

Lions District 18 C

Lion Terry Rouse, District Governor

1997 – 1998

Lion Terry Rouse of the Thomasville Noon Lions Club was elected District Governor at the District 18 C convention that was held in Albany Georgia on March 7-8, 1998 at the Ramada Inn.

Lion Betty H. Ervin served as District Convention Chairperson.

Elected to serve on the cabinet with District Governor Rouse were:

Lion Frank Whorley	Vice District Governor	Americus Lions Club
Lion Ed Johnson	Secretary Treasurer	Thomasville Noon Lions
Cheryl G. Meadows	Cabinet Advisor	Albany Lions Club

Region Chairmen elected were:

Lion Clinton Holloway	Region 1	Plains Lions Club
Lion Julian McCullough	Zone 1	Americus Lions Club
Lion Brad Stafford	Zone 2	Dawson Lions Club

Lion Steve Studstill	Region 2	Hawkinsville Lions Club
Lion Steve Studstill	Zone 1	Hawkinsville Lions Club
Lion Chris Sumner	Zone 2	Cordele Lions Club

Lion Ron Horn	Region 3	Moultrie Lions Club
Lion Ross Logan	Zone 1	Sylvester Lions Club
Lion Don Meehan	Zone 2	Valdosta Evening Lions
Lion Richard B. Chalfant	Zone 3	Tifton Lions Club

Lion Pat Johnson	Region 4	Thomasville Noon Lions
Lion Mike Spivey	Zone 1	Donalsonville Noon Lions
Lion Joey Herndon	Zone 2	Thomasville Noon Lions
Lion Greg Findley	Zone 3	Pelhan Lions Club

Ex-Officio Cabinet Members elected were:

Lion Hershah "Harry" Patel	Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Vice President
Lion Troy Pullin	Georgia Lions Lighthouse Vice President
Lion Sharon Lamb	Membership Chairman
Lion Ron Horn	Lions Journey for Sight
Lion Raymond Cook	White Cane Chairman
Lioness Ivey Plair	Lioness Chairman
Lion Robert C. Davidson	Sergeant AT Arms
Lion Frank Whorley	USA/Canada Forum
Lion Cheryl G. Meadows	LCIF Chairman
Lion Clark Lamb	District Historian
Lion Ed Johnson	District Credentials
Lion Sharon Lamb	Leader Dog Chairman
Lion John Warren	District News Letter
Lion Ed Cane	Drug Awareness Chairman

Lion Marcus H. Seigle	Environmental Chairman
Lion Pam Hentschel	Leadership Chairman
Lion Jim Walker	Leo Chairman
Lion Clark Lamb PDG	Honorary Committee Chairman
Lion Hershad "Harry" Patel	Uniform Chairman
Lion Joey Herndon	Convention Chairman
Lion Tyrone White	Youth Outreach
Lion Francis Harris	Public Relations & Lion Information
Lion Mark Zorn	Mop & Broom Chairman
Lion Frank Whorley	District Breakfast Chairman
Lion Clark Lamb	Extension Chairman
Lion W. Terry Foreman	Diabetes Awareness Chairman
Lion Danny Hatchell	Youth Exchange Chairman
Lion B. I. Thornton	Hearing & Speech Action & Work with Deaf Chairman
Lion Chris Sumner PDG	State Pin Committee
Lion Dick Sickmon PDG	District Tail Twister
Lion Don Sickmon PDG	Resolutions and Rules Constitution and By-laws
Lion Clark Lamb PDG	Long Range Planning International Convention
Lion Terry Pullin PDG	State Convention/State Awards
Lion J. D. Goings	Chaplin
Lion Don Sickmon PDG	District and State Nominations & Elections
Lion C. B. "Cotton" Hester	Order of the Golden Chain Award
Lion Cheryl G. Meadows	Sight First
Lion Clark Lamb PDG	All State Band Chairman

The first Cabinet Meeting was held Sunday July 27, 1997 at the Plains Lion Club House in Plains, Georgia.

It was noted by the District Governor that District 18 C was chartered July 1, 1937. The first District Governor was Stanley Elkins of the Macon Lions Club. Chartered clubs at the time were Albany, Bainbridge, Camilla, Donalsonville, Meigs, Thomasville and Valdosta. Other clubs were chartered as follows:

- Ocilla July 16, 1941
- Eastman August 24, 1958
- Poulan August 29, 1963
- Richland September 2, 1968
- Cuthbert September 27, 1944
- Calvary October 1, 1966
- Donalsonville October 5, 1955
- Colquitt October 8, 1946
- Fitzgerald October 14, 1942
- Dawson October 16, 1934
- Echols County October 17, 1958
- Albany October 19, 1922
- Adel October 23, 1933
- Rochelle October 25, 1955
- Sylvester November 7, 1946
- Americus November 12, 1942
- Cairo November 12, 1973

- Edison November 28, 1934
- Valdosta Evening November 29, 1962
- Hahira December 2, 1943
- Baconton December 15, 1964
- Alapha December 15, 1947
- Plains January 4, 1946
- Thomasville Noon January 14, 1976
- Blakely January 17, 1940
- Cordele January 25, 1934
- Unadilla January 28, 1943
- Moultrie February 6, 1936
- Vienna February 7, 1953
- Cordele Evening March 3, 1970
- Frances Lake March 9, 1962
- Lumpkin March 13, 1935
- Camilla March 13, 1952
- Chauncey March 13, 1991
- Abbeville March 14, 1938
- Quitman March 18, 1952
- Tifton April 12, 1935
- Pelham April 14, 1952
- Paulaski April 16, 1973
- Lake Seminole April 16, 1991
- Thomasville April 18, 1950
- Albany Evening April 27, 1967
- Valdosta May 3, 1949
- Lanier County May 3, 1931
- Warwick May 17, 1961
- Hawkinsville May 31, 1940
- Chester June 2, 1970
- Bainbridge June 8, 1936

The Thomasville Noon Lions Club started two Leo Clubs in October of 1997.

Frances Harris, Public Relations Chairman, received the presidential Excellence Award from Lions International.

The Lake Seminole Lions Club made plans to form a Leo Club as did the Bainbridge Lions Club.

As of September 1997 there were 1258 Lion Club members in 18 C.

The Moultrie Lions Club inducted 34 new members in 1997.

In March 1997, Helen Seawell, Executive Director of the Local Red Cross became the first female member of the Moultrie Lions Club.

The District 18 C Convention was held on March 7, 1998 at the Thomas County Middle School Auditorium, International Director John Daum of Newcastle, Wyoming was the speaker.

The Hospitality Suite was sponsored by the Albany Evening Lions Club.

New Officers elected were:

Lion Frank D. Wohrley	Americus Lions Club	District Governor
Lion David O'Scott	Fitzgerald Lions Club	Vice District Governor
Lion Clark Lamb	Americus Lions Club	Secretary Treasurer
Lion Terry Rouse	Thomasville Lions Club	Council Advisor

The Lake Seminole Lions Club held 4th Annual Shell Fishing Tournament for the Youth of the area. 133 contestants fished for cash and prizes.

The second Cabinet Meeting was held November 23, 1997 at the Cordele Lions Club Fairgrounds.

The third Cabinet Meeting was held at the Moultrie Library on February 8, 1998. It is noted that at the end of 1997 Multiple District 18 had a total of 8002 members with District A having 1590, District B 1340, District C 1257, District D 1263, District E 1274, and District F 1278.

The Lee County lions Club was Chartered the 21st day of May 1998 with 24 Charter Members.

Lee County Georgia, situated on the Flint River in the area where the Muckalee Creek converges with the Kinchafoonee to form the Muckafoonee Creek, has long been noted for the industry and intelligences of its population. It is therefore to be expected that the Charter Members of the organization and their successors will make many notable contributions to the world of Lionsm.

It should also be noted that in Mid-March 1998 those who were to establish this new club made request to Lions International for a "new club packet" of material. On April 30th. Approximately six weeks later, an application containing the names of the twenty-four men and women dedicate to the service. It is hoped that, when this group celebrates their official Charter Night on July 11,1998, the number of charter members will exceed thirty. International First Vice-President Jim Ervin will honor lee County Lions with his attendance and participation in the Charter Night Festivities.

Even before official organizational efforts were underway, four individuals who had committed themselves to becoming Lee County Lions, participated in massive flood relief efforts to aid their neighbors who were victims of the flooding in the area that occurred in March. The would be Lee County Lions distributed LCIF and local charity funds in excess of \$3,500.00 to aid their neighbors with emergency food and other flood supplies. Brooms, mops, and numerous other clean up and relief supplies were also handed- delivered by the Lions to the residents of flooded areas within the county.

While organizational efforts were underway members of this club participated with the Albany Evening Lions in their evening annual Cow-Patty Bingo fundraiser. Lee County Lions raised the sum of \$3070.00. Of this amount, one half was contributed to the new club's charity account.

The Albany Evening Lions Club sponsored the new club. The founder and Charter President of Albany Evening, PDG W. Clyde served as Guiding Lion for the Lee County Club. John Varnell, Past President and member of Albany Evening was organizer of the new club and was named as its Charter President.

A list of the initial 24 Charter Members, along with the club responsibilities of each is attached.

**Charter Members
Lee County Lions Club
As of June 4, 1998**

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| 1. Martha Alexander | Lion Tamer |
| 2. Donna Askew | Secretary- Treasurer |
| 3. E. Lin Bell | Environmental Concerns |
| 4. David L. Bowen | Children's Eye Center @ Emory |
| 5. Diane Christmas | Assistant to Membership Chairperson |
| 6. Charles L. "Buddy" Craver | Camp for the Blind Coordinator |
| 7. Mike Davis | Awards Chairperson |
| 8. Barbie Freeman | Attendance Chairperson |
| 9. Dick Gage | Fund Raising Projects Chairman |
| 10. Danny L. Homes | Eye Glass Recycling |
| 11. Betty Johnson | Assistant Treasure L.C.I.F Coordinator |
| 12. Kathy M. LaGrange | Drug Awareness Chairperson |
| 13. Harry A. Lee | Membership Chairperson |
| 14. Russell M. Melton | Long Range Planning Chairperson |
| 15. Jim Quinn | Newsletter Director/ Publicity Chairperson |
| 16. Trisha Quinn | Scrapbook Editor/ Assistant Treasure |
| 17. Thomas L. Shanks | Georgia Lions Lighthouse Coordinator |
| 18. Glen Smith | Community Relations Coordinator |
| 19. Jamie Thurman | Youth Projects Coordinator |
| 20. Judge Jim Thurman | Tail Twister, First Vice President |
| 21. John Varnell | Organizer and Charter President |
| 22. Sara Varnell | Leader Don Chairperson |
| 23. David A. Watson | Diabetes Awareness |
| 24. Elbert Williams | White Cane Day Coordinator |

At the Sunday Breakfast held at the State Convention in Savannah, Georgia on May 28-31 the following received and were recognized for their achievement:

Cabinet Secretary/Treas	Ed Johnson
Club Advisor	Cheryl Meadows

Vice District Governor	Frank Whorley
PDG Achievement Award	Don Sickmon
Best District Chairman	Joey Herndon
Zone Chairman of the Year	Chris Sumner
Region Chairman of the Year	Dr. Clinton Holloway
District Governors Contest	Moultrie
Best Semi or Monthly Bulletin	Bainbridge
Best Weekly Bulletin	Cordele
Extension Award	John Varnell
Club with Highest % growth	Moultrie
Club Supporting All Projects	Calvary
Club Efficiency	Moultrie
Best all Around Club	Albany Evening
Outstanding Club	Tifton
Secretary of the Year	Herbert Hughes
President of the Year	Doug Moxley
Club Promoting Youth	Americus
Membership Chairman	Ron Horn
Lion of the Year	Frances Harris

The Thomasville Lions Club sponsored a Leo Club at the Thomas County Central School.

Three members of the Thomasville Lions Club were granted Life Memberships. They are Lion Paul Dougherty, Lion Rudolph Allen and Past District Lion Gary Cullen.

The Dawson Lions Club sponsored a Pancake Supper netting \$600.00 for their various projects.

The Edison Lions Club held their annual Father/Child Night with the Atlanta Braves. Third base Coach Bobby Dews was the guest speaker.

The Paulaski Lions Club held a Youth Rally at the Lions Clubhouse to inform the youth of the hazards of using tobacco products.

The Bainbridge Lions Club adopted a resident of the Bainbridge Health Care facility. She was 81 years old at the time. The Club visited her on a regular basis and gave her gifts on her birthday and at Christmas.

Lions Bob Hampton, Doug Moxley and Chuck Young of the Lake Seminole Lions Club distributed Christmas Food Boxes to the needy.

The Thomasville Lions Club presented donations to the Thomas County Schools to purchase Audio/Visual equipment to assist visually handicapped children. Contributions were made by The Georgia Lighthouse and the Lake Seminole Lions Club.