



18-I

January 2014

We Serve

District Bulletin



District Governor Ed Hashbarger

Fellow Lions,

Happy NEW YEAR to you ALL!

This is Founder's and Re-dedication Month. Also this is Remembrance Month for our not forgotten Lions. Please take a minute of your meeting time in silence in their honor.

Best laid plans of Mice and Men often go awry – no fear – this just means opportunity is near. More on this later.

Time is getting short and each club should start and prepare for your nominating committee to nominate Club officers in March. The sooner you get the PU 101's out, the sooner the new Presidents and Secretaries can get the information that they need from Lions International. Training for President's, Secretaries, Treasurer and Zone Chairs will be forthcoming. As you know – orientation will be held on 22 February – bring ALL new members.

All Lions who wish to take on a position within the District – please contact 1st VDG Vicki Hubbard – she has many positions to fill and needs your support.

Also, who can apply for the Order of the Golden Chain? Get your Awards Committee started now to go through the State Awards Program – carefully go over the 36 items listed and see how many you can apply for. Go to this web site: <http://galions.org/directory/state.pdf>

We also have a few clubs that need to get there donations in to the 4 initiatives (Lighthouse, Camp, Leader Dog and LCIF). District 18-I should be able to Lead the way in giving 100% to each of these initiatives.

Check out page 3 and fill out the registration form for the upcoming District Convention. This is a new location so go to your MapQuest and get the directions. This will be the time to vote for your next District Governor along with the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, District Librarian and Lighthouse District Director.

We have been going up and down in regards to membership. If you have been looking at the club activities listed within the Bulletin each month – you can see that the clubs who report many activities seem to have an average membership of 30 or more members. An active club means active happy members and such clubs have no problem in retaining their members because they are ACTIVE. Members drop out when no action is going on within the club – GET ACTIVE and get your members involved. You know that I am only a telephone call away and you can also use the email to contact me if you need help. I'm 24/7.



Let's start the New Year by adding new members onto our rolls and get them involved. There is

You have to get the word out.

Communication is the KEY!

Make sure you pass the WORD.



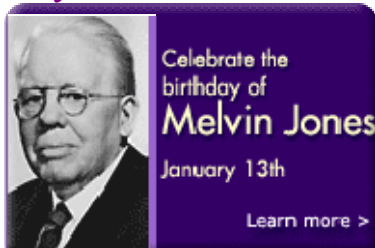
Yours in Lionism,
Ed

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



12-14 January: LCIF Week

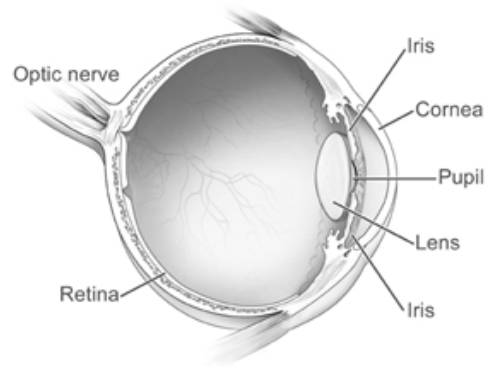
January is Glaucoma Awareness Month
What You Should Know What is glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve and result in vision loss and blindness. However, with early treatment, you can often protect your eyes against serious vision loss.



What is the optic nerve?

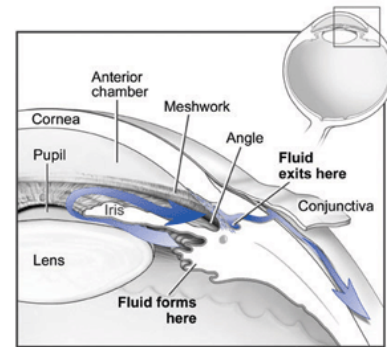
The optic nerve is a bundle of more than 1 million nerve fibers. It connects the retina to the brain. (See diagram below.) The retina is the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. A healthy optic nerve is necessary for good vision.



A cross-sectional diagram of the eye, showing the optic nerve at the back (left side of diagram).

How does open-angle glaucoma damage the optic nerve?

In the front of the eye is a space called the anterior chamber. A clear fluid flows continuously in and out of the chamber and nourishes nearby tissues. The fluid leaves the chamber at the open angle where the cornea and iris meet. (See diagram below.) When the fluid reaches the angle, it flows through a spongy meshwork, like a drain, and leaves the eye.



Fluid pathway is shown in blue.

Sometimes, when the fluid reaches the angle, it passes too slowly through the meshwork drain. As the fluid builds up, the pressure inside the eye rises to a level that may damage the optic nerve. When the optic nerve is damaged from increased pressure, open-angle glaucoma—and vision loss—may result. That's why controlling pressure inside the eye is important.

For more information – go to this web site = <http://www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma/content/english/know.asp>

Planning Ahead



Camp for the Blind Winter Meeting and The Annual Lighthouse Volunteer Meeting will be held on 1-2 February 2014 in Warner Robins, Georgia.

18-I District Convention 22 February



Our guest speaker will be Donal W. Knipp and his wife, Betty from Auxvasse, Missouri

COUNTRYSIDE CATERING
20 BUSBIN DRIVE
WINTERVILLE, GEORGIA

Training sessions to start at 9am = **Member Orientation** - This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend **see page 10**

The Cabinet Meeting will start at 11:00 am = what's the 4 initiatives? Convention will start at 12 noon

Come one, **come all...**

Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis. Check your email or mail box

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline is February 8, 2014

Convention cost includes Training Session, General Meeting, and Luncheon.

YOU NEED TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING, GENERAL MEETING, and LUNCHEON below:

Name	Training Session 9:00-10:00	Convention General Mtg 10:30-11:30	Luncheon 12:00 Noon	Dietary Restrictions

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

Luncheon Reservations	#	@ 16.00 /each	Total Amt. \$
Payable to "Lions of Georgia, District 18 I"		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





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

Barry J. Palmer

First Vice President



LCIF Donation Video

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We hope you enjoy it!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CX5k_hXQ9w (Preview)

Thank you for all you do for Lions and the Foundation. I hope each of you is having a wonderful holiday season!

Celebrate Family and Friends Month in April!

There's nothing more important than family and friends. In April, let's show them how much they mean to us, and how much your Lions club means to the community. Family and Friends Month



in April is an opportunity to invite your family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. Organize a service project, plan an open house, host a lunch or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love.

Download the [Family and Friends Month flyer](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me50.pdf> and get the word out to your members today! [Learn more about Family and Friends on the LCI website](#) =

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/family-and-friends-month.php>

Listen to Lions Online Radio



The [Lions Clubs International Online Radio](#) is now streaming music for free for your listening pleasure! Listen to your favorite songs on stations including Greatest Hits, Oldies, Country Hits and Classic Country. You'll also stay up-to-date with regular international news announcements that affect Lions everywhere. Access the Lions Radio [directly from the LCI website](#), or visit the [Lions Radio page](#) = <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/radio.php> and choose a media player of your choice (Windows Media Player, Quicktime, Winamp, etc.). Enjoy!

Watch the January Issue of Lions Quarterly

The [latest issue of Lions Quarterly](#) (LQ) video magazine is now available to view and download on the Lions News Network. Watch how Lions continue to respond to Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines in November. Lions in

Iceland restore their environment by planting trees and grass, while Wisconsin Lions plan a successful statewide "Stuff the Bus" event that provides school supplies and books to children in need. Finally, get a sneak peek at the fun and excitement in store for the 2014 Lions International Convention in Toronto!

Lions Clubs International **LIONS QUARTERLY**



Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions are helping victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

CONTESTS

2014-2015 Peace Poster Kits

Purchase through Club Supplies starting January 15. Order on the 15th and get with the Middle Schools and get started NOW. Don't wait till school starting in August. Give the children time to think and draw.

HIGHLIGHTS

Lions Clubs Blog

Read our blog for stories, news, photos and videos.

President's Service Blog

Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

EVENTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Dear Lion,

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank your admirable service work through your clubs and Clubs International Foundation. LCIF would not be without [your support](#) and dedication to service.



This can easily be seen through your disaster relief response to [Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines](#). As I was shown the devastation and wreckage during my recent visit there, I was humbled and saddened by what I saw. But I also saw Lions' efforts to provide aid, including where other organizations could not. This filled me with great pride. Lions on the ground have made a huge difference in the months following the typhoon.



Lions around the world are helping to amplify typhoon relief efforts through more than US\$ 1 million in disaster relief donations to LCIF. The Lions, Multiple Districts and countries that have made large contributions and commitments for the Philippines can be [found on the LCIF website](#).

Along with Lions, our partners at VSP Global should also be recognized for their commitment – they are matching every dollar that VSP Global

employees donate to LCIF for disaster relief in the Philippines, up to US\$10,000. We are grateful for everyone's support – every dollar helps and can restore hope when someone has lost everything.

I witnessed more of Lions' dedication to supporting LCIF at several recent fundraisers. Contributions made at local golf events in Japan and MD 300 Taiwan will strengthen humanitarian programs. And I am looking forward to attending a [Lions golf fundraiser and tournament in Spain](#) this March. Lions must register by January 31, 2014. The tournament proceeds will support LCIF's efforts to [stop measles](#) worldwide.

Lions around the world are truly making a difference. I am excited to see what the next few months hold for Lions and LCIF as we continue our humanitarian efforts to change lives.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



The Miracle League field being built in Newton County got a nice boost Thursday when the Covington and Oxford Lions Clubs and the Lions Club International Foundation donated \$75,000 to the effort. The money will go to finish construction of the concession stand and restrooms, said Richard Brown, president of the Covington Lions Club.

Sight for Kids Changes Bhavani's Life

With 12.8 million children visually impaired due to [uncorrected refractive error](#) (URE) in Southeast Asia, it isn't surprising that S. Bhavani was diagnosed with myopia (nearsightedness). In children, URE is especially devastating because poor vision at a young age can impede their ability to learn.



The LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care [Sight for Kids](#) (SFK) program provides much needed eye health education and conducts school-based visual screening for underserved children in cities across Asia. The program also provides referrals to professional eye care for eyeglasses and surgery. It is through this program that Bhavani received a vision screening and a referral for his myopia.



It was at the L. V. Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad, India, that Bhavani received the follow up care he needed, including free eyeglasses provided through SFK. Now, Bhavani is reading well and participates in extracurricular activities. He also has great aspirations for his future: "I am so happy and confident. Now with this pair of spectacles, I am able to do all my activities without any difficulty. My thanks

to you," said Bhavani. "I will become a doctor, helping my parents and society."



Editor's Note



SECRETARIES

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

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



Lions on the Web

Go to this web site:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/online-community/lions-on-the-web/index.php>

Connect with Us Online



Save this on Your Smart Phone

Apple Devices:

In Safari tap the middle "Save To" button (above: looks like an arrow coming out of a box). On the pop-up choose "Add to Home Screen", enter a title such as "Lions Clubs", and tap Add. A Lions Club icon will appear on your Home Screen.

Android Devices:

Bookmark this page in your default browser (typically Chrome). Open the Apps drawer and go to the widget section. Find the bookmark widget and place it on your device desktop. Select the bookmarked web address when asked by the widget creation process. Now you can tap on the widget and the web address opens in your browser.

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***

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(Preview)

Thank you for all you do for Lions and the Foundation. I hope each of you is having a wonderful holiday season!



Just wanted to share my August email to club presidents with you...

Please take a moment to read my message below. I am asking club leaders to focus on keeping current members satisfied with their club experience. Be sure to check out the new *Membership Satisfaction Guide*, and encourage clubs to engage youth in an August service project. I have also encouraged clubs to get started with the *How Are Your Ratings?* survey so they can get their clubs prepared for the Club Excellence Process.



Dear Lion,

We're nearing the end of the calendar year, and the holiday season is upon us. It's a time to gather with family and friends. It's an opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. It's a moment to celebrate, and there is much for Lions to celebrate.

Every day, we are adding new Lions around the world and increasing our ability to serve. Every day, clubs are changing lives in their communities, and Lions are changing the world through our global humanitarian efforts. And we couldn't do it without you.

The success of our organization depends on the strength of our clubs and the vision of our club leaders. On behalf of Lions Clubs International, I'd like to thank you and your members for your hard work and service!

*Lion Barry J. Palmer
Your International President
2013-2014*

Welcome Your New Members!

Build a foundation for success and membership satisfaction by offering New Member Orientation. Orientation helps new members better understand your club, our association, and their opportunities as a Lion.

The Lions Mentoring Program pairs new members with experienced Lions to help new members set goals, plan activities and develop leadership skills. Remember, membership satisfaction is the key to keeping all members happy—whether seasoned or new!



Share the Joy, Feed the Hungry

The holidays are a time of joy, but for those who go hungry, it's an especially difficult time of year. There are people in your community who don't know where their next meal will come from. Here's how your club can help:

- 1) Organize a food drive with a community partner
- 2) Help sponsor a holiday meal at a homeless shelter
- 3) Support a local school program to feed low-income children
- 4) Check on local seniors to make sure they have enough food

You can find more project ideas for the Relieving the Hunger campaign. Let's work together to make this holiday season a little brighter for someone in need.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/liad461.pdf?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20President%20Palmer%20Club%20Nov2013%20EN

1. Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

Contact Information

Website: www.foodbanknega.org
 861 Newton Bridge Road
 Street P.O. Box 48857
 Address Athens, GA 30604
[Map it](#)
 Phone: 706.354.8191

Population Served: Number of counties served: 14
 Total pounds of food distributed annually: 8,952,914

Types and numbers of services agencies distributing food

Emergency: 127 Soup Kitchen: 9 Shelter: 4 Residence: 6 Day Care: 7 Multi-services: 6 Senior: 6 Rehabilitations: 13 Youth Programs: 19 Other Programs: 13

Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)

Fresh Produce, Back Pack, Repack Bulk, Job Training, Kids Cafes, Salvage, Purchase Program, TEFAP, Mobile Pantry, Non Food Distribution, Nutrition Education, Food Stamps, Senior Brown Bag / Food Box Distribution, On-Site Agency Shopping, Farm/Orchard/Raise Fish

2. Atlanta Community Food Bank

Contact Information

Website: www.acfb.org
 732 Joseph E. Lowery
 Street Blvd.
 Address Atlanta, GA 30318
[Map it](#)
 Phone: 404.892.9822

Population Served: Number of counties served: 29
 Total pounds of food distributed annually: 33,478,591

Types and numbers of services agencies distributing food

Emergency: 323 Soup Kitchen: 29 Shelter: 19 Residence: 51 Day Care: 29 Multi-services: 233 Senior: 11 Rehabilitations: 29 Youth Programs: 69 Other Programs: 6

Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)

Fresh Produce, Salvage, Purchase Program, TEFAP, CSFP, Other Service : Hunger Education,(consulting & support), Hunger & Poverty Advocacy,, Mobile Pantry, Non Food Distribution, Eligibility Counseling, Food Stamps, Community Garden, Composting

3. Golden Harvest Food Bank

Contact Information

Website: www.goldenharvest.org
 3310 Commerce Drive
 Street Augusta, GA 30909-
 Address 4417
[Map it](#)
 Phone: 706.736.1199

Population Served: Number of counties served: 30
 Total pounds of food distributed annually: 13,499,593

Types and numbers of services agencies distributing food

Emergency: 296 Soup Kitchen: 7 Shelter: 1 Residence: 14 Day Care: 0 Multi-services: 23 Senior: 0 Rehabilitations: 8 Youth Programs: 11 Other Programs: 44

Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)

Fresh Produce, Back Pack, Salvage, Purchase Program, TEFAP, Mobile Pantry, Nutrition Education, Food Stamps, Senior Brown Bag / Food Box Distribution, On-Site Agency Shopping



GLT UPDATE

Happy New Year Lions! It's time to make our New Year's Resolutions again. I hope one of your club's resolutions is to make your club stronger in 2014. The best way to do that is to conduct the Club Excellence Process. Contact me, Lion Pete Stamsen, and/or Lion Steve Williams for more details.

We are excited about our Member Orientation Training that will be held before our District Convention on February 22nd. Please encourage your members, especially new members, to attend this training. If our members don't know all about Lions, how can they be passionate about their work? We look forward to seeing you there!

There are still webinars available on the LCI website as well as the Lions Learning Center. Let's make 2014 the year that we educate ourselves about the greatest service organization in the world. It's great to be a LION!!

*PCC Grace Clower
18D Global Leadership Team Coordinator*

Lions Learning Center <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php>

The Lions Learning Center (LLC) provides Lions with the opportunity to develop leadership skills through online learning courses. Courses are categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete. Download [Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/faq-llc.pdf) (pdf).

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/faq-llc.pdf>

New Improved Login: Create a personal profile to take courses and keep a record of your completed courses. View a [quick video](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-llc-video.php) on this process. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-llc-video.php>

Note: The Lions Learning Center (LLC) is a separate system from MyLCI. To create an account and log into the LLC you will use your Lions Member ID number and create your own Password.

Lions Course Categories

Category	Courses
Leadership Courses focused on a broad range of leadership skills to succeed as a Lion leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Lions Leadership• Writing your Personal Mission Statement• Creativity• Mentoring• Promoting Innovation• Managing Change• Servant Leadership
Managing Others Courses geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coaching• Conflict Resolution• Delegation• Effective Teams• Member Motivation• Valuing Member Diversity• Team Motivation
Achieving Results Courses designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting Goals• Decision Making• Managing Meetings• Providing Community Service
Communication Courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective Listening• Public Relations• Public Speaking

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.



Upcoming Webinars

Effective Club Meetings

Basics of good meeting management including meeting planning, agenda preparation, post-meeting evaluation and essential facilitation skills.

Intended Audience:

Club officers who want to run productive meetings while keeping all members engaged

[Wednesday, January 8, 2014](#) [1:00 pm](#)

Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds

Discusses leadership principles such as the importance of using the talents and skills of all “birds,” diverse approaches and strategies to meet a goal and the fact that there is more than one way to “win.”

Intended Audience:

All Lions

[Wednesday, January 15, 2014](#) [1:00 pm](#)
[Friday, January 24, 2014](#) [8:00pm](#)

The Dream Continues: Lionism as a Past District Governor

Webinar addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of Lion life after service as a District Governor.

Intended Audience:

Current and past district governors

[Friday, February 7, 2014](#) [8:00pm](#)
[Wednesday, February 12, 2014](#) [1:00pm](#)

You’ve been a Club President...What’s Next?

Explores district-level leadership opportunities including committees, chairperson opportunities and the zone chairperson role.

Intended Audience:

Current and past club presidents who want to explore district-level opportunities

[Friday, March 7, 2014](#) [8:00 pm](#)
[Wednesday, March 12, 2014](#) [1:00 pm](#)

UPCOMING SEMINARS =

- April:** Is it Your Dream to Become a District Governor?
- May:** Conflict Resolution

Hello Lions,

We have 2 brochures in hand which we wish you all could have. It’s regarding the subject Leadership Forum. You have members in your clubs whom you feel are leadership candidates and I would like for you to share this info with them / your club. At this Forum, there will be Past International Directors / Presidents, professional motivational speakers and an author to talk on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be over 60 seminars for you to choose from in the 2 ½ days. Visit the website at www.usacanadalionsforum.org for more information.

The goal is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. There will be a “super” seminar called “The Main Event for Leadership and Membership”—one of so many reasons to attend. It is your opportunity to be part of a wonderful learning event and meet impressive Lions like yourself that serve for the betterment of their communities and the world. Let’s focus on our potential leaders and encourage attendance to this Forum (or any upcoming USA / Canada Forum).

You can make time to see the Island’s natural attractions such as the majestic rain forest, three magical bioluminescent bays and an amazing ancient underground cave system, just to name a few. Puerto Rico is also considered the culinary capital of the Caribbean for its incredible array of world-class restaurants and chefs. And, it’s also a haven for shoppers with a fabulous selection of shopping venues. You can also visit <http://www.suzidavistravel.com> for more information.

Leaders of today must groom leaders of tomorrow!

Take care, Lion Earl



Lions Clubs International

Just Ask!

**JOIN THE CLUB.
Make a difference.**



Membership = Now is the time for all good quality adults to be asked to join your Lions Club.

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

Welcome to the Membership and New Clubs Member Center. Here you can find the information and materials needed to start a new club, invite new members or strengthen current membership.

New Members

For New Members

- New Member Welcome Book
- New Member Orientation
- Connect Through Social Media
- Start Shopping

Tools for Success

Strengthen Membership

- Club Excellence Process ***NEW**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php>
- Membership Satisfaction Guide ***NEW**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me301.pdf>
- How Are Your Ratings?
- Mentoring Program
- Club Membership Chairperson Guide ***NEW**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/programs-mem-chair.php>

Invite Members

- Just Ask! Guide ***NEW**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf>
- Family Membership
- Family and Friends Month ***NEW**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/family-and-friends-month.php>
- Student Member Program
- Leo to Lion Program
- Young Adults

The Global Membership Team

- GMT and GLT Leaders
- GMT Resources
- President's Theme

Membership Communication

- Membership Pulse e-Newsletter
- Monthly Webinars
- Membership Blog
- Membership Success Stories

Four Steps to Successful Club Growth

There are many ways to successfully recruit new members. You can invite people to service projects, club meetings or special club events. Your club can conduct an “open house” or a “business after hours” event to promote your club. Growing your club is important because of the difference each new member can make in your club and community. Being visible in the community is one of the keys to recruiting new members.

Although the concept is simple – just ask – it’s essential that your club prepare an effective outreach plan so you are successful when you’re ready to ask. The process has four easy steps:



1. Prepare your club

This phase is about understanding what your club wants to accomplish and what your recruiting and service goals are. Deciding what kind of new members your club wants to recruit is a key activity. CEP, specifically the How Are Your Ratings? survey, can help you identify any issues before inviting new members.

2. Creating your club’s growth plan

This includes the basic planning steps of who, what, when, where and how. The Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide is designed to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth.

3. Implementing your club’s growth plan

In this step, you will reach out to target members and host an informational meeting for them. Inviting members is as easy as asking, but follow up is the key to success.

4. Welcoming your new members

Once you’ve added new members, you’ll want to properly welcome them into your club and involve them in club activities. Be sure to offer orientation and mentoring to build a foundation for success. The Lions New Member Orientation Training Guide helps new Lions understand your club, our association and their opportunities as a Lion. When new members are properly welcomed and involved in club life, they are more likely to remain in Lions for years.

Celebrate Family and Friends Month in April!

Family and Friends Month is your opportunity to invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. Organize a service project, host an open house or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

Visit the [Family and Friends Month](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/family-and-friends-month.php) <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/family-and-friends-month.php> page for planning guides, service project ideas, and tools to make your event a success. Start planning your Family and Friends Month today, and share the dream of serving others in April!



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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. Getting involved is another word for WE SERVE.

Athens Campus Lions Club = Over \$960 worth of toys. Thanks to the manager giving us a 20% discount and getting all the toys for \$800. Went toys for tots shopping!!! To advertise and have some fun for our big Toys for Tots event on Tuesday, Dec. 3, we are trying to put together a Christmas flash mob dance at Tate Plaza the Monday Dec. 2 before the big drive! If you are at all interested and ready to boogie then please sign up on this google doc and we will get you more information!



Buford Lions Club = 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm No meeting today due to the passing of our Dear Friend and Club Treasurer, Bob Riordan. We love you Bob and miss you very much.

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = We gave away popcorn at the 4th annual Clermont Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. A lot of fun seen a few hundred people we knew and didn't know. Introduced the Lions Club of North Hall to everyone that ask. We also had our annual Christmas Party and was well attended. We had invited several guests and they seem to enjoy the fellowship and the ladies left with gifts. Good food catered.

Colbert Lions Club = Enjoyed the pleasure of having the Mayor and City Council at its Christmas Dinner.

Commerce Lions Club = Hosted the spouses of each member to celebrate Christmas. Guest speaker was Dr. David Bowen of the First United Methodist Church. Lion Brad Johnson spent weekly time mentoring at the Commerce Middle School. Drove an antique car in the Commerce Christmas parade that displayed Lions Club information.

Covington Lions Club = December is always an exciting month... Lions Earl and Doreen Stallworth shared fellowship and a wonderful meal at the Social Circle Lions Club Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 2nd. Guest speaker, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Executive Director, Jim Adams, gave an overview of operations, financial status and future for the Lighthouse—what a success story! Makes you think—how can we apply the same principles to our Lions Camp for the Blind? **Covington Lions** worked hard from 6:30 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, December 7, at the **Covington Lions Christmas Parade**, which was co-sponsored by Main Street Covington. Plans started with a February meeting with city officials, Covington Police Department and Lions. Everything came to fruition with a successful Parade that met several new restrictions—all geared towards SAFETY!



And, Channel 11-Alive had cameras for our newly appointed 5-year old Officer Morgan Stewart, who suffers from a muscular debilitating disease. Officer Morgan made an arrest during the Parade. 11-Alive proclaimed Tuesday, December 17, **“Officer Morgan Day”**. Lions and many others joined 11-Alive anchors and weather forecaster. Renowned basketball star, **Sachille “Shack” O’Neil**, came out to rescue a kitty from a tree for Officer Morgan. The theme for this year’s Parade was **“Christmas through the Eyes of a Child”**.

Officer Morgan with two Covington Police Officers

A huge evening for the **Covington Lions** was Thursday, December 12, Ashton Hills Country Club--the scene for much excitement—District Governor, Ed Hashbarger; Past District Governor, Olin Newby; and Past District Governor, Richard Henderson joined PCC and Club President, Richard Brown, with the **LCIF \$75,000 grant** presentation to officials of the Newton County Miracle League. Covington Lions and Oxford Lions met the LCIF grant requirement for the construction of the **Concession Stand & Restroom Facility at the Miracle Field**. This \$2.1M Miracle Field for handicapped children and adults is slated to open in Spring, 2014. Also, Lion Lee Mayfield was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. And, Zone 8 Chair, Earl Stallworth, pictured with Club President, Richard Brown, received a Zone Chair pin from DG Ed Hashbarger. Due to inclement weather, “Twilights at Chimney Park” by the Friends of Newton County was delayed a week, but finally happened on Sunday, December 15th. **Covington Lions** again did their S’ moresth booth and served hundreds of marshmallow on a stick for the bonfire and helped put roasted marshmallows between graham crackers and Hersey chocolate—a special warm treat for a cold night! “Twilights at Chimney Park” was not only fascinating, but exciting as we watched Scrooge drag his chain looking for redemption. Choirs filled the air with Christmas songs.



Covington Lions Club = Covington Lions At Work Our Lions did a great job organizing and supporting this year's Christmas Parade. From setting up the parade route, lining up floats, directing traffic, and collecting donations for The Georgia Lighthouse Foundation and White Cane Day, the Covington Lions helped make the Parade a special day. A special thanks to the Oxford Lions who helped support this great event as well.

[Covington Lions Club Christmas Parade 2013](#) (102 photos)

The rain stayed away and the amazing citizens of Covington came out to celebrate Christmas, kindness, creativity and charity. This year's theme was Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child, and there were countless kids laughing and smiling as they enjoyed the terrific day. The adults looked like they were having a great time too! #weserve #lionsclub — at [Downtown Covington GA. - Main Street Covington](#).



TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS = Newton County – “Miracle Field” - 6 hours, Covington 1st United Methodist Church - 13 hours, Homeless Shelter – Food Delivery - 2 hours, Homeless Shelter – Cooking - 4 hours, Blind Council / Transportation for the Blind - 10 hours, Newton Medical Center - 128 hours, Conyers Presbyterian - 70 hours, Meals on Wheels - 13 hours, Boy Scouts – Covington Troop - 50 hours, Book Buddies - 12 hours, School – 2nd Grade Reading Program - 4 hours, Gideons - 8 hours, CV Lions Christmas Parade - 202 Hours, CV Chimney Park – Friends of Newton Parks - 36 hours, “Twilights at Chimney Park” – Lions S’mores - 30 hours, Website Maintenance - 3 hours, CV Club – Administrative (Agenda, Minutes, Christmas Parade 2nd article, newspaper reporter interview, emails, Zone participation) - 8 hours, Zone 8 – Administrative (emails, District, Zone participation) - 3 hours. **TOTAL HOURS - 598 hours**

Dahlonega Lions Club = Cooked pancakes for the seniors at the senior center. Assistance to Adults/Children.

Dawsonville Lions Club = The Christmas party was held at Achasta Golf Club. We had an attendance of 87 Lions, Woman's Club members and guests.

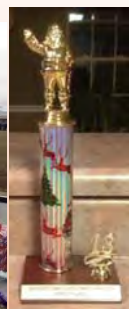


Decatur Lions Club = Collected and donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 83 pair of used eye glasses. Total year to date 510 pair. Three (3) members worked a total of 36 man hours on the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation recycling program (eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids, eye glass cases). Total year to date 321 man hours. Paid \$100.00 for a donation to the Decatur Civic Chorus, which was organized by the Decatur Lions Club. Paid \$50.00 for a donation to Learning Ally. Paid \$50.00 for a donation to Southeastern Guide Dogs. Three (3) members worked a total of 53 man hours on a fundraising project. The Decatur Lions Club members enjoyed our annual Christmas social. Two guests were also present.

Evans Lions Club = On 14 December the club manned the Salvation Army bucket from 10-8PM at the Evans Kroger. No report yet of how much was collected. The club was in competition with other area Lions clubs. The club hosted the U.S. Marines in November to kick off the drive and receive the collection boxes. On 19 December the U.S. Marines were invited for lunch at the 19 December meeting and received the all the collected toys.



Grovetown Lions Club = This is why we do what we do. Another donation (500.00) that we were able to give to Columbia County Community Connections which provided children in need with a meal after school, tutoring and sack lunches on the weekends. It is a great feeling to be able to help our local community. GO LIONS!



We did it! YES, First place! Go Lions!

Forsyth County Lions Club = Lions Club President Steve Williams presents collected food to Shari Nunez of the Food For Thought Project. — in [Cumming, GA](#). Kudos to fellow Lions Club members for bringing a total of 81 pounds of food for donation the local Food For Thought Project (FFTP). Kudos also to FFTP for helping to fight hunger in Cumming-Forsyth County.



Jefferson Lions Club = **9 December** - Lion Bill Legg introduced our guest speaker, Maeghan Messina, staff associate of the Greater Jackson County Young Life. Young Life is a nondenominational group that develops relationships with youth across the United States and in 90 countries to bring the message of God's love and how it relates to their lives. Maeghan reported that Young Life has been in Jackson County for seven years and works with students at Jackson County Comprehensive High School and Jefferson City High School. Young volunteers from the University of Georgia spend 15 to 20 hours a week on campus with youth at lunch, sports events, Bible studies, or after school club meetings. The Jackson County group has grown from 50 to 100 youth. Young Life also holds a Winter and Summer Camp for youth. Josh, a volunteer from the University of Georgia and Macy, a student at Jefferson High School related their experiences with Young Life. Young Life is funded by donations and is supported by a committee of local adults. Donation to Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Donation to the Jackson County Department of Family & Children's Services. Donation to Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Donation to Learning Ally. Donation to the Children's Eye Care Center. Donation to Camp Kudzu. Donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

On December 14, 2013 Jefferson Lions Jerry Legg, Bill Legg, Dot Hunt, Buddy Hunt, Ronnie Moore, Teddie Lohmier, Rita Gunter, and guest Jack Legg attended the Jackson County Community Outreach Achievement Awards Banquet held at the Jefferson Civic Center. The guest speaker was Michael L. Thurmond, Superintendent of DeKalb County Schools. The Jefferson Lions Club supports this group that provides educational scholarships to deserving Jackson County youth.

Lavonia Lions Club = The Lavonia Lions Club held its 2013 Christmas Party on December 3rd. Its never too early for a Christmas Party! Lions had to brave foggy weather but the Lavonia Lions Club had good attendance at their 2013 Christmas Party. Club President Cindy said "the food was great and everyone had a great time". The festivities included a segment where everyone related one or more of their favorite Christmas memories. This was a great hit. Zone Chair Lion Bill stated that FUN and Fellowship are critical parts of being a Lion and he noted that the Lavonia Lions really know how to have FUN!



LaVista Lions Club = We held our annual Christmas party on December 10th. It will be our only meeting in December. Twenty Lions and their spouses attended in addition to five guests. Bud Jones, a much acclaimed country and gospel singer and guitarist and the son of our own Lion Howard and Pat Jones provided exceptional entertainment. Instead of exchanging gifts we contributed to a worthy cause. At the dinner we collected \$300 for Snax Sax, a program that provides food, over the weekend, for children of low income parents. We had an excellent meal. Tables were decorated beautifully by Pat Lansdell. We have made a contribution of \$500 to the Camp for the Blind from the proceeds of our 60 Anniversary in October. Lion Bob Deryk continues tutor second grades at our Partner in Education, Sagamore Hills Elementary. Lion Bob contributed over 15 hours in December. Lion Ray Rowell continues to build wheel chair ramps in North Georgia for the disabled. We wrapped up our pecan sale, our major fund raiser. We sold over 1100 bags of pecans in five weeks.

One of our recent former members, BOB SMOOT, passed away October 25, 2013. Lion Bob left us about a year ago due to failing health and had moved from the Atlanta area. Lion Bob had been a very active Lion both in our club and earlier in the North Decatur Club and clubs in Virginia. He had over 40 years of perfect attendance and was a Melvin Jones Fellow. He served a club President five times. He was Lion of the Year in his club 3 times. Lion Bob Smoot was 90 years old. We have made a contribution in his honor to the Lighthouse.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = With [Bob Powell](#), Betty Powell, Abe Al-Alazwi, Jackie Al-Azawi, Brian Donegan, Nadia Al-Azawi, Kathy McMillian, Joe McMillian, Judy Stamsen, [Pete Stamsen](#), [Daniel Brimmer](#), [Linda Brimmer](#) and Carol Donegan.

We donated \$100.00 to Lawrenceville Housing Authority for children' toys. We donated \$200.00, food and gifts to a family in need for Christmas gifts. We collected 271 eye glass lenses and 359 used eye glasses. We collected 271 eye glass lenses and 359 used eye glasses. We preformed 46 vision screenings at Peachtree Ridge Business Affair Class.



Loganville Lions Club = PRES. KNIGHT 5 HRS SEC. BYRD 4 HRS TREAS. MORRIS 4 HRS DAN CURRY FOOD PANTRY 12 HRS HOWARD NAZARY HOSP. VOLUNTEER 18 HRS MISCELLANEOUS CALENDER SALES 14HRS. President Knight called meeting to order at 7pm 16 Lions present with 13 spouses Lion Stearman opened in prayer Lion Gower lead pledge of allegiance to flag Dinner was held at the Baptist Church of Loganville Meal was catered by the Master's Table and enjoyed by all. Entertainment was provided by the Midnight Praise Gospel trio and Lion Jerry Golden also participated in the singing Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Our next meeting will be January 20, 2014 at Journeys End

Loganville Legacy Lions Club = 12/6: 23 LLC members, 4 guests and zone chair Earl Stallworth in attendance. Meeting called to order at 12:00 by President Chuck Lynch. Invocation and pledge duties shared by Dr. Henry - Dean of Holy Cross Anglican Cathedral, and David Gravitt, pastor of Loganville First United Methodist Church. It was a very fast-paced, yet productive meeting considering the many agenda items that needed to be covered. Beginning with the Treasurer's report indicating a solid financial situation. A quick review of the holiday dinner followed. Plans for the Christmas parade this Saturday, 12/7 were finalized, with need for minimum of 7 volunteers needed for efficient management of the "STEP-OFF" assured. It was decided LLC would not have an entry in the parade but would end the parade as the last unit on a golf cart provided by local business man Nick Lar. John Morgan will provide power for lights on the cart. Meghan Herdon, executive director of Shepherd's Staff Food Bank Ministry, and her husband Shaun were in attendance to thank the club for its \$250.00 donation presented to them the previous day by Lion Michael Colsten. Lynn Alias Wellborn asked for our prayers for the quick recovery of her soon-to-be fiancée who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident this past Tuesday and is recovering at Gwinnett Medical Center. It was also announced that a donation of \$100.00 each was made to DGED's request. 12/7: 5 LLC members assisted in managing annual Christmas parade from pre-step off to conclusion. Participants' entry fee of can goods for Shepherd's Staff Food Bank that resulted in 940 can goods being donated. 12/8: LLC donated \$100.00 to LCIF Greatest Need per District Governor request. 12/9: per District Governor's request \$100.00 each was donated to Camp for Blind, Leader Dogs and Georgia Lions Lighthouse bucket activity continues as a viable fundraising activity producing \$2400 ly2013 ytd and broom sales, a new initiative for Legacy Lions Club has also proved viable producing over \$1700.00 ytd.

Jingle Jog For Autism would love to have some of our volunteers at their event on **Sat. Dec. 14th from 10-2 at Loganville High School**. LLC had a table at last year's event but this year we offered to volunteer our help instead. The Jingle Jog will support students to attend summer camp, such as Stone Soup and F.A.C.E.S., it also helps support Walton Co. Special Olympics and other activities.



What a great night! Thank you to all who joined us for this festive event. A huge THANK YOU to Ann Jones and Helen Thorsby for handling everything from the food to decorations, you're amazing! Thank you John & Jan Morgan for the music and lights and to SANTA for all the joy you bring, how many kids get to dance with Santa?

Also, I have links to the LLC website and LLC face-book page, so people can read about our club and to see pictures of the 2013 dance.

We need to ***promote, promote, promote*** the dance from now until it happens, and get people to the site to buy tickets. So if you could send out email blasts periodically, that would be a great help. I can also send you updates of ticket sales and T shirt sales, to share with the others so they know about and GET EXCITED about this dance, to help make it a GREAT SUCCESS!!! We need to start lining up several volunteers to help with everything from obtaining or making food, serving the food and drinks, decorating, taking tickets, handing out T shirts, checking in coats, cleaning up, and anything else we may need. I would appreciate your and others' input. Please pass on any ideas you have specifically about how to promote the dance, or anything else, for that matter. (I'm sure you know more about social media stuff than I do.) Thanks for all your help. Call me anytime if you wish, 404 358 5966 (Let me know if you need help with the photos.)

PLEASE fellow LIONS, take a moment to read this and let's all help promote this year's dance! Jan & John have done an amazing job on this and we need to do all we can to help it become a huge success. I told them I would start sending email blasts out weekly after Christmas, so expect to see them often and please pass the info. to everyone you know. Website address is- www.lionsfatherdaughterdance.com



Welcome to the Lions Father Daughter Dance website!

Mark your calendar on Friday, January 31, 2014 for the 2nd Annual Lions Father Daughter Dance from 7 pm to 10 pm held at Loganville First United Methodist Church, 221 Main Street, Loganville, Georgia. The dance is hosted by the Loganville Legacy Lions Club.

Why have a Father Daughter Dance?

A father/father figure who takes a daughter to a dance has a unique and special opportunity to be a positive role model for the future of a young girl. He can demonstrate to her just how a man should treat a lady on a date, setting a standard for comparison for later on.

The dance is open to all ages of daughters and father/father figures – from tiny tots to senior citizens. We welcome young dads with babes in arms, to great granddads with adult daughters and granddaughters. Sorry, no Moms allowed, but ladies not attending the dance can participate by [volunteering](#) to help with decorations ,serving refreshments, or distributing T Shirts during the dance.

Providing great dance music for the event is [DJ “Dr. John”](#) a local favorite, and the selections are always G rated, family friendly, and most of all fun. Tickets are \$10 per person and available for purchase in advance online only. [Click here](#) or at the top of any page to make your purchase. <https://www.xorbia.com/e/lllc/lions-father-daughter-dance>

A professional photographer will be on site to take pictures and will offer special pricing for attendees.

Suggested attire for the dance is Sunday dress, but if a daughter prefers a formal dressy gown and a dad a tuxedo, that will be just fine, too. For an extra special touch you can add a corsage and boutonniere if desired.

Light refreshments will be served during the dance, but you can make the date even more special by going to a favorite restaurant before or after the dance. There are many restaurants convenient to the location of the dance.

A Lions Father Daughter Dance souvenir T shirt for this year's dance is available to order before the event for pickup on the night of the dance. [Click here](#) for ordering information - <http://lionsfatherdaughterdance.com/t-shirt-order-form/>

Norcross Lions Club = Nonperishable food was donated by members of the Norcross Lions Club to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry for their food bank. The Norcross Lions Club and their spouses enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the Norcross Station Cafe including a gift exchange game. PDG John Rudert worked 14 hours this month grinding lenses to fit frames for needy Georgians. He uses the equipment in the Optic Lab at the GA Lions Lighthouse. The Norcross Lions Club supplied hot chocolate and coffee to the children and adults who attended the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Thrasher Park in historic Norcross.

Oconee Lions Club = In December, the Oconee Lions volunteer to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, helping it raise funds for their projects to aid the homeless and less fortunate. Here, 2 lions are assisted by 2 high school students who volunteered to help.



Oglethorpe County Lions Club = Cheryl proved an update on the Charter Party:

Invitations have been designed.

Cheryl requested a invitation list for dignitaries, Dick was going to provide

A motion was made (and amended) to have the party on January 18 as the first choice and January 11 as second, depending on church availability. Start time of 6:30.

Agatha provided update on Christmas in Oglethorpe fund raiser: Event members include Agatha (chair), Pat, Charlene, Elanor, Jean. Cookie dough will be donated by Bret and Split between the members for baking and bagging. Agatha provided a list of items needed for the event. A letter provided by Roger will be given to the Bells Manager requesting donations of the items. It was suggested the letter be modified slightly to be more personally directed to Bells. Roger will re-work and give to Agatha. Cheryl volunteered to approach Sam's Club if Bells could not provide any or all of the items. Agatha and Bret will be attending The Oconee County event on December 7th to learn more on how to run the cotton candy process. Agatha was given the document to request a booth at the event. She will fill out and get to the appropriate resources.

Social Circle Lions Club = On December 2, the Social Circle Lions club celebrated its annual Toys Donation Program and Christmas dinner at the local historic Gunter Hall home. Each member donated at least one toy to the Empty Stocking Fund. The club's guest speaker for the evening was Lion Jim Adams, director of GA Lighthouse. Other guests were our GLT coordinator Lion Bob Norton and his wife Lion Sheila (Winder Noon Lions) and our Zone Chair Lion Bill and Lion Doreen Stallworth (Covington Lions). The club members, family, friends, and guests ended the evening singing Christmas carols. The toy collection totaled 25 items and were immediately donated to the Social Circle Firefighters who submitted the club's toys to the Empty Stocking Fund Program for distribution



Toccoa Lions Club = The Toccoa Lions Club set up their Christmas Tree entry for the 2013 Toccoa/Stephens County Festival of Trees on Thursday, December 5th. The Toccoa Lions Club won First Place in last year's contest. This year's entry is a purple tree with white lights decorated with eye glasses, toy Lions and gold ornaments. The Christmas Tree Skirt was made by Lion Flo. Lion Malory is the driving force behind the club's entry. The project was originated by the Toccoa Lions Evening Branch Club.



As a final touch for the Toccoa Lions Club's entry in the 2013 Toccoa/Stephens County Festival of Trees, The Lions added Christmas packages. The Bows of the packages were adorned with eye glasses. These packages represent the Gift of Eye Sight. The Toccoa Lions also included a Eye Glasses Collection Box to let the public know they can help with the Gift of Eye Sight.

The Toccoa Lions Club participated in the 2013 Toccoa/Stephens County Christmas Parade. This has been a long tradition with the Toccoa Lions. Our Club History first mentions the Toccoa Lions participating in the Christmas Parade in the early 1940's. The weather cooperated again this year and the people lined the streets to see the floats and collect candy thrown from the floats.



Lions Dale, Jack, Flo, Malory, Neil, David and Bill participated. Both the Noon and Branch Clubs were represented. All of the Lions had a great time and lots of FUN. Lion Dale relates, "It was great passing out candy, especially to the younger children. The 2013 Toccoa Lions Club's Christmas Party got a little Crazy towards the end!"

The 2013 Toccoa Lions Club Christmas Party ended with two FUN events. Lion Malory conducted a game of bingo. The neat thing about this game was that the markers were M&M candy. The great challenge was **NOT** to eat your game pieces. The final game involved stuffing pantyhose with balloons and then putting them on your head. It also involved putting a bow on your nose and singing. Three brave Lions (Drew, Jak & Bill) volunteered (or were drafted - depending on your view) for this game. Lion Bill declared that all three Lions tied for the winner but there seems to be photographic evidence to the contrary. The Lions spontaneously broke in to a version of "Hail, Hail, The Lions Are Here" and did a Lion dance of sort. Guide Dog Grandt looked on in disbelief.

The Toccoa Lions Club is blessed to have many talented members. Lion Flo is one of our talented Toccoa Lions. She is an accomplished artist. One of her specialties is painting Lion Portraits. She has painted portraits for all of our local doctors who participate in the Toccoa Lions Sight Conservation Program and she has painted portraits for the Board of Directors of the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation. She paints each portrait to reflect the person getting the portrait. Below is an oil portrait that Lion Flo painted for one of the Toccoa Lions. Can you guess some characteristics of this Lion (think - always wears sun glasses and a hat).



The Toccoa Lions selected a name for their new Club Mascot at the Club's Annual Christmas Party, held on December 12th, 2013. The Mascot's name is Seemore. Lion Flo submitted the winning name of Seemore. She explains that Lions live out their Motto of WE SERVE by helping people see more! Congratulations Lion Flo.

The Toccoa Lions Club held its 2013 Christmas Party on December 12th, 2013 at the Elk's Lodge in Toccoa, GA. The Christmas Party has been a tradition in the Toccoa Lions 80 Years as a Lions Club. This is a time the Lions gather for fellowship, FUN and a time to celebrate Christmas. The Lions also use this opportunity to recognize Lions for their accomplishments. Lion Andy was recognized for 67 Years as a Toccoa Lion and Lion Dr. Frank was recognized for 59 Years of Service as a Toccoa Lions. Some of the other Lions present had service between 30 & 50 years but these were considered rookies by Lions Andy and Dr. Frank.



Lion Steve & Diann were recognized for their outstanding work in the area of Diabetes Awareness. Local Guitarist, Eli, provided the entertainment. Eli has won several first place awards in statewide competitions for finger style guitar.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS = The board meeting of the Toccoa Lions Club was called to order on December 10, 2013 by VP Bill Graham at 7:05 A.M. at Dr. Kay Royal's office with the following board members in attendance: Sheila Rousey, Steve Spruill, Russ Paxton, Ray Cornell, Kay Royal, Bill Graham, Margo Taylor, and Bryan Gordon (by phone). The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Secretary Margo Taylor reported 47 members. Three members have put forth resignations effective Dec. 1, 2013 because they are relocating. These are Kembra Landry, Mallory Allen, and Neil Allen. The resignations were accepted. All three will be missed greatly by the club. Sheila Rousey received the Year-round Growth Pin for recruitment of new members. The Christmas party is this Thursday at 6 PM at the Elks Lodge. Bring a dollar store gift for game prizes. The Lions entry in the Festival of Trees was beautiful and will be displayed at the party. There will be no Sight Conservation intake this month due to scheduling conflicts. The Chili Open will be on March 21st. Lion Kay said that the committee will begin to meet in January. The Spring Pancake Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for April 26th. White Cane will be April 11th and 12th. At the Dec. 19th Branch Club meeting, the Branch Club will be choosing a new president. Calendars will be delivered to Steve Spruill. Members will be contacted when they are ready for pick-up.

The Toccoa Lions Evening Branch Club held its monthly meeting on December 19th, 2013 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Toccoa Church of Christ. Lion Bill opened the meeting, welcoming all of the attendees. He noted that three Branch Club members had resigned, all because of moves. Lion Kembra has accepted a job at the Lighthouse and has moved back to the Atlanta area. Lions Malory & Neal are moving to Nashville, TN. These Lions will be greatly missed, Lion Kembra was our first President and Lion Malory was the driving force on many of the Branch Club initiatives. Prayer Concerns included Lucile, Bryan the Lions mother and Brenda, Bryan's sister. Lion Sheila was also included. Lion Will led the group in prayer. The Lions then did the Pledge. Lion Bill led the Lions in the "Hail, Hail, the Lions are Here" song. The January Board of Directors Minutes were reviewed. Lion Bill next gave the group a review of the Toccoa Lions Club's Constitution & By-Laws. He specifically reviewed the club's Purpose, Vision Statement & MOTTO. Lion Bill next opened the floor for nominations for the vacant position of Branch Club President. He mentioned that Lion Nicole had volunteered to serve as President. Lion Bill opened the floor for nominations. The group had a good discussion on the office of President. The club next entered on a discussion on moving the meeting to Tuesday instead of Thursday. The general consensus was that Tuesdays were good. Lion Sheila gave an update on the Christmas Parade, the Christmas Tree Festival & the Christmas Party. She related that the Christmas Parade can be dangerous. Evidently one of the Floats had a person jump off the Float to take a picture & the Float ran over her leg and broke it. Bad News! The Toccoa Lions did not win the Christmas Tree Contest but we did collect \$125.00 in donations. The Christmas Party was a great success.

Lion Bill led the group in a discussion on membership. The Club has a membership meeting coming up in March. He urged each member to support this effort..

Towns County Lions Club = Every year the Towns County Lions Club raises money within the club and through outside donations to purchase toys and clothing certificates for children within Towns County. A week or so before Christmas we decorate the Music Hall at the Georgia Mountain Fair grounds. The members bake cookies to give to the children along with candy and cider. Each child is given an age related toy and a clothing certificate for \$50. This year we were given the names of 105 children. The son of a member of the club served as Santa this year. The Towns County Lions Club pays \$100 towards the eye exam and purchase of eyeglasses for children in Towns County schools. Each year the Towns County Lions Club gives three college scholarships worth \$1,500 each. The first half of the scholarship is given at the beginning of the first semester. The second half of the scholarship is given at the beginning of the second semester if the student has passed all of his class requirements. There are several lions who participate in packing and distributing food to needy families each week. They also box snack boxes for the children to be taken home so they have food over the weekend.



Welcome to our new members! Sonya and Scott Newton sponsored by Hilda Thomason and Ron Hillman sponsored by Ernie Freda.



Thanks to the Lions and LEOs that. Helped Santa yesterday at Give A Christmas!

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, the LEO Club donated \$150.00 to the Mountain Shelter from funds raising during its Pet Rescue Project in October, Pictured (l to r) Lisa McConnell, Director Mountain Shelter; Courtney Marshall, Carly Gilfilian and Danielle Diehl.



SHOWING OFF THE 900 CANS OF FOOD DONATED BY STUDENTS TO THE LEO CLUB PROJECT TO HELP THE FOOD PANTRY
Jackson Taylor, Nick McConnell, Mia Manto, Carly Gilfilian, and Danielle Diehl.

LEO President Courtney Marshall at Give-A-Christmas. — with [Courtney Marshall](#).



Union County Lions Club = Sight/Hearing: Approved 1 applications for exams and glasses, **Membership:** No report. **Glasses Collected:** No report. **Activities/Community Service Activities -**

Board Meeting: On December 2, 2013, President Mary Arnold contacted the available Board members by phone to vote on a motion by Lion Arthur Gurr to make a \$250 donation toward the Allegheny Lodge's annual Christmas food basket program.

Programs: December 12, 2013 Regular Meeting. President Mary introduced Lion Arthur Gurr who presented a check to Doug Shay of the Allegheny Lodge for their Christmas Basket program. They put together 165 boxes this year. Each family receives 3 boxes which is enough food for about a month. They also provide food baskets to the widows of former Masons. Social Concerns – Jim and Cindy Wentworth reported that they took Christmas Dinner to Marge and Les Myers who were unable to join us tonight due to Les's health. Lion Paul Clark provided an update on Lion Roy McKee who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. President Mary presented an award to Lions Bob Qualtieri and Gene Little for all their work at the Farmer's Market. President Mary then introduced tonight's singers Mitzi Kirkland and Karle Kidd who entertained us with several Christmas songs. Following dinner, the club held its White Elephant gift exchange. Mitzi and Karle then entertained us with several more Christmas songs. When they finished, Lion Paul then presented them with a plaque in appreciation of the entertainment they provided.



Esther Batye special guest of Lions. A true miracle – Esther was a happy, active, two year old one day and the next day in the hospital with doctors saying that she may not live through the night! The problem? Encephalitis with some other airborne viruses and when it was determined that Esther would live, there was brain damage and the family's life was forever changed! Now, at 15 – this remarkable, talented, 15 year old was the Community Service Winner in the Miss Sorghum Festival Pageant! Esther's parents did not accept the diagnosis that Esther would forever be totally impaired. Esther mother worked with her through the years with the assistance of sign language with her music ministry. Yes, music has been a big part of Esther's rehabilitation. At the recent Lions meeting – Lions witnessed a lovely, 15 year old perform the most beautiful interpretive dance that this group have ever seen. Esther's facial expressions and graceful movements were that of an angel of the Lord!

WORKING LIONS - 79 hours
NON LION COMMUNITY HOURS - 141 hours
FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSISTING LIONS - 36 hours
Total: 256 hours
Submitted: 3 news article

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 - 62 pairs of glasses and 18 pairs of lenses were collected for recycling. \$450 was donated to the Winder Boys and Girls Club to provide scholarships and to assist in special activities at the club. \$100 was donated to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in honor of David Hall, Loyd McHargue, Donald Hardigree, and Elaine Summerour.

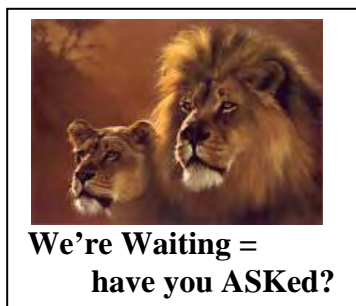


Online Registration for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Is Open

The Island of Enchantment is beckoning you. The beauty and history of San Juan, Puerto Rico will be the backdrop for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held September 11-13, 2014.



While there may still be plenty of time to register, early-bird discounts won't last. [Click below to register now.](http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails)
<http://members.lionsforum.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1665684&eventId=739000&EventViewMode=EventDetails>
 You will be redirected to our official forum registration page. You'll be glad you did!



Did you submit yours?
 E-mail = edmclionh@bellsouth.net or
 Go on-line = www.edmclion.com/ or





GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP June Phillips, PDG
junelieu@aol.com

Check out the new **Lighthouse Vide**
 Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!
<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>

Dear Georgia Lions!

Attached is the proposed Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. Constitution & Bylaws with amendments noted in red for review.

[Proposed Revision.LH Const.Bylaws2013](#)

<http://lionsofqa18l.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Proposed-Revision.LH-Const.Bylaws2013.pdf>



Ask The Lighthouse

Do you have questions about the Lighthouse or any of its programs? Did you recently discover something about the Lighthouse that you think other clubs may not know? Please write to Jake at JWarren@lionslighthouse.org with your questions or comments so they can be published in The Beacon, your district newsletter, the state magazine, and here on the website.

Regarding Lighthouse Services

What are the qualifications for receiving services through the Lighthouse?

The qualifications depend on the program.

For our eye clinics and glasses:

- Patients must have been a legal Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Patients may not have insurance that covers the service we provide. (E.g., Medicare covers eye exams, but not glasses. So patients covered by Medicare are instructed to get their exam and a prescription through their doctor, but we will help with the glasses.)
- Patients must have a household income below 200% of the federal poverty guideline.

For our eye surgery program:

- Patients must have been a legal Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Patients may not have insurance that already covers the surgery.
- Patients must have a household income below 100% of the federal poverty guideline.

For our digital hearing aid program:

- Patients must have been a legal Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Patients must not have insurance that covers hearing aids (many insurance companies consider hearing aids "cosmetic" and do not cover them. Therefore, simply having health insurance is not enough to preclude someone from receiving assistance with hearing aids through the Lighthouse).
- Patients must have a household income below 200% of the federal poverty guideline.

(For the 2011 Federal Poverty Thresholds go to this web site)

http://www.coverageforall.org/pdf/FHCE_FedPovertyLevel.pdf



Service Numbers

From July to Oct 2013

People having eye exams
150 were from 18-1

People have better vision after receiving a pair of glasses
516 were from 18-1

Eye surgeries were performed.
33 were from 18-1

Hearing aids through the dispensation
189 were from 18-1

Get involved!

Whether through charitable giving or volunteering, there are many ways to support your Lighthouse!

Upcoming clinic dates in your area:

16 August – Athens

Contact Judith at 800-718-7483 or JKerr@lionslighthouse.org for more information about volunteer opportunities.

Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses
18 I District Chair:
Ken Massingale, PDG
 E: g_massin@yahoo.ie



WHITE CANE

White Cane contributions help fund the eye surgery program at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The Lighthouse is a major service partner with the Lions of Georgia, and it is the obligation of every Lion to help the organization continue to provide services to Georgians in need.

The last few years have been extremely difficult for Georgians. Many of our fellow Georgians cannot afford the surgery needed to restore or save their sight. That's when the Lions of Georgia come to the rescue through the services offered at the Lighthouse.

This year's state-wide White Cane goal is \$120,000.00. Over the past few years, White Cane contributions have gone up and down, averaging around \$113,000.00. In order to reach this goal, we are emphasizing a few key points:

1. Remember White Cane is neither a one day nor a one month but is a "year round" project. "Every Day in Georgia is White Cane Day."
2. White Cane fundraisers are not limited to bucket drives. Clubs have been very successful with letter writing campaigns, calendar sales, recycling drives, product sales, and a variety of less common fundraising techniques.
3. Each year, funds that are meant to be designated for White Cane are recorded as regular club gifts instead. To ensure your White Cane gift is used toward the Lighthouse's eye surgery program, please make sure your treasurer writes "White Cane" in the "for" or "memo" section of the check.

Thank you for all you are doing to help the uninsured in Georgia regain their sight as we continue to serve. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

J.C.Coeffield, MD18 White Cane Chair
coffield@cox.net
Home 478-922-9023
Cell 478-955-9132

Dear Lions,

Please note the date for the third quarter annual Lighthouse volunteer meeting-

**Saturday, February 1, 2013
Warner Robins, Georgia**

SAVE THE DATE!

Lighthouse Volunteer Winter Meeting

Friday, 31 January –

Saturday, 1 February 2014

Hilton Garden Inn, 207 North Willie Lee Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia

7:00am-8:30am - Lighthouse Board of Directors

11:45am – 1:30pm – Volunteer Meeting and Lunch

1:30pm – 2:00pm – District Directors Training

2:00pm – 2:50pm – Lighthouse 101

3:00pm – 3:50pm – White Cane Committee

4:00pm – 4:50pm – PDG Meeting

6:00pm - ??? - Dinner – Pay at the door – Cost ??

NOTE: Meeting Room Assignments will be posted in hotel lobby.



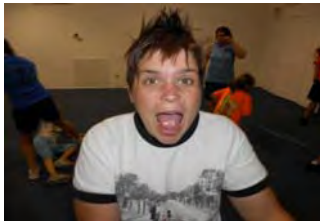
Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Alison Kuhlke
Marketing Director
404-325-3630 ext. 306



Lions Camp for the Blind
Olin Newby, PDG
newby@wildblue.net



RENTAL Guidelines for User Groups/Licensee
What Lions should know

Pre-Orientation

The Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc., quests that the Primary, Secondary, and Third Points of Contact be available for a brief Orientation to the Facilities requested above prior to the arrival of the guests. Licensee's should schedule this meeting with the Camp administration and check in at the Offices.

To: Lions of Georgia

Planning for Summer Camp: The camp budget for the 2014 summer session has been revised to stay within the expected income without using additional funds (borrowing from the trust fund) and return of the previously unused \$50,000 to the trust fund account before 2014 ends.

- There are three general ways to compute a cost per camper:
- a. ANNUAL cost of the camp divided by number of campers \$326,000 divided by 114 equals \$3,000+ cost per camper;
 - b. SEASON costs of the camp divided by number of campers equals \$2,400 cost per camper;
 - c. SWAG – Most often confused with a “Camper Registration Fee” of \$225 cost per camper. “A” is the closest number which is why the services of the camp must be expanded to cover new cliental (sources of income) for an extended period of the year. This will greatly decrease the “cost per camper.”

Fellow Lions,

On December 6th, 7th and 8th of December the camp was host to some 60 campers for the weekend. From what I have found out the campers had a good time.

According to recent income figures the camp registration income for December was \$270.00. Year to date this figure is \$1,040.00. You can see many of the campers are not paying a registration fee and are being paid out of camp donations. If a person from your county is attending camp it would be good if the Lions Club in that county would try to get the registration fee for the campers. District I has contributed \$23,292 with 27 clubs out of 57 contributing. If your club has not contributed please consider, sometimes this spring, having a special fundraiser for the camp.

Remember, we have the Memorial Gardens at the camp. Anyone can buy a brick for \$100.00 in honor of someone or in memory of someone. Also, the 1976 Society commemorates the founding date of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Persons who choose to be a part of this society pledge to contribute at least \$19.76 a month for the year they are a member, or \$237.00. Your gift will be credited to your local Lions Club. Please consider this as a way to help the camp.

I would also remind you that many clubs have not sold their raffle tickets. I am asking that you have a special drive to sell all the tickets for the drawing to be held at the State Convention in Macon on May so" to June 1st 2014. If you need more tickets let me know. Send your money to the camp and send me the ticket stubs.

If you're Club needs a program about the camp let me know Olin Newby 706-678-77907 Leave message if I am not home.

Thanks for all of your support to the camp.
PDG & Vice President Olin Newby

CAMP FOR THE BLIND

Fundraising...

District Competition Kickoff

Football has nothing on the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. During the GLCB Meeting in Macon on September 15th the Hephzibah Lions Club kicked off the district competition with a donation from their Poker Run.

Yes, a district competition is off and running. The club in each district that donates the highest per capita to the Camp for the Blind will be the district winner. The total of Club Donations to the camp divided by the total Club Membership as of April 30 will determine the district winners. Please see what your Club can do to increase your support for the GA Lions CAMP for the BLIND.

The four winners will receive an engraved brick for the GLCB Memorial Garden to be presented at Lions Day at the Camp in July. Camp donations must be received by April 30, so now is the time to start increasing your donations and try to make your club the district winner.

District Committee Chair

<i>Pete Stamsen</i> / I	770-995-9274		pstamsen@bellsouth.net
<i>Brian Donegan</i> / I		404-630-2910	doneganbrian1@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact Dimple Forrest at 706-472-3862 or forrestfamily@windstream.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

Camp for the Blind Winter Meeting

Friday, 31 January – Sunday 2 February 2014

Hilton Garden Inn, 207 North Willie Lee Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia

Saturday	Committee Room	Committee Room	Committee Room
1:30pm – 2:00pm –	Constitution & By-Laws	Planning	Finance
2:00pm – 2:50pm –	Personnel	P.R. & Promotions	Policy
3:00pm – 3:50pm –	Fundraising	Building & Grounds	Awards
4:00pm – 4:50pm			Nominations
6:00pm - ??? - Dinner – Pay at the door – Cost ??			
Sunday			
8:30am – 10:00am	Camp Executive Committee		
10:30am – 1:00pm	Camp General Meeting		



NOTE: Meeting Room Assignments will be posted in hotel lobby.



District Leader Dog Chair Lion Sheila Rousey s_rousey@truvista.net

Winifred Bailey—From Watching to Learning to Action



From 1950 to 1954 Winifred served the United States in the Air Force as a cryptographer. We thank her for serving our country and helping to keep our freedom.

While working in Birmingham, Michigan, Winifred Bailey would often see Leader Dog instructors training dogs and teaching clients how to work successfully with their new dogs. She never ceased to be amazed as she watched the dogs stop at curbs, stop when a moving car drove by, or when they rode up and down on escalators. As she watched, she was always aware that the person working with the dog was either blind or Deaf-Blind. Though she thought the dogs were totally amazing, she also thought that she was thankful she was not blind.

In 1994 her sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Stanley Kosmalski, became involved with Leader Dog and Winifred learned even more about the organization. In 2008, she made her first gift to Leader Dog at Stanley's memorial service when she filled out an envelope and gave a donation in his memory.

Through the years Winifred became a dedicated friend and loyal donor to Leader Dog, helping to change many lives. She believes Leader Dog is an exceptional nonprofit, especially because our clients do not have to pay a single cent for their training or their Leader Dog.

Winifred would like to encourage everyone who reads this article to become part of Leader Dogs for the Blind by becoming a donor.



Who's been on the "naughty" or "nice" list?
Santa telling Tanker what a good boy he's been 2 weeks before returning to Leader dog.

What do you and your dog do for "play time"?



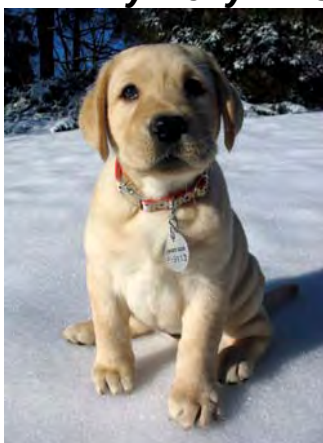
One of the most common questions I am asked about my leader dog Gracie is does she ever get to be just a dog. Yesterday on the ice with Gracie and my wife playing fetch and believe me she plays as hard as she works. The amazing thing is I could come off the ice and put her harness on and like flipping a switch she takes care of me. I have had her for almost a year and a half and it still brings a tear to my eye thinking about how awesome she is!

Leader Dog Ryder is ready for the holidays! He's contributing to the decorating... sort of. Ryder wanted to help decorate



Winter Concerns for Your Dog

By Kelly Wilson, DVM



Colder weather is approaching and there are potential hazards you should be aware of to keep your dog safe.

As people winterize their cars and change or add antifreeze to their vehicles, watch for spills of this toxic liquid. Antifreeze is sweet-tasting, and dogs are attracted to it. Even a few laps of antifreeze can destroy a dog's kidneys and become a life-threatening condition.

Future Leader Dog Meg

Salt used to melt ice can also be a hazard to your dog. Salt may get stuck between your dog's toes and cause irritation. If salt is stuck to its feet, your dog may ingest it while cleaning itself after coming inside. After walking outside in the cold and freezing temperatures, make sure your dog's paw pads are clean of any snow, ice or salt, and be on the lookout for wounds on the feet caused by stepping on broken ice.

For minor scrapes or abrasions, wipe with warm water, do not let the dog lick the area. Do not wrap the foot. Any bleeding wounds or limping dogs should be examined by a veterinarian.

Please share this information with any friends or family members who have dogs so we can keep everyone safe this winter.



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From the desk of State
Chair Lion Fred Smith
lionfredsmith@gmail.com

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Judy Stamsen CCI Chair
eskiemom@bellsouth.net

EVENT INFO

DogFest Walk 'n Roll is coming to a community near you so grab your leash and get ready to have a tail-waggin' good time!



Celebrate the community of people and dogs that make it possible for Canine Companions to show that the most advanced technology capable of transforming the lives of people with disabilities has a cold nose and a warm heart.

Before the event:

- "Top Dogs" (team captains) put together teams of friends and coworkers.
- Everyone fundraises prior to the event, and then shows up at DogFest Walk 'n Roll for a celebration of our four-legged friends.

Be a part of the vision:

Canine Companions DogFest Walk 'n Roll will engage communities across the country in an event that raises money to support the mission, recruits volunteers to help propel the mission, and educates the public about the organization's life-changing work of providing highly-trained service dogs to people with disabilities.

2014 DogFest Walk 'n Roll Atlanta 4/1/2014



Grab a leash and be part of Canine Companions DogFest Walk 'n Roll! It's a community dog walk that supports the mission of Canine Companions for Independence. Register just yourself, or put together a group of friends, family members or coworkers and walk as a team.

Then fundraise. Your fundraising efforts will transform the lives of people with disabilities and earn you an awesome DogFest Walk 'n Roll prize. If you raise \$100, you get a bandana to sport at our event. Register today, you're sure to have a tail-waggin' good time!



Diabetes Awareness Chair

Kathryn Higgins

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26TH ANNUAL AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION ALERT DAY® 2014

What is American Diabetes Association Alert Day?

American Diabetes Association Alert Day, which is held every fourth Tuesday in March, is a one-day, “wake-up call” asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. This year, Alert Day will kick-off on March 25 and we will continue our campaign through April 25.

In 2013, we had over 39,000 people take the risk test and during the month of March, we had over 148,000 with 37 percent of them being at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes. We are excited to once again encourage the public to take the risk test by driving them to Facebook where they can also ask questions, engage with our community, and share the test with friends and loved ones. For every Diabetes Risk Test taken, Boar’s Head Brand® - a leading provider of premium delicatessen products - will donate \$5 to the American Diabetes Association starting March 25 through April 25, 2014, up to \$50,000.

The tagline for our 26th Annual American Diabetes Association Alert Day will be “Take it. Share it. Step Out.” We will not only be encouraging the public to take the risk test and share it, but we will be asking them to start living a healthy and active lifestyle. One way to do this is by joining one of our Step Out®: Walk to Stop Diabetes® events nationwide. Our Step Out events happen mainly in October and what better way to get active now than by gearing up for a walk event in your area.

Why is Alert Day important?

Diabetes is a serious disease that strikes nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States, and a quarter of them—seven million—do not even know they have it. An additional 79 million, or one in three American adults, have prediabetes, which puts them at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Unfortunately, diagnosis often comes seven to 10 years after the onset of the disease, after disabling and even deadly complications have had time to develop. Therefore, early diagnosis is critical to successful treatment and delaying or preventing some of its complications such as heart disease, blindness, kidney disease, stroke, amputation and death.

The Association has made a strong commitment to primary prevention of type 2 diabetes by increasing awareness of prediabetes and actively engaging individuals in preventative behaviors like weight loss, physical activity and healthful eating. Alert Day is a singular moment in time in which we can raise awareness and prompt action among the general public – particularly those at risk.

Who should participate in Alert Day?

Everyone should be aware of the risk factors for type 2 diabetes. People who are overweight, under active (living a sedentary lifestyle) and over the age of 45 should consider themselves at risk for the disease. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and people who have a family history of the disease also are at an increased risk for type 2 diabetes. Studies have shown that type 2 diabetes can often be prevented or delayed by losing just 7 percent of body weight (such as 15 pounds if you weigh 200) through regular physical activity (30 minutes a day, five days a week) and healthy eating. By understanding your risk, you can take the necessary steps to help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

What will happen on Alert Day?

For 26 years, the American Diabetes Association has set aside one special day for people to learn if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is a growing epidemic in the United States, but it can be controlled with knowledge and healthy behavior. From March 25 through April 25, the Association will be encouraging the public to take the Diabetes Risk Test, as well as to share the test with **everyone** they care about - friends, family members and colleagues. As previously mentioned, the Association will be encouraging the public to start living a healthy and active lifestyle by asking them to join a Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes event in their area. With each person that takes the test, knows their risk and gets started living a healthy and active lifestyle, the Association is that much closer to stopping diabetes.

The Diabetes Risk Test asks users to answer simple questions about weight, age, family history and other potential risks for prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Preventative tips are provided for everyone who takes the test, including encouraging those at high risk to talk with their health care provider.

How does one obtain the Association's Diabetes Risk Test and additional information about diabetes and a Step Out event near them?

You can be part of the movement to Stop Diabetes® and get your free Diabetes Risk Test (English or Spanish), as well as information about diabetes and joining a Step Out event by visiting us on Facebook, stopdiabetes.com or by calling 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383). Although Alert Day is a one-day event, the Diabetes Risk Test is available year-round.

Who is the primary target audience?

Americans with prediabetes

There are an estimated 79 million, or one in three American adults, who have prediabetes. Those with prediabetes have blood glucose (sugar) higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Early intervention via lifestyle changes such as weight loss and increased physical activity can help delay or prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Don't forget to “Take It. Share It. Step Out.” starting on Alert Day!



Peace, Love and Understanding

is the theme of the 2014-15 [Peace Poster Contest](#). Lions clubs can sponsor this [art contest for kids](#) in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.

Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is US\$10.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- **Official Club Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

[Order a Kit](#)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr785.pdf>

Please [review contest rules](#) and order kits as soon as possible to guarantee sufficient time for a well-planned contest. For orders within the United States, please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Additional delivery time is needed for orders outside the United States.

Promoting the Contest

In addition to the kit, you can also use the following PR Tools to promote your club's Peace Poster Contest:

- **Peace Poster Brochure**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr775.pdf>
- **District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide**
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/pr787.pdf>
- **Honorable Mention certificate**
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/PPC_790_honorable_mention.pdf
- **Peace Poster press release** See box below -

For Information Contact:

- (Name)
- (Phone number)
- (E-mail address)

For Immediate Release

(WINNER'S NAME) WINS LOCAL COMPETITION IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

City, date) -- (Winner's full name), a (grade level) grade student at (school name), has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the (name) Lions Club.

(Winner's last name)'s poster was among more than 450,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

“(Quote from winner describing the poster or his/her inspiration for the poster),” the (winner's age)-year-old from (city) said. The poster was selected by (name or if panel of judges list the name and title for each) for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest them, “(contest theme).” The judging was held on (date) at (location).

(Club name) Lions Club President (club president's full name) said (he/she) was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at (name of school or youth group). “It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions.”

“(Winner's last name)'s poster will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if (he/she) is to be declared the international grand prize winner,” (club president last name) said.

NOTE: Clubs should order NOW....Children need to start now and work through the summer and be ready to complete their drawing in October.

This theme will also be used for the Essay Contest. Please contact those schools to let them know also.

LIONS OF GEORGIA

2014 MD 18 CONVENTION

Macon, GA

May 30 – June 1, 2014

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:		City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:			

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

Cost of Hospitality Book: Before Sept. 30, 2013	\$105.00	Oct. 1, 2013- Dec. 31, 2013	\$125.00
Jan 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014	\$145.00	After April 30, 2014	\$160.00

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:	\$

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Marriott Macon City Center
240 Coliseum Drive
Macon, Georgia 31217
478-621-5300 or 1-800-868-5354
Make Reservations Directly with Hotel
Room rate is \$119 night plus 14% tax
Tell them you are with the Lions Convention!

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS TO:

Lion David McDonald
1624 Hannahs Mill Road
Thomaston, Georgia 30286
H: 706-648-3850
Email:
dmcdonald@charter.net

Lions; The telephone number for the Marriott Macon City Center, which was listed on the 2014 State Lions Convention Form, is INCORRECT. Please use the following toll free number: **(478) 621-5300**

Below you will find the reservation links your guests can use to make online hotel reservations.

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Lions%20of%20Georgia-Multiple%20District%202018^mcnfs%60logloga%60119.00%60USD%60false%605/28/14%606/1/14%604/28/14&app=resvlink&st_op_mobi=yes

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