



**We Serve**

# District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

January 2011



District Governor  
**Ron Bennetti**

## Hi Fellow Lions of District 18-D,

The holidays are just about over now as we begin to prepare for the second six months of Lions year. Our first six months we have accomplished a great number of projects. We are in the process of chartering two new Leo clubs one in Jefferson and one in Loganville. I believe we have fulfilled, International President Sid Scruggs request of **“Engaging Our Youth”**. Many thanks to the hard working members of those clubs that accomplished this wonderful project; I am looking forward to attending the charter night celebration for each of these clubs.

When it comes to Sid Scruggs second request, **“Sharing the Vision”**, I must give our district, a very big hand for the work that they have done in vision screenings. There were so many screenings being performed by our clubs that there was a waiting list to get the equipment for the screenings from our

Lighthouse. We overwhelmed the Lighthouse this year with requests and I understand that some clubs performed diabetes screenings, as well as hearing screenings during their health fairs. Thanks to all the clubs that participated in this worthwhile project for their community.

When it comes to Sid Scruggs third request, **“Relieving the Hunger”**, we met this challenge head-on and filled the pantries in our communities and churches full of food during the Thanksgiving holiday and then again during the Christmas holidays. We must remember that not only do we need to supply food during the holidays but we must continue this practice throughout the entire year to help relieve the hunger in our world.

I believe we have fulfilled the first three challenges that our International President has requested and now we look forward to the future to fill the final challenge, being **“Protecting Our Planet”**. I am asking each club to prepare a project during the month of April to coincide with “Earth Day”. Implement projects that improve and protect the environment, organize a highway cleanup day, contact the Arbor Association and plan on planting trees in your community, plan a community event collecting recyclables such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles, used cell phones and batteries. These are just some of the projects that you could do during or this challenge. I know as Lions you will do your best to make this happen.

I would like to thank you in advance for all the hard work that each and every one of you have done so far this year and I'm looking forward to seeing you at our 3rd Cabinet meeting and of course our State Convention in June.

I still have a number of clubs to visit and I will be looking forward to seeing them in the next several months. The final request that I would like to make is that you invite your friends and neighbors to your next Lions meeting. If each club in our district adds one new member this would increase our total membership by 38 new Lions, that if we don't lose any other from your club. One on my goals was to add one member to your club by the end of the Lions year that is if your club had 26 members on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 you should have 27 members. Thanks for all the support the Lions of 18-D have shown me during the first six month of my term I am looking forward to even greater time during the second part of my term.

**My wish is that every Lion in 18-D have a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. “WE ARE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND and WE SERVE”**

Thanks for all you do for Lionism,

Best wishes,  
DG Ron



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*You know how time flies when you're having fun -- mark your calendars for:*

*13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday*



**13-19 January: LCIF Week**

**24 January: World Peace Day**

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*January is Glaucoma Awareness Month.*



Millions of Americans are at risk of losing their eyesight to glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States.

During Glaucoma Awareness Month in January, community leaders and health professionals are encouraged to provide sight saving information to those who are at higher risk. The National Eye Institute (NEI) offers a variety of resources and materials that Lions clubs can use to plan and conduct successful campaign activities. [www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov) To learn more check out this web site: [www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org)

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***“Relieving the Hunger” Campaign***  
**ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER**

*See Editor's Note Page for more information*

## Planning Ahead

*You know how time flies when you're having fun -- mark your calendars for:*

**29 January 2010**



**Atlanta**

**Georgia Lions Lighthouse Meeting**

**Check out page 20**

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**5-6 February 2009**



**Camp For The Blind**

**Warner Robbins**

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**PEACE POSTER WINNER** submitted by the Council of Governors on behalf of the Lions of Georgia – gee two years in a row for Gwinnett Lions



Dominic Deal submitted by the Lawrenceville Lions Club

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**March – Prepare Club Elections and PU-101 forms YOU CAN DO THIS EARLY.**



**Lions Clubs International**

## Where in the World

**Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out =**

**Lions News Network** 📺

**• LQ-Lions Quarterly** 📺

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### HIGHLIGHTS

## Calendar of Events

*Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.*

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*A Beacon of Hope is the International Theme for the Lions Year 2010-2011.*



**P2010 COMMEMORATIVE "BEACON OF HOPE" SPECIAL LAPEL TACK**



**TO:** *All Districts and Clubs  
Subject to United States  
Tax Laws*

**FROM:** *Legal Division*

**RE:** *Tax Information Available  
on LCI Website*

Lions clubs and districts are required to file tax forms in accordance with the United States tax laws. Information and filing requirements and instructions are available on the [Lions Clubs International website in the Tax Information section](#).

In this section you will find: detailed information concerning the requirements for filing Form 990, 990-N (E-Postcard), 990-EZ; a sample Form 990-EZ, with explanations; a blank Form 990-EZ; guidelines for disclosures regarding non-deductibility of contributions or gifts to Lions districts and clubs; and a summary of provisions concerning possible tax liability for Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT). Additional information concerning United States tax laws may be obtained from the [IRS website](#). Please review this information at your earliest convenience. We trust that this information will be helpful to you.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please email the [Legal Division](#) or call (630)571-5466, ext. 360.

## President's Service Blog: Special Olympics Torch Lighting, Costa Rica

**December 28, 2010**

**tags:** [Special Olympics](#), [Sid Scruggs](#), [opening eyes](#), [champion's lions clubs](#) by Sid Scruggs

Judy and I had the honor of attending the Special Olympics games in San Jose when we traveled to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Lions in Costa Rica. Helping an athlete light the torch was one of the most powerful moments of my presidency.



Surrounded by 850 athletes who are overcoming their disabilities to live the best lives possible, I was reminded that we all have the ability to motivate and influence others. With [Champions Lions clubs](#) forming to assist the efforts of the Special Olympics and our [Opening Eyes](#) partnership, we are empowering the disabled and improving lives.

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## ***Lions Can Help Children in Need***

If your club would like to plan a project to help children in need, here's great news! The Lions Children First program has the tools and resources you need to organize a food or clothing drive, host a vision or hearing screening, promote literacy in local schools and more. [Review the Lions Children First Program Kit for materials you can use to implement a successful Lions Children First project in your community.](#)



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## Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced



For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest – "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on January 15, 2011 from Club Supplies. [Learn more about the 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest, including how to order a kit.](#)

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## Do the Write Thing

The Lions International Essay Contest offers you a wonderful opportunity to support local visually impaired youth. And to promote your club by working with local schools and families to identify young people who are interested in participating. The contest is open to visually-impaired students, ages 11-13. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000. The theme for the essay is "Power of Peace." Each essay must be submitted in English with a completed entry form, be no longer than 500 words, type written in black ink and double-spaced. [Download complete rules and entry form.](#)

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## Take the LQ Viewer Survey

LQ – Lions Quarterly video magazine shares inspiring stories of how Lions are making a difference in communities around the world. We post a new edition of LQ in January, April, July and October of each year, and we need your input! To help ensure that upcoming episodes will continue to have the stories you're most interested in – in a format that you can easily use – [take the LQ Viewer Survey now.](#)

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## New and Improved Service Activity Report

We've recently redesigned the Lions Club Service Activity Report to provide clubs with more tools to monitor their service activities and share information with others. The new system allows club and district officers to designate signature activities and set service goals that can be tracked throughout the year. Officers can also search activities that other clubs choose to share using key words, geographic location, program area and other criteria. [Learn more about the report and upcoming informational Webcasts.](#)

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### [Lions Clubs International Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates from Lions Clubs International during the month.

#### [Lions Symposium Program](#)

Apply for grant funding for a children's symposium.

### CONTESTS

#### [International Contest](#)

Enter your Newsletter, Trading Pin, Banner or Web Site today

## Environmental Photo Contest

Submit Multiple District photo entries by March 1, 2010.

### EVENTS

#### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

#### [2011 International Convention](#)

Get all the details about our 2011 convention in Seattle.

#### [Lions Day with the UN](#)

Register to attend Lions Day with the UN in New York and Nairobi on March 18, 2011.

### LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ video magazine](#) to see Lions having fun – and preventing diabetes.

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



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### Videos



*"LCIF Partnering for Service"*

5:00 minutes

This video provides an overview of some of LCIF's key partnership programs in the areas of sight and youth. This DVD is available in English-only.



**Dear Lion,**

*I once heard an African proverb that I will forever remember: the best way to help someone in need is to wipe their tears. Lions, we do this every minute of every day! Our hands are helping those in need, and the compassion in our hearts is wiping their tears. One way we are doing this is by improving the health and education of children worldwide.*

*Just last month, Margit and I were in Ethiopia and Madagascar to help launch our Lions-Measles Initiative pilot programs. In these countries Lions helped vaccinate nearly 10 million children. This is truly sensational!*

*Did you know that measles is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in children? Over the next three years, 1.7 million children will likely die from this disease, which also causes blindness. Lions, we can and we must stop this!*

*At a health center in Imersituska, a rural village in Madagascar, I met Marie Louise Razafindrazanana, who brought her nine-month old son, Patrick, to be vaccinated. She knew all too well the dangers of measles, as she lost her daughter to the disease. I truly felt I was wiping her tears, but she gave me something in return – a smile of hope and gratitude. Her story echoes those that I heard in Ethiopia. But these mothers know that we Lions are giving their children hope for a long, healthy life.*

*Lions have long been committed to improving quality of life for children. Another way we do this is by improving their education and providing them with vital life skills. In meeting with government officials in both countries, they pledged their full support to the measles program. But they were also very interested in starting Lions Quest in their country.*

*Like so many other leaders worldwide are realizing, Lions Quest can and should be a key component to improving the general well being of our youth. Government can't do this alone. It takes all of us working together to really make an impact.*

*With cordial regards,*

*Eberhard J. Wirfs  
Chairperson LCIF*

## Distribution of Contributing Membership Pins

### Contributing Membership

100% of every donation to LCIF goes to help those in desperate need worldwide. Since only US\$6 is needed to save someone's sight, every dollar raised is precious. You do not need to be a major donor to be a hero. The Contributing Membership program is a great way to acknowledge and thank almost any undesignated donation to LCIF.

Contributing Membership and the Melvin Jones Fellowship are both recognition programs for unrestricted donations to LCIF. The Contributing Member program is for those donors making smaller, but not less significant, donations. If a donor is planning to give larger donations to LCIF (at least US\$1,000 over the next five years) the Lion donor should be acknowledged through the MJF program.

To clarify, contributing member donations do not receive MJF credit and vice versa. If the donor is unsure of the level of funds they will donate, the recognition can be applied at a later date.

There are three types of Contributing Member donation Pins (see picture to the right):

- ✓ Gold for a US\$100 donation
- ✓ Silver for a US\$50 donation
- ✓ Bronze for a US\$20 donation



Thank you to those coordinators that have zipped through their 25 Contributing Member pins and already asked for more. Great job! In addition, clubs can receive banner patches if every member in the club is a Contributing Member. In 2009-2010, there were 581 100% Contributing Member clubs worldwide.

Are you interested in increasing the number of Lions and clubs that contribute to LCIF? If you want to increase participation, the Contributing Membership program is the perfect way to introduce members to the impact of just US\$20.

### Spreading the Word about Lions Quest

Governments and organizations are taking notice of [Lions Quest](#) and the positive impact it has on adolescents. The youth development program of LCIF recently garnered the attention of governments in Ethiopia and Madagascar upon learning about its success worldwide. Additionally, Lions Quest is working with the Clinton Global Initiative to raise awareness on the benefits of social emotional learning and expand the program.

### Give the Gift of Hope

As we come together with friends and family this holiday season to celebrate, let us not forget those who are not so fortunate. By [giving to LCIF](#), you offer people in need the chance for a better life and hope moving forward. Give the [gift of hope](#) this holiday season.

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## LCIF Public Relations

Public relations is a great way for your Lions club to garner media coverage for the service that is being done in your own community and worldwide. LCIF offers numerous resources to assist in contacting all types of media outlets that could potentially cover a story about what your club is doing in the community.

All forms of communication – written, verbal and non-verbal—are incorporated in public relations. It includes writing news releases and distributing promotional flyers. Equally important are actions often taken for granted, such as wearing a Lions lapel pin or marching in a parade. Good public relations—informing the community that your club built the park, conducted the vision screening or collected the eyeglasses—will help foster community support.

Having good public relations can even advance your club's membership efforts. People want to belong to a successful and reliable organization. By actively promoting your club and its worthwhile activities, you'll be projecting a positive image in the community and showing that your club is worth joining. It is important to tell people about the good work your club is doing in the community.

## Steps for Successful Public Relations for Lions

- 1 - Visit the PR Tools section on Lions Clubs International's Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for resources and assistance.
- 2 - Make a list of your programs and how they serve others.
- 3 - Draw up a PR plan for the year outlining how you are going to promote these programs.
- 4 - Develop a fact sheet and distribute it widely throughout the community.
- 5 - Plan a calendar of events and distribute to the media and community groups.
- 6 - Set up a Web site and link to other community groups.
- 7 - Sponsor a sight-related program that corresponds with a special event, day or month (Example: World Sight Day in October or Diabetes Awareness Month in November).
- 8 - Send a public service announcement at least two times a year. (There are some general vision PSAs available from LCI.)
- 9 - Tell one person each day about the work of Lions' programs and how you serve your community.

### What is news?

News is information about recent or upcoming events or happenings that are relevant to the public.

### What is newsworthy?

A story should be timely, relevant, original and have an impact on the community.

- Deliver news releases and letters to local newspaper editors
- Provide basic information to local media calendar editors
- Relay story ideas and send photographs to general or feature reporters at local newspapers

*Always include: who, what, when and where, along with a local contact name and phone number.*





## Editor's Note



### The Heart of Aslan:

Aslan, the Lion, was a symbol of strength, wisdom, goodness and selflessness. Interestingly, this also reflects the character of the Lions Club and our members.



For each of our members made a Personal COMMITMENT: Personal commitment is an **interaction** dominated by **obligations**. These obligations may be mutual, or self-imposed, or explicitly stated, or may not. Distinction is often made between commitments as a member of an organization. We also look at this in adding the extra Commitment (accepting positions within the Club, District and/or State) – this entails the trait of sincere and steadfast fixity of purpose and the act of binding yourself (intellectually or emotionally) to a course of action.

We also have to look at INTEGRITY which comprises the personal inner sense of "wholeness" deriving from **honesty** and consistent uprightness of **character**. The etymology of the word relates it to the Latin adjective *integer* (whole, complete).

Have we made that choice when accepting positions within our organization? Ask yourself:

“Have I really done enough.”

“How much more can I do to make a difference.”

“Can I still find others that hold the same values?”

We NEED more LIONS to fulfill positions within our District and State levels -- have you asked what more can I do?

Can you volunteer to do more? If so – we need you to except positions at the Camp for the Blind and the Lighthouse -- also maybe other positions within the District – JUST ASK to and VOLUNTEER.

You are needed.....

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*“I am your opportunity.”*

Helen Keller

*“Opportunity lies within Lions.”*

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**Donations** = Hmmmmm. Have you made your New Year's Resolution in ASKing someone to join your Club?

When we raise money for our special projects – we tend to make everyone happy. In order to raise the money, we had many individual Lions able to get out and raise the money. (Remember – less Lions – less Money)

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Lions Clubs International's photostream

Have you seen what is on flickr?  
Have you put your own pictures on flickr?  
Why not check this web site out?



See photos from Lions around the world on [Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/lionsclubsorg) – the world's most popular online photo sharing site.

Just copy and paste the following:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lionsclubsorg>



Dear Lion Leaders,

At this time of year Lions around the world are preparing to celebrate a variety of holidays. These observances are as diverse as Lions themselves but like Lions, their holiday spirit has much in common. It is a spirit of love and joy.

For Lions, the opportunities for service are year-round, but somehow these opportunities come into sharper focus during this season of the year. As we celebrate with family and friends we need to be reminded of our responsibility to those less fortunate and be willing to share the joys of the holidays with others. We need to greet the New Year with enthusiasm and optimism to make our beacon of hope shine brighter.

Please refer to the information in this message on the Global Service Action Campaigns and the new Light Keeper Award for ways to keep the Lions beacon shining.

Meanwhile, I wish you and your family joy and peace in this holiday season and hope that, in the coming year, you and your family will continue to enjoy the satisfaction that comes from making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Best wishes,

*Sid L. Scruggs III*  
*International President*



## *A Beacon of Hope Resources and Activities*

Use the following resources to help your club - and our association - be A Beacon of Hope in 2010-2011:

[A Beacon of Hope brochure](#): Read about our international theme, A Beacon of Hope.

[A Beacon of Hope logo](#): Download a logo to use on club communication and promotional materials.

[Awards Program Brochure](#): Find out about recognition programs for outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.

[Global Service Action Campaigns](#): Participate in Global Service Action Campaigns to bring attention to the service Lions provide for the environment, youth, sight and more.

[Beacon Awards](#): Find out about the Beacon Awards - and how they will recognize outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.

["The Power of Peace" Essay Contest](#): Sponsor a blind or visually impaired student to compete in "The Power of Peace" Essay Contest.

## *Global Service Action Campaigns*

### **Relieving the Hunger**



Hunger is a year round issue. In December and January Lions around the world will shine a spotlight on the plight of those who do not have enough to eat. During this time your club can leverage this increased awareness by enlisting other organizations and the general public to make [Relieving the Hunger](#) a success in your community.

For ideas, read ["Relieving the Hunger" Project Ideas](#). Be sure to publicize your success in your community and to publicly acknowledge and thank your club's partners. Reporting your Global Service Action Campaign projects using the online Service Activities Report makes clubs eligible for the [Beacon Awards](#).

## *Beacon of Hope Highlights*

### **Sharing the Vision**

More than 500 Lions Clubs in 60 countries have participated in 850 Sharing the Vision projects for a total of 71,917 hours. Reporting clubs have provided vision screening services too nearly 350,000 people and have collected over 250,000 eyeglasses during the month of October. As part of the Sharing the Vision campaign, Lions of MD 324 D6 in Bangalore, India began a major vision screening initiative focused on training enough Lions to screen a million children.





## Set Your Sights High



The lamp was lit in Sydney last July. Now, almost halfway through the year, the beacon of Lions Clubs International is shining even more brightly. Worldwide membership has increased and now stands at 1,346,725 Lion members-- an increase of nearly 7,000 since July 2010.

Women now make up a larger part of the Lions family than ever before. Today there are more than 300,000 women Lions around the globe. In addition to the growth in Lions members, there is an increase in the number of Leos. This year alone, more than 100 new Leo Clubs have been established.

Clearly, "success through service" is succeeding as Lions Clubs International extends its reach into unserved communities and increases its capacity to provide more and better service to those in need.



### On the Horizon

I am so pleased with the response to the Bright Light Award and based on its success I am announcing a second award challenge called the **Light Keeper Award**.

**This two level award will recognize** district governors for high club involvement in service campaigns and growth due to service.

**Silver level:** Harbor Light Master Award

- At least 50% of clubs participating in 2 of the 4 Global Service Action Campaigns either at the assigned time or anytime before the end of April

OR

- Conducting one, new district service campaign that involved at least 50% of the clubs

**Gold level:** Light Keeper Master Award

-- Achieving the requirements for the Harbor Light Master Award and exceeding net membership growth of 2% or more from July 1 through April 30, 2011, excluding dropped members thru August from clubs canceled for nonpayment.

**Look for more information to come soon.**



# RETENTION

## HAPPY NEW LIONS' RETENTION YEAR!

We are now at the half way point in our Lions' year and it will be a few days before LCI computes and posts our MD-18 retention statistics for the past six months. However, I do want to point out that as of the end of November we are again experiencing better retention than we did last year! Even though we have lost one more club in Georgia than last year at this point in time, we are holding on to more Lions! Why is our retention doing better this year? Until I hear differently, I'm going to suggest that an increasing number of clubs are beginning to implement retention action items.

In the past three District Bulletin retention articles I commented on the Lion retention ideas of PID Patti Hill, PDG Richard "Dick" Silveira and then I indicated that the forthcoming Club Excellence Process (CEP) will provide a means of increasing the number of clubs discussing and handling retention action items. In fact, I encouraged you to have your clubs participate in the Club Excellence Process (CEP) and take the list of retention action items I have provided to your CEP training.

To remind you of what you need to take with you, I am going to repost the list of club membership retention goals:

1. Hold new member inductions and orientation training.
2. Match club members service desires to your club's activities.
3. Make certain that new Lions become closely linked to club mentors and their sponsors.
4. Increase the attendance of members at club meetings, fundraising events and service projects.
5. Recognize the volunteer actions of all Lions regardless of how much volunteerism a member gave.
6. Increase the percentage of club members who know the names of Lions in your clubs.
7. Recognize the spouses and friends of club members.
8. Equalize the total volunteer labor of club members.
9. Decrease negative relationships between club members.

Again, I wish you a Happy New Lions' Retention Year.

*Yours in Lionism,*

*Richard "Dick" Smith*

ME-18 MERL Team Retention Chair



## Thriving Club Retreat:

Dear Lions Leader,

Many folks may remember the Dynamic Club Workshops that were held a few years ago. Well, think of the Thriving Club Workshop as the Dynamic Club Workshop on steroids. Below is a draft schedule for the two day event. This workshop will focus on the Lions Club. Whether you have a strong or weak club, this workshop will help Club Leaders develop their personal leadership skills to build and strengthen their club. No, this is not just an officer training school: this course is about the dynamics of building a quality club program...and sustaining that club by building and keeping quality members. As of this printing, the dates and logistics are subject to change.

That said, here is what we hope the arrangements to be:

**Dates: 2-3 April 2011**

**Location: Kingwood Resort, Clayton, Georgia**

**Costs: Rooms (put to 4 per room) \$89 per night**

**Registration of \$30**

### SCHEDULE

**Saturday, 2 April 2011**

12:00-1:00 Registration

1:00-1:45 Is Your Club Hanging By A Rope?

2:00-2:45 Dealing With Change

3:00-3:45 Club Meetings

4:00-4:45 Managing Speakers

5:00-5:45 Handling the Business of Your Club

6:00-7:00 Dinner

7:00-9:30 WE SERVE: more than a motto

9:30-10:15 Vision Experience

**Sunday, 4 April 2011**

7:00-7:45 Breakfast

8:00-8:45 Winning in Conflicts

9:00-9:45 Community Image

10:00-10:45 Recruiting New Members

11:00-11:45 Keeping the Lions You Have

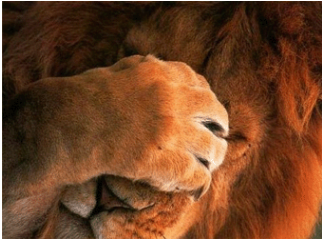
12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:45 You are Our Beacon of Hope.

## CLUB REPORTS



This is another way of getting Lions in your club, new members and prospective members interested in doing something new and different. Getting involved is another word for **WE SERVE**.



Certain things can happen when your Lions Club gets involved. If we have to find something new – go for it – because the more we raise – the more we can give. Also, the more members who get involved also create a bundle of fun and more money raised. The information that appears may benefit another club – for here is where we get ideas and we might be able to use those ideas within your own club.

**Region One - Zone One Meeting:** Lions Clubs in Carnesville, Elberton, Hartwell, Lavonia, Martin, Royston-Franklin Springs and Toccoa are in this zone. Thursday, January 20th at 7:00 pm, at First United Methodist Church, 137 Franklin Springs Street, Royston, GA. (The church is located on Route 29 half a block west of Route 17)

Contact Bryan Gordon or Virginia Viers if you plan to attend.

**Clermont North Hall Lions Club** = You know that “the best made plans of mice and men . . . thing.” We experienced it this month. We are working on a project for Challenged Child, a local organization that works with - educationally, socially, emotionally, and physically—children with limitations or challenges. The weather stopped us from completing this project. We will try again in January. At our meeting this month we celebrated the Christmas season with fellowship and food. We were honored to have as our guests PDG M. C. and Amelia Stowe and PDG Don and Lion Roberta Wagner. We also worked this month on our parking project at the Georgia Mountains Center. We worked one weekend and will close the year working at a gospel singing that is held annually.

*We serve!*

**Buford Lions Club** = Buford, Ga. had its annual Christmas Festival & Parade Saturday Dec 4th. Buford Lions Club had a booth in which we made & sold Kettle Corn and sodas as fundraising project. The day turned out to be cloudy and cold with light showers and the turnout was on the light side. However we all had a good time and we did sell lots of Kettle Corn. Sue and I rode my Motorcycle in the Parade displaying the Buford Lions Club Signs and our Lion Mascott.





**Dacula Lions Club** = The Lion's Club has purchased a Leapster and game and batteries, Bumble Bee Transformer, 2 Pairs of Nike Tennis Shoes, 2 Pair of Jeans, 2 Nike T-shirts. I have emailed the counselor as to whether or not she wants these items wrapped or unwrapped and to inquire about a time for delivery. Dacula Elementary provides an excellent opportunity to expand our relationship in the schools. Please don't forget the food drive. Lion Cara has led our effort to once again collect food items for those in need. Donated food can be dropped off at the Hamilton Mill library. And on Thursday morning 12/16 Cara has arranged to take these items to The Pantry at the Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church, the local food bank we are supporting this year. Gifts presented to Sheree Sergeant for a needy family at Dacula Elementary School.



A food drive is becoming the Dacula club's annual tradition this time of year, and is our small part in support of LCI's Global Service Action Campaign for Relieving The Hunger. As Lion Cara states we may do this on a more frequent basis to help restock the food Pantry at the Hamilton Mill United Methodist church which distributes food to local residents in need. Best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.



**Jefferson Lions Club = Leo Club:** Leo Club Organization Report mailed to LCI on December 10, 2010. (There are 16 originating members for Kings Bridge Middle School Leo Club). **Awards:** Blair Buffington accepted a 45-year award for his grandfather, Lion Herman Buffington, a Life Member. Lion Mack Cates presented a plaque for 45 years of loyalty and dedication to the Jefferson Lions Club and a 45-year chevron. Congratulations to Lion Herman.

**Donations:** \$200 Kings Bridge Middle School Band. \$300 Department of Family & /Children's Services (Foster Children Christmas Fund). Paid for 2 Eyeglasses/Exams – during December (\$200). Collected and donated approximately 40 cans of food to First Baptist Church Food Pantry (Dec 13).

**MEETINGS:** **December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Banquet:** The Lions/Rotary Christmas banquet was a huge success. The set up included 63 chairs for band members plus 153 chairs at the tables. Lions and Rotarians brought unwrapped gifts for Santa to deliver to the Jackson County Sheriff for distribution to children in Jackson County. All enjoyed the performance by the Kings Bridge Middle School Band, led by Miguel Guisasola, Band Director. **December 13<sup>th</sup>: Regular meeting, 20 members present plus 11 guests. PROGRAM** The club was treated to special entertainment by grandchildren. Bracey and Langley Courchaine sang "Jingle Bells." Bracey sang "O Christmas Tree." Ava Nilsen sang "Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Sammie Benton played on his saxophone "Jingle Bells," "Up on the Housetop," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "We Wish you a Merry Christmas," and "Silent Night."

Newspaper articles in The Jackson Herald during December:

December 1, United Way topic for Lions Club meeting (includes picture)

December 8, The Potter's House topic for Lions Club (includes picture)

December 8, Lions Club president Mack Cates presents Miss Claire Altman with her winning Peace Poster award and \$50 check (Picture)

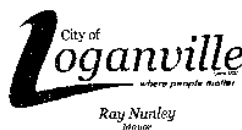
December 8, Lions Club president Mack Cates presents Lion Bill Legg with a 40 year plaque and chevron (includes picture)

December 15, Lions, Rotarians hold joint Christmas banquet (picture, Santa with donated toys and picture of the KBMS Band)

**Lawrenceville Lions Club** = We had our Christmas party with several members and guests present. Good time was had by all. We donated several canned goods to the Lawrenceville Lions Club. We transferred 2 members to the Snellville Lions Club. Used Eye Glasses Collected: 326 Cell Phone Collected: 10 Hearing Aides collected: None Volunteer Hours: 56



**Loganville Lions Club** = Several members of the Loganville Lions Club were recognized for their contribution to Lionism, having each received a "Melvin Jones" award in the club in recent months. The award is named for the founder of Lions International and is awarded to Lions for dedicated humanitarian services from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Pictured are Lions Walter Stearman, Richard Woodall, Gene Knight, Tom Summers, Neal Byrd and Jim Goldsby. The Loganville Lions were entertained recently at their annual Christmas Dinner by Timothy Jones, a 17 year old blind pianist. Timothy has been playing since age 6 and is an award and scholarship winning pianist. Timothy was born with a rare hereditary eye disease that can skip as many as 10 generations. Timothy has said that he wishes to be a church musician someday. Timothy and his family live in Norcross.



December 15, 2010

Mr. Wayne White  
President Loganville Lions Club  
4409 Kings Gate Cove  
Loganville, GA 30052

Mr. White,

On behalf of the Mayor, the City Council and the entire city staff, we would like to thank you for your help that made all of our events in 2010 a huge success. The Loganville Lions Club has provided to the City of Loganville many hours of volunteer time making sure that each event was safe, organized and successful. These city events could not have been done without all of the hours provided by each and every member of your club. The City of Loganville is very fortunate to have your wonderful organization to call upon when needed and we are so proud of the Loganville Lions Club.

May the holidays bring both peace and prosperity in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
Eric Jones  
City Manager



Council Members  
Don Curry  
Wendell Geiger  
Mark Haddon  
Michael Lupton  
Jerry Price  
Ellen Waring

The attached letter was received recently from the City of Loganville thanking the Loganville Lions for their service to the community. Except for the spelling of "Lions" I think it is a very good letter and is a commendation for the Loganville Lions for their service to the City of Loganville over the year.

**Norcross Lions Club** = We provided cookies and hot chocolate for the Norcross tree lighting . During December the club members donated canned goods to Norcross Cooperative Ministry. We honored a Norcross High School Student of the Month with \$100 and a framed certificate. She and her parents attended our meeting. We held a Norcross Festival Corp. meeting and elected officers of the corporation in preparation for next fall's Art Fest. We celebrated the holidays with a party.

**Snellville Lions Club** = *Service Projects:* Collecting food for the Lilburn and Snellville food banks. Club members helped with the annual Christmas luncheon at the New London Nursing Home. *Fund Raisers:* Kighting of the Snellville Christmas Tree, club used the concession trailer to sell funnel cakes, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks – good turnout of members and people. *Meeting:* Club had their annual Christmas dinner at the Delmar Gardens with good attendance of members and their guests, we had a wonderful evening, we also had the pleasure of having Timothy Jones a blind young man playing Christmas some on the piano.



**Toccoa Lions Club** = A letter from Senator Paul Broun concerning questions about tax obligations was read. Lion President talked about the Harvest Festival. We had sales of hot drinks, screening for eye health and good fellowship. Thanks to all Lions who participated. Lion Drew talked about the distribution of our 2011 calendars which had arrived and were given to the membership present for distribution. **Rev. Borderud** was our speaker and gave us some insights into the Chaplaincy program in the Armed Service. Our first chaplains came in the War between the States. They came from towns and cities which put together regiments for service and the chaplains were usually from the local churches. When the First World War started an Episcopal Bishop was asked to oversee putting together the corps. During this time and for years following chaplains taught the English language in areas where it was not spoken. Currently the Chaplin Corps is stationed at Ft. Jackson near Columbia, S.C.. The Navy has had a long history of developing a chaplain service. There are 1400 chaplains currently on duty. The current need facing the chaplains is how to meet the needs of military families in religious education. Rev. Borderud discussed the current climate in the military with numerous ethnic backgrounds and affiliations. **Eli Rousey is 18 years old.** He took up the guitar about 4 years ago. He initially took some lessons, mostly on music theory, but has developed most of his skills on his own. Eli typically practices 4 to 6 hours a day. Eli's mother is blind and Eli has had some vision difficulties. Eli and his family reside in Toccoa, Georgia.





**Union County Lions Club = Lion Mints:** No report. **Social Concerns:** Lion Sarah Chumbley sent 3 Birthday cards, 4 Anniversary cards, 3 get well cards, & 1 Christmas card[ this to Lion Vic hamburger who is currently in a Nursing Home/Rehab Center in Cleveland, GA. Total cards 11. **Lion and friends and family volunteer hours:** 347 hours. **Membership:** No applications. **Donations:** \$250.00 to Allegheny Masonic Lodge to assist with Christmas food boxes & special Christmas baskets for widows of deceased Masons. Several of these deceased Masons were Lion members. \$50.00 to Ga. Lions Lighthouse White Cane fund in memory of Randy Stewart. Debbie Stewart, his widow, has been a long time volunteer with our fund raisers. **Sight /Hearing Conservation:** One female request for Lighthouse services. Application given to her. **Meetings: December 5, 2010.** Zone meeting at GA. Mtn. Fairground Auditorium attended by 3 Union County Lions. **December 9, 2010.** Annual Christmas meeting at Ivy Log Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with 20 guests and 25 Lion members for attendance % of 89.2. The entertainment was the Sweet Mountain Music Band with 7 ladies & one male. The one male was our very own Lion Paul Clark. They each had their own Mountain Dulcimer and the Christmas music they played was beautiful! Oh, Lion Betty Gurr [not a member of the group] did sing Silent Night accompanied by the band. During the evening, two current members of Allegheny Lodge were presented the \$250.00 check to assist with their Christmas food boxes, etc. A great time was had by all. **December 11, 2010.** 5 Union County Lions participated in the annual Christmas Parade on a very cold Saturday! **December 18, 2010.** Indoor yard sale at local Civic Center with 15 Union County Lions participating and one friend of Lion Judy Hoyer. This fund raiser was not as successful as one in November. **Voluntary Hours:** 292



Program for evening was Dr. Gary Hunt who provided interesting & informative information on leading causes of death and what services United Hospice offers to help not only the ill person but the family members and others who are trying to provide care for their dying loved one.

\$250.00 to Allegheny Masonic Lodge to assist with Christmas food boxes & special Christmas baskets for widows of deceased Masons. Several of these deceased Masons were Lion members. Lion President Mildred Thompson with Mason's Lion Wade Smith and Arthur Gurr and Richard Hailbroten



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Sign your name with style using one of these Lions Clubs writing instruments.

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Certificates are presented for various levels of recognition and achievement.

### **DVD's & CD's**

DVD's, CD's

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Proudly display your Lions Club status with flags/banners.

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Place these .080 gauge aluminum full color highway signs on all important highways leading to your community resulting in priceless publicity.

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Materials and advice to help you attract quality members.

### **Patches & Tabs**

Official embroidered officer insignia.

### **Sport & Leisure Activities**

Various items for outside functions and activities.



GA. Lions Lighthouse  
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG  
[jmhpdg@windstream.net](mailto:jmhpdg@windstream.net)

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**  
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>



## We've Moved!

After a year's worth of planning, rallying, fretting, and hoping, the Lighthouse is proud to announce a successful move to our new home in Chamblee!

None of this would have been possible without your support throughout the Capital Campaign, purchase of the building, and transition to our new offices. Thank you for your time, generous donations, and all the many contributions that have made this move a success!

In our new facilities, we will be able to provide expanded services, including weekly vision clinics, and an optical lab which will allow us to produce our own glasses at much reduced cost.

The Lighthouse will hold an official open house for the new building during the Lighthouse conference on January 29, 2011. Come to tour the space, hear more about what the future holds for the Lighthouse, and find out how you can stay involved as we continue to grow!

### Our new address:

5582 Peachtree Road  
Chamblee, GA 30341  
(404) 325-3630



### Service Numbers

From July to October 2010

1088 people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses** at a \$71,007.64.

**62 recipients were from 18-D**

**184** eye surgeries were performed. at a cost of \$670,077.02 – **Lighthouse cost - \$140,470.99.**

**11 were from 18-D**

336 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of 654 hearing aids.

**48 were from 18-D**



### Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

#### 18 D District Chair:

Judy Stamsen - 770-995-9274 [eskiemom@bellsouth.net](mailto:eskiemom@bellsouth.net)

Lighthouse Awards Deadline:  
**April 30, 2011**



**WHITE CANE 2011:** White Cane 2011 is just around the corner. It is not too early now to begin making plans to have a successful White Cane Day. I understand that the Dahlonaga Lions Club is planning on putting on a Country & Western Concert with a big name entertainer in order to increase their contribution. Last year MD18 raised \$118,346.57 through White Cane 2010 for the Lighthouse. District 18D, with 32 Clubs out of 38 Clubs participating, raised \$44,616.00 for White Cane 2010. The Goal for White Cane 2011 statewide is \$132,470.00. Can District 18D raise \$50,000 for the Lighthouse with White Cane 2011? The answer is YES if all 38 Clubs participate this year.

If your Club needs help or ideas on how to get involved in White Cane 2011, let me encourage you to contact our District White Cane Co-chairs – Lions Gene and Louise Little. They can be reached at 706/374-6638 or e-mail:

[genelittle1@hotmail.com](mailto:genelittle1@hotmail.com) or [louiselittle@hotmail.com](mailto:louiselittle@hotmail.com) They are anxious to meet with your Club in order for you to have a successful White Cane 2011.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

### **Budget:**

The Budget to operate our Lighthouse this year is 2.0 million dollars. During the first third of Lion's Year 2010-2011 our income was \$43,624.08 while our expenses were \$505,877.57.

**Contributions:** Club contributions and other contributions to the Lighthouse in the first four months of this Lion's Year (2010-2011) continue to be down. MD18 contributions total \$52,576.30 compared to \$63,068.72 for the same period last year. You can see that we are down \$10,492.42 this year compared to the same period last year. For the first third of this Lion's Year 2010-2011, District 18D contributions to the Lighthouse are \$4,350.00 compared to \$17,221.96 for the same period last year. As all Lions know our Vision Clinics are funded through grants. The Hearing Aid Program is funded through a grant with the State of Georgia. The Surgeries are funded through the support of the Clubs with their Regular Club Contributions and by having a successful White Cane.

With this in mind, our Lighthouse needs the support of the individual Lions in MD18. At the recent Board Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> the District Directors made a motion to ask the individual Lions in their respective District to make a personal contribution to the Lighthouse in the amount of \$25.00, \$50.00, or \$100.00. The motion passed. The amount, that you contribute, is your choice. When making your personal contribution to the Lighthouse be sure you put your Club name on the check and also District 18D in order for your club to receive credit too. I am confident that the Lions of 18D who are able to help with a personal contribution will do so. If you smoke or stop off at a local tavern or juke joint after work for a drink, abstain from it for a week and you will be able to make a personal contribution.

For your information as of January 1, 2011, Knights Templar Eye Foundation will no longer be doing eye surgeries. What this means to our Lighthouse is that we will be seeing an increase for request surgeries.

## **SERVICE REPORTS:**

**Vision Clinic Report:** In the first four months of Lion's Year 2010-2011 we have served 1088 individuals at the Vision Clinics compared to 949 individuals served for the same period last year. Sixty two (62) individuals from 18D have been served at the Vision Clinics during the first four months of this Lion's Year compared to eighty four (84) individuals for the same period last year. The cost to operate the Clinics during the first four months was \$71,007.64.

**Surgery Report:** In the first four (4) months of Lion's Year 2010-2011, the Lighthouse has completed one hundred and four surgeries compared to eighty nine (89) for the same period last year. Eleven (11) individuals from District 18D had their lives changed in the first months of this Lion's Year compared to thirteen (13) individuals for the same period last year. The cost of surgeries in the first four months of this year was \$670,077.02; after receiving discounts totaling \$527,606.03, the Lighthouse paid \$140,470.99.

**Hearing Aid Program:** In the first four months of Lion's Year 2010-2011, the Lighthouse has touched the lives of three hundred – thirty six (336) individuals by providing 654 hearing aids compared to three hundred – eleven (311) individuals by providing 564 hearing aids for the same period last year. Forty eight (48) individuals from District 18D have received 89 hearing aids in the first four months of this Lion's Year compared to twenty nine (29) individuals receiving 53 hearing aids covering the same period last year.

**CONCLUSION:** As you can see from this reports that demands for services has increased. With this in mind we ask you to please be patient as we look at the vision service requests, hearing aid requests, and surgery requests. Once again if you have not had the opportunity to visit our new home; mark your calendars now to make plans to attend the open house on Saturday – January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lighthouse Winter Conference.

## 2011 Lighthouse Winter Conference



**Saturday, January 29, 2011**  
**Holiday Inn Atlanta Northeast**  
**2001 Clearview Avenue**  
**Atlanta, GA 30340**

The 2011 Georgia Lions Lighthouse Winter Conference, scheduled for January 29, 2011.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Atlanta Northeast. Come for the opening of the new Lighthouse, committee meetings, and updates for the year to come!

Accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn for \$69 a night. Call (770) 455-3700 and mention the Lions Lighthouse to reserve your rooms at the preferred rate.

### Tentative Schedule:

**9:30 A.M.**  
**Optic Training Workshop**  
**Planned Giving Breakout Meeting**

**10:30 A.M.**  
**White Cane Breakout Meeting**  
**Luminary Society**

**11:30 A.M.**  
**Voluntary Luncheon (\$15.00 per person)**

**1:00 P.M.**  
**Trustees Meeting**

**2:30 P.M.**  
**Lighthouse Open House – join us for the official opening of new home.**

**We hope to see you there!**

## The Gift of Sound:



### Sarah Vann's Story

While some might think that all it takes to make music is a sense of rhythm and a good ear, Sarah Vann of Brunswick, GA, knows that it's not that simple.

"I started playing the piano at age two, before I could even walk," she says, remembering how naturally her hands would move across the keys.

Yet when Sarah's vision began deteriorating two years ago, prompting family to purchase bifocals for her, she found that her new glasses prevented her from properly reading her sheet music. Following the music up and down the page, requiring her to switch rapidly between her lenses' two different prescriptions, was so disorienting that Sarah was forced to give up her hobby of 47 years.

Discovering the Lighthouse's vision clinic was the key to bringing music back into Sarah's life. Using the glasses she received from the Lighthouse exclusively for playing piano, Sarah is now able to read sheet music again without problems. She credits the Lighthouse with not only her restored vision, but also the renewed joy she takes in being able to play the music that she loves once again.



### ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Register with the Lighthouse at [dogoodgetrewards.com](http://dogoodgetrewards.com) to earn rewards for your service. Questions?

Contact Laura at

[lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org)



**GA. Lions Camp for the Blind**  
**Thois Masters, PDG**  
[tstmasters@windstream.net](mailto:tstmasters@windstream.net)



**To Our Fellow Lions:**



Dear Friends of the Camp,

Christmas Camp is by far the icing on top of the cake. As I sit and reflect on this past year, I can think of no better way to end it than by spending a weekend with those we serve. I watched as over 75 people, including volunteers, descended upon the camp to spend a weekend growing and learning together.

Speaking of Blessings, as you all know by now Ms. Carolyn is going to re-retire! I am so very happy for her, but my heart is saddened at the thought of her not being around here every day. Don't be surprised when we show up with her in tow somewhere. She is not only the secretary, but a friend to the camp and myself!

This Christmas as you count your blessings, know that there are campers all over this state that count you as a Blessing, and I do too!

*Kristen*



Dear Friends of the Camp,

It is my hope that you are blessed this Christmas and enjoying time spent with family and friends in fellowship. We have been blessed for the last 34 years to have a young child (in mind) to enjoy this time of year with. That is truly Neya's and my gift each and every year. We could not be any more blessed!

I just got to spend another great Christmas Camp with those we serve. Winter Fest this year was very special and we had a full house. I'll let Kristen share all the details on the Camping Session itself, but I will tell you I had a blast! I went shopping with eight young ladies that were buying gifts for a 10 year old little girl. At first I was wondering, "what the heck have I gotten myself into here?" But watching those visually impaired young ladies go about their shopping business and using so many of their skills was very heart warming.



**In closing this letter and wrapping up another great year of service by and for our Camp, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.**

*Frank*



***Dates to Remember:***

February 5-6, 2011 - Camp Winter Committee and Board of Directors Meeting in Warner Robins.

March 18-20, 2011 – Work Weekend at the Camp.

March 25, 2011 - LEO State Gathering

April 29-May 1, 2011 – Work Weekend at the Camp.

June 10, 2011 – Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention in Duluth, GA.

June 13, 2011 – Summer Camping Season starts!

July 23, 2011 – Lion Day at the Camp, 35th Anniversary Celebration!

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***John Deere Gator Compact CX Series***



I remind all the Lions and Lions Clubs to keep selling the raffle tickets for the gator. Send the stubs to me and the money directly to the Camp by 15 January 2011.

We are rapidly approaching the end of our sales period for the John Deere Raptor ATV - ideal for turf, property tasks, and easily fits in tight spaces. You could win this Gator or \$5,000 Cash. Drawing to be held on 5-6 February 2011 at Warner Robins, GA. You do not have to be present to win. Funds from this raffle will help send blind children to camp. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.

Please remember to indicate on the check memo area - "ATV raffle", in order not to have it placed in the wrong account.

The Christmas Camp week-end has concluded. The donations some of you made for the campers to purchase gifts for the Salvation Army were greatly appreciated - Thank You.



Let's keep up the good work for the camp in 2011. We hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

Thois and Sylvia Masters



**Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall**  
[liondianewall@bellsouth.net](mailto:liondianewall@bellsouth.net)

**Thank you for everything you do to support our mission to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.**

As 2010 comes to an end, know that your support of Leader Dogs for the Blind helped enhance the lives of hundreds of people who are blind or visually impaired. Some of our clients received Leader Dogs, some received white cane travel training, and others received and learned how to use a pedestrian GPS system. All increased their independence, self-confidence and safety.



**Annette & Stanley**



Still grieving the retirement of her first dog, Dixie, who recently went to live with close friends, Annette Bateman's return to Leader Dog was bittersweet. She missed Dixie with all her heart but was excited to meet her new dog. The grief counseling provided by Leader Dog helped her make the transition from her first dog to her second.

"I tend to try to hide my emotions," admits Annette. "During grief counseling I didn't say much because I knew I'd just open up and fall apart. The best thing they taught us is that we don't all grieve in the same way when we lose someone important to us. At that time, I really just needed to keep moving forward and not dwell on the past."

Annette took a huge step forward when she met her second Leader Dog, Stanley. As she sat on the edge of her bed waiting for her new companion, Annette's concerns were for more than just herself. She was thinking about how Stanley must feel.

"I don't know if the dogs are necessarily prepared for the person they're getting," Annette says. "They don't know what's coming. They've been here [at Leader Dog] with these people for four months, after they've been raised by their puppy raiser for a year. Can you imagine being with your family and then having someone say, 'Okay, now I want you to go live with this family.' How would you feel?"

But Annette needn't have worried. It was as if Stanley picked her out. When the door to her room opened, Stanley walked straight to Annette and plopped his head in her lap. He was home at last.

"I still miss Dixie very much. She's been a big part of me for the past ten years," Annette reflects. But she and Stanley have forged a new relationship, and she's enjoying the fact that he's a cuddler. "He just likes to lie down and I sit down by him, and he just lays his head on my lap," she says with a smile. "He's just a loveable dog. I love petting him and grooming him. He's so calm."

In addition to Stanley, Annette returns to Texas with a pedestrian GPS unit that narrates her location to her, giving her a whole new ability to navigate in unfamiliar territory. "The GPS lets you know what street you're on and what intersecting street is coming up ahead. If you don't remember where you are, there's a big button in the middle that you push and the GPS tells you where you are. There's also a function that explains what's around the area, like businesses and stuff."

But for Annette, it is Dixie and Stanley—the dogs of Leader Dog—who make the biggest difference. "I think people think that these dogs are just trained like robots. And they're not. When the harness comes off they can be a dog, but their training doesn't leave them." Annette says that the devotion of a Leader Dog is a precious gift. "Leader Dog is helping not only me, but a lot of other individuals that come to get dogs for their independence," she stresses.

Even with Stanley by her side, Annette still has moments when she misses Dixie. "It hit me the other day that she wasn't with me; out loud I said to myself, 'Oh, my Dixie.' Then I remembered that I have Stanley now and I called him over and hugged him."

Leader Dogs for the Blind has an enduring responsibility to provide a lifetime of Leader Dogs to people who are blind, Deaf-blind or visually impaired. We must preserve each individual's right to have a lifetime of freedom, independence and mobility. Please [donate today](#) to ensure that Annette and thousands of people like her can rely on Leader Dog throughout their lives.

With deep appreciation,



Gregory Grabowski President & CEO



Annette Bateman

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## Hosting an Event



Photo Caption: The Rochester Eagles hosted a bowling fundraiser to benefit Leader Dog.

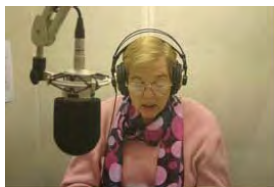
Raising awareness and funds is vital to continuing the excellent work taking place at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Think about what you do for fun and build your event around this activity. If your event takes place in a familiar setting, you can concentrate your efforts on the purpose of the event instead of the venue. For example, if a group enjoys eating together, organize a cook-off with an entry fee and designate a portion of the proceeds to benefit Leader Dog. Or plan a euchre tournament charging a small "per-hand fee," which becomes your donation.

If you are interested in hosting a third-party event to benefit Leader Dog, please review our [Policies and Procedures](#) and complete a [Third-Party Event Application \(Adobe PDF\)](#).

For more information about hosting an event, please contact our third party event coordinator at [events@leaderdog.org](mailto:events@leaderdog.org) or 888-777-5332.





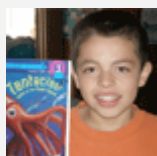
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Judy Stamsen CCI Chair  
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## A Time of Giving

The holidays inspire a grateful and giving heart. What better time to make a year-end gift to ensure that students all across the country have the access they need to learn and to achieve their personal best.



Without the right help these students face an uncertain future. Your gift can help us reach more students and provide them with the most accessible and effective educational solutions.

Your gift can also be made in honor of an RFB&D volunteer, a friend or a loved one.

Your year-end gift to RFB&D will give back to you in more ways than one. [You can easily make your tax deductible gift now.](#) Thank you for your support and happy holidays!



## Member Spotlight

Magic happens every day in **Susan Allen's** special education classroom, where children who used to hate reading now sit down to devour books. At Canalino Elementary School in California, Allen helps her students get past the stigma of learning difficulties - using RFB&D audio books and her own unique system for making reading fun. [Read more about this classroom success story on our blog.](#)



## NASA Internship Opportunities for

**Summer 2011**

*For Students Pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Careers*



*Internships will run at NASA locations nationwide for ten weeks from May 31 through August 5, 2011. If you have a GPA of at least 2.8 and are working toward a degree in STEM fields, a NASA internship extends a great opportunity to enhance your education and potentially launch your career.*



## 3,500 Thanks to You!

We're about to place our 3,500th assistance dog, thanks entirely to your wonderful donations.

Thanks to donors this year, we're going to meet our goal of serving more people with disabilities, and we've been able to expand our services. Here's just a few examples of how individuals' and foundations' generosity has improved our services:

**Laurence Lusk Moore Charitable Trust** purchased a state of the art hearing loop at the Jean and Charles Schulz Campus in Santa Rosa, CA that amplifies sound directly into hearing aid devices during Hearing Team Training.

**Newman's Own Foundation** provided funding for sign language interpreters at Canine Companions graduations and events.

**Pacific Life Foundation** provided funding for Canine Companions for Independence Salutes Independence veterans outreach events across the country.

**Bare Escentuals**, in honor of their new eye shadow product and the furry friends they're named after, made a \$20,000 donation to Canine Companions.

**Eukanuba** just launched its Extraordinary Puppy Campaign, benefitting Canine Companions.



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## **Weighty Matters for Youngsters**

By Katie Bunker

Weight gain by kids as young as 5 years old—and up through their teen years—can influence their health later in life, according to a recently released study spanning a quarter of a century.

Following kids and teens ages 5 to 19 years old (and up to 30 to 48 years old at the end of a follow-up segment), researchers found that risk factors for diabetes can begin in childhood, and that weight management is important even in those early years.

The first leg of the study was a multistage survey conducted between 1972 and 1978. The follow-up study was conducted between 2000 and 2004. The 814 boys and girls in the study were recruited from one school district in the Cincinnati area.

The main focus of the study, as described by the researchers, was to follow the risk for, and development and progression of, the metabolic syndrome. The researchers aimed to use the data from the two studies to draw a correlation between metabolic syndrome in childhood and in adulthood. They classified kids as having pediatric metabolic syndrome if they exhibited three or more of the following factors:

- **A body mass index (BMI) over the 90th percentile**
- **A large waist**
- **High blood glucose levels**
- **Low HDL cholesterol (the “good” cholesterol)**
- **High triglycerides**
- **High blood pressure**
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At the study’s start, 18.2 percent of the students were at risk for overweight and 7 percent were already overweight. Thirty-two of them had pediatric metabolic syndrome.

The prevalence of metabolic syndrome in this group rose from 3.9 percent in the initial study to 26.6 percent in the follow-up study. Nearly half of the 814 adults had a large

waist circumference (described as 88 cm or more for females and 102 cm or more for males).

Adult BMI was strongly associated with pediatric BMI. Of the kids who were at risk for becoming overweight, 63 percent were determined obese in the follow-up study.

In addition to pediatric metabolic syndrome, the other factors with the biggest impact on the development of type 2 diabetes in adulthood included age, race, and parental history of diabetes. Black men and women had twice the risk of developing type 2 diabetes as whites did.

Researchers concluded that early weight management is key. The correlation between the increase in BMI and the increased risk of metabolic syndrome demonstrates the link between weight and metabolic syndrome, obesity, and type 2 diabetes later in life. Weight management in early and middle adult years likely plays a significant role in warding off type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome, according to the researchers.

This study was published online Nov. 5, 2007, in *The Journal of Pediatrics*.

## **Type 2 Advances More Quickly in Youth**



**Type 2** diabetes progresses faster in children and adolescents than it does in adults, a study shows. On average, participants were diagnosed at age 14 and began treatment right away with **metformin** or insulin. Their average blood glucose levels typically began to rise after 18 months, and those who took insulin started to need higher doses after two years. Previous research has shown that type 2 progresses at a slower rate than this in adults. The data suggest that the insulin-producing cells in young people give out faster than those in adults do.

**Source:** *Journal of Pediatrics*, published online Aug. 27, 2010



**"The Power of Peace"**  
**2009-10 Grand Prize**  
**Winner**

Yu-Min Chen, a 13-  
 year-old girl from  
 Multiple District 300  
 Taiwan

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- 1 Choose one of the six finalists posters from the 2009-10 Lions International Peace Poster Contest
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- 3 Preview your e-card and send

**Step 1**

To begin, select an e-card image by clicking on one of the pictures.



**I am pleased to be able to tell you that we will be chartering 2 new Leo clubs in 18-D before the end of this Lion year! Loganville and Jefferson are finalizing the process now-will keep you posted when Charter Nights are scheduled.**

**ALSO -- Leo Club of Excellence Award. I am proud to announce that the Clarke Middle School Leo Club is one of them-for the 4th year in a row! CC Grace has the award. We are working with her to make arrangements for a proper presentation and will send photos.**

**Steve Helwig, LEO Chair**



**FOR THE LEOs (AND LIONS) WHO THINK SCHOOL IS HARD TODAY... This was part of an 8th grade Final Exam from 1895:**

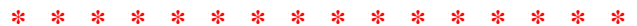
**ORTHOGRAPHY (Time: 1 Hour)**

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, and syllabication.
2. What are elementary sounds? How are they classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: tri-graph, sub-vocal, diphthong, cognate letters, and lingual.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e'. Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi-, dis-, mis-, pre-, semi-, post-, non-, inter-, mono-, and sup-.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, and last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, and rays.
10. Write ten words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.



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**Young Ambassador –**

***“The time is now to start looking for potential Young Ambassadors! Contact your schools, Churches, and Leo clubs for outstanding High School Seniors who might be interested in competing.***

***“Being a Young Ambassador in 2011 - A Beacon of Hope.”***



**SERVICE LEARNING for LEOs, YOUTH, and CHILDREN** (and these will help adults as well) \*\*\* **How is Service -**

Learning different from community service, internships, and cooperative education? (continuing)

3) It identifies in advance, and tracks, specific learning objectives and goals.

4) Students perform a valuable, significant, and necessary service which has real consequences to the community.

5) The goal of the service is to empower students and those being served.

6) The needs of the community dictate the service being provided.

(Check back each month for more.)

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## **New Young Leaders in Service Awards for 2010/11 Fiscal Year**

In support of [President Scruggs' theme](#), Lions Clubs International is offering two additional awards through the [Young Leaders in Service Awards](#) program this fiscal year 2010/11:

- Young Leaders in Service Outstanding Achievement Award – a certificate will be given to the ten youth who have completed the most service hours during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Only those youth who have received a silver or gold seal certificate during the 2010-11 fiscal year are eligible for consideration of this award.
- Young Leaders in Service Top Ten District Award – a certificate will be given to the top ten districts who have submitted the most Young Leaders in Service Awards during the 2010-11 fiscal year. Please note that this award is available to single districts and sub-districts of multiple districts.

We have several tools to help you get started, including a [brochure](#), [fact sheet](#) and [guide](#).

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**101 THINGS TO SAY TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN (AND COMPLIMENT ADULTS):**

**Great discovery!**  
**You've earned my respect!**  
**Thanks for caring!**  
**You're A-Okay!**  
**You're a great kid!**  
**How original!**  
**You're a champ!**  
**You're a pleasure to know!**  
**Very brave!**  
**You're very talented!**

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### **Youth Exchange & Youth Camp—**

District Chair Youth Committee: The Lions International Exchange program has merged with Youth Camp this year through Lions International. Our Exchange o program allows and encourages youth from other countries to come and experience America while our American student can visit and learn foreign cultures. Youth Camp brings together youth from all over the world to experience learning and exchange of ideas on a more short-term basis. The closest Lions Youth Camp is held in Alabama.

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## **Dates to Remember**

**April** – Leo Awareness Month

**April 15** – Suggested election date for next year's Leo club officers

**May 1** – [Leo Leadership Grant](#) application due

**May 15** – [Leo Club Officers and Membership Report](#) due

**June 1** – [Leo of the Year Award applications](#) due

**June-July** – [Lions International Convention](#) and [Global Leo Conference](#)



Liberty Day is for ALL

## INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERING

*With its wide array of exciting programs and initiatives, Liberty Day doesn't just partner with organizations; oftentimes, Liberty Day projects take place because an individual—an attorney general, a mayor, a parent—took it upon him- or herself to make a difference in the lives of kids.*



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*When a guest speaker instructs children, it's not only teachers telling them about something from 230 years ago—it's someone else who cares enough to come in and teach. Want to open up the hearts and minds of young people to what it*

*means to be an American? Talk to them about your own passion and pride.*

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## Improving Local Communities and the World

### Manheim Township Lions Club, PA. Support Our Soldiers Project



On December 16, members of our Club and six members of the Manheim Township High School Leo Club helped to pack well over 80 boxes of items to be sent to our troops stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. This project was spearheaded by the Lititz VFW and American Legion. In addition to the 12 boxes of items donated by members of our Club and the Leo Club, we donated \$250 to help defray the shipping cost.



### Texas

#### LEOs Learn Lionism at Their State Convention



The Leos Club officers of Wimberley's Katherine Ann Porter School attended all three days of the MD2 State Leo Conference. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual statewide Leos Conference. Fifty attended the first, one hundred attended the second and around two hundred attended the November 12-14, 2010 conference in Austin.

Lion Daisy reminded Leos and Lions advisors that fun must be a prime component in a Leos Club. The opening night activities included pizza and swimming at the Embassy Suites Pool. The Saturday sessions began with after opening with breakout 50 minute sessions of leadership training, plus charities round table.

The Sunday morning session, beginning at 9:00, was punctually attended by so many Leos Clubs and advisors that even though additional chairs were brought in, the back and sides of the room were filled with standing room only attendees. Impromptu changes were required for this last session, but Lion Daisy made sure that the focus of the conference remained on the individual Leos Clubs and that each clubs attendees were called forward for pictures and recognition.

*As adults we cannot teach this "fire of giving", only open the pathway; but once the path is chosen freely it may be there for a lifetime. Being an advisor at an event such as State Leo Conference is an opportunity to open those pathways and be inspired by the fountain of youth embodied in our Leos Club leaders.*



**Help support our State Convention within  
our District next year.  
Take out an ad – get a box of candy.**



### **\$1 Stock Chocolate Bar Variety Pack**

Milk Chocolate with Almonds bar is now featured in our \$1 Chocolate Shop variety pack! A variety of chocolate bar flavors in one convenient fundraising pack. 50 bars per case. Stock product has an 8 case minimum.

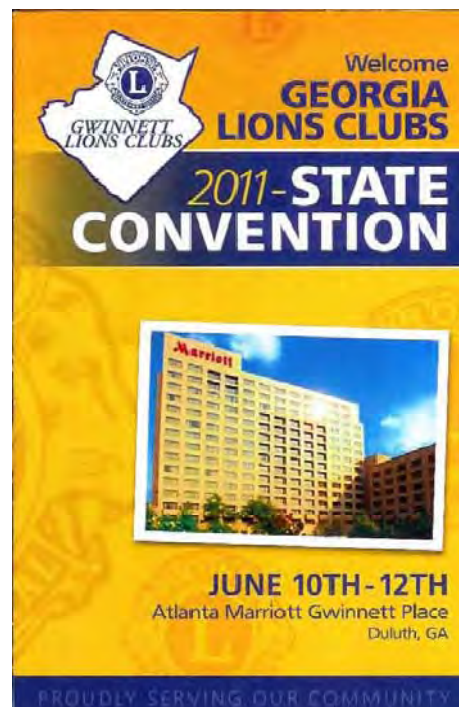
Five chocolate bar flavors in a convenient variety pack. A perfect fundraiser for schools or sports teams. Each item can be sold for \$1.

**This fundraising product contains:**

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*Contact Lion Susan Hart to Order your Candy*



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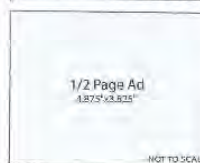
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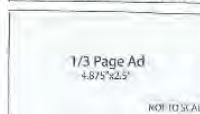
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