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TAKE THE CHALLENGE Donate to Childrens Hospital

DID YOU KNOW?

• Each year in the United States, approximately 15,780 children are diagnosed with cancer before the age of 19.

• 83.5% of families with a child with cancer will experience some level of financial hardship, 75.7% of families with a child with cancer will have at least one parent who needs to cut back on work or stop working altogether, 67.3% of families with a child with cancer have health insurance through the parent's employer. This is either canceled or changed if the parent has to quit their job and that 11.9% of families with a child with cancer will spend more than \$10,000 annually to care for their child?

• Childhood cancer is one of five initiatives in the Service Area from Lions Clubs International.

A big THANK YOU to the Lions of Alabama that have contributed supplies and money to Alabama Children's Hospital for childhood pediatric cancer! I would like to challenge each club to consider making donations. If you collect items from the "Wish List" and want to bring them to the hospital, make sure to email Mindy Wald at mindy.wald@childrensal.org so she can meet you to collect the items. If you are passing through Birmingham and don't have time to go by Children's Hospital, I can arrange to meet you to pick up your items. You can also send a check payable to: Children's of Alabama and note in the "For" section ACCCBD (AL Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders) and mail to Children's of Alabama, Attn: Mindy Wald, 1600 7th Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35233.

Please contact me at bfmelliott@yahoo.com if you have any questions!

Clubs or individuals that donated last month:

- Moody Club- Items from the "Wish List"
- Auburn Lion's Club-\$145.00
- Robert Jonson-\$20.00
- Anonymous (Birmingham)- \$4.00



Pictured, in the truck PDG Barry Elliott with employees of Children's Hospital.

**Lion Brenda Elliott
District B Childhood Cancer Chair**

items please contact Lion Brenda Elliott at bfmelliott@yahoo.com or Lions Doris Hansard at lionsofalabama@bellsouth.net to obtain a complete list.

For information on the "Wish List"



Employees of Children's Hospital with contributed supplies.

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VISIONS

Barry Elliott



ALS Executive Director's Report

The journey has begun! Since the middle of June, when I was officially hired by the Board of Directors of Alabama Lions Sight (ALS), it has truly been a whirlwind. I count it as an opportunity, honor, and a privilege. However, I recognize it comes with a great responsibility. I have a tremendous amount of respect, even more now, for PDG Durden Dean and what he has accomplished in the past five years as Executive Director of ALS. I certainly want to maintain the excellent services that are being provided by the Lions of Alabama and of course where possible, see those services increase.

Alabama Lions Sight is in its 74th year of service and nearing 400,000 people served in Alabama. Every one of those served through the years has a story to tell how the Lions have helped aide them when eye care seemed impossible. In the fight against blindness, Alabama Lions have answered the called issued by Helen Keller to be the "Knights of the Blind"

Many years ago, the lions had a part in the recruitment of Dr. Austin Callahan to come to Birmingham, which led to the establishment of Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital. It is now a part of the University of Alabama Birmingham. The lions through the years have made significant contributions to the hospital, so that Alabamians could receive outstanding eye care. When visiting the hospital, the lion's presence is quite visible. The Lions clinic, operated by the three years residents in the school of Ophthalmology, see patients who would

otherwise not be able to afford eyecare. ALS has a great relationship with these doctors who are doing their residency while in school. This year the clinic has seen over 7,400 lion patients, which is an increase from about 5,000 the previous year. The demand has required an expansion of the clinic to handle the increase. It is expected to increase to more than 10,000 in the future. Lions need to understand the hospital is highly respected and is highly ranked in the eye care medical field. We are one of only two hospitals in the country that has both a school of Ophthalmology and Optometry next to it.

ALS mobile screening units are available for your club to conduct vision screenings among schools, community events, health fairs, back to school events or any kind of community event that brings out people. This is such a good way for your club to be seen in the community, giving back! It is also a great recruiting tool for new members to help you serve. Last year there were over 15,000 children and adults screened by the lions and usually 25% are referred for further exams. I have implemented a follow up procedure from the ALS office for those who are referred for exams so that we can follow a person all the way through to a successful solution, whether it be glasses, medication, or surgery. Plans are in the works that could see our vision screening significantly increase throughout the state! I hope to share those plans soon.

The Mobile Eye Clinic (MEC) has completed nearly two years of service. Dr. Daum is truly a servant by heart and is providing a wonderful and greatly needed service for those in Alabama who go without or little eye care. This is a pioneer program of eye care of providing complete dilated eye exams in areas where the population is small and/or poor where there is little or no eye care in the county. The MEC sets up in the parking lot of a federally funded or faith-based clinic and sees patients on a monthly schedule. In the two years MEC has seen over 3,500 patients and has distributed over 2,500 pairs of glasses. This is such a blessing to all these people, who in addition to having

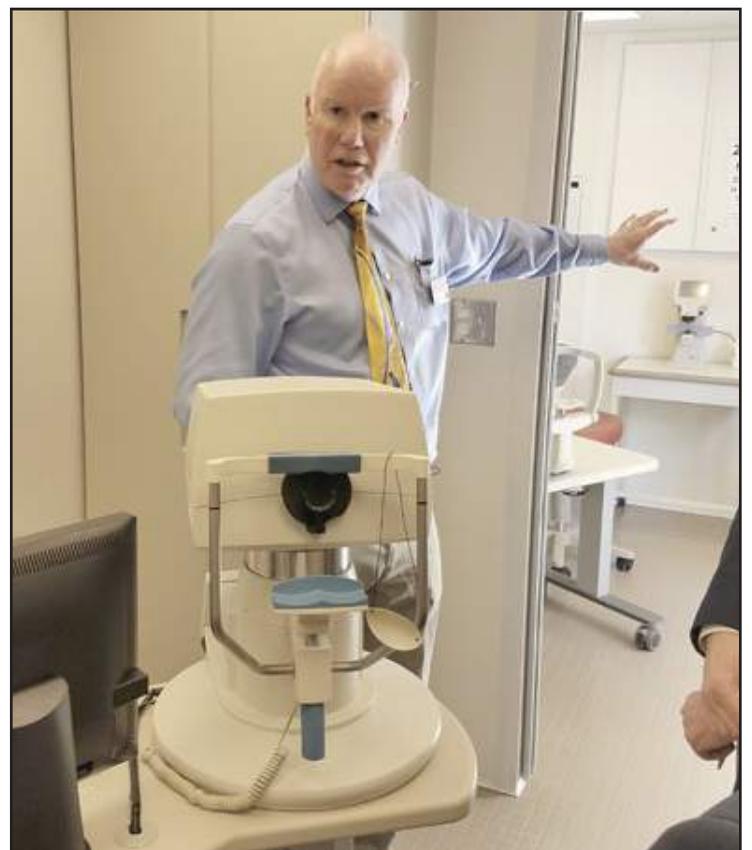


Above, pictured, from left, are PID Lowell Bonds, Lion Erin Bishop and Lion Brenda Elliott.

vision problems, may have other medical issues as well. Dr. Daum has identified some 7,000 medical conditions. Most of the adults will have at least two or more conditions each. The service that is being accomplished through the efforts of lions is simply immeasurable!

It is great to be a lion, and it is great to work with lions through Alabama Lions Sight! If we are resting on past accomplishments, then we are not moving forward. Will you join me as we strive to face the challenge and opportunities of the future as it presents new ways that as lions we can serve?

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Dr. Kent Daum

PATIENTS SEEN IN THE LIONS EYE CLINIC

- 357 patients seen year-to-date
- 357 in the month of July



DISTRICT 34-A

DG
Linda
Starr



In and Around the District

FROM THE LION'S DEN OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR LINDA A. STARR

We are off and running! We had our first Cabinet meeting in July with around 30 members in attendance. We installed the DG team using "fruit" as a symbol to connect their leadership duties. The Vice District Governors and I are already visiting clubs, installing officers and initiating new members. If one of us have not been to your club, we will be coming soon!

I have had the pleasure of visiting one zone chair meeting in Zone 9, 2nd VDG Tim Sosebee as Zone chair, two club visits, MD Leadership Conference, and first Council of Governor's Meeting.

WELCOME NEW LIONS July 2018

Blountsville Lions welcomes Dennis and Carolyn Mills, sponsored by Lion E. Allen Neel.

Centre Lions welcomes Brooke Eubanks and Julie Graves, sponsored by DG Linda Starr.

Cherokee Lions welcomes Barry Scott and Nancy Vance, sponsored by Lion Lela Collum.

Elkmont Lions welcomes Kaitlynn Norman, sponsored by Lion Michael Gooch.

Moulton Lions welcomes Robert Davenport, sponsored by Lion Keith Ligon.

Moulton Lions welcomes Christopher Edwards and Donna Shanklin, sponsored by PID Jerome Thompson.

Welcome new Lions from the District! Many thanks to the sponsors of the new Lions and the Clubs.

KUDOS TO REGION & ZONE CHAIRS

- Region 1 Chair: Steve Dodd (Brilliant)
- Zone 1 Don Gray (Killen)
- Region 2 Chair: Lion Larry Pylant (Elkmont)
- Zone 4 Jerome Dodd (Brilliant); Zone 5 Howard Rew (Athens)
- Region 3 Robert Moxley (Guntersville)



Lions District Governor Visits Scottsboro

Lions District 34-A Governor Linda Starr (left) spoke to the Scottsboro Lions Club about her involvement in Lions and her theme "Ring Your Bell". Lions President Elna Mathews thanks DG Starr.

- Zone 7 Barry Willingham (Cullman);
- Zone 8 Brian Bright (Guntersville);
- Zone 9 2nd VDG Tim Sosebee (Hayden)
- Region 4 Lindell Smith (Huntsville Von Braun)
- Zone 10 Lendell Chappel (Ft. Payne);
- Zone 11 John Bobenage (Bridgeport)
- Zone 12 Lanny Starr (Centre)

DG NOTICE:

Calling All Lions.. The DG Team is collecting information for the 2018-2019 Directory. Please make sure your club secretary has up to date information so that he/she can enter it for your club to LCI. We have sixteen clubs that have not entered officers for 2018-19. Clubs, please get your officers entered right away if you have not already completed this task. Club treasurers will need to send club dues in to LCI to

avoid financial suspension.

A Big Shout out, "THANK YOU" to the Cullman Lions for hosting our first Cabinet Meeting of the new year, 2018-19 and a special "THANK YOU" to PDG Jerry Bonner and his wife for getting everything set up for us.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL LIONS

You are invited to attend the next District Cabinet meeting on October 27, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. in Tuscumba, AL. All members and club officers are invited to attend. Expect some discussion and some fun. We'll also have time to talk and plan within District committees. A tour of Ivy Green is also being planned for the Cabinet meeting and don't forget, we will have lunch. We will have District service projects this year, starting with our next cabinet meeting. Clubs will be notified of the service projects ahead of time. WE SERVE!

SORROW:

Lion Lanny and I would like to say that our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Lion Harold Meeker, Huntsville Von Braun Club in their time of sorrow.

SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Many of our Lions are recovering from illnesses or just not feeling well. Please reach out and speed up their recovery. Send them a card, email of thoughtfulness or give them a phone call, or better still, if you are in the area, visit them. Please send me names of Lions that would welcome "Sunshine" from other Lions so that we can uplift them in prayer as they heal.

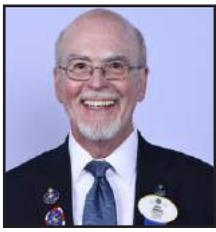
If a Lion is not listed above in sorrow, it is because I have not been told of them. Please keep me informed Lions of 34-A.

Save the Date:

March 2, 2019, District 34-A Convention in Gadsden, AL.

Children having fun at the Athens Lions Club Carnival





DG Mark Aldridge

DISTRICT 34-B



In and Around the District

Make the most of time

Well, it's September. It's still hot most days.

Soon the days will be noticeably shorter. The leaves will turn and fill up the gutters.

The high school will play Friday football. College football will begin to fill Saturday calendars.

Your Lions Club is ramping up for fund raisers and service projects.

How did the barbeque sales go? When will the vision screening take place? How many people came to the turkey shoot? Who have we partnered with to fight hunger and malnutrition?

There is a new emphasis on Leo Clubs. International has added two Leos to advise the Board.

Why not try to share some new ideas and projects with your own Leo Club?

It's not too early to plan something around November 11th Veterans Day; it will be the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. War ended on the 11th hour

of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Well, it's September. Talk to your Membership Chair about becoming a Guiding Lion.

Soon the LCI Forward Campaign Chair will visit. There will be opportunities for new Melvin Jones Fellows to be named.

Expand your social network by joining MyLion on your smartphone.

Print a copy of this newsletter and take it to your next Club meeting. Share it with someone who doesn't use email (yet) or show it to a prospective Club member.

There is a new emphasis on service. Ask the Lion President to fill the Service Chair position in your Club, and if vacant, volunteer to serve.

The USA/Canada Forum is this month. If you're going, I'll see you there! And if you are going or not, I want you to plan on representing your Club at the next District B Cabinet Meeting October 20th.

"Thirty days hath September..." Use them well.

District Governor
Mark Aldridge



Birmingham Lions Club induct 3 new members, pictured, from left, are Club President PID Lowell Bonds, new member Lion Millie Slaughter, Lion Doris Hansard, new member Lion Cindy Jones-Yeager, new member Lion Jessica Edmiston and 1st VDG Bubba Bingham.

**PUT SERVICE
ON YOUR CALENDAR
TO BUILD
AND SHARE WHAT
LIONS DO**



Pictured, from left are, DG Mark Aldridge, Margaret Lions Club new members Briseida Gomez, Aimee Price and Kyle Price with IPDG Pedro Pino.

LIONS 101 PROGRESS

New Lions are being installed north and south. The District is on its way to my set goal of 101 new members in the Lions' 101st year. I've heard from Birmingham, Margaret, and Opelika. Other Clubs have been busy too.

Most Clubs have names Service, Membership, and LCIF chairpersons. If your secretary is mindful, you have ordered the VERY impressive new member kits in anticipation of growing your club.

Club presidents have been working with their boards of directors to review and in some cases change meeting times. I have heard the Alabaster Lions moved to lunchtime and boosted attendance. Please advise the Cabinet Secretary when you change your time of day to meet.

It feels like we have the "secret sauce" in Alabama. News spread fast that MD 34 had positive growth through our latest reporting period. - only one of three in our constitutional area. Keep up the good work!

The Global Action Team of Leadership, Membership, and Service is working to assist you in rounding out the Lions experience for new and seasoned Lions. The three in District 34-B, and I, are going to be in contact with you. We shall be offering help and also recognition.

PDG Don Keesler is the Global Leadership Chair. During the last State Convention, he held a class to train Guiding Lions. He did a training class in Leeds for Zone Chairs. He is also a resource for future needs both in class sessions and for online distance learning on the Lions website. He is located in Calhoun County.

Lion Phil Jones is the Global Membership Chair. He also serves as Zone Chair for Summiton-Dora-East Walker, Warrior, and Adamsville-Forestdale Lions Clubs. He has visited the club in Warrior and is ready to advise other clubs. He is located in Walker County and (with assistance from the DG and the VDG's) will look to grow our Alabama base.

PCC George Head is the Global Service Chair. International President Gudrun has made it a priority to retain our club members, and she feels service to others in our communities is the way to do it. By introducing the "Five Causes", we Lions can expand the scope of our member participation. PCC George is ready to explore activities within your club to build the Lions "brand". He is located in Autauga County.

DATES TO REMEMBER

LIONS DAY AT AIDB, TALLADEGA	SEPT 14	THIRD 34-B CABINET MEETING	JAN 26, 2019
USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM, OHIO	SEPT 20-23	INTL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY	FEB 15, 2019
WORLD SIGHT DAY	OCT 11	34-B CONVENTION	MAR 23, 2019
INTERNATIONAL HUNGER DAY	OCT 16	EARTH DAY	APR 22, 2019
SECOND 34-B CAB MTG	OCT 20	STATE CONV & FOURTH 34-B CABINET MEETING	APR 26-27, 2019
WORLD DIABETES DAY	NOV 14	WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY	JUNE 5, 2019
HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH	JAN 1 - 31, 2019		



DISTRICT 34-C

DG
Andy
Marshall



In and Around the District

Here in District 34 C, Lions are serving their communities in their usual outstanding manner. Two example follow.

Once again Coastal Camp Seale Harris was a huge success! With temperatures in the very high 90's and some days close to 100, we all survived the temps. It didn't even slow us down, not too much. We still played capture the flag, line dancing, lots and lots of water sports and horseback riding. And many more activities were there for the campers to enjoy. We want to thank all the Lions that volunteered with helping in the kitchen to prepare food and making sure we had plenty to drink. With the help of the Gulf Shores Lions, Atmore Lions and Mobile Lions who came out to bring a meal for the 200 children, nurses, doctors and volunteers. Several other Clubs in the area, including Eight Mile provided valuable support to the event. This is only one example of "We Serve" in District 34 C.

The Ashford Lions recently recognized a special need in their community. They made a pledge to help fulfill the need and the community followed. The local Fire and Rescue Squad which serves a large rural area surrounding Ashford was in need of replacement Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The Ashford Lions assessed the need, reviewed their resources and pledged \$4500 of financial support and challenged the community to match their pledge.

The community also recognized the need and accepted the challenge. After all was finished the Ashford Lion donated \$9000 and with the community support over \$16, 000 was provided the totally fill the need. Another great example of Lions supporting of their community.

In addition to the service provided, at least one community member saw the Lions at work and asked if they were eligible to become a member. This is a great example of "Stop Recruiting - Start Attracting". With hands-on service projects, we attract new members!

And speaking of new members, District 34 C finished July on the plus side. We have five clubs that inducted new members in June. Congratulations go out to Andalusia, Saraland, Montgomery, Montgomery Dixie, and Eufaula, with Montgomery

under the leadership of President Mitchell Dubina adding a total of six new members during the month of July. I understand there are several more in the Montgomery pipeline. Let's all congratulate Montgomery!

Our first District Cabinet meeting was held in Evergreen, AL on July 21, 2018 with twenty-eight Lions in attendance. The Global Action Team held Membership and Leadership training sessions. We had some good fellowship with door prizes awarded every 30 minutes and the celebrated a highly successful 2017-2018 program year under the leadership of now IPDG Claudia Wigglesworth. We also enjoyed IP Gudrun Yngvadottir's new "Sing with the Lions" song with several taking a stab at singing along during the refrain. And, of course, the normal first Cabinet business was conducted with bond and bank account approved and the installation of the Zone Chairs and Committee Chairs.

I made one club visit to the Selma club, installed their officers and enjoyed preparations for their largest funds raiser of the year, their annual fair held the first week of October. The Montgomery club was also visited by our IVDG Yvonne Burroughs.

District 34 C hosted the Lions of Alabama Annual Leadership Conference in Montgomery, AL at Faulkner University on Saturday August 11, 2018 with over 100 Lions from all over the state in attendance. Thirty-eight clubs were represented with twenty clubs having both their President and Secretary present. Multiple District GLT Coordinator PID Lowell Bonds assembled an excellent staff of session moderators and presenters addressing twenty-five subjects in five topic areas and featured former Miss Alabama 2016 Hayley Barber DeShazo as the keynote speaker. The well attended sessions included a Young Lions panel with Zach Camerio, Mitchell Dubina, and Haley, and the Presidents session lead by Dennis Fonville the current President of the Pike Road club. Many thanks go to PCC George Hand and IVDG Bubba Bingham for securing the great facility and food at Faulkner and to IVDG Yvonne Burroughs and CST Roger Mixson for handling registration. We were also honored to have present, PDG Clare

Crawford, the newly appointed Area GLT Coordinator from the North Knox club in Knoxville, TN. And finally on this subject, I want to give a shout out to the Active Past District Governors of 34 C. We had nine in attendance at the Conference with several bringing someone with them. Thank you District 34 C Past District Governors!

During the Leadership Conference several Lions of Alabama awards were made. I cannot pass up the opportunity to recognize my home club of Headland for receiving the Membership Growth Award for mid-sized clubs. Congratulations Headland!

Lions of Alabama District 34 C, keep up the great service projects. But remember, if we are to grow in service we have to attract more members. Let's plan those Membership Growth Events and grow our membership to allow Diabetes and Childhood Cancer to be addressed in addition to all of the current ongoing service projects, including vision, hunger and environment.

WE SERVE!
DG Andy Marshall



Council Chair Mark Stevens (left) shown presenting District 34 C Lions of the Year and Pike Road President Dennis Fonville with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the recent Lions of Alabama Leadership Conference held at Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL.



A group of youngsters being impacted by the service of the Lions of Alabama at Coastal Camp Seale Harris.



Yes! - We are Lions! - We Serve!

LCIF is OUR Foundation, and as Lions, we should support it - this is what we do!

Donations to LCIF for Lions year 2017-18 from Alabama Lions: a total of \$ 91,213, which represents the highest amount contributed in several years, and with only 60 of our 130 Clubs having donations received by LCIF. As a comparison, receipts for Lions year 2016-17 were \$57,635.

Our 'Annual' LCIF fundraiser for this past year resulted in \$ 4,785 being sent to LCIF. With the winning ticket holder being the Prattville Lions Club, the club voted to donate the \$ 500 cash prize to LCIF, which increases the total to \$ 5,285. Your LCIF District Coordinators voted to hold the fundraiser again for this Lions year with one winning ticket to be drawn at State Convention for a \$ 500 cash prize. Tickets will be available from each LCIF District Coordinator by December 1, with donation levels of one ticket for \$5.00, or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

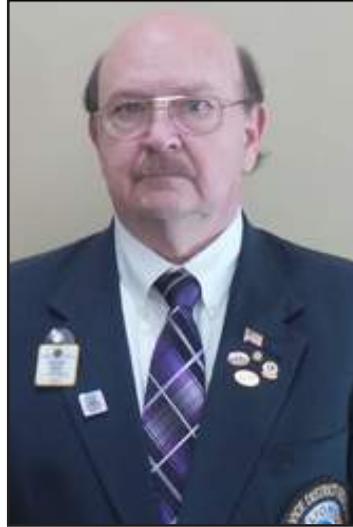
Now, some News . . . Campaign 100 - Empowering Service! "The most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, Campaign 100 will span three years and seek to raise \$ 300 million. By June 30, 2021, Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200+ million people each year and ensure that resources are available to increase continued service to our communities with a focus on vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian causes, and also to expand our global causes

to include a commitment to fight diabetes, childhood cancer, and continue to work toward a world in which no one goes hungry, and to protect the environmental health of our global communities."

Campaign 100 was 'kicked off' at the Las Vegas Convention, with Alabama's own PIP Frank Moore serving as Vice Chair. As LCIF Coordinators, we have been charged with the task to lead this effort over the next three years (currently donations avg. \$ 40-45 million per year). LCIF as we have known it will change: new web site; donation categories change; grant programs change, with new availabilities; more funds will be available to serve more people well into the future!

How will this be accomplished? We start this year with the basics:

- Ensure that each Lions Club has named a LCIF Club Coordinator;
- Encourage all clubs who have not made a donation to LCIF in the past few years to make a minimum donation of \$100;
- Encourage clubs that have traditionally made donations to continue to do so, with plans to increase donations each year;
- Encourage clubs to make sufficient donations of \$1,000 that would allow every Club to name at least one Melvin Jones Fellow annually;
- Encourage clubs to initiate a new fundraising event dedicated to LCIF for those who do not have sufficient budget funds to contribute;



PCC George Head

• Encourage all Alabama Lions who have not personally donated to LCIF to make a minimum personal donation of \$20 to LCIF this year; and,

• Encourage all Alabama Lions to make a personal donation of \$100 to LCIF annually during the 3 years of Campaign 100, and beyond;

This is how we start. Can this be accomplished? Could this be possible?

Yes! - We are Lions! - We Serve! Stay tuned - more information is to come.

Thank you for your continued support!

**PCC George Head,
LCIF Coordinator, MD34**

Drawing for Alabama, Auburn football tickets set



The Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum will be held in June, 2019 and will be the 10th year of our Partnership with Troy University in this format. Special things are being planned for this Special Anniversary.

On behalf of our Board members, I want to express our appreciation to all Lions who have volunteered to 'Serve' over the past 9 years. I encourage all clubs to support the young people of our state to sponsor student delegates, to financially support the Forum if unable to sponsor students, and for Lions to Serve as a volunteer if you can.

Thank You for your continued support of our annual Fund-raiser - the opportunity is there for one person to receive two 40 yard line 'reserved seating' Alabama/Auburn football game tickets along with a Friday night hotel room prior to game day in Tuscaloosa. The one winning ticket will be drawn in October, but tickets must be sold in order to have a drawing! Please help by obtaining and selling tickets - contact any ALHSLF Board member or DG Team member to obtain tickets!

Again, on behalf of our ALHSLF Board, Thank You for all you do as We Serve in this effort to make a positive influence on the lives of the young people of Alabama. The success of the Forum depends on the continued support of all Alabama Lions.

**PCC George Head
Chair, ALHSLF**

Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum 2018 Fundraiser

**Alabama/Auburn game ticket package
1 'ticket of opportunity' for a \$10 Contribution,
or 6 tickets for \$50**

**Tickets are available from ALHSLF Committee
and DG Team Members**

**Drawing to be held in October, 2018
Make checks payable to A.L.O.Y.F.**

MD 34 Annual Leadership Conference date approved

As we close the books on the MD 34 Annual Leadership Conference here are some takeaways for the event.

It was the best attended Autumn Leadership event in the 5 years it has been held. We want to thank the 106 attendees for their participation and involvement in the event.

The conference has rotated through the Districts each year but the attendees overwhelmingly approved the location of Faulkner University for the event in 2019, as District B is responsible and it is just a few miles within District C's boundary.

The attendees also approved the 2nd Saturday in August as the date for the conference each year. This means that the date is August

10, 2019.

The attendees enjoyed the opportunity of having 25 separate seminars of information being presented during the day. Unfortunately they could only make 5 so they have stated they will bring more Lions from their clubs next year.

The attendees also determined that the name of the event be changed from the Autumn Leadership Conference to the MD34 TIPP event. The change was not just because it was to give new club leaders helpful TIPPS on for success in the coming year nor, because it was the just TIPP of the iceberg of Lions programs and projects both in our state and internationally. The reason for the change was because of the adoption of the Conference purposes.

• Train lions in the basic organizational positions of the clubs, districts, Multiple District, and Lions Clubs International

• Inform Lions of the service programs of the organization

• Provide a Forum for successful ideas, projects, and techniques

• Promote individuals in their personal development of Leadership Skills.

There was one disappointment in the event for the planning committee. We regret that several new very capable presenters from around the state had conflicts in their schedules that forced cancellation of their attendance. One of the primary purposes of this event is to bring new voices and ideas to the Lions of Alabama. Hopefully with knowledge of the date and the

location of the event next year we can add many more enthusiastic presenters and a wider range of topics for the venue.

Fellow Lions, if you observe outstanding achievement of a Lion around the state or if you would like to present a specific topic to the Lions please contact your District Global Leadership Team member.

Again we want to recognize this year's planning committee:

DG. Andy Marshall, VDG. Bubba Bingham, VDG. Yvonne Burroughs, PCC. George Head, and Lion Mechele Mosley.

We would also like to thank all of the presenters and moderators that made this a successful event.

**Lowell Bonds, PID
Chair MD 34 Global Action Team**



PID Lowell Bonds



Alabama Lions volunteer with Camp Seale Harris

Camp Seale Harris wrapped up our summer full of diabetes camps across Alabama in beautiful Mobile, the last week of July.

Campers enjoyed activities such as, fishing, boating, swimming, ropes course, and horseback riding! Lions Clubs from across South Alabama traveled to Coastal Camp Seale Harris to serve our campers delicious meals such as: chicken & mashed potatoes, BBQ sandwich plates and hamburgers!

Campers look forward to the nights that the Lions come and cook for them and we are so appreciative for all that the Lions do for Camp Seale Harris.



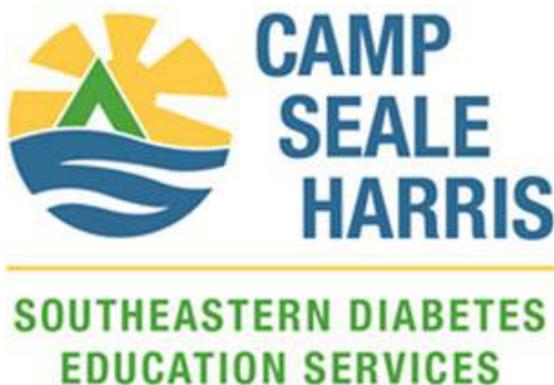
Gulf Shores Lions provided BBQ Sandwich Plates for our very hungry campers!



Atmore Lions provided Chicken & Mashed Potatoes for campers.



Mobile Lions provided delicious burgers, mac-n-cheese and green beans!



**We educate, encourage
and empower children
with diabetes and their
families to LIVE WELL!**



**CC Mark Stevens
presents Awards
at the MD-34 Leadership
Conference**



2017-2018 Tom Jones Lions of The Year Award went to PDG Johnny Tuten of the Tuscumbia Lions Club. Award accepted by DG Linda Starr



2017-2018 Roderick Beddows, Sr. Lions Club of the Year Award went to the Anniston Lions Club. Award accepted by PDG Don Keesler

**2017-2018 William C. Chandler Awards
are presented annually to the Clubs
with the highest percentage membership gain**



20-29 Members: Headland Lions Club - accepting award are Club Secretary Roger Mixson, Past President Pete Crews and President Joe Bryan



Pictured, left, 0-19 Members: Hoover Lions Club - accepting award are DG Mark Aldridge and Club President Roger Thomas.



Pictured, right 50 + Members: Athens Lions Club - accepting award is Club Secretary Judy Rew.

*Congratulations to all the
Award Recipients*