

# THE LIONS' ROAR

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## ***FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR***

Our Lions emblem, Lions facing both a proud past and a confident future, signifies the closing of one Lion year and the beginning of a new one.

Times are changing and we as Lions have to face many challenges ahead of us. I have just returned from the International Convention held in Boston; a new president has taken the reins and I mean that literally as he is a cowboy from Texas! His name is Jimmy Ross and I am truly proud to serve under his leadership. This man certainly is facing a confident future, he has a goal and he intends to meet that goal! He has challenged us to set our goals and strive

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To achieve them. I, too, have set goals for our district and you will hear more about them at our District Cabinet meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all clubs to set goals now and make your plan of action. Remember without a plan of action your goals will not be achieved.

This year we will not be concentrating on getting the numbers up; we're going to forget about numbers and concentrate on "Serving communities through membership". I'll leave you with one thought, how is your club membership serving your community?

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## ***"Down In The Bayou!"***

Lions of Liberty, Indiana have once again come to the rescue of those who live in the Bayou. About a month ago PDG Carl Sharpe of Liberty, Indiana Lions Club called and asked if they needed a fire truck in the Bayou and of course they did; after several phone calls arrangements were made to get this truck delivered to the Bayou. It seems the truck was being auctioned off and the Lions thought they could buy it at a really good price and use it as a money

maker for their club. The truck driver who brought a load of needed items to the Bayou right after Katrina hit noticed that they didn't have sufficient fire fighting equipment, this man went back and joined the Lions Club and he spoke up and told the Liberty Lions that Bayou La Batre really needed that truck. What a sacrifice for this club! Now their "money making project" was gone and they still had to pay for the truck! Those are Lions who truly have a heart for service. Kudos to you Liberty Lions Club!

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**LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2006-2007. ALL CLUBS ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST. IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED YOUR KIT PLEASE DO SO NOW SO THAT WHEN SCHOOL STARTS YOU CAN IMMEDIATELY GET IT TO THE SCHOOLS. CHILDREN AGES 11, 12, AND 13 BY NOVEMBER 15, 2006 MAY PARTICIPATE. THEME FOR THIS YEARS POSTER IS "CELEBRATE PEACE". ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR BY NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

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DID YOU KNOW that only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>, John Hancock and Charles Thomson? Most of the rest signed on August 2<sup>nd</sup> but the last signature wasn't added until five years later!

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## *Calendar of Events*

**AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>** – District Cabinet Meeting in Thomasville – 9:30 AM At Alabama Southern College.

**OCTOBER**– Leo Membership Growth month. This would really Be a good time for you to get busy And charter some Leo Clubs!

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Lions World Sight Day – What is your club doing to Promote Sight??

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**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT LIONS WORLDWIDE?** [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

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**WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE??????**

Fellow Lions, there are many areas in Alabama that need a Lions Club. Each of you are closer to them than I am and most of you know people that live in those areas. If you would like to help me Charter a club close to you I would be thrilled to help you. We have new and exciting materials that we now can use, either on personal calls or thru mass mailings. They both work very well. We have had great success thru mass mailing. All we need is someone in the area that is willing to secure Church Directories, Chamber of Commerce Listings or any listing that has a few hundred names that we can contact. If you don't believe that this will work then just give me the listings and I will do the rest. For further details on Extension either call, write, or E-mail me and I will fill you in on how it can be done. What do you say fellow Lions?

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*MY MEMBERSHIP CARD*

*In my wallet, I carry a little scrap of paper. It is of no intrinsic value; not a bond, not a check or receipt for values. Yet, it may be my most priceless possession. It is my membership card, my proof that I am a member in good standing in a Lions Club. It is more than can be put into words. It tells me and my fellow man that I have entered into a special kinship with my fellow Lions – to practice charity in word and deed, to forgive and forget any faults of my fellow Lions, to care for the blind, the deaf, the crippled, the sick and the hungry and to fair and just to whomever I meet.*

*It tells me that I am welcome among Lions wherever I travel in the world and that I am among brothers and friends. It will tell you that when you make your final exit from the stage of life, there will be few, and forgive and forget your faults, though they are many. So as we gather to eat and talk, remember the good and overlook any differences. He is a good man or he would never have become a Lion*

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