

We Are One

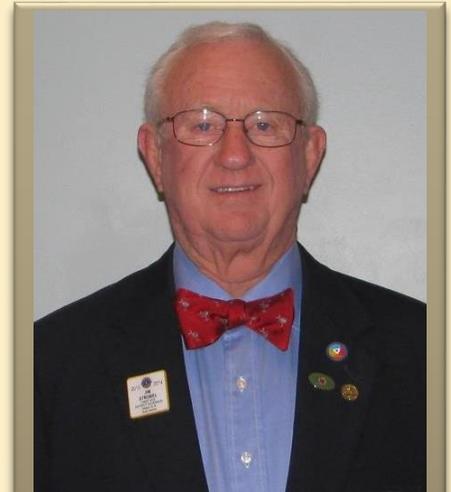
I am having a great time visiting clubs within District 32B. I have already gained two pounds enjoying all the good “down-home cooking”. This Low Country District knows how to feed, but it will be diet time after visiting all the clubs.

On a serious note, it has been a pleasure and enlightening to learn that our clubs are very involved with community projects and fundraisers. During my visits, I provide information from the District Cabinet as well as from the Multi-District, but the main purpose of my visit is to listen to your club and learn about your activities, fundraisers and how we at the District level can help make your projects a success. You might ask, “Why?” What is our motto? “We Serve”. I believe it is my responsibility as District Governor, as well as the cabinet officers’, to serve your club... not the opposite. In turn, we all serve the needs of the community, nation and the world. I had a club secretary ask that I limit my presentation time because most speakers want to talk for half to one hour. There is a lot of truth in that statement. That really delighted me since it fit right into my approach of listening and I must say it turned out great. I learned a lot about the club’s activities and their members. Listening and chatting has been the highlight of my time with the clubs.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not encourage our Lions to support the organizations and projects of the International Organization and our Multi-District. Therefore, my approach is to provide all the information on a CD rather than through a long briefing to the clubs. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), South Carolina Lions Foundation (SCLF) and Storm Eye Institute (SEI) depend on our contributions to provide eye glasses, hearing aids, surgeries and research. It is important for your club to have community projects, but not to forget about the other important projects that totally depend on our support.

Another area I would like to see each club consider is use of the “social media”. I am asking every club to establish a website through the LCI e-clubhouse process, a Facebook account, Twitter, Instagram or other digital forum. We have available to us a free link for clubs to communicate with each other and to the community, promoting out service projects and fundraisers. In addition, we spread the word about Lions which may result in persons desiring to join our great organization.

The District will be posting club projects and fundraisers on the District website and Facebook as we learn, or are notified, about them. Here are a few I learned about during my visits: The Elloreë Lions are having a Fish Fry from 4:30-7:30 PM on 18 September at the First Baptist Church in Elloreë; The Summerville Noon Lions are planning a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee’s on Trolley Road in Summerville, the time and date to be determined; The Fairfax Lions are also planning a Fish Fry in October, the time and date to be determined; The Estill Lions have a fantastic building available for venues (weddings, banquets, etc.). If anyone in that area is planning a function, ask him or her to contact the Estill Lions. Watch the District 32B Facebook page.



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I am looking forward to meeting with the clubs that I have not yet had an opportunity to visit. Remember we are “Strengthening the Pride”.

Proud to be a Lion,

Jim