

## They Say Time Changes Things

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." — [Andy Warhol](#). I am one very lucky Governor. I have the BEST CABINET AND THE BEST COUNCIL to work with. They are set on sticking their collective necks out to make much needed changes in our beloved organization.

The Council first. You have noticed by now that we are wearing "BOW TIES", the kind that we have to tie ourselves. In my case, it proves that you can teach an old dog (or Lion) new tricks. We also have a new "summer uniform" with "Carolina" (the state) shorts. If you want to see them, you can on the SCLCS Facebook page. That is an outward sign that we mean business. You will see this at Cabinet meeting, conventions, Constitution, By Laws, and Policy manual changes. The Governors are working together on awards and recognitions, working across District lines to help a Lion or a Club, and are listening to the everyday Lions across the state. Our Vice Councils have made quite a few suggestions that we have tried to incorporate in to our year or allow them to work with us and introduce ideas for the future. There are no hidden agendas that are detrimental to Lionism among us. We don't take the lame old excuse the "we tried it and it won't work" or "we have never done this before." You have heard these before in clubs, cabinet meetings, and zone meetings. We have to change or we will die. Thank all of your brave Council Members, all three levels.

While in Toronto, I heard that PCC Matt Jones received an unexpected phone call from Queen Elizabeth congratulating him on receiving last year's Lion of the Year.

District 32-C has what I am calling a District Support Team. This is another positive change. It started out as a brain child of Lions Matt Jones and Randy Edwards, our GLT and GMT. Initially, it was to be a tool for them to go into a club to assist with membership and leadership. When they had a couple of Lions volunteer to help out, Matt and Randy came to me asking if I would make it part of the District Governor's Team. We, eight Lions, met on July 19<sup>th</sup> for an exploratory meeting. We looked at LCI and MD32 reports, requests and concerns from several clubs, our own personal experiences with clubs, and concerns from PDGs. From PDG Matt to PDG Randy, the PDGs have all stated that there are many unfinished or overlooked items that would improve and enhance our District. This Team looked at these concerns and came up with a one year plan and will expand it to a three year "committed" plan. We will be meeting again next month to access our next move. This Team will consist of the GLT, GMT, DG, 1VDG, 2VDG, and up to Ten (10) committed Lions. The DG will be a non-voting member and be the only one with a title. All others will be Lions. The Team will make recommendations to the DG for his or her Cabinet carry out. This is another example of brave Lions wanting to do the right thing for the betterment of Lionism. With this in mind, I am making Team this separate from the DGT. This group of Lions is working for a positive change and are going to make a difference in our organization.

The two Lions I am highlighting this month as "Pillars of Inspiration" are Lions Dr. Ed Johnson and Dr. Louis Drucker. For those non 32-C Lions who want to find about these two Lions, read my article in the District newsletter.

Thank you for serving.

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