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'THANKSGIVING'

A Time for Giving Thanks

The American holiday of Thanksgiving traces its roots all the way back to 1621, when colonists held a harvest feast with local natives. In 1861, Abraham Lincoln declared an official Thanksgiving Day in late November. In the 1930s, President Franklin Roosevelt attempted to move the holiday a few days earlier, but after widespread discontent, eventually consented to make it an official holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of each November.

Over the years, specific traditions and customs associated with the holiday have evolved, from watching afternoon football games to marking the beginning of the holiday shopping season. The basic components of the holiday -- celebrating food and the fall harvest and giving thanks with family -- have remained over time.

Thanksgiving seems like a holiday that's as American as apple pie, or pumpkin pie for that matter. But actually, there are variants of this day all around the world. Their meanings, dates and customs may vary, but they all revolve around the concept of gratitude.

CHINA

The Mid-Autumn Festival is China's Thanksgiving celebration. It occurs in the eighth month of the lunar calendar, on the fifteenth day, which usually falls in late September or early October. During this time, they celebrate the full moon that is closely connected with the fall harvest. The Chinese eat mooncakes with an egg yolk in the middle as part of their celebration.

JAPAN

Labor Thanksgiving Day, or Kinro Kansha no Hi, takes place in Japan on Nov. 23. This is a day to celebrate the community as well as

the production happening throughout the country. The Japanese thank one another for their labor on this day. Shrimp chips and seaweed salad are some traditional dishes the Japanese eat on this holiday.

CANADA

Canadians started celebrating Thanksgiving in 1578, but it didn't become a national holiday until 1879. Like Americans, they hold this celebration to give thanks for the harvest. In Canada, Thanksgiving, also known as l'Action de Grace, takes place on the second Monday in October. Turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, and stuffing are typical dishes on a Thanksgiving table in Canada.



LIBERIA

Liberia's Thanksgiving celebration takes place on the first Thursday of this month. The tradition was started in the 19th century by freed slaves. Fruits grown in Liberia including bananas, pineapples, mangoes, and papayas are abundant on dinner tables in Liberia on this day.

PUERTO RICO

On the fourth Thursday in November, people in Puerto Rico celebrate Thanksgiving in much the same way as the rest of Americans. But a Thanksgiving table in Puerto Rico is likely to include roast pork, rice and beans, slow-roasted pavocon, and blood sausage. Instead of pumpkin pie, Puerto Ricans enjoy tembleque, a cinnamon coconut custard, for dessert. I like this idea. I'm putting tembleque on my menu this Thanksgiving!

GRENADA

Thanksgiving Day in Grenada is on Oct. 25. This island has survived many years of political unrest. The United States stepped

in to help the people of this island fight against the spread of communism. As a result, many people in Grenada hold a traditional American Thanksgiving celebration.

NORFOLK ISLAND

On Norfolk Island, an Australian territory in the Pacific Ocean, Thanksgiving takes place on the last Wednesday in November. The tradition began in the 19th century with an American trader named Issac Robinson. He decorated All Saints Church using palm leaves and lemons in an effort to bring other whalers into the area to join the celebration. Today, people on Norfolk Island still decorate the church and its altar with cornstalks and flowers. Also, they bring fruit and vegetables to share with their neighbors.

GERMANY

Thanksgiving is a religious ceremony in Germany. It's known as Erntedankfest and happens on the first Sunday in October. Germans celebrate the harvest and their good fortune throughout the year, and instead of turkey, the celebrations include cooked chicken, hens and geese.

I hope you found it inspiring to hear about the different Thanksgiving traditions from around the world!

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ALS Executive Director's Report

KEY FACTS

Globally, at least 2.2 billion people have a vision impairment or blindness, of whom at least 1 billion have a vision impairment that could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed.

This 1 billion people includes those with moderate or severe distance vision impairment or blindness due to unaddressed refractive error, as well as near vision impairment caused by unaddressed presbyopia.

Globally, the leading causes of vision impairment are uncorrected refractive errors and cataracts.

The majority of people with vision impairment are over the age of 50 years.

— World Health Organization

Alabama Lions Sight (ALS) has been engaged in the fight of prevention of blindness for 75 years. The Lions of Alabama are heavily invested in the conservation of sight. In Alabama, as well as America, 80% of visual impairment is preventable or curable. Early detection is the key in this fight against blindness. This is why ALS is involved in conducting vision screenings everywhere we have the opportunity. The earlier we can screen the eyes of children the better chance we have in detecting any medical condition that

has 8 out of 10 chances of being cured or at least preserve their sight. Lions have the heart and passion to do what it takes.

Essential in this fight is the collection of data. ALS wants the data collected by every Lions Club that conducts a vision screening. The collection of data is vital in the scientific study to understand what and how treatment is to be administered. Data forms policy and policy moves funding from Federal and State Government. The programs that exist depend on both government, corporate, and community funding. ALS takes the data from each club: number screened, number referred, ages of those screened, where or what group was screened and reports that data to the program at LCI called Lions KidSight USA. This collection of data by Lions International will help the overall data collection that will in turn make policy, treatment, and funding possible. Please call or email your data to paula@alsca.org or 205-325-8519.

ALS is the charitable arm of the Lions Clubs of Alabama as their non-profit. Therefore it is dependent on the Lions' volunteer service and generous donations. Without club donations this work would not be possible. The thousands of patients that come through

the Lions Clinic every year and those who qualify for indigent care have their copays paid by ALS. Thousands who receive vision screenings in schools, community and health fairs would not have early detection of vision problems. In three years of operation the Mobile Eye Clinic (MEC) is nearing 5000 patients and eye exams. This program is saving the sight of people seen every day. Lions please understand the value your investment is having in preserving the sight. The person examined today could have been your parent, uncle, aunt, relative, friend, or neighbor. In our clinic last week a young gentleman (in his 30's) was seen, thought he was developing cataracts and just need surgery, had a pressure over 36. He would have likely been blind in six months or less. The Lions made a real difference to this gentleman that day.

Donations this time of the year generally are a little slow in coming. We are usually close at this time of the year. However, if your club is able to make your donation any time soon ALS would greatly appreciate it.

It is always a joy and privilege to visit Lions Clubs as you will see pictures from the Oakman, Clanton Day, and Holly Pond Lions Clubs recently.



Oakman Lions Club



Clanton Lions Club

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DISTRICT 34-A

DG
Larry
Bagley



In and Around the District

We are well into our second quarter and what a delight it has been to serve you. I would like to thank Huntsville Pacesetters, Huntsville Von Braun and the Killen Lions Clubs for allowing the District Governor team to be a part of your club meetings. What a joy it is to meet each of you and hear about the wonderful things you are doing in your community to SERVE others. Thank you for your service.

I would like to recognize the Hayden Lions Club for adding eight new members in the past 11 months and the Guntersville Lions for adding seven new members in the same time frame. The Hayden club is also working on an Alpha Leo Club that should be up and running soon. The Guntersville Lions are looking to start a Hispanic Branch Club in Marshall County. I would also like to thank the Moulton club for their addition of two new members. The Moulton club also received a \$5,000 grant to improve the Pavilion at the Lions Club Fairgrounds. A big thank you goes to the Alabama Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RV and D Council for making this grant possible.

In the spotlight this month is the Fort Payne Lions. CC Linda Starr visited this club in September to present a 50 year membership certificate to Glen Odom. What a great honor and privilege to serve the community as a LION for 50 years and I want to personally thank Glen for his dedication and service to Lionism. During her visit, CC Linda also had the honor of inducting four new members. Fort Payne is also hard at work to start a Branch Club in the town of Section.

Don't forget about our North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). Many clubs are reporting their new member updates to me and I am excited to hear all the news. Membership is everyone's responsibility. More members. More Service.

I also visited the Huntsville Von Braun Lions on Saturday morning for breakfast at 5 Tranquility Base, next to the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center. This is a great club with lots of energy and enthusiasm and I had the honor to induct two new members during my visit. I was amazed as I listened to the multiple projects this club is working on. To mention a few, on Saturday August

3rd the club participated in the Back to School parade in North Huntsville. The Lions rode in the parade and showed their support for the schools. The club has vision screened 76 children. Eight of the students were referred for further testing. In the same time frame, the club also hosted a Lions Club Flea Market. Another great service they provide on a monthly basis is that on every third Tuesday of the month, the club provides a great meal and prayer for the homeless at the shelter, First Stop. In November, the club will provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal and will hand out socks for the upcoming cold weather for the folks at the shelter. Generally about 75 are served at each meal event. As part of the club's association with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the club is able to donate shoes to the 'Soles and Souls' project. The shoes are distributed to the needy by the sorority. The sorority recently donated 65 pair of glasses to the club. Von Braun Lions are in the process of starting a Leo Club at Jemison High School and Alpha Leo Club at McNair Junior High school. The Alpha members will move to the high school Leo's and after Leo's to the Von Braun Lions. This is the progress that we are looking for in all clubs. Great job Von Braun Lions!!

1st Vice District Governor Tim Sosobee has begun work on organizing the next leadership Conference. It will be August 8, 2020 at Wallace State. If you have not attended one of the conferences in the past, please mark your calendar for this one. It is shaping up to be one of the best ever. More details will be shared as they are confirmed.

The District Governor Team and many other Lions from 34A are working hard in the Crossville Alabama area in order to start a new club. We have a lot of promise and hope to have the club up and running very soon.

I would like to thank Ron Seybold and Jerome Thompson for hosting the "How To Start a New Club 101" on Monday September 30. If you missed the presentation, please take a few minutes and review the recorded version on www.lionsclubs.org. You will not be disappointed.

If you have not visited our website, AlabamaLions34A.com, please do so. You will find tons

of information concerning NAMI, and a link that will guide you step-by-step to enter your service projects on LCI. There is another link to use for submitting your upcoming events to the District Calendar. Both are very easy to use.

The Guntersville Lions club will be reaching out to practice "Service Thru Technology" in November. They will have a Face book live club meeting that anyone can join and ask questions. The live meeting will focus on activities that the club is involved in around the community. I think you will find this very interesting and entertaining. The results from this 'Face book Live' meeting will be posted in the December newsletter.

If you have suggestions for other Technology service ideas, please let me know. Hopeto see you in the near future. Just a reminder our District Convention will be March 6-7, 2020 in Scottsboro, AL. Please make plans to attend. At this time of the year we need to stop and give thanks for all that we have been given. Thanksgiving and Christmas are always a time of the year to celebrate with our family and friends. Please don't forget to share with those in our community that are less fortunate. Believe me you will find many in your community that needs your help.



CC Linda Starr presenting Lion Glenn Odom, Fort Payne Lions Club, with 50 year service award.



Huntsville Von Braun Lions Club breakfast meeting



DG Floyd
"Bubba"
Bingham

DISTRICT 34-B



In and Around the District

Greetings to the Lions of District 34B and all the Lions of Alabama. Welcome to the Thanksgiving edition of the newsletter. We have a lot to be thankful for in this great country. And should be especially thankful to be a LION! During my visits to clubs in the past month, I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and service the Lions have shown to their citizens and communities. It's during the coming seasons that we look back over the past year and reflect on the achievements of ourselves and our clubs. Yes, we truly have a lot to be thankful for. Space in this article will not allow me to list all that you've done, but here are just a few services you've provided to those in need. The dedicated Lions of District 34B have participated in several vision screening events which have afforded those with impaired vision the opportunity to have their vision corrected. These simple tests have afforded those with diseases of the eyes to have those diseases treated or healed. What a blessing to be able to see clearly! Our devoted Lions have collected nonperishable food items and provided hundreds of pounds of food to local food banks so that those who are unable to provide for themselves can enjoy a nourishing meal. The loyal Lions of our district have collected toys, coloring books, crayons and many other items and donated them to the University of Alabama Children's Hospital, Pediatric unit for distribution to the pediatric cancer patients so that those children can have a little time to play or color and not have to sit and dwell on the disease that has attacked their little bodies. Our committed Lions have volunteered to help at Boy Scout Troop meetings and teach our younger generation how to respect their fellow man and how to volunteer their time helping others. You've picked up trash along our roadways to make our state more pleasing to our visitors. The selfless Lions who volunteer time at the Moody Eyeglass Recycling Center have collected, cleaned, documented and packaged thousands of pairs of prescription eyeglasses, readers, and sunglasses to send to missions in South America. A few of us have volunteered our time and efforts to building wheelchair ramps for the shut in so that they have easy and safe access to and from their homes. Several have volunteered at diabetes camps. Yes, it's been a very busy month for all of us but we're all the better for it and so are those we have so faithfully served. As Lions of District 34B we must be thankful that we are able to SERVE year-round, but especially this time of the year. Before I move to other topics, let me leave each of you with this simple workout. There is no better exercise for the heart than to reach down and help someone up!



PCC Ron Seybold, PCC George Head, Bynum Duren (Dept. of Rehabilitative Services) and DG Bubba putting the finishing touches on a wheel chair ramp in West Birmingham.

During the month of October, the GMT-D team has been on the campuses of Jacksonville State University and the University of Montevallo recruiting prospective Campus Club members. There were over 130 interested students signed up at Jacksonville and over 100 at Montevallo! A great success thanks to the preparations and work of PID Jerome Thompson, PDG Paul Baker (The Campus Guy), GMT-D George Head, IVDG Robert Thompson and Lion James Askew. Also, Lions from Anniston, Weaver and Jemison clubs volunteered as Sponsor Clubs and Guiding Lions to mentor these fledgling clubs and to show them support for their future. These Lions are deserving of a word of "Thanks" for all they've done!

Also, the work on the new Millbrook/Coosada club is progressing well. Our "man on the ground there, Mr. Art Faulkner has already acquired a club meeting place and has a list of many prospective members. GMT-D Head and others will be visiting that city soon to establish that club.

There's more; several clubs have presented Melvin Jones Awards to deserving members. What an honor for me to be able to attend those meetings and to be a part of such a memorable event. Those clubs who have funds sitting idle might want to consider bestowing Melvin Jones Awards to your members who qualify. Along that same line, each club should have a LCIF Chairperson appointed. Members can contribute to LCIF, a tax-exempt organization at any time. If done before the end of the year those contributions can be tax deductible this reporting period! Time is running out for 2019!

I'm entering my 5th month of as your District "Servant". Our membership numbers are positive, but we have a long way to go. I've asked each club member to "Just Ask" for one new member this club year. I still believe that goal is reachable with a little effort on all our parts. The DG team is hard at work each week visiting clubs, promoting membership, LCIF, Alabama Highschool Leadership fund raising, club training, service projects, new club growth, etc., There's so much to do but what did Helen Keller say? "Alone we can do so little but together we can do so much!" Let's "Team up" and tackle our issues head on!

There are a few events in the near future I need to mention. Our next Cabinet Meeting will be November 9th. It is being hosted by the Moody Lions club and it will be held at the Moody City Hall. It will be an interesting event and we should all remember our Veterans since it is being held on the Veterans Day weekend. The Council of Governors meeting is the following Saturday, November 16th. And finally, it's not too early to mention the upcoming District B Convention. It's scheduled for March 20, 2020. I plan to ask Mr. Mel Johnson with the Autauga Baptist Association to give us a tour of the Baptist Disaster Relief kitchens. The District Convention will be held in Prattville. Please plan to attend as our 3rd Cabinet meeting will be held in conjunction with the convention.

I wish for each of you a very Blessed Thanksgiving. Again, we've all been blessed above measure. And for those who have suffered sickness or lost loved ones over the past month, I hope each of you find peace and comfort.

**Your Servant
DG Bubba Bingham**



DG Bubba presenting Lion John Latimer (Southeast Diabetes Education Association) with a donation from the Prattville Lions Club.



PDG Paul Baker "The Campus Club Guy" signing up Montevallo students.



PCC George Head (sitting) and PDG Paul Baker with JSU prospective Campus club signees viewing a short Lions video.



DISTRICT 34-C

DG
Yvonne
Burroughs



In and Around the District

Hello Lions of District 34-C.

The year seems to be flying by. We are already in November and November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Did you know that in Continental Area 1 (which USA is a part of) there are 31.2 million adults with diabetes, 92,110 children with type 1 diabetes. In the USA, the number of the adults with diabetes is 30.2 million. Globally, over 1.1 million children are living with type 1 diabetes. In 2017, 4 million deaths were caused by diabetes worldwide. These are staggering statistics and it makes us realize that there is a lot of work to be done to help make people aware of the dangers of diabetes. Also it spotlights the need to screen people who are unaware that they have diabetes. For this month, consider partnering with health care professionals to put on a screening, donate a diabetes magazine subscription or diabetes-related books to your local library, organize a weekly walking club at your workplace, invite a role model with diabetes to a local school to talk about healthy lifestyle choice or organize a Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness event. World Diabetes Day is on November 14 and we are encouraged by International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi to plan a diabetes project and share on social media with #lionsfightdiabetes and report your service on MyLion.

The clubs in our district have been busy. In September, Montgomery Lions Club sponsored a vision screening for adults. Greater Brewton Lions donated funds to a local restaurant featured in the news that doesn't charge but takes donations for the meals they provide. The owner of this restaurant subsidizes the shortfall with his retirement check. The Lions Club of Mobile participated in Alabama Coastal Cleanup. Eight Mile Lions volunteered at Feeding The Gulf Coast Food Bank. The Atmore Lions participated in The Taste of The South and won 1st place for the Best Amateur Taste for the 4th year in a row. Covington VIP Lions had their Extreme Experience Retreat; it consists of retreat activities, designed for blind and visually impaired adults. The York Lions sponsored a vision screening at a Junior high school in their area.

Andalusia Lions sponsored Quail Hunting for the visually impaired. Thomasville Lions cleaned up the mile they adopted. Mobile University Lions, Ashford Lions and Fairhope Lions recycled glasses.

In October, the Greater Dothan Lions Club prepared grocery bags for the elderly. The Foley Lions Club partnered with the Foley Kiwanis Club to sponsor the Annual Le Tour De Foley, charity bicycle ride that raises money that benefits various needs in the community. The Fairhope and Daphne Lions Club's 13th Annual Golf Tournament held on October 6th was a huge success. The event raised \$14,000 from player participation, hole sponsorships, a silent auction, putting contest, and general donations. There were 64 players that took part in the tournament, a level not seen in 5 years. Lunch and beverages were donated by Publix, O'Charley's Restaurant, and

Robertsdale Coca-Cola.

A Free 2019 Chevrolet Equinox was offered by Terry Thompson Chevrolet in Daphne for a Par 3 hole-in-one. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help support the Alabama Free Clinic, Prodi-see Pantry (feeding the hungry), Camp Rap-A-Hope (childhood cancer), Camp Seale Harris (childhood diabetes), Leader Dogs for the Blind, Ecumenical Ministries, and a host of other outreach organizations and activities in Baldwin County.

After visiting the Greater Dothan Lions, we stopped by a ramp building project that the Headland Lions were finishing up. 1st Vice District Governor Pete Crews, a Headland Lion, had this to say, "The Alabama Dept of Rehabilitative Services was very easy to work with. They had the lumber delivered directly to the location in sufficient quantities. There were no out of pocket expenses for us. They sent us a drawing of the project and how it was supposed to look. Call Pete Crews @ 850-210-2908 if you have any questions or need additional information."

The York Lions Club celebrated their 80th Anniversary on September 24, 2019. The club was chartered on August 1, 1939. PID Lowell Bonds was the guest speaker for the celebration and we



York Lions Club with PID Lowell Bonds

learned many interesting things about the club's history and one of its famous members, PIP Aubrey Green, the second International President from the State of Alabama (1963-63). The York Lions Club is a very integral part of the community and the mayor of York spoke of their importance, presently and in the past.

I also had the pleasure of visiting the Clayton Lions Club. They welcomed my sister and me to President Johnny and Secretary Stephanie Canfield's home. They are a small club, but they are active in their community. I met with the Covington VIP Lions via conference call. They were busy planning their Extreme Experience Retreat that was scheduled for later in September. I visited the Greater Dothan Lions Club and was introduced to one of their newest member, Katie Sorrell Morris. She is an example of the younger members we want to bring into our membership. The Ashford Lions Club Visit was informative and enjoyable. They meet at a Senior Citizen Center that the club built. The club has added three new members. The Ashford Lions were planning for their next fundraiser, selling stew.

Please continue to record your service activities in MyLion and complete your Monthly Memberships Report (MMR) in MyLCI.

How can I help you? Let me know if I can.

We have the POWER to make a difference.



Fairhope and Daphne Lions Clubs
13th Annual Golf Tournament

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 14, 2019- World Diabetes Day
- November 15, 2019-Postmark deadline for a club to send winning Peace Poster (per contest) to district governor



Miracle League of Coastal Alabama breaks ground in Summerdale

By Lion Fran Thompson

The Pleasure Island based founders of Miracle League of Coastal Alabama (MLCA) did not have to go far from the island where the non-profit was hatched to find a home.

A joint legacy project of the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Lions Clubs under the direction of chairman Lion Bruce White, MLCA recently broke ground on a beautiful 10 acre slate of land just 20 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico near downtown Summerdale.

Summerdale Mayor David Wilson said he and his town council had attempted to bring a Miracle League field to their town even before he was approached by MLCA.

"The Mayor and Town Council have responded quickly to our every need," White said. "They have been 100 percent behind the project from the start."

The Miracle League

Field is a facility that is tailored specifically for special needs children. The park accommodates wheelchairs, walkers, and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries.

First hatched in 2004, the MLCA gained momentum when Pleasure Island's two Lions Clubs became involved.

"Because our annual duck race was so successful, we were able to donate \$1,030 to the Miracle League," said Orange Beach Lions Club President Margaret Long. "We hope to give more next year."

Maybe not so coincidentally, Long's son Wesley, through his business at Alligator Alley, is also a major fundraiser for MLCA through the Alligators & Ales fundraiser.

Gulf Shores Lions Pat and Madeline Avinger are the parents of a special needs daughter, Celie, who was a huge inspiration for White to take the lead on the legacy project.



"It started with The Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Lions Clubs," White said. "It was their commitment to the project that allowed us to move forward in the first place."

Work has already started on the MLCA infrastructure. Next will be the completion of an all-inclusive playground and finally the Miracle League baseball field. The project buildout is estimated to be 18 months.

The amount of money needed to build the park envisioned by the two Lions Club is tremendous - more than \$2.5 million, including in-kind services.

"I know it's a lot of money. We just take it day by day and step by step," White said. "We are still in the process of conquering the \$2.5 million price tag."

As of August 1, the MLCA had collected \$618,000 in monetary donations and an additional \$500,000 in service commitments.

"We still need to raise a lot of money," White said at the groundbreaking, "close to \$1.5 million to complete the project."

The MLCA development team includes seven committees and hundreds of volunteers. White said their dedication to the project has been unwavering.

"None of these volunteers are retired, and this is an extremely time-consuming project," White said. "It cuts into their work and family time. As tough as it is, all of them are relentlessly working to get this park built."

Larry Thompson, President of the Miracle League of Pensacola, was also at the groundbreaking and has provided direction, guidance and advice to the MLCA team from its inception.

White added that Ken Gates of Ken Gates Construction coming onboard was key to getting project construction started.

"We had beautiful set of construction drawings, but the one thing we lacked was the ability to read and understand them," White said. "Ken joined our development team as the general contractor and from that point forward, things have moved quickly and smoothly."

In addition to Pleasure Island state representative Steve McMillan, dignitaries at the groundbreaking included Baldwin



County Commissioners, and reps from all five Baldwin County Chambers.

The Lower Alabama Young Professionals not only showed up, they brought a \$1,200 donation check with them.

"Most importantly, in attendance are several of our special needs residents and their families," White said. "We are all excited you are here. It's amazing how few of Baldwin County's special needs families are even aware of this project. We're hoping exposure from today's groundbreaking will remedy that situation."

MLCA includes a committee that will coordinate with special needs teachers throughout Baldwin County to bring awareness to the project and recruit special needs families to work with MLCA.

"If anyone would like to join our team, I promise you, we can use all the help we can get," White said. "We've been working hard, and we will continue to work just as hard as we move closer to making 'Dreams Come True' for our special needs residents and their families."

More info: miracleleaguecoastalabama.com.



34A DG Larry Bagley presents program

Lions District 34A Governor Larry Bagley (right) spoke to the Scottsboro Lions Club promoting his theme for the year, "Service Through Technology." He talked about the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI), and Lions involvement in the Pediatric Cancer Center at Huntsville Hospital. Children are being provided books and materials about Lions, and assistance with needed vital sign machine purchases are being pursued. Lions President Phil Kimmel thanks DG Bagley.

Leo's Service pays off with scholarship

Madelyn Chambers is graduating with honors from Sand Rock School and is ranked 10th in the class of 2019.

She is the daughter of Corey and Tracy Chambers and the granddaughter of the late Cledious Chambers and Deaun Johnson; Sandra Chambers, Kay Johnson and Wayne Berry.

She was a captain of the varsity cheer team, an officer of FCCLA and a member of the FCA, Sand Rock High Leo Club and Senior Beta Club. She has been awarded a full tuition Service Scholarship at the amount of \$10,742 to attend Snead State Community College to major in pre-nursing for her service work through Leo Club and other organizations.

This is an example of what our Leos can earn through their service work in their school and community. But, we have to report our service in order for us to get recognition for what we do in service work for others.

Leo Clubs are an extension of the Lions service organization which aims to encourage community service and involvement from a young age. Much like Lioness Clubs, Leo Clubs are sponsored by a parent Lions Club.



Madelyn Chambers

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.



Taste of the South – Best Amateur – Atmore Lions Club

Atmore Lions took first place in the Chamber's Taste of the South competition. The club won first place in the amateur food category. Taste of the South – Best Amateur – Atmore Lions Club, from left, Mallorie Beachy, Jennifer White, Jordan Barnett, Bub Gideons, Brandy Giger, Zac Giger, Anna Marie Gilchrist and Anne Hetzel.



Barbara Henk speaks at meeting

At a recent meeting of the Auburn Lions Club, Barbara Henk, executive director of the East Alabama Food Bank spoke about the many different hunger relief programs helping the community. Pictured, with Barbara is Auburn Lions member Bill McCrary. A donation was given to the organization.



NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and you can support Camp Seale Harris throughout the whole month! Make sure you follow us on social media & stay tuned for fun prize giveaways and CSH events all month long!

SAVE THE DATE!

Registration is now open for the 2020 Diabetes WALK! Click <https://campsealeharris.org/diabeteswalk/> for more information and to register for the location nearest you! Upcoming holidays are a great opportunity to let friends and family support your team . . . and support your favorite camper's 2020 camp costs!

MISTLETOE MADNESS 5K

The 6th Annual Mistletoe Madness 5K supporting Camp Seale Harris is quickly approaching! Join us along with some of North Alabama's best runners for a 5K race and an afternoon of fun the whole family will enjoy. Wear your holiday costume and support your favorite runner, get a photo with Santa, or jump in and do your best on the 5K.

There is also a separate 1 Mile Walk/Fun Run so everyone can participate!

Children with diabetes will be honored at the event with a special prize!

Register for the 5K at <https://campsealeharris.org/mistletoe-madness-5k/>

GREAT CAMPER FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY

Camper families enjoy Mistletoe Madness, because just like the Diabetes WALK, this event can help to raise funds for your camp fees! Go to <https://bit.ly/2PkIyI1> to create your team page and share it with your family and friends.

This family friendly event offers something for everyone to enjoy!

Sunday, December 8, 2019 • 2:30 p.m.

Columbia High School • Huntsville, Alabama

**For any questions about registration or fundraising,
email nicole@campsealeharris.org or call (205) 402-0415.**