



## *District 8 – S Newsletter*

**Lion Earl Pellegrin, District Governor**



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1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

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Cabinet Secretary



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Cabinet Treasurer

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### *A Message from the District Governor*

I would like to apologize for being late with the newsletter this month. We are in the process of raising our house. It is now over 10ft in the air. We are staying with one of our sons in Bourg. My main computer is at home and I am having trouble with my Laptop.

Again I would like to thank everyone for a successful seminar. A couple of weeks ago I attended the 8-N conference and it was very good. Next weekend I will be attending the 8-L conference in Natchitoches, La. My next stop will be to MD Anderson for some cancer surgery on my face. From there I will be heading to Toledo Bend for the Big Bass Rodeo. If you have never been to Big Bass, please come join us for a wonderful time.

I made my first club visit on Sept. 6, at the Terrytown Lions Club. I was honored to be asked to install a new member. We had a great meal and the visit was greatly enjoyed. Next month I will continue my club visits. I am hoping to visit your club in the near future.

Finally, I ask everyone to continue recruiting new members so that our District can continue being the largest and strongest in MD-8.

Yours in Lionsim,  
Earl Pellegrin  
District Governor

## Eye Foundation News

The LLEF 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly meeting was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lions/LSU Building in New Orleans. The meeting was a great success. The Lions that attended were able to take tours of the LSU complex and the LSU school of Ophthalmology. The LSU Doctors of Ophthalmology and Research were on hand to conduct the tours and visit with the Lions. LSU gave a great presentation on the research that is being done. They also explained the usage of the funds that LLEF provides to LSU. This was an eye opening experience for many of the Lions.

On Friday and Saturday nights, LLEF sponsored a hospitality room overlooking Bourbon St. Many Lions attended as well as several of the LSU Doctors. We ate, drank and threw Mardi Gras Beads from the balcony. I would like to give thanks to Lion Darlene Bergeron from Bayou Blue - Coteau Lions and Lion Kirby Courteaux from Montegut Lions for providing all the beads. It was a hoot!!!

Also I would like to give a great deal of thanks to all the 8-S Lions Clubs and LEI who sponsored the lunch on Saturday. We had lots to eat and drink.

Thanks also to Lion Sharon Williams, who did a great job organizing the lunch, and Lion Valerie Williams, who provided several young adults to help with directions and general all around help to make this a great meeting.

## Cub Sight News

Cub sight set a goal of screening 28,000 kids this year. Now that schools have started back up, go to the schools about doing a screening. Catch any eyesight problems the kids may have early to give them the best chance of learning this year!

## Camp News

Summer camp 2011 goes down in the books as Awesome! We had an all around great summer. Camp population was 1153 Campers, Staff and Volunteers. Thanks to everyone who helped make this big year happen!

Our Fiscal Year ends on the 30th of September. Income is slightly below the budget, so you still have time to get some contributions in.

The Camper Alumni Association hosted a reunion on Labor Day Weekend; they had around 50 alumni registered to attend.

President Kathy Harrison, DG hands the gavel to PDG Nancy Farr on October 8th at the 1st Quarter Board of Directors meeting in Jennings.

The next work weekend is scheduled for October 15th 2011.

The Camp held its annual finance meeting Saturday, Aug. 27th at the Camp. This meeting develops the proposed budget for the coming year (October 1st through September 30th which is the Camp's fiscal year). The proposed budget being sent to the Executive Committee for next year is just under \$600,000. This does not include any adjustments in salaries for camp staff which are set by the Executive Committee. This represents an increase of just a little over 1.4% over last year's budget. The committee was pleased to be able to keep the budget in check while still being able to assure the best possible experience for our campers. The camp staff should be commended for keeping expenses in check. Executive Director Ray was able to provide more nutritious food for the campers and save costs at the same time. Dining hall food and supplies are traditionally the largest single line item in the budget.

## Club Dues and State Pins

**Club dues are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Also all orders for State Pins need to be turned in **ASAP**. All clubs have been sent their bills and order forms as of August 9th thank you. Contact Jeff Williams with any problems or questions.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting

The first cabinet meeting will be on September 15th at Harahan Lions Home. They need to RSVP to Charlotte Higginbotham, president at (504) 455-9566 or email her at [charlotthig@yahoo.com](mailto:charlotthig@yahoo.com).

## Big Bass/Lil Britches

Big Bass and Lil Britches are coming up very quickly on September 24-25th at Toledo Bend, LA. If any club has parade of prizes they can donate, please send them to PDG Nancy Farr 37352 Twin Oaks Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70706. 'Lil' Britches prizes can be sent to IPDG Peggy Wallace. To obtain the address of where to send any prizes, call IPDG Lion Peggy Wallace at 985-791-9792. If any club has any Big Bass raffle tickets that need to be turned in, they need to send them to the Lions Enterprises c/o Cesar Fonseca ASAP.

## 8-S Charities Meeting

The next 8-S charities meeting has been scheduled for October 20th at Raceland lions home for 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Terry Arabie, president at (985)537-7632.

## USA/Canada Forum

USA/Canada Forum - Will be held in Anchorage Alaska September 22-24, 2011. This is a great opportunity to get some of the best training offered by Lions Clubs!

## Peace Poster Contest

This is a prime time to be conducting your peace poster contests. School has been in session for a couple of weeks so, the kids are settled and you can approach the schools about doing a contest.

## Corrections

PDG and Cabinet Secretary Lion Leo and Lion Trudy White's address should be P.O. Box 274.



District Governors Earl Pellegrin and Evelyn Kirk from 8-N getting inducted as DG at 8-N Conference. The other governors planned this as a surprise for them because they weren't able to be there for the ceremony at International Convention

## T-Caillou Lions Club News

T-Caillou will hold their annual fair on September 30 from 4pm to midnight, October 1 from 11am to midnight and October 2 from 11am to 9pm. It will be held on the ground of the T-Caillou Lions Home. There will be food, rides, games and bands. Bands play Friday and Saturday from 7pm to 11pm and Sunday from 5pm to 9pm. Come out and have a good time while supporting the T-Caillou Lions and their many good causes.

## Algiers Lions Club New



The Algiers Lions Club joined with other non-profit groups manning concessions to advance community spirit. The events were weekly summertime concerts dubbed "Wednesdays on the Point" and another concert with a fireworks display on the river, held on the Fourth of July. We also used the venue to promote Lionism in the community. The concession, for all nights done, yielded almost \$2000 to support our charities. And we handed out lots of brochures and applications, which hopefully will yield new Lions. And we sold 28 Bass Rodeo tickets

## Marrero Lions Club News



### Lion President sets Goals for upcoming year

Lion President Willis Luke started off the monthly meeting with a video presentation of the Lions Organization. The presentation was well received and showed the members a side of the Lions Club Organizations that makes us feel proud to be a part of such a giving and caring organization.

The message from the International President was "I Believe." Everyone makes a difference and with the right attitude, we can change the world.

While the presentation was very informative, Lion President stressed the fact that we are not only a family in our community but we are also an International Family.

His goal for his term of presidency is to increase the members of the Marrero Lions Club. In order to accomplish this goal he stated if any member brings in 3 new members, they will get the next year dues free. He also wants to work on putting together a History of the Marrero Lions Membership. Past President Lion James Hines was appointed the historian and will take on this project.

With every ones encouragement and working together as a family, I know President Lion Will Luke will exceed his goals

### Correspondence Secretary also Lion of the Month



Lion President Willis Luke appointed Lion Rene' Boudreaux as the Correspondence Secretary for the Marrero Lions Club. Lion Rene's responsibilities will include; maintaining the calendar, sending out emails and picking up the mail for the organization. Also, for her work and dedication to the Marrero Lions Club, Lion President Willis Luke presented her with the Lion of the Month Award. Congratulations to Lion Rene' and we know she will be an asset to the Marrero Lions Club Organization.



### Past President Lionel Boudreaux appointed Advisory Member

Lion President Willis Luke announced that Past President Lionel Boudreaux is an Advisory Member for the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation.

The Marrero Lions Club is well aware of the endless time and dedication Lion Lionel puts into this organization and we believe there is no one more worthy of this position.

With Lion Lionel's wife Veronica by his side supporting him in his efforts, no doubt his mission as Trustee will be gratifying for him and the Marrero Lions Club.

## Upcoming Events for Marrero Lions Club

**September 26th - Marrero Lions Club Meeting**

**October 6th— World Service Day**

**October 29th— Family Day 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. At the Marrero Lions Club  
Hot dogs & chips, Games for the kids and trunk or treat. Prizes for the best costume and best decorated car.**

**December 16th - Lions Club Christmas Dance Live Music by Jake and the Nifty 50's Beer and Soft drinks provided**

## Lions We Lost

It is with great sadness to inform you of the great Lions we have lost this past month. The Lions of District 8-S would like to offer our condolences to their families. Please keep these families in your prayers during their time of need.

Lion Jerry Adams was a past council chairman and was the immediate past president of the camp. He served as district governor for district 8- I. He's been actively involved throughout the state up until the last 6 months or so when his illness began taking him downhill.

Lion Louis Riche was a long time lion from the Montegut lions club. His nickname was "The Judge". Whenever you saw him, he always had a huge smile on his face as he truly loved serving the public & being a lion.

Lion Dwight Reed was a member of T-Caillou Lions Club. He was always willing to help other clubs with their bingo games.

## Get Well

Please keep the following Lions in your prayers. Lion Helen Cologne who is still taking chemo and fighting her battle with cancer. Lion Joe Inzinna who fell at the nursing home. Lion Gertie L. Beauford who fell and is in rehab at East Jefferson General Hospital. Lion Louise Punch who lost her mother to cancer on August 15. Also pray for all the other Lions who we may not know about. If you would like to acknowledge anyone, please email Lion Darlene Bergeron so they can be added to our newsletter.

If anyone has any news or information they would like put in the newsletter, please email or fax Lion Darlene Bergeron at the email or fax number listed below.

[darlene\\_bergeron@yahoo.com](mailto:darlene_bergeron@yahoo.com) or 985-262-4963

## Scheduled Visits of the Governor

Terry Town Lions – September 6<sup>th</sup>

Jefferson Lions – September 12<sup>th</sup>

Delta Lions – September 27<sup>th</sup>

Kenner Central Lions – September 28<sup>th</sup>

## Dates to Remember

Sept. 8	PDG Meeting	Delta Lions Club – 6:30pm
Sept. 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting	Harahan Lions Club Meal 6:30pm Meeting 7:00pm
Sept. 22 – 24	USA/Canada Forum	Anchorage, Alaska
Sept. 24	Big Bass / Lil Britches	Toledo Bend, LA
Oct. 6	World Service Day	
Oct. 8	Camp Meeting	Jennings Hampton Inn
Oct. 15	Camp Work Weekend	Lions Camp
Oct. 20	8-S Charities Meeting	Raceland Lions Club
Nov. 12 – 13	Eye Foundation Meeting	TBA
Dec. 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting	East Houma Lions Club