

32D Cabinet Meeting Will Feature 2015-16 Leadership Elections.

Each year during the February district convention new Leaders are elected to take charge of our district. Taking on a district leadership role is a big step. Not only is there extra information to learn and extra meetings to attend; there is also a commitment to grow more lions, help clubs do a better job of retaining members; and spur service to those in need. Why did each of these lions join? What is that service project that touches their hearts? I encourage each of you to get to know our upcoming District Governor, Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor. These three lions will take charge in July 2015. Let's take a few minutes to get to know these future leaders!



Lion David Dority currently serves as Vice District Governor. Lion David, is a member of The Mathews Lions Club. He joined in March 2008, so he is close to celebrating seven years in Lionism. When asked about who asked him to join, Lion David said, "My next door neighbor, Bobby Hitt, invited me three times, and when I finally attended I heard the Lions' motto for the first time and I was sold on serving others." Lion David said his favorite service project is eye screening on children with special needs. He also added, "As Claudia and I have traveled around the country, it has been a wonderful experience to meet other Lions and discuss the many ways we can serve our communities and meet the needs of people all around the world."



2nd VDG Paul Dove joined the Marion Lions in the mid 1980s but took some time off between returning and later moving membership to Winnsboro when he retired. Lion Paul has served 14 years through the membership in the two Lions Clubs. He fondly remembered, "Marion Lion, Dr. Tom Clark, asked me to join. Lion Tom was my family physician and remains a close friend. It was an honor to be asked by him to visit his club." Lion Paul added that his favorite service project is hosting Lions International Youth Exchange students. He commented, "Since 2007, I have hosted every summer for a total of 15 students. Serving as a South Carolina Lion is a wonderful opportunity and a life-changing adventure!"



Lion Rhett Hair has been a Lion since 2007. He currently serves as the MD32 GLT Chair..When asked why he joined and who asked him to join, Lion Rhett responded, “ I was asked to join by Lion Mary Moseley of the Blythewood Lions Club. My wife, Lion Melody, and I were asked at the same time. Lion Mary said we would enjoy ourselves; that the Lions were family oriented and it was something that we could do together. We went to a couple of meetings and we were sold.” He continued, “My favorite service project is Opening Eyes, doing vision screening at Fort Jackson for the Special Olympics.” As he continued to talk about Lionism and why he’s a lion, Lion Rhett added “I love to teach and share and for me there is no greater satisfaction than planning a learning event, having Lions show up; be interested; and see them go out and make use of the information and share with others. I believe the Mentoring Program is one of the best tools we have as Lions to develop and to keep new Lions!

Through this Lion’s year you have heard District Governor Rick Pressly talk about growing Lions and promoting the **Ask One** campaign. As you read the above information on three upcoming Lion’s leaders, I hope you see a pattern of “just ask”. Each of these lions was asked, sometimes more than once, but ultimately we only get a response if we ask. Thank you to Lion Bobby Hitt, Lion Dr. Tom Clark, and Lion Mary Mosely --- they did ask and because they stepped up and asked, we have three very passionate, involved Lions moving up in our district! Don’t ever pass up the opportunity to ask. You may be pleasantly surprised. I hope each of you will be present at the 32D Convention to vote for these Lions who will lead us forward. PDG Barbara Beckham