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- Hearing and Deaf
- Sight Screening
- Diabetes Awareness
- Sea and Sun Camp



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State Convention Cancelled Due To COVID 19...

In an unprecedented move, the Council of Governors voted unanimously to cancel this year's state convention that was to be held at Lake Tiak O' Khata, May 1 & 2, 2020, due to both state and federal guidelines regarding social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID 19.

" This is a decision that was not taken lightly," said Council Chairman Barron Caulfield. " But it was a decision that had to be made for the safety of our members and those that we serve!"

If you have already registered for the convention, the state office will be sending refunds in the mail. Also when you cancel your hotel reservations at Lake Tiak O'Khata, you will automatically have your reservation rolled over to next year's convention which will be held at Lake Tiak O' Khata

April 30th— May 1, 2021. When we think of state convention, we think of informative reports, training sessions and elections held to fill offices and committees for the upcoming Lions year. This year will be no different, but we will have to get a bit creative to provide you with the aforementioned.

We will be asking committees to provide written reports to the state office so that they may be disseminated to the membership. The Council of Governors also voted for the multiple district, as well as District 30-M and District 30-S to purchase Zoom apps so that training normally conducted at state convention, and as well as club meetings, could be conducted. If your club would like to use the Zoom app, please contact your District Governor regard-

ing availability. In regards to elections, the Council suspended the normal nomination process and asked that all nominations be received in the state office no later than April 24, 2020. Club presidents and club secretaries will then be receiving a packet informing them the number of delegates/votes in which the club is entitled. A ballot will also be enclosed. It will be up to club presidents to poll their club regarding the election and will be asked to submit the club's choice by May 15, 2020.

We know everyone is experiencing the new norm and we appreciate the sacrifices that we are all having to make. During this time, if you can still find ways to serve your community, please do so, but please do it safely.

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Proposed Dues Increase... More Important Than Ever ...



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A proposed dues increase will be on this year's ballot for consideration for the membership of Multiple District 30. The increase will amount to one dollar a month and will be used solely for the operation of the Lions State Office. Lions Sight Foundation President James Wilkerson said the increase is long overdue. He continued by saying that it has put unnecessary pressure on the Sight Foundation to raise monies generated through White Cane Days, the primary fund raising drive of the foundation to pick up the slack and pay for expenses that we as Lions Clubs members of Multiple District 30 should be paying for out of our dues. Wilkerson went on to say that it is now more important than ever, in light of a strained economy, to vote yes for the increase so that we can continue to serve those in need.

Zone and Region Chairman Virtual Training Sessions

State Convention has been cancelled. As a result, the Council of Governors have been working diligently to provide opportunities for members to continue to receive the training they need to be successful in the year to come. The first such opportunity will be zone and region chairman training. This session will be conducted virtually using the Zoom app and will be lead by PDG Charles Johnson. For those of you not familiar with this technology, Zoom is an app that has been purchased by the multiple district, as well as districts M & S. This app allows up to 100 individuals to participate in a meeting and/or training session by using their personal computer or smartphone.

This year's session is scheduled for June 6, 2020 and will begin at 1:00 pm and will conclude at 3:00 pm. The Lions State Office will be working closely with the District Governors and the Vice-District Governors to identify candidates to participate in the zone and region chairman training session. Participants will receive support materials as well as information needed to sign into the meeting. If you are interested in participating in this session, please contact your District Governor. Additional training sessions on tap this year will be new officer training. Officers are defined as club presidents, secretaries and treasurers. Your GLT will be responsible for

this training and will be conducted by your District GLT chairman Lion Dave Young will take the lead in District 30-M and PDG Cindy Bamburg will oversee District 30-S. Sessions will be conducted by July 1, 2020. As soon as plans are finalized, new officers will be notified regarding dates and times and what method will be used to facilitate the meeting, whether in person or by use of a virtual meeting. The Council would also like to encourage clubs to continue to meet during this period of "social distancing" through use of the virtual meeting. The state has purchased a Zoom app as well as both districts and these apps are available for club use.

Deserving Lions To Be Inducted Into Hall of Fame...

Three deserving Lions have been selected to be inducted into the 2020 class of the Lions of Mississippi Hall of Fame. PDG B.G. Tatum, PDG Charles Johnson and PID Dr. Lytle Fowler, posthumously .

PID Fowler was a member of the Oxford Lions Club. He was the eighth Mississippian to serve as an officer in Lions Clubs International. He was elected to serve as International Director 1961-63. During his term as International Director, he served on many important committees. Dr. Fowler was responsible for developing a training program for District Governors that was offered annually at Lions International Convention.

PDG B.G. Tatum is a charter member of the Cleveland Evening Lions Club. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow (Lions Clubs International Foundation), a Dalstrom Distinguished Service award Recipient (Mid-South Sight and Hearing) and a Samuel Johnson Legacy Fellow

(Mississippi Lions Eye Bank). He served as District Governor twice and is a longtime member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. He has served as the president of Mid-South Sight and Hearing Service and as Chairman of the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank. PDG Tatum has the "Heart of a Lion," and has served the multiple district for decades.

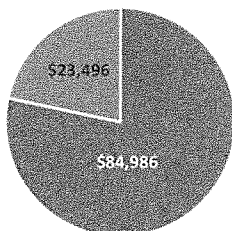
PDG Charles Johnson is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has received numerous awards from Lions International. PDG Johnson served as District Governor in 2005-06. He was asked to serve as Council Chairman in 2014-15. He is a former member of the Sight Foundation and currently serves as the GLT Chairman and conducts annual training sessions for the Vice District Governors, zone and region chairman and oversees new officer training for club presidents, secretaries and treasurers. " PDG Johnson has been a tire-

less leader working diligently to not only increase membership, but to retain Lions, by continuing to provide training and education while fostering a well-received positive approach." Normally these Lions would be inducted as the highlight to the annual District Governors Banquet held in conjunction with state convention. Needless to say that will not be happening this year but don't let that detract from these three well-deserving Lions. The Council of Governors is planning to induct this year's class as soon as an opportunity worthy of their induction presents. As updates become available, the state office will make sure that the membership will be informed. Until then, if you get the opportunity to congratulate them, please use the social vehicle from which you feel most comfortable.

White Cane Update:

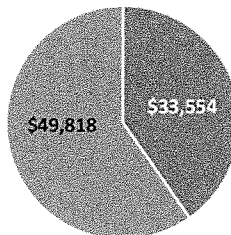
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White Cane Goal: \$108,482



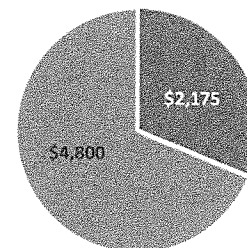
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White Cane Contributions



■ 30-M ■ 30-S

Avery McKinley



■ 30-M ■ 30-S