

“Support South Carolina Leo’s”

South Carolina Lions, it brings me great pleasure to report to you the growth of the Leo Club program in South Carolina. We have seen steady growth over the last three years. We had two new clubs in 2012, four new clubs in 2013, five new clubs in 2014, and we have the possibility of several new clubs this year. We currently have eighteen clubs of which eleven have formed in the last three years.

With such growth it is time to strategize how we can maintain our gains and how to take the Leo Club program to the next level. We need to implement International President Joe Preston's theme of "Strengthening the Pride" and also encourage Lions to "engage youth"

Two ways to support and grow our Leo program is to continue our annual Leo Conference and to set up a college scholarship fund for worthy Leo's.

To achieve these goals, I am asking all Lion Clubs in South Carolina to make a voluntary contribution to a Leo Club fund administered and supervised by the MD32 Council.

In addition to the regular costs of hosting a conference, last year we included a service project that prepared food to feed 10,000 people. The project costs \$2,900. We would like to make this meaningful service project a regular feature at our Leo conferences, but to do this we need to be confident the funding is available.



If all the Lions Clubs in South Carolina voluntarily contributed to a Leo fund administered and supervised by Council, we would be able to fully fund the Leo Conference and the service project. Any additional monies could then be used to set up a college scholarship for worthy Leo's.

This arrangement would allow all clubs the opportunity to "engage the youth" and they would also help feed the hungry, another Lion's goal. Individual Lions could also contribute to this fund.

A meaningful and consistent Conference and a scholarship program would demonstrate our commitment to the Leo program and would be useful in growing the program.

Lions Clubs, please consider supporting the Leo Club program by sending a check donation made out to MD32 designated to Leo Fund. Send check to:

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The Leo program works. We have seen Leo's assist Lions with projects and they perform many community service projects of their own. We have also seen faculty advisers become Lions, Leo parents become Lions, and Leos graduate with the desire of becoming Lions and also starting other Leo Clubs. Let's keep this momentum going. Thank you for your consideration.

Lion Bob Cox

MD Leo Chairperson