

We Must Remember Our Support System

The year is passing by quickly and we need to consider what each of us can do to strengthen our organization. At the recent SCLCS/SCLF annual meeting, I learned that our contributions are far less than the previous year. Declining membership is a factor, but it is obvious from the report that many clubs are contributing a very small amount or not at all. The staff at SCLCS has been able to provide amazing support to people we refer for help with the limited funds. I am asking each club to please support our organization and send in a contribution.

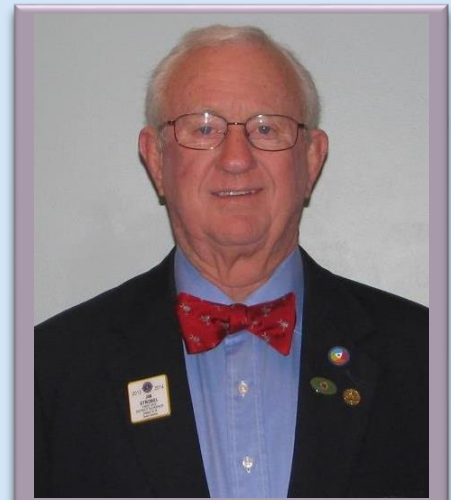
SCLCS/SCLF negotiated grants from our State and from other sources such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Please understand those grants are for specific purposes and do not support the full costs of eye surgery, hearing aids, and screenings, which are solely supported by our contributions. I request you do not reduce your contributions based on the premise that these grants can replace them. Again, I appeal to every club to dig deep and support SCLCS/SCLF.

There has been a lot of information provided and discussed about redistricting. I have only one comment about redistricting: This is your organization and if your Multi-District leaders do not hear from you, *the Clubs*, on the thoughts/ideas/desires of the club members, we are limited in our decision process. Without Lion members and clubs, there would be no Multi-District. Council Chair Joe provided documents which were distributed to all districts. I hope you will take the time to review them and provide your comments and/or questions to the leaders of our District. I have heard from some, loud and clear, but not from the majority. It is very important that you step up and participate if you desire to have your opinions heard. Your District Governor, the GLT, the GMT, Zone Chair, and Club President are leaders and not managers. What is the difference? Management is doing things right and leadership is doing the right things. Therefore, for us to do the right thing by the clubs is to understand the desires of the members we represent. I want to hear from YOU. My email is jstrobel@ussgs.com

Membership is our problem and it can only be solved by "Asking One, Starting One and Keeping One". How can we, the Multi-District, help you with building your membership? Membership is needed to strengthen our organization, support our causes through contributions and to continue into the next year as an Organization that is committed to our motto "we serve"! Membership: That is all and that is everything!

Together in SERVICE,

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