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Register now for MD 34 State Convention

MD 34 ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 17, 18, & 19, 2020
Embassy Suites - Hoover
2960 John Hawkins Pkwy
Birmingham, AL 35244
(800) 362-2779 Code: LIO



Registration form can also be found by going to: lionsmd34.org

Matney set to speak at MD34 State Convention

Thomas H. Matney of Harrodsburg, Ken., will be the guest speaker at MD34 State Convention. He served a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the association's 77th International Convention, held in Phoenix, Arizona, July 12-15, 1994.



Thomas H. Matney

Past Director Matney is a human resource development supervisor. A member of the Harrodsburg Lions Club since 1979, Past Director Matney has held many positions within the association, including club president, district governor and council chairman. He also served as secretary of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation and as chairman of numerous district and multiple district committees.

Past Director Matney has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to the association, including the 100% District Governor Award, two Leadership Awards, an International President's Award, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member by the association. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Matney is a cubmaster, chairman of the Curriculum Materials Committee for the Harrodsburg Middle School and a member of his county's United Way fundraising committee.

Past Director Matney and his wife, Ruth, have one son.

Convention Registration due by March 16, 2020

Lion _____
Position in Club _____
Badge Name _____
Badge Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone # _____
Lions Club _____

Lion Hospitality Book:

Registration and Meals # ____ @ \$135.00 _____

Individual Prices:

Registration # ____ @ \$35.00 _____

Friday Oldies Party # ____ @ \$40.00 _____

Saturday Lunch # ____ @ \$20.00 _____

Saturday Banquet # ____ @ \$45.00 _____

Entree Choice Prime Rib (medium) _____ Vegetarian-Eggplant Parmesan _____

Chicken Chardonnay _____

Total \$ for registration and donation for Hunger project \$ _____ (mail with registration form)

Make Check Payable to:

MD 34 State Convention

Mail to: PDG Barry Elliott

5308 Washburn Dr. Adamsville, AL 35005

Food Allergies:

Donation of \$5 for Hunger service project \$ _____

Questions to 2VDG Brenda Elliott or
bfmelliott@yahoo.com or barrymiell@yahoo.com

1. The hospitality book is \$135.00 and includes 3 meals; the Friday night meal and party, Saturday lunch, and Saturday banquet. Parking and Wi-Fi are free, breakfast is free with room reservation. Purchase of full Hospitality Book reflects a reduction of \$5.00 in fee. **All attendees must pay resgistration fee**, and doing so by March 16 guarantees a meal; funds must accompany registration form.
2. Lions must make their own hotel reservation by March 16th. Room rates are \$131.00 Call: 800 -362-2779 Code: LIO
3. Delegate Voting: Only delegates of clubs in good standing may vote. Good standing for these purposes means those clubs which do not have accounts payable to Multiple District 34 or Lions Club International in a cumulative excess of \$50.00 and are not on Status Quo. Please submit your club-approved delegates to your District Secretary prior to Convention.
4. Please wear oldies attire (50's-60's) for the Friday night party, there will be prizes awarded based on costumes!
5. Please bring club banners to display in the meeting hall. **Each club is asked to bring a door prize.**

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VISIONS

Barry Elliott



ALS Executive Director's Report

VISION SCREENINGS

July 1 to present, by the numbers according to Districts:

District A:

Adults 235	Referrals 56
Percentage 24%	Children 5,599
Referrals 755	Percentage 14%

District B:

Adults 169	Referrals 74
Percentage 44%	Children 3,788
Referrals 627	Percentage 17%

District C:

Adults 676	Referrals 371
Percentage 55%	Children 1,725
Referrals 189	Percentage 11%

Totals:

Adults 1,080	Referrals 501
Percentage 46%	Children 11,112
Referrals 1,571	Percentage 14%



Visiting with the Northside Lions Club



Ex Director Barry was invited to the Mortgage Bankers Association by Lion Jeannie Sosebee (Hayden Lions Club). The Association is collecting eye glasses.

Pictured at right, from left, Executive Director Barry Elliott presenting Banner Patch to Tallassee L.C. President Brock Nolen.



PATIENTS SEEN IN THE LIONS EYE CLINIC

- 2,490 patients seen year-to-date
- 394 were in the month of January



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FOUNDATION



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Wal-Mart Foundation
Walker Area Community Foundation



DISTRICT 34-A

DG
Larry
Bagley



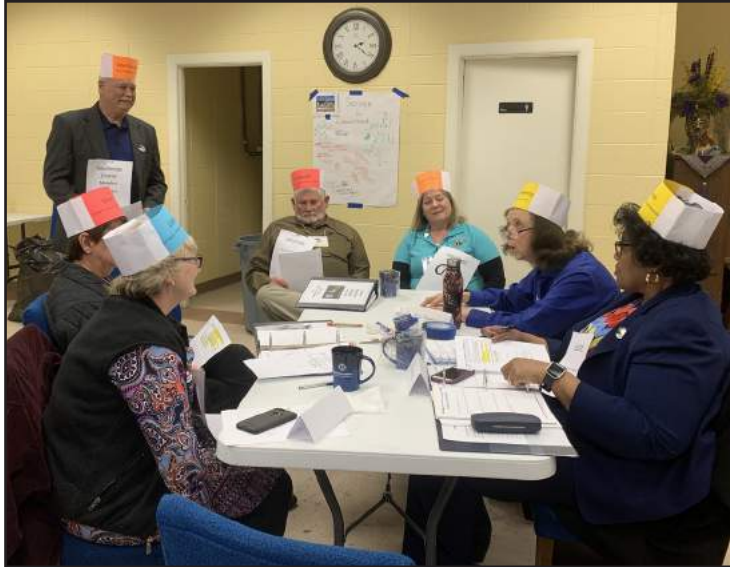
In and Around the District

Hello District 34-A Lions and welcome to spring 2020. Remember to set those clocks forward one hour on March 8 in observance of Daylight Saving Time. What an exciting year it has been. So many things going on and so little time to get them all accomplished. But that is a good thing. The more we have to do, the more we can accomplish. I just ask that you stay focused as we move our District forward. The District 34 A Convention is only a few days away, March 6 and 7, and it is shaping up to be a great one. Please do not miss this opportunity to share your experiences with other Lions in your District. If you have not registered, please make that final push to register NOW. Visit AlabamaLions34A.com for more details. It is simple and you can register and pay online. Remember, we will be giving away a smart TV to some lucky Lion. Each four (4) can goods donation or five (\$5) dollar donations will be a chance to win, the more you donate, the more chances to win. Also for each day you are registered you will receive a ticket for the drawing. All food items and money will be donated to the local food bank.

Our theme this year has been "Service Thru Technology" and I think our District has risen to the challenge. At every cabinet meeting, district meeting and even in DG Team conversations, our focus is technology. Our upcoming Convention will start on Friday evening with the theme "Bits and Bytes". We will have a game related to technology and have a short address regarding technology.

We continue to place our focus on MEMBERSHIP. I would like to thank those clubs that have risen to the challenge and have plus (+) membership for the year. Thank you so much. If you have not started on your Safari Hunt, please put a plan in place to make it happen in the next few weeks. The Cullman Community Club reported that they had added two previous members as a result of their Safari Hunt. If you don't understand the process, please contact me or one of the Vice District Governors for more details.

We will also be working on a new initiative called 'Legacy Membership'. This is where you search your community for ancestors of your charter club members in hopes of adding some of them to your club to carry on



DELI classroom setting with seven Lions discussing an upcoming carnival project. This was a classroom assignment.

their ancestors Lion legacy. More details and information will be posted on our website in the near future. Remember our district membership goal is to be at 1250 by June 30, 2020. I know we can do it. We Serve. With more members we can Serve even more. As stated in the past, I am asking each club to add a positive plus two (2) to their membership for the remainder of the Lion year. Helen Keller's words ring so true "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much". I am confident that we can pull together and end our year with positive growth. Consider starting a branch club or a specialty club. You can start a branch club with only five (5) new members.

On February 8, 2020, our District hosted the first D.E.L.I. (District Enhanced Learning Institute) in Moulton Alabama. We had 23 Lions present for one of the best teaching/learning experiences in quite some time. The D.E.L.I. Institute will host a second session in March and a third in April with a graduation ceremony in April, after the final session. Recognition for those graduating will be announced at the State Convention in April. If you missed joining D.E.L.I., you missed an opportunity to really move forward in the organization. District 34A is the first of nine Districts to hold these classes and once again leads the way for this NAMI initiative. I would like to thank NAMI Champion PCC Ron Seybold and PID Jerome Thompson for their

efforts in making DELI a success.

If you have not been involved with the Ramp project I suggest that you contact our District GST Tim Carter at Carter.Tim@yahoo.com from the Athens Club. Tim has organized a group of Lions and non-Lions to work on this project. This crew has logged an impressive 652 service hours since September of 2019. They have installed four ramps and assembled about 30 others for various residents across North Alabama. So far 16 Limestone County folks (Lions and Non-Lions) and one from Giles County TN. have helped with ramps.

If you want to have your special LION moment, please spend at least one day with this group. The impact on the people you serve is tremendous and your life will never be the same. You will not forget the moment that the person you served says "Thank You". One individual had not been out of their home in over two years, and their gratitude was overwhelming. We are so fortunate to be able to walk and do all the things we do. This project gives people freedom from confinement.

The spotlight is on five clubs that have been identified to participate in the HomeTown Heroes Videos. I viewed a sample of the Moulton Pizza Farm and I thought it was fantastic. The Scottsboro, New Hope, Guntersville and Blountville clubs are still in the works. If you want to see another NAMI success story, please be at



Standing back row: Carol McNutt, Athens Lions, Tim Sosebee, Hayden Lions, Mike McElhaney, Fort Payne Lions, kneeling Jackie Graham, Scottsboro Lins and Renie Bright, Guntersville Lions. This group of Lions is displaying their service projects on the poster behind them during the DELI class in Moulton.

the District Convention, March 6th and 7th. You will be able to see how the videos are progressing. These videos will benefit

every club.

Hope to see each of you on March 6 and 7 in beautiful Scottsboro at the District Convention.



Ramp Project with GST Tim Carter's, Athens Lions Ramp crew.



DG Floyd
"Bubba"
Bingham

DISTRICT 34-B



In and Around the District

Greetings with a hearty "Lions Roar" to all the clubs in District 34B! During the past month I've visited clubs and made my remarks to each of them about recruiting members, retaining members, donating to LCIF, providing service, reporting service, Peace Posters, fund raisers, wheel chair ramps, district and multidistrict conventions, etc., We've held our Build a Vision meeting, received feedback from those who attended and the 1st VDG (Robert Thompson) is digesting that information to help him next year. I've put a lot of miles on my car and seen a lot of good Lions, dedicated Lions. Lions who have weathered the winter and are making plans for the spring season. A season of SERVICE! A season to renew. A season to JUST ASK!

A recent report to the Council of Governors indicates that there is a strong need for more interest in support of our long-range plan. The long-range plan for the district is simply a set of goals to guide the district in the future. The district committee chairpersons were asked to provide feedback for the betterment of the plan. The members and leaders of the district have control of the future of the district. At this point those goals are merely dreams. Dreams without goals remain dreams. "IYADWYHADYAGWYHAG" That's likely a new term to many of you. Here it is: "If You Always Do What You Have Always Done You Will Always Get What You Have Always Got". Future Long-Range Planning committee meetings will determine the future of this district. I encourage everyone interested to let your concerns and ideas be known.

I'm thankful that the Lions of this district work as hard as they do to preserve and improve the welfare of its many needy citizens. However, our membership is growing older and finding it difficult to continue to provide the services they once provided. It's just a fact. Being a Lion requires a passion. We have to love it. If you don't love it, if you don't have passion for it, you're going to fail! That passion once displayed by our Lions has diminished over time and continues to do so. Not because of a lack of desire but because our members are tired. We need new blood. Every club needs to recruit younger members. How do we do that? JUST ASK! We may have to ask several before we get one, but we will eventually get more and

younger members. The LCI website is full of ideas on how to recruit and retain members. Club officers should visit the LCI Learning center often.

How are we as Lions viewed by the communities we serve? How do we change the way we were viewed by the citizens we serve? How do we succeed? I believe success is something we attract, not something we pursue! How successful we are is determined by how valuable we are to our communities. What value do we provide to our communities? None of us are in the Lions to get paid, but we do get paid in one way by recognizing the success we make by providing something of value to our communities! We recognize value as enthusiasm and appreciation for the services we provide.

I have a challenge for each of you, and this challenge needs to be broadcast to every Lion member in the state. We primarily "get rewarded" based on how the community benefits and reacts to our service. We must somehow show that we are not an "average" organization. How do we become an above-average organization? We provide above-average service.

By providing above average service we reap the benefits of above average recognition within our communities. Just the perception of success should attract members. More members equal more service. More service equals better club appeal to the community.

Several Lions I asked to volunteer for a district position have told me they needed more time. There is no more time. There's only 24 hours in a day and it cannot be stretched. How much time does it take to be a Lion? Only a few hours a month. Proverbs 18:24 says "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly". How do we appeal to the millennials? Showing yourself friendly is more than just a smile and walk on by. It's a smile and a handshake, a handshake and a "Just Ask" greeting. It's going the extra mile to help those who are less fortunate. It's educating the younger citizens that it's everyone's duty to volunteer. How do we help those who are less fortunate? First, we've got to know who they are. And besides that, they have to know who we are! Let's develop an above average smile, handshake,



Talladega Lions Club member David Talley received his Monarch Chevron for many years of service.

interest in people, enthusiasm. It might require change. But unless we adapt to the changing world we serve, we'll become extinct.

When I was first asked the entertain the idea of being District Governor, I compared it to being a parachutist. I knew that it would be a jump for me! A jump from a Zone Chair to a Vice District Governor. A soldier making his first jump from an airplane several thousand feet in the air must have faith that the parachute is going to open and land him safely on the ground; his goal. When I wrote my membership goals for this year, they were the substance of what I hoped for. The GMT and I have worked hard to recruit members and build clubs in the middle District. So far, my parachute has not fully opened and I'm still falling. But I've still got faith. Millbrook will have a Lions club, either a traditional club or a branch club, but it will have a club. Trussville is in the works. The GAT meets with the Mayor of Trussville and the Chamber President soon. The Montevallo Campus club is still a goal. I'm also exploring an opportunity to start a UNICEF Branch club in Birmingham. I'm recently informed that there may be a second club, probably a branch club, in a city of the middle district. I'm not at liberty to say where just yet but I will help it happen too. I still have hope; hope that the parachute will open before June 30th, 2020. Hope and Faith that those I have surrounded myself with as my District



From left to right: Lion Seth Granberry, Amanda Smith (Art Teacher), Leah Lethander (Peace Poster MD Winner), DG Bingham, Lion President Pete Miller (Auburn Lions Club).

Governor team and the other 740 members of this district will open this parachute and we'll land safely with positive growth in the district. I began the year with 781 members. We've lost two clubs and will likely lose one more by June 30. It'll take work, lots of work.

Finally, I'd like to thank Lion Rex Bittle for providing the venue for our Build a Vision meeting. I

appreciate his willingness to open the doors to us!

Don't forget, the District 34B Convention is March 20-21 at the Gillespie Senior Center in Prattville. Come join us in fellowship, sharing of ideas to make a better district. The Registration Form is in this publication.

**Your Servant District Governor,
DG Bubba Bingham**



District 34-B Convention ~ Cabinet Meeting ~

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 8:00 a.m.

Gillespie Senior Center • 332 Doster Road
Prattville, Alabama 36067

Registration Form

Due: March 18, 2020

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Position: _____ Club: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 advance; \$30.00 door (Fee includes snacks and lunch.)

Make checks payable/mail to:

Lions of District 34-B
c/o CST Tracy Thompson
512 Mossy Oak Ridge
Prattville, Alabama 36066

Hotel Information:

Quality Inn, I-65 Exit 181, 797 Business Park Drive, Prattville, Alabama 36066; (334) 365-6003; Rate: \$89.99 + Tax (Inform the Hotel Clerk that you are with the Lions Club Convention)

Each Lions Club is asked to bring a door prize and their Lions Club banner for display. Canned food items for donation to a local food bank are also requested (at least one can per person).





DISTRICT 34-C

DG
Yvonne
Burroughs



In and Around the District

Hello Lions of District 34-C

In case you didn't know our District Convention is this month in Atmore. The Atmore Lions are working hard to make this convention an enjoyable one. The Club did a phenomenal job last year and you can expect the same dedication this year. We will start on March 27, 2020 with dinner at the "The Club" at 7:00 p.m. There will be Strides Walk for Diabetes on Saturday Morning at 7:00 a.m. with a doctor on hand to check your blood sugar. The Convention will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28. Our Guest Speaker is International Director Judge Christopher Shea Nickell. ID Nickell is from Paducah, KY., he was elected to serve a two year term as a Director of Lions Clubs International at the 102nd International Convention held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019. ID Nickell joined the Paducah Lions Club in 1989. ID Nickell serves as Chief Judge Pro Tempore of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He married to Lion Carolyn S. Watson, M.D., a pathologist.

You can obtain a registration form available on the district website- <https://alabamalions34c.org/>. I hope that you will attend.

In January, our District was the last in the Multiple District to have the North American Membership Initiative's Build A Vision, Build A Team, Build A Dream Summit. PID H. Jerome Thompson was our Facilitator. District Governor Bubba Bingham, District 34-B, was in attendance along with 26 District 34-C Club members. We discussed Zone Chair expectations; District Governor Team expectations; Opportunities to expand; Outside threats to membership growth and retention such as 1.Economy, 2.Death & Illness, 3.Other Organizations, 4.Technology, 5.Stagnant Community Growth; Clubs and District achievements and a five year plan that included 1.More Members, 2.Greater Service Impact, 3.Clubs organize themselves to line up with Global Causes, 4. Form partnerships w/



ID Judge
Christopher Shea
Nickell

other service organizations for community service, 5.Support LERI, LCIF, ALSCA & ALHSLE, 6. Get 2nd Mobile Eye Clinic to be able to serve the entire state, 7. Cyber Leo Club, 8. Helping Special Olympics, 9.Club members are excited to step up into leadership positions, 10. Greater partnership among members & clubs, 11.We empower other leaders. For the District 34-C members who were present, I want to thank you again for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend. The meeting was very instrumental in establish-

ing 1st VDG Pete Crews' goals for the coming year and we are optimistic that our District will do whatever they can to help 1st VDG Pete meet his goals next year. I would like to thank PID H. Jerome Thompson for a fun, informative and interactive meeting. I thank DG Bingham for his presence.

I want to thank the clubs who are reporting their service activities. I know it can be difficult and frustrating at times. If you need help in reporting, please let me know. As of January 30, 2020, the process has been simplified. To date, 23 out of 40 or 58% of our clubs have reported a service activity this 2019-2020 year.

As usual, our District is hard at work in our communities. The Pike Road Lions Club cleaned up their designated mile. Fairhope Lions donated money to LCIF for the Australian Fire Disaster and for Campaign 100. The Headland Lions Club has started a Leo Club at Headland High School and prepared grocery bags for the elderly. The Mobile Lions Club had a vision screening at Homeless Connect where they provided glasses for all the homeless in need of them. The Eight Mile Lions Club delivered nonperishable food to Mobile Community Action, Inc., an organization that helps disadvantaged people in the Mobile/Prichard area and worked with "Prichard Feeding the Community 2020" to help distribute food to the needy in Prichard.

Thanks to all the clubs for your service activities in January and February.



Eight Mile Lions delivering food - Lion Sandi Pegues, Lion Ruth Rhodes, Executive Director Elige Jones, Linda Marshall, DG Yvonne Burroughs, Lion Gwendolyn James and Lion Ray York.

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.

We have the POWER to make a dif-

ference.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 27 & 28, 2020-District 34-C's District Convention in Atmore

Yvonne Burroughs



District 34-C Convention

To be held at The Club • 1927 Highway 21 • Atmore, Alabama 36502 • March 27-28, 2020

Registration Form

Due: March 25, 2020

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Position: _____ Club: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: Friday Night (5:00 P.M.) \$15.00
Saturday (9:00 A.M.) \$20.00

Strides Walk for Diabetes Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 A.M. Fairfield Inn and Suites
(Saturday's registration's fee will include snacks and lunch.)

Make Checks Payable to and mail to:

Lions of District 34-C
c/o Cheryl Mack
2582 Legends Row
Mobile, AL 36618-4827

Hotel Information:

Please inform the Hotel Clerk that you are with the Lions Club Convention.

Fairfield Inn and Suites	\$99.00	(251) 368-1188
Wind Creek Casino	Seasonal	(866) 946-3360
R/V Park @ Wind Creek		(866) 946-3360

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NAMI's Build a Dream Summit with PID H. Jerome Thompson



March is here . . . Time for district conventions

Clock's ticking! March is here! Time for district conventions. Please, please Lions, attend your district conventions and help move your district forward. Your District Governor's team and the planning committee have worked



hard to prepare a nice convention for you, please attend. For them to prepare for you, they need you to register so they will have a count for room space and meals. Registration information has gone out for all three conventions. If you have not seen the registration information, ask your club president, secretary or District Governor for the registration information. You don't want to miss it, so check on it today. Convention dates and locations are listed below. I'll be looking for you. Please support your district and District Governor. Bring your club banners. Don't forget to support service projects for your district conventions.

Alabama Lions News
Read all about it!
• **District 34-A Convention is March 6-7, 2020** in Scottsboro, AL at Jackson County Park, 146 Rita Williams Drive. Guest Speaker is International Director Justin Faber from Michigan.

• **District 34-B Convention is March 20-21, 2020** in Prattville, AL at the Gillespie Senior Center. Guest Speaker is International Director Larry Edwards from Pennsylvania.

• **District 34-C Convention is March 27-28, 2020** in Atmore, AL at The Club, 1927 Highway 21. Guest Speaker is International Director Judge Christopher Shea Nickell from Kentucky.

The MD 34 State Convention committee has prepared a great MD 34 State Convention for all Lions. MD 34 State Convention is at Embassy Suites-Hoover, 2960 John Hawkins Parkway, Birmingham, AL on April 17 - 19, 2020. Guest Speaker is Past International Director Thomas Matney from Kentucky. Please don't wait until the last minute to register for the convention and make your hotel reservation, go ahead and do it today. Come out and have some fun with Lions from across the entire state.

Lions listen, listen! I would

like to have a "Legacy parade of Lions" at the Lions of Alabama MD 34 97th Annual Convention in Hoover. It will be held inside. We will have our International Family to lead the parade. Lions that have spouses and family members, grab them and march in the legacy parade. If your spouses or family members are not Lions, sign them up now as a new member. Then bring them with you to the convention and the Past International Director would love to initiate them as members at the convention. If you don't have family members in the Lions, grab one of your club members. You can dress in your club shirts, vests, or whatever Lions attire or costume you like. You can have whistles (or other noise makers), fans, club banners, Lions banners or signs. Let's just have some fun while we are enjoying our 97th Annual MD 34 Lions of Alabama Convention. Don't forget to bring your club banners for the Convention. And don't forget to bring your Lion



Lion's Den of Council Chair
Lion Linda A. Starr
2019-2020

spouse, Lion family members (Lion cousins and in-laws count) and Lions club members!



1st Vice District Governor's Tim Sosebee (District A), Robert Thompson (District B) and Pete Crews (District C) at the District Governor Elect training in St. Charles, IL. (near Chicago).



Does your Club need only a few eyeglass collection boxes instead of 10?
Contact PDG Pedro Pino Sr. of the Margaret Lions Club
at pmpino44@yahoo.com or call 205-515-0494.
With Clubs working together, these collection boxes can be more affordable.



At the Auburn Lions Club meeting, Cory Harris of the organization Mercy Medical Ministries visited us. He discussed the organization and the work done and the person served. A donation was presented by the club. Pictured with Cory, right, is member Bill McCrary.



Several members of the Opelika Lions Club came by City Hall recently selling tickets to the Annual Pancake Jamboree. This great event will be Saturday, March 7, between 6 - 11 am at Opelika Middle School, across from Opelika's "Monkey Park". Pictured left to right: Jim Allen, James Morgan, Jr., Gayron Davis, Brooka Stokes, Glenn Stokes, Mayor Fuller, John Jenkins and Doug Hicks.



Recently the Scottsboro Lions gathered at a regular club meeting to hear about the Clubs participation in a project to promote membership throughout the Lions Clubs in the United States. The Scottsboro Lions Club is the center of a multifaceted distribution of eyeglasses that enhance the vision of thousands of people throughout the world. Unclaimed Baggage works with the Scottsboro Lions in providing a majority of the eyeglasses which are distributed annually (close to 100,000 pair). The ARC of Jackson County assists the Lions in processing these eyeglasses. The Lions also provide eye exams (done by local Optometrists) and glasses to about 60 people annually in Jackson County. Eye screening also is done in the local schools. Although there are other efforts that the Lions are involved in (i.e., Christmas Charities, youth leadership, diabetes, etc.) eyesight efforts are a principal focus.



KINDNESS IN ACTION

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness.

It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A LION

When you become a Lion, you become part of a global network of volunteers working together to make a difference. Here are just a few of the great benefits you can expect.

- *Join a Community of Good*

There are over 48,000 Lions clubs around the world. Each is filled with people like you who've decided to take action and serve others. Lions form unique friendships and meaningful connections that can last a lifetime.

- *Put Leadership Skills into Action*

A Lions club is a great place to develop your leadership skills and put them into action. Each club offers opportunities to lead, along with first-class training from our global association.

- *Access a Global Support System*

Every Lion and club is supported by our international association. More than 300 Lions International staff members are constantly working on tools and technology to enhance your service.

- *Experience the Feeling of Service*

At the heart of Lions clubs there is one constant: service. Giving your time and energy to others is a fantastic way to help your community. Yet, it also provides a great feeling for you that can spread and have a positive impact in your life and how you approach the world.

OUR GLOBAL CAUSES

While each Lions club has its own service focus, there are five global causes of particular interest around the world. These are areas of need identified, and voted on, by members and supported by our association and foundation.



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



VISION



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