

DISTRICT 32B'S BIG WEEKEND

We just wrapped up the District 32B Convention held in Summerville. I want to thank all the Lions that came from the District and also our friends visiting from other Districts. If you were unable to attend some or all of the Convention meetings, I would like to give a recap of what you may have missed and is of great importance to all Lions of 32B.

The Convention weekend began with the arrival of guest speaker, International Director Cynthia Gregg and her husband, PDG Tom. The Greggs are from Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, but are "Southern at Heart". They enjoyed some of the local sites and fare and met with many of you as you were coming in for the weekend.

The entertainment Friday evening by Milton Bullock, The Golden Platter, and Mary Tate, Motown Sounds, had many dancing and a few of the ladies on the stage as Mary's back up. This was a good start to our weekend activities.

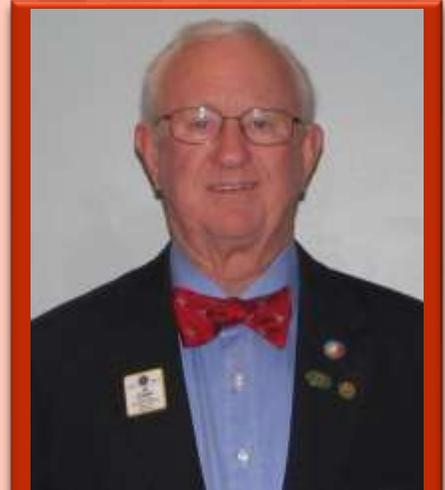
Saturday morning offered two breakout sessions that were at full capacity. A special thanks to DG Rick Pressley for the Spot Camera training and to PDG Annette Hart for the New Member Orientation. Very positive feedback was received from the attendees and we appreciate your willingness to conduct these training sessions.

We had a full room for the cabinet meeting with presentations by the chairs of the SC Lions Foundation, PDG Louis Drucker, and SC Lions Charitable Services, Lion Diane P' Pool on the accomplishments and need for continued support. Are you a Sustaining Member? Lion Catherine Hanhauser and Lion Ashton Finley provided highlights on all the great research happening at the Storm Eye Institute. The contributions of South Carolina Lions matched by grants from International support new research as well the highly technical equipment that makes Storm Eye one of the premier research centers in the country. PDG Jim Varn requested help with Youth Exchange Program. He needs volunteer families to accept two visiting youths into your home for two weeks. If you and your family would like to help, please get in touch with PDG Jim.

PDG Brian P' Pool, convention chair for the State Convention in Myrtle Beach 26 -29 March 2015 highlighted the plans for the convention. There are many activities planned which is different from past conventions with fun things to do and many breakout sessions available to the attendees. I encourage everyone in the District consider attending this special convention. It is SPECIAL, since our International President Joe Preston will be here the entire weekend and will be the guest speaker. Let us show him our southern hospitality by welcoming him with a large Pride of Lions. We can Strengthen the Pride. Please check the Palmetto Lion for the registration and other information about the convention. See you there!!

The officers for 2015-2016 were unanimously elected during the cabinet meeting. DGE Morris Herron, Brunson Club; 1st VDGE Pat Friday, Aiken Mid-Day Club; and 2nd VDGE Tim Murray, Goose Creek Club. I congratulate them for their willingness to devote their time and talent to District 32B as well as the total South Carolina Lions Organization. They need your support to make our District special.

Our convention culminated with the banquet on Saturday evening. It was a great finish with a fine meal and a very special message that ID Cynthia brought to South Carolina. ID Cindy provided an inspiring message that



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struck at the heart of every Lion at the Banquet. I chose two comments after the banquet which I feel expressed how all of us felt: "One of the best speeches I have ever heard"; "I enjoyed listening to her, she is an excellent speaker". Thanks again to all who attended and thanks to ID Cindy Gregg and PDG Tom .

As we move forward to the end of the Lions year, I will be devoting my time spreading the message about Lions to new communities. I hope you will be doing the same in your community. Many people do not know how special Lions are and the great work that we do throughout the world. Let us get more people as Lions, working to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Have a great New Year!

DG Jim