



Lion Rann Foster (right) of the Winnsboro Lions Club was presented the 2011-2012 South Carolina Lion of the Year Award by Lion District Governor (32-D) Donnie Humphries in a meeting May 1 at the Fairfield Memorial Hospital.

Foster named S.C. Lion of the Year

Long-time Winnsboro Lions Club member Randall R. (Rann) Foster was named the South Carolina "Lion of the Year" for 2011-2012 in ceremonies held May 1 at the Fairfield Memorial Hospital. The award is given annually to the South Carolina Lion who best exemplifies "outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism." There are almost 4,300 Lions club members in the state who were eligible for the prestigious award.

Making the award presentation on behalf of the South Carolina Lions Multiple District 32 was Lion District Governor (32-D) Donnie Humphries of Joanna who complimented the club and Lion Foster for advancing the goals of Lionism in Fairfield County and the state. Humphries said, "This is a very high honor that is awarded to a South Carolina Lion each year and I congratulate Lion Foster on this significant achievement."

Foster has been an active member of the local Lions Club since

November 1956 and has helped raise many thousands of dollars to assist needy citizens in obtaining eye exams and eyeglasses. He has been a leader in many Lions Club activities including Candy Day and the annual Pancake Supper, which he heads up each year. Upon receiving the award Foster said to Humphries, "I am honored to receive this award and I thank you very much."

He recently participated in the Lions International and District 32-D tree-planting campaign in which the Winnsboro Club planted 62 trees in Fairfield County. One of the Winnsboro Lions Club's most senior active members at age 90, he was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, one of Lionism's highest honors, in 2010. He was formerly an agriculture instructor for Monticello High School and Winnsboro High School.

He has distinguished himself and the Winnsboro Lions Club as a Lion for more than a half-century in service to Lionism at the local, state, and international levels.