

MAKE 2015 THE YEAR OF THE LIONS

We have now left 2014 behind and start a new year. When I read articles from our 2014 Palmetto Lions, it strengthens my pride to see how Lions have done so much to help so many in our community. When I read about those that have received surgeries, hearing aids and other help from SCLCS, every Lion should be proud that your contributions have been instrumental in making the life of someone else better. As I read testimonials by those that have had their eyesight restored through funding from SCLCS, you can't help but become emotional. We should take a moment to thank the staff at SCLCS for their hard work, especially being able to obtain services at a significantly reduced cost, resulting in more people being helped. I encourage every Lion to become a "Sustaining Member", ----Today.

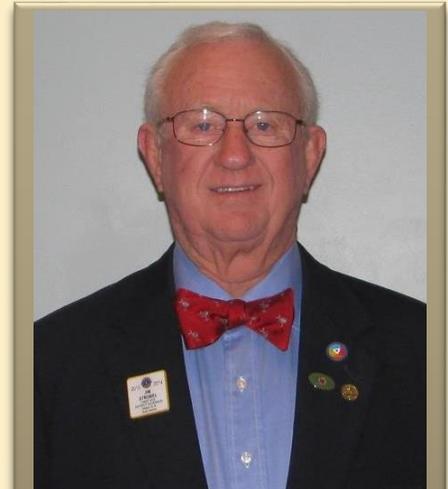
As we venture in 2015, let's keep our focus on "Strengthening the Pride" and make South Carolina Lions Clubs the best in the country. I am asking every club officer to be a leader by working to increase our membership. Never forget our motto, "We Serve" and how can we do that, by telling our story to others in the community, by asking them to join the greatest service organization in the world and by soliciting new ideas from the members. We are Lions and Lions are resourceful, caring and strong in compassion. Every time we see a disaster in our country, we also see how the American people overwhelmingly respond with their contributions. The same is true for those that joined Lions. We did it because we care about those that are less fortunate than ourselves. So, Lions, let's make 2015 a fantastic year for Lions clubs in South Carolina. Join me in taking giant step forward in accomplishing this resolution.

I would be remiss if I did not remind everyone that our Districts will be having their conventions in January and February culminating with the State Convention 27-29 March 2015. The District 32B convention is being held at the new Marriott hotel in Summerville on 23-25 January 2015 and the planning team is working hard to make this a great time of celebration and fellowship. However, it will not be a success without you being there. We know you will enjoy the Friday night entertainment and we are all looking forward to hearing from our International Director, Cynthia Gregg at the Saturday banquet. ID Cynthia hails from the Rostraver Township Lions Club in Bells Vernon, Pennsylvania and will be visiting with her husband, Tom. Let's give them a big South Carolina Lions welcome. On Saturday morning, we will be having Spot camera training and New Member Orientation. That afternoon we will be selecting next year's Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors at our cabinet meeting. Your presence and vote means a lot. See you at the convention.

Now I am requesting you to "Ask 1" and watch our membership grow.

Happy New Year!

DG Jim



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