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# 'Together We Can Do So Much'

Greeting to all the Lions across the Multidistrict 34! I sincerely hope everyone is staying safe through socially distancing and masking when out in public. By the time this newsletter is published our state may well have over 100,000 infections reported. The good news is the hospitalization rates are extremely low. The bad news is, it's still out there!

Since our last newsletter, a lot of SERVICE has taken place within the multidistrict. The Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded over \$5 Million worldwide in Emergency Disaster Grants toward mitigating the spread and seriousness of the COVID-19 virus. District 34B was awarded \$10,000 used to purchase eight EPIX360 Emist handheld, battery operated sanitizer machines which will be distributed to locations across the district demonstrating the most critical need. Some clubs have been sewing masks and giving them to first responders and medical staff. Other clubs have donated gallons of hand sanitizer to local first responders and citizens. Still other clubs have donated meals to first responders. These are just a few of the service projects that the multidistrict has been involved in during the Covid-19 pandemic. Clubs in District A and C have been working hard erecting wheelchair ramps for those with disabilities. These ramps have absolutely been life changing for those individuals. Yes, LIONS are busy all across the state. Even during the instability of the current COVID pandemic, Lions have continued to meet (one way or another) and to serve.

These are truly wearisome times and our response to the pandemic is continuing to advance. How are we able to provide these services? Simply stated, we have thousands of LIONS who Serve. At this writing, 2859 members in 123 clubs. LIONS who are able and willing to step out of their comfort zone and give a helping hand to those less fortunate. LIONS are always creating new ways to serve. LIONS are constantly seeking new members. In fact, during the peak of the COVID epidemic, a new club was chartered in West Elmore county and it continues to grow! At its first official meeting, two new members joined. District A is beginning a new club in

Madison Alabama and District C is beginning a new club in Ozark Alabama. Yes, we're growing!

Some of you may not have heard of a new membership growth initiative piloted in District A. The North American Membership Initiative has four goals. 1. Extend the Service Impact Area by Rejuvenating Districts with new clubs. 2. Increase the number of hands doing work by Revitalizing new clubs with new members. 3. Learning what brings out member passion by Re-motivating members. 4. Educating members



Council Chair MD-34 Bubba Bingham

on their club officers in Leader Support. We've all heard and used the phrase "Where there's a need there's a Lion" and no one can argue, there are needs all across the state.

As your Council Chair let me continue to remind each LION that I am your servant. The service each individual LION provides to one citizen or the service collectively provided to thousands of needy citizens brings credit and satisfaction in knowing that "Together We Can Do So Much". Until we meet again, Please Stay Safe!

## NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE



NAMI has 4 objectives which drive towards a single goal: Increasing the number of Lions in the US & Canada (CAI).

1 Rejuvenate Districts with New Clubs

### EXTEND THE SERVICE IMPACT AREA

This is where Districts will be able to use resources such as Community Needs Assessment, Branch Clubs, the Join Together program and others to build new clubs in areas where there is a need, but no service force

### INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HANDS DOING SERVICE WORK

New members in clubs means new ideas and new potential leaders. And of course, remember that for each new member, on average another 70 people can be positively impacted.

2 Revitalize clubs with new members

3 Re-motivate members

### LEARN WHAT BRINGS OUT THE PASSION, DO THAT

Sometimes just mixing things up will bring out the excitement of why members became a Lion in the first place. It comes with engagement, empowerment and making sure members are satisfied with new fellowships and exciting service.

### EDUCATE MEMBERS ON POSITION IMPORTANCE

This objective is all about helping members learn about the importance of each position within the Lion Club team and providing training so they are comfortable stepping into that next role, having their voice heard, and being an active member.

4 Leader Support

### NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE WITH OUT YOU

As with anything, success will depend on you. As a member, Lions are the driving force that will help LCI remain the largest service organization for the next 100+ years. To do this, empowered members must affirm to become a part of the growth. With this new initiative, more resources are available to help each of us as members, our clubs and our Districts to be successful. It now more than ever more than just a water-cooler conversation, it is action happening. And we want you to be right there in the middle of it, part of the foundation and part of the building.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NAMI, THE DISTRICT GOALS, ACTIONS AND MULTIPLE CLUB AND MEMBER RESOURCES, VISIT: [HTTPS://LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/NAMI](https://lionsclubs.org/en/nami) FACEBOOK @ LIONS NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE (NAMI)

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## ALS Executive Director's Report

*"Live in the moment, and make it so beautiful, that it will be worth remembering."*

— Fanny Crosby

Fanny Crosby, blind at infancy, lived a remarkable life, effecting the world well after her death that lives on even today. She refused to be treated as unable to learn and function. She is most remembered for her poems and songs. She contributed perhaps more songs than anyone else to Christian music. You may recognize her phrase put to music, "rescue the perishing, care for the dying." Check out your hymnal and see the songs with her as the author. Though blind, two very incredible women, Helen Keller and Fanny Crosby, had such vision to bring our world into focus.

It is such a pleasure to serve as Lions and be involved among the many service initiatives in the field of vision care. The Alabama Lions are truly committed to caring for the vision health of people. While we resist change in many respects, some changes are forced upon us and others are decision made for what is best. Lions adapt to new methods and ideas that enable us to bring about greater services to our communities.

COVID-19 Pandemic caused a pause in Lions vision screening activities throughout the state since March. But Lions will be adapting to new protocols with

the state-of-the-art equipment to get back into service! Resuming screening services will be directed to protecting the health and safety of children and adults, as well as those Lions performing the screening. At the present, ALS does not have any clubs scheduling screenings as we all wait and see how schools resume this school year. ALS will be putting into place new guidelines for our screeners and clubs participating. We are currently gathering all recommendations from Lions Kid-Sight USA Foundation and others to train our screeners and Lions going forward.

I am pleased to report that


the Mobile Eye Clinic has resumed operations. Likewise, Dr. Daum and staff have new protocols in place for all concerned. The MEC has begun a new pilot program utilizing a handheld fundus camera device that will be a game changer. It could expand our services in rural Alabama significantly through telehealth.

What a difference in our lives in a short span of time has brought upon each of us. Yet, what an opportunity as Lions for us to not only continue our services but to expand and develop new ways to make our communities a better place to live. It is great to be a Lion!







Enterprise Lion Doug Allgood, Senator Donnie Chesteen, ALS Executive Director Barry Elliott and Geneva Lion Club President Jeanne Dugger







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# DISTRICT 34-A

Acting DG  
Mechele  
Mosley



## Bob Word – 2020 Lion of the Year

Bob Word was selected by the Scottsboro Lions Club as 2020 Lion of the Year. Bob joined the Scottsboro Lions in 1958 and has served the Lions with highly distinguish and dedicated service for 62 years. When you think of Scottsboro Lions you immediately think about Bob Word Jr. He first served as President in 1965-66 and again for 3 months in 2007. Bob's legacy was his Father, Robert Word, Sr who was the club's charter President starting July 20, 1938. It is difficult to identify anyone who has had a more profound impact on the success of the club. For many years during the annual broom and mop sales Bob always single-handily outsold the rest of the club; and this was just typical of the positive impact he had on everything the club did. He has recently provided space for the club to store and process the many thousands of eyeglasses which come through each year and go throughout the world to help meet eyeglass needs. This celebration was conducted during the current COVID-19 period as a drive-by by Lions, and other friends and neighbors. Lion President Jackie Graham is shown presenting Lion Bob with a Lion statuette in recognizing him as the 2020 Scottsboro Lion of the Year. Next to Bob is his wife, Elizabeth.



2020 Lion of the Year Bob Word and his wife, Elizabeth. Also shown celebrating with the Words are 1st Vice District Governor and Scottsboro Past President Mechele Mosely (left) and Zone Chairman, Belinda Ballard (right) – both members of the Scottsboro Lions.

## —In and Around the District—

Lions of 34 A are so looking forward to welcoming all Lions of Alabama to Tusculumbia this year for our State Convention! Tusculumbia, Home of Ivy Green, Birthplace of Helen Keller eagerly awaits Lions from around the state! We have an action packed and fun filled weekend in the works, so save the dates! April 29, 2021 through May 2, 2021, we will be gathering in Tusculumbia and can't wait to see all of your smiling faces!

We in 34 A were saddened to accept the resignation of our District Governor, Lion Tim Sosebee. Cabinet members have gathered and elected a replacement name to send to Lions International. Hopefully, an appointment will be made soon and we will be able to introduce a new District Governor. We wish Lion Tim all the best. Until that time, 1st Vice District Governor Mechele Mosley will act to ensure that all of the workings of the District continue to move forward.

Speaking of those workings, plans and meetings continue to move forward to sponsor a new club in Madison, Alabama. There have been several interested parties, and the District is working diligently to sponsor a growth of service for the area. Interested in helping? We can match you

to a task, never fear! There is a Facebook group, Madison Alabama Lions Club, that you can follow to stay up to date. Invite your friends in the area to join in, it's a great time to be a Lion!

Our District Service Project, partnering with ADRS to build wheelchair ramps in places of need, continues unabated by COVID 19. Each Tuesday the work group assembles for construction. Lives are being touched by this service, as some are able to leave their home for the first time in ages, now that accessibility is provided. Recently in Athens, the crew stopped work for a picture.

Lions of 34 A have a new Facebook page, Lions District 34 A. We are currently featuring pictures and biographies of our Region and Zone Chairs. Share your event with us and we will share it with the District! We would love to know what is happening out and about in the District.

We thoroughly enjoyed the first installment of the first-ever online Alabama Leadership Conference! There was something for every Lion, no matter where you fit in our organization.

Acting District Governor  
Mechele Mosley



Pictured, from left, are VRS agent Bynum Duren, Tennessee's Tommy Hargrove, Stan Harrison, Rick Collins, Preston Hunt, Lion Lanny Starr, Lion Janie Wilson, Lion Donny Moore, and not pictured Sam Keyes and Lion and GST Tim Carter



DG Floyd  
"Bubba"  
Bingham

# DISTRICT 34-B



## In and Around the District

In 1936, Sir Austen Chamberlain, addressing an annual meeting of the Birmingham Unionist Association, said, "It is not so long ago that a member of the Diplomatic Body in London, who had spent some years of his service in China, told me that there was a Chinese curse which took the form of saying, 'May you live in interesting times.' There is no doubt that the curse has fallen on us." What was true in 1936 is certainly true in 2020. As COVID-19 continues to spread unchecked around the globe, our daily lives have become, at times, unrecognizable. We must wear masks everywhere we go and have our temperatures taken to enter some business establishments. Our children and grandchildren are unable to attend school normally and, in many instances, we are unable to attend our places of worship. We are surely living in interesting times.

But just as Lions have risen to the world's challenges over decades, we will rise now! The ensuing chaos brought about by COVID-19 is forcing us as individuals and collectively, as clubs, to think outside of the proverbial box to identify and redefine ways to best serve our communities. I am currently entering my sixth week serving as District Governor of 34-B and despite (or maybe because of) everything that is going on in my community, state, nation, and world, I have never been prouder to be a Lion! There is nothing better than belonging to an organization that has mottos like, "We Serve!" and "Kindness Matters." How timely are these mottos?

Although some clubs are still struggling to resume meeting in person, I have witnessed and heard of some creative ways Lions have figured out to come together and pursue service goals. Lions are meeting in person in city parks, auditoriums, civic centers and other places that allow for social distancing. Lions are meeting virtually and by telephone. Lions are getting the job done.

34-B's newest club, the West Elmore Area Lions, held a very successful charter night in June where the initial officers were installed and have had an



Members of the Opelika Lions club provided water bottles for attendees at the Opelika High School 2020 graduation at Bulldog Stadium on Friday, May 22nd. Pictured, are Brooka Stokes, left, and James Morgan Jr., right.

exciting summer learning about all things Lion. I have been honored to swear in new officers and board members at a couple of other clubs.

Several clubs in District 34-B have gotten behind PCC Bubba Bingham's initiative to provide E-Mist units to first responders in underserved areas of Central Alabama. These units will provide the highest level of hygiene in a timely and economically feasible way so that these public servants, who in many cases volunteer, can go about fulfilling their missions with additional protection from possible COVID-19 exposure. The Anniston, Oxford, and Prattville Lions Clubs have all contributed to the purchase of these units as have several individual Lions within the district.

I have heard of awesome services being provided in communities throughout the

district from food drives to benefit local residents to the purchase and donation of a wheelchair for someone in need. I challenge all clubs in 34-B to not only continue to serve, but to dig even deeper to determine the needs of your communities. The pandemic has caused widespread unemployment along with the closing of businesses. While many have been able to return to work, others have not. The initial round of stimulus checks has been received and spent. Economic uncertainty is rampant, and people's needs are many.

I also strongly urge clubs that have not resumed meetings to figure out a way to make it work and get back to the business of serving. Please get your new officers installed. I will be more than happy to assist you in this endeavor and in getting the officers reported to LCI. As



The Oxford Lions Club presented this wheelchair to Tony. He has cerebral palsy along with other health issues. The chair was given to us from the WC warehouse director PCC Vernon Barker. Tony's chair was literally falling apart. He was very thankful and because of the mask you can't see the big smile on his face. The chair had been used on several occasions to transport patients for the Oxford EMS; however, with transporting Tony three times a week, it will be more useful to him. We want to thank PCC Vernon and will be calling on him again real soon. It's great to be a Lion.

you continue to serve, please remember to report your service projects to LCI so that everyone knows about the great work you are doing! One exciting change we are implementing this year is the addition of a District Administrator. This Lion will be a "go to" to assist you in reporting your club's metrics like officers, new members, and service projects.

We are indeed living in interesting times and the idea of increasing membership in your club when some people are

still quarantining may seem far-fetched, but just ask! Ask one. People are looking for ways to contribute and your club may be the opportunity they are seeking. Let us all be mindful also that we need to focus on member retention. You may have members who currently do not feel safe venturing out for meetings and projects. Reach out to these Lions and let them know they are missed. Keep them engaged and involved.

DG Robert Thompson



# DISTRICT 34-C

DG  
Yvonne  
Burroughs



## In and Around the District

During the past 12 months I have spent a great deal of time preparing to become the District Governor of 34C. I am honored to be your District Governor and like other leadership roles before, I have always wondered what if something happens that I am not trained for. What if the wheels fall off, the motor quits, you know the “unexpected”.

As a pilot, I spent countless hours preparing for equipment failure, unexpected weather and many things that take you to the “Panic Zone”. There, you don’t think like you normally do, you don’t do what you normally do if you have time to think about the scenario, you react instead of thinking calmly, “How do I handle this problem with the best possible outcome?”.

In the “Panic Zone” your reactions are a result of your training or lack thereof. You pull levers and push buttons to just make anything happen that will change the scenario. It can make matters worse very quickly and a possible good outcome can slip right out of your hands.

Pilots have checklists for everything that can happen in an emergency. Engine failure, pull out the engine failure checklist. Fuel exhaustion (pilot talk for running out of gas), pull out the fuel exhaustion checklist, you get the picture. These checklists give you the proper steps to help you get your head together and make the right decisions...thus, increasing your odds of turning a bad situation into a better one.

In our District Governor training, we covered topics like:

- How to Increase club attendance
- How to build new clubs
- How to revive a failing club

How to handle poor leadership  
Many different scenarios were discussed with my counterparts from all across the planet and we developed checklists for many different things that can happen to clubs hoping to prepare for the unexpected. This gives us (District 34C) a better chance of increasing our numbers and giving our district a better chance of overcoming undesirable things that can happen.

In all of our preparation and study, we never once discussed the possibility of a “PANDEMIC”. That was just not on the radar of our topics or things that can derail a club or district. Did we not think this was a possibility? Was this not something that would affect a global service organization? It’s easy to second guess now.

Back in February, I didn’t think about having a virtual District Cabinet meeting in August, much less have any idea how to pull that off. I was focused on a regular meeting and looking forward to seeing my Lion friends from District 34C. I was looking forward to all my club visits over the next year and building a district cabinet that was second to none.

We had not discussed things like GoToMeeting, Zoom, social distancing and “Stay at Home” orders. Those words were never spoken. I didn’t even know what

social distancing was.

March 2020 changed our everyday lives and put the Service Organizations, along with many others, in a tail spin or stall (more pilot talk). Our normal meetings were suspended. We could not gather in groups larger than 6 and we had to wear masks. WOW! Talk about “outside the box”. We are there. I am a hand shaking kind of a guy and this was brought to an immediate halt. No hand shaking, stay 6 feet apart and don’t come around me if you are sick. This is no time for Southern Hospitality now.

As the largest service organization on the planet, how do we handle a PANDEMIC?

We have had to learn this on the run. There were no checklists or guidelines. We have developed them as we go. Quickly, Zoom and GoToMeeting were discovered as essential products of any group that need to meet and discuss things. How many of us knew a lot about Zoom or GoToMeeting before March 2020? They are front and center now. We didn’t have course work on either of these meeting platforms in our District Governor training, but I’ll bet it will be in the next group of DGs. Watch for our acumen on these to improve as time and training go forward. The new generation of leaders will have this in their discussions and training.

We are adapting as we go forward. New and exciting things will open up for us. Where there is a need, there is a Lion. This has never been truer than today. The world needs us now more than ever. With more things going virtual we still need the personal contact with each other and those we are helping. We have to think of different ways to help. Making facemasks, distributing hand sanitizer and many other tasks in addition to our normal service activities are in demand. Think differently, we have been given an opportunity to show the world what Lionism is and to UNLEASH THE KINDNESS.

I recently had an organizational meeting

with a group to charter the Ozark Lions Club and we are taking that forward so look for some new faces at our meetings very soon. These officers were elected on August 2, 2020:

- President – Edna Bean
- Secretary – Tina Barton
- Treasurer – Winnie Frazier
- Membership Chairman – James Fuller

With the start of a new year comes new officers for most clubs, 1VDG Charlie Wigglesworth and I are standing by to help with installing new club officers and inducting new members. We are also starting to visit clubs but that is a slow process with the “stay at home” orders extended. We will be glad to visit your club as soon as you need us. We welcome the opportunity to attend your virtual meetings also.

About one half of the clubs are meeting in person and the rest are either not meeting until early next year or are meeting virtual. Our Covington VIP Club has been meeting via phone conferencing since their inception so they are ahead of the curve. President Philip Box offers his group to help you with your virtual meetings.

Being safe is our priority now. Service activities have slowed down but there are still things to be done in that area. Food Banks need help, schools and Healthcare workers need facemasks. The Atmore Lions Club has made and distributed more than 1000 facemasks. THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX is important now.

Our August 1, 2020 District Cabinet Meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting. It is amazing what has been accomplished with technology. We had approx. 30 attendees visit the meeting. 1VDG Charlie Wigglesworth presented the invocation and IPDG Yvonne Burroughs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Chair Bubba Bingham had opening comments followed by Alabama Lions Sight Executive Director Barry Elliott, LCIF Chairman Glenn Elmore and PDG Andy Marshall.

We conducted district business and introduced the new DG team including Zone Chairs, all from the comfort of our homes. It was good to get this done but I miss the handshakes and hugs. Hard to replace face to face meeting with our Lions.

After our Cabinet meeting, our GLT, PDG Claudia Wigglesworth conducted training for Club

officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) via a GoToMeeting webinar.

Our district cabinet is now set and we welcome our new leaders and trainers to help clubs and officers.

- District Secretary/Treasurer – Jeff Slaker – Headland Lions Club
- District Administrator – IPDG Yvonne Burroughs – 8 Mile Lions Club

Our new Global Action Team is:

- GST – Jeanne Dugger – Geneva Lions Club
- GMT – Jeff Pinegar – Pike Road Lions Club
- GLT – PDG Claudia Wigglesworth – Daleville Lions Club

We have a new zone structure with 11 Zone Chairs:

- Zone 1 – Rodney Robbins – Demopolis Lions Club
- Zone 2 – Mary Roberts – Grove Hill Lions Club
- Zone 3 – Todd Denison – Mobile Lions Club
- Zone 4 – Gerry Laska – Citronelle Lions Club
- Zone 5 – Tammy Kinney – Foley Lions Club
- Zone 6 – Bub Gideons – Atmore Lions Club
- Zone 7 – John Canfield – Clayton Lions Club
- Zone 8 – Dennis Fonville – Pike Road Lions Club
- Zone 9 – Anthony Green – Headland Lions Club
- Zone 10 – Douglas Allgood – Enterprise Lions Club
- Zone 11 – Philip Box – Covington VIP Lions Club

A big thank you to everyone who is serving on the district level. I appreciate the work and time you are putting in. Also, we have many who are serving at the MD-34 level on committees. Thank you for agreeing to serve in that capacity.

The goal of putting together a district cabinet that is second to none has been accomplished and I can feel the energy on a daily basis. Keep up the good work. I am here to help you. I am here to serve you.

District 34C was recently awarded a \$1500 grant from LCIF to purchase a Gaming System for a Children’s Hospital. IPDG Yvonne Burroughs led the charge to win the grant in order to place a gaming system in a Children’s Cancer Hospital. The gaming system will be used by patients as a small escape from reality while receiving chemotherapy.

DG Pete Crews



District 34C Virtual Cabinet meeting on August 1, 2020



# Lions Learn to Lead

Thank you for attending the Alabama Lions Leadership Conference, which had to be moved online. The Lions of Alabama are fortunate to have CC Bubba Bingham and PCC Ron Seybold, who moderated the two sessions. The six panels, which provided valuable information concerning chartering clubs, adding members to existing clubs, retaining our current members, the role of a Club President, the importance of a Zone Chair and Lion Learning opportunities, are to be applauded. Without the Lions who presented, we could not have had a Leadership Conference.



**Jerome Thompson**  
MD 34 Global Leadership  
Team leader

If you missed the session, please watch your email over the next few weeks. The recordings will be posted on YouTube and shared with all Alabama Lions, who have an email on file with Lions Clubs International.

### Club Secretaries We Need Your Help

The North America Membership Initiative continues to try new ideas to enhance membership satisfaction. Please look at your club roster, verify birthdays and email addresses. When our data is more correct, we would like to begin to email our members on their birthdays. Currently, in 34 A, we are testing the system by sending emails to club members on the anniversary of the club.

### Goals for 2020-21

Your District Governors, based upon the Build a Vision meeting that each district hosted, has submitted goals. In turn those goals have been consolidated for the entire state.

New Club Goal - Charter 3 new clubs by June 30, 2021.

New members - Our goal is for each club to add one new member per quarter.

Retention - Our goal is for each club to end the year with a +1 or more in membership.

Service - We continue to strive to serve 300,000 people per year.

Leadership - Our Goal is to provide training sessions with total attendance of 1200 Alabama Lions.

## LEADERSHIP RESOURCES

### Webinar Replays

#### How to Report Service - New and Improved

<https://youtu.be/30nHCqj227g>

#### Serving, Engaging, Leading and Meeting during COVID-19 Pandemic

[https://youtu.be/1mSOWkp\\_\\_08](https://youtu.be/1mSOWkp__08)

#### Embracing Members Today So They Will Be Serving Tomorrow

<https://youtu.be/jk1KpGvL-cU>

### Public Relation Videos

#### 34 A Hometown Heroes (Club PSA)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tut\\_XjNRdYk&list=PLrV0cZt3\\_XijDxss3NdAR9StJT6EmGds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tut_XjNRdYk&list=PLrV0cZt3_XijDxss3NdAR9StJT6EmGds)

### Lions Clubs International Resources

#### North America Membership Initiative Resources

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/nami/resources>

#### \$500 District Funding for Sharing a Success Story

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team/gat-district-funding>

### Lions Learning Center

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lions-learning-center>

### Service Launchpad

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-launchpad>



### LEO OF THE YEAR

Leo Jessica Thompson from Saraland High School is presented the Leo of the Year Award by the Saraland Lions Club members



### NEW OFFICERS

Atmore Lions Club new officers pictured, from left, back row are IPDG Yvonne Burroughs, Bub Gideons (Tail Twister/Zone Chair), Nancy Karrick (Membership Chair) middle row, Anne Hetzel (Lion at Large), Anna Marie Gilchrist (Service Chair), Emily Dykes (Treasurer), Allison Brown (Lion Tamer) and front Brandy Giger (President), Taylor Lee (Secretary), Mandie Thompson, Renee Hardy (Vice President).



### 2020 Summer Camp Fun

Summer camps looked different this year. Camp Seale Harris at Home Edition concluded last week after three week-long sessions. Though camp could not happen in person, we were able to bring camp to 366 children and teens with diabetes into the comfort of their homes. Each camper received a “Camp Stuff” box with craft supplies and camp swag donated by generous sponsors. Activities included arts and crafts, Banana Olympics, talent shows, and diabetes education. Pharmacy and Dietetic interns led diabetes education sessions with Kahoot Trivia and healthy snack demonstrations. Campers were able to re-connect with old camp friends and make new ones during their “cabin time” groups of eight kids and 2 counselors. Check out photos from Summer camps!

### Serve Big Initiative

The Swag Store in Tuscaloosa, AL has created the “Serve Big” initiative to support nonprofits during this time. For every t-shirt sold, Camp Seale Harris will receive \$12. Shirts are available in youth and adult sizes and come in 8 different colors. Purchase your shirt today to support children and teens with diabetes. Go to <https://campsealeharris.org/> to purchase a t-shirt.



## CAMP SEALE HARRIS

SOUTHEASTERN DIABETES EDUCATION SERVICES

### Fall Family Camp Registering Now!

Ready to meet other T1D kids and families or see old friends? Registration for Fall Family Camp is OPEN! Register your family now for a weekend full of networking with other T1D families, quality time with medical professionals, and fun for the whole family. Each family stays in their own lodge room and we have designed safe social spacing during activities and meal times. We are closely monitoring COVID-19 and will inform all registrants of any changes that are made. Full refunds will be available for any cancellations made by SDES-Camp Seale Harris.



Register for Fall Family Camp by going to [http://www.campstellamaris.org/family-camping/?gclid=EAlaQobChMI8rqCp8i26wIVewCGCh0qKQwnEAAYASAAEgJTs\\_D\\_BwE](http://www.campstellamaris.org/family-camping/?gclid=EAlaQobChMI8rqCp8i26wIVewCGCh0qKQwnEAAYASAAEgJTs_D_BwE)



Junior Camper, Addison, describes what Camp Seale Harris means to her.

**STAY CONNECTED  
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### Shop Online at the Camp Store!

Support CSH and children living with diabetes and look cool while doing it! You can buy our most popular camp swag now on our online camp store.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date on Camp Seale Harris news and programs.



# District 34 A in Action

A big thank you goes out to the Altoona/Walnut Grove, Guntersville, Centre, Athens and Hayden Lions Club volunteers for traveling, pre-building and delivering the modules and then assembling them on site in Altoona on July 21, 2020.

We were each blessed to meet the afflicted 16 year old's mother and hear his

heartbreaking and life changing accident and sadly, current circumstances.

A special thanks goes to PDG Glenda of Altoona/Walnut Grove and IPP Robert Moxley of Guntersville Lions who provided the best Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, fixings and drinks during this blessed SERVICE opportunity.



Lions International President's Award was given for service to Ashford Lions (left to right): Vice-Pres. Wm Stuart McArthur, Secretary/Treasurer Fran McArthur, President Guy Bruner, Lion Jimmy Kilgore and Lion Harold Southerland. Congratulations to all!



# District 34 C in Action



The Honor Bench Committee after several delays relocated and installed four Veterans/Lions Honor Benches at the City of Saraland Veterans Park). Our club's project, if you are a Veteran and in the Saraland Lions Club when you pass away we will install a bench in your honor. We had four Lions/Veterans pass away in less than two years and we have honored them all.

Also, an Honor Brick will be installed at the Veterans Park. These Benches Honor: Veteran/ Lion Paul Logan, Lion George Denton, Lion Martin Walker and Lion Eddie Edwards.

It was great to be part of this today. I THANK YOU! These 4 Benches and Bricks came to a total of about \$2100 WHICH did not come from the Lions Club. These funds came from Lions (You) giving a donation just for this project. I want to thank all that have donated to this effort, and we had many.

Lions Gary Raymond, Joe Leach, Robert McGhee, Mark Lambert and myself took great pleasure to serve these Veterans/Lions in installing these benches.

The Honor Bench Committee Thanks the Club Membership for your support. "WE SERVE"



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