

Lion Rhett Hair Named 2014-2015 Lion of the Year

Lion Rhett Hair, a member of the Blythewood Lions Club, was honored as Lion of the Year for 2014-2015 at the recent MD32 State Convention. Lion Rhett has demonstrated uncommon commitment to Lionism. He is actively involved in all levels of Lionism – club, zone, region, district, state, and international. Some of his many accomplishments are:

- Involved with the Reading Action Program at the Carolina School of Inquiry
- Initiated, chaired, and organized Blythewood Lions Club's first Breakfast with Santa event.
- Chaired multi-club *Night for Sight* event.
- Kid Sight Coordinator for Blythewood Lions Club
- HIPAA and Vision Screening Trainer
- Completed 2nd Term as Region III Chair 2012-2014
- Past Board Member for SCL Foundation 2011-2014
- Serving as 32D GLT for 3 year Term 2014-2016, which includes conducting District/Region Chairman Training.
- Assisted with and participated in the Greenwood Lions Club VIP Fishing Tournament
- Assisted with planning 2013 32D Midwinter Convention
- Participated in the 2014 State Leo Conference with Feed The Hunger Project.
- Served as a presenter at the 2015 State Leo Conference
- Presented at 3 Mid-Winters and 1 State Convention
- Attended US/Canada Forum in Tampa, Florida
- Invited to Present at the USA/Canada Lions Forum, Grand Rapids, MI in 2015



- Attended 2014 Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, Tennessee
- Conducts District and Multiple Guiding Lion training.
- Conducts Training for the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors
- Actively participates in all club events and has 3 years perfect attendance
- 6 years perfect attendance for District and State Conventions
- Organized Club Twinning partnership with Dharan East Lions Club, Katmandu, Nepal
- Lions International Advisory Board “Street children of Nepal” Project, assisting The East Dharan Lions Club with developing and Building an Orphanage. He is on this Board with other International Lions from Nepal, Italy, Sweden, Portugal and Finland.
- Attended Lions Clubs International Convention, Toronto, Canada
- Attended Constitutional Area 1E GLT Presenters' Workshop, Savannah, GA

In addition to these activities, he has been awarded an Advanced Membership key, an International President’s Leadership Medal, and the District Governor’s Outstanding Service Medal. He is also a Franklin Mason Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Rhett was proudly endorsed by the Blythewood Lions Club for the position of 2VDG for District 32-D in 2015. In addition to his Lion activities, Lion Rhett is a retired U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer, serving over 20 years active service. He now works as a Lieutenant Paramedic for Fairfield County and is a field training officer. He is a CPR Instructor and teaches at work and in his community, including churches, Boy Scouts, Medical Office Staff, and Volunteer Firefighters. He is also an honorary member of the Fairfield County Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he teaches First Aid and CPR.

Lion Rhett is also very active in his church, Beulah United Methodist Church where he serves as an usher, Chairman of the Nurture Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee. He also supervises ramp building as part of the UMM ministry of Ramp building for the elderly or affirmed who need access via ramps into their homes.

We are proud to showcase this special Lion. Congratulations, Lion Rhett!