

URGENT! SPECIAL CALLED CONVENTION

Greetings Fellow Lions, Please know how much I appreciate all of you who attended our MD32 Annual Convention. I have heard many positive comments about the convention. It wasn't just one or two Lions who had a major role, it was everyone attending choosing to make it a great convention that made it a great convention. Thank you. Lion CCE Charlene and her council will make next year's convention even better. Plan now to attend. Next year's convention will be at the Doubletree in Columbia on April 21-24, 2016. They have already received some excellent suggestions for improvements and I know they are planning on getting your input even more. Between that council and convention Chair Lion Melody Hair, I know we are going to have a great convention. All of the DG teams have the dates for their district conventions next year. Get those dates and put them on your calendar now and make plans to attend.

At the MD Annual meeting, I passed out a four page hand out giving those in attendance the 1) Redistricting Proposal, 2) Benefits of Redistricting, 3) the A/D and B/C combinations giving the longest distances to be traveled in each of the new districts, and 4) Why a Special Called Convention for May 31. I have attached each of those pages here in PDF format so each Lion in the state may have a better understanding of the why and how of this redistricting proposal and process. Fellow Lions, we have done little but go down in membership for the last 20 years. None of our districts can even vote as a district on this issue because all are below 1250. This is an opportunity for us to reorganize ourselves and change our thinking to growing as Lions and as Lions Clubs. We have seven Congressional Districts in our state, why can't we have seven Lions' Districts? We can but we have to change the way we do business if that is going to happen. Please read these documents carefully, and send your delegates to vote on May 31.

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