell Bond presented Lion Dr. Bill Coleman with the International Leadership Award.



President Lion Elna Matthews presented Lion Jim Boatner with a Melvin Jones plaque at the 80th Lions Anniversary Celebration for the outstanding job he has done in serving others.





DG Mark Aldridge

# DISTRICT 34-B



## In and Around the District

Blackjack tables in Vegas, Miss., Alabama in Montgomery, The Ohio State Band at USA/Canada, vision screenings in Jasper, LCIF Tornado Grant for Lee County, Cuban and Improv at District Convention in Birmingham, and planting sea oats at Gulf State Park at State Convention...The year has passed swiftly.

The District had Lion Brenda Elliott attend Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in 2018, and she returned with new ideas and plans for future success. Our number of Cabinet meetings was reduced to three from four. It saved travel budget money and time by combining the 34-B convention with the cabinet meeting as A and C were doing.

I reflect also on the Lions who sadly have passed away. Closing of the Sumiton-Dora-East Walker Club was also a Governor's duty. Placing Priority Club status on Tuscaloosa Area as it dimmed caught our breath, but it was restored by work of great Guiding Lions. Only one Club in the District met IP Gudrun's gender balance goal: very good Sylacauga.

As I close in on the last 30 days of this Lion Year, I am winding up visits to Clubs, installing officers, and communicating International recognitions of service performed

in Alabama. Meeting students boarding the Troy ALHSF bus in Pelham will be one of my last official service calls. There are several places in the District I shall visit again if time permits.

Making the start into 2019-2020 a success has been achieved. Distance training of the incoming Zone Chairs has been accomplished by PDG Don Keesler of Weaver, the Leadership Chair. Distances have also been covered in extending service to the disabled via installation of DRS wheelchair ramps by PCC George Head and 1VDG Bubba Bingham of Prattville.

Going the distance for membership to reach 101 Lions continues. The Oxford Lions have sponsored a successful recruitment event in May. When I go to Auburn late June to install new officers, I hope also to install "Lion 101" and break the tape. Going into this month keep "Just Asking".

Thank you to all the members of District 34-B for making my 2018-2019 term as Governor a time of service and kindness. Thank you to Cabinet members for the many extra miles you went down the road with me this year. Thank you to my fellow members of the Council for your advice and support as we worked toward our yearly goals. And thank you to the Past International Directors of MD-34, including the late Yamandu Acosta, for sharing your wisdom and experience.

### The World-Class App is Here

The new magic of MyLion is a powerful way to extend your reach as a Lion. You can reach out to fellow Club members as well as Lions doing things across the globe. Everything Lions is at your fingertips with a free smartphone app.

It's easy to do. Start the access by getting your Lions membership number from the Club Secretary. Then go to the App Store to download it and create your password.



Auburn Lion Pete Miller receives 2019 New Voices award by IP Yngvaddottir from DG Mark Aldridge. Added to the roles in August 2018, Lion Pete took up the financial workings of tornado relief following the Lee County tornadoes.



A new Diabetes Walk raised over \$1200.00 at Choccolocco Park in Oxford. First ever event for Camp Seale Harris was conducted by PDG Don and Mrs. Keesler, VP Gary Edwards and daughter, Zone Chair Shelia Jones, Lion Sue Henderson, and Lions Robert and Genevieve Wert.

## G A T On With It

The Lion Year 2018-2019 is rushing to a close. It was a remarkable State Convention at Orange Beach celebrating success and honoring our past. Clubs have gone back to work completing their service goals and electing their new officers as we move into June.

Leadership, Membership, and Service constitute the Global Action Team. The District Governor appoints Lions to fill these Cabinet posts. At the Club level, Leadership is charged with matching the members' interests and finding ways to empower them to action in local communities. Where can we find ways to make life better for people living in our area? Leadership develops talent and provides training/mentoring to build a more effective Club.

The Club Membership chair is charged with recruiting new Lions and retaining the interest of current members. For 101 years we have sought the timely answer to "Why do I want to become a Lion?" We continue to be the hands-on, financially transparent, world-wide organization which offers help to others, builds friendships,

and fosters personal growth.

The newest Club position is Service Chair. Lions are known for stepping up to answer community and global needs. "We Serve" is our answer and our motto. We now have The Five Global areas of service emphasis. Local Clubs are free to

find and serve additional needs where members live and work. Facilitating those opportunities is the charge of the Service Chair.

You may have been blessed to have been someone's world in the past. Lions go out and be the world to someone else today!



Hueytown Lions Phil Vines, Alan Brown, and Doug Douglass received their 20-year service certificates and chevrons from District Governor Mark Aldridge.



# DISTRICT 34-C

DG  
Andy  
Marshall



## In and Around the District

Well the end is near and it's time for some reflection. The year as your District Governor has been anything but boring. I thank each of the approximate 1100 members for the privilege of serving you and your clubs this 2018-2019 program year. Before the year started as all the other 750 district governors around the world did, I established what I considered a set of very conservative goals in the areas of membership, leadership, service and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Now as I review these goals for one last time I am embarrassed to share how short I fell from attaining these conservative goals. But they served as good targets, we worked hard and although we fell short, I am pleased with what we have accomplished this program year. The year started in Las Vegas, NV at the International Convention, where we met the new International President Gudrun Yngvadottir, the first female president. What better way to start the new century than with New Voices looking Beyond the Horizon?

We soon were faced with the first District Cabinet meeting. Oh no, what is there to be done? A little first of the year business, some officer training, some awards from last year and where are all the pins, badges and patches everyone is expecting to receive. Evergreen provided a central meeting location and with the help of my wife, Lion Glenda, we had a successful Cabinet meeting.

Then came in August the Alabama Lions Leadership Conference in Montgomery, hosted by the district. Over 100 attendees, great speakers, an outstanding program provided by PID Lowell Bonds, excellence venue and what about the food. Get ready, it will be August again soon.

Club visits were started with a goal to complete the district governor visits by December 2018. Did I mention missed goals? I am planning a club visit tonight, as I write this article.

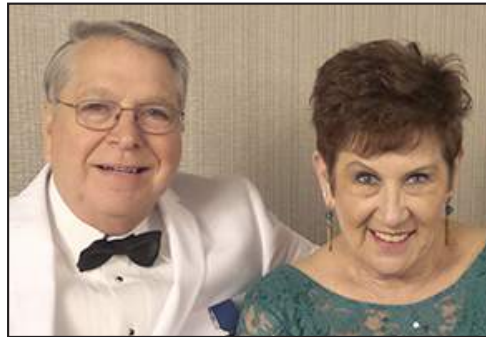
The first Council meeting was an exciting daylong event with over 4000 committee positions to be filled with only 3000 Alabama Lions. Two called Council meeting later the committees were finally in place.

All the while service and fund raising projects are being planned, conducted and celebrated - tunnel runs, dining in the dark, county fairs, vision screens, golf tournaments, day diabetes camps, week end diabetes camps, all week camps, turkey hunts for vision, flag displays, radio days, vision mission trips, food pantries filled, yard sales, eyes exams and glasses provided, pan cakes for all, video game tournaments, state centennial displays unloaded, assembled, disassembled and reloaded, pork barbeque all around, rubber duck races, yard sales and yes, even a pigeon race. To date over 10,000 hours of service to the citizens of south Alabama from this district.

Then came all the awards to hand out - 21 Club Excellence Awards, 101 Service Tabs recognizing over 2700 years of service as Lions and several centennial celebration awards for all clubs.

Before we knew it, the second Cabinet meeting was upon us and the second Council meeting, both of which saw important information passed along and multiple district business conducted.

The clubs I visited endured the one joke I told at every meeting and the same challenge in regards to membership growth. By now everyone in the district were sure that I cared nothing about service and was only focusing on membership retention and growth. Who is tired about hearing the Seal Beach, CA story and how to conduct a membership growth event. At this moment, congratulations are in order to the district. We are currently plus 30 in membership for the year and our drops are down about 40 from last year. Some clubs have taken my membership message to heart. One club has almost doubled its mem-



DG Andy and Lion Glenda

bership this year from 14 at the start to a current membership of 27 for an increase of 13. Another club has attracted 17 new members and even another 16 new members.

And speaking of new members, we have a new club that received final application approval May 13, 2019 in Troy, AL with 26 new members with directions from the new club president of each current member to recruit two members before June 30, 2019. I really like the new Troy Lions Club President.

The District has supported our Lions Clubs International Foundation well this year. We have added 10 Melvin Jones Fellows, year to date with a total of over \$35,000.00 donated.

For those who missed our District Convention in Atmore - it was the best. According to my count there were 101 in attendance, we all enjoyed our International Director Tom Gordon for Canada, and the magician without a rabbit was fun. If the other districts need a host club -you can't have Atmore.

A special thanks to PCC Dora and her committee for planning and conducting this year's State Convention. A huge time was had by all!

District 34 C is blessed to have the greatest suite of twenty-two Past District Governors - soon to be twenty-three. Thanks to each of you for continuing to love and support this district.

I would like to thank District 34 C Cabinet and the District Governor's team this year for their support, namely, Glen Elmore, LCIF Coordinator; Zone Chairpersons Pete Crews, Charlie Wigglesworth, Iris Ethridge, Mary Turner, Tim Edwards, Jody Rawls, Ron Tucker, Larry Bryant and Alexandra Conniff; IPDG Claudia Wigglesworth, Global Membership Coordinator; PDG Daryl McDaniel, Global Leadership Coordinator; PCC Linda Ziglar, Global Service Coordinator; Roger Mixson, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer; and DGE Yvonne Burroughs, First Vice District Governor for their outstanding support this year. Without all my e-mails with action items you will not have to empty your mail box nearly as often next year.

Your new District Governors Team is in place and ready to serve come July 1, 2019, DGE Yvonne Burroughs as District Governor, Pete Crews as First Vice District Governor and Charlie Wigglesworth as Second Vice District Governor. They are well trained and will do a great job serving and leading the district next program year.

I would like to say a special thanks to several Alabama Lions for their assistance and tolerance over the past two and one half years - Doris Hansard, CC Mark Stevens, PCC Dora Hartsock, PCC George Head, PID Jerome Thompson, PID Lowell Bonds, PIP Frank Moore, PCC Ron Seybold,



DG Andy and DGE Yvonne



DG Andy and PDG Bobby Zeigler. PDG Bobby served as the Tail Twister for the Convention and was given a special gift from DG Andy.

and PDG Ron Mitchell. And finally to my fellow District Governors this year DG Mark Aldridge and DG Linda Starr, thanks for your spirit of teamwork year.

If you have not contributed to LCIF this program year, do it now. If you have not accepted the "10 for 10" Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum Challenge, there is still time. If you have not had a membership growth event, do it now. If you have not met all the requirements for the Club Excellence Award, let's get it done. If you have not taken a hard look at your community needs, let's do it now to assure we are having the greatest positive impact on our community. If you have not supported Alabama Lions Sight remember we are "Knights of the Blind".

Thanks again for allowing me to serve. I look forward at wearing the Past District Governor patch next year and helping District 34 C continue to grow in service and membership.

Andy Marshall





# Strength continues to serve Lions for last 102 years

Well the year is done at the end of the month. This year has gone by fast in some respects and slow in others. Across the state a lot has happened this year. There have been grants approved for building projects. Grants for tornadoes. We have had membership drops and gains. We are helping Lions Clubs International with a pilot program for membership. These are a few of

the many things that have happened this year.

I feel that with the challenges and opportunities that we have had this year, it has been a good one. We have faced challenges and gotten through them. This is the kind of strength that has served Lions so well for the last 102 years. This is why we are the largest organization like this in the world. We always

seem to be able to make the best of any situation that comes our way. We need to maintain that strength and perseverance. Lions have the wisdom to do this consistently. We also need to grow our organization. Without growth the Lions will not survive.

I know that we have gone through several years of decline in membership. I believe that it is part of a normal cycle. At this time though, the membership is starting to go up again. Very slowly and it is a work in progress. But, it does seem to be starting up again. This is a good thing. Everyone that has helped with this over the last couple of years should be proud of yourselves for the work you have done.

I believe that the corner has been turned and that growth will start getting better. It is going to take work on all of our parts but it can and will be done. There is so

much need in our communities that we need the new members to help meet the service needs. Our focus must be on the younger people for membership. They are the ones that are going to be the future of Lions. We need to get them interested in what we are doing so they will be more interested in working with us.

We the Lions of Alabama have the ability to lead the way in the area of membership. It will take everyone working on it together, but, we can do it. I believe that if we all work toward the goal of increasing membership; we can have a rapid growth and be able to help so many more of our neighbors. That is what we all joined Lions for, to serve our communities. This is something that has always been at the front of what we do. All the clubs excel at this. We, as Lions need to learn to tell our story. That way more people in the communities will know about us and

what we do. This is essential and important to maintaining the clubs and growing membership.

I will close my year as Council Chairperson with these thoughts. I am very proud to have been selected to serve as your Council Chair this last year. It has been a great honor for me. As I said before, I believe we had a great year. I also believe that we have many, many more great years ahead of us. We as Lions just have to work toward the same goals and we can accomplish anything.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity that was provided for me. I leave you with this last thought. I am not sure who said it, but it fits.

WE CHANGE THE WORLD,  
ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

**Thank you.**  
**Mark Stevens**  
Council Chair MD 34

## Lions and LCIF

Campaign 100 - Empowering Service . . . . "The most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, Campaign 100 will span three years and seek to raise \$ 300 million".

We the Alabama Lions are now about to close out 'year one' of Campaign 100, which means we have just one month left in this Lions year to achieve our goals . . . to raise \$110,000 to add to last year's total of \$90,000 to bring the 'year one' combined total for Alabama Lion's Campaign 100 contributions to \$200,000 (a goal of just \$20,000 more than last year). Working together, where we stand: MD-34 contributions thru April, the last available numbers as this is written, with May and June contributions to be reported: \$ 63,000 received, plus \$ 90,000 from last year for a 'year one' total of \$ 153,000, short of our goal by \$ 47,000 thru April.

Club or Lion's personal contributions from just 58 or our 129 total clubs comprise this total, which means the membership of 71 of our Lions Clubs have yet to contribute this Lions year.

Our fundraiser ticket sales concluded with the drawing of the one winning ticket during our banquet on Saturday night at State Convention. And the winner is . . . PCC Julia Pacheco of the Greater Dothan Lions Club - Congratulations Lion Julia, and Thank You All for your support of this fundraiser effort. Once again, the Prattville Lions Club paid for the printing of the tickets, and after all expenses, I have sent \$5,200+ to LCIF for Campaign 100 from the Alabama Lions!

T-shirts continue to be available in limited sizes and quantities for purchase at \$10 each - with these profits also going to Campaign 100. Please contact us to purchase.

**Thank You for your continued Support!**

**PCC George Head,**  
**LCIF Coordinator, MD-34**  
**PCC Jerry Bonner,**  
**LCIF Coordinator, 34-A**  
**PDG Pedro Pino,**  
**LCIF Coordinator, 34-B**  
**PCC Glen Elmore,**  
**LCIF Coordinator, 34-C**



We can't change the past. We can only remember it, honor it, learn from it, and grow from it. We can't control the future. All we really have is today. All we really have is NOW!

The 10th Anniversary Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum will be held June 21-23, 2019 on the campus of Troy University.

## Pay me now or pay me online

Thank you District GMT's for your hard work on improving membership and adding two new clubs this year.

- GMT-A Lion Robert "Bob" Manney
- GMT-B Lion Phil Jones
- GMT-C PDG Claudia Wigglesworth

I am proud to announce two new Lions Clubs.

**Central Blount County Lions Club** - District 34A has organized a new club lead by PCC Ron Seybold club organizer. Many Lions have been assisting Lion Ron by canvassing for new members; DG Linda Starr, GMT Lion Bob Manney, 1VDG Larry Bagley, and Lion Timothy Sosebee. Their efforts have produced a new club. February 21, 2019, is the charter date of the new Central Blount County Lions Club. Charter Night TBA.

**Troy Lions Club** - DG Andy

We have passed the deadline, but it is not yet too late to sponsor student delegates, or for Lion Volunteers to sign on, or for Clubs to financially support the Forum. But do it NOW.

Please consider joining us - Hope to see you there.

On behalf of the ALHSLF Board, Thank You for all you do as

'We Serve' in this effort to make a positive influence on the lives of these future leaders of Alabama. The success of the Forum depends on the continued support of all Alabama Lions. For full details and to register, view our website: [www.alhslf.org](http://www.alhslf.org).

**PCC George Head,**  
**Forum Chair**

Marshall and club organizer reports that his team has chartered the new Troy Lion Club as of April 12, 2019, with 26 members.

Both clubs have 90 days from their charter date to sign up charter members. Charter night TBA.

DG Andy Marshall and PDG Claudia Wigglesworth putting together a very successful new club team. I am looking forward to attending their charter night celebration when announced.

### GROWING CLUBS

Congratulations to the clubs below with a plus membership of five or more new members as of this writing. These numbers could change by EOY June 30, 2019.

- Gulf Shores +15
- Elba +13
- Birmingham +6
- Leeds +5
- Montgomery Dixie +5
- Scottsboro +5

MyLCI was reviewed at the Alabama Lions State Convention in Orange Beach which was a catalyst to get me to take a new look at MyLCI. My cell phone app now works. One login for everything. My one login gets me to MyLCI/MyLion, LCIF, SHOP, and Insights.

### Pay me now or Pay Me Online

How is a cashless society going to pay their Lions Club membership dues? Mobile and Saraland Lions Clubs announced this month that their members can pay Lions Club dues by PayPal or credit card. Please visit the Saraland Lions Club website at [www.saralandlionsclub.org](http://www.saralandlionsclub.org). Saraland's members can pay online. Credit Card payment is available on the website Membership page or on your smartphone.

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# AWARDS PRESENTED



**PDG Pedro Pino, Sr. and PCC Dora Hartsock**

Henry and Lucille Sweet Award - presented to PDG Pedro Pino, Sr. In recognition of providing distinguished and useful service to the District Governors for the Lions Year 2018 - 2019.



LCIF Campaign 100 Model Club Status in MD-34 went to the Daleville Lions Club. This special recognition is achieved by making contributions which total an average of \$750 per member over the three year period of Campaign 100. Accepting the award is from left, Lion Charlie Wigglesworth, PDG Claudia Wigglesworth. PDG George Head presented the award.



**PID Lowell Bonds, ID Gary Brown, PCC Dora Hartsock, PID Jerome Thompson and CC Mark Stevens**

International President's Award - presented to PCC Dora Hartsock for outstanding service to Lions Club International.



International President's Certification of Appreciation awards were given to PCC Ron Seybold, above, left and to Lion Doris Hansard, above, right.



**International Director Gary Brown and Dr. Bill Goetter**

Aubrey D. Green Humanitarian Award - presented to Dr. Bill Goetter. Dr. Goetter of Fairhope is the Board President and Founder of the Alabama Free Clinic and he has given many years of serving the medically disadvantaged in Alabama.





At a luncheon on Saturday, May 4th seven Melvin Jones Fellow Awards were presented  
(all awards presented by International Director Gary Brown)



Foley Lions Club - Lions Cecil "Rich" Blackwell



Foley Lions Club - Jerry Renkenberger



Foley Lions Club - Tammy Kinney



Orange Beach Lions Club - Lion Constantine Tampary



Headland Lions Club - DG Andy Marshall (shown with DG Andy is Lion Glenda)



ALS Executive Director, PDG Barry Elliott, Adamsville/Forestdale Lions Club  
(shown with PDG Barry is Lion Brenda)



Eight Mile Lions Club - Lion Ruth Rhodes