

World Sight Day



World Sight Day (WSD) is an annual day of awareness held on the second Thursday of October, to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. World Sight Day 2020 is on 8 October 2020.

This year, the 'Call to Action' for World Sight Day is:

Hope In Sight

WSD is co-ordinated by IAPB. The theme, and certain core materials are generated by IAPB. All events are organised independently by members and supporter organisations.



The Greater Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) in Ridgeland opened in 2016 providing medical services to income eligible or uninsured people living or working within these lowcountry communities. An ophthalmology exam room opened to provide

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ams after grant with donations Hilton Beaufort, City Lions PDG Dr. Kondor teered to the eye provide ams.

COVID-19 vision postfor five In August

the vision team began seeing patients again for eye exams. Seven patients were served that day grateful to have their vision examined. Four patients were served on the September vision clinic date. PDG Dr. Kondor administered the exams, makes appropriate referrals, and prescribes corrective lenses. Lion Charlie Reser screens patients with the PlusOptix camera and administers the visual acuity test while Lion Melinda Hagins records the exam for Dr. Kondor.

In the photo left to right is PDG Dr. Jim Kondor of the Hilton Head Noon Lions Club, and Lion Melinda Hagins, center, and Lion Charlie Reser of the Beaufort Lions Club.



The Beaufort Lions proudly shares member Lion Mandi Holley for being recognized as Bowler of the Month by the Carolina Foothills USBC. She is very excited for this achievement since she bowls in a league with others who have no vision deficit. Lion Mandi has been legally blind most of her life. She attended the SC School for the Deaf and Blind, and currently resides in Spartanburg, SC. In the past Lion Mandi has attended Camp Leo as well as served as a camp counselor. She attends and volunteers with the annual American Council of



the Blind (ACB) convention where she also serves as a member of the ACB Lions Club. She is the daughter of Beaufort Lions Charles and Kathy Holley.

Lion Mandi competed for Bowler of the Year on September 26, 2020 but reported she missed the title by about 20 pins. Lion Mandi serves as an inspiration in all that she does!

Fellow Lion and a good friend to many, **PCC Joe Lark of Inman Lions Club** passed away on March, 24, 2020. Because of Covid-19, services were delayed until we could all safely come together. He had so many friends all over the state and his family want anyone who wants to come and celebrate with them to attend.

A celebration of Life Service for Lion Joe Lark:

When - October 4th

Time - 3:00 pm

Where - First North Spartanburg

8740 Asheville Highway.

Social Distancing will be observed and the church will be sanitized before the service.

Please come and celebrate with us a man who loved the Lord, his Family and Friends.

He requested that everyone wear Orange or Purple in honor of his Clemson Tigers. If you cannot then please wear something bright.



October 2020

Vision Awareness Month Lions Membership Growth Month Leo Membership Growth Month

October 1 - Last day to purchase Peace Poster Kits

October 8 - World Sight Day

October 10 - Fellowship Retreat – Florence Area \$10.00 fee

October 15 - National White Cane Day

October 21 - Lions Zoom Cafe - 12:00 pm - Open to ALL clubs, share membership ideas!

October 24 - United Nations Day

November 2020

Diabetes Awareness Month

November 14 - World Diabetes Day

November 14 - 32 C District Cabinet Meeting via Zoom (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

November 14 - Sam Cowan's Birthday

November 15 - Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning Peace Poster (per contest) to the DG

November 15 - Club Tax Forms Due

November 20 - Artie Heape's Birthday

November 27 - Jim Palmer's Birthday

November 18 - Lions Zoom Cafe - 6:00 pm - Open to ALL clubs, discuss membership drive ideas!

November 18 - Tim & Melinda Hagins Anniversary

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Get Checked Todayı

ctober is Breast Cancer
Awareness Month, which
is an annual campaign
to increase awareness of the
disease. While most people are
aware of breast cancer, many
forget to take the steps to have
a plan to detect the disease in
its early stages and encourage
others to do the same.

Breast Cancer Awareness
Month (BCAM), also referred
to in America as National
Breast Cancer Awareness
Month (NBCAM), is an annual
international health campaign
organized by major breast
cancer charities every October
to increase awareness of the
disease and to raise funds
for research into its cause,
prevention, diagnosis, treatment
and cure. The campaign also
offers information and support

founded in 1985 in October as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical

BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS

AstraZeneca,
producer of several anti-breast
cancer drugs). The aim of the
NBCAM from the start has been
to promote mammography as
the most effective weapon in the
fight against breast cancer.

Lauder, Senior Corporate Vice President of the Estée Lauder Companies, founded The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and established the pink ribbon as its symbol, though this was not the first time the ribbon was used to symbolize breast cancer: a 68-year-old California woman named Charlotte Haley, whose sister, daughter, and granddaughter had breast cancer, had distributed peachcolor ribbons to call attention to what she perceived as inadequate funding for research. In the fall of 1991, the Susan G. Komen Foundation had handed out pink ribbons to participants in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors.



GLOBAL BLINDNESS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT DATA 2015

THE WORLD

7.3 BILLION

36 MILLION PEOPLE ARE BLIND

217
MILLION
PEOPLE ARE
MSVI

253
MILLION PEOPLE
ARE VISUALLY
IMPAIRED

CHANGE IN PREVALENCE OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT



55% OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE ARE WOMEN 89% OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE LIVE IN LOW & MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

BILLION
PEOPLE WITH
NEAR-VISION
IMPAIRMENT



The number of visually impaired, the percentages for women and for those living in low and middle income countries, and the change in prevalence—all relate to distance vision impairment. MSVI = the number with severe or moderate visual impairment. In order to enable comparisons over time the age standardised prevalence (all ages) is shown.

The latest estimates for 2015 produced by the Vision Loss Expert Group and published in the Lancet



International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

www.atlas.iapb.org



Bill Arnold and his wife of Hilton Head Noon Club owns Eagle Creations and is doing the masks. \$9 for a Black Mask and \$12 for a Neck Gaitor.

He can be reached at *eaglecreations16@gmail.com* or *843-422-3372*.

Payment should be made to *Eagle Creations*. This is a fundraiser for HH Noon club.







The "Blue" QR Code above is the Club's QR Code.

QR code

A QR code is a type of matrix barcode first designed in 1994 for the automotive industry in Japan. A barcode is a machine-readable optical label that contains information about the item to which it is attached. Wikipedia

To see how this works, take your phone, open your camera on your smartphone and hold over the blue box and see what happens!

That's right, it is trying to open the BLC website with your browser!

Good things come in small packages!

Lowcountry Showcase!



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