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International Director Gary Brown will be the guest speaker at the 2018-2019 State Convention

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Gary F. Brown, from Cape Vincent, New York, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

Director Brown has worked in the field of investment management for the past 37 years. He has owned his own branch and mentored several successful reps. He is currently an independent contractor and registered representative for Essex Securities.

Director Brown first became a Lion in 1984 in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, but has called the Brockport Lions Club home since 2016. He has held a number of offices within the association including club president, district governor, and district leadership development chairperson. He has also served as council chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson and multiple district GLT chairperson.

In recognition of his service, he has received many awards including the 100% President's Award. He is also the recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, three International President's Awards, an International President's Leadership Award, as well as four International President Certificates of Appreciation.

In addition to his Lions activities, he is an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and former board member of the Boy Scouts of America East Valley Area Council in Pittsburgh.

Director Brown is a Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Barbara, is also a longtime Lion and a recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award.



Gary F. Brown
International Director

**THERE IS STILL TIME
TO REGISTER!**

SERVICE PROJECTS

Hunger – collecting non-perishables, Vision – screenings at nursing homes, plus anyone that attends the convention can get an exam and purchase new glasses through ALS Mobile Eye Clinic, Environmental – clean up at the State Park, Cancer – collecting items from the Wish List for children and Diabetes – this is to be announced.

There will be a Melvin Jones luncheon on Saturday, anyone that would be receiving a Melvin Jones can have it presented by International Director Brown.

For registration form go to our website: lionsmd34.org.

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VISIONS

Barry Elliott



ALS Executive Director's Report

"People will forget what you said. They will forget what you did. But they will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

It is easy to get caught up in the amount of service that is rendered, either individually or at the club level, and therefore collectively by all Lions in the state. Providing great service in vision care is what Lions do. Early detection of vision problems for children is invaluable! Constant and advanced eye care for individuals, either through our Mobile Eye Clinic and referrals to Callahan Eye Hospital, cannot be underestimated in the prevention of blindness! But a recent event caused me to really stop and think that we don't really comprehend the extent of the service we are providing through Alabama Lions Sight.

I want to tell you about Lewis. I recently stopped at the bank. When I came out, a man that was standing by the car, donated to the Lions with our signage all over it, stopped me. He had been waiting there until I came out. He began by saying that 40+ years ago, the Lions gave him a pair of glasses. Many of us have heard this when wearing our vests or conducting a service project, so I wasn't all that surprised at his comment. However, he had waited by the car to express something really significant and important to him. Lewis said, "I waited because I wanted to tell someone what a difference Lions made in my life." More than 40 years ago he was a student in college. He was struggling, depressed, and was almost ready to drop out of college. He talked about it being the worst time in his life. Then the Lions helped him receive eye care which required surgery. It changed not only his vision, but gave him the motivation to graduate college, eventually becoming a local business owner. Had it not been for the Lions, he said, chances are that none of his life would have been the same. We talked a little longer and I invited him to a local Lions Club. I wish I could say he was ready to become a lion but not now. You know that when a person tells you no, it really means not now. When folks ask, "What do Lions do?" You could respond by saying "We change lives." But at least we can say that we make folks feel better about themselves!

Have you considered having an eye exam at the state convention? The Mobile Eye Clinic will be there and on Saturday and you will be able to see it in action and even have your own exam. We would like for you to make your appointment in advance for the morning hours on that Saturday. Dr. Daum and our team will take good care of you!

Opelika Lions Club had their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 9. They also provided a vision screening that morning. We are always glad to participate with them and they are very supportive to ALS. If you haven't thought about making available a vision screening in conjunction with your fundraiser or service project, you are missing out on a great opportunity to give back to your community at the same time! Just call and we will be glad to partner with you.

The MEC is partnering with the Alabama Department of Public Health in a six-month pilot program in providing vision care to their public health sites in Hale, Lowndes, Perry and Pickens counties. This pilot program is funded by a grant from the Nation Association of Chronic Disease Directors and is one of only seven in the nation! Together, we are screening folks in rural Alabama for diabetic retinopathy. I am so proud of the Lions setting up and providing such needed and important vision care in Alabama. It certainly makes me feel better to know that in serving others it could change their lives and make them feel better as well!

Opelika Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast



PATIENTS SEEN IN THE LIONS EYE CLINIC

- 3,235 patients seen year-to-date
- 464 were in the month of February

JOB OPENING Vision Screener needed for District C

If interested please contact
Lion Paula Gardner
at 205-325-8519 or paula@alsca.org
or Executive Director Barry Elliott at 205- 2965786
or barrymiell@yahoo.com.



DISTRICT 34-A

DG
Linda
Starr



In and Around the District

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

Wow! My Lions year is about three-quarter gone. I am challenging each club to add at least one new member for the month of March and April.

There will be a drawing at the State Convention in our last 34-A Cabinet meeting for two Free registration fees to 2020 District 34-A Convention which will be in Scottsboro. To be entered in the drawing, your club must have added two or more new members and those new members must be around for the 2020 Convention. There will be other awards for clubs that have added a new member for at least 6 of 12 months of the year, clubs that have added a new service project and one that served 50 or more people. There will be an award for the clubs that added more women to their club since we are trying to increase women membership in Lions in 34-A. I will send to each club president the awards that your club can earn for the 2018-19 year. Let's get busy Lions getting more Lions into your club so that your club can provide more service.

34-A District Convention Key-note Speaker: PID Jerome Thompson "Essence of Leadership - Influence, Integrity, Innovation" theme used by Past International Director Jerome Thompson, Moulton Lions at the 2019 District 34-A Convention. What an awesome presentation by our very own 34-A Lion PID Jerome Thompson on leadership!

KUDOS to Particular Lions: "Get on Board the Lions Train". After our fun and successful District Convention, I would like to recognize the Planning Committee by clubs. Centre - Lions Gaylon Hammett, Diane Hardy, Anne Shumaker, Norbert Falk and Lanny Starr. Gadsden - Lions Kay Moore, and Susan Jones. Gadsden Alabama City - Lions Jack Page and Jimmy Tubbs. Hokes Bluff - Lions Zachary Johnson and PDG Jim McGuire. Hokes Bluff Tawanahs - Lions Janice Jarrells, Betty Lewis, and Patti Morris. Rainbow City - Lions Joyce Frohock, PDG Janice Betts, and Kenneth Payne. Assisting was 2nd VDG Timothy Sosebee, Hayden Lions. Lion Kay Moore served as Convention Chair and Lion Zachary Johnson as Co-chair. Thank you so much for helping to make the convention a success. Thanks for your time, com-

mitment, and dedication Lions. A great job and a great convention.

Two Lions recognized for outstanding achievements receiving Presidential Certificates signed by International Lions President Gudrun Yngvadottir were Lion Robert "Bob" Manney, Cullman Community Lions and Lion Terry Carter, Athens Lions.

WELCOME NEW LIONS: Athens Lions welcomes Jason P. Elin, sponsored by Lion Amy Morelli. Cherokee Lions welcomes Ginny Keeton Blackburn, Pamela Hallmark, sponsored by Lion Kathy Vymaval-Kay, Phillip Steele, Sherri Steele, and Nicholas Tyler, sponsored by Kenneth Franks. Hayden Lions welcomes Walton S. and Sarah E. Thomas, sponsored by Lion Douglas Reid. Huntsville Von Braun Lions welcomes Latoyia M. Clemons and Shirley B. Clemons, sponsored by Lion Alice Sams; and John H. Moore, sponsored by Lion James Blackburn. Scottsboro Lions welcomes Bill C. Albritton, sponsored by Lion Jake Word. Town Creek Lions welcomes Felton McDugald, sponsored by Lion Ray Campbell. Lions Amy, Kathy, Kenneth, Douglas, Alice, James, Jake and Ray "ASKED", and Jason, Ginny, Pamela, Phillip, Sherri, Nicholas, Walton, Sarah, Latoyia, Shirley, John, Bill, and Felton said "YES"!

Welcome new Lions to District 34A! Thank you, Lions who sponsored these new Lions, and to the clubs for accepting them into your Lion family. Congratulations to all the clubs that have sponsored Lions for the last seven months.

NEW CLUB in District 34-A - Central Blount County: Kudos to PCC Ron Seybold and the DG Team for working tirelessly in Central Blount County in January to form and organize a new club in Central Blount County. Twenty new charter members to District 34-A: Ricky Broadhead, Teresa Broadhead, Clay Daughtry, Pamela Freeman, Felix E. Gaither, Sue Gaither, Deanna Jett, Misty M. Jones, Tim M. Jones, Steve Lata, A. Garrison Meighen, Joyce Miller, Michael J. Miller, Denise Murphree, Russell Murphree, Jan Parrish, Jacqueline Patterson, Judy Marie Reed, Kristina H. Shea, and Dorothy Wynn. Congratulations Central Blount County Lions and welcome to District 34-A.

SIGN UP NOW to attend the Multiple District 34 State Lions Convention, May 3-5, 2019,

Orange Beach, AL. Registration deadline is April 19, 2019. Registration forms can be found on the state website: alabamalionsMD34.org. Please remember to bring your club banner and pole to hang banner for display in the meeting hall. All clubs are asked to bring a door prize or prizes from your club. A great state convention has been planned for all Lions in MD 34. Please make plans to attend.

It will be fun and give you a chance to meet other Lions and make lasting friends. Clubs bring your new members or send them as delegates from your club. A Luau is planned on Friday night with dancing. So, if you need some practice or lessons, you have time before May 3rd. Come on Lions, let's have some fun. Don't forget, you must register by April 19, 2019.

KUDOS to Lions who attended the District 34-A Convention in Gadsden, AL. Twenty-three clubs of 46 were represented with 93 in attendance. Thank you to all Lions and guests that attended. The DG Team worked hard to put together a convention that was different, educational, and fun, stressing membership, service, and leadership. We hope that all Lions of 34-A will be on board the Lions train to continue to build on our foundation as Lions: membership

growth, serving others through more service projects, supporting club and district leadership, and fellowship. You have been invited, you don't need a ticket, just get on board. Invite someone to JOIN with you.

IN SORROW: Lion Lanny and I would like to say that our hearts and prayers go out to the

family of Lion Clara Campbell, Hayden Lions.

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



PDG Don Moore, Florence Downtown Lions was presented a quilt in Lions Club colors to honor him for a lifetime spent with Lions and his achievements in Lions. He has served as District Governor, president in two clubs, and club secretary of the Florence Downtown club for a long period of time. He has attended 24 International Conventions. Embroidered on the quilt is the number of positions he has held in Lions. Shown in the picture: (left) President David Stephenson, (right) PDG Don Moore.



PID Jerome Thompson presented Lion Robert "Bob" Manney, Cullman Community Club with a Presidential Leadership Certificate signed by International Lions President Gudrun Yngvadottir. Lion Robert Manney serves as the District Membership Chair. He has visited 20+ clubs with membership less than 20 to share tips and ideas on how to increase membership.



DG Linda Starr presented to Lion Tim Carter, Athens Club with a Presidential Leadership Certificate signed by International Lions President Gudrun Yngvadottir. Lion Tim serves as the District Service Chair. He has increased club reporting of service in the district. Twenty-three clubs have reported at least once this year, with only 8-10 reported on a monthly basis.



DG Mark Aldridge

DISTRICT 34-B



In and Around the District

Spring definitely has sprung. New members are joining from everywhere. Visitors are showing interest in what we are doing, and they don't mind us asking them to help out.

Tree plantings, Easter egg hunts, fun runs, and other volunteer activities in our communities raise awareness of Lions Clubs this time of year. Keep up the good work of helping others and making a difference in your areas.

It's also time to approach leadership opportunities. Election time for new officers is upon us. Be looking at those "Lions 101" new members to help operate and run your boards and clubs. Trainings are available at upcoming Cabinet meetings as well as in our MyLion web manuals.

Spring sprung on us in Lee County too! On March 3, 2019, a tornado 9/10-mile-wide hit Lee County. While on the ground it took the lives of 23 people in Bearegard and Smith's Station. 304 homes were either destroyed or had major damage. Zone Chair Phillip Sparks in Valley, AL, led the mobilization effort's early stages on behalf of the District. I applied and received a \$10,000.00 emergency grant money from LCIF Disaster Relief. Lions

Pete Miller (Auburn) and Junior Morgan (Opelika) and I met with Lee County officials to partner with them following President Donald Trump's visit there.

I have news of Oakman and Wetumpka Lions Clubs. Each made \$500.00 donations to the Lee County Clubs. District 34-C Clubs have sent at least \$1000.00. After press time I'm sure others in all three MD-34 Districts have pitched in. Thanks for your support! 34-C District Governor Andy Marshall also came to the area with 700 VSP eye exam vouchers. The Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center in Moody sent readers and non-Rx sunglasses to the Lions coordinator for distribution.

LCIF District 34-B Chair IPDG Pedro Pino is working hard to assist the Lee County efforts. As the Cabinet Secretary he received the transfer of the grant money, and he will be answering questions about the use of the "humanitarian" expenditures. Thanks goes out to MD-34 PCC George Head for his help in preparing the grant application and advice in proceeding forward. LCIF chairs in all Clubs should check in with IPDG Pedro or PCC George concerning the "5 for 20 Tickets".



The Jasper Lions met up for some fun at McCutcheon Love Furniture. Pitching brooms and mops were (l-r) Lion Kenneth Madison, Lion James Love, Lion District Governor Mark Aldridge, LCIF ticket donor "Doc" Thorne, and Lion Linda MacCauley.



\$10000 LCIF grant for Lee County Relief Efforts was received by District 34-B. Ms. Becky Benton, county United Way coordinator, meets with DG Aldridge (l) and Auburn Lion "Junior" Morgan as the distribution gets underway.



Talladega Lions President Donovan Beitel (l) hosted IVDG Bubba Bingham at a February meeting. PDG Ray Miller (r) gave members the latest news.

An excerpt from your 34-B LCIF Disaster Grant Application

"Alabama EMA and medical teams have moved into stricken areas of Lee County to do search and rescue. Police and fire crews have taken charge of who comes and goes. Governor Kay Ivey has declared a state of emergency. The American Red Cross is dealing with homelessness and the Salvation Army has set up clothing distribution. 23 are known to be dead, and the East Alabama Medical Center filled up, and patients have been sent to Birmingham, AL and Columbus, GA medical centers.

"The US President will visit the affected area the weekend of March 9, 2019 because this disaster has caused the largest damage and loss of life since the Moore, OK tornado. The population affected by the EF 4 tornado is 160,000. The Auburn and Opelika Lions Clubs have prepared to go into action as soon as clearance is granted. On hand now are 700 free eye exam vouchers for use of the survivors. The Auburn Treasurer is prepared to document expenditures and distributions of Lions resources. Zone Chairman Phillip Sparks (Valley Lions Club) organized the Clubs in the area to take necessary action in preparation to receive the LCIF Grant. Auburn Lions President Randy Smith has designated Member volunteers to handle various tasks to provide service and distribute aid."



DISTRICT 34-C

DG
Andy
Marshall



In and Around the District

It has been a short month, but with tons of activity here in District 34 C. This year we held an early Convention on February 22nd and 23rd hosted in a very professional manner by the Atmore Lions in Atmore, AL. According to "Andy's math" we had over fifty attend the Friday night event where we enjoyed outstanding food, fellowship and fun being entertained by a magician (without rabbits) with some attendees visiting the local casino. Saturday with one hundred and one in attendance (again "Andy's math") where we attempted to get ten pounds into a five-pound bag. Atmore Mayor Jim Staff welcomed us to his city with a proclamation declaring February 23th, 2019 Lions Clubs International day in Atmore. We were pleased to have as our keynote speaker International Director Tom Gordon and his wife Lion Gillian from Canada. Again the food was outstanding with some assistance required for our Canadian guests to enjoy the crab claws. Among those in attendance were many of our Past District Governors. We covet their attendance and support of the District. Twenty-one of our forty clubs were represented with many others attending from our Multiple District leadership team, including Council Chairperson Mark Stevens. Our International guests were presented gifts made from the residual marble from the Helen Keller sculpture by Craigger Browne, president of the Sylacauga Lions. Our District elections resulting in a vacancy in the position of First Vice District Governor. A special election was held March 12, 2019 and we now have a complete District Governor's team for program year 2019-2020 consisting of District Governor Elect, Yvonne Burroughs, Eight Mile; First Vice District Governor Elect Pete Crews, Headland and Second Vice District Governor Elect, Charlie Wigglesworth, Daleville. Congratulations to this outstanding team. This is a great team, so when asked to join their Cabinet, step up your service a notch and help make this coming year an outstanding one for District 34 C.

As we were still recovering from our Convention and returning home from District 34 A's convention on March 3, 2019, the storms hit our end of the state. District 34 C had five tornados that Sunday afternoon and eve-



The Selma Lions, sponsors of the Central Alabama Fair, were big winners at the annual Alabama State Fair Association meeting in Prattville, AL, Feb. 16. The Central Alabama Fair was named the Grand Champion Fair in the 2 AA Division of small county fairs. The Selma Lions Club, sponsor of the fair, thanks the citizens of Selma for their continued support of the Central Alabama Fair. Shown receiving the award are several Selma Lions Club members.

ning - two in Washington county, one in Geneva county, one in Barbour county and one in Macon county. But thankfully no one in our District was killed or displaced from their home as happened in Lee county. By now you all are aware of the destruction there. The Lions of District B went to work, contacted Lions Clubs International Foundation and immediately received a \$10,000.00 Disaster Grant to supply the basic life needs of the survivors with such items as food, water, toiletries, blankets, and clothes. Within a matter of hours, the Grant Application was approved and the funds were available to assist with the needs of south Lee county Alabama.

If you and your clubs are not supporters of LCIF with your charitable tax deductible donations, now is the time to re-think your support of your foundation. One hundred per cent of your current donations go directly to disaster relief and other areas we

as Lions support, such as vision, diabetes and childhood cancer. All administrative costs are paid by the earning from early year investment of donations. Send a check today to LCIF, become a Melvin Jones Fellow and assure funds are there to assist you and your club should disaster come your way.

During the Convention, as I am known to do, I rolled out a new challenge to the clubs of District 34 C. This is the tenth year for the Lions of Alabama to sponsor the Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum in Troy, AL at Troy University. We now have members in our District clubs who attended the first of these forums. With this being the tenth year, I rolled out "Campaign 10 for 10" and challenged each of the forth clubs in our District to sponsor/send ten young leaders from their community to the event this year. The registration fee is \$150 per young leader and includes the cost of training materials, room

and board. Go to www.alhslf.com for more information about the dates and other requirements. I know, \$1500 is not in your budget. Ask your members to sponsor one young leader. I have sponsored one for the last two years and plan to do it again. Ask your local businesses to invest in young leaders from your area. Let's take over the forum this year and help create young leaders in south Alabama who are all potential future members of Lions Clubs International.

A newsletter article from me would not be complete without addressing membership. We are back in the membership growth column, but not near the growth level we were at the end of November. I ask each club to plan and hold a Membership Growth Event during the next two months. Spend as many calories on the event as you would a fund raiser or a service project. Be seen in your community making your community a better place and attract some new members. Just

ask someone to join. Let's end this program year strong with positive membership growth for the first time in a while. Two clubs were recognized at the convention with Presidential Achievement Awards for each having added seventeen new members - so far. They were Gulf Shores and Montgomery. It can be done. Set a goal. Plan to achieve the goal. Celebrate goal achievement. Set a new goal. Let's grow our membership. Not to be the largest - we already are the largest. Let's grow our membership to allow more service. Each new Lion allows an additional 100 people in your immediate community to be served.

And speaking of being seen, the Selma club is certainly seen each year when they hold their regional fair. And this year they held an award winning event. See you in Orange Beach at the State Convention.

We Serve!!!
Growing to Serve the 2nd Century



Lions do things to help those that need it

Hello Lions. I hope this finds everyone well and ready for spring.

I want to talk about service. Service is a very important part of being a Lion. I was talking to a gentleman today, he said he knows a young lady that is blind and can not leave her house. She does not know how to navigate and go from one place to another. He was wishing that he could help her. I told him that is what Lions do, help those that need it. He had trouble believing that there was any help for her. I let him know that we have access to places that will teach and help her get the skills she needs. I informed him of the programs that Lions sponsor and all the help she can get for the asking. He then asked me a question I have not been asked before. What do Lions get out of doing this? What do I get out of doing this? He did not believe that

there is an individual or group that would do such a thing without needing something in return. I do not know if any one else has been asked this. I did not know what to say for a minute. Those questions got me to thinking. What do I get out of doing things like this?

I thought about this for a minute. Then I decided how I would answer him. I told him that Lions do these things to help those that need it. He said that the young lady had the opportunity to move to a facility that would care for her. This facility would take her entire disability check in return for a place to live and a piece of equipment that would tell her what is around her. She would be required to stay at the facility, or she could not keep and use the equipment. This did not sound right to me. Lions do not require things like that. I let him know that we have places that will

teach her and help her to become independent. To not have to rely on others to be able to do what she likes.

This discussion went on for several minutes. He is still skeptical, but he is going to talk to her and see if she wants the Lions to work with her and help her. I certainly hope she decides to let us work with her. She sounds like a very intelligent lady that can do great and wonderful things if given the chance. She kind of sounds like another young lady that all Lions know. Consider, what would Lions be like if Helen Keller had not been taught how to communicate. How would all our lives be different today? Would there even be a Lions Clubs International?

In the end I let him know that Lions change the world, one life at a time. He is still skeptical but is willing to see if she wants the help

of the Lions.

I found the discussion to be very enlightening to me. It made me reevaluate why I am a Lion. I feel that this is something that we all need to do at times. Consider what you would be doing if you were not in Lions. How would your community be if Lions were not there to help those that need it? How many people have we helped to live a better life by what we have done? These are things that all of us need to think about.

Please remember to register and attend the State convention in Orange Beach. It is shaping up to be a great and fun event. Come down and have fun with us. Meet new Lions from around the state and renew friendships with ones you have not seen in a while.

I will leave you with this thought.

Lions change the world, one person at a time.



Mark Stevens
Council Chair

What is T I P P 2019?

What is it? The Alabama Lions TIPP Conference is presented by the MD 34 Global Leadership Team to provide TIPP s to help you have a better understanding of Lionism in Alabama.

Train club and district officers

Inform about Multiple District Service projects

Present new programs for successful service and fund raising

Promote new presenters and ideas

This year the conference will again be held at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama.

It will be held on August 10th 2019 and is sponsored by District 34 B with Vice District Governor Bubba Bingham as Chairperson. It will begin at 9:30 AM and concluding at 3:30 PM.

Due to current events the theme this year will be Disaster 101 (defining our role), and we hope to get the director of the State Emergency Management Agency as the keynote speaker.

The conference will consist of 6 tracts with 4 different seminars in each tract.

Leadership: Seminars on LCIF campaign 100, LEOS, Global

Service, Global Membership

Club officer Training: Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chair

District Officer Training: Zone Chair, Region/Committee chairs, DISASTER what to do when it happens, How to sponsor a convention

MD34 Projects: Alabama High School Leadership Conference, Alabama Lions Sight, Camp Seale Harris, Vision Mission/Eyeglass Recycling and USA Eye Research

Technology: (Bring your computer) My Lion/My LCI presented by LCI representative, Facebook (Social Media), Communications (Constant Contact), Lions Learning opportunities

Panel Discussions: Youth panel (what turns them on), District Governor (ask them anything) Successful Projects (group discussion), DISASTER 101 (working together)

The event will be fast paced, highly energetic, and very informative.

Last year we had many outstanding presenters for the seminars. During our visits to all of the District conventions we have identified many new enthusiastic Lions to help keep this event interesting and exciting.



PID Lowell Bonds

The cost is \$30.00 per registrant which includes lunch and morning snacks.

As you can see your club may need to send more than the President and Secretary, but for the first 30 clubs that register both their president and secretary the cost is half price.

If you know of a Lion in your club or district who is enthusiastic and has completed a successful event or project that they wish to share, please send me their names as we have not completed our faculty for this event yet.



Ashford Lions Club donates to Cody Strong Childhood Cancer Foundation

The Ashford Lions Club pledged a donation of \$1,000.00 from our Winter Brunswick Stew Sale to Alicia and Frank Hayes for their Cody Strong Childhood Cancer Foundation. We also had a donation jar set up at the pickup table at Fresh Foods Market at Cowarts the day of the stew sale, which collected an additional \$80.00 in donations from people as they picked up their stew. Our Club presented the donation check and the donation jar receipts to the Hayes at our Ashford Lions Club meeting at the Ashford Senior Center. Pictured, above, are Frank and Alicia Hayes and Ashford Lions President Guy Bruner.



CAMP SEALE HARRIS
SOUTHEASTERN DIABETES EDUCATION SERVICES

Diabetes Walk for Camp Seale Harris

Lions Clubs throughout Alabama are walking to help children with diabetes! The Diabetes Walk funds scholarships for children with diabetes to attend Camp Seale Harris. This is a fun way to support a long-time Lions project. Come join the walk closest to your club and be a Lion VIP Walker!

Several club Walk Teams are volunteering to help make the events fun for all including:

Vestavia Mountain and Hoover Lions will provide water stations at the Birmingham Walk. Each year, they sponsor local children with diabetes going to Camp Seale Harris with funds raised by their Walk Team!

Mobile, Gulf Shores and Fairhope Lions will be volunteering at the Mobile Diabetes Walk. Each year, they sponsor local children with diabetes going to Camp Seale Harris with funds raised by their Walk Team!

Greater Dothan Area Lions will support and walk in the Dothan Diabetes Walk. Each year, they sponsor local children with diabetes going to Camp Seale Harris with funds raised by their Walk Team!

Auburn Lions and Opelika Lions will be volunteering at the Auburn/Opelika Diabetes Walk. Each year, they sponsor local children with diabetes going to Camp Seale Harris with funds raised by their Walk Team!

Lions Clubs participate free! Wear your club shirt, hat, or vest. Register your team or yourself now. How? Take out your phone and go to www.CampSealeHarris.org. Even if your club is not close to a Walk Event, you can walk virtually in your own community. Click on Diabetes Walk. Click which walk location you'd like to support, or simply click on Donate to help a child go to camp.

2019 Diabetes Walk Events:

- Pensacola - March 16 at Bayview Park
- Mobile - March 17 at USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park
- Dothan - April 7 at Westgate Park
- Auburn - April 13 at the Opelika Sportsplex
- Birmingham - April 14 at Veterans Park

Info: Lion Rhonda McDavid, 205-402-0415 or rhonda@SDiabetes.org.



**Auburn Lions Club members assisting at Auburn/Opelika
Diabetes WALK for Camp Seale Harris**

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

to be voted on at the State Convention

Item for consideration

Location in Document

Amendment #1

ARTICLE VI FEES AND EXPENSES

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Section 3. DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL PER CAPITA TAX

Amend Paragraph (g) and the following Distribution Chart as follows:

(g) Global Membership Team and, Global Leadership Team, and Global Service Team - one dollar sixty-eight cents (\$1.68) of the annual per capita tax to be distributed among the committees in amounts as determined by the Council of Governors.

Distribution:

District Administration	\$3.70
Council Administration	1.96
International Convention	1.26
Multiple District Operations	9.40
The Alabama Lion Newsletter and Public Relations	6.00
The Alabama Lions All Star Band	0.50
Global Membership Team, & Global Leadership Team and Global Service Team	1.68
Annual Total	\$24.50

(This amendment adds the term Global Service Team due to the program being added by Lions Clubs International.)

Amendments to By-Laws

Amendment #1

ARTICLE X Miscellaneous Regulations

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Section 2. Fund Raising at MD-34 Annual Convention

Delete Section 2. in its' entirety

Section 2. Fund Raising at MD-34 Annual Convention - It shall be prohibited for any Club or member to conduct a fundraising activity for the promotion of a Club project at the Multiple District Annual Convention

(Delete Section 2. above and renumber Sections 3 and 4 as Section 2. and Section 3. respectively.)



Lions and LCIF

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

‘Campaign 100’ - Why 100? Lions have just celebrated 100 years of Service! Lions Clubs are encouraged to donate a minimum of \$100 per club each of the three years of the campaign. Each and every Lion is encouraged to donate \$100 in each of the three years of the campaign. Doing so will result in 100% participation by 1.46+ million Lions!

The highlights of our “Alabama Plan” - we start with the basics in year one: Ensure that each Lions Club has named a LCIF Club Coordinator - has your club done so? If not, go ahead and do it now. The Club Coordinator will be the “Chief Encourager” for contributions from their club and its members.

Encourage all clubs who have not made a donation to LCIF in the past few years to make a minimum donation of \$100 - easy to do online: www.lcif.org/donate.

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.

Encourage all Alabama Lions to make a personal donation of \$100 to LCIF annually during the 3 years of Campaign 100, and beyond. Now is the time to get started! Why wait - just do it: www.lcif.org/donate.

This is how we start. Can this be accomplished? Yes - We are Lions!

Important, and Please Note: At our MD Convention on Saturday, May 4, lunch will be dedicated as a time where we pause and recognize those who have been honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Also, all clubs who would like to make a Melvin Jones Fellow presentation, you are encouraged to do so during this luncheon. Please let us know if your club would like to participate, then have your MJF participant be present and have their MJF plaque and pin on hand for the presentation. We will ask our guest International Director to assist with this special presentation ceremony.

And remember, we will conclude our fundraiser with the drawing during the banquet on Saturday night. Tickets are available statewide now, and we will be selling up the start of the banquet.

Thank You for your continued Support!

PCC George Head, LCIF Coordinator, MD-34

PCC Jerry Bonner, LCIF Coordinator, 34-A

PDG Pedro Pino, LCIF Coordinator, 34-B

PCC Glen Elmore, LCIF Coordinator, 34-C



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Phone: (____) _____

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Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF – CAMPAIGN 100

\$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

One winning ticket will receive \$500.00

Drawing to be held on April 27, 2019

You do not have to be present to win - Must be 18 years old to participate.

LCIF is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization - Contributions are Tax Deductible as they are allowed. Money raised payable to LCIF - Lions Clubs International Foundation.



ALOYF SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

ALOYF was created by the Lions of Alabama to honor the service PIP J. Frank Moore III. ALOYF is a I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3), Alabama non-profit corporation, that sponsors and supports the youth projects of the Lions of Alabama, Multiple District 34. ALOYF gives college scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Alabama in the name of PIP J. Frank Moore III. In addition, a group of Lions known as Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum (ALHSLF) operates as an autonomous committee of ALOYF. The purpose of ALHSLF is to build and strengthen leadership, relationships, and the power to serve, among the youth in Alabama. (<http://alhslf.org>) Tax exempt donations to continue the work of funding scholarships by ALOYF may be sent to the following address:

ALOYF

P.O. Box 2436

Ozark, AL 36361

E-mail: bill@filmore.net

The ALOYF Board has approved two \$1,000 scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Alabama for 2019. Completed applications must be received by May 15, 2019.

To obtain a copy of all the forms to submit the scholarship application go to <http://filmore.net/aloyf.html>