



## DISTRICT 30S NEWLETTER JULY 2011

Our **DISTRICT CABINET MEETING** will be held on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 1:00 PM** at the **LIONS STATE OFFICE in Flowood**. Sorry for the short notice. We have worked on a telephone conference for this meeting. If you cannot attend in person, please **dial 1-877-449-7536** at 1:00 pm and you will be asked to enter a code – enter **0436** and that will connect you to the District Meeting on that day. You will be able to hear us and speak to us. We know it is very difficult for people to drive to these meetings. We're going to try it for the smaller meetings, but not for the District Convention Nov 5th in Gulfport or for the State Convention next year. **Please forward this message now to your club members by e-mail etc. about the meeting. Thanks!**

Our key meeting will be the District Convention on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> -instead of January. (No activities Fri. night). We have not had a District Meeting on the Coast in 10 years- they need it as their economy has been very hard hit the last 5 years. Let's have an excellent turnout!

Please make reservations now to attend the Dist Convention on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – **Reservations must be made by Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** - Courtyard by Marriott on the Gulf Coast in Gulfport 228-864-4310 Mention Lions of MS - it's very nice and the beach is across the street. \$109 per night + 12% tax.

Congratulations to Bryan Tompkins, Past District Governor, all our Lions Clubs, and our Great MS Band and band supporters! Thank you!! I look forward to a great year as your Dist Gov. I am excited about our theme this year "**I Believe**" with our new International President Wing-Kum Tam.

"I believe one person can make a difference" – that is his statement! How powerful is that! We called it "The Power of 1" - one person can make a difference. Each of you as Lions do that!! Just think about the statement I just made – each and every one of you as a Lion has made a difference in someone's life!! Amazing, isn't it?? Some people do nothing - "we serve" and help others.

The Lions Club is now a worldwide organization with 1.3 million members and we were rated **the # 1 non-profit service organization in the world!**

The key items this year are about the same as last year:

**August – Do a Youth Project** - some ideas – work with a school grade class, etc. Bay St. Louis did a great project last year getting kids in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to compete against each to collect the most eyeglasses & gave the winning classroom a pizza party!!

**October – Sight** - A program for service to the blind or visually impaired. I'm sure your Club can come up with something.

**Nov/Dec/Jan - Hunger Relief Program** – helping others – feed the hungry!

**Throughout the Year- Plant Trees** - It is the goal of our International President to plant 1 million new trees this year to help improve the environment. (He's from Hong Kong –very little land.) Plant a tree for each of us! 1.3 million Lions, 1 million trees. Anybody in forestry or agriculture that can help

with this project, let me know!! I've got a job for you! It's not that hard – we just gotta get the trees – Think of the good will and exposure to the community – we can ask boy scouts, girl scouts, Sunday school children, school children, etc to help with this & they will all learn about the Lions Clubs! Service in action and people learning about Lions.

Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Zone Chairs – if you are new and need info – contact me [didixon@bellsouth.net](mailto:didixon@bellsouth.net) There is a lot of info on the [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) website that tells you how to report and what to do. There is a “Search” on the top right and just key in what info you want, example "secretary training", "treasurer training". It is really good info.

**ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT THIS YEAR?? ABOUT BEING A LION?? You ought to be!! Cause you are **ONE individual making a difference in someone's life!** YOU SHOULD BE A PROUD LION!!!**



More next month!! Til then-

Diane Dixon, Dist. Gov.

**“Helping People See”**

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