

The Lion's Pride: Roaring at the Ridge



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The "Mane" Event

Special Speakers Shannon and Brian Forcier were introduced by Lion Paula who gave some statistics about childhood cancer, one of our Lions Club 5 global causes. Shannon told the story of her family's journey from March, 2013 to October, 2016 battling cancer that attacked their little 5-year-old Skyla. The support the family received from the school, community members, churches during that time was invaluable to maintain strength to continue the fight. Unfortunately, Skyla was not healed on earth but earned her healing and angel wings on October 25, 2016. Brian shared about the wonderful support the family received in giving Skyla and the family beautiful, happy, fun-filled days together before her move to heaven. The family established a foundation, Skyla Strong, to provide that support to others in the same situation they found themselves facing in 2016. The Mission of Skyla Strong is to bring cheer to the cancer journey. Baskets are delivered to the hospital for children battling cancer. The baskets contain activities and toys for the children to help pass the time and gift cards for the family to help with meals and fuel expenses. Skyla Strong also funds activities for the family like trips to a zoo, museum, or the beach as well as having family portraits made by a professional photographer.

Lion Treasurer, Becky Bagwell presented a check to Skyla Strong for \$1000. The club had agreed to give \$500 and individual donations added to that amount came to \$1000.



James Blackwell Memorial Scholarship
update: Online fundraising will begin May 1 and run through May 31. The scholarship committee is looking for someone to advise us on planning a poker run this summer as the main fundraiser for the scholarship. The plan is to announce to the high school this fall and award the first scholarship next May.

Papa John's Fundraiser going on now. Each Lion is asked to try to sell at least two or more. This is a great deal. The coupon is \$10 and you can get a free large one topping pizza as well as many other coupons to use for reduced prices on pizzas.

Our latest service report according to LCI website. Remember to report all service hours each month and let's continue to build those hours. The funds raised only reflect organized fundraisers not private donations.

BLUE RIDGE

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

3,582	43	1,306	\$3,990	\$1,210
People Served	Service Activities Completed	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated (USD)	Funds Raised (USD)

Lions Jim and Hope Barbare partnered with Greer Lions Club to provide vision screening at East Link Academy in Greenville. 130 were screened and 26 referrals were made. The school provided snacks and lunch and the students were so polite and well behaved. It was a pleasure to meet them and serve together.



Belk Charity Day for May has been cancelled by Belk Corporation. They hope to be able to have one in the fall.

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Membership Minute

How can you invite someone to our club meeting?
Ask a friend or neighbor to come to a meeting as your guest for 2 months and then follow up to see if they are interested in membership.

Postcards can be mailed. Send potential members' names and addresses to hopebarbare@gmail.com.

Pictures from tree planting on Friday, March 12

Where there's a need there's a lion. [#we](#) serve [#kindness](#) matters At Skyland Elem with Greer Centennial, Taylors Lions Club and Trees Upstate.



Lion Hope Barbare and Lion Paula Crane take a moment to pose for the camera



Lion Jim Barbare and Lion Dave Woods supervise after getting their tree in the ground.



April: Timothy McClimon III , Will Cochran

May: Jud Blackwell, Blake McClimon, Timothy McClimon

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Lions Paula Crane, Mia Wade, Clara LeBlanc, and Ray LeBlanc listen intently to instructions about planting trees.