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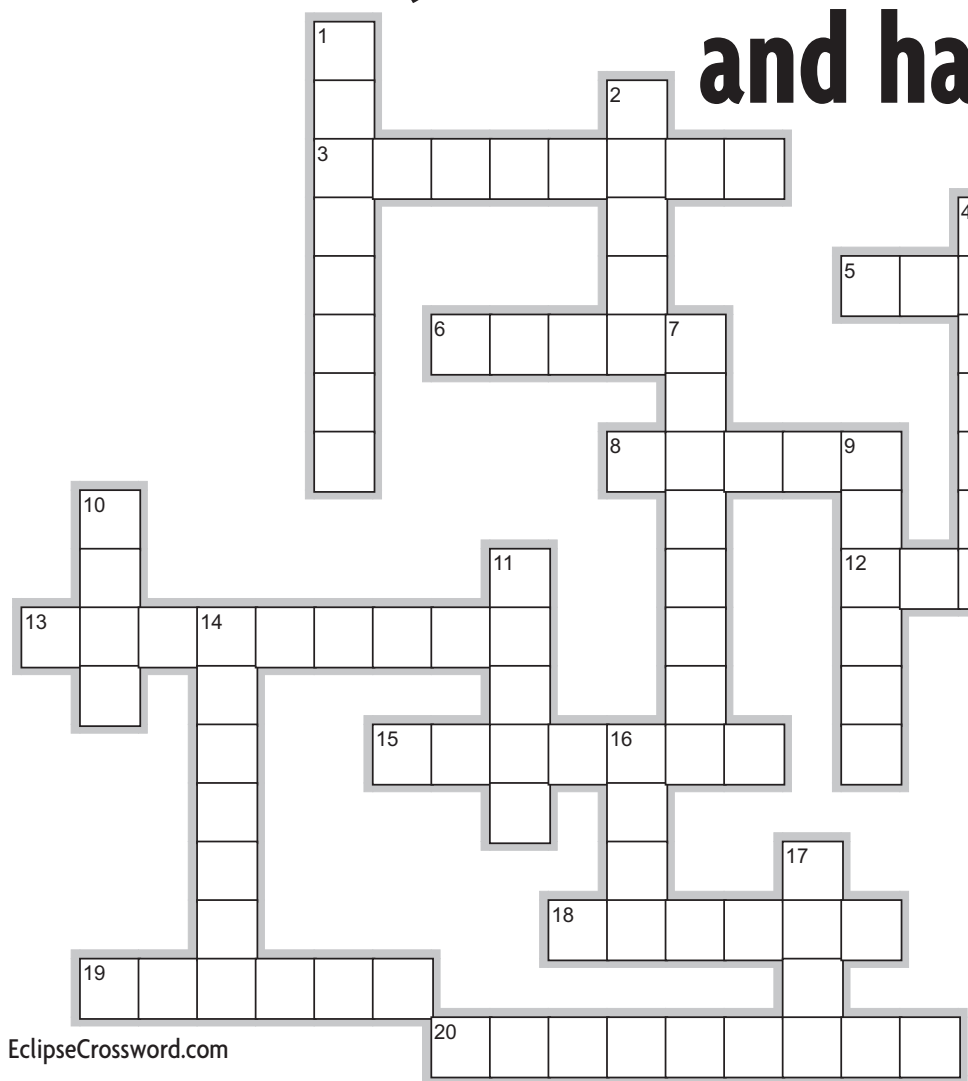
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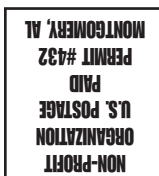
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I would like to thank Lion Don Moore, Florence Downtown Lions Club, for putting this puzzle together.

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VISIONS

Barry Elliott



ALS Executive Director's Report

The lion year of 2018-2019 is rapidly coming to a close. When you are reading this article, our state convention will have concluded. Alabama Lions Sight (ALS), as the charitable arm of the Lions of Alabama, is tremendously dependent upon the Lions of Alabama. The vision care given to the indigent and visually impaired could not be accomplished without your help and donations! Individuals and clubs have been and continue to be the engine that financially propels this great work! Several years ago, two awards were created to recognize individuals and clubs who contributed to ALS. There is the Founder's Award in recognition of a contribution of \$500.00. The highest award is the Helen Keller Legacy Award for contributions of \$1000.00. I wanted to include a picture of these beautiful plaques so that all could see how prestigious they are. Any individual or club having contributed these funds are entitled to these awards. It certainly would be in order for any club to recognize individuals in their club for their service as an end of the

year award. If you are interested, then give the office a call, and we will be happy to verify those numbers for you so the plaques can be ordered!

That having been said, it appears that several clubs are waiting to near close of the lion year to make their annual donations. Often many donations are made at the state convention each year. Let me encourage each club to not delay. The service Lions are providing in vision care is continuing to increase as well as the cost, in order to accomplish it. I hope that many of you had the opportunity to be present at the state convention this year. If you were not, please call **205-325-8519** to schedule me to visit your club, so that you can learn more of what so many together are doing to prevent blindness!

The newly engaged partnership ALS has with the Alabama Department of Public Health is really developing into a promising area of service! Talks have begun to find ways that this pilot program can expand after the trial period is over at the end of July. Certainly we hope to expand beyond the four counties to include more areas of underserved residents of Alabama. Concerning our vision screenings currently averaging 15,000 per year hopes to significantly increase into the hundreds of thousands. We certainly cannot say enough about the continued partnership the lions have with UAB Callahan Eye Hospital. Thousands are seen in the Lions Clinic every year! I was just given the figure for last year at 3981 from the hospital! As we look forward in celebrating 75 years of service next year, Lions can be proud to serve more than 400,000 during those years. I am so blessed to be able to work with you in providing vision care to so many.

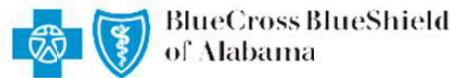


PATIENTS SEEN IN THE LIONS EYE CLINIC

- 3,725 patients seen year-to-date
- 490 were in the month of March



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DISTRICT 34-A

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In and Around the District

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

What an amazing year this has been, ringing my bell across North Alabama! I am writing my last column item as District Governor, reflecting on the many, varied service projects and events implemented in North Alabama. I have visited all 46 clubs in the district, encompassing 16 counties in North Alabama (Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison, Jackson, Franklin, Lawrence, Morgan, Marshall, Dekalb, Marion, Winston, Cullman, Blount, Etowah and Cherokee), ranging from 1100 to 1107 members. Clubs are not only conducting vision screening and referring individuals for eye exams, but feeding the hungry with canned goods, hot cooked meals, backpacks/food bags for children over the weekend, providing toys, clothes, gifts to families at Christmas, scholarships for graduating seniors, leadership and service opportunities for high school students through forums, self-care help for diabetic students through camps, community and roadside clean-ups, placing benches in the local parks, building wheel chair ramps, providing coats for coat drives, diabetic supplies to school nurses for diabetic students, funds and supplies for disaster reliefs, providing funds for flags, children's clinics, local libraries, and the list goes on and on.

Clubs are committed to fund-raising events to fund their service projects such as: Hot Dog suppers, Chili cook-offs, Pecan & Peanut sales, Fish fry, Fish & Ham dinner, Chicken Stews, Pancake breakfasts, Car shows, dove shoots, Radio Day, Christmas tree sales, and the list goes on and on.

We have held two district service projects this year. One being diabetic kits for schools with diabetic students and second one being a canned/dry food drive. We had 110 diabetic kits provided by ten Lions clubs. Kits were distributed to schools by the top clubs who had the most club members present. We had over 100 canned food items donated by individuals and was presented to the Etowah County Food Bank.

The Cullman Lions Club hosted the first Cabinet meeting for the 2018-19 year and the Tusculumbia Lions hosted the second Cabinet meeting. Kudos to these two clubs for stepping up to host

the first two cabinet meetings.

The 2028-19 District Convention was hosted by the mighty six Lions Clubs: Gadsden, Gadsden Alabama City, Hokes Bluff, Hokes Bluff Tawannahs, Rainbow City, and Centre. Kudos to these clubs for serving as host and for all the extras that helped to make the 2018-19 District 34-A Convention a success. A "special" thanks to PID Jerome Thompson for accepting the invitation as our keynote luncheon speaker.

Thank you, Thank you to my DG Cabinet Team: First Vice District Governor Larry Bagley, Second Vice District Governor Timothy Sosebee, Cabinet Secretary Judy Rew, Cabinet Treasurer Lanny Starr, District Leadership Chair Mechele Mosley, District Membership Chair Robert "Bob" Manney, District Service Chair Tim Carter, MD Service Chair Ron Seybold, Region Chairs: Steve Dodd, Larry Pylant, Robert Moxley, Lindell Smith and Zone Chairs: Don Gray, Terry Reynolds, Jerome Dodd, Howard Rew, Barry Willingham, Brian Bright, Tim Sosebee, Lendell Chappell, John Bobenage, and Lanny Starr. Thanks to all of you for your volunteer time and enthusiasm.

NEW Officers -2019-20

The DG Team for 2019-2020 have been elected and incoming District Governor Larry Bagley and his Cabinet First Vice District Governor Timothy Sosebee and Second Vice District Governor Mechele Mosley are gearing up for the next Lions year of Service. Our incoming Global Membership, Leadership and Service Team will continue with the new club development begun this year and will offer excellent training for club and district leaders-to-be.

I am so pleased to have been your District Governor for 2018-19, and I thank each and everyone of you Awesome Lions for your dedicated service to individuals and communities in North Alabama. I look forward to working with the Lions of MD 34 in 2019-2020. See you in Orange Beach for the MD 34 State Convention, May 3-5, 2019!

Welcome New Lions:

Brilliant Lions welcomes Regina A. Labor, sponsored by Lion Ann Seaborn. Guntersville Lions welcomes Joan Ackerman, sponsored by Lion William Bagley.

Hokes Bluff Lions welcomes Mickey J. Crook, sponsored by Lion William Fielding. Killen Lions welcomes Ronald P. Hyde, sponsored by Lion Don Gray. Scottsboro Lions welcomes Dan L. Traut, sponsored by Lion Timothy Kinison. Tusculumbia Lions welcomes Alisa McNatt, sponsored by Lion James Fox.

Lions Ann, Larry, William, Don, Timothy and James "ASKED", and Regina, Joan, Mickey, Ronald, Dan, and Alisa 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 your club this year.

In Sorrow:

Lion Lanny and I would like to say that our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Lion Lendell Chappell in the loss of his wife Annette. Please keep Lion Lendell and family in your prayers.

Sick and Shut-ins:

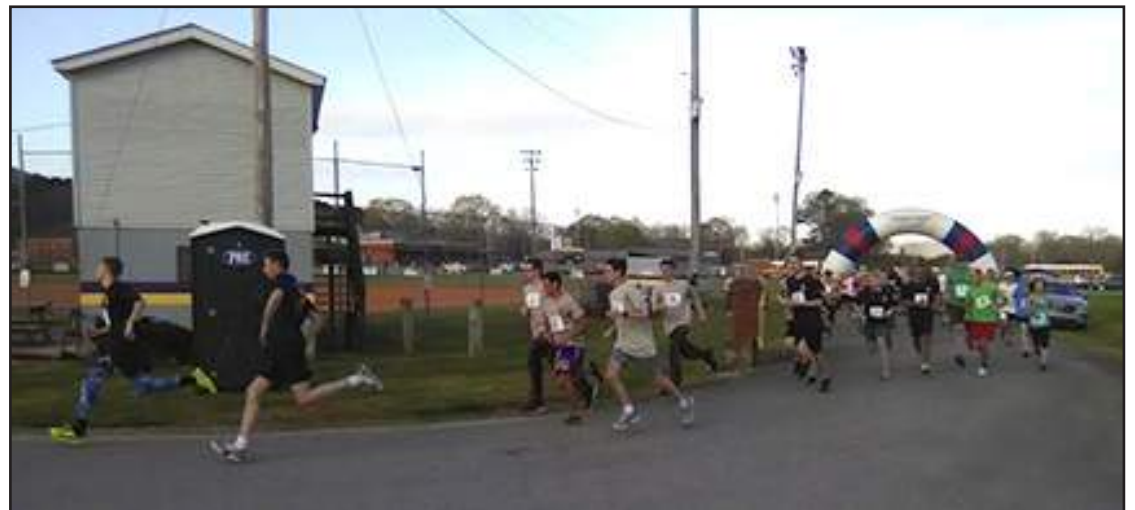
Please continue to reach out to our Lions who are recovering from illnesses, surgeries, in hospital, or just not feeling well. Give them a call, send a card, or drop in to visit. Spread a little "sunshine" to make someone's day brighter.



Ladies of Lambda Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gadsden presenting District Governor Linda Starr and her DG Team with over 60 pairs of eyeglasses collected as part of their Global Initiative. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will participate in an eye glass initiative designed to prevent blindness, help restore eyesight, and improve eye health and eyecare for millions of people around the world by donating used eyeglasses in partnership with local Lions Clubs Internationally.



District Governor Linda Starr presenting the 2019-2020 District Governor Team: District Governor Larry Bagley, 1st Vice District Governor Timothy Sosebee and 2nd Vice District Governor Mechele Mosley. Congratulations DG Team 2019-2020



Gurley Lions Annual 5K Run in Gurley, Alabama



DG Mark Aldridge

DISTRICT 34-B



In and Around the District

Celebrating Service with Elvis, Patrick Henry, and New Voices

Continuing the Las Vegas theme, where the 2018 convention started, the Birmingham 34-B convention featured a touch of Elvis Presley too. March 22nd and 23rd were the dates of the convention and third cabinet meeting.

Elvis was known for giving away Cadillacs in his time. And the District Governor continued the tradition symbolically. Several Lions were recognized for significant efforts to move us upward and onward this Lion Year. They received "If I Was The King" awards. Each certificate featured action photos of Elvis and a Cadillac with classic tail fins.

They were given to PCC George Head, Prattville; Lion Wayne Dunlap, Homewood Metro; Lion Brenda Elliott, Adamsville-Forestdale; Lion Ray Lindsey, Hoover; and Lion Faye Pino, Margaret. "Thank you very much!"

The Saturday program started with PID Lowell Bonds reading the Jefferson County Commission's salute to District 34-B and its declaring "Lions and LCIF Weekend".

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech at the House of Burgesses in Virginia. To commemorate Patrick Henry and honor the

sacrifices of veterans, CC Mark Stevens and Lion Faye Pino recalled that moment in history which guaranteed troops for the Revolution. Then they each gave pins they created honoring military members to International Director Connie LeCleur-Meyer.

The convention was jam-packed with audio-visual presentations too. Lion Brenda Elliott introduced the "Two Emily's" from Children's Hospital of Alabama. They thanked the Lions for emphasizing the cause of childhood cancer and welcome District 34-B's involvement.

Lion Tracy Thompson introduced the video about the Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum at Troy University. This event will be its 10th anniversary. She told of the big plans and urged all to volunteer and Clubs to send students.

Lion Rhonda McDavid gave word about Southeastern Diabetes Education Services and showed a video of Camp Seale Harris activities. She made note of various opportunities for Lions to volunteer or to scholarship kids to the Camp.

ID LeCleur-Meyer began her



Lion Ray Lindsey of Hoover Lions received his Elvis in Vegas themed cert of appreciation for his convention work. Presenting is ID Connie LeCleur-Meyer and 34-B DG Mark Aldridge.



Tuscaloosa Area Lions President Olivia Wyatt receives the International President's New Voices Recognition Certificate from Zone Chair Kathy Mason of the Northport Lions.

presentation asking us to put what we thought about Lions Club into just a few words. And do non-Lions know us or only draw a blank?

This Bud's for you? It's a Beer. What's in your wallet? It's a Credit Card. From there she pictured various brand logos. You see a shell? It's an oil company. See the blue squiggle? It's Bluetooth.

Challenge yourselves to define Lions for your local community. Have a signature project others can know you for. Be visible wearing your gear when performing service in the community. Maintain a social media presence because that is how most people under 35 get information.

She closed with some quotes from Helen Keller. One of which was "I do not look at mistakes as bad things. They are lessons from which I learn."

Information was shared about LCIF Campaign 100. Attendees were briefed on the new State Pins featuring Milan, Italy. The TIPP Conference is set for August at last year's site in Montgomery. Lion Phillip Sparks gave news on responses to the Lee County tornado. Clubs were also asked to remember the State Band when doing their budgets for the year. The next USA/Canada Forum will be in Spokane, WA.

Lion Phil Min showed off

the display of the top three Peace Poster winners in District 34-B. He gave out a sheet on how to do a great poster contest. He should know! His Vestavia Hills Lions Club entered the Peace Poster which won at the State level. It curated the top two school entries within the District too.

PDG Barry Elliott, ALSA CEO, briefed the District about a history-making grant. Only seven of the grants have been given in the USA. If the work is proven to be successful, Alabama's eyecare model may be adopted nationally.

Lion Donovan Beitel of Alabama Industries for the Deaf and Blind related his story of education and work overcoming his handicap. He encouraged and the Clubs to come out for Lions Day 2019 at AIDB in Talladega. It will be September 13th. He is also the current President of the Talladega Lions Club.

International President Gudrun Yngvadottir is promoting the "New Voices" initiative this year. ID Connie LeCleur-Meyer and IVDG Bubba Bingham presented a New Voices award. Lion Bubba is the Guiding Lion for the Tuscaloosa Area Lions Club as well. The award went to Lion President Olivia Wyatt to recognize her work in turning around her Club in Tuscaloosa.

In recognition of outstanding service this year, ID LeCleur-Meyer had Presidential Awards to give from President Yngvadottir. Lion Kathy Mason of Northport Lions Club received her award for successfully leading the Tuscaloosa Area Lions Club and its members through a hard transition.

A second Presidential Award was given to Lion Phillip Sparks of Valley Lions Club. In his role as Zone Chair, he did an outstanding job on behalf of the District and for Lions everywhere. He rallied and organized the response of the Lions Clubs in Lee County in the hours following the March 2019 tornadoes.

In true Vegas style, the convention began, ran and ended with some pizzazz. The Friday began with ethnic Cuban food at the Miami Fusion Café. Several large size beach towels were given away during the Saturday's convention. They were door prizes to promote the Lions State Convention May 2nd in Orange Beach. Closing out Saturday night, a pride of Lions went to the 9:30pm show at the Birmingham Improv Theatre for some fun and laughter.

Good luck and "Thank you very much!" Maybe Elvis will be there too at the Blue Hawaii Luau at Orange Beach. See you at the fourth cabinet meeting and State Convention in May.



Lions Junior Morgan, Doug Hicks, and Pete Miller present checks to Barbara Patton of the East Alabama Fdn. Both checks for \$500 from the Auburn and Opelika Lions Clubs went to buying mailboxes for families rebuilding their homes in Lee County.



DISTRICT 34-C

DG
Andy
Marshall



In and Around the District

Spring is here, the grass is green, the trees are full of blooms and fruit will soon appear and become ripe for the picking. Sounds a lot like new Lions. With spring among us, we should be enjoying the beautiful fragrances in the air and looking for new Lions to harvest. We see them while shopping, while worshipping, while attending sports events, even while enjoying the pool or lake. Just ask!!! You will be surprised how many will say yes. We had a team in Troy, AL the first week of April "Just Asking". At our first informational meeting we had four to sign applications and pay dues, and to date four to six more have done the same. And another six more have said yes, but could not attend the meeting. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the new charter application will have been submitted. Thanks for the help for District 34 B in forming the team in Troy, AL.

It was my pleasure to attend District 34 A and B's conventions. In Gadsden, AL, we rode the train, learned lots about Lionism and enjoyed remarks from Past International Director Jerome Thompson. Congratulations DG Linda on a great convention. In Birmingham, AL we enjoyed multicultural nourishment, didn't win a door prize but benefited from International Director Connie LeCleir-Meyer presentation. Congratulations DG Mark.

Hopefully all our clubs are well in to their Club Officer election process. Please remember to elect a Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator, a Club Administrator and a Club Service Coordinator, in addition to the normal suite of officers. MyLCI will open soon to allow the entry of these new officers. Please be ready and enter them promptly, as this will be the means your new District Governor's team will make contact. As each club enters

the nomination and election process, may I suggest that you consider the length of service of each of your current officers. Please consider nominating fresh new Lions, giving them an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and serve at a higher level.

Addressing membership again. The first three months of 2019 were all no growth months. Please do you club and community a big favor. Let's end the year with each club in the district adding members from your current membership position and hopefully ending the year in the positive from a year-to-date prospective. Remember, this year clubs have to achieve positive membership growth to be eligible for the Club Excellence Award.

Hopefully each club will benefit for the new member grant happening in April. Each club is eligible for a \$35 grant for each member added in April. Check your messages from me for the details.

If your club has not been visited by the District Governor's team this program year, get ready because here we come. If you would like, please call me and set up a visit date and time.

As this program year comes to an end, I would like to thank District 34 C Cabinet, committee members and past district governors for their service this program year. Through your actions and support we have served and continue to serve our communities well. Let's continue and end this year in an outstanding fashion.

It was my pleasure to participate in the DGE Leadership Training event held recently in Birmingham. I am pleased to report the three district governor teams are well on their way to being ready to lead this Multiple District next year. With one more training season to be held in Milan in conjunction with the International Convention,

they will be more than ready to hit the ground running and lead us on to greatness.

I continue to be overwhelmed with the level of service accomplished by each club and the quantity of it that is "hands-on" in the club's own community. Please assure each service project is reported in MyLCI. That is the only way International knows of the great service we are providing.

The web site is now active for registration to attend the 2019 edition of our Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum to be held at Troy University in Troy, AL -its tenth year. The event is held in our district, it helps develop young leaders from all over the state and our district now has lions who have attended this forum in years past. This is our forum and I am asking our clubs to support it this year in a very special way. "10 for 10" - in recognition of the tenth year I am asking each of our 40 clubs to send ten young leaders from your community to the forum. I know it's not in your budget, but why not ask some of your members to support one. Why not ask some businesses in your area to support one or more? And I have a secret. All rising seniors attending this special year who attend Troy University in the fall will receive a \$1000 on time scholarship. What about that for a cost benefit in your favor? Let's make this the year that District 34 C caused the forum to overflow. We also need volunteers. Lions come be a part of this historic event. Give of your time to support the young leaders of our state and future Lions Clubs members. I'll see you there.

One of IP Gudrun's four key points this year is Fellowship. It is interesting that as I make my club visits, I see more clubs celebrating their successful service projects and fund raisers with a fellowship event. Too often we have a great event and forget that after all the planning, arranging, setting up, conducting and cleaning up a little fellowship in the form of celebrating an outstanding event is in order. During

the fellowship let's become a stronger team by learning about children and grand kids, hobbies, and professions. Do a little team building, learn the interest of our fellow members. Become a stronger team and club.

Growing the Serve the 2nd Century!!!



IPDG Claudia Wigglesworth and District Governor Andy Marshall Meeting with Troy University professor Dana Wilson to discuss the new Troy club.



Packed house at the recent District 34 C Convention



First informational meeting for the new Troy Lions Club



Service is the heart and soul of Lions

Hello Lions of Alabama.

The year is almost done. Just a couple of months left. There is still a lot that we can do. One thing that never stops is the need to serve. It does not matter what time of the year it is, there are people that need help. As Lions we must never forget this. We must always strive to do the best we can to help the communities that we live and work in.

The work that we do in service is very important. It can change the life of an individual or a family. We must always do the best we can to give a hand up to the ones we help. Not a hand out. There is a dramatic difference between the two. A hand out says that you will never be any better than what you are now. That is not what Lions do. What we do is give a hand up. That shows that we know you are having a hard time right now, but you can do much better than this. You just need encouragement and a hand

up at this time. This is something that everyone needs at some point in life. Usually several points in life.

No one can do everything by themselves. That is why we have friends and family that can help us when we need it. Occasionally we all need more help than that even. That is when Lions step up. That is when we come in and give the hand up that is needed. We as Lions work hard at making sure that the ones we help know that it is a hand up that we give. We must always be aware of the feelings and pride that the ones we help have in themselves. We must never do anything to take that away or diminish it in any way.

Service is the heart and soul of Lions. It is the reason that we are Lions. With that said we must work to be sure we do the right kind of service at the right time. We must always remember that everyone needs help at some point. When help is needed we must do it in a

way that helps the person maintain their pride and self-esteem. Do not do it in such a way that it takes away from them. Do the service for them and let them know that they are important to the community.

We also want to be sure to let the community know that we are there to help and the kind of help that we have done and can do. We just do not want to tell who we helped. It is important that the community knows what we can do. It is also important for the community to know we will help anyone who needs it. We as Lions need to always be ready to help.

We also need to work on membership. I challenge every club to have a networking social in their community. Advertise it as a chance to network and get to know Lions and what we do. Do not advertise it a membership event. Advertise it as a way to learn about Lions and to meet others in the community. I feel that most

people especially the 20-40 year old age group knows the benefits of networking. This will give your club a chance to talk about what you do for the community and brag about what Lions do around the state and world.

Do this event as a networking opportunity and a learning opportunity. This will hopefully get more interest and attendance to the event. The whole idea is to get people to know the Lions and what we do. The more people know the Lions and what we do the more will be interested in helping the club and joining the club. That is what helps drive service. Without the members there can be no service. Without the service there will be no members. It is a circle. One helps to sustain the other which sustains the first.

I will leave you with the same thought that I did last month

We change the world, one life at a time.



Mark Stevens
Council Chairperson MC34

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 make a personal donation of \$100 in each of the three years of the campaign. Doing so will result in 100% participation by 1.46+ million Lions and 47,000+ clubs!

We the Alabama Lions are now 10 months into 'year one' of Campaign 100, which means we have just two months remaining in this Lions year to achieve our goals, and what are our goals and where do we stand?

The 'Alabama Plan' - our goals for 'year one':

Encourage each Lions club to name a LCIF Club Coordinator.

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.

Encourage clubs to initiate a new fundraising event dedicated to LCIF for those who do not have sufficient budget funds to contribute.

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.

The goal of MD-34 is to raise \$110,000 to be added to last year's total of \$90,000 to bring the 'year one' combined

total for Alabama Lion's Campaign 100 contributions to \$200,000 (a goal of just \$20,000 more than last year).

Working together, where we stand:

MD-34 contributions thru March (the latest numbers available): \$54,000 received, plus \$90,000 from last year for a 'year one' total of \$144,000, short of our goal by \$56,000. Club or Lion's personal contributions from just 46 or our 129 total clubs comprise this total, which means the membership of 83 of our Lions Clubs have yet to contribute to LCIF this Lions year.

Our LCIF District Coordinators along with our DG Teams are also Encouragers, spreading the word for Campaign 100 during club visits as well as electronic communications with all Alabama Lions.

60 clubs have named and reported their LCIF Club Coordinator for this year, which means 69 clubs have not yet done so. If your club is one of the 69, go ahead and do it now. The Club Coordinator will be the "Chief Encourager" for contributions from their club and its members.

Additionally, a list of suggested 'Corporate Partners' within Alabama has been submitted to LCIF for follow-up. After all, they do make charitable donations, so maybe they can be encouraged to donate to LCIF.

We have had one club achieve the status of Model Club, meaning they had made contributions which total an average of \$750 per member - Congratulations to our Daleville Lions for your Commitment and Generosity! Thank You!

Our Goals are high, and the path to achievement is steep. Can this be accomplished? Yes - We are Lions!

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

Lee County LCIF Grant Extended Through April

The \$10,000.00 emergency relief grant was extended by LCIF at the request of the District Governor. The original duration was for 30 days. Tornado recovery and relief work continues around the communities of Beauregard and Smith's Station.

Both Auburn Lions Club and the Opelika Lions Club are working with the local United Way agency and the foundation of the East Alabama Medical Center to determine people's needs and where help can be rendered. A field representative from the Small Business Administration talked at a Club meeting and the County Sheriff Jones is invited.

In a conference call April 4th Lion Doug Hicks of Opelika and Lions Tom Higgins and Junior Morgan of Auburn said food vouchers and eye exam vouchers have been given out and used by people affected by the tornado. The Lions also used their own funds and some donated by other Clubs to purchase new mailboxes. The families were identified by the East Alabama Community Foundation as residents living in homes under repair (mail carriers do not deliver to a residence unless a box is present).

Other Lions on the conference call had volunteered in past disaster scenes. They experienced recent tornado devastation in Calhoun, Tuscaloosa, and Pickens counties in Alabama. They encouraged the Lee County Lions to keep in contact with the churches and local agencies as time passes. They related the importance of letting them know the kinds of help we have to offer. They can do referrals to the Lions because they represent the public's point of contact.

The "hub" for those seeking help was closed at the end of March. Therefore, the Lee County Clubs are not seeking teams in the District to come help with distribution. There was a "thank you" to Huguley and Tuscaloosa Area for their early offers to mobilize members.



Childhood Pediatric Cancer

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:

- Northport Club
- Pike Road Club
- Margaret Club
- Vestavia Hills Club
- Adamsville/Forestdale Club

Brenda Elliott
District B Childhood Cancer Chair



childhood cancer

helping families just like yours

REGISTRATION FORM

August 10, 2019

2019 MD-34 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
FAULKNER UNIVERSITY
Harris-Parker Building
5345 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, Alabama 36109

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Lions Club _____

Position _____

Registration Fee: \$30.00

(Fee includes morning snacks, lunch, handouts and all seminars.)

If both the President and Secretary from the same club attend, one of the registrations will be free! This offer is available to the first 30 presidents and secretaries to register. *Don't wait - register below to take advantage of this terrific deal!*

Name _____
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Position President

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Drury Inn & Suites Montgomery
1124 Eastern Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36117-1942
Telephone: (334) 273-1101
Reservations: 1-800-325-0720
www.druryhotels.com

Reservation Group No.: 2374207.
Room Rates: \$97.00 (Single & Double); \$107 (Triple and Quad). Tax not included in rates. Reservation(s) must be made on or before July 8, 2019.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MD-34 Leadership Conference
MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO
CST Tracy Thompson
512 Mossy Oak Ridge
Prattville, AL 36066

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34-A Wheelchair Ramp Service Project

Lions and volunteers from north Alabama build wheel chair ramp. Pictured are: PCC Ron Seybold, 1st VDG Larry Bagley, 34-A Region 3 Chair, Robert Moxley, Chuck and Shane Isenberg from Hayden and Bynum Duren, Sail Representative. For more information on how your club can get involved email PCC Ron Seybold at lionron@bellsouth.net

2019 ALABAMA TRADING PINS ORDER FORM



2019 State Pin



2019 Prestige Pin

Name / Club _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Mail Pins To: _____

FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER

2019 State Pin	Quantity _____	@ \$2.50	\$ _____
2019 Prestige Pin	Quantity _____	@ \$2.50	\$ _____
		Sub-total	\$ _____
		Postage	\$ _____
		Total Due	\$ _____

Postage and Handling Charges: Make checks payable to: Alabama Lions Trading Pins

Pins	Charges
1-20.....	\$7.00
21-40.....	\$8.00
41-60.....	\$9.25
Over 60 ...will be in 2 shipments	

Send form and payment to: PDG Charles E. Henke 1821 Oakmont Drive SE Cullman, AL 35055-5431

ALHSLF - NOW

We can't change the past. We can only remember it, honor it, learn from it, and grow from it. We can't control the future. We can only make plans, anticipate future events, and prepare for the days we circle on our calendars and hope they work out as we want them to. All we really have is now. All we really have is today. All we really have control over are the choices, thoughts, words, actions, decisions, and attitudes we choose today.

The focal point and the theme of the 10th Anniversary Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum (ALHSLF) will be centered around the idea of focusing on NOW. Each year we've had this program, we choose a theme for the program: 2010 - Leadership; 2011 - Integrity; 2012 - Service; 2013 - Success; 2014 - Hope; 2015 - Legacy; 2016 - Journey; 2017 - Service; 2018 - Pursuit, and 2019 - NOW.

This year at the Forum, we will remember the past: the boys and girls camp at YMCA Camp Bill Chandler in Wetumpka, Alabama which laid the foundation for ALHSLF to start in 2010. We will focus on the future and encourage high school students to set goals, plan on furthering their education, knowledge and skills, and think about ways they can make a difference in their communities after the Forum.

Being aware and in control of our present self is a practice all of us can become better at. A powerful proverb says: "it is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities." The writer of this proverb was wise enough to realize that it is much "easier said than done" when consid-

ering the idea of people taking control of themselves: their thoughts, actions, and words. The writer insinuates it's better - and likely more difficult - to control our own self than it is to control whole cities full of people. We hope our Forum in 2019 will not only discuss this idea with student delegates who attend; but, will also leave them with practical and applicable ways they can better live in the present and make the most of the life they have to live.

The 10th Anniversary Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum will be held June 21-23, 2019 on the campus of Troy University. We are counting on the support of each Alabama Lions Club to sponsor as many student delegates as may be possible (students who will be entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall), and to financially support the Forum if they may be unable to sponsor students.

Lion Volunteers are a very important part of the Lions High School Leadership Forum and more are needed for us to operate in the full service format desired. A Lion Volunteer can serve in several different roles or areas of responsibility. Please consider joining us!

On behalf of the ALHSLF Board, Thank You for all you do as 'We Serve' in this effort to make a positive influence on the lives of these future leaders of Alabama. The success of the Forum depends on the continued support of all Alabama Lions. For full details view our website: www.alhslf.org.

William Filmore, Executive Director, ALHSLF

Crossword puzzle answers

ACROSS

- 3. OAKBROOK—HQ location for LCI (8)
- 5. WOODS—First President of LCI (5)
- 6. JONES—First secretary of LCI (5)
- 8. BLIND—Lions are Knights of the ----- (5)
- 12. LEO—Lions high school clubs (3)
- 13. TUSCUMBIA—Helen Keller's birth place (9)
- 15. ICELAND—Country of 2018-19 LCI President (7)
- 18. MEXICO—Alabama Lions vision mission to ----- (6)
- 19. TWELVE—Number of Past International Directors from Alabama (6)
- 20. RADCLIFFE—Helen Keller's College (9)

DOWN

- 1. THOMPSON—Moulton Lions Club Past International Director
- 2. MOORE—Daleville Lions Club Past International President
- 4. TORONTO—First international city hosting an LCI Convention (7)
- 7. SULLIVAN—Helen Keller's first teacher (8)
- 9. DALLAS—City of first LCI convention (6)
- 10. FOUR—Number of Past International Presidents from Alabama (4)
- 11. WATER—1st word learned by Helen Keller (5)
- 14. COURAGE—Camp ----- school for the blind or visually impaired in Tuscombua (7)
- 16. ANNE—The Miracle workers' first name (4)
- 17. LCIF—Lions service organization