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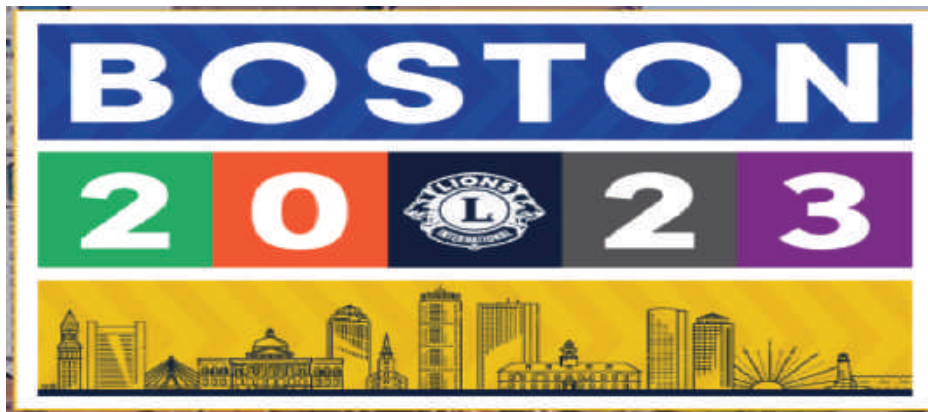
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Looking toward the future



The 105th Annual Lions Convention is where Lions from around the world will unite in Boston July 7-11, 2023. Reserve your spot for LCIcon 2023 to be part of this incredible celebration of service and fellowship. Be sure to register!

Our International President

As part of a four-generation Lions family, International President Brian Sheehan has always had big ideas about service. His life and career have been defined by family, small-town connections and kindness, and a passion for innovation and teamwork as the keys to creating ambitious solutions to the challenges we face.

Together We Can

Each of us can do so much good on our own, but Together We Can make the impossible, possible. Because to accomplish big things, we all need to roll up our sleeves and do our part. And together, we can make our communities—and the world—a better place for all people.

Achieving Great Things Together

President Sheehan's programs and initiatives will focus on four key priorities for Lions International that are critical to our mission of service.

1. Sharing the joy of being a Lion
2. Supporting our global foundation, LCIF
3. Thinking bigger when we serve
4. Advocating for local and global causes



Brian E. Sheehan

**Lions Club International
President 2022-2023**



ALS Executive Director's Report

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

— Helen Keller

Lions know so well this quote from Helen Keller and actually see it unfold in life so often. Alabama Lions Sight (ALS) is proud to experience this reality at this time. Together, with Lions and partners, ALS is working hard to make a difference for the visually impaired in Alabama. As the leading provider of vision care for the indigent since 1944, more than 500,000 folks have received vision care through the generous service and donations of Lions.

Recently, ALS paid the copays of more than 90 indigent patients through the Lions Clinic at UAB Callahan Eye Hospital. These patients received vision care during the past year or more during the time of the pandemic. It truly is a wonderful service being provided by the Lions in partnership with the hospital.



Vision screening is opening back up with many screenings on the schedule to be completed. We are so glad that we are able to go back into schools and health fairs to screen. Please do not forget the private schools and day cares in your area to ask for a screening. We will be updating our Plusoptix hand held machines in the near future to better collect data and follow ups. Be looking out for an announcement to come to a certification meeting in the future!

The Mobile Eye Clinic (MEC) continues to do amazing work. Since its beginning in February of 2016, the clinic has seen more than 9,400 patients. ALS has many donors and sponsor partnerships that you will see in our newsletter. Without partners, this service would not be possible. Receiving funding from the state appropriation in Oc-

tober will allow ALS to advance with the addition of a second MEC adding the addition of hearing screening in our clinics. You will see in the photos of the new truck and chassis. In October, we will begin the process of lifting the box from our current truck and placing it on this new vehicle. The cost of refurbishing this truck should be around \$125,000. That process should take around a month once started. The new MEC is being outfitted to begin operation late fall but hopefully no later than January of 2023. A vehicle of this quality would cost new over \$500,000.00. PID Lowell Bonds happened to see this truck on line slated to be auctioned. We were able to bid and purchase it for \$69,000. Once we make a few modifications, we have about \$125,000.00 in this vehicle also. The equipment will run close to \$300,000.00. The cost of addition team of staff for the additional truck will take most of the remaining appropriation funds. Many clubs have made donations for this to become a reality!

The thing about all of this is that service will be doubled in 2023. The MEC is currently in 23 counties. In 2023, we plan to be in 46 counties! The patient count in the MEC for 2021 was 1721 and that has been our highest patient count thus far of any year! The additional truck will enable us to serve hopefully twice that many. Also, with the addition of hearing screening, we will be serving nearly that many as well with this important test. Very soon, we want to roll out a new opportunity for your club to help when the MEC comes to your area by volunteering to help sign in patients with a new app for their appointment. This also will allow your club to engage in more service. This is such an exciting time, thank you for your service.



A Sincere Thank You To Our Corporate Sponsors, Estates, Foundation and Lions





DISTRICT 34-A

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Mike
McElhaney



In and Around the District

FIRST CABINET MEETING 34-A

The first cabinet meeting for 34A was held on July 23 at Blountsville Baptist Church with the Blountsville Lions as the host club. It was well attended and Blountsville Lions were gracious hosts. The DG team of DG Mike McElhaney, 1st VDG Susan Harrell and 2nd VDG Renie Bright was introduced to the district. DG Mike presented PDG and current CC Mechele Mosley with a plaque for her service to the district last year. Centre Lions won the door prize for the most members in attendance.

The DG team has been on the road visiting clubs and bringing IP Brian Sheehan's message of "Together We Can" to the clubs of 34A, so club presidents-be sure to answer the call when we call to schedule a visit with your club.

The Leadership Conference was held August 13 at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville. District 34A was the host for this event and the Cullman Lions and the Hanceville Lions were there to lend a hand with registration and food. There were just over 100 Lions from all over the state in attendance. There were two sessions in the morning with three classes in each session. Lion Guy Schmale from Lions International was present to present two classes.

The afternoon was filled with awards presentations and the keynote address from our very own District 34A PID Jerome

Thompson. The last thing on the agenda for Saturday was the induction of the inaugural Lions Hall of Fame members.

The membership growth has been awesome to this date. The district has added 21 new members, but we have dropped 6 members for a net growth of 15 members. This brings the district to a total of 1049 members. Way to go clubs! Lets keep this going throughout the year.

Mike McElhaney
DG 34A



Centre Lions club



McElhaney and Mosley



DG Mike McElhaney and District 34 cabinet and committee members



DISTRICT 34-A

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In and Around the District

ETOWAH CO. LIONS CLUBS

The Lions Clubs of Etowah County, including the Gadsden, Hokes Bluff, Hokes Bluff Tawannah and Rainbow City Clubs, sponsored a concert featuring "Three On a String" LIVE at the Pitman Theatre in Gadsden on June 17th to benefit the Joel W. Helms Lions Eye Clinic!

The event was a great success!

The Eye Clinic provides free eye exams and low-cost eyeglasses for medically indigent citizens of Etowah County who meet the eligibility requirements.

For more information, you may contact the Eye Clinic at 256-613-7279 on Monday & Tuesday, 9 am – 5 pm, or leave a message and the Service Coordinator will return your call.



The band 'Three On a String' entertains

HOOVER LIONS CLUB

The Hoover Lions served at the Women's Softball venue at the World Games 2022 at Hoover Met Stadium.



From left, Pres. Roger Thomas, Betty Shannon, George Brown, Melody Brown and PDG Mark Aldridge.



Lions Clubs from Etowah Co. come together for the concert

CULLMAN LIONS CLUB



Above, Abby Sosa speaks to the Cullman Lions Club June 3

The Cullman annual fair, which was 3rd in the state in attendance last year, is scheduled for Thursday, Oct 6 to Saturday, Oct 15, 2022 at the Cullman County Fairground in Cullman, Ala.

Complete details are available at cullmanfair.org. The fair queen pageant is a preliminary pageant for the Ms Alabama pageant.



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HOLLY POND LIONS CLUB



The Holly Pond Lions Club had a pancake breakfast Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Lions Club Building in the Holly Ponds Lions Park. Proceeds will go for local sight projects.

SCOTTSBORO LIONS

The Scottsboro Lions hosted their “Annual Party-Hot Dog Supper & Free Bingo” on Aug. 27, 2022 at the Goosepond Civic Center with about 450 people in attendance.

Carol Warren won the grand prize, a 65” TV donated by the Scottsboro Electric Power Board and the Scottsboro Water, Sewer and Gas board on the 25th game of the evening at the Lions Annual Party. The runner-up, Linda Smith, was presented with a \$200 consolation prize donated by Family Direct Insurance Agent Josh Sherlin.



Large crowd, about 450 guests, attend the Lions Annual Party at Goosepond Civic Center Aug. 27



Free Bingo kept the crowd going



Carol Warren, above left, won a 65” TV and Linda Smith got a \$200 consolation prize



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Ray
Lindsey

DISTRICT 34-B



In and Around the District

Wow, I have been 34B's District Governor for just over a month now, and it still feels as though I'm drinking from a firehose. So much has happened in the past month in our District. First and foremost, I would like to come visit your club, so if you could please let me know when and where works best for you and I'll be there.

I really enjoyed my trip to Montreal and found it amazing and surreal. I also felt very proud when our international President Brian Sheehan instructed all the District Governor Elects to pull the Elect status from their titles. I also thought that the parade was amazing, and I was honored to be able to carry the American Flag as part of the parade; this was done so that the International Convention could see all the countries of the world that come together as part of Lions International. I enjoyed meeting other Lions from US, and around the world and seeing their native dress, which were all are so colorful and beautiful.

I have had the opportunity to visit several of our amazing clubs and installed their new officers for the coming year.

My Theme is Lighting the Way, with a Goal of growing our membership and providing service to our community. I challenge each club in District 34B to grow their membership by at least 10 members this coming year.

"Together we can" and we will, all we need to do is ask. Think outside the box and think bigger. Strive to improve our service projects and to try something new. There is no better time than now with Covid moving into our review mirror. Clubs are meeting again and looking for new service projects and fundraisers

Let me congratulate the award recipients that were presented with these awards, and we look forward to new opportunities for service and honoring those working so hard to serve others as part of Lions International.

Ray Lindsey
DG 34 B



Above, DG 34-B Lindsey with DG 34-A Bub Gideons



Above, Scottish Band members and DG Ray Lindsey



The felt letters are raised enough for blind charter member, Estefani Colmenero, to feel.



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DISTRICT 34-B



REELTOWN/LIBERTY CITY LIONS CLUBS

The Reeltown/Liberty City Lions Club worked with the Reeltown PTO to host a Back-To-School Bash on our property on August 6th.

We had inflatables, craft booths, numerous organizational booths, food trucks, and the local high school band showed up. More than 500 people attended the event. The Lions Club booth sold raffle tickets.



Above, Lions and guests Wayne Casaday, John Hamilton, Tim Willis, Mike Pearson, Joey Watrous, and Mack Landrum



Students enjoying the inflatables



Students visiting craft booths and the local volunteer fire department truck

AUTAUGAVILLE LIONS CLUB



Above, from left, Haleigh Caver, Mike Lamar (Lions Club President) Lexy Robbins and Haden McBride.

The Autaugaville Lions Club awarded scholarships to students from Billingsley High School and Autauga Academy. The 2022 recipients were Harleigh Caver from Billingsley and Lexy Robbins and Haden McBride from Autauga Academy. Harleigh is the daughter of Robin and Monya Caver from the Evergreen Community (Autauga Co). Lexy Robbins is the daughter of CJ and Marolyn Robbins from Prattville. Haden McBride is the daughter of Ed and Jennifer McBride of Prattville, AL.



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In and Around the District

Dear fellow Lions,

First I would like to say how excited We are about this newsletter which will keep everyone informed throughout the year of what we will accomplish. It is truly an honor to serve as a district governor of 34C. In this first couple of months 34C has come out swinging. We have two new clubs in as many months, the Atmore Yellow Hats Society Lions Club and the Escambia county lions quest club have joined our ranks. We see great things happening all over our district and tangible feeling of excitement.

As I've learned being district governor of 34C this year, there are a lot of opportunities to learn and grow and therefore grow our clubs. We have enjoyed so much attending District A and B's cabinet meetings to show our support for our sister districts as well.

We've also been able to meet with a number of clubs including Fairhope where I had the distinct privilege of presenting Bill Clark into the inaugural Alabama Lions Hall of Fame. And we had so much fun making pancakes with

Flomaton's annual pancake supper. Another special occasion I was blessed to enjoy was Mobile Lions Club's hundredth birthday. I want to give a shout out to all the presidents, but, especially to our regional zone chair Rindy Vaughn and her continuing efforts to set up zoom meetings with all zone chairs. Or also like to thank Dennis Fondville for all his efforts as our GMT, but mostly for his great attitude and commitment to Lion's ism. In the next few months we will continue to visit Clubs with my first phase district governor Philip Box and second vice district governor Todd Dennison. We will be coming to meet with your club or participate in one of your service activities. I did send out an email to all presidents and secretaries asking what service activities they had or what date they preferred for us to come. Let me know at bub@phdrealty.com. We will be there.

Lastly I would like to thank past District governors Charlie and Claudia Wigglesworth for the hands-on support and willingness to work. Let's go and make this a great year MD 34C, it's up to us.

FLOMATON LIONS CLUB

The Flomaton Lions Club held its semi-annual Pancake Supper on Monday, Aug. 23 at the Flomaton Community Center. Lions Sue Beverly and Wayne Stanton poured batter and made fresh, hot pancakes. LEOs from Flomaton High School were a huge help in getting guests their food and drinks delivered to the table and clean up when the event was winding down. Proceeds benefit community projects for the club and several LEO scholarships.

The club also partnered for International Youth Day to complete a birdhouse installation project at the Flomaton Community Center with Boy Scout Troop No. 31. The birdhouses were provided by the Lions Club and other materials were donated by the local hardware store. The project will help provide homes for native bird species.



Above left, State Rep. Alan Baker and his wife, Kaki, enjoy pancakes and sausage with Judge Eric Coale and Mayor Dewey Bondurant and his wife, Irene



Above left, Lions Beverly and Stanton cook fresh pancakes



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GREENVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Greenville Lions Club held their 19th annual Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30, 2022 at Greenville High School auditorium.

Active duty, retired, military families and community

members participated as guest speaker Lt. Colonel Bryan Scott McNaughton of Greenville spoke and the local ROTC team, Lions and others honored those who fought and sacrificed to secure the freedoms we have today.



Greenville Lions Club members join others in the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Greenville High School ROTC honors Veterans

YORK LIONS CLUB

At the end of the previous Lion's year the York Lions Club recognized two members for their outstanding service and leadership. A Presidential Appreciation Award was presented to Bev Holder who served in this role for 20 years. She has done a wonderful job of keeping track of all of our activities and members during her tenure.

In memory of one of our club members, Mr. Charles Richardson who passed away during this last year, a new award was created. Since he was known for his service in our community through not only York Lions Club, but other serv-

ice organizations, the Charles Richardson Distinguished Service Award was created.

While she has served with each of our projects, Susan Campbell took on the leadership and planning of our first annual diabetic awareness event – "Walk With Me, Lower Your A1C." Our club raised money to send to Camp Seale Harris and a total of \$4,000 will be donated to this worthy cause!



Holder, above left, with York Club President Rindy Vaughn



Vaughn honors Campbell



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ATMORE LIONS CLUB

The Atmore Lions Club met Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at the Mayson Auditorium at Atmore Community Hospital. President Chuck Brooks presided. Guests included Marlo Young and Jewell Lambert. Additional guests included Ashley Pharr who spoke to the group about Pilots for Christ and the mission they have. A video showing the program in action was also shown. Following her presentation, Lion Chuck presented Pilots for Christ with a check for \$2700 which was raised at the Lions Club Spaghetti Supper fundraiser held last month.

The day's program was presented by another guest, Lion Dr. Alexandra Conniff from Eufaula. Lion Conniff is the Global Leadership Training District Chairman and gave an enlightening program on how the eyeglasses Lions collects are used in Mexico, using slides to demonstrate as she spoke. On their last trip to Mexico, Lions fitted over 18,000 pair of glasses.

July 26 is the day the Atmore Lions cooked and served at Camp Seale Harris, a camp for children with pediatric diabetes. August 2 was the date for an ice cream social, to be held at the downtown boxcar, and was a membership drive.



Above, from left, Brooks, Pharr, Lion Patty Helton Davis and Conniff

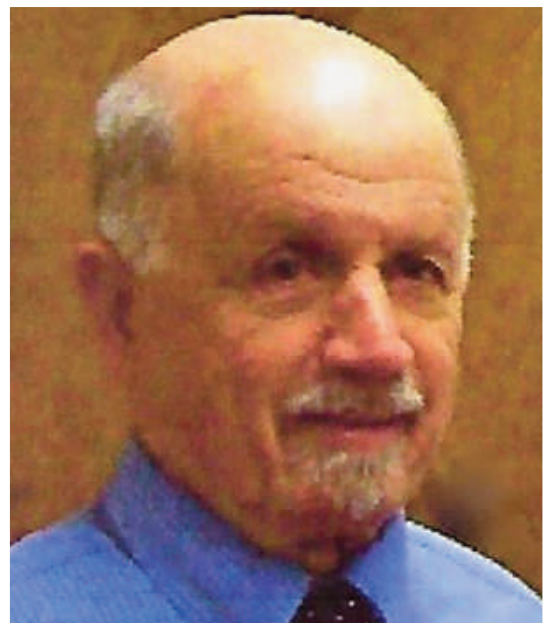
EIGHT MILE LIONS CLUB



The Eight Mile Lions Club inducted two new members. Above, from left, Lion Harold Brown (Sponsor), Anthony Barry (New member), Lion Yvonne Burroughs, Lion Walter Gregg, Jr. (New member), Lion Arthur Johnson (Sponsor).

FAIRHOPE LIONS CLUB

On Saturday, August 13, Lion Joseph Fontenot of the Fairhope Lions Club was inducted into the Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame. Although he was named to be in the hall of fame in 2020, because of COVID, the induction was delayed until this year.





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GENEVA LIONS CLUB

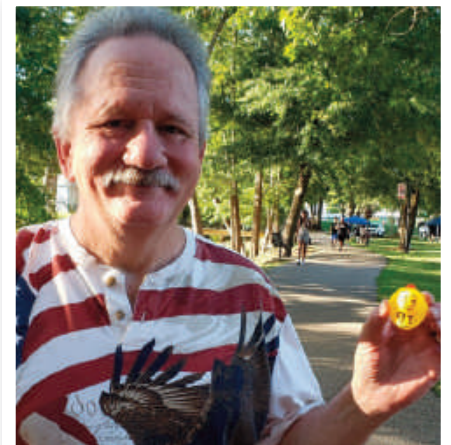
The Geneva Lions club grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for the Geneva Senior Citizen group. Potato salad and coleslaw was provided by a couple of the talented Seniors. Lion Lori Shortt provided homemade brownies which was topped with Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla ice cream.



WEST ELMORE LIONS CLUB



Members of the West Elmore Area Lions Club



The winning duck

The West Elmore Lions Club held their first Duck Race along part of Mill Creek this year to raise money. They began with 100 ducks but it wound up triple that number! After first, second and third places were paid to the winners at \$600, \$400 and \$200, respectively, there was still \$1,200 that the club will use for various service projects, such as Lions Sight.

The club plans more Duck races in the future and it is expecting a lot more will be joining!



DISTRICT 34-C



GULF SHORES LIONS CLUB

In 2022, Gulf Shores Lions Club awarded two \$1,000.00 scholarships to two Gulf Shores High School students.

On July 25th the Gulf Shores Lions Club paid and prepared dinner for 200 young diabetic campers at the Camp Seale Harris in Mobile, Alabama. Six members volunteered to cook. PCC Dora Hartsock, once again, stayed at the camp the entire week as the Activity Director.

On July 15th District Governor Bub Gideons installed the new officers of the club.

Sadly, while serving as the GSLC Club Secretary for the third term, Lion Kurt Tollefson lost his battle with cancer. To honor this great Lion who had faithfully served the Lions Clubs International for 45 years, GSLC honored him with a Memorial Melvin Jones Fellowship.



Scholarship Chairperson Lion Chris Coaker, right, with recipients Brian Brunich & Sean Kirby



Above, Kurt's wife, Lion Debbie Tolleson, accepted the award



DG Gideons, Incoming President Carol Taybi and the Outgoing President Cindy Gooch

EUFAULA & HEADLAND LIONS CLUBS



The Eufaula Lions and Headland Lions Clubs completed a project of building a ramp for a local elderly lady who is in a wheelchair and needed a way to enter and exit her house.





ALABAMA LIONS PDG ASSOCIATION

Alabama Lions Past District Governors (PDG) Association donated \$1740 to Wallace State College in Hanceville, AL to fill their Food Pantry named “The Lion’s Kitchen” as their mascot is a Lion. Over 200 students will be served.

This was an MD34 statewide PDG Service project supporting the Lions Hunger service area as many students, both youth and adults, find themselves food deficient for many reasons.

Eighteen individual Lions and the PDG Association supported the project with 46 hours expended planning and conducting the project.

The donation was presented to Wallace State College Vice President of Students, Mrs. Kristen Holmes. The project coordinator at Wallace was Christine Wiggins, Title III Director.

In addition to those who donated, major supporters of the project were Past Council Chairperson (PCC) Linda Ziglar and PCC Floyd Bingham.

The donation presentation was made by PDG Andy Marshall during the MD34 2022 Leadership Conference held at Wallace State College on August 13, 2022.



PDG Andy Marshall and Vice President of Students for Wallace State Kristen Holmes.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

This past year, the Long Range Planning Committee focused on looking to the clubs for input into the development of a long range plan for the districts and multi-district.

The Mobile club provided a prototype of what a club-level long range plan could look like. The challenge for district leadership in the coming year is to encourage more clubs to adopt a long range plan. District governors then could use the information from the various club plans into the development of a district plan and the same process could then be used at the multi-district level. The committee is convinced that such long range planning will be more valuable and useful because it will be based on real data

instead of aspirational conjecture.

For the coming year, the LRPC should shift its focus to oversight of the other committees’ work with respect to long range planning. The LRPC needs more input from the DGs as to district and multi-district priorities and strategy. Obviously, the main focus at all levels is membership growth, but such a focus needs component planning. The LRPC can help this process by providing guidance on the long-term aspects (deriving insight from the “club-up” planning process discussed above).

July 1, 2022

Todd Denison, Chair

ALABAMA'S LCIF IMPACT

PCC Glen Elmore

Congratulations Alabama because of your commitment to supporting Campaign 100 LCIF will be able to server not only our state but the world for decades to come.

Because of your continued support of LCIF Lions of Alabama will be able to make an impact in vision, childhood cancer, hunger, our environment as well as disaster relief.

What does \$325 million dollars look like, it looks a lot like Lions of Alabama supporting our LCIF program(one in which we have received far more then we have donated) not only with monetary donations but in many cases rolling up our sleeves, working in our communities when the needs arises.

Our LCIF Goals are simple in Alabama

1. Encourage all clubs to donate (put LCIF in club budget) Alabama 100% participation.

2. Encourage all members to donate

3. Encourage clubs to give a Melvin Jones award

4. Encourage Melvin Jones fellows to become a Progressive Melvin Jones fellow

5. Your district coordinator will contact club presidents on a regular bases.

Congratulations to Dist C and PDG Dr. Claudia Wigglesworth on 100% club participation to LCIF 2021-2022,

PCC Glen Elmore LCIF COORDINATOR
MD 34

PDG JERRY STEPHENS LCIF COORDINATOR
34 A

PDG ROBERT THOMPSON LCIF COORDINATOR
34 B

PDG Dr. CLAUDIA WIGGLESWORTH LCIF COORDINATOR
34 C



Above left, District 34-A Governor Mechele Mosley and Past District Governor Ron Seybold attended the Scottsboro Annual Lions Annual Party Aug. 27



SOUTHEASTERN DIABETES
EDUCATION SERVICES

October
Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 15

2022 Pensacola Fall Family
Day @ Emerald Coast Zoo
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 21-23

Fall Family Camp
Ages birth to 18 years
Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.
Oct. 23 at 12 p.m.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 22



**National Federation
for the Blind's
Transforming dreams
into a reality Walkathon
Ida Bell Young Park in
Montgomery
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



MD-34 State Office Secretary Report 1st Council of Governor's meeting

I would like to start off by saying it has been a wonderful year and I am so grateful for everyone that has helped me along the way in transitioning in this position. I had huge shoes to fill but I am feeling very comfortable in my position. I enjoyed the State Convention and getting to meet so many Lions! I am looking forward to this upcoming Lions year!

I will be mailing out membership dues to all of the clubs the first of July 2022. I will be emailing all of the Treasures, Secretary and President of clubs as well as mailing a hard copy. It is imperative that the State office get club officers correct contact information. This year I will be sending out notifications each month to the District Governors with information on which clubs have paid their state dues and which ones have not so we don't run into any issues at the end of the year.

Secondly, I am working on the Lions Directory and Committee directories. Has soon as I have them completed; I will be sending them to the Council of Governors. I should have this completed and out to everyone by the first of August. All of the new DG's have done a fantastic job getting these committees filled and we only have a few vacancies.

Thirdly, I will be sending out committee responsibilities after this first meeting.

Once again thank you all for your continued support and I am looking forward to a great Lions year!

Erin Edwards
MD-34 State Office Secretary

MD-GST Report to Council of Governors



July 1, 2022

As the 2021-2022 Lions year ends, I can say without hesitation that SERVICE in general is alive and well in Alabama! As of close of May 2022, (the latest MD Health Assessment report available as of this writing) on average, over 65% of the clubs in MD-34 have reported service. As you read this report, your success will become very apparent! I've listed the accomplishments for the past two years below. You will see a significant increase in most metrics over the 2020-2021 Lions year!

2020-2021 Multidistrict Service Metrics

People Served	Activities Completed	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
176,113	1,094	21,560	\$357,365	\$276,259

2021-2022 Multidistrict Service Metrics

People Served	Activities Completed	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
257,022 (+81,909)	1,471 (+377)	33,102 (+11,542)	\$211,930 (-\$145,435)	\$682,948 (+\$406,689)

The 2,745 Lions of Alabama deserve the credit for such a successful year of SERVICE. And, without the dedication of the District Governor Teams, Zone Chairs, District GST's and all the other Lions who helped encourage service, the DG Goals could not have been accomplished. The "bar has been set". Now it's time to see if the incoming district leaders can meet the standard, or better yet, raise the bar! July 4th is typically a banner day for Lions Service projects. As your MD-GST, it is my duty to encourage every Lion to strive to provide some service to help improve the lives of those around us in need. The District Goals for Service for the next year have been set. NOW is the time to begin to meet those goals. The year will pass quickly by.

Finally, each district has a Disaster Response Trailer. It is available for every event your respective districts attend. It can be a significant advertising and recruiting device. Please utilize it at every opportunity. By making ourselves known in our communities we can grow in membership. And more hands equal more service!

If I can be of any assistance in helping you reach those lofty goals, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to SERVE.

PCC Bubba Bingham
MD-34 GST 2021-2022



Council of Governors Meeting Report of Alabama Lions Ophthalmic Mission to Mexico July 5, 2022

To the Council of Governors:

The 2022 Ophthalmic Mission to Papantla, Vera Cruz Mexico occurred during Feb 19-24, 2022. Glasses were shipped in December 2020 to Texas Lions Club. The glasses are being stored in Calvillo with the Calvillo Lions Club until 2022. The glasses have been transported from Calvillo to Papantla Lions Club. The glasses that were stopped at the border arrived in Vera Cruz Port February 24, 2022.

Twenty-six Lions participated on the mission team that arrived in Vera Cruz Saturday. The team assembled in Vera Cruz and traveled by bus to Papantla, Vera Cruz. The clinic was set up Sunday for the opening of the clinic. Over the four days, 1613 patients were seen. 79 referrals for surgery, 98 new glasses were made by an Alabama optometrist. (As of this

report, the glasses have not been shipped to Papantla to be distributed.) All Covid Protocols of Minister of Health Vera Cruz were followed during the mission. The Governor of the Totonaca People was very pleased and thankful for the work of our team with his people.

Our mission for 2023 is set for Vera Cruz, Vera Cruz February 20-23, 2023. The Vera Cruz Puerto Lions Club will be our sponsoring Lions Club. Dr. Conniff met with the club president to establish communication with the local club. The Moody Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center is working on the glasses for this year's mission.

Submitted by
Alexandra Acosta Conniff, PhD
ALOM Coordinator

Council of Governors Meeting Report of International Convention Committee July 5, 2022

To the Council of Governors:

The 2022 Montreal convention was held June 24-28, 2022. The international convention parade was held Saturday morning. The Blackwatch Pipes and Drums were a hit of the parade. The cost for the band was \$1200. The Parade shirts were \$499.20. Total cost was \$1699.20.

Southeastern Breakfast:

Alabama delegation will participate in Southeastern Breakfast. I had the honor of introducing the Alabama Delegation at the breakfast. Seven people were present for

a cost of \$315.

Boston 2023 International Convention will be July 7-11, 2023. Kentucky will be the host of the Southeastern Breakfast. We will be taking the Alabama Institute of Deaf and Blind Band to the Parade of Nations. Our committee has some great ideas for the 2023 parade! We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Acosta Conniff, PhD

Council of Governors Report - 1st Quarter District 34A 1st VDG Susan Harrell

I continue to be so appreciative of the wonderful team of leaders from 34A - PID Jerome Thompson, PCC Ron Seybold, PDG Mechelle Mosley and DG Mike McElhaney for supporting me in this new role and others throughout District 34A, 34B and 34C who have offered assistance as I continue to learn. I am also so thankful for Sara Provines, District Administrator in 34A, for entering the service projects from the clubs in my Zone and for teaching me how to enter the service projects, etc. in my club and I thank her for her service this past fiscal year. I am pleased to report that all of the clubs in my Zone (Cherokee, Russellville, Red Bay and Tuscumbia) reported multiple service projects for the past fiscal year. I look forward to the new year and the great services that LIONS will provide!



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT WALLACE STATE IN HANCEVILLE AUGUST 13, 2022



Tom Jones Lion of the Year- Lion Terry McKee from Talladega Samaritan club with Mosley



Roderick Beddow Sr. Club of the Year-Madison Area Family Lions Club with Mosley



+1 0.93% Membership growth- Mobile Lions Club. 1VDG Philip Box, right, with Mosley



Lion Dr. Alexandra Conniff accepting award on behalf of her late father PID Yamandu P. Acosta, Judy Clarke accepting on behalf of her late husband Lion Rodney Clarke, Lion C.A. Blevins and CC Mechele Mosley... not picture Hall of Fame inductees PDG Bill Clarke and Lion Larry Culpepper



Chandler Awards- 0-19 York Lions Club with +14 107.69% Membership growth. President Lion Rindy Vaughan, left, and Mosley