



Executive Director Message

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**Dunden Dean
Executive Director**

On Wednesday, January 17th Alabama Lions Sight was honored to host a group of Leo's from Hayden hosted by Lion Bob Manney. The students had the opportunity to tour the Lions Eye Clinic at Callahan and meet the clinic director Dr. Russell Read and a number of the Ophthalmology residents training in the clinic that day.

Dr. Read and the residents were generous with their time explaining how the Lions Eye Clinic serves the needs of the poor and indigent in Alabama and the great opportunities the clinic provides in the residents training.

The Lions Clinic works hand in hand with the emergency room at Callahan which is 1 of only 3, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year eye trauma centers in the United States.

The Leo's had the opportunity to tour the exam rooms and get detailed information from Dr. Read on the equipment used for comprehensive eye exams and eye disease diagnoses. The Lions of Alabama should be proud for it was through their financial support during Campaign 72-72 back in 2014 that much of the new eye exam equipment in the Lions Eye Clinic was purchased and is used every day for emergency room and Lions Eye Clinic patients. Last year approx. 5,000 poor and indigent patients were served through the Lions Eye Clinic at Callahan, a number that should make all Lions in Alabama proud!

Before the Leo's toured the Lions Eye Clinic, Alabama Lions Sight Executive Director PDG Durden Dean gave the students a brief history of Alabama Lions Sight, the UAB Callahan Eye Hospital and the hospitals founder, Dr. Austin Callahan.

I often ask that clubs submit articles and pictures to recognize and honor long serving Lions. Another great way to honor your fellow Lions is by honoring them with the “Founders Award” for a \$500 contribution to Alabama Lions Sight or with the “Helen Keller Legacy Award” for a \$1,000 contribution to Alabama Lions Sight. These are all great ways to honor our fellow Lions as well as continue our legacy of service throughout Alabama by supporting the community projects of your association, Alabama Lions Sight

Don't wait until we have lost a beloved Lion to honor them! Do it while they can enjoy the honor with you, their fellow Lions and friends.



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Yours in Service,

Sincerely,

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Lion W. Durden Dean

Executive Director