



We Serve

18-D

District Bulletin



You Can't Measure Quality of Care



District Governor
Bill Holley

Happy New Year

I hope this message finds you and your family in the best of health and spirit. During this holiday season I had an opportunity to reflect on the progress made by our district officers and members. I learned sometimes we spend a great deal of time using numerical reports to determine our success as a service organization. While statistical reports are important, such reports are not the best indicators to measure success as in the quality of care services provided by **Lions Clubs' Members**.

All of our **Lions Clubs** in 18D sponsor or support activities in their communities and receive very little recognition for the efforts. **Lions Club Members** have been very involved in the success of many community activities including:

- Youth service events and activities
- Volunteering to serve in Senior Citizens Centers and festivities
- Providing resources and direct care to individuals with disabilities
- Building ramps to access homes for wheelchair users
- Collecting food for the food banks and delivering food to the hungry
- Collaborating with and supporting community foundations
- Hosting fundraisers and other community events that do not include gifts of kindness to individuals in our communities.

Ultimately, I believe the **Lions in 18D's** success rest with the support and quality of care services we provide. It is our quality of care that separates us from other community based service organizations. However, we continue to have issues in the area of recruitment and retention of our membership. If you believe, and remain committed to the quality of care services in our communities, we must take advantage of our strength (quality care services). We must remind ourselves and others about what we do. Send in your activity reports to the district officers, post your information on our website, write an article about the community events and services provided by Lions. Ask someone to become a Lion.

Leading by example: Together we serve

District Governor
Bill Holley

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

“Relieving the Hunger” Campaign
ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER - Today, there are more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat. One person out of six lives in a state of chronic hunger. Lions have an opportunity to show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger."

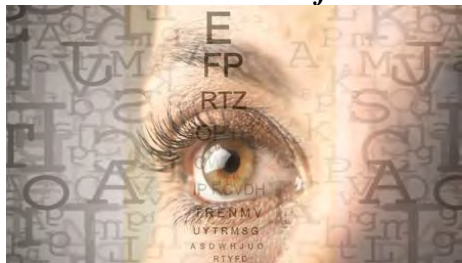
13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday



13-19 January: LCIF Week

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

Sight Unseen: Glaucoma Takes Sight without Warning—How to Protect Yourself?



What are you going to do differently this year? Take better care of yourself? Will you exercise more, eat healthier, or make an effort to see the doctor as often as you should?

Finding time in your busy schedule to implement those well-intentioned resolutions often proves challenging. But don't underestimate the importance of those doctor visits – and more specifically, visits to your eye doctor.

A quick trip to your optometrist may not only be sight-saving but potentially life-saving. Optometrists can evaluate the health of your eyes and clarity of vision and they can also detect chronic and systemic diseases such as glaucoma, diabetes and even hypertension.

To learn more check out this web site: www.aoa.org Stories of discovery, translational research, and news highlights.

26 January – Meeting and Volunteer Day at



Planning Ahead



2 February – Camp for the Blind Meeting Warner Robins

Council Of Governors Meeting

SATURDAY, 2 March 2012.

3rd Cabinet/Convention Meeting, 10:00AM

JOE AL PICONE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Joe Al Picone, from Brenham, Texas USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington.



YOU ARE INVITED!

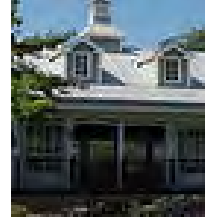
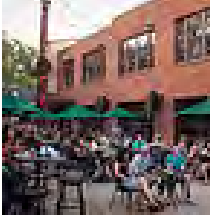
On July 1, 2013, OUR new District 18I will become a reality. We will start this new adventure with the Joint District Convention with Districts D & F March 1-2, 2013.

Lions International Director Joe Al Picone and his wife Merle, of Brenham, Texas, will be our guest for the convention. We will welcome ID Joe at a time of hospitality on Friday night, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. We will begin our convention day on Saturday, March 2nd with a Member Orientation Training Session at 8:45 a.m. This session will be led by PDG Richard Henderson of the Oxford Lions Club and VDG Pete Stamsen of the Lawrenceville Lions Club. This is a great time to ensure that all Newly-inducted Lions are especially encouraged to attend this session, but it is good for all Lions.

The Joint District Convention to organize and elect District 18I officers will be begin Saturday at 10:00 a.m. After the meeting, there will be a luncheon with our International Director as Keynote Speaker.

All the festivities of the weekend will be held at the Foundry Park Inn, 295 E. Dougherty Street, Athens, GA 30601. Room reservations can be made directly by calling 706-549-7020 or Toll Free 866-928-4367.

2013 18 D and F Joint DISTRICT CONVENTION



**ATHENS, GEORGIA
MARCH 1 - 2, 2013**

**EVENT REGISTRATION FORM
Registration Deadline is February 20, 2013**

Convention cost includes General Meeting, Luncheon, Training Session and Friday Evening. Please indicate if you will be attending Training Session and Reception.

Name	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		Dietary Restrictions
	Evening Reception	Training Session	Convention & Luncheon	
			\$21.00	

Club:	District:
Address:	City, State, Zip
Email Address:	

Reservations	#	@ 21.00 /each	Total Amt. \$
Payable to "Lions of Georgia , District 18D"		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$
Check No. /Cash	Date Paid	AMOUNT PAID	\$

CONTACT INFORMATION and:

Mail Registration to:

Lion Bonnie Linscott
2836 Abilene Trail
Snellville, GA 30078
Telephone: 770/972-4291 (Home)
404/680-3291 (Cell)
Email: bonhome@bellsouth.net

HOTEL INFORMATION:

MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECT

Tell them you are w/ Lions Convention
Rate: \$110.00/per night, plus taxes
THE FOUNDRY PARK INN
295 E. Dougherty Street, Athens, GA 30601
Local Telephone: 706/549-7020
Toll Free Reservations: 866-928-4367





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](#)

International President Wayne A. Madden



Promote Literacy through the Gift of Books



The holidays are time for special celebrations and opportunities for giving. Consider presenting a book as a gift to a child or adult. For information and ideas, see the [Reading Action Program "Partner" page](#).



Collaborating with partners can expand your resources and your service reach. Present a book to adults or children at your vision screening. Include books for children when providing food to a

hungry family. Provide a braille book to a child who is blind. Partner with your local hospital to present parents with books for their newborns. Find out how you can help promote early literacy and school readiness with LCI partner [Reach Out and Read](#).

Announcing the 2013-2014 Peace Poster Theme



It's a new year and time for a new Peace Poster Contest theme. The theme for the 2013-2014 contest is "Our World, Our Future." Work with your club to sponsor the contest in local schools or youth groups to help make this world a more peaceful place. Contest kits will go on sale on January 15 from Club Supplies. [Learn more about the contest](#), including how to order a kit. Also, learn about the [Lions International Essay Contest](#) for students who are visually impaired. Check out page 34 for more details.

The Latest Edition of Lions Quarterly

In the newest [Lions Quarterly](#) (LQ), Lions respond to help residents on the east coast of the United States recover from devastating Superstorm Sandy, the White House recognizes Lions as Champions of Change, and Lions from Hawaii protect their landscapes and citizens. Also, preview Hamburg – host of Lions 96th International Convention, and discover how Lions and LCIF are impacting sight in Madagascar. Share LQ with your club members, project partners and community members. The video is available on [Lions News Network](#) (LNN), [YouTube](#) and [iTunes](#).

International Convention: Plan Your Holiday in Hamburg



There are many sights to see at the next international convention in Hamburg, Germany.

Capture the local flavor with a specialized harbor tour. Visit the historic fishing village of Blankenese. Discover your family history at the BallinStadt Emigration Museum. Take a Magical History Tour and retrace the steps of the Fab Four. The hardest decision will be deciding what to do each day! All tours are escorted by an expert guide and offered at special discounted rates for Lions and their families. Start planning today by visiting our [Local Tours](#) page. Find out more about the [International Convention, Registration, Airline Discounts](#) and [Pre or Post Convention Tours](#).

Eye Health Programs for 2013

Are you looking for materials for your next health fair, vision screening or eye health awareness event? The [Lions Eye Health Program \(LEHP\)](#) includes professionally authored materials for you to use. We partnered with the National Eye Institute/National Eye Health Education Program (NEI/NEHEP), and as a result, we offer three outstanding programs for you to use. Choose from: Making Vision a Health Priority; Age-Related Eye Diseases and Conditions; and Low Vision. Each program includes a how-to sheet, PowerPoint, speaker's guide, handouts and more. Start today to plan your next community eye health event!

Enter the 2012-2013 Environmental Photo Contest



The [Environmental Photo Contest](#) (EPC) offers a chance for Lions across the globe to share their commitment to protecting, preserving and improving the environment by capturing the earth's natural beauty through photography. All multiple districts are encouraged to submit one photograph for the international contest, which will be held

during the 2013 International Convention in Hamburg. January 15, 2013 is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one photo to the multiple district. Visit the [Environmental Photo Contest](#) web page to find out how to enter and to purchase a 2013 calendar.

Back from the Brink – Small Club, Tiny Town Rebound Together

When you get your next Lion Magazine – January 2013 issue - check out pages 21 to 26 – It could be your club?

Secrets of Success – Survey of Lions shows why clubs flourish.

Here again – the Lion Magazine – January 2013 issue - – check out pages 34 to 37.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Provides Disaster Relief for Superstorm Sandy

Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, November 9, 2012 — Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is mobilizing US\$210,000 to immediately support Lions' disaster relief efforts following Superstorm Sandy. Funds are helping Lions in Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and North Carolina to provide assistance in hard-hit areas.

The Foundation has also received many donations to the disaster relief fund since Superstorm Sandy began. These donations from generous Lions around the world allow Lions to meet immediate needs in their communities by providing materials such as food, water, blankets, coats, first aid supplies, flashlights and batteries.

“When a tragedy like Hurricane Sandy strikes, Lions are able to make a difference and immediately begin the

recovery process. It is one of the things that we do best,” said Wing-Kun Tam, LCIF Chairperson. “Seeing the hard work of Lions to provide relief for Superstorm Sandy makes me proud to be a Lion.”

The effects of the storm are enormous. According to CNN, at least 175 people in the United States, the Caribbean and Canada have lost their lives. Countless others have lost their homes and possessions. The estimated economic impact of Superstorm Sandy is between US\$30 billion and US\$50 billion, according to the catastrophe risk modeling firm Eqecat.

To help the people affected by the storm, many Lions clubs are working with local food pantries and shelters to provide needed goods. Lions are also working with local police and fire departments to assess the needs of their communities.

“When disaster strikes...the Lions spring into action. That is exactly what happened in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy,” said Past Council Chairperson Steve Tremaroli in an email to fellow Lions.

Lions have a long history of providing disaster relief to areas most affected by disaster. Anyone wishing to help continue this legacy may donate to LCIF's disaster fund. All donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. Donations can be made online by selecting “Disaster Relief.” For questions regarding donations, please contact LCIF at donations@lionsclubs.org or (630) 203-3836.

Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Donations from individuals living outside of the United States are tax deductible as permitted by the individual's country tax laws.

Although LCIF is not equipped to handle material donations, please feel free to use the Lion-2-Lion Resource Assistance Database (Lion-2-Lion Assistance) to

make donations of this sort directly to the Lions in need.



Lions Clubs International

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to learn about how Lions are protecting Hawaii's landscape.

CONTESTS

[Reading Action Program Rap Video](#)

Read the nomination form to find out how to enter.

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Lions can submit photographs of their environment in one of five categories.

EVENTS

[Relieving the Hunger](#)

Plan hunger relief projects for the December Global Service Action Campaign.

[Convention Early Registration](#)

Early bird registration fees available until December 31.

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

[Digital Lion Magazine](#)

The entire Lion Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos

[Lions Club iPhone App](#)

Download our iPhone app to stay up-to-date with Lions news.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

Every year at this time, I send my personal greetings to you, the members of my Lions family. This year is no different, except I want to take the extra time to reflect on what we have accomplished together through our Foundation. Thanks to [your donations](#) and your service, we have met needs all over the world and made a great impact in many people's lives.



Together, we met [the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge grant](#) to raise US\$10 million for measles. Through this major accomplishment, we helped vaccinate 157 million children against measles in 2012.

Lions also provided disaster relief worldwide following typhoons, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires and other disasters this year. One recent example is [Superstorm Sandy](#) in the United States. Many Lions gave generously, and even Lions who were affected by the storm were out serving their communities the next day.



In addition to disaster relief, Lions and LCIF have been continuing to [fight preventable blindness](#). When I was in Thailand for the 10 year celebration of Sight for Kids with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, I was able to see the impact that a simple vision screening can have in a child's life. It is easy to see why organizations like Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Bausch + Lomb, The Carter Center and more partner with us in our efforts to save sight.

Our Foundation has also supported youth in many ways during this year. The [Lions Quest](#) program is continually growing to help provide children with positive life skills. The U.S. State Department is helping the program expand in Africa, while the

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is working with Lions Quest curriculum in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe.

I am amazed at all the different kinds of service that we are able to provide



together. Though I have been Chairperson of our Foundation for just six months, it is easy to see all the good that we have accomplished this past year, and every year since the Foundation was created. All of our accomplishments are because of your [generous donations](#). I invite you to see the impact your donations have made by [viewing this video](#).

As this year ends, I look forward to a new year full of service and caring. Though we always pray for no disaster and diseases in this world, they still happen. Please continue your support to LCIF so that we can strive for a better world to live in with no disaster and diseases in the coming future.

Sincerely,

*Wing-Kun Tam
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation*

Watch Relief Efforts Following Superstorm Sandy

When Superstorm Sandy hit the United States, Lions immediately went to work. [In this video](#), watch how Lions supported each other and their local communities during a time of need.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXmOG0H82u8>



District 132 Macedonia (FYROM) Implements Lions Quest

In December, District 132 Macedonia (FYROM) is hosting the country's first [Lions Quest](#) teacher training workshop. This project will help create and foster the spirit of community service and social responsibility. In the pilot year, 250 students will be taught social and emotional learning, including anti-bullying, substance abuse prevention and how to interact with others in a positive way. District 132 Macedonia (FYROM) is the 78th country to begin a Lions Quest program. Lions Quest curriculum has been translated into 36 languages.

Dear Lion,

We did it!



It is my great pleasure and privilege to report to you that Lions have successfully met the Gates Challenge!



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:



Where do I send donations?

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
5582 Peachtree Road
Chamblee, GA 30341

Camp for the Blind
5626 Laura Walker Road
Waycross, GA 31503

Leader Dogs for the Blind
P.O. Box 5000
Rochester, MI 48307

Learning Ally
120 Florida Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30605

Canine Companions
8150 Clarcona Ocoee Road
Orlando, FL 32818

Camp Kudzu, Inc.
5885 Glenridge Drive
Suite 160
Atlanta, GA 30328

NOTE: Make sure you put District 18-D in lower left corner of check so the above will know what District your club is in. Also, if your club name is not on the check – please add your club name also.

Club Officer Report (PU-101):

Clubs submit their officer contact information on this form annually on paper or through the membership reporting area of the association's Web site by May 15. Clubs submitting a paper copy should return the original copy to International Headquarters and forward a copy to your district governor. Remember to include current email addresses to facilitate the distribution of club officer passwords.

To submit your 2010-2011 Club Officers (PU101) ONLINE, please refer to the following instructions. Please be sure to update the membership information prior to adding the new officer.

- Log on to the Membership site
- Click the "Club" link from the yellow banner at the top of the page
- Click "Club Officers" from the secondary maroon banner
- Select the term date from the drop down list
- Click the Office Title
- Click the officer's name in the list of members
- Click the Save button

When you are done adding the officers for next year, you can print the completed PU-101 form by clicking on the Reports link and clicking the Print button next to the Officer Reporting Form (PU-101). For more detailed instructions see page 27 of the WMMR Club level instructions.

Go here <https://www7.lionsclubs.org/LogIn.aspx> and find **Reporting 2011-12 Officers - Paper PU101** to submit a paper PU 101 Report.

Monthly/Yearly Club Activity Report (A-1):

Club secretaries can report their club's activities online directly through the association's Web site by following these simple steps:

- Log onto the Lions Web site: www.lionsclubs.org
- Click on the banner that reads: [Submit Reports](#) at the top of the page
- Select the appropriate Lions logo
- Enter a member number and password to complete the report

What can you do???? Just ASK maybe.....

**We are the greatest secret in the world
and it's up to you to spread the word**



Reading Action Program

For nearly 100 years, Lions have greatly contributed to preventing blindness, restoring eyesight, and improving eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. The Reading Action Program allows Lions to provide additional assistance to individuals with visual impairments, particularly by focusing on [Braille literacy](#) and [access to assistive technology](#). The following organizations offer many opportunities for Lions to get involved:

- [American Foundation for the Blind](#)
- [Perkins School for the Blind](#)
- [The Hadley School for the Blind](#)
- [National Federation of the Blind](#)



Message from President Madden



Dear Lion,



As I draft this message, it occurs to me that we are now at the mid-point of my year as your international president. It also means you are at the mid-point of your year as district governor or club president.

If you look at a glass of water filled to the mid-point, do you see a glass half-full, or a glass half-empty? The answer to that question could define how you spend the rest of your year. Fortunately, Lions tend to be eternal optimists, with no task too great to overcome. We see the glass as half-full. But we go further than that. We are always striving to add more water.

To date, we continue to fill our clubs with new members. We have added 84,506 new members and 589 new clubs so far this year. Why is that important? We must be ready at all times to answer the call of service. As we saw last month, disaster has its own timeline. Hurricane Sandy struck the East Coast of the United States, devastating coastal regions. Lions in the affected areas mobilized within hours, providing immediate, and now long-term relief. And Lions throughout the world responded with donations to our LCIF disaster fund. Our growing ranks of community minded members allows us to not only respond to disasters, but also to respond to the everyday needs of communities throughout the world, as only Lions can.

Members - both current and new, is the focus of the 2nd [Club](#) and [District](#) Pit Stop. You should be reviewing the "[How Are Your Ratings?](#)" survey and identifying areas of improvement (and sharing the results with club members and district governors). This survey of members is not meant to be a pass/fail proposition. Instead, it is an opportunity to assess the needs of your members, and make changes accordingly. The mark of a great leader is the ability to respond positively to constructive criticism. This is also a time to ensure members are well-informed regarding club and district activities, and encourage involvement. Involved members are happy members, and happy members are productive. It is particularly important to hold a compelling [induction ceremony](#) for your new members. Get them started on the right track by demonstrating how important they are to your club. After all, they are now LIONS! For club presidents, this is also the perfect time to assess where your club stands on reaching the achievement of the [Club Excellence Award](#). Are you on pace to the 2nd Pit Stop or do you need to step on the accelerator pedal? Review the 2nd [club](#) and [district](#) Pit Stop now before it ends in December.

Everywhere I go, I meet Lions who are proud of their service - who humbly acknowledge the positive change they are making in the lives of the underserved. And I am extremely pleased and honored that Lions have embraced the [Reading Action Program](#) (RAP). In just the first 5 months, more than 21,000 reading, literacy and education activities have been reported. Through RAP, Lions are implementing reading projects, increasing literacy rates and making educational material more accessible. Initially the program was to be for one year as part of my international theme; however, due to the tremendous response by Lions the International Board of Directors recently approved the extension of the program for at least a decade. This will enable resources to be better directed, increase Lions capacity to serve and maximize impact in the area of reading and literacy for many years to come.

Lastly, please remember as you read this message we are in the midst of our 3rd Global Service Action Campaign – "[Relieving The Hunger](#)." Over a billion people worldwide face hunger on a daily basis. It is no longer a problem only in developing nations. There are people in every nation that face food insecurity. Many children go to school hungry, which in turn affects their ability to learn. We can help.

As we come to the end of our calendar year, and halfway through our Lions year, I am happy to report we have accomplished a great deal. But there are still challenges and opportunities ahead. Remember it isn't too late to qualify for the [Club Excellence Award](#) and [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#).

So I leave you this month with one question - is your glass half full or half empty?

Wayne A. Madden, International President

Webinar Tutorial – How to Be a Participant We invite you to [experience an interactive tutorial on being a webinar participant](#). Upon finishing this tutorial you will be able to register, log in and actively participate in a webinar.

2012-2013 LCI Webinars

Webinar Description	Dates/Times
<p>Conflict Resolution Learn to recognize the benefits of conflict, and apply appropriate conflict-management strategies.</p> <p>Intended Audience: All Lions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, March 12, 2013: 10:00 AM Chicago Time • Wednesday, March 20, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time • Friday, March 22, 2013: 7:00 PM Chicago Time

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season. Now, we are embarking on a brand new year. 2013 is a great time for all of us to become better Lions. One way to do that is to take advantage of the opportunities for training that are being offered.

During 2011, we had the opportunity to learn how to become Certified Guiding Lions, and we conducted Member Orientation training. Our next focus will be on Club Excellence Process. If our local clubs are not strong, our organization will not be strong. The Club Excellence Process is a way to assess just how your club is doing and also to obtain the needs of your community. I hope this will be the first decision that clubs make in the new year. Hopefully, Zone Chairs will be contacting clubs soon to begin this process.

It will soon be time for clubs to elect officers for the next Lion's year. We will be conducting the training for club officers in early Spring. Please remember that there are many opportunities for training throughout the year. Member Orientation is one thing that needs to be conducted continually. If I can help with training, please let me know.

PCC Grace Clower
18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Club Officers Orientation

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-club-officers.php>

Club Officer Individual Training

Online courses reviewing the roles, responsibilities, tasks and resources of each club officer position.

[Club President](#)

[Club Secretary](#)

[Club Treasurer](#)

Club Officers Orientation

A training resource package including an instructor guide, training materials, and presentation slides to design your district training for club officers.

- [Club Officer Orientation Instructor Guide](#)
- [Club Officer Orientation PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Club Officer Orientation Handouts](#)
- [Club Officer Orientation Curriculum](#)
- Club Secretary MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)
- Club Treasurer MyLCI Training [Presentation](#), [Workbook](#), and [FAQs](#)

Time Management Handout

- [Time Management Pocket Guide](#)
- [Time Management PowerPoint Presentation](#)



Enlist the assistance of the Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Leadership Team (GLT).

I wanted to highlight a couple of basic points uncovered in a recent research project conducted by LCI. Keep these points in mind as you develop your plans.

1. **Three out of four former Lions expressed that they dropped their membership due to a club related issue. The top five reasons given for quitting were:**

- § unproductive meetings
- § not enough younger members
- § meetings were not enjoyable
- § they did not feel like they belonged
- § the club felt too political

Obviously, the overall experience we are providing to our members matters!

2. **Membership growth is crucial if we are to continue to answer the call for community service, and maintaining a content membership base is critical. Retention is a primary concern for Lions Clubs International and must be a priority for you as district governor. Consider the simple 1-in-5 concept:**

- § **If Lions Clubs International had retained just one out of every five dropped members in the last five years, most areas would have experienced positive membership growth.**

Just 1-in-5! If we are to grow and thrive as an association, we must focus on our retention challenge. Lions who feel involved in their clubs and are having a positive experience are more likely to maintain their membership. The importance of retention cannot be overlooked.

As you develop your membership growth and leadership development plans, make sure to address these issues. Consider what you and your team can do. Enlist the assistance of the Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Leadership Team (GLT). Engage your zone chairpersons and Certified Guiding Lions. Share this information and provide guidance to club officers on how to improve the membership satisfaction in their club. Encourage the use of the Club Excellence Process (CEP). Our clubs, our districts, and our association will be stronger for it - and our members will be more satisfied and even more committed to meeting the ever increasing needs for humanitarian service. And isn't that what we're all about?

Best regards,

Barry J. Palmer
1stVice President, LCI

Strengthening Lions Clubs Membership

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/index.php>

Strengthening Lions clubs membership is important for both new and long-term Lions alike. For new Lions, it's about getting acquainted with a new service organization. For long-term Lions, it's about getting back to the basics.

- **Member orientation provides new members with the information they need to get started as a Lion. It also serves as a refresher for existing Lions, with information on Lion history, structure, its purpose and ethics.**
- **The Mentoring Program teams a knowledgeable Lion mentor with a new Lion. The mentor's role is to acquaint the new member with Lions Clubs International, encourage club involvement, develop their leadership skills and offer guidance for holding a club position.**
- **Continue to keep members engaged by incorporating various membership retention programs. These programs focus on club cooperation, member morale and enhanced meetings to help get members involved.**
- **Celebrate new members by participating in Lions Worldwide Induction Day.**

Training Materials/Resources

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/training-materials-resources/index.php>

Leadership training materials/resources include a mix of curriculum materials, speaking presentations with notes, and activity guides.

[Presentations for Speaking Engagements](#) – These slide presentations contain presenter notes and can be easily adapted to suit your specific needs. **[Independent study presentations](#)** – Presentations designed to prepare Lions to serve in various leadership positions.

- **[Zone Chairperson Training](#)** – An independent study module focused on the responsibilities, challenges and resources of the zone chairperson position.
- **[Second Vice District Governor Online Training](#)** – This course provides information about the responsibilities of the district governor team, focusing specifically on the position of second vice district governor and the role that individual plays in regards to district administration and as part of the GMT and the GLT. This course will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete, and includes a workbook to enhance the learning experience. Before beginning the course, [download and print the workbook](#).
- **[Effective Club Membership Teams](#)** – An independent study presentation covering the responsibilities of each member of the Club Membership Committee, related activities and goals, conducting new member orientation or a sponsor night/open house event, organizing a new club or club branch, and encouraging leadership development.
- **[Club Officers Orientation](#)**
This section contains resources for training club officers, including instructor-based and individual courses.

[Training Curriculum](#) – Guides, handouts and materials for conducting training workshops, including materials for Club Officers Orientation, Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Membership Orientation and Volunteer Leadership training.

[Tutorials](#) – 10 to 15 minute interactive sessions that cover a wide variety of topics including how to participate in a webinar, tips on using Microsoft PowerPoint, and Lions processes such as submission of district governor expense claims.

[Lions Achievement Portfolio](#) – Prepare your own Lions Achievement Portfolio to share with Lions Leaders who seek skilled trainers for their programs. **[Lions Mentoring Program](#)** – This personal development program established a framework to enable members to learn from each other, reach individual goals, grow in leadership skills, build stronger relationships and provide better service to communities.

- **[Lions Basic Mentoring Program](#)** (pdf)
- **[Lions Advanced Mentoring Program](#)** (pdf)

[Lionism and History](#) – Become familiar with the history of LCI, our Mission Statement, and Purposes and Code of Ethics.

[View a history slide show](#) and take **[short quiz](#)** to review historical facts.

[Activities and Icebreakers](#)

Focus on Club Dynamics

Research has shown that 50% of Lions new member drop out within the first three years. Fortunately, we know the main reasons why:

- _ Lengthy / boring meetings
- _ Club cliques and politics
- _ Lack of meaningful involvement.

What are ways we as Lions can identify and solve the challenges?

- _ LOOK closely at the current state of your club
- _ LISTEN to input from fellow club members
- _ LEARN where problem areas exist
- _ RESPOND by implementing appropriate changes.

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Lion Bob Watson
District 11E
Columbus, Georgia

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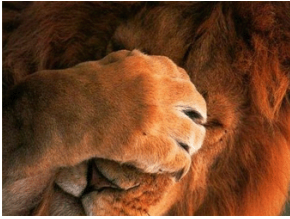
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CLUB REPORTS



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.

Athens Campus Lions Club = Tree Planting Ramsey



Buford Lions Club = Parade/Fall Festival - Fundraiser-Raffles for gift certificates, etc. Sold Honey Baked Ham gift certificates, pecans & nachos. Participated in the parade, and a member wore our lions costume to give the club visibility in the community.



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = Community Outreach - We had a few of our members help put up Christmas Light and made new items to light and hang for decorations for the Town of Clermont. The Christmas Party for the members was held on the 17th with several guests from other club visiting and taking part without membership. the Club was able to donate to the Secret Santa program at the Chattahoochee Baptist Association. We have contacted a few citizens in the area that have shown a strong interest in joining our membership and will be following up to let them know what we do and need them with us. We are still collecting the use eye glasses and cell phone to recycle from our collection boxes for the Lighthouse We approved two application for sight services. Looking forward to having a growing good year, active, and fun filled year in 2013. It will be the Town of Clermont Centennial and a full year of celebrations.



Commerce Lions Club = Aid to disadvantaged children - Mentoring elementary students. Community Service - Served on committee working to preserve historical buildings of county. Civic Service - Prepare and man club float for community Christmas parade & dispense candy to children enroute. Environmental – Club members cleaned up mile of public highway for Keep Jackson County Beautiful partnership also working with environmental group to plan county-wide environmental projects

Dacula Lions Club = Pecan sales - Club is selling pecans as a fundraiser. After a successful event we must be so proud of ourselves in the effort and time made in planning for such a needy cause. We can now look back on a year well achieved we have done a lot in our Community. We ended the year by helping three families for Christmas to be a Happy one along with donating food to Hebron Baptist Church. Food Drive - On December 15th the Dacula Lions Club sponsored a food drive donating canned goods to The Hype Program at Hebron Church helping needy families specifically children. Providing for Needy Families - The Dacula Lions Club adopted three needy families in the community and provided holiday items for them. Shopping was done on December 15th and to be delivered on December 18th to Dacula elementary school. Silent Auction - The Dacula Lions Club held a Silent Auction at the Hamilton Mill Country Club as a Fundraiser.



Dawsonville Lions Club = Lighthouse Campaign Challenge - Joe Hirsch donation. Social / community event - Joint Christmas party with the Dawson County Women's Club at the Lakeview Center December 3, 6:30 pm.

Jefferson Lions Club = *Eyeglass Collection Committee* - 63 cell phones. *Sickness, Distress and Praise* - Fellow Lions remembered Lion Ronnie Moore and his family in their thoughts and prayers for the passing of Sherry Moore, sister of Lion Ronnie. Lion Harold Fletcher is scheduled to have heart bypass and valve replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 27, at Athens Regional Medical Center. *Committee Reports* – No reports. *Old Business*: Lion Arthur W. "Ham" Riddle was inducted into District 18D's Hall of Fame at a luncheon on November 3, 2012, at the Watkinsville United Methodist Church. *New Business*: A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Jefferson Lions Club to donate \$300.00 to the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Fund. Following a lengthy discussion regarding the financial needs of the Camp for the Blind, a motion was made, seconded and approved for the Jefferson Lions Club to donate \$400.00 to the Camp for the Blind. *Programs*: 26Nov- Ms. Amy Carlan, the Guest Speaker from the Jefferson Public Library, discussed the many different opportunities to obtain information through the use of the Library's massive data bases; e.g., E-Books are now available through the Piedmont Library Systems by going to: prlib.org and click on the E-Book icon. In addition, the Georgia State Government is partnering with the Public Libraries and offering free tickets to the Atlanta Zoo, free parking passes to the Georgia State Parks, and free fishing passes for a family of four to encourage citizens to use other public venues. These and many other opportunities are available when citizens visit and use the Public Libraries. Also, Ms. Carlan discussed the City of Jefferson's purchase of the Jefferson Complex (old Food Lion location) for future city government uses. Once all approvals are granted, the Jefferson Complex will be renovated to house the Jefferson Public Library and the Jefferson Police Department. The move-in date is estimated to be in 2014.

Look Ahead Calendar:

Monday, January 14, 2013 Joe Dorrough

Monday, January 28, 2013 Jim Smith

Wednesday, February 01, 2012 Zone 3 Meeting

Lion Gay Bradley reported the Camp for The Blind needed financial assistance. The Camp will have to shut down if they do not get enough funding. The Lions International is asking the individual Lions Clubs for help in raising a much needed \$50K. Lion Dwayne Ansley said that the Club had budgeted \$400 for the Camp for the Blind. A motion was made and second for the Jefferson Lions Club to donate \$400.00 to the Camp for the Blind. The motion was approved. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the December 18, 2012, Christmas Banquet decorations. Lion President Greg Broussard said that he would see that the tables were set up and Lion Gay Bradley said that she would ask Ms Buchanan about making the table decorations.

The Jefferson Lions Club donated \$400.00 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation in December 2012.

Donations - The Jefferson Lions Club made the following donations in December 2012: Department of Family & Children's Services - \$200.00, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind - \$400.00, Georgia Lions Lighthouse - \$300.00, Children's Eye Care Center - \$200.00, Camp Kudzu - \$200.00, Learning Ally (RFD&B) - \$200.00, Leader Dogs for the Blind - \$200.00. Toys Collected for Christmas Gifts - The Jefferson Lions Club, together with the Jefferson Rotary Club, brought unwrapped toys and games to their joint Christmas Banquet December 18, 2012. These toys were donated to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Jefferson Police Department for distribution to children in Jackson County and the City of Jefferson. Board Meeting 10Dec - A Lions New Membership Application was submitted by Ms. Rita Gunter. A motion was made and approved to accept Ms. Gunter's Application. The Application was given to the Membership Committee for approval.

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson Lions Club was called to order on Monday, December 10, 2012, by Lion President Greg Broussard at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Club House with 22 members and 2 guests present. Lion Jimmy Mock introduced Michael Helms, Pastor at First Baptist Church in Jefferson, Georgia. Pastor Helms presented a program on Liberia. He has helped Liberian students to study in the U.S. and continues to work closely with the resurrected Ricks Institute, a Baptist school ravished along with much else by civil war in Liberia. Two-thirds of the people in Liberia were at one time displaced from their homes because of the devastating civil war that ended in 2003. Pastor Helms has written HOPING LIBERIA(2011, Smyth & Helwys). With proceeds from that book and others, he created the Bricks for Ricks Foundation that, along with donations, helps fund needed housing projects in Liberia. A Board of Directors Meeting followed the Regular Meeting with 12 members present.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = Health & Wellness - We collected 178 used eyeglasses and 59 and did 63 vision screenings at Peachtree Ridge High School.

Loganville Lions Club = ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING - ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY "THE MIDNIGHT PRAISE" SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND HYMNS, CATERING PROVIDED BY THE MAGNOLIA PLACE RESTAURANT FROM WINDER, GA (GOOD FOOD). PROGRAM CONCLUDED AT 8:30 PM. REMAINING FOOD WAS GIVEN TO A LOCAL CHURCH TO FEED THE NEEDY. EACH LADY WAS GIVEN A POINSETTIA. ALSO DISTRIBUTED CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TO FIVE WIDOWS OF OUR DECEASED LIONS. BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING FIRST HALF OF LION YEAR 2012 AND REVIEW SPEAKERS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING HALF OF YEAR. DISCUSSED OUR TWO ANNUAL FUND RAISERS COMMUNITY CALENDAR AND GOLF TOURNAMENT. DISCUSSION OF A THIRD FUND RAISER FOR THE PURPOSE OF THREE SPECIFIC LOCAL CHARITIES. DECISION MADE TO GIVE POINSETTIAS TO OUR FIVE WIDOWS OF LIONS. DECISION MADE TO GIVE TO CHARITIES EARLIER THIS YEAR THAN IN RECENT YEARS. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE HOURS - 63

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = The Loganville Christmas parade had Lions Chuck Lynch, Wayne White, Tom Gunter, Ben Johnson, Fern Oakes, Vance Oakes and Betsy Grenevitch and her 2 daughters, who carried the club banner in the parade. 72 lions and family members celebrated holidays with family gathering featuring m/m Santa Claus, karaoke gift exchange for younger kids, and celebrated 100th birth day of our oldest member Ivy Morgan. We purchased food for 5 families from local elementary schools for Thanksgiving. This gave them enough food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus leftovers and ingredients for turkey soup. We honored Ivy Morgan for attaining centenarian status in December. Many thanks to Ann Jones for organizing the Xmas party. and to Ann, Helen Thorsby and Chuck Lynch for decorating the hall. Thanks to John Morgan for the music and a final thanks to Santa. Food bank - 1 legacy lion secured food bank donations from southern crescent food ministry for distribution to food banks in Loganville.



Norcross Lions Club = Eyeglasses recycled - 3 pairs of used glasses and 1 case were donated to the GA Lions Lighthouse. The Norcross Lions Club continues to collect used eyeglasses. Christmas Party - The Norcross Lions Club enjoyed a holiday party at the Norcross Station Cafe. We enjoyed our traditional gift exchange game. Edna Berkshire, Treasurer of the Norcross Festival, Inc., was our honored guest. Lion spouses also attended. Optics Lab - PDG John Rudert worked 60 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. Lion Wes Luster also worked at the optics lab for 12 hours. Student of the Month - The Norcross Lions Club honored Norcross High School Student of the Month with a framable certificate and \$100. He and his parents and brother enjoyed dinner with us and were introduced to the club members.



Toccoa Branch Lions Club = Evening Branch Club Moves to Toccoa Falls College Site. The meeting of the evening branch of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on November 15th, 2012 by the club president, Kembra Landry at 7:01 PM. Announcements: Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be the second Thursday in December at BJ's Restaurant on Doyle Street in Downtown Toccoa. The Christmas Party will count as the December meeting for the Toccoa Lions Club. January 17th, 2013 will be the next meeting for the Toccoa Lions Branch Club. It will be held as the Eagles Nest at Toccoa Falls College at 7:00PM.



The Toccoa Lions Club celebrated the joy of the season with a festival Christmas party at BJ's Restaurant in downtown Toccoa on Thursday, December 13, 2012. The Lions and their spouses are pictured here. Seated on the floor left to right are: Dr. Kay Royal, Kembra Landry, Malory Allen, Bill Graham, Dave Stancil and Ashley Stancil. Seated in chairs from left to right are: Dan Black, Mary Sue Crawford, Andy Crawford, Flo Gordon, Phyllis Edmonds, Dr. Frank Edmonds and Welton Carpenter. Standing from left to right are: Randy Shirley, Cheryl Shirley, Barbara Allen-Johnson, James Black, Bryan Gordon, Dale Graham, Carolyn Black, Bev Vanderhoef, Dr. Kevin Vanderhoef, Ruth Smith, Mona Prewett, Loyd Prewett, Claud Smith, Steve Spruill, Roger Rousey, Sheila Rousey, Nick Thomas, Richard Mojica, Margo Taylor, Glenda Barnard, Jack Barnard and Drew Taylor.

Toccoa Lions Club = We accepted an application for membership at our Toccoa Lions board of directors meeting this morning. We will have 49 members when our secretary puts this new person on the books. We are on the verge of 50+ members for the first time in maybe ten years in Toccoa. Bill Graham was right three years ago when he said we need to do more service, be visible doing the service and others will want to get on the band wagon.

Neil DG Sheila BG Mal Grandt antlers Facebook - Toccoa Lions Club members Lions Neil, Dale, Sheila (with Grandt), Bill and Malory (in Lions Costume) get ready for the 2012 Annual Christmas Parade. Ten Toccoa Lions Club members participated in the Toccoa/Stephens County Christmas parade. The weather was perfect, the crowds were great and everyone had an outstanding time.

Toccoa Lions March in Christmas Parade . . . Roary Rides



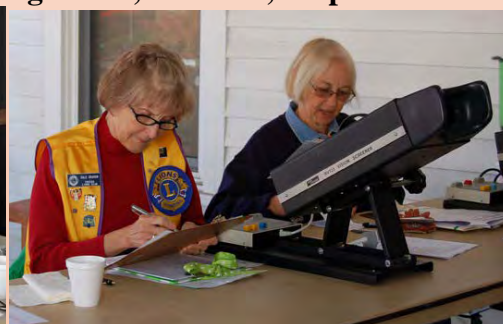
Toccoa Lions Decorate Christmas Tree and Win First Prize



Lions Kembra Landry, Sheila Rousey and Malory Allen display certificate awarded to the club by Mayor David Austin at the Toccoa city commission meeting on December 10th.



Toccoa Lions Performed Vision Screenings at Rest Area Lions Sell Walking Sticks, Whistles, Mops and Brooms



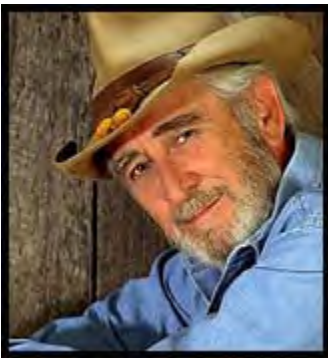
Dale and Margo vision screening



Towns County Lions Club = GIVE-A-CHRISTMAS - Saturday, December 15, 2012 was a great day for Give-A-Christmas at the GMF Anderson Music Hall. About 125 children came out to receive a present from Santa and have cookies and drinks with him. This is less than the number expected but all had a great time. Eighty of the 107 gift certificates obtained for clothing were distributed to those most in need. Those invited to obtain a gift certificate but unable to attend, can go to the GMF office to pick up their certificate this week. We also had drawings for 4 bicycles and 2 scooters. Santa was assisted by 4 LEO club members serving as his elves! There was about 20 lions and their spouses on hand to help with all the activities. Many thanks go out to all who donated gifts, helped wrap gifts, helped decorate the Music Hall, and then assisted Santa on Saturday! You are appreciated and there are many happy children this Christmas because of you!



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Date & Ticket Information
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Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 2 applications for exams and glasses, 3 were sent back for more information, and 3 were denied. **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected:** No report. **Activities/Community Service Activities by Individual Lions** - In December, 6 Lions had 128 hours for community causes including assistance at local food banks and the Georgia Mountain Health program, work with Special Needs Individuals and with the quilting for Veterans program. The Board approved a \$300 donation to the Allegheny Lodge for their Christmas food basket program. •The Board also approved \$25 donation to the Wilderness Scouts. •Lion Lisa read a thank-you from Carol and Roger Rachid for our participation in Operation Christmas Child. Club was responsible for 163 boxes, which included 50 Christmas boxes, 50 to Hurricane Sandy victims, 50 to Native American groups, and 13 to other groups. The club also donated 1500 knit caps made by a volunteer from Branann Lodge. **Programs:** 13Dec This was our annual Christmas Party and was held at the Blairsville Restaurant. •Prior to dinner, Lion Arthur Gurr presented check for \$300 to members of the Alleghany Lodge for their Christmas Food Basket Program. •After dinner, Lion Bob Wood invited all Lions Families to have their portrait taken in front of the Christmas tree. •Lion Lisa Little presented Certificate of Appreciation to the owners of the Blairsville Restaurant for the great meal they served. •Lion Lisa presented Volunteer Appreciation Certificates to Becky and Mary Mauney for their help at the Georgia Mountain Fair. President Lisa also presented a Key Award to Lion Gene Little for opening the door to at least 2 new Lions. •Lion Lisa then lead several of the officers in a Hersey Kiss game. Participants had to unwrap 6 Kisses while wearing oven mitts. It was won by Lion Roy McKee. •The club then held an ornament exchange. •Lion Mary Arnold was recognized for her fantastic job in organizing the Christmas party. Lion Lisa presented her with an Angel. •Lion Betty Gurr closed the meeting by leading the club in the singing of Silent Night and a final prayer.

Lion President Lisa Little presented Certificate of Appreciation from Operation Christmas Child.



Ms Susie Philips, Chief Tax Assessor's Office in Union County

WORKING LIONS - 88 hours
 NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 149 hours
 Featured articles that appears in local newspapers submitted by Union County Lions *NEWS* Articles: 2 submitted.



Lion Ted Parker of Millsboro, Delaware gave info on his club - They sponsor a Boy Scout troop, provide at least 3 scholarships and much more. Big fund raiser - sale of oyster fritter and soft shell crab sandwiches.

White County Lions Club - This coming Monday we will have Jim McCarthy, author of THE MONEY SPIDERS, speaking to us on the Federal Reserve. This will be an informative and interesting talk and discussion. This is an open meeting. Members, please bring your family and friends. You do not have to be a member to attend. Remember it is on Monday the 17th at Ma Gooches at 6:30 P.M. Hope to see all of you there. Our next meeting is this Thursday, Jan. 3rd. Our speaker will be Vicki Hubbard, 2nd Vice District Governor District 18F. She will be presenting a program on Lionism. It will be informative and interesting, especially to those who are reasonably new Lions or are contemplating becoming Lions. Let's start the new year off right with a show of support for the club and for our speaker.

Winder Noon Lions Club = Peace Poster Contest Winner Presentation - The three winners of the Peace Poster Contest were announced at our club meeting and awards were presented. 1st Place received \$100 2nd Place received \$ 50 3rd Place received \$ 25 Each of the four middle schools in Barrow County received \$50 to purchase art supplies. Collect Glasses to be Recycled - 25 pairs of glasses were collected for recycling during December by the Winder Noon Lions Club. Financial Support for the Winder Boys and Girls Club - \$450 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club to provide scholarships and to assist in special activities at the club. Toy Donations - 24 toys were donated by members of the club to be used by the Winder Fire Department for their Christmas toy drive.

Toccoa Lions Club

~ February 2013 ~

15th – Georgia Arbor Day – Lions Tree Planting – Site TBA

23rd - Pancake Breakfast – Toccoa Elementary School – 7:00 am – 10:00 am (*Open Arms Clinic benefit*)

April 2013

12th & 13th – White Cane Days – Public Solicitations – Wal-Mart - Vision & Hearing Screening – Healthy Kids Day –

YMCA – Date TBA - JR ROTC Cadet Awards Banquet – TBA

May 2013 (*Recycle for Sight Month*)

17th – Lions Golf Outing – Site TBA

23rd - Club Little League Picnic – Site TBA - 6:00 pm

Jefferson Lions

February 01, 2012 Zone 3 Meeting @ Golden Corral in Winder, 7:00pm Club Officers

Saturday, March 16, 2013 Pancake Supper

Saturday, April 20, 2013 White Cane

Monday, April 22, 2013 Lyle Robbins Pass out Calendar work sheets

Monday, May 13, 2013 Spring Picnic Calendar work sheets due

Monday, June 24, 2013 Officer Installation



ZONE MEETINGS: All President's and Secretary's should plan to attend these meetings while inviting any and all of your club members that would like to come.

Mark Bradley, Region III Zone I Chairman - 706-654-5693- marktireman@windstream.net

Wayne White, Region III, Zone 2 Chairman – 770-875-6494 – limaal30052@yahoo.com

Bill Graham, Region I Zone I Chairman - 706-779-6990 - blueberryfarm@windstream.net

January 17th, 2013 7pm, Martin Lions Club, Martin Community Center. The topic will be the use of the internet for communications and training. The use of the District/State/LCI websites will be demonstrated and discussed including use of the LCI Training and webinars.

April 2nd, 2013 7pm, Lavonia Lions Club, Lavonia Community Center, Lavonia, GA. Topic to be developed from issues and needs of Zone/District.

Anne Mundy, Region II Zone II Chairman – 706-864-5899 – annem@windstream.net

Louise Little, Region II Zone I Chairman – 706-374-6638 – genelittle@hotmail.com



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Annual Lighthouse Meeting

When:

Saturday, January 26

Where:

Macon, GA - Macon Marriot City Center

Guests can start making their room accommodations either online or by calling 866-882-4465 and mentioning the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation or the booking code llflfa.

9:00 a.m. –9:50 a.m.— Lighthouse Trainings

Vision & Hearing Screening
Facebook and Lions
Lighthouse 101

10:00 a.m.—10:50 a.m.

Optical Shop—Eye Clinic
White Cane
Trustees

11:00 p.m.—11:50 p.m.

Luminary, 1949 Club & Bequests
Healthcare Reform and Lighthouse Strategic Plan
White Cane (second session, same as 10am session)

12:15 to 1:30pm

Annual Lighthouse Volunteer Meeting and Elections!

Lunch is \$25, please RSVP by Jan. 5 to
Sarah Gardner at sgardner@lionslighthouse.org
Or call, 404-325-3630 ext. 306



Service Numbers

From July to November 2012

People having eye exams
141 were from 18-D

People have better vision after
receiving a pair of **glasses**
134 were from 18-D

Eye surgeries were performed.
20 were from 18-D

Hearing aids through the
dispensation
61 were from 18-D

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4 Dec
Athens

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18 D District Chair:

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Information from Lighthouse Chair Kembra Smith on upcoming Lighthouse elections:

The Lighthouse Board of Directors have agreed that, consistent with the current Lighthouse constitution, each district can have one director per district. We also agreed that, during the 2013 transition from six to four districts, Districts L & N should elect--**at their district conventions**--district directors for 2 year terms, and districts I and O should elect--at their district conventions--district directors for 1 year terms; following this transition and the service of those terms, the districts will then each elect 2 year terms in rotation.

The Lighthouse Board of Directors have also agreed that each of the new districts L, I, O, and N should nominate a Trustee to be elected--**at the January 26, 2013 Lighthouse Volunteer Meeting**--from their new district to serve a 3 year term. The current Trustees, whose terms do NOT expire in 2013, will be permitted to serve the remaining portion of their 3 year term, no matter what district they may be from now or be from in July 2013.

Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events

**Saturday, January 26
Annual Lighthouse Meeting
Macon, GA - Macon Marriot City Center**



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
Ken Fuller
hiawasseeken@yahoo.com



Dear Georgia Lions,

We started the month of November by travel-ling to Mule Day in Calvary Georgia. We (myself as well as two summer staffers) sold 500 raffle tickets in one day! If we can do that in one day, what can you sell with two months left?

The weeks following were spent planning Christmas Camp as well as being with family on Thanksgiving. I absolutely adore this time of season because of the sweetness that is shared in fellowship with others. 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 65 people including volunteers descended upon the camp to spend a weekend growing and learning together.

My favorite part of the weekend was not the snowball wars, although that was by far the most fun, it was making the goodie bags for the homebound. Every camper made two bags for someone else. They saw the good in lending a hand. Isn't that what you as a Lion do...? Lend a hand?

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

Kristen

Dates to Remember:

Winter Meeting of the Camp Warner Robins Feb 2 & 3, 2013

Winter Work Weekend March 2013

Spring Work Weekend April 2013

Board of Directors Meeting - State Convention, Augusta, GA May 31-June 2, 2013

Merri Blount
Camp Secretary

CAMP VICE PRESIDENT & TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind report to Council of Governors on November 12, 2012 by President Doy Barks on election of Camp Vice Presidents

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: With the redistricting, all new 2013-14 Camp Vice Presidents will need to be elected from each of the 4 new Districts during the rallies. They are elected in the same manner and at the same time as District Governors. Lions interested in the position will need to submit a Letter of Intent on a timely basis. "Candidates must have served at least one full term as a Regular Director/Officer or as a Region/Zone Chairman and Associate Director of the Corporation. Each Vice President will be elected for a two-year term and will be eligible to succeed himself/herself for one additional consecutive term." In order for us to get on our correct rotation basis, this time the Vice Presidents from Districts L and N will be elected to serve a one year term, 2013-14. The Vice Presidents from Districts I and O will be elected to serve 2 year terms, 2013-15.

Also being elected at the same time will be 4 Camp Board of Trustee members. “A candidate for Trustee shall be a Lion or Lioness in good standing. Each Trustee must have shown an interest in, and actively supported the Camp. The Trustees shall be elected from within each sub-district in the same manner as the District Governor. Each Trustee will be elected for a three –year term with two of the Trustees terms to expire each year.” To establish a rotation, this year only Districts L and N Trustees will be elected for a 2 year term and District I and O Trustees will be elected for a 3 year term.

Candidates for both of these positions must have Letters of Intent to run to their District Nominations & Elections Chairmen on a timely basis. Elections will be held during each District Rally at the same time as election of District Governors!

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Silent Auction 2013 State Convention



The Silent Auction for the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind is back! Lions Clubs are encouraged to donate a theme basket for the GLCB Silent Auction to be held during the 2013 State Convention in Augusta. This is a great opportunity to get your club members involved.

Theme baskets are only limited to the creativity of the club members. If your club selects to do a beach basket then members could bring items that remind them of their beach experiences. How about a chocolate basket for that chocolate lover? College football teams are always popular! Please remember to attach a list of items in the basket and the total value. The baskets will be on display during the State Convention and bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

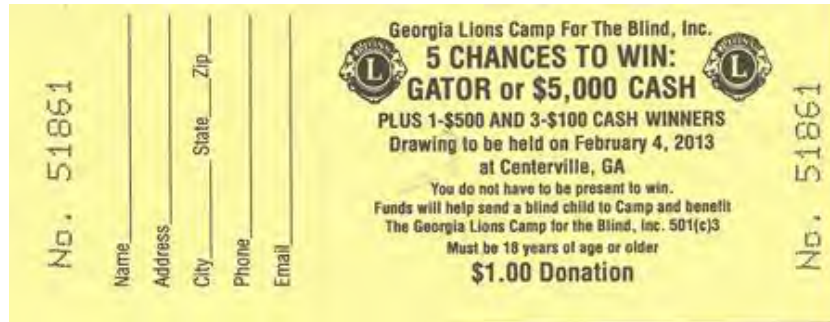
If you have any questions, or if your club will be donating a theme basket, please email Dimple Forrest at forrestfam-ily@windstream.net.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in Augusta.

Lions of Multiple District 18

We need your help. By now every club in Multiple District 18 should have received your Camp for the Blind Raffle Tickets. As you can see there are five chances to win. **The Gator or \$5000.00 CASH, \$500.00 and THREE \$100.00 CASH Prizes.** The drawing will be held on February 4th 2013 at Centerville, GA. **Each ticket is a \$1.00 donation.** Remember, if you need additional tickets. Please contact me or your local Vice-President for the Camp. Thank you in advance for you service to the Camp.

Sell those raffle tickets!!! Get the word out to Lions and non-Lions alike. Promote our camp! The raffle drawing will be held February 4, 2013 at the spring meeting in Warner Robins. By this time, all clubs should have received their tickets, either by mail or in person by the district leadership team. Just a few reminders: (1) should a donor decide they want the tax deduction, their check will need to be addressed to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Send it to the camp, via your club treasurer. (2) All cash donations can be accounted for and a single check from the club can be issued; again, make the check out to GLCB. (3) All ticket stubs must be either sent to me or to the camp. Any further questions, feel free to give me a call or send me an email.



Memorial Gardens Brick Application form

Cost of each Brick: \$100

Sponsor or Applicants Address

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB _____

PHONE(H) _____ (C) _____

EMAIL _____



BRICKS MAY BE: IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF, TO AN INDIVIDUAL CLUB, LION, SPOUSE, FAMILY, OR A DESERVING DONOR. THERE ARE THREE ENGRAVED LINES ON EACH BRICK WITH A TOTAL OF 13 CHARACTERS (LETTERS) ON EACH LINE. Please FILL IN THE LETTERS OR NUMBERS NEEDED FOR YOUR BRICK. USE ONLY SPACES NEEDED.

Please mail this form ,with attached check to :

**Georgia Lions camp for the Blind
 5626 Laura Walker Road
 Waycross, GA 31503**



Please mark your designation for the donation so that we might credit the appropriate account and send the names and addresses of the individuals who are to receive an acknowledgement letter.



Meet your new District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey

Face transplant recipient Dallas Wiens moves ahead - in good company



SOUTHLAKE -- With his fiancée and a golden retriever named Charley by his side, Dallas Wiens is going in a new direction.

The 27-year-old Fort Worth resident was the first person in the U.S. to receive a full face transplant after his face was burned in a 2008 electrical accident, but doctors could not replace his eyes.

Tuesday night, Wiens stood before the Southlake City Council to thank the Southlake Lions Club for raising the thousands of dollars needed for him to get Charley, a service dog, from Leader Dogs for the Blind. The council recognized the Lions Club with a proclamation.

Charley, whose official name is Charles Emerson Winchester III, is a 2-year-old dog trained at the program in Michigan, which was started by Lions Clubs. Wiens got Charley in June. He said he has become more independent and can go places on his own. Before, he used a cane.

The Lions Club's gesture "offered me a means of transportation that's unparalleled and a level of independence that I never thought I would be able to achieve," Wiens said as he spoke to the crowd in the council chambers. "It is phenomenal to see other people give up what they have to benefit others."

His fiancée, Jamie Nash, said the dog has been life-changing.

"He's really given Dallas a lot more confidence," Nash said. "It's just awesome what the Lions Club has done." Wiens was in a bucket truck painting Ridglea Baptist Church on Nov. 13, 2008, when his head touched a high voltage power line. He had multiple surgeries at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas before the face transplant at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in 2010.

The lengthy recovery eventually led him to join a support group for burn victims at Parkland. That is where he met Nash, a 29-year-old Garland resident who was badly burned on her arms in a wreck in 2010. She acknowledges that she was texting while driving.

Since then, she has spoken at high schools about the dangers. They know the pain -- he's had 38 surgeries and she's had 31 -- and they have dedicated themselves to helping others. She started a nonprofit called jamienashtxtl8r.com, and they say they are forming another called Pain With a Purpose.

Wiens said it is their way of giving back to the community so others who have serious accidents can find peace. It's about moving from the state of being a victim to having a life with a purpose, Nash said. The two went on a date on Christmas Eve and have fallen in love over the last year, they said. Nash recently had a surgery that straightened her fingers. In November, the couple went ring shopping. "He proposed right in the ring store," Nash said.

The couple plans to marry March 30 at the Fort Worth church.

Leader Dog Summer Experience — Live Independently

Friday, June 21–Friday, June 28, 2013

Summer Experience 2011

Who says blind kids can't climb walls? Not us. Not them.

Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience is a free, one-week camp experience for 16 and 17 year olds that is all about fun, learning new things, challenging yourself and making new friends. But most importantly... it's one week of strengthening your independence in new ways.

- All services are provided at no cost to participants including air travel (certain travel expenses not covered).
- 1:3 instructor to student ratio to ensure a personalized experience for all participants (maximum of 20 participants).
- Participants have their own room with bathroom, TV and mini-fridge.

Apply today! (Download the application)

Application deadline is Monday, April 1, 2013. <http://www.leaderdog.org/programs/youth/index.php>

Our Experience



Be yourself. This is a place to be physically active, learn new skills, share experiences and hang out with new friends in a community designed just for you.

Try something new. You'll be outdoors, climbing rock walls, kayaking, riding a tandem bicycle—we'll literally have you swinging on ropes.

Enhance your skills. Not only will you have the chance to live and work with a Leader Dog, we'll give you a new Kaptan PLUS GPS device and teach you how to use it. When you leave here, your Kaptan PLUS goes with you so you can practice your new travel skills at home.

Develop your leadership ability. Learn how having a can-do attitude, learning about others and focusing on having fun can make you a great leader.

Room & Board

You'll stay in the residence facility on our beautiful campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Boys and girls reside in separate areas of the residence and are supervised by Leader Dog staff. Leader Dog covers the cost of housing, meals, activities and travel. Participants may bring pocket money for souvenirs.

Note about meals: Dietary requests/restrictions accommodated.

Safety

We are committed to offering a safe environment where you can have fun and push your limits. All activities are designed to ensure the safety and the well-being of participants. The Leader Dog Summer Experience is licensed by the State of Michigan.

Check out all the videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/leaderdogvideos/videos?view=0>



"I am not totally blind, but there are things that I know I can't see. A cane doesn't guarantee that I will miss an oncoming car, but Zoey will be able to ensure that I stop.

I attended summer camp at Leader Dog a couple of years ago and loved getting a chance to work with a guide dog. That's why I decided to come back."



From the desk of State Chair Lion Fred Smith
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Dyslexia Warning Signs



Many young children struggle with reading. Causes of this frustration can be linked to learning disabilities such as dyslexia. Early detection and Early detection and interventions can be extremely beneficial for children showing signs of learning difficulties.

Pediatric Neuropsychologist Nichole Dawson, Ph.D. helps families and children with reading and learning disorders. She has teamed up with national nonprofit Learning Ally to help inform the public about learning differences and their early “markers” or warning signs. Things to look for include difficulties with:

- learning the alphabet, identifying letters, and/or processing letter-sound relationships;
- learning nursery rhymes, preschool songs, the days of the week, the months of the year ;
- learning to count and recognizing numbers;
- reading out loud (slow, “choppy” and error-prone);
- breaking word sounds apart, or blending them together;

Dr. Dawson also points to several other warning signs in children, including:

- a history of challenges in speech and/or language development;
- weak fine motor skills, messy handwriting and/or trouble learning to write letters, numbers, or even their own name;
- trouble with repetitive learning of facts, vocabulary, names of people and places;
- trouble with math, especially learning math facts and computation.

Children exhibiting some of these symptoms should be evaluated by an expert in reading impairments. Parents should seek out one of the following to initiate the evaluation process: school psychologists, pediatric neuropsychologists, educational therapists, and speech language pathologists.

Many children with learning differences suffer from low self-esteem as a byproduct of their reading challenges, and large percentages end up dropping out of school if they never receive help. However, there are many resources that can help children with learning differences achieve reading success. Early detection is key to success.

[Learning Ally](http://www.LearningAlly.org) is a 65-year old national, nonprofit organization that helps individuals with print disabilities – including dyslexia, vision impairment, and other physical disabilities – achieve educational success, build confidence and develop reading independence. Learning Ally’s audio textbook library of 75,000 digital titles is the largest of its kind in the nation, containing a vast collection of core subject textbooks for K-12 and college, as well as popular literature titles.

For information about Learning Ally’s family memberships, or to check out its vast audiobook library, visit www.LearningAlly.org.



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Facility Dogs in Educational Settings



Lynn and Laiker and Robin and Fairfax

Special education teachers, Lynn and Robin teach children with moderate to severe disabilities at the same elementary school. Their Facility Dogs, Laiker and Fairfax, work alongside them in the classroom.

Laiker and Fairfax make practicing fine motor skills fun when students get to brush them, play fetch with them and feed them. Also, Laiker and Fairfax encourage students to verbalize or use their communication devices in order to tell them to "sit" or praise them for a job well done. Best of all, Lynn and Robin use play with the dogs as motivation for students to complete their assignments and work extra hard.

Elizabeth and Yori

Elizabeth and Yori's classroom is for students with moderate to severe autism, grades kindergarten through third.

"My students are functionally nonverbal. They are very content as a whole to not speak, but they want to speak to Yori," Elizabeth says.

"There is one student who I spent years trying to teach to say hello and goodbye. Then one day he started saying hello and goodbye to Yori. Soon he said it to me, and now he does it with his fellow students," Elizabeth explains.

Dan and Abigail

Facility Dog Abigail also works in a special education classroom. One thing unique about Facility Dog Abigail and the work she does with Dan is that Dan is an art teacher.

Abigail helps Dan's students feel at ease and accepted enough to fully participate in art class and experience the joys of expression through art.



Lion
Diabetes Awareness Chair

The top 10 foods nutrition experts won't feed their kids

Friday, December 14, 2012, 11:07 AM - By Beth Wallace

In my quest to make the world of pediatric nutrition less confusing for parents, sometimes the simplest information is left out. Sometimes it seems like all you hear is, "Try this!" or "cook it this way instead." I know you get a LOT of information about what, when, and how you should feed your kids.

I also know that sometimes you just want to cut through all of the mumbo-jumbo and know what NOT to feed your family. I am certain that there are several things that you don't give your kids because you think they are too unhealthy. So, in a very fun experiment, I asked twenty well-respected, experienced, pediatric nutrition experts what foods they refuse to provide to their own children. The children range from 18 months to 20 years old, and each list I received seemed better than the next. So without further adieu, I give you...

The top 10 foods experts won't bring into their home:

1. Sugar sweetened beverages- This was the overwhelming #1 item on everyone's list and it includes soda, juice drinks, iced tea, lemonade, and powdered drink mixes. These beverages provide no nutrition benefit and are the #1 source of excess calories in adolescent diets. Drinks that were allowed: water (tap for filtered), flavored milk, seltzers, and 100% fruit juice.
2. TV dinners and prepackaged lunches- Another selection on almost every list, these items were banned due to high sodium contents, high fat, and minimal nutrition value (vitamins, minerals, and whole grains).
3. Packaged breakfast pastries- Whether you toasted them or ate them from the wrapper, these items ranked high due to large amounts of sugar and minimal fiber. Though it's better than nothing in the morning, the experts preferred alternate convenience items like granola bars made with whole grain oats, fruits, and nuts.
4. Sweetened and artificially colored cereals- One dietitian who wrote this on her list said, "if I gave my kids the options of rainbow colored cereals with marshmallows and sprinkles, or a brown whole-grain cereal, guess which one they'd pick every time? That's why they don't get the choice." I couldn't agree more. Another option: Make sugary cereals a dessert option only, and make sure it's served in a small bowl.
5. Canned pasta meals- Refined white flour pasta mixed with tomatoes, preservatives and canned meats? There's not much good I can say about this. Consider making

some extra servings of your own spaghetti and meatballs, mix in some vegetables, and freeze in single serving containers for easy reheating.

6. Fruit cups in syrup- Fruit packed in syrup was an absolute no for the experts. These items were considered more acceptable as long as they were packaged in water or juice.
7. Canned meats- These highly processed items were typically too high in fat and sodium for anyone to serve in their own home. An alternative deemed acceptable was canned fish packed in water.
8. Chips (of all varieties)- Puffed, fried, or kettle cooked, these items all made the unacceptable list due to the empty calories and ease of overeating. I will admit that the group was realistic about the fact that this was an inevitable item to avoid at many parties.
9. Hot dogs- The parents of younger kids were concerned with this item being a big-time choking hazard. Parents of older children had it on their list due to high fat and sodium contents. For both reasons combined, it stayed out of most homes.
10. Packaged desserts- Store bought cookies, cupcakes, and other baked goods because they generally contained trans-fats and were loaded with sugar. The other option? Baking treats with your kids so that you know what ingredients are in the product, and to teach them some classic family recipes.

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This was certainly not the complete list, but a great place to start. What do you avoid for your family?

Beth Wallace, a registered dietitian at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, has more than six years of experience in providing nutrition care for children and adolescents.



American Diabetes Association
TourdeCure



I'd like to volunteer for the Tour event in:

Atlanta, GA

May 19, 2013



The Ann Jackson Gallery selected the MD18 Peace Poster Contest winner from the District D entry from Grace Halley a 12 year old student from Gwinnett County and the entry came through the Snellville Lions Club. Congratulations to Grace!

Our World, Our Future

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on 15 November 2013. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Our World, Our Future."

AWARDS: Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

International Grand Prize Winner receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of \$5,000 and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2014.

23 Merit Award Winners each receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

How to Enter: Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. It costs \$10.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor a school or organized sponsored youth group:

- Official Club Contest Guide & Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules
- Participant Flyer may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group



LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Our World, Our Future

"NEW" The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is included in Peace Poster kit and on the LCI website.

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on 15 November 2013. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Imagine Peace."

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. A *Lioness club* can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.

- Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced.

- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.

- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Kits are available 15 January – 1 October 2012:

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

Advocating Against Hunger



To achieve our vision of a hunger-free America, we must build partnerships across the public and private sectors. Everyone can play a role. No other organization or individual can do more to help put food on the table for people in need than our federal government. Feeding America works to educate elected officials about the impact of food insecurity in their communities and identify and advance policy solutions to put struggling families on the road to healthy, hunger-free lives.

Our public policy goals are based on our values and mission. Together, we are working to ensure that:

- [No child is at risk of hunger](#)
- [Food banks are well stocked to help those in need](#)
- [Families have a solid foundation by having access to nutritious food](#)
- [People can get help during hard times](#)

Help us advocate for programs and policies that bring relief to individuals and families struggling to get by. Your voice can, and will, make a difference. To learn about how to join our advocacy team, [take action now](#).

Children Facing Hunger



Did you know that more than 16 million children in America live in households struggling with hunger? That means that more than 1 in 5 children may not always have enough to eat. In the world's wealthiest nation, children can't always get the nutrition they need to thrive. This is unacceptable. Working together, we can change that.

Hunger impacts kids in a variety of ways. Food insecure children don't develop and grow as well as others. They may have more difficulty learning and may not do as well in school. They are more likely to get sick and are more likely to be hospitalized. The effects of child food insecurity are severe and they can last a lifetime.

Feeding America believes that investing in child nutrition programs is an investment in a healthier future. Several federal programs are targeted to provide children nutrition assistance both in and out of school, including [The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#), [The National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#), [The Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\)](#), [The Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#), and others. For more information about child nutrition programs, visit [Feeding America's Policy Center](#).

Help During Hard Times

We all need help from time to time. Whether you've lost your job and can't make ends meet or you simply need assistance reaching the top shelf, we all turn to our friends, family and neighbors in times of need. More than 50 million people—1 in 6—struggling with hunger in our country, people in our communities need a little help putting food on the table.



Our nation was built on a sense of community—that together, we are stronger than we are as individuals. That is the spirit in which Feeding America advocates for programs that help struggling families put food on the table. With our economy fighting to emerge from the greatest recession since the Great Depression, people in communities across our nation need help getting back on their feet.

Creating a hunger-free America requires a partnership that brings together charity, business, and the public sector. Food banks cannot meet the need for food assistance without a strong federal commitment. That's why programs like the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#), [School Lunch](#), [School Breakfast](#), and [WIC](#) are so important. They can bring relief to millions of families through effective, efficient, and equitable means and can respond when times are hard. For more information about our nation's anti-hunger programs, visit [Feeding America's Policy Center](#).

Well Stocked Food Banks

Our network of more than 200 food banks was created to provide short-term, emergency hunger relief for those who've fallen on hard times. Together our food banks serve more than 37 million people nationwide.

However, with unemployment remaining stuck above 8%, high food and gas prices, and cuts to programs that help low-income people, food banks across the nation are feeding over five million people per week. At the same time, some of our main sources of food are declining and the cost of doing business is increasing, meaning many food banks are doing more with less.



Feeding America's vision of a hunger-free America starts with ensuring that our food banks are well stocked so that anyone in need of a meal has access to one. Federal hunger-relief programs like [the Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\)](#) and the [Commodity Supplemental Food Program \(CSFP\)](#) provide healthy, American grown products—including fruits, vegetables, and proteins—to emergency food providers like food banks to distribute to needy people in their communities. For more information on how these programs operate, visit [Feeding America's Policy Center](#).

Solid Foundation for Families

Our nation is known as the Land of Opportunity. Yet we have 50 million people in America who don't always have enough food to eat.



Food is more than sustenance. Food brings us together as families and communities, in good times and in bad. Yet as the effects of the Great Recession linger on, many individuals who never thought they would need a helping hand have turned to food banks and the federal safety-net for help with the most basic human necessity—food.

When people in our communities don't have enough food to get through the day, it costs us all. Food insecurity creates health problems. Children may struggle to learn. Workers may be less productive. Opportunities are lost.

Seniors shouldn't have to choose between filling their refrigerator or filling their prescriptions. Families shouldn't be asked to sacrifice hot meals to pay the utility bills. Kids shouldn't go to sleep with empty stomachs. Not in this country.

Our vision of a hunger-free America means we have a solid foundation for families—where new opportunities are created because nobody has to worry about finding enough food for their family. For more information about the role public policy can play in achieving this vision, visit [Feeding America's Policy Center](#).

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The 2013 Lions International Trading Pin Club Scholarship forms are now available. There is a March 1, 2013 deadline to send to either Lion Ed Menger or my self. If Georgia has more than two (2) Ed and I will select two to send into LITPC. Go to the LITPC website to down load the instructions and forms. Hope we can get so interest for the graduating seniors. WEBSITE www.litpc.org go to the scholarship link. If questions feel free to contact me.

PDG Don Wagner
LITPC Treasurer, Georgia - USA

WAYS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN'S (AND OUR OWN) RESOURCEFULNESS AND CREATIVITY

Avoid discouraging phrases and negativity: Judgmental comments penalize creative experimentation. Resist phrases such as: "No, that's not how you do it; here, let me do it for you," "That would never work," or "Can't you ever do anything right?"

Show respect for creative effort: Display children's stories or artwork on refrigerators and bulletin boards. Kids love to see their labors of love put on display by their parents.



Tis the Season for Service

The holiday season reminds us to count our blessings, reflect on the previous year and remember the less fortunate members of the community. Schools often undertake service projects to assist those in need and instill the value of service in youth. As you get in the holiday spirit, consider reaching out to a local school to see if Lions can help organize or carry out a service project. And while you're there, don't forget to tell educators about Lions Quest.



Lions Quest curricula offer step-by-step lesson plans for transforming service into service-learning, which connects service to academic coursework, empowers students to take leadership roles in the process and gives students opportunities to reflect and celebrate the service experience. Contact us if you'd like to learn more about [Lions Quest](#) or request [materials](#) to share with a school.

Numbers of Note

- 1 [One in ten](#) kindergarten and first grade students will miss a month or more of school this year.
- 2 "The brain at positive is 31% more productive is than the brain at negative, neutral or stressed." In addition, dopamine floods the system at positive and opens up the learning centers of the brain. Shawn Achor, *The Happiness Advantage*.
- 3 [Grateful teens](#) are 17% happier, and they experience a 13% drop in negative emotions and a 15% drop in depressive symptoms, plus decreases in drug and alcohol abuse and problem behaviors at school.

In the Community



Location: Cranford, New Jersey, USA

Equipped for Success

A senior at Cranford High School in Cranford, New Jersey, Blake O'Donnell is looking forward to starting college. With all of the changes that occur when beginning the journey to adult life, she will have many new educational and social challenges ahead of her. But, perhaps without realizing it, O'Donnell has had special preparation for this time since elementary school, when she began participating in the Lions Quest program.

Rounding out her education for life

Lions Quest is Lions Clubs International Foundation's [positive youth development program](#) for kindergarten through 12th graders. The Lions Quest program provides teachers with tools and strategies for teaching students age-appropriate important life skills and fostering character development. Students around the world like O'Donnell are learning key qualities such as responsible decision-making, creating positive interpersonal relationships, resisting peer pressure and engaging in community service.

Now that she has been through the Lions Quest program, O'Donnell considers it to be an invaluable part of her school experience. "If I didn't have the Lions Quest Program, I wouldn't be who I am now. My confidence is...greater than what I thought it was going to be. It has helped me be confident in decision-making with everything. I'm able to make friends better because of it. Without the program, I probably wouldn't be involved with school activities or organizations."

More confidence for the future

Lions Quest not only helps students learn to work together, handle difficult situations and develop self-esteem, but it builds skills that will be crucial to their success in the future. "I definitely learned organization skills, and it will help me a lot with college courses and homework. It will help me get along with new people and live with a roommate I don't know," said O'Donnell.

And importantly, the service-learning activities O'Donnell participated in through Lions Quest laid the groundwork for a lifetime of community involvement. "When I'm older I know I'm definitely going to give back because it just feels really good."

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2013 MD 18 CONVENTION

Augusta, GA

May 31 – June 2, 2013

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION

NAME (check boxes that apply) Each person receiving a hospitality book must be listed.	# Hospitality Books	# M/JF Luncheon tickets	Lion (check)	Leo (check)	Guest (check)	Dietary Restrictions (type)

Club:		District:	
Address:			
Email Address:			

Hospitality Book Includes: 2 District Breakfasts and District Governors Banquet on Saturday Night.

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2012	\$95.00	Oct. 1, 2012- Dec. 31, 2012	\$105.00
Jan 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013	\$125.00	After April 30, 2013	\$140.00

Hospitality Books	#	@	each	Total Amt.:	\$
M/JF Luncheon	#	@	\$30.00 each	Total Amt.:	\$
Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Georgia MD Convention			Total Amount Due:	\$	
Check #/Cash:	Date Paid:	Amount Paid:		\$	

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