

2006-2007



DISTRICT 8-S

JUNE 2007

**MAKE SURE YOU BRING THIS TO YOUR CLUB AND
READ IT DURING CLUB CORRESPONDENCE!**

URGENT!!!

The fourth **District 8-S Cabinet meeting and Annual Awards** night will be held on **June 16** at the **Harahan Lions Home** on Hickory St in Harahan with the meal being served at 6 P.M. Harahan Lions is preparing a great meal for your enjoyment however they must know how many to prepare for. The menu for the quarterly meeting is as follows: Salad, Brisket, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Desert, and a drink, **THE PRICE WILL BE \$8.00 PER PERSON.** **Contact Lion Charlotte Higginbottom, (Phone 504 455 9566 or Email: charlottehig@yahoo.com), or Lion Manny Galland (Phone 504 466 6691) with the information on how many from your club will be in attendance. Zone chairs please call each of your clubs by **June 10** to make sure they have called in.**

From the desk of Lion Bryan Foret, District Governor

Dear Lion President and future club leaders: Well this is my last monthly newsletter for my year and I want to take this opportunity to thank all those that stepped forward to help rebuild this district during the year. Your help this year, and into the future, will make a difference in peoples lives because you have helped keep the tradition of Lions Clubs International of *service* to your community this year. Your continued efforts to strengthen your club and create new clubs in our district by inviting more people to become members will help: find more handicapped children spend a week at our summer camp; relieve a senior citizen of the terror of not affording their utilities or medicine; screen more children for early childhood eye abnormalities; or even just enlarge your circle of friends. I want to thank each of the presidents and secretaries that made sure each of their members heard about the activities of the district through this monthly newsletter, and made sure that the information about their club was communicated back to the district and Lions International. I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve a District Governor for you and offer any assistance to you and the future governors any way that I am able.

Zone and Region Chair seminar: To the new **Region and Zone Chairs (2007-2008)** please be aware of the upcoming Zone and Region Chair seminar on June 9 (Saturday) at the Delta Lions Home starting promptly at 9 A.M. for about 2 hours. This will provide you with the knowledge you need to serve in these positions and how you are to make sure you do the job correctly. Please call Lion Angela at 985-632-4485 to confirm your attendance.

Happenings around the District

June 23 and 24 – T-Caillou Lions Annual Rodeo and Fair @ T-Caillou Lions Home, Chauvin, LA. Entry for the rodeo is \$10 and includes a hat and a chance at the \$500 drawing. T-Caillou will also have a great fair along with the rodeo and are requesting that any person or club that can provide them with donations for prizes, for more information or even entries in the rodeo contact **Lion Bobby Carlos** (985-594-2571), **Lion Becky Picou** (985-856-5366) or **Lion President Glenda Parker** (985-804-6614).

Metairie Lions The annual Memorial Day ceremony was great, as usual, and the American Legion Post was greatly appreciative of the refreshments provided following the ceremony. Thanks to all who helped with the preparations and clean up. Another great job by your wonderful members.

Lions in the News



Pictured here is Mrs. Gertrude Lorio Beauford who recently celebrated her 95th birthday with the Jefferson Lions Club members at a meeting on May 14th of the club. She has been a member of the Lion Club and the Auxiliary for over 50 years and has 45 years of perfect attendance. She has been a long time devotee of the Louisiana Lions League for Crippled Children in Leesville where her husband Leonard W Beauford was a Charter Founder and President in 1963-1964. She has received many awards during her year of service. International Director Robert Eichhorn presented her with a wrist watch put out by the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation. The club also celebrated with birthday cake and coffee.

Mr. Beauford wants to hear from any Lion who is 95 years old and still active in Lionism.

Recently seen on the **Jefferson Parish School Board channel Lion Bob Ebberman, PDG (New Orleans Central City)** was seen handing out scholarships through the **Jefferson Dollars for Scholars** program. Lion Bob serves on that board as well as participating with his many Lions activities, congratulations for the great work.

Message to District from International President Jimmy M. Ross

When I called for a “new paradigm” for Lions Clubs International at the beginning of our leadership year, I knew that I could count on the enthusiastic support and dedicated action of the 2006-2007 class of district governors. As we come close to completing our year together, I am happy to say that my confidence was well-founded.

Last year in Boston we set some challenges for ourselves. I pledged to personally participate in the creation of at least 15 Lions Clubs. I am proud to say that I helped 20 new clubs come into existence. We said that we would strive to establish at least four new clubs in each district; as of March, 44 district governors have achieved that goal and another 85 have chartered two or three new clubs.

We saw the wisdom and necessity of bringing more women into Lions Clubs worldwide; this year, more than 32,309 women have joined our ranks bringing with them fresh ideas, new ways of achieving our goals and an enormous potential for new service. I especially thank the growing number of women in district leadership positions for all they have done to make this possible.

I said that in our “new paradigm” Lions Clubs International would become “the family organization.” As a direct result of our new Family Membership Initiative, Lions Clubs worldwide have added nearly 10,000 new members to serve their communities. In fact, 5.7 percent of all Lions are now certified as members of a family unit and I expect this number to grow steadily in the coming years.

This has been a year of great change and excitement in Lions Clubs International. While remaining true to our traditional mission and values, we have achieved a new flexibility in the ways in which "We Serve." We have invigorated our association with new energy and have worked hard to bring women, young professionals and other underrepresented groups into our clubs. The association has taken advantage of the networking opportunities offered by these new members and we have encouraged our members to do so as well.

I truly believe that Lions Clubs International will be reaping the benefits of these changes for many years into the future and will owe a debt of gratitude to all those who served as district governors in 2006-2007.

Campaign Sight First II (CSFII) plea from Lion Leo White, PDG and Bob Ebberman, PDG - Oak Brook, IL, USA, May 23, 2007 There is less than 2 months remaining in the 2006-2007 CSFII fund raising and the Lions worldwide have already surpassed \$90 Million Campaign SightFirst II Benchmark Goal well ahead of convention. Lions are on track to surpass the US\$150 million minimum goal to fight preventable blindness around the world.

Model Club Rally! More than 1,950 Model Clubs are leading by example. Lions need approximately 60 clubs to meet International President Jimmy Ross' Rally for 2,007 Model Clubs (\$400 per member) by 2007 International Convention. As District Governor, encourage one of your high-potential clubs to become a Model Club for CSFII. The Model Club form can be downloaded from the International website or contact either Lions Leo White, PDG or Bob Ebberman, PDG for the form.

*******Important Reminders*******

CLUB TREASURER - PROTECT YOUR CLUB'S ACTIVE STATUS BY PAYING ALL BILLS IN A TIMELY MANNER. The club bill is mailed to the Club Treasurer, Presidents should verify that the International and District bills are paid timely. Effective July 1, 2007, clubs with past due balances beyond 150 days, equal to as little as one per-capita, could cause the club to be placed on automatic suspension and automatic cancellation within 90 days.

Currently, some clubs could be in jeopardy of becoming inactive if past-due balances are left unpaid as follows:

- Balances unpaid beyond US\$1000 and over 90 days, could be placed on status quo, unless payments are received between now and June 30, 2007
- Second semester 2006 per-capita must have been paid prior to May 31, 2007.

If you have any questions about your clubs payment status please contact the District Governor or Lions Clubs International at districtadministration@lionsclubs.org or treasurer@lionsclubs.org.

90th Lions Club International Convention – MD8 Delegation Breakfast will be held on Wednesday July 4, 2007 from 7 to 8:30 AM at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers. This is a great opportunity for the Louisiana delegation to get together to meet the candidates for the various Lions International offices (2nd Vice President, International Director). The cost is \$15 per person and by the way this is just before the International parade steps off, o come dressed in the customary all white (pants, shirt, shoes) with Mardi Gras decorations. Contact **Lion Bryan Foret** for your limited quantity tickets.

Camper Transportation – Lion Harold Giraldo, PDG is heading up the camper transportation again this year with 4 trips planned (June 17 to camp and June 23 from camp and then again July 8 to camp and July 14 from camp) from Delta Lions Home (new location) with departure for 6 AM each day (7:30 from Evergreen Cajun Center). Make sure your campers and their parents are aware of this schedule. This change is required to get the drivers back in time to meet Federal restrictions for driving time. Contact Lion Harold for more information at 504-362-7708.

Club	Begin of year Membership 7/1/2006	10% Growth Amount	Goal by 6/30/2007	As of 6/2/2007
Arabi	38	4	42	38
Belle Chasse	27	3	30	21
Bourg	27	3	30	27
Chauvin	22	2	24	24
Chauvin T-Caillou	29	3	32	36
Evergreen L C	53	5	58	45
Golden Meadow	14	1	15	13
Hahnville	23	2	25	23
Harahan	48	5	53	45
Houma	40	4	44	42
Houma Bayou Blue Coteau	47	5	52	39
Houma East Houma	18	2	20	28
Houma La Bonne Terre	19	2	21	22
Houma Terrebonne Inner City	24	2	26	25
Houma Terrebonne Parish	41	4	45	41
Houma West Houma	19	2	21	18
Jefferson	33	3	36	35
Kenner	20	2	22	24
Kenner Central	28	3	31	26
Kenner University Park	25	3	28	25
Labadieville	30	3	33	32
Lockport	37	4	41	28
Luling Boutte	36	4	40	36
Marrero	47	5	52	45
Metairie	43	4	47	42
Metairie Airline	23	2	25	21
Metairie Clearview	10	1	11	9
Metairie Delta	28	3	31	27
Metairie Lakeside	19	2	21	20
Metairie Pontchartrain	17	2	19	14
Montegut	36	4	40	35
Morgan City	14	1	15	13
New Orleans Algiers	15	2	17	16
New Orleans Central City	25	3	28	24
New Orleans Filipino American	25	3	28	25
Norco	29	3	32	30
Raceland	33	3	36	33
River Ridge	12	1	13	14
Schriever	32	3	35	39
Southsore Guatemala	16	2	18	16
Terrytown	27	3	30	27
Thibodaux	66	7	73	64
Vacherie	18	2	20	18
West Bank	47	5	52	48
Westwego	14	1	15	13
Dropped clubs this year	45			
	1339	133	1427	1286



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Leadership training is coming up; will you be in that number? Start planning now!!

July 2-6, 2007 – 90th International Convention – Chicago, Illinois

**July 27 & 28, 2007 – 8-S Leadership Development Seminar – Evergreen Cajun Center,
Houma**

September 6-8, 2007 – USA/Canada Forum – Grand Rapids, Michigan

November 15–19, 2007 - Senior Lions Leadership Institute – Oak Brook, Illinois

March, 2008 – Regional Leadership Institute – Alexandria, LA